

West & Central Africa

CropLife Côte d'Ivoire - Training of Agro Dealers

On 21-25 November, in Bassam, Côte d'Ivoire 72 agro-dealers from various regions of the country were trained in the handling of pesticides, and their responsibility to supply quality pesticides to farmers.

The objective of the exercise was to build capacity in the following areas:

- Pesticide regulations in Côte d'Ivoire and the fight against illegal trade.
- Basics on pesticides including formulation and toxicity.
- Proper labeling and pictograms.
- Transportation and storage of pesticides.
- IPM-RU and sustainable agriculture.
- Application of pesticides including the correct application equipment and triple rinsing of containers.
- Application of stored products such as grains
- Pesticides in public health
- Safe handling and first aid
- Combating counterfeit and the illegal trade of pesticides.

A post-course evaluation was conducted and certificates were presented to those who passed. The success rate was 97% of the participants.

Partnerships: GIZ-CropLife Côte d'Ivoire

On November 02, in Daloa, Côte d'Ivoire, 148 representatives comprising of farmers and farmers based organizations, staff of GIZ and other stakeholders participating in the project met for the launch of the business services centers (BSC) project. This is in line with the MoU GIZ-CropLife Côte d'Ivoire aimed at providing tools to the participating retailers to improve their business skills and incomes, and supplying quality pesticides (inputs) to farmers.

The presentations highlighted the importance of the project with:

- An organized supply outlet close to the end-users such as Phyto Business
- The support from industry through CropLife Côte d'Ivoire
- A guidance by GIZ under the Cocoa Livelihoods Program, an international coalition funding led by the Gates Foundation.

The logo for GIZ, consisting of the lowercase letters 'giz' in a bold, red, sans-serif font.

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