

# *End Exploitation: An Immersive Experience*

## *Cocoa Station Follow-up*

For both Cote d'Ivoire and Ghana ILAB has reason to believe that multiple cocoa and chocolate products made in these countries are produced with an input made with child labor, specifically from cocoa beans produced in these countries. These products include cocoa paste, cocoa butter, cocoa powder, and chocolate. Cocoa from Ghana and Cote d'Ivoire produced with child labor was added to ILAB's List of Goods Produced by Child Labor or Forced Labor in 2009.

Cote d'Ivoire: Based on the most recently available estimate from NORC at the University of Chicago, the prevalence rate of child labor in cocoa production among cocoa growing households is 41%, meaning about 790,000 children work in child labor in cocoa production in Côte d'Ivoire. These cocoa-growing households produce the vast majority Côte d'Ivoire's cocoa beans. Thus, products that rely heavily on cocoa beans originating from Côte d'Ivoire are at high risk of having an input produced with child labor. In 2022, the Netherlands imported 39% of its cocoa beans, 62% of its cocoa paste, 33% of its cocoa butter, and 31% of its cocoa powder from Côte d'Ivoire, using these inputs to produce cocoa and chocolate products. The availability of continued research demonstrates the Government of Côte d'Ivoire's commitment to addressing labor abuses in the cocoa industry. Nonetheless, the use of child labor in Côte d'Ivoire's production of cocoa beans remains a significant challenge.

Ghana: Based on the most recently available estimate from NORC at the University of Chicago, the prevalence rate of child labor in cocoa production among cocoa growing households is 55%, meaning an estimated 765,754 children work in child labor in cocoa production in Ghana. These cocoa growing households produce the vast majority of Ghana's cocoa beans. Thus, products that rely heavily on cocoa beans originating from Ghana are at risk of having an input produced with child labor. The availability of this research demonstrates the Government of Ghana's commitment to addressing labor abuses in the cocoa industry. Nonetheless, the use of child labor in Ghana's production of cocoa beans remains a significant challenge.

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