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Innovations Session N°2 Grow local: Conquering local markets





CHOCOTOGO IN A PARTICULAR CONTEXT OF COVID 19

- Chocotogo is a company that produces chocolate in Togo from Togolese cocoa beans
- It has two production sites: in Kpalimé and in Lomé
- Chocotogo processes organic cocoa from the Plateaux region into chocolate and other derived products: cocoa paste, roasted cocoa beans, spreads, etc.
- Chocotogo works with two producers' unions bringing together producers



OUR BUSINESS MODEL

- Supporting sustainable organic cocoa production by purchasing cocoa from cooperatives producing organic cocoa.
- Purchasing cocoa beans at a fair price which is twice the market price.
- Awareness-raising on the consumption and processing of cocoa by producers, preserving old varieties such as the amelonado, ensuring quality.

- Chocotogo is the last link in the cocoa value chain in Togo.
- Value added to the national economy.
- Creation of employment and wealth for young people and women.
- Availability of cocoa products on the local market.











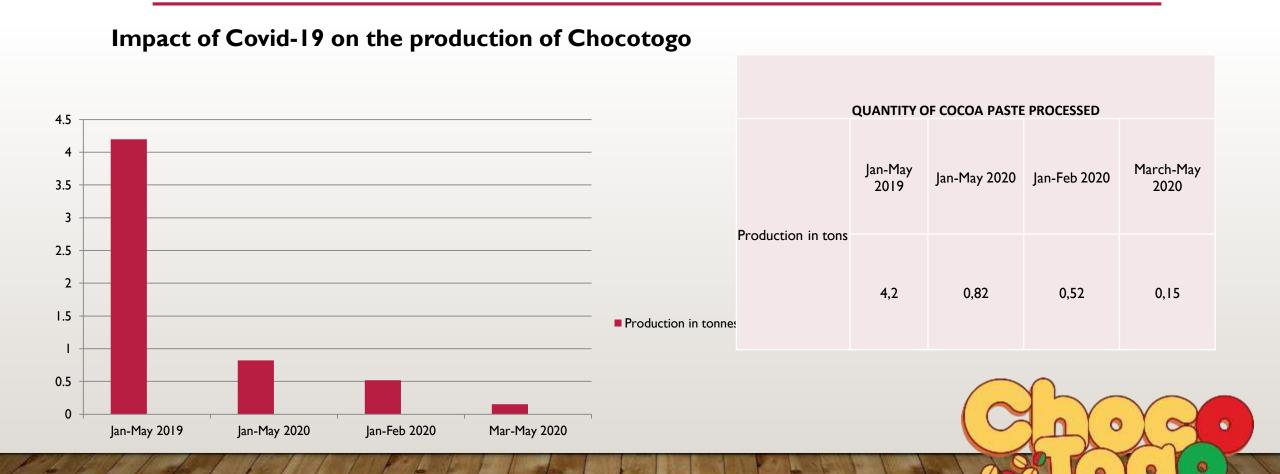




SOME INNOVATIONS AND SUCCESSES OF CHOCOTOGO in the particular context of COVID 19



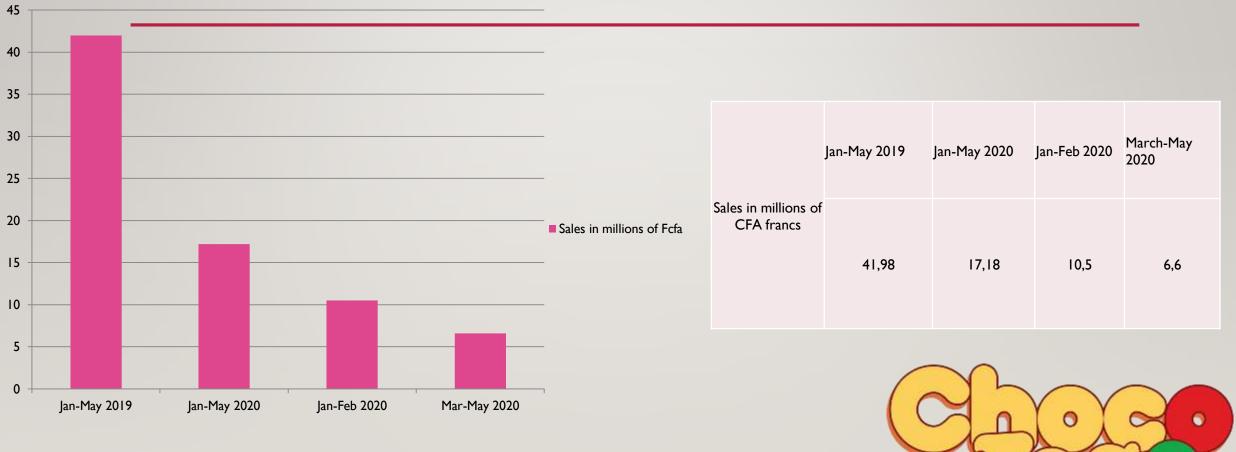
Both production units had to be closed for two months during the Covid-19 crisis period.



Impact of Covid-19 on sales

Sales were negatively impacted by the health and economic crisis due to Covid-19.

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IN PARALLEL: AWARENESS AND TRAINING OF PRODUCERS

- As we struggle to return to pre-COVID19 levels through increased production, we work on the development of new products and markets and increased awareness of local consumption.
- We also want to raise awareness of the value of chocolate in rural areas and are training communities to produce chocolate, essentially in rural areas. See this short video filmed in a rural area.



Link to a presentation video in French of the FAO and the Forest Farmers Facility which supports FUPROCAT, the Federation of Coffee and Cocoa Producers' Unions of Togo in the processing and local consumption of cocoa and in the creation of activities:

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=LqdO-hr7UXc



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