




AFRICA COCOA FUND PUBLICATION OF PROJECTS

1.


Receiving Producer Group/Cooperative	SOCIETE COOPERATIVE POUR UNE PRODUCTION AMELIOREE EN COTE D'IVOIRE (SCOPACI)
Photos, of the farm if possible, or the group; or the person receiving the money	
Project Title	Risk prevention of child labour with VSLAs & IGAs
Project Location or the region the funding is going to	Soubré and Duekoué, western Côte d'Ivoire
Description of current situation and the issue the grant is addressing	In cocoa farmer communities, children often lack birth certificates, which prevents them from getting education, and parents have difficulties for paying school kits. Poverty and bad management of funds, as well as the lack of awareness about hazards put children at risk of child labor. With this project, we aim at establishing the Assess & Address Approach developed by Rainforest Alliance and establish Village Saving and Loan Associations with income-generating activities to diversify farmers' income and to support families to put money aside for education.
Project objectives, outcomes, and milestones	<p>44 villages are aware of risks of child labour</p> <p>1461 farmer households assessed for risk of child labor</p> <p>100 children at risk have received birth certificates</p> <p>200 children at risk have received support for their school kits</p> <p>20 Village Saving and Loan Associations with at least 25 members each created, and 20;000;000 CFA (~32; 000 USD) saved in total after one year</p> <p>20 collective income-generating activities established</p> <p>90 individual projects for income-generating activities set up</p>
Project Summary	In the cooperative, a lot of farmers' children are without birth certificates and farmers often complain about the school kits they have to provide at the beginning of the school year. Poverty and bad management of their own funds, as well as the lack of awareness about hazards put children at risk of child labor. With this project, the aim is to assess the situation in all our 1461 farmers' households and establish the Assess Address Approach



	<p>developed by Rainforest Alliance in order to empower farmer communities to detect and address cases of child labor. Furthermore, the project will facilitate the obtention of at least 100 birth certificates and 200 school kits for the most severe cases of children at risk.</p> <p>To provide a more sustainable solution to put money aside for education, the project will introduce Village Saving and Loan Associations (VSLA) to enable farmer families to make better use of their own funds. Participatory awareness-raising activities will be conducted on education and child labor with representatives of 44 communities in which the cooperative is active, 20 village savings and credit associations established with optional school funds and the establishment of 90 income-generating activities (IGAs) accompanied to diversify farmers' income.</p> <p>With the VSLAs and IGAs, the project will contribute in a sustainable way to the farmers' empowerment, the fight against poverty and the schooling of farmers' children.</p>
Implementation Period	1 Year
Project Start date	15/05/2022
Project End date	31/05/2023
Total Eligible cost	US\$ 155 000
Max amount financed by ACF	US\$ 77 500
Match funding	US\$ 77 500
Implementing Partner	CABOZAction




2.

Receiving Producer Group/Cooperative	ECAM COOP-CA
Photos, of the farm if possible, or the group; or the person receiving the money	
Project Title	DIGITCOOP AGRI
Project Location or the region the funding is going to	MEAGUI
Description of current situation and the issue the grant is addressing	Most of the cooperative's activities and members management is manual. The production and research of information takes a lot of time.
Project objectives, outcomes, and milestones	The aim is to make the ECAM COOP-CA cooperative efficient in its daily management by automating all its activity through the digitization of its internal management system and its traceability system.
Project Summary	It is a matter of setting up an automated management system which can help improve the management of the cooperative by a tailor-made software, adapted to its needs.
Implementation Period	18 months
Project Start date	22/05/2022
Project End date	30/11/2023
Total Eligible cost	95 200 US\$
Max amount financed by ACF	83 200 US\$
Match funding	12 000 US\$
Implementing Partner	GROUPE DIRECTSOFT



3.

Receiving Producer Group/Cooperative	Société Coopérative Agricole Anouanze de Méagui
Photos, of the farm if possible, or the group; or the person receiving the money	 
Project Title	Mapping Agroforestry for Protection and Shade (MAPS)
Project Location or the region the funding is going to	Cocoa growing regions in Cote d'Ivoire
Description of current situation and the issue the grant is addressing	Often, from farmers' perspective, accepting and maintaining non-cocoa trees - such as shade, timber, or fruit trees - puts the cocoa farm at risk when not having secure rights on these trees. Without legal land and tree tenure documents, they cannot demonstrate ownership to protect trees on their land or claim compensations in situations of (illegal) timber logging. This does not draw farmers to invest time and resources in maintaining trees since the long-term benefit does not show a short-term outcome. However, cocoa is a



	<p>crop which needs shade to grow effectively, and diversification of farm trees is important in managing farmer risk. Investing in non-cocoa trees is an important component of sustainable farming, as they:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Mitigate soil erosion - Regulate water - Reduce weed growth - Recycle nutrients in the soil - Foster biodiversity - Sequester carbon - act as additional sources of income, providing timber, fruit and firewood <p>By legally protecting non-cocoa trees, farmers will feel the security to invest and unlock these benefits.</p>
Project objectives, outcomes, and milestones	<p>The project will provide non-cocoa tree tenure security alongside land documentation for smallholder farmers. Cocoa farmers will experience a stronger sense of tree tenure security, which will result in more (pro)active agroforestry participation and adoption rates (shade tree planting and nursing).</p> <p>The aim is to secure 100,000 non-cocoa trees (shade, timber, fruit) for 5,000 farmers of CAAM and other cooperatives and to develop a high-quality (anonymous) dataset on non-cocoa trees for research purposes.</p>
Project Summary	<p>Interventions cover three main activities:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Non-cocoa tree mapping (geodata and attribute data) - Non-cocoa tree documentation, as part of land registration - Non-cocoa tree dataset compilation for research purposes <p>Non-cocoa tree mapping will be done in parallel to a larger project on land tenure securitisation - the Côte d'Ivoire Land Partnership (CLAP, https://www.meridia.land/cases/clap) Early Scale project, which is providing land rights documentation to at least 9,000 farmers between 2021 and 2023</p>
Implementation Period	2 years
Project Start date	15 May 2022
Project End date	29 February 2024
Total Eligible cost	US\$ 127,457
Max amount financed by ACF	US\$ 127,457
Match funding	n/a
Implementing Partner	Meridia Land B.V. (https://www.meridia.land/)



4.


Receiving Producer Group/Cooperative	Société Coopérative simplifiée des producteurs of ALIKRO (SCOOPS PA) and société coopérative simplifiée des producteurs unis café cacao et anacarde of AMORIAKRO (SCOOPS PROUCCA AM)
Photo of the members of the executive committee of the cooperative	 
Project Title	Child Protection and income improvement in the region of LA COMOE
Project Location or the region the funding is going to	SCOOPS PA and SCOOPS PROUCCA AM are based in the south in the region of LA COMOE
Description of current situation and the issue the	Producers and members of SCOOPS PA and SCOOPS PROUCCA AM lack skills and knowledge in child protection. Their constant efforts to put in place perennial protection mechanisms to ensure the protection of their children against all forms of violations have never



grant is addressing	<p>been successful. Producers and members of the SCOOPS PA and SCOOPS PROUCCA AM IMS need training and mentoring in the area of child protection.</p> <p>SCOOPS PA and SCOOPS PROUCCA AM producers, depending solely on cocoa income, are unable to support schooling and ensure better protection for their children. The IMS of SCOOPS PA and SCOOPS PROUCCA AM, for its part, due to its limited financial and technical means, cannot support the producers in this quest.</p> <p>SCOOPS PA and SCOOPS PROUCCA aims at training and supporting the implementation of sustainable mechanisms for the protection of children within the communities and the IMS. This is to assist in the schooling, establishment, and delivery of supplementary assistance to producers 'children in their sections. The project also wants to support producers in the diversification of their financial income, by allowing them to develop other sectors of activity such as food crops and livestock, in addition to the sale of cocoa.</p>
Project objectives, outcomes, and milestones	<p>Impact: child labour is reduced on SCOOPS PA and SCOOPS PROUCCA AM' s RA-certified farmers' cocoa plantations</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>O1. The status of 392 producers 'children is known</p> <p>O2. IMS and community members are committed to the protection of children.</p> <p>O3. A response is provided to children who are victims of abuse, exploitation, violence, WFCL</p>
Project Summary	<p>The project consists of fighting mainly against child labor and protection of children against all forms of abuse and violence. In addition, this project will carry out activities to diversify the sources of income. The results of its implementation are financial autonomy by allowing the producers to develop other activities apart from the sale of cocoa and commitment of producers and cooperatives to the protect children in cocoa farming.</p>
	12 Months – 01 June 2022 to May 2023
Project Start date	22 May 2022
Project End date	31 May 2023
Total Eligible cost	US\$ 123, 032.98
Max amount financed by ACF	US\$ 123, 032.98
Match funding	0
Implementing Partner	<p>ORGANIZATION FOR HEALTH ASSISTANCE IN URBAN AND RURAL AREAS (ORASUR) IS AN IVORIAN NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION (NGO), LOCATED IN SOUBRÉ IN THE SOUTH-WEST OF COTE D'IVOIRE.</p>



5.

Receiving Producer Group/Cooperative	Société coopérative Simplifiée Coopérative des agriculteurs unis de MEAGUI (SCOOPS-CAUMEA)
	
Project Title	Child Protection and income improvement in the region of NAWA
Project Location or the region the funding is going to	SCOOPS-CAUMEA is in the west of the region of NAWA
Description of current situation and the issue the grant is addressing	<p>SCOOPS-CAUMEA Producers and IMS members lack skills and knowledge in child protection. Their constant efforts to put in place perennial protection mechanisms to ensure the protection of their children against all forms of violations have never been successful. SCOOPS-CAUMEA Producers and IMS members need training and mentoring in this area.</p> <p>SCOOPS-CAUMEA producers, depending only on cocoa income, are unable to support schooling and ensure better protection for their children. The IMS of SCOOPS-CAUMEA, for its part, due to its limited financial and technical means, cannot support the producers in this quest.</p> <p>With that in mind, SCOOPS-CAUMEA is requesting financial and technical support from ACF to train and support the implementation of sustainable mechanisms for the protection of children within the communities and IMS. This will improve children school attendance, also the issuance of supplementary birth judgments to the children of producers of their sections. To also support the producers in the diversification of their financial income, by allowing them to develop other sectors of activity such as food crops and livestock, in addition to the sale of cocoa.</p>
Project objectives, outcomes, and milestones	<p>Impact: child labour is reduced on SCOOPS-CAUMEA 's RA-certified farmers' cocoa plantations</p> <p>Outcomes:</p> <p>O1. The status of the children of the 306 producers is known</p> <p>O2. IMS' and community members are committed to the protection of children.</p>



	O3. A response is provided to children who are victims of abuse, exploitation, violence, WFCL
Project Summary	Our project consists of mainly fighting against child labor and the protection of children against all forms of abuse and violence. In addition, our project will carry out activities to diversify the sources of income. The results of the implementation of our project are financial autonomy by allowing the producers to develop other activities other than the sale of cocoa. The commitment of the producers and the cooperative in the protection of children in cocoa farming.
	12 Months
Project Start date	22 May 2022
Project End date	31 May 2023
Total Eligible cost	US\$ 126,432.8
Max amount financed by ACF	US\$ 126,432.8
Match funding	US\$ 0
Implementing Partner	ORGANIZATION FOR HEALTH ASSISTANCE IN URBAN AND RURAL AREAS (ORASUR) IS AN IVORIAN NON-GOVERNMENTAL ORGANIZATION (NGO), WITH ADDRESS AT SOUBRÉ IN THE SOUTH-WEST OF COTE D'IVOIRE.



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Receiving Producer Group/Cooperative	Coopérative Agricole pour le Développement durable d'Oussoukro (CADED0)
Photos, of the farm if possible, or the group; or the person receiving the money	
Project Title	Strengthening the environmental sustainability and resilience of cocoa producers in the supply basin of CADED0
Project Location or the region the funding is going to	Department of Méagui, Region of Nawa
Description of current situation and the issue the grant is addressing	<p>The Nawa region is the main cocoa production area in Côte d'Ivoire. This position was acquired at the expense of natural resources, thus indexing cocoa farming as a factor of forest degradation. Classified forests, Parks and Reserves are sometimes infiltrated, bringing "opprobrium" to the cocoa supply chain.</p> <p>The situation of the classified forest of Niegre is an illustration of this, presenting a sometimes-disastrous picture of deforestation which requires reinventing agriculture through the formulation and implementation of socio-technical solutions.</p> <p>These actions must contribute to strengthening the environmental sustainability and resilience of producers located in and around classified forests in order to comply with certification standards and guarantee a sustainable cocoa supply chain.</p> <p>This approach considers the promotion of agroforestry supported by community engagement in favor of the preservation of resources and the need to increase the income of cocoa farmers. This is what the present project is about, submitted within the framework of the Rainforest Alliance's African Cocoa Fund (ACF) initiative.</p>
Project objectives, outcomes, and milestones	<p>The project aims to guarantee a cocoa supply chain compatible with environmental protection in the Oussoukro area. Specifically, this will :</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Reconcile cocoa production and environmental protection through the promotion of good agricultural practices in the supply basin of the CADED0 cooperative, which includes the implementation of a pilot model of "agroforest" of 20 ha based on consent advance of producers and the production of 25 T of compost



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Generate vital income for producers and their wives to make them resilient in a context of climate change from the promotion of two livestock sectors in addition to cocoa farming.
Project Summary	<p>Planned to be implemented in 4 sections of the CADEDO Cooperative in the Department of Méagui, the project aims at (i) Reconciling cocoa production and environmental protection through the promotion of good agricultural practices in the supply basin of the CADEDO cooperative, (ii) Generating vital income for producers and their women to make them resilient in a context of climate change.</p> <p>Through this project, the CADEDO cooperative is committed to being a corporate citizen in the protection of natural resources. Indeed, it is a question of playing and occupying a primordial place in the restoration of forest relics by relying on the involvement of its base. Thus, the cooperative intends to consolidate the interface between the manager of the Niégré Classified Forest and the operators who are in and around it in order to encourage producers to adhere to the forest restoration policy. On the basis of a framework agreement with SODEFOR, the project will experiment an "agroforest" model which is based at the same time on the consent of a sample of 20 farmers living inside.</p> <p>Farmers targeted will be made aware of the need for intelligent cohabitation with the forest and make available at least 1 ha of their agricultural plot in which they agree to increase the density of trees (200 trees/ha) composed of 50% wood species work and 50% fruit tree species.</p> <p>These initiatives will be extended to the rest of cocoa producers located outside the classified forest through the distribution of 15,000 shade tree seedlings to 416 producers. The initiative plans to encourage producers who are members of the cooperative to invest in their plantation to survive in the future to climate change.</p> <p>This orientation leads to produce 25 T of compost to preserve soil fertility. The initiative is consolidated by the desire of the cooperative to ensure that producers earn a vital income to cover all their basic needs by providing opportunities to increase their sustainable livelihoods. This involves setting up 4 income generating activities for snail farming and poultry farming under cocoa trees.</p>
Implementation Period	2 years
Project Start date	22 May 2022
Project End date	29 February 2024
Total Eligible cost	US\$ 119,277
Max amount financed by ACF	US\$ 119,277
Match funding	0
Implementing Partner	AIDD (AGIR INNOVER POUR LE DEVELOPPEMENT DURABLE)



7.


Receiving Producer Group/Cooperative	SOCIETE COOPERATIVE AGRICOLE KOUADO OF SIPILOU (CAKS COOP-CA)
Photos, of the farm if possible, or the group; or the person receiving the money	
Project Title	Set up data collection system through the identification and geo-localization of CAKS member's farms and landscape management.
Project Location or the region the funding is going to	SIPILOU, North West Region
Description of current situation and the issue the grant is addressing	<p>The CAKS cooperative does not currently have reliable data for mitigating the risks of deforestation and zero deforestation sourcing. The risks of cocoa sourcing from protected areas are mitigated through updated mapping (of the boundaries) of producers' farms creating the demarcation between protected areas and classified forests in the Sipilou region. The costs of audit that the cooperative is not sourcing from closed areas are reduced. Finally, more cocoa farmers are practicing agroforestry. As a result of the popularization of this cultivation technique, the productivity of the farms and the income of the producers increase. This proposal responds to A2 and B3. Implementation of this project will provide a clear compass for coordination of actions of cooperative and its farmers. In addition, the protected areas maps in juxtaposition with the farms polygons will make it possible to monitor that the supply is not being done in prohibited zones, as the region has several classified forests whose boundaries are not updated. Furthermore, when an audit finds that logging is taking place in a prohibited area, this requires a second opinion from an external consultant, which entails additional costs. The development of an integrated database of protected areas, classified forests, and farms on the basis of the polygons produced will make it possible to better meet the requirements of certification. With this support, our</p>



	cooperative will be able to implement the RAINFOREST ALLIANCE certification program in the best possible way.
Project objectives, outcomes and milestones	The project aims to set up an optimal integrated traceability system with 100% reliable digital data of CAKS products and contribute to the reforestation of the landscape of Sipilou area. A digital CAKS platform will be operational by the end of 2022 and monitoring put in place to document the results. Then the CAKS supply chain will be traced and at least 80% of the data reliable. To achieve these results, the following activities will be carried out (i) the digital platform and database of CAKS members setting up, (ii) CAKS members Farms mapping, (iii) CAKS members capacity building, (iv) diagnosis agroforestry practices and floristic analysis of forest tree seedlings in producers' plots, (v) distribution of shade trees, (vi) forest conservation payment of incentive payments to eligible beneficiaries.
Project Summary	<p>The cocoa sector is at a crossroads with traceability being a major issue in Côte d'Ivoire with the absence of an effective traceability system facilitating high-level reporting for internal management and external communication of data. In addition, deforestation remains a major problem in the West African cocoa sector. Producers facing poverty are moving into protected areas in search of more fertile land. The lack of monitoring of protected areas (PAs) has also contributed to the current deforestation. As part of current efforts to combat deforestation, strict measures are being taken to identify and address the risk of deforestation in cocoa supply chains.</p> <p>To ensure environmental protection and the real impact of the certification program implemented in this respect, it is essential to control all the data relating to the plots of land already in use, their extent, the people using them and their identities. Base and Geo-data will allow to understand the current state of the agricultural land in the area and the people who own it, to propose effective protection and conservation solutions. Therefore, it is necessary to raise awareness and encourage producers to access certification by producing cocoa that meets the standards. CAKS will contribute to reducing deforestation induced by cocoa production through a reliable traceability system of its members and their cocoa plantations. It will also contribute to the protection and safeguarding of the biodiversity of the producers' forests through the restoration of degraded areas and by engaging producers in the practice of agroforestry for landscape restoration.</p>
Implementation Period	
Project Start date	22 May 2022
Project End date	28 February 2023
Total Eligible cost	102 062 US
Max amount financed by ACF	102 062. US
Match funding	0
Implementing Partner	IDEF



8.

Receiving Producer Group/Cooperative	COOPERATIVE AGRICOLE DES JEUNES PLANTEURS DE GUIBEROUA (CAJPG-SCOOPS)
Photos, of the farm if possible, or the group; or the person receiving the money	
Project Title	Promotion of agroforestry with shade trees in cocoa farms and improvement of income diversification for farmers
Project Location or the region the funding is going to	Country: Cote d'Ivoire Town: GUIBEROUA
Description of current situation and the issue the grant is addressing	Farmers in CAJPG-SCOOPS are faced with the loss of soil fertility in cocoa farms and the landscape is generally devoid of shade trees. This situation does not meet the RA's standards for the minimum number of trees to be maintained in cocoa plantations. In addition, there is a lack of secondary sources of income for farmers in general, and for women in particular, who remain financially dependent on their husbands.
Project objectives, outcomes, and milestones	<p>Objectives:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Implemented sufficient trees as required by the RA 2020 standard in Cocoa farms landscape 2) Improved net incomes of cocoa farmers' households <p>Outcomes:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1) Farmers adopt agroforestry method 2) Farmer group improve their incomes sources <p>Outputs:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1.1) 1000 farmers supported by the project, trained in agroforestry method 1.2) 3 nurseries of fruit and fertilizer plants implemented 1.3) 1500 ha of fields planted with fertilizer and fruit trees <p>2.1 3 women's groups supported by the project in improving their income</p> <p>2.2 240 rice producers supported by the project in improving their income</p> <p>2.3 1 baseline study carried out</p>



Project Summary	<p>The project aims to provide shade tree in the landscape of cocoa farms by enabling farmers to adopt agroforestry method (shade tree nursing and planting). By adopting fertilizer trees such as Albizia spp. on their farms, farmers will experience the restoration of soil fertility over time.</p> <p>It also aims at improving farmer households' net incomes by promoting other sources of revenue such as cassava and rice productions.</p>
Implementation Period	20 months
Project Start date	15 May 2022,
Project End date	31 December 2023,
Total Eligible cost	US\$ 71 237,61
Max amount financed by ACF	US\$ 71 237,61
Match funding	0
Implementing Partner	CAFEXI



9.

Receiving Producer Group/Cooperative	SOCIETE COOPERATIVE AGRICOLE BORIBANA DE BOLEQUIN (BORIBANA COOP CA)
Photos, of the farm if possible, or the group; or the person receiving the money	
	
Project Title	Implementation of cocoa farms spatial database and improvement of income diversification for farmers
Project Location or the region the funding is going to	Country: Cote d'Ivoire Town: BOLEQUIN



Description of current situation and the issue the grant is addressing	<p>The evolution of cocoa fields' areas is not under control. This situation does not favor good traceability of certified cocoa.</p> <p>There is also a lack of secondary sources of income for farmers in general, and for women in particular, who remain financially dependent on their husbands.</p> <p>The issues that the project will address are mainly the lack of cocoa farms dynamic mapping and the low incomes for women.</p>
Project objectives, outcomes, and milestones	<p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3) Traceability certified cocoa is free of deforestation 4) Improved net incomes of cocoa farmers' households <p>Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 3) Farm statuses are known 4) Women groups improve their incomes sources <p>Outputs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.4) 3000 farms localization and polygon geodata are collected 1.5) 29 farmers group members trained in geodata collect method and spatial database management <p>2.1 3 women groups supported by the project in livelihood diversification</p> <p>2.2 1 baseline study carried out</p>
Project Summary	<p>The project aims to provide a good system of cocoa farms dynamic mapping. BORIBANA COOP CA Leaders will be able to assure a secure traceability of their certified cocoa over time. It also aims to improve women net incomes by promoting other sources of revenue such as cassava production and processing in ready meals.</p>
Implementation Period	20 months
Project Start date	15 May 2022
Project End date	31 December 2023
Total Eligible cost	US\$ 70 856,41
Max amount financed by ACF	US\$ 70 856,41
Match funding	0
Implementing Partner	CAFEXI



10.

Receiving Producer Group/Cooperative	SOCIETE COOPERATIVE AGRICOLE SIMPLIFIEE DE SONGAN (SCOOPS-PS)
Photos, of the farm if possible, or the group; or the person receiving the money	 
Project Title	Promotion of agroforestry with shade trees in cocoa farms and improvement of income diversification for farmers



Project Location or the region the funding is going to	Country: Cote d'Ivoire Name of nearest town: Bianoua/ABOISSO Village: SONGAN
Description of current situation and the issue the grant is addressing	<p>The landscape of the cocoa farms of the SCOOPS - PSONGAN is devoid of shade trees on the whole. This situation does not match the RA's standards for the minimum number of trees to be kept in cocoa plantations.</p> <p>In addition, there is a lack of secondary sources of income for farmers in general, and for women, who remain financially dependent on their husbands. One of the consequences is also the issue of child labour which persists with parents withdrawing their children from school because of lack of means to pay for their attendance.</p> <p>The issues that the project will address are essentially the lack of shade trees in the cocoa farms and the low incomes for women.</p>
Project objectives, outcomes, and milestones	<p>Objectives:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5) Implemented sufficient trees as required by the RA 2020 standard in Cocoa farms landscape 6) Improved net incomes of cocoa farmers' households <p>Outcomes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 5) Farmers adopt agroforestry method 6) Farmer group diversify their incomes sources <p>Outputs:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 1.6) 700 farmers supported by the project, trained in agroforestry method 1.7) 3 nurseries of fruit and fertilizer plants implemented 1.8) 1500 ha of fields planted with fertilizer and fruit trees 1.9) 5 farmer group members equipped and trained to collect data from agroforestry fields <ul style="list-style-type: none"> 2.1 2 women's groups supported by the project in improving their income 2.2 50 rice producers supported by the project in improving their income 2.3 2 farmer group sections supported by the project in developing poultry farming 2.4 1 baseline study carried out
Project Summary	<p>The project aims to provide shade tree in the landscape of cocoa farms by enabling farmers to adopt agroforestry method (shade tree nursing and planting).</p> <p>It also aims to improve farmer households' net incomes by promoting other sources of revenue such as poultry farming, maize, and rice productions.</p>
Implementation Period	20 months
Project Start date	15 May 2022
Project End date	31 December 2023
Total Eligible cost	US\$ 73 136,75
Max amount financed by ACF	US\$ 73 136,75
Match funding	0
Implementing Partner	CAFEXI



Ghana
11.

Receiving Producer Group/Cooperative	PBC Limited - Bonsu Nkwanta - WNR
Photos, of the farm if possible, or the group; or the person receiving the money	
Project Title	PBC and MPA Digitalized Sustainable Cocoa Production Program
Project Location or the region the funding is going to	Bonsu Nkwanta (Western North Region)
Description of current situation and the issue the grant is addressing	<p>The PBC Limited Bonsu Nkwanta WNR farmer group has 3409 certified farmers with a certified project area of 17,941Ha. The group baseline registration data available and its related deforestation and protected area risk maps indicates that over 500 of the registered farms are located within the 2km buffer zone of the Bia National Park and Krokosue Forest reserve. Also, analysis of the group's farmer registration data shows some duplications and inaccuracy of farms location as reported by their GPS coordinates.</p> <p>Also, extension support gap existing between farmers and cocoa extension agents in Ghana is a major cause of low productivity and unethical agricultural practices rampant in the Ghana cocoa industry. Statistically, the number of extension officers to provide support to these cocoa farmers is alarmingly low and few farmers receive extension services. The current extension officer-farmer ratio stands at 1:1,500. This project consequently aims to address the aforementioned challenges facing the PBC Ltd Bonsu Nkwanta WNR farmer group and Ghanaian cocoa farmers as a whole.</p> <p>The first part of this project therefore aims to verify the group's baseline registration data through re-registration of the group members and re-mapping of their farms to confirm or otherwise of the group baseline data for the group's effective planning and management. Also, the re-mapping of the farms further aims to provide more accurate farms size information for an improved yield estimation and traceability purposes. Lastly, the project aims to strengthen and improve the group's certification program and to ensure full compliance of the 2020 RA certification standard requirements. Thus, with the geolocation and polygons, farms in unapproved locations like forest reserves are easily identified, monitored, and managed.</p>





	<p>The second part of this project seeks to provide an innovative technological extension support services (TeleAgric) that will bridge the extension service and communication gap between farmers and extension officers.</p>
Project objectives, outcomes, and milestones	<p>A2: Objective (Impacts)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. The group's yield estimation, farm management and ecosystem conservation are improved based on accurate polygon data 2. Forest protection and eco-system conservation around protected areas are improved <p>A2: Outcome</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 100% of farms in the farmers group are mapped with polygons 2. 100% of farms close to protected areas are identified, monitored, and managed 3. 100% data of farmers and workers are captured on the electronic system 4. 100% farmers have guaranteed yield estimate with corresponding actual production 5. 100% of farmers in the farmer group are enrolled on the TeleAgric support system 6. 100% of farmers with geolocation data is available 7. No farmer in the group operates in protected areas <p>A2: Milestones</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Registration of farmers and mapping of farms to be completed by 1st October 2022 2. Enrol farmers onto the TeleAgric Support System by 1st October 2022 3. Identify farms close to protected areas by 1st October 2022 <p>B4: Objectives (Impacts)</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Improve extension support services through the TeleAgric solution 5. Enhance the group's internal inspection and reporting system through digitization of internal inspection system 6. Enhance the group's Assess and Address Systems through digitization of their activities 7. Improve transparency of the group's delivery records because of the traceability system's digitisation 8. Improve group monitoring and supervision systems through digitization of field activities (trainings, meetings, etc.) <p>B4: Outcome</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Secured digitized system availability for capturing all (100%) field activities 2. The group traceability system (recording and reporting) is improved by 70%



	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 3. 3000 farmers have access to digitized extension support services 4. Access to a digitized internal inspection system (recording and reporting) for documenting farm inspections of all 3000 farmers. 5. 4 Assess and Address Committees have improved digitized platform for their operations <p>B4: Milestones</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Digitization of field activities (training, meetings, etc.), traceability, farm inspection and assess & address systems of the group to be completed by 1st June, 2023 2. Provide digital extension support to farmers through the TeleAgrim, to start by 1st October, 2022
Project Summary	Register farmers, their farm locations, sizes, and secure farmers data storage system. Extend extension service to farming communities to bridge the service and communication gap between farmers and agricultural inputs as well as technical agricultural extension services by providing timely information and advisory support to address target needs of farmers to improve cocoa and food productivity through Tele Agrim innovations.
Implementation Period	2 years
Project Start date	22 – 05 – 2022
Project End date	31 – 05 – 2024
Total Eligible cost	US\$110,705.83
Max amount financed by ACF	US\$ 85,705.83
Match funding	USD 25,000.00
Implementing Partner	MILLENNIUM PROMISE ALLIANCE



12.


Receiving Producer Group/Cooperative	KOKOO PA FARMERS ASSOCIATION
Photos, of the farm if possible, or the group; or the person receiving the money	 
Project Title	DIGITIZATION OF IMS AND TRACEABILITY SYSTEM
Project Location or the region the funding is going to	Kumasi, Ashanti Region
Description of the current situation and the issue the grant is addressing	a. To improve the organizational performance by moving from the current weak and inefficient data management and traceability system to a robust and digitized data management system anchored by a more effective and efficient Internal Management System (IMS) and Traceability System with accurate and reliable data quality as well as real-time reporting and learning.
Project objectives, outcomes, and milestones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Improved Cocoa IMS and traceability technology. 3 workshops organized to train Enumerators, Extension Officers, and Kokoo Pa's IMS Team. Mapping at least 20,000 cocoa farms.
Project Summary	<p>The project will help set up and deploy a GIS Platform, create digital forms for data collection and set-up portable tablet functionality with platform and cloud management. It will also consist of deploying and testing of mobile apps and GIS Platform, as well as installing and configuring GIS desktop licences of Kokoo Pa's IMS Team to compile a database of enumerators with key information required to set up on the platform.</p> <p>Quality assurance and quality checks on mapped data, data management for mapped farms and field activities, monitoring & Evaluation, and field verifications as well as stakeholder engagement dashboard are other activities to be carried out as part of the project, that will remotely monitor enumerator daily target/progress for data collection.</p>
Implementation Period	Twelve (12) months
Project Start date	15/05/2022
Project End date	30/04/2023
Total Eligible cost	US\$ 70,441.00
Max amount financed by ACF	US\$ 70,441.00
Match funding	



Implementing Partner	ACCUGEOSPATIAL CO. LTD.
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13.

Receiving Producer Group/Cooperative	Cocoa Abrabopa Association
Photos, of the farm if possible, or the group; or the person receiving the money	
Project Title	CAA IMS Digitalisation Project
Project Location or the region the funding is going to	Western and Central regions
Description of current situation and the issue the grant is addressing	<p>Currently, the group's operations in Ghana depend on various outdated IT systems that are not integrated in a single system or database, leading to inefficiencies at different levels of operations and hampering growth. Integration of data from farmer level to financial accounting will substantially improve the quality of information management. Ultimately, the intervention will result in improved traceability and improved services to farmers, better targeted climate-smart interventions, higher yields, and farmer income.</p>
Project objectives, outcomes, and milestones	<p>Impact: CAA uses credible data for decision making, to target their training programs better and ensure transparency in IMS processes</p> <p>Outcomes: 1. All CAA staff and council members using the digital solution 2. Proper communication, interviewing and data collection skills acquisition by all CAA field staff 3. CAA manage the integrated data system efficiently 4. More credible data collected that produces actionable information on all Operational Processes of CAA 5. More transparent and easily accessible information that strengthen the assurance of Operational Process of CAA</p>
Project Summary	<p>The project focuses on the development and implementation of an integrated data collection, tracking and management tool. Key activities are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Assessment of data management requirements of the cooperative, considering current tools and processes, and obtaining advice to optimise the system.



	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Introduction of the integrated data management. The preferred system is based on the (open-source) Odoo ERP system that allows for the integration and development of all functionalities relevant for our cooperative.• Introduction of a fully integrated Digital Field Application for use of the system in the field.• Training of Abrabopa HQ staff and management on use of the system.• Training of Abrabopa Field staff on use of the application in the field (incl. data collection).• Evaluation and fine-tuning of the data management system.
Implementation Period	12 Months
Project Start date	22 May 2022
Project End date	31 May 2023
Total Eligible cost	US\$ 116,000
Max amount financed by ACF	US\$ 116,000
Match funding	US\$0
Implementing Partner	Agro Eco



14.


Receiving Producer Group/Cooperative	ETG IKOM GROUP
Photos, of the farm if possible, or the group; or the person receiving the money	
Project Title	IKOM FARMER, CHILD AND COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT (IFACCOD)
Project Location or the region the funding is going to	IKOM, CROSS RIVER STATE, NIGERIA
Description of current situation and the issue the grant is addressing	<p>The project is addressing the issue of the incidence of child labor with poor learning conditions (inadequate seats, teachers, and teaching aids) and its negative effect on school attendance in community schools.</p> <p>Farmers' main dependency on cocoa farming resulting in limited sources of income for farmers and income gaps during cocoa off season, as well as low diversification for cocoa farmer, excessive/inappropriate use of pesticides and inappropriate use of pesticides and its negative effects on the environment and people are other issues addressed by the grant</p>
Project objectives, outcomes, and milestones	<p>Project activities will fulfil needs of farmers, their households, community, and environment by Promoting good learning environment which will encourage school attendance, thereby reducing the incidence of child labor among group members and in the communities through spillover effects.</p> <p>Promoting income earnings through diversification by supporting farmers to increase their sources of income and so improve their livelihoods.</p> <p>Distribution of multipurpose tree to provide a 3-in-1 benefit: additional income to farmers while protecting the environment and providing shade for cocoa trees.</p> <p>Upscaling of IPM to reduce inappropriate use of pesticides and effects of chemicals in the environment though a change from main use of chemical methods of pest management to use of cultural and biological methods</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Provision of 450 tables & chairs in 15 communities (30 per community) and additional 20 teachers in 10 community schools (2 teachers per community). • Awareness/trainings on child labor



	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitoring of child labour within the communities • Provision of 9000 multipurpose tree species, 3500 plantain/ banana suckers and 3500 units of pawpaw seedlings to farmers • Trainings on Integrated Pest Management (IPM) • Establishment of VSLA's to encourage farmers on saving
Project Summary	The project aims to reduce or end the incidence of child labour among group members and in the communities through spillover effects and support farmers in increasing their income and so improve their livelihoods so they can come out of poverty and live comfortably.
Implementation Period	13 Months
Project Start date	01 July 2022
Project End date	30 September 2023
Total Eligible cost	US\$ 136,832.21
Max amount financed by ACF	US\$ 67,900.21
Match funding	US\$ 68,932
Implementing Partner	KIDS AND TEEENS RESOURCE CENTRE



15.



Receiving Producer Group/Cooperative	Ofi Nigeria
Photos, of the farm if possible, or the group; or the person receiving the money	
Project Title	Skill development
Project Location or the region the funding is going to	Nigeria – Osun State (Ilesha)
Description of current situation and the issue the grant is addressing	<p>Weak capacity and competence to increase the autonomy of the Ore Agbe Ilesha farmer group as an organization less dependent on supply chain actors such as Olam Nigeria.</p> <p>Lack of jobs and businesses established for young people in rural areas</p> <p>Cocoa producers are illiterate and are not consulted in the decision-making of the activities of the group of farmers of Ore Agbe Ilesha.</p>
Project objectives, outcomes and milestones	<p>O1: Farmers participation in current affairs and activities such as competing for leadership activities from a local, state to national level is increased</p> <p>O2: Farmers developed ability to sustain their livelihoods through start of small micro enterprises (SMEs) and other income generating activities.</p> <p>O3: Farmers adopt GAP through the support of the Agro allied service team</p> <p>O4: Farmers are well-equipped to manage meetings, take minutes, resolve conflict, and keep adequate record with their acquired basic computer skills</p> <p>O5: Farmers have been provided with a Rural Services Centre.</p>
Project Summary	<p>The total number of Ore Agbe Ilesha Farmers Group (Cocoa farmers) we are working with is 1119 farmers. There are 283 female farmers among the group in 38 communities and 59 clusters in Ilesha land. We have a target to scale up to 2000 beneficiaries, which would give an opportunity to additional 800 farmers to also benefit from this project in two years.</p> <p>Our goal is to empower 2000 farmers under Ore Agbe Ilesha Farmers Group in the following areas:</p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Leadership skill training for farmers (Public Speaking) 2. Adult literacy training 3. Gender literacy Training for farmers



	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> 4. Cooperative Governance Training - Basic computer literacy training 5. Entrepreneurship 6. Financial Literacy training for farmers 7. Set up a demo plot in the Rural Service Centre to train farmers on Backyard Vegetable gardening. 8. Provide pruning, spraying and weeding services to members and non – members of Ore Agbe llesa farmer group. 9. Lecture Series - BE INSPIRED quarterly <p>Our activities are designed to help the farmers increase their agricultural productivity and improve their skills in income diversification.</p>
Implementation Period	2 YEARS
Project Start date	22 May 2022
Project End date	31 May 2024
Total Eligible cost	\$ 86,617.1
Max amount financed by ACF	\$ 43,070.13
Match funding	\$43,546.97
Implementing Partner	LIVING HOPE CARE NIGERIA



16.

Receiving Producer Group/Cooperative	TCP-COOPERATIVES GROUP Address: Suite 40/41, Akure Shopping Centre, Alagbaka, Akure, Ondo State Email: taiwoo@tulipcocoa.com Phone: +2349069378966
Photos, of the farm if possible, or the group; or the person receiving the money	 <p style="text-align: center;">Farmers day</p>  <p style="text-align: center;">Farmer training</p>
Project Title	Project A: Digitalization of IMS and Traceability System Project B: Income Diversification
Project Location or the region the funding is going to	Project A: Digitalization of IMS and Traceability System (75% funding). Location: Southwest, Nigeria. Funding goes to the Implementation Partners (Farmerline) Project B: Income diversification (25% funding). Location: Southwest, Nigeria. Funding goes to the Implementation Partners (Farmerline). Farmerline subcontracts to the secondary IP
Description of current situation and the issue the grant is addressing	Project A: Digitalization of IMS and Traceability System The system is paper based, and the group proposes to digitalize the system. Project B: Income diversification (25% funding). Knowledge and training gaps exist on additional income-earning opportunities for group members especially women
Project objectives, outcomes and milestones	Objectives <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. Digitalize up to 50% of the IMS and Traceability System 2. Build the capacities of TCP-Cooperatives IMS staff to carry out the new assignments 3. Increase income-earning opportunities of group members (3,000 women) via training and empowerment Outcome <ol style="list-style-type: none"> 1. 50% of TCP-Cooperatives' IMS and Traceability System digitalized by December 2023




	<p>2. 2,000 women trained and empowered in income diversification</p> <p>Milestone:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Improved efficiency in IMS data collection, management, and traceability System - Increase in income of 2,000 project beneficiaries
Project Summary	TCP-Cooperatives Group partners with the Africa Cocoa Fund to improve the IMS record keeping and traceability system and support income diversification amongst the vulnerable group members of TCP-Cooperative
Implementation Period	18 Months
Project Start date	22 May 2022
Project End date	31 December 2023
Total Eligible cost	US\$ 100,391
Max amount financed by ACF	US\$ 50,000
Match funding	US\$ 51391
Implementing Partner	FARMERLINE HTTPS://FARMERLINE.CO/



Cameroon

17.

Receiving Producer Group/Cooperative	SOCAM5C
Photos, of the farm if possible, or the group; or the person receiving the money	
Project Title	Mapping of agricultural plantations for the promotion of sustainable agriculture and the protection of forests
Project Location or the region the funding is going to	Obala
Description of current situation and the issue the grant is addressing	<p>The 2,567 agricultural units of the members of the Cooperative are mostly located in the forest zone of Central Cameroon. Thus, for 3 years, the cooperative has been committed to fighting against deforestation through compliance with the requirements of UTZ's main Code of Conduct in terms of forest protection through geolocation and mapping of farms. But this activity continues very slowly because of a lack of logistics and appropriate training of the actors. Also, with the entry into force of the new Rainforest Alliance certification standard of 2020, the requirements related to geolocation are more important with relatively short deadlines. This funding will enable the cooperative to acquire the skills and appropriate logistics, which will permit at the end of the second certification cycle(N2) to map the 100% of polygons of the agricultural units for the mandatory improvement requirement.</p> <p>In short, it will be about collecting and processing in time all the georeferenced data of the agricultural units to improve the efficiency of the traceability system and to comply with the mandatory improvements 1.2.14 and 1.2.15 of the new RA standard.</p>
Project objectives, outcomes, and milestones	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> o Controlling the areas of agricultural units for sustainable cocoa farming o Set up a functional and simplified database for the management of plantation polygons
Project Summary	Support for the cooperative in the complete mapping of agricultural units



Implementation Period	12 Months
Project start date	15/05/2022
Project End date	31/03/2023
Total eligible cost	\$71,205
Max amount financed by ACF	\$71,205
Match funding	0
Implementing Partner	ECO-DEV CONSEILS