

IDH will select a party to conduct innovative projects that support the integration of nutrition and food security in the business models of value chain actors working in the cocoa sector in Côte d'Ivoire. These projects are part of the [Cocoa Nutrition Initiative](#) with partners in Ghana and Côte d'Ivoire.

### BACKGROUND

Smallholder farmers in both Ghana and Côte d'Ivoire experience chronic malnutrition rates particularly among women and children as well as periodic food insecurity in between cocoa seasons when incomes lower and food prices rise. Most smallholder farmers today in West Africa are not able to earn a living income and spend about 50% of their existing incomes on food. The sustainability of the cocoa sector depends on healthy farmers who are able to earn a decent living income. Company service delivery models offer opportunities to contribute to improving nutrition and food security of male and female farmers in their supply chains while at the same time reinforcing the sustainability of the cocoa sector in the region.

### PROJECT OBJECTIVES

The project aims to establish good practices for integrating interventions to improve nutrition and food security among farmers and their families as part of company service delivery models.

The project builds on knowledge and expertise already developed in partnership with GAIN (Global Alliance for Improved Nutrition) in Ghana. This includes tested material that can be adapted as well as monitoring support to accelerate learning through a third party learning partner. The project duration of 9 months is expected to support value chain actors to establish nutrition and food security interventions as part of the delivery of services to farmers over two cocoa seasons.

### EXPECTED IMPACT AND RESULTS

The expected impact of this project is to sustain nutrition and food security of farmers as well as to sustain business interest to integrate nutrition and food security in their service delivery models.

Specific results of this project are to:

1. Improve nutritional knowledge and practices among farming households
2. Facilitate income generation
3. Increase women's access to services
4. Increase food production and diversification
5. Improve the integration of nutrition and food security in company service delivery models

### CRITERIA AND PROCEDURE

- ✓ Project applicant is a private sector company and has a direct relationship with a cocoa trading community in Côte d'Ivoire
- ✓ Project design needs to be aligned with expected results and KPIs as per [Proposal Template](#).
- ✓ The project can start at the end of April 2020 and will end at 31 December 2020 the latest.
- ✓ The maximum percentage of co-funding from IDH will be 25% with a maximum amount of € 50,000

### Timeline and process

3 Feb 2020	Call for Proposal published
2 Mar 2020	Deadline for Submitting Proposal
9 Apr 2020	Selection of proposal by IDH
Apr 2020	Awarding of contract
Apr-Dec 2020	Implementation of the project

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