

Burkina Faso: Agricultural Development Programme

Objective: The performance of actors in the rice, cassava and soya value chains in Burkina Faso is improved, taking into account environment-friendly and agro-ecological production practices.

Challenges

Burkina Faso ranks among the world's low-income countries. Its development is largely dependent on agriculture, which contributes an average of 21.58% to Gross Domestic Product (IAP, 2021) and is the main source of income for around 63% of the country's working population (RGPH, 2019). Despite its socio-economic importance, Burkina Faso's agriculture remains small-scale subsistence farming with little market orientation.

Agricultural production has grown steadily in recent years. Unfortunately, this has also had negative effects. In much of the country, soils are fragile and not very fertile for any form of farming activity. Soil degradation is mainly due to unadapted agricultural production practices (low supply of organic matter, inappropriate use of chemical inputs, seasonal soil cover, etc.). This trend is exacerbated by climate change with increasingly frequent heavy rainfall and extreme weather conditions.

Against this backdrop, the specific objective of the 2022–2025 module of the programme is to improve the performance of actors in the rice, cassava and soya value chains in Burkina Faso, taking into account agro-ecological and environment-friendly production practices.

Approach

The intervention strategy of the Agricultural Development Programme is based on the market-oriented value chain

approach (ValueLinks 2.0), taking into account environmental aspects. In line with the ValueLinks approach, the programme works at the micro, meso and macro levels. Effective programme implementation is organised into four (04) areas of action or components:

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Commissioned by	Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)
Implemented by	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH
Project area	Burkina Faso: Sud-Ouest, Haut-Bassins, Cascades, Est, Centre-Est (Bagré area) and Centre-Ouest (Sissili province) regions
Lead executing agency	Ministry of Agriculture, Animal and Fishery Resources (Ministère de l'Agriculture, des Ressources Animales et Halieutiques, MARAH)
Overall term	07/2022 – 06/2025
Volume of commission	10.9 million euros



Photo left: Unit for processing cassava into fresh attiéké. Haut-Bassins, Kéné Dougou (Orodara).
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Photo right: Guided tour of a soya production demonstration plot using inoculum. Sud-Ouest, Ioba (Oronkua).
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Photo left: Guided tour of a rice production demonstration plot using organic manure. Sud-Ouest, Ioba (Oronkua).
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Photo right: Training of service providers in agricultural mechanisation, Hauts-Bassins, Houet (Matourkou).
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Action area 1 is aimed at improving the framework conditions in the supported value chains by implementing reforms that will benefit the actors involved.

Action area 2 aims to provide farms and micro, small and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs) along the rice, cassava and soya value chains with the means to implement their business models in a sustainable manner through good agricultural and business practices based on agro-ecological principles.

Action area 3 focuses on creating and strengthening agricultural services along supported value chains. Private sector actors, in particular umbrella organisations and sector associations in the rice, cassava and soya value chains, as well as service companies, are supported through organisational development measures, skills development and the design and implementation of services.

Action area 4 aims to create the conditions for a balanced diet for the target groups. The target group consists mainly of women, but also men, from vulnerable households supported along agricultural value chains. The emphasis is on nutritional advice.

Results in figures

- **04 additional reforms**, accompanied by the programme and responding to market requirements in the supported value chains, have been adopted.
- **60% of the 30 heads of professional and sectoral associations** in the programme's intervention areas judge the reforms that concern them among the **10 reforms accompanied** by the programme to be positive for their activities and those of their members.

- **15,500 producers** in the rice (4,000), cassava (8,000) and soya (3,500) value chains, **25% of whom are women and 20% young people**, have been trained and upgraded for climate-resistant, agro-ecological production through skills development measures tailored to their needs.
- **1,550 entrepreneurs** in processing MSMEs, including 1,000 in the rice, 300 in the cassava and 250 in the soya value chains, **60% of which are run by women and 20% by young people**, have been trained and upgraded in environment-friendly management through skills development measures tailored to their needs.
- **300 service providers** are familiar with 90% of agro-ecological and climate-resilient production practices as well as environment-friendly processing techniques.
- In each of the **5 areas** of agro-ecology, soya processing, nutrition/hygiene, mobilisation of finance and small-scale mechanisation **02 additional services** have been introduced by the programme.
- **2,000 of the 3,000 people, 80% of whom are women**, who received nutrition training are familiar with 7 out of 10 recommended nutrition practices.
- **2,000 of the 3,000 people, 80% of whom are women**, who received hygiene training are familiar with 7 out of 10 recommended hygiene practices.

With these results the following **05 expected outcomes** should be achievable by 2025:

- **66%** of the farms and MSMEs supported implement at **least 04 good** agro-ecological and environment-friendly production or processing practices.
- Yields per hectare on supported farms are **20% higher** than on unsupported farms.
- The incomes of supported producers and processors have **improved by 20%**.
- **630 additional jobs** have been created in supported processing companies.
- **60%** of people trained in good hygiene and nutrition practices adopt at least 08 out of 20 recommended practices.

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Photo left: Guided tour of a rice production demonstration plot using organic manure. Sud-Ouest, Ioba (Oronkua).
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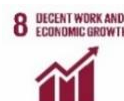
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... and in facts

Socio-political events in Côte d'Ivoire in 2002 forced Ms Nana to return to her native Burkina Faso. She found herself in the capital Ouagadougou with no shelter and nowhere to turn to. Despite the many difficulties she encountered, Ms Nana succeeded in setting up a solidarity association among returnees from Côte d'Ivoire, called Teg taaba. In 2007, this association received technical and financial support for cassava processing from the Agricultural Development Programme implemented by Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH. Alongside her activities within the association, Ms Nana opened her first small-scale attiéké processing unit.

This unit also received support from the programme, enabling Ms Nana to set up Nanalim enterprise as a sole proprietorship in 2016.

In a letter of thanks to the programme of July 2023, she said: "you have been a channel for my success and for many of our women, and I have nothing to repay you for all the good you have done me. [...] Thank you, thank you infinitely".



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