



Cocoa Life Programme in Dominican Republic –Phase II Progress Report January – December 2022

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Introduction

This report describes the activities done by UNDP during the period January – December 2022 of implementation of the Mondelēz Cocoa Life Programme in the Dominican Republic (Phase 2), which aims to set out the country strategy and programme implementation of the Coordination Plan of the Cocoa Life Programme.

The report structure is based in the work plan 2022-2023 agreed in the Statement of Work with Mondelēz International and UNDP Dominican Republic. The document describes main advances achieved, analyzes issues and solutions, and presents re-scheduled activities for next period.

At present, the CLP is being implemented in 32 communities located in the most important cocoa areas of the country.

Partner	Communities	Province
CONACADO	Hernando Alonzo, Las Canas, Los Brazos, Comedero, Caballero, La Pinita and Zambrana	Sánchez Ramírez
	El Papayo, Rincón Molinillo, Vuelta Larga, Guayabo, Las Corcobas, El Cruce del Guayabo, Rincón Molenillo, Higuerito, El Factor	María Trinidad Sánchez
	Pantanal-Chacuey, La Reforma, El Rucio, Castillo	Duarte
FUPAROCA	Yamasá, Peralvillo, Los Botados, Don Juan (El Dean) y Bayaguana	Monte Plata
	El Mamey, Altamira, Los Hidalgos y Guanatico	Puerto Plata
	Río Jagua, El Guayabo and Arroyo al Medio	María Trinidad Sánchez

It is important to note that during this period and specifically on September 19, 2022, Hurricane Fiona made landfall in the Dominican Republic. Winds of more than 120 km/h and heavy rains were recorded in the east and north of the country. The most affected areas were La Altagracia, La Romana, El Seibo, Samaná, Hato Mayor, María Trinidad Sánchez, Duarte, and Monte Plata. The partners of the Program carried out a rapid assessment in which some 1,200 cocoa farmers were

affected, a 60% crop will be loss by 2022-23. and other damages to drying rooms and warehouses. Fortunately, and after a more detailed evaluation, the damages to the farmers of the Cocoa Life Program were minor, basically 5% of the farmers related to the CLP (approximated 75 farmers) were affected with fallen trees and homes partially affected.

General objective of UNDP work in the context of CLP:

Contribute to improve livelihoods of cocoa farmers and enhance sustainable cocoa production within the Mondelez's cocoa value Chain.

Specific objectives:

1. Represent Mondelez in Dominican Republic by overseeing the Cocoa Life program and local coordination.
2. Monitor and report implementation progress of projects in Cocoa Life's DR program.
3. Ensure appropriate visibility of CLP actions in DR, capture and socialize lessons learned on actions developed by the CL program in the Dominican Republic.
4. Ensure that CLP activities in DR fulfill Gender and Child Labour Prevention Policies.
5. Ensure that CLP activities in DR consider the best knowledge and focus the work on practices regarding environment sustainability.



Progress for each expected result programed for January – December 2022:

Result 1: Advice and monitor CLP implementation by CI partners.

1.1. Advice and monitor CLP implementation by CL partners through:

As a result of this activity, partners were supported in carrying out their annual plans, the different workshops were coordinated, as well as in the monitoring and preparation of quarterly reports.

- Periodic meetings with CL partners took place during the year.
- Partners received support in the preparation of their POP for the first, second and third quarters of 2022. Likewise, the update of their goal tables were reviewed every month.
- Each month the work plans of the partners were reviewed and then they were socialized in a meeting with Mondelez. As a result, suggestions were always given to improve the continuity of the work.

1.2. Overview of the process of designing the Community Action Plans (CAP) in CL communities in the framework FUPAROCA and CONACADO workplans.

- An exchange of experiences of the leaders of Community Development Committees (CODEC) of the communities of Mamey, Puerto Plata province, Yamasá, Monte Plata province, and Vuelta Larga, Maria Trinidad Sanchez province, was carried out. As a result of this exchange, a process of supporting the Mamey community began so they can promote those projects that they considered priorities in the community, identify what are the

possible causes that have not allowed the takeoff their CODEC and local participation. See Annexes.

1.2. Carry out a rapid assessment of the status of the CAP and CODECs established since the start of CLP in DR, to identify impacts and critical actions for their sustainability

This rapid assessment of the status of the CAP and CODECs established since the start of CLP in DR was not possible to carry out in 2022, due to the difficulty to identify and contract who could do this work. A new proposal is currently being evaluated which could start in 2023.

1.3. Provide advice, monitor, and facilitate the implementation of CL Women Empowerment Plan

Progress was made with the implementation of the Gender Plan at different levels:

- Monitoring of CLP indicators.
- Support to CLP partners to mainstreaming the gender approach in their operations and train them as facilitators.
- Directly, 20 technicians were trained, and indirectly, more than 100 people from the communities. Support was given to partners to identify indicators and register data segregated by sex related to the actions developed by the Programme.
- Likewise, support was provided through the UNDP gender unit to the partners in the proper implementation of their work plans.
- A positive masculinity and violence workshop was held. At the end of this training, the technical and administrative team of the partners can use theoretical and practical tools to promote gender equality and alternative masculinities in institutional coexistence and in their daily relationships.

1.4. Identification of lessons learned with CL technical partners- CONACADO and FUPAROCA

- Two workshops were held on the lessons learned, one with CONACADO and another with FUPAROCA. Reports from these workshops are attached.
- Lessons learned helped to identify strategies to improve the workplan implementation.

1.5. Support IPSOS in the M&E of CLP in DR.

- UNDP coordinated with CL partners to support IPSOS in the field work. As result of this coordination and communication, CL farmers and CL communities were informed and aware of IPSOS work, which facilitated the participation of CL beneficiaries.
- Support was given to IPSOS in the revision of forms for carrying out the surveys and the tool used to obtain observations and recommendations from the partners. The survey form in Spanish is attached.
- Poverty information from the municipalities in which the CLP is implemented was provided by UNDP, to complement the analysis carried out by IPSOS.

1.6. Contribute with the development and implementation of a socio-economic recovery to COVID-19 impacts in CLP communities

- Support was provided to partners in livelihood projects for socio-economic recovery to COVID-19 impacts in CLP communities. In the framework of this recovery strategy, six projects were financed. With the support of FUPAROCA the following projects were executed:

Project	Location
Community Social Services (rental of chairs, tables and tools for activities)	La Mina, Monte Plata
Construction of the Los Mosquitos community gravity aqueduct	Yamasá, Monte plata
Internet system for the community	Peralvillo, Monte Plata
Frías community aqueduct completion	Yamasá, Monte Plata

- Two projects received financing from CONACADO. From the 4 initiatives initially prioritized, only two were developed because of budget restrictions.

Project	Location
Mi Delicia Bakery	Las Canas, Sanchez Ramirez
Construction of a greenhouse for vegetable production	Zambrana, Sanchez Ramirez

- The COVID-19 recovery strategy of Cocoa Life communities was systematized, and some key results were evidenced:
 - CL Community organizations consider that during this process one of the most important achievements was the improvement of their collaborative work.
 - There was an accompaniment to the communities in the execution of the projects, this implied a learning process, which was continued with the SME centers of two universities. Also, the projects were supported on electronic commerce and entrepreneurship. As a result, the projects are directly impacting their communities and other nearby communities.
 - CL partners, CONACADO and FUPAROCA, have identified additional achievements:
 - Greater social cohesion in the communities
 - Female empowerment.
 - New sources of income generation
 - Development of non-traditional initiatives for communities and partner organizations.

Result 2: Guide and support partners to implement the CL Women Empowerment Plan.

- As part of the support to the implementation of the Dominican CL Women Empowerment Plan, and following the priorities identified with the partners, permanent guidance and capacity building was provided to ensure an appropriate implementation of the Plan. Meetings were held with the UNDP Gender Unit to support Partners on issues related to

raising awareness of the new masculinity, gender hallmark, focused on developing deeper reflection processes, after spaces of trust and comprehensive work are generated with groups of men who could meet regularly.

- During 2022, the process of improving the capacities of female entrepreneurs to strengthen and grow small livelihood through SME centers started. Initially, a survey was carried out to establish the knowledge and capacities of women and develop a baseline.

Result 3: Environmental protection strategy

- Support was given to partners technical team in the training on the elaboration of cartographic databases, survey of polygons and interpretation of results. The partner's capacities were strengthened in the management of Geographic Information Systems, to prepare coherent and limited vector files in data entry to avoid typing errors. Also, to make queries in attribute tables, spatial queries to extract statistics (areas of plots by owner, type of crop, administrative unit, etc.) and to find the plots whose limits overlap the protected areas of the country through the creation of buffer zones.
- The project photo data base was updated. Native & endemic fauna that live in the cocoa farms was photographed. This photo data base will be used in the capacity building activities and brochures.
- During this period, the strengthening and improvement of the Field School modules related to the environment and climate change began, to support technicians of the Program to better assist farmers on environmental issues. In this sense, technical teams are strengthened on environmental management of the cocoa production and to cope with climate change.
- Likewise, a proposal for the design of biological corridors in cocoa farms was initiated with the use of Geographic Information Systems (GIS) tools. In this sense, the experience of the Productive Mountain Landscapes Project was valued.

Result 4: Strategy to strengthen entrepreneurship capacities for the youth of the CL communities

- Agreements have been made with SME centers (capacity building institutions hosted by Dominican universities with the purpose of strengthening SMEs) to implement a training plan to promote digital commerce, development of entrepreneurship for young people and women from the CLP communities.
- During November and December 2022, the process of improving the capacities of young people in digital commerce, development of entrepreneurship through SME centers started. Initially, a survey was carried out to establish the knowledge and capacities level and develop a baseline.

Result 5: Communication, visibility, and knowledge management

- A video was made about the construction process of the community aqueduct in the community of Los Mosquitos, in the province of Monte Plata (review in process).
- A video was made about the bakery project in the community of Las Canas, province Sánchez Ramírez. See the reviewed version on the following link https://undp-my.sharepoint.com/:f:/r/personal/clara_fernandez_tejada_undp_org/Documents/Videos%20Cocoa%20Life%20II?csf=1&web=1&e=7CgagF
- A video about the social services project in the community of La Mina, province of Monte Plata. See the reviewed version on the following link (https://undp-my.sharepoint.com/:f:/r/personal/clara_fernandez_tejada_undp_org/Documents/Videos%20Cocoa%20Life%20II?csf=1&web=1&e=7CgagF)

It is important to emphasize that these videos showed the community empowerment and especially the empowerment of women, and the communities' capacities to innovate and carry out productive projects beyond cocoa production.

- A video is in the process of edition which represents the policy and position of each partner on the strategy for the empowerment of women of the Cocoa Life program in the Dominican Republic.
- Likewise, partners were supported in the appropriate use of CL guidelines on communication and visibility.

Result 6: General coordination of CLP in DR

6.1 Project management

- In close coordination with Mondelēz, UNDP has carried out:
 - Coordination of PoP Meetings (Quarterly): Two PoP meeting, and some additional meetings were conducted with partners to coordinate actions.
 - Technical committee meetings (Monthly): The technical committee, together with Mondelēz, participated in the monthly CLP monitoring meetings with CONACADO, FUPAROCA and UNDP partners.

Annexes



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1. Summary of progress Jan-December 2022

Activities	Deliverables	Period												Comments			
		Q1 (Jan-Mar)			Q2 (Apr-Jun)			Q3 (Jul-Sep)			Q4 (Oct-Dec)			Total year 2022			
		Goal (Qty)	Ach	%	Goal (Qty)	Ach	%	Goal (Qty)	Ach	%	Goal (Qty)	Ach	%	Goal (Qty)	Ach		
Result 1: Advice and monitor CLP implementation by CI partners.																	
1.1 Advice and monitor CLP implementation by CL partners.																	
Planning workshops	2																To be developed at the beginning of 2023 (January)
Periodic meetings with partners	24	6	6	100	6	6	100	6	6	100	6	6	100	24	100 %		Complete
Support production and revision of partner's progress reports	4	2	2	100	2	2	100	4	2	2	100	2	2	4	100 %		Complete
1.2 Overview of the process of designing the Community Action Plans in CL communities in the framework FUPAROCA and CONACADO project																	
Validate reports of need assessments and CAP																	Moved to 2023
Exchange of experiences with other communities (1) (moved from 2021 plan)	1										1	1	1		100 %		Complete
Carry out a rapid assessment of the status of the CAP and CODECs established since the start of CLP in DR, to identify impacts and critical actions											1				0%		Moved to 2023

for their sustainability																	
Train of trainer's programme to strengthen capacities of CL communities (CODECs)											1					0%	Moved to 2023
1.3 Provide advice, monitor and facilitate the implementation of CL Women Empowerment Plan																	
Provide advice and guidance to CL partners to identify indicators and register data segregated by sex for the actions developed by the Programme	1	1	1	100	1	1	100	1	1	100	1	1	100	1	100 %	Complete	
1.4. Identification of lessons learned with CL technical partners - CONACADO and FUPAROCA																	
Lessons-learned workshops	2	2	2	100												100%	Complete
1.5 Support IPSOS in the M&E of CLP in DR.																	
Following the monitoring plan of IPSOS, support with the revision and validation of tools, capacity building of surveyors and coordination with CL partners will be provided	1	1	1	100	1	1	100	1	1	100	1	1	100	1	100 %	Complete	
1.6 Contribute with the development and implementation of a socio-economic recovery to COVID-19 impacts in CLP communities																	
Guide CL partners and affected communities with the	1	1	1	100	1	1	100	1	1	100	1	1	100	1	100%	Complete	

implementation of prioritized recovery initiatives																	
Systematize the results of the recovery action plan												1	50	1	50%	In process	
Result 2: Guide and support partners to implement the CL Women Empowerment Plan.																	
2.1 Provide advice, monitor and facilitate the implementation of CL Women Empowerment Plan																	
Workshops to support partner's capacity building to strengthen awareness and establish a trainer's team on "new masculinities"													1	50	1	50%	In process
Technical support and guidance to the implementation of the partner's gender plans	1		1	1	100	1		1	100	1	1	100	1	100	1	100%	Complete
2.2 Generation of opportunities in the cocoa value chain from a gender and women's rights perspective																	
Support partners to improve the capacities of female entrepreneurs to strengthen and grow small livelihood and recovery initiatives													1	50	1	50%	In process
Result 3: Environmental protection strategy																	
3.1 Trainings to technical teams of the CLP partners on environmental management on													1	50	1	50%	In process

2 success stories about CL impacts in the farmers in the farmers (moved from 2021 plan)												1	50	1	50%	In process
1 story with evidence of progress in women empowerment in CL communities												1	80	1	80%	In process
1 video that shows the environmental practices developed by the partners and farmers																Moved to 2023
Videos that represent the policy and position of each partner on the Strategy for the empowerment of women of the Cocoa Life program in the Dominican Republic (with sign language), (moved from 2021 plan)												1	80	1	80%	In process
3 videos of the development of the socio-economic recovery strategy (in process, to be completed in 2022)												1	80	1	90%	In process
Design of CAP for distribution												1	50	1	50%	In process

Design of a brochure/guide of biodiversity in cocoa farms												1			0%	In process
Dissemination of the visibility materials made by the CLP (infographics, videos, testimonials, etc.)	1	1	1	100	1	1	100	1	1	100	1	1	100	1	100%	Complete
5.2 Guide partners in the appropriate use of CL guidelines on communication and visibility.	1	1	1	100	1	1	100	1	1	100	1	1	100	1	100%	Complete
5.3 Translation of documents, as needed																Not in this period
Result 6: General coordination of CLP in DR																
6.1 Project management																
Technical coordination with Mondelez CL Manager	4														100%	Complete
POP Meetings	4											4	4	100	100%	Complete
Progress reports	12											12	12	100	100%	Complete

2. Budget Execution 2022

Item	Unit	Qty.	Ind. Cost	Budget 2022			Expenditure 2022	
			(US\$)	Value	Mondelez	UNDP	Mondelez	UNDP
Gral. Management (UNDP Staff-Part time)	Days	60	500.00	15,000.00		15,000.00		15,000.00
Project Coordinator	Month	24	5,000.00	60,000.00	60,000.00		60,000.00	
Adm. assistant (UNDP Staff-part time)	Days	40	250.00	5,000.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00	2,500.00
Subtotal					62,500.00	17,500.00	62,500.00	17,500.00
Contribution UNDP specialists: gender, private sector, sustainability, and data analysis support (UNDP Staff-Part time)	Days	20	350.00	4,200.00		4,200.00		4,200.00
Assessments				17,500.00	17,500.00		9,154.95	
Capacity building/pillars				21,000.00	21,000.00		11,000.00	
Subtotal					38,500.00	4,200.00	20,154.95	4,200.00
Communications suport (UNDP Staff-Part time)		24	350.00	2,100.00	2,100.00	2,100.00		2,100.00
Success stories		3	900.00	900.00	900.00			
Systematization of results/CL pillars				17,000.00	17,000.00		11,116.07	
Videos	Global	6		15,000.00	15,000.00		3,100.70	
Design and printing of documents	Service			16,000.00	16,000.00			
Subtotal					51,000.00	2,100.00	14,216.77	2,100.00
Workshops	Workshop	8	800.00	4,800.00	4,800.00		2,272.92	

Meetings	Meetings	24	100.00	1,200.00	1,200.00		1,014.22	
Exchange of experiences	Trip	2	1,500.00	3,000.00	3,000.00		1,093.00	
					Subtotal	9,000.00		4,384.14
Translation of documents	Service			6,000.00	6,000.00			
					Subtotal	6,000.00		
Local travel	Lump sum			4,000.00	4,000.00		1,169.33	
					Subtotal	4,000.00		1,169.33
Supplies/materials	Lump sum			1,000.00	1,000.00			
Miscellaneous	Lump sum			4,500.00	4,500.00		3,822.34	
					Subtotal	5,500.00		
Sub total					176,500.00	23,800.00	106,243.53	23,800.00
GMS (8%)					7,254.21		7,254.21	
Total					190,620.00	23,800.00	113,497.74	23,800.00
General unspent balance 2022							77,122.26	