

Capacity building and Training

Population growth, increasing pressure on land, land degradation ... many agricultural problems directly affect the livelihoods of farmers in developing countries. As food problems like malnutrition and crop failures are a constant factor, introducing sustainable agricultural practices and increasing productivity are highly important.

Focus on sustainable farming In many cases, smallholder farmers lack income to buy inputs like fertilizers and pesticides. Capacity building allows farmers to improve their farming practices. Besides, they depend less on expensive external inputs, and more money is invested in the local economy.

Capacity building sessions and trainings With our colleagues in Ghana and Uganda, we provide capacity building sessions and trainings on:

- Organic fertilization
- Good agricultural practices
- Conservation agriculture
- Agro forestry and Bee keeping
- Gender empowerment related to sustainable agriculture
- Climate adaptation, biodiversity and carbon sequestration



Training on value chains In order to develop sustainable value chains in agricultural commodities, we also offer trainings in:

- Compliance for certification of Organic, Fair Trade, Rainforest Alliance and Utz Certified.
- Quality management, HACCP, ISO, Global Gap
- Pre- and post-harvest handling
- Processing and packaging
- Marketing



Crops and countries We are experts in the sustainable production of most tropical crops such as bananas, cashew, cocoa, coffee, cotton, herbs, honey, mango, oil seeds, pineapple, rice, sesame, sheanut and spices. Our local staff has a broad experience in working in the following countries: Benin, Democratic Republic of Congo, Ethiopia, Ivory Coast, Kenya, Liberia, Rwanda, Sierra Leone, Sudan, Tanzania and Zambia.

Next to farmer groups, we also train trainers and assist companies, cooperatives, Farmers Associations, government and NGO extension staff.

Participative approach Thanks to our participatory approach, farmers learn from each other and include their own experiences into the course. Field visits and experiments on site are included. The knowledge exchange, as well as the focus on marketing produce are highly appreciated by participants. Trainings are tailor made depending on the background of the target group, the context of the project and the time available.

Ntobroso cocoa producers

With funding from Progreso Foundation and in collaboration with GOAN (Ghana Organic Agricultural Network), over 1,000 smallholders are working on achieving a triple certification: Organic, Rainforest Alliance and Fair Trade. This broadens their market opportunities, changes their behaviour towards agriculture and ensures sustainable livelihoods in their communities. Training and capacity building are based upon adaptation of best agricultural practices, and improvement of yields and quality. The financier, IUCN enables training to integrate more biodiversity and shade in the cocoa farms. Thanks to these improvements, farmers also have access to the carbon credit market.

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