



# SUSTAINABILITY SNAPSHOT THE IMPACT WE CREATED IN '22/23

To us and the 46.000 farmers we partner with, doing more is what counts. Since 2015, we've been planting seeds for farmers to elevate their income from farming and be lifted out of poverty. There's still a long way to go, but the course has been set. Together with Cocoa Horizons, farmers, governments and our customers, we are working towards a transformative cocoa farming model to support living income by 2030.

WITH YOUR SUPPORT,



#### WE CREATED IMPACT IN '22/23

With every Callebaut Callet<sup>™</sup> and block you've purchased, we re-invested part of your purchase in the farmer communities through the Cocoa Horizons Foundation.

This report gives you a transparent overview of the impact we made together.

#### WHAT WE CONTRIBUTED LAST YEAR:

#### €6.9 million

paid in premium to Cocoa Horizons. Cocoa Horizons invests these premiums to empower farmer communities and protect nature. Approximately 40% of the premiums is paid in cash to the farmers and cooperatives.

#### **35.930 tonnes** of sustainable cocoa

of sustainable cocoa sourced from Cocoa Horizons. **45.852** registered Cocoa Horizons farmers grow the cocoa for Callebaut.

## **29.459 farmers** above the poverty line.

(World Bank's International Extreme Poverty Line of \$2.15 per day).



## **RESHAPING COCOA FARMING**

With Cocoa Horizons, we tackle the tough spot farmers are in: they see their yields and their income diminish, making it hard to think about investing in their farms. We offer one-on-one coaching, plant material and soil boosters, plus extra hands when needed, all to help farmers turn things around and grow a brighter future.

26.333

farmers benefited from Farm Services activities. Through Farm Services, we provide farmers access to a farm diagnosis, planting materials, laboursupport and coaching to improve productivity and increase income.

#### 7.782

farmers were supported with a Productivity Package. This consists of high quality agricultural inputs and individualized coaching services provided by field staff.

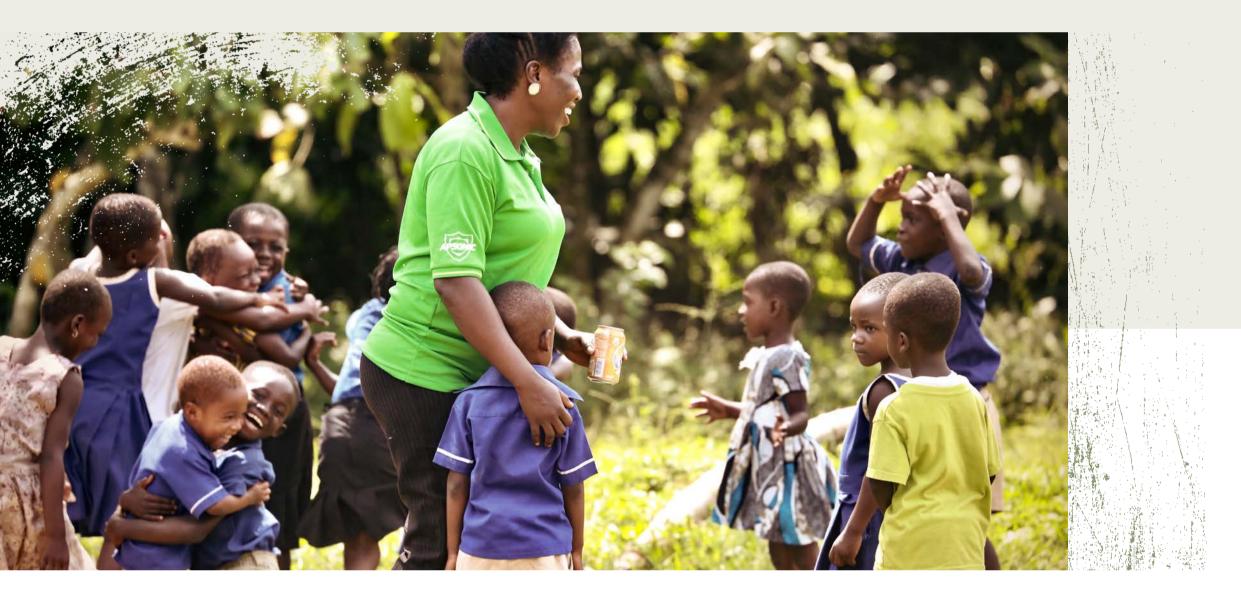
3.532

hectares of farmland were supported with pre-harvest interventions including pruning and input applications provided by trained laborteams.

## 20.647

farmers received a Farm Business Plan. Based on a diagnosis of the farm by field

422.081 cocoa seedlings were distributed.



#### **EMPOWERING COMMUNITIES**

We believe kids should be learning and playing, not working. Together with Cocoa Horizons we work to enable systemic and lasting change on child protection and human rights. And we're investing to empower local communities, especially women, to strengthen families from the inside out.

> Village Savings & Loan Associations. We continue to invest in empowering women within farming communities, recognizing their pivotal role as active decision-makers. Empowering women not only boosts household income but also plays a crucial role in child protection. At the heart of these efforts are the Village Savings & Loan Associations (VSLAs) we have established. Through VSLAs, members can pool savings and resources to start businesses, meet household needs, or cover school tuition.

71%

341

of VSLA members are women, underlining the commitment to female empowerment in these communities. **6.176** cases of child labor were identified and 8.405 cases are being remediated. Remediation activities are on a case-by-case/needs-basis and include, among other activities, awareness-raising sessions, the distribution of school kits and the delivery of birth certificates.

2.006

children no longer in child labor.

22.413 farming households participating in child laborsurveys.

28.997

children participating in child labor surveys.

99%

farmer groups being covered by child protection systems and remediation activities.



### **REGENERATING ECOSYSTEMS**

As our forests shrink, the natural umbrella that keeps our



cocoa trees and soil safe is vanishing. Cocoa Horizons is on a mission to protect the forests, and strengthen the cocoagrowing ecosystems on existing farmland. This agroforestry approach is all about growing cocoa with nature, not against it.

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hectares of farmland were enabled for agroforestry – where other crops are integrated with cocoa trees according to local geophysical and social conditions. The farms are monitored annually to track progress. The farmers receive a payment for their environmental services based on tree survival rates. Agroforestry also enables the reduction of pests and diseases, the promotion of biodiversity and an additional source of income for farmers while capturing carbon.



38.400

farmers delivered cocoa with all plots mapped. Farm mapping ensures no cocoa is coming from protected areas.

shade trees were distributed

to farmers.

702.425

**59%** of a

of cocoa was proven not to be contributing to deforestation.

23.117

tonnes of carbon were sequestered through all these environmental activities.

Thanks to your commitment to Cocoa Horizons, you're helping us scale impact and drive positive change in cocoa farming communities.



#### YOUR SUPPORT IS EXPANDING HORIZONS. THANK YOU FOR BEING PART OF OUR STORY.

By partnering with the Cocoa Horizons Foundation, you support the Sustainable Development Goals: https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment



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