

DAY 6 - VOLUNTEERING WITH RED CROSS IN GHANA -

An unplanned event from Red Cross team side made it impossible for me to start on Monday at their office.

I used that time to deep dive into some research materials which were provided to me by Fatouma – a student in agro engineering from Paris - who had spent 6 months in Côte d'Ivoire as an intern for Nestlé working on our cocoa rural development framework.

That was a very inspiring day, reading all these materials about world cocoa production history which started in Central America and spread in South America, Africa and eventually in South Asia.

Percentage of global cocoa production by country



Côte d'Ivoire: 38.00%	Cameroon: 5.00%	Ecuador: 3.00%
Ghana: 21.00%	Nigeria: 5.00%	Malaysia: 1.00%
Indonesia: 13.00%	Brazil: 4.00%	Other: 10.00%

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Today, Ghana is 2nd world largest producer after Côte d'Ivoire and before Indonesia.

Was also interesting to learn about the labor dynamics related to the different set-up (family farms, migrant entrepreneurs and industrial farms).

The deforestation impact of cocoa expansion stroke me the most along with [challenges](#) induced by replantation of old cocoa plantations. Once the forest has been eradicated, shade is missing and you have to plant bananas trees instead.

I could almost write a book after going through these several hundreds of research documentation!

What I will do instead, during the next 4 weeks, I will refer to this research bit by bit in my next reports.

This way, it will be more digest!



This Tuesday was my first day at Red Cross Ghana office.

1/ Spent the day with Zakari, Red Cross Team leader for the mission we are up to.

- Zakari is in charge of the WASH (water and sanitation) program for the Red Cross in the West and Central Africa (24 countries).
- He reports directly to the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent [Head Office](#) in Geneva.
- He has been working on Nestlé global partnership program since 2008, based in Côte d'Ivoire and he has relocated in Ghana this summer to jump start the partnership with Nestlé in Ghana.

2/ Met Red Cross Ghana leadership team, who explained their span of activities. To learn about these activities see Red Cross Ghana [website](#)

3/ Started to organize our field visits.

4/ Liaised with suppliers which I should be meeting to evaluate possible cooperation with Red Cross.

