



Fairtrade in the news

Find out about a new Government grant for Fairtrade, the latest situation with Fairtrade bananas and how the Financial Times back our approach to fighting poverty through trade.

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UK Government announces 12 million pound investment for Fairtrade on 15th Anniversary of the FAIRTRADE Mark

Traidcraft welcomes the UK Government's £12 million financial commitment to help expand the benefits of Fairtrade to over two million more farmers.

Paul Chandler, Traidcraft Chief Executive, said: "In these times when many producers in the developing world are facing food security issues and adverse climate effects, investment in Fairtrade is more important than ever.

"As a founding member of the Fairtrade Foundation we look forward to our continued close working with both the Foundation and the Fairtrade Labelling Organisation helping to ensure that small-scale and marginalized farmers continue to stay at the heart of Fairtrade."

[Read the statement on the Fairtrade Foundation website.](#)

Banana price wars affect producers

Asda has dropped its prices for bananas, putting growers under pressure and raising concerns about the long-term effects of supermarket price wars.

[Read a discussion on the issue in the Independent.](#)

Financial Times discusses using charitable funds for development

A piece in the FT discusses how artisans in developing countries can be supported through training, thanks to charitable funding.

[Read the full article on the FT website.](#)