



Sustainable Cocoa Initiative Support Program

Ghana Cocoa Traceability System (GCTS)



EUDR demands to importers of cocoa (Regulation (EU) 2023/1115)

Deadline 31st of December 2024

- All beans must be traceable to the plot (and farmer)
- The plot has not caused deforestation since December 2020 (EU benchmarking of high, medium, low risk countries → frequency of controls from 1% - 9%)
- Production in accordance with national legislation (e.g. Environmental Rights, Labour Rights, Human Rights, ...)
- In terms of child labour, a functional Child Labour Monitoring System and remediation measures must be established



Data collection completed



FARMS MAPPED

1,239,169
Average 1.7
ha/farm



TOTAL HECTARAGE

1,380,566



TOTAL FARMERS

791,953
36% women!!!



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ALL COCOA CARDS DISTRIBUTED



- More socio-economic data is stored like n° of hh members, n° of children/age
- Size and geo-location of plot(s)

==> A red-flag system alerts, if the amount of beans for sale does not correspond with the size of land and n° of grown-up hh-members
Verification through COCOBOD staff is executed!



Launch of traceability activities in the district: Regional Stakeholder Conference

- **Presentation of roadmap to the essential stakeholders within Assin Fosu**
- **Clarification of the different roles in the system through a drama group**
- **Time for discussion between:**
 - ✓ Farmers :Regional, District and Zonal cocoa chief farmers
 - ✓ Purchasing Clerks
 - ✓ All active LBCs in the district and association of LBCs
 - ✓ Hailers and transporters
 - ✓ Civil society



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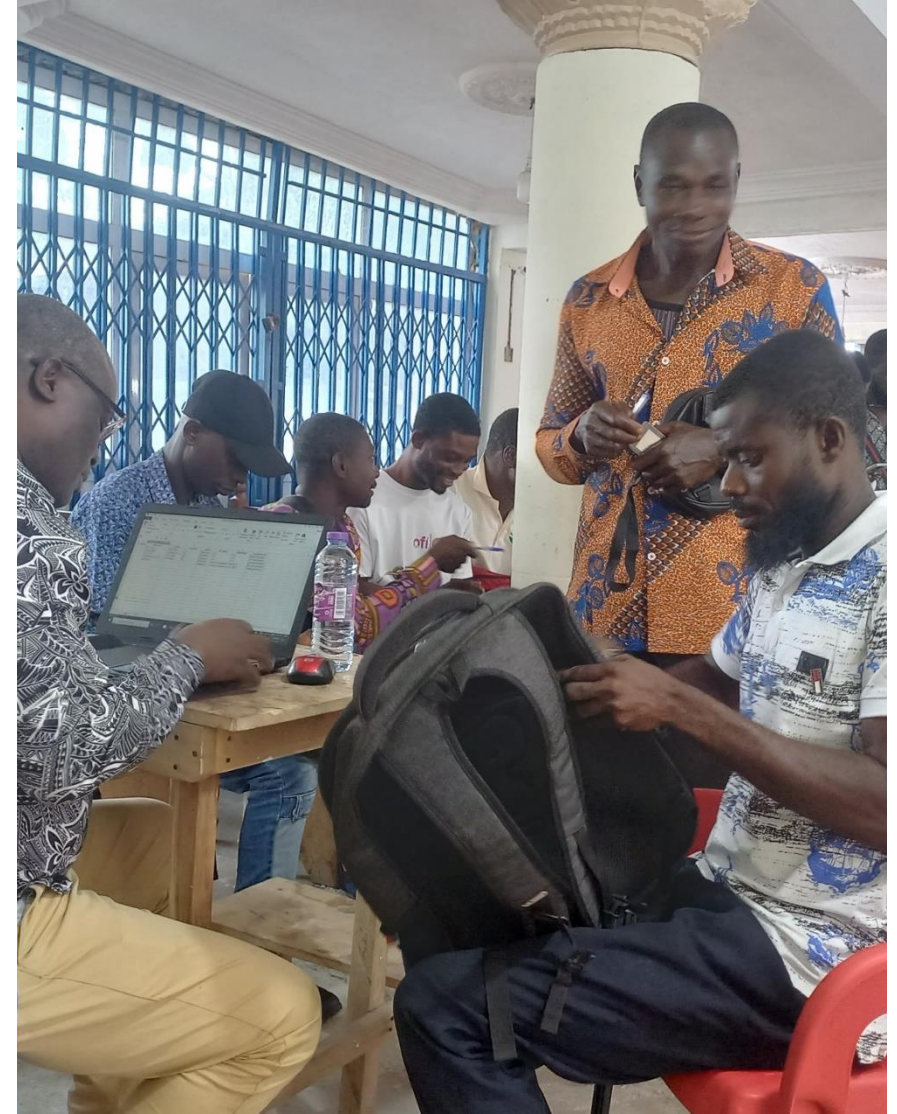


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Purchasing Clerks (PC) Registration Exercise

- ❖ All 900 PCs of Assin Fosu have been registered for all respective Licensed Buying Company (LBC). Their buying centers have been geo-referenced.
- ❖ PCs are the first station in the chain of custody after cocoa leaves the farmer's hand. If traceability is not established correctly here, the whole chain will not reach traceability.
- ❖ PCs need to be equipped with point-of-sale devices (POS) for the pilot roll-out..



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GCTS Stakeholder Sensitization –Assin Fosu



- ❖ 3,255 farmers, 900 PCs, and 300 hundred transporters from 197 sub-communities have been sensitized on GCTS, EU regulations, child labour elimination, deforestation.
- ❖ Farmers enjoyed the opportunity to ask all questions around the upcoming changes.
- ❖ The role of farmers in GCTS has been explained and discussed.

Key feedbacks:

- Farmers wanted to know, if the GCTS will increase their income.
- PCs were concerned about additional duties and workload. Most of them work on commission bases.



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Benefits to LBCs/Brands

- Real time stocking and control of cocoa purchase makes the system slim and more transparent.
- Country likely to get a favorable EU Bench Marking Rate → Lower frequency of controls on EU border
- Digitalization of the system will provide more transparency on cash flow.
- Operations at take over centers will become quicker



Next Steps

- ✓ Procurement of 900 POS for all Purchasing Clerks in Assin Fosu.
- ✓ POS to authenticate farmers by scanning the QR code of farmer's ID card
- ✓ POS for scanning bar codes of tags for sealing cocoa sacks
- ✓ POS for performing payment



- ✓ Revise and develop SOPs for compliance with EUDR and ARS
- ✓ SOPs including training manuals to be completed by end of November
- ✓ ToT for COCOBOD staff → cascaded training for Farmers, PCs, LBCs, haulers

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Facts & Figures

Budget for traceability activities : 1 Mio EUR

- > 10% Sensitization of farmers and PCs
- > 30% Revision of traceability SOPs and manuals
- > 30% Training/ Capacity Building
- > 25% IT materials
- > 5% Field visits (m&e)

Financed by BMZ and EU

Implementation period: 01/2023 - 12/2023



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Overall Challenges



Who will finance the country roll-out?



Quality versus time pressure



(Financial) commitment of the private sector



Clear framing from European side (which documents need to be presented for the import to EU?)



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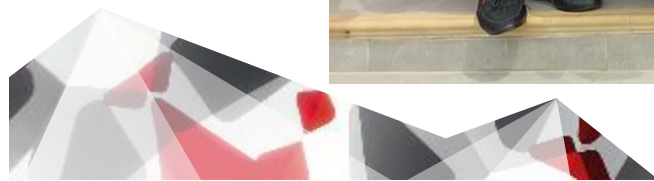


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