

## **CACAO AMI DES FORÊTS PROJECT**

### **Results 2021**

The « Cacao Ami des Forêts » (CAF) project was initiated by the Transparence Cacao program to address the deforestation challenge in Ivory Coast, and in addition to address the aging of the farms. In collaboration with 'Le Conseil du Café-Cacao (CCC), CEMOI promotes a sustainable cocoa culture that reconciles environment preservation and producers' quality of life.

The scope of the project involves 3 cooperatives located in the Aboisso region of Ivory Coast, with in total 2,720 farmers and 2,937 farms covering 4,944 hectares. The project has started in 2017 and has a duration of 5 years until end of 2021. Due to Covid not all activities could be implemented in this timeframe and for this reason the project has been extended until end of 2022.

CEMOI has set 3 objectives, which are monitored through indicators followed by an independent NGO; Agronomes et Vétérinaires Sans Frontières (AVSF):

1. Increase the yield from 350 kg/ha (reference average) to 1000 kg/ha for at least 25% of the cocoa farms;
2. Increase the annual net income by 30% for at least 80% of the producers coached during the project;
3. Trace 100% of the cocoa of the program from the farmers to the customer.

Transparence Cacao's team is proud to present the results obtained since the beginning of the project and would like to thank its partners that support in making those actions concrete: the CCC, AVSF, the French Agency of Development (AFD), Hanns R. Neumann Stiftung (HRNS), RABOBANK, World Agroforestry Centre (ICRAF), TECHNOSERVE, VOLCAGRO and ECOTIERRA.

### **1. Increase of the yield**

In the framework of CAF, **29% of the farmers that are coached have obtained a yield of at least 1000 kg/ha** and the measured average yield is 800 kg/ha. A total of 613 farmers were coached during the program (290 farmers in 2021).

In collaboration with the HNRS, CEMOI has trained 536 farmers on the rehabilitation of the farms and good forest practises, 838 farmers were also trained on Good Agricultural Practises (GAP). CEMOI has mandated VOLCAGRO to work with 30 qualified applying agents, to make the use of pesticides more secure and efficient; 17 of them are currently active.

CEMOI also trained nurserymen (9 added in 2021) to promote active reforestation: a total of 243,371 plants were produced and 7,485 producers have purchased these in this framework.

### **2. Increase of the annual income**

**Monitoring of the annual net income from cocoa shows an increase of 50% of the farmers coached** (average based on a sample of producers linked to CAF). The percentage of cocoa farmers that has benefitted from an increase of more than 30% (objective of the project) will be measured at the end of the 2020/2021 crop season.

CEMOI also trained farmers to strengthen their professionalism:

- A total of 749 bank accounts were opened by farmers, the final objective is to go further and provide access to credit and saving;
- 91% of the producers linked to CAF use Mobile Banking services, thanks to the sensitization of RABOBANK;
- 100% of the producers of the program have access to a premium (Transparence Cacao, Rainforest Alliance or Fairtrade).

### **3. Traceability of the cocoa**

In the framework of the CAF project, 2,129 cocoa plots covering 4,944 hectares, were GPS polygon mapped and registered in MINKA digital tool. 3 cooperatives were trained to use this tool for their own purpose and to register 100% of their farmers and farms.

At the end of 2021, around 50% of the cocoa volume purchased was traceable and segregated to farm level.

### Synthesis

Objective	Results 2021	Description 2021 results
1. Increase the yield from 350 kg/ha (reference average) to 1000 kg/ha for at least <b>25%</b> of the cocoa farms;	<b>29%</b> of the cocoa farms have a yield equal or more than 1000 kg/ha	613 farmers coached Average yield: 808 kg/ha
2. Increase the annual net income by <b>30%</b> for at least 80% of the producers coached during the project;	Increase of <b>50%</b> of the annual average net income from cocoa	749 bank account opened 100 % of the farmers benefit from premium payment
3. Trace <b>100%</b> of the cocoa of the program from the farmers to the customer.	54% of the cocoa is traceable to farmer level	3 cooperatives trained to register their 2,720 number of farmers and plots 4,944 hectares GPS polygon mapped in the framework of the project

The figures (average and percentage) are based on a survey made on a sample of producers linked to the program.

