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Lindt & Sprüngli Farming Program Factsheet Dominican Republic with Rizek Cacao – Cocoa Season 2017/18

The **project aim** is to establish a traceable and sustainable fine flavor cocoa supply chain in the Dominican Republic, including a total of 835 farmers by the end of cocoa season 2021/22, enabling them to professionalize their farming practices, leading to increased yields and income, and ultimately improve their livelihoods (**initiated in** October 2017). **Partner organizations:** Rizek Cacao S.A.S., Fuparoca Inc., Dominican Institute for Agricultural and Forestry Research (IDIAF), Lindt Cocoa Foundation

This factsheet outlines the project content of the Lindt & Sprüngli Farming Program with the supplier Rizek Cacao in the Dominican Republic.

Supply Chain (bean flow/ ownership)



Step 1: Traceability and farmer organization

Project content	Description
Farmer registration ¹⁾	Baseline information on farmers and their farms are collected and recorded in an Excel File. Farms are GPS localized (1 point) and farmers receive a plan of their farm.
Organizing farmers in farmer groups ¹⁾	Cocoa farmers are organized in loose associations of up to 25 farmers.
Traceability ¹⁾	100% of cocoa is traceable back to the farm level.

Step 2: Training and knowledge transfer

Project content	Description
Farmer professionalization through training services ¹⁾	Registered farmers are trained in groups by the technical field staff following a curriculum of 8 modules about good business, agricultural, environmental and social practices. In the first year, four of eight main trainings topics will be taught (GAP, household water). In the second year, the remaining four topics will be covered and further training will be offered in form of workshops. Trainings consist of theoretical parts and practical parts. Visiting the model farms farmers are able to see the results of applying the recommendations of the agronomists and the trainings.
Farmer training for the management of seedling nurseries ²⁾	Young people will be trained in grafting methods and in nursery establishment and management (ten in each region) to be able to offer grafting services to other farmers of the Program, and later establish their own professional nurseries.
Capacity Building of Agronomists/ Extension Officers ¹⁾	Agronomists/Extension Officers are trained by external/specialized experts.

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Step 3: Farmer investments and community development

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Farmer led seedling nurseries and seedling distribution ²⁾	Cocoa seedlings are bought and distributed. Project nurseries are established.
Rehabilitation and Renovation of Cocoa Plantations ²⁾	As preparation for farm rehabilitation and renovation – an inventory and diagnosis of the farms is carried out: The number of missing plants is quantified and non-productive, crooked or diseased plants identified. Cocoa plantations are rehabilitated.
Cash and In-kind farmer premium	Farmers receive a mix of cash and in-kind premium at the end of the cocoa season. 50% is deposited to the savings account of the farmer and the remaining 50% is delivered to the farmer in-kind (E.g.: equipment, tools, supplies, food).
Training on availability and quality of household water	<p>At least one member of each cocoa-producing community is trained on water, health and food use. This training focuses on raising awareness on the importance of rational use of water and how to handle water for human consumption and its impact on the health of families.</p> <p>After the training on availability and quality of household water, these families are provided with a filter to purify water for human consumption.</p>

Step 4: Verification and continuous progress

Project content	Description
Internal monitoring ¹⁾	Yearly internal performance monitoring on each farm by technical field staff (based on UTZ/RA and Organic).
External assessment ¹⁾	Yearly Program verification by The Forest Trust.

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