



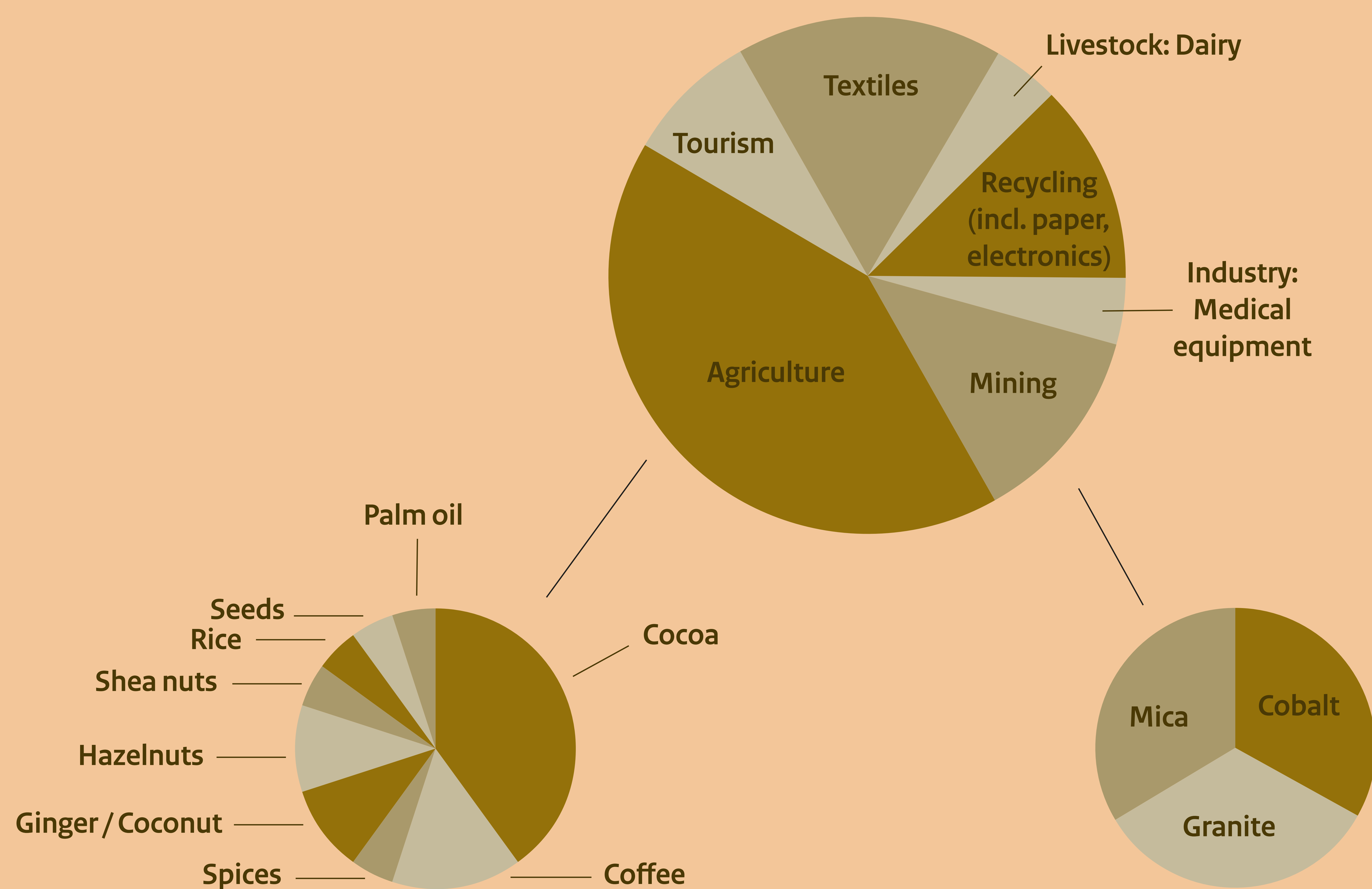
Fund against Child Labour (FBK) – Results in 2021

Entrepreneurs who actively want to end child labour in their chain can get support from the Fund against Child Labour (FBK). In 2021, 39 Dutch entrepreneurs received a subsidy to help them combat child labour in their production chain.

FBK projects in the following countries



FBK-projects in the following high-risk sectors



Case story

One of the FBK projects involves a partnership with Tradin, which we would like to introduce in this case story: Tradin Organic Agriculture is a leading trader and processor of organic food ingredients. The company sources organic agricultural ingredients around the world. With the support of FBK, the company wants to take measures to reduce the risk of child labour in its cocoa supply chain.

In Sierra Leone, children work in cocoa cultivation. Children mostly work to help their parents or contribute to the household budget. The large majority of the children go to school, but their work affects their performance. A low household income and a lack of awareness are the main causes for children at risk of child labour. In this FBK-project, Tradin Organic Agriculture partners with local NGOs in Sierra Leone to support Child Protection Committees in the villages in their sourcing area. Members of these committees come from formal and informal community structures. Committees actively promote the participation of women and children.

In over 50 communities, Village Saving and Loan Associations (VSLAs) have also been set up. Here, farmers pool their savings and give out loans to each other, so they have no need to loan elsewhere against unfavourable terms that would impoverish them further. VSLA loans pay school fees and adult workers to maintain the plantations, allowing the children to go to school. Overall, this FBK project contributes to local capabilities for the systemic prevention of child labour in Sierra Leone.



Overall results in 2021

27.933



Number of children in formal or non-formal education and training

4502



Number of people assisted in developing economic income-generating activities

39



Number of Dutch companies who started to improve their Due Diligence systems