



The Asian Forest Cooperation Organization (AFoCO) is a treaty-based intergovernmental organization that is committed to strengthening forest cooperation and taking concrete actions to promote sustainable forest management and address the impacts of climate change. Through action-oriented practices, AFoCO aims to contribute to the global goals of increasing forest cover and implementing the Paris Agreement on climate change. AFoCO is a Permanent Observer to the United Nations General Assembly and an ODA-eligible International Organization enlisted under the OECD-DAC.



## VISION & MISSION

AFoCO envisions a greener Asia with resilient forests, landscapes, and communities. This will be achieved through enhanced cooperation in climate change adaptation and mitigation, sustainable forest management and livelihood improvement programs. Under the broader scope of climate change impacts, AFoCO will promote and undertake action-oriented forest cooperation programs and projects to achieve its mission. For sustainable forest management, AFoCO works with Member Countries to rehabilitate degraded forest land and address deforestation and forest degradation. AFoCO explores common interests and positions among the member states as a unique intergovernmental organization in the forest sector.



## STRATEGIC PRIORITIES (2024-2030)

PPA - PROGRAM PRIORITY AREAS



**PPA1: Forest Land Restoration and Conservation** leading to expanded forest area under sustainable management through reforestation and rehabilitation of damaged forests, forest conservation and sustainable use of forests



**PPA2: Community and Circular Bioeconomy** leading to circular economies and enterprises that support transition to climate-resilient forest communities



**PPA3: Climate-Forest Disaster Risk** leading to adaptation of forests and forest-dependent communities to climate change and related impacts

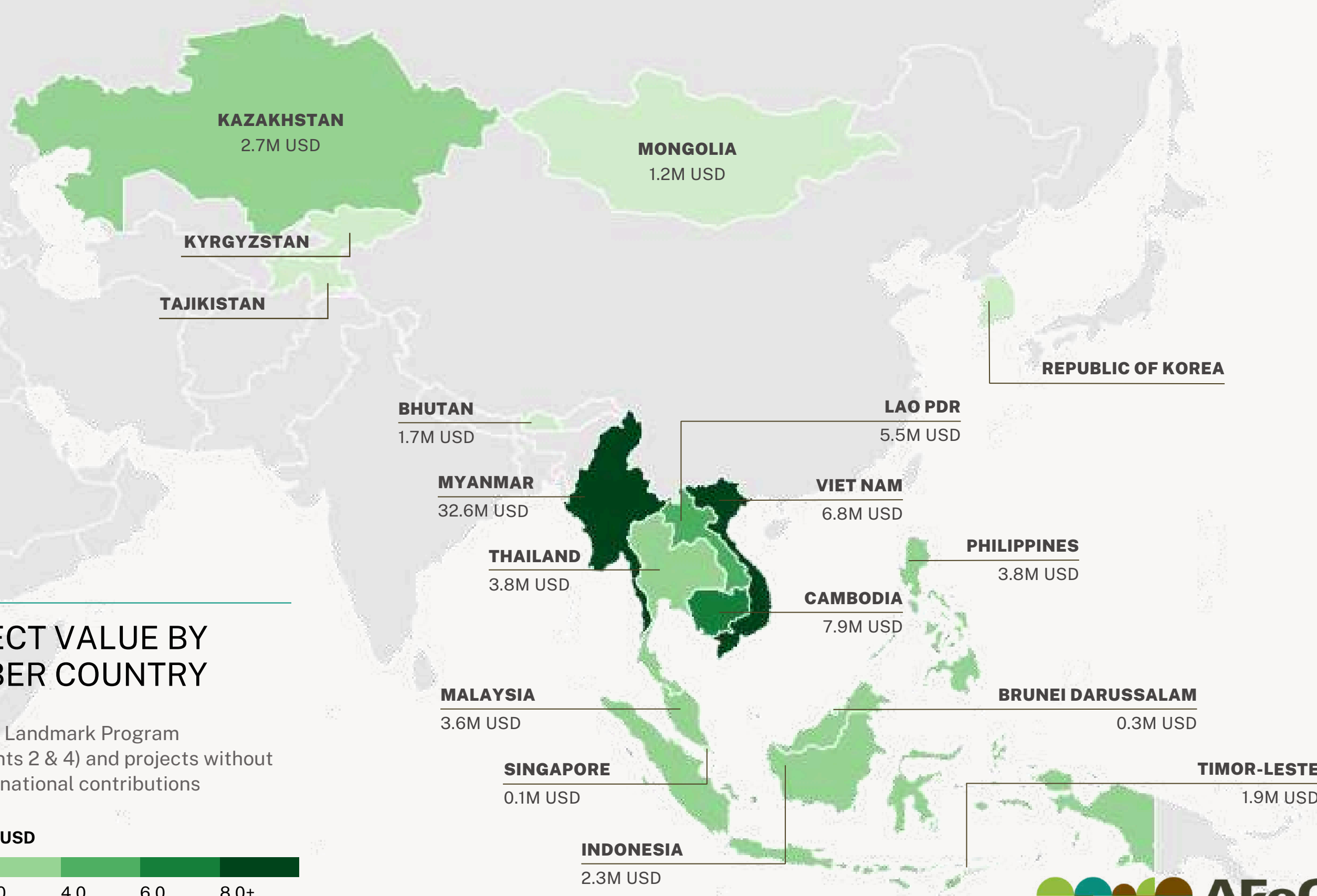
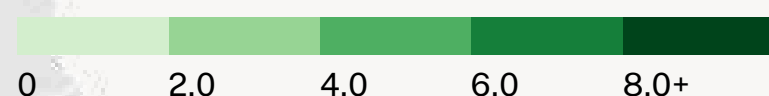


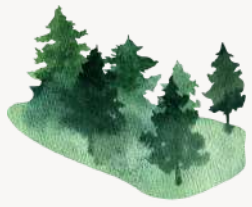
**Cross-Cutting Themes** — policies, capacity development, knowledge management and learning exchange, and Technology exchange and application

## PROJECT VALUE BY MEMBER COUNTRY

\*excluding Landmark Program (Components 2 & 4) and projects without confirmed national contributions

IN MILLION USD





## PROJECT FUND DISTRIBUTION (2013–2024)

### TOTAL PROJECT VALUE (USD)

**88.6 M**

#### AFoCO Funding

Funding from the Korea Forest Service  
Funding from other donors

**58.7 M**

**50.3 M**

**8.4 M**

#### National Contributions from Member Countries **29.9 M**

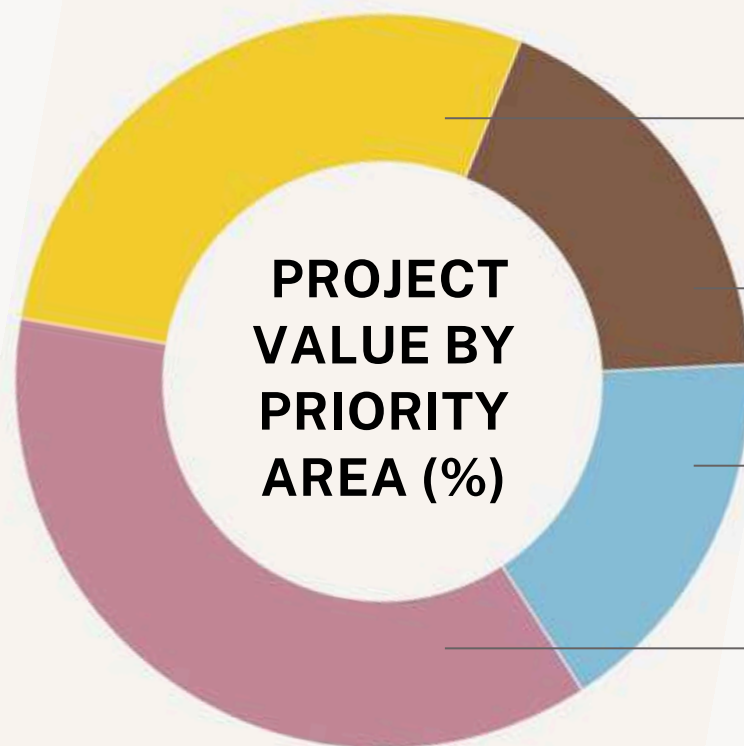
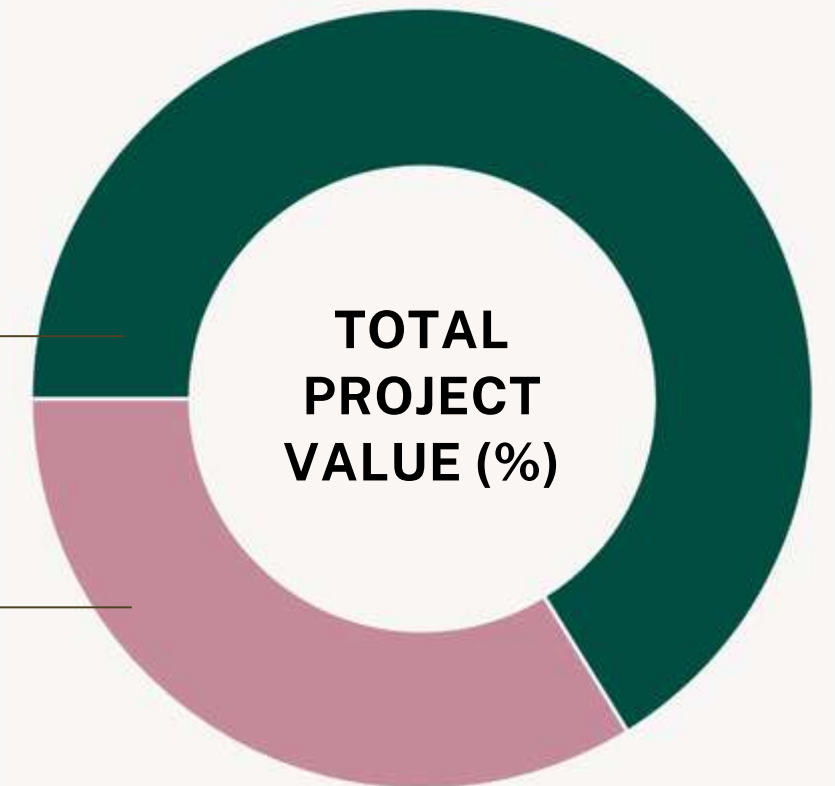
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excluding projects without confirmed national contributions

#### AFoCO FUNDING

66.2%

#### NATIONAL CONTRIBUTIONS

33.8%



**28.4%**



Forest Restoration

**18.1%**



Community

**16.6%**



Forest Disaster Management

**36.9%**



Policy, Capacity, Knowledge, Technology

(Resources were allocated to implement capacity building initiatives such as the establishment of AFoCO RETC during the initial stage of AFoCO)



## BUILDING CAPACITIES IN FORESTRY

AFoCO's flagship capacity-building programs — Fellowship Program, Landmark Scholarship Program, and Science & Technology Exchange Partnership (STEP) Program — have also benefitted young professionals forestry stakeholders at the national and local levels across Asia.

**38**

**FELLOWSHIP OFFICIALS**

(2015-2024)

**30**

**SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS**

10 PhD, 20 MSc  
(2015-2024)

**24**

**STEP PROGRAM RESEARCHERS**

(2019-2024)

### TRAINING COURSES (2014-2024)

**52**

**REGULAR COURSES**

GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

**5,912**

(22.0%)

**68**

**COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT COURSES**

MEMBERS OF LOCAL COMMUNITIES

**19,549**

(72.8%)

**15**

**CUSTOMIZED COURSES**

RESEARCHERS & STUDENTS

**1,392**

(5.2%)

**135 TIMES, 26,853 PARTICIPANTS**

**FEMALES**

27.8%

**MALES**

72.2%

The AFoCO Regional Education and Training Center (RETC), a specialized subsidiary organ of AFoCO, was established in Yangon region, Myanmar, in 2018 to serve as a platform for capacity development, knowledge transfer, and information sharing. The RETC operates diverse training and workshops to address capacity development needs in the forest sector.

**2018**

- Establishment of AFoCO as an international organization (IO);
- Opening of AFoCO RETC in Yangon region, Myanmar

**2021**

- Enlisted as IO eligible for Official Development Assistance (ODA) under OECD-DAC;
- Entry-into-force of HQ Agreement between the Government of the Republic of Korea and AFoCO;
- Accredited as observer IO for participation at Convention on Biological Diversity (CBD) meetings

**2024**

- Launch of Friends of Asia and Asian Forests (FAAF) public-private engagement platform

**2020**

- Granted Permanent Observer status by the United Nations General Assembly;
- Accreditation as observer IO to the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification (UNCCD)

**2022**

- Admission as observer IO to the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC)

**2023**

- Implementation of AFoCO Strategic Plan (2024-2030)
- Launch of 10-Year Climate Action Plan (2025-2034)