

SPOTLIGHT ON CHOCOLATE



Choose to put "people and planet first" with **Fair trade!**

DANGERS OF CHILD LABOR IN COCOA

There are 1.56 million children in child labor with 43 percent engaged in hazardous work on cocoa farms in Côte d'Ivoire and Ghana. More than half report being injured by their work. Dangerous conditions on these farms that may impact children's health, access to education and future livelihoods include:



Agro-Chemical Exposure



Lifting heavy loads



Burning fields



Using sharp tools

Learn what DOL is doing to combat child labor in cocoa: dol.gov/ilab

WHAT IS FAIR TRADE?

Fair trade means producers and businesses have met internationally agreed standards which have been independently certified. Fair trade supports and challenges businesses and governments and connects farmers and workers with the people who buy their products.



FOR FARMERS AND WORKERS IT MEANS:

- Prices that aim to cover the average costs of producing their crop sustainably - a vital safety net when market prices drop
- The Fairtrade Premium - an extra sum of money paid on top of the selling price to invest in business or community projects of their choice
- Decent working conditions and a ban on discrimination, forced labor and child labor
- Access to advance credit ahead of harvest time
- Being able to plan more for the future with more security and stronger relationships with buyers