

## CashewNuss – Building Resilience, Inclusion, and Sustainability in Cashew Farming

One of the MGF-supported projects is CashewNuss (Cashew and us), a multi-stakeholder initiative led by the multinational company Olam Ivoire S.A (OFI) in Côte d'Ivoire.

The project is being implemented by three consortium partners: OFI, the Forager project and the Société coopérative simplifiée des Producteurs d'Anacarde su Secteur de Tchêlêkro (SCOOPS-PAST).

The objective is to enhance the livelihoods of farmers, establish resilient farming communities and provide climate change adaptation solutions to ensure sustainable cashew production in Côte d'Ivoire.



This partnership works towards their common goal with shared responsibilities.

OFI being the lead applicant for this project acts as the liaison between MOVE-ComCashew and the consortium partners (Forager Project and the SCOOPS-PAST Cooperative).

OFI is also responsible for the overall implementation of the project as well as for the management and coordination with the consortium partners.

In this project, SCOOPS-PAST engages its farmer network with a series of activities, including youth pruning groups and training for women entrepreneurs.

Forager Project, on the other hand, closely monitors CashewNuss's impact in Côte d'Ivoire and communicates the project's progress both internally and externally.

### Empowering Communities, Building a Sustainable Cashew Future

- In order to achieve its overall goal, CashewNuss has provided trainings in Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) and Climate-Smart Agricultural Practices (CSAP) to over **4,000** producers through cooperative-led sessions.
- **1,000 women from 18 villages** have completed the "Gender Makes Business Sense" (GmBS+) programme.
- This training has strengthened their capacity to make informed business decisions, participate actively in cooperatives, and establish profitable enterprises.
- Furthermore, youth inclusion is another central component. **15 youth groups**, each comprising 5 members, now provide technical services to farmers, including pruning and equipment handling.
- To improve product quality and traceability, CashewNuss has funded a new warehouse and drying facility for the UPAS producer union in Djebonoua.
- In addition, the initiative has established **15 quality hubs** and supported the organic certification of **1,000 producers** by providing training, auditing, and farmer record booklets.

## Investing in Systems, Empowering People

CashewNuss shows that impact in the cashew sector goes beyond production.

It is about taking a holistic approach:



By integrating youth, women, cooperatives, and sustainability, CashewNuss is driving a long-term structural transformation of the sector.

The impact achieved goes far beyond individual projects: it paves the way for inclusive, competitive and sustainable agricultural growth.



**Cashew should no longer be viewed solely as an export crop, but as a genuine driver of social and economic transformation.**



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