



Press release

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SEED Foundation supports two first projects for agricultural development and food security in Africa

Created in November 2009, SEED Foundation aims to contribute to food security in Africa by supporting actions for long lasting agricultural development. After the first call for proposals, the Project Selection Committee chose two projects which promote sustainable development of local agricultural production.

SEED Foundation supports agricultural development projects in Burkina Faso and in Senegal

In Burkina Faso, SEED Foundation forms a partnership with SOS SAHEL in order to support the revival of the agricultural production.

In 2008, serious floods in the south-west of the country caused considerable damages which exposed the population to food insecurity. The project aims to help the producers of Solenzo's village to revive farming in a long term basis and to reinforce the local food security. Several activities will be set up in order to increase traditional agricultural productivity, to support environmental conservation and to reinforce the abilities of the small farmers and their organisations.

In Senegal, SEED Foundation supports the intensification of rice growing production in partnership with the GRDR (Group of Research and Realizations for Rural Development).

In Casamance, in the South of the country, the area of Zinguinchor, was formerly the "Granary of Senegal". Soils are now saline in this region and it leads to ecosystems deterioration, reduction of the rice production and local food insecurity.

Rehabilitation of soils was handling successfully in order to expend lands. Now the project aims to increase rice growing productivity. The project will support the local population and its organizations to set up a programme aiming to produce and to diffuse improved varieties of rice in order to have better agricultural yield and to ameliorate the region's food security.

Two Projects which match SEED Foundation's mission and action principles

Based on a participative basis, both projects are associating population and local partners at every level of the conception and the setting up of the development project. By this way, beneficiaries can fully appropriate the project.

Environmental impact is also really important for SEED Foundation. The consideration of sustainable development principles is essential to guarantee the project effectiveness and durability.



About SEED Foundation - www.seed-foundation.org

Created by companies and individuals, SEED Foundation – Sow & Encourage Economic Development – is a "multi-partners" Endowment Fund in charge of combating hunger and poverty in Africa by supporting the agricultural development.

The Project Selection Committee is composed of representatives from the Founders and outside experts chosen for their experience in the field of intervention of SEED Foundation. The Project Selection Committee is charged to assess and select projects that will be backed by the Fund.

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