



## Improving SPS practices in cacao in Cameroon

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This PPG aims to develop a project proposal to improve SPS compliance in Cameroon's cocoa cultivation, production, post-harvest treatment, packaging, and marketing process through training and the implementation of good agricultural practices. The PPG will help enhance market access and contribute to poverty reduction.

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**Status**

Awaiting

**Project Value (US\$)**

\$50,000

**STDF Contribution (US\$)**

\$50,000

**Beneficiaries**

Cameroon

**Background**

Cocoa farming in Cameroon has been adversely affected by poor agricultural practices, including the application of unregistered pesticides (fungicides and insecticides) containing active ingredients banned in Cameroon and other countries. The harvested cocoa beans often exceed the maximum residue limits.

A 2012 survey identified that out of the 35 pesticides available in Cameroon, eight were banned, and over 50% of farmers did not adhere to recommended frequencies or dosages for application. Substandard fermentation, storage, and drying techniques, coupled with undesirable moisture levels and smoky odours in beans at destination markets, have further compromised the quality of Cameroon's cocoa.