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Objective

Promote the development of inclusive, resilient, and competitive agricultural value chains, focusing on smallholder farmers and agribusinesses in project target areas.

Description

The project is driven by demand from the country's main consumption centers: it specifically targets value chains for products with high potential demand and strong potential to generate important opportunities for value added and employment along the value chain. Second, the project focuses on promoting private investment throughout the target value chains through activities to improve the business climate and connectivity between the main consumption centers and main supply areas and strengthen key public and private institutions responsible for mobilizing private investments. Third, the project strengthens the competitiveness of Gambian producers through activities to increase the productivity and climate resilience of agriculture. Finally, the project helps advance the broader agenda for the sector by building synergies with current projects addressing the structural transformation of the agricultural and rural sector.

Under this initiative, CORAF is supporting the Ministry of Agriculture of Gambia to (1) acquire cutting-edge technologies and innovation through effective linkages to RCoEs and NCoS, (2) Upgrade of The Gambia's national research system, (3) Ensure the functionality of established innovation platforms for effective update of technologies, (4) Upgrade the Gambia extension system, (5) Develop and implement a communication-for-development action plan and (6) Develop or implement a gender plan.

Implementing country

Gambia

Target audience

Gambian agriculture stakeholders (policy makers, research scientists, private sectors and farmers)

Partners

- Regional centers of excellence and National centers of specialization.



5 years From 2021 to 2026



Budget

Depending on activities planned

Indicators

- Number of improved technologies transferred from the region and disseminated with CORAF support
- Number of functional innovation platform established in Gambia
- Communication materials produced in coordination with GIRAV team
- Gender action plan developed
- Capacity building of NARI staff.