

From West Africa to the Rest of the World: Exposing the Cocoa Supply Chain

Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana produce 60% of the world's cocoa beans, often through child labor. These cocoa beans are used around the world to make cocoa and chocolate products.

Cocoa beans are processed into cocoa paste, cocoa butter, cocoa powder, and chocolate. Cocoa is harvested by children engaged in hazardous work who lift heavy loads, use sharp tools, and are exposed to chemicals and burning fields. Some are trafficked from neighboring countries.



Source: U.S. ITC Dataweb, 2022 and UN Comtrade Database, 2018-2023.