

Responsible Cocoa Farming: Progress, Next Steps

| Program/Issue | Progress to Date | Next Steps |
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| International Cocoa Initiative | The ICI is tackling child/forced labor issues in 220+ farming communities in Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana. The foundation also helps at-risk and potentially exploited children. | Companies will continue to support the ICI as it expands its work in Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana. |
| Certification | <p>Data collection system covering at least 50% of cocoa production is now in place in Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana.</p> <p>Both countries are issuing regular, detailed certification reports.</p> <p>Remediation/response programs are addressing issues raised in the reports.</p> <p>Independent verification up-and-running, through the Independent Cocoa Verification Board; field work underway and final report due by end of 2008.</p> | <p>Industry will work with the governments of Cote d'Ivoire, Ghana to have an independently verified certification process, fully in place across each country's cocoa sector, by the end of 2010</p> <p>Industry will work closely with and assist the governments of Cote d'Ivoire and Ghana as they target/coordinate remediation efforts, based on results from the certification reports.</p> |
| Education | By the end of 2008, more than 340,000 children in cocoa farming communities will have better access to improved education, through programs supported by industry. | Industry (through programs like the World Cocoa Foundation-supported "ECHOES" initiative) and individual companies will continue to help improve children's access to quality, relevant education. |
| Farmer Incomes | Industry-supported programs helped 76,000+ families increase their incomes from 20-55%. | <p>Industry will continue to support programs that help farmers grow cocoa more profitably and productively.</p> <p>An expansion of the "Sustainable Tree Crops Program" will have reached an additional 150,000+ farming families by 2011.</p> <p>Individual chocolate/cocoa companies will also continue to support a range of programs to boost farm family incomes.</p> |
| Farmer Awareness of Responsible Labor Practices | Programs supported by industry are educating farmers on safe, responsible labor practices, including the appropriate role and work for children on the family farm. | Industry will continue to support educating farmers on appropriate, safe labor practices – through such programs as a partnership between the World Cocoa Foundation and the United States Agency for International Development. |
| Community Health | <p>Industry and individual company programs address a number of priority health issues in cocoa farming communities, including:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Malaria ▪ HIV/AIDS ▪ Access to clean drinking water ▪ Nutrition | Industry and individual companies will continue their support for programs in this important area. |