Background and justification:

Sixty-five percent of the population of Central and West Africa depends on agriculture for its livelihood. Nevertheless, the area is mainly characterized by widespread food and nutritional insecurity. The relative increase in the region’s agricultural production in recent decades has not been based on an increase in the productivity of production factors (labor, land), but rather on the cultivation of more land and the mobilization of a rapidly growing agricultural labor force, with yields progressing very little (NEPAD, 2017). In addition, the low purchasing power of women and young people could limit their access to T&I, which, it must be acknowledged, are often out of reach for many smallholders. The present project has therefore been designed to deploy, on family farms, the countless technologies, innovations and knowledge that research has developed over the last ten years to meet the challenges of climate change, population growth and increased urbanization leading to a change in diet.

MAIN OBJECTIVE
Assurer une sécurité alimentaire, nutritionnelle et économique des populations d’Afrique de l’Ouest et du Centre.

EXPECTED IMPACTS

- Increase the resilience of the food production system of at least 2 million producers/processors, including 50% women and 60% young people in the 5 target countries, and more than 10 million indirect beneficiaries.
- To sustainably meet the demand for know-how (technologies and innovations) of at least 40% of the family farms affected by the project.
- Ensure a coalition and synergy of action between the players involved in transforming the agricultural sector.

COUNTRY OF INTERVENTION

Program duration: 12 Years
Based on three 4-year phases
$33 US$ Millions
First phase is estimated at USD 11 millions

INTERVENTION LOGIC

Hyper market for agricultural research products
Super market for agricultural research products
National Research Valorization Systems (Their role is to make research products available to customers and collect their needs)
Collection, pooling and sharing of agricultural research products
Countries of intervention

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