

ISSUES IN OUR COCOA SUPPLY CHAIN

I have been encouraged to share my personal insights and revelations about what I have observed during my last 3 weeks visiting Nestlé Cocoa Farming

C **Child Labor:** I have not observed Child Labor, even though on a Saturday morning (no schooling) we had some doubt about a situation with a 6 years old kid bringing back a heavy load of wood on his head. I grew up myself on a farm and was used to help my parents with some light work so I am well aware of how it is like on a farm but in above case it was beyond reasonable.

Communities. I have seen both good practices and issues/opportunities for improvement in the following areas: 1/ Access to Clean Water 2/ Sanitation 3/ Pollution (mining) 4/ Livelihood 5/ Education 6/ Infrastructures 7/ Rural Development 8/ Sustainable Agriculture 9/ Land Grabbing (mining) 10/ Deforestation 11/ Soil Erosion 12/ Nutrition 13/ Health. It would take more than a one pager to explain these 13 points and I will expand and share with you my personal insights and revelations in a more comprehensive document when I am

back at my office in Vevey. Indeed, there is work ahead for us at Nestlé to continue improving the situation, and the contribution of all stakeholders is required: Cocoa Takers, Buyers, Farm Owners, International Cocoa Initiative, World Cocoa Foundation, Cocobod, Regional and National Agencies (Water, Health, Education, Agriculture, Rural Development), NGO's, etc. Related to child labor in Nestlé Supply Chain, there is an ongoing issue in Thailand. To learn how we go about it, watch below CNN interviewing Magdi Batato, Nestlé Executive Vice President Operations.

