

Sustainable Development for the Cashew Nut Supply Chain in Vietnam

Context:

Vietnam is an important production country of raw cashew nuts and the world's largest processor and exporter of cashew kernels to the international market. The industry employs over one million people in Vietnam working in over 200 000 farmer households and over 500 processing companies.

Background:

In 2018, Ethical Trade Norway carried out a due diligence study of the supply chain for cashew nuts in Vietnam. The study confirmed challenges related to labour standards and sustainability both at processor and farmer level. This project aims to address and improve the working conditions and environmental stewardship for workers and farmers.

Purpose:

- Enhance the knowledge of the cashew farmers regarding good agricultural practices and environmental stewardship.
- Improve working conditions at processor level through training in labour standards and social dialogue.
- Build sustainable supply chain linkage between farmers, processing firms and buyers.

Project partners: Ethical Trade Norway is managing the project and collaborate close with our funders and partners

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