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Smallholder Sustainability
Upscaling Programme

ENHANCING ACCESS TO FAIR TRADE MARKETS FOR SMALLHOLDER FARMERS OF THE COCOA VALUE CHAIN IN CÔTE D'IVOIRE



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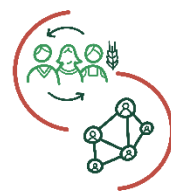
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Financial services delivery



Capacity building for end
beneficiaries



Market access and
product development



Management systems
improvement

CONTEXT

Côte d'Ivoire is one of the top world exporters of cocoa, palm oil, banana and cashews, and with two-third of its actively working population employed by the agriculture sectors, Côte d'Ivoire is vulnerable to variations in weather and climate, as well as external shocks in its export trade. A heavy economic reliance on agriculture, in addition to continued environmental degradation, rising temperature, prolonged dry season and deforestation all contribute to the country's vulnerability to climate change.

CURRENT STATUS OF THE BENEFICIARY ORGANISATION

The Société Coopérative Equitable du Bandama de M'Brimbo (SCEB) was established in 2008 near Tiassalé, approximately 130 kilometres north-west of Abidjan. The cooperative aims to help farmers improve their livelihoods by selling their organic cocoa production. It currently exports most of its production to the European Union, especially France and the Netherlands. SCEB works with 362 smallholder farmers including 311 that are certified organic. SCEB aims to reach 500 members in the medium term. Strengthening its capacities, internal controls and infrastructure, as well as opening to the Fairtrade market, should enable it to sell a potential production of more than 500 tonnes per year.

OBJECTIVE OF THE PROJECT

The objective of the project is to enhance access to market for smallholder farmers working with SCEB through improved traceability and certification.

The expected results of the project are:

- Implement an information management system to ensure traceability in line with European Union Deforestation Regulation (EUDR) and organic, Socially and Politically Progressive (SPP), and Fairtrade certifications requirements.
- Implement an internal control manual and train 46 people on the newly implemented system.
- Obtain the Fairtrade certification for SCEB benefiting 362 producers.

IMPACT INVESTOR

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Investing in
sustainable development

BENEFICIARY ORGANISATION

SCEB (cooperative) – Côte d'Ivoire

TARGET

362 smallholder farmers

AGRICULTURAL VALUE CHAIN

Cocoa

STARTING DATE

September 2025

DURATION

5 months

TOTAL TA BUDGET

€ 86,801
Including € 70,574 (81%)
contribution from SSNUP



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