

# Key results of PAPAFA/PAPAC impact assessment

Participatory Smallholder Agriculture and Artisanal Fisheries Development Programme  
Smallholder Commercial Agriculture Project

## Sao Tome and Principe

### Project objectives

To reduce rural poverty and food insecurity in Sao Tome and Principe

### Inputs and activities

1. Development of three inclusive value chains for organic cacao, coffee, and pepper
2. Development of family plantations
3. Strengthening of producer associations



**3,218**<sup>1</sup>

PAPAFA and PAPAC beneficiary households



**30%**

Female beneficiaries



**108**

Communities reached



**Export-oriented cooperatives created**

**4**



**Smallholders trained in production technologies**

**3,939**



**Smallholders trained in transformation and marketing**

**451**



**Producer associations trained**

**77**

2003-2020<sup>2</sup>

**Durable** assets

**+7%**

**Productive** assets

**+19%**

**Agricultural income** per year

**+77%**

**Total income** per year

**+46%**



Cacao



Coffee



Pepper

Yield

**+31%**

**+35%**

**+16%**

Sale revenues

**+34%**

**+45%**

**+28%**

**+5%**  
Dietary diversity

**+13%**  
Food security

**+136%**  
Organic certification

## Lessons learned



### Integrated value chain

Positive impacts on income could be further enhanced by investing in downstream processing facilities.



### Extended impacts

Gains from the projects extended to other crops (fruit, tubers) and led to a greater specialization in agricultural activities.



### Cooperatives and market access

Cooperatives facilitated exports at guaranteed prices for farmers, but reliance on a few international buyers remains a risk factor.



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