



Taza producers and their organizations

Supporting the farmers in developing their farms

Context

Almonds, a new production with great potentiel

In 2008, the Green Morocco Plan made agriculture a national priority. In some mountain areas, it has contributed to the conversion of cereal lands into tree plantations (olives, almonds, figs, apples ...). These reconversions have a double objective: to give farmers the opportunity to access higher income production and to contribute to climate change adaptation (limitation of soil erosion, carbon sequestration ...). The plantations nevertheless modify the traditional production systems based on cereals, legumes and small ruminant livestock.

In Taza district, Taza province (Middle Atlas), almond trees have been planted since 2016-2017 in many cereals and legumes lands. The almonds' production and the practice of arboriculture are recent for the farmers of the region. The support that farmers have received remains insufficient. Due to a lack of knowledge of the technical itinerary, farmers intervene very little in their orchards. Almond production is low as well as the income they get from it.

In this context, Fert has been supporting Taza farmers since 2021 in the transformation of their farms and their performance improvement.

Objectives

Improving farmers' technical-economic results and resilience

Consolidating and developing the training and advisory (technical and management advice)

Improving access to quality inputs (seedlings, fertilizers, pesticides, equipment...) and getting a greater value for the production

Getting organized to collectively learn and secure the viability of technical and economic services

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300
supported farmers

8
supported FOs or groups

17
relay-farmers, trained and supported

3700_{ha}
of almond trees planted as part of Green Morocco Plan in two municipalities of Taza (Galdamane and Maghraoua)



Actions

A two-level accompaniment

Local advisors take action with farmers in two municipalities of Taza district through :

Farm's technical and management advice:

- Educational training and advising activities for almond producers: demonstrations, exchange visits, training, individual advice, group advice, technical and economic advice, trials, expertise mobilization...
- Training and facilitation of a relay-farmers' network. These activities deal with the different stages of the technical itinerary, including more sustainable practices, but also address post-harvest management and farm management

Local facilitation of producers' groups:

- Support to groups' initiatives: group purchases of phytosanitary products and fertilizers ...
- Assistance in the organization and animation of the associative life
- Leaders' training
- Connecting farmers with service providers and other development organizations

Actualities

October 2022 - Supporting farmers in setting up and managing a relay-farmers' network

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With the aim of improving access to advisory services for a greater number of producers, Fert supported the identification of relay-farmers in October 2022. The system of relay-farmers should also help to take action in greater proximity with producers, with a better capacity for persuasion and continuity, and to strengthen the viability and the resilience of advisory services. The recently identified relay-farmers will be gradually trained (pruning, fertilization, health management, farm management ...) and supported in their missions. A steering committee made up of leaders and advisors is set up with the relay-farmers to monitor their activities and discuss the technical issues and the solutions to be implemented.

BUDGET:

70 000 €

Average annual budget
(including Fert's accompaniment)

PARTNERSHIP:



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