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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

AFD :	French Development Agency
ANO :	Notice of No Objection
APP :	Call for Project Proposals
AVSF:	Agronomists and Veterinarians Without Borders
ARAA:	Regional Agency for Agriculture and Food
ECOWAS:	Regional Agency for Agriculture and Food
DADR:	Directorate of Agriculture and Rural Development
DAP:	Call for Project Proposals
ECOWAP:	Economic Community West African Agricultural Policy
IRAM:	Institute for Research and Application of Development Methods
MO:	Contracting Authority
MoU:	Memorandum of Understanding
OP:	Producer organization
PATAE:	Project to Support Agroecological Transition in West Africa
PPM:	Procurement Plan
PNIA:	National Agricultural Investment Program
PRIA:	Regional Agricultural Investment Program
PRIASAN:	Regional Program for Agricultural Investment and Food and Nutrition Security
PTF:	Technical and Financial Partner
ROAC:	West African Cereals Network
ROPPA:	Network of Peasant Organizations and Producers of West Africa
RBM:	Billital Marobe Network
TDR:	Terms of reference
PCU :	Project Coordination Unit

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I- CONTEXT OF THE PROJECT AND THE EXECUTIVE SUMMARY OF THE ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT IN 2018

1.1 Context of the agroecological transition support project (PATAE)⁴

The Economic Community of West African States (ECOWAS) implements its Regional Agricultural Policy (ECOWAP) through two action plans: i) a Regional Plan for Agricultural Investment and Food Security and Nutrition (PRIASAN) and ii) National Agricultural Investment and Food Security and Nutrition Plans (PNIASAN). This policy is part of a food sovereignty perspective for the region. The aim is to meet the short and medium term requirements for covering the food needs of a population that is expected to double over the next 25 years. Demographic forecasts show that it will increase from 290 million inhabitants in 2008 to more than 500 million in 2030. For this, ECOWAS is endowed with adequate means, technical and financial partnerships. It also has a project implementation structure, namely the ARAA (Regional Agency for Agriculture and Food). With the financial support of the French Development Agency (AFD), ECOWAS aims in particular to support national, regional and international actors for the realization of innovative projects in favor of the agroecological transition in West Africa.

Agroecology is a concept recently mobilized in sub-Saharan Africa. This is an ecological and sustainable intensification of agricultural and livestock production, focusing on priorities for increasing land and labor productivity, but also on increasing incomes of family farming. The support to the agroecological transition therefore consists in accompanying producers to change their production systems by mobilizing the best natural ecological processes (biomass recycling, nitrogen fixation by legumes, mobilization of auxiliaries crops, etc.), significantly reducing the use of synthetic inputs while making them more efficient.

The Agroecological Transition Support Project in West Africa (PATAE) aims to help combat the poverty of vulnerable populations, improve food and nutrition security and strengthen the resilience of family farms to the effects of poverty, climate change (reinforcement of hazards, etc.) and their consequences. The project aims to support the emergence, adoption and dissemination of ecologically intensive and sustainable farming practices in family farms and village land management practices, as well as the management and organization methods favoring this adoption.

With an amount of eight (8) million euros, financed by AFD, the PATAE aims to support the agroecological transition in West Africa through the financing of field projects supporting agroecological intensification and trade experiences, in order to contribute to the development of public policies in the sector.

This annual report covers the period from January 1 to December 31, 2018 (12 months) in accordance with the project procedures manual. This manual takes into account the reporting mechanism of the ARAA set in the calendar semesters.

1.2 Executive summary

This report presents the results obtained in the context of the implementation of the Agroecological Transition Support Program (PATAE) in West Africa. **It reviews** the technical and financial implementation of the project at the end of 2018, the first year of the project implementation.

From the beginning of the program implementation, the Project Coordination Cell (PCU) and the backstopping group of operators (AVSF-IRAM-INADES FORMATION) have mainly worked on the development of the program tools through its three main components.

Thus, under component 1, "Support to agroecological transition for local stakeholders", the various tools needed to launch the Call for Proposals (AP) for projects on agroecological transition were developed. The AP was launched on July 13, 2018 and at the bid closing date, 143 proposals were received. After the admissibility, eligibility and compliance examinations, 132 Project Concept Notes (NPS) were selected for evaluation. At the end of the evaluations, sixty-seven (67) NSP out of the 132 evaluated were selected to move on to the next stage of drafting the detailed proposals. The table below shows the breakdown by country of the NPS evaluated and selected.

countries	NSP evaluated	NSP selected
Burkina Faso	36	19
Côte d'Ivoire	8	7
Mali	18	13
Sénégal	25	13
Togo	45	15
Total	132	67

Under Component 2 "Exchanges, Capitalization and Contribution to the Development of Public Policies for Agroecological Intensification", the program was formally launched on April 27, 2018 in Abuja, co-chaired by the Commissioner for Agriculture, Environment and Water Resources (CAERE) of ECOWAS, Mr. Sékou Sangaré and Regional Director "Grand Sahel" of the French Development Agency (AFD) Philippe Chedanne. An exchange workshop with the regional PO was organized to capitalize on established benchmarks and innovative practices in agroecology. The process of nominating national correspondents was initiated and MoU projects with the ministries of the countries involved in the project were developed. The establishment of the baseline situation has been initiated, as well as the identification of existing consultation frameworks in the countries targeted around agroecology, but the latter activity must be finalized after the establishment of the national correspondents.

Regarding component 3, "Project Coordination and Management", it was marked by: (i) the participation of the PCU in the meeting of the first PACEE Steering Committee (COFIL) held on March 19, 2018 in Lome; (ii) the finalization of the AWPB and the 2018 PPM; (iii) the preparation of a PATAE start-up report; (iv) the participation of the PCU in the preparation of the Action Sheet for mobilizing co-financing from the European Union to support agroecological intensification in other ECOWAS countries; (v) the constant support of the backstopping team of the AVSF-IRAM-INADES International consortium in the realization of all deliverables scheduled for 2018.

II- IMPLEMENTATION OF ACTIVITIES

2.1 Brief description of the activities carried out by component during the year 2018

The activities included in the 2018 AWPB started from the effective date of service of the Project Coordination Unit (PCU) at the premises of ARAA in Lomé on January 15, 2018. These achievements are presented below succinctly, component by component.

The "AVSF-IRAM-INADES Formation International" Consortium supports the Project Coordination Unit (PCU), which up to now has been composed of a coordinator and an administrative and financial officer, and a pool of ad hoc expertise not permanent for methodological and organizational support.

2.1.1 Component 1 : Agroecological transition for local actors

Three major results are expected after the completion of this component: (i) a call for proposals for innovative multi-stakeholder projects for a scaling up potential of agroecological practices is put in place; (ii) about fifteen field projects are selected, subsidized and supported in the implementation of their actions; (iii) and project monitoring and evaluation procedures are put in place.

2.1.1.1 Sub-component 1.1. Direct grant to field projects¹

The expected results of the implementation of this sub-component for the year 2018 were, the development of the tools of call for project proposals (AP), the launching of call for proposals, the selection of the field projects susceptible to benefit from the ECOWAS grant and the effective implementation of the first installments of project grant payments.

Under this sub-component, the various working documents have been elaborated, namely: (i) the Technical, Financial and Accounting Management Guide resulting from the PATAE call for projects, (ii) the report of the exchange workshop with the RPOs (APESS, RBM, ROAC, ROPPA) organized for the guidelines finalization of the Call for Proposals (AP); iii) - AP guidelines; (iv) the model convention associating ECOWAS and project promoters; v) - the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) between ECOWAS and the ministries in charge of agro-silvo-pastoral and fisheries services of the countries concerned by the PATAE; vi) - the profile of national correspondents; vii) - an information letter addressed to the ministries in charge of agriculture of the countries covered by the PATAE.

The call for proposals was then launched on 13 July 2018 for the selection of projects following a two-phase procedure: the pre-selection of the Concept Notes for Projects (NSP) and the selection of detailed proposals (PD). Frequently asked questions fair between applicants and the PCU and answers in consultation with the ARAA, organized around the guidelines and rules of the AP after its publication

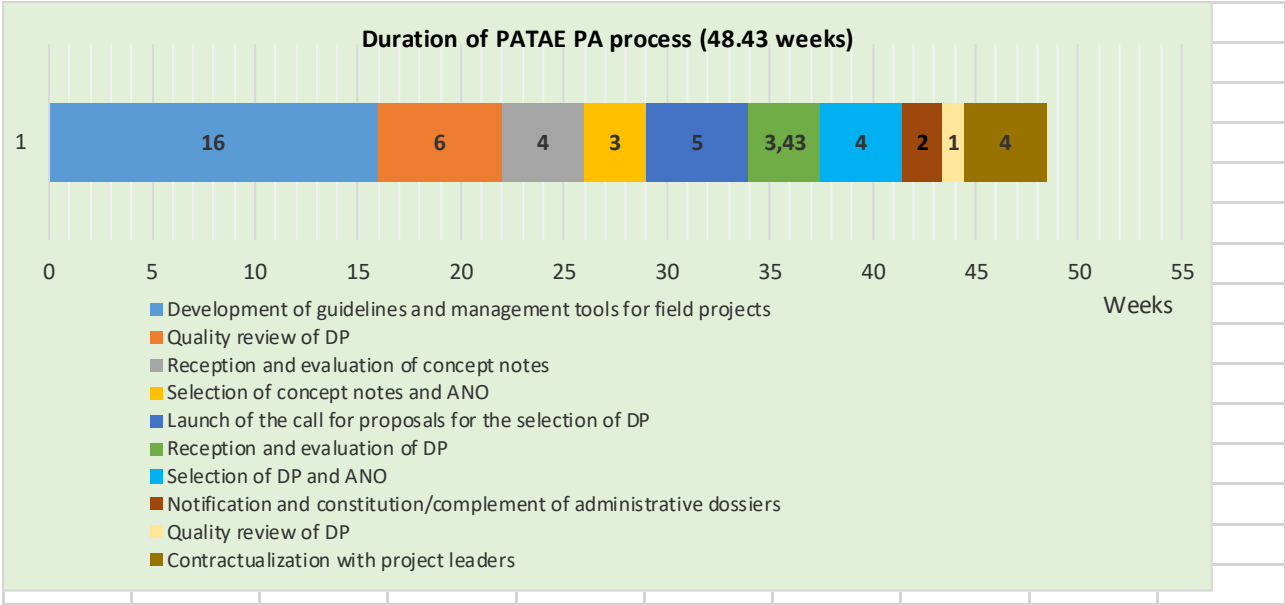
The following sub-activities were carried out in relation to the selection of projects and the setting up of grants: i) the development and publication of TORs for the recruitment of expert concept note evaluators; ii) - the recruitment of 21 evaluators composed of 13 regional and international experts specialized in agroecology and 8 experts members of the short-term expertise pool of the AVSF-IRAM-INADES international group; (iii) the establishment of a technical sub-committee to analyze and consolidate

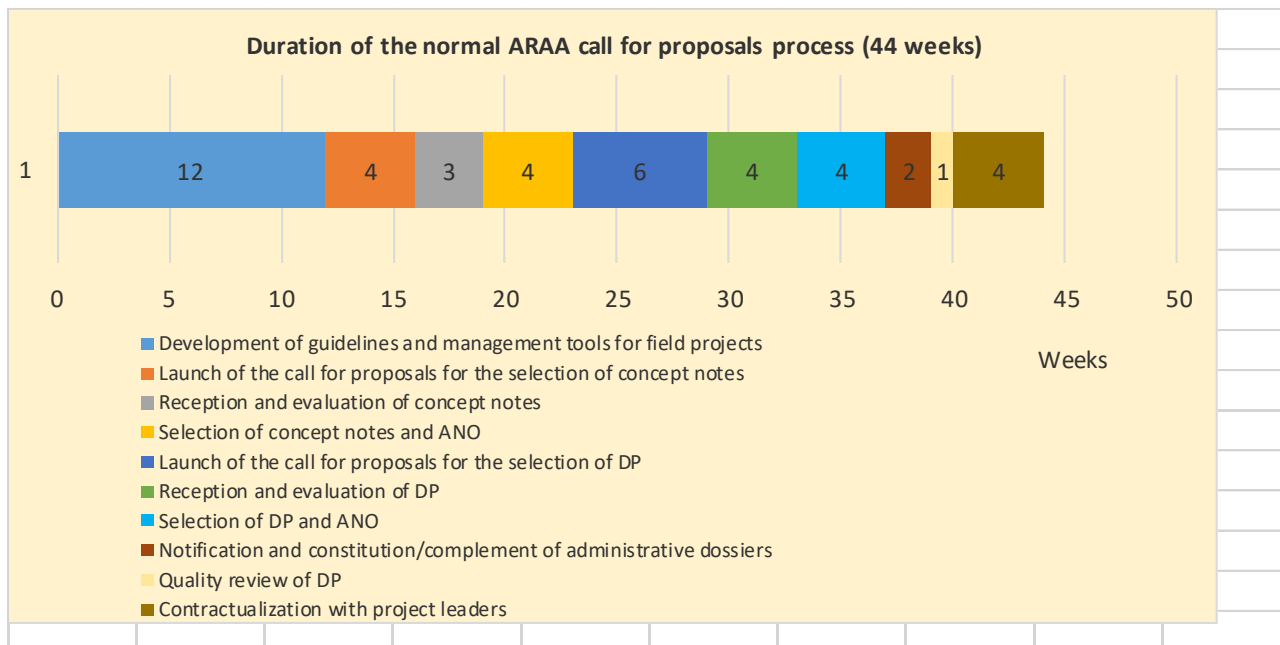
¹ Quinze (15) projets ont été sélectionnés pour bénéficier de la subvention à la date de remise du rapport.

concept note evaluation results; the submission of the results of the technical subcommittee work to the PATAE Selection Committee (COSEL); the selection of the concept note by the COSEL and the submission of the selected list to the AFD's no objection notice.

As a result of the call for proposals, 143 project concept note (NSP) files were received, 132 of which met the eligibility, compliance and eligibility requirements. These were submitted to the evaluators selected according to ARAA's procurement rules on international call for applications. Each concept note was evaluated by three evaluators. At the end of the evaluations, 67 concept notes were retained to move on to the next step, which involved the development of detailed project proposals. The list of the 67 concept notes selected is presented in Annex 1. A publication on the ARAA website and a notification letter were made to invite applicants whose concept notes were selected to develop their Detailed Project Proposals (PD). The deadline for receipt of these detailed proposals has been fixed at 4/01/2019. In accordance with the guidelines of the call for project proposals, 15 projects will be selected for the 5 countries covered by the project, with three projects per country. The evaluation of the detailed proposals, the agreement with the selected project promoters, the disbursement of the first installments of subsidy payments were postponed until 2019.

The following figures show the deadlines for the major activities of this sub-component. Due to schedule extensions, the PATAE call for proposals process lasted 44.43 weeks. It will reach 48.43 weeks if contracts are signed within four (4) weeks. This is 4.43 weeks longer than a normal two-phase call for proposals process that lasts an average of 40 weeks out of contract.





2.1.1.2 Sub-component 1.2. Audit of field projects

For the year 2018, the launch of the recruitment of a single audit and accounting firm to audit by instalments of funds paid to field projects was planned for August and the signing of the contract on December 31. But this activity could not be completed and was postponed until 2019.

2.1.2 Component 2 : Exchange, capitalization and contribution to the development of public policies of agroecological intensification

This component concerns the setting up of consultation frameworks, capitalization actions and exchanges between project operators. It will be fed by the component 1 field projects. It has three sub-components: (i) Support for intra-project and inter-country exchanges; (ii) capitalization and communication studies; and (iii) national and regional consultations.

The results expected from the implementation of this component are:

- *Make arrangements for exchanges between field projects and possible integration of these exchanges in one or more current networks in West Africa in agroecology;*
- *Capitalize the results obtained by field projects and similar projects in the countries concerned by the project;*
- *Set up and animate national and regional consultation frameworks on themes for which a change in public policies is necessary to accompany the agroecological transition, leading to advocacy and recommendations for decision-makers (including the 2nd phase of the Program and / or establishment of a network "Sustainable Agriculture and Agroecology in West Africa").*

For the achievements of the year 2018, the following activities under the PATAE have been completed:

- **Official launch of PATAE**

PATAE was officially launched on April 27, 2018 in Abuja (Photos 1 and 2).



Photo 1 : Launch of PATAE in Abuja



Photo 2 : PATAE pamphlet

The ceremony was chaired by the Commissioner in charge of Agriculture, Environment and Water Resources of the ECOWAS Commission and the Regional Director "Grand Sahel" of the French Development Agency (AFD) in the presence of France Ambassador to Nigeria (see Press Release in Annex 4).

- **Information and exchanges meeting with the networks of producer organizations on the PATAE call for proposals**

A workshop with producer organizations (ROPPA, APESS, RBM, ROAC) was organized on May 12, 2018 in Bamako. It aimed to exchange in order to capitalize on their diverse experiences in established benchmarks and innovative practices in agroecology to feed the reflections mainly on the guidelines of the call for proposals for projects and on component 2 of the project. It was more specifically to:

- present the project's approach for a common understanding of agroecology in terms of capitalization of experiences, establishment of benchmarks, financing of innovative projects through a call for proposals etc. and,
- prepare upstream favorable ground for consultation frameworks and the organization of the exchange of experience processes envisaged in component 2.



Photo 3 : Family photo after the opening ceremony of the meeting with POs in Bamako

The PCU actively participated in the organization of this workshop (development of TOR, invitation of participants, management of logistics,). The former ECOWAS Commissioner for Agriculture, Environment and Water Resources, Dr. Marc L. ATOUGA and the present Commissioner, Mr. Sékou SANGARE, took part (see conclusions of the meeting in Annex 3).

- **Process for the appointment of national correspondents ²**

The implementation of the PATAE requires the active collaboration of the ministries in charge of the agro-silvo-pastoral and fisheries activities of the countries concerned. This collaboration implies the existence of focal points or National Correspondents within these ministries, who will be the official direct interlocutors of the PCU / ARAA in the implementation and the proximity monitoring of the activities of PATAE components 1 and 2. To formalize the establishment of these National Correspondents Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) or Memorandum of Understanding have been developed.

These MoUs were validated by ARAA and sent to AFD for Notice of No Objection on 28/05/2018. Then, PATAE information letters were written to the ministries responsible for agro-forestry-pastoral services in the five countries concerned (Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Mali, Senegal and Togo) to enable the competent authorities of these countries to nominate their National Correspondents on the basis of the competency profiles that have been defined by the PCU.

- **Census of existing frameworks for concerted action in targeted countries, around agroecology**

In the absence of the appointment of national correspondents during the year 2018, this activity has not yet been finalized. But the inventory of the various initiatives of actors and consultation existing around the agroecological transition was initiated by relying on some resource persons of the group AVSF-IRAM-

² Trois (3) MoU ont été signé à la date de remise du rapport.

INADES in the different countries. The characterization of these national and regional initiatives will be finalized during the first quarter of 2019 and presented to ARAA for validation.

- The start-up workshop for the field projects and the one with the national correspondents are foreseen in the 2019 **AWPB**

2.1.3 Component 3 : Project Coordination and management

The activities carried out within this component are summarized as follows:

- Participation in the organization of the first Steering Committee (COFIL) meeting of PATAE held on March 19th, 2018 in Lomé (see Annex 5). ;
- The development of the AWPB and 2018 PPM;
- The identification of short-term expertise needs to be mobilized in the framework of the planned project activities: evaluators of proposals for the call for projects; contractualization for 6 months of a secretary-assistant in support of the PCU;
- The preparation of a start-up report and a half-yearly report of the project;
- Development of the PATAE Manual of Administrative and Financial Procedures;
- Development of the monitoring and evaluation system (see Annex 6);
- Development of a draft logical framework (see Annex 2);
- The preparation of a draft of the baseline study submitted to ARAA. The final version will be incorporated into the 2019 AWPB which will be finalized in the first quarter of the same year;
- The participation of the PCU in the preparation of the Task Sheet for the mobilization of co-financing of the European Union allowing support to the agroecological transition in the other ECOWAS countries, particularly through training and strengthening mechanisms. Networking of agro-ecological actors in West Africa;
- The support of the Bakstopping team of the AVSF-IRAM-INADES International group. This support has been decisive in achieving the results. It resulted in i) a start-up support mission in February 2018 of the regional AVSF coordinator, the AVSF financial manager, ii) participation in the preparation and holding of the steering committee of 19 March 2018, iii) several weekly or bi-weekly Skype meetings between the PCU and the Bakstopping to review the progress of the activities, iv) the quality review of the documents and deliverables developed by the PCU (DAP, Administrative Procedures Manual) and financial resources, MoU, AWPB, PPM, the project monitoring and evaluation mechanism, the revised logical framework, the model convention, the field project cycle management manual and the initiation of the analysis of frameworks for consultation in 5 PATAE countries).

2.2 Difficulties encountered and the measures taken to overcome them

The implementation of the activities encountered major difficulties. The process of the Call for Proposals has been slow in the initial planning. Indeed, the conduct of the Call for Proposals process was lengthened to take into account, in the finalization of the guidelines, the conclusions of the workshop of exchanges with the POs (APESS, RBM, ROPPA, ROAC) decided during the COPIL of March 2018. The meeting of information and exchanges with the 4 RPOs (APESS, RBM, ROAC, ROPPA) was held 6.5 weeks after the steering committee, thus impacting the deadline for finalizing the guidelines of the Call for Proposals. In addition, a delay in the period originally planned for review of the concept notes by the evaluators resulted in less availability for some of them who took longer to submit the results of their evaluation to ARAA. To this must be added that the three-week extension of the proposal submission dates (two weeks for the Concept Notes and one week for the Detailed Proposals) has lengthened the process. Given these gaps, the PCU has anticipated by developing all the necessary tools for the implementation of the field projects that will be selected. Similarly, the slowness in the document approval circuit (notably the MoU formally establishing the National Correspondents, the grant agreement or standard agreement, the project procedures manual, etc.) did not allow the PCU to take advantage of the advance preparation of these documents before the selection of projects.

2.3 Changes in initial forecasts and justifications

Following the difficulties encountered listed in the paragraph above, the following activities planned for 2018 have been postponed until 2019:

- Validation of the revised logical framework of the project (the revised logical framework is attached);
- Finalization of the reference situation of the project;
- Support for the appointment of National Correspondents;
- Evaluations of the detailed proposals of the call for projects;
- Convention with selected projects and first disbursements;
- Start-up workshop with projects and workshop with national correspondents; and
- Recruitment of the single auditor for field projects and the project account opened at ARAA

2.4 Achievements/results achieved

The results obtained during this year 2018 can be measured through the implementation status of the recommendations of the project Steering Committee and the status of implementation of the activities included in the 2018 AWPB.

2.4.1 State of implementation of the Steering Committee main recommendations

N°	Recommandations of COPIL	Performed	On going	Non Performed yet	Observations
1	Integrate the auditor's recruitment into the RAAA and register this activity with the AWPB	X			In Section 1.4.2 of the AWPB, the selection of a single audit firm for the audit of field projects is foreseen. The terms of reference of this recruitment as well as the CAD are elaborated.
2	Submit in July the first semi*annual report of the project to the Client in a simplified format	X			The semi-annual report elaborated and transmitted
3	Continue and finalize the development of the project call for proposals	X			The dossier of the call for proposals for projects is finalized. ANO's request was sent to AFD on 28/05/2018. AFD gave its ANO. The other files: the Memorandum of Understanding (MoU), the profile of the national correspondents, the standard agreement with the project holders, the manual of administrative and financial procedures are waiting for the AFD's ANO whose request was addressed on May 28, 2018
4	Launch the call for proposals as soon as possible	X			The file is translated into three languages and launched on 13 July 2018. The detailed proposal development phase was carried out from 29 November 2018 to 04 January 2019.
5	Integrate the project leaders' training workshop with the participation of the national correspondents			X	The training workshop for project promoters is planned at the start of projects with the participation of the national correspondents.
6	Plan a meeting of information and exchanges with the networks of OPA on the call for projects planned within the framework of the PATAE	X			The meeting with the OPA took place on 12/05/2018 in Bamako and the report is available?
7	Provide for the mobilization of short-term experts (excluding operator contracts) to support activities in case of need	X			In section A2.1.2 of the AWPB, provision is made for the mobilization of short-term expertise in support of the exchange of experience, capitalization and consultation process. These experts were selected and evaluated the proposals of the Concept Notes. They will also be mobilized for the evaluation of detailed proposals
8	Remove from the AWPB the participation in the official launch of the PATAE of the 15 ECOWAS countries	X			The Launch with the 15 States is removed from the 2018 AWPB. It was held on 27.04.2018 in Abuja in a smaller format
9	Finalize the PPM by integrating the recruitment activity of the auditor and short-term experts in support of the activities	X			The PPM is finalized and the AFD has given its Notice of No Objection

Comment: The workshop with the project sponsors will take place immediately after the signature of the grant agreements between them and ECOWAS.

It is hoped that the national correspondents will participate in this workshop, which could probably be held in the first quarter of 2019..

2.4.2 Detailed Project implementation Status as of December 31, 2018

Activities	State of implementation of activities			Initial planning of activities in 2018				Observations
	Perform ed	In progress	Non performed	T1	T2	T3	T4	
Component 1: Support for agroecological intensification								
A1.1.1. Elaboration of Terms of Reference for the Call for Projects, the PATAE Call for Projects Cycle Management Handbook, the Standard Call for Proposals Dossier and the Model Agreement for Project Holders, submitted to the ANO of AFD	100%							The PATAE Call for Projects Cycle Management Handbook was developed in the second half of the year. It includes the management rules validated by AFD in the DAP and the Manual of Administrative and Financial Procedures of the project
A1.2.1. Information for national correspondents and potential beneficiaries of the call for projects	100%							
A1.3.1. Strengthening knowledge on the call for proposals for projects	100%							
A1.3.2. Reception, archiving and codification of concept notes received	100%							
A1.3.3. Constitution of the Selection Committee for the Concept Notes	100%							
A1.3.4. Evaluation of Concept Notes	100%							
A1.3.5. Information of the applicants	100%							
A1.3.6. Receipt, archiving and codification of detailed proposals received			X					The stage of reception, analysis of the detailed proposals until the signature of the financing agreements will be realized in the 1st quarter of 2019
A1.3.7. Evaluation of detailed proposals			X					
A1.3.8. Quality review of selected detailed proposals			X					
A.1.3.9. Agreement with selected operators			X					
A.1.4.1. Disbursement to selected operators			X					
A.1.4.2. Sélection d'un cabinet unique pour l'audit des projets terrains		15%	X					The terms of reference are elaborated. Its revision is planned in early 2019 to take into account AFD's ANO on the standard agreement and the manual of procedures and the options retained in terms of auditing by tranches or annual audit.
Component 2 : Exchange, capitalization and contribution to the development of public policies of agroecological intensification								
A2.1.1 Project launching workshop, training of operators in procedures, exchange between projects and sharing with national correspondents			X					After signing grant agreements in 2019.
A2.1.2 Mobilization of short-term expertise in support of the exchange of experiences process...			X					Pending the designation of national correspondents
A2.2.1. Identification of existing consultation frameworks in the targeted countries, around agroecology		30%						Work initiated by relying on a few resource persons from AVSF-IRAM-

Activities	State of implementation of activities			Initial planning of activities in 2018				Observations
				T1	T2	T3	T4	
	Performed	In progress	Non performed					
								INADES group in the different countries.
A2.2.2. Support for the formulation of concerted action plans supported by the project at national level			X					Pending the designation of national correspondents
A2.2.3 Mobilisation of short-term expertise to support the consultation process			X					Pending the designation of national correspondents
A.2.2.4. Information and exchanges meeting with the networks of producer organizations on the PATAE project call for projects	100%							Meeting held on May 12, 2018 in Bamako, Mali; the report is written
A2.4.1. Realization of visibility and communication actions in 2018 (and other actions)	100%							Official launch of PATAE in Abuja on 27/04/2018
Component 3: Project Coordination and Management								
A3.1.1. Organization of COPIL meetings	100%							Copil held on 19/03/2018
A3.1.2. Identification of expertise needs	100%							For the evaluation of project brief notes and secretary-assistant contracts of the PCU
A3.1.3. Organization and monitoring of expert missions and national correspondents			X					
A3.1.4. Support to link the project with other projects and programs in the region			X					This activity should be done in collaboration with national correspondents who are not yet designated
A3.2.1. Development of the project monitoring and evaluation system	100%							
A3.2.3. Finalization of the logical framework of the project		85%						The revised logical framework proposed in the Annex must be validated
A3.2.2. Elaboration of the reference situation of the project		20%						
A3.2.4. Follow-up of the logical framework indicators		25%						
A.3.4. Preparation of the administrative and financial procedures manual	100%							Project manual submitted to AFD's ANO on 28/05/2018
A.3.5. Administrative and financial management of the project	100%							
A3.6 Support for the identification of National Correspondents		20%						Awaiting AFD's ANO on the MoU submitted on 28/05/2018
4 : Evaluation and Audits								
A4.2.1. Selection of a single firm for the annual audit of the project account opened at ARAA		15%						The terms of reference are elaborated. Its revision is planned in early 2019 to take into account AFD's ANO on the standard agreement and the manual of procedures and the options retained in terms of one- or two-phase audit processes.
Total Activities	14(100%)	7(30%)	11(0%)					

2.5 Control and audit measures

During this first year of implementation, the PATAE was not audited.

The first annual audit of the ARAA account will take place in the first half of 2019 to validate the financial statements for the year ending 31 December 2018. With regard to field projects, further reflection is needed to find the best formula for matching the terms and conditions of disbursement of funds, audits by instalment on purchase orders or annual audits to ensure efficient and effective implementation of the projects' activities. The terms of reference of the audit have been drawn up by the PCU and will be revised following AFD's ANO [At the date of submission of the report, the AMI for the recruitment of the audit firm has been submitted. AFD for ANO] on the standard agreement to be signed with the project leaders.

It should be noted that in terms of overall control measures and in order to achieve economies of scale in terms of time, procedures and cost, a single firm will be recruited to audit the ARAA account and projects. of land over the duration of the project. This recruitment will be carried out in the first half of 2019 in accordance with the chosen option.

2.6 Financial statement of the project as of December 31, 2018

2.6.1 Status of disbursement of the budget by AFD to implementing actors

Topics: Components	Total Budget	Amounts disbursed by AFD	%AFD level disbursements
Component 1: Support to agroecological transition for local actors	4 800 000	0,00	0,00%
1.1-Direct grant to field projects	4 600 000	0,00	
1.1-Field projects audit	200 000	0,00	
Component 2 : Capitalization and contribution to public policy development	1 200 000	500 000,00	41,67%
2.1-Support for exchanges between projects (intra and inter-country)	260 000	100 000,00	
2.2-Capitalization and communication studies	500 000	153 500,00	
2.3-National and regional consultations	440 000	246 500,00	
Component 3 : Project Coordination and management	1 100 000	100 738,60	9,16%
3.1-Remunération	800 000	73 800,00	
3.2- Other costs	300 000	26 938,60	
Miscellaneous and unforeseen	750 000	0,00	0,00%
4.1-Miscellaneous contingencies (bank charges to field projects and others etc...)	100 000	0,00	
4.2-Other miscellaneous and unforeseen	650 000	0,00	
Evaluation & Audits	150 000	0,00	0,00%
5.1-Evaluation	110 000	0,00	
5.2-Audit	40 000	0,00	
Total Budget	8 000 000	600 738,60	7,51%

Comments: On a budget of 8,000,000 Euros, an amount of 600,738.60 Euros has been disbursed by AFD to ARAA and the operator for the implementation of activities of component 2 and 3 of the project, ie an overall disbursement rate of the Grant of 7.51% as of December 31, 2018 compared to the initial budget.

2.6.2 Overall implementation status of project commitments and expenditures as of 31/12/2018

Topics : components	Total Budget	Budget of the AWPB 2018	Committed Amounts	% Commitment	Amount of expenditure (Estimate of implementing actors)	% of surplus Global budget	% % of surplus AWPB 2018	Observations
Component 1: Support to agroecological transition for local actors	4 800 000	1 840 000	0	0,00%	0	0,00%	0,00%	
1.1-Direct grant to field projects	4 600 000	1 840 000	0		0			Subsidy agreements to be signed in the first quarter of 2019
1.1-Audit of field projects	200 000	0	0		0			
Component 2: Capitalization and Contribution to Public Policy Development	1 200 000	253 750	29 700	2,48%	29 700	2,48%	11,70%	
2.1-Support for exchanges between projects (intra and inter-country)	260 000	104 000	10 666		10 666			
2.2-Capitalization and communication studies	500 000	13 250	4 656		4 656			
2.3-National and regional consultations	440 000	136 500	14 378		14 378			
Component 3: Program Coordination and Management	1 100 000	366 250	1 100 000	100%	181 522	16,50%	49,56%	
3.1-Remuneration	800 000	207 600	800 000		141 450			
3.2- Other costs	300 000	158 650	300 000		40 072			
Miscellaneous and unforeseen	750 000	0	0	0,00%	0	0,00%	0,00%	
4.1-Miscellaneous contingencies (bank charges to field projects and others etc...)	100 000	0	0		0			
4.2-Other miscellaneous and unforeseen	650 000	0	0		0			
Evaluation & Audits	150 000	0	0	0,00%	0	0,00%	0,00%	
5.1-Evaluation	110 000	0	0		0			
5.2-Audit	40 000	0	0		0			
Total Budget	8 000 000	2 460 000	1 129 700	14,12%	211 222	2,64%	8,59%	

Comments: As of 31 December 2018, out of a budget of 8,000,000 Euros, the amount committed is estimated at 1,129,700 Euros, ie 14.12% of total budget commitment. The rate of execution of expenditures compared to the

overall budget is 2.64% and 8.59% compared to the 2018 AWPB budget. This low rate is explained by the fact that the first disbursements for projects have not taken place yet; the component 1 field projects are not selected. But these rates will increase significantly in the first half of 2019, once the agreements with the field project holders are signed and the first installments of subsidies are disbursed.

III- ANNEXES (see USB key for annexes 2 to 6)

Annex 1 : List of selected concept notes

Annex 2 : Revised logical framework proposal

Annex 3 : Minutes of the meeting with PO of 12 mai 2018 in Bamako

Annex 4 : Press release of the PATAE lunch on 27 Avril 2018

Annex 5 : Final report of the first COPIL of the PATAE (19 march 2018)

Annex 6 : PATAE monitoring and evaluation facilitation

Annex 1 : List of Concept Notes selected by country

No. Order	Code NSP	Promoters	Project Title	Country	Eval1	Eval2	Eval3	Moyenne
1	4	Fondation Dreyer	Community and Ecosystems Resilience Building Project in Ioba Province Addressing the Effects of Climate Change	Burkina-Faso	71	77	76,5	74,8
2	7	GIE BIOPROTECT-B	Project to intensify the use of agro-ecological practices on family farms in the rural communes of Koundougou and Pilimpikou in Burkina Faso (PIPAE-KP)	Burkina-Faso	75	82	82	79,7
3	24	Organisation Non-gouvernementale Santé et Promotion Humaine	Partnership to Increase the Impact of Agroecology on Food Security and Environmental Resilience in Burkina Faso	Burkina-Faso	70,5	70,5	72,5	71,2
4	46	Bureau National des Sols	Support for the improvement of cereal production through the combined use of soil mapping and CES / DRS techniques in the rural municipality of Toéghin, Central Plateau Region in Burkina Faso	Burkina-Faso	78	71,5	73	74,2
5	47	Association pour la protection de l'environnement et la promotion de l'agroécologie	Strengthening producers' capacity to adapt to climate change by promoting sustainable land management techniques in the Mouhoun loop region	Burkina-Faso	73	88,5	76	79,2
6	49	ONG TERRE VERTE	The Sahelian Bocage in Sharing (BSP)	Burkina-Faso	79	82,5	85	82,2
7	56	Coordination Nationale de l'Initiative de la Grande Muraille Verte pour le Sahara et le Sahel	Project Supporting Agroecological Transition Initiatives in the Laye Commune in Burkina Faso (PAITA-LAYE)	Burkina-Faso	73	82,5	73	76,2
8	57	NITIDAE (Ex RONGEAD)	BURKIN BIO	Burkina-Faso	73	74,5	90,5	79,3
9	79	Mouvement écologique du Burkina	Project "Enhancement of integrated - organic - intensive agricultural	Burkina-Faso	70	83	70,5	74,5

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			<i>production in the province of Sanguié in the Centre West region of Burkina Faso</i>					
10	82	<i>Chambre Régionale d'Agriculture des Hauts Bassin</i>	<i>Forage and local food for the Agro-ecological transition of cattle farming systems in Burkina Faso (FORAGE)</i>	Burkina-Faso	78	76,5	83	79,2
11	84	<i>Groupe de Recherche et d'Appui à l'Autopromotion des Populations en Afrique</i>	<i>Project to support sustainable productivity in the Bama irrigated perimeter (PAPDUPI/B)</i>	Burkina-Faso	70	70	77	72,3
12	90	<i>Self Help Africa</i>	<i>GREAT GRAINS</i>	Burkina-Faso	84	80	76	80,0
13	95	<i>Réseau pour le Développement et la Promotion des Méthodes Actives de Recherche et de Planification Participative au Burkina</i>	<i>Faso Agro-ecological Transition Project</i>	Burkina-Faso	79	70,5	73	74,2
14	105	<i>Association SOS Santé et Développement PAALGA</i>	<i>The steps of agro-ecological cowpea production from family farms in mass and institutional markets</i>	Burkina-Faso	79	69	79	75,7
15	119	<i>Union Provinciale des professionnels Agricoles des Hauts-Bassins</i>	<i>"Improving the production and efficiency of organic fertilizer use in production systems in western Burkina Faso" (APEUFO)</i>	Burkina-Faso	67	82	68	72,3
16	122	<i>Programme national de bio-digesteurs du Burkina Faso</i>	<i>Mobilisation and Innovation for the Agro-ecological transition in the Mouhoun loop (MITAECO/BMH)</i>	Burkina-Faso	73,5	73	70	72,2
17	125	<i>Aid Rural Développement</i>	<i>Municipal Environmental Investment Project (PCIE)</i>	Burkina-Faso	74	83,5	71,5	76,3
18	126	<i>Action Contre la Faim, mission du Burkina-Faso</i>	<i>Innovative projects with several actors for a potential scaling up of agro-ecological practices</i>	Burkina-Faso	79	81,5	85,5	82,0

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19	131	Centre National de la Recherche Scientifique et Technologique	Innovative projects with several actors for a potential scaling up of agro-ecological practices	Burkina-Faso	72,5	82,5	74	76,3
20	39	ACTION ENTREPRISES	Promotion of agro-ecological practices and techniques relating to market gardening with the OPAs and market gardeners of the Djiboua Region	Côte d'Ivoire	70	70,5	73,5	71,3
21	40	Agriculteurs français et développement international	POs, research and companies value the sustainable effects of agroecology for a scale-up	Côte d'Ivoire	71,5	76,5	78,5	75,5
22	45	Institut Européen de Coopération et de Développement	Support for the agro-ecological transition in the market gardening sector in Côte d'Ivoire	Côte d'Ivoire	71,5	72	81	74,8
23	68	Animation Rurale de Korhogo	Contribute in a sustainable manner to the strengthening of farmers' organizations and rural communities, the improvement of the living conditions of rural populations, and the promotion of the economic and social development of women in rural areas	Côte d'Ivoire	71	75	71	72,3
24	87	AGRO-DURABLE AFRICA SARL	Popularization of the practices and techniques of integrated water fertility and pest management by fungi	Côte d'Ivoire	68	70	73	70,3
25	107	Groupe Aboubacar Valentin Vanessa (AVVA)	Popularization of the coffee market as an organic fertilizer for local coffee growing	Côte d'Ivoire	79	70	73,25	74,1
26	113	Association National des Organisation Professionnelles Agricoles de Côte d'Ivoire	Implementation of integrated fish farming production systems in Grand-Lahou	Côte d'Ivoire	71,5	71	77,5	73,3
27	10	Association des organisations d'Éleveurs / Pasteurs du Mali "Antenne du	Project to support the development of bourgou regeneration systems that meet	Mali	77	82	71,5	76,8

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		Réseau Billital Maroobé (RBM)"	agro-ecological principles and are market-oriented in the northern and central regions of Mali (PADEREB)					
28	25	Union pour un Avenir Ecologique et Solidaire (UAVES)	Support to Agricultural Producers' Organisations for innovation, adaptation of family farming systems and sustainable management of natural resources through Agroecology (AOPAE)	Mali	73	73	81	75,7
29	32	Mouvement Biologique Malien	Contribution of agro-forestry systems to improving fonio production and productivity for better resilience of small producers to climate change	Mali	80	88	81	83,0
30	37	Pôle des Actions d'Intégration des Droits Humains en Afrique	Support for ecological transition in the transition zone of the Baoulé Reserve	Mali	70	71,5	81,5	74,3
31	38	Fondation Paul Gérin-Lajoie	Support for the Agro-ecological transition in Mali through Synecoculture	Mali	78	90	80	82,7
32	52	Association Malienne d'Eveil au Développement	Agro-ecological intensification and sustainable management of spaces and natural resources in southern Mali	Mali	85	94	83	87,3
33	53	AMASSA Afrique Verte: Association malienne pour la sécurité et la Souveraineté alimentaires	Project to support the development of peasant agro-ecology in Koulikoro and Segou in Mali	Mali	83	76	75	78,0
34	63	Equipe système de production et de gestion des ressource naturelle (ESPGRN) du Centre régionale de la recherche agronomique de Sikasso (CRRRA-SKO) de l'institut	Promotion of local initiatives for agro-ecological intensification of production systems by strengthening market access for small producers in Mali	Mali	81	73	83,5	79,2

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		d'économie rurale (IER)						
35	64	Institut d'Economie Rurale	Improving agricultural productivity in the lowlands through innovative agro-ecological practices in the Mali-South area	Mali	87	63	72	74,0
36	69	Union Locale des Productrices de beurre de Karité de Sanankoroba	Development of 40 ha of park perimeter in Shea in the Sanankoroba sub-prefecture	Mali	73	82	73,6	76,2
37	116	Conseil Accompagnement des Initiatives à la Base	Strengthening of the Farmers' Production System and promotion of local agricultural input production systems (organic fertilizers and bio-pesticides)	Mali	81,5	77,5	76	78,3
38	124	Association Arborecence - Parole de Terre	Resilience project for vulnerable populations through agroecological practices in the communes of Oulodo and Nonkon - Mali	Mali	71,5	76	75,25	74,3
39	137	World Vision	Project to support the ecological transition in the Kolokani circle	Mali	88	78	87	84,3
40	33	Association des Femmes de l'Afrique de l'Ouest	"Gender in the agro-ecological transition in Senegal: Niayes and Groundnut Basin Zones	Sénégal	70	71	73,5	71,5
41	55	ADG	Yéssal sunu mbay (cleaning up our agriculture)	Sénégal	87,5	79	80,5	82,3
42	62	Alliance for Food Sovereignty in Africa	Support for the agro-ecological transition in Senegal	Sénégal	70,5	73,5	78,25	74,1
43	72	ASSOCIATION DE L'UNION MARAICHIERES DES NIAYES	Agroecology for the sustainable development of Niayes (ADDN)	Sénégal	79	70	70	73,0
44	76	Conseil National de Concentration et de Coopération des Ruraux	Alliance for the competitiveness of agro-ecological family farms through a technical package, market opening and support for financing	Sénégal	92	81	85	86,0
45	92	SOS Faim-SOS Hunger	Agro-ecological transition along the river	Sénégal	74	78	84	78,7

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46	93	Association d'appui au Développement de la Rural	Promotion of agro-ecological agriculture based on rice integrated into fish farming to contribute to food and nutritional security and population resilience in the Senegal River Valley	Sénégal	70,5	71,5	74	72,0
47	96	Environnement Développement Action pour la production des terroirs	Support for an agro-ecological transition model in the commune of Ndiob in Senegal	Sénégal	74	89	77	80,0
48	97	Fédération des Agro-Pasteurs de Diender	Development of Agro-ecological vegetable Agricultural Crop Systems in Senegal	Sénégal	74	70	79,5	74,5
49	110	The Hunger Projet Sénégal	Agro-Ecological Intensification and Valuation of Family Farm Products	Sénégal	82,5	76,5	81	80,0
50	111	Agriculture Ecologique en Afrique	Promoting Agro-ecology to strengthen the resilience of poor households in the Kaffrine region of Senegal	Sénégal	80	76	88	81,3
51	115	Association Sénégalaise pour la Promotion du Développement de la Base (ASPRODEB)	Supporting the Resilience of Agropastoral Family Farms (PAREFA) to the Effects of Climate Change Project	Sénégal	86	70	86	80,7
52	133	Agence National du Conseil Agricole et Rurale	Spearhead for resilient, sustainable and gender and nutrition-sensitive intensive agriculture in the Senegalese groundnut basin (FLAIRD)	Sénégal	73	74	71	72,7
53	9	Entreprises, Territoriales et Développement (ETD)	Project to support the consolidation and scaling up of agro-ecological practices in the plateau and central regions (ProCEPA)	Togo	70	79	75,5	74,8
54	16	Recherche, Appui et Formation aux Initiatives d'Auto développement (RAFIA)	Sustainable Intensification of Agro-ecological Practices in the Savannah Region	Togo	70,5	79	80,5	76,7
55	21	Centre pour l'Ecologie et le	Promotion of agro-ecological family farms	Togo	72	78	81	77,0

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		Développement	producing maize and soya for sustainable incomes in the TOGO plateau region (PEFARD-TOGO)					
56	31	Union Régionale des Organisations de Producteurs de Céréales des Savanes	Project to support the intensification of ecological market gardening in the savannah region (PAIMRESS)	Togo	74	71	79	74,7
57	36	Gestion de l'Environnement et Valorisation des Produits Agropastoraux et Forestiers (GEVAPAF)	Sustainable management of natural resources for agro-pastoral activity resilience to climate change in the Savanes, Kara and Central regions in northern Togo	Togo	70,5	71	73	71,5
58	43	Comité Catholique contre la Faim et pour le Développement	Support for the dissemination of agro-ecology in family farms in the Kara region of Togo through community involvement (PADAEF)	Togo	70	75	76,5	73,8
59	59	VASFECDI / Vétérinaire sans frontière Suisse	Support for farmers' initiatives for integrated agriculture and livestock management around the Abdoulaye forest (Togo)	Togo	70,5	71	80,5	74,0
60	60	Action solidaire des femmes chrétienne pour le développement intégré	"Support to the various communities in the mining area of South East Togo (maritime region) in achieving agro-ecological transition and combating food and nutritional insecurity"	Togo	70	89	69,5	76,2
61	88	Groupe d'Action Recherche pour le Développement Global intégré	Free Energy Agro-ecology Pilot Project (ProPiLAEL)	Togo	70,5	70	70	70,2
62	91	Université de Lomé, Laboratoire de Botanique et d'écologie végétales	Revitalization of ecological agriculture in TOGO	Togo	71	76	71,5	72,8
63	100	ONG Conseils Gestion Appui aux Territoires/Initiatives	"Promotion of the local economy through the professionalization of	Togo	71,5	80	70	73,8

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		<i>des Collectivités pour la Bonne gouvernance</i>	<i>producers on agro-ecological practices, the marketing of local products and the improvement of the revenues of local authorities in the Maritime region of Togo" (PROMEKO)</i>					
64	127	<i>Centre Régional d'application des systèmes durables de productions</i>	<i>Valuation of market gardening through small-scale irrigation and local inputs in the family economy in southern Togo</i>	Togo	70	78	70	72,7
65	128	<i>Catholic Relief Services - United States Conference of Catholic Bishops</i>	<i>Agro-ecological Transition Support Project (PATAE)</i>	Togo	71	70	78	73,0
66	130	<i>Institut de Conseil et d'Appui Technique</i>	<i>Project to support the development of sustainable and resilient family farming in the maritime region of Togo</i>	Togo	73,5	70	70	71,2
67	132	<i>Association pour la Promotion de l'Agro-foresterie-TOGO</i>	<i>Project to promote agroforestry and aquaculture on Lake Togo</i>	Togo	70,5	84,5	70	75,0