

Cocoa No-Deforestation & Agroforestry Action Plan Progress Report 2025



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Introduction

The Cocoa & Forests Initiative (CFI) is a public-private partnership led by the governments of Ghana and Côte d'Ivoire and coordinated with the World Cocoa Foundation (WCF). Through the CFI, companies and governments work together to address deforestation linked to cocoa production, promote Good Farming Practices¹, and strengthen community engagement.

Lindt & Sprüngli as a signatory of CFI, is reporting on its progress towards targets based on a three year action plan (2023-2025) submitted to the initiative. This report presents our progress during the 2024-2025 cocoa season, the final year of the current CFI action plan phase (2023-2025). The results presented are based on data reported by our suppliers and implementation partners through the Lindt & Sprüngli Farming Program and have been aggregated and presented for reporting purposes. In 2025, we worked with fewer suppliers and continued excluding non-active farmers, which led to a reduction in the number of Farming Program farmers and resulted in some indicators being lower than in the previous period.

For more detailed information regarding our approach towards biodiversity and ecosystems, working towards no deforestation within our cocoa supply chain, or our Responsible Sourcing Approach², please refer to our [Sustainability Statement 2025](#).

Looking ahead to 2030, Lindt & Sprüngli aims to continue its engagement to work towards no deforestation building on its [2030 Sustainability Plan](#), which sets out how the Group will care for people and the environment. The [Lindt & Sprüngli Farming Program 2026-2030](#) will remain the primary vehicle to support cocoa excellence, invest in livelihoods of farming families and promote Good Farming Practices and biodiverse landscapes.

¹ At Lindt & Sprüngli, Good Farming Practices may include Good Agricultural Practices (as defined by the [Food and Agriculture Organization](#)), agroforestry, production efficiency, and diversified farm systems. The comprehensive definition can be found in our latest Sustainability Statement.

² The Lindt & Sprüngli Responsible Sourcing Approach includes supplier-based and material-based social and environmental expectations, audits, engagement and Responsible Sourcing Standards. Responsible Sourcing Standards refer to certifications, assessments, programs, or specifications which consider social or environmental criteria for raw and packaging materials.



The Cocoa & Forests Initiative

Collective action to work towards no deforestation in cocoa production

The governments of Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana and 35 leading cocoa and chocolate companies, representing 85% of global cocoa usage, joined together in the Cocoa & Forests Initiative to work towards no deforestation and the restoration of forest areas. Their combined actions contribute to the protection and restoration of biodiversity, the sequestration of carbon stocks in West African forests, and addressing climate change in line with the Paris Climate Agreement. The Cocoa & Forests Initiative aims to contribute to the Sustainable Development Goal 13 (Climate Action) and 15 (Life on Land).

The Cocoa & Forests Initiative is a public private partnership based on frameworks for action (Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana) and action plans for the private sector and public sector.

To learn more, visit [Cocoa & Forests Initiative](#).



CFI progress tracking

Progress tracking table – Ghana

Commitments	Actions	Indicators	Target through direct investment	2023	2024	2025
			(Oct 2024-Sept 2025)	(Oct 2022-Sept 2023)	(Oct 2023-Sept 2024)	(Oct 2024-Sept 2025)
Forest protection and restoration						
1. No further conversion of any forest land (as defined under national regulations, and using High Carbon Stock and High Conservation Value methodologies for cocoa production)	1.1 Conduct farm mapping within supply chain to ensure cocoa is not being sourced from forest land	# and % of farms mapped in direct supply chain (CFI-a)	>90%	96% (83,000 mapped farms out of 87,000)	96% (87,000 mapped farms out of 91,000)	100% (50,000 mapped out of 50,000 farmers)
	1.2 Conduct deforestation risk assessments in all sourcing areas	# of hectares in the direct supply chain with deforestation risk assessments completed (CFI-i)	>90%	100% (139,000 ha)	100% (119,000 ha)	100% (74,000 ha)
4. In highly degraded off reserve forest lands, cocoa production and sourcing will continue, supported by climate smart cocoa (CSC) and Modified Taungya System (MTS)	4.1 Train farmers in off-reserve forest lands in CSC production including cocoa agroforestry systems	Farmers provided with technical assistance to be more resilient to climate change and reduce and remove carbon emissions on farm (e.g., CSC) (ENV-07)	>35,000	46,000	40,000	36,000
6. Public sector forest law enforcement and governance will be strengthened	6.1 Promote awareness-raising campaigns to educate farmers on forest law enforcement and tree tenure provisions	# Farmers informed, trained, and/or consulted on forest policy/law enforcement, forest protection, and restoration (CFI-f)	18,500	21,000	19,000	14,000 ¹
8. Public-private collaboration will be enhanced to identify good practices and technical guidance for forest conservation and restoration, shade grown cocoa, and MTS in Forest Reserves	8.1 Support distribution and planting of multi-purpose trees for on-farm restoration via agroforestry	# Multi-purpose trees distributed for on-farm planting (ENV-09)	>270,000	262,000	219,000	176,000 ²

¹ Lower number reflects reduced registered farmer base in direct supply chain.

² Decrease in trees distributed reflects a strategic refocus on quality and farmer impact vs quantity.

CFI progress tracking continued

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			(Oct 2024-Sept 2025)	(Oct 2022-Sept 2023)	(Oct 2023-Sept 2024)	(Oct 2024-Sept 2025)
Sustainable production and farmer livelihoods						
9. Promote investment in long-term productivity of high quality cocoa in environmentally sustainable manner and grow “more cocoa on less land”	9.1 Distribute improved cocoa planting material	# Improved cocoa seedlings distributed to farmers (PF-IND-02)	>200,000	200,000	201,000	189,000 ¹
	9.2 Train farmers and producer organizations in the latest Good Agriculture Practices (GAPs)	# Farmers provided with technical assistance (based on plans) to professionalize & optimize cocoa farming practices (FL-01)	>50,000	56,000	52,000	40,000 ¹
10. Promote sustainable livelihoods and income diversification for cocoa farmers	10.2 Promote farm-level crop diversification	# Individuals provided with technical assistance (based on plans) to increase income from non-cocoa sources / Income Generating Activities (IGAs) (FL-03)	>4,000	10,000	4,000	6,000
11. Promote financial inclusion and innovation to deepen farmers’ access to working capital and investment funds required for production and cocoa farm rehabilitation and renovation	11.1 Promote expansion of farmer savings	# Individuals provided with technical assistance to save money and access finance (FL-04)	>4,000	20,000	15,000	17,000
		# of members of Village Savings and Loan Association (VSLA) groups in the current year (CFI-e)	>5,000	14,000	15,000	17,000
		# of VSLA groups in the current year (CFI-d)	250	580	550	620
Social inclusion and community engagement						
15. Development of action plans for forest protection and restoration, and sustainable agricultural intensification that are gender and youth sensitive	15.1 Develop forest protection & restoration and agriculture intensification action plans that are youth and gender sensitive	# of individuals participating in women’s empowerment projects and activities (CFI-k)	>4,000	5,980	11,000	15,000
		# of individuals participating in youth focused projects and activities (age 15-35) (CFI-j)	>1,500	2,620	1,730	2,980

1 Lower number reflects reduced registered farmer base in direct supply chain.

CFI progress tracking continued

Progress tracking table – Côte d'Ivoire

Commitments	Actions	Indicators	Target through direct investment	2023	2024	2025
			(Oct 2024-Sept 2025)	(Oct 2022-Sept 2023)	(Oct 2023-Sept 2024)	(Oct 2024-Sept 2025)
Forest protection and restoration						
1. No further conversion of any forest land (as defined under national regulations, and using High Carbon Stock and High Conservation Value methodologies) for cocoa production	1.1 Conduct farm mapping within direct supply chain to identify and collect cocoa farm boundaries to ensure cocoa is not being sourced from forest lands, National Parks and Reserves, and Classified Forests	# and % of farms mapped in direct supply chain (CFI-a)	90%	99% (45,000 farms mapped out of 44,000)	97% (45,000 mapped plots out of 46,000)	100% (41,000 mapped plots out of 41,000)
	1.2 Conduct deforestation risk assessments in all direct sourcing areas	# of hectares in the direct supply chain with deforestation risk assessments completed (CFI-i)	90%	100% of mapped farms with risk assessment (114,000 ha)	100% (114,000 ha)	100% (110,000 ha)
5. Public enforcement of the new Forest Code and its subsequent guidelines, and public sector governance will be strengthened	5.1 Promote and participate in awareness-raising campaigns to educate farmers on the new Forest Code	# Farmers informed, trained, and / or consulted on forest policy/law enforcement, forest protection, and restoration (CFI-f)	>6,500	8,860	12,000	9,850
7. Public-private collaboration to identify good practices, technical guidance and incentive mechanisms for forest restoration and agroforestry	7.1 Support distribution and planting of multi-purpose trees for on-farm restoration via agroforestry	Farmers provided with technical assistance to adopt and expand agroforestry (ENV-05)	5,000	13,000	22,000	17,000
		# Multi-purpose trees distributed for on-farm planting (ENV-09)	>400,000	335,000	276,000	477,000
	7.3 Train farmers in climate smart cocoa (CSC) production including cocoa agroforestry systems	Farmers provided with technical assistance to be more resilient to climate change and reduce and remove carbon emissions on farm (e.g., CSC) (ENV-07)	>10,000	15,000	19,000	8,880 ¹

1 Training ongoing for newly joined farmers.

CFI progress tracking continued

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			(Oct 2024-Sept 2025)	(Oct 2022-Sept 2023)	(Oct 2023-Sept 2024)	(Oct 2024-Sept 2025)
Farmer livelihoods						
9. Promote investment in long-term productivity of cocoa in environmentally suitable areas in order to grow “more cocoa on less land”	9.3 Train farmers in Good Agriculture Practices (GAPs)	Farmers provided with technical assistance (based on plans) to professionalize & optimize cocoa farming practices (FL-01)	>25,000	30,000	28,000	24,000 ¹
10. Promote sustainable livelihoods and income diversification for cocoa farmers	10.1 Promote farm-level crop diversification	Individuals provided with technical assistance (based on plans) to increase income from non-cocoa sources / Income Generating Activities (IGAs) (FL-03)	>2,000	4,250	6,390	4,590
11. Promote financial inclusion and innovation to deepen farmers’ access to working capital and investment funds for production and farm renovation	11.1 Offer financial products to farmers and promote farmer savings	# Individuals provided with technical assistance to save money and access finance (FL-04)	>1,500	7,600	5,150	5,650
		# of members of Village Savings and Loan Association (VSLA) groups in the current year (CFI-e)	>1,500	3,570	5,150	5,650
		# of VSLA groups in the current year (CFI-d)	>180	140	210	200
Social inclusion and community engagement						
15. Development of action plans for forest protection and restoration, and sustainable agricultural intensification that are gender and youth sensitive	15.1 Develop forest protection & restoration and agriculture intensification action plans that are gender and youth sensitive	# of individuals participating in women’s empowerment projects and activities (CFI-k)	1,000	3,570	3,200	2,570
		# of individuals participating in youth focused projects and activities (age 15-35) (CFI-j)	>600	510	530	240

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