

Project title : CACAOSIDI - Macro analysis of agro-ecological transition challenges and diagnosis of different agrarian systems in the Ivorian cocoa region to build a knowledge basis

Project place	Project cost	Role in the project	Technical and financial sponsors	Dates
Côte d'Ivoire	15 000 €	Cocoa expertise	SIDI - Solidarité internationale pour le développement et l'investissement	April 2021 - December 2021

Project's goals and results

Main goals

Construction of a knowledge basis of different agrarian systems of the Ivorian region helped with a **synthesis work** of various existing ones. This study should be done on three levels:

- An **agrarian diagnosis** conducted over the past 10 years in the country.
- A more specific study of the **cocoa sector** in the area of intervention of one or many cocoa **organizations of cocoa producers'** (POs) that are partners with [SIDI](#) and its fund dedicated to Africa called FEFISOL, which has been financing them for many years.
- An **analysis of the role of a PO** in the area and more specifically in its relationship with its members and about the effectiveness of its support (collect/transport of products, respect of fixed purchase prices, pre-financing, supply of inputs, technical trainings, participation in governance, community development project financed by Fairtrade bonuses).

Specific objectives

SO1. Create a **bibliography** and a **capitalization** of the existing work as well as a synthesis of the studies carried out by Nitidæ (or other organizations) and various agrarian diagnosis made by APT in Ivory Coast.

SO2. Also use the **mapping resources** available to establish different situations at the country level (deforestation, soil degradation, soil use evolution, swollen shoot pressure, production areas...).

SO3. Analysis of **services provided by the cooperative**, especially the economical impact model of service at the level of producer's members.

SO4. A particularly **dynamic cooperative** with a good relationship with its producers will be selected.

SO5. Give a definition of what an "**agro-ecological transition**" means in Ivory Coast, and especially in the cocoa sector.

Beneficiaries

The work will be carried out in close collaboration with SIDI/FEFISOL teams that are financing cooperatives all [Fairtrade](#) certified.

Those POs have different sizes and are implemented in a wide variety of regions:

- [ECOOKIM](#), a union including 23 cooperatives and 22 000 members throughout the cocoa zone.
- **SOCAK**, a 3 000 members cooperative located in Duékoué.
- **CADESA COOP** Adebem, nearby Lakota, 2 500 members.
- **ECAM**, Méagui, nearby Soubré, 2 700 members.
- **SOCOPACDI**, Hermankono, nearby Divo, 1 500 members.
- **SCEB**, Tiassalé, about 100 members and 100% organic.

Results

R1. National synthesis of **agrarian diagnosis** carried out over the last 10 years, highlighting the recent dynamics of the country.

R2. Understand, document and compare cooperatives' role in the support of the agro-ecological transition with other **collected information**.

R3. Implementation of **monitoring tools** of the agro-ecological transition applicable to the targeted levels.

R4. Description of the main **socio-economical and environmental issues** of the cocoa sector at different level.

R5. Critical analysis of the operation, the role and the socio-economical and environmental impacts of cocoa producers' organizations as **detailed recommendations** for POs and SIDI by improving both their socio-economic, politic and environmental impact as the producers' organization and therefore their financing.

Activities

A1. Nitidæ has developed a **territorial analysis methodology** allowing the establishment of a diagnosis of natural resources, market dynamics and activity systems that permits a **better understanding of interrelations** between natural environments and human activity. This detailed analysis will not be undertaken within the framework of this mission, however this method could be used to address important issues related to agro-ecological transition of territories.

A2. Targeting of cocoa areas through reforms done by the [Coffee-Cocoa Council](#) which has been impelled by **Alassane Ouattara** since 2010, also with the appearance of new labels.