

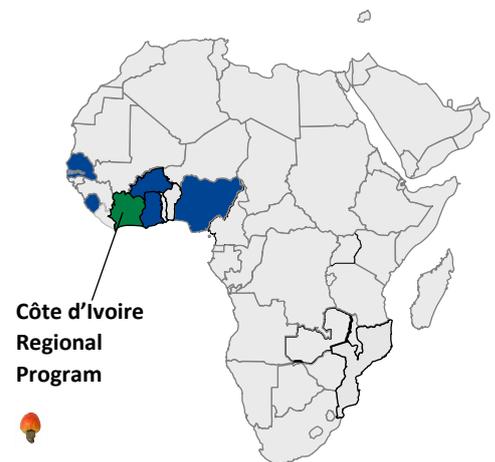
Market-Oriented Value Chains for Jobs and Growth in the ECOWAS Region (MOVE-ComCashew)

Côte d'Ivoire – Country Report

1. Promoting Competitiveness of the Cashew Value Chain.

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The impact of ComCashew since its inception in 2009, recorded 712,000 new jobs created in cashew production, processing, and trade, across project countries and over 790,000 farmers were trained on Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) and Farmer Business School (FBS) from 2009 to 2020 resulting in higher productivity, diversified and higher incomes in implementing countries.



In Côte d'Ivoire over 1,028,172 Metric tons of Raw Cashew Nuts were recorded in 2022. Côte d'Ivoire is serving as an example to West African countries and encourages other countries to also focus on the nut and apple transformation such as having by-products from cashew.

2. Actors overview

No of cashew farmers	443205
No of Processors in country	46
Cashew growing regions	Center and North region (Zanzan, Vallée du Bandama, Savanes, Denguelé, Worodougou, N'zi Comé, Lacs, Haut Sassandra, Marahoué, Bafing, Moyen Comoé.)
Policy and Regulation	Subsidy to processors 400 FCFA / kg kernel processed Subsidy of 150 FCFA /kg Kernel (not peeled) Share Cost Subsidy
Lead Ministry	Council of Cotton and Cashew (CCA) Ministry of Rural Development Rural (MinADER), Ministry of Agriculture, and Ministry of Trade, Industry and of promotion of PME
Regional Network	Consultative International Cashew Council (CICC) African Cashew Research and Development Network (REDAA)
NGOs and Project active on Cashew Sector	World Bank, Tony Blair Foundation, Nitidae, USDA-Procashew/CNFA, USDA-Prosper Cashew/Technoserve, INADES, GIZ/Pro2GRN
Private Sector	Groupement des Industriels du Cajou de Côte d'Ivoire (GIC-CI), selected processors such as Cilagri-Cajou, Cashew Coast, OLAM, Southland Global Agriculture (SG Agro)

3. Main Achievements



1500 Farmer Business School farmers was trained in 2023. **166** graduates from the Master Training Programme (MTP) of which **109** men and **57** women.



Successful participation at SIETTA, launching of French recipe book and french processing guides during SIETTA.



Workshop on product development activities organized in Côte d'Ivoire. 10 new products under development in Côte d'Ivoire. One product (thus cashew and local rice vegan gluten free cookie) on the market in Cote d'Ivoire

4. Facts and Figures

	2019	2020	2021	2022
National production volume of RCN – estimate (metric tons)	720,000	900,000	960,000	1,028,172
National processing capacity – installed (metric tons)	140,100	140,100	300,000	350000
National processing capacity – utilized (percentage)	41%	68%	43%	64%
Productivity (kg/ha)	524	524	524	600
Number of ComCashew trained farmers (cumulative)	251,130	305,930	354,990	355,490
Cummulative Income of all farmers (Mio EUR)	489	None	519	553

5. Ongoing Activities

MOVE-ComCashew through its intervention supports the development of conducive business environment for all actors of the cashew value chain. Some activities currently ongoing in Côte d'Ivoire include:

- Financing of cashew new products in progress.
- Contracting for Business Development Services underway and food Safety training and certification in preparation.
- Service providers on Marketing service packages in progress.
- Upcoming Processors Sustainability Road Show

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