

PURPOSE

General

- Improve cocoa farmers income.

More specifically, the project will

- Improve cocoa quality through technical training, stock management, fertilization methods, post-harvest investment, and training on infrastructure.

- Raise awareness and support creation and integration of cocoa co-op activities starting with local (existing) producer organizations. This cooperative buys and sells the wet cocoa beans from producers, carries out the wet bean process, and markets to economic operators (domestic or foreign).

TARGET GROUP

- 630 cocoa producer families (ages 25 - 60)

SUPPORT FOR SUSTAINABLE COCOA PRODUCTION WITH TECHNICAL TRAINING AND COMMERCIALIZATION

DR CONGO - approved by the Efico Fund on 20/11/2009

Location

Nganda Sundi and Lubuzi

Description

Strengthening of cocoa farmers and farmer organizations through support and technical training (cocoa production and post-harvest procedures) for better marketing.

Project Budget

Total budget: € 157 112,50

Efico Fund contribution: € 60 000

Project Duration

2010 to 2012

PARTNERS

Trias

www.triasngo.be

- project applicant
- Belgian NGO
- Supports entrepreneurs in the South through partner organizations

Three local partners

CEP

Centre for structural support to Farmers

- Provides technical agricultural knowledge to project

SOPAM

Farmer Solidarity in Mayombe

- Works with administrative and commercial aspects

COOCEC CEAC

Savings and Credit Cooperative of Tshela and Lukula

- Manages savings and credit



EXPECTED RESULTS

- 1) Appropriate structure and management of Cocoa Mayumbe Cooperative (target marketing goal: minimum 250 cocoa tons in that period);
 - 2) Infrastructure and materials for cocoa processing and storage (drying, transportation, packaging, storage etc.)
 - 3) Increased income for producer families, resulting in improved living conditions and development.
- Cocoa bean quality improvement resulted in a 50% increase in selling price in 2008.

QUALITY IMPROVEMENT IN DR CONGO

