

Landscape Assessment of Financial Flows (LAFF): does finance support achievement of locally relevant SDG?

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Public money is not sufficient to achieve the SDGs. Much private money is already invested in tropical rural landscapes but their objectives often do not coincide with those of local sustainable initiatives (SI). A LAFF may contribute to identify opportunities for synergies and trade-offs between SI finance needs and existing financial flows. We developed a **methodol-**

ogy for participative assessments ([download here the methodology](#)) and applied it in two pilots: the Gunung Tarak landscape in West Kalimantan, Indonesia and the Juabeso-Bia and Sefwi-Wiawso landscape in the Western Region of Ghana.

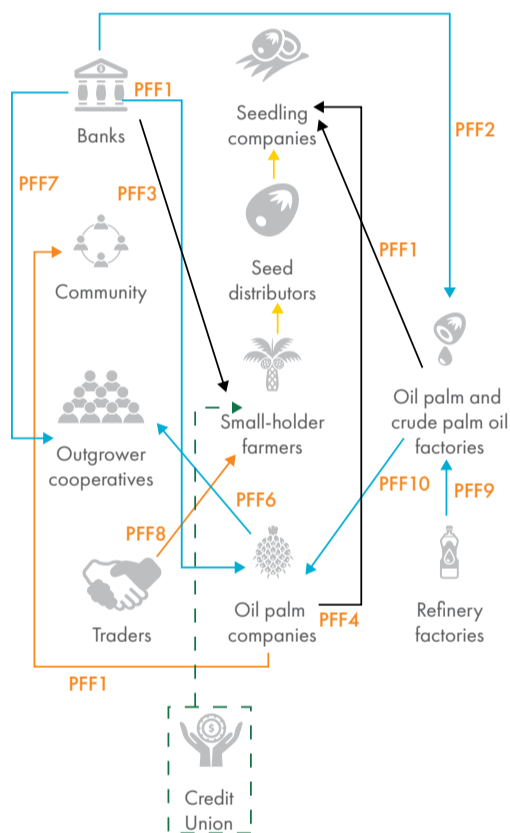


Figure 1. Financial flows prioritized during the oil palm focus group discussions in the Indonesia Landscape; impacts of coded flows are described in Indonesia report ([download the report here](#)).

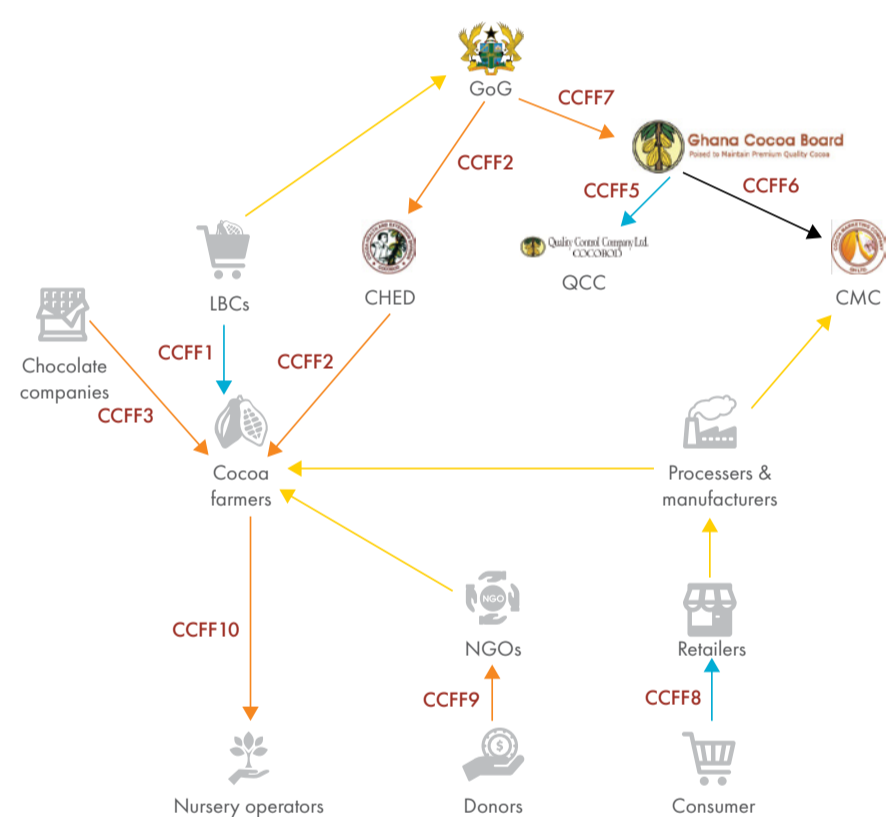


Figure 2. Financial flows prioritized during the cocoa focus group discussions in the Ghana Landscape; impacts of coded flows are described in Ghana report ([download the report here](#)).

Main findings confirm that private finance contributes to few landscape objectives but in each landscape there is scope to work with specific flows to either improve impacts by incorporating sustainability criteria in bank and credit union loans for smallholders (Indonesia) or help create enabling conditions to improve and expand positive impacts of private investments in the cocoa sector (Ghana).

Participation in the LAFF process expanded the understanding of the stakeholders of the role of financial flows in their landscape, identifying opportunities that had not been identified before. It was perceived to be a good tool for stakeholder participation within a landscape approach and its results were taken up in planning of new climate smart landscape initiatives by local NGOs ([download here the report on lessons learned](#)).

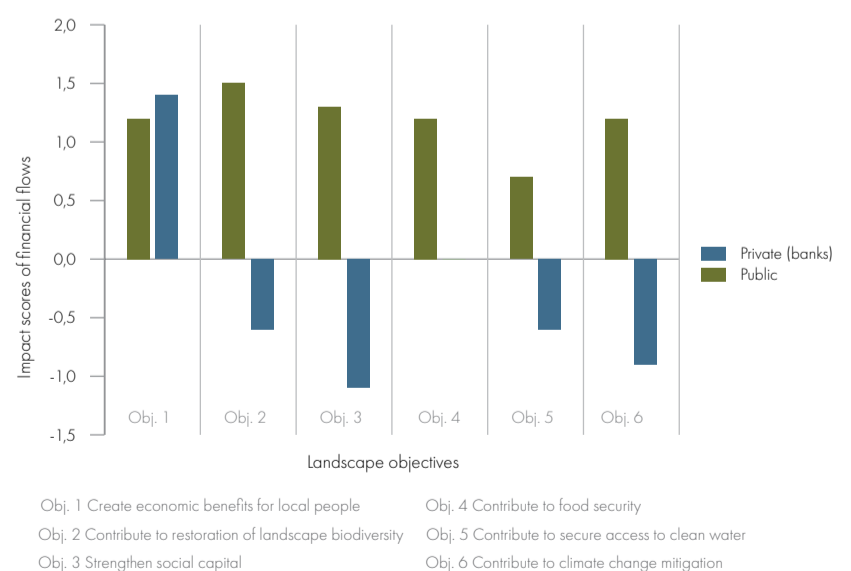


Figure 3: perceived relative average impacts on landscape objectives in the Gunung Tarak landscape of private (banks) and public investments in 5 selected sectors on a scale of -2 to 2