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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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## Quarterly Activity Report April-June 2006

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## **Introduction**

PROMISAM's goal is to help support 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 2005/06 PROMISAM work plan has 3 objectives:

1. Help local communities (communes, *cercles*, 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 with the local populations to develop the local plans. During 2005/06, this effort is focusing on completing the process begun in year 1 of the project in the Gao and Sikasso regions and extending it into the regions of Kayes, Kidal, Mopti, and Tombouctou. Included in this effort is helping the CSA to develop appropriate food security indicators to monitor the current food security situation in the country (*tableau de bord*) and measure the impact of the implemented plans.
2. Strengthen the CSA's Communication and Information Service's outreach efforts.
3. Work with the market information system (*Observatoire du marché agricole*, or OMA) and the early warning system (*Système d'alerte précoce*, or SAP) to improve the timeliness and assure the quality of their publications on the food situation in Mali.

## **Achievements during the Period April 1 – June 30, 2006**

Activities and achievements for the quarter are described below in terms of the objectives and intermediate results listed in PROMISAM's 2005/06 work plan (available at: [http://www.aec.msu.edu/agecon/fs2/mali\\_fd\\_strtgy/PROMISAM\\_WorkPlan\\_yr2\\_08\\_05\\_final.pdf](http://www.aec.msu.edu/agecon/fs2/mali_fd_strtgy/PROMISAM_WorkPlan_yr2_08_05_final.pdf))

### **Objective 1: Development of Local Food Security Plans**

Activities under this objective focused on completing the local plan development process in the Gao and Sikasso regions begun in year 1 of the project and starting the process in the Mopti and Tombouctou regions. Because of the highly participatory nature of the local planning process, the timing of activities was not entirely under PROMISAM's control, as it depended on the availability of local authorities. Also, as the local populations take ownership of the planning process, they sometimes invest more time in preparing the local plans than was originally anticipated. As noted below, these factors, plus security concerns in Kidal, have delayed completion of both training and completion of the local plans in some areas.

By the end of the quarter, 100% of the local plans were completed and available for the Gao region, 98% of the communal plans were completed the Sikasso region and 67% were completed for the Tombouctou region. Training of trainers was completed in the Mopti region during the quarter and begun in the Kayes region, and development of local level plans has begun in those regions. The training of trainers in Kidal, scheduled for May, had to be postponed due to the civil unrest in that region.

### ***Result 1.1: Training of trainers***

- Planning of training and implementation of the training programs in the *cercles* of Tenenkou and Youwarou (Mopti region), and Kayes (Kayes region) was completed during the quarter.
  - Training of 71 trainers in the *cercle* of Tenenkou, Mopti Region (9 women and 62 men), from 10 communes from 27 to 29 April
  - Training of 46 trainers in the *cercle* of Youwarou, Mopti Region (9 women and 37 men) from 7 communes from 2 to 4 May;
  - Initial contacts and information exchange (June 6-8) with the administrative authorities and regional food security committees for the Kayes Region in preparation for the training sessions;
  - Training of 149 trainers in the *cercle* of Kayes (28 women and 121 men) from 28 communes from 9-11 June. The training of trainers program in the Kayes region was originally scheduled for May, but had to be delayed because local authorities were busy at that time due to the President's extended visit to the region.
- Planning for training and support activities for the Mopti Region
- Preparation of training session reports for Tenenkou and Youwarou, which are posted on the PROMISAM website:
  - [http://www.aec.msu.edu/fs2/mali\\_fd\\_strtgy/plans/Rap\\_form\\_Tenenkou.pdf](http://www.aec.msu.edu/fs2/mali_fd_strtgy/plans/Rap_form_Tenenkou.pdf) and
  - [http://www.aec.msu.edu/fs2/mali\\_fd\\_strtgy/plans/Rap\\_form\\_Youwarou.pdf](http://www.aec.msu.edu/fs2/mali_fd_strtgy/plans/Rap_form_Youwarou.pdf)
- The training of trainers for the Kidal region was also scheduled for May, but had to be postponed due to the civil strife in Kidal. It will be rescheduled as soon as the security situation permits.

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

During this quarter, the project provided technical support to ongoing development of commune- and *cercle*-level plans in Sikasso and Tombouctou region.

Specific activities included:

- ✓ Continued support to communes and *cercles* in Sikasso for the elaboration of their food security plans.
- ✓ Continued support to communes, *cercles*, and regions in Tombouctou for the elaboration of their food security plans, including a field visit to Tombouctou to provide support and monitoring on 16 and 17 June.

*Intermediate result achieved:*

144 communes in the Sikasso Region have completed their food security plans. This represents an increase of 30 communes over the prior reporting period; 3 still need to be completed to achieve total coverage.

35 plans have been completed in the Tombouctou Region; 17 remain to get full coverage.

***Result 1.3: Information made available to all participants planning food security activities to facilitate the articulation between the local and national food security plans***

In this area, PROMISAM focused on facilitating two-way communication between the local levels (communes, *cercles*, and regions) and the national level about the structure and objectives of the various food security initiatives at each level. Activities included:

- ✓ Providing information during the local-level training of trainers sessions in the Tombouctou and Mopti regions about the SNSA, the National Food Security Plan (PNSA), and the role of the CSA.
- ✓ PROMISAM participation in and review of PNSA paper presented at the « Consultation sectorielle sur le Développement rural et l'Agriculture irriguée » organized by the Ministries of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, and the Environment, the CSA and donors (May 22-23, 2006).

*Intermediate results achieved:*

As a result of these activities, the local-level plans now reflect a better understanding of the national programs and vice-versa. The local level plans for Gao are available and continue to be used by different agencies as a basis for planning local-level interventions. The local plans for Sikasso have been refined and synthesized and are now awaiting official adoption from the commune and *cercle* councils; while these activities have been pursued, the plans have been available for local use (e.g., PDSEC discussions).

***Result 1.4: Strengthened capacity of the CSA to manage and implement the decentralized SNSA***

To achieve this intermediate result, PROMISAM worked with the CSA to organize and conduct a National Food Security Seminar and to get the communal food security plans integrated into a number of development planning and budgeting activities. The conclusions of the workshop are available on the PROMSISAM website.

Specific activities during the quarter included:

- ✓ Staatz and Dembele participation and formal presentation in the National Food Security Seminar
- ✓ Preparation of a background document for the workshop: *Commercialisation des céréales et sécurité alimentaire au Mali*, by Marthe Diallo, Kadiatou Dème, Niama Nango Dembélé, John Staatz and Abdramane Traoré (available at [http://www.aec.msu.edu/fs2/mali\\_fd\\_strtgy/commercialisation-april2006.pdf](http://www.aec.msu.edu/fs2/mali_fd_strtgy/commercialisation-april2006.pdf)).
- ✓ April mission by V. Kelly to work with Sikasso CSA representatives in synthesizing communal plans, with a focus on plan recommendations concerning agricultural inputs, nutrition training, and cereal bank topics.

- ✓ Field mission to Sikasso on 17 June to participate in discussions and amendments to the PDSEC (*Programme de Développement Social et Economique*) for the region in an effort to ensure inclusion of the communal food security plans.
- ✓ Participation in the development of an operational plan for 500 million FCFA of Government of Mali funding (from the national budget) available for the implementation of the Gao component of the national food security program (PNSA)
- ✓ Participation in CSA/donor discussions of the PNSA in May
- ✓ Participation in a “farmers’ day” session in the Segou Region on the theme of Food Security (22-24 June 2006)
- ✓ Participation in the planning meetings for the Comité Technique de Pilotage des Politiques de Sécurité Alimentaire (CTPSA)
- ✓ Data management and collection support for CSA and collaborators to improve their NGO data base on who is doing what with respect to food security and where these activities are taking place.

*Intermediate results achieved:*

- The National Seminar on Food Security took place (15-18 May 2006)
- Members of the PROMISAM team (Diallo, Dème, Dembélé, Traoré and Staatz) prepared a background paper for the Seminar that is available on the project website. [http://www.aec.msu.edu/fs2/mali\\_fd\\_strtgy/commercialisation-april2006.pdf](http://www.aec.msu.edu/fs2/mali_fd_strtgy/commercialisation-april2006.pdf)
- The communal food security plans for Sikasso are included in Social and Economic Development Program for Sikasso
- The CTPSA meeting took place (18 April 2006) and the minutes of the meeting are available.

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

PROMISAM’s efforts in this area focused on continuing to strengthen the CSA’s Documentation Center and the training of journalists in concepts of food security in order to improve the quality of press coverage of food-security-related issues in Mali.

***Result 2.1.1: The resource center becomes completely operational***

Activities to support this intermediate result included continued provision of equipment and supplies to the Documentation Center.

*Intermediate results achieved:*

The Center increased the number of documents it has available and expanded content on its webpage.

***Result 2.1.2: The Documentation Center effectively supports food-security programming at the local level through the exchange of documents and information with CLICs, cyber-café, and similar centers across the country.***

Activities contributing to this intermediate result included:

- Transferring the CSA website from a US to a Malian ISP (most work was done in June but the final transfer was made in July); CSA now has full responsibility for management of the website.
- Production/distribution of a CD with the Gao Region's food security plans
- Preparation of list of new acquisitions now available at the documentation center (20 added in May and 20 more in June).
- Preparation of an information note about the CSA documentation center.

*Intermediate results achieved:*

- ✓ The CSA website is now based in Mali
- ✓ CD with Gao food security plans is being distributed to government agencies and development partners and used to coordinate development planning
- ✓ The lists of new acquisitions are providing information about CSA resources to potential users.
- ✓ CSA brochures are being widely distributed by the commission to make known its activities and the resources available at the documentation center;

### **Result 2.2.1: Training of local journalists and radio personnel in concepts of food security**

Activities focused on the organization and holding of training workshops on the concepts of food security and on the CSA's mandate for representatives of local radio stations in the *cercles* of Tenenkou, Youwarou and Kayes. These training sessions were conducted in conjunction with the training of trainers for the food security plans in each *cercle* covered during the period. An additional training session for journalists was organized by CSA in Bamako (3-4 May 2006).

*Intermediate results achieved:*

- 13 representatives of local radio programs were trained:
  - 3 from Tenenkou
  - 2 from Youwarou
  - 8 from Kayes
- 40 journalists taught general concepts of food security during a CSA organized session (3-4 May 2006).

### **Objective 3: Improving the Timeliness and Quality of the OMA and SAP Publications**

#### ***Result 3.1: The bulletins OMA and SAP are produced and diffused in time***

Activities during the period included:

- ✓ Mission with the OMA from 25-27 June to collect information needed to prepare the *Note de conjuncture*.

*Intermediate results obtained:*

- Production of a *Note de conjuncture* by OMA in June 2006 providing an update on the current market situation
- Publication of 2 monthly bulletins of 2 planned
- Publication of 13 weekly bulletins of 13 planned

**Administrative Actions**

Nothing to note.