

Project title : NPAGRI - Revitalize production, market access and agricultural advice for food and cash crops in Northern Cote d'Ivoire

Project place	Project cost	Role in the project	Technical and financial sponsors	Dates
Côte d'Ivoire	800 000 €	Coordination	Chigata, EU - European Union, MINAGRI Côte d'Ivoire, OCPV, ANADER, AFFICOT-CI	August 2013 - May 2016

Project's goals and results

Main goals

Improving rural food security in Northern Cote d'Ivoire thanks to a better functioning of supplementary food chains of cash crops (cotton and cashew) that ensure the capitalization of households.

Specific objectives

- Optimize the production and marketing of strategic and complementary cash crops of the Cotton Agrarian System, to improve and diversify producers' income, 30% of whom are women
- Boost local consulting agencies in agriculture (local NGOs, internal services of Producers' organization, local agents) and OCPV services affected by 10 years of crises, and diversify their offer to reinforce their efficiency and implementation
- Enhance the functioning of supply chains by reducing information asymmetry, a better transparency of exchanges, a better sharing of information, an improvement of trust between actors leading to an improvement in competitiveness and improved benefits for all actors

Beneficiaries

- 1500 women practicing traditional gardening
- 3500 cotton growers producing members of the PAO (Professional Agricultural Organisation) of AFFICOT-CI
- 500 agricultural advisers nearby: field workers (OCPV, Cotton Companies, AFFICOT-CI, local NGOs) and peasant leaders

Results

R1. A detailed study of complementary food chains in the cotton production system, both aspects of production and marketing, is synthesized and distributed in cooperation with private operators (cotton companies and farmers organizations members AFFICOT-CI), authorities and public agencies (OCPV, MINAGRI, ANADER and local and national authorities).

R2. An information system on the food market allows to collect trade data and disseminate reliable, useful and directly synthesized by diverse means of communication (SMS, radio, website) in collaboration with the Office to help the Marketing of Food Products (OCPV).

R3. An advanced training services, consultancy and technical and economic support, tailored to the priorities selected strategic sectors and technical capacities of the different types of actors, is operational and sustainable institutionally and financially. This service is designed in collaboration with OCPV, ANADER and AFFICOT-CI and ensures strengthen the capacity of agents on the following strategic areas: (1) collection of information, (2) analysis, (3) distribution, (4) training and (5) support for economic operators. It allows to integrate other sectors and a larger number of beneficiaries.

Activities

A1. Building of a training strategy / extension and expansion of effective service, participative, visible and sustainable

A2. Design and implementation of an information system on the food to collect trade data and disseminate reliable, useful and directly synthesized by diverse means of communication

A3. Implementation of an advanced service on training, consulting and technical and economic assistance, tailored to the priorities of strategic sectors targeted and technical capacities of the different types of actors

A4. Establishment of a steering committee of the action under the supervision of MINAGRI (Ministry of Agriculture - Cote d'Ivoire)