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PROMISAM

PROJECT TO MOBILIZE FOOD SECURITY INITIATIVES IN MALI

(Projet de Mobilisation des Initiatives en Matière de Sécurité Alimentaire)

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Introduction

PROMISAM's goal is to help Mali in the implementation of its national food security strategy, or SNSA, through collaborative efforts with the *Commissariat à la sécurité alimentaire* (CSA, or Food Security Commission) in the Office of the President. The 2006/07 PROMISAM work plan focuses on:

1. Helping local communities (communes, circles, and regions) develop their own local-level food security plans. This objective is achieved through training of trainers (mayors, NGO members, other members of civil society) in concepts of food security and in food security planning. They in turn return to their home communities and work to complete these plans with the local population and with technical assistance from the circle-level advisory services (CCC). In addition, PROMISAM is working with the CSA to develop the tools to implement these local-level plans through the National Food Security Program (PNFA).
2. Continue to strengthen the CSA's Communication and Information Service's outreach efforts, particularly with local journalists.
3. Work with the OMA to assure timely market monitoring and food security outlook bulletins (*Bulletins de conjuncture*).

Achievements during the Period October 1 – December 31, 2006

Activities and achievements for the quarter are described below in terms of the objectives and intermediate results listed in PROMISAM's 2006/07 work plan (available at: http://www.aec.msu.edu/agecon/fs2/mali_fd_strtgy/PROMISAM_WorkPlan_yr3_07_06_fin.pdf).

Objective 1: Support the Development of Local-Level Food Security Programs in the Regions of Koulikoro, Segou and Kidal, and Completion of the Work in Kayes and Mopti

Result 1.1: Training of Trainers

Activities undertaken:

- Joint PROMISAM-CSA missions were undertaken in the regions of Ségou (December 4, 2006) and Koulikoro (December 15, 2006) to make contact with local officials to arrange the training sessions in those regions, which began later in the quarter and in the first quarter of 2007.
- Planning of the training activities for Bandiagara, Bankass, Ségou and Banamba.
- Training sessions for trainers were conducted in the following localities:
 - Bandiagara, September 25-26, 2006;
 - Bankass, September 28-29, 2006;
 - Ségou, December 5-7, 2006;
 - Banamba, December 20-22, 2006.

Reports on all these training sessions are available on the PROMISAM website at: http://aec.msu.edu/fs2/mali_fd_strtgy/plans/index.htm#trip

Intermediate results obtained:

During the quarter, local 452 trainers, including 84 women and 368 men (mayors, CCC members, civil society leaders, local journalists) were trained via PROMISAM/CSA workshops about how to use food security concepts to develop local food security plans. These included:

- 103 trainers in the circle of Bandiagara (17 women and 86 men) from 21 communes;
- 68 trainers in the circle of Bankass (10 women and 58 men) from 12 communes;
- 82 trainers in the circle of Koro (16 women and 66 men) from 16 communes;
- 146 trainers in the circle of Ségou (31 women and 115 men) from 30 communes;
- 53 trainers in the circle of Banamba (10 women and 43 men) from 9 communes;

Result 1.2: Development of Food Security Plans at the Commune, Cercle, and Regional Levels

Activities undertaken:

- PROMISAM provided technical support for the ongoing development of the local food security plans for the communes and the circles of Mopti;
- PROMISAM provided technical support for the ongoing development of the local food security plans of the communes, circles and region of Kayes.
- Valerie Kelly provided a detailed review of draft plans for the Tomboctou region.

Intermediate results obtained:

- Development of 84 communal plans out of a total 108 for the region of Mopti;

Result 1.3: Information is available to the various participants in the food security planning process in Mali to facilitate the articulation between the local and national food security programs.

Activities undertaken:

- Information was provided during the training of trainers sessions to the local-level participants about the National Food Security Program (PNSA) and how it will be linked to the local plans currently being developed.

Intermediate results obtained:

- Participants in the planning processes obtained, via the training courses, a better understanding of the various food security programs being designed and implemented at different levels in the country.

Result 1.4: The capacity of the CSA to manage and implement the decentralized SNSA is strengthened.

Activities undertaken:

- Participation in the meeting to validate the recommendations of the CSA mission charged with developing a plan to implement the PNSA in the Gao region, for a total of 500 million CFAF in Malian government funding.
- Participation in the meeting on November 30, 2006 to validate the proposals for a strategy to manage the cereal surpluses during the 2006 crop year.
- Participation in the November 24, 2006 meeting to examine the CSA's 2007 work plan.

Intermediate results obtained:

- The implementation of the National Food Security Program (PNSA) began in the Gao region;
- Development of a set of proposals for the CSA on how to manage the cereals surpluses during the 2006 crop year;
- Finalization of the 2007 government food security action plan.

Objective 2: Strengthening the CSA's Communication and Information Service's Outreach Efforts

Result 2.1: The personnel of the local radio stations and local journalists local are trained in concepts of food security

Intermediate results obtained:

- 10 people in charge of programming for local radio stations participated in the local food security training programs in the circles of Bandiagara, Bankass, Koro, Ségou and Banamba, distributed as follows:
 - 1 in Bandiagara
 - 1 in Bankass
 - 1 in Koro
 - 6 in Ségou
 - 1 in Banamba.

Result 2.2: Support provided to the OMA in the production of the Bulletin de conjuncture [Agricultural situation report]

Activities undertaken:

- Participation in the market reconnaissance surveys of Bougouni, Sikasso, Koutiala, Bla, Ségou, Niono, Monopébougou in November 2006;
- Co-production with the OMA of the November 2006 Bulletin de conjuncture.