

Interim Evaluation of the Project Adwuma Pa: Empowering Vulnerable Women and Girls within the Cocoa Supply Chain in Ghana



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Objective

The project aims to reduce the risk of child labor, forced labor, and other violations of labor rights for vulnerable women and girls working within Ghana's cocoa supply chain.

The project targets 5,200 vulnerable women and girls in 80 cocoa-growing communities across four districts in three regions of Ghana (Ahafo, Western Region and Central Region).



Period of Performance

November 2018 – November 2022



Funding

\$5,000,000



Implementer

CARE International

Key Findings

Coherence

- The project's goal, overall objective and expected outcomes are highly relevant to Ghana's socioeconomic and human capital development policy objectives. They are also consistent with the development priorities of Ghana's revised National Plan of Action (NPA II, 2017-2021).

- However, the project is not fully embedded within the regional and national child labor institutional network.

Effectiveness

- As of March 2021, the Adwuma Pa project had achieved very little as compared to what was expected from its planned interventions to reduce child labor, forced labor and other labor rights violations.

- There have been notable delays that have directly affected the project's under-performance. The delays, mainly caused by but not limited to the Covid-19 pandemic, could be cumulatively estimated at a loss of about 12-15 months.

Efficiency

- As of February 2021, the Adwuma Pa project had no well-established and functional monitoring and evaluation (M&E) data collection and reporting systems for effective management decision-making.

- Concerns about human resource management and the remuneration of project staff is a challenge. The project lost four critical staff within two years, a fact that has cumulatively caused delays and affected efficiency.



Overall Impact

Given the limited level of implementation it is early to assess the overall impact of the project.

Sustainability

Since project interventions had not yet started at the time of the evaluation, the existing draft sustainability plan and its strategies had not been put into practice.

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RESPONSE TO COVID-19



In response to the pandemic, the project reallocated funds and proactively put together a proposal and strategy to create awareness and mitigate labor-related risks derived from the pandemic. The emergency response actions included purchasing personal protective equipment and hygiene kits in line with protocols established by the Government of Ghana to ameliorate the negative impacts of the pandemic in project target communities. This activity, together with the awareness creation campaign on Covid-19, have been praised by all relevant stakeholders.

