

Particulars

About Your Organisation

Organisation NameSolidaridad

Corporate Website Address<http://www.solidaridadnetwork.org>

Primary Activity or Product

- Social NGO
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Related Company(ies)No

Membership

Membership Number	Membership Category	Membership Sector
7-0007-08-000-00	Ordinary	Social or Development Organisations (Non Governmental Organisations)

Social and Developmental NGOs

Operational Profile

1.1 What are the main activities of your organization?

Solidaridad is a global network organization with nine 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.

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

No

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

- 1) Co-chair RSPO Smallholder Working Group, member of RSPO Smallholder Support Fund, member of the RSPO Complaints Panel, and member of the RSPO Trade & Traceability Working Group;
- 2) Management and implementation of the Sustainable West African Palm Oil Programme in Ghana, Nigeria and Ivory Coast, including development of RSPO National Interpretations;
- 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;
- 5) Direct support to companies such as Henkel, Johnson & Johnson and Procter & Gamble in moving towards a fully sustainable palm oil supply chain.

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

Yes

Please explain how

- 1) Co-chair of the RSPO Smallholder Working Group;
 - 2) Member of the RSPO Smallholder Support Fund, Complaints Panel, 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

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, Keresa Plantations and Twifo and Benso Oil Palm Plantations.

Solidaridad worked with these companies towards RSPO certification of their estates and CPO mills as well as their (independent) smallholder supply bases.

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 Cargill, Cono, Henkel, Johnson&Johnson, Nestlé.

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 Sustainable West African Palm Oil Programme (SWAPP) 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 of CSPO)?

Mid-2014 (achieved):

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

End 2014 (achieved):

- 10,000 smallholders trained in good agricultural practices and 27,000 workers benefiting 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);

Early 2015 (achieved):

- Implementation first batch of RSPO Smallholder Support Fund (RSSF) projects starts.

June 2015 (achieved):

- Labour toolkit tested and in the process of being endorsed by RSPO and Certifying Bodies;

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;
- Continuation of innovative producer support programmes, with a focus on smallholders, to promote sustainable production of palm oil in producing countries;
- Present our interim result at RSPO RT13 in Bangkok and other relevant events;
- Depending on programme progress, communicate achievements and partnership to Dutch and global audiences in 2015.

Reasons for Non-Disclosure of Information**4.1 If you have not disclosed any of the above information please indicate the reasons why**

GHG Emissions**5.1 Are you currently assessing the GHG emissions from your operations?**

No

Please explain why

To date we have not had the capacity on the ground to measure GHG emissions from our smallholder support programmes. However, we plan to do so in the near future (late 2015 / early 2016).

5.2 Do you publicly report the GHG emissions of your operations?

No

Please explain why

Lack of data.

Application of Principles & Criteria for all members sectors**6.1 Do you have organizational policies that are in line with the RSPO P&C, such as:**

- Ethical Conduct
[SN-Policies-to-PNC-ethicalconduct.pdf](#)
 - Stakeholder engagement
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6.2 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.

6.3 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.

Solidaridad, in cooperation with Verité, has also sponsored the development of an RSPO labour criteria certification toolkit, which is being tested by Certifying Bodies and producer companies, and is seeking endorsement by the RSPO.

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

Yes

Concession Map**7.1 This questions only applies for companies who would like to declare concession boundaries owned. (both RSPO Certified and uncertified)****Do you agree to share your concession maps with the RSPO?**

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 (
 - 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

Robust:

Yes

Simpler to Comply to:

No

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 by actively engaging in RSPO committees and working groups.
 - We design, fund and implement producer support programmes to assist especially small growers in the move towards sustainable palm oil production.
 - Solidaridad engages with actors and companies across the supply chain to promote sustainable palm oil production and procurement.
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4 Other information on palm oil (sustainability reports, policies, other public information)

Please see Solidaridad's 2014 Annual Report and our palm oil website page for more information:

<http://annualreport.solidaridadnetwork.org/2014/en>
<http://www.solidaridadnetwork.org/supply-chains/palm-oil>
