What is SAGE²S?

The WCF Communities Development Fund and the ADM Cares Strong Communities Fund together set up the SAGE²S to contribute to poverty alleviation and socio-economic development. This pilot program targets two communities in Abengourou (East), Ameleka and Aprompronou, Côte d’Ivoire, and is planned for 2 ½ years (January 2013 – June 2015).

Main aim of SAGE²S: “To implement an innovative and holistic multi-stakeholder initiative aimed at empowering women, in three different age groups, in rural communities through agricultural and food practices, so that they may have a stronger economic, environment and social impact for the sustainable development of their families and communities”

SAGE²S wishes therefore to:

a) To improve the educational and income earning opportunities and potential of children, adolescents and young people with a focus on girls and women in a cocoa growing community, and

b) To reduce the existing structural inequalities in opportunities in cocoa growing communities

The program has selected three lines of ‘activities’ for three different age groups:

1. Improving education opportunities for girls at primary school level (6-13 year)
2. Providing vocational training to adolescent boys and girls matching needs and ambitions (14-18 year)
3. Supporting young men and in particular young women with the development of micro and small rural enterprises (18 year and older)