Sustainable cocoa production - panel 4

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In the next 40 years, more food will be produced than so far in the history of mankind

A business case for public-private cooperation





Cocoa market outlook



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Cocoa Farm Productivity Package



We are exporting soil fertility





Business opportunity for farmers and industry















Source: Francois Ruf (2012)

So, where do we stand?

- There is urgency and there is momentum amongst public and private cocoa stakeholders
- The market opportunity is appealing fertilizer industry is introducing cocoa-specific formula
- Technical solutions are ready; tens of thousands of farmers are already trained and aggregated
- We quite understand the conditions for proper introduction and adoption of fertilizer

Now the market has to get organized...





Model 1: Farm Finance



Principal risk bearer is red

Key features

- Farmer coop takes a bank loan to purchase fertilizer for farmer members
- Risks of default are high, but can be shared between coop, trader, bank and input supplier
- Low scalability, because limited to bankable organized farmers (<10% of population)
- Deep impact, "end-game model"



Model 2: Fertilizer-for-beans



Principal risk bearer is red

Key features

- A supplier of cocoa beans is (partially) paid in fertilizer upon delivery of beans to the supply chain aggregator (exporter, coop or traitant)
- The supply chain aggregator pre-finances the fertilizer
- Risks are negligible, and quality assurance is high
- Scalability is high, but the scheme can operate only in harvest time



Model 3: Cash-and-carry



Principal risk bearer is red

Key features

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- Fertilizer is sold through the cocoa supply chain infrastructure of supply chain aggregators
- It is made available at a selling point close to farmers to buy in cash. The selling point is run by a sales agent.
- The sales agent can be pre-financed by banks, supply chain aggregators and/or favorable credit terms by the input supplier
- High scalability
- Technical training of the sales agents is critical to quality assurance



Reaching the farmers

- **1.** Farm finance: The farmer group takes a bank loan for fertilizer for its members, with risk-sharing from the other supply chain agents
- 2. Fertilizers-for-beans: The cocoa supplier is partially paid in fertilizer upon delivery of beans to the trader
- 3. Cash-and-carry: Fertilizer is made available at selling points close to farmers to buy in cash







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'Bringing back soil fertility to the cocoa farms'

Player	Key role
Cocoa industry	Leverage cocoa supply chain for last-mile delivery to farmers
Input supply	Make fertilizer available in-country at affordable cost
Banks	Develop solutions for financing the upstream supply chain
Government	Endorsement of initiative, and joint learning for policy innovation
Public agents	Facilitation of partnership, M&E, and co-funding of SME capacity-building

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