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## The Future Looks Promising: Tree Planting and Farmers' Success Amidst COVID-19

The Sustainable Development Goal 15 stresses the protection of remaining forests and the restoration of degraded forests through reforestation. While the global Covid-19 pandemic has disrupted almost every activity, our forest restoration project is gradually forging ahead. New degraded areas have been prepared and native and exotic tree species are being planted. While the planting activity is progressing, it is encouraging to know that the farmers are also benefiting from the fertile soils reaping bumper harvests. It is amazing to see how small-scale projects like this contribute immensely to farmers' livelihood improvement and a positive change to the forested area that was previously degraded. Suitable non-timber forest products are going to be introduced into the land and their benefits to the environment, fauna, and farmers examined.



