

Cultivating Cocoa Communities, Changing Lives



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TRIAS

TURNING DREAMS INTO
OPPORTUNITIES



COOPEBAS

 established in 2010, this cooperative operates in the Basengele region of the Mai Ndombe province in the Democratic Republic of Congo, and regroups 259 members. They primarily focus on the production of cocoa and honey, but also engage in chilli pepper and plantain value chains.

COOPEBAS regroups 259 members, among which 51 women and 98 youth

Production of 70 tons of sundried cocoa beans in 2023 and harvest of 1,200 honey litres

Focus on cocoa production in agroforestry systems

TRIAS

 strengthens entrepreneurial organisations around the world, that in turn support local 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**

"Traditionally, women were restricted from speaking in front of men and engaging in lucrative activities like cocoa farming. However, with training of the cooperative we embraced the profession and found financial stability." - Anastasie Betoko Nzambe, female leader of COOPEBAS

OUR PARTNERSHIP

COOPEBAS is a partner of Trias since 2010, focusing on cocoa production, market access, and environmental sustainability. Trias supports in enhancing COOPEBAS' governance, negotiation skills, and market relationships, leading to improved cocoa prices. Together, we promote gender inclusion, empowering women and youth to take up leadership roles in cocoa farming. Recently, the cooperative started a trajectory towards carbon-neutral and specialty cocoa and collected GPS data of its plantations to adhere to EUDR regulation around zero-deforested cocoa.

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