Why are Smallholders the key to sustainable palm oil?

1. Biggest & Fastest Growing Producers
   - Area cultivated by smallholders expected to grow to **more than 60%** by 2030²
   - 40%¹ of the world’s palm oil produced by smallholders

2. Room for Increased Productivity & Better Sustainability Practices
   - 45% lower yield³ compared to plantation companies

3. Barriers to Increased Productivity
   - Face fewer regulatory demands⁴ compared to companies’ voluntary and mandatory certification schemes, such as RSPO and ISPO
   - Difficult to secure loans or capital
   - Lack of access to technical advice & market info

4. Our smallholder programme aims to:
   - Improve smallholders’ sustainable practices, through
     - Increasing access to high quality planting materials & improved management practices
     - Increasing productivity per hectare
     - Improving market access

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