

USDA Food for Progress Traceability and Resilience in Agriculture and Cocoa Ecosystems (TRACE) Project in Nigeria

The USDA Food for Progress TRACE Project began in 2022 and is scheduled to conclude in September 2027. Implemented by Lutheran World Relief in partnership with the Cocoa Research Institute of Nigeria (CRIN), the International Institute of Tropical Agriculture (IITA), C-Lever.org, and Ecometrica, the primary goals of TRACE is to increase agricultural productivity in the cocoa value chain through good agronomic practices and to improve cocoa traceability, thereby expanding the cocoa trade. The project enjoys the support of various ministries, including agriculture and rural development, finance, industry, trade, and investment at both federal and state levels. TRACE focuses on six cocoa-producing states in Nigeria: Abia, Akwa Ibom, Cross River, Ekiti, Ondo, and Osun. By the end of the project, TRACE will have strengthened the capacity of diverse groups of stakeholders, including government officials, cocoa farmers, nursery operators and seedling producers, cocoa producer groups, cooperatives and associations, cocoa intermediaries (such as input dealers, distributors, transporters, traders, and buying agents), private sector participants value chain, farm workers, buyers, exporters, and financial service providers. TRACE will enable them to compete effectively in the international cocoa market.

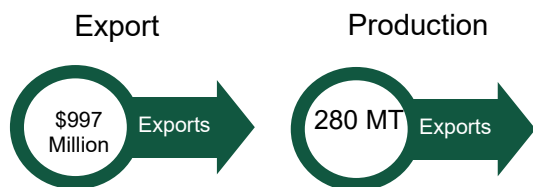
TRACE Activities

- Training: Improved agricultural production techniques for cocoa.
- Inputs: Develop agro-dealers and/or other input supplies.
- Capacity Building: Provide business development services.
- Market Access: Promote traceability in buyer-seller relationships.
- Capacity Building: Promote improved policy and regulatory framework for traceability and combatting cocoa-driven deforestation.
- Public Information Campaign: Disperse improved market information.

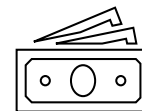
Quick Facts

Period of Performance: 2022 - 2027
 Implementer: Lutheran World Relief
 Total Agreement Value: \$21,900,000.00
 US Commodities Monetized: Soybean meal
 LOP Direct Beneficiaries: 68,453
 LOP Indirect Beneficiaries: 337,515

Nigeria – Cocoa Trade



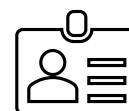
Nigeria accounted for approximately 6% of global production by volume in 2023/24.



\$471,019,634
 Value of sales of farms and firms receiving USDA assistance



204,791 MT
 Volume of commodities sold by farms and firms receiving USDA assistance



68,453
 Number of individuals participating in USDA food security programs



366,042
 Number of hectares under improved management practices or technologies that promote improved climate risk reduction and/or natural resources management with USDA assistance

Expected results over life of project