The National Agricultural Sector Investment Plan (PNISA/CAADP) and the Sector-wide Approach in Mali

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MALI: A LANDLOCKED COUNTRY
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SITUATION

- Isolated country (in terms of transport infrastructure), situated in the heart of West Africa
- Total Population = 14 million in 2010 and projected 18 million in 2020
- Rate of population increase = ~3%
- Level of per capita income (2008) = US $580

ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL SITUATION

- Agricultural potential = 46.6 millions hectares
- Of which:
  - 12.2 million ha of crops
  - 30 million ha of pasture land
  - 3.3 millions ha of wildlife reserves
  - 1.1 millions ha of protected forests
- Land suitable for irrigation = more than 2.2 million ha
- Abundant forest, grazing and inland fishing resources
CONRAINTS

- Physical Isolation
- Heavy dependence of agriculture on the vagaries of weather
- Low level of schooling and equipment
- Fragility of the ecosystems
- Political instability in some of the neighboring countries
- Economic disparities among countries in the West African subregion

CURRENT SITUATION AND OUTLOOK
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- Adoption of a sector-wide approach to rural development as opposed to a project approach
  + Elaboration and implementation, in collaboration with the financial and technical partners (FTP), of a plan to transition towards a sector-wide approach
  + Participatory elaboration of Mali’s new Agricultural Development Policy (PDA) and the National Agricultural Sector Investment Plan (PNISA/CAADP)
  + Elaboration of a PNISA/CAADP priority action plan by May 2010, based on the national CAADP compact signed in October, 2009

CURRENT SITUATION (cont’d.)

- Definition of the architecture of PNISA/CAADP, with 5 components:
  + Capacity strengthening
  + Agricultural investments
  + Support to agricultural production and competitiveness, notably aspects linked to marketing
  + Training and research
  + Measures to address transitory food insecurity (e.g., crisis management)
Challenges

- Strengthening of the level of ownership of the process by the stakeholders, especially at the local level

- Deepening of policy and technical dialogue with the Technical & Financial Partners (TFP) concerning the PNISA/CAADP (notably with the Rural Economy and Agriculture Group, which is henceforth being led by USAID/Mali)

OUTLOOK

- Sector-wide Approach
  
  + Development of the Agricultural Development Policy in conformity with Mali’s Agricultural Orientation Law (LOA)

  + Elaboration of a PNISA/CAADP priority action plan by May 2010

  + Finalization and adoption of the entire PNISA/CAADP by the end of 2010