



A strong partnership for greater sustainability



We connect the German private sector, policymakers, and non-governmental organisations to create impact together with international partners.



We provide a platform for dialogue, exchange, and networking – offering access to up-to-date knowledge, methods, and practical tips related to the topic of sustainable cocoa.



We make our progress visible through joint monitoring and individual reports.



We are committed to improving the living conditions of cocoa farmers in Côte d'Ivoire with our member project Pro-Planteurs.

Our Stakeholder Groups

**German
Government**

**German Cocoa,
Chocolate, and
Confectionary Industry**

**German Food
Retail Sector**

**German
Civil Society**

Together we aim to:



Improve the living conditions of cocoa farmers and their families and contribute to a secured livelihood.



Protect and conserve natural resources and biodiversity in cocoa-producing countries.



Increase the cultivation and marketing of sustainably produced cocoa.



Our common goals



Living Income 1



Support for the development of holistic agricultural programmes 3



Protection of forests, biodiversity conservation, and reforestation 5



Gender equality 7



Cocoa-containing products in Germany should originate from sustainable cultivation 9

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Productivity and quality



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Diversified farming systems and no hazardous pesticides



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Elimination of prohibited child labor, forced labor, and human trafficking



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Strengthening actors in producing countries



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Promotion of multi-stakeholder partnerships



What we understand by sustainable cocoa:

Cocoa that is produced in accordance with economic, ecological, and social standards.

This means that production is economically viable, environmentally friendly, and socially responsible, without endangering the capacities of of future generations or compromising their ability to meet their needs.

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