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| 12   | "Implementation of a CAPI information system in agricultural markets"   | The overall objective of the project is to put in place a reliable system to provide real-time information on the price level of agricultural products in the various rural and semi-urban markets throughout the Togolese territory by means of Innovative Android4 Tablet Technology□□   | Togo<br>Euros 190,599                                   |
| <b>Thematic area 5 : Eating Behaviors : Challenges for Local Resources Promotion</b> |   |  |   |
| 13   | "Promotion of local products to improve feeding behaviors in the Mouhoun loop and to promote a good nutritional transition in Ouagadougou"                                | Supporting local sub-areas of products rich in micronutrients and proteins and promoting local consumption of these products   | Burkina Faso<br>Euros 224,995                           |
| 14   | "Bio label in Faso: development of a participatory guarantee system for healthy eating behaviors and resilient agriculture"   | Promote the adequacy between agro-ecological production and urban demand for healthy and nutritious local food products around a Participatory Guarantee System as a certification tool for a local organic label in Burkina Faso.□  | Burkina Faso<br>Euros 147,700                           |
| 15   | Food Security and Nutrition Improvement Support Project (PASAAN) - Phase 2  | Contribute to a better understanding of eating behavior in Benin   | Benin<br>Euros 111,504                                  |
| 16   | "Sustainable Food System and Fight against Malnutrition in Rufisque (SADMAR)"   | Strengthen the nutritional status of children in poor neighborhoods and their families in the department of Rufisque (Dakar region, Senegal) by promoting local products with high nutritional value and supporting food systems that value sustainable family farming and the short circuits  | Senegal<br>Euros 149,362                                |
| 17   | "Improving Food-Related Behavior in Value-Added Cassava Products in Liberia"  | Improved food-related behavior on value-added cassava products in Liberia  | Liberia<br>Euros 149,994                                |
| <b>Thematic area 6 : Resilient Agricultural Production Techniques</b>                |   |  |   |
| 18   | Capitalization of stakeholder experiences for the development of resilient agro-ecological techniques in West Africa (Burkina Faso, Senegal, Togo)                        | The overall objective of the project is to contribute to the improvement of food and nutritional security in West Africa by taking into account experiences in agro-ecology for the development of resilient agricultural techniques.  | Burkina Faso<br>Senegal and Togo<br>Euros 119 936       |
| 19   | Incentivizing adoption of climate smart practices in cereals production in Nigeria (6 States): socio cultural and economic diagnostics                                    | The broad objective of the study is to evaluate socio-economic impacts of using Climate Smart Practices (CSPs) in maize and rice production, and identify appropriate mechanisms by which wide-spread adoption of CSPs may be incentivized to stop/reverse land degradation, restore ecosystem health, enhance livelihood outcomes and build resilience to climate change, with rice and maize farmers in Nigeria as examples  | Nigeria<br>Euros 118,956.00                             |
| 20   | Innovations in organic fertilizers and resilience to climate change in cocoa beans in Côte d'Ivoire   | Contributing to the development of more resilient cocoa growing systems through the adoption of animal manure in cocoa trees in Côte d'Ivoire  | Côte d'Ivoire<br>Euros 110,000.00                       |
| 21   | Project to support the capitalization of resilient agricultural practices carried out by Producer Organizations in Mali, Niger and Burkina Faso                           | The overall objective of the project is to strengthen the integration and promotion of agro-ecological and resilient practices in agricultural development programs and policies, carried out by Producer Organizations (POs).□More specifically, the peculiarity of the project will be, through the collection of the perception and the analysis of the farmers, to inform the POs and the decision-makers on the determinants for the adoption and the change of scale of the agro-ecological and resilient practices. | Mali, Niger and Burkina Faso<br>Euros 119,975.00        |
| <b>Thematic area 7 : Employment and Vocational Training for Rural Youth</b>          |   |  |   |
| 22   | Project to capitalize and disseminate an incubator center for the development of agricultural trades for young rural women and men from ECOWAS countries, except Nigeria. | The overall objective is to promote the development of sustainable poultry trades in peri-urban and rural areas.□  | Senegal<br>Euros 118,309.00                             |
| 23   | Capitalization of the distance education experience of rural youth in West Africa (Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire and Togo).   | The overall objective of the project is to help improve the agricultural training of rural youth for their socio-economic integration.   | Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire and Togo<br>Euros 85,218.00 |
| 24   | Promotion of Benin Rural Youth Entrepreneurship   | Reducing unemployment and underemployment among rural youth by involving them in economic activities in the agricultural sector□   | <b>BENIN</b><br>Euros 118, 410,000                      |

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| <b>Thematic area 8 : Social Safety Nets</b> |   |  |   |
| 25  | Project to support social protection through pilot targeting of vulnerable people and selective social safety nets in Burkina Faso  | Capitalize the results of pilot targeting and safety nets to 1,000 vulnerable households to support government in the implementation of the <i>PNPS</i> programs in Burkina Faso   | Burkina Faso<br>USD 200,000                         |
| 26  | Integrated Project of Community Nutrition and Poverty Alleviation in Benin  | The specific objective of this proposal is the prevention and reduction of malnutrition among children aged 0-59 months  | Benin<br>USD 179,106                                |
| 27  | Promoting population resilience through child-sensitive social safety nets in the province of Soum, Burkina Faso  | Strengthening the livelihoods of highly vulnerable households and improving the nutritional status of children and pregnant and lactating women through the implementation of a social safety net program.   | Burkina Faso<br>USD 184,221                         |
| 28  | Operational strategy to improve the productivity of nutritional crops in Côte d'Ivoire  | Implement simple cropping patterns that can improve agricultural production and nutritional quality of foods from improved soil fertility  | Côte d'Ivoire<br>USD 199,707                        |
| 29  | Protection of the breeding center for poor agro pastoral households in the Sahel region, Burkina Faso   | Increasing forage supply in the project area while improving income and access to food for very poor and poor households   | Burkina Faso<br>USD 200,000                         |
| 30  | Promotion of an integrated school feeding and agro-ecology system in the savannah region of Togo  | To contribute to the improvement of nutrition and the nutrition of pupils in public primary schools and nursing mothers through the promotion of school meals based on locally produced foods, nutritional education and agro-ecology  | Togo<br>USD 190,755                                 |
| 31  | Contribution to the feeding of regional standards in the design of social transfers for food and nutritional security   | Capitalize and disseminate, in a consensual manner, experiences in implementing social safety nets for food and nutrition security, with a view to guiding the development of appropriate policies and enhancing the operational capacity of stakeholders in this field in West Africa, and more specifically in Niger, Mali and Burkina | Niger, Mali and Burkina Faso<br>USD 297,000         |
| 32  | Project to support the design of social safety nets adapted to the realities of pastoral farming (FISOREP)  | The specific objective is to secure the livelihoods of 2,400 poor and vulnerable households  | Burkina Faso, Niger Senegal and Mali<br>USD 300,000 |
| 33  | Strengthening social safety nets in the Department of Dagara through a pilot project to promote local production, the introduction of <i>moringa</i> and respect for the environment in school canteens | Improve the nutritional status of students in 10 school canteens through local products in 5 localities of the Department of Dagara  | Senegal<br>USD 198,000                              |
| 34  | Support Project for the Recovery of the Economic Power of Households (PRODEM)   | Contribute to the reduction of food and nutritional insecurity of the most vulnerable populations in the communes of Alakoss and Olléléwa  | Niger<br>USD 198,000                                |

**ECOWAS REGIONAL FOOD SECURITY RESERVE :  
Products (from the first call for tender) already stored**

| Project title  | Objective  | Products already stored         | Tonnage (tons) | Country      |
|--|--|---------------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Food Security Storage Support Project in West Africa funded by the European Union and implemented by ECOWAS with the technical support of AFD, AECID and CILSS | Contribute to effectively respond to food crises and strengthen households' resilience | Maize, sorghum, millet and rice | 2750           | Ghana        |
|  |  | Maize, sorghum, millet          | 2178,5 *       | Nigeria      |
|  |  | Maize, sorghum, millet and rice | 2750           | Burkina Faso |
|  |  | Maize, sorghum, millet          | 3500           | Niger        |

\* 1 130 tonnes, precisely 22 600 bags of 50 kg of maize, sorghum and millet were given on 8 August 2017 to Borno, Gombe, Adamawa and Yobe States facing a food crisis in the North-East of Nigeria.

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## BACKGROUND INFORMATION

Adopted in January 2005, ECOWAP is the agricultural policy of ECOWAS. This regional policy is an important reference in the implementation of the agricultural component of NEPAD in West Africa, ECOWAP/CAADP. ECOWAP is the basis for a massive transformation of West African agriculture by 2025, particularly because of the key role women play in agricultural and fisheries value chain production and youth-related issues in the context of high unemployment and illegal immigration.

The creation of RAAF in 2011 and its official launch in September 2013 are part of the implementation of this regional agricultural policy. In addition to strengthening the capacities of the ECOWAS Commission bodies, particularly the Department of Agriculture, Environment and Water Resources, the Assembly of Heads of State and Government, on a proposal from the Council of Ministers, decided, through Regulation C/REG.1/08/11, to create a specialised technical agency responsible for the management of ECOWAP projects and programs.

## MISSION AND OBJECTIVES

The mission entrusted to RAAF by the ECOWAS Heads of State and Government is to contribute to the implementation of the regional agricultural policy (ECOWAP) whose vision is grounded on a modern and sustainable agriculture based on the efficiency and effectiveness of family farms and the promotion of agricultural enterprises with the private sector involvement.

RAAF mandate is to ensure technical assistance on programs and regional investment plans that contribute to the operationalization of the ECOWAS regional agricultural policy, relying on institutions, regional organizations and stakeholders with proven expertise.

Specifically, RAAF mission is to:

- strengthen the technical capacity for intervention and action of the ECOWAS Department of Agriculture, Environment and Water Resources in implementing investment programs to enable the Department to fully play its regulatory role (regulation, monitoring and evaluation, etc.)
- coordinate, in a responsible manner, the activities and fields of intervention of specialized technical institutions in the agricultural and agri-food sectors,
- contribute to capacity building for regional and national actors in the preparation of projects and implementation and follow-up activities.

## INTERVENTION STRATEGY

RAAF is responsible for coordinating and facilitating activities related to the implementation of the regional agricultural policy, ECOWAP. It does not directly carry out activities on the ground but contracts with technical institutions and other actors with proven expertise.

Within the framework of the projects it coordinates and with the support of some financial partners, RAAF directly funds projects in the field through calls for proposals. These projects are carried out by public and private sector actors, NGOs and producer organisations in the region.

RAAF role is mainly about coordinating, supervising, coaching and facilitating linkages and networking.

The Agency's main accomplishment to date is the coordination of the implementation of nine (09) regional projects and thirty-four (34) innovative field projects selected through calls for proposals.

Besides, as part of the operationalisation of the Regional Food Security Reserve, ECOWAS, through, RAAF has stored following a first purchase of cereals, about 11,178,5 tons of cereals in four countries (Burkina Faso, Niger, Nigeria and Ghana).

## REGIONAL PROJECTS AND PROGRAMMES UNDER RAAF COORDINATION (1 13,000,000 USD)

| N° | Project Title   | Intervention Area / beneficiary                           | Project budget (USD)/ Donors   | Implementation Status | Expected Impact   |
|----|---|---|--|-----------------------|---|
| 01 | Food and Nutritional Security Support Program in West Africa (PASANAO)  | 15 ECOWAS countries + Chad and Mauritania                 | Overall total :<br>EUROS 12, 340 000<br>● Agence Française de Développement (French Development Agency)<br>EUROS 10. 400. 000<br>● ECOWAS:<br>EUROS 1 940 000  | Ongoing               | Improvement of the food and nutritional situation of West African populations and capacity building of national and regional food and nutrition security mechanisms                     |
| 02 | Capacity Building Project for the Implementation of the Agricultural Policy of ECOWAS   | 15 ECOWAS countries                                       | Spanish Agency for International Cooperation for Development (AECID) :<br>USD 4 016 064  | Ongoing               | Increased and sustained agricultural growth in the ECOWAS region in line with the CAADP target of annual agricultural growth of 6 %   |
| 03 | Support to the Zero Hunger Initiative   | 15 ECOWAS countries                                       | Overall total : USD 5 422 600<br>● ECOWAS : USD 3 000 000<br>● German Cooperation :<br>USD 2 422 600   | Ongoing               | Eradication of hunger and malnutrition in West Africa by 2025   |
| 04 | Agricultural Policy Support Project "ECOWAP / CAADP"  | 15 ECOWAS countries                                       | ● Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID) :<br>EUROS 5 000 000<br>● ECOWAS :<br>EUROS 380 000   | Ongoing               | Reduction of vulnerability and promotion of sustainable access of populations to food in the countries of ECOWAS region   |
| 05 | Project to support the regional plan against fruit flies  | European Union and ECOWAS Commission and member countries | Overall total :<br>EUROS 23 500 000<br>● European Union :<br>EUROS 16 700 000<br>● Agence Française de Développement (French Development Agency)<br>EUROS 1 500 000 (AFD) (ECOWAS Commission and member countries):<br>EUROS 5 300 000 | Ongoing               | Improved incomes of fruit producers contribution to food security and poverty reduction.  |
| 06 | Project to support Food Security storage in West Africa   | 15 ECOWAS countries + Chad and Mauritania                 | European Union :<br>EUROS 56 000 000   | Ongoing               | Effective response to food crises alongside States and stakeholders, while contributing to the implementation of ECOWAP/CAADP from a regional food security and sovereignty perspective |
| 07 | NEPAD project "Strengthening State Capacities on Climate Change and the Formulation of Investment Projects"   | 15 ECOWAS countries                                       | Overall total: EUROS 220 000<br>● NEPAD : EUROS 200 000<br>● ECOWAS: EUROS 20 000  | Closed                | Capacity building of the 15 ECOWAS member states in the effective consideration of climate change and variability in the implementation of agricultural policies and strategies         |
| 08 | Regional Support Program for Professional Agricultural Associations and Farmers' Organizations for Agricultural Policy Implementation in West Africa "PRAOP / ECOWAP" | 15 ECOWAS countries                                       | Swiss Cooperation :<br>CFAF 951 700 000  | Ongoing               | Modernization of family farms and increased incomes of small-scale producers in West Africa.  |
| 09 | Capacity building project of the Regional Agency for Agriculture and Food (TCP-FAO)   | 15 ECOWAS countries                                       | FAO : USD 67 000   | Closed                | Capacity building of RAAF (communication strategy and brand manual),  |

## FIELDS PROJECTS UNDER IMPLEMENTATION OF AN OVERALL COST OF EUROS 5,878,936

| N°  | Project Title  | Objective  | Area of intervention / Budget  |
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| <b>Thematic area 1 : Food Fortification and Local Production of Nutritional Supplement Products</b> |  |  |  |
| 1   | "Innovative project to improve food and nutrition security"  | Install a heat treatment system and an emulsifier to improve the microbiological, organoleptic and stability of infant foods by maintaining the same nutritional quality;<br>Develop the contribution of local commodity chains to the production of nutritional foods (ATPE, ASPE), meeting the standards of infant feeding for malnutrition programs conducted in Niger and in the sub region. | Niger<br>Euros 250 000   |
| 2   | Innovation for the development of nutritional foods for young children and their mothers in Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger and Benin  | Contribute to the sustainable improvement of the nutritional situation of children through the development of the production and marketing of quality nutritional foods in Mali, Niger, Benin and Burkina Faso   | Mali, Niger, Benin and Burkina Faso<br>Euros 187,395                             |
| 3   | Food fortification and local production of nutritional supplement products   | The project aims to contribute to the reduction and prevention of iron and folic acid deficiency in school-aged children and women of child-bearing age by increasing their level of micronutrient intake. It also aims to contribute to the development of the corn value chain by increasing the income of maize producers.  | Burkina Faso, Benin, Togo<br>Euros 249,998                                       |
| <b>Thematic area 2 : Securing Pastoral Activity Systems</b>   |  |  |  |
| 4   | VALPAC Cane Straw Valuation Project  | The project to set up a pastoral forage service will contribute to the improvement of the living conditions of the pastoral populations of the Department of Dagana by allowing access to quality forage in times of shortage  | Senegal<br>Euros 288,303   |
| 5   | "Project for the Study and Operationalization of a Pilot Project for the Implementation of the Livestock Feed Component of the Regional Food Security Reserve" PROPILAB  | Inputs for livestock, through the operationalization of the component of the ECOWAS regional reserve for livestock feed  | Burkina Faso<br>Euros 250,000  |
| <b>Thematic area 3 : Strengthening Credit Systems and Agricultural Insurance</b>                    |  |  |  |
| 6   | Innovative partnership for the access of small producers to agricultural credit in Togo "  | The project aims fundamentally to strengthen access to agricultural credit on food chains for small-scale producers in West Africa and to strengthen food security through the development of innovative partnerships between MFI-OP-NGOs-State  | Togo<br>Euros 74,905   |
| 7   | "Partnership for the development of innovative services in COOPEC-RESOPP" PSI-COOPEC   | The general objective of the PSI-COOPEC project is to Strengthen food security and social inclusion in rural Senegalese territories. The diffusion of the cooperative model and the continuous strengthening of the services offered by the RESOPP system will contribute to improving the living conditions of the rural population, allowing them to live decently in their activities         | Senegal<br>Euros 249,964   |
| <b>Thematic area 4 : Agricultural Products Storage and Marketing and Market Risk Management</b>     |  |  |  |
| 8   | "Economic intelligence for the management of price risk in cereals sub-areas (millet, sorghum, maize, rice)"   | The specific objective of the action is "to improve the marketing and storage strategies of private sector grain in West Africa through better risk management based on prospective economic intelligence". □  | Togo, Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Niger, Senegal and Burkina Faso<br>Euros 199, 974.25 |
| 9   | "Extension of experiences in the marketing of agricultural products through warrantage as a strategy to improve the incomes of agricultural producers in the soybean and rice sectors in the Région des Plateaux " | The overall objective of the project is to improve the incomes of agricultural producers on a sustainable basis through better utilization of the soybean and rice sectors in the Région des Plateaux.   | Togo,<br>Euros 28,192.00   |
| 10  | "Project to Improve the Management of Cereal Stocks by FEPAB Member Producers"   | Develop and improve innovative grain stocks management tools through control of price fluctuations and market access   | Burkina FASO<br>Euros 200,000  |
| 11  | "Drying-storage of fruits and vegetables by solar energy at Ferme Fakoly - Mali"   | The project "Drying-storage of fruit and vegetables by solar energy at Fakoly Farm" aims to ensure food security, minimize losses of fresh produce and reduce market risks in the ECOWAS region, through the drying, storage and marketing of okra, tomato, potato and mango, which are produced locally and available in large quantities in the project area, but rather over short periods.   | Senegal<br>Euros 234 547   |