

## Particulars

<b>Organisation Name</b>	Solidaridad
<b>Corporate Website Address</b>	<a href="http://www.solidaridadnetwork.org">www.solidaridadnetwork.org</a>
<b>Primary Activity or Product</b>	Social NGO
<b>Related Company(ies)</b>	None
<b>Country Operations</b>	Argentina, Bangladesh, Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, Burkina Faso, Canada, China, Colombia, Congo, the Democratic Republic of the, Cote d'Ivoire, Denmark, Ecuador, El Salvador, Ethiopia, France, Germany, Ghana, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Hong Kong, India, Indonesia, Ireland, Italy, Kenya, Liberia, Malawi, Malaysia, Mali, Mexico, Mozambique, Namibia, Netherlands, Nicaragua, Nigeria, Pakistan, Panama, Papua New Guinea, Paraguay, Peru, Rwanda, South Africa, Sri Lanka, Swaziland, Sweden, Switzerland, Tanzania, United Republic of, Turkey, Uganda, United Kingdom, United States, Uruguay, Vietnam, Zambia
<b>Membership Number</b>	7-0007-08-000-00
<b>Membership Type</b>	Ordinary Members
<b>Membership Category</b>	Social and Developmental NGOs

## Social and Developmental NGOs

### Operational Profile

#### 1.1 What are the main activities of your organization?

Solidaridad is a global network organization with ten regional offices on five continents that promotes sustainable development by transforming supply and value chains, focusing on 12 internationally traded commodities, among which palm oil. Main activities undertaken are:

- 1) Producer Development: design, fund and monitor producer support activities, implemented by local, often private sector, partners;
- 2) Standards support: Develop and promote sustainability standards, such as RSPO, participate in its governance and push for smallholder, worker and community benefits in standards systems;
- 3) Market Development: Encourage companies in established and emerging markets to source sustainably;
- 4) Communication: Raise awareness with sector and policy stakeholders, as well as media and the general public on sustainability issues and solutions in commodity production systems and value chains.

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#### 1.2 Does your organization use and/or sell any palm oil?

No

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#### 1.3 Activities undertaken to promote sustainable palm oil, the RSPO and/or members in the reporting period

- 1) Co-lead RSPO Smallholder Working Group and member of RSPO Smallholder Support Fund
- 2) Management and implementation of the Sustainable West African Palm Oil programme in Ghana, Nigeria and Ivory Coast;
- 3) Management of the Palm Oil Farmer Support Programme, with 17 partnership projects with RSPO members in 9 producing countries (Honduras, Guatemala, Colombia, Ecuador, Brazil, Ghana, Malaysia, Indonesia and Papua New Guinea), of which ten are co-funded by RSPO;
- 4) Market development activities for sustainable palm oil in Europe, USA and South-East Asia

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#### 1.4 Did members of your staff participate in RSPO working groups/taskforces in the reporting period?

Yes

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##### If yes, please explain how:

- 1) Co-chair of the RSPO Smallholder Working Group;
- 2) Member of the RSPO smallholder fund, Compensation Task Force and Trade&Traceability Standing Committee;
- 3) Advisor to the Dispute Settlement Facility;
- 4) Participant in the P&C review meetings and National Interpretation processes in Latin America and Africa.

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#### 1.5 Do you have any collaborations with the industry players/private sector to support them in the market transformation towards CSPO?

Yes

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##### If yes, please explain how:

During the reporting period we partnered with producer and primary processing companies ADM, Agropalma, Asian Agri (PT Inti Indosawit Subur), Cargill, Credit Union Keling Kumang, Daabon (and five other mill groups in Colombia), Grepalma (and five mill and plantation groups in Guatemala), Hondupalma (and seven other mill groups in Honduras), Natural Habitats Group (and Ancupa, the sector organization of the Ecuadorean palm oil industry), New Britain Palm Oil, PTPN III, Keresia Plantations and Twifo and Benso Oil Palm Plantations.

**1.6 What percentage of your organizations overall activities focus on palm oil?**

0-10

**1.7 How is your work on palm oil funded?**

Brands that supported our work and/or were actively engaged in field- or value chain transformation projects include Cono/Ben&Jerry's, Henkel, Johnson&Johnson, Nestlé and Unilever.

The Farmer Support Programme (FSP) is a Public-Private Partnership of which approximately 40% is funded by the Netherlands Government, 40% by value chain actors (including RSPO) and 20% by other NGOs and charitable foundations.

The SWAPP programme in West Africa is funded through a food security grant provided by the Netherlands Embassy. The SHARP secretariat, hosted by ProForest, is funded by NORAD and private sector participants in SHARP.

Solidaridad's core staff and communications activities are funded by contributions from individuals and the Dutch Post Code Lottery.

**Time-Bound Plan****2.1 Date started or expect to start participating in RSPO working groups/taskforces**

2010

**2.2 Date expected to undertake and publicise programmes to support RSPO, RSPO certification and/or good standing RSPO members**

2009

**2.3 What are your interim milestones towards achieving your commitments to promote sustainable palm oil (the production /uptake od CSPO)?**

Mid-2014 (achieved):

- € 3.5 million of FSP funding allocated to 17 projects working towards RSPO compliance in nine major palm producing countries;

End 2014:

- 30,000 smallholders trained in good agricultural practices and 20,000 workers benefit from standard compliance by producers (smallholders and estates) through FSP project partnerships;
- Revised P&C integrated in national interpretations / guidance in three countries in Latin America and three countries in Africa;
- Labour criteria certification toolkit RSPO developed (by Verité)
- Three SHARP smallholder development / support projects identified and funded by / through vertically integrated palm oil companies;

Early 2015:

- Implementation first batch of RSPO smallholder fund projects starts

June 2015;

- Labour toolkit tested and endorsed by RSPO and CBs;
- Two SHARP smallholder development / support projects started vertically integrated palm oil companies;

June 2016;

- Measurable improvements in yields and income of smallholders in FSP and RSPO smallholder pilot project regions (final results FSP available and publicized).

**2.4 Which countries that your institution operates in do the above commitments cover?**

Brazil, Cameroon, Colombia, Cote d'Ivoire, Ecuador, Ghana, Guatemala, Honduras, Indonesia, Liberia, Malaysia, Netherlands, Nigeria, Papua New Guinea, United States

## Actions for Next Reporting Period

### 3.1 Outline actions that will be taken in the coming year to promote sustainable palm oil along the supply chain

- Continued engagement in RSPO working groups and committees to make the RSPO a community of change that matters for smallholders, workers and local communities;
- Engagement with relevant buyers and financiers of oil palm to source and invest in sustainable palm oil;
- Present our interim result at RSPO RT12 in Kuala Lumpur and other relevant events;
- Depending on programme progress, communicate achievements and partnership to Dutch and global audiences in 2014-2015.

## Reasons for Non-Disclosure of Information

### 4.1 If you have not disclosed any of the above information please indicate the reasons why

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#### - Other reason:

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## Application of Principles & Criteria for all members sectors

### 5.1 Do you have organizational policies that are in line with the RSPO P&C, such as:

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- Stakeholder engagement

#### - If none of the above, please specify if/when you intend to develop one

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### 5.2 What steps will your organization take to realize ethical conduct in business-applicable regulations and industry practices?

Although Solidaridad as an NGO is not per se subject to business regulations and industry practices, we develop partnerships with industry on a structural basis and have put measures in place to ensure ethical and professional conduct in such partnerships. To this end, we disseminate and adhere to our Code of Conduct and Rules of (private sector) Engagement, which are part of our ISO system.

### 5.3 What best practice guidelines or information has your organization provided to facilitate production and consumption of sustainable palm oil? What languages are these guidelines available in?

Good practice guides, educational posters and other materials have been produced and disseminated locally, e.g. in Indonesia and Ghana. Solidaridad is currently gathering the guidelines and information produced in its programme since 2009, most of which has been compiled by project partners. The materials have been shared with RSPO through the Smallholder Working Group Linking and Learning page.

### 5.4 Has your company supported any community programmes, related to palm oil, on its own or through partnerships? How do you benchmark the impacts of these programmes?

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### 5.4 Has your organization partnered with any RSPO members in the implementation of or benchmarking against the Principles and Criteria?

Yes

#### - No Please explain why:

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## Challenges

### 1 What significant economic, social or environmental obstacles have you encountered in the production, procurement, use and/or promotion of CSPO and what efforts did you make to mitigate or resolve them?

- Inclusion of independent smallholders is challenging and still limited, reflected in the low % of independent smallholder certification (<1%);
- Lack of auditing and systems development capacity in certain growing regions (Latin America, West and Central Africa);
- Lack of guidance to audit compliance with social and labour criteria.

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### 2 How would you qualify RSPO standards as compared to other parallel standards?

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#### Cost Effective:

Yes

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#### Robust:

Yes

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#### Simpler to Comply to:

similar

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### 3 How has your organization supported the vision of RSPO to transform markets? (e.g. Funding; Engagement with key stakeholders; Business to business education/outreach)

We promote RSPO as community of change in the palm oil sector.

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### 4 Other information on palm oil (sustainability reports, policies, other public information):

Please see Solidaridad's 2013 Annual Report and our palm oil website page for more information:

<http://www.solidaridadnetwork.org/publications/annual-report-2013> [Click here to visit the URL](#)

<http://www.solidaridadnetwork.org/supply-chains/palm-oil> [Click here to visit the URL](#)

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