

INSPIRATIONS IN SUSTAINABILITY

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Sawadogo Hamado Emile

Sawadogo Hamado Emile, is a member of the cooperative ESPOIR in Vavoua, Côte d'Ivoire. He owns two cocoa farms of 5 acres each.

Since joining Blommer Sustainable Origins™ program in 2016, Emile benefited from various trainings including Good Agricultural Practices. The adoption of those practices allowed him to better maintain his farm leading to improved yield levels.

In 2017, he was able to start a livestock business with poultry farming and sheep raising. Having increased production on his cocoa farm and having diversified his income with animal husbandry, Emile

was able to buy a motorbike in 2019. The motorbike has increased his mobility and allows him to, for example, reach more easily the health center in case of illness of a family member or a friend.

In 2020, Emile opened a mobile money transfer kiosk so villagers in Toutouma can transfer money from the village to anywhere in Côte d'Ivoire and even abroad to Burkina Faso where Emile and many other farmers in his village are originally from. To start the mobile money transfer shop, Emile invested in mobile money sim cards and phones. He has now hired three people to work with him on his businesses.



Farmer Emile on his farm



Things are progressing well for Emile, in 2021 he started the construction of his new 3-bedroom house in Toutouma. The income from all of his combined activities allows him to pay for the schooling of 4 family members back in Burkina Faso and of his son who goes to middle school in Vavoua, Côte d'Ivoire.



Emile at his new home



Old house of Emile

Photo left: Emile with his moto and small shop