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INTRODUCTION

A NOTE FROM GARY GUITTARD

There's no denying that the cocoa and chocolate industry is living in unprecedented times. The milestone market levels challenging everyone throughout the supply chain points to both climate change and the results of a prolonged period of relatively low prices. It's a time in the market that makes real the social and environmental challenges often associated with cocoa production, highlighting the sustainability issues that are already top of mind for consumers and industry alike. All of this reinforces Guittard's commitment to our Cultivate Better programs. Designed to create value through flavor and quality, Cultivate Better, activated in collaboration with cocoa farmers and supply-chain partners, creates value and incentives for farmers to invest in their farms and to mitigate and protect against these unforeseen variables.

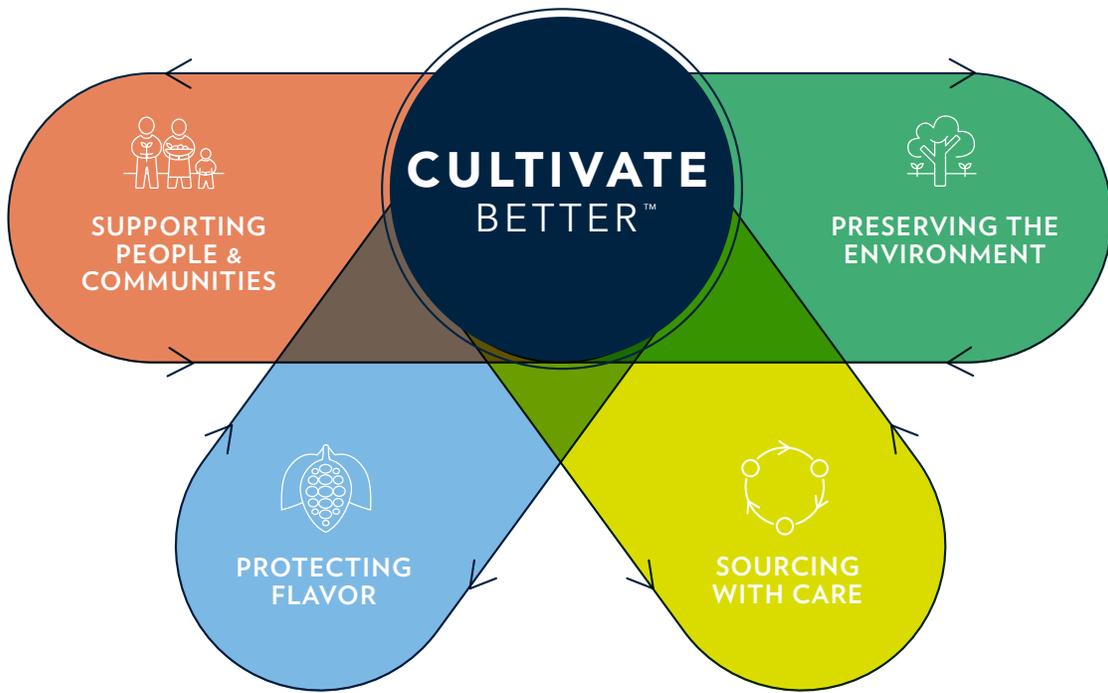
Collective action, led by organizations like the World Cocoa Foundation and the International Cocoa Initiative, brings together industry, producing and consuming country governments and international donors. We're aiming to underscore our commitment to positive, systemic change.

We continue to learn and are encouraged by the results we see in our programs, by the remarkable farmers and partners we work with, and by our customers who support these efforts.

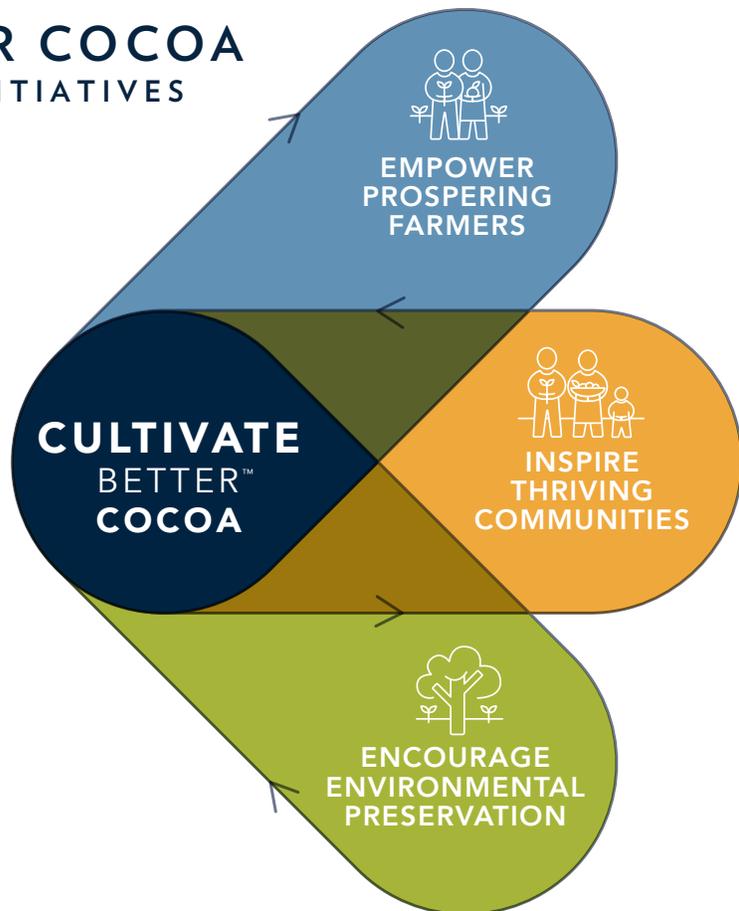
Thank you for being part of our journey to cultivate better in all we do.

Gary Guittard

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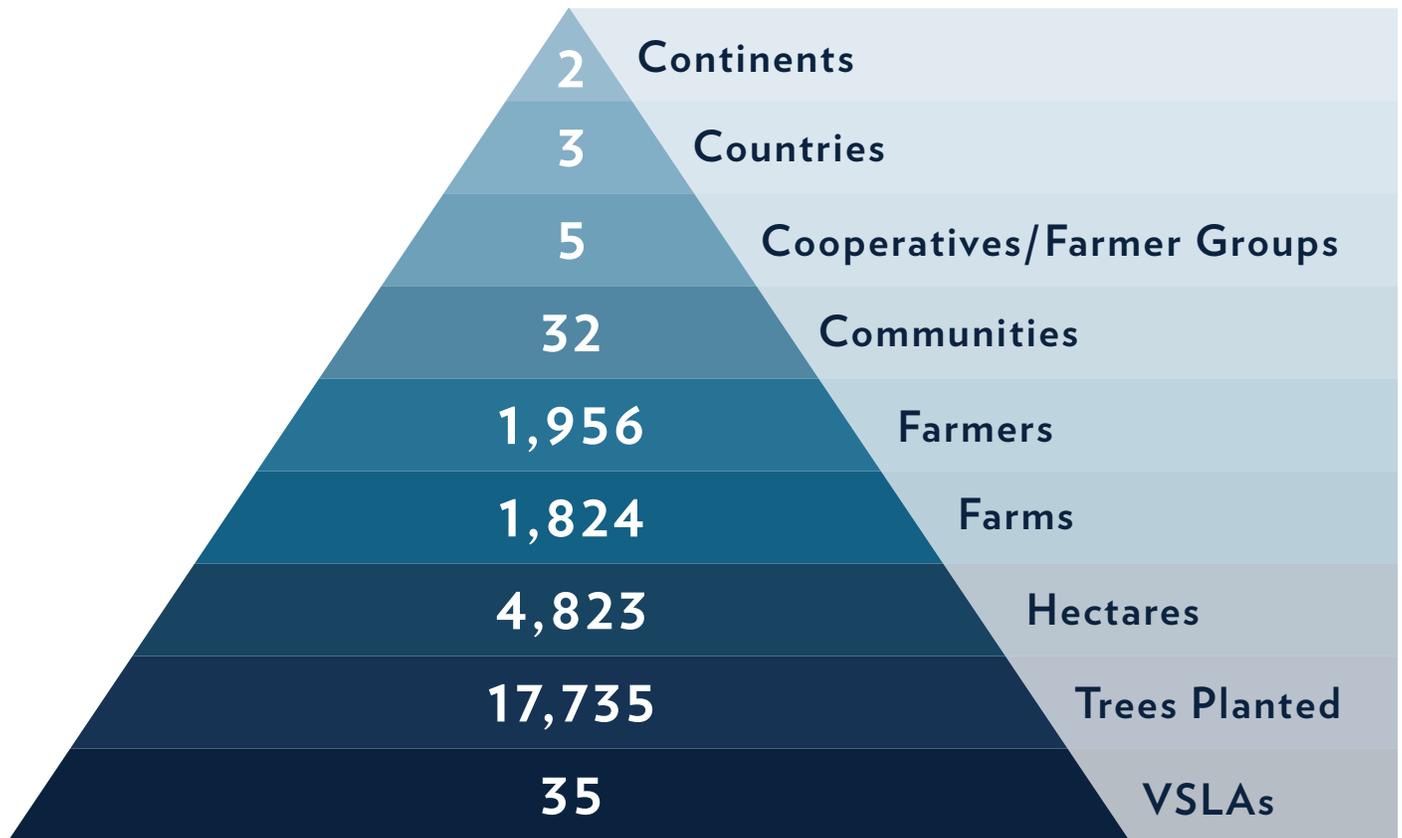


CULTIVATE BETTER COCOA HONORABLE SOURCING INITIATIVES



BREAKING DOWN THE NUMBERS

SCOPE OF ACTIVITIES



Reporting Period
October 1, 2022 to September 30, 2023

A photograph of several cocoa pods of various sizes and colors (yellow, green, brown) resting on a black and white vertically striped fabric. The pods are arranged diagonally across the frame. A semi-transparent dark rectangular box is overlaid in the center, containing white text.

“West Africa produces

70%

*of the world’s cocoa
because it tastes good...”*

— GARY GUITTARD



EMPOWER PROSPERING FARMERS

Creating value through flavor quality and improving farmer incomes through yields and farm diversification.

PROTECTING FLAVOR

Guittard has been in the chocolate business for five generations and we're committed to protecting the unique and diverse flavors of cocoa from around the world. As farmers and industry strive for higher yields and disease resistance, we play a critical role in training and empowering cocoa breeders in producing countries to recognize and protect their historic flavor profiles. It's about a quality end product—but it's also about income generation for cocoa farmers. We focus on improving yields without compromising flavor. As a result, generating flavor-based premiums and market access supports farm investments and builds long-term sustainability of the cocoa sector.

COLLABORATION WITH IVORY COAST'S CENTRE NATIONAL DE RECHERCHE AGRONOMIQUE

In March of 2023, Guittard signed a Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with CNRA to support Ivory Coast's flavor assessment capabilities to better understand and protect the heritage flavor of the country's cocoa as well as identify new flavors and market opportunities. Over the past few decades, cocoa research and breeding and the introduction of new hybrids have put the classic Ivory Coast flavor at risk and their market leadership. The MOU seeks to contribute to capacity building in the field of sensory analysis, assess, map and protect regional flavors within Ivory Coast and serve as an internationally-recognized platform for scientific and technical exchange.



Guittard consultants Dorine Kassi and Dr. Martin Gilmour with Dr. Louise Akanvou, partnerships/CNRA, Dr. Camille Koffi/CNRA and Dr. Desire Pokou/CNRA. Photo credit, Dorine Kassi

“West Africa produces 70% of the world’s cocoa because it tastes good,” says Gary Guittard. That good flavor starts with the cocoa varieties brought to the region in the late 1800s, principally Amelonado from the upper Amazon basin, selected for the popularity of its rich base cocoa—or chocolate—flavor. These rich base cocoa notes remain the backbone of the cocoa and chocolate industries and consumer preference.

In the case of Ivory Coast, the beautiful, aromatic flavor of their “Cacao Francais” and Amelonado heritage supports its position as the leading cocoa producer and the market foundation for millions of small farmers. Seeking to preserve that will continue to elevate Ivory Coast as a contributor to the diversity of cocoa flavors around the world.



CACAO OF EXCELLENCE

As part of our commitment to preserving cacao flavor and diversity, Guittard is proud to have been a leading supporter of Cacao of Excellence (CoEx) since its inception in 2009. CoEx is a unique global platform discovering, convening, promoting and rewarding cacao producers of excellence from all producing origins for superior cacao quality and flavor diversity. 2023 was an exciting year for Cacao of Excellence with the opening of its laboratory in Rome that prepared over 240 cocoa bean samples to liquor and chocolate to be tasted by the Technical Committee and International Grand Jury as well as serving as a training and research center.



Ed Seguire at the inauguration of the Cacao of Excellence Laboratory and training center in Rome. With Guittard's support, Ed has been central to the establishment of the Cacao of Excellence program. Photo credit, Cacao of Excellence



THE 2023 EDITION OF THE CACAO OF EXCELLENCE

The Cacao of Excellence Awards were celebrated in February this year at CHOCOA/Amsterdam Cocoa Week & the World Cocoa Foundation Partnership Meeting. 52 cacao origins were represented in 222 cacao bean samples with the best samples awarded from four regional categories; Africa and the Indian Ocean, Asia and the Pacific, Central America and the Caribbean, and South America.. We were particularly excited for our partners at the Cocoa Research Institute of Ghana for reaching the Top 50 and their Bronze award for the Africa Region with their experimental Ghana Fine Flavor hybrids.



Cacao of Excellence Award Ceremony, CHOCOA, Beurs van Berlage, Amsterdam

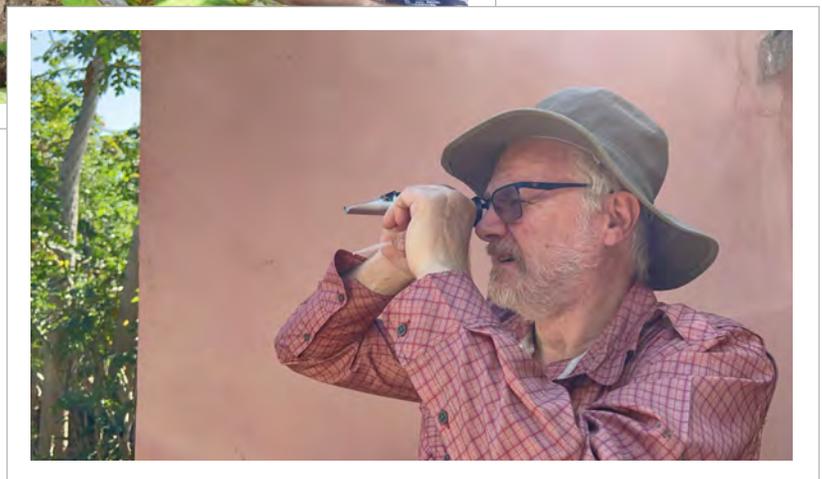


HEIRLOOM CACAO PRESERVATION INITIATIVE

As the Heirloom Cacao Preservation Initiative (HCP) celebrates 10 years, we are excited about its growth and evolution from a small, volunteer organization to a program managing grants benefiting Heirloom designees around the world and increasing the awareness of the importance of the genetic and flavor diversity in cacao and chocolate. During the reporting period, HCP began a series of “expeditions” proactively seeking and supporting heirloom quality for designation in Mexico and Guatemala as well as participating in the USAID/TSIRO program in Madagascar (see appendix, page 22).



From left to right, Hasina Andriatsitohaina, Olivier Rahim, Jean-Florent Adamaint and HCP – TSIRO consultant, Djibrila Raimi at the Rahim farm, Antsenavolo, Mananjary District, Vatovavy Region, Southeast Madagascar.
Photo credit, Cacao Consultants et Cie.



HCP consultant, Philippe Bastide measuring sugar content of cacao pulp with a refractometer Photo credit, Cacao Consultants et Cie.

IMPROVING FARMER INCOMES



To realize genetic flavor potential requires training and investment. This is the case for small farmers, cooperatives, plantations or large-scale exporters. Our Cultivate Better programs have a strong focus and commitment to quality, unlocking value for farmers.

Our partnership with our supply chain partner, ofi, and Société Coopérative Solidarité Agricole de Côte d’Ivoire (SCOSA CI), our Fair Trade cooperative partner in Sassandra, Ivory Coast is a good example where Fair Trade premiums matched with farmer labor and investment are supporting the building of elevated drying mats, a necessary investment to assure cocoa quality and flavor. During the reporting period, SCOSA CI built and deployed 396 elevated mats in the reporting period and 556 since the 2021/22 start of our partnership covering all 520 farmers.

The Cultivate Better Cocoa program with ofi in Valle del Sade Ecuador is focused on this country’s traditional Nacional variety. Farmers identify the “elite” Nacional trees are their farms that they know to be good producers, well adapted to their local conditions with classic, floral aromas. These trees are then pruned back to generate “budwood” to graft less productive trees. During 2023, 17% of the Valle del Sade Nacional farmers had identified elite Nacional trees and begun grafting



Grafting Nacional cocoa, Valle del Sade, Ecuador



Pruning of grafted fine flavor cocoa tree, Akyemansa, Ghana



In the Cultivate Better Cocoa programs in Ivory Coast and Ghana, in addition to training on Good Agricultural Practices, pruning crews have helped farmers significantly increase their yields as cocoa trees respond with new, cocoa bearing growth and increased light and air reduce fungal disease pressures.

The periods between mid and main crop harvesting seasons are particularly hard for cocoa farmers in West Africa where farm diversification has not been a custom or priority. Cultivate Better Cocoa programs include income diversification activities to help cocoa farmers develop increase incomes and access to nutritional foods during this often-challenging period.

The Aké-Douanier Women's Association at the Scobad cooperative in Ivory Coast has continued to work together since 2019. This past season the women planted a cassava field generating \$295 in shared revenue.



Women from the Aké-Douanier Women's Association at the Scobad cooperative planting cassava. Photo credit, FarmStrong Foundation



INSPIRE THRIVING COMMUNITIES

Uplifting communities through innovation & education

As a family company, protecting children in the communities of our origin partners is central to our ethos and our Cultivate Better programs. This commitment is brought to action through different, complementary approaches where improved quality, yields and incomes are combined with supply-chain based Child Labor Monitoring & Remediation Systems (CLMRS) or through Community Child Protection Committees (CCPCs).

During 2022/2023, the Offinso Fine Flavor Cooperative's collaboration with the Winrock Foundation/U.S. Department of Labor "Mate Masie" program entered its second year where traction and impact begin to be seen in the three participating communities in Ghana: Abofour, Kyebi, and Amoawi. Effective Child Labor Monitoring and Remediation Systems were established. Through data collection, 145 vulnerable households were identified and provided support to be able to keep their children in school, in the form of agricultural input supplies as well as income training programs on soap making, snail production, bee keeping and pastry making. Additionally, 17 children received school kits as part of remediation support to vulnerable households, 69 children from 5 to 17 years were registered for birth certificates and 193 individuals from vulnerable households were enrolled on the national health insurance program.

145

*vulnerable households were identified
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their children in school*



A Community Child Protection Committee member contributing during training in Kunyasi, Ashanti Region, Ghana. Photo credit, Winrock, Mate Maise



We continue to be incredibly encouraged by the success and impact of Village Savings & Loan Associations (VSLAs) where communities come together to save small amounts of money on a weekly basis. Those savings are then loaned out to members with accessible interest rates. At the end of a year, savings and interest are distributed back to the members. These savings and loans allow members to address basic financial needs or start micro-businesses that can become important complements to cocoa incomes. In our Cultivate Better Cocoa program with FarmStrong Foundation and the Scobad Cooperative in Agboville, Ivory Coast, the members of the 10 VSLA groups in the six communities received loans from the VSLAs throughout the 2022-23 campaign for a total of FCFA 7,534,500 or about USD 12,500. These loans enabled the establishment of 158 Income Generating Activities.

TESTIMONIAL



“My name is Madame Savane Mariam, I am the president of the BINKADI VSLA group based in Oress Krobou. I thank FarmStrong and its partner Guittard because thanks to the VSLA, I took out a loan of 150,000 FCFA (\$248.85) for the purchase of a refrigerator to allow me to sell fruit juices (Bissap, Tommy, and yoghurt). I am currently in the process of repaying the loan before being able to take out a second loan to purchase a second freezer for my juice business which is doing very well.”



ENCOURAGE ENVIRONMENTAL PRESERVATION

With the increased frequency and intensity of extreme weather events, we are reminded of our responsibility to reduce our environmental footprint in manufacturing and raw material purchases. During 2023/23 we furthered our commitment to by increasing the size of our solar energy system at our Fairfield facility by 75% from 1MW to 1.75MW. The 1.35MW Bloom Energy fuel cell continues to generate clean energy for our Burlingame facility.

To be more efficient in our water usage, in December 2022 our new water-cooling system came online saving over 6 million gallons of water (the equivalent of 9 Olympic swimming pools) as well as reducing energy associated with pumping or cooling that water.

COCOA & FORESTS INITIATIVE

Helping farmers protect their farms & the planet

The Cocoa & Forests Initiative (CFI) is a public-private partnership operating in Ivory Coast and Ghana based on Frameworks for Action and Action Plans for the private sector and public sector that spell out commitments to protect and restore forests, promote sustainable cocoa production and farmers' livelihoods, and engage communities and boost social inclusion.



Deforestation of tropical rainforests is a major issue in Côte d’Ivoire and Ghana, which together produce nearly two-thirds of the world’s supply of cocoa, the main ingredient in chocolate. Ivory Coast and Ghana respectively lost 26% and 9.3% of their humid primary forest between 2002 and 2020, with a significant portion of deforestation attributable to cocoa farming expansion.

CFI is effectively reversing that trend through collaboration with local governments to protect remaining forests and working with our cocoa farmers, cooperatives and partners to establish agroforestry systems by planting native tree species that provide needed shade for cocoa trees and increasing cocoa farmers’ resilience to climate change.

All of the work described in this report support farmer incomes and community development, reducing the need to expand farms and putting further pressure on forests and natural resources. The chart below summarizes the mapping and geo-locating farms and the planting of shade trees within our supply chain.

Country	Cultivate Better - CFI Partner	% farms mapped	Shade Trees Planted 2022–23	Shade Trees Planted 2019–20 to 2022–23
Ivory Coast	SCOSA CI Cooperative	100%	2,905	7,905
Ivory Coast	Scobad	100%	7,000	26,050
Ghana	Offinso Fine Flavor Cooperative	70%	6,930	13,255
Ghana	Akyemansa Fine Flavor Cooperative	50%	900	4,200
		Totals	17,735	51,410

SOCODEVI table of existing VSLAs strengthened and new VSLAs created at SCOSA CI cooperative



CULTIVATE BETTER PARTNERSHIPS

BUILDING ON FAIR TRADE CERTIFICATION

Since the 2021, we have worked with our supplier, ofi and the Fair Trade Certified cooperative “SCOSA CI” in the Southwestern Sassandra Province. This program is an excellent example of each party bringing their expertise to the table and collectively investing in the future. Each year, program goals, activities and budgets are developed together with the co-operative investing Fair Trade premiums in a range of activities with Guittard complementing those premium investments through training, technical support and traceability from the ofi sustainability team.

In addition to the quality, agricultural and agroforestry activities at SCOSA CI included throughout the report, through an investment of Fair Trade premiums and support from Guittard and ofi, the cooperative is participating in the “Women and Cocoa Communities Initiative”, implemented by SOCODEVI, a leading Canadian development organization with support from the Canadian government. The project aims to contribute to the improvement of living conditions in cocoa communities through (i) Empowering women and girls in cocoa communities, (ii) Development of autonomous, cost-effective, sustainable and inclusive cooperative enterprises and (iii) Resilience of cocoa communities to climate change and socio-economic shocks. The main engine for this work are VSLAs with significant financial and digital literacy and women’s empowerment training.



CHILD LEARNING AND EDUCATION FACILITY (“CLEF”) PROGRAM

To achieve long-term, systemic change in the cocoa sector, it is necessary to work beyond our supply chains through collaborative programs in partnership with local governments. Access to quality education is a critical where collaboration can help address one of the root causes of child labor. The Child Learning & Education Facility (CLEF) brings together the Government of Ivory Coast, two philanthropic foundations and 16 cocoa and chocolate companies into a growing coalition committed to improving education at scale for children in cocoa-growing regions of Côte d’Ivoire. By 2027, CLEF will:

- Build and equip 420 new classrooms in remote rural areas
- Set up 660 bridging classes to get 19,800 out-of-school children aged 9 to 14 back into school
- Support training 27,000 teachers across 4,500 primary schools in evidence-backed teaching methods that have been proven to work in similar environments
- Involve 1.6 million parents in their children’s education and impact the lives of over 4 million children



CLEF teacher training program. Photo Credit, CLEF



THE TSIRO ALLIANCE

Together with our friend and long-term supplier of fine Madagascar cocoa, Bertil Akesson, we partnered with USAID, Catholic Relief Services (CRS), and a group of international companies working in cacao and spices to help address some of Madagascar’s critical environmental and economic problems to create the TSIRO Alliance. Based on the word for “flavor” in Malagasy, TSIRO stands for Thriving & Sustainable Investments for land Restoration & Economic Opportunity.

The Alliance focuses on conserving biodiversity and improving the livelihoods of smallholder cacao and spice farmers to support agroforestry systems and enhance biodiversity in Madagascar. This public-private partnership is investing in diversifying income streams, using climate-smart agriculture techniques, and reasserting the value of healthy trees and ecosystems to support Madagascar’s fragile ecosystem. Over 5 years, the TSIRO Alliance will; Invest \$5.8 million towards these efforts: Support 2,000 participating farmers; Strengthen 30 local farming communities; And plant over 1.5 million trees.

With TSIRO and Akesson’s Organic, we developed the concept for a Vocational Training Center at Akesson’s Bejofo Estate that trains young women and young men in sustainable agriculture, health and nutrition, leadership skills. Through CRS’s Savings & Internal Loan methodology (SILC) savings groups, like VSLAs in West Africa, the Vocational Training Center participants also learn entrepreneurial and personal finances skills and have access to savings and loans. An example of the positive impact this work is having, youth from the training center got together and established a successful chili pepper farming venture on land provided by Akesson’s.



The TSIRO Alliance:
Thriving & Sustainable
Investments for Land
Restoration & Economic
Opportunity



Youth agricultural
entrepreneurship
program through the
Vocational Training
Center. Photo credit,
CRS/TSIRO Alliance



CLOSING REMARKS

We are encouraged by the impact that Cultivate Better premium investments are having across our programs and farmers, cooperatives and implementing partners are engaged. The impacts of climate change with more severe weather patterns and volatile prices due to reduced crops reinforce our commitment to supporting cocoa farmers, their communities and the environment.

During 2024 we have been assessing how to refine and scale Cultivate Better in ways we can best support our partners to drive impact and value across different geographies, supply chains and certifications. We are excited about the positive impact we can have together with our customers and consumers to support cocoa farmers and their communities while reducing our carbon emissions through a regenerative agriculture focus and agroforestry models.

Thank you for your continued partnership and support as we work to cultivate better in all that we do. To read more about our program work and access previous reports, please visit Guittard.com/cultivate-better.

John Kehoe
Director of Sustainability

APPENDIX

Cocoa & Forests Initiative 2023 Guittard Public Reporting Table: Ghana

Description	Target (Current reporting year)	# Through direct investment (Current reporting year)	# Through direct investment (Since 2018)
FOREST PROTECTION AND RESTORATION			
# of farms mapped in direct supply chain: Total Active	787	757	
# of hectares in the direct supply chain with deforestation risk assessments completed	1,105		
% directly sourced cocoa traceable from the farm to the first purchase point (target is 100%)		100%	
# hectares restored in Forest Reserve / Forêts Classée	0		
# trees registered	0		
# of farmers with land tenure agreements/documentation obtained via company support	0		
# farmers informed, trained, and / or consulted on the new Forest Code, forest policy, law enforcement, forest protection, and restoration	817	947	
# Individuals receiving incentives to protect and restore forests and / or adopt agroforestry (e.g., PES): New	0	61	61
# Individuals receiving incentives to protect and restore forests and / or adopt agroforestry (e.g., PES): Total Active	0	702	
# farmers applying agroforestry: New		61	
# farmers applying agroforestry: Total Active		727	
# farmers provided with technical assistance to adopt and expand agroforestry	817	947	
# multi-purpose trees distributed for on-farm planting	10,900	7,230	19,855
# hectares cocoa agroforestry: New	545	361	1,167
# hectares cocoa agroforestry: Total Active		880	
# of trees distributed for off-farm planting	500		340
# hectares of forest area restored off-reserve / in rural zone	0		
# farmers provided with technical assistance to be more resilient to climate change and reduce and remove carbon emissions on farm (e.g., CSC)	817	947	
# of farmers trained in Modified Taungya System (MTS)	0		
SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTION AND FARMERS' LIVELIHOOD			
# improved cocoa seedlings distributed to farmers	25,000	14,650	29,050
# farmers provided with technical assistance (based on plans) to professionalize & optimize cocoa farming practices	817	947	
# individuals participating in additional Income Generating Activities (IGA's)		410	
# individuals provided with technical assistance (based on plans) to increase income from non-cocoa sources / IGA's	21	902	
# Individuals provided with technical assistance to save money and access finance	0	600	
# of members of VSLA groups in the current year	458	600	
# of VSLA groups in the current year	17	20	
SOCIAL INCLUSION AND COMMUNITY			
# of cocoa communities with active forest restoration and protection program (CBNRM): New	0		
# of cocoa communities with active forest restoration and protection program (CBNRM): Total Active			
# hectares under CBNRM	0		
# of individuals participating in women's empowerment projects and activities	401	101	
# of individuals participating in youth focused projects and activities (15-35 years old)	115	139	

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Cocoa & Forests Initiative 2023 Guittard Public Reporting Table: Ivory Coast

Description	Target (Current reporting year)	# Through direct investment (Current reporting year)	# Through direct investment (Since 2018)
FOREST PROTECTION AND RESTORATION			
# of farms mapped in direct supply chain: Total Active	1,148	834	
# of hectares in the direct supply chain with deforestation risk assessments completed	3,218	3,187	
% directly sourced cocoa traceable from the farm to the first purchase point (target is 100%)		99%	
# hectares restored in Forest Reserve / Forêts Classée	0		
# trees registered	0		2,682
# of farmers with land tenure agreements/documentation obtained via company support	0		
# farmers informed, trained, and / or consulted on the new Forest Code, forest policy, law enforcement, forest protection, and restoration	472	516	
# Individuals receiving incentives to protect and restore forests and / or adopt agroforestry (e.g., PES): New	0		
# Individuals receiving incentives to protect and restore forests and / or adopt agroforestry (e.g., PES): Total Active	0		
# farmers applying agroforestry: New		81	
# farmers applying agroforestry: Total Active		501	
# farmers provided with technical assistance to adopt and expand agroforestry	385	722	
# multi-purpose trees distributed for on-farm planting	12,000	9,905	26,955
# hectares cocoa agroforestry: New	480	215	584
# hectares cocoa agroforestry: Total Active		653	
# of trees distributed for off-farm planting	1,000		
# hectares of forest area restored off-reserve / in rural zone	40		
# farmers provided with technical assistance to be more resilient to climate change and reduce and remove carbon emissions on farm (e.g., CSC)	440	430	
# of farmers trained in Modified Taungya System (MTS)			
SUSTAINABLE PRODUCTION AND FARMERS' LIVELIHOOD			
# farmers provided with technical assistance (based on plans) to professionalize & optimize cocoa farming practices	472	806	
# individuals participating in additional Income Generating Activities (IGA's)		158	
# individuals provided with technical assistance (based on plans) to increase income from non-cocoa sources / IGA's		491	
# Individuals provided with technical assistance to save money and access finance	405	491	
# of members of VSLA groups in the current year	405	491	
# of VSLA groups in the current year	14	15	
SOCIAL INCLUSION AND COMMUNITY			
# of cocoa communities with active forest restoration and protection program (CBNRM): New	0		
# of cocoa communities with active forest restoration and protection program (CBNRM): Total Active			
# hectares under CBNRM	0		
# of individuals participating in women's empowerment projects and activities	110	448	
# of individuals participating in youth focused projects and activities (15-35 years old)	58	6	

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Cultivate Better & Cultivate Better Cocoa Partner Numbers

Scobad, Agobiville, Agnébi Province, Ivory Coast (CBC Partner)	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023
Certification	Utz	Utz	RA	RA
Communities	4	6	6	6
Farmers	194	210	305	316
Female	4	8	16	16
Male	190	202	289	300
% Female	2%	4%	5%	5%
Farms	221	234	556	314
Farms Polygon Mapped	221	234	556	314
% Farms Mapped	100%	100%	100%	100%
Total hectares	543	760	1702	1702
Average hectares per farm	2.46	3.25	3.06	5.42
Farmers receiving agronomic & quality training	194	210	305	316
Farmers receiving environmental training	194	210	289	289
Shade trees planted	7,000	5,050	7,000	7,000
Communities with Child Protection Committees	4	6	6	6
Village Savings & Loan Associations (VSLAs)	0	0	10	10
VSLA Members				300
Female				257
Male				43
% Female				86%

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SCOSA CI, Sassandra, Soubre Province, Ivory Coast (Fair Trade Partner)	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023
Certification	0	0	Fair Trade	Fair Trade
Communities	0	0	4	4
Farmers	0	0	363	520
Female	0	0	40	40
Male	0	0	323	480
% Female	0	0	11%	8%
Farms	0	0	386	520
Farms Polygon Mapped	0	0	386	520
% Farms Mapped	0	0	100%	100%
Total hectares	0	0	543	2052
Average hectares per farm	0	0	1.41	3.95
Farmers receiving agronomic & quality training	0	0	218	490
Farmers receiving environmental training	0	0	218	505
Shade trees planted	0	0	5000	2905
Communities with Child Protection Committees	0	0	5	5
Village Savings & Loan Associations (VSLAs)	0	0	4	5
VSLA Members				191
Female				172
Male				19
% Female				90%

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Offinso Fine Flavor Cooperative, Ashanti Region, Ghana (CBC Partner)	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023
Certification	Fair Trade	Fair Trade	Fair Trade	Fair Trade
Communities	15	17	19	19
Farmers	314	540	702	763
Female	140	313	416	313
Male	174	227	286	450
% Female	45%	58%	59%	41%
Farms	385	778	991	540
Farms Polygon Mapped	0	0	329	329
% Farms Mapped	0%	0%	33%	61%
Total hectares (estimated)	481	973	1,239	675
Average hectares per farm	1.25	1.25	1.25	1.25
Farmers receiving agronomic & quality training	314	540	702	763
Farmers receiving environmental training	314	540	702	763
Shade trees planted	0	2,513	3,812	6,930
Communities with Child Protection Committees	0	0	3	3
Village Savings & Loan Associations (VSLAs)	0	5	9	14
VSLA Members				416
Female				143
Male				167
% Female				34%

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Akymansa Fine Flavor Cooperative, Eastern Region, Ghana (CBC Partner)	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023
Certification	Utz	Utz	RA	RA
Communities	6	6	6	6
Farmers	277	277	277	277
Female	177	177	177	177
Male	100	100	100	100
% Female	36%	36%	36%	36%
Farms	450	450	450	450
Farms Polygon Mapped	0	0	147	147
% Farms Mapped	0%	0%	33%	33%
Total hectares (estimated)	554	554	394	394
Average hectares per farm	1.23	1.23	0.88	0.88
Farmers receiving agronomic & quality training	277	277	277	277
Farmers receiving environmental training	277	277	277	277
Shade trees planted	0	2400	900	900
Communities with Child Protection Committees	0	6	6	6
Village Savings & Loan Associations (VSLAs)	0	4	6	6
VSLA Members				184
Female				113
Male				71
% Female				61%

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Valle del Sade], Esmeraldas Province, Ecuador (CBC Partner)	2019/2020	2020/2021	2021/2022	2022/2023
Certification	Utz	Utz	RA	RA
Communities	1	1	1	1
Farmers	80	80	80	80
Female	14	14	14	14
Male	66	66	66	66
% Female	18%	18%	18%	18%
Farms	80	80	80	80
Farms Polygon Mapped	80	80	80	80
% Farms Mapped	100%	100%	100%	100%
Total hectares	344	344	344	344
Average hectares per farm	4.30	4.30	4.30	4.30
Farmers receiving agronomic & quality training	80	80	80	80
Farmers receiving environmental training	80	80	80	80
Shade trees planted	0	0	0	0
Communities with CLMRS	1	1	1	1
Village Savings & Loan Associations (VSLAs)	0	0	0	0
VSLA Members				0
Female				0
Male				0
% Female				0%

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