

## BMZ03

Agri-Agency/ies	Asprodeb & CSA	FO partner(s)	ROPPA & PROPAC
Budget distribution	157.088 EUR / 242.912 EUR Total : 400.000 EUR	Country/ies	Burkina Faso & Cameroun and member countries of those two networks
Project Title	Strengthening FO to establish local and sustainable food systems to meet the demand for local public food purchases and the need for bread-making from local products		
General objective	Contribute to sustainable development of food systems that value local resources and strengthen food sovereignty strategies		
Target group	Directly impacted 1 000 FO leaders		

### Context

Agricultural development in Africa has notably been done through the growth of exportation of basic food products. This strategy has created a dependency of growing cities on imported food products. FOs have been flagging the negative impacts of this type of development and their voices are now heard following the recent crisis increasing input prices, which has caused pressures for African family-based producers (COVID-19, Russian-Ukrainian conflict).

Institutional procurement is one major tool for transforming food systems into local ones. Another transition towards more local systems, would be replacing wheat-based bread, which currently represents 20% of expenses of an average household, by bread made of locally produced cereal and tuber. These changes represent a great opportunity for the FOs to increase their market share by supplying local food products. This provided, that the FOs succeed in influencing public policies to be conducive for such transitions. Also, organizational strengthening of FOs to be ready to cease these new market opportunities is necessary. The agri-agencies are ready to support two regional FOs, ROPPA and PROPAC, and their national FO members by capacitating the FO leaders and staff for these opportunities.

### Action plan

In order to achieve the general objective, actions will be implemented through three specific objectives :

- 1) Strengthen lobby, negotiation and advocacy capacities of FO leaders to influence public policies at different levels. *Main activities foreseen* : Virtual trainings on institutional procurement and incorporation of local cereal & tuber into flours. These sessions will be complemented by learning exchanges t for 10 FO leaders into countries where national FOs have successfully integrated into public food markets and value chains., *Main results expected* : Shared experiences are capitalized, and RFO leaders are able to influence public policies on public food market and public purchase programs.
- 2) Support negotiations with public authorities and prepare FOs to provide products in demand for these new markets. *Main activities foreseen* : Coaching of selected national FOs by agri-agencies' staff through short term missions to provide technical assistance and advisor services for strengthened capacities for consultations and negotiations with public authorities. *Main results expected* : Two national FO members of ROPPA and PROPAC are capacitated to negotiate public food market and public purchasing program contracts. Capacities necessary of incorporating local cereal flour into bread-making process have been strengthened.
- 3) Support regional FOs to develop a framework for collaboration and follow up with international organizations working on the promotion of sustainable food systems. *Main activities foreseen* : Facilitation of meetings with WFP and the FAO in order to set up a collaboration framework. *Main results expected* : A collaboration framework is created and implemented with UN organizations and other relevant public and private sector entities working on institutional procurement and/or bread-making technologies.

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