

SDG 5: Nestle Contributing to Goal 5

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In cocoa producing areas in Côte d'Ivoire, women are often excluded from land ownership which makes it difficult for them to join cocoa-growing cooperatives. As a result, they miss out on the benefits like access to training as well as premiums paid at the end of the harvest. Nestlé recognises the importance of empowering women not only for the future sustainability of quality cocoa but ultimately to the benefit of the community and education of children.

As part of the Nestlé cocoa plan, launched in 2009, we have been working to strengthen our efforts to promote and support the lives of women in the cocoa supply chain:

- Organise training on gender issues to challenge people's perceptions of women's role (lead farmers, nursery managers and cooperative managers for women) in the cocoa supply chain;
- Promote local women's associations connected with our supply chain to create a participatory dialogue platform, for women to enter into discussions with each other, develop and implement suitable action plans, and engage with other parties to learn about good agricultural practices;
- Distributed (since 2009) more than 300,000 trees through women led cooperatives named Copaz, of which about 70% of the trees go to women.