



MOBILIZING COMMUNITY ACTION AND PROMOTING OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUTH IN GHANA'S COCOA-GROWING COMMUNITIES (MOCA)

REDUCING CHILD LABOR IN GHANA

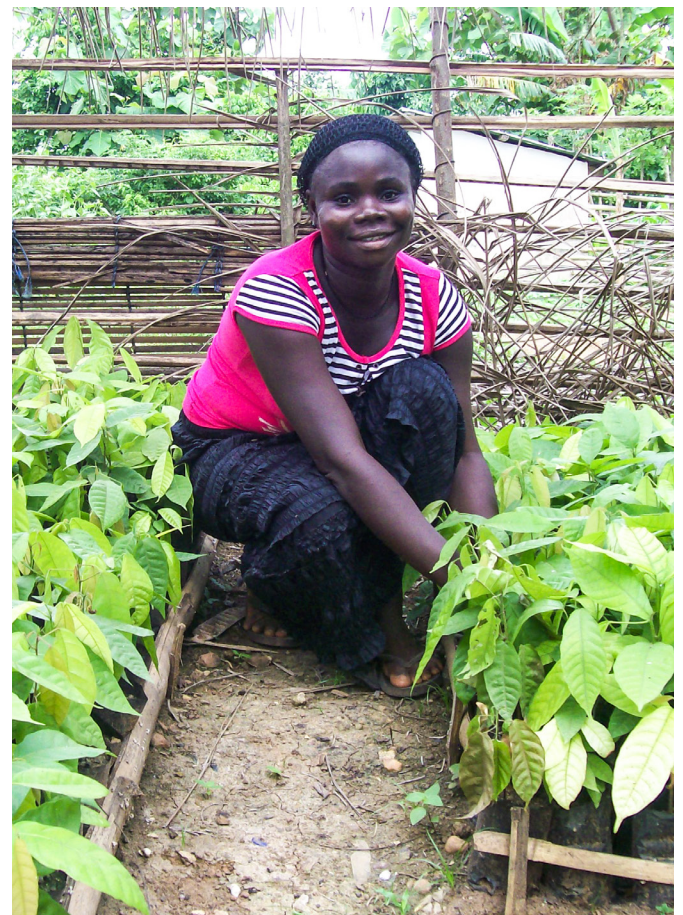
The four-year (2015-2019) U.S. DOL-funded project Mobilizing Community Action and Promoting Opportunities for Youth in Ghana's Cocoa-Growing Communities (MOCA) seeks to make substantial progress towards reducing the incidence of child and hazardous labor in Ghana. Winrock International will work with its implementing partner, Community Development Consult Network (CODESULT), Ghanaian government ministries and the cocoa industry in two regions of Ghana, Ashanti and Western.

The MOCA project will empower 40 cocoa-growing communities in the Ashanti and Western Regions to design and implement Community Action Plans (CAPs) to address child labor at the community level. In these communities, the project will use an integrated area-based approach to target 3,200 youth, ages 15-17, who are engaged in or at risk of entering child labor in Ghana, with a focus on child labor in the cocoa sector. In addition, the project will provide livelihood services to approximately 1,600 adult female household members as a strategy for reducing household reliance on child labor.

MOCA OBJECTIVES

MOCA will address child labor in cocoa-growing areas of Ghana through the following four objectives:

- Increase prioritization of child labor by community and external stakeholders;
- Increase acceptable work opportunities among beneficiary youth 15-17 years of age;
- Increase knowledge and skills of beneficiary youth to improve employability; and
- Increase income in beneficiary households.



MOCA ACTIVITIES

Objective 1:

- Train and support CAP committees to design CAPs.
- Issue grants to cocoa-growing communities to support implementation of CAP activities developed by community members to address child labor.
- Provide advocacy training to CAP committees.
- Conduct training-of-trainers for community members to serve as discussion leaders on issues related to child labor and OSH (Occupational Safety and Health).
- Support youth-led CAP activities.



Objective 4:

- Deliver MFS training to adult female household members.
- Assist adult MFS participants in organizing into village savings and loans associations (VSLAs).
- Provide OSH training and protective equipment to household members.
- Provide linkages for adult MFS graduates to access markets.

Objective 2:

- Conduct a market assessment to identify acceptable work opportunities and skills required.
- Train youth on OSH standards and regulations
- Match youth with appropriate internships or apprenticeships, including with agricultural, technical or vocational employers.
- Identify and provide youth workers/entrepreneurs with tools, equipment and supplies.

Objective 3:

- Tailor curriculum for agriculture and non-agriculture training to reflect market assessment findings.
- Set up model farm schools (MFS) and vocational training programs that incorporate OSH and soft skills (including literacy, numeracy, leadership and communication skills) training.

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