

## Project title : GEPABIO - Conducting a feasibility study on further conversion of conventional cocoa organic and fair trade cocoa in Côte d'Ivoire

Project place	Project cost	Role in the project	Technical and financial sponsors	Dates
Côte d'Ivoire		Agronomy and market cocoa expertise	GEPA, Misereor, INADES, ECOOKIM, SCEB - Société Coopérative Equitable du Bandama	March 2021 - May 2021

### Project's goals and results

#### Main goals

For the past ten years, Inades Formation-Côte d'Ivoire has been committed to the **conversion of conventional cocoa production into organic and fairtrade cocoa**. As part of its commitment, it supported the Société Coopérative Equitable du Bandama (SCEB) in Tiassalé to manage the conversion of their production to organic production. Today, the SCEB markets 100 tonnes of certified organic and fair trade cocoa in France

#### Specific objectives

In order to promote an extension of **organic** production in the cocoa sector in Côte d'Ivoire, and given the interest given by GEPA to establish a commercial relationship with **cooperatives** interested in producing the organic and **fair trade** cocoa particularly from Côte d'Ivoire, a tripartite collaboration between **INADES-Formation, GEPA** and **MISEREOR** has been concluded. Such collaboration in the context of a conversion from conventional production to organic appears all the more important as, without a guaranteed/assured sales market, a conversion turns out to be too risky for the producers of the cocoa

#### Beneficiaries

#### Results

#### Activities

- A1.** Analyze the regulatory and legal framework in the cocoa sector in relation to the production, processing and export of various cocoa products and by-products
- A2.** Analyze the adequacy of the various existing certification systems at the level of cooperatives that want to engage in commercial collaboration with GEPA and their compatibility with GEPA requirements
- A3.** Analyze the expertise accumulated by Inades Formation-Côte d'Ivoire in supporting cooperatives to convert their production to organic and fair trade standards
- A4.** Take stock of the level of cooperative members who are ready to convert their conventional cocoa production into organic production
- A5.** Make recommendations for the conversion phase
- A6.** Jointly with the converting cooperatives (and taking the case of the SCEB as a reference), carry out a technical and economic analysis at the producer level
- A7.** Analyze the interests of the various stakeholders in the value-chain and the factors possibly compromising good collaboration between professionals and cooperatives
- A8.** Based on the results of the investigations, formulate recommendations and actions to be taken by the various parties involved