



FARMERS INCLUSION

The cocoa supply chain must live up to the expectations of equality, transparency and accountability. Farmers voice and presence must be part of all cocoa sector decision making initiatives, including: policy, sustainability and environmentally. Farmers must be visible, especially smallholders, because they are responsible for about 90% of the global cocoa production.

Farmgate Cocoa Alliance advocacy and lobby is to make sure that farmers perspective are taking into consideration. We do this through sensitization, and raising awareness by organizing of workshop and conference at all level of the value chain. Farmers must play a role at national and international platform, to represent and defend their interest. We make these possible through the support of our members and partners from the private and public sectors who are also interested to attain a sector that is inclusive, transparent, and sustainable and benefit everyone.

Advocacy and Lobbying	Strengthening farmers position at community and national level. So, they can contribute and play a role to influence national cocoa policies that <u>has to do</u> with their profession and livelihood.
Sensitize and create awareness	Organize workshops to sensitize and create awareness on issues such as: child and forced labour, genders inequality and climate change.

Our Activities

With our activities we aim at raising awareness on the challenges confronting cocoa farmers (especially smallholders). Farmgate Cocoa Alliance support activities that strengthen farmers position at national and international level, through workshop and meeting in cocoa communities to provide farmers with the skills and tools needed to:

1. lobby and advocate for favourable policies by themselves
2. participate in activities to eradicate child labour in their farms
3. encourage and support gender equality in cocoa community
4. engage and play a major in discussions about their professional.
5. Improve their bargaining position vis- vis other stakeholders in the value chain

Benefits

With a strong farmers voice and representation, cocoa farmers will have the chance to influence policy at national and international level. This will go a long way to make the cocoa sector, effective, efficient and sustainable ass the following result will be archive:



- Introduced unknown smallholder farmers as cocoa entrepreneurs
- Add unexploited data of millions unknown smallholders
- Significantly slash down number of child labour in cocoa farming
- Increase women and youths involvement into a professionalized cocoa farming business
- Farmers can advocate for their rights at community, national and international level
- Improve and increase yield and quality of sustainably produced cocoa beans
- Improve living standards and generate sustainable income for farmers
- Provide support for farmers during their pension stage
- Reduce deforestation as smallholder farmers will become sustainable producers
- Help mitigate climate change impact in cocoa farming as farmers will constantly being sensitizes

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