



“Receiving certification from the Soil Association is a true guarantee of organic integrity.”



“The women of Akoma Cooperative bubble with energy, enthusiasm and pride. Akoma has strengthened their position, and with the Fairtrade premium they are already providing health insurance and school uniforms for their families.”

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### About AKOMA

At Akoma we do business differently, to make a difference.

We are committed to ethically sourcing and producing a range of high quality, 100% organic raw materials from Ghana for the worldwide beauty and food industry, under genuine fair trade terms.

In doing so, our goal is to improve the lives of people in Ghana by focusing on fair pricing, good working conditions, sustainability and environmental sensitivity.

From nature to retailer, Akoma operates and manages an integrated supply chain to ensure the highest quality products are received in the right quantity, at the right time, in the right place.

### The AKOMA brand

We are equally committed to developing and promoting a genuine Ghanaian brand of natural skincare and spa products, including our Raw Shea Butter, Black Soap and Cocoa Butter, to customers across the globe.

These unique, high quality beauty products are made using only pure plant ingredients and are renowned for their natural healing properties, giving a new level of comfort and luxury at affordable prices.

The Akoma brand also includes premium quality organic whole foods, such as Coconut Oil and Palm Oil. These are sourced directly from Ghanaian farmers and cooperatives, which are free from artificial additives and animal products.

### The AKOMA philosophy

Our ethos is evident in everything we do. From collecting and processing raw materials to the production, distribution and packaging of our beauty and food products, we offer a traceable and reliable, yet reassuringly ethical, supply chain.

In short, we are a business with a conscience. We aim to lead the way by representing the best in Fairtrade policies and ensuring all our activities have a positive impact on the communities of Ghana.

We aim to educate on the importance of organic farming and processing. Some of our products, including Raw Shea Butter, are certified organic by the Soil Association UK, while our Raw Shea Butter and Black Soap are both certified by Fairtrade.



**Akoma** = Ghanaian for 'heart'



### AKOMA Cooperative Multipurpose Society

The Akoma Cooperative Multipurpose Society is in the poverty stricken area of Bolgatanga in the Upper East region of Ghana. It is Fairtrade certified for its Raw Shea Butter products, the first cooperative to receive this recommendation in Ghana.

Owned by Akoma, the facility processes and produces Akoma's Raw Shea Butter and Black Soap products, providing employment for local women who want to improve their families' quality of life. Cocoa Butter and natural plant oils are also processed at the facility.

The cooperative can produce eight metric tonnes of Raw Shea Butter a day and has two warehouses to store raw materials and finished products.

Our purpose built facility provides an excellent working environment for the women of the Cooperative.



President of the *Akoma Cooperative Multipurpose Society* **Juliana Sampana** explains what the organisation means to the local people: "Many women in our region have worked so hard to put food on the table through farming and other odd jobs but end up with an unfair income, leading to a poor diet for their families. The majority

of their money is spent on treating deficiency-related illnesses.

"With Fairtrade the women are assured a fair wage for their hard work. Moreover, the Fairtrade premium will be channelled into social and economic projects like renovating our village primary school to match those in the cities."