

Nestlé Research & Development Centre in Abidjan, Ivory Coast

Quick Facts



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Creating Shared Value

Nutrition | Water | Rural Development

The re-opened Abidjan Research & Development Centre is designed to help Africans increase agricultural productivity and the safety of their foods, while improving local crops and developing cereal-based products.

The Problem	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Improve quantity, quality and safety of food in West Africa.
Our approach	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Nestlé opens a Research and Development Center in Abidjan (Côte d'Ivoire), dedicated to the development and improvement of local crops as well as the development of cereal-based products.• An essential focus of Abidjan R&D is the development of nutritious and affordable products. The R&D Centre supports the fortification of appropriate foods to help promote improved nutritional status among African consumers. The Centre will also build on Nestlé's experience in tree propagation.• This R&D Centre is a long term commitment to rural development in Africa and to the use of local foods, which helps both farmers to improve their incomes and Nestlé to source locally for its expanding business in Africa.• Nestlé has 2 factories in Côte d'Ivoire, producing condiments, cereal products, and coffee, and has 26 factories total in Africa.
Expected Results	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• By building close personal relationships with local farmers and suppliers, Nestlé works together to promote sustainable economic and environmental development.• Improved safety of grains• Improved yields, nutritional quality of foods• New cereal-based products with higher nutrition• Better income for farmers• Better environmental practices for farmers