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Projekt-Titel	Carbon offsetting
Promoter	
Organisation	<input type="checkbox"/> Company <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Non-profit organization <input type="checkbox"/> Church <input type="checkbox"/> Educational institution <input type="checkbox"/> Changemaker
Name of organization	Climate Stewards
Logo der Organisation	
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Project description	
Motivation: Why do we act?	At Climate Stewards, we believe that Jesus's command to love our neighbour means that each of us has a part to play in tackling climate change, which affects our global neighbours first and worst. Our motto is 'Reduce what you can, offset the rest!'.
Brief description of the action: What is it about?	We encourage individuals and organisations to calculate and offset their carbon footprint by supporting community-based tree planting and renewable energy projects in the developing world.
Measures: What has been done exactly?	Central to the Climate Stewards website is a carbon calculator which enables people to calculate the carbon emissions from flights, land transport, household and office energy and general consumption. The money received from donors is used to support community-based tree planting, cook-stove and solar projects in the developing world.
Mussten Widerstände überwunden werden? Wenn ja, welche?	1. Many people have not heard of carbon offsetting, so there is a constant need to promote and market our work. 2. Some people do not like offsetting because it distracts from carbon reductions - this requires education and marketing to explain that we are encouraging people to first reduce and then offset their carbon emissions. 3. It is not always easy to find Christian partner organisations carrying out good carbon mitigation projects to work with.
Benefit: What can be the use of this action?	Individuals and organisations are challenged and equipped to measure their carbon emissions, to reduce that they can, and to offset the rest. Communities in the developing world suffering from the impacts of climate change and given resources to mitigate and adapt to climate change.

Contribution to poverty reduction in the global south?	Communities are funded to plant indigenous trees which not only absorb CO2 from the atmosphere, but provide shade, fruit and fuel from thinnings, protect watersheds, reduce erosion and increase biodiversity. Farmers are paid with inputs and cash to maintain the trees, and incentive schemes such as beehives and training provide new sources of forest-based livelihoods.
What results have been achieved in practice?	In the past ten years over 100 ha of new community forest has been created in Ghana, bringing multiple benefits to the global and local environment, local people and schoolchildren. At the same time, many individuals, churches and other organisations have been encouraged to reduce their carbon footprint and offset what they cannot reduce.
Weiterführende Links	www.climatestewards.org www.footprintr.me
Project realization:	
Classification of sustainability	
Nachhaltigkeits-Bereich (des Projektes)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> environment <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> society <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> economy <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> justice <input type="checkbox"/> don't know
Stufe der Nachhaltigkeits-Pyramide für Organisationen	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> sustainable processes <input type="checkbox"/> sustainable objectives <input type="checkbox"/> basic credibility <input type="checkbox"/> don't know
Country	UK Ghana Mexico Kenya
HDI	0.9 0.6 0.5 0.8
Ecological footprint:	4.9 2.0 1.0 2.9

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