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List of acronyms and abbreviations

3AO	Alliance for Agroecology in West Africa
ACF	Action Contre la Faim (<i>Burkina Faso</i>)
AFD	French Development Agency
AFDI	Agriculteurs Français et Développement International (<i>Côte d'Ivoire</i>)
AMEDD	Association Malienne d'Éveil au Développement Durable (<i>Mali</i>)
ANOPACI	Association Nationale des Organisations Professionnelles Agricoles de Côte d'Ivoire
RAAF	Regional Agency for Agriculture and Food
ASPRODEB	Association Sénégalaise pour la Promotion du Développement par la Base (<i>Sénégal</i>)
AVSF	Agronomists and Veterinarians Without Borders
BIDC	ECOWAS Bank for Investment and Development
BOAD	West African Development Bank
NCF	National Consultation Framework
CED	Centre pour l'Ecologie et le Développement (<i>Togo</i>)
ECOWAS	Economic Community of West African States
TC	Training Center in Agroecology
NC	National Correspondent(s)
RC	Research Center
CoPil	Steering Committee
ECLOSIO	ONG de l'Université de Liège (<i>Sénégal</i>)
EFTP	Technical and Professional Training Schools
ESA	Higher Schools of Agriculture
ETD	Entreprises Territoires et Développement (<i>Togo</i>)
FED	European Fund for Development
FPGL	Fondation Paul Gérin-Lajoie (<i>Mali</i>)
IECD	Institut Européen de Coopération et de Développement (<i>Côte d'Ivoire</i>)
INADES	African Institute for Economic and Social Development
IRAM	Institute for Research and Application of Development Methods
MAEE	Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs
MoU	<i>Memorandum of Understanding</i>

PO	Producer Organization
PAO	Professional Agricultural Organization
PAE	AgroEcology Program in West Africa
PAIAD	Support Project for the Dissemination and Implementation of Good Practices for Sustainable Agricultural Intensification
PATAE	Support Project for the Agroecological Transition in West Africa
PD	Detailed Proposals
PIR	Regional Indicative Program
PNIA	National Agricultural Investment Program
PNIASIAN	National Agricultural Investment Program
PPM	Procurement Plan
PRIA	Regional Agricultural Investment Program
PRIASAN	Regional Agricultural Investment and Food and Nutritional Security Program
PTBA	Annual Work Plan and Budget
PTF	Technical and Financial Partner
RAFIA	Recherche, Appui et Formation aux Initiatives d'Auto-développement (<i>Togo</i>)
ROPPA	Network of Farmers' Organizations and Producers of West Africa
TdR	Terms of Reference
THP	<i>The Hunger Project (Sénégal)</i>
TV	Terre Verte (<i>Burkina Faso</i>)
UAVES	Union pour un Avenir Écologique et Solidaire (<i>Mali</i>)
PCU	Project Coordination Unit
EU	European Union
UPPA-HOUET	Union Provinciale des Professionnels Agricoles des hauts-bassins du Houet (<i>Burkina Faso</i>)

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Executive Summary

The Agroecology Program (PAE) is a joint initiative implemented by ECOWAS, the European Union (EU) and the French Development Agency (AFD) to improve the performance of family farms and the food and nutritional security of populations in the face of climate change. The PAE is implemented through five components : (i) Support for the agroecological transition for local actors - ATA, (ii) Training and capacity building for agroecological intensification and sustainable agriculture - FRC, (iii) Support-advice and vulgarisation of technological innovations for sustainable agricultural intensification adapted to the modes of production of small agricultural producers - ACV, (iv) Exchanges, capitalisation and contribution to the elaboration of public policies of agroecological intensification - ECP and (v) Program Coordination and Management - CG. For each of these components, the main achievements in 2022 are as follows:

On the ATA component, the activities carried out concerned the continuation of the implementation of field projects, audits, monitoring and evaluation missions of field projects and the realisation of the final evaluation and capitalisation of field projects. Of the 15 projects, ten (10) were closed and five were extended from 1 to 6 months in 2023.

Regarding the FRC component, the main achievements were the selection and validation of the 15 training centers that will be supported by the PAE for the promotion of Agroecology, the elaboration of the 15 MoUs to be signed by the Centers, the conduct of the study "the status of the training offer in Agroecology (technical and professional secondary and higher education) as well as the conduct of preparatory activities for the adaptation of the Agroecology MOOC in collaboration with the Institut Agro of Montpellier.

With regard to the ACV component, The activities carried out concerned the recruitment of the consultant in charge of the study on partnerships between professional agricultural organizations (PAOs), research centers and training centers, the development of a scoping note, the selection process of existing partnerships to be supported by the PAE and the monitoring of the process for capacity building and methodological support to extension mechanisms. Unfortunately, the contract for the study on PAOs-RC-TC partnerships was terminated due to poor quality of the deliverables sent by the consultant.

As for the ECP component, the activities carried out concerned the support and the follow-up of the 3AO alliance concerning the organisation of the Regional Forum on Agroecology in West Africa with 179 participants, the realisation of the study on the networks and platforms, the launching of the study on the financing of agroecology, and the organisation of the national consultations in the quasi-totality of the ECOWAS countries.

Finally, under the CG component, The year 2022 was marked by the ROM evaluation at the beginning of the year, the opening of a Technical Assistance position for coordination and the beginning of work of a new monitoring-evaluation officer, the involvement of the PCU in several key regional meetings (regional training workshop on agro-ecology performance evaluation tools, ECOWAS Climate Strategy validation workshop, 3AO Forum, etc.), and the formalization of relations between ECOWAS and the training centers.

The physical execution rate of the activities programmed in 2022 is 83% compared to a financial execution rate of 62% and a commitment rate of 72%. The implementation of the AWPB 2022 has improved the overall performance of the program and has had significant effects on agricultural production. The adoption of agroecological practices on farms has increased agricultural productivity from 1.5t/ha to 3t/ha on managed lowlands.

In addition, the diversification of agricultural production by using more agro-ecological production systems (rotations and use of compost) has significantly reduced the periods of weeding among the program's beneficiary households.

These results were disseminated through various communication tools (newsletters, kakemonos and video clips).

The implementation of 2022 activities has resulted in an overall disbursement rate of 51%, of which 75% for AFD funds and 27% for the EU funds.

In 2023, significant results are expected. This includes, among other things, the training of 900 agents of the national support-advice and vulgarisation systems, the operation of the 15 national consultation and advocacy frameworks in the countries, the support of the 15 training centers to improve their training offer in agroecology in the region and the dissemination of good agroecological practices for sustainable agriculture, the support of partnerships between professional agricultural organisations - training centers and research centers and the closure of 15 field projects.

To achieve these results, the provisional budget for the activities to be carried out is estimated at €4,955,265.34, of which €1,621,228.43 is attributable to funding from the French Development Agency (AFD) and €3,334,036.92 to funding from the European Union.

1 | Introduction

1.1 Background and Justification of the Project

West Africa, like most regions of the continent, is continuously confronted with chronic food and nutritional insecurity where populations live in extreme poverty aggravated by the adverse effects of climate change. This situation leads ECOWAS to periodically review its regional agricultural policy - ECOWAP - to take into account present and future challenges. Thus, following the creation of its intervention framework for the development of climate-smart agriculture and its inclusion in the Regional Agricultural Policy (ECOWAP/PDDAA), the ECOWAS Commission has deployed several initiatives in collaboration with various technical and financial partners for a sustainable transformation of its agricultural sector and more globally of the regional food system.

It is in this context that the Agroecology Program (PAE) was set up to support family farms towards an agroecological transition allowing them to reconcile economic performance (increase in productivity and production, reduction of losses, improvement of income, etc.), food security, reinforcement of resilience, preservation of the environment and health of the populations.

Designed as an alternative to address the challenges of vulnerability and climate change, the major challenges of the PAE for ECOWAP are to: (i) modernise family farms by creating decent jobs and improving incomes ; (ii) increase and diversify production with sustainable and healthy systems for the environment and the health of consumers; (iii) adapt to climate change and variability to improve biodiversity and soil fertility and (iv) ensure the diversity, sovereignty and food and nutritional security of the region.

1.2 Brief description of the project

1.2.1 Objectifs et composantes du programme

The overall objective of the PAE is to improve the performance of family farms by increasing income and resilience to climate change through processes of preservation and restoration of the state of cultivated and natural ecosystems, thereby strengthening the resilience of the populations of West Africa in terms of food and nutritional security. Specifically, it is about (i) support the agroecological transition in West Africa; (ii) promote the emergence, adoption and dissemination of ecologically intensive agricultural practices on family farms, and (iii) promote management and organisational methods that encourage this adoption. To achieve these objectives, the program is structured around five (5) components:

- **the component Support to the Agroecological Transition for local actors (ATA)** is focused on promoting action research initiatives for sustainable agricultural intensification and agroecological transition. For the implementation of this component, local initiatives are supported by ECOWAS to support farmers' groups and rural communities towards agroecological intensification.
- **the component Training and capacity building for agroecological intensification and sustainable agriculture (FRC)** aims to contribute to agricultural training and capacity building for sustainable agricultural intensification and the promotion of agroecology. Through this component, knowledge on sustainable agricultural intensification and ecologically intensive agriculture techniques and best practices are promoted in the non-degree-granting training systems of agricultural sector actors.

- **the component Support-advice and vulgarisation of technological innovations for the sustainable agricultural intensification adapted to the modes of production of the small agricultural producers (ACV)** is intended to contribute to the support-advice and vulgarisation of technological innovations for sustainable agricultural intensification. Through this component, technological innovations for sustainable agricultural intensification adapted to the production methods of small-scale producers (and in particular the achievements and recommendations resulting from the implementation of field projects supported within the framework of the Program) are disseminated to the actors of the strategic priority sectors, in particular rice, maize, cassava, millet and sorghum.
- **the component Exchanges, capitalization and contribution to the development of public policies of agroecological intensification (ECP)** aims at facilitating exchanges, communicating, capitalising on the achievements of field projects, partnerships between PAOs, research centers and training centers, and contributing to the development of public policies in favor of agroecology. Through this component, the experiences on sustainable agricultural intensification and ecologically intensive agriculture are thus debated, capitalised, integrated and promoted in the agricultural policies, in particular the PRIASAN and the PNIASAN. The results of successful initiatives, lessons learned and their evaluation in order to establish favorable conditions for private investment in ecologically intensive and economically sustainable agriculture are disseminated, communicated and the visibility of actions fully ensured.
- **the component Program Coordination and Management (CG)** concerns monitoring and evaluation, financial management, coordination of internal, national and regional actions, various support to the RAAF and procurement.

The PAE is managed by ECOWAS. Monitoring and coordination of the program at the regional level is carried out by the Program Coordination Unit (PCU) based at the Regional Agency for Agriculture and Food (RAAF) in Lome, Togo. This unit is technically supported by the AVSF-IRAM-INADES Formation international consortium.

1.2.2 Review of the main expected results and intervention strategies of the program

Four (04) main results are expected from the implementation of the program:

- collectives of farmers and rural communities are supported towards an agroecological intensification;
- knowledge of the techniques and good practices of agroecology, sustainable agricultural intensification and ecologically intensive agriculture are promoted in the training systems of the actors of the agricultural sectors;
- technological innovations for sustainable agricultural intensification, adapted to the production methods of small producers, are disseminated to stakeholders in strategic priority sectors (rice, maize, cassava, millet/sorghum) ;
- experiences on sustainable agricultural intensification and ecologically intensive agriculture in West Africa are capitalised, integrated and promoted in agricultural policies.

To achieve these results, the PAE intervention strategy is based on seven (07) main principles: (i) participation and empowerment of local actors as a basis for program interventions ; (ii) diversification and complementarity of support approaches for producers and local actors at different levels (village, commune or sector); (iii) collective action as an approach to co-design/construction of innovations and as an approach that promotes their adoption; (iv) support-advice and dissemination of innovations as the main lever for the adoption of practices and technological innovations in Agroecology (AE) and sustainable agricultural intensification; (v) training and capacity building based on the existence and

deployment, at the regional level, of a network of training centers for AE practices already in existence or to be promoted to enable a large number of women and youth from rural and peri-urban areas to participate in an inclusive manner in the co-construction of knowledge; (vi) exchanges of experiences to generate new knowledge and lead to more generic lessons than those drawn from each individual initiative; (vii) the capitalisation of achievements as well as lessons learned from successes and failures facilitating exchanges at the local, national and regional levels and providing useful elements to decision-makers for the evolution of public policies.

1.2.3 Areas of intervention and cost of the program

The program covers the 15 member countries of ECOWAS.

The overall cost for the implementation of the program is 16.2 million euros, including 8 million euros financed by the French Development Agency (AFD) and 8.2 million by the European Union (EU). These budgets executed on the basis of annual activity plans. To this end, annual work plans and budgets (AWPB) are drawn up by the PCU, the field projects, the national correspondents and the partners involved in the implementation of the program (such as 3AO and soon the training centers and PAOs partnerships).

1.3 Highlights in the program environment

Three (03) major events marked the implementation of the Program in 2022: :

- the diplomatic quarrel between the Malian and French governments which complicates the implementation of activities in Mali;
- the persistent insecurity in Burkina Faso and Mali, which has had an impact on the implementation of certain activities;
- the beginning of work of a Technical Assistant to the Program Coordinator based at RAAF in Lomé, and the recruitment of a new Monitoring, Evaluation and Capitalisation Officer based at the ECOWAS Agriculture Directorate.

2 | Status of implementation of PAE activities

2.1 Status of implementation of the February 2022 CoPil recommendations

For the effective implementation of its interventions, ECOWAS, in collaboration with all partners, organised in February 2022, the meeting of the Regional Steering Committee for Projects/Programs.

The overall objective of this meeting was to review and approve the 2021 technical and financial reports and the 2022 work plans and budgets of the projects and programs and make recommendations/suggestions for improving their performance. The status of implementation of the recommendations made to the Agroecology Program during this meeting is presented in the following table.

Table 1 : Status of implementation of recommendations

Nr.	Recommendation	Status	Observations
1	Enrich the arguments relating to the proposed extension of the PAE, specify	In progress	Proposals for amendments to the Agreements are submitted

	the duration for the extension with a constant budget while taking into account the recommendations of the ROM mission		to the members of the 2023 CoPil to initiate the signing process in 2023
2	Finalise the multi-year PTBA on the basis of budgetary arbitrations and the duration decided for the PAIAD extension proposal	In progress	
3	Halt the ANOPACI project in accordance with the meeting of 02/02/2022 which decided on the early closure of the project	Completed	
4	Request the EU to finance the mid-term evaluation, capitalisation and/or communication/visibility activities from directly managed funds	Not completed	Postpone the mid-term evaluation to 2023 when the training centers and PAOs have begun their activities
5	Accelerate PAIAD activities such as support to vulgarisation structures	Completed	Several activities carried out: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • TC selected and PTBA under development; • AE MOOC : Universities identified, evaluation mission organized • Start of the activities of the 10 new NCs and the support to the 3AO alliance

2.2 Main achievements of the program in 2022

The status of implementation of the activities programmed in 2022 is presented by component as follows.

2.2.1 ATA component - Support for the Agroecological Transition for local actors

The achievements of this component have focused on the implementation and support to field projects, monitoring and evaluation, internal capitalisation and audits of field projects.

2.2.1.1 ATA.2 - Implementation and support for field projects

During 2022, among the 15 projects supported by the PAE, twelve have requested extensions without financial impact between 3 months and 12 months. The No Objection Notices for the endorsements/letters of endorsement for the 12 projects have been obtained from AFD and the endorsements have been signed between the RAAF and the project owners. As of December 31, 2022, 10 of the 15 field projects have been closed. The other five have been extended, following the favorable opinion of the AFD and are presented in the table below.

Table 2 : Projects extended to 2023 and completion dates

N°	Countries	Project owners	Name of the project	Completion date
1	Burkina-Faso	UPPA-H	Improving the production and efficiency of use of organic manure in production systems in western Burkina Faso (APEUFO) »	30 june 2023

2	Mali	AMEDD	Agroecological Intensification and Sustainable Management of Spaces and Natural Resources in Southern Mali	31 January 2023
3	Mali	UAVES	Support for PAOs for innovation, adaptation of family farming systems and sustainable management of natural resources through agroecology	31 march 2023
4	Senegal	ASPRODEB	Support Project for the Resilience of Agropastoral Family Farms (PAREFA) in the face of the effects of climate change	30 april 2023
5	Togo	RAFIA	Sustainable Intensification of Agroecological Practices in the Savannah Region	31 march 2023

The extension of the closing date of the 12 projects allowed them to implement activities that were delayed mainly because of the late initiation of audits by the project owners and their inability to provide the auditor with supporting documents for the expenses in time, but also because of the slowness of the auditor.

As for the UAVES project, it submitted its application for the third instalment to AFD on 24 November 2022. This last instalment should enable it to carry out the activities of the third instalment. However, due to the political situation and the decision of the Malian authorities to no longer receive a grant from France, payment of this third instalment remains blocked at AFD. If no solution is found to this situation as a matter of urgency, a further extension beyond March 31, 2023 would be essential.

In addition, to assess the progress of project activities, the PCU conducted six (6) missions to monitor and support field projects in the four beneficiary countries (Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Senegal and Togo). The monitoring of activities shows the results achieved by each project in the following table.

Table 3: Key results recorded by projects according to the themes covered

N°	Project owner/title	Planned activities	Results achieved
1	Terre Verte Burkina (TV-BF) Project title : Sharing the Sahelian Bocage - BSP	Application of techniques for the recovery and restoration of land fertility through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Production and application of organic matter, • Realisations of zai, stone cordons, grassy strips, vegetated bunds • Intensive rational grazing 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 230 ha of bocage perimeters developed for 76 families • 579/530 planned are trained in agroecological practices • 11/50 farmers trained on intensive rational grazing • 200 head of cattle benefited from rational grazing.
2	Union Provinciale des professionnels Agricoles des Hauts-Bassins Project title: “ Improving the production and efficiency of use of organic manure in production systems in western Burkina Faso (APEUFO) » Region : Hauts Bassins Country : Burkina Faso	Development of business plans for the provision of crop residue shredding services Provision of grinders to producers Training of producers on compost production techniques, recovery of organic manure and production of fodder	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8 Plant residue shredders for composting and mulching • 1 business plan developed • 12 grinders made available to producers • 3816 producers trained
3	Action Contre la Faim (ACF) Project title : Agro-ecological transition support project in the eastern region of Burkina (PATEB)	Training of 2017 producers on agroecological practices Establishment of 10 relay producers for the vulgarisation of agro-ecological practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1,974 producers trained in agroecological practices • 10 relay producers set up
4	ANOPACI Project title: Integrated fish farming in Grand-Lahou	Project stopped after a RAAF mission for insufficient results	
5	AFDI : Agriculteurs français et développement international (AFDI) Project title : « POs, research and companies value the sustainable	Support for the market access process for AE products Information and training of producers on land security Training of animators and relay producers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 5/6 cooperatives have initiated a process to promote their products on the market • 119/1,238 producers informed and trained on the issues of securing agricultural land • 18 facilitators and 48 relay producers supervised by the INP-HB

	effects of agroecology for scaling up» Region : San Pédro and Marahoué Country : Côte d'Ivoire	Establishment and animation of a network of advisers and relay farmers trained in agroecological practices.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 512 advisers and relay producers trained
6	Institut Européen de Coopération et de développement (IECD) Project title : Support for the agroecological transition in the market gardening sector in Côte d'Ivoire (TAMCI)	Sensitisation and training of members of the PCOMAYA cooperative	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 400 members of the PCOMAYA cooperative sensitised and trained on good organic fertilisation practices for market gardeners
7	UAVES – Union pour un Avenir Ecologique et Solidaire Project title : Support to Agricultural Producer Organizations for Innovation, Adaptation of Family Farming Systems and Sustainable Management of Natural Resources through Agroecology (Aopae)	Participatory monitoring and evaluation with local bodies and authorities 05 consultations organized on the marketing channels for AE products Training of animators and PO members	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 227,731 people reached through 8 radio programs • 14 animators and 700 members of 20 POs trained
8	FPGL – Fondation Paul Gérin-La Joie Project title: Support for the Agroecological transition in Mali through Synecoculture (ATAMS)	Introduction of synecoculture in 3 agricultural training centers (ESA/Ségou, Bla and M'Pessoba). Funding for AE business plans	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Adoption of synecoculture by the members of six (6) cooperative societies in the region of Ségou • 190 women/youth projects and business plans funded
9	AMEDD – Association Malienne d'Eveil pour le Développement Durable Project title: Agroecological Intensification and Sustainable Management of Spaces and Natural Resources in Southern Mali	Training of producers in AE Good Practices Supply of production kits	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 8640 producers trained • 65 material kits necessary for the production of biopesticide and bio-amendment distributed to the 5 community advisers of each of the 13 villages of intervention of the project, i.e. 5 kits per village.
10	ASPRODEB	Compost production,	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 142 ewes inseminated

	Project title : Support Project for the Resilience of Agropastoral Family Farms (PAREFA) in the face of the effects of climate change	Intensive livestock Insemination of sheep	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Over 300 rainbow roosters distributed • Compost production
11	ECLOSIO Project title : Yéssal sunu mbay (clean up our agriculture)	Training of producers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 548 relay farmers trained in agroecological practices, including 238 women. • 450 women trained in nutrition education • Securing land for 67 ha of women's market gardening areas • Inoculation of rhizobium mycorrhiza at onion planting
12	THP-SN Project title : Agroecological Intensification and Valuation of Family Farm Products	Training of producers on agroecological techniques including the production of compost, biopesticides Sensitisation of 780 actors on the assets, advantages and good practices related to agroecology Training of 120 students and teachers	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 312 people trained • 858 actors sensitised • 125 trained
13	Centre pour l'Ecologie et le Développement (CED) Project title : « Promotion of Agroecological Family Corn and Soybean Farms for Sustainable Income in the Plateau Region of Togo (PEFARD-TOGO) » Region : Plateaux Country : Togo	Installation and animation of the Farmer Field School Train 64 farmer trainers (1 FT per FFS) on "agro-ecological practices" and " the animation techniques of a Farmer Field School" (FFS) Sensitisation of producers on agroecological practices Access to the inputs necessary for the adoption of agroecological practices Adoption of agroecological practices for maize	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 68 created including 47 in 2022 • 70 farmer trainers (or relay trainers) trained • 2303 producers including 1042 in 2022 and 1143 beneficiaries out of 1000 planned including 717 in 2022 • Amount of AE input credits: 49 486 878 FCFA • 1,440 producers including 432 women, i.e. 111.85% of the target

<p>14</p>	<p>ETD Project title : « Support project for the consolidation and scaling up of agroecological practices in the plateau and central regions (ProCEPA) » Region : Centrale and Plateaux Country : Togo</p>	<p>Training relay farmers on agro-ecological practices Number of Farmer Field School installed on agroforestry, the practice of association and rotation, mulching, SRI and the use of compost Training of producers on good phytosanitary practices Training of elected officials on contracting and group selling Establishment of savings-credit groups</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 407 farmers i.e, 97% of the target • 65 installed, i.e. 77% of the target • 2,890 beneficiaries, i.e. 57% of the target • 146 elected officials trained, i.e. 62% of the target • 56 savings-credit groups installed, i.e. 100% of the target
<p>15</p>	<p>RAFIA Project title: Sustainable Intensification of Agroecological Practices in the Savannah Region</p>	<p>Training on the production of compost and bio-fertilisers and bio-pesticides Promotion of agroecological products Training on the management of animal traction kits and other production equipment Reforestation and implementation of anti-erosion techniques</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 2000 people reached by the promotion of AE products • 20 ha of land restored thanks to the stone cordon and grassy strips • Creation and equipment of 2 cooperatives producing organic inputs • Installation of 2 points of sale of agroecological products • 916 people trained in organic certification

Table 4: Main results by thematic group

Thematic block	<i>Results/effects</i>
Thematic : Agroecological intensification of production within family farms	
Establishment of mechanisms (policy, incentive frameworks, etc.) to facilitate the adoption of agroecology	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ 183 farmer field schools and experimental plots installed; ✚ 15 savings credit groups set up and operational ✚ Village savings and credit associations (AVEC), ✚ Support for structures in charge of implementing national agricultural policies and local authorities for project actions: technical support, training, facilitation of access to land, etc.
Support for family farms (FF) to adopt agroecological practices	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ 8,040 farmers supported, 100% of whom have adopted agroecological practices ✚ 212ha bocage perimeters completed ✚ 8 motorized crop residue shredders distributed for the production of compost ✚ 7000 ha of areas tested in agroecological practices; ✚ 21,340 producers trained in the agroecology approach; ✚ Development and/or reinforcement of devices for experimentation/adaptation of agroecological practices which have enabled the valorisation of the know-how of farmers/stockbreeders on the techniques of production of biofertilisers and biopesticides ✚ Realisation of zaï, stone cordons, grassy strips, vegetated bunds ✚ Inoculation at sowing: Contribution of mycorrhizal inoculum
Support for young people and empowerment of women	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ 9 youth cooperatives created and functional ✚ Equipment of 14 farm schools for women with hydraulic micro-boreholes, working materials, solar panels ✚ 4,238 self-employed young people and women supported in the realisation of their micro-project; ✚ 158 ewes selected and 148 ewes inseminated ✚ 167 roosters and 110 Rainbow hens distributed
Improvement of food security	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Reduced household food insecurity rate (77.5% in 2018 to 58.4% in 2022) in the project areas; ✚ Increase in rice yield from 1.5 tonnes/ha to 3 tonnes/ha on average on the developed lowlands; ✚ Diversification of agricultural production with crop rotations and diversification (example: June-September corn production, October-December, cabbage production and January-May onion production. Compost used to amend the soil ✚ 450 women trained in nutritional education
Thematic: Development and sustainable collective management of natural resources at the level of village lands, watersheds and irrigated areas	
Development and sustainable collective management of natural resources at the level of village lands, watersheds	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ 544 ha of land reforested and 16,000 trees planted ✚ 617 liters of organic pesticides produced for crop treatment; ✚ Significant quantities of compost (29,000 tonnes) produced for soil fertilisation; ✚ 381ha contoured landscaping; ✚ 20 ha of degraded land restored

Thematic block	Results/effects
and irrigated perimeters and environmental protection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ 14 village agreements known as “judge papers” for the management of natural and land resources signed for concerted management of community resources. ✚ Pruning and organic fertilisation of cocoa trees, ✚ Agroforestry practices with cocoa trees ✚ Association of fertilising plants with corn ✚ Mapping and analysis of soil fertility (more than 7000 soil samples) and recommendations for composts adapted to the specificities of the soils. ✚ 4 young women and 3 young men trained in chemical soil analysis
Thematic: Promotion of products resulting from agroecological practices on the market	
Development of short circuits of agroecological products and inputs, warrantage and marketing	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ✚ Creation of points of sale for agroecological products; ✚ Supplying market niches (urban super markets) ✚ Emergence of marketing channels for agroecological inputs (biofertilisers, biopesticides) ; ✚ 916 people trained in organic certification ✚ 916 contracts for the sale of organic products (soya, bissap, etc.)

Main effects recorded by the projects

- 100% of family farms supported by projects are involved in a collective (PO, group, cooperative.).
- Diversification of agricultural production by using efficient production systems (rotations and use of compost which make it possible to amend the soil (corn, cabbage onion), rice/cassava, millet/sorghum/legumes
- Establishment of mechanisms (policy, incentive frameworks, ...) to remove constraints and facilitate the adoption of agroecological practices (credit savings group, farmer field schools, or agroecological input credit), to acquire agroecological inputs (composts, organic fertilizers, biopesticides, agroecological seeds, etc.) and for capacity building in agroecological practices
- Contribution to the advocacy that led to the establishment of a subsidy for organic inputs by the government of Senegal ;
- 8040 beneficiaries have adopted agroecological practices on their farms ;
- Increase in rice yield from 1.5 tons/ha to an average of 3 tons/ha in managed lowlands

2.2.1.2 ATA.3 - Monitoring-evaluation, internal capitalisation and audits of field projects

Regarding monitoring-evaluation, audits and internal capitalisation, the activities carried out consisted of pre-audit and audit missions, final evaluation and capitalisation of field projects. The management difficulties encountered by the UPPA-H project in Burkina Faso to trigger the audit of the first instalment of the grant received led the PCU to carry out a pre-audit mission of the project. This mission allowed for the updating of supporting documents and the development of a new activity plan that led to the extension of the project until June 2023. As of December 31, 2022, all the audits planned for the projects

and the National Correspondents (NCs) have been carried out and have allowed for the transfer of the corresponding instalments to the project owners and NCs in accordance with the procedures manuals.

As for the final evaluation and capitalisation of the projects, the hired consultant sent 6 draft reports. Given the difficulties encountered in the collection of data, the consultant has requested in writing, the postponement of the submission date of the other deliverables from December 15, 2022 to January 20, 2023. As a prelude to this capitalisation, several experiences from field project activities were pre-identified as "good practices". This first phase allowed us to identify about forty themes of good practices or experiences to capitalise on.

Also, to enable the consultant to capitalize on good practices that are replicable and applicable in the West African region, the PCU developed a set of specifications that provided, in addition to the ToR, a conceptual and methodological framework. The analysis of each good practice focuses on the human and financial resources mobilized for the implementation of the good practice, the main results/effects and impacts recorded, the difficulties and measures necessary to overcome the constraints, and the replicability of the practice.

IN SUMMARY

Overall, the main activities planned in this component have been carried out. These are the implementation and support to field projects, monitoring and evaluation, internal capitalisation and audits of field projects. Of the 15 projects supported, 10 have been closed. They have all been audited and evaluated to assess the level of physical implementation and administrative and accounting procedures. The results of the implementation of these projects will be capitalised and disseminated. The physical implementation rate of the activities planned for these components in 2022 is estimated at 88%.

2.2.2 FRC component - Training and capacity building for agroecological intensification and sustainable agriculture

In 2022, the main achievements of this component were the diagnostic study and characterisation of training centers in agroecology, the diagnosis of the ESA and EFTP and the evaluation of the capacities of universities to select for adaptation in West Africa, the Agroecology MOOC of the Institut Agro of France.

2.2.2.1 FRC.1 - Study on the status of agroecology training centers and selection of centers to support

The study on the state of the art of the Training Centers (TCs) allowed the selection of 15 centers, i.e. one (1) center per country, which will be supported by the PAE for the promotion of agroecology. The 15 training centers selected have developed, with the support of the consultancy firm, projects to improve their agro-ecology training offer, which have been validated by the PCU with the support of the AVSF-IRAM-INADES Formation International consortium. The centers also developed their two-year Work Plans and Budgets (PTB) with the support of the PCU. Below in Table 5, the list of selected training centers.

Tableau 5: List of the 15 Training Centers supported by the PAE and the grants requested

Order number	Country / Institution	Name of the center	Total budget in euro	Grant requested in euros
1	Benin	TCHARM-FORA	117 500,00	100 000,00
2	Burkina - Faso	Centre de Promotion Rurale (CPR) de Kodougou,	124 139,00	103 717,00

Order number	Country / Institution	Name of the center	Total budget in euro	Grant requested in euros
3	Cabo Verde	Centro de Emprego e Formação Profissional de Santa Cruz - CEFPSC	104 391,00	88 732,00
4	Côte d'Ivoire	Centre de formation GAGNOA-LAKOTA,	119 180,00	101 303,00
5	The Gambia	Pirang Mixed Farming Centre,	105 700,08	89 950,08
6	Ghana	Kumasi Institute of Tropical Agriculture (KITA)	125 000,00	105 000,00
7	Guinea	Centre de Vulgarisation et de Formation (CVF) de Bamban,	122 134,00	103 814,00
8	Guinea Bissau	Centro de Instrução e Formação Artesanal e Profissional (CIFAP/ MURIALDO-BULA),	105 000,00	89 250,00
9	Liberia	umutu Agricultural Vocational Training Centre (TAVTC)	123 320,00	104 822,00
10	Mali	Centre d'Apprentissage Agricole (CAA) de Samanko,	128 872,78	104 945,90
11	Niger	Institut Privé de Formation IPF Kaoura-Matameye,	124 045,30	104 755,92
12	Nigeria	Agricultural and Rural Management Training Institute (ARMTI).	123 505,42	104 979,61
13	Senegal	La Ferme des 4 chemins,	122 900,00	104 465,00
14	Sierra Leone	University of Makeni Agroecological Training Centre	120 750,00	105 000,00
15	Togo	Centre d'Animation Rurale Tambimong Ogaro (CARTO)	124 081,23	104 997,03
	Total		1 666 437,58	1 320 784,43

2.2.2.2 FRC.2 – Support for training centers

The activities of the centers were officially launched by ECOWAS during a workshop held in Cotonou that brought together all the managers of these centers from the 15 ECOWAS countries.

For the implementation of these PTBAs, the PCU also trained the managers of these centers on the monitoring and evaluation process according to the ECOWAS Monitoring and Evaluation System (MESECOPS), the procurement process, financial management according to the ECOWAS manual of procedures, and on ECOWAS rules of communication. During this training, a guided visit was organized to the Songhai center in Benin, a model in the West African region that will share its experiences with the

training centers supported by the PAE in the implementation of their activities.



Photo 1: Visit of the Songhai Center in Benin (5/11/2022)

These training centers will train and/or build the capacities of 12,000 young people in the 15 ECOWAS Member States on agroecological practices for sustainable agriculture.

The MoUs are being signed by the training centers and will be sent in January 2023 to ECOWAS for countersignature by the Commissioner in charge of Economic Affairs and Agriculture. Already the files of Ghana, Benin, Senegal and Mali are on the table of the Commissioner.

2.2.2.3 FRC.3 - Diagnosis of ESA and EFTP and adaptation of the Agroecology MOOC

The study on "the state of the art of agricultural training (secondary technical and professional and higher education) related to agroecology and sustainable agriculture in ECOWAS countries" was conducted by the LARES-TERO-Institut Agro consortium and the final report was submitted to the RAAF through the PCU. At the end of this study, a regional workshop by videoconference is planned for January 27, 2023 with the heads of the institutions surveyed and other stakeholders, to present the results of the study and examine the possibilities of taking agroecology into account in ESA and EFTP in the 15 ECOWAS countries.

Concerning the activities related to the adaptation of the Agroecology MOOC, the contract was signed with the Institut Agro of Montpellier. In parallel, two Calls for Expression of Interest were launched (the first one having been declared unsuccessful), to select universities, institutes and/or regional research and training centers able to support ECOWAS in the adaptation and animation of an Agroecology MOOC in West Africa with the support of the Institut Agro.

At the end of the second call, twenty-six (26) structures were shortlisted, and an information webinar was organized with them to give them more information about the MOOC. But finally, seven (7) expressions of interest were received and analyzed. After the analysis of the 7 applications received, 6 universities and institutes (Benin (1), Burkina Faso (2), Nigeria (1) and Senegal (2)) were selected to be studied in greater depth by a team made up of members of the PAE PCU and the Institut Agro in order to assess their technical, operational, pedagogical and material capacities to participate in the process of adapting and

running the MOOC. It is only after this stage that the final selection of universities and institutes will be made by ECOWAS.

To this end, the PCU and the Institut Agro organised missions to Benin, Burkina Faso and Senegal to assess the technical and organisational capacity of universities identified in these countries. The mission to Nigeria has been postponed to 2023 due to the strikes observed by Nigerian academics. A workshop of pooling and consultation with the representatives of the universities for the constitution of a consortium of animation is planned in March 2023. It is envisaged to relaunch a Call for Expression of Interest for English-speaking countries, of which Nigeria was the only country to express its interest, to constitute a consortium to adapt and animate the MOOC in English.

IN SUMMARY

Overall, the main activities planned for this component have been carried out. The 15 selected training centers and their work plans and budgets are developed and validated. The ESA/EFTP study was conducted and validated during a videoconference and the 5 out of 6 universities selected for the MOOC activities were visited to assess their organisational and technical capacities. The MoUs with these universities and ECOWAS will be signed in 2023. The overall implementation rate of the activities planned in 2022 for this component is estimated at 89%.

2.2.3 ACV component- Advice-support and vulgarisation of technological innovations

During the year 2022, the activities carried out under this component concerned the study for the establishment of partnerships between PAOs and research centers and the strengthening of capacities and methodological support to vulgarisation mechanisms

2.2.3.1 ACV.1 - Establishment of partnerships between PAOs and research and training centers and dissemination of research results

In order to support the establishment of partnerships between professional agricultural organizations (PAOs), research centers and training centers for action research and dissemination of research products by ECOWAS, the consulting firm GRAD consulting was recruited. The firm prepared a methodological framework note and provided some of the first deliverables expected from the study (the draft report and a partial list of projects). **These were deemed unacceptable and ECOWAS terminated the contract with the firm.** Indeed, the firm did not follow: i) the methodology proposed in the framework note, ii) the criteria for classifying partnerships have not been harmonized across all countries, iii) the partnership section, which is the main issue of the study, was treated in a very unsatisfactory manner, iv) the database was not very usable for some countries. To finalise the study and allow for the selection of partnerships, the PCU solicited the program's National¹ Correspondents in the countries to analyse the database produced by the firm and provide additional information to facilitate the selection of partnerships to be supported by the PAE. To this end, a framework note of the desired partnerships, translated into English and Portuguese, has been elaborated by the PCU and sent to the NCs. The selected partnerships are invited to submit to the RAAF, their proposals for actions over 2 years according to the guidelines given in the framework note.

¹ The National Correspondents are the executives of the Ministries in charge of agriculture who are responsible for the organization of national consultations on agroecology, coordination and close monitoring of PAE activities in the 15 ECOWAS countries

Following validation of the work plan, the RAAF/ECOWAS will proceed to the contractualization phase (grant agreements to be signed between ECOWAS and the latter) in the first quarter of 2023.

2.2.3.2 ACV.2 - Capacity building and methodological support for VULGARISATION systems

For capacity building and methodological support to extension systems, the PCU has exchanged with the RESCAR-AOC network within the framework of the ACOTAF project to define the modalities of collaboration of this network with the structures that will be selected within the framework of the PAO-RC-TC study. The areas of collaboration identified include capitalising on successful experiences in promoting AE through agricultural advisory services and other similar regional and national experiences, strengthening national agricultural advisory systems to promote AE, and building the capacity of countries to actively participate in RESCAR-AOC activities. The latter organized a webinar on November 29, 2022 on the theme: “Agricultural advice and agroecological transitions in family farming: dynamics, challenges and prospects in West Africa”. This activity, entrusted to the NCs, should make use of the results of the GRAD study, which unfortunately was not completed. However, the review of the database by the NCs could help identify structures that could benefit from training in vulgarisation methods for agroecological innovations.

IN SUMMARY

The main activity planned for this component was delayed. Indeed, the termination of the contract of the consultant in charge of identifying the PAO-TC and research partnerships did not allow the signing of the MoUs during the year. However, the identification of partnerships in some countries with the support of the NCs and the organisation of a webinar on the agro-ecological transition of family farming have improved the physical implementation rate of the component estimated at 72% .

2.2.4 ECP component - Exchanges, capitalisation and contribution to the elaboration of public policies of agroecological intensification

Within the framework of the implementation of this component, the activities carried out concerned the reinforcement of a regional network and exchange mechanisms, the support to the process of capitalisation of the obtained results, the dissemination of the good AE practices, the implementation and the animation of the national frameworks of dialogue and of a regional forum on AE and the study on the mechanisms of financing of agroecology.

2.2.4.1 ECP.1 - Establishment of a regional network and exchange mechanisms

The activities carried out concerned the study of the existing national and regional networks and platforms, the support to the implementation of the activities co-financed with 3AO and the animation of national consultation frameworks.

The study on the status of existing national and regional networks and platforms in agroecology, training in sustainable agriculture; mapping of initiatives and organizations involved; and proposals for strengthening a network of agroecology actors in West Africa, was conducted by BRLi recruited following an international call for bids. The draft report and the country sheets of the study are available in the PAE box and can be downloaded from the link <https://app.box.com/s/wu55jtt4vjq12tmmpeg79n0qmvjfy2q>. This study shows that out of 117 structures surveyed, 81 (69.23%) belong to the category of platforms, networks, alliances and consultation frameworks, including 35 platforms, 30 networks, 5 alliances and 11 legally constituted consultation frameworks. These consultation frameworks are in addition to 40 other non-formal frameworks that had been identified by the PATAE NCs.

In addition, the study showed that there is some confusion between the term agroecology and the different techniques applied in sustainable, organic or climate-smart agriculture as shown in Figure 1 below..

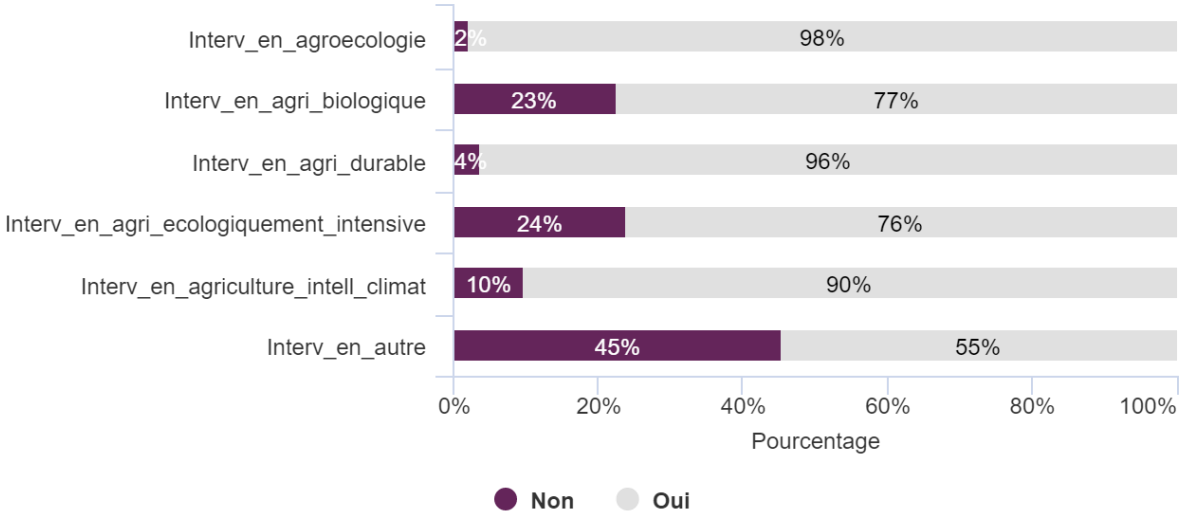


Figure 1: Areas of intervention of the structures surveyed

In view of these results, the study recommends promoting consultation among all stakeholders for a harmonised and consensual definition of concepts for the ECOWAS region.

In terms of support for the operation of 3AO, activities in 2022 focused on the organisation of the regional conference on agroecology and the establishment of a digital platform to boost agroecology and sustainable agricultural intensification in West Africa. To this end, 3AO in collaboration with RAAF organised a regional forum in Guinea Bissau to consolidate the dynamics of the Agroecological transition in West Africa. This forum brought together 179 participants from several structures from the five continents. During the forum, discussions focused on the access of family farms to organic agricultural inputs, agro-sylvo pastoral and fisheries production (ASPH) in a context of multiple crises, the major challenges related to the agro-ecological transition (TAE) of ASPH production, access to markets for products from agro-ecological systems, training and installation of youth in agro-ecological systems.

As a prelude to setting up a digital platform, consultations between 3AO, the PAE and the FAIR Sahel project have allowed us to draw inspiration from the CIRAD BOOST platform. The FAIR Sahel project, through CIRAD, is supporting 3AO both in the technical implementation of the digital platform and in its financing with a contribution of 70,000 euros.

2.2.4.2 ECP.2 - Support for the process of capitalising on the results obtained and disseminating "good practices"

The activities carried out concerned the transversal capitalisation and communication of the program's actions.

For the transversal capitalisation, the PCU in collaboration with the backstopping has identified five themes concerning (i) innovative partnerships for successful agroecology initiatives, (ii) the role of livestock in agroecology, (iii) the dynamics of territorial markets for agroecological products, (iv) the development and sustainable collective management of natural resources at the level of village lands, watersheds and irrigated areas (collective agreement) and (v) the socio-economic performance of family farms involved in the agro-ecological transition (income, jobs, etc.).

This capitalisation allows to draw up an assessment of the knowledge produced and acquired in a global way within the framework of the program as a whole. This capitalisation work will be the subject of a separate contract from that of the project and inter-project capitalisation.

Given the delays in the implementation of some of the program's activities, particularly partnerships and the activities of the training centers to be supported, the activity has been postponed to the end of 2023. However, the PCU has developed two (02) framework notes on the innovative partnership and the role of livestock in agroecology. In addition, the PCU will develop specifications for the capitalisation of the institutional mechanism of the program in order to facilitate the design and implementation of future cooperation programs in support of AE at the regional level.

For the actions of communication and visibility of the program, in spite of the important delay of the Issala-Jade Production Consortium to start the activities, important tools have been elaborated. These are newsletters (link below: <https://app.box.com/s/limt59zjz6lzao9ycikpfn5a3btlprqo>,) These are newsletters (link below: <https://app.box.com/s/limt59zjz6lzao9ycikpfn5a3btlprqo>,) gadgets, kakemonos, calendar and video capsules.

2.2.4.3 ECP.3 - Establishment and animation of national consultation frameworks and advocacy

In all 15 ECOWAS countries, NC activities have started with the implementation of the 2022 PTBA. In addition to monitoring field project activities, participating in regional workshops and supporting consultants hired by the PAE for specific studies, the NCs have organized workshops for consultation and exchange on themes that could feed into public policy. During these workshops, discussions focused on the importance of agroecology for food security and strategies for financing agroecology

In addition, consultants have been recruited for the formulation of the operating and sustainability charter documents of the National Consultation Frameworks and their action plans. These documents were validated during the workshops which brought together all the actors and practitioners of agroecology at the level of each country.

2.2.4.4 ECP.4 - Support for the implementation of PRIASAN and PNIASAN and financing of agroecology

In 2022, no activities in support of PNIASAN and PRIASAN were programmed. Thus, the main activity concerned the study on financing mechanisms to accompany/encourage the agro-ecological transition and sustainable agricultural intensification in West Africa. For this purpose, an international call for bid was launched and the HORUS / Salvaterra Consortium was recruited to carry out the study. After the validation of the framework note, data collection is currently underway in the countries.

IN SUMMARY

The main activities planned for this component were carried out in a satisfactory manner. In spite of the delay in the start of the communication/visibility activities since the activities were at a complete stop from January to July, important tools have been developed. In addition, the NCs organized national consultations, exchanged on themes related to agroecology and the regional forum organised on agroecology gathered 179 participants. Also, the NCs and the 3AO have all received their funding instalments to carry out their activities. Also, the study of the existing national and regional networks and platforms, the support to the implementation of the activities co-financed with 3AO and the animation of national consultation frameworks. The implementation rate of the component activities in 2022 is estimated at 75%.

2.2.5 **CG component - Program Coordination and Management**

The activities carried out on this component concerned the support to the project owner in the coordination and the current management of the PAE, the monitoring-evaluation and the audits.

2.2.5.1 **CG.1 - Support to the project owner in the coordination and daily management of the PAE**

The actions carried out in 2022 on this activity concerned:

- The support of the PCU to the RAAF for the establishment of national units of the AIC project and the development of guidelines for the call for project proposals of the PRAOP on the promotion of the local milk sector;
- The participation of the PCU in the validation workshop of the regional climate strategy document and climate financing strategy organised in Accra within the framework of the GCCA+AO project;
- Support to the RAAF for the validation of the study on the mapping of food security and nutrition data and sustainable agriculture in West Africa (SANAD) ;
- The support of the PCU to the NCs for the elaboration of the ToR related to the activities planned in their PTBA;
- The participation of the PAE in the COP15 on the fight against desertification organised in Abidjan, Ivory Coast;
- The continuation of the information on the levels of achievement of the logical framework indicators in relation to the targets (see link) : <https://app.box.com/s/rnpq0eo1b8haaj5yho711gay4zw8casq>
- The consultation of the PCU in the framework of the EU-sponsored ROM mission of the PAIAD project;
- The organization of a regional training workshop on agro-ecology performance evaluation tools (TAPE, GTAE), within the framework of the implementation of the FAO-ECOWAS LoA (signed at the beginning of 2022 and amended at the beginning of July) with a view to the appropriation of the aforementioned tool by the regional and national agricultural actors.



Photo 2 : TAPE Training Workshop (29/07/2022)

2.2.5.2 **CG.2 - Monitoring and Evaluation**

The activities carried out in 2022 concerned:

- Support to NCs and field project owners for the effective implementation of activities;
- The organisation of the monitoring mission conducted with ANOPACI in Côte d'Ivoire to assess the situation of the death of fish and fry in the ponds of the said project and which led to the early closure of the project;
- The development of a PAE-ReSCAR-AOC action plan for the promotion of agroecology in West Africa;
- Monitoring of the various contracts and contracting processes;
- Participation in the training of monitoring and evaluation coordinators and experts on the second version of the MESECOPS;
- The organisation of monitoring and evaluation missions of field project activities;
- The recruitment of a new Monitoring and Evaluation Officer within the PCU based in Abuja (following the reorganisation of the PCU) ;
- The elaboration of the consolidated 2022 PTBA;
- Participation in meetings of the Regional Steering Committees and Technical Committees monitoring the RAAF's projects/programs;
- The elaboration of the semi-annual and annual reports 2022;
- The organisation of coordination meetings for the effective implementation of activities.

2.2.5.3 CG.3 - Audits and support for the RAAF

The main activities carried out in 2022 involved:

- The organisation of a pre-audit mission of the PCU to the UPPA-Houet project in Burkina Faso which allowed the preparation of the audit of the first part of the grant paid to the project;
- The audit of the two PAE accounts at the RAAF (PATAE-RAAF and PAIAD-RAAF accounts) ;
- Support to the realization of the different audits of the field projects, the NCs and the ROM mission of the PAIAD project commissioned by the EU;
- The preparation by the PCU of an amendment allowing the firm PwC to audit the project accounts of the National Correspondents (NCs);
- The recruitment of an auditing firm to carry out multiple audits of regional and national actors supported by the PAE from early 2022 until the end of the program.

Also, in accordance with the audit recommendations, the PAE maintains and updates a risk and mitigation register

Table 6: PATAE Risks Register, updated December 16, 2022

CZZ1848- PATAE RISKS REGISTRY -2022		
N°	Risks	Mitigation measures
1	Abandonment or suspension of the PATAE by ECOWAS	
	<i>Failure to complete the project by the technical completion date</i>	Anticipate and extend the technical completion date; This date is extended to February 19, 2024 (see Addendum N°1, Annex 6) to the PATAE signed on June 25, 2021 between ECOWAS and AFD
	<i>ECOWAS withdraws or stops participating in the project</i>	Ongoing ECOWAS exchanges with AFD would help avoid unfortunate situations that could lead to withdrawal or non-participation

2	Suspension of financing by the AFD	
	<i>Non-continuity in financing by AFD for cases of force majeure decided by the French Government</i>	The mobilisation of ECOWAS community funds would ensure the continuity of actions in case of suspension of financing by AFD.
3	Increased insecurity in some areas of project implementation	
	<i>Insecurity linked to terrorism in some ECOWAS countries (Mali, Burkina Faso, Northern Togo, Niger etc.)</i>	Respecting the security guidelines issued by ECOWAS and the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs would reduce the risk of non-implementation of the project activities
	<i>Low rate of completion of field projects</i>	Accelerate the completion of field projects in 2022 and adapt monitoring missions to avoid the risk of kidnapping of project teams, the RAAF or the PCU by terrorists. It is also a question of giving priority at times to remote monitoring and training
4	Increase in the health crisis (COVID-19) in the ECOWAS region	
	<i>Increase and aggravation of the health risk related to Covid-19 in ECOWAS countries</i>	The respect of barrier measures and the adaptation of the number of people to participate in missions, field schools and training sessions should allow the implementation of activities to continue in order to achieve results despite the health crisis related to COVID-19
	<i>Low rate of completion of field projects</i>	Have some field project activities carried out by local organisations to avoid the risk of kidnapping of project teams, the RAAF or the PCU by terrorists

Table 7: PAIAD Risk Registry, updated December 16, 2022

CZZ1848- PAIAD RISKS REGISTRY -2022		
N°	Risks	Mitigation measures
1	Abandonment or suspension of PAIAD by ECOWAS	
	<i>Failure to complete the project by the technical completion date</i>	Anticipate and extend the technical completion date by 12 to 18 months. This extension is also recommended by the European Union ROM evaluation mission.
	<i>ECOWAS withdraws or stops participating in the project</i>	ECOWAS's ongoing exchanges with AFD and the EU would help avoid unfortunate situations that could lead to withdrawal or non-participation
2	Suspension of EU funding	
	<i>Non-continuity in EU funding for cases of force majeure decided by the European Union</i>	The mobilisation of ECOWAS community funds would ensure continuity of actions in the event of suspension of funding by the EU.
3	Increased insecurity in some areas of project implementation	
	<i>Insecurity linked to terrorism in some ECOWAS countries (Mali, Burkina Faso, Northern Togo, Niger etc.)</i>	Respecting the security guidelines issued by ECOWAS and the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs would reduce the risk of non-implementation of the project activities
	<i>Low rate of completion of activities</i>	Accelerate the completion of studies in 2022 and operationalise the selection of training centers, PAO-Research Center partnerships, the MOOC and follow security guidelines to avoid the risk of kidnapping of project teams, the RAAF or the PCU by terrorists
4	Increase in the health crisis (COVID-19) in the ECOWAS region	
	<i>Increase and aggravation of the health risk related to Covid-19 in ECOWAS countries</i>	The respect of barrier measures and the adaptation of the number of people who should participate in missions, training sessions, and the vaccination of workers and beneficiaries should allow the implementation of activities to continue in order to achieve results despite the health crisis related to COVID-19

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All the activities planned for this component were carried out satisfactorily. The PCU supported the RAAF in the establishment of the national units of the AIC project and the development of the guidelines for the call for project proposals of the PRAOP, the validation of the regional climate strategy document and the study on the mapping of food security data, the organisation of the COP15 on the fight against desertification, the organisation of the Regional Steering Committees and the technical committees for the monitoring of the RAAF projects/programs. In addition, the PCU has prepared quarterly and annual reports and supported audits of NCs and field projects. The rate of physical achievements on this component is 94%.

2.3 Summary of physical achievements

The evaluation of the implementation of the activities planned in the 2022 PTBA allowed us to assess the level of execution by component. For this purpose, a calculation of output realisation rates was carried out based on the outputs obtained in relation to all the expected outputs. The physical implementation rate of each program component is calculated using the following formula:

- Implementation rate = $\Sigma(\text{txE} \times \text{dnE}) / \Sigma \text{dnE}$
- txE = Annual output realisation rate
- dnE= Denominator of the output

As of December 31, 2022, the physical implementation rate of the 2022 PTBA is estimated at 83%. By component, the physical implementation rates vary from 72% for the ACV component to 94% for the CG component as shown in the figure below. The weak implementation of the ACV component is linked to the unsatisfactory completion of the study on the identification of PAO-TC and research partnerships.

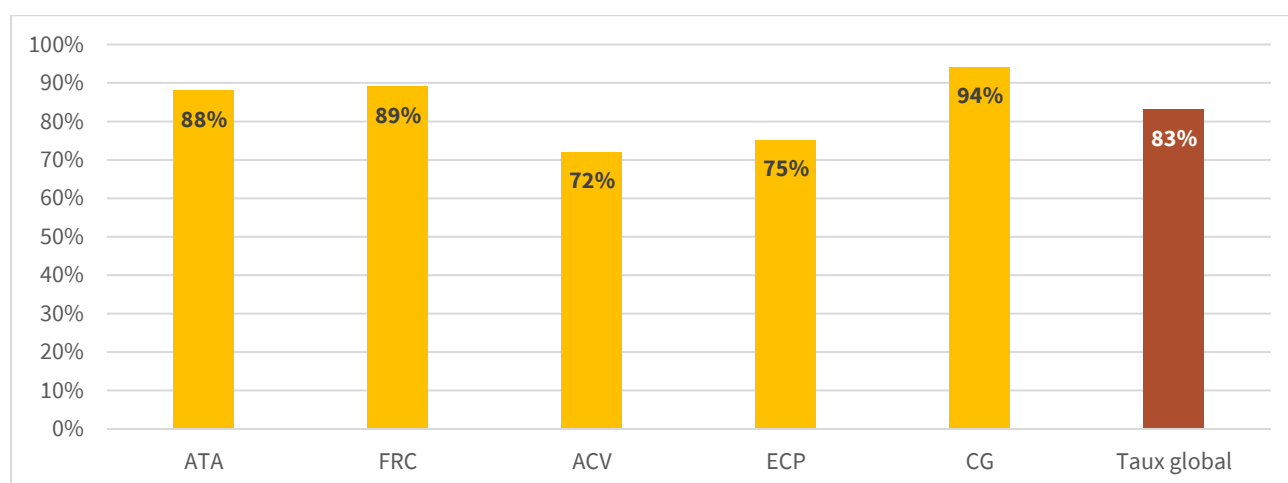


Figure 2 : Implementation rate of activities programmed in 2022 by component

3 | Budget execution

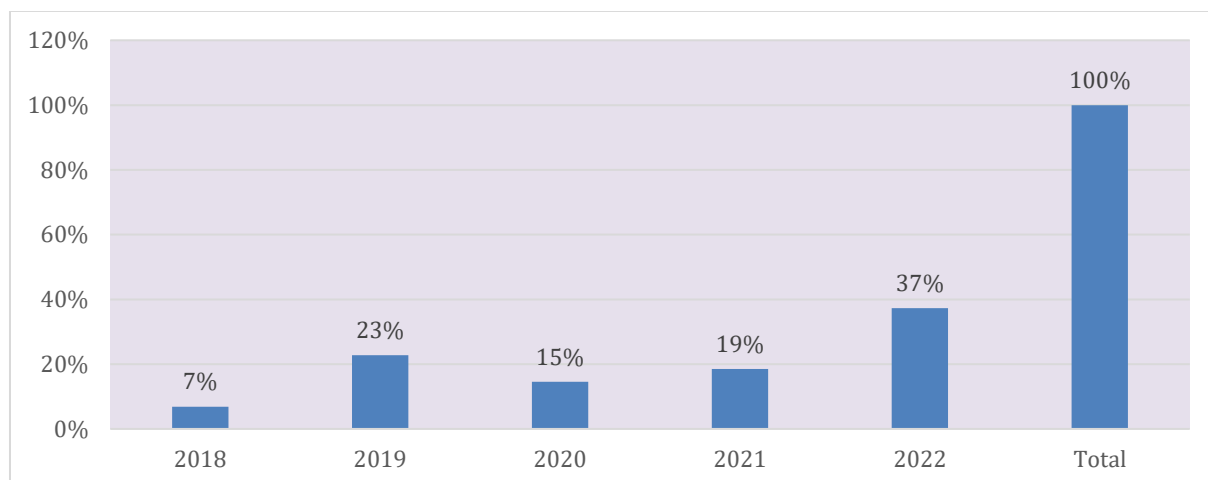
3.1 Financial execution of the 2022 PTBA

Of the total 2022 PTBA budget, the disbursement rate with AFD is 69.45% as shown in the table below

Tableau 8: Disbursement rate by component in relation to the PTBA budget

Components	Budget 2022 PTBA in euro			Disbursement of the 2022 PTBA			Disbursement rate of the 2022 PTBA		
	AFD	EU	Total	AFD	EU	Total	AFD	EU	Total
ATA	1 157 323		1 157 323	1 128 207		1 128 207	97%		97%
FRC		470 662	470 662		152 570	152 570		32%	32%
ACV		564 118	564 118		433 893	433 893		77%	77%
ECP	852 714	845 306	1 698 020	185 952	496 996	682 948	22%	59%	40%
CG	351 777	467 739	819 516	318 797	554 583	873 380	91%	119%	107%
Total	2 361 814	2 347 825	4 709 639	1 632 956	1 638 042	3 270 998	69,14 %	69,77 %	69,45 %

Figure 3 : Evolution of the PAE disbursement rate of funds with AFD from 2018 to 2022



The evolution of the rate of disbursement of funds from AFD follows the pace of implementation of the program. Thus, the year 2022 had the highest rate of disbursement and this is explained by the start of activities of the 10 new national correspondents and the acceleration of the implementation of the program as a whole.

3.2 2022 and overall budget execution of PAE

Table 9: Budget execution rate by component in 2022

Components	Total PAE Budget	2022 PTBA Budget	Total PAE 2022 Commitment	Total Expenses PAE 2022	% Expenses	2018 - 2022 cumulative commitments		2018 - 2022 Cumulative Expenses	
						Cumulative Commitment PAE 2018-2022	% commitments.	Cumulative PAE Expenses 2018-2022	% Expenses .
ATA	4 800 000,00 €	1 157 323,26 €	88 031,69 €	1 200 057,04€	104%	4 760 449,69 €	99%	4 235 116,84 €	88%
FRC	2 108 439,00 €	470 662,36 €	272 539,96 €	267 171,15 €	57%	505 561,96 €	24%	314 139,95 €	15%
ACV	1 927 716,00 €	564 118,08 €	184 804,50 €	51 074,00 €	9%	319 729,50 €	17%	51 074,00 €	3%
ECP	2 756 229,00 €	1 698 019,77 €	855 357,33 €	695 977 ,18 €	41%	1 703 515,50 €	62%	1 216 831,96 €	44%
CG	3 220 607,00 €	819 516,00 €	360 312,41 €	702 333,88 €	86%	3 204 654,13 €	100%	2 120 285,53€	66%
IMP	430 000,00 €		0,00 €	0,00 €	#DIV/0!	0,00 €	0%	0,00 €	0%
FG	507 009,00 €		0,00 €	0,00 €	#DIV/0!	507 009,00 €	100%	307 919,64 €	61%
TOTAL	15 750 000 €	4 709 639 €	1 761 045,89 €	2916 613,25€	62%	11 000 919,79 €	69,85%	8 245 367,92 €	52,35%

The budget execution rate is 62% for 2022 and a commitment rate of 72%.

As of December 31, 2022, the cumulative PAE execution rate is 52.35% and a commitment rate of 69.85%. This rate should increase rapidly in 2023 with the implementation of the activities of the 15 new training centers and the 15 PAO-research and training center partnerships

Table 10: Specific budget execution rate for 2018 – 2022 PATAE

Components	PATAE AFD BUDGET	Cumulative commitments	% commitments	Cumulative Expenses	% Expenses
ATA	4 800 000,00 €	4 760 449,69 €	99,18%	4 235 116,84 €	88,23%
FRC					
ACV					
ECP	1 200 000,00 €	837 525,30 €	69,79%	762 095,98 €	63,51%
CG	1 250 000,00 €	1 419 298,13 €	113,54%	1 258 768,39 €	100,70%
IMP	750 000,00 €		0,00%	0,00 €	0,00%
FG					
TOTAL	8 000 000,00 €	7 017 273,12 €	88%	6 255 981,21 €	78%

It should be noted that the specific commitment rate for the PATAE is 88% compared to an execution rate of 78% as of 12/31/2022.

Table 11: Specific budget execution rate for PAIAD

Components	PAIAD EU BUDGET	Cumulative commitments	% commitments	Cumulative Expenses	% Expenses
ATA	0,00 €	0,00 €		0,00 €	
FRC	2 108 439,00 €	505 561,96 €	23,98%	314 139,95 €	14,90%
ACV	1 927 716,00 €	319 729,50 €	16,59%	51 074,00 €	2,65%
ECP	1 556 229,00 €	865 990,20 €	55,65%	454 735,98 €	29,22%
CG	1 650 607,00 €	1 785 356,00 €	108,16%	861 517,14 €	52,19%
IMP					
FG	507 009,00 €	507 009,00 €	100,00%	307 919,64 €	60,73%
TOTAL	7 750 000,00 €	3 983 646,66 €	51,40%	1 989 386,71 €	25,67%

It should be noted that the specific commitment rate for PAIAD is 51.40% compared to an execution rate of 25,67% as of 12/31/2022.

This specific rate will increase rapidly with the execution of expenditures in 2023 by the 15 training centers, the 15 NCs and the 15 PAO partnerships.

3.3 EU payments to AFD on PAIAD

In accordance with Article 19 of Annex 2 of the EU-AFD Delegation Agreement, each new payment of an EU pre-financing instalment to AFD is made on condition that "more than 70% of the immediately preceding instalment (and 100% of previous instalments, if any) has been paid by the organisation to its staff or has been the subject of a legal commitment with a third party".

The criteria for triggering the instalment request are therefore as follows:

- 70% disbursement on the current instalment (and 100% of previous instalments, if any) or,
- 70% disbursement on the previous instalment (and 100% of previous instalments, if any).

Based on this information, the data currently available on the PAE is as follows:

- The total amount committed to the FED/EU represents 100% of instalment 1, and 86% of instalment 2;

- The total amount disbursed from the FED/EU represents 100% of instalment 1 and 37% of instalment 2.

These data are detailed in the following tables.

Table 12: Monitoring of commitments

Commitment	Amount received	Amount to be received	Amount committed	Remaining to be committed	% commitment of the instalment
Instalment 1	1 398 852 €	- €	1 398 852 €	- €	100%
Instalment 2	3 000 000 €	- €	2 584 795 €	415 205 €	86%
Instalment 3	- €	3 351 148 €	- €	3 351 148 €	0%
Total	4 398 852 €	3 351 148 €	3 983 647	3 766 353 €	51,40%

Table 13: Monitoring of disbursements

Disbursement	Amount received	Amount to be received	Amount disbursed	Remaining to be disbursed	% of disbursement of the instalment
Instalment 1	1 398 852 €	- €	1 398 852 €	1 398 852 €	100%
Instalment 2	3 000 000 €	- €	1 121 600 €	1 878 400 €	37%
Instalment 3	- €	3 351 148 €	- €	3 351 148 €	0%
Total	4 398 852 €	3 351 148 €	2 520 452 €	6 628 400 €	57,30%

In view of the current level of progress, the criteria for requesting payment of a new instalment of EU pre-financing have been met, i.e. 100% commitment on the first instalment and 86% on the second instalment, which is higher than the required 70%.

AFD must therefore request and obtain in 2023 the 3rd instalment of pre-financing from the EU, in the amount of €3,351,148 to avoid tension and cash flow problems.

3.4 Overall program disbursement status as of 12/31/2022

The overall disbursement of the Program as of 12/31/2022 is estimated at 7,774,635.65 euros or 51%.

By source of financing, the disbursement situation is presented in the table below.

Table 14: Overall program disbursement as of 12/31/2022

Sources of funding	Budget amount (Euro)	Amount disbursed (Euro)	Amount disbursed (FCFA)	Disbursed rate	Balance (Euro)
AFD	8 000 000,00	5 960 977,22	3 910 144 732	75%	2 039 022,78
EU	7 750 000,00	2 056 140,52	1 348 739 765	27%	5 693 859,48
Total	15 750 000,00	8 017 117,73	5 258 884 497	51%	7 732 882,27

The overall disbursement of the current project is 8,017,117.73 euros (51% of the global budget), of which 5,960,977.22 euros for the AFD (i.e. 75% of the total amount for the AFD) and 2,056,140.52 euros for the EU (i.e. 27% of the total amount for the EU).

4 | Difficulties encountered in the implementation of 2022 activities

The main difficulties encountered in the implementation of the program are presented in the table below:

Table 15: Difficulties encountered and solutions provided

Main difficulties encountered	Corrective measures
1. Delay by NCs in sending complete banking information to enable timely provision of budgets for their annual work plans	B to B exchanges solved the problems and all CNS received their transfers.
2. Delay in setting up the budgets of the PATAE NCs due to the clause in the procedure manual that requires the audit of expenses made from 2019 to 2021 before the payment of their 2022 budgets, by a firm recruited by open bid	Elaboration of an amendment to the contract of the PwC firm (auditor of the field projects' accounts). This firm audited the accounts of these five (5) PATAE projects, in order to avoid the long delay related to the recruitment process of the new audit firm and to allow the rapid implementation of the funds.
3. Delay in the implementation of communication tools due to health problems encountered by the main consultant of the communication office	Contacts have resumed and the firm is working normally
4. Unsuccessful Call for Expression of Interest on the recruitment of universities for the adaptation of the Agroecology MOOC in West Africa.	A new Call for Expression of Interest was relaunched on the basis of an enlarged shortlist. One week after the launch, a webinar was organized with the short-listed universities to explain clearly the content and the stakes of the MOOC, the modalities of submission and selection as well as the mechanisms of animation.
5. Delay in the execution of the partnership study	A letter was sent to the consultant, which helped to accelerate the execution of the said study. Unfortunately the deliverables were deemed unsatisfactory by the PCU and the contract was terminated. NCs have been asked to finalise the study with funds that were intended to support the completion of the study.
6. Delay in submission of quarterly and semi-annual reports by NCs and field project owners	Reminder, organisation of zoom meetings, and a letter sent on 08/09/2022 reminding them of their contractual obligations and stipulating that the quarterly indemnities will only be paid once the quarterly technical and financial reports are received.

5 | Synergies with other projects and initiatives

The main activities carried out in synergy with projects or partners are presented in the table below.

Table 16: Synergies with other projects and actions

Nr	Activities	Added value	Projects/ Partners
1	Participation in the COP 15 in Abidjan: Presentation of the contribution of Agroecology to the fight against desertification.	Sharing experiences with IOM: Agroecology, an employment opportunity for rural youth to curb their emigration	AIC+, IOM, CILSS, UNCDD
2	Training for PAE NCs on the FAO Agroecology Performance Assessment Tool	TAPE could be used for the design, management and monitoring and evaluation of agricultural projects, including specifically agroecological projects	FAO, NC
3	Participation in the validation workshop of the ECOWAS regional climate strategy in Accra, Ghana	Consideration of the adaptation component via agro-ecological practices in the financing of the regional climate strategy	GCCA+AO
4	Participation in the 2nd Biennial Conference on Smart Agriculture facing the climate (<i>Climate-Smart Agriculture</i>) in Africa in Accra, Ghana	Analysis of the AIC/Agroecology framework Assessment of the compatibility of agroecology and AIC practices Agronomic performance of AIC/AE/conventional practices Nature-based/AE solutions	FARA
5	Organisation of the regional forum: technical and financial support	State of progress of public policies in favor of Agroecology (AE) Five main themes discussed Identification of challenges and constraints to the promotion of AE Some recommendations for public policy and for POs	3AO, ROPPA
6	Capacity building and methodological support for support-advice and vulgarisation mechanisms	Action plan budgeted for Establishment of information, knowledge sharing and learning tools on agricultural advice among West African countries, strengthening of national agricultural advice systems to promote AE, development of a regional strategy to strengthen the integration of AE by agricultural advice services	ACOTAF
7	Capitalisation of good practices and implementation of a digital platform of agroecology of 3AO	Technical realisation of the platform in progress and contribution of 70 000€ by Fair Sahel in addition to the PAE funding	FAIR Sahel Project

6 | 2023 Operational Action Plan

6.1 Review of expected results

As part of the implementation of the 2023 PTBA, the main expected results are:

- Five (05) field projects in Burkina Faso, Mali, Senegal and Togo are closed;
- The final evaluation and capitalisation of the field projects is completed;
- The closing audits of the field projects are carried out;
- The 15 training centers are supported for the promotion of agroecology;
- A consortium of French and English-speaking universities has been formed to adapt and run the Agroecology Mooc.
- Fifteen (15) partnerships between PAOs, research centers and training centers for dissemination targeting strategic priority sectors in ECOWAS Member States are identified and supported;
- Nine hundred (900) agents of the national support-advice and vulgarisation systems are trained;
- Fifteen (15) national consultation frameworks and advocacy are functional in the countries;
- NCs and 3AO are supported and functional;
- A consultant is recruited for the cross-cutting capitalisation;
- The study on financing mechanisms for agroecology is carried out;
- The PTBA 2023 is developed and validated by the CoPil;
- Quarterly and annual reports are elaborated and disseminated;
- Communication tools on the actions of the program are developed and disseminated;
- The coordination and management of the program are ensured.

6.2 Presentation of the program of activities for 2023

The activities planned in this 2023 Annual Program of Work and Budget (PTBA) address the various components of the PAE.

6.2.1 ATA component - Support for the agro-ecological transition

In 2023, the main activities programmed for the component are: (i) the closure of the last five field projects (ATA.2), and (ii) the monitoring-evaluation, capitalisation and audits of projects (ATA.3).

6.2.1.1 ATA.2 - Implementation and support of field projects

Most of the field projects were closed during 2022. However, five (05) of them are still in progress and will be closed by the end of the first half of 2023: These are:

- Project "Improving the production and efficiency of use of organic manure in production systems in western Burkina Faso (APEUFO)" led by UPPA-Houet
- Project "Agro-ecological intensification and sustainable management of spaces and natural resources in southern Mali" led by AMEDD in Mali;
- Project "Support to farmers' organizations for innovation, adaptation of family farming systems and sustainable management of natural resources through agro-ecology (AOPAE)" conducted by UAVES in Mali;
- Project "Support project for the resilience of agropastoral family exports (PAREFA) in the face of the effects of climate change" conducted by ASPRODEB in Senegal etc. ;
- Project "Sustainable intensification of agroecological practices in the savannah region" led by the NGO RAFIA.

6.2.1.2 ATA.3 - Monitoring and evaluation, internal capitalisation and audits

Within the framework of the implementation of this activity, three (03) main actions will be carried out.

- Monitoring and evaluation

In 2022, the PCU hired a consultant to conduct a final evaluation and capitalisation of all field projects. This study has been completed and draft reports are available.

In 2023, activities will focus on the finalization and validation of reports.

- Internal capitalisation, communication and visibility

In 2021, the PCU has hired a communication service provider who is currently working on the mock-up of a guide to capitalise on good practices from field projects. The content of the guide will be derived from the final evaluation and capitalisation study of the field projects mentioned above. In 2023, the activities will concern the finalization of this guide and its publication.

- Audits of field projects

With the extension of the projects from three (03) to twelve (12) months, the final audits will continue into 2023. In addition, the project extended until June 30 will receive its final instalment in 2023 after the audit of the second instalment. Its final audit will take place in the second half of 2023.

The projected expenses in 2023 for this component are €733,330.64.

6.2.2 FRC component - Training and capacity building for agroecological intensification and sustainable agriculture

In 2023, the activities to be implemented on this component will focus primarily on: :

- FRC.1 : Study on the status of training facilities and selection of centers to be supervised;
- FRC.2 : Support for the development of the activities of agroecology training centers; and
- FRC.3 : Support for degree-granting education.

6.2.2.1 FRC.1 - Study on the status of training facilities and selection of centers to be supervised

In 2023, the fifteen (15) MoUs of the training centers selected to be supported by the PAE will be signed.

6.2.2.2 FRC.2 - Support for the development of activities of training centers in agroecology

The funds necessary for the implementation of the validated PTBAs of the centers will be put in place. A preliminary monitoring-evaluation mission of the centers will be carried out by the PCU with the support of the NCs at the start of their activities. Local monitoring missions will be organized by the National Correspondents and the PCU to assess the status of implementation of planned activities. The detailed action plans of the training centers are available for download (see Annex 4).

6.2.2.3 FRC.3 - Support for degree-granting education

The ESA/EFTP diagnostic study started in January 2022 will be finalised and the conclusions and recommendations of this study will be shared during a virtual feedback workshop scheduled for January 2023.

In addition, the process of adapting the MOOC will continue in 2023. The evaluation mission of the organisational, technical and pedagogical capacities of the X ?? universities that will be associated with the MOOC will continue in Nigeria in 2023.

At the end of this selection process, a workshop with the selected universities will allow to formalise a consortium and to define a common strategy for the adaptation of the Agroecology MOOC. An MoU will then be signed between ECOWAS and this consortium.

In addition, the Institut Agro of Montpellier and the consortium will analyse the content of the SupAgro MOOC and define the content to be adapted and created so that it corresponds to the contexts of the ECOWAS zone. They will characterise the pedagogical needs and organise the production of the animation contents. The case studies and examples to be used in the MOOC will be developed during this phase.

The projected expenses in 2023 for this component are €1,212,983.94.

6.2.3 ACV component- Support-advice and extension of technological innovations

For the year 2023, the planned actions will focus on:

- ACV.1 : Support for the establishment of partnerships between PAOs, research centers and training centers for dissemination, targeting strategic priority sectors;
- ACV.2 : Capacity building and methodological support for vulgarisation systems

6.2.3.1 ACV.1 - Support for the establishment of partnerships between PAOs, research centers and training centers for dissemination, targeting strategic priority sectors

For the implementation of this action, it is planned to finalise the identification of PAOs - research and training centers partnerships and their implementation with the help of the NCs.

Study to identify partnerships between PAOs and research and training centers

In 2023, the PCU, with the support of the NCs in each country, will finalize the selection of PAO-research and/or training center partnerships. It will support them in the development of their PTBA over a maximum of 24 months. Particular attention will be paid to partnerships concerning production systems integrating priority crops such as maize, rice, cassava, millet and sorghum.

Implementation of partnership activities

After the selection of partnerships, MoUs will be signed between ECOWAS and the partnership holders. The first instalments of the funding grants will be paid to them for the implementation of their 2023 PTBA.

A workshop to launch partnership activities and training in administrative and financial procedures and the monitoring and evaluation system will be organised.

Finally, local monitoring missions will be carried out by the Correspondents to assess the status of implementation of planned activities. A support mission will be carried out on a case-by-case basis by the PCU for partnership projects that encounter difficulties.

6.2.3.2 ACV.2 - Capacity building and methodological support for vulgarisation systems

This activity is directly executed by the national correspondents through the organisation of training sessions for the agents of the national vulgarisation systems on agroecology, sustainable intensive agriculture. These training sessions are therefore included in all NC PTBAs. These training sessions will help build the capacity of approximately 900 agents of the national support-advice and vulgarisation systems. The activity may however be modified and/or completed during the year following the validation of the study report.

For more details, the PTBAs of the NCs are presented in Annex 3.

In total, for 2023, the estimated expenses for this component are 653 983.21€.

6.2.4 ECP component - Exchanges, capitalisation and contribution to the elaboration of public policies of agroecological intensification

The PAE intervention strategy is based on a strong complementarity and synergy of actions between the different components of the program. The ECP component supports policy dialogue mechanisms at the country and regional levels to strengthen public policies in support of the agroecological transition and ecologically intensive agriculture.

In 2023, the activities planned for this component will involve:

- ECP.1 : The establishment of a regional network and exchange mechanisms;
- ECP.2 : Support for the process of capitalizing on the results obtained and disseminating "good practices " ;
- ECP.3 : The establishment and animation of national consultation frameworks and advocacy; and
- ECP.4 : Financing of Agroecology and support to the implementation of PRIASAN and PNIASAN through the training of national technicians.

6.2.4.1 ECP.1 - Establishment of a regional network and exchange mechanisms

In 2023, 3AO being selected as a major regional agroecology network, the programmed activities concern the finalisation of the study on the status of existing regional networks/platforms, the strengthening of the 3AO platform and the participation of the NCs in the regional meetings on agroecology.

Study on the status of existing regional networks/platforms

The overall objective of the study is to have a database of national and regional networks and platforms, to have a good knowledge of the characteristics of these networks and platforms and their capacities to support ECOWAS in the regional mobilisation of stakeholders for agro-ecology and in the advocacy for the inclusion of agro-ecology and sustainable and ecologically intensive agriculture in national and regional agricultural investment and food security policies.

In the first quarter of 2023, the final report will be available and validated by the PCU. At the end of this study, a database of national and regional networks and platforms will be set up and regularly updated by the PAE national correspondents.

Strengthening of the 3AO platform for the organisation of regional consultations

Following the signing of an MoU between ECOWAS and the West African Agroecology Alliance (3AO) in November 2021, it is planned to annually strengthen the capacities of this alliance.

In 2023, the main actions retained in the 3AO PTBA are the following:

- supporting advocacy efforts for the agro-ecological transition at the national and regional levels;
- development of a platform for sharing information and knowledge between researchers, POs and partners;
- strengthening of farmers' training systems on agroecology;
- coordination and monitoring (Contribution to the operation of 3AO).

The detailed PTBA of 3AO is given in Annex 3.

NCs participation in regional meetings

In addition to their in-country activities, NCs will participate in regional meetings. These meetings allow NCs to exchange and share experiences on national agro-ecology strategies.

6.2.4.2 ECP.2 - Support for the process of capitalisation of the results obtained and dissemination of "good practices "

Within the framework of the implementation of this activity, the actions planned for 2023 will concern (i) the recruitment of a consultant for cross-cutting capitalisation; and (ii) the design and dissemination of communication materials for the visibility of the PAE actions.

Recruitment of a consultant for cross-cutting capitalisation

In order to ensure advocacy and/or strategic orientations of public policies, a cross-cutting capitalisation on various themes is envisaged, including: innovative partnerships for successful agroecological initiatives; the role of livestock in agroecology; the dynamics of territorial markets for agroecological products; the development and collective sustainable management of natural resources at the level of village terroirs, watersheds and irrigated perimeters (collective agreement), and the socio-economic performance of family farms engaged in the agroecological transition (income, employment, etc.).

This capitalisation will allow to draw up an assessment of the knowledge produced and acquired globally within the framework of the implementation of the program as a whole. This capitalisation work will be the subject of a consultation contract.

To enable the activities of the training and partnership centers to achieve the expected results, a consultant will be recruited at the end of 2023 in order to begin capitalisation in early 2024.

Design / editing and distribution of communication materials

To ensure the visibility of the program's actions, a communications consultant was hired. He has developed several communication tools that are validated by the RAAF before being disseminated.

In 2023, the consultant will continue its activities, particularly in relation to the capitalisation and dissemination of the PAE's achievements: quarterly newsletters, production of radio spots and video capsules, etc.

The radio spots developed on agroecology will be made available to national correspondents for translation and broadcasting in local languages for a wide sensitisation of actors on the importance of agroecology for a sustainable food system.

6.2.4.3 ECP.3 - Establishment and animation of national consultation frameworks and advocacy

In 2023, the main activities entrusted to the NCs relating to the consultation frameworks concern ::

- formulation of the action plans of the national consultation frameworks (NCF) on agroecology and elaboration of their operation and sustainability charter;
- the organisation of workshops to validate the action plans and charters of operation and sustainability of the NCFs; and
- - the organisation of national consultations and partnerships around agro-ecological transitions, identification of themes that can feed public policies.

These joint actions initiated by some countries will continue in 2023 to allow the PCU to ensure a certain coherence and put them on a regional scale.

For more details, please refer to the individual NC PTBAs in Annex 3.

6.2.4.4 ECP.4 - Support to PRIASAN and PNIASAN and financing of agroecology

In all ECOWAS Member States, PNIASAN are already in place. In 2023, PAE actions will focus on finalizing and validating the report of the study on financing mechanisms for agroecology. A high-level workshop

will be organized in the second half of the year and will bring together all the actors involved, including private investors wishing to support the agroecological transition in the region.

At the end of the study, the study deliverable should clearly present:

- the types and mechanisms of existing funding, the instruments and modalities for accessing the available funds;
- a SWOT analysis of funding mechanisms in relation to demand;
- support mechanisms by categories or types of actors;
- the role and contribution of ECOWAS through the regional fund in facilitating and accessing available funds; and
- the mechanism for disseminating opportunities to the relevant actors.

In total for 2023, the estimated expenses for this component are 1382,107.55€.

6.2.5 CG component - Program coordination and management

The activities planned for the implementation of this component in 2023 will focus on:

- CG.1 : Support to the project owner in the coordination and daily management of the PAE;
- CG.2 : Monitoring and evaluation; and
- CG.3 : Audits and support for the RAAF.

6.2.5.1 CG.1 - Support to the project owner in the coordination and daily management of the PAE

Beyond PAE activities, the PCU team will always participate in regional meetings related to the agroecological transition and in the formulation of new regional projects and programs related to the agroecological transition.

In addition, the PCU staff can be mobilised according to their area of expertise to represent the RAAF in meetings related to agroecology.

In 2023, the main activities planned are :

- the closing of field projects;
- the development and signing of MoUs between ECOWAS and Universities for the adaptation of MOOCs as well as between ECOWAS and PAO partnerships;
- the development of amendments to the Financing Agreements providing for an overall budget revision and an extension of the PAE, in accordance with the recommendations of the ROM mission;
- the management of the various contracts, the preparation of the various amendments, in particular those to the operator contract.

The PCU also covers the other operation expenses of the operator, in particular mission expenses, office and computer supplies, bank management fees and the equipment necessary for the effective implementation of the project.

6.2.5.2 CG.2 - Monitoring and Evaluation

The monitoring and evaluation system covers activity planning, ongoing monitoring and evaluation.

For planning, the PCU ensures the development of the annual work program and budget (PTBA) consolidated from all actors involved in the program through memoranda of understanding with ECOWAS. This PTBA will be approved by the Regional Steering Committee (RSC) of the RAAF

projects/programs during a meeting that will bring together all ECOWAS technical and financial partners. At the end of the Copils, it must still be officially submitted to AFD and the European Union for validation. After validation by these two (02) parties, the PTBA will be integrated into the RAAF's monitoring-evaluation platform. (MESECOPS).

Regarding the monitoring of planned activities, the PCU develops a PTBA monitoring table to facilitate the monitoring of programmed activities and the budget allocated to each activity. This tool allows for the assessment of the pace of progress of activities, the use of resources and the evaluation of the way the PTBA is implemented. The PCU ensures the monitoring and accompaniment of the activities of the NCs, 3AO, training centers and partnerships as well as the organisation of 2 regional workshops (1 in June by videoconference and 1 in October in person to review 2023 and the 2024 program).

Also, the PCU will participate in the meetings of the Steering Committee and the Technical Monitoring Committee of the RAAF projects/programs to present the various results achieved in 2023 by the program and the planning of activities in 2024;

In terms of evaluation, it is planned to conduct a mid-term evaluation of the program by the EU. For this purpose, an external consultancy firm will be recruited from the funds managed directly by the EU. The objective of the evaluation will be to make recommendations to facilitate and accelerate the implementation of the PAE, particularly the PAIAD component of the program.

In 2023, the main results expected in terms of monitoring and evaluation are :

- a consolidated annual work program and budget (PTBA) developed for the monitoring and implementation of activities;
- two (02) reports of participation in the CoPil and CTS elaborated;
- reports of the monitoring and support missions of the UPPA, the training centers and the partnerships developed; and
- - quarterly, semi-annual and annual reports prepared.

6.2.5.3 CG.3 - Audits and support for the RAAF

Audits

The audits will cover both the accounts of the RAAF and those of the other PAE stakeholders.

- **RAAF Accounts:** in accordance with the Financing Agreements, each year the accounts of the RAAF (PATAE and PAIAD) will be audited to assess the financial and accounting execution of program activities
- **Accounts of other PAE stakeholders (excluding field projects treated in ATA.3):** As part of the implementation of the program, ECOWAS has signed MoUs with the Ministries of Agriculture, the 3AO and the Training Centers. The accounts of these partners benefiting from the PAE grant will also be audited (instalment audits).
- Other MoUs (with PAO-research and/or training center partnerships, University Consortium) will be signed in 2023 and their accounts will also be audited.
- **Various supports to the RAAF**

The program is fully integrated into the RAAF system. To this end, the team will support the RAAF in carrying out certain tasks for the effective functioning of the institution. Support may include contracting by participating in the recruitment of RAAF service providers, technical and financial monitoring, and the organisation of the CoPil and CTS for which the PCU will provide the secretariat. In addition, the PAE will

continue to support the RAAF staff who would accompany the PCU on any monitoring and evaluation missions.

6.3 PAE 2023 Budget

Budget estimates are estimated at €4,955,265.34, of which €1,621,228.43 is attributable to funding from the French Development Agency (AFD) and €3,334,036.92 is attributable to funding from the European Union.

The budget programming for 2023 is presented in the table below.

Table 17: 2023 Budget Estimates

Components	PTBA 2023 Budget in euro			Cumulative expenses 2022		
	AFD	EU	Total	AFD	EU	Total
ATA	733 331	-	733 331	4 235 117	-	4 235 117
FRC	-	1 212 984	1 212 984	-	314 140	314 140
ACV	-	653 983	653 983	-	51 074	51 074
ECP	668 018	714 090	1 382 108	762 096	454 736	1 216 832
CG	219 880	752 980	972 860	1 258 768	861 517	2 120 286
DI			-	-	-	-
FG			-	-	307 920	307 920
Total	1 621 228	3 334 037	4 955 265	6 255 981	1 989 387	8 245 368

The detailed budget by activity is presented in Annex 1.

7 | Challenges and outlook

The main challenges of the Program for a greater contribution to the strategic objectives of ECOWAP, despite the current multiple risks (climate, security, health, food, etc.) are summarized in four points: i) the inclusion and effective financing of agroecology in all national agricultural policies through the facilitation of NCs ; ii) the determination of the costs/benefits of the agroecological transition of family farms according to agroclimatic zones; iii) the establishment of financing mechanisms for the agroecological transition and favourable conditions for private investment in ecologically intensive and economically sustainable agriculture and iv) Global capitalisation of the program to build the evidence base to facilitate scaling up and accelerate the agroecological transition of West African agriculture

The outlook for the year 2023 is presented in the table below:

Table 18: Key challenges and timeframe

Challenges	Expected timeframe and responsible
1. Capitalisation of the dynamics of territorial markets for agroecological products	2023 (PCU consulting contract)
2. Capitalisation of the development and collective sustainable management of natural resources at the level of village lands, watersheds and irrigated perimeters (collective agreement)	2023 (PCU consulting contract)
3. Capitalisation of innovative partnerships for successful agroecology initiatives	2023 (PCU consulting contract)

4. Capitalisation of the role of livestock in agroecology	2023 (PCU consulting contract)
5. Facilitate the formulation of the new ECOWAS/FAO Agroecology Program 10 and contribute to the establishment of an AE evaluation system in ECOWAS sectoral projects and policies promoting AE	2023 (PCU)

In addition, the RAAF and the PCU will work to link this second phase of the PAE with the ECOWAS Ten-Year Agroecology Program being developed by the FAO through the implementation of the recommendations of the training workshop on TAPE (Tool for Agroecology Performance Evaluation) and the establishment of the baseline situation of family farms that will benefit from ECOWAS support for their agroecological transition.

8 | Conclusion and recommendations

The implementation of the 2022 activities has contributed to the improvement of the program's performance. The physical implementation rate as of December 31, 2022 is estimated at 83%. Significant results have been achieved and have contributed to strengthening the resilience of beneficiary households to food and nutrition insecurity. The year 2023 will be marked by the closing of the remaining field projects, the start of the activities of the training centers to improve the training offer in agroecology and the partnerships between PAOs and research and/or training centers. The implementation of activities, in order to meet the challenge of performance, will be based on a sustained collaboration with the different actors of the Program whose contributions constitute determining factors of success.

In this dynamic, the search for synergy will continue with other programs underway at the RAAF and other initiatives in the region such as the FAIR Sahel project to achieve the objectives assigned to the programs for the benefit of vulnerable populations. The implementation of the PTBA will be closely monitored from a results-based management perspective in order to ensure that the activities are proceeding appropriately or to make the necessary corrections in time. This monitoring will be done in collaboration with all the actors involved. For this purpose, local missions will be carried out by the national correspondents of the 15 countries and periodic missions will be organized at the regional level in collaboration with the RAAF. The implementation of this PTBA will allow to record important results. To this end, particular attention will be paid to communication and to the capitalisation and dissemination of achievements for a better visibility of the program's actions. In order to achieve these results, the PCU must work towards the effective execution of the studies planned in the framework of the implementation of this PTBA. Any delay in the completion of these studies would be detrimental with less than two years to go before the end of the program.

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Annex 1 : Consolidated PTBA of the PAE

Nr.	Composante / Activité / Actions	Résultats attendus Extrants/Livrables	Chronogramme												Responsable	Partenaires	Budget AFD	Budget UE	Budget total	Commentaire / Explications		
			J	F	M	A	M	J	J	A	S	O	N	D								
			PTBA 2023 Période couverte : du 1 janvier au 31 décembre 2023												PLAN CONSOLIDÉ							
ATA	Appui à la transition agroécologique pour les acteurs locaux																733 330,64 €	- €	733 330,64 €			
ATA.1	Mise en place du dispositif d'appel à proposition de Projets innovants pluriacteurs pour un potentiel de mise à l'échelle des pratiques agroécologiques																		- €	- €	- €	
ATA.2	Sélection, mise en œuvre et appui des projets de terrain	Clôture des derniers projets de terrain															porteurs de projets	UCP	534 399 €	- €	534 399,20 €	
ATA.3	Suivi-évaluation, audits et capitalisation internes	2 rapports de mission produits															CN	UCP	198 931,44 €	- €	198 931,44 €	
ATA.3.1	<i>Finalisation de l'évaluation finale et de la capitalisation des projets de terrain (contrat ADA)</i>	<i>1 rapport d'évaluation 1 rapport de capitalisation</i>															UCP	Consortium ADA / CEFCOD	55 136,24 €	- €	55 136,24 €	
ATA.3.2	<i>Finalisation des produits de capitalisation issus des projets de terrains (contrat Issala)</i>	<i>1 guide de capitalisation des bonnes pratiques</i>															UCP	Consortium Issala / Jade Productions	79 470,00 €	- €	79 470,00 €	
ATA.3.3	<i>Conduite des derniers audits finaux des projets de terrains</i>	<i>15 rapports d'audit</i>															UCP	Cabinet PWC	64 325,20 €	- €	64 325,20 €	
FRC	Formation agricole et renforcement des capacités pour l'intensification agricole durable et la promotion de l'agroécologie																- €	1 212 983,94 €	1 212 983,94 €			
FRC.1	Etude sur l'état des lieux des centres de formation... + sélection des centres à appuyer	Rapport final de l'étude 15 MoU signés avec 15 centres de formation															UCP	BRLi centres de formation	- €	33 420,00 €	33 420,00 €	L'étude est dans la dernière phase Les 15 MoU ont été envoyés aux centres de formation en décembre 2022 : en attente de retour de leurs parts
FRC.2	Appui au développement des activités des centres de formation																		- €	1 002 645,94 €	1 002 645,94 €	
FRC.2.1	<i>Mise en œuvre des activités des centres de formation</i>	<i>Rapports trimestriels, semestriels et annuels des 15 centres</i>															Centres de Formation	UCP	- €	985 227,75 €	985 227,75 €	<i>Voir le détail dans les PTBA des Centres de Formation</i>
FRC.2.2	<i>Organisation de 2 missions de suivi-évaluation des activités des centres par les CN</i>	<i>Rapports de mission des CN</i>															CN	UCP	- €	17 418,19 €	17 418,19 €	<i>Voir le détail dans les PTBA des CN</i>
FRC.3	Appui à l'enseignement supérieur																CN	UCP	- €	176 918,00 €	176 918,00 €	
FRC.3.1	<i>Finalisation de l'étude diagnostic ESA/EFTP et organisation de l'atelier virtuel de restitution</i>	<i>Rapport final de l'étude Rapport de l'atelier</i>															UCP	Consortium LARES / Institut Agro / TERO	- €	72 560,00 €	72 560,00 €	
FRC.3.2	<i>Adaptation du MOOC par l'Institut Agro et signature de MoU avec 1 ou plusieurs consortium d'Université pour l'animation dudit MOOC</i>	<i>MOOC disponible en ligne 1 à 2 MoU signé avec des Universités</i>															UCP	Institut Agro, Universités régionales	- €	104 358,00 €	104 358,00 €	

ACV	Appui-conseil et vulgarisation des innovations technologiques pour l'intensification agricole durable et adaptées aux modes de production des petits producteurs										- €	653 983,21 €	653 983,21 €		
ACV.1	Soutien à la mise en place de partenariats entre OPA, centres de recherche et centres de formation pour la diffusion en ciblant les filières stratégiques prioritaires											- €	507 418,19 €	507 418,19 €	Suite à la résiliation du contrat de consultance avec GRAD Consulting, l'UCP, avec l'appui des CN est en voie de finaliser la sélection des partenariats OPA-centres de recherche et/ou de formation et de les appuyer dans la préparation de leurs PTBA sur 18 mois
ACV.1.1	Organisation de 2 missions de suivi-évaluation des activités des partenariats OPA-centres de recherche et/ou de formation par les CN	Rapports de mission des CN										- €	17 418,19 €	17 418,19 €	Voir le détail dans les PTBA des CN
ACV.1.2	Mise en œuvre des activités des partenariats OPA-centres de recherche et/ou de formation + organisation de l'atelier de lancement et de formation aux procédures administratives et financières et au système de suivi-évaluation	Rapports trimestriels, semestriels et annuels des 15 centres										- €	490 000,00 €	490 000,00 €	
ACV.2	Renforcement des capacités et appui méthodologiques aux dispositifs de vulgarisation	Voir PTBA des CN										- €	146 565,01 €	146 565,01 €	Activité directement mise en œuvre par les CN, voir le détail dans leurs PTBA respectifs
ECP	Echanges, capitalisation et contribution à l'élaboration de politiques publiques d'intensification agroécologique										668 017,79 €	714 089,76 €	1 382 107,55 €		
ECP.1	Mise en place d'un réseau régional et de dispositifs d'échanges											167 053,43 €	42 411,80 €	209 465,22 €	A prévoir : participation à la conférence 3AO et à une autre réunion régionale : l'UCP informera le CN
ECP.1.1	Finalisation de l'étude sur les réseaux et plateformes	Rapport final de l'étude										60 181,00 €	- €		
ECP.1.2	Appui à la plateforme 3AO	Voir PTBA de 3AO										87 816,30 €	- €	87 816,30 €	
ECP.1.3	Participation des CN à 2 réunions régionales de concertation	Voir PTBA des CN										19 056,13 €	42 411,80 €	61 467,92 €	
ECP.2	Appui au processus de capitalisation et diffusion des "bonnes pratiques"											131 252,05 €	93 103,40 €	224 355,45 €	
ECP.2.1	Recrutement d'un consultant en appui au processus de capitalisation transversal	1 contrat signés										100 000,00 €	- €	100 000,00 €	
ECP.2.2	Poursuite de la mise en œuvre des actions de communication / visibilité et diffusion des résultats	Livrables prévus au contrat Newsletter trimestriel Guide de capitalisation										- €	43 970,30 €	43 970,30 €	
ECP.2.3	Production et diffusion de spots radio	3 spots radios traduits en langues locales diffusés										21 190,41 €	49 133,10 €	70 323,51 €	
ECP.2.4	Production de capsules vidéo de capitalisation par les CN	2 capsules vidéos disponibles au Burkina Faso et au Mali										10 061,64 €	- €	10 061,64 €	
ECP.3	Mise en place et animation des cadres de concertation nationaux et plaidoyer											269 712,31 €	462 358,57 €	732 070,88 €	
ECP.3.1	Mise en œuvre des PTBA des CN	Voir PTBA des CN										262 212,31 €	447 358,57 €	709 570,88 €	
ECP.3.2	Logistique de l'atelier de bilan annuel (hors billets d'avion et perdiem)	1 rapport d'atelier 1 PTBA 2024										7 500,00 €	15 000,00 €	22 500,00 €	
ECP.4	Appui au processus de capitalisation et diffusion des "bonnes pratiques"											100 000,00 €	116 216,00 €	216 216,00 €	
ECP.4.1	Finalisation de l'étude sur le financement de l'Agroécologie	Rapport d'étude final										- €	116 216,00 €	116 216,00 €	
ECP.4.2	Organisation de l'atelier de restitution et de validation de l'étude sur le financement	1 rapport d'atelier 1 note aux décideurs										100 000,00 €	- €	100 000,00 €	

CG	Coordination et Gestion du Programme										219 880,00 €	752 980,00 €	972 860,00 €				
CG.1	Gestion du PAE et Fonctionnement de l'UCP	Rapports trimestriels, semestriels et annuels du PAE										UCP	Consortium AVSF / IRAM / INADES	180 000,00 €	720 000,00 €	900 000,00 €	
CG.2	Suivi-évaluation	Rapport d'évaluation à mi-parcours										UE	Consultant, UCP, AFD, ARAA	- €	- €	- €	A financer sur les fonds en gestion directe par l'UE
CG.3	Audits et appuis à l'ARAA	2 rapports de mission produits										CN	UCP	39 880,00 €	32 980,00 €	72 860,00 €	
CG.3.1	<i>Audits des comptes de l'ARAA</i>	<i>Rapports d'audit</i>										UCP	PWC	6 380,00 €	6 380,00 €	12 760,00 €	<i>Audits annuels</i>
CG.3.2	<i>Audit des CN, ZAO, centres de formation et partenariats OPA</i>	<i>Rapports d'audit</i>										UCP	Consortium Pyramis / KMC	3 500,00 €	26 600,00 €	30 100,00 €	<i>Audits de tranches</i>
CG.3.3	<i>Appui divers à l'ARAA</i>	<i>Rapports de mission</i>										UCP	ARAA	30 000,00 €	- €	30 000,00 €	
TOTAL											1 621 228,43 €	3 334 036,92 €	4 955 265,34 €				

Annex 2 : Regional PPM

 ECOWAS COMMISSION COMMISSION DE LA CEDEAO COMISSÃO DA CEDEAO													PPM 2023 Période couverte : du 1 janvier au 31 décembre 2023				ARAA / UCP			
Programme Agroécologie en Afrique de l'Ouest																				
Nr. Activité	Nom du Marché	Montant estimé et devise du Contrat	Type de marché	Type de consultation	Mode de passation	Méthode de sélection	Contrôles de l'ARAA / AFD	Date estimée de publication de l'AO / d'envoi des DP	Date estimée d'ouverture des Offres	Date prévisionnelle de signature du marché	Date estimée d'achèvement du marché									
ECP.2	Recrutement d'un consultant en appui au processus de capitalisation transversal	100 000,00 €	PI	AOI	AAO	SFQC	Ex)ante AFD	31/08/2023	12/10/2023	11/12/2023	31/12/2024									
Types de marchés :		Type de consultation :		Mode de passation :			Méthode de sélection :			Types de contrôles :										
PI pour prestations intellectuelles		AON pour Appel d'Offres National		Pour les fournitures, travaux et les autres prestations de services :			SFQC pour Sélection fondée sur Qualité et Coût			Ex-ante - ANO										
CI pour consultants individuels		AOR pour Appel d'Offres Régional		PQL + AAO : Pré-qualification et Avis d'Appel d'Offres ; AAO : Avis d'Appel d'Offres ; DC : Demande de Cotation ; GAG : Gré à Gré.			SQS pour Sélection fondée sur Qualité Seule			Ex-post										
T pour travaux		AOI pour Appel d'Offres International					SBD pour Sélection à Budget Déterminé													
F pour fournitures				Pour les prestations intellectuelles (consultants et Bureaux d'études) :			SMC pour Sélection à Moindre Coût													
E pour équipements				AMI : Appel à Manifestations d'Intérêt ; AOR : Appel d'Offres Restreint ; AOO : Appel d'Offres Ouvert ; DC : Demande de Cotation ; QC : Qualification de Consultants ; GAG : Gré à Gré.																
S pour les autres prestations de services																				

Annex 3 : PTBA of 3AO, PTBA and PPM of NCs

3AO's PTBA, NC's PTBA and their procurement plans are available for download:

<https://app.box.com/s/hvyvdojcdpq7wqip5u9ln7u2e066vm4>

Annex 4 : PTBA of training centers

The PTBAs of the training centers are available for download:

<https://app.box.com/s/4bc3swfnh04tz6dkmt1xu7opcsv2sj86>