

Ghana Tree Crop Diversification Project

Channels for Dissemination and Disclosure of Information

The Government of Ghana (GoG) through the Tree Crops Development Authority (TCDA) and Ghana COCOBOD has received funding from the World Bank to implement the Ghana Tree Crop Diversification Project (GTCDP). The GTCDP Development Objective (PDO) is to increase climate resilient, productivity, quality, and added value for export of four (4) selected tree crops in targeted project areas. The PDO will be achieved through the following four components:

Component 1. Institutional strengthening and value chain governance. The objective of this component is to build institutional capacity of TCDA and COCOBOD, as well as the capacity to improve the business enabling environment for farmers and agribusinesses in the selected value chains. Investments under this component will support the design and implementation of policies and regulations that aim to strengthen the selected tree crops' value chains, support R&D to underpin climate resilient production, and digitize the value chains for traceability, and mainstream national capacity to monitor and prevent child labour.

Component 2. Improving productivity and climate resilience. The objective of this component—the project's largest—is to support the productivity, profitability, and climate resilience of tree crop farms addressing a lack of availability and access to technologies. Investments under this component for cocoa will focus on rehabilitation of farms with a compensation mechanism. New research practices on cutting, spraying, and other techniques will be mainstreamed in the financing. For cashew, rubber and coconut, first, investments will support the multiplication of plant varieties suitable for the geographic conditions through a financing mechanism for nurseries. Second, the project will finance fertilizer and other input delivery centers. Lastly, the project will link the nurseries and other input suppliers to farmers through their associations and FBOs. For all tree crops the project financing will support a private delivery model that leverages on FBOs for sustainability and work with the public entities for delivery of specific services like extension. The investments will be tied to traceable digital registries and measurement of carbon on farm. Under this component the project will aim to measure child labor via information collected through the digitally traceable farm household mappings and connect with national monitoring systems.

Component 3. Support for Post-Harvest Management, Processing, Value Addition and Market Access. The objective of this component is to enhance the post-harvest management, processing, and marketing of cocoa, cashew, rubber and coconut, with the intention of enhancing quality, value addition, and supply to new markets. The component will do this by providing technical assistance and finance SMEs.

Component 4. Project Coordination, Management, Monitoring and Evaluation. This component will focus on the establishment of a project coordination unit (PCU) at TCDA and project implementation unit (PIU) at COCOBOD for effective coordination, management, and project monitoring and evaluation.

In compliance with the World Bank's Environmental and Social Framework (ESF) and Social and Environmental Standard, the GTCP has prepared and disclosed the following Environmental and Social Risk Management (ESRM) Instruments at both TCDA and COCOBOD websites:

- ☐ Environmental and Social Management Framework (ESMF)
- ☐ Labour Management Procedure (LMP)
- ☐ Stakeholder Engagement Plan (SEP)
- ☐ Integrated Pest Management Plan (IPMP)
- ☐ Resettlement Policy Framework (RPF)
- ☐ Environmental and Social Commitment Plan (ESCP)

As part of the measures to ensure effective stakeholder participation and also address concerns and grievances that may arise from the project activities, the general public, especially the project affected parties and other interested groups are encouraged to disseminate or disclose their information (including grievances) through the following channels:

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