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Mfegue Crescence Virginie serves as the Cocoa Swollen Shoot Virus (CSSV) Program Manager in West Africa at WCF. Dr. Mfegue is in charge of leading a multicomponent Research and Development program aimed at developing tools for the control of CSSV and the protection of cocoa farms. She is based in WCF's Abidjan office.

Before joining WCF, Dr. Mfegue worked at the Institute of Agricultural Research for Development (IRAD) in Cameroon as a plant pathologist. She has twelve years of experience in controlling cocoa diseases, in particular black pod. She has strong research management and communication skills, and experience working with both public and private sector partners in multi-stakeholder working group/platforms. She has led research activities on farm and on research stations within several collaborative research projects for cocoa improvement including the CFC project and the USDA/IRAD/CIRAD Biological control project. She is skilled in epidemiology, population genetics and control options of cocoa diseases. Prior to IRAD, she was involved in capacity building of rural women within the Association of Agronomist women (ACAFIA) in Cameroon.

Dr. Mfegue received a PhD in Plant Parasite Interactions from the Montpellier SupAgro University and CIRAD (France), and an MSc in Crop protection from the Faculty of Agronomy of Dschang (Cameroon). She completed a BSc in Agronomy from the Catholic University of Louvain (Belgium) and is a former (2008) Borlaug fellow at the NCSU in Raleigh.