

Responsible Cocoa Farming: Progress, Next Steps

Program/Issue	Progress to Date	Next Steps
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.