

# SUCCESS CASES OF THE STATE OF MINAS GERAIS/BRAZIL

## AGRICULTURE, LIVESTOCK AND PLANTED FOREST

### AGRO + VERDE – Cocoa farming in Northern Minas Gerais

The AGRO + VERDE Cocoa Farming Project arises from a collaboration between Faemg Senar System (Federation of Agriculture and Livestock of the State of Minas Gerais) and Cargill, with the support of Farmers Unions and the Central Association of Fruit Growers of Northern Minas - ABANORTE. Designed for farmers interested in diversifying their activities with cocoa cultivation through Agroforestry Systems, the project aims for sustainable development in northern Minas Gerais, using a climate change adaptation strategy.

One of the focuses is to strengthen cocoa production through subsidies for the acquisition of inputs, technical and management assistance, in addition to encouraging research and strategic partnerships. These actions aim to reduce costs, increase production diversity and the profitability of the activity, with sustainability.

It is in the prospecting phase for interested farmers, preferably those who already work with irrigated fruit growing. A Technical and Management Assistance group is also being formed to support the process from implementation to production. In a Field Day in the municipality of Juiz de Fora, 100 farmers participated.



### Expected Results

-  Development of the cocoa production chain in Northern Minas Gerais, bringing improvements to the semi-arid region of Minas Gerais.
-  Implementation of **2,900** hectares of Agroforestry Systems (SAFs) with cocoa and banana in Northern Minas Gerais.
-  Conduction of courses, workshops, and field days on cocoa cultivation.
-  Free technical and management assistance for **60** farmers.
- Improvement of soil health, with carbon removal and increased biodiversity, contributing to the SDGs and overall well-being.



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