

Project title : KARITANE - Research & Development, training, advising and technological support technical assistance for shea butter women's producers in Burkina Faso

Project place	Project cost	Role in the project	Technical and financial sponsors	Dates
Burkina Faso	50 000 €	Coordination	L'Occitane en Provence	January 2013 - December 2015

Project's goals and results

Main goals

RONGEAD wishes to ensure the research & development of technologies adapted to the shea butter processing in order to reduce the environmental impacts as well as technical and organizational assistance to the groups of women producing shea butter

Specific objectives

- To reduce the environmental impacts related to the processing of almonds into shea butter and, by indirect impacts, to improve working conditions for women.
- To reduce the painful work of women related to the processing of almonds into shea butter.
- To provide a support in terms of training in soil fertility within the frame of the development of certified organic shea production.

Beneficiaries

5,000 women producers of shea

Results

R1. To conduct "environmental & painfulness" diagnoses of the different processing techniques representative of each of the targeted unions in order to draw up appropriate Research & Development plans

R2. To establish an applied research and development system targeting technologies enabling to reduce environmental impacts and contributing indirectly to reduce the painfulness of work

R3. To conduct training activities for women's groups, according to themes defined in partnership with the groups

Activities

A1. To improve the energy and environmental efficiency of the processing technique of shea almonds into butter by the targeted groups of women

A2. To facilitate the access for the groups to certifications of gathering and sustainable production

A3. To provide useful information adapted to the actors of the shea sector and to the groups of women producers (financing opportunities, general context of the sector...)

A4. To seek funding from external donors to enable unions to acquire these technologies