

TITLE: Agriculture Integrated Development with “Wa Nye U Saalu Zie” association

COUNTRY: Burkina Faso (Africa)

FOCUS: Health, Agriculture and Breeding

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The project area covered twenty villages of IOBA Province in the south-west of Burkina Faso. The project aimed to support the “WA NYE” Association in its actions for an auto-development of the community by increasing agriculture productivity and improving breeding activities.

Any action was supported by animation, researching and training activities coordinated by an équipe of two volunteers and two local technicians.

The project included also training sessions with CESAO¹ experts at Bobo Dioulasso.

The CESAO provided the training of health operators, social and sanitary animators and rural animators. The methodology adopted was based on research/action and aimed mainly to analyse the strategic parts of the problems in order to find a sustainable solutions.

The training activities were focussed on a group of local men and women indicated by the local responsible subjects, which also follow the training, but it had positive effects on the whole agricultural population with an increase of capacities and technologies level.

The training was aimed to develop a sustainable agriculture system and included:

- training for farmers and agricultural technicians;
- pig and sheep production techniques;
- animal traction techniques ;
- horticulture;
- bookkeeping and general countability .
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The project aimed to a comprehensive approach to education for rural development, in order to obtain a broader range of skills rather than simply agriculture. That is why the project provided also literacy session on Dagara and French, and women training in several fields: tailoring, sewing, tincturing, soap production and “foyers amèliorées”. Priority was given also to health and nutrition education and neonatal assistance to new mothers.

GENERAL RESULTS ACHIEVED:

- a) Wa Nyé responsables had increased and improved their organizing and administration autonomy
- b) In Dissin and in other 16 villages remained resource people trained with the project actions: project animators, Graap animators, rural and village animators;
- c) The revolving fund was working properly and the loans were given back in time.
- d) Thanks to the Celim help, the Union could establish relations with different structures which operate on the national territory such as: CESAO, GRAAP of Bobo Dioulasso, INADES, ROPPA project, Ministry of Health, Ministry of Agriculture, Ministry of Cooperation. These contacts will permit at the Union to obtain in the future technical, economic and educative support.

¹ CESAO (Centre d’E’tudes Economiques et Sociales de l’Afrique de l’Ouest)