Country Challenge
China’s forestry sector was traditionally focused on the extraction of timber for income generation. In 2008, the Central-Southern parts of China suffered from an exceptionally severe ice storm that affected around 22 million hectares of forests and caused direct economic losses of about US$9 billion. Hunan Province was one of the most affected, with about 4.5 million hectares being partially or totally destroyed. The destroyed forest areas were affected by insect and fire calamities that transformed them into degraded grasslands.

Project Goals
This project promotes the reforestation and rehabilitation of ice storm-damaged ecological forest plantation areas with diversified local adapted species and long-term forest management, which will contribute to significantly enhancing the forest ecosystem resilience to natural disasters and climate variability.

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