



Citizenship in West Africa

Cargill is committed to being a global leader in corporate citizenship by nourishing the people and possibilities that reside in communities where we do business. We define citizenship as our *total impact on society and the environment*. This includes:

- Responsible business practices
- Promoting a sustainable environment
- Engaging our workforce and treating them with respect
- Providing a measurable, positive impact in our communities

Cargill has been operating in Cote d'Ivoire since 1997 and today employs nearly 500 people directly and a further 2,000 people indirectly at facilities throughout the country, purchasing and processing cocoa. Our Micao processing plant in Abidjan processes 120,000 metric tones of cocoa beans every year into high quality cocoa products used by food manufacturers worldwide to produce products such as chocolate, biscuits and ice cream. Cargill is currently constructing of a new cocoa processing plant with similar capacity in the port of Tema, Ghana, which is expected to be operational by end of 2008.

In addition to our economic investments, Cargill supports a number of social programs to improve educational opportunities, health and nutrition for people in the communities where we operate:

- Providing quality training seminars for 10,000 farmers per year on sustainable cocoa-growing practices
- Establishing 45 farmer field schools to teach better agricultural practices in the Soubré region of Côte d'Ivoire in partnership with **GTZ and ANADER** (the national rural development agency)
- Establishing 40 "Family Farm Schools" in Côte d'Ivoire and Cameroon in partnership with the **European Institute for Co-operation and Development** to improve the social, ecological and economical welfare of the local "smallholders" and limit rural migration
- Supporting the **International Cocoa Initiative** and **World Cocoa Foundation** programs to improve livelihoods of cocoa farm families and promote responsible labor practices in west Africa
- Providing immunizations for more than 50,000 children in Abidjan, San Pedro, Daloa and Gagnoa to protect them from meningitis, tetanus and intestinal parasites
- Building more than 20 **Habitat for Humanity** homes for families in the Gagnoa region
- Supporting a rural education program led by **CARE International** to improve educational opportunities for children in 30 cocoa growing communities in Ghana
- Sponsoring a new Maternity Unit in Tema in partnership with the **Ghana Health Service** and **Mercy Ships**
- Partnering with the **Global FoodBank Network** to improve storage and distribution for commodities to supply communities and schools in Ghana with locally grown food and improve the livelihoods of farmers

Cargill is an international provider of food, agricultural and risk management products and services. With 153,000 employees in 66 countries, the company is committed to using its knowledge and experience to collaborate with customers to help them succeed. Cargill contributes more than US\$40 million a year globally to civic and charitable organizations that help nourish the people and possibilities in communities where its employees live and work. For more information, visit <http://www.cargill.com>.