



# ENHANCING THE SUSTAINABILITY AND TRANSPARENCY OF COFFEE AND COCOA SUPPLY CHAINS IN THE DRC





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Non-financial services



Asia

Market building



Internal management

### CONTEXT

With 80 million hectares of arable land, 4 million hectares of irrigated land, and many rivers with important fishery resources, the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC) has the potential to become a global agricultural power. Although the agricultural sector employs over 60% of Congolese and contributes to around 20% of GDP, it has not yet been able to ensure food security and generate sufficient revenues and sustainable employment for the country.

Coffee and cocoa are one of the most widely daily traded commodities in the global market and are an integral part of food culture across the world. Both products represent the global value chain with a lot of market actors involved in production, processing, sales, distribution channels and customers.

## **CURRENT STATUS OF THE BENEFICIARY ORGANISATION**

Compagnie des Produits Agricoles du Kivu (COPAK) buys, manufactures, and exports cocoa beans, green coffee, as well as chia produced by smallholder farmers. COPAK's stated goal is to increase and diversify farmers' sources of income, to help them better withstand price fluctuations of commodities. Beyond access to international markets, COPAK takes part in various activities to support producers and gradually improve their living conditions. COPAK is cooperating with more than 10,000 smallholder farmers and 6 cooperatives in Nord-Kivu.

### **OBJECTIVE OF THE PROJECT**

The project aims to improve governance, transparency and traceability within the whole supply chain by strengthening the internal IT infrastructure, financial management and accounting systems, as well as build a traceability system within the supply chain and support farmers in the certification process.

The main expected results are:

- Internal finance and accounting management system, supply chain and traceability system become fully digital by the end of 2024.
- Train 28 staff and 36 cooperatives' lead farmers to use the new digital system.
- Certify 6,000 farmers to the Rainforest Alliance and Organic certification.
- Geolocate and map 100% of farmers' land.

#### **IMPACT INVESTOR**



## BENEFICIARY ORGANISATION

COPAK (SME) – Democratic Republic of the Congo

# TARGET

6,000 farmers

# AGRICULTURAL VALUE CHAIN

Coffee, cocoa

### **STARTING DATE**

December 2023

# **DURATION**

12 months

#### **TOTAL TA BUDGET**

€ 91,403

Including € 60,016 (66%) contribution from SSNUP

