



# WINROCK INTERNATIONAL

Putting Ideas to Work



# ***Child and Youth Migration in West Africa:***

**Experiences by Winrock Intervention –  
ECHOES Project**

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# Main Objective--Winrock

The ECHOES Alliance strengthens cocoa-growing communities by expanding opportunities for youth and young adults through relevant education

Winrock's focuses on the lives and livelihoods of the next generation of cocoa farmers through comprehensive vocational training and leadership development

# Scope

Western Region (Sefwi Wiawso, Akontombra and Juaboso Districts)

Twelve Project Communities

- 3 hub communities (since November 2007)
- 9 satellite communities (since October 2008)

## Direct Beneficiaries

- Junior High School and Upper Primary pupils
- Out-of-School Youth
- Community Women (Family Support Scholarships)
- Shadows Teachers

# Key Activities

- Community mobilization
- Leadership training
- Family Support Scholarships



- Community Wellness Committees
- School Cocoa and Garden Demonstration Plots
- Renovation of Classrooms



- Awareness campaigns
- Curriculum adaptation and development
- Business Skills training for mothers



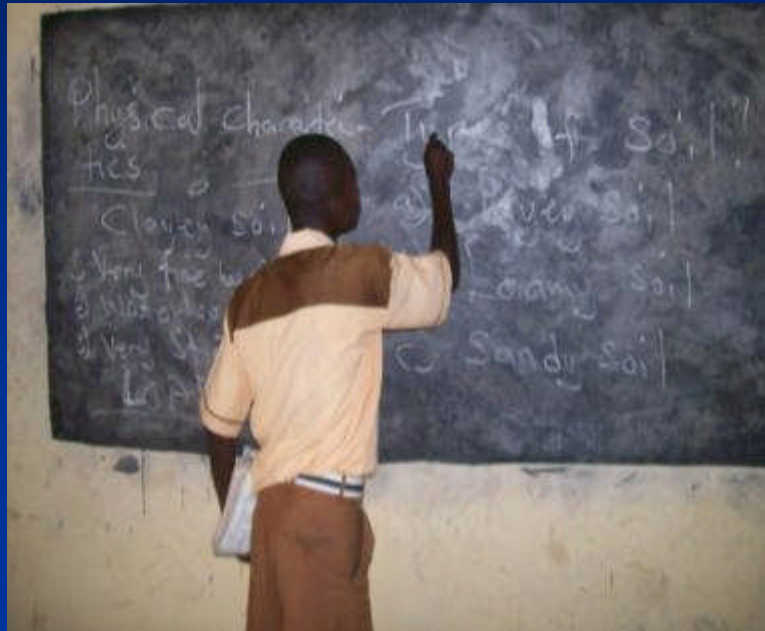
# Out-of-School Youth Program

- On-farm training on school cocoa nurseries and gardens
- Learn improved soil quality through leguminous trees
- Business entrepreneurial training
- Graduation Tool Kits





# Student Agriculture Education



# Student Agriculture Education (cont.)



Krayawkrom, learning to position the cocoa seeds in nursery bags

# Youth Entrepreneurship Training



# Key Project Results

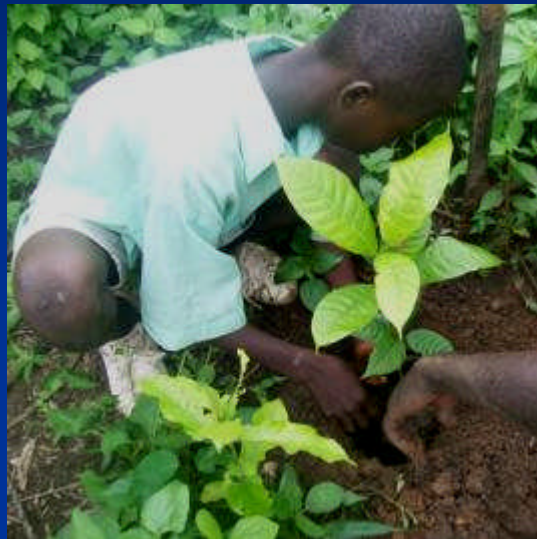
- 484 students trained last academic year
- 1206 (713 boys and 493 girls) undergoing training
- Increased school attendance rate
- Agriculture Clubs in all project communities
- 4,416 young people sensitized to child labor, HIV, and malaria prevention
- Development of garden crops that generate income for schools
- Cocoa nurseries developed in all the communities (31,415 cocoa seedlings)

## Results continued

- Leadership training organized for 508 leaders in 12 communities
- 120 children awarded 3 years scholarships
- 121 mothers trained in small business development and leadership skills
- 48 youth trained in business enterprise development
- Adult Farmers integrating leguminous trees in their cocoa farms

# School Farm in Nkonya

**May 08** – Planted Gliricidia and maize to provide initial shade for cocoa. Gliricidia is a low-cost soil amendment that improves the quality of soil and future cocoa harvests



**July 08--** planted cocoa seedlings on school plots



**Dec 08** – Cocoa flourishing and intercropped with cocoa yam, maize, and three types of leguminous trees

**“Policy makers must ensure that educational curricula prepare young people for the job market, providing them with professional, entrepreneurial and job – search skills”**

**-Michael Vinyo Addae, Ghana**

# Thank You!

