



# USING PICTURE BLOCKS FOR TRAINING ON KEY SUSTAINABILITY TOPICS

## BACKGROUND

In most Sub-Saharan African countries, cotton produced under rain-fed conditions is typically characterised by low yields of 500-700 kg/ha of seed cotton. Farmers' poor knowledge of more effective and sustainable production techniques constitutes one reason amongst many for this low level of productivity.

## TRAINING CONTENTS

By co-financing agricultural trainings, the Cotton Expert House Africa (CHA) supports the cotton companies' cascading extension system to deliver improved and more sustainable cotton production techniques. Based on existing training materials from the Competitive African Cotton Initiative (COMPACI) (2009-2016) and the Aid by Trade Foundation (AbTF), extension staff and smallholder cotton farmers participate in interactive trainings on:

- **Good agricultural practices (GAP):** early land preparation and planting, correct plant population, early weeding, scouting and threshold spraying.
- **Integrated production and pest management (IPPM):** scouting techniques, differentiation of harmful and beneficial insects, preparation of bio-fertilisers, bio-pesticides and composting.
- **Prevention of child labour:** children are only allowed to support non-hazardous tasks and are only allowed to work after school.
- **Good practices of gender in agriculture:** joint household planning and division of tasks and income-generating activities for women.

Additional training material, including on integrated water and soil management, will be developed in collaboration with technical advisors and the target group. CHA makes all training materials available on the CHA knowledge management platform:

<https://knowledge.cotton-house-africa.org>



Picture block on GAP (CmiA, 2016)

## CO-FINANCED CASCADE TRAININGS

Based on training needs identified in the standards' sustainability assessments, co-financed cotton companies implement trainings for smallholder cotton farmers.

<b>TITLE</b>		Improving productivity and quality of cotton						
<b>PARTNER</b>		Société Burkinabè des Fibres Textiles (SOFITEX), Burkina Faso						
<b>TARGET</b>		12,000 smallholder cotton farmers						
GAP	IPPM	Post-harvest	Bio-pesticides	FBS	Child labour	Gender	OHS	
✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		

<b>TITLE</b>		Strengthening organic and sustainable cotton production						
<b>PARTNER</b>		Union Nationale des Producteurs de Coton du Burkina (UNPCB), Burkina Faso						
<b>TARGET</b>		8,000 smallholder cotton farmers						
GAP	IPPM	Post-harvest	Bio-pesticides	FBS	Child labour	Gender	OHS	
✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		

<b>TITLE</b>		Improving the productivity and income for producers of sustainable cotton						
<b>PARTNER</b>		Compagnie Ivoirienne de Développement des Textiles (CIDT), Côte d'Ivoire						
<b>TARGET</b>		7,000 smallholder cotton farmers						
GAP	IPPM	Post-harvest	Bio-pesticides	FBS	Child labour	Gender	OHS	
✓	✓	✓				✓	✓	

<b>TITLE</b>		Sustainable Organic Cotton Production						
<b>PARTNER</b>		BioSustain Tanzania Limited, Tanzania						
<b>TARGET</b>		18,000 smallholder cotton farmers						
GAP	IPPM	Post-harvest	Bio-pesticides	FBS	Child labour	Gender	OHS	
✓	✓		✓	✓				



<b>TITLE</b>		JFS Cotton World						
<b>PARTNER</b>		Sociedade Algodreira do Niassa JFS, SA, Mozambique						
<b>TARGET</b>		35,000 smallholder cotton farmers						
GAP	IPPM	Post-harvest	Bio-pesticides	FBS	Child labour	Gender	OHS	
✓	✓	✓	✓					

<b>TITLE</b>		Sustainable Cotton Production in Metema and Quara Districts of North Gondar Zone						
<b>PARTNER</b>		Ethiopian Cotton Producers Ginners and Exporters Association (ECPGEA), Ethiopia						
<b>TARGET</b>		10,000 smallholder cotton farmers						
GAP	IPPM	Post-harvest	Bio-pesticides	FBS	Child labour	Gender	OHS	
✓	✓	✓	✓					

<b>TITLE</b>		Increased Cotton Productivity and Quality						
<b>PARTNER</b>		Alliance Gineries Ltd., Tanzania						
<b>TARGET</b>		23,000 smallholder cotton farmers						
GAP	IPPM	Post-harvest	Bio-pesticides	FBS	Child labour	Gender	OHS	
✓	✓		✓	✓	✓			

<b>TITLE</b>		Extensive Primary Cotton Production and Processing Project (EPCP3)						
<b>PARTNER</b>		ArewaCotton Ltd., Nigeria						
<b>TARGET</b>		10,000 smallholder cotton farmers						
GAP	IPPM	Post-harvest	Bio-pesticides	FBS	Child labour	Gender	OHS	
✓	✓	✓		✓	✓	✓	✓	

<b>TITLE</b>		Enhanced good agronomic practices through climate smart agriculture and gender inclusion in cotton production for increased productivity of smallholder cotton farmers in Zambia (EGAP-CSAG)						
<b>PARTNER</b>		NWK Agri Services Ltd., Zambia						
<b>TARGET</b>		100,000 smallholder cotton farmers						
GAP	IPPM	Post-harvest	Bio-pesticides	FBS	Child labour	Gender	OHS	
✓	✓			✓	✓	✓		

<b>TITLE</b>		Improving productivity at field level						
<b>PARTNER</b>		Faso Cotton, Burkina Faso						
<b>TARGET</b>		5,000 smallholder cotton farmers						
GAP	IPPM	Post-harvest	Bio-pesticides	FBS	Child labour	Gender	OHS	
✓	✓	✓			✓	✓		

<b>TITLE</b>		Cotton Outgrower Development Programme						
<b>PARTNER</b>		Alliance Gineries Ltd., Zambia						
<b>TARGET</b>		10,000 smallholder cotton farmers						
GAP	IPPM	Post-harvest	Bio-pesticides	FBS	Child labour	Gender	OHS	
✓	✓		✓					

<b>TITLE</b>		Promoting Sustainable Production and Marketing of Cotton in Kazinga Channel						
<b>PARTNER</b>		Western Uganda Cotton Company Ltd., Uganda						
<b>TARGET</b>		12,000 smallholder cotton farmers						
GAP	IPPM	Post-harvest	Bio-pesticides	FBS	Child labour	Gender	OHS	
✓	✓	✓		✓	✓		✓	

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