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Name of the label	Public support
Cotton made in Africa (CmiA)	Cotton made in Africa emerged from a strategic alliance funded by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). It was implemented from 2009 to 2016 together with the Deutsche Investitions- und Entwicklungsgesellschaft (DEG) and the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ).
BCI	The Better Cotton Initiative (BCI) was supported by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) from 2016 to 2017 with a financial contribution to the Growth & Innovation Fund (GIF). The GIF financed measures at the implementation level, such as training for smallholders, promotion of innovations in sustainable cultivation methods or the upscaling of pilot projects. Since August 2019 the BMZ has been supporting the qualification of Indian smallholder farmers for the production of sustainable cotton within the framework of the BCI standard via GIZ.
Blauer Engel	The Blue Angel (Blauer Engel) has been the German Government's environmental label since 1978. The label is owned by the Federal Ministry for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (BMUV). The criteria for the more than 100 product groups are developed by the German Environment Agency (UBA), the honorary Jury Umweltzeichen is the independent decision-making body. The Blue Angel is awarded by RAL gGmbH. The Blue Angel is a Type 1 eco-label according to DIN EN ISO 14024.
EU Ecolabel	The EU Ecolabel was established by the European Commission in 1992 and thus also supported with funds from the German Government. The German Environment Agency (UBA) coordinates the national activities of the EU Ecolabel and provides technical support for the revision of existing or the development of new award criteria. The EU Ecolabel is awarded in

Germany by RAL gmbH. The EU Ecolabel is a Type 1 eco-label according to DIN EN ISO 14024.

### **Fairtrade**

The German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) supports

- The revision of the Fairtrade textile label piloting it in three textile supply chains in India 2017 - 2021.
- the project "Strengthening internal grievance handling at Pakistani supplier companies" from December 2021 to March 2023. Fairtrade receives a financial grant to accompany the implementation on site.
- the project "Innovative tools to improve farm management and monitoring of living wages for smallholder coffee farmers" from May 2019 to October 2020.
- smallholders which are directly involved in the production, manufacturing or selling of Fairtrade goods in agricultural supply chains through the initiative „COVID-19 Soforthilfe für den Fairen Handel“ ("COVID-19 Emergency aid for Fairtrade"). The project runs from November 2020 until June 2022.
- Fairtrade initiatives (November 2019 to April 2022) in the development of living income premium models for cocoa farmers through the Green Innovation Center project in Côte d'Ivoire,

### **Fair Wear Foundation**

The German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) funded the project "Operationalization of Access to Remedy and Living Wage Practices with Cross-Comparison of Contexts" from November 2018 to April 2020.

### **GOTS**

From 2017 to 2019, the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) funded a project to develop a central database for transaction certificates. From 2021 onwards, the BMZ is funding the project "Global Trace-Base Transaction Certificates in Sustainable Textile Supply Chains" with the aim of developing a database that combines the data of all certification organizations of GOTs and other sustainability standards.

### **Rainforest Alliance**

Rainforest Alliance received financial support to promote the Accountability Framework Initiative through a funding agreement that ran from September 2019 to October 2020.

Through the Green Innovation Center project in Côte d'Ivoire, the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) is also supporting a Rainforest Alliance project

(November 2021 to October 2022) to develop a living income premium model for cocoa farmers.

*Siegelklarheit is being implemented by the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) on behalf of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). As an initiative of the German Federal Government Siegelklarheit is being coordinated by a Steering Committee that also includes the Federal Ministries for Labour and Social Affairs (BMAS), of Food and Agriculture (BMEL), of Justice (BMJ), for the Environment, Nature Conservation, Nuclear Safety and Consumer Protection (BMUV), as well as for Economic Affairs and Climate Action (BMWK).*