

Sassandra Cocoa Program Report

The Ecuadorian Equation: A Future for Cocoa Farmers in the Amazon

Costco also sources some cocoa from Ecuador for the Sassandra program. We supported a recently completed program with our partners Blommer and Heifer International that was aimed at improving the living conditions of cocoa farmers in the Ecuadorian Amazon. This project ran from December 2018 to October 2019. Below is a summary of the Objectives, Goals and the Results of this program.



Objective	Goal	Results
Improved incomes for cocoa-growing families	70% of cocoa-growing families improve their income by at least 20%	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● All of the families in the project improved their incomes ● 93% of families improved their incomes by 12.9% and ● 7% improved their income by 20%
Strengthen the climate change resilience of farmers in the program	Establish and support environmental programs to promote: soil conservation, water resource conservation, reforestation, garbage management, and recycling, and crop diversification	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 56% of families adopted climate change activities ● 31% of families participated in climate change adoption workshops ● 26,512 trees were planted (20,000 supertrees (high-yielding cocoa), 1,000 palm trees, 5,512 citrus trees) ● 469 ha are under agroforestry management
Empower farmers through diversified, productive enterprises	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Increase the availability of high-quality, protein-rich foods, and ● Increase income from non-cocoa sources (i.e., livestock rearing) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● 57% of families have access to high-quality protein-rich foods primarily beef, chicken, and pork ● 43% of families generated income from the sale of livestock