Quarterly Newsletter – Q3 2025
Better Yield, Better Life for Small-Scale Farmers!



Growing Prosperity, Strengthening Impact

Hello,
Welcome to the third edition of our 2025 newsletter!

This quarter, Springboard continued to deepen its impact across farming communities. From distributing thousands of seedlings and disbursing premiums to our cocoa farmers, to training interns, building partnerships, and creating job opportunities in rural areas through value addition—every activity reflects our commitment to farmer prosperity and community growth.

With new partnerships and innovative solutions, we are building momentum towards a stronger, more inclusive rural economy.

"Our work is a daily reminder that prosperity in rural communities comes from consistency, collaboration, and innovation. Together, we are shaping a future where every farmer counts."
— **Helen Lawrence-Afere**, Co-Founder & COO

2025/2026 Cocoa Season: Main Crop in Sight

The new cocoa season has officially begun! We look forward to supplying over 1,000 tons of cocoa beans to the international market this season. Farmers across our communities are gearing up for another productive year, and we're walking alongside with them every step of the way. With improved farm practices, access to inputs, and strengthened cooperatives, we expect even better yields and stronger market opportunities.



"This season, our farmers are excited because we've prepared them ahead, and we will ensure they earn more from every bean they produce." — **Seye Ajayi**, Head of Cocoa Farmers' Co-operative





Partnership with GIZ: Enhancing Rural Income, Improving Cocoa Value Chain Efficiency and Market Access



This quarter also saw the signing of our partnership project with GIZ: *Improving Cocoa Value Chain Efficiency and Market Access*. A representative from GIZ's Africa head office in Ghana visited Nigeria and facilitated the project kick-off workshop at our premises. Implementation has now begun. The project, which targets 3,000 farmers in Ondo, Ekiti, and Osun States, aims to strengthen rural economies, empower youth and women to enter the cocoa value chain, and help farmers adopt sustainable farming practices.

Supported through EU, OACPS, and BMZ matching funds, this initiative aligns perfectly with Springboard's vision of *"Better Yield, Better Life."*





"Partnerships like this remind us that transformation is faster, stronger, and deeper when we work together." — **John Ibileye,** Project Coordinator

2024/2025 Disbursement: Celebrating Farmers with Premium Payments

Another important highlight this quarter was the disbursement of premium payments to our farmers for the 2024/2025 cocoa season —a well-earned reward for their hard work in producing quality cocoa. At Springboard, we go beyond buying cocoa. These payments reflect our commitment to ensuring farmers earn well, see farming as a pathway to prosperity, and feel valued for their vital role in building thriving rural communities.







"*This premium payment means so much to me and my family. Knowing that my hard work is recognized and rewarded gives me strength to keep going. With this money, I will be able to pay my children's school fees and invest in improving my farm. I feel proud and encouraged to do even better in the next season.*" — **Mrs. Racheal Omodara**, Cocoa Farmer, Onipanu Community

Seedling Distribution: Tree by Tree, Community by Community

During July to August, we distributed over 300,000 tree seedlings to farmers across 100 rural communities during the planting season. From cocoa to economic shade trees, these seedlings symbolize more than just greenery—they represent resilience, sustainable income, and the promise of a greener, healthier future for both our planet and our people. Agroforestry in action! This is a practical step toward restoring our environment, supporting farmers, and building thriving rural economies.





"Each seedling that leaves our nursery carries a promise — a promise of better yield, restored soil, and renewed hope for farmers. Seeing how these trees transform farmlands and livelihoods reminds us why this work truly matters" **Ayodele Ogunleye**, Head of Demo farm/Tree Nursery



Student Interns: Learning by Doing

The student interns from the Federal University of Technology Akure (FUTA) successfully concluded their 6-month industrial training at Springboard in the third quarter of 2025. Throughout their placement, they actively engaged in the cocoa, plantain, bakery, and chocolate units, gaining hands-on experience across the agribusiness value chain. Their journey reflects Springboard's commitment to nurturing young talent and preparing the next generation of agribusiness leaders.











"I got to see how raw produce can be turned into valuable products. I now see agribusiness as a career path. Chocolate processing was my favorite experience. It opened my eyes to opportunities beyond farming." — **Oyindamola**, Intern, Food & Science Technology, FUTA

Value Addition: From Farm to Flavor -Innovation You Can Taste

This harvest season, our production teams have been busy turning raw produce into exciting products that not only delight consumers but also increase income for farmers. From crispy plantain chips to rich chocolate and even nutritious cricket bread, each product reflects sustainability and the power of agribusiness to transform rural economies. We continue to create jobs, boost local markets, and prove that what begins in the hands of farmers can reach the world in new and inspiring ways.

"We support farmers to grow crops, create market access while creating job opportunities for youth and rural women in rural communities. It is inspiring to see how our processing units are transforming rural communities and changing lives." — **Omolola Adebayo**, Head of Plantain chips Unit







Thank You

As always, none of these would be possible without your continued support. Together, we're proving that when small-scale farmers thrive, entire communities rise. Let's keep building a future where agriculture works for everyone.
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With gratitude,
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