

Project title : TRUST - Cashew value chain analysis in Sierra Leone

Project place	Project cost	Role in the project	Technical and financial sponsors	Dates
Sierra Leone	20 000 €	Evaluation expertise	Woord en Daad	March 2025 - May 2025

Project's goals and results

Main goals

Cocoasource is involved in trading cocoa and cashew from Sierra Leone through its partner company Akuna Cocoa. In accordance with its vision and values, Cocoasource works in parallel with strengthening these sectors, from farmers to local trading and processing companies. Hence it launched the TRUST cashew program which aims to implement activities to improve the cashew value chain in collaboration with partners such as Woord en Daad, JULA, CTF and Cotton Tree Foundation.

In order to have the most positive impact, such a program must rely on a good foundation of understanding of the value chain and identify points of improvements and levers. Nitidae is solicited to perform this value chain analysis.

Specific objectives

SO1. Outline the basic information of the SL cashew sector from production (planting dynamics, potential and forecasts, farmers drivers and challenges, competitiveness towards other cash/food crops, farmers organizations) to commercialization (product flows, logistic aspects, price variations, trading demand & opportunities, stakeholder mapping)
SO2. Finetune the comprehension by investigating particular points of attention such as competitiveness of Sierra Leone VS Guinea through an analysis of the transaction costs

Beneficiaries

Results

Activities

A1. Contact and document review to identify missing information
A2. Field mission aiming to assess three elements : (i) production basis; (ii) cross-border trade; (iii) in-country & export trade: logistics and actors

A3. Data analysis and report writing