# **()** THE COCOA SNAPSHOT

20/21 FULL-YEAR REVIEW

#### Bringing you news and updates about the Cocoa Horizons Program from around the world.

The Cocoa Horizons Foundation aims to improve the livelihoods of cocoa farmers while protecting children and nature. The program is currently present in Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Cameroon, Brazil, Indonesia, Ecuador and is now being introduced in Nigeria. As of this year, in addition to Barry Callebaut as our primary program implementer, Cocoa Horizons is partnering with a new third party implementer in Côte d'Ivoire.

Due to the Covid-19 pandemic, some activities continued to be performed in smaller groups or individually, following local precautionary measures.

\*Fiscal year ends on 31st of August 2021

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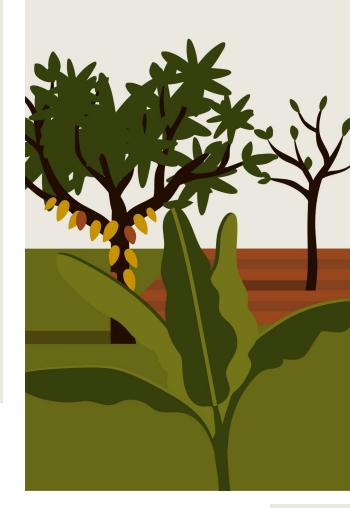


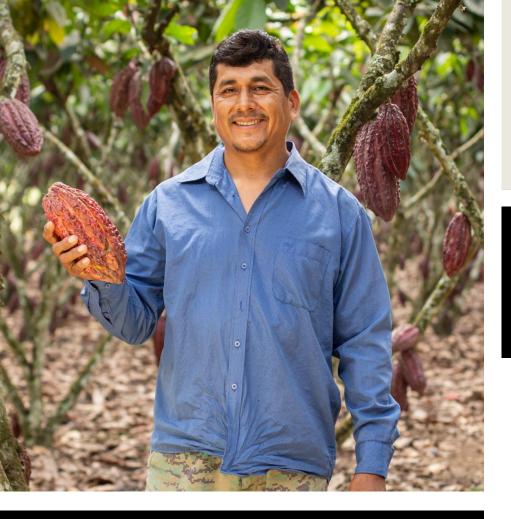


# THE COCOA HORIZONS PROGRAM COVERS:

# SCALING IMPACT AND DRIVING CHANGE THROUGH PRODUCTIVITY, COMMUNITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL ACTIVITIES

- Farmer Group and Group Member requirements
- Traceability of cocoa from farmer to Barry Callebaut or third party implementer buying site
- Farmer graduations and capacity building of Farmer Groups
- Targeted cocoa productivity and income generating activities





#### PARTICIPATING FARMERS & FARMER GROUPS

- Globally 224 farmer groups delivered Horizons cocoa.
- This represents 162,436 farmers delivering cocoa beans, a 45% increase vs prior year. The increase in farmer base should help to cope with the foreseen growth of the program.



• The program was introduced in **Nigeria** this year.

- Targeted community activities with a focus on child protection
- Targeted environmental activities
- Transparency of premium flows

## FARMER GROUP AND GROUP MEMBER REQUIREMENTS:

100% of farmer groups respect and sign:







The Cocoa Horizons Convention\*

\*including the Child Labor Charter and the Declaration on Protected Forests



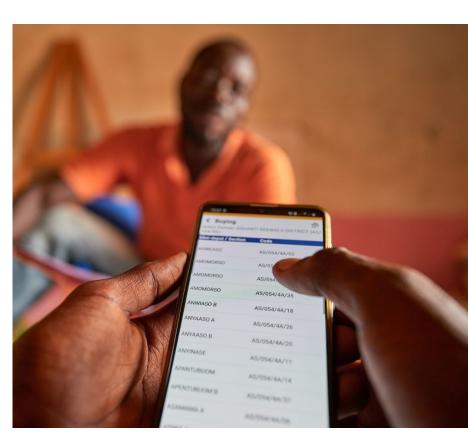
## TRACEABILITY OF COCOA BEANS



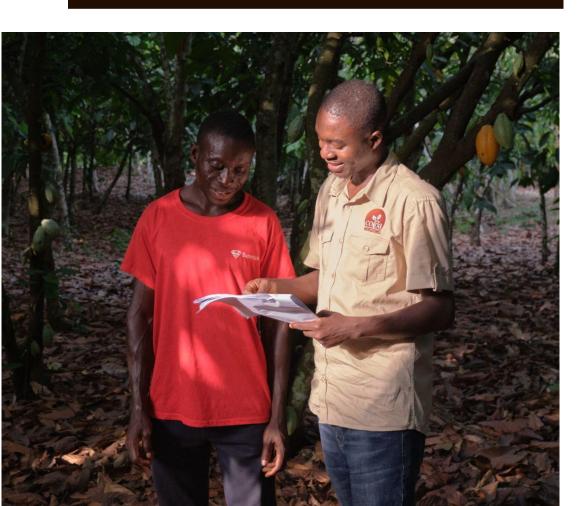
• **162,834 MT** of Horizons cocoa beans delivered (up **46%** vs prior year).



- The majority of Horizons cocoa follows the mass balance principle. This means it is traced from farmer to first program implementer warehouse.
- Cocoa Horizons also launched fully segregated cocoa mass: Cocoa Horizons Inside.



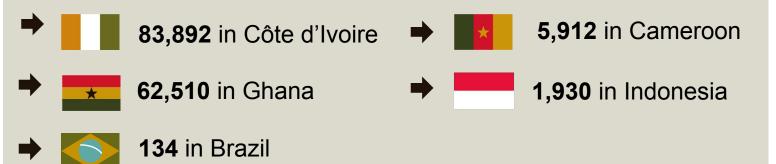
#### COCOA HORIZONS ACADEMY



Cocoa Horizons continues the roll out of a **farmer graduation system**. It allows the evaluation of farmer knowledge, training outcome and gaps. In this way, the program is able to refocus resources from Farmer Field schools to more individual coaching.

Good Agricultural Practices, Social and Environmental aspects are covered in the graduation test.

This year 81,949 farmers graduated with a success rate of **76%** of the total assessed, reaching a total of **154,378** graduated farmers (up 154% vs prior year).



Out of the total farmers registered, **66%** are already graduated and moving to the next step, which is **personalized coaching** and accessing Farm Services.



## PROSPERING FARMERS



Improving productivity of cocoa farms is a key area of focus. The Farm Business Plan is the cornerstone of the process to improve the livelihoods of farmers and their communities.

86,609 farmers had access to a Farm Business Plan.
This is an increase of 138% vs prior year. This represents 38% of the total farmers delivering volume:



• **36,387** farmers received productivity packages, meaning a **49% adoption** of the Farm Business Plan.

#### **Farmers out of poverty**

To address the poverty challenge, in addition to innovative farm services and individual coaching, farmers are supported with **non-cocoa income diversification activities**. Some examples include poultry, rabbit or vegetable farming and soap production. Until now **2,286** farmers were supported with income diversification activities.

**121,722** farmers in the program (+64,227 vs prior year) are above the World Bank poverty line of USD 1.90/day. This represents **47**% of the total farmers registered.





#### COMMUNITY



#### **Eradicating Child Labor - Risk Based Approach**

Cocoa Horizons is applying a risk based approach. This consists of categorizing cocoa farming communities as **low, medium or high risk** based on socio-economic census data and an algorithm (leveraging knowledge from CLMRS activities) to determine priority of implementation. The interventions will then be planned and prioritized in accordance with the risk identified and the needs of the child and community.

With this approach, the resources are deployed in the most efficient way in order to eradicate child labor.

- 184 farmer groups covered by Child Labor Systems representing 81% of the total (up to 67% vs prior year)
- **39,843** households surveyed
- 66,974 children surveyed identifying 18,529 cases. This means 72% of children interviewed were not involved in Child Labor.
- 25,186 cases identified from prior years are under remediation

#### **Eradicating Child Labor - Community Engagement**

While individual remediation is critical, **prevention activities** are needed to tackle the root causes of child labor in the long term.

- In Cameroon sensitization of farmers and their communities via radio programs has started.
- Due to COVID restrictions, the Cocoa Horizons truck was not able to reach communities over the last months.

#### **Women's Empowerment & Child Protection**

The program continues to invest in women's empowerment, which has a positive impact on preventing child labor and improving household income. This year **39,298 women** are registered Cocoa Horizons farmers, an increase of **38%** vs prior year.

A key element to empowering women has been the creation and strengthening of the **Village Savings and Loan Associations** (VSLAs). This activity helps, among other things, to promote a **child-centered approach**, build **self-confidence** in women and offer **financing solutions** for farmers.





**1,240** VSLAs have been established mainly across Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana (up **55%** vs prior year) and the target is to continue strengthening and expanding them in the years to come.







In addition to **farm mapping** to ensure the cocoa is not coming from protected areas, multiple activities are implemented with the cocoa farming communities: **environmental protection sensitization**, **agroforestry**, **cookstoves** and **shade tree** distribution.

- **74%** of Horizons cocoa is proven to be free from deforestation
- 3,582,408 seedlings were distributed
- **4,578 cook stoves** distributed (up **75%** vs prior year)



Through these investments, **160,000 tons of**  $CO_2$  were sequestered (up **21%** vs prior year).

#### OUTLOOK

In West Africa, farmers will face a challenging year, where cocoa bean prices have declined and where prices of fertilizers are up. Through Cocoa Horizons we will aim to support and subsidize as much as possible. We will focus resources on supporting pre-harvest work and implementing agroforestry, which should help to improve the overall productivity and income of the farmers.

The Foundation's focus will remain on:

- Ensuring 100% full data to promote higher efficiency on execution of activities;
- Embedding increased due diligence on child labor and forced labor across origins;
- Putting a stronger focus on agroforestry, climate smart agriculture and driving activities towards carbon neutrality;
- Expanding the program to third party implementers and strengthening in existing origins.

COCOA HORIZONS PREMIUM DISTRIBUTION:	(in CHF) <u>2020/202</u>	
<b>COCOA HORIZONS PROGRAM INCOME</b> Horizons Program contributions	28,478,891	
COCOA HORIZONS PROGRAM EXPENSES		
Farmer and farmer organization premium	6,690,083	
Productivity expenses	8,370,249	
Community expenses	4,430,626	
Environmental expenses	3,799,089	
Administrative expenses	3 731 871	

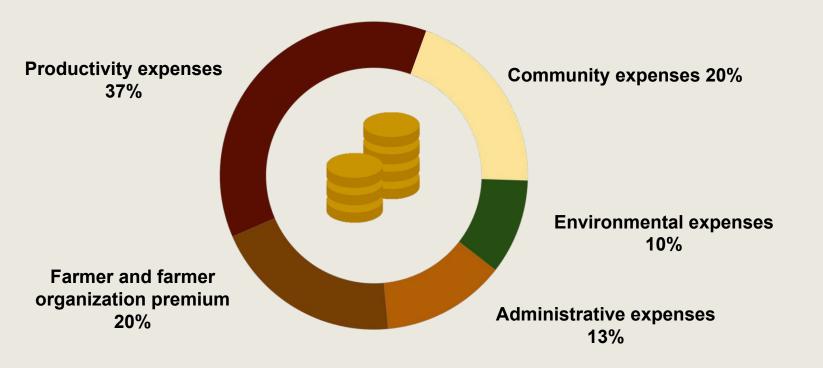
#### Administrative expenses

3,731,871

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The above is an extract from the Foundation's annual regulatory return. The Foundation's financial audit is performed by PricewaterhouseCoopers AG, Switzerland. Supplementary program income less expenses carried over to next Fiscal year.

#### 2020/21 PREMIUM ALLOCATIONS\*



\*Actual allocations may vary by +/- 5-10% based on local conditions and situational specifics.

All of the information contained above has been verified by PwC. The performance indicators in this Snapshot (except those marked with an \*) represent extracts from the Cocoa Horizons Foundation Update Report for the year ended 31 August 2021, for which PricewaterhouseCoopers LLP (PwC) were appointed to provide independent assurance. PwC performed an assurance engagement in accordance with the International Standard on Assurance Engagements 3000 (Revised), the scope of which was to provide limited assurance over the KPIs contained within the Update Report.

The Update Report, and PwC's Limited Assurance Report, can be found at https://www.cocoahorizons.org/reports.

# CÔTE D'IVOIRE, GHANA, CAMEROON, BRAZIL, INDONESIA, ECUADOR, NIGERIA

**100%** of the farmers who delivered Horizons cocoa have received the Cocoa Horizons Premium.





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#### FARMER **TESTIMONIALS**



# CÔTE D'IVOIRE



Celestine checking the beans during drying

#### CELESTINE

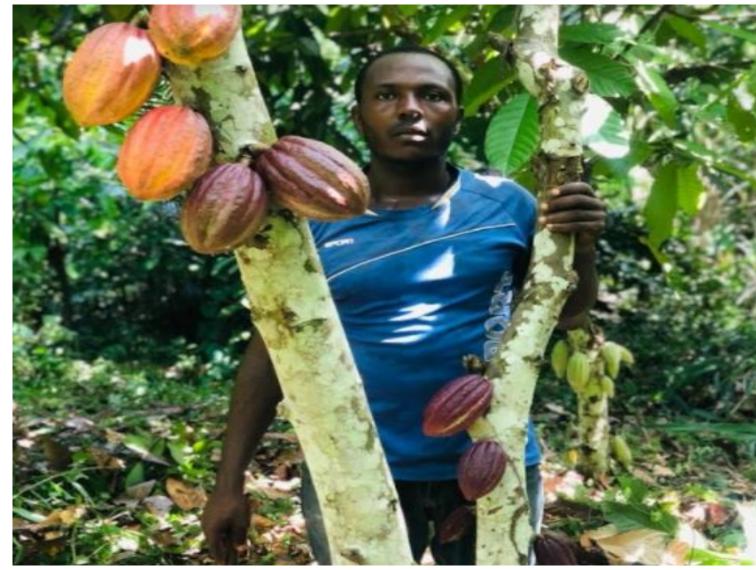
"I have received coaching on how to farm better, especially in pruning and weeding since I joined the cooperative 2 years ago. My husband and I have a bigger farm in another community but during the war, we run away and settled here, and since cocoa farming is all we know, we decided to start a farm here. I now produce twice more than I used to. I have opened a bank account and support my 2 children who are still in school. I have 6 children in total. My husband lives in the other community and I am here, and I am okay. I have my farm. I make my own money."

#### CAMEROON



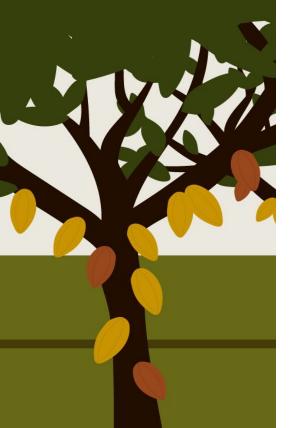
#### **TUMNDA**

"I am part of Cocoa Horizons program since 2019. Through the implementation of Farm service activities on my farm, I have been able to use less quantities of fungicides, reduce my expenses and increase my yield. What I prefer is Farm diagnosis because this helps me to know the health state of my farm and I also appreciate the coaching visits. I recommend these services to all my neighbours and to anyone who wants to succeed in cocoa farming."



#### **ECUADOR**





Iralda in her cocoa farm

#### **IRALDA**

"I am very happy for the support we are receiving from Cocoa Horizons. The coach whose concern is not merely to buy our cocoa, but to support us intellectually day by day so that we can improve our plantation and our production."

Tumnda in his cocoa farm

#### RAMI

"Cocoa is the main source of income for my family and it has become a part of us for years. I established a farmer group in my village. Together with my fellow members, we implemented a service provider group to support other farmers rehabilitating and maintaining their farms. Thanks to Cocoa Horizons Farm Services program, we have confidence in offering our support to other farmers. I hope we can contribute to make productivity of cocoa farms in our village improving."

Rami in his cocoa farm



# **INDONESIA**

