



INDUSTRIA  
CHIQUIBUL

# SUSTAINABILITY MID-YEAR REVIEW

January - June 2023



## ISCC EU AND PLUS CERTIFICATION

### »»» CERTIFICATIONS

Industria Chiquibul was recertified with the ISCC EU and PLUS certification as of on April 18th by the certification body Control Union. This recertification process comes after constant effort and unwavering commitment towards social and environmental sustainability, by complying with the International Sustainability and Carbon Certification -ISCC- standards since 2021.

Continuing our commitment to our purpose and corporate social responsibility policy, Industria Chiquibul's efforts to be globally recognized by certificatory entities and environmental plans are constantly growing. With the field and plant visit of independent consultants and our sustainability team participation in the RSPO annually conference in Miami, Florida, Industria Chiquibul ended the month of May with a step forward towards achieving RSPO



## RSPO CERTIFICATION

# PEOPLE

## ➤➤➤ EDUCATION PROGRAM

During the month of February, Industria Chiquibul renewed contracts for over 25 staff and teachers that are part of the company's program to promote elementary and middle school education and teaching facilities around the area.

The company is also promoting an alphabetization program among working adults that haven't had a chance in life, limiting their professional growth.

## FOOD BASKET PROGRAM

Every month, the corporation continues to promote its monthly food baskets program, aligned to our Food Security and Hunger Zero commitment to neighboring communities and collaborators.

## ➤➤➤ HEALTH CARE

In the thrive to provide medical care access to surrounding communities, Industria Chiquibul has committed and designed medical campaign throughout the year to bring healthcare specialist, as well as medicine donations of the areas surrounding the estate.

Doctors from specialties including general medicine, pediatrics, gynecology, general surgery, were brought to provide free medical access, follow ups and necessary prescriptions. Industria Chiquibul made a significant donation of medicines to supply for the prescriptions provided by doctors and medical staff.





## ➤➤➤ SUBSISTENCE FARMING PROGRAM

Reiterating our commitment to Food Security in the regions of Alta Verapaz and Peten, in March 2023 Industria Chiquibul introduced its Subsistence Farming Program where 40 families participated in a first call.

The main objective of the program is to give the opportunity to surrounding communities to plant and harvest home gardens with basic food basket crops that can be used for personal consumption or to generate income through local business. It also seeks to promote the inclusion and empowerment of women by giving them the technical support to plant and manage their crops with good agricultural practices.

Industria Chiquibul will be donating seeds, technical training and support and chemical and organic fertilizers to interested communities. It is expected that by the end of 2023, more than 100 families in the region will be benefited from the program. 

## ➤➤➤ ¡SOMOS LA GOTA QUE IMPULSA EL DESARROLLO!

Industria Chiquibul has committed to become a purpose-driven company and brand. “Somos la Gota que Impulsa el Desarrollo”. The base of our purpose, referring to the company’s logo, the palm oil drop that promotes the sustainable and socioeconomic development of our workers and communities in Alta Verapaz and Peten.

## INFRASTRUCTURE

The company has been working on the maintenance of multiple municipal and internal roads to help with better transit within the plantation and help with communities connectivity. Over 60km have been given maintenance during the first semester of 2023.

Promoting the development of the country, drop by drop through providing social development, education and growth opportunities. Our purpose shapes the positive impact we want to promote in Guatemala and the world, by connecting with people from the start and doing things right, while being conscious with our environment. It guides the way the corporation thinks and acts. Palm oil is the base of multiple care and food products globally, and at Industria Chiquibul we are committed to contribute with the global supply by being the drop that encourages development and progress.

## »»» BIODIVERSITY

Committed to our sustainability policy, Industria Chiquibul promotes the conservation of biodiversity areas and natural resources through different initiatives. Identifying and preserving High Conservation Value (HCV) and High Carbon Stock (HCS), throughout different seasons of the year, visits are made to the interpretive trails in the conservation areas to verify their conditions and opportunities to improve conservation. Interpretive trails allow, among other things, the opportunity to appreciate the different species of flora and fauna that make up the conservation areas within our plantations.

## GLOBAL WARMING

Industria Chiquibul is committed to reduce the impact of global warming in accordance with its sustainability policy. On June 17th 2023, the company completed its final phase of its effluent water treatment system by activating its methane gas torch which functions by burning the methane that is captured in the two biodigesters. By burning the methane and not releasing these gases into the atmosphere, Industria Chiquibul is able to reduce greenhouse gas emissions produced in its oxidation ponds from 25 to 1.

## »»» BIODIGESTERS

During May 2023, Industria Chiquibul completed the second phase of its biodigesters and effluent water treatment system which will reduce greenhouse emissions significantly by capturing and burning methane produced in the oxidization ponds. In compliance to our environmental and social responsibility policy and contributing to the environment by reducing the company's carbon footprint by an estimated 60%, while improving water quality used for irrigation significantly.

