



## Shifting from Projects to System Change in Côte d'Ivoire

### TRECC – Transforming Education in Cocoa Communities

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TRECC (Transforming Education in Cocoa Communities) was formed in 2016 to improve the quality of life of all children and youth in Côte d'Ivoire, while focusing on delivering quality education in cocoa-growing communities. The program was designed and initially financed by the Jacobs Foundation to capitalize on three key opportunities:

1. The high priority the Ivorian government has set on improving educational outcomes for all children and youth in the country.
2. The unprecedented and aligned commitment of the cocoa and chocolate industry and the Ivorian government to improve the livelihoods of cocoa farmers.
3. The growing entrepreneurial power of smallholder farmers and civil society organizations to advance quality education at all levels.

After five years of solid work, we are proud to announce our achievements to date which include:

- Raising CHF 92.2 million in direct co-investments in the TRECC program between 2016 and 2021
- Commitments by all stakeholders, including for the Child and Learning Facility (CLEF), since 2016 have risen to CHF 162.4 million.
- Bringing 17 individual cocoa and chocolate companies into TRECC.

- Reaching over 241,000 children under the age of 5 with early childhood development intervention.
- Providing educational benefits for over 200,000 children and youth.
- Developing strong partnerships with the Ivorian Government, private companies, researchers and civil society organisations.

Our greatest achievement is our activities have laid the foundations for system change and sustainable impact at scale. Informed by evidence, the Government has identified relevant approaches for integration into national policies and programs. The next steps will focus on supporting the scaling process so that all children can benefit.

For more information, please read the Reflections, Lessons Learned, Next Steps in the 5-year [TRECC Report](#).

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