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ACRONYMS

3AO	Alliance for Agroecology in West Africa
ACF	Action Contre la Faim (<i>Burkina Faso</i>)
AFD	French Development Agency
AFDI	French Farmers and International Development (<i>Ivory Coast</i>)
AMEDD	Malian Association for Awareness of Sustainable Development (<i>Mali</i>)
ANOPACI	National Association of Professional Agricultural Organizations of Côte d'Ivoire
ARAA	Regional Agency for Agriculture and Food
ASPRODEB	Senegalese Association for the Promotion of Grassroots Development (<i>Senegal</i>)
AVSF	Agronomists and Veterinarians Without Borders
EBID	ECOWAS Bank for Investment and Development
BOAD	West African Development Bank
NCC	National Consultation Framework
CED	Center for Ecology and Development (<i>Togo</i>)
ECOWAS	Economic Community of West African States
CIRADCenter	for International Cooperation in Agricultural Research for Development
CF	Agroecology Training Center
CN	National Correspondent(s)
CR	Research Center
CoPil	Steering Committee
CPS	Service Provision Contract
CTS	Technical Monitoring Committee
ECLOSIO	NGO from the University of Liège (<i>Senegal</i>)
EFTP	Technical and Vocational Training Establishments
ESA	Ecoles Supérieures d'Agriculture
ETD	Entreprises Territoires et Développement (<i>Togo</i>)
EDF	European Development Fund
FPGL	Fondation Paul Gérin-Lajoie (<i>Mali</i>)
GRFAS	Global Forum for Rural Advisory Services
IECD	European Institute for Cooperation and Development (<i>Ivory Coast</i>)
INADES	African Institute for Economic and Social Development

IRAM	Institute for Research and Application of Development Methods
MAEE	French Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs
MOOC	Massive Open Online Course
MoU	<i>Memorandum of Understanding / Mémorandum d'Entente et de Coopération</i>
OP	Producer Organization
OPA	Professional Agricultural Organization
PAE	AgroEcology Program in West Africa
PAIAD	Support project for the dissemination and implementation of sustainable agricultural intensification best practices
PATAE	Project to support agro-ecological transition in West Africa
PD	Detailed Proposals
RIP	Regional Indicative Program
NAIP	National Agricultural Investment Program
PNIASIAN	National Agricultural Investment Program
PPM	Procurement Plan
PRIA	Regional Agricultural Investment Program
PRIASAN	Regional Program for Agricultural Investment and Food and Nutritional Security
PTBA	Annual Work Plan and Budget
TFP	Technical and Financial Partner
RAFIA	Research, Support and Training for Self-Development Initiatives (<i>Togo</i>)
RESCAR-AOC	Network of Agricultural and Rural Advisory Services in West and Central Africa
ROPPA	Network of Farmers' Organizations and Producers in West Africa
ToR	Terms of Reference
THP	<i>The Hunger Project (Senegal)</i>
TV	<i>Terre Verte (Burkina Faso)</i>
UAVES	Union for an Ecological and United Future (<i>Mali</i>)
PCU	Project Coordination Unit
EU	European Union
UPPA-HOUET	Provincial Union of Agricultural Professionals of the Hauts-Bassins of Houet (<i>Burkina Faso</i>)



EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

The Agroecology Program (PAE) is a joint initiative set up by ECOWAS, the European Union (EU) and the Agence Française de Développement (AFD) to improve the performance of family farms and the food and nutritional security of populations in the face of climate change. The EAP is implemented through five components: (i) Support for the agro-ecological transition for local stakeholders - ATA, (ii) Training and capacity building for agro-ecological intensification and sustainable agriculture - FRC, (iii) Advisory support and dissemination of technological innovations for sustainable agricultural intensification adapted to the production methods of small-scale farmers - ACV, (iv) Exchanges, capitalization and contribution to the development of public policies for agro-ecological intensification - ECP and (v) Program coordination and management - CG.

This EAP 2023 Annual Activity Report and 2024 Annual Work Plan and Budget (AWPB) is an interim report prepared for the Technical Monitoring Committee (TMC) of the West Africa Agroecology Program (WAAP) scheduled for 19 December 2023. It covers the period from 1^{er} January to 31 October 2023.

This report will be amended and supplemented with annual technical and financial data received from partners in the field, and the final version will be submitted to AFD and the EU in February 2024.

For each of these components, the main achievements in 2023 are as follows:

Under the AWAL component, the activities carried out involved closing the last field projects, Finalizing the final evaluation and capitalization of the field projects and conducting the final audits.

With regard to the FRC component, the main achievements have been the signing of 15 grant agreements with the agricultural training centers selected in 2022 to improve their agroecology training provision and the setting up of the 1^{ères} funding tranches, the monitoring and evaluation missions to the centers, the finalization of the study on "the state of the art of agroecology training provision (technical and vocational secondary education and higher education) and the contract with the Consortium of Universities to run the Agroecology MOOC.

As regards the LCA component, the activities carried out involved support for the setting up of partnership projects between professional agricultural organizations (PAAs), research centers and training centers, the signing of grant agreements and the setting up of 1^{ers} payments to 13 partnerships, monitoring and evaluation missions for these partnership projects, and capacity building and methodological support for extension systems by the PAE's National Correspondents (CNs).

As for the ECP component, the activities carried out involved Finalizing the study on existing agroecology networks and platforms, continuing to support the operation of the Alliance for Agroecology in West Africa - 3AO and setting up the alliance's digital information-sharing platform, support for the cross-cutting capitalization process, the setting up and running of national consultation frameworks by the NCs, the continuation of communication activities and the finalization of the study on the financing of agroecology.

Lastly, under the CG component, the year 2023 was marked by the signing of amendments extending the program by one year, the appointment of a new Monitoring, Evaluation and Capitalization Officer, the PCU's involvement in several regional meetings and the appraisal of a new DeSIRA+AO program.

The provisional budget for activities to be carried out in 2023 was estimated at €4,955,265, of which €1,621,228 was attributable to funding from Agence Française de Développement (AFD) and €3,334,037

to funding from the European Union. At 31/10/2023, €2 938 800 had been disbursed by AFD under the 2023 PTBA, including €915 834 from AFD financing (56% implementation) and €2 067 967 from European Union financing (62% implementation).

The physical implementation rate for the activities scheduled for 2023 is 79%, compared with a financial implementation rate of 32%, pending feedback from field projects. Implementation of the 2023 activities has resulted in an overall financial implementation rate of 59%, an overall contractual commitment rate of 72% and an overall disbursement rate of 74%. All of these rates will increase rapidly by 31/12/2023 once the final data for the 58 other cost centers, i.e. the 14 remaining field projects, the 15 National Correspondents, the 15 training centers and the 13 OPA and 3AO partnerships, have been considered.

The estimated budget for the activities to be carried out in 2024 is €6,047,958.50, of which €1,217,826.56 is attributable to funding from the Agence Française de Développement (AFD) and €4,830,131.93 to funding from the European Union.

The main results expected are as follows:

- All field projects are closed for accounting purposes and any remaining funds are paid back to the ARAA;
- The final evaluation and capitalization of the field projects are complete;
- The 15 training centers are supported in promoting agroecology;
- The MOOC Agroecology is adapted and run by;
- The 14 partnerships between farmers' organizations, research centers and training centers for the dissemination of information targeting priority strategic sectors in ECOWAS Member States are supported;
- 850 agents from national advisory support and extension services have been trained;
- 15 national consultation and advocacy frameworks are operational in the countries;
- The National Concertations and the pleas for public policies to take agroecology into account are functional;
- The 3AO digital agroecology platform is up and running;
- The final transversal capitalization of the EAP has been launched;
- The PTBA 2024 is drawn up and validated by the CoPil;
- Quarterly, half-yearly and annual reports are produced and distributed;
- Communication tools on the program's actions are developed and distributed;
- The program is coordinated and managed.



REPORT AT 31/10/23

1 | Project background and key events

1.1 Background and justification for the project

West Africa, like most regions of the continent, is continually faced with chronic food and nutritional insecurity, with populations living in extreme poverty exacerbated by the harmful effects of climate change. This situation has led ECOWAS to periodically review its regional agricultural policy - ECOWAP - to take account of 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/CAADP), the ECOWAS Commission has deployed several initiatives in collaboration with various technical and financial partners for the sustainable transformation of its agricultural sector and, more generally, of the regional food system.

It was against this backdrop that the Agroecology Program (PAE) was set up to help family farms make the transition to agroecology, enabling them to reconcile economic performance (increased productivity and production, reduced losses, improved income, etc.), food security, greater resilience, preservation of the environment and public health.

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

1.2 Brief description of the project

1.2.1 Program objectives and components

The general objective of the EAP is to improve the performance of family farms by increasing their income and resilience to climate change, through processes to preserve and restore the state of cultivated and natural ecosystems, thereby strengthening the resilience of the people of West Africa in terms of food and nutritional security. Specifically, the aim is to (i) support the agroecological transition in West Africa; (ii) encourage the emergence, adoption and dissemination of ecologically intensive farming practices on family farms, and (iii) promote management and organizational methods that encourage this adoption.

To achieve these objectives, the program is structured around five (5) components:

- **The Support for Agroecological Transition for Local Actors (ATA) component** focuses on promoting research-action initiatives for sustainable agricultural intensification and agroecological transition. To implement this component, local initiatives are supported by ECOWAS to help groups of farmers and rural communities move towards agroecological intensification.
- **the Training and capacity-building for agroecological intensification and sustainable agriculture (FRC) component** aims to contribute to agricultural training and capacity-building

for sustainable agricultural intensification and the promotion of agroecology. Through this component, knowledge of techniques and good practices for sustainable agricultural intensification and ecologically intensive agriculture is promoted, particularly in non-degree-granting training schemes for players in the agricultural sectors.

- **the Advisory support and dissemination of technological innovations for sustainable agricultural intensification adapted to the production methods of small-scale farmers (LCA) component** is intended to contribute to the advisory support and dissemination of technological innovations for sustainable agricultural intensification. Through this component, technological innovations for sustainable agricultural intensification adapted to the production methods of small-scale farmers (and in particular the lessons learned and recommendations resulting from the implementation of field projects supported under the Program) are disseminated to stakeholders in priority strategic sectors, in particular rice, maize, cassava, millet and sorghum.
- **the Exchanges, capitalization and contribution to the development of public policies for agroecological intensification (ECP) component** aims to facilitate exchanges, communicate and capitalize on the achievements of field projects and partnerships between farmers' organizations, research centers and training centers, and to contribute to the development of public policies in favor of agroecology. Through this component, experiments in sustainable agricultural intensification and ecologically intensive agriculture are debated, capitalized on, integrated and promoted in agricultural policies, particularly PRIASAN and PNIASAN. The results of successful initiatives, the lessons learned and their evaluation with a view to establishing favorable conditions for private investment in ecologically intensive and economically sustainable agriculture are disseminated and communicated, and the visibility of actions is fully ensured.
- **the Program Coordination and Management (PCM) component** covers monitoring and evaluation, financial management, coordination of internal, national and regional actions, various forms of support for the RAAA and procurement.

The EAP is managed by ECOWAS. The program is monitored and coordinated at regional level by the Program Coordination Unit (PCU) based at the Agence Régionale pour l'Agriculture et l'Alimentation (ARAA) in Lomé, Togo, with technical support from the AVSF-IRAM-INADES Formation International consortium. This unit receives technical support from the AVSF-IRAM-INADES Formation International consortium.

1.2.2 *Reminder of the program's main expected results and intervention strategies*

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

- collectives of farmers and rural communities are supported in their transition to agroecology;
- knowledge of agroecology, sustainable agricultural intensification and ecologically intensive agriculture techniques and best practices are promoted in training schemes for players in the agricultural sectors;
- Technological innovations for sustainable agricultural intensification, adapted to the production methods of small-scale producers, are being disseminated to players in strategic priority sectors (rice, maize, manioc, millet/sorghum);
- experiences of sustainable agricultural intensification and ecologically intensive agriculture in West Africa are capitalized on, integrated and promoted in national and regional agricultural policies.

To achieve these results, the PAE's intervention strategy is based on seven (07) major principles, namely: (i) the participation and empowerment of local stakeholders as the basis for the Program's interventions; (ii) the diversification and complementarity of support approaches for producers and local stakeholders at different levels (village, commune or value chain); (iii) collective action as an approach for co-designing/constructing innovations and as an approach that encourages their adoption; (iv) advisory support and the 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 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 young people from rural and peri-urban areas to participate inclusively in the co-construction of knowledge; (vi) exchanges of experience to generate new knowledge and lead to more generic lessons than those drawn from each individual initiative; (vii) capitalizing on the experience gained and the lessons drawn from successes and failures, facilitating exchanges at local, national and regional level and providing useful information for decision-makers to help public policies evolve.

1.2.3 Areas of intervention and cost of the program

The program covers the 15 ECOWAS member countries.

The overall cost of implementing the program is €16.2 million, of which €8 million is funded by the Agence Française de Développement (AFD) and €8.2 million by the European Union (EU). These budgets are implemented on the basis of annual activity plans. To this end, annual work plans and budgets (PTBA) are drawn up by the PCU, the field projects, the National Correspondents¹ and the partners involved in implementing the program (such as 3AO, the training centers and the OPA-CR-CF partnerships).

1.3 Key events in the program environment

Several major events have marked the implementation of the Program in 2023:

- the suspension of French aid to Mali, Niger and Burkina Faso, following political tensions between France and these countries;
- the continuing insecurity in Burkina Faso and Mali, which has had an impact on the implementation of certain activities; and
- the recruitment of a new Monitoring, Evaluation and Capitalization Officer based at the ECOWAS Directorate of Agriculture in Abuja.
- the ARAA's participation in the Abidjan International Agricultural and Animal Resources Exhibition in Côte d'Ivoire

¹The National Correspondents are appointed by the Ministries responsible for agriculture and are responsible for organising national agroecology consultations, coordination and close monitoring of EAP activities in the 15 ECOWAS countries.

2 | Status of implementation of CoPil 2023 recommendations

For the effective implementation of its interventions, ECOWAS, in collaboration with all the partners, organized in February 2023, the meeting of the thematic Regional Steering Committees (CoPil) of the Projects and Programs within the framework of ECOWAP 2025. The overall objective of this meeting was to examine and approve the 2022 technical and financial reports and the 2023 work plans and budgets of the projects and program, and to make recommendations/suggestions with a view to improving their performance. The status of implementation of the recommendations made to the Agroecology Program during this meeting is shown in the table below.

Table 1 Status of implementation of the February 2023 CoPil recommendations

Nr	Recommendation	Deadline	Status	Comments
R1	Developing links between programs developed at national and regional level	Throughout the EAP	Continuous	Continued support for countries via National Correspondents
R2	Prepare the ESA study policy brief for posting on the ARAA website and, more generally, publish the results of the Program more widely.	End March 2023	In progress	The content of the policy brief has been validated and will be published before the end of the year.
R3	Strengthen the visibility and communication of the EAP to give greater prominence to the quantitative results of the Program	Throughout the EAP	Continuous	Distribution of agroecology newsletters Web articles online But delays on certain tools (radio spots, video capsules)
R4	Continue to build bridges between the EAP and other projects and initiatives, including the ACOTAF project	Throughout the EAP	Continuous	Request for ANO on the contract to be signed with CIRAD submitted to AFD on 18 October 2023 - awaiting response Co-financing of activities planned in 2024 with ACTION AID NIGERIA for the activities of the National Correspondents and 3AO (regional forum) Co-financing of the 3AO digital platform with the FAIR-SAHEL project Webinar with the NGO Access Agriculture to support the digital dissemination of good agroecological practices (MoU planned as part of DeSIRA+ AO)

3 | Physical completion of the project in 2023

The status of implementation of the activities scheduled for 2023 is as follows, component by component.

3.1 ATA component - Support for agroecological transition for local players

Achievements under this component included the closure of the last field projects, the finalization of the final evaluation and capitalization of the field projects and the final audits.

3.1.1 ATA.2 - Implementation and support for field projects

Most of the land projects closed during 2022. Five (5) of them were still in progress in 2023 (following an extension by comfort letter) and were closed in the 1^{er} half-year of 2023, namely:

- The project "Improving the production and use efficiency of organic manure in production systems in western Burkina Faso (APEUFO)", led by UPPA-Houet;
- The "Agroecological intensification and sustainable management of natural areas and resources in southern Mali" project run by AMEDD in Mali;
- The "Support for farmers' organizations for innovation, adaptation of family farming systems and sustainable management of natural resources through agroecology (AOPAE)" project run by UAVES in Mali;
- The project "Projet d'appui à la résilience des exportations familiales agropastorales (PAREFA) face aux effets des changements climatiques" led by ASPRODEB in Senegal; and
- The "Sustainable intensification of agroecological practices in the Savannah region" project run by the NGO RAFIA in Togo.

3.1.2 ATA.3 - Monitoring-evaluation, internal capitalization and audits of field projects

ATA.3.1 - Finalizing the final evaluation and capitalizing on field projects

In 2022, the UCP recruited a consultant to carry out the final evaluation and capitalization of all the field projects. This study was carried out and a first version of the deliverables, i.e. 15 evaluation reports, 15 capitalization reports, 38 good practice sheets (4 sheets had to be dropped due to insufficient information) and a cross-cutting capitalization note, was submitted. The 15 final evaluation reports of the field projects have been accepted by ECOWAS and can be downloaded from the following link:

<https://app.box.com/s/sf6xwxnpqqefbmir4e6xkqtv4wok8fp1>.

The main findings and recommendations of the final cross-assessment can be found in the executive summary of the field project performance report in **Appendix 1** of the report.

With regard to capitalization, given the major difficulties encountered in collecting the data required for capitalization (unavailability of implementation project teams, inadequacy of their monitoring-evaluation system and security crises in certain intervention zones) and major shortcomings in relation to the terms of reference for the service, the first two versions of the deliverables submitted by the consultant could not be validated by ECOWAS. Numerous exchanges and clarification meetings were held with the consultant to remedy the problems and obtain acceptable final deliverables that best met ECOWAS's initial expectations. In the end, the firm was asked to complete and revise 17 good practice sheets (finally retained by the PCU and backstopping) to enable replicability and scaling up of the good

practices (a model sheet was drawn up to serve as a reference for the revision work), to merge certain sheets dealing with the same subject and to reorganize and deepen the cross-cutting note submitted to obtain 5 notes on the following themes pre-identified by the PCU, with the support of backstopping, namely:

- (1) Developing and marketing agroecological products;
- (2) Bio-inputs and equipment for agroecology;
- (3) Agriculture-livestock integration;
- (4) Diversification, association and service plants; and
- (5) Planning and collective management of natural resources.

Figure 1: Localised weeding of cereal crops in the Sahel (BSP project run by the NGO Terre Verte in Burkina Faso)



The 17 best practice sheets selected are as follows:

- Composting in piles using a shredder and a composting mould;
- Localized weeding in cereal crops in the Sahel;
- The Bokashi ;
- Farmers' seeds;
- Contour land management (CLM), a technology for conserving soil moisture and fertility;
- Bio pesticide based on Neem leaf, Caillédra bark or "Gnonkôrdjalani";
- Introduction of RAINBOW cocks and hens for genetic improvement of the local poultry breed;
- Aflasafe SN01, an effective and sustainable way of reducing aflatoxin contamination
- Improved compost and manure;
- Equitable and sustainable access to agricultural land for women and young people;
- Family vegetable garden ;
- Cajanus cajan and Mucuna pruriens, fertilizer and cover crops;
- Optimizing the use of compost on farms;
- Using animal traction to increase the efficiency of women's farms;
- Participatory guarantee system;
- Participatory selection of development sites (lowlands);

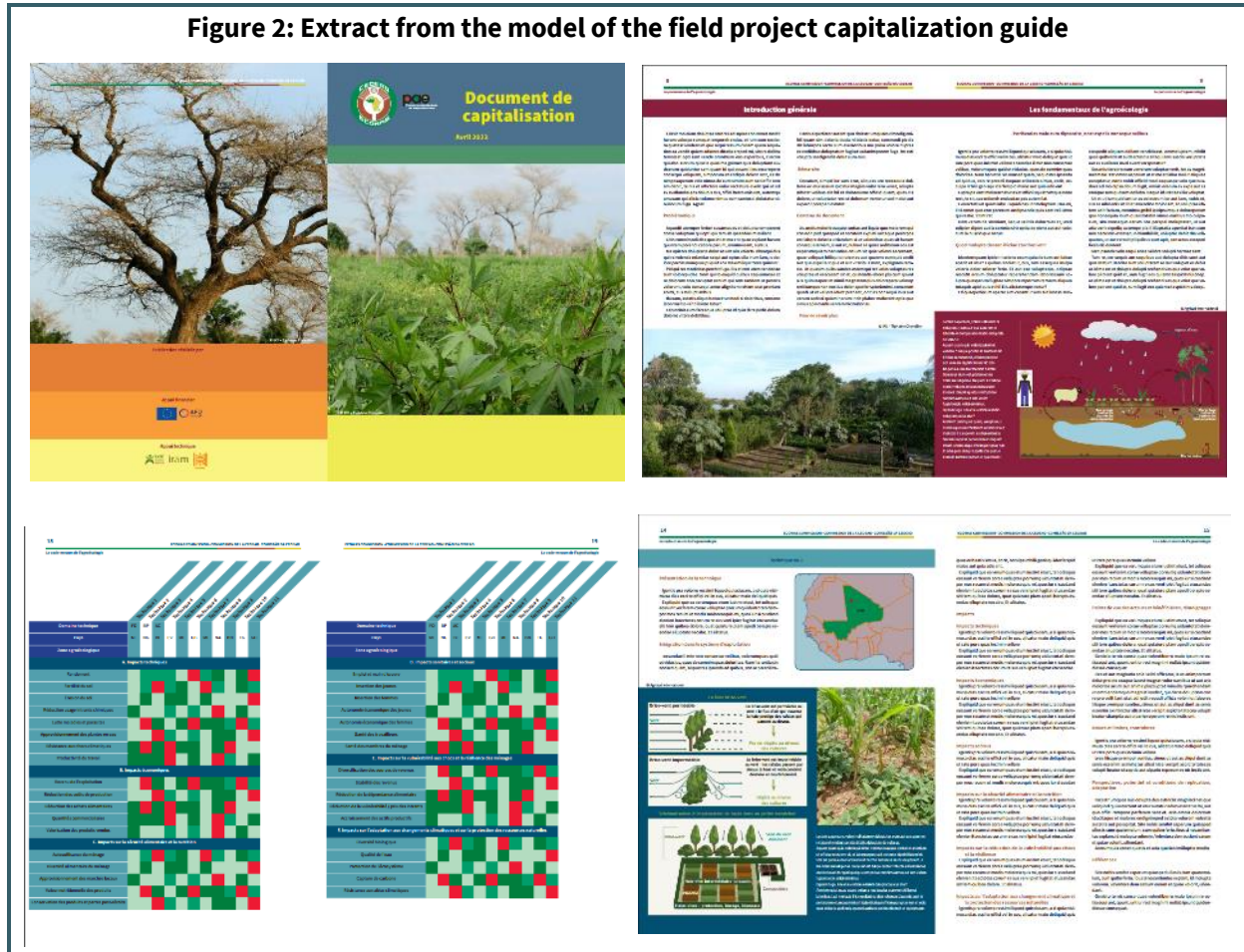
- Community listening clubs (CEC).

The final version of the deliverables is expected before the end of 2023.

ATA.3.2 - Finalization of capitalization products

The communication service provider recruited as part of the program has submitted a first version of the mock-up of the field project capitalization guide. The French version will be finalized once the capitalization deliverables have been validated by ECOWAS.

Figure 2: Extract from the model of the field project capitalization guide



ATA.3.3 - Conducting final audits of field projects

With the extension of the field projects from 3 to 12 months, the final audits continued into 2023. 14 audits are currently in progress and one final audit report is available, that of the FPGL project.

By 31/12/2023, the reports on the 14 audits in progress will have been finalized, resulting in 15 final reports out of the 15 planned.

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

In 2023, the main achievements of this component were the signing of 15 subsidy agreements with the training centers and the implementation of the 1^{ères} funding tranches, the monitoring and evaluation missions to the centers, the finalization of the diagnostic study of the ESAs and TVETs and the contract with the Consortium of Universities to run the Agroecology MOOC.

3.2.1 FRC.1 - Survey of agroecology training centers and selection of centers to be supported

The "Study on the inventory and characterization of agroecology training centers and in-depth analysis of centers to be supported by the EAP", which began at the end of 2021, has been finalized (an additional service was added by amendment at the beginning of 2022) and the final deliverables validated by ECOWAS; they are available here: <https://app.box.com/s/6px3lq12udrew2ar4mu2xy23mraapydg>.

The study led to the selection by ECOWAS, with the support of the NCs, of one training center per country to be supported in 2022. The 15 centers selected were then supported by the consultant in drawing up their plans to improve their agroecology training provision by the end of 2022. On 19 April 2023, the 15 Grant Agreements were signed between the training centers and ECOWAS, for a total amount of €1,516,507.00.

The summary table of the project profiles of the 15 training centers is available in **Appendix 2** of the report.

3.2.2 FRC.2 - Support for the development of training center activities

FRC.2.1 - Implementation of training center activities

The year 2023 was devoted to the payment of funds for the implementation of the approved PTBAs. Given the difficulty experienced by the partners in submitting complete applications for 1^{er} payments, there was a significant delay in transferring the 1^{ères} instalments to the beneficiaries. The status of the first payments made to the training centers is shown in the table below.

Table 3: Initial payments to training centers

Country	Name of training center	Total amount of grant (Euros)	Amount of the 1 ^{ère} tranche (Euros)	Date of payment of the 1 ^{ère} instalment	Comments
Benin	TCHARM-FORA	100 000	66 600	29/06/2023	Receipt of funds confirmed
Burkina Faso	Kodougou Rural Promotion Center (CPR)	103 717	80 056	26/06/2023	Receipt of funds confirmed
Cabo Verde	Centro de Emprego e Formação Profissional de Santa Cruz - CEFPSC	88 732	58 313	14/08/2023	Receipt of funds confirmed
Ivory Coast	GAGNOA-LAKOTA training center	102 078	68 531	26/06/2023	Receipt of funds confirmed
Gambia	Pirang Mixed Farming Center	89 950			Awaiting additional files to pay for tranche 1
Ghana	KUMASI INSTITUTE OF TROPICAL AGRICULTURE (KITA)	105 000	72 000	26/06/2023	Receipt of funds confirmed
Guinea	Bamban Extension and Training Center (CVF)	103 814	65 472	06/11/2023	Receipt of funds confirmed

Guinea Bissau	Centro de Instrução e Formação Artesanal e Profissional (CIFAP/ MURIALDO-BULA)	89 250			Request for payment in progress to AFD
Liberia	Tumutu Agricultural Vocational Training Center (TAVTC)	104 822	77 872	31/07/2023	Receipt of funds to be confirmed
Mali	Samanko Agricultural Learning Center (CAA)	104 946			Payment suspended by AFD
Niger	Institut Privé de Formation IPF Kaoura-Matameye	104 756	72 894	26/06/2023	Receipt of funds confirmed
Nigeria	AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL MANAGEMENT TRAINING INSTITUTE (ARMTI)	104 980	70 667	01/08/2023	Receipt of funds confirmed
Senegal	La Ferme des 4 chemins	104 465	74 715	06/11/2023	Receipt of funds confirmed
Sierra Leone	University of Makeni Agroecological Training Center	105 000	77 170	09/09/2023	Receipt of funds confirmed
Togo	Tambimong Ogaro Rural Animation Center (CARTO)	104 997	59 083	26/06/2023	Receipt of funds confirmed
	Total	1 516 507	843 373		

To sum up, out of the 15 training centers:

- Payment for one center, Mali's CAA, has been suspended by AFD due to the political situation between France and Mali;
- To date, 12 centers have received payment (subject to confirmation of receipt by Liberia);
- The Gambia's request for payment has not yet been made due to the incompleteness of their file; and
- Guinea Bissau's request for payment is currently being processed by AFD.

All payments, with the exception of Mali if the situation remains unchanged, should be effective by the end of 2023.

A summary of the activities implemented by the training centers in 2023 (as at 30/09/2023) can be found in **Appendix 4** of the report.

FRC.2.2 - Organization of monitoring and evaluation of center activities

In addition, several local monitoring missions to training centers were organized by the National Correspondents. Joint monitoring missions with the UCP, Backstopping and the NCs were carried out in Benin, Ghana, Côte d'Ivoire and Guinea-Bissau. The main objective of these missions was to assess the technical, operational, administrative and financial capacity of the project leader to carry out the selected activities and to ensure that all the necessary arrangements for the proper implementation of

the project had been made (possible recruitment of staff, procurement, work plan, etc.). A joint UCP-CN monitoring mission is scheduled to take place in Burkina Faso in the first half of December.

3.2.3 FRC.3 - Support for higher education

FRC.3.1 - Finalization of the ESA/EFTP diagnostic study and organization of the virtual feedback workshop

The study on the "inventory of agricultural training provision (technical and vocational secondary education and higher education) relating to agroecology and sustainable agriculture in ECOWAS countries", which began in 2022, has been finalized. The final deliverables are available here: <https://app.box.com/s/a2tyusvm5t0lez9mzjly0xrckl1swoin>. The content of the note to decision-makers has been validated. The study made it possible to (i) carry out a diagnostic analysis of the demand from productive players in the agricultural sector in terms of skills/occupations related to the agroecological transition and sustainable agriculture; and that of the existing range of training courses leading to a diploma in agroecology and sustainable agriculture, and (ii) formulate relevant recommendations for taking agroecology into account in agricultural training courses at secondary and higher levels. The conclusions and recommendations of the study were shared at a virtual feedback workshop on 27 January 2023 attended by practitioners in the field of technical agricultural education (decision-makers, stakeholders in secondary and higher education (school managers, pedagogical managers, teachers, managers from the ministries of technical agricultural education and higher education, public and private partners, stakeholders in agricultural consultancy and the various beneficiaries) from the various ECOWAS member countries.



Click here to read the article published by the International Network for Agricultural and Rural Training (FAR) on the webinar: <https://www.reseau-far.com/lagroecologie-dans-lenseignement-agricole/>

FRC.3.2 - Adapting and running the MOOC Agroecology in West Africa

As part of the adaptation and running of the MOOC Agroecology in West Africa developed by the Institut Agro de France, evaluation missions were organized in Benin, Burkina Faso, Nigeria and Senegal to assess the technical, pedagogical and organizational capacity of universities, institutes, schools and training centers to participate in the process of adapting and running the MOOC. Six (6) universities (including four (4) in consortium in Senegal), schools and institutes identified after analysis of the expressions of interest were visited.

Following these missions, the six (6) applications were retained (one of which consisted of a Consortium of 4 Senegalese Universities) for the rest of the process, i.e. 9 Universities / Institutes.

A regional workshop was held from 24 to 28 April 2023 in Saint-Louis, Senegal, with representatives of the 6 bids to define the strategy for adapting the MOOC and formalizing the Consortium of Universities for the operationalization of the MOOC. During this workshop, discussions between all the participants, including UCP and ARAA, led to the division of the applications into consortia so that each entity could be represented within a single consortium. As a result, the final consortium went from 6 to 9 entities. After lengthy discussions between the members of the consortium and with the Institut Agro in charge of providing technical support for the adaptation of the MOOC, followed by validation of the PTBA submitted to the ARAA by the consortium, a proposal for a grant agreement will be submitted by the end of November to the AFD's ANO.

3.3 LCA component - Advisory support and dissemination of technological innovations

During 2023, the activities carried out under this component involved support for the establishment of OPA-research center-training center partnerships and capacity-building and methodological support for extension systems by the NCs.

3.3.1 ACV.1 - Support for setting up partnerships between farmers' organizations, research centers and training centers

ACV.1.1 - Implementation of partnership activities between farmers' organizations and research and training centers and dissemination of research results

In 2023, the PCU, with the support of the NCs in each country, finalized the selection of partnership projects to be supported, between professional agricultural organizations (PAOs), research centers and training centers for action research and the dissemination of research products. The UCP also helped them to prepare their PTBAs. A table summarizing the project profiles of the 13 partnerships selected is given in **Annex 3 of** the report.

The implementation of these partnership projects will make it possible to:

- To promote participatory and inclusive research, while testing the needs of farmers' organizations in this area and providing them with methodological support;
- Designing research products tailored to the needs of small-scale producers;
- Disseminate research products via producer platforms, processors and other agricultural networks; and
- To support OPA members in the agroecological transition while strengthening their agroecology extension system.

A workshop to officially launch partnership project activities was held from 22 to 26 May 2023 in Lomé, Togo. Specifically, the workshop made it possible to:

- Officially launch the Partnerships activities;
- Present the ECOWAS agroecology program and its intermediate results;
- Provide information on the main indicators to be recorded during the implementation of activities;
- Finalize partnership project documents; and
- Train partnership representatives in administrative and financial procedures and in the ECOWAS monitoring and evaluation system.



Below are the web articles published about the workshop:

- [AgriDigitale](https://agridigitale.tg/article/agroecologie-la-cedeao-met-le-pied-a-letrier) website: <https://agridigitale.tg/article/agroecologie-la-cedeao-met-le-pied-a-letrier>
- [Le Tabloid](https://letabloid.tg/agroecologie-les-projets-de-partenariats-opa-centers-de-recherche-et-de-formation-en-afrique-de-louest-lances-a-lome/) website: <https://letabloid.tg/agroecologie-les-projets-de-partenariats-opa-centers-de-recherche-et-de-formation-en-afrique-de-louest-lances-a-lome/>

Figure 3: Partnership launch workshop in Lomé

During the year, thirteen (13) Grant Agreements between ECOWAS and the Partnerships were signed. The status of the first payments made to the partnerships is shown in the table below.

Table 4: Initial payments to partnerships

Country	Name of project leader	Total amount of grant (Euros)	Amount of the 1 ^{ère} tranche (Euros)	Date of payment of the 1 ^{ère} instalment	Comments
Benin	FUPRO: Federation of Producers' Unions of Benin	50 000	34 923	10/08/2023	Confirmed receipt of funds
Burkina Faso	ARFA: Association for Research and Training in Agroecology	50 000	31 169	02/11/2023	Confirmed receipt of funds
Cape Verde	N/A				Grant agreement not signed (partnership not formed), despite reminders from the UCP and an official letter from the CAEA
Ivory Coast	AGRINNOV	50 000	32 180	10/08/2023	Confirmed receipt of funds
Gambia	DoA (Department of	50 000			File not complete (missing VIS, RIB, PTBA,

	Agriculture): Ministry of Agriculture (MoA)				PPM, designation of authorised persons, per diems and allowances)
Ghana	CNTA: Center for No-Till Agriculture	50 000	34 150	22/08/2023	Confirmed receipt of funds
Guinea	IRAG: Institut de la Recherche Agronomique de Guinée (Agricultural Research Institute of Guinea)	50 000			AS signed but no other documents received. The DV, RIB, PTBA, PPM, Designation of authorised persons, perdiems and indemnity are missing.)
Guinea Bissau	AS: Associação Asas de Socorro	50 000	28 951	02/11/2023	Confirmed receipt of funds
Liberia	AfricaRice, Suakoko, Bong County	50 000	34 725	26/10/2023	Confirmed receipt of funds
Mali	FENABE (National Federation of Organic and Ecological Farming Producers)				AS unsigned (Mali- France politico- administrative blockage)
Niger	INRAN: Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique du Niger (Niger National Institute for Agricultural Research)	50 000			AS signed and PTBA OK, but no other documents received. The DV, RIB, PPM, Designation of authorised persons, perdiems and indemnity are missing) + Political and administrative blockage (NIGER- France and ECOWAS).
Nigeria	Institute for Agricultural Research (IAR), Ahmadu Bello University	50 000			AS signed but DV files still to be completed

Senegal	CNCR: Conseil National de Concertation et de Coopération des Ruraux :	50 000			AS signed but no other documents received. The DV, RIB, PTBA, PPM, Designation of authorised persons, perdiems and indemnity are missing.)
Sierra Leone	Planning Evaluation Monitoring and Statistics Division (PEMSD). Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security, Sierra Leone	50 000		27/10/2023	An initial payment was made on 27 October, but the funds were returned to the ARAA account in November. Follow-up is underway with the bank to resume the transfer, which should be effective by early December.
Togo	ITRA: Institut Togolais de Recherche Agronomique (Togolese Institute for Agricultural Research)	50 000	34 395	02/11/2023	Confirmed receipt of funds
	TOTAL	650 000	230 493		

Of the 15 partnership projects planned:

- The Mali partnership did not receive the ANO from AFD because of Mali's political situation with France;
- The Cape Verde partnership has not been formed and the subsidy agreement has not yet been signed, despite reminders and an official letter from the ECOWAS Commissioner for Economic Affairs and Agriculture (CAEA) to the Cape Verde Minister of Agriculture;
- 7 countries have received their first instalment: Benin, Côte d'Ivoire, Ghana, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Burkina-Faso and Togo;
- 1 payment is being processed by the ARAA (Sierra Leone);
- 5 partnerships have yet to complete their applications, namely Senegal, Nigeria, Niger, Guinea and Gambia, but the Niger partnership risks not receiving the funds if the political deadlock persists.

All payments (for signed grant agreements), with the exception of Niger (although the situation may change at any time), should be effective by the end of 2023.

The summary of partnership activities implemented in 2023 (as at 30/09/2023) can be found in **Appendix 4** of the report.

ACV.1.2 - Organization of monitoring and evaluation missions for OPA Partnership project activities

Several local monitoring missions to partnerships were organized by the National Correspondents. Joint monitoring missions with the PCU and Backstopping were carried out in Benin, Ghana, Côte d'Ivoire and Guinea-Bissau to assess the state of implementation of planned activities. A joint UCP-CN monitoring mission is scheduled for Burkina Faso in December.

3.3.2 ACV.2 - Capacity building and methodological support for extension services

ACV.2.1 - Training national extension system agents

This activity is carried out directly by the National Correspondents, through the organization of training sessions for agents of national extension systems on agroecology and sustainable intensive agriculture. Over the year, some countries have organized training sessions, while others are still at the stage of recruiting consultants to develop the training modules and run the sessions.

Figure 4: Training national extension agents in Ghana



For more details on the activities implemented in 2023 by the NCs (as at 30/09/2023), please refer to **Appendix 5** of the report.

ACV.2.2 - Consolidation of exchange platforms for farm advisory services

As part of efforts to establish synergies in agroecology consultancy at regional level, discussions have been initiated with CIRAD as part of the ACOTAF project to define concrete ways of collaborating with the EAP. An initial series of joint activities have been carried out, including the organization of two international webinars and the drafting of an initial note for decision-makers on the strategic levers for developing agroecology consultancy in West Africa, available here: https://reca-niger.org/IMG/pdf/policy_brief_acotaf_-_conseil_en_agroecologie_constats_et_levier_-_2023.pdf. To take this a step further, a joint PAE-ACOTAF 2024 action plan has been developed to consolidate knowledge and set up and revitalize platforms for exchanges between agricultural advisory stakeholders in West Africa. The work program is structured around the following 3 main activities, for a total amount of 99,550 Euros (financed by savings made on the LCA.1 activity):

- **Activity 1:** Establishment and revitalization of platforms for exchanges between farm advisory stakeholders (webinars on RESCAR-AOC, development of a strategy for the establishment and

revitalization of national platforms of farm advisory stakeholders and their participation in regional dynamics);

- **Activity 2:** Consolidation of knowledge for the development of agroecological advice (production of methodological tools for prospective diagnostics and strategic dialogues, extension of the ACOTAF study on the sensitivity of agricultural advice to agroecology in Ghana, Nigeria and Guinea-Bissau);
- **Activity 3:** Consolidation of knowledge for the development of agroecological advisory services (meeting organized on the occasion of the Global Forum for Rural Advisory Services - GFRAS).

The activities should be finalized in July 2024, with a presentation of the results scheduled for September/October 2024 at the GRFAS (Global Forum for Rural Advisory Services) workshop, the world agricultural advisory summit scheduled to take place in Dakar. The contracting process and the draft contract to be signed between ECOWAS and CIRAD were submitted to AFD for ANO on 18 October 2023.

The contract should be signed before the end of the year.

3.4 ECP component - Exchanges, capitalization and contribution to the development of public policies for agroecological intensification

As part of the implementation of this component, the activities carried out involved Finalizing the study on existing agroecology networks and platforms, continuing to support the operation of the 3AO platform, supporting the cross-cutting capitalization process, the setting up and running of national consultation frameworks by the NCs, continuing communication activities and Finalizing the study on the financing of agroecology.

3.4.1 ECP.1 - Setting up a regional network and exchange mechanisms

ECP.1.1 - Finalization of the study on networks and platforms

The consultant has completed a study of existing national and regional networks and platforms for agroecology and training in sustainable agriculture, mapping the initiatives and organizations involved, and proposals for strengthening a network of agroecology players in West Africa. The final report is available here: <https://app.box.com/s/lpngs303flup96lhsei655wtug5284oz>.

The study identified 117 networks and platforms in the region that are strengthening national consultation frameworks as part of their advocacy for agroecology to be taken into account in national policies. A list of the platforms identified is available here: <https://app.box.com/s/jgi3fkdxesbexiow5faqfb9pfzniu0y>.

Of the 117 structures surveyed, 81 (or 69.23%) fall into 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.

ECP.1.2 - Support for the 3AO platform

The EAP continued to build the capacity of the Alliance for Agroecology in West Africa (3AO), with which it signed an MoU in 2021. In 2023, the main actions implemented under 3AO's PTBA are as follows:

- Support for 3 farmers' training centers (training 24 farmers in Burkina Faso, 40 farmers in Niger and 15 endogenous facilitators in Benin);

- The development of a digital platform for sharing information and knowledge between researchers, POs and partners, with the technical and financial support of the FAIR Sahel project as part of the synergies with the PAE. The platform, currently in the test phase, can be accessed at the following link: <https://www.3aohub.org/fr/1/home.html>;
- The production and publication of a video capsule and 9 videos are still in production;
- Capitalizing on the training and learning systems of POs for the development of sustainable agricultural systems and on the production and conservation of fodder (in progress);
- The finalization of the report and declaration of the Regional Forum on Agroecology to be held in December 2022, available here: <https://ecowap.ecowas.int/see-document/448>;
- Supporting its members in carrying out advocacy activities at national level:
 - National agroecology fair organized in Côte d'Ivoire and advocacy themes identified
 - Regional forum for information, exchange and ownership of peasant agroecology in Kayes, Mali, and advocacy initiatives identified.
 - National consultation framework for agroecology stakeholders being prepared in Ghana, leading to the identification of advocacy initiatives.
 - Participation in the Dytaes agroecological days in Senegal
 - Finalization of the regional strategy of ROPPA's youth college on agroecology, the aim of which is to improve the active participation of the region's young citizens committed to achieving the agroecological transition in their respective states and in the West African sub-region, available here: <https://app.box.com/s/yo3n80brnbgw9d1xfqo2cb9sqvlgrrghk>;
 - Validation workshop with the CNABIO on the action plan for the development of the bio-inputs sub-sector in Burkina Faso.

Figure 5: 3AO digital platform home page



ECP.1.3 - Participation of NCs in regional consultation meetings

The NCs took part in three regional meetings organized by the EAP in 2023: the workshop to validate the Study on financing mechanisms for the agroecological transition in ECOWAS, the capacity-building of communication stakeholders of the Agroecology Program in West Africa, from 18 to 22 September 2023 in Lomé, and the workshop to review the achievements of 2023 and plan the annual work plans and budgets for 2024.

3.4.2 ECP.2 - Support for the process of capitalizing on the results obtained and disseminating good practice

ECP.2.1 - Recruitment of a consultant to support the cross-functional capitalization process

The program's cross-functional capitalization strategy has been defined. This is an essential prerequisite for the recruitment of the consultant who will be responsible for carrying out this capitalization. The main aim of capitalization is to guide national and regional public policy strategies to provide better support for agroecology (advocacy). This capitalization will be organized around the following cross-cutting themes, with different capitalization products expected:

- Innovative partnerships for successful agroecology initiatives
- Inputs and equipment for WT (seeds, biopesticides, biofertilizers, machinery, equipment)
- Dynamics of local markets for agroecological products
- Vocational training and integration of young people into AE systems
- The role of multi-stakeholder consultation frameworks in including EI in public policies
- Agroecological farming systems / the place of livestock farming in agroecology

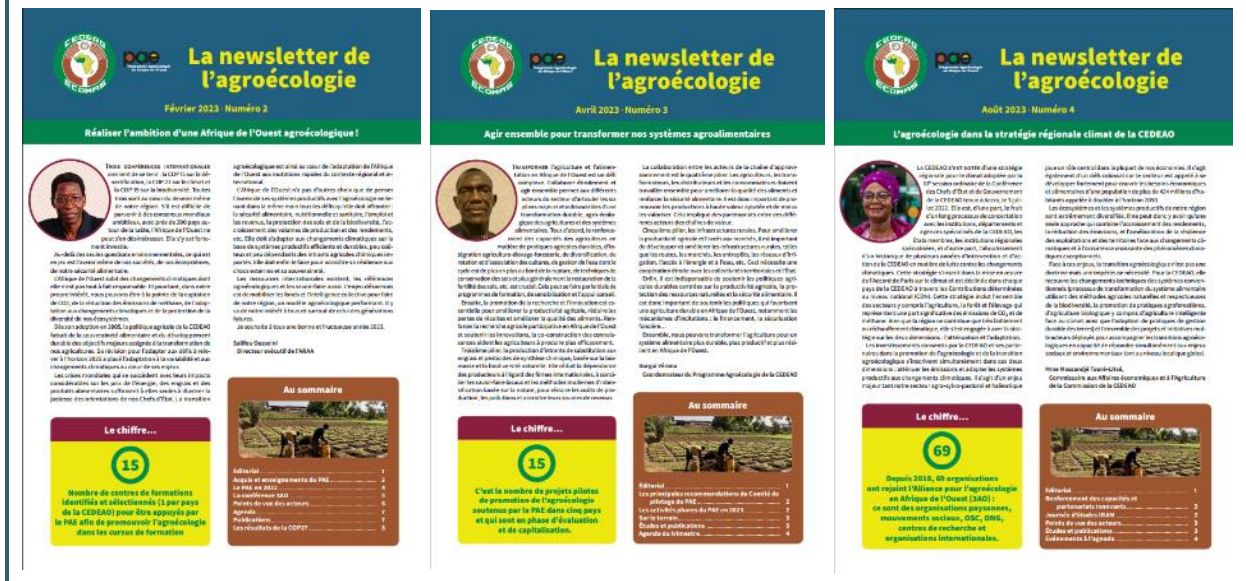
The last theme remains to be confirmed, depending on the elements available from projects on agroecological transition in livestock farming, or the possibility of simply orienting it in the form of an advocacy note. Within these major themes, capitalization could focus on several sub-themes that the consultant could identify. It is planned to send the DANO on the DAO to AFD in December, in order to launch the recruitment of the consultant in the first quarter of 2024.

ECP.2.2 - Continued implementation of communication/visibility actions and dissemination of results

In 2023, the consultant in charge of communication continued his activities, particularly in relation to the capitalization and dissemination of the EAP's achievements, namely:

- Publishing and distributing 3 Newsletters on agroecology, on the following themes:
 - "Achieving the ambition of an agro-ecological West Africa (No. 2 / February 2023): <https://ecowap.ecowas.int/see-document/416>
 - "Working together to transform our agri-food systems" (No. 3 April 2023): <https://ecowap.ecowas.int/see-document/336>
 - Agroecology in the ECOWAS regional climate strategy (No. 4 / August 2023): <https://ecowap.ecowas.int/see-document/409>
 - *The annual newsletter is currently being prepared*
- Publication of a mock-up of the guide to capitalizing on field projects.

Figure 6: Cover pages of the Agroecology Newsletters



A capacity-building workshop for the NCs on communication was also held from 20 to 22 September 2023, alongside the feedback workshop on the study on production agroecology. *The workshop report and methodological sheets are currently being finalized by the consultant.* The workshop provided an opportunity to validate the 3 scripts for the spots with the NCs, and to discuss the content to be submitted by the NCs for future newsletters. It should also be noted that the production of the radio spots and video capsules has been considerably delayed.

Lastly, all the public products already available from the EAP (studies, project sheets, summary notes, newsletter, meeting minutes, etc.) have been put online on the documentary tab of the ECOWAP monitoring-evaluation platform: <https://ecowap.ecowas.int/Documentation>. Some fifty documents can be downloaded from the platform, and they will continue to be put online as new documents are designed and published in accordance with ECOWAS graphic codes. The full list of documents online can be found here: <https://app.box.com/s/8yce0lyk3mlwo9avto9w4qrkhj83gc3x>.

ECP.2.3 - Production and broadcasting of radio spots

The radio spots produced on agroecology will be made available to the National Correspondents before the end of the year for translation and broadcast in local languages to raise awareness of the importance of agroecology.

3.4.3 ECP.3 - Setting up and running national consultation and advocacy frameworks

As a reminder, as part of the implementation of the EAP, MoUs have been signed between ECOWAS and the Ministries of Agriculture of the 15 ECOWAS member states. Each of the signatory states has appointed a National Correspondent (NC) who is responsible for monitoring and implementing EAP activities in the country, including setting up and leading national consultation frameworks (NCFs). The main activities entrusted to the NCs concern

- Setting up consultation frameworks
- The formulation of action plans for national consultation frameworks (CCN) on agroecology and the drafting of their operating and sustainability charters;
- The organization of workshops to validate the action plans and operating and sustainability charters of the NCCs; and

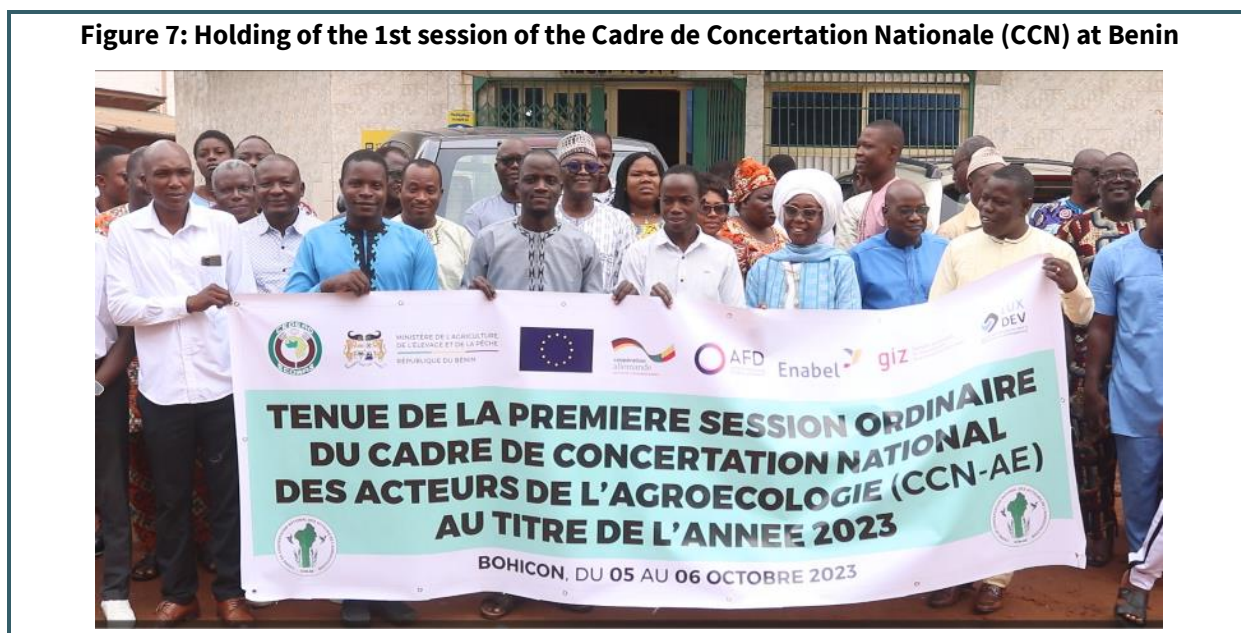
- Organizing national consultations and partnerships around agroecological transitions, identifying issues that can feed into public policy.

Some countries may also carry out specific actions that are important for implementing the program.

In 2023, the NCs continued, at different rates, to set up and run national consultation and advocacy frameworks. Some countries are still formulating action plans for national consultation frameworks (NCFs) on agroecology and drawing up their operating and sustainability charters, with the support of consultants. Others have already organized workshops to validate the NCFs' action plans and operating and sustainability charters, and others have organized national consultations on agro-ecological transitions.

For more details on the activities implemented in 2023 by the NCs (as at 30/09/2023), please refer to **Appendix 5** of the report.

Figure 7: Holding of the 1st session of the Cadre de Concertation Nationale (CCN) at Benin



3.4.4 ECP.4 - Support for the implementation of PRIASAN and PNIASAN and funding for agroecology

The main activity in 2023 involved Finalizing the study on financing mechanisms to support/encourage the agroecological transition and sustainable agricultural intensification in West Africa. To this end, a high-level workshop held on 18 and 19 September 2023 brought together all the players involved in financing agroecology. It was an opportunity to validate and adopt the deliverables of the study, in particular:

- Existing types and mechanisms of financing, instruments and procedures for accessing available funds;
- A SWOT analysis of financing mechanisms in relation to demand;
- Support mechanisms by category or type of player;
- The role and contribution of ECOWAS via the regional fund in facilitating access to available funds; and
- The mechanism for disseminating opportunities to the stakeholders concerned, including private investors wishing to support the agroecological transition in the region.

The workshop also provided an opportunity to:

- Share the main conclusions of the report presented by the consultants;

- Organizing working groups that have enriched the recommendations made by the consultants; and
- Produce specific content for notes to decision-makers.



Article on the ARAA website: <https://www.araa.org/fr/news/program-agro%C3%A9cologie-de-la-cedeao-une-etude-sur-les-m%C3%A9canismes-de-financement-de-la>

Article Rural Infos: <https://ruralinfos.tg/agroecologie/mecanismes-et-financement-de-la-transition-agroecologique-laraa-en-fait-une-priorite/>

The final report of the study will be published before the end of 2023.

3.5 CG Component - Program Coordination and Management

The activities carried out under this component involved support for the project owner in the coordination and day-to-day management of the EAP, monitoring-evaluation and audits.

3.5.1 CG.1 - Support for the project owner in the coordination and day-to-day management of the EAP

In 2023, the UCP team contributed to/participated in the following regional meetings:

- Support for the RAAA in organizing the annual meeting of the Thematic Steering Committees of ECOWAP projects and programs (February 2023 - Lomé, Togo);
- Participation in the technical workshop for writing and producing content for the new ARAA website;
- Representation of ARAA at the training of beneficiaries of the AIC-BOAD project in Natitingou, Benin;
- Participation of the UCP in the 16^{ème} regional forum of COPAGEN (Coalition for the Protection of African Genetic Heritage) in Conakry, Guinea, from 14 to 16 June 2023;
- Participation of the PCU in the ARAA staff immersion retreat (17 to 21/07/2023 - Agbodrafo, Togo);
- Participation of the PCU in the Budget Retreat on the medium-term expenditure framework for the agriculture and food sector (15 to 20 August 2023 - Cotonou, Benin) ;
- Participation of the UCP in the Salon International de l'Agriculture et des Ressources Animales (SARA) (29/09 to 08/10/2023 - Abidjan, Côte d'Ivoire);
- Supporting the RAAA in organizing the annual meeting of the Technical Monitoring Committees for projects and programs.

In addition, the PCU facilitated the signing of various amendments to the Financing Agreements providing for an overall budget revision and a 12-month extension of the EAP on a constant budget basis, in accordance with the following timetable:

- Signature of the rider to the PAIAD Master Agreement between the EU and the ECOWAS Commission on 22 June 2023;
- Signature of the amendment to the PAGODA-PAIAD Agreement between the EU and AFD on 29 September 2023; and
- Signature of the amendments to the PATAE and PAIAD financing agreements between AFD and the ECOWAS Commission on 20 October 2023.

In parallel, the proposed amendments to the PATAE and PAIAD PSCs of the AVSF-IRAM-INADES consortium of operators were submitted to AFD's ANO on 2 October 2023. *They should be signed before the end of the year.*

Discussions continued between ECOWAS, AFD and the EU on the content of the DeSIRA+AO project, on which the PCU was involved. In particular, the PCU was involved in drawing up the project description notes and budgets to enable the AFD and EU appraisal circuit to be launched.

The new EAP Monitoring, Evaluation and Capitalization Officer took up her post at the end of July. She was quickly appointed to the UCP and a roadmap for her position has been drawn up for the end of 2023.

Finally, the annual backstopping mission of the Groupement d'opérateurs to the UCP took place from 20 August to 1^{er} September 2023. The mission report is available here:

<https://app.box.com/s/qzhi622b9nkfrvox47rt74jpfqvyvfns>. This mission made it possible to:

- Carry out a joint mission to monitor the activities of the training centers and partnership projects in Benin and Ghana and provide guidelines for further monitoring in the other countries;
- To provide an update on the implementation of the recommendations of the last support mission;
- Discuss the implications of amendments currently being signed;
- Discuss the capitalization of field projects, the definition of the program's cross-cutting capitalization strategy and the roadmap for the new M&E Officer;
- Examine the level of implementation of activities and the challenges to be met, component by component.

3.5.2 CG.2 - Monitoring and evaluation

The monitoring and evaluation activities carried out in 2023 concerned:

- Supporting NCs and field project leaders in the effective implementation of activities;
- Support for training center managers and OPA partnerships in Finalizing their PTBA and logical framework;
- The organization of monitoring and evaluation missions to certain training centers and OPA partnerships;
- The organization of the 2023 annual review and 2024 planning workshop for the NCs and 3AO in Kumasi, Ghana (October 2023);
- Monitoring the various contracts and contractualization processes;
- Participation in the training of monitoring and evaluation coordinators and experts on the second version of the MESECOPS;
- The recruitment of a new Monitoring, Evaluation and Capitalization Officer at the UCP based in Abuja (following the resignation of the expert);
- Preparation of the consolidated 2024 AWPB;
- The production of two quarterly reports, a half-yearly report and the 2023 annual activity report;
- Participation in meetings of the thematic Regional Steering Committees (CoPil) and Technical Monitoring Committees (CTS) of ECOWAP projects/programs;
- Preparation of the EAP CoPil and CTS report;
- Organizing coordination meetings to ensure effective implementation of activities;
- Updating information on the RAAA's monitoring and evaluation system, MESECOPS ;
- Logical framework indicators on MESECOPS and the EU monitoring and evaluation system (OPSYS);
- The drafting of an AIC-PAE thematic note as part of the CTS 2023 for the two projects.

Figure 8: Visit to the CNTA center with the National Correspondents, during the Kumasi workshop in Ghana



Click here to read the article published about the site visit on the ARAA website:

<https://araa.org/fr/news/promouvoir-lagro%C3%A9cologie-en-afrique-de-louest-une-visite-de-terrain-inspirante-au-ghana>

With regard to evaluation, the EU indicated at the November 2022 CTS that it would launch a mid-term evaluation of the program in 2023 using its directly managed funds. ECOWAS has still not received any information on this subject.

The consolidated logical framework of the EAP will be attached to the final annual report, once the indicators from the field have been submitted to ECOWAS.

3.5.3 CG.3 - Audits and support for the ARAA

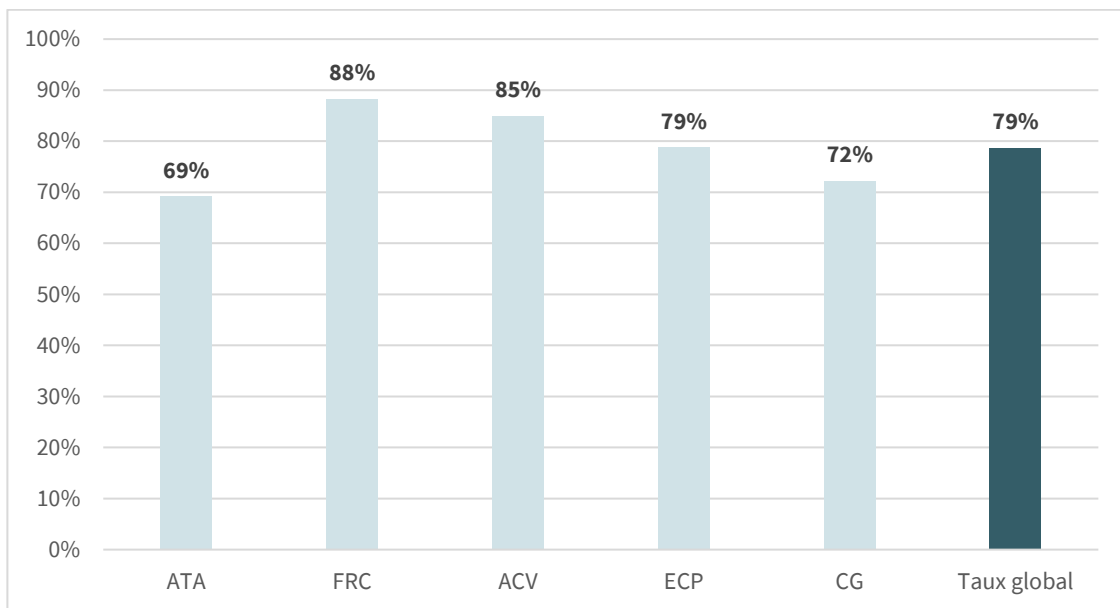
The main activities carried out in 2023 concerned:

- The audit of the two PAE accounts at the RAAA currently underway and to be finalised before the end of December 2023 (PATAE-ARAA and PAIAD-ARAA accounts); and
- Support for the various audits of field projects, NCs and 3AO (field project audits are covered in ATA.3).

3.6 Summary of physical achievements

The evaluation of the implementation of the activities planned in the 2023 PTBA made it possible to assess the level of implementation by component. To do this, output completion rates were calculated on the basis of the outputs obtained in relation to all the expected outputs, using the RAAA's monitoring and evaluation system, MESECOPS.

At 31 October 2023, the physical implementation rate of the 2023 PTBA is estimated at 79%. By component, the physical implementation rates vary from 69% for the ATA component to 88% for the FRC component, as shown in the figure below. The low implementation rate for the LCA component is linked to the non-finalization of final audits of field projects.

Figure 9: Implementation rate of activities planned for 2023 by component

4 | Budget execution of the project in 2023

It should be noted that the figures given should be treated with caution. As this is an interim report, all the data from the EAP partners (NCs, training centers, partnerships, 3AOs, etc.) has not yet been received from the field. The final figures for 2023 will be communicated in the annual report that will be sent out prior to the 2024 Steering Committee.

4.1 Financial execution of the 2023 PTBA

The total budget for the 2023 PTBA for the PAE was €4,955,265.14 excluding AFD's management fee deductions from the third tranche of pre-financing to be received from the EU: €1,621,228.23 for the PATAE and €3,334,036.91 from the PAIAD funds. The total amounts disbursed by AFD to the various partners for the implementation of the 2023 PTBA represent 60% of the budget.

4.1.1 Statement of disbursements made by AFD

Table 5: AFD's disbursement rate for the PTBA budget

Composantes Activités	Budget PTBA 2023		Budget Total PTBA 2023	⊕ AFD / PATAE	⊕ UE / PAIAD	Total général	Taux de décaissements		
	AFD / PATAE	UE / PAIAD					AFD / PATAE	UE / PAIAD	Total général
ATA	733 330,44 €	- €	733 330,44 €	281 983,00 €		281 983,00 €	38%		38%
ATA.1	- €	- €	- €						
ATA.2	534 399,00 €	- €	534 399,00 €	121 983,00 €		121 983,00 €	23%		23%
ATA.3	198 931,44 €	- €	198 931,44 €	160 000,00 €		160 000,00 €	80%		80%
FRC	- €	1 212 983,94 €	1 212 983,94 €		915 627,63 €	915 627,63 €		75%	75%
FRC.1	- €	33 420,00 €	33 420,00 €					0%	0%
FRC.2	- €	1 002 645,94 €	1 002 645,94 €		915 627,63 €	915 627,63 €		91%	91%
FRC.3	- €	176 918,00 €	176 918,00 €					0%	0%
ACV	- €	653 983,20 €	653 983,20 €		558 317,85 €	558 317,85 €		85%	85%
ACV.1	- €	507 418,19 €	507 418,19 €		7 480,75 €	7 480,75 €		1%	1%
ACV.2	- €	146 565,01 €	146 565,01 €		550 837,10 €	550 837,10 €		376%	376%
ECP	668 017,79 €	714 089,77 €	1 382 107,56 €	385 569,41 €	154 963,00 €	540 532,42 €	58%	22%	39%
ECP.1	167 053,43 €	42 411,80 €	209 465,23 €	11 433,68 €	12 322,20 €	23 755,88 €	7%	29%	11%
ECP.2	131 252,05 €	93 103,40 €	224 355,45 €	118 598,78 €	14 996,37 €	133 595,15 €	90%	16%	60%
ECP.3	269 712,31 €	462 358,57 €	732 070,88 €	255 536,96 €	127 644,43 €	383 181,38 €	95%	28%	52%
ECP.4	100 000,00 €	116 216,00 €	216 216,00 €				0%	0%	0%
CG	219 880,00 €	752 980,00 €	972 860,00 €	248 281,65 €	439 057,21 €	687 338,86 €	113%	58%	71%
CG.1	180 000,00 €	720 000,00 €	900 000,00 €	108 281,65 €	429 057,21 €	537 338,86 €	60%	60%	60%
CG.2	- €	- €	- €						
CG.3	39 880,00 €	32 980,00 €	72 860,00 €	140 000,00 €	10 000,00 €	150 000,00 €	351%	30%	206%
DI	- €	- €	- €						
EA	- €	- €	- €						
FG	- €	- €	- €						
Total général	1 621 228,23 €	3 334 036,91 €	4 955 265,14 €	915 834,06 €	2 067 965,69 €	2 983 799,76 €	56%	62%	60%

4.1.2 Additional contractual commitments for 2023

In 2023, additional contractual commitments amount to **€2,166,507.00** and correspond to the amounts of the grant agreements signed between ECOWAS and the Training Centers and the OPA - CF - CR Partnerships. No new service contracts or amendments to existing contracts had been signed by 31 October 2023.

N°	Types of contractual commitments	Amounts
1	Grants to training centers	1 516 507 €
2	Partnership Grants	650 000 €
	Total	2 166 507 €

4.1.3 Justified expenditure for 2023

The figures given in this report should be treated with the utmost caution. In fact, all the data from the field has not yet been received. The financial report will be updated when the annual report is drawn up, which will be sent ahead of the 2024 Steering Committee meeting.

Table 6: Rate of justified expenditure by activity of the 2023 PTBA

The budget execution rate for the 2023 PTBA was 32% at 31/10/2023 and may change rapidly as data from field projects becomes available at 31/12/2023.

Composantes	Budget PTBA 2023		Budget Total PTBA 2023	⊕ AFD / PATAE	⊕ UE / PAIAD	Total général	Taux de dépenses		
	AFD / PATAE	UE / PAIAD					AFD / PATAE	UE / PAIAD	Total général
ATA	733 330,44 €	- €	733 330,44 €	274 247,80 €		274 247,80 €	37%		37%
ATA.1	- €	- €	- €						
ATA.2	534 399,00 €	- €	534 399,00 €	203 914,74 €		203 914,74 €	38%		38%
ATA.3	198 931,44 €	- €	198 931,44 €	70 333,06 €		70 333,06 €	35%		35%
FRC	- €	1 212 983,94 €	1 212 983,94 €		185 734,96 €	185 734,96 €		15%	15%
FRC.1	- €	33 420,00 €	33 420,00 €		30 889,16 €	30 889,16 €		92%	92%
FRC.2	- €	1 002 645,94 €	1 002 645,94 €		81 730,41 €	81 730,41 €		8%	8%
FRC.3	- €	176 918,00 €	176 918,00 €		73 115,39 €	73 115,39 €		41%	41%
ACV	- €	653 983,20 €	653 983,20 €		157 936,27 €	157 936,27 €		24%	24%
ACV.1	- €	507 418,19 €	507 418,19 €		105 916,55 €	105 916,55 €		21%	21%
ACV.2	- €	146 565,01 €	146 565,01 €		52 019,73 €	52 019,73 €		35%	35%
ECP	668 017,79 €	714 089,77 €	1 382 107,56 €	209 097,12 €	157 788,00 €	366 885,12 €	31%	22%	27%
ECP.1	167 053,43 €	42 411,80 €	209 465,23 €	89 633,98 €	11 805,80 €	101 439,78 €	54%	28%	48%
ECP.2	131 252,05 €	93 103,40 €	224 355,45 €	14 177,01 €	381,12 €	14 558,13 €	11%	0%	6%
ECP.3	269 712,31 €	462 358,57 €	732 070,88 €	81 187,74 €	53 170,13 €	134 357,86 €	30%	11%	18%
ECP.4	100 000,00 €	116 216,00 €	216 216,00 €	24 098,40 €	92 430,95 €	116 529,34 €	24%	80%	54%
CG	219 880,00 €	752 980,00 €	972 860,00 €	136 174,07 €	487 183,64 €	623 357,71 €	62%	65%	64%
CG.1	180 000,00 €	720 000,00 €	900 000,00 €	108 281,65 €	429 057,21 €	537 338,86 €	60%	60%	60%
CG.2	- €	- €	- €						
CG.3	39 880,00 €	32 980,00 €	72 860,00 €	27 892,42 €	58 126,43 €	86 018,85 €	70%	176%	118%
DI	- €	- €	- €						
EA	- €	- €	- €						
FG	- €	- €	- €						
Total général	1 621 228,23 €	3 334 036,91 €	4 955 265,14 €	619 518,99 €	988 642,87 €	1 608 161,86 €	38%	30%	32%

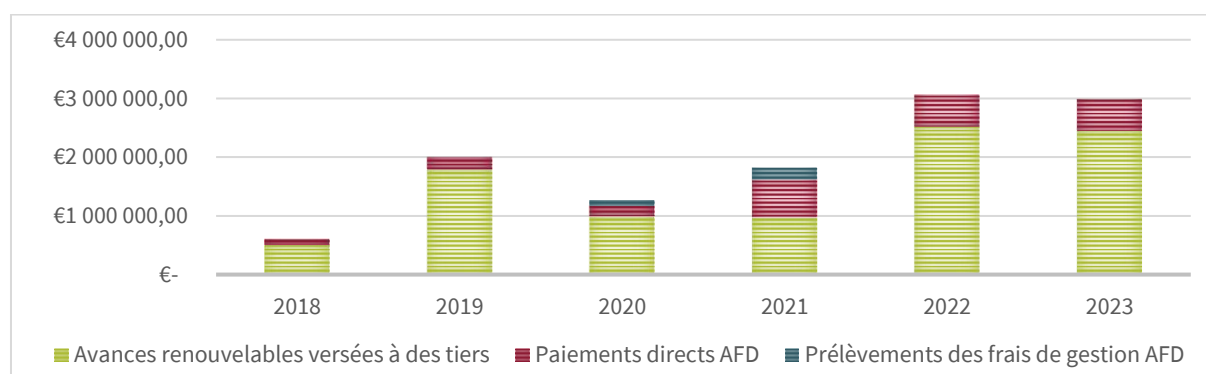
4.2 Overall financial execution

4.2.1 Statement of disbursements made by AFD

Total disbursements under the EAP since 2018 amount to **€11,725,665.94**, i.e. **74%** of the total amount of the program.

Table 7: AFD's overall disbursement rate for the EAP budget

Étiquettes de lignes	⊕ Budget du PAE	Total général des décaissements	Taux de décaissement	Reste à décaisser par l'AFD
ATA	4 588 645,17 €	4 412 811,40 €	96%	175 833,77 €
FRC	1 770 400,00 €	1 191 573,69 €	67%	578 826,31 €
ACV	1 415 300,00 €	1 052 211,37 €	74%	363 088,63 €
ECP	3 628 809,47 €	2 261 604,25 €	62%	1 367 205,22 €
CG	3 713 998,88 €	2 476 287,46 €	67%	1 237 711,42 €
DI	52 475,48 €	16 500,00 €	31%	35 975,48 €
EA	73 362,00 €	26 902,40 €	37%	46 459,60 €
FG	507 009,00 €	287 775,36 €	57%	219 233,64 €
Total général	15 750 000,00 €	11 725 665,94 €	74%	4 024 334,06 €

Figure 10: Evolution of AFD disbursements of EAP funds from 2018 to 2023

The rate of disbursement of funds from AFD follows the pace at which the program is implemented. The disbursement rate for 2023 as at 31 October 2023 is relatively similar to that for 2022, due to the start-up of training center activities and OPA - CF - CR partnerships and the parallel closure of field projects. It should be noted that a number of payments are still scheduled for the end of 2023.

4.2.2 Global contractual commitments

At 31 October 2023, total contractual commitments amounted to **€11,343,021.64**, i.e. **72%** of the PAE's overall budget:

- 4,255,180.24 relates to service contracts,
- 4,414,325.40 relates to grant agreements signed with local project sponsors,
- 1,516,507.00 relate to subsidy agreements signed with training centers, and
- 650,000.00 relates to grant agreements signed with the OPA - CR - CF Partnerships.

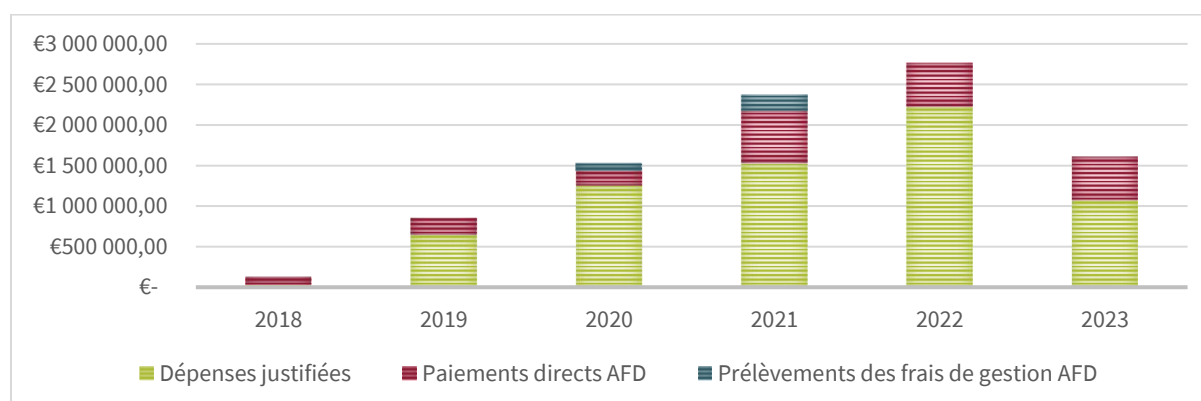
4.2.3 Total justified expenditure

The figures given in this report should be treated with the utmost caution. In fact, all the data from the field has not yet been received. The financial report will be updated when the annual report is drawn up, which will be sent ahead of the 2024 Steering Committee meeting.

Justified expenditure on the EAP since 2018 is **€9,265,826.00**, i.e. **59%** of the total amount of the Program.

Table 8: Rate of overall justified EAP expenditure by component

Étiquettes de lignes	Budget du PAE	Total général des dépenses justifiées	Taux de dépenses justifiées	Reste à dépenser / justifier
ATA	4 588 645,17 €	4 295 614,71 €	94%	293 030,46 €
FRC	1 770 400,00 €	504 375,50 €	28%	1 266 024,50 €
ACV	1 415 300,00 €	228 515,90 €	16%	1 186 784,10 €
ECP	3 628 809,47 €	1 578 229,95 €	43%	2 050 579,53 €
CG	3 713 998,88 €	2 251 430,56 €	61%	1 462 568,32 €
DI	52 475,48 €	54 979,83 €	105%	- 2 504,35 €
EA	73 362,00 €	64 904,20 €	88%	8 457,80 €
FG	507 009,00 €	287 775,36 €	57%	219 233,64 €
Total général	15 750 000,00 €	9 265 826,00 €	59%	6 484 174,00 €

Figure 11: Change in justified EAP expenditure from 2018 to 2023

4.3 Financial execution of the PATAE

4.3.1 Statement of disbursements made by AFD

Total disbursements under the PATAE since 2018 amount to **€7,157,392.51**, i.e. **89%** of the total amount of the Project.

Table 9: AFD's overall disbursement rate for the PATAE budget

Étiquettes de lignes	Budget PATAE	Total général des décaissements	Taux de décaissement	Reste à décaisser par l'AFD
ATA	4 588 645,17 €	4 412 811,40 €	96%	175 833,77 €
ECP	1 745 609,47 €	1 310 021,41 €	75%	435 588,06 €
CG	1 539 907,88 €	1 391 157,30 €	90%	148 750,58 €
DI	52 475,48 €	16 500,00 €	31%	35 975,48 €
EA	73 362,00 €	26 902,40 €	37%	46 459,60 €
Total général	8 000 000,00 €	7 157 392,51 €	89%	842 607,48 €

4.3.2 Contractual commitments on the PATAE

At 31 October 2023, contractual commitments for the PATAE amounted to **€6,301,613.84**, or **79%** of the overall PATAE budget:

- 1,887,288.44 relates to service contracts, and
- 4,414,325.40 relates to grant agreements signed with local project sponsors.

4.3.3 Total justified expenditure

The figures given in this report should be treated with the utmost caution. In fact, all the data from the field has not yet been received. The financial report will be updated when the annual report is drawn up, which will be sent ahead of the 2024 Steering Committee meeting.

Justified expenditure for the PATAE since 2018 is **€6,510,032.77**, i.e. **81%** of the total amount of the Project.

Table 10: Rate of justified PATAE expenditure by component

	⊕ Budget PATAE	⊕ Dépenses justifiées	Taux de dépenses	Reste à dépenser
ATA	4 588 645,17 €	4 295 614,71 €	94%	293 030,46 €
ECP	1 745 609,47 €	889 197,33 €	51%	856 412,15 €
CG	1 539 907,88 €	1 205 336,72 €	78%	334 571,16 €
DI	52 475,48 €	54 979,83 €	105%	- 2 504,35 €
EA	73 362,00 €	64 904,20 €	88%	8 457,80 €
Total général	8 000 000,00 €	6 510 032,77 €	81%	1 489 967,22 €

The list of expenses is available for download:

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4.4 Financial execution of the PAIAD

4.4.1 Statement of disbursements made by AFD

PAIAD's total disbursements since 2020 are **€4,568,273.42**, or **59%** of the total amount of the Project.

Table 11: AFD's overall disbursement rate for the PAIAD budget

Étiquettes de l'---	Budget PAIAD	Total général des décaissements	Taux de décaissement	Reste à décaisser par l'AFD
FRC	1 770 400,00 €	1 191 573,69 €	67%	578 826,31 €
ACV	1 415 300,00 €	1 052 211,37 €	74%	363 088,63 €
ECP	1 883 200,00 €	951 582,83 €	51%	931 617,17 €
CG	2 174 091,00 €	1 085 130,16 €	50%	1 088 960,84 €
FG	507 009,00 €	287 775,36 €	57%	219 233,64 €
Total général	7 750 000,00 €	4 568 273,42 €	59%	3 181 726,58 €

4.4.2 PAIAD contractual commitments

At 31 October 2023, contractual commitments to the PAIAD amounted to **€4,534,398.80**, or **59%** of the overall PAIAD budget:

- 2,367,891.80 relates to service contracts,
- 1,516,507.00 relate to subsidy agreements signed with training centers, and
- 650,000.00 relates to grant agreements signed with the OPA - CR - CF Partnerships.

4.4.3 Total justified expenditure

The figures given in this report should be treated with the utmost caution. In fact, all the data from the field has not yet been received. The financial report will be updated when the annual report is drawn up, which will be sent ahead of the 2024 Steering Committee meeting.

Justified expenditure on PAIAD since 2020 is **€2,755,793.23**, or **36%** of the total cost of the Project.

Table 12: Rate of justified PAIAD expenditure by component

Étiquettes de lignes	Budget PAIAD	Dépenses justifiées	Taux de dépenses	Reste à dépenser
FRC	1 770 400,00 €	504 375,50 €	28%	1 266 024,50 €
ACV	1 415 300,00 €	228 515,90 €	16%	1 186 784,10 €
ECP	1 883 200,00 €	689 032,62 €	37%	1 194 167,38 €
CG	2 174 091,00 €	1 046 093,84 €	48%	1 127 997,16 €
FG	507 009,00 €	287 775,36 €	57%	219 233,64 €
Total général	7 750 000,00 €	2 755 793,23 €	36%	4 994 206,77 €

The list of expenses is available for download:

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4.4.4 Monitoring the use of pre-financing tranches paid by the EU to AFD

Tranches de préfinancement	Montant des tranches	Montants engagés	Montants dépensés et justifiés	Taux d'engagement / décaissement	Taux de dépenses
Première tranche	1 398 852,00 €	1 398 852,00 €	1 398 852,00 €	100%	100%
Deuxième tranche	3 000 000,00 €	3 000 000,00 €	1 356 941,23 €	100%	45%
Troisième tranche	3 351 148,00 €	1 100 910,51 €	- €	33%	0%
Solde prévisionnel	- €	- €	- €	0%	0%
	7 750 000,00 €	5 499 762,51 €	2 755 793,23 €	71%	36%

In conclusion, the first tranche of pre-financing has been committed and spent at 100%. The second tranche is 100% committed (i.e. more than 70%).

On the basis of this report, AFD can therefore ask the EU to pay it the third tranche of pre-financing.

5 | Main difficulties, challenges and proposed solutions

The main difficulties encountered in implementing the program are set out in the table below:

Table 13: Difficulties encountered and solutions found

Main difficulties encountered	Corrective measures
<p>1. Final evaluation deliverables and capitalization on field projects that do not fully meet ECOWAS expectations</p>	<p>A detailed comments document was sent to the consultant by official letter from the ARAA ED to explain the shortcomings and redirect the deliverables.</p> <p>A clarification meeting was held online in October and the consultants agreed to improve the quality of the deliverables in line with the UCP/ARAA recommendations.</p>
<p>2. Delays in the administrative closure of field projects: final audit reports still not available</p>	<p>To date, all the final audits are in progress. The 15 final reports will be available by 31/12/2023.</p>
<p>3. ARAA 2022 audit reports still not available</p>	<p>Speed up exchanges with the auditor so that the reports are available before the end of the year. In anticipation of the next annual audit, the purchase order for the audit of the 2023 accounts has already been signed, so that they can be finalised before the end of the first half of 2024.</p>
<p>4. Delay in implementing the 2023 budgets of CN and 3AO</p>	<p>These partners will have to speed up the implementation of activities and quickly comply with the due diligence requirement, which is a condition precedent to receiving the following funds</p>
<p>5. Delays in the transmission of quarterly and half-yearly reports by project partners (CN, 3AO, training centers and OPA partnerships)</p>	<p>Email, phone and WhatsApp reminders</p> <p>Reminder of contractual obligations to NCs and 3AOs at the Kumasi workshop</p> <p>A letter from the DE ARAA will be sent to the partners in December to ensure that the annual reports are submitted on time.</p>
<p>6. Delays in making funds available to training centers and OPA partnerships, due to delays in signing grant agreements and difficulties encountered by partners in compiling files containing conditions precedent, reducing the time required to implement field projects.</p>	<p>Support from ARAA and the NCs in compiling payment files</p> <p>Review of PTBA activities to fit into the new implementation period</p>
<p>7. Suspension of French aid to Mali, Niger and Burkina Faso, following political tensions between France and these countries</p>	<p>Proposal memorandum drawn up, but the deadlock persists</p>



AWBP 2024

1 | Major orientations of the PTBA 2024

In 2024, the Agroecology Program in West Africa will continue at cruising speed, with NCs in fully operational countries. The training centers and OPA - RC - CF partnerships that received their first tranches of funding in 2023 will be carrying out the activities of their respective PTBAs.

At the same time, the EAP's closing activities will begin: final evaluation, cross-functional capitalization, initial audits, etc.

2 | Work plan 2024

2.1 Reminder of expected results

As part of the implementation of the 2024 PTBA, the main results expected are:

- All field projects are closed for accounting purposes and any remaining funds are paid back to the ARAA.
- The final evaluation and capitalization of the field projects are complete.
- The 15 training centers are supported in their promotion of agroecology.
- The MOOC Agroecology is adapted and animated.
- Support is given to 14 partnerships between farmers' organizations, research centers and training centers for dissemination, targeting priority strategic sectors in ECOWAS Member States.
- 850 agents from national advisory and extension services are being trained.
- 15 national consultation and advocacy frameworks are operational in each country.
- National consultations and lobbying to ensure that agroecology is considered in public policy are operational.
- 3AO's digital agroecology platform is supported and operational;
- The final transversal capitalization of the EAP has been launched.
- The 2024 PTBA is drawn up and validated by the CoPil.
- Quarterly, half-yearly and annual reports are produced and distributed.
- Communication tools on the program's actions are developed and distributed.
- The program is coordinated and managed.

The activities planned in this Annual Work Program and Budget (AWPB) for 2024 cover the various components of the EAP.

2.2 ATA component - Support for agroecological transition for local stakeholders

In 2024, the main activities planned for the component are: (i) the payment of the last remaining funds to project sponsors who have pre-financed their third instalment (ATA.2), (ii) the finalization of the capitalization and administrative closure of the last field projects whose audits have still not been finalized (ATA.3).

2.2.1 ATA.2 - Implementation and support for field projects

The operational phase of the field projects has been completed for all 15 projects. However, a number of them have pre-financed their third and final instalment. Once the final audits have been completed, the final payments will be made to around ten field projects.

Planned disbursements to reimburse expenditure already incurred are estimated at €297,016.66 from PATAE funds.

2.2.2 ATA.3 - Monitoring-evaluation, internal capitalization and audits of field projects

ATA.3.1 - Finalizing the final evaluation and capitalizing on field projects

The cross-disciplinary capitalization study of field projects currently underway will be completed and the guide to capitalizing on good practice, the model of which is already available, will be finalized, translated into French, English and Portuguese and distributed.

Planned disbursements for this action are **€34,535.68** from the PATAE funds.

ATA.3.2 - Audits of field projects

The final audits of the field projects are currently underway and should be completed by the end of December 2023.

The disbursements planned in 2024 for this action correspond to the payment of the final instalment to the audit firm in the amount of **€29,581.00**.

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

In 2024, the activities to be implemented under this component will focus mainly on: (i) supporting the development of the activities of agroecology training centers (FRC.2); and (ii) finalizing the adaptation of the MOOC (FRC.3).

2.3.1 FRC. 2 - Support for the development of training center activities

FRC.2.1 - Implementation of training centers activities

With the grant agreements signed in 2023 and the first instalments of funding paid to the centers, they will implement their respective action plans.

Expenditure on this activity in 2024 is estimated at **€1,438,272.25** from PAIAD funds.

The residual disbursements planned for 2024 are estimated at **€673,134** (payments by the ARAA of the second instalments to the training centers).

FRC.2.2 - Organization of monitoring and evaluation of centers activities

Local monitoring missions to training centers will be organized by the National Correspondents. These missions may be carried out jointly with the regional PCU. They should make it possible to assess the implementation of the centers' AWBPs and to make recommendations if necessary.

Expenditure on this activity in 2024 is estimated at **€23,593.07** from PAIAD funds.

2.3.2 FRC.3 - Support for higher education

Only the activities related to the adaptation of the MOOC agroecology will continue in 2024. As a grant agreement is in the process of being signed with a Consortium of Regional Universities, the latter,

supported by the Institut Agro de Montpellier, will continue with the activities necessary for the adaptation and then organize the first sessions of the MOOC (as part of activity ECP.4 below).

Expenditure on this activity in 2024 is estimated at **€143,224 from PAIAD funds**.

2.4 LCA component - Advisory support and dissemination of technological innovations

For 2024, the planned activities will focus mainly on : (i) support for the establishment of partnerships between farmers' organizations, research centers and training centers (ACV.1), and (ii) capacity building and methodological support for extension services (ACV.2).

2.4.1 ACV.1 - Support for setting up partnerships between farmers' organizations, research centers and training centers

ACV.1.1 - Organization of monitoring and evaluation missions for OPA Partnership project activities

Finally, local monitoring missions will be carried out by the Correspondents to assess the state of implementation of planned activities. These missions may be carried out jointly with the regional PCU. They should make it possible to assess the implementation of the partnerships' PTBAs and to make recommendations if necessary.

Expenditure on this activity in 2024 is estimated at **€22,338.61 from PAIAD funds**.

ACV.1.2 - Implementation of partnership activities between farmers' organizations and research and training centers and dissemination of research results

With the grant agreements signed in 2023 and the first tranches of funding paid to the partnerships, the latter will implement their respective action plans.

Expenditure on this activity in 2024 is estimated at **€631,227.82 from PAIAD funds**.

The residual disbursements planned for 2024 are estimated at **€419,507** (payments by the ARAA of the second tranches to the partnerships).

2.4.2 ACV.2 - Capacity building and methodological support for extension services

ACV.2.1 - Capacity building for national extension systems

This activity is carried out directly by the National Correspondents through the organization of training sessions for agents of the national extension systems on agroecology and sustainable intensive agriculture. These training sessions are therefore included in all the NCs' PTBAs. These training sessions will make it possible to strengthen the capacity of around 850 agents of the national advisory support and extension systems.

Planned expenditure on this action in 2024 is estimated at **€225,960.44 from PAIAD funds**.

ACV.2.2 - Consolidating knowledge, setting up and revitalizing exchange platforms between farm advisory services in West Africa

In addition, a contract is due to be signed with CIRAD by the end of 2023 to broaden the skills of West African agricultural advisory bodies, particularly in agroecology. This service contract is based on 3 main activities:

- (1) Setting up and revitalizing platforms for exchanges between advice providers;
- (2) Consolidation of knowledge and recommendations for the development of agroecology advice and;

- (3) Organizing learning and strategic dialogue for the renewal of farm advisory services in West Africa

Planned expenditure on this action in 2024 is estimated at **€99,550 from PAIAD funds**.

2.5 ECP component - Exchanges, capitalization and contribution to the development of public policies for agroecological intensification

The EAP's intervention strategy is based on strong complementarity and synergy between the program's various components. The ECP component provides support for consultation mechanisms in each country and at regional level to strengthen public policies in support of the agroecological transition and ecologically intensive agriculture.

In 2024, the activities planned under this component will involve: (i) supporting the 3AO platform and organizing a second regional consultation (ECP.1), (ii) capitalizing on the EAP across the board and disseminating/communicating (ECP.2), (iii) coordinating national consultation frameworks and advocacy, and (iv) training national technicians in agroecology via the MOOC and in drawing up projects eligible for the green climate funds in synergy with the AIC-BOAD project.

2.5.1 ECP.1 - Setting up a regional network and exchange mechanisms

ECP.1.1 - Support for the 3AO platform

In 2023, as 3AO has been selected as a major regional agroecology network, the planned activities concern:

- Capitalizing on the experience of at least 2 farmer training centers on agroecology;
- Continuing to develop the digital platform so that it is fully functional, and putting various reports, videos, etc. online;
- 1 cross-capitalization of the agroecological initiatives of 3AO members;
- The organization of a second regional conference on agroecology;
- Support for at least 4 members of 3AO to carry out advocacy activities at national and regional level to influence policies in favor of agroecology.

For more information, please refer to the 3AO 2024 PTBA in **Appendix 8**.

Expenditure on this action in 2024 is estimated at **€284,453.30 from PATAE funds**.

ECP.1.2 - Participation of NCs in regional meetings

In addition to their in-country activities, the NCs will be taking part in regional meetings. These meetings enable NCs to exchange and share experiences on national agroecology strategies.

Expenditure on this action in 2024 is estimated at **€68,136.06**, including **€19,244.90** from PATAE funds and **€48,891.15** from PAIAD funds.

2.5.2 ECP.2 - Support for the process of capitalizing on the results obtained and disseminating good practice

As part of the implementation of this activity, the actions planned for 2024 will concern (i) the recruitment of a consultant for cross-cutting capitalization; (ii) the design and dissemination of materials highlighting the achievements and results of the EAP; and (iii) the production of radio spots and/or video capsules by the National Correspondents.

ECP.2.1 - Recruitment of a consultant to support the cross-functional capitalization process

The program's cross-functional capitalization strategy was defined in 2023. This was an essential prerequisite for recruiting the consultant who will be responsible for carrying out this capitalization. The main aim of capitalization is to guide national and regional public policy strategies to provide better support for agroecology (advocacy). This capitalization will be organized around the following cross-cutting themes, with different capitalization products expected:

- Innovative partnerships for successful agroecology initiatives
- Inputs and equipment for WT (seeds, biopesticides, biofertilizers, machinery, equipment)
- Dynamics of local markets for agroecological products
- Vocational training and integration of young people into AE systems
- The role of multi-stakeholder consultation frameworks in including EI in public policies
- Agro-ecological farming systems / the place of livestock farming in agroecology

The last theme remains to be confirmed, depending on the elements available from projects on the agroecological transition in livestock farming, or the possibility of simply orienting it in the form of an advocacy note. Within these broad themes, capitalization could focus on several sub-themes that the consultant could identify. The DANO on the DAO is due to be sent to AFD in December, so that the consultant can be recruited in the first quarter of 2024.

Planned expenditure on this action in 2024 is estimated at **€200,000.00** from PAIAD funds.

ECP.2.2 - Continued implementation of communication/visibility actions and dissemination of results

To ensure the visibility of the program's actions, a communications consultant has been recruited. He has developed several communication tools which are validated by the ARAA before being distributed.

In 2024, the consultant will continue its activities, particularly in relation to capitalizing on and disseminating the EAP's achievements: quarterly newsletters and the production of video capsules.

Expenditure on this action in 2024 is estimated at **€33,054.00** from PAIAD funds.

ECP.2.3 - Production of radio spots and/or video capsules by National Correspondents

The radio spots produced on agroecology will be made available to the National Correspondents for translation and broadcasting in local languages to raise awareness of the importance of agroecology for a sustainable food system. The National Correspondents will also be able to recruit local communication agencies to produce video capsules highlighting the results achieved by the EAP in their respective countries.

Expenditure on this action in 2024 is estimated at **€122,952.40**, including **€45,734.71** from PATAE funds and **€77,217.70** from PAIAD funds.

2.5.3 ECP.3 - Setting up and running national consultation and advocacy frameworks

ECP.3.1 - National consultations

In 2023, the main activities entrusted to the NCs in relation to the consultation frameworks concern the organization of national consultations and partnerships around agroecological transitions, the identification of themes that can feed into public policies, and the implementation of roadmaps defined at national level.

For more details, please refer to the individual PTBA of each National Correspondent given in **Appendix 8**.

Planned expenditure on this action in 2024 is estimated at **€792,817.77**, including **€273,112.41** from PATAE funds and **€519,705.35** from PAIAD funds.

ECP.3.2 - EAP closing workshop

At the end of 2024, the EAP closing workshop will be held. This will bring together all the stakeholders in the program to take stock, present the results and make recommendations for future programs.

Planned expenditure on this action in 2024 is estimated at **€200,000.00** from PAIAD funds.

2.5.4 ECP.4 - Support for PRIASAN and PNIASAN and funding for agroecology

This year, this activity will focus on training national managers and technicians in : (i) the development of projects eligible for the Green Climate Fund - face-to-face training organized in synergy with other projects implemented by the RAAA, and (ii) agroecology, via the MOOC developed in activity FRC.3 above.

Expenditure on this action in 2024 is estimated at **€318,444.80**, including **€20,039.90** from the PATAE funds and **€298,404.90** from the PAIAD funds.

2.6 Component CG - Program coordination and management

The activities planned for the implementation of this component in 2024 will focus on: (i) support for the project owner in the coordination and day-to-day management of the EAP; (ii) monitoring and evaluation; and (iii) audits and support for the RAAA.

2.6.1 CG.1 - Support for the project owner in the coordination and day-to-day management of the EAP

In addition to EAP activities, the PCU team will continue to take part in regional meetings on the agroecological transition and in the formulation of new regional projects and programs related to the agroecological transition.

In addition, UCP staff can be mobilized, depending on their area of expertise, to represent the ARAA at agroecology-related meetings.

In 2024, the main activities planned are:

- Administrative closure of field projects;
- Monitoring the administrative and accounting management of the various EAP stakeholders (CN, 3AO, training centers, etc.);
- Management of the various contracts, preparation of the various amendments, particularly those to the operator contract.

The PCU also covers the operator's other operating costs, including mission expenses, office and IT supplies, bank management fees and the equipment needed to implement the project.

Planned expenditure on this action in 2024 is estimated at **€671,567.00**, including **€122,108.00** from PATAE funds and **€549,459.00** from PAIAD funds.

2.6.2 CG.2 - Monitoring and evaluation

The monitoring and evaluation system cover the planning of activities, ongoing monitoring and evaluation.

With regard to monitoring planned activities, the PCU is developing a PTBA monitoring table to facilitate the monitoring of programmed activities and the budget allocated to each activity. This tool makes it possible to assess the rate of progress of activities, the use of resources and the way in which the PTBA is being implemented. The PCU monitors and supports the activities of the NCs, 3AO, training centers and partnerships, and organizes regional planning and review workshops.

The PCU will also take part in meetings of the Steering Committee and the Technical Monitoring Committee for the RAAA's projects/programs to present the various results achieved by the program in 2024 and the planning of activities in 2025.

In terms of evaluation, field visits to training centers and OPA - CR - CF partnerships are planned.

The PCU will also be responsible for anticipating the closure of the EAP in 2025. It will prepare an EAP closure plan for 2025 instead of a traditional PTBA.

In 2024, the main results expected in terms of monitoring and evaluation are:

- A 2025 closing program;
- Two reports on participation in the CoPil and CTS have been drawn up;
- Reports on monitoring and support missions to training centers and partnerships; and
- Quarterly, half-yearly and annual reports.

It is also planned that the EU will conduct the final evaluation of the Program using its directly managed funds. AFD and ECOWAS will be involved in drafting the terms of reference for the consultant recruited to carry out the evaluation.

2.6.3 CG.3 - Audits and support for the ARAA

CG.3.1 - Audits

The audits will cover both the ARAA's accounts and those of the other EAP stakeholders.

RAAA accounts: in accordance with the Financing Agreements, each year the accounts of the RAAA (PATAE and PAIAD) will be audited to assess the financial and accounting execution of the program's activities.

Accounts of other EAP stakeholders (excluding field projects dealt with in ATA.3): as part of the implementation of the program, ECOWAS has signed MoUs with the Ministries of Agriculture, the 3AO, the training centers and the OPA-CR-CF partnerships. The accounts of these partners receiving EAP subsidies will also be audited (tranche audits).

The Grant Agreements signed in 2023 and their accounts will also be audited.

CG.3.2 - Miscellaneous support for the ARAA

The program is fully integrated into the ARAA system. To this end, the team will support the RAAA in carrying out certain tasks to ensure the efficient running of the institution. This support may cover the awarding of contracts by participating in the recruitment of ARAA service providers, technical and financial monitoring and the organization of the CoPil and CTS, for which the PCU will provide the secretariat. In addition, the PAE will continue to cover the costs of ARAA staff accompanying the PCU on any monitoring and evaluation assignments.

Part of the UCP team will also be heavily involved in the launch of the DéSIRA + West Africa project, and in particular in the launch of the call for projects, which is due to take place in 2024.

Planned expenditure on this action in 2024 is estimated at **€192,000.00**, including **€92,000.00** from PATAE funds and **€100,000.00** from PAIAD funds.

3 | 2024 EAP budget

The estimated budget is €6,047,958.50, of which €1,217,826.56 is attributable to funding from the Agence Française de Développement (AFD) and €4,830,131.93 to funding from the European Union (EU). The budget for 2024 is shown in the table below.

Table 14: Budget forecasts for 2024

Composantes Activités	PTBA 2024			Reliquat pour la clôture 2025		
	AFD	UE	PAE	AFD	UE	PAE
ATA	361 133,34 €	- €	361 133,34 €	- 68 102,88 €	- €	- 68 102,88 €
ATA.1	- €		- €	- €	- €	- €
ATA.2	297 016,66 €		297 016,66 €	- 101 903,53 €	- €	- 101 903,53 €
ATA.3	64 116,68 €		64 116,68 €	33 800,65 €	- €	33 800,65 €
FRC	- €	1 605 089,32 €	1 605 089,32 €	- €	- 339 064,82 €	- 339 064,82 €
FRC.1	- €	- €	- €	- €	5 999,83 €	5 999,83 €
FRC.2		1 461 865,32 €	1 461 865,32 €	- €	- 304 123,26 €	- 304 123,26 €
FRC.3		143 224,00 €	143 224,00 €	- €	- 40 941,39 €	- 40 941,39 €
ACV	- €	979 076,88 €	979 076,88 €	- €	207 707,22 €	207 707,22 €
ACV.1		653 566,44 €	653 566,44 €	- €	188 553,69 €	188 553,69 €
ACV.2		325 510,44 €	325 510,44 €	- €	19 153,53 €	19 153,53 €
ECP	642 585,22 €	1 377 273,10 €	2 019 858,32 €	213 826,93 €	- 183 105,72 €	30 721,21 €
ECP.1	303 698,20 €	48 891,15 €	352 589,36 €	- 39 036,08 €	49 890,75 €	10 854,66 €
ECP.2	45 734,71 €	310 271,70 €	356 006,40 €	127 952,65 €	- 158 580,32 €	- 30 627,66 €
ECP.3	273 112,41 €	719 705,35 €	992 817,77 €	- 951,35 €	60 173,70 €	59 222,35 €
ECP.4	20 039,90 €	298 404,90 €	318 444,80 €	125 861,70 €	- 134 589,85 €	- 8 728,14 €
CG	214 108,00 €	649 459,00 €	863 567,00 €	120 463,16 €	478 538,16 €	599 001,32 €
CG.1	122 108,00 €	549 459,00 €	671 567,00 €	75 447,70 €	473 350,84 €	548 798,54 €
CG.2	- €		- €	- €	- €	- €
CG.3	92 000,00 €	100 000,00 €	192 000,00 €	45 015,46 €	5 187,32 €	50 202,78 €
DI	- €	- €	- €	- 2 504,35 €	- €	- 2 504,35 €
EA	- €	- €	- €	8 457,80 €	- €	8 457,80 €
FG	- €	219 233,64 €	219 233,64 €	- €	- €	- €
Total général	1 217 826,56 €	4 830 131,93 €	6 047 958,50 €	272 140,66 €	164 074,84 €	436 215,50 €

The detailed budget by activity is presented in the consolidated PTBA proposed in [Annex 6](#).

4 | Synergies with other projects and initiatives

The main activities carried out in synergy with projects or partners in 2023 are shown in the table below.

Table 15: Synergies with other projects and actions

N°	Activities	Added value	Projects/ Partners
1	Participation in the International Agriculture and Animal Resources Show (SARA)	Increased visibility of the EAP at regional and international level	NA
2	Representation of ARAA at the training of beneficiaries of the AIC-BOAD project in Natitingou, Benin	Informing field project partners about the importance of climate information in managing certain agricultural risks	AIC/BOAD project (ARAA)
3	Organization of two international webinars and drafting of a note for decision-makers on the strategic levers for developing agroecology consultancy in West Africa.	Planned development in 2024 of a regional platform for agroecology advice with RESCAR-AOC	ACOTAF project (CIRAD)
4	Capitalizing on best practice and setting up a 3AO digital agroecology platform.	Technical development of the platform underway and €70,000 contribution from Fair Sahel to supplement PAE funding	FAIR Sahel project (CIRAD)
5	Webinar with the NGO Access Agriculture to develop digital extension of good agroecological practices	An MoU is to be drawn up as part of DeSIRA+AO to support the dissemination of the EAP's good agroecological practices in the region's main local languages. More than 3,000 language videos available for use by ECOWAS: https://www.accessagriculture.org/	NGO Access Agriculture

5 | Challenges and prospects

5.1 Challenges

The main challenges facing the Program in order to make a greater contribution to the strategic objectives of ECOWAP, despite the multiple risks currently facing the region (climate, security, health, food, political risks, etc.), are summarized in six points:

- i) Take account of and effectively finance agroecology in all national agricultural policies;
- ii) To determine the costs/benefits of the agroecological transition of family farms according to agroclimatic zones in order to encourage producers to commit to and adopt this holistic approach;
- iii) Set up mechanisms to finance the agroecological transition and create favorable conditions for private investment in ecologically intensive and economically sustainable agriculture;
- iv) Developing agroecological value chains to modernize agrisystems and scale up best practices for a global transformation of the agro-sylvo-pastoral and fisheries sectors;
- v) Develop a critical mass of regional expertise (human capital) that meets international requirements to enable countries and professional agricultural organizations to access climate funds;
- vi) To continue to support national consultations and advocacy on the inclusion of agroecology after 2024, when the Program ends.

5.2 Outlook

The main prospects for the EAP are summarized below:

- The collection of reliable data of sufficient quality in the countries to enable robust scientific assessments of the performance of agroecology;
- The co-construction of research products adapted to the needs of producers and based on the hybridization of endogenous and exogenous knowledge;
- Digital extension and operational training to create a critical mass of qualified and competent farmers in agroecological practices and other practices resilient to climate change;
- Cross-cutting and global capitalization of the Program to establish the evidence needed to facilitate scaling-up and accelerate the agroecological transition of West African agriculture;
- Strengthening actions in the field (pilot projects, CF, multi-stakeholder partnerships) that have produced convincing results, through the formulation of a new, larger-scale Agroecology Program.

6 | Conclusion

The implementation of the activities planned in the 2023 PTBA of the PAE produced modest results, given the delays in starting up the activities of the training centers and the OPA-CR-CF partnerships. The closure of the field projects and their final evaluations and capitalization enabled an inventory to be made of the technical reference systems and good agroecological practices generated by these projects. The NCs and the 3AO continued to implement advocacy activities to promote agroecology. Finally, the UCP has continued to seek synergies with other ARAA projects and programs and with other initiatives underway in the region to promote agroecology.

The physical implementation rate at 31 October 2023 is estimated at 79%. Significant results have been achieved, helping to strengthen the resilience of beneficiary households to food and nutritional insecurity.

2024, the final year of the program, will be marked by the implementation and closure of all the training center and partnership projects. Particular attention will be paid to capitalizing on and disseminating what has been learnt to raise the profile of the program's activities. In order to meet the challenge of performance, the implementation of activities will be based on sustained collaboration with the program's various stakeholders, whose contributions are key factors for success.

In this context, the search for synergy will continue with the other programs being implemented by the RAAA and other initiatives in the region, such as the FAIR Sahel project, RESCAR-AOC, etc., in order to achieve the objectives assigned to the programs for the benefit of vulnerable populations. The implementation of the 2024 PTBA will be closely monitored from a results-based management perspective to ensure that activities are running smoothly and to make any necessary adjustments in good time. This monitoring will be carried out in collaboration with all the players involved. To this end, local missions will be carried out by the National Correspondents of the 15 countries and periodic missions will be organized at regional level in collaboration with the ARAA. The implementation of this PTBA will lead to significant results. To this end, particular attention will be paid to communication and to capitalizing on and disseminating what has been achieved to improve the visibility of the program's actions. In order to achieve these results, the PCU must set about effectively carrying out the studies planned as part of the implementation of this PTBA. Any delay in carrying out these studies would be detrimental with less than two years to go before the end of the program.



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Appendix 1: Executive summary of the briefing note on the performance of field projects

Component 1 of the Agroecological Transition Support Project (Projet d'Appui à la Transition Agroécologique - PATAE), "Support for the agroecological transition for local stakeholders", is designed to test technical and organizational innovations, and to develop capitalization products and data to fuel reflection and scale up the most effective innovations. Component 1 has enabled 15 projects to be implemented in 5 ECOWAS countries, with grants totalling 4,469,209 euros, representing 71.77% of the total cost of implementing the projects. A call for projects was launched covering three themes. It is very difficult to break down the projects and funding for the simple reason that several projects took into account one, two or all three themes. The mission has made an effort to disaggregate the projects and presents an overview in table 1 below.

Table 2 Overview of PATAE component 1

Themes	Number of projects co-financed	Amount of PATAE subsidies in euros	Duration of projects
Agro-ecological intensification of production on family farms	13	3 865 455	36 months
Managing natural resources	1	304 844	36 months
Developing agro-ecological products	1	298 910	36 months
Total	15	4 469 209	

Relevance and consistency

The projects financed by Component 1 "Support for agro-ecological transition for local stakeholders (ATA)" are part of the implementation of the ECOWAS Common Agricultural Policy (ECOWAP). The themes of the calls for projects have been chosen to be consistent with the priorities of the PRIA and PRIASAN on the one hand, and with the Regional Agroecology Program (PAE) on the other. They are also in line with the objectives of the national rural sector policies of the various countries involved and the cooperation strategies of development partners. Agriculture is linked to a number of themes, including agroecology, which is playing an increasingly important role in the political, institutional and agricultural spheres.

The projects target the main players in agroecology: family-run agro-pastoral and fishing farms through direct action or the supply of local raw materials; the final beneficiaries, who are the population of the intervention areas, whereas the direct beneficiaries are households; the implementation partners (POs, technical services, research institutes, SMEs, etc.) in terms of capacity building.

Generally speaking, the projects meet the needs of the beneficiaries, with the majority of them designed as a continuation of actions already carried out and therefore having benefited from the previous actions of other donors. However, the projects set up by or in partnership with the beneficiary POs meet the needs and expectations of their members and final beneficiaries.

With regard to the objectives, approaches/strategies and activities carried out, the mission noted that in order to achieve the projects' objectives, activities had been planned that were in line with

the initial problems/needs and the objectives formulated. Their implementation has brought about positive changes in the target groups. The projects combined a number of approaches. These include the participatory approach, the faire-faire approach, the agroecology approach, the Champs Ecole approach, networking and so on. All of these approaches facilitated the implementation of the project and enabled the encouraging results to be achieved.

The majority of partnerships are relevant and complementary. International project promoters who already have partnerships in the countries in which they are working give priority to local roots. In fact, many projects are part of the continuity of long-standing partnership relations, which ensure effective and complementary implementation. All of the fifteen (15) projects in the five (5) countries were implemented by multi-stakeholder partnerships mainly involving NGOs and POs and other implementing partners depending on the themes or areas.

The indicators formulated in the projects' logical frameworks are linked to the projects' objectives and expected results. Projects are structured into outputs/results and then into impact indicators. Each product is broken down into activities with results indicators.

Efficiency

With the exception of the project to set up integrated fish farming production systems in Grand-Lahou (coastal area of Côte d'Ivoire) in Côte d'Ivoire, the Projet d'Appui à la Résilience des Exploitations Familiales Agropastorales (PAREFA) in Senegal, the Projet de Promotion des Exploitations Familiales Agro écologiques producteurs du maïs et du soja pour des Revenus Durables dans la région des Plateaux au Togo (PEFARD) in Togo, the Projet d'appui à la consolidation et à la mise à l'échelle des pratiques agro - écologiques dans les régions des plateaux et centrale (ProCEPA), the VITAL project, the APEUFO project, the vast majority of projects were able to implement all the planned activities, with physical completion rates ranging from 24.30% to 184.59%. Similarly, the various results obtained were on the whole very encouraging, with the exception of the project to set up integrated fish farming production systems in Grand-Lahou (coastal area of Côte d'Ivoire) in Côte d'Ivoire (results rate: 13.24%). There were delays in carrying out the activities due to, among other things, (i) procedures and payment deadlines for the first and second subsidy instalments, (ii) cumbersome procurement procedures, (iii) the major global health crisis (coronavirus), (iv) security crises (projects in Mali and Burkina Faso), (v) poor coordination/involvement of the various implementing partners, particularly for projects such as TAMCI, (v) delays in contracting external service providers, and (vi) underestimation of the time required to complete studies. A number of budgeting problems have also affected the implementation of certain activities that were not budgeted for or were poorly budgeted for (PAREFA supported by ASPRODEB).

Efficiency

The budget implementation rates for the 15 projects ranged from 61% to 125.31% for the overall budgets (93.16% on average) and from 40.06% to 100% for the RAAA grant (76.03% on average). The overall budget implementation rate for the three projects (BPS, Vital and TAMCI) is explained by the higher co-financing (cash and in-kind), which led them to overestimate their budgets. In view of the budgets allocated and the overall technical and financial implementation rates achieved, overall efficiency is considered to be good, despite disparities, with an efficiency coefficient of between 0.40

and 3.02. However, the vast majority of projects are not efficient in terms of contractual deadlines, and projects have sometimes experienced significant delays, even though they have ultimately been able to carry out the vast majority, if not all, of the planned activities.

Durability

Sustainability varies greatly from project to project. The sustainability of the achievements of the projects is guaranteed by the long-term nature of the implementation structures, the existence of the decentralised State structures and the continuation of their regalian roles, the appropriation by producers of the agroecological practices adopted thanks to training in extension tools, the production and use of compost and biopesticides. The collaboration of producers with microfinance institutions will enable the various systems set up on the basis of the guarantee fund to function. However, it is essential that the commitments are respected by all parties.

The sustainability of Theme 1 projects is particularly good, as they are supported by NGOs and POs, whereas Theme 2 projects have mixed sustainability. The project in theme 3 is not very sustainable.

Impacts

Despite the limited duration of the projects, they have had a significant impact, both on the project sponsors and their partners and on the final beneficiaries. At institutional level, the partnerships set up as part of the projects have strengthened :

- the credibility and analytical, technical and operational skills of partners in the field, unions and grassroots PO groups;
- the strategic positioning and legitimacy of certain key players at national level in the three areas mentioned above;
- tools, methods and systems for implementing the activities of local development players (POs, local NGOs, etc.): programming, equipment management tools, monitoring of interventions, innovative tools for raising awareness of agroecology, method for capitalizing on farmers' knowledge, etc. ;
- the regulatory environment (certification) ;
- partnership and methodological innovations (NGOs from the North and South, national NGOs and research institutes);
- the availability of sub-regional expertise in the production and dissemination of forward-looking economic intelligence.

The implementation of the various projects has had an impact on the following aspects:

- Socio-economic aspects ;
- Environmental aspects ;
- Equality and gender relations.

Recommendations

By way of recommendations, it should be stressed that, with a view to scaling up the production of agro-ecological crops, it is essential to demand that players of all persuasions support the concrete actions listed below.

With regard to Contributors, Partners or other TFPs

Recommendation 1: Make agro-ecological mechanisms, in particular the setting up of Learning Field Schools (LFS), appropriate funding mechanisms, linking producers/contract farming, access to markets/group sales of products, promotion of marketing, etc, the main tools for effective action to encourage the adoption of agroecology.

Recommendation 2: Draw lessons from the projects to improve future agroecology actions and define a concerted and effective mechanism for sustaining the project's achievements with the other stakeholders.

For producers of agro-ecological crops in the various entities (cooperatives/groups and umbrella organizations)

Recommendation 3: embark on a process of increasing the financial autonomy of entities (cooperatives/groups and umbrella organizations)

Running school fields, drawing up and monitoring operating accounts, accessing the market at remunerative prices, including the financial market (credit), strengthening platforms into truly functional and effective umbrella organizations, building and implementing advocacy, making the agroecological product showcase operational, negotiations, cooperative transactions, contract farming, etc. all require financial resources. It is therefore vital that each cooperative and the umbrella organizations supported take responsibility for gradually building financial autonomy. The result will be operational cooperatives, groups and umbrella organizations based on crucial needs. With this in mind, each cooperative/group and the umbrella organizations must commit to applying and respecting good management practices based on the articles of association, in particular the definition, subscription and payment of subscribed shares and cooperative economic transactions.

To the State, town councils and partners in the agro-ecological transition

Recommendation 4: Agree to integrate agro-ecological practices into future actions and communal or local development plans to guarantee the peaceful management of natural resources and, above all, to take preventive measures against the risks associated with disasters and climate change.

Recommendation 5: Contribute to the organization of a political dialogue on agroecology, with the aim of pooling knowledge and ideas in areas such as the perpetuation of multi-stakeholder platforms on market gardening, the creation of a network of labelled farmers who undertake to respect a local charter of good agro-ecological or even organic practices, the creation of a national committee representing players in the market garden sector to define, award and ensure compliance with an organic label, and the creation of local networks of players involved in market garden production and practising a circular economy.

To ECOWAS/ARAA

Recommendation 6: Set up a framework for exchanges between all the ARAA projects carried out in the country on the agro-ecological transition, with different strategies; exchanges could have enabled the players to respond effectively to certain difficulties.

Recommendation 7: Provide support for the acquisition of equipment for the production and processing of market garden produce.

Recommendation 8: Seek additional funding for the second phase of the project with a view to sustaining the achievements of the pilot project on the one hand and ensuring development on a national scale on the other.

Recommendation 9: Speed up administrative procedures to facilitate the implementation of the project and the payment of invoices on time, on the one hand, and to share the results of the pilot project with other agroecology stakeholders in the various ECOWAS countries, on the other.

Appendix 2: Summary table of the 15 training centers' projects

N°	Country	Name of the Center	Status (Private/Public)	BRLi* typology	Location	General objectives	Specific objectives	Key themes	Main targets	Total cost of project (Euros)	Amount of grant (Euros)	Co-financing (Euros)	ECOWAS own financing (in US\$)
1	Benin	Tcharm Fora Agroecological Farm run by the Rural Organization for Sustainable Agriculture (ORAD).	Private	Ideal type 3	The center is located in the Republic of Benin, in the Donga department, in the commune of Djougou, in the village of Kpayêroun.	To contribute, through training, to the development of agroecology in Benin	1 - Strengthen human resources capacity 2 - Improve the quality of training and the annual number of agroecology learners 3 - Improve the center's infrastructure 4 - Improve the center's teaching equipment and materials	- Capacity-building for the center's trainers on teaching methods and the agro-ecological approach, - Reinforcement of agro-ecological training curricula , - Post-training follow-up and professional integration of learners, - Reinforcement of the center's infrastructure and teaching materials.	In addition to the 8 people at the Center, the plan is to reach almost 1,000 farmers, 30% of them women.	117 500	100 000	17 500	30 000
2	Burkina Faso	Kodougou Rural Promotion Center (CPR)	Public	Ideal type 2	Region: Boucle du Mouhoun; Province: Kossi; Department: Bourasso ; Town : Kodougou	Helping to improve the agroecology training on offer at the Kodougou CPR in Burkina Faso	1 - Strengthen human resources capacity 2 - Improve the quality of training and the annual number of agroecology learners 3 - Improve the center's infrastructure 4 - Improve the center's teaching equipment and materials	- Improving conditions (teaching materials and other infrastructure for training learners, as well as their numbers).	The young beneficiaries of the project are: 100 young learners aged between 15 and 35 and 200 young former boarders (leaving the center) aged between 17 and 45.	124 139	103 717	20 422	30 000
3	Cape Verde	Centro de Emprego e Formação Profissional de Santa Cruz - CEFPCz	Public	Ideal type 2	Santiago Islands, Norte Region, Municipality of Santa Cruz, Cidade de Pedra Badejo, Achada Fátima, avenida Leibnitz	Helping to improve the agroecology training on offer at CEFPC Santa Cruz	1 - Strengthen human resources capacity 2 - Improve the quality of training and the annual number of agroecology learners 3 - Improve the center's infrastructure 4 - Improve the	Review of training curricula, capacity-building for trainers in pedagogy and training engineering, as well as the strengthening of facilities and	19 center staff, 60 young people trained, 30 others retrained and 30 relay farmers trained	104 391	88 732	15 659	No

							center's teaching equipment and materials	teaching materials for learner training.					
4	Ivory Coast	ANADER Gagnoa-Lakota training center	Public	Not applicable	Region: Gôh. Department: Gagnoa. Town: Gagnoa. City: Gagnoa	To help improve the agroecology training offered by the ANADER Gagnoa-Lakota training center.	1 - Strengthen human resources capacity 2 - Improve the quality of training and the annual number of agroecology learners 3 - Improve the center's infrastructure 4 - Improve the center's teaching equipment and materials	Strengthening infrastructure and teaching materials for training learners. Review of training documents, incorporating agro-ecological approaches, and capacity-building for staff in training pedagogy and agro-ecological approaches.	150 people (ANADER agricultural technicians, members and managers of agricultural cooperatives, staff and agricultural technicians of coffee-cocoa exporting partners, farmers, etc.) were trained, including 50 women.	119 180	102 078	17 102	30 400
5	Gambia	Pirang Mixed Farming Center	Public	Not applicable	Region: West Coast Region. Province/District: Kombo East. Village: Pirang	Contribute to job creation, improve food security, income and nutrition, and facilitate women's empowerment through the adoption of an agro-ecological value chain production system to mitigate environmental and forest degradation and rural exodus.	1- Improve the center's infrastructure 2- Improve the center's equipment and teaching materials 3- Improve the quality of training and the annual number of agroecology learners 4- Strengthen the capacity of human resources	In addition to building the capacity of the center's human resources in agroecology curricula and training engineering, the activities are focused on developing production units for biogas, poultry and ruminant rearing, forest planting and beekeeping, in order to create jobs in these value chains.	The proposed project will target 300 female and young beneficiary learners from 5 community vegetable gardens spread across the central district.	105 700,08	89 950	15 750	32 885
6	Ghana	Kumasi Institute of Agriculture (KITA)	Private	Ideal type 2	Ghana, Ashanti Region, Kumasi, Domeabra - AE 0393 - 4602	Offer an integrated poultry and fish franchise system, with no environmental footprint, to create jobs, improve nutrition and	1- Improve the center's infrastructure 2- Improve the center's equipment and teaching materials 3- Improve the quality of training and the annual number of agroecology learners	The project focuses on the development of an integrated model for rearing chickens and fish, using wastewater for crop production. The chickens' feed will include moringa.	Training the trainers for 20 local operators and 30 young people as relays/leaders. Online training is expected to reach almost 1,000 people.	125 000	105 000	20 000	No

						transform gender equality	4- Strengthen the capacity of human resources	In addition, the training curricula will be revised to incorporate agroecology, not forgetting capacity-building for the center's staff. The development of online training is one of the center's ambitions.					
7	Guinea	Bamban Extension and Training Center (CVF)	Public	Ideal type 2	Region : Kindia ; Prefecture : Kindia ; Commune Urbaine : Kindia; District : Koliady II ; Sector : Bamban	To improve the quantity and quality of training in agroecology for management trainers at the Bamban center and graduates from higher education institutions, professional bodies and farmers	1 - Strengthen human resources capacity 2 - Improve the quality of training and the annual number of agroecology learners 3 - Improve the center's infrastructure 4 - Improve the center's teaching equipment and materials	Typically, this involves improving agroecology training by strengthening the center's human resources in training engineering and AE, acquiring certain teaching materials and rehabilitating some of the center's infrastructure.	The project targets the center's trainers, administrative staff, young people (150, 50% of whom are women) and agricultural producers (100).	122 134	103 814	18 320	No
8	Guinea Bissau	Craft and vocational training instruction center (C.I.F.A.P / MURIALDO-BULA)	Private	Ideal type 2	Region: Cacheu; Sector: Bula; Town: Dingal	To improve the quantity and quality of agroecology training (sustainable agriculture as part of a global approach to the local food system) offered by the center.	1 - Strengthen human resources capacity 2 - Improve the quality of training and the annual number of agroecology learners 3 - Improve the center's infrastructure 4 - Improve the center's teaching equipment and materials	It is also a classic project focused on building the capacity of the center's human resources in agro-ecological approaches, administrative and accounting management, reviewing training curricula to take account of AE, rehabilitating certain animal and plant production units, acquiring appropriate teaching materials, etc.	200 young people and adults aged between 16 and 30, and 50 from almost the whole country, but mainly from the regions of Cacheu, Oio and the autonomous sector of Bissau, 34% of whom are girls.	105 000	89 250	15 750	15 750

9	Liberia	Tumutu Agricultural Vocational Training Center (TAVTC)	Public	Not applicable	County: Bong; District: Salala	Developing agroecology training at the Tumutu agricultural vocational training center	<p>1- Ensure the development and transfer of agroecological farming practices to smallholder farmers in Liberia that will contribute to sustainable food production and climate change mitigation.</p> <p>2- Improve the capacity of TAVTC's human resources and strengthen the knowledge and understanding of best agro-ecological practices and technologies among TAVTC's trainers and other technical staff.</p> <p>3- Update the training programs and curriculum to include courses in agroecology and climate-smart agriculture.</p> <p>4- Rehabilitate and improve training facilities (infrastructure, equipment and demonstration fields).</p>	This is a classic project involving the refurbishment of the center's infrastructure, the acquisition of certain training materials and capacity-building for training staff in educational engineering and agro-ecological approaches.	In addition to the center's staff, the project is targeting 200 young people and 100 farmers whose capacities will be strengthened to integrate agro-ecological practices into their farms.	123 320	104 822	18 498	30 000
10	Mali	Samanko Agricultural Learning Center (CAA)	Public	Ideal type 3	Region of Koulikoro, Circle of Kati, Commune of Mandé, Samanko	Helping to improve the agroecology training on offer at the Samanko Agricultural Learning Center (CAA) (Mali)	<p>1- Strengthen the capacity of human resources;</p> <p>2- Improve the quality and number of agroecology learners;</p> <p>3- Improve the center's infrastructure;</p> <p>4- Strengthen equipment and teaching materials.</p>	A classic project to build the capacity of the center's staff in various areas related to agroecology training, and to improve the agroecology training curricula. It also involves improving some of the center's infrastructure and	The trainers (30 permanent staff and service providers), the center's administrative staff (10), the learners (500 young people in training), the trainees/young graduates leaving the center (10).	128 872,78	104 946	23 926,87	No

								acquiring teaching materials.					
11	Niger	Institut Privé de Formations IPF KAOURA Matamèye	Private	Ideal type 1	Matamèye urban district, Kantché department and Zinder region	Helping to improve training in agroecology in Niger	1- Strengthen the capacity of human resources; 2- Improve the quality and number of learners in agroecology; 3- Improve the infrastructure of the IPF KAOURA Matamèye; 4- Strengthen the equipment and teaching materials of the IPF KAOURA Matamèye.	This is a classic project to build the capacity of the center's staff in agroecology and pedagogical engineering, to review training curricula incorporating agroecology, to build small-scale infrastructure at the center and to acquire certain teaching materials.	The target is to train 04 administrative and financial staff, 23 trainers and 300 learners, including 100 young rural people and 200 producers. 66% of learners will be girls	124 045,30	104 756	19 289,37	No
12	Nigeria	Agricultural and Rural Management Training Institute (ARMTI), Nigeria	Public	Ideal type 1	State of Kwara, Community of Jimba-Oja,	Improving the agroecology training program at the ARMTI Institute	i. To strengthen the ARMTI faculty's capacity to design and deliver agro-ecological training courses; ii. Improve the quality of training and increase the annual number of learners in agroecology; iii. Improve the Institute's infrastructure; iv. Strengthen the Institute's training equipment and materials.	Project based on training the center's trainers in agroecology and training the trainers. It also involves the construction of various infrastructures at the center and the acquisition of certain teaching materials.	The target group is made up of 22 staff from the center, 79 other staff from other departments at the center and 1,000 learners, 62% of whom are women.	123 505,42	104 980	18 525,81	51 966
13	Senegal	Ferme des 4 Chemins	Private	Ideal type 1	Dakar region, Rufisque department, Yenn commune, Toubab Dialaw village	To help improve the training conditions for players and regions in Agroecology by equipping them with the knowledge (attitudes and skills) that will enable them to increase	1. Strengthen the operational capacities of the center's human resources through appropriate training to respond effectively to training needs and requests and to set up projects eligible for the climate and green funds 2. To strengthen the development of	In addition to training the center's staff in agroecology and improving the center's infrastructure and training equipment, the project aims to capitalise on the farm's activities since it was set up.	The target group is made up of 11 people from the farm and between 150 and 200 learners with a variety of backgrounds.	122 900	104 465	18 435	No

						production capacity in a sustainable manner, both qualitatively and quantitatively, with a view to improving food systems and preserving plant and animal resources.	infrastructures and the acquisition of tools and teaching materials in order to help improve and broaden the agroecology training offer 3. Capitalise on the experience of the Ferme des 4 chemins in agroecology to contribute to its dissemination in the communities, in the country and in the sub-region.						
14	Sierra Leone	University of Makeni Agroecological Training Center	Private	Ideal type 1	Region: North-East; District: Bombali; Locality: Makeni City	Build a system that respects human resources and the environment, which will support and increase agricultural productivity and create a resilient rural society	1.1 Building a system that respects human resources and the environment 1. 2. Improve the quality of training and the number of young people trained in agricultural production and productivity 1.3. Improve the Center's infrastructure 1.4. Strengthen the capacity of the Center's field activities	It is also a classic project to improve the content of the training courses, the center's infrastructure and the training of the center's staff and young farmers in agro-ecological and administrative approaches.	There are 200 targets, including 50 government extension workers and 150 young men and women from communities across the country.	120 750	105 000	15 750	No
15	Togo	Tambimong Ogaro Rural Animation Center(CARTO)	Private	Ideal type 1	Savanes region, prefecture of Kpendjal Ouest, commune of Kpendjal Ouest 1, canton of Ogaro	Helping to improve the agroecology training on offer in Togo	1- Strengthen the capacity of CARTO's human resources; 2- Improve the quality and number of agroecology learners; 3- Improve CARTO's infrastructure; 4- Strengthen CARTO's equipment and teaching materials.	Classic project to set up certain CARTO center infrastructures and acquire teaching materials. Capacity-building for the CARTO center's various human resources in training engineering and agro-ecological approaches.	Ordinary training is aimed at almost 282 young people (77%) and adults, of whom around 34.43% are women. The beneficiaries are farming couples, external trainees and other young people and adults. Modular training will involve 60 producers, including 20 young people and 40 adults.	124 081,23	104 997	19 084,21	No

***BRLi typology:**

- ☒ Ideal type 1 "The nominees" includes centers that say they are and/or are already doing Agroecology training. They are experts or in the process of becoming so. They are giving themselves the means to do so. They use appropriate teaching methods and tools.
- ☒ The ideal type2 "Candidates for nomination" are centers which at least claim to be involved in Agroecology but which do not always have the appropriate resources (material and/or teaching and/or financial) to do so effectively and/or completely.
- ☒ Ideal type 3 "Potential candidates" is a third category of centers that includes rural and agricultural training centers that have not yet turned to Agroecology, or have done so only to a very limited extent.

Appendix 3: Summary table of the projects of the 15 OPA-research-training partnerships

N°	Country	Members of the Consortium					Pre-EAP partnership?	General objective	Specific objectives	Amount of grant (Euros)	Key themes	Intervention area	Main Targets	Comments
		Head of wire	TAKEOVER BID	Research center	Training Center/Extension Structure									
1	Benin	FUPRO: Federation of Producers' Unions of Benin	FUPRO: Federation of Producers' Unions of Benin	INRAB: Institut National des Recherches Agricoles du Bénin (Benin National Agricultural Research Institute)	SolCA: Sol Consult Africa	Yes	Help strengthen initiatives to promote and disseminate agro-ecological practices in Benin through the dissemination of SLM/CCA/EA measures and the development of sustainable capacities through the network of agricultural producers, with a view to contributing to food and nutritional security.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Promote participatory and inclusive research, while testing the needs of farmers' organizations in this area and providing them with methodological support; To co-design research and development systems tailored to the needs of small-scale producers; Disseminate research products via producer platforms, processors and other agricultural networks; Supporting OPA members in the agro-ecological transition, while strengthening its internal agro-ecological advisory and extension services. 	50 000	Promotion of agroecological practices through the FUPRO network, particularly in the cassava, maize, soya and market gardening sectors Promotion of plants that improve soil fertility through a network of seed producers	Communes of Zogbodomey and Djidja in the Zou department	The main targets are players in the cassava, maize, soya and market garden sectors, as well as producers and members of the technical support team.	Partnership dating from 2019	
2	Burkina Faso	ARFA: Association for Research and Training in Agroecology	The Neerbûli and Maasom Federations	IRSAT: Institute for Research in Applied Sciences and Technologies	ARFA: Association for Research and Training in Agroecology	Yes	Contribute to the promotion and dissemination of agro-ecological practices to improve food and nutritional security in Burkina Faso	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> Promote participatory and inclusive research while testing the needs of OPAs in this area and providing them with methodological support Co-design research systems tailored to the needs of small-scale producers. Disseminate research products via producers' platforms, processors 	50 000	This involves the simplification and use of the agro-ecological production systems evaluation tool by a number of producers' organizations. It also involves	Gourcy commune in the North region, Ouagadougou commune in the Center region and Bilanga and Tibga communes in the East region.	These are producers who are members of 5 to 20 farmers' organizations	Partnership dating from 2017 for 2 members and 2020 for the 3 members	

								and other agricultural networks 4- Support members of the OPA in the agro-ecological transition while strengthening its internal agro-ecological advisory and extension system 5- Ensure effective coordination of the partnership		supporting them in the production of farmer seed, not forgetting the various agro-ecological practices.			
3	Cape Verde	NA	COOPART: Ribeira de Tambarina Agricultural Production Cooperative	INIDA: National Institute for Agricultural Research and Development	DSEREA: Direction des Services de vulgarisation Rurale et de l'Economie Agraire (Department of Rural Extension Services and Agricultural Economics)	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA	NA
4	Ivory Coast	AGRINNOV	Cooperative of yam producers in Kouassikouassikro, Laoudi Bâ, Dabakala and Tieningboué	CSRS: Swiss Center for Scientific Research	AGRINNOV		To contribute to the improvement of food security and family agricultural income of the members of the COOBAPAT-SCOOPS OPA in the sub-prefecture of Tieningboué, Béré region in the center-north of Côte d'Ivoire.	→ To promote participatory and inclusive research while testing the OPA's needs in this area and providing them with methodological support; → To co-design research systems tailored to the needs of small-scale producers; → To disseminate research products via platforms of producers, processors and other agricultural networks; → To support the OPA's members in the agro-ecological transition while strengthening its internal agroecology advisory and extension system.	50 000	The project plans to set up farmer field schools (FFS) and to provide technical support to male and female producers with a view to improving the incomes of target households.	This is the sub-prefecture of Tieningboué, in the Béré region in the Center-North.	These are the members of the COOBAPAT-SCOOPS OPA, which specialises in the production of yams and other rotational crops such as vegetables, groundnuts, cowpeas, rice, cassava and maize.	Partnership dating from 2015 for 2 members and 2020 for the 3 members

5	Gambia	DoA (Department of Agriculture): Ministry of Agriculture (MoA)	TAGs: Technical Advisory to Governors through NACOFAG: National coordination of farmers in the Gambia.	MDFT (NARI = National Agriculture Research Institute):	DoA (Department of Agriculture): Ministry of Agriculture (MoA)	Yes	Improve the food security, nutrition and resilience of small-scale farmers through the promotion and adoption of climate-adapted varieties and associated agro-ecological practices by building the capacity of stakeholders	1- Promote participatory and inclusive research while testing the needs of OPAs in this area and providing them with methodological support 2- Co-design research systems tailored to the needs of small-scale producers. 3- To disseminate research products via producers' platforms, processors and other agricultural networks 4- To support OPA members in the agro-ecological transition while strengthening its internal agroecology advice and extension system.	50 000	The project focuses on promoting conservation agriculture in the maize production system by building the capacity of farmers and support technicians to increase the rate of application of these techniques.	The areas of intervention include the following agro-ecological zones: 1 . EEZ 1 - Sahelian (extreme north of the Central River region) 2 . EEZ 2 - Sudan-Sahelian (North Bank, Lower River, Central River and Upper River) 3 . EEZ 3 - Sudano Guinean (West, extreme south of the Upper River region)	These are maize growers who are members of the targeted OPA.	Existing partnership since 2009
6	Ghana	CNTA: Center for No-Till Agriculture	Award Winners' Association	CIR-CSIR: Crop Research Institute of Council for Scientific and Industrial Research	CNTA: Center for No-Till Agriculture	Yes	Support the implementation of partnership actions between farmers' organizations, research centers and training centers on participatory research and for the dissemination of good agro-ecological practices for the	Promote participatory and inclusive research while testing the needs of PAOs in this area and providing them with methodological support 2. Jointly design research systems adapted to the needs of small-scale producers 3. Disseminate research products through platforms of producers, processors and other agricultural networks 4. To support PAO members in the agro-ecological	50 000	The project focuses on introducing maize varieties that are resistant to drought and Striga, and promoting conservation farming practices.	The intervention areas include the following agro-ecological zones: 1 . Forest-savannah transition 2 . Guinea savannah 3 . Sudanese savannah 4. Coastal savannah	The main targets are the members of the targeted OPA and other producers in their areas of origin.	Partnership since 2019

							agricultural sector.	transition while strengthening its internal agro-ecological advisory and extension system 5. To ensure effective coordination of the project					
7	Guinea	IRAG: Institut de la Recherche Agronomique de Guinée (Agricultural Research Institute of Guinea)	CNOPG: National Confederation of Farmers' Organizations of Guinea	IRAG: Institut de la Recherche Agronomique de Guinée (Agricultural Research Institute of Guinea)	SERPROCA: Rural Promotion and Agricultural Advisory Service	No	Promoting the ecological transition through partnerships between research, advisory services and producer organizations	1. Promote participatory and inclusive research while testing the needs of farmers' organizations in this area and providing them with methodological support 2. Co-design research products tailored to the needs of small-scale producers 3. Disseminate research products via producer platforms, processors and other agricultural networks 4. To support OPA members in the agro-ecological transition, while strengthening its agroecology extension system.	50 000	Through farmer field schools, this project will promote endogenous and scientific techniques and, above all, reduce the harmful effects of current land resource management.	4 Regions of Guinea	These are rice, manioc and maize producers in the 4 natural regions of Guinea	Non-formal partnership and operates according to the activities of the Ministry of Agriculture
8	Guinea Bissau	AS: Associação Asas de Socorro	APALCOF: Associação de produtoras e da autopromoção para a luta contra fome	INPA: Instituto Nacional de Pesquisa Agraria (National Institute for Agricultural Research)	AS: Associação Asas de Socorro	Yes	Contribute to improving the food and nutritional security of populations through the consumption of healthy foods	1-Promote participatory and inclusive research, testing the needs of OFBs in this area by providing them with methodological support; 2-Promote participatory and inclusive research adapted to the needs of small farmers; 3-Disseminate agro-ecological practices through participatory agricultural training (PAL) programs and	50 000	The project is based on the introduction of biopesticides and organic fertilisers and on capacity-building for farmers in agro-ecological techniques.	Bafatá, Bissora, Quebo and Caboxanque regions	These are producers in the regions concerned by the project, including market garden producers.	Partnership dating only from 2021

								farmer networks; 4-Support OFB members in the agro-ecological transition by strengthening					
9	Liberia	AfricaRice, Suakoko, Bong County	Suayemco : Sua-Yelle (Suakoko and Yellequelleh districts) Multipurpose Cooperation	AfricaRice, Suakoko, Bong County	Catalyst, Ganta Highway, Gbarnga	Yes	Strengthening the skills of small-scale farmers and the rural population in the face of climate change and associated vulnerabilities.	i.Promote participatory and inclusive research through improved technologies on rice, fish and integrated vegetable growing practices by providing methodological support to smallholder farmers. ii. Co-design improved integrated technologies for rice, fish and vegetables that are appropriate, relevant and adaptable to the needs of smallholder farmers. iii. Disseminate improved integrated technologies and products for rice, fish and vegetables through multimedia, producer platforms, processors and other agricultural networks. iv. To support the members of the Sua-Yelle Polyvalent Cooperative Society in the agro-ecological transition while strengthening its internal agro-ecological advisory and extension system.	50 000	The project is based on improving rice production by introducing improved varieties, integrating fish farming and diversifying production (cassava, market gardening).	Gbartala, Yellequelleh District, Bong County	These are mainly rice producers, as well as other small rural producers who need to diversify their production.	The partnership dates back 6 years, since 2017
10	Mali	FENABE (Fédération Nationale des Producteurs de l'Agriculture	FENABE (Fédération Nationale des Producteurs de l'Agriculture	IER (Institute of Rural Economy)	Nyéléni Training Center	Yes	Co-designing more sustainable farming techniques and strategies to	Working with farmers on small family farms in Mali to design high-performance production systems that respect the	50 000	The project is based on building producers' capacity in agroecology	Bougouni, Yanfolila, Sélingué, Sikasso, Koulikoro	These are the producers and technicians involved in certified products	2-year partnership, since 2021

		Biologique et Ecologique).	Biologique et Ecologique).				support the agro-ecological transition on small family farms in Mali	environment and are adapted to climatic constraints -Improving soil and crop productivity -Producing knowledge on agro-ecological practices -Coordinating research and development activities with other players and technical and financial partners.		and organic farming practices through farmer field schools and converting other producers to organic production. The aim is to obtain certified products, in particular GSP.			
11	Niger	INRAN: Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique du Niger (Niger National Institute for Agricultural Research)	FUMA GASKIYA: Federation of Producers' Unions of Maradi	INRAN: Institut National de la Recherche Agronomique du Niger (Niger National Institute for Agricultural Research)	UDDM: Dan Dicko Dankoulodo University in Maradi :	Yes	Helping to improve millet-based production systems by scaling up agro-ecological technologies in south-central Niger	→Promote participatory and inclusive research while experimenting with the OPA's needs in this area and providing them with methodological support; →Co-design research systems adapted to the needs of small-scale producers; →Disseminate research products via platforms of processors' producers and other agricultural networks; →Accompany the OPA's members in the agro-ecological transition while strengthening its internal agroecology advisory and extension system. →To ensure the proper coordination of the project.	50 000	The project is classically centered on participatory research based on the agro-ecological innovation needs of the farmers who are members of the target farmers' organization.	Maradi region	These are producers who are members of the targeted OPA.	Existing partnership since 2019
12	Nigeria	Institute for Agricultural Research	Sorghum Farmers Association of	Institute for Agricultural Research	National Agricultural Research,	Yes	To support the implementation of partnership	→Promote participatory and inclusive research	50 000	The grant will enable sustainable	Guinean savannah and	These include soya growers in Nigeria and	Partnership in existence for 10 years

		(IAR), Ahmadu Bello University	Nigeria (SOFAN)	(IAR), Ahmadu Bello University	Extension and Liaison Services (NAERLS) Ahmadu Bello University		actions between the OPA, the research center and the training center on participatory research and the dissemination of good agro-ecological practices for the benefit of agricultural sectors.	while experimenting with the OPA's needs in this area and providing them with methodological support; →Co-design research systems adapted to the needs of small-scale producers; →Disseminate research products via platforms of processors' producers and other agricultural networks; →Accompany the OPA's members in the agro-ecological transition while strengthening its internal agroecology advisory and extension system. →To ensure the proper coordination of the project.		farming practices to be put in place through the use of sorghum varieties that are specific to agroecology, in order to boost food security in the area.	Sudanese savannah	extension agents.	with 3 years of inactivity
13	Senegal	CNCR: Conseil National de Concertation et de Coopération des Ruraux :	CNCR: Conseil National de Concertation et de Coopération des Ruraux :	ISRA: Institut Sénégalais de Recherche Agricole.	DPV Training Center	Yes	Improve the quality of life of farm households by integrating agro-ecological practices and techniques into the country's farming systems	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Promote participatory and inclusive research while testing the needs of farmers' organizations in this area and providing them with methodological support; • To co-design research and development systems tailored to the needs of small-scale producers; • Disseminate research products via producer platforms, processors and other agricultural networks; • Supporting OPA members in the agro-ecological transition, while strengthening its 	50 000	Generic research and capacity-building project with no specific themes.	Transition zones in Senegal	Farmers from Senegal's transition zone, members of the CNCR	Information on partnership duration not available

								internal agro-ecological advisory and extension system.					
14	Sierra Leone	Planning Evaluation Monitoring and Statistics Division (PEMSD). Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security, Sierra Leone	Bid Network SL National Co-operative.	Planning Evaluation Monitoring and Statistics Division (PEMSD). Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security, Sierra Leone	Extension Service Division, Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security.	No	Support the implementation of partnership actions, research centers and training (extension) on participatory research and the dissemination of good agro-ecological practices for the region's agricultural sector.	1- Promote participatory and inclusive research while testing the needs of OPAs in this area and providing them with methodological support 2- Co-design research systems tailored to the needs of small-scale producers. 3- To disseminate research products via producers' platforms, processors and other agricultural networks 4- To support OPA members in the agro-ecological transition while strengthening its internal agroecology advisory and extension system.	50 000	The project is classically centered on participatory research based on the needs of the farmers who are members of the targeted OPA in terms of agro-ecological innovations. This will be done through farmer field schools, with research products being disseminated via producers' platforms.	16 districts in Sierra Leone, with a specific focus on communities where agroecology practices are currently underway	Producers in the 16 target regions	A new partnership with the EAP
15	Togo	ITRA: Institut Togolais de Recherche Agronomique (Togolese Institute for Agricultural Research)	CTOP: Coordination Togolaise des Organisations Paysannes et de producteurs agricoles (Togolese Coordination of Farmers' and Agricultural Producers' Organizations)	ITRA: Institut Togolais de Recherche Agronomique (Togolese Institute for Agricultural Research)	ICAT: Institute for Technical Advice and Support	Yes	support the implementation of partnership actions on participatory research and the dissemination of good agro-ecological practices for the benefit of agricultural sectors	1. promote participatory and inclusive research, while testing the needs of OPAs in this area and providing them with methodological support; 2. co-design research systems tailored to the needs of small-scale producers; 3. disseminate research products via platforms of producers, processors and other agricultural networks; 4. support OPA members in the agro-ecological transition, while strengthening its	50 000	This is a participatory research project based on endogenous knowledge and research products. Research will be carried out in farmers' field schools.	Central region of Togo	Farmers from the central region and from other regions. Trainers from agroecological farms are also taken into account.	Partnership since 2012

								internal agroecology advisory and extension system.					
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Appendix 4: Summary of 2023 training center activities and OPA partnership projects (as at 30/09/2023)

N°	Country	Training centers	OPA partnerships
1	Benin	Recruiting a professional accountant Training 37 learners in agro-ecological techniques Capacity-building for 12 people at the center Acquisition of various teaching aids and agricultural equipment	Conducting experiments based on producers' needs Training farmers to manage seed multiplication plots for improving plants for certification Setting up and running farmer field schools
2	Burkina Faso	Various training courses for the center's trainers and managers on the holistic approach to AE, management and economic and financial management, and educational and training engineering. An exchange visit to the BEO NEERE center for the benefit of the center's trainers and managers	Information not available. Recent financing Organization of a national workshop for discussion and reflection on the tool for evaluating agro-ecological production systems
3	Cape Verde	Information not available	NA
4	Ivory Coast	Identification of beneficiaries of training for trainers Identification and preparation of educational sites Work in progress on the beekeeping unit, henhouse and sheepfold Preparation of training manuals Acquisition of tricycle vehicle Refurbishment of classrooms and borehole under way Acquisition of teaching equipment and agricultural machinery	Identifying producers' innovation needs Conducting experiments using poultry droppings, kitchen ash and mucuna fallow with various crops, mainly yams. Training farmers on crop associations Distribution of inputs to producers Supervision, data collection and monitoring of producers' activities Training for agricultural technicians on various topics Organization of guided tours of experimental plots
5	Gambia	Information not available	Information not available. No financing yet
6	Ghana	Construction of an integrated fish farming-aviculture model	Setting up experiments with farmers on resilient maize, relay crops, mucuna fallow, mulching, etc. Training farmers in zero-tillage farm mechanisation Organization of exchange visits to experimental sites for other growers
7	Guinea	Information not available. Recent financing	Information not yet available. No financing yet
8	Guinea-Bissau	Information not yet available. No financing yet	Information not available. Recent financing

9	Liberia	<p>Training graduate trainees in agroecological techniques (composting, agroforestry, biopesticides, integration of agriculture and livestock, etc.).</p> <p>Raising awareness of agroecology in villages and towns through various media channels</p> <p>Acquisition of various equipment and inputs for the office and educational activities</p> <p>Setting up in situ demonstration sites for agro-ecological practices</p>	Information not available. Recent financing
10	Mali	Information not available. No financing yet	Information not available. No financing yet
11	Niger	Information not available	Information not available. No financing yet
12	Nigeria	Information not available	Information not available. No financing yet
13	Senegal	Information not available. Recent financing	Information not available. No financing yet
14	Sierra Leone	Information not available. Recent financing	Information not available. Recent financing
15	Togo	<p>Recruitment of additional permanent and casual staff</p> <p>Agroecology training for civic engagement volunteers and external trainees from other centers</p> <p>Development of current curricula and project visibility activities</p> <p>Acquisition of materials and equipment for educational activities</p>	Information not available. Recent financing

Appendix 5: Summary table of National Correspondents' 2023 activities (as at 30/09/2023)

COUNTRY / Activity PTBA CN	FRC.2: Monitoring and evaluation of the activities of the training center selected at national level and supported by the EAP	LCA. 1: Missions to monitor and evaluate the activities of the partnership selected at national level and supported by the EAP	ACV.2: Capacity building and methodological support for extension services	ECP.1: Participation in at least 2 regional consultation meetings	ECP.2: Translation and broadcasting of awareness-raising radio spots	ECP2*: Production of capitalization video clips	ECP3: Organization of national consultations and partnerships on agro-ecological transitions to take account of AE in public policies	Difficulties encountered	Technical and financial execution rate
BENIN	1 joint UCP-CN mission to the FC, 22 to 24 August (1/2)	1 joint UCP-CN mission to the PAP, from 25 to 29 August (1/2)	1 training course planned from 13 to 18 November (1 session instead of 2) on methodological tools for extension (2/2)	Participation in the feedback workshop on the financing study from 18 to 20 September and in training on communication from 21 to 22 September in Lomé (2/2)	Waiting for UCP spots	N/A	<p>Organization of the workshop for the effective launch of the NCC's activities from 16 to 17 August 2023</p> <p>Holding of the 1st session of the SCC from 5 to 6 October + November</p> <p>Organization of EA days planned for November (SCC action plan)</p> <p>Participation in the review workshop from 23 to 27 October in Kumasi</p>	Difficulties in implementing an inclusive approach to ensure sustainability in a context of insufficient financial resources	<p>38% physical implementation at 31/10</p> <p>Forecast of 45% at 31/12</p> <p>60% financial implementation since the start of the project</p>
BURKINA FASO	Impossible due to insecurity in the area	N/A - no funds at PAP level	1 training workshop for AE advisory support and extension agents (21 agents trained)	Participation in the feedback workshop on the financing study from 18 to 20 September and in training on communication from 21 to 22 September in Lomé (2/2)	Waiting for UCP spots	Production of the documentary film planned for the 4th quarter	<p>Organization of a workshop to disseminate the charter of EI stakeholders on 15 September in Koudougou (34 participants)</p> <p>Organization of 2 training sessions for consular representatives of chambers of agriculture and the Confédération Paysanne du Faso on EI (49 participants)</p> <p>Organization of the NCCs planned for Q4</p> <p>Publication of the charter of EI stakeholders planned for Q4</p>	Rising insecurity, impossible to visit the training center	64% financial execution at 31/10
CAP VERT	1 mission at FC level	N/A - no PAP signed	Not carried out	Participation in the feedback	Waiting for UCP spots	N/A	Consultant being recruited to draw up the AP		30% financial performance

				workshop on the financing study from 18 to 20 September and in training on communication from 21 to 22 September in Lomé (2/2)					
IVORY COAST	1 joint UCP-CN mission to the FC in October (1/2)	1 joint UCP-CN mission to the PAP in October (1/2)	Recruitment of a consultant in June/July to produce the materials, organise the training sessions and train the participants, with 35 people taking part (including 9 women). Organization in July of two training sessions for national advisory support and extension services (during a single workshop).	Participation in the feedback workshop on the financing study from 18 to 20 September and in training on communication from 21 to 22 September in Lomé (2/2)	Waiting for UCP spots	N/A	Workshop to validate the AP and the SCC's operating and sustainability charter held in August Consultation scheduled for November 2023	The grant was made available late (in June), with activities not starting until July. Requests for verification of selected service providers sent out but no response from the CC	50.85% financial execution Outlook of 68% at 31/12
GAMBIA	N/A - no funds at FC level	N/A - no funds at PAP level	Consultant recruited, training manual developed Training sessions scheduled for November	Participation in the feedback workshop on the financing study from 18 to 20 September and in training on communication from 21 to 22 September in Lomé (2/2) -	Waiting for UCP spots	N/A	Submission of the inception report by the consultant recruited to formulate the SCC's AP	Delay in making funds available	



				paid for directly by the ARAA					
GHANA	1 joint UCP-CN mission to the FC in August (1/2)	1 joint UCP-CN mission to the PAP in August (1/2)	Recruitment of a consultant to draw up the training manual Training of 20 agents in the principles of EI (15 men/5 women) Creation of national EI champions Creation of a WhatsApp platform for knowledge sharing	Participation in the feedback workshop on the financing study from 18 to 20 September and in training on communication from 21 to 22 September in Lomé (2/2)	Waiting for UCP spots	N/A	Organization of a national policy dialogue meeting in Takoradi with 40 participants (32 men/8 women) with 2 policy recommendations: Prioritisation of organic fertiliser over chemical fertiliser, Provision of financial and technical support to 3 agroecology hotspots identified in the region. Organization of 2 meetings in Accra attended by 90 people (70 men/20 women) to identify sources of funding for implementation of the AP.	Waiting for DANO ARAA on training manual	33% financial execution
GUINEA	N/A - no funds at FC level	N/A - no funds at PAP level	Training material currently being produced 2 training sessions for 30 national agents planned for November	Participation in the feedback workshop on the financing study from 18 to 20 September and in training on communication from 21 to 22 September in Lomé (2/2)	Waiting for UCP spots	N/A	Organization of a CCN workshop scheduled for the 2nd week of October Recruitment of a consultant to draw up the MoU and charter underway		52.08% financial execution Outlook of 70-75% at 31/12
GUINEA BISSAU	N/A - no funds at FC level	N/A - no funds at PAP level	Info not available	Participation in the feedback workshop on the financing study from 18 to 20 September and in training on communication from 21 to 22 September in Lomé (2/2)	Waiting for UCP spots	N/A	Organization of a training workshop for QNC members and partners on topics that feed into public policy in favour of EI Organization of a training workshop on advocacy techniques (30 people trained, including QNC members and partners)	Lack of funding for activities Delay in payment of funds National authorities unsympathetic to program implementation Few specialists	Information not available

								with formal expertise in AE	
LIBERIA	1 mission to the FC from 12 to 13 October 1 mission planned for December	1 mission to PAP from 13 to 14 October 1 mission planned for December	Consultant recruited in August and draft training manual submitted for review and approval Validation workshop scheduled for November Training sessions scheduled for December	Participation in the feedback workshop on the financing study from 18 to 20 September and in training on communication from 21 to 22 September in Lomé (2/2)	Waiting for UCP spots	N/A	Terms of reference for the consultant drawn up Consultation to be launched in November		23% financial execution
MALI	N/A - no funds at PAP level	N/A - no funds at PAP level	Not carried out	Participation in the feedback workshop on the financing study from 18 to 20 September and in training on communication from 21 to 22 September in Lomé (2/2)	Waiting for UCP spots	N/A	Not carried out		
NIGER	Info not available	Info not available	Info not available	Info not available	Waiting for UCP spots	Info not available	Info not available		Info not available
NIGERIA	1 FC mission in May (1/2)	N/A - no funds at PAP level	Final versions of the training modules submitted by the consultant	Participation in the feedback workshop on the financing study from 18 to 20 September and in training on communication from 21 to 22 September in Lomé (2/2)	Waiting for UCP spots	N/A	On 17 July 2023, a workshop was held to validate the final version of the National Charter and Action Plan for the Transition to Agroecology in Nigeria. The workshop brought together agroecology stakeholders, officials from the Federal Ministry of Agriculture and Food Security and the Federal Ministry of the Environment. Subsequently, a team of technical officers from the National Program for Food Security met on 24 July to review the final versions of the National Charter and		Info not available

							Action Plan. The expected outcome of this meeting was to liaise with the consultants to ensure that all comments made during the validation workshop were fully incorporated into both documents. Production of the final versions of the National Charter and Action Plan for Agroecological Transition in Nigeria in September 2023.		
SENEGAL	1 mission at FC level (1/2)	N/A - no funds at PAP level	Organization of 2 training workshops for civil society trainers and local elected representatives (2/2)	Participation in the feedback workshop on the financing study from 18 to 20 September and in training on communication from 21 to 22 September in Lomé (2/2)	Waiting for UCP spots	N/A	Co-organization of the National AE Days (JNA) organized by DYTAEs from 15 to 16 February	Delay in making funds available Insufficient funds to organise major meetings for NCCs	50.72% financial execution Outlook of 70% at 31/12
SIERRA LEONE	1 mission at FC level (1/2)	N/A - no funds at PAP level	ToR being drawn up to recruit a consultant to organise the training sessions Organization of a training session for 40 producers scheduled for the end of 2023	Participation in the feedback workshop on the financing study from 18 to 20 September and in training on communication from 21 to 22 September in Lomé (2/2)	Waiting for UCP spots	N/A	ToR being drawn up to recruit a consultant for the development of a national strategy on EI		Info not available
TOGO	1 mission at FC level (1/2)	N/A - no funds at PAP level	Consultant being recruited to draw up training manual	Participation in the feedback workshop on the financing study from 18 to 20 September and in training on communication	Consultant recruitment in progress Waiting for UCP spots	N/A	Consultant currently being recruited to draw up the AP and the SCC charter	Late provision of funds (audit delay) to CN and CF and PAP projects	Info not available



				from 21 to 22 September in Lomé (2/2)					
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Appendix 6: Consolidated 2024 PTBA of the PAE

 ECOWAS COMMISSION COMMISSION DE LA CEDEAO COMISSÃO DA CEDEAO		 Programme Agroécologie en Afrique de l'Ouest		PTBA 2024 Période couverte : du 1 janvier au 31 décembre 2024												PLAN CONSOLIDÉ PREVISION DE DEPENSES						
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								
ATA	Appui à la transition agroécologique pour les acteurs locaux																		361 133,34€	- €	361 133,34€	
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																		297 016,66€	- €	297 016,66€	Total des remboursements de tranche 3 à verser à l'issue des audits
ATA.3	Suivi-évaluation, audits et capitalisation internes																		64 116,68€	- €	64 116,68€	
ATA.3.1	Finalisation des produits de capitalisation issus des projets de terrains (contratissolo)	1 guide de capitalisation des bonnes pratiques															UCP	Consortium Ixata/ Jade Productions	34 535,68€	- €	34 535,68€	
ATA.3.2	Conduite des derniers audits finaux des projets de terrains	15 rapports d'audit															UCP	Cabinet PWC	29 581,00€	- €	29 581,00€	
FRC	Formation agricole et renforcement des capacités pour l'intensification agricole durable et la promotion de l'agroécologie																		- €	1 605 089,32€	1 605 089,32€	
FRC.1	Etu de sur l'état des lieux des centres de formation... + sélection des centres à appuyer																		- €	- €	- €	
FRC.2	Appui au développement des activités des centres de formation																		- €	1 461 865,32€	1 461 865,32€	
FRC.2.1	Mise en œuvre des activités des centres de formation	Rapports trimestriels, semestriels et annuels des 15 centres															Centres de formation	UCP et CN	- €	1 438 272,25€	1 438 272,25€	Voir le détail dans les PTBA des centres de formation
FRC.2.2	Organisation de 2 missions de suivi-évaluation des activités des centres par chaque CN	Rapports de mission des CN															CN	UCP	- €	23 593,07€	23 593,07€	Voir le détail dans les PTBA des CN (FRC.2)
FRC.3	Appui à l'enseignement supérieur																		- €	143 224,00€	143 224,00€	
FRC.3.1	Animation du MDDC par le Consortium d'Universités avec l'appui de l'Institut SupAgro	MDDC disponible en ligne															UCP	Institut SupAgro, Universités régionales	- €	143 224,00€	143 224,00€	Cf. projet d'Accord de subvention avec le Consortium d'Universités
ACV	Appui-conseil et vulgarisation des innovations technologiques pour l'intensification agricole durable et adaptées aux modes de production des petits producteurs																		- €	979 076,88€	979 076,88€	
ACV.1	Soutien à la mise en place de partenariats entre OPA, centre de recherche et centre de formation pour la diffusion en ciblant les filières stratégiques prioritaires																		- €	653 566,44€	653 566,44€	
ACV.1.1	Organisation de 2 missions de suivi-évaluation des activités des partenariats OPA-centre de recherche-centre de formation	Rapports de mission des CN															CN	UCP	- €	22 338,61€	22 338,61€	Voir le détail dans les PTBA des CN (ACV.1)
ACV.1.2	Mise en œuvre des activités des partenariats OPA-centre de recherche-centre de formation	Rapports trimestriels, semestriels et annuels des 14 partenariats															Partenariats OPA-centres de recherche et de formation	UCP et CN	- €	631 227,82€	631 227,82€	Voir le détail dans les PTBA des partenariats OPA-centre de recherche-centre de formation
ACV.2	Renforcement des capacités et appui méthodologiques aux dispositifs de vulgarisation																		- €	325 510,44€	325 510,44€	
ACV.2.1	Renforcement des capacités des dispositifs nationaux de vulgarisation	Rapports des sessions de formation															CN	UCP	- €	225 960,44€	225 960,44€	Voir le détail dans les PTBA des CN (ACV.2)
ACV.2.2	Consolidation des connaissances, mise en place et dynamisation des plateformes d'échanges entre les acteurs de conseil agricole en Afrique de l'Ouest	Rapport de la prestation réalisée par le CIRAD															UCP	CIRAD	- €	99 550,00€	99 550,00€	

ECP	Echanges, capitalisation et contribution à l'élaboration de politiques publiques d'intensification agroécologique										642585,22 €	1377273,10€	2019858,32€			
ECP.1	Mise en place d'un réseau régional et de dispositifs d'échanges											303 698,20€	48891,15€	352 589,36€		
ECP.1.2	Appui à la plateforme 3AO	Rapports trimestriels, semestriels et annuel de 3AO									3AO	UCP	284 453,30 €	- €	284 453,30 €	Voir le détail dans les PTBA des 3AO
ECP.1.2	Participation des CN à 2 réunions régionales de concertation	Rapports de mission des CN									CN	3AO, UCP	19 244,90 €	48891,15 €	68 136,06 €	Voir le détail dans les PTBA des CN (ECP.1) : participation au forum régional 3AO (juillet) + réunion du GFRAS à Abidjan (septembre)
ECP.2	Appui au processus de capitalisation et diffusion des "bonnes pratiques"										45734,71€	310271,70€	356006,40€			
ECP.2.1	Conduite de la capitalisation transversale avec l'appui d'un consultant	1 contrat signé 1 note de cadrage									UCP	Consultant à recruter	- €	200000,00 €	200 000,00 €	
ECP.2.2	Poursuite de la mise en œuvre des actions de communication / visibilité et diffusion des résultats	4 Newsletters trimestrielles 1 guide de capitalisation 3 capsules vidéos									UCP	Consortium Issala / Jade Productions	- €	33054,00 €	33 054,00 €	
ECP.2.3	Production et diffusion de spots radio (et production de capsules vidéos) par les CN	3 spots radios traduits en langues locales diffusés par pays 2 capsules vidéos (Burkina Faso et Mali)									CN	UCP, Radios locales, Prestataire Communication	45 734,71 €	77217,70 €	122 952,40 €	Voir le détail dans les PTBA des CN (ECP.2)
ECP.3	Mise en place et animation des cadres de concertation nationaux et régionaux										273 112,41€	719705,35€	992 817,77 €			
ECP.3.1	Mise en œuvre des PTBA des CN	Rapports des concertations nationales									CN	UCP	273 112,41 €	519705,35 €	792 817,77 €	Voir le détail dans les PTBA des CN (ECP.3)
ECP.3.2	Organisation de l'atelier de clôture (hors billets d'avion et perdiem)	1 rapport d'atelier									UCP	CN	- €	200000,00 €	200 000,00 €	
ECP.4	Appui au processus de capitalisation et diffusion des "bonnes pratiques"										20039,90€	298404,90€	318444,80€			
ECP.4.1	Organisation d'une formation aux pays sur l'élaboration des projets éligible au fonds verts climat	1 rapport de formation									UCP	CN	20 039,90 €	190039,90 €	210 079,80 €	
ECP.4.2	Formation des cadres et techniciens nationaux à l'agroécologie via le MOOC	Rapport de sessions du MOOC									UCP	Institut Agro / Consortium d'Universités	- €	108365,00 €	108 365,00 €	Voir le détail dans les PTBA des CN (ECP.4)
CG	Coordination et gestion du programme										214108,00€	649459,00€	863567,00€			
CG.1	Gestion du PAE et fonctionnement de l'UCP	Rapports trimestriels, semestriels et annuels du PAE									UCP	Consortium AVSF / IRAM / INADES	122 108,00€	549459,00€	671567,00€	Conformément au BP PAE 2024 AVSF
CG.2	Suivi-évaluation	1 rapport d'évaluation finale									UE	Consultant, UCP, AFD, ARAA	- €	- €	- €	A financer sur les fonds en gestion directe par l'UE
CG.3	Audits et appuis à l'ARAA												92 000,00€	100000,00€	192 000,00€	
CG.3.1	Audits des comptes de l'ARAA, des CN, 3AO, centres de formation et partenariats OPA	1 rapport d'audit									UCP	PWC / Pyramis Audits et Conseils	32 000,00 €	100000,00 €	132 000,00 €	Audits des CN, 3 AO, OPA, CF et annuel des comptes 2023 PATAE et PAIAD
CG.3.2	Appui divers à l'ARAA	Rapports de mission									UCP	ARAA	60 000,00 €	- €	60 000,00 €	
S/TOTAL hors frais de gestion											1 217 826,56 €	4 610 898,30 €	5 828 724,86 €			
FG	Prélèvement des frais de gestion AFD sur la troisième tranche de préfinancement UE										- €	219 233,64 €	219 233,64 €			
TOTAL GENERAL											1 217 826,56 €	4 830 131,93 €	6 047 958,50 €			

Appendix 7: Regional 2024 MPP

 											
PPM 2024 Période couverte : du 1 janvier au 31 décembre 2024											
ARAA / UCP											
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	200 000,00 €	PI	AOI	AOR	SFQC	Ex-ante AFD	01/02/2023	15/03/2023	29/04/2023	14/08/2025
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		Pour les prestations intellectuelles (consultants et Bureaux d'études) :			SBD pour Sélection à Budget Déterminé				
F pour fournitures				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.			SMC pour Sélection à Moindre Coût				
E pour équipements											
S pour les autres prestations de services											

Appendix 8: PTBA for 3AO, PTBA and PPM for CN and 3AO

3AO's PTBA, the NCs' PTBAs and their procurement plans are available to download:

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