

Deepening Our Roots

The MillionOaks Project's Journey in Q1 2023



A project team member holding an oak sapling with part of its root system that was excavated to measure its depth, symbolizing the deep roots of the MillionOaks project.

LATEST NEWS

The MillionOaks project is making impressive progress towards its goal of planting 250,000 trees thanks to the support of ShaMaran Petroleum Corp. and dedicated volunteers. Want to see the impact of their hard work? Check out these numbers:

- 185,000 trees already planted using the direct sowing method
- 40,000 saplings added, including 28,000 oak saplings and 7,000 trainer trees
- 5,000 tall trees planted in a single day by Hasar volunteers, bringing the total number of trees planted to over 280,000

But that's not all! The project team has taken measures to protect the planted trees from fire and grazing animals by fencing off vulnerable areas. They've also collaborated with Unicef to prepare the ACUW wastewater recycling system to provide 250 cubic meters per day.

The impact of the project is clear: Unicef has extended their partnership with the project and expanded the wastewater recycling system, increasing its impact. The MillionOaks project has also taken an innovative approach to tree planting, creating shelter and shade for the oak trees by planting tall trees. This has resulted in renewed blooming and growth of the oaks.

The planting site spans 3.9km and covers an area equivalent to 63 football stadiums, located between Koya and Bnasilwa intersections at an altitude of 120m.



OUR GREATEST Outcomes in Q1 2023

The MillionOaks Project is Making Significant Strides Towards its 250k Trees Annual Target



The MillionOaks project had a successful Q1, with the project team delivering on all key objectives. The implementation plan was executed successfully, thanks to the expertise and hard work of the project team on the ground.



Fencing nearly 3km of the planting site has been a significant achievement in Q1 of The MillionOaks project. This measure helps to reduce the risk of damage caused by animal grazing and forest fires during the dry season, ensuring the survival and growth of newly planted trees.



The MillionOaks project planted tall trees for the first time to create shelter and shade for oak trees. This initiative will help to promote the growth of oak trees and create a healthier ecosystem in the planting area.



The MillionOaks project has prepared the ACUW recycling system in collaboration with UNICEF to provide 50 cubic meters of water per day, ensuring sustainable access to water for the project's oak trees and other biodiversity.

Looking Ahead: The MillionOaks Project in Q2 and Beyond



The MillionOaks project, with the support of ShaMaran Petroleum Corp. and dedicated volunteers, has made impressive progress towards its goal of planting 250,000 trees. Despite facing challenges, the team has demonstrated incredible resilience and commitment. So far, they have planted 225,000 trees and taken measures to protect them from fire and animal grazing. Hasar volunteers planted 5,000 tall trees in a single day, and Unicef has extended its partnership, expanding the wastewater recycling system. The project has also taken an innovative approach to tree planting, resulting in renewed blooming and growth. The MillionOaks project is a testament to the power of collaboration towards fighting climate change, and we are grateful for the support of our sponsors, partners, and volunteers.

Hasar and Unicef have extended their partnership for the wastewater recycling project to meet the irrigation demand for the MillionOaks project. Despite the challenges we've faced, we remain committed to our mission to fight climate change and create a sustainable future. In Q2, we will focus on engaging volunteers and devotees to participate in project tasks. We will launch a public donation campaign to encourage contributions towards the project. Monitoring and reporting of newly planted trees will be a significant challenge in Q2, as the project area has expanded. We are determined to ensure the growth of the 2022 trees and carefully irrigate the 2023 trees. We want to send a message of resilience and determination by our actions. We have faced obstacles, but with your continued support, we can make a meaningful difference.

SUPPORT POST PLANTING SUB-PROJECT ACTIVITIES

There are many ways to get involved and support The MillionOaks project, including donations through the website and becoming a sponsor for businesses and companies. Any type of support can make a significant impact on the success of the project, which aims to have an influence on the rainfall pattern of Erbil and covers almost 63 stadium equal areas. Join us in making a positive impact on the environment and community through The MillionOaks project.



How to Support us?

The MillionOaks project deeply values any contribution towards its goal of creating a sustainable future through reforestation. Donations can be made through the project's website, and for those interested in sponsorship, please reach out to us via email for further details. Your support can make a significant impact in the success of the project.

Acknowledgment

We express our deep gratitude to all those who have contributed to The MillionOaks project from its very beginning. The government's generous allocation of land for the project has been invaluable. The strategic partnership with Rwanda Foundation has been instrumental in the project's success. We are also grateful to ShaMaran Petroleum Corp. for their significant contributions as a sponsor, and to Sowital Ltd. and Search for the Common Ground for their generous gold donations. UNICEF's partnership in the ACUW water supply project has been vital. We thank Search for Common Ground Organization, for being a golden sponsor of the project. Finally, the unwavering support of the members and volunteers of Hasar has been indispensable to the project's achievements.