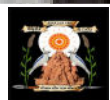




Support for the structuring of farmers and vegetable cooperatives in the Centre region



To support vegetable FOs in the Centre region.

Context

A demand for vegetables.

The Centre region's chief town is situated in Ouagadougou, also the country's capital. This region represents 1/3 of the national GDP and its population is growing at an annual rate of 10%, due to demographic change and the arrival of people from other parts of the country. There is a growing requirement for agricultural products, particularly vegetables. Therefore, since 2008, the Centre Regional Board of Burkina Faso has undertaken a development plan for the vegetable value chain (PDFM-B), later supported by the Bretagne region within the framework of a cooperation agreement. Fert has begun its action in 2018 within the framework of the implementation of the structuring and organisational strengthening of 9 vegetable cooperatives: 3 cooperatives in the commune of Ouagadougou and 6 other communal cooperatives in the outskirts.

Objectives

Strengthen the capacities of cooperatives to enable them to develop effective services for the benefit of their members.

Strengthen governance and leadership within cooperatives.

Improving the organization and structuring of cooperatives.

Developing **the implementation of effective services** for the benefit of members.

BURKINA FASO

- Centre Region
- Capital: Ouagadougou



9 cooperatives

850 farmers

including

209 women

or

24,7 %



Actions

A better organization and structuring to ensure the management of services.

Fert seeks to **develop internal skills within FOs** in order to enable them to manage their services themselves. Thus, Fert supports cooperatives to set up committees for each of the services, trains them and helps them in their activities at their request.

The main activities are :

- > Carrying out self-diagnoses of cooperatives
- > Elaboration of **an action plan by the FO plan d'action** themselves to strengthen their organisation and cooperative life
- > Support to the implementation of the action plans, in particular through **training and advisory services.**
- > Organisation of **workshops to put actors in the value chain in contact with each other** and of exchange visits between cooperatives
- > Setting up and **training pilot farmers** chosen by the cooperators to be technical relays.

News

The development of action plans by FOs

GOVERNANCE



Following on from the self-diagnoses carried out by the Centre's vegetable cooperatives, Fert supports them in developing their three-year action plan. Discussions focus on the needs of farmers in terms of services, particularly agricultural advisory services, supply of inputs, storage, marketing and processing. Activities to be carried out are then identified as well as the budget required for each of the services to be developed. Governance is a cross-cutting theme for all services.

Budget

156 000€

Average annual budget
(including Fert support)

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