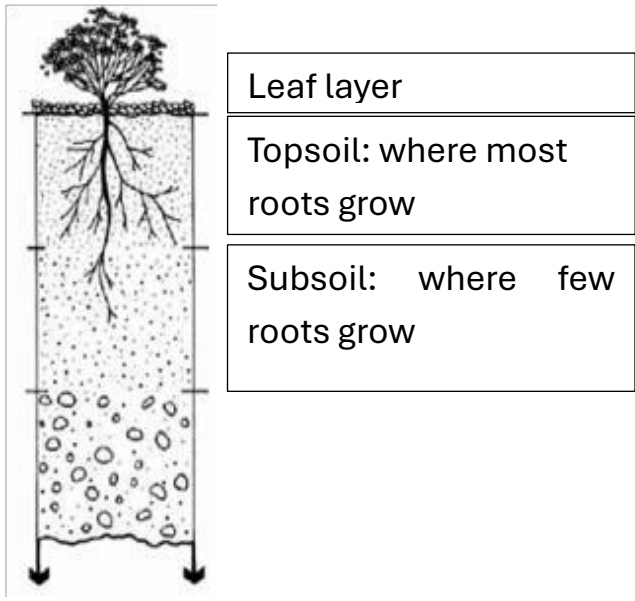




# Cocoa Soils

Soils come in different colours (e.g. black, brown and grey). Strong soil contains plenty of food (nutrients) for cocoa trees. To get more pods and earn more kina, you need to feed your soil and make it strong by applying fertilisers.

## Diagram of a Soil Profile



## Cocoa Trees



Feeding your soils with fertilisers makes your cocoa trees grow more pods

## Fertiliser Application for Cocoa Trees

### NPK & Compost application (1 m ring)



Dig a 15 cm deep ring (1 m circle) around each cocoa tree. Apply fertiliser, then refill the trench with soil and cover with leaves.

**NPK (120 g) or Urea (50 g):** Apply twice per year per tree

**Compost (5 kg):** Apply twice per year per tree

### Trenching (rubbish line)



**Buried pods:** After each harvest, bury cocoa pods along the rubbish line (twice per year).