
cocoa

Agnes Graham is an independent cocoa grower in Ghana, supplying part of her crop to Night's fair trade chocolate company.

health & safety

We use traditional methods, splitting the cocoa pods open with machetes, but we're really skilled at doing this. Snakes can be a problem, but extra income from fair trade means we can afford rubber boots to protect our feet.

job security

We've been growing cocoa here for generations – prices fell so low that many people from our village had to give up and move to the nearby town to look for work. At least now, with fair trade, we have guaranteed pay AND contracts from the fair trade company. Now we feel our future here is much more secure.

community benefits

The fair trade company pays us a bonus of £100/tonne of cocoa beans for community projects – we've decided to use this for new wells, latrines and education.

environment

With fair trade we can't use too many chemicals – our cocoa is grown without much damage to the environment. We grow food crops alongside the cocoa trees.

pay & conditions

Recently the fair trade price we were getting for our cocoa beans was twice the normal price – this makes such a difference – my children go to school now and I've been able to improve our home.

unionisation/cooperative

We belong to a farmers union of 40,000 cocoa growers – it's run by us so we're in control. All union members have equal rights and opportunities, and officials are democratically elected.

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