

# Cultivating Cocoa Communities, Changing Lives



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**TRIAS**

TURNING DREAMS INTO  
OPPORTUNITIES



**BCU** is a Cooperative Union, established by cocoa farmers in Bundibugyo, Uganda, aiming at enhancing farmers' productivity and bargaining power. It serves as a platform for better price negotiations and to collectively address problems faced by the cocoa sector in the region.

With 105 primary cooperatives, BCU turns cocoa farming into a source of sustainable livelihood for thousands.

Climate-smart agricultural practices, directly impacting over 275 farmers and counting.

BCU cocoa being showcased internationally, and new fermentation techniques raising the bar for quality.

**TRIAS** strengthens entrepreneurial organisations around the world, that in turn support family entrepreneurs and farmers.

Through tailored support for each partner, members get access to advice, small loans or training. This enables them to start a business or grow further.

- **Over 50 years supporting Member Based Organisations (MBOs) around the world**
- **Reaching 5.5 million people worldwide**
- **Strengthening 118 entrepreneurial organisations**

*"I observed a 12% increase in production as compared to the previous seasons and it has really improved my livelihood!" - Mbambu Kajoina Grace (Bundibugyo, Uganda)*

## OUR PARTNERSHIP

Trias and BCU combine strengths to enhance the climate resilience of small-scale cacao farmers in Uganda's Rwenzori region. This initiative involves improving the organisational capacity of the Bwamba Cooperative Union (BCU), promoting climate-smart agricultural practices, and developing a climate-friendly cocoa value chain. Key activities include rolling out a resilience toolbox, focusing on resource efficiency, introducing agroforestry, and improving cocoa quality and marketing.

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