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ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

3AO	Alliance for Agroecology in West Africa
ACF	Action Against Hunger (<i>Burkina Faso</i>)
AFD	French Development Agency
AFDI	French Farmers and International Development (<i>Côte d'Ivoire</i>)
AMEDD	Malian Association for Awareness to Sustainable Development (<i>Mali</i>)
ANOPACI	National Association of Professional Agricultural Organisations of Côte d'Ivoire
ARAA	Agence Régionale pour l'Agriculture et l'Alimentation
ASPRODEB	Senegalese Association for the Promotion of Grassroot Development (<i>Sénégal</i>)
AVSF	Agronomists and Veterinarians Without Borders
BIDC	ECOWAS Bank for Investment and Development
BOAD	West African Development Bank
CCN	National Consultation Framework
CED	Centre for Ecology and Development (<i>Togo</i>)
CEDEAO	Economic Community of West African States
CN	National Correspondent(s)
CoPil	Steering Committee
ECLOSIO	NGO of the University of Liege (<i>Sénégal</i>)
EFTP	Technical and Vocational Training Institutions
ESA	Higher Schools of Agriculture
ETD	Enterprises Territories and Development (<i>Togo</i>)
FED	European Development Fund
FPGL	Fondation Paul Gérin-Lajoie (<i>Mali</i>)
IECD	European Institute for Cooperation and Development (<i>Côte d'Ivoire</i>)
INADES	African Institute for Economic and Social Development
IRAM	Institute for Research and Application of Development Methods
MAEE	Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs
MO	Project Management
MoU	Memorandum of Understanding
OP	Producer Organisation
OPA	Professional Agricultural Organisation
PAE	AgroEcology Programme in West Africa

PAIAD	Support Project for the Dissemination and Implementation of Good Practices for Sustainable Agricultural Intensification
PATAE	Project to Support the Agroecological Transition in West Africa
PD	Detailed Proposals
PIR	Regional Indicative Programme
PNIA	National Agricultural Investment Programme
PNIASIAN	National Agricultural Investment Programme
PPM	Procurement Plan
PRIA	Regional Agricultural Investment Programme
PRIASAN	Regional Programme for Agricultural Investment and Food and Nutritional Security
PTBA	Annual Work Plan and Budget
PTF	Technical and Financial Partner
RAFIA	Research, Support and Training for Self-Development Initiatives (<i>Togo</i>)
ROPPA	Networks of Farmers' Organisations and Producers in West Africa
TdR	Terms of Reference
THP	The Hunger Project (<i>Sénégal</i>)
TV	Terre Verte (<i>Burkina Faso</i>)
UAVES	Union for an Ecological and Solidarity Future (<i>Mali</i>)
UCP	Project Coordination Unit
UE	European Union
UPPA-HOUE	Provincial Union of Agricultural Professionals of Houet Upper Basins (<i>Burkina Faso</i>)

EXECUTIVE SUMMARY

ECOWAS has launched, within the framework of the implementation of its regional agricultural policy (ECOWAP), a Regional Agroecology Programme (PAE) in its 15 Member States aiming at the "Promotion and dissemination of agroecology and ecologically intensive agriculture for the resilience of populations to food insecurity and climate change in West Africa". To operationalize this program, two (2) Projects are already underway

- 🌿 The Project to support the Agroecological Transition in West Africa (PATAE), financed by French Development Agency (AFD) to the amount of 8 million Euros and which started in July 2017; and
- 🌿 The Project to support the Dissemination and Implementation of Good Practices for Sustainable Agricultural Intensification (PAIAD), financed by the European Union to the amount of 8.2 million Euros and which started in March 2020.

This report presents the status of the activities implementation of the West African Agroecology Programme's (PAE) 2020 Annual Work Plan and Budget (PTBA) and the levels of results achieved from 1 January to 31 December 2020. The year 2020 was marked by the COVID-19 pandemic and terrorism (Burkina Faso and Mali) which had a major impact on the implementation of the Programme. In addition, it is worth noting the start and integration of the PAIAD project within the Programme, with the recruitment of additional staff in the UCP, the initiation of new activities from July 2020 and the effective payment of the first renewable instalment on the ARAA- PAIAD account on 22 December 2020.

In order to facilitate the preparation of the PTBAs and the reading of the reports and to ensure coherence in the activities of the Programme, the UCP has proposed a new division of the PAE around 4 operational components and 1 coordination component resulting from the combination/grouping of the intervention axes of PATAE and PAIAD. The components are as follows:

- 🌿 Component 1 : Support to the agro-ecological transition for local actors (ATA)
- 🌿 Component 2 : Training and capacity building for agroecological intensification and sustainable agriculture (FRC)
- 🌿 Component 3 : Advisory support and vulgarisation of technological innovations for sustainable agricultural intensification adapted to the production methods of small-scale farmers (ACV)
- 🌿 Component 4 : Exchanges, capitalisation and contribution to the development of public policies for agroecological intensification (ECP)
- 🌿 Component 5 : Programme coordination and management (CG)

Under Component 1 (ATA) « **Support to the agro-ecological transition for local actors** », Audits of the first instalments of grants paid to the 15 field projects have started. Six (6) field projects (AMEDD-Mali, FPGL-Mali, UAVES-Mali, CED-Togo, ETD-Togo, RAFIA-Togo) have been audited. The second instalments were paid to these six projects by AFD on the basis of the results of the audit reports. The terms of reference of the purchase order to launch the audits of the nine remaining projects have been elaborated. The audits will start in January 2021 and will take place as and when these projects reach the required 70% trigger of expenditure on their first instalments received.

Overall, physical implementation rates for field projects during 2020 have been moderate (59%) due to the impact of Covid-19. Out of the 15 projects, four (4) recorded less than 50% of their planned physical realisations, six (6) reached 51% to 66% of their physical implementation projections and only 5, i.e. one third of the projects were able to reach at least 70% of their planned realisations in 2020. The budget implementation is 66% on average but only eight (8) projects have achieved at least 70% of the expenditure on their first instalments. Therefore, all 15 projects have been impacted to varying degrees as a result of the health measures taken by the States to limit the spread of the Covid19.

Under **component 2 (FRC) « Training and capacity building for agro-ecological intensification and sustainable agriculture »**, the terms of reference of the two studies - (i) diagnosis of training centres with a view to supporting the institutional development of 12 centres and (ii) diagnosis of the Higher Agricultural Schools (ESA) and Technical and Vocational Training Schools (EFTP) as well as the Requests for Proposals (DP) - have been elaborated. The studies will be launched as soon as AFD's ANO is received. In addition, exchanges have been conducted with certain partners (FAR, SupAgro Montpellier, FAO, etc.) on the prospects for collaboration and synergy. In this regard, the PAE will participate in and contribute to the international seminar to be organised in October 2021 by the FAR network. Similarly, an Agroecology Mooc adapted to Africa is under development by SupAgro-Montpellier and will be open to students, agricultural professionals, teachers, researchers, etc. from the region. An MoU is currently being developed. A list of projects, programmes and initiatives has also been established to foster synergies with the PAE. Details of these opportunities for collaboration are in the annex.

On **component 3 (ACV) « Advisory support and vulgarization of technological innovations for sustainable agricultural intensification adapted to the production methods of small-scale producers »**, the ToRs for a study on the diagnosis of partnerships between Professional Agricultural Organisations (OPA), Research and Training Centres and vulgarisation and advisory support structures are being elaborated. A call for expressions of interest has been elaborated for the establishment of a short list in order to send the request for proposal to the consulting firms selected on this list. The selection of the consulting firm and the study will be launched as soon as AFD's ANO is received. Within the framework of this study, collaboration is underway with the ACOTAF project.¹ financed by the MAEE (Ministry of Foreign and European Affairs) and which will carry out a similar action in Benin, Burkina-Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea and Niger with a view to strengthening knowledge management and stakeholders' capacities for a renewal of the agricultural council favouring agro-ecological transitions.

On **component 4 (ECP) « Exchanges, capitalisation, communication and contribution to public policy for agro-ecological intensification »**, the study on the communication strategy has been finalised. On the basis of this study, a request for proposal was launched for the recruitment of a communications firm to implement this strategy and the operational plan based on it. The contract with the selected service provider will be effective upon receipt of AFD's ANO in the first quarter of 2021. At country level, the National Correspondents (NCs) of the five (5) countries covered by the PATAE have been delayed in the organization of national consultations on agro-ecology due to restrictions on gatherings of people until the end of June 2020. The easing of sanitary measures then allowed the gradual resumption of activities of their PTBA of 2020, including visits to field projects and national consultations. Countries like Senegal, Mali and Burkina Faso organised their meetings. Togo and Côte d'Ivoire have not yet been able to organise their consultations. However, discussions are being held among agroecology stakeholders with a view to organising these first consultations in the first half of 2021. Collaboration with 3AO, for which ROPPA holds the executive secretariat, for the organisation of regional consultations, the animation of a regional platform on agroecology and sustainable agriculture, and advocacy for the inclusion of agroecology in public policies continues. An MoU is currently being developed defining the terms of collaboration with 3AO. Several activities are planned within the framework of this MoU, including a regional conference on the conditions and prospects for agro-ecology in West Africa in 2021.

¹ Supporting Farm Advisory Services for Agroecological Transitions in Family Farming in Sub-Saharan Africa

With regard to **component 5 (CG) « Program coordination and management »**,

The project management assistance support provided by the UCP and more broadly the consortium "AVSF - IRAM Développement SASU - INADES Formation Internationale", to ECOWAS and ARAA in the steering of the Programme consisted mainly in (i) the preparation and organisation of the Steering Committee (CoPil) meeting of the Programme (3rd CoPil of PATAE and 1st CoPil of IADAP) which took place on 04 May 2020 by videoconference because of Covid-19 pandemic ; (ii) the revision of the PTBA and the Procurement Plan (PPM) for the year 2020 in application of the CoPil recommendations of 04 May 2020; (iii) the recruitment of additional UCP staff (Bilingual Secretary, Training Officer, Monitoring and Evaluation Officer and Accountant) on 1 July 2020; (iv) the drafting of ToRs for the launch of training centres and ESA/EFTPAs diagnostic studies ; (v) the drafting of Covid-19 impact note on the implementation of the PTBA; (vi) the drafting of the grid for the identification of experiences and good practices to be capitalised on by the field project leaders; (vii) a support and evaluation mission of the UCP by the AVS-IRAM-INADES consortium. In addition, the audit of the ARAA-PATAE account was carried out by the audit firm selected for this purpose. Finally, the Service Provision Contract (CPS) for the implementation of the PAIAD and the amendment to the PATAE CPS were signed on 1 June 2020 between the consortium and ECOWAS. Draft MoUs for new NCs have been developed and the NC procedure manual has been revised to take into account the PAIAD. The MoU and the manual were submitted to AFD for a no objection opinion before being signed by the Ministers in charge of Agriculture of the 15 ECOWAS member countries and by the Commissioner in charge of Agriculture, Environment and Water Resources (CAERE).

I. TECHNICAL IMPLEMENTATION

This activity report covers the period from 1 January to 31 December 2020.

1.1 Introduction

Conceived as an alternative to Family Farming (AEF) to meet the challenges of climate change and vulnerability, the Agroecology Programme (PAE) aims to support AEF towards an agro-ecological transition that enables them to reconcile economic performance, food security, increased resilience, environmental conservation and population health. To this end, the PAE is generating regional mobilisation to promote the exchange of experiences, the strengthening of human, technical and institutional capacities, and support for the development of more resilient agro-ecological systems.

Its aim is therefore to create the conditions for sustainable food and nutritional security for West African populations based on intelligent production systems in the face of climatic and environmental risks, improve the governance of natural resources, reduce the vulnerability of small producers, disseminate good practices of sustainable agricultural intensification and agro-ecology and facilitate the co-construction of knowledge by stakeholders, in order to ensure favourable conditions for private investment oriented towards ecologically intensive and economically sustainable agriculture.

Started in January 2018 under the technical assistance of the AVSF-IRAM-INADES consortium with the Agro-ecological Transition Support Project (PATAE) financed by AFD at the amount of €8M, the PAE was expanded with the integration from 15 March 2019 of the Support Project for the Dissemination and Implementation of Good Practices for Sustainable Agricultural Intensification (PAIAD) financed by the EU under the 11th PIR for an amount of €8.2M and whose operational implementation started in June 2020.

Presentation of PAE (PATAE-PAIAD)

The PAE is structured around five components (ATA, FRC, ACV, ECP, CG)².

Component 1 (ATA) focuses on promoting action research initiatives for sustainable agricultural intensification and agro-ecological transition. For the implementation of this component, local initiatives are supported by ECOWAS to accompany farmers' cooperatives and rural communities towards agro-ecological intensification.

Component 2 (FRC) aims to contribute to agricultural training and capacity building for sustainable agricultural intensification and the promotion of agro-ecology. Through this component, knowledge on techniques and good practices for sustainable agricultural intensification and ecologically intensive agriculture is promoted in non-degree training schemes for stakeholders in agricultural sectors.

Component 3 (LCA) is intended to contribute to advisory support and vulgarisation of technological innovations for sustainable agricultural intensification. Through this component, technological innovations for sustainable agricultural intensification that are adapted to the modes of production of small-scale producers (and in particular the achievements and recommendations resulting from the implementation of field projects supported under the programme) are disseminated to stakeholders in strategic priority sectors, particularly rice, maize, cassava, millet and sorghum.

Component 4 (ECP) aims to facilitate exchanges, communicate, to capitalise on the achievements of field projects, OPA partnerships - research centres - training centres and to contribute to the development of public policies in favour of agro-ecology. Through this component, experiences on sustainable agricultural intensification and ecologically intensive agriculture are therefore debated, capitalised, integrated and promoted in agricultural policies, in particular the PRIASAN and PNIASAN. The results of promising initiatives, the lessons learned and their evaluation with a view to establishing favourable conditions for private investment in ecologically intensive and economically sustainable agriculture are disseminated, communicated and the visibility of actions is fully ensured.

Component 5 (CG) concerns coordination and management. It includes the audit and evaluation of the Programme.

ECOWAS is the project manager of the PAE. The coordination and management of the PAE is ensured by a Coordination Unit (UCP) located within ARAA.

Key events of the year

Four major events characterised the implementation of the Programme in 2020:

- 🌱 The signing of the AFD-ECOWAS agreement on 20 March 2020 ;
- 🌱 The signature of the service contract between ECOWAS and the consortium AVSF-IRAM-INADES on 1st June 2020, which marks the start of the PAIAD ;
- 🌱 The pandemic linked to the spread of coronavirus disease (Covid-19) was the major event that negatively impacted the implementation of the Programme in 2020. Indeed, because of the various health measures³ taken by the countries to curb the pandemic, the implementation of field projects, the organisation of national and regional consultations as well as study and support missions have been strongly negatively impacted;

² Designated as follows:

ATA : « Support to the Agro-Ecological Transition for local actors »

FRC : « Training and capacity building for agroecological intensification and sustainable agriculture »

ACV : « Advisory support and vulgarisation of technological innovations for sustainable agricultural intensification adapted to the production methods of small-scale farmers »

ECP : « Exchanges, capitalisation and contribution to the development of public policies for agroecological intensification »

CG : « Programme coordination and management »

³ Lockdowns, border closures, restriction of gatherings and movements, quarantine measures, etc.

- 🕒 Persistent insecurity linked to terrorism, particularly in Mali and Burkina Faso, has also negatively affected some projects.

1.2 Implementation of activities

The activities planned for 2020 were undertaken under the constraints of Covid-19 and terrorism-related insecurity, which disrupted initial planning not only at the level of field projects but also in the implementation of the various components of the PAE.

1.2.1 Implementation status of the Steering Committee main recommendations of May 2020

Nr.	Recommendations for the PATAE	Status	Observations/Evidences
1	Organise a CTS (Technical Monitoring Committee) in July 2020 to present a detailed analysis of the impact of COVID-19 on the Programme's activities and present options for adapting and prioritising the actions programmed within the PTBA	Completed	Carried out in November 2020 by videoconference
2	Finalise the study on the overall communication strategy of the Agroecology Programme in line with the visibility requirements of ECOWAS, AFD and the EU	Completed	See UCP/ARAA study report
3	Involve representatives of Family Farming Enterprises (AEF) more in national and regional consultations on agroecology	Completed	See NC reports (Senegal, Burkina-Faso, Mali)
4	Accelerate and finalise the process of appointing National Correspondents in the 10 additional PAIAD countries	In progress	MoU developed and submitted to AFD's NAO
5	Take into account in regional consultations the Regional Intervention Framework of actors for the implementation of the AIC, which also includes research institutions (CORAF, ICRISAT, etc.)	In progress (permanent action)	Exchanges are underway with ROPPA/3AO for this purpose. These institutions will also be involved in the OPA-research-training centre partnerships
6	Present from now on: 🕒 Monitoring of logical framework indicators and synthesis of field project reports in the annual activity report; 🕒 The consolidated PTBA of the Agroecology Programme (PATAE-PAIAD), annexing the PTBA and PPM of the National Correspondents.	Completed	See activity report; reformulation of some indicators to facilitate data collection and integration into MESECOPS
7	Ensure better coordination with other initiatives and programmes underway in the region on the theme (notably the new FAO programme, the 3AO alliance and the various initiatives supported by the EU)	In progress (permanent action)	Videoconferences already held with 3AO and FAO, in October 2020

Achievements over the period are presented below in summary form, component by component.

1.2.2 Component « Support to the agro-ecological transition for local actors » (ATA)

Under this component, the following three (3) outcomes were expected in 2020: (i) an audit firm is recruited, audits of the installments paid to project leaders are carried out and AFD pays the second installments to the audited projects; (ii) the projects' PTBAs are implemented; (iii) internal monitoring-evaluation and the identification of good practices and experiences conducted by projects are carried out with a view to internal capitalization.

1.2.2.1 ATA1. Establishment of the call for projects system

No action was planned for 2020. This activity has ended.

1.2.2.2 ATA2. Selection, implementation and support of field projects

ATA2.1 Instruction of proposals for field projects

This activity is completed in 2019.

ATA2.2 Selection, implementation and support of field projects

For the implementation of this activity, the tasks planned for 2020 were the following:

- (i) The conduct by the project leaders of the activities programmed in their PTBAs and the evaluation of the impact of Covid-19 on the progress of these activities;
- (ii) Payment of the second installment of grants to projects whose expenditure on the first installments has been audited and certified by the auditor.

(i) After validation of their PTBA 2020 by the UCP and RAAF, the project leaders continued the implementation of the programmed activities under the constraints of the health measures related to Covid-19. These measures delayed the normal course of activities, some of which were planned for the first half of the year and were postponed to the second half of 2020. In addition to these measures, insecurity linked to terrorism has particularly affected ACF's projects in the East and Terre Verte in north-central Burkina-Faso and UAVES in the Gao region of Mali.

▪ **Impact of Covid-19 on project implementation**

A Covid-19 note and impact sheet (see Annexes 1 and 2a) were developed which provided a detailed assessment of how the progress of project activities was affected.

In general, health measures related to Covid-19 have impacted 11% to 79% of the projects activities in 2020 or 1 to 8 out of 10. Table 1 below shows the situation by project. This impact, coupled with terrorism-related insecurity in some countries (Burkina Faso and Mali) has seriously delayed and disrupted the progress of activities in the majority of projects. Therefore, for 53% of the projects (8 out of 15), the implementation rate of all activities ranged from 23% at ANOPACI to 67% at Terre Verte in Burkina and the seven (7) other projects were able to achieve a physical implementation rate of at least 70%. For the impacted activities, the average completion rate is 41% but varies between projects between 8% in ASPRODEB in Senegal and 86% in FPGL in Mali. The ATAMS project of FPGL was less impacted by Covid-19 and the insecurity linked to terrorism because of the security measures and distancing measures adopted in the course of the training activities on synecoculture that it had programmed.

Table 1 : Summary of the impact of Covid-19 on field project activities during the year 2020

Projects	Activities impacted at S1	Implementation rate of impacted activities	Impacted activities shifted to S2	Average completion rate as of 31 December	Budget implementation by installment. 1
TV-Burkina	60%	38%	83%	67%	81%
UPPA-Houet Burkina	22%	54%	0%	76%	58%
ACF Burkina	77%	48%	80%	66%	37%
ANOPACI Côte d'Ivoire	40%	36%	87,5%	23%	99%
AFDI Côte d'Ivoire	71%	29%	24%	81%	122%
IECD Côte d'Ivoire	50%	17%	13%	38%	93%
UAVES Mali	44%	48%	33%	94%	99 %
FPGL Mali	11%	86%	11%	104%	120%
AMEDD Mali	61%	69%	3%	94%	119%
ASPRODEB Senegal	77%	8%	69%	43%	61%
ECLOSIO Senegal	63%	62%	13%	138%	89%
THP Senegal	79%	14%	5%	63%	49%
CED Togo	40%	44%	15%	61%	122%
ETD Togo	71%	21%	29%	25%	112%
RAFIA Togo	59%	36%	24%	122%	126%
Average	55%	41%	33%	73%	92%

NB : These rates were calculated on the basis of the data provided by the holder on the impact sheets or in its annual report.

Several activities scheduled in the first half of the year had to be postponed or shifted to the second half of the year (between 3% and 87% depending on the project), i.e. an average of 33%, which, together with the easing of health measures, resulted in a relatively high level of activity during the second half of the year.

But the pandemic has had a different negative impact on the course of the agricultural season, depending on the project. Therefore, out of the 15 projects that planned activities to test and disseminate agro-ecological intensification practices (composting, biofertilisers, biopesticides, etc.), 3 projects (ASPRODEB, AMEDD, ETD) did not manage to set up test plots, school fields or demonstration plots satisfactorily during the 2020 campaign. These activities have been postponed to 2021.

However, the rate of completion of the impacted activities was strongly linked to the nature of the project and the effectiveness of the adaptation methods employed. For instance, the ECLOSIO project in Senegal, FPGL and AMEDD projects in Mali have been able to achieve implementation rates of more than 60% for the impacted activities compared to 8% to 54% for the other projects.

To cope with the restrictive measures for gathering of people, these projects have chosen modulated grouping options; they have used teleworking, WhatsApp and strengthened their networks of local facilitators to carry out their activities.

▪ **Adaptation strategies used by projects to deal with the Covid-19 situation and terrorism-related insecurity**

In general, six (6) strategies have been variously used by project leaders to deal with the harmful effects of health measures, namely:

- 🌿 Deceleration through partial suspension (of some tasks) of activities,
- 🌿 The cessation or total suspension of activities pending a favourable period for the resumption of activities,
- 🌿 The shift towards the second half of the year with months of resumption fixed,
- 🌿 Teleworking,
- 🌿 The change of method for the continuation of the activity while respecting the restrictive measures, and
- 🌿 The continuation of tasks that do not require a large group of people.

In addition to Covid-19, three (3) projects have been particularly affected by terrorism-related insecurity: UAVES in the Gao region of Mali, ACF in Eastern Burkina Faso and Terre Verte in the Central Plateau and North Central of Burkina. UAVES has proved to be more effective by using synergy with other projects, particularly in the travel (common carpooling) of its facilitators to carry out its activities in the localities of Bourem, Boura, Anchawadji, Gabéro and Ansongo, which are very affected by insecurity. In Burkina-Faso, the two projects had to be suspended and rescheduled for the first quarter of 2021.

▪ **Levels of achievement of expected project results during the year**

- 🌿 The results achieved were generally satisfactory to very satisfactory for 47% (7 out of 15) of the projects despite the health crisis or civil insecurity (AFDI, FPGL, UAVES, AMEDD, RAFIA, ECLOSIO, UPPA-HOUET).
- 🌿 Six (6) projects out of 15 (AFDI, FPGL, UAVES, AMEDD, RAFIA, ECLOSIO) achieved very satisfactory results on all the activities they programmed.
- 🌿 Five (5) projects (TV-Burkina, ACF-Burkina, IECDCôte d'Ivoire, CED-Togo, ETD-Togo,) have achieved satisfactory results on less than 50% of their 2020 PTBA activities.
- 🌿 2 projects (ASPRODEB and THP) were unable to achieve their results on more than 70% of the activities they programmed. These projects have put a significant part of their activities on hold, which they will resume in 2021.
- 🌿 ANOPACI's project has had more disappointing results due to the delay in the installation of the fish ponds. After their installation, these infrastructures were also victims of heavy flooding which damaged some of the ponds. The experiments of this project, which supports populations displaced by coastal erosion, could not start on 31/12/2020.

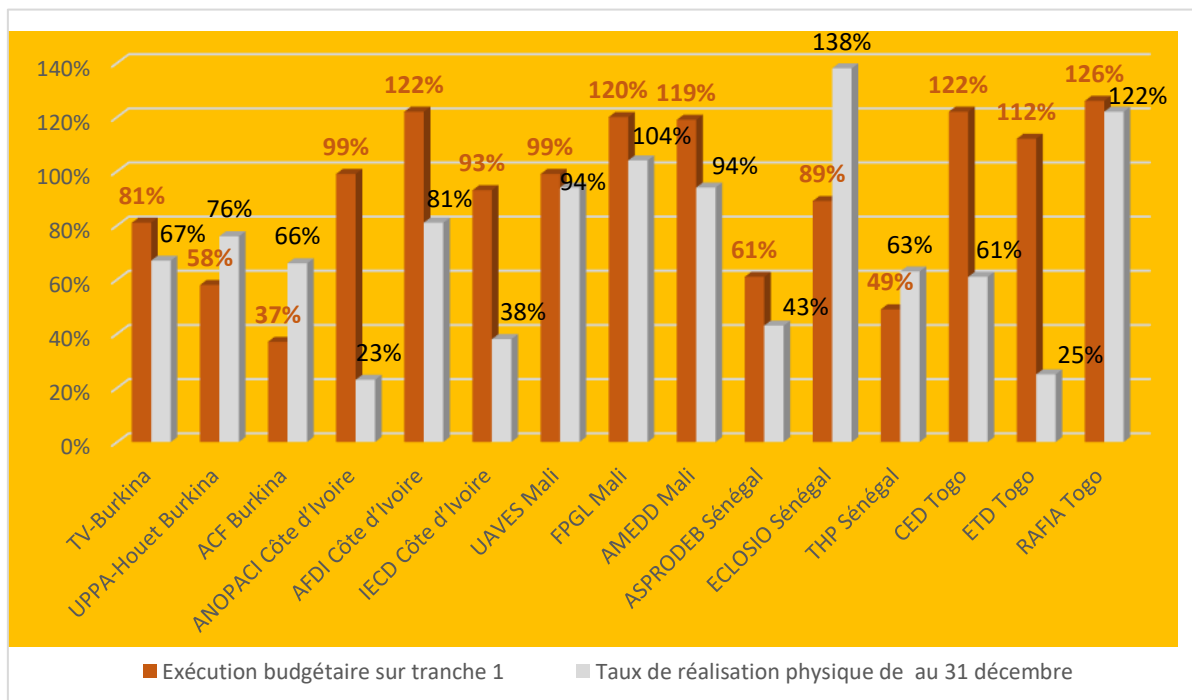
Overall, for nearly $\frac{3}{4}$ of the activities impacted by Covid-19 and insecurity, the results achieved were moderate until the end of August before gradually improving until the end of the fourth quarter. Thus the ACF and Terre Verte projects in Burkina Faso, which were victims of insecurity linked to terrorism, were able to progress in the implementation of the activities they had suspended, and achieve physical implementation rates of 66% and 67% respectively. Those of ASPRODEB and THP in Senegal, then CED and ETD in Togo, which suspended or undertook several activities, achieved relatively moderate results. Unlike the projects in Burkina Faso and Senegal, the two projects in Togo achieved budget consumption rates of over 70% related to the activities they carried out during the first nine months of implementation. The UPPA-HOUET project, in spite of a weak budget execution due to the delay in contracts attribution for the acquisition of the mills, was able to efficiently carry out the less budget-consuming activities.

Therefore, with the easing of health measures in countries, overall achievements for the year progressed as shown in the figure below. However, at least 5% of project activities have been postponed to 2021.

The projects in question are TV-BF, ACF-Burkina, AFDI-Côte d'Ivoire, UAVES-Mali, AMEDD-Mali, ASPRODEB-Senegal, ETD and CED-Togo. Such a postponement could possibly result in a request to extend the implementation period of certain field projects from two to six months, notably ANOPACI in Côte d'Ivoire, ASPRODED and THP in Senegal. In addition, the need to carry out two normal campaigns to reproduce certain experiments and to be able to establish technico-economic reference frames make it possible to envisage extensions for other projects, including UPPA-HOUET.

Figure 1 :

Tangible achievements and implementation of expenditure on installment 1 as of December 31,2020



Budgetary implementation, on the other hand, was satisfactory for the majority of projects.

- ✿ 11 projects out of 15 have used up at least 70% of their first grant instalments and 6 of them have been audited, 4 of which have received their second instalments. The other two will receive their second instalments in the first quarter of 2021.
- ✿ The five (5) other projects that have also consumed at least 70% of their first instalments will be audited in the first quarter of 2021 in order to receive their second instalments. Among these projects, the audit of two projects (AFDI and ANOPACI) is underway.
- ✿ For four (4) projects, the impact of Covid-19 and insecurity limited the implementation of activities and disbursements, despite the adaptation strategies they used. The budget implementation rate for these 4 projects varied from 37% to 61%.

Despite these results, it is urgent to carry out a monitoring mission to certain projects that have had very moderate to disappointing physical or budgetary implementation rates, notably ASPRODEB in Senegal, UPPA-HOUET in Burkina Faso, IECD and ANOPACI in Côte d'Ivoire, ETD in Togo. This mission will take place at the beginning of April after the CoPil before the supervisory mission scheduled for the third quarter of 2021.

(ii) The audit reports, general technical and financial reports and payment requests for the six (6) projects audited were sent to AFD which made the payments of their second instalments.

In order to improve the results obtained, the UCP made the following recommendations to the project leaders for the year 2021:

- 🌿 Accelerate the implementation of activities that are less affected by measures related to the resurgence of the pandemic in countries;
- 🌿 Send detailed reports to speed up the audit of the first instalment for projects that have not yet requested it and whose expenditure will reach the threshold of 70% of the instalment before the end of the third quarter.;
- 🌿 Accelerate field school training and experimentation, taking into account health measures.;
- 🌿 Accelerate activities that do not depend on the establishment of fish ponds and crop residue mills (ANOPACI and UPPA-HOUEY projects);
- 🌿 Avoid, as far as possible, localities severely affected by terrorism by temporarily suspending activities if necessary.;
- 🌿 Elaborate and send to the PCU, a mapping of the localities of intervention of the projects affected by terrorism, in order to limit the risks and facilitate appropriate decision-making for "smart" actions in these areas.
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In summary

With the resumption of activities in the second half of 2020, and a relatively higher activity rate, the impacts of Covid-19 have been controlled for the majority of projects. Most of these projects performed fairly well compared to the year's projections, with the exception of the ASPRODEB project (53% of activities suspended) and ANOPACI (delay in setting up fish ponds). The Terre Verte and ACF projects, which had to suspend several activities due to terrorism-related insecurity in their areas of intervention, were able to make very significant progress after the respite and recorded satisfactory completion rates (over 65%). Overall, 5% of the activities have been postponed to the first quarter of 2021. However, a closer watch is needed on the ASPRODEB, THP and ANOPACI projects.

1.2.2.3 ATA3. Monitoring and evaluation, internal capitalisation and audits of field projects

🌿 ATA3.1 Monitoring and evaluation

All 15 projects have set up internal monitoring-evaluation systems for actions carried out in the field. These mechanisms enabled them to establish the reference situation and to complete the basic OVIs (Objectively Verifiable Indicators) of their logical frameworks which they transmitted to the PCP. The M&E Officer with the support of ARAA Planning Officer is responsible for integrating these logframes into MESECOPS. Quarterly reports 1 and 2 and semi-annual report 1 of the projects have been prepared and sent to ARAA.

The NCs also carried out close monitoring of projects following the easing of Covid-19-related sanitary measures in the countries in the second half of 2020. These missions allowed them to assess the levels of implementation progress and to propose adequate solutions to the problems submitted to them by the implementers.

As in 2019, support missions were combined in the first quarter of 2020 with project monitoring and evaluation and helped to remove bottlenecks in some projects: ANOPACI and AFDI in Côte d'Ivoire on the technical progress and budget management problems related to compliance with procurement rules or the transfer of resources to operational teams. Exchanges were held by videoconference in December

2020 on the difficulties of projects to make progress in reporting activities according to the outline provided in the procedures manual, to fill in the reference indicators correctly and to use the MESECOPS monitoring-evaluation tool.

These tools will be used after their validation by ARAA, for the elaboration of future activity reports and PTBAs to be submitted to ARAA. The use of the Mesecops platform is still not mastered by the majority of project leaders. ARAA is planning to train those responsible for monitoring and evaluation of these projects.

ATA3.2 Internal capitalisation and communication of field projects

The first identifications of good practices and experiences were carried out by the project leaders and transmitted to the UCP on the basis of forms designed for this purpose. Around thirty good practices and experiences were identified. The identification sheets for these practices and experiences are available at the UCP/ARAA. They will be summarised by theme to be analysed and completed as part of the development of capitalisation and communication documents with the support of the programme's communication firm during the first half of 2021. In terms of communication and visibility, the field projects shared their experiences and good practices quite well through the WhatsApp "TransiEcol-ARAA/PATAE" group and via links to their video capsules. They also communicated via local radio stations, community listening centres, etc. and some documentary films on the practices and experiments they carried out. For their part, the NCs published in national newspapers and television channels the achievements of the projects they visited at the end of their monitoring and evaluation missions. Overall, the visibility of ECOWAS and AFD in the financing of these projects was ensured in a satisfactory manner.

ATA3.3 Audits of field projects

The single audit firm, PwC was selected by ARAA in the first quarter of 2020 to audit, on the basis of purchase orders, the installments of funds disbursed to field projects. Audits of the first instalments of the project grants started at the end of the second quarter. A total of six (6) projects having reached the 70% expenditure threshold on their first instalments were audited and four of them received their second instalments.

The audit reports finalised and certified by the audit firm are available at UCP/ARAA. Overall, the project promoters complied with the expenditure procedures in accordance with the manual made available to them by ARAA. Data about their co-financing that they had not included in their detailed reports was well taken into account. No serious problems of misuse of grant funds were identified. Expenditure was certified above the required 70% threshold.

1.2.2.4 Summary of field project achievements during the year

N°	Leaders	Project title	Regions	Dominant theme	Objectives	Key results achieved in 2020
1	ONG TERRE VERTE (TV-BF) GRET ; AZN ; Eco&Sol LA TRAME Ciné Yam (BURKINA FASO)	Sharing the Sahelian Bocage (BSP)	North, North Centre and Central Plateau	Development approach, Natural Resource Management at the level of the terroirs	Recognition of the Sahelian Bocage model, its promotion, dissemination and appropriation	Development of a 98-hectare bocage perimeter, training of 669 families, production of 3 films, 2 of which are available online
2	Union Provinciale des professionnels Agricoles des Hauts-Bassins (UPPA- HOUE) ; INERA; CIRAD GREEN CROSS (BURKINA FASO)	Improving the production and use efficiency of organic manure in production systems in western Burkina Faso (APEUFO)	Upper Basins	Strengthening agro-ecological intensification practices at the family farm level	Improving food security and farmers' incomes	Acquisition of 8 mills and 468 trained producers
3	Action Contre la Faim, mission du Burkina-Faso (ACF) INERA; BEO-NEERE UPPA-Est; (BURKINA FASO)	Innovative multi-actor project for a potential scaling up of agroecological practices	East	Strengthening agro-ecological intensification practices at the family farm level	Emergence, diffusion and adoption of intensive and sustainable agroecological practices on family farms and village lands	1458 people trained and 3 farmers' school fields installed. 2 sales outlets under construction. Soil samples taken for analysis
4	Association National des Organisation Professionnelles Agricoles de Côte d'Ivoire (ANOPACI) ; CIRES ; PE2D/UNA ; PPA/UNA (COTE D'IVOIRE)	Establishment of integrated fish farming production systems in Grand- Lahou	Grands Ponts	Fish farming integrated into agro-ecological production and Support for the marketing and valorisation of AE products	Promotion of small-scale fish farming in an integrated and sustainable production system	Construction of 11 ponds on 6ha and a water supply system. 13 people trained in agro-ecological fish farming
5	Agriculteurs français et développement international (AFDI) ; UIREC ; SCZSB ; INP-HB (COTE D'IVOIRE)	POs, research and businesses are promoting the sustainable effects of agro-ecology for scaling up	San Pédro and Marahoué	Support for the marketing and valorisation of AE products	Intensification of agroecological practices for economic and environmental sustainability on family farms	8 experiments set up. 260 young people from cooperatives trained. Market study done on local products
6	Institut Européen de Coopération et de Développement (IECD) CIRAD ; PCOPMAYA (COTE D'IVOIRE)	Support for the agro-ecological transition in the market gardening sector in Côte d'Ivoire	Yamous- soukro and Tiassalé	Support for the marketing and valorisation of AE products	Construction of a support system for the agro-ecological transition in the market gardening sector	Installation of demonstration plots, 2 partnerships established with private companies, logistical implementation of grouped sales
7	Union pour un Avenir Ecologique et Solidaire (UAVES) ; URCMP CFPPAS (COTE D'IVOIRE)	Support to Farmers' Organisations for innovation, adaptation of family farming systems and sustainable management of natural resources through Agroecology (AOPAE)	Gao	Strengthening agro-ecological intensification practices at the family farm level	Scaling up the agro-ecological transition in the Gao region	Training of 14 reference farm schools, distribution of seed tools. Training of 20 POs on AE and implementation of biopesticide tests
8	Fondation Paul Gérin-Lajoie (FPGL) ; ACEF SCOOPSO ; CARFS (MALI)	Support to the Agroecological Transition in Mali by Synécoculture	Ségou, Sikasso, Bamako1 District	Training, economic integration and Support for the marketing and valorisation of AE products	Accompanying the agro-ecological transition in Mali, in terms of vocational training as well as cultural and organisational practices	Training of 55 peoples ; 6 experimental plots set up. Selection of 31 business plans. Construction of a borehole with water tower
9	Association Malienne d'Eveil	Agro-ecological intensification and	Sikasso	Strengthening agro-ecological	Improvement of food and nutritional	Production of 13 land use maps ;

N°	Leaders	Project title	Regions	Dominant theme	Objectives	Key results achieved in 2020
	au Développement Durable (AMEDD) Collectivité de Kiffosso1 CPAK (Cooprative des Producteurs Agricoles de Kiffosso) (MALI)	sustainable management of land and natural resources in southern Mali		intensification practices at the family farm level	security as well as the living conditions and environment of the populations of Kiffosso1	preparation of 13 communal conventions ; 445 ha of community spaces. 7359 soil samples taken. Development of 381.75 ha in contour areas
10	Association Sénégalaise pour la Promotion du Développement de la Base (ASPRODEB) ISRA, CRES, FONGS, CCPA RNCPS, FEPROMAS (SENEGAL)	Project to support the resilience of agropastoral family farms (PAREFA) to the effects of climate change	Kaffrine and Kaolack	Strengthening agro-ecological intensification practices at the family farm level	Eradication of food insecurity and poverty reduction of rural populations in Senegal	Acquisition of 300 poultry animals for 75 farmers and subsequent formation of 50 family farms.
11	ECLOSIO APESS, COORDIM, COOPAM (SENEGAL)	Yéssal sunu mbay (improving the health of our agriculture)	Thiès, Fatick and Tamba-counda	Strengthening agro-ecological intensification practices at the family farm level	Promotion of an ecologically intensive family farming model that guarantees a sustainable improvement in the productivity of family farms	17 farmer field schools developed. 161 relays trained. 300 peoples sensitised on agroecology ; 47 business plans supported ; 2 land security initiatives developed.
12	The Hunger Projet Sénégal (THP-SN) ASPSP UFR-S2ATA/UGB (SENEGAL)	Agro-Ecological Intensification and Valorisation of Family Farm Products	Saint-Louis	Strengthening agro-ecological intensification practices at the family farm level	Reducing poverty, improving food availability and increasing farm incomes on Family Farms	Training of 30 facilitators. Training of beneficiaries on credit management and implementation of the credit system
13	Centre pour l'Ecologie et le Développement (CED) MAPTO, CADI-Togo (TOGO)	Promotion of Agroecological Family Maize and Soybean Farms for Sustainable Income in the Plateau Region of TOGO (PEFARD-TOGO)	Plateaux	Strengthening agro-ecological intensification practices at the family farm level	Strengthening food security in Togo through the promotion of agroecology on family farms	Support to 66 cooperatives and training. 2303 members in administrative management ; 478 household heads benefited from input credit.
14	Entreprises, Territoires et Développement (ETD) CPC-Togo OADEL (TOGO)	Support project for the consolidation and scaling up of agroecological practices in the plateau and central regions (ProCEPA)	Central and Plateaux	Support for the marketing and valorisation of AE products	Sustainable improvement of food security and living conditions of farming families in the Central and Plateau regions	Installation of 76 farmer field schools. 250 relays identified. Implementation of an information system on prices and stocks of agricultural products.
15	Recherche, Appui et Formation aux Initiatives d'Auto développement (RAFIA). UROPC-S. SAM (TOGO)	Sustainable Intensification of Agroecological Practices in the Savannah Region	Savannahs	Development approach, Natural Resource Management at the level of the terroirs	Improved agricultural productivity and profitability of family farms and natural resources	Training of 916 producers on various agroecological and organic technologies; 9ha of lowlands developed, 63 ha of grazing site, more than 4000m of grassed strip completed.

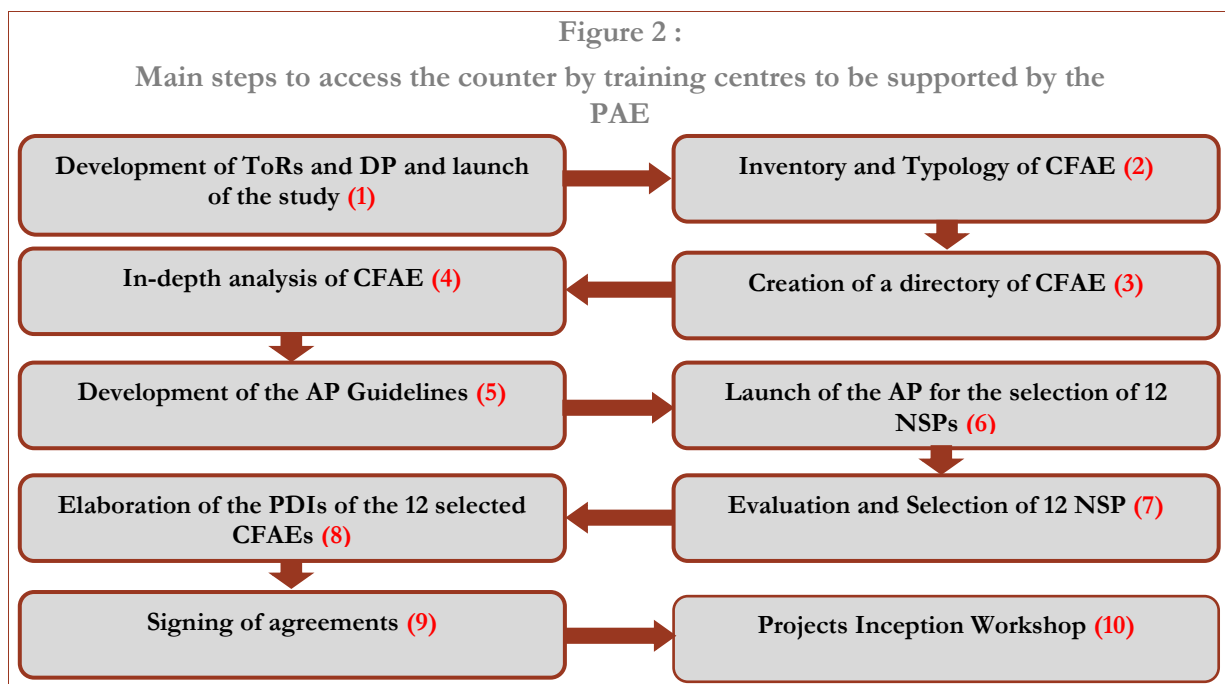
The overall physical implementation rate of the component is 58% as at 31/12/2020 and the budget implementation is 92% against an overall commitment rate of 95%.

1.2.3 Component 2 « Agricultural training and capacity building for sustainable agricultural intensification » (FRC)

1.2.3.1 FRC1. Inventory and networking of training centres in agroecology and sustainable agriculture

🌿 FRC1.1 Study on the inventory of training centers in agroecology, sustainable agriculture, agribusiness and processing of agricultural products

The terms of reference for the study, the request for proposal and a shortlist of firms have been elaborated and submitted to AFD for advice. They articulate the conduct of the study in two phases. The first phase consists of the identification the characterisation and the typology of training centres in agroecology, sustainable agriculture, agribusiness and the processing of agricultural products. In the second phase, two representative centres per type will be studied in depth. A dozen centers will then be selected, following a call for proposals for a concept note of projects on the basis of guidelines developed by the Design firm. The figure below shows the main stages of this process.



The study will be launched in the first quarter of 2021. It will be carried out by an international consultancy firm that will be selected on the basis of the quality-cost of the proposals submitted to ARAA by the shortlisted firms.

🌿 FRC1.2 Support for the formulation of training center projects

The activity was not carried out. It will be carried out following the selection of concept notes.

Thus, the dozen centres whose concept notes have been selected will be called upon to formulate their detailed project proposals. The formulation of these detailed proposals will be made with the support of short-term expertise, UCP and RAAF.

1.2.3.2 FRC2. Development and support of training centre activities

No activities were planned in 2020 on this sub-component.

1.2.3.3 FRC3. Diagnosis of ESA and EFTP

FRC3.1 Realisation of the diagnostic study of the Higher Agricultural Schools (ESA) and the Technical and Professional Agricultural Training Schools (EFTP) by mobilising the enriched expertise of the UCP

The terms of reference for the study, the request for proposal and a shortlist of firms have been elaborated and submitted to AFD for advice. The study will be launched in the first quarter of 2021 and will be carried out by an international consulting firm that will be selected on the basis of the quality-cost of the proposals submitted to ARAA by the shortlisted firms.

The study will provide a general overview of the training offer in ESAs and EFTPs, with a focus on identifying courses that include agroecology and sustainable agriculture.

FRC3.2 Regional workshop for sharing and enriching the ESA/EFTP diagnosis

The workshop is not organized. It will be held with the collaboration of 3AO at the end of the study

The physical implementation rate of the component as of 31/12/2020 is 10% and the budget implementation is 0% with a commitment rate of 0%.

1.2.4 Component 3 « Advisory support and vulgarisation of technologies for sustainable agricultural intensification adapted to the production methods of small producers » (ACV)

ACV1. Establishment of partnerships between OPAs and research and training centres and dissemination of research results

ACV1.1 Study to identify partnerships between farmers' organisations and research and training centres and structures for the dissemination of technological innovations

The Terms of Reference for the study and a Call for Expression of Interest have been developed. The AMI will be launched in January to establish a short list of consultancies. A request for proposal will then be sent to the consulting firms on the shortlist for the selection of the best quality-cost offer. The study will be launched in the first quarter of 2021. It will allow the selection of a dozen partnerships between farmers' organisations, research centres and training centres, and a dozen advisory support structures that will be supported by the PAE.

The implementation rate of this component at 31/12/2020 is 5% against a budget implementation rate of 0%.

1.2.5 Component 4 « Exchanges, capitalisation and contribution to the development of public policies favourable to agroecological intensification (ECP)

This component 4 of the programme has been strongly affected by the prohibition of gathering. Most of the national consultation activities initially planned for the first quarter and postponed to the second quarter had to be postponed to the second half of 2020.

Under the activities planned in the 2020 PTBA, the achievements are listed below.

ECP1. Establishment of exchange mechanisms between projects (intra and inter-country) and of a "Sustainable Agriculture and Agroecology" network in West Africa

(ADAAO) in terms of field experiences in research, training and extension on sustainable agricultural intensification techniques and practices

Organisation of experience exchange processes

The exchanges between the projects continued. They took place on the social network WhatsApp. Several projects shared through the WhatsApp group "TransiEcol-ARAA/PATAE", some key events on the progress of some of their activities. These activities range from training workshops on biopesticide and biofertiliser production, natural resource management, reforestation (RAFIA, Eclasio projects), to synecoculture (FPGL project), etc. The video clips, documentary films and photos are gradually being collected for wide distribution by the programme's communication department as soon as its services start in the second quarter.

Operationalisation of the experience exchange mechanism and the Sustainable Agriculture and Agroecology network in West Africa (ADAAO)

This year, only the PATAE NCs started the exchange of experiences with project leaders. However, during the first half of 2020 this activity was delayed due to the Covid-19 crisis.

However, the NCs organised limited consultations with project leaders and carried out a few monitoring missions. These consultations and missions enabled them to support the project leaders in the implementation of their baseline situations and to assess the actual progress of the projects' activities.

Exchanges between projects were also organised in Senegal and Togo through experience-sharing workshops or meetings between field projects and similar initiatives, then in Côte d'Ivoire through the validation of a study on the inclusion of agroecology in PNIASAN. Due to the specific situation in Mali, these missions were not carried out by the NC, which rescheduled them for the first quarter of 2021.

At the end of these consultations and monitoring missions, various recommendations were made by the NCs to the project leaders, depending on the case, including

- Intensify awareness raising on the implementation of the project and on agroecology on local radio stations;
- Raise awareness and support beneficiaries in establishing a stock of biofertilisers and bio-pesticides;
- Identify the plots of the agricultural training fields by labelling (CEA) ;
- Fencing the CEA with local materials to prevent possible damage from transhumance;
- Accelerate the process of building stabilised pits on the site;
- Accelerate training on the collective management of acquired agricultural equipment ;
- Intensify awareness-raising so that beneficiaries can quickly pay their contribution for the purchase of agricultural equipment kits;
- Submit the final report of the baseline study within the given deadline
- Display/stamp the AFD and ECOWAS logos on all equipment acquired with project funds;
- - Accelerate the development of fishponds;
- Etc.

The NC mission reports are available at the UCP/ARAA.

1.2.5.1 ECP2. Support for the capitalisation process of the results obtained and dissemination of "good practices »

In terms of capitalisation, the only activities carried out were the identification of good practices among project leaders (see ATA3.2). Furthermore, as regards the design and publication of capitalisation products, this is integrated into a more global contract aimed at implementing the PAE communication strategy. Le processus de passation de marché est toujours en cours (appel d'offres lancé le 28 septembre 2020). The themes for capitalisation are currently being developed, taking into account the experiences of the field projects.

1.2.5.2 ECP3. Establishment and facilitation of national and regional consultation frameworks and advocacy

ECP3.1. Identification and mapping of national and regional consultation frameworks

Inventory of existing agro-ecology policy frameworks in the countries

After the identification of national consultation frameworks in 2019, the NCs of the countries covered by the PATAE started at the end of the first half of the year the preparatory talks for the national consultations with various partners and actors involved in agroecology. The consultations themselves have been rescheduled for the last quarter of 2020. In Togo, the dynamics are underway for the creation of a national consultation framework taking into account all the pre-existing frameworks. In Burkina and Mali, national consultation frameworks were organised in July and October 2020 respectively. In Côte d'Ivoire the preparatory process is underway.

In Senegal, the development of a concertation action plan consistent with the operational plan of the DyTAES is expected, as well as the finalisation of the national charter for the development of agroecology, which will be signed by the stakeholders.

In the other ten (10) countries not covered by the PATAE, the inventory will start as soon as the NCs are appointed and after a regional videoconference meeting in the first half of 2021.

Tableau 2 : National consultation frameworks

Countries	Inventory of national consultation frameworks	First national consultation
Burkina-Faso	Completed (7)	Completed
Côte d'Ivoire	Completed (4)	Preparatory discussions underway
Mali	Completed (5)	Completed
Senegal	Completed (6)	Completed
Togo	Completed (5)	Preparatory discussions underway
Other countries (10) of ECOWAS	Not Completed	Not Completed

An update on the achievements of this activity can be found in the half-yearly NC reports available at the UCP/ARAA.

Support to platforms for the mobilisation of members and the organisation of exchanges of experience

In order to optimise the concertation actions, the UCP will eventually resort to short-term expertise. The identification and mobilisation of this expertise will take place throughout the construction of the implementation mechanism of the consultation framework actions.

Support for the implementation of consultation action plans

As a prelude to the organisation of the national meetings, it was foreseen that the plans for the concertation actions supported by the programme at national level would be elaborated. The implementation of this activity was included in the NCs' 2020 PTBA. The latter had planned to recruit a consultant to develop these action plans, which would synthesise the themes to be discussed during the national consultations on agroecology and sustainable agriculture in the region. The narrative of the Plan would describe the coherence of these themes with the PNIASAN. The activity programmed in the second half of 2020 by the NCs was delayed due to Covid 19 and did not take place during this year. It has been postponed to 2021.

ECP3.2 Annual consultation meetings and national and regional advocacy

❖ National meetings

This year, Senegal, Burkina Faso and Mali held national consultation meetings in May, July and October 2020 respectively. Togo and Côte d'Ivoire were unable to do so during the year due to the long delays in the preparatory talks which started late because of the Covid-19 pandemic. The national consultation frameworks that will be put in place in the other ten (10) ECOWAS countries not covered by the PATAE are planned for the 3rd quarter of 2021 as the NCs have not yet been appointed in these countries. The rate of completion of the activity is 60% in the countries covered by the PATAE and 0% in the other ten (10) ECOWAS countries where the activity has not yet started.

❖ Regional meetings

The Alliance for Agroecology in West Africa (« 3AO ») has been identified and retained as a regional consultation framework. Exchanges are regular with the UCP, which has participated in the alliance's regional meetings (Dakar, January 2020) as well as in its steering committee.

A first meeting between agroecology donors and ECOWAS was organised on 11 December 2020 as a continuation of the exchanges between the PAE and 3AO.

In addition, a regional consultation on agroecology and sustainable agricultural intensification was planned. This activity has been postponed to 2021. Indeed, it should be carried out in partnership with the Alliance for Agroecology in West Africa (3AO) with which a draft MoU is being prepared to formalise the collaboration. The MoU will be submitted to DADR and to AFD's no objection opinion in the first quarter of 2021. The consultation will also be carried out in partnership with the FAO, the FAR network and other programmes and actors involved in the field of agroecology in West Africa, including FAIR Sahel/DeSIRA, EOA, EQUITE, etc. and research institutions such as CORAF, ICRISAT, CIRAD, etc.

1.2.5.3 Summary of activities carried out by the NCs

Considering the objectives of the PAE, the National Correspondent (NC) is expected to implement the following activities in 2020: (1) support PATAE experience sharing actions in the country; (2) to support the visibility, capitalization and communication actions of field projects and consultation frameworks on agroecology; (3) to identify the existing consultation frameworks in the country, around agroecology; (4) to set up a national consultation framework on agroecology; (5) to support the formulation of concerted action plans supported by the PAE at the national level.

During the year 2020 marked by the Covid-19 pandemic, the main achievements of CNs can be summarized as follows:

- field project monitoring-evaluation and support missions;
- the organization of national consultations on agroecology involving all the actors intervening in the field including the heads of FOs and Family Farms, state actors;
- updating of the national census on the consultation frameworks existing in the countries;
- the development of the list of projects and programs involved in agroecology and sustainable agriculture in each country, all sources of funding combined;
- the assessment of the level of consideration of agroecology in the PNIASAN in Côte d'Ivoire in particular;
- discussion meetings with resource persons, structures and institutions competent or specialized in agroecology;

A summary of the activities carried out is presented in the appendix and details can be found in the NC reports available from the UCP / ARAA.

The overall actual implementation rate of the component as at 31/12/2020 is **39%** against a budget implementation rate of **1%** and **13%** engagement rate.

1.2.6 Component « Programme coordination and management » (CG)

1.2.6.1 CG1. Support to the contracting authority in the management of the programme

🌿 CG1.1 Ensure a good coordination of the different interventions of the Programme including expertise missions and other actions

The main achievements in this activity are

- 🌿 The development of the MoU and the Manual of Procedures for National Correspondents (NC),
- 🌿 The development of a CN operating note backed by the MoU. This note proposes:
 - The appointment of an accountant to manage the funds made available to the CN,
 - The recruitment by ARAA of auditing firms to audit the accounts of the NCs and the expenditure of the projects (at least 24) that will be supported in the countries as part of the implementation of PAIAD,
 - The increase in CN's lump sum payment,
 - The inclusion of the accounting officer's fixed allowance in a budget line of the PTBA,
 - Exchanges with the DADR led to the drafting of an amendment to the PAIAD service contract to also take into account the NC allowance on the PTBA budget line,
- 🌿 Exchanges with 3AO, FAO through the national consultation frameworks on agroecology for the support of regional consultations and with the FAR network, within the framework of training in agroecology and sustainable agriculture;
- 🌿 Exchanges with SupAgro Montpellier for the adaptation of an agroecology MOOC in West Africa;
- 🌿 Multi-annual budget programming, multi-annual programming of activities and short-term expertise, monitoring and evaluation of field projects;
- 🌿 The finalisation of the global 2020 PTBA and the NCs, following the recommendations of the CoPil of 04 May 2020 and the preparation of the 2021 PTBA,
- 🌿 Consolidation of the revised logical framework of the Programme;
- 🌿 The establishment of a list of more than 160 projects (see Annex 10) and programmes in the countries covered by the PATAE to study and establish possible synergies with the Agroecology Programme. This list will be completed in the other 10 countries covered by the Programme by the NCs of these countries after their nomination. A mapping of these projects will be carried out in each country during the first half of 2021 to identify their areas of intervention and define the most relevant synergies of actions and the pooling of resources with the projects that will be identified following the mapping.

Exchanges underway with the FAR network and with SupAgro on the Agroecology MOOC will enable the Agroecology Programme to benefit from high added value support, particularly in the process of renovating agricultural training in training centres and ESA-EFTPs. An MoU with SupAgro Montpellier will be established in order to formalise the technical support of the UCP in the implementation of the Programme.

Exchanges are continuing with the EOA (Ecological Organic Agriculture) programme, which covers Nigeria, Benin, Senegal and Mali, but they have been delayed due to Covid-19. The planned exchange






visits were not carried out and have been postponed to the second quarter of 2021. Similarly, the visits to the CIDAP and CARTO training centres in Togo and SONGHAÏ in Benin planned in December 2020 by the UCP and ARAA have been postponed to the second quarter of 2021. In addition, within the framework of the EU's DeSIRA initiative (Development Smart Innovation through Research in Agriculture), AVSF is a partner in the FAIR Sahel project (Strengthening Agroecological Intensification and Resilience) led by CIRAD, and contributed to its start-up in 2020 with a view to ensuring articulation and coherence with the PAE in the common countries (Senegal, Mali and Burkina).

Cover other costs of implementing the Programme

The costs related to all the capacity building actions of the UCP and NCs by RAAA, notably the support to monitoring-evaluation and planning through the MESECOPS platform, the management of project accounts by the NC accountants, the organisation of the CoPil of the 2020 Agroecology Programme were covered. The activity was fully implemented.

Participation of the consortium experts in the preparation and meetings of the programme steering committee

During the year 2020, four experts from the consortium participated in the Programme's CoPil, held on 04 May 2020. They supported the UCP in :

-  Preparation of documents to be submitted to the CoPil;
-  The development and finalisation of the Programme's 2020 PTBA and PPM ;
-  Development of ToRs for studies on training centres and advisory support structures, CTS preparatory documents;
-  The review of the consolidated logical framework of the Programme; and
-  The development of the reference situation of the programme

In the fourth quarter of the year (5 to 10 December), two experts from the consortium carried out a support mission to the UCP to speed up the implementation of certain activities that had been delayed. An expert from the consortium was unable to travel and participated in the support activities by Skype. This mission allowed the finalisation of the multi-year planning of the 2021 PTBA, the finalisation of the consolidated logical framework, and the evaluation of the coordination unit. It proposed appropriate measures to improve the efficiency of the coordination (cf. reminder of the mission in appendix). The activity is 100% completed.

Other operating costs of the Program operator

The operator's other operating costs, in particular mission expenses, office and computer supplies, bank management fees and equipment necessary for the proper implementation of the programme was covered.

Preliminary monitoring and evaluation of field projects

The monitoring and preliminary evaluation missions of the field projects started in the 4th quarter of 2019 were finalised in the first quarter of 2020. The latest projects monitored are those of ANOPACI, AFDI, IECD in Côte d'Ivoire and CED, ETD and RAFIA in Togo.

The review of technical and operational capacities enabled the mission teams to realise that the technical, administrative and financial operational resources had been put in place in time for the proper implementation of project activities. However, some projects were confronted with internal and external constraints (not related to Covi-19) that delayed the implementation of actions. The project (AFDI) made funds available by task to a newly recruited technical assistant. This procedure hampered the effective and efficient implementation of the project's actions. Similarly, negotiations for access to land by the ANOPACI and ETD projects have been lengthy; they have led to a delay in the implementation of certain activities (installation of fish ponds, market gardening plots (ANOPACI) and integrated rice growing

systems (ETD). On the other hand, RAFIA project in Togo was able to benefit from a plot of land for a group of women market gardeners, donated by the town hall of the project's location. The following recommendations were made to project leaders:

- ✿ Complete the installation of the teaching and resources infrastructure of the school fields and start the training on agroecological practices that are feasible before the start of the 2021 rainy season for the ETD project;
- ✿ AFDI will have to organise itself by providing the necessary resources for an operational project team on site for the effective implementation of the actions;
- ✿ Accelerate the selection of construction companies to speed up the installation of fish ponds and apply for a budget revision for the ANOPACI project.

These recommendations were implemented by the projects, except for the installation of ANOAPCI's ponds, which was delayed due to major floods that caused serious damage to the infrastructures built. AFDI was able to quickly put in place measures including the recruitment of an operational team on site and the acquisition, through the increase in its co-financing, of adequate means of travel for the effective and efficient monitoring of the actions. These measures enabled the project to achieve most of its objectives for the year.

1.2.6.2 CG2. Overall evaluation of the programme

This sub-component concerns two (2) activities ; GC2.1 "Overall mid-term evaluation" and GC2.2 "Final evaluation" of the Programme. In 2020, no evaluation was planned.

1.2.6.3 CG3. Audits and supports to l'ARAA

✿ CG3.1. Realisation of ARAA-PATAE audit

This is the annual audit of the revolving loans paid into the PATAE account opened at ARAA. For the sake of effectiveness, efficiency and economy of scale, a single contract was set up to handle, on the one hand, the audits of the installments of loans paid to the PATAE field projects and, on the other hand, the annual audits of the revolving loans paid into the PATAE-ARAA and PAIAD-ARAA accounts opened at ARAA. The audits of the 15 NCs and 24 PAIAD projects will be carried out by national firms recruited by ARAA. The PATAE-ARAA account has been audited for the first two years 2018 and 2019.

The physical implementation rate of the CG component is 96% against a budget implementation rate of 25% against a commitment rate of 93%.

1.2.7 Miscellaneous and Contingencies

1.2.7.1 DI1 Covering the operating costs of the Programme's accounts at ARAA and other costs

The operating costs related to the Programme's accounts, bank charges, agios and account maintenance fees, as well as the costs of transferring instalments to field project leaders and other operators (consultants) were covered within the authorised thresholds.

1.2.7.2 DI2 Covering other miscellaneous and contingencies.

A provision is made to enable ECOWAS and AFD to carry out any unscheduled activities and missions in order to ensure the effective and efficient implementation of the project and to fully achieve the expected results. This provision is to cover the need to sign the second amendment to the Service Provision Contract (CPS) between ECOWAS and the group of operators.

In total, the overall physical implementation rate of the programme at the end of 2020 is 42%. This low rate is explained by the impact of Covid-19 on the implementation of activities under components 1 and 4 of the programme and by the delay in carrying out the baseline studies planned for the start of components 2 and 3.

1.2.8 Summary of tangible achievements as of 31/12/2020

Activities	Status	Indicators	Targets reached	Implementation rate	Observations/Evidences
ATA : Support to the Agroecological Transition for local actors					
ATA2.1 Sélection, mise en œuvre et appui des projets de terrain	In progress	Number of grants paid Amount disbursed Average rate of physical implementation of projects	6/15 731 055,6€ 100%	40% 40,89% 73%	Requests for the 2nd installments of the 6 audited projects are currently being examined by AFD for payment
ATA3.1 Monitoring and evaluation	Completed	Number of revised logical frameworks Number of ad hoc missions carried out Permanent support	15/15 100%	100% 100%	All revised logical frameworks are available at UCP and are being integrated into the MESECOPS system External short-term expertise missions are not yet scheduled because of Covid-19. However, permanent exchanges with the projects will take place during the second half of the year to monitor the impact of Covid-19 and the insecurity linked to terrorism in the project areas.
ATA3.2 Internal capitalisation and communication of field projects	In progress	Number of good practice sheets and experiments carried out	30/45 0/45	33%	30 identification sheets have been developed out of 45. However, the final capitalisation products have not yet been developed
ATA3.3 Audits of field projects	Completed	Number of audits carried out Amount paid to the firm	6/15 26 667	40% 40%	
FRC : Agricultural training and capacity building for intensification					
FRC1.1 Characterisation of the profiles of "Training centres in sustainable agriculture, agri-business and processing of agricultural products". Realisation of an in-depth study of the training centres and definition of criteria for the choice of centres to be supported	In progress	1 study report	0,15/1	15%	The Terms of Reference of the study and the draft Request for Proposal are prepared and submitted to AFD for ANO
FRC3.1 Realisation of the diagnostic study of the Higher Agricultural Schools (ESA) and the Technical and Professional Agricultural Training Schools (EFTP) by mobilising the	In progress	1 study report	0,15/1	15%	The Terms of Reference for the study and the draft Request for Proposal are prepared and submitted to AFD for ANO

Activities	Status	Indicators	Targets reached	Implementation rate	Observations/Evidences
enriched expertise of the UCP					
FRC3.2 Curriculum sharing and enrichment workshop	Not completed	Workshop report and note to decision makers	0	0%	Activity that can only be conducted after the study
ACV : Technological advice and vulgarisation for sustainable agricultural intensification adapted to the production methods of small producers					
ACV1.1 Study on the identification of partnerships between farmers' organisations, research and training centres and national advisory support and vulgarisation systems	In progress	1 study report	0,15/1	5%	Elaboration of the Terms of Reference
ECP : Exchanges, capitalisation and contribution to the development of public policies for agroecological intensification					
ECP1.1 Organisation of experience exchange processes	Completed	Information and experiences are shared	yes	100%	Various information and experiences are shared through the whatsapp "TransiEcol-ARAA/PATAE" network
ECP1.2 Operationalisation of the experience exchange system and the ADAAO network	In progress	Project monitoring mission report	4/5	80%	Due to Covid-19, the NC in Mali did not carry out field projects monitoring missions in the first half of the year.
ECP2 Mobilisation of short-term expertise to support the process of capitalisation and communication studies and other actions	In progress	Short-term expertise mobilised	Yes	100%	The ARAA Communications Officer, the FDA and the DAENR was mobilised to review and finalise the report on the Programme's communication strategy
ECP3.1.1 Identification and inventory of national and regional consultation frameworks	In progress	Number of consultation frameworks recorded.	27	33%	The inventory has not yet started in the countries not covered by the PATAE. It will be carried out by the NCs to be appointed in these countries
Support to platforms for the mobilisation of members and the organisation of exchanges of experience	Not completed	Number of platforms supported	0/16	0%	Postponed to 2021. Themes to be discussed at the regional conference are being developed
ECP3.1.3 Support for the implementation of consultation action plans	In progress	Number of action plans developed	0/15	0%	Consultant support for the formulation of these NC plans postponed to 2021
ECP3.2.1 National meetings	In progress	Number of national frameworks in place	4/16	25%	Three (3) national frameworks and one (1) regional framework exist or are in place. The 12 frameworks not yet created are foreseen by the NC PTBA
ECP3.2.2 Regional meetings	In progress	1 summary report 1 note to decision-makers	0,15/1	15%	Conference postponed to 2021. ToRs under development Preparation of an MoU between ROPPA/3AO and ARAA to be

Activities	Status	Indicators	Targets reached	Implementation rate	Observations/Evidences
					submitted to DADR in progress; Discussions with 3AO on synergy points
ECP3.2.4 Implementation of a roadmap to accompany the agroecological transition in West Africa	Not completed	Number of consultation themes developed	0/5	0%	Action postponed to 2021
CG : Project coordination and management					
CG1.1 Ensure a good coordination of the different interventions of the Programme including expertise missions and other actions	In progress	Share of resources provided Additional staff put in place Nombre de MoU élaborés Number of DAO-DPs prepared Relations with other institutions and projects Revised consolidated logical framework Logical framework indicators monitored	100% 4/4 15/15 2/4 Yes Yes 100%	100% 100% 100% 100% 50% - 100%	Activity reports Relationships are initiated with, 3AO, FAR, EOA, FAIR Sahel, Equity Programme. They are functional with GCCA+ and the AIC projects in the process of being launched and formulated
CG1.2 Covering the other costs of implementing the Programme	Completed	COFIL 2020 completed and report elaborated.	1/1	100%	COFIL 2019 report available
CG1.3 Participation of the consortium experts in the preparation and meetings of the project steering committee	Completed	Number of experts mobilised Number of CoPil reports Number of 2019 annual reports and 2020 PTBA revised on the recommendation of the Copil CTS report and Covid-19 impact note	4/4 1/1 2/2 yes	100% 100% 100% 100%	Reports available at the UCP/ARAA
CG1.4 Other operating costs of the Programme operator	In progress	Number of equipment purchased NC lump sums	59 yes	95% 100%	Some equipment still needs to be acquired
CG1.5 Preliminary monitoring and evaluation of field projects	Completed	Number of monitoring and evaluation carried out	6/6	100%	Reports available at ARAA
CG1.6 Covering the operating costs of the Programme's accounts at ARAA and other costs	In progress	Proportion of operating costs insured	3/4	75%	Costs covered for the first 3 quarters

Activities	Status	Indicators	Targets reached	Implementation rate	Observations/Evidences
CG3.1 Conducting the annual audit of the Programme's accounts (ARAA-PATAE open at ARAA	Completed	Number of audits carried out	1/1	100%	The audit of the PATAE-ARAA account was carried out over the period 2018-2019. The audit report is available at ARAA
DI.2 Covering other miscellaneous and contingencies.	Completed	Bank charges, transfer fees, agios, etc. are covered.	N/A	100%	Invoices available at the UCP/ARAA
Visibility, capitalisation and communication actions of the National Correspondents	Completed	Number of national consultations and other missions carried out and publicised	5/5	100%	Consultation frameworks, monitoring missions and study report presentations are publicised (radio, social networks)
Study on the overall visibility and communication strategy of the Agroecology Programme in 2019	Completed	Number of strategy documents	1/1	100%	The study report is available at the UCP/ARAA
Selection of a Programme Communication Firm	In progress	Number of firms recruited	0/1	95%	AFD's request for an ANO for the attribution of the contract is in progress
Overall tangible achievement				42%	The programmed activities were carried out in a satisfactory manner

1.3 Perspectives

For the 2021 PTBA, the following main achievements are planned:

Activities	Expected date
Appointment of National Correspondents in the 10 countries not covered by the PATAE	Second quarter 2021
Launch of studies on training centres in agroecology and sustainable agriculture and selection of a dozen centres to be supported by the PAE	1st quarter 2021
Agreement and launch of the institutional development projects of the training centres	September-October 2021
Audits and implementation of second instalments to the 9 PATAE field projects not yet audited	1st quarter 2021
Launch of studies on Higher Agricultural Schools (ESA) and Technical and Vocational Agricultural Training Establishments (EFTP)	1st quarter 2021
Organisation of the regional videoconference workshop of the ESA-EFTP enrichment diagnosis	Second quarter 2021
Launch of the study on the identification of partnerships between farmers' organisations, research, training centres and advisory and vulgarisation structures.	March 2021
Agreement and launch of the start-up of the OPA-Research and Training Centre partnership projects	October 2021
Finalisation of the MoU and MP of the National Correspondents in the 10 other countries and AFD's DANO	1st quarter 2021
Elaboration of the MoU with ROPPA/3AO for the organisation of regional consultations, the reinforcement of a regional network of agro-ecology actors, the support to participatory research and the dissemination of research products within the OPAs	January 2021
Elaboration of the MoU and the MOOC agroecology project of SupAgro Montpellier adapted to West Africa	1st quarter 2021
The organisation of the 1st regional conference on agroecology	1st quarter 2021
Preparation of the Programme's 2021 CoPil;	January-february 2021
National consultations on agroecology and project monitoring missions by the NCs of Togo and Côte d'Ivoire	1st quarter 2021
Mid-term monitoring and evaluation of PATAE field projects	June-july 2021
Training of the technical staff of the PNIASAN and PRIASAN on the development of projects that can be financed by the climate fund	November 2021
Etc.	

The detailed list of planned activities and actions can be found in the annexed 2021 PTBA.

1.4 Overall communication and visibility actions

The communication of experiences conducted within the framework of the PAE is the basis for the visibility of ECOWAS, AFD and EU interventions in terms of agro-ecological transition for a regional agricultural policy aimed at sustainable agriculture. ECOWAS national and regional partners involved in the implementation of ECOWAP will therefore be informed of these interventions through several communication tools.

During the year 2020 this activity focused on supporting ARAA via its communication officer, the DAENR and the AFD at the UCP in finalising the study report on the communication strategy prepared by the consultant recruited for this purpose. The consultant was supported by the UCP and the communication officer to fully revise the initial version of the communication strategy and of the plan. The report of the study is available from the UCP/ARAA. On the basis of this report, a request for proposal was prepared by the UCP for the recruitment of a communication firm to implement the PAE communication strategy for the duration of the programme. The bidding process was launched on 28/09/2020.

The recruitment of the communication firm during the first quarter of 2021 will allow the Programme's communication and visibility actions to be carried out effectively. The main guidelines for these actions are defined by the study on the programme's communication and visibility strategy. In addition to these actions, the field projects and national correspondents carry out communication and visibility actions at local and national level. The main targets for these communication and visibility actions are agro-sylvo-pastoral and fisheries producers, farmers' and breeders' cooperatives, West African political decision-makers, civil society, especially NGOs working on agroecology, direct and indirect beneficiaries, agricultural training centres, technical services of the Ministries of Agriculture, Environment, Sustainable Development, Livestock and Fisheries.

1.5 Difficulties encountered and measures taken to overcome them

The Covid-19 pandemic has delayed the implementation of field projects, and in some cases, such as Terre Verte and ACF in Burkina Faso, the risks of insecurity due to terrorism have led to the suspension of several activities. The ACF and Terre Verte projects in Burkina Faso have temporarily suspended their interventions in the field because of the risk of their facilitators being kidnapped by terrorists. These suspensions have led to a revision of the programming and the postponement of several activities to the first quarter of 2021.

Four (4) projects, ANOPACI and IECD in Côte d'Ivoire, ASPRODEB in Senegal, and ETD in Togo, recorded the lowest implementation rates (23% 38%, 43% and 25% respectively) due to the halting of many activities for THP and ASPRODEB and the delay in finishing the work of setting up fish ponds for ANOPACI. This delay, due to longer than expected negotiations for access to land, recruitment of service companies and flood damage to the ponds under construction, did not allow progress to be made on production prior to the implementation of several other project activities.

However, on the whole, the project leaders were able to implement adaptation strategies that enabled them to limit the impact of Covid-19, ranging from postponing activities to the second half of the year to adopting working methods that enabled them to continue to carry out activities under barrier measures (teleworking, modulation of awareness-raising and training activities, etc).

The suspension of all national consultations planned under the ECP component in the first half of 2020 due to health measures related to Covid-19 has partially delayed the implementation of the NC PTBAs. However, the NCs have carried out monitoring activities of field projects and exchanges with resource persons from the ministries and national structures involved in agroecology and sustainable agriculture. The national consultations have been postponed to the first quarter of 2021 in Togo and Côte d'Ivoire.

The draft Memoranda of Understanding ("MoUs") to be signed between CAERE and the Ministers of Agriculture of the 15 ECOWAS member countries could not be prepared in time. Their revision took longer than expected and this has delayed the appointment of the NCs.

The three studies scheduled for 2020 could not be launched because of the very long delays in the preparation of the ToRs. This will lead to a delay in the selection of the 24 training centres and OPA-Research Centre partnerships planned, the signing of grant agreements and the effective start of the projects of these centres and OPAs that will be supported by the Agroecology Programme.

II. FINANCIAL IMPLEMENTATION FROM 1 JANUARY TO 31 DECEMBER 2020

2.1 Consolidated programme budget at 31/12/2020

In order to have an overall monitoring of the Programme, it was necessary to consolidate the two (2) budgets in order to have a single budget to serve as a basis for multi-annual programming and a consolidation of the two (2) logical frameworks into a single Programme logical framework.

The wording in bold orange and blue font colour designates the Programme and Budget components and activities respectively.

PATAE-PAIAD Consolidated budget

Code	Component / Activities	Project	Financing	AFD Budget	UE Budget
ATA	Support for the agro-ecological transition for local actors	PATAE	AFD	4 800 000,00 €	- €
ATA1	Establishment of a call for proposals for innovative multi-stakeholder projects with the potential to scale up agroecological practices	PATAE	AFD	- €	- €
ATA2	Selection, implementation and support of field projects	PATAE	AFD	4 469 209,00 €	- €
ATA3	Monitoring and evaluation, internal audits and capitalisation	PATAE	AFD	330 791,00 €	- €
FRC	Agricultural training and capacity building for sustainable agricultural intensification and promotion of agroecology	PAIAD	UE	- €	2 108 439,00 €
FRC1	Study on the status of training centres in agro-ecology and sustainable agriculture, agribusiness and processing of agricultural products	PAIAD	UE	- €	158 000,00 €
FRC2	Development and support of training centre activities	PAIAD	UE	- €	1 800 000,00 €
FRC3	Diagnosis of ESAs and agricultural EFTP	PAIAD	UE	- €	150 439,00 €
ACV	Advisory support and vulgarisation of technological innovations for sustainable agricultural intensification adapted to the production methods of small producers	PAIAD	UE	- €	1 927 716,00 €
ACV1	Establishment of partnerships between OPAs and research and training centres and dissemination of research results	PAIAD	UE	- €	1 206 358,00 €
ACV2	Capacity building and support for vulgarisation mechanisms.	PAIAD	UE	- €	721 358,00 €
ECP	Exchanges, capitalisation and contribution to the development of public policies for agroecological intensification	PATAE / PAIAD	AFD/UE	1 200 000,00 €	1 556 229,00 €

Code	Component / Activities	Project	Financing	AFD Budget	UE Budget
ECP1	Establishment of exchange mechanisms between projects and implementation of a "Sustainable Agriculture and Agroecology" network in West Africa	PATAE / PAIAD	AFD/UE	260 000,00 €	355 000,00 €
ECP2	Capitalisation of the results obtained and dissemination of "good practices"	PATAE / PAIAD	AFD/UE	500 000,00 €	321 229,00 €
ECP3	Establishment and animation of national and regional consultation frameworks and advocacy	PATAE / PAIAD	AFD/UE	440 000,00 €	525 000,00 €
ECP4	Support for the implementation of PRIASAN and PNIASAN and training of national technicians	PAIAD	UE	- €	355 000,00 €
CG	Coordination and Programme Management	PATAE / PAIAD	AFD/UE	1 570 000,00 €	1 650 607,00 €
CG.1	Support to the contracting authority in the coordination and day-to-day management of the PAE	PATAE / PAIAD	AFD/UE	1 320 000,00 €	1 580 000,00 €
CG.2	Evaluation	PATAE	AFD	85 000,00 €	- €
CG.3	Audits and Support to ARAA	PATAE / PAIAD	AFD	165 000,00 €	70 607,00 €
DI	Miscellaneous and Contingencies	PATAE	AFD	430 000,00 €	- €
RAFD	AFD remuneration	PAIAD	UE	- €	507 009,00 €
		TOTAL		8 000 000,00 €	7 750 000,00 €

2.2 Summary of direct disbursements by AFD to implementing actors as of 31/12/2020

Code	Composante / Activités / Actions	Total Budget PAE	Montants décaissés par l'AFD (2018)		Montants décaissés par l'AFD (2019)		Montants décaissés par l'AFD (2020)		Montant total décaissé par l'AFD 2018-2020		
			PATAE	PAIAD	PATAE	PAIAD	PATAE	PAIAD	PATAE	PAIAD	Total PAE
ATA	Support for the agro-ecological transition for local actors	4 800 000,00 €	- €	- €	1 787 683,60 €	- €	487 156,00 €	- €	2 274 839,60 €	- €	2 274 839,60 €
ATA.1	Establishment of a call for proposals for innovative multi-stakeholder projects with the potential to scale up agroecological practices	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €
ATA.2	Selection, implementation and support of field projects	4 469 209,00 €	- €	- €	1 787 683,60 €	- €	487 156,00 €	- €	2 274 839,60 €	- €	2 274 839,60 €
ATA.3	Monitoring and evaluation, internal audits and capitalisation	330 791,00 €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €
FRC	Agricultural training and capacity building for sustainable agricultural intensification and promotion of agroecology	2 108 439,00 €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	123 376,00 €	- €	123 376,00 €	123 376,00 €
FRC.1	Study on the status of training centres in agro-ecology and sustainable agriculture, agribusiness and processing of agricultural products	158 000,00 €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	63 200,00 €	- €	63 200,00 €	63 200,00 €
FRC.2	Development and support of training centre activities	1 800 000,00 €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €
FRC.3	Diagnosis of ESAs and agricultural EFTP	150 439,00 €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	60 176,00 €	- €	60 176,00 €	60 176,00 €
ACV	Advisory support and vulgarisation of technological innovations for sustainable agricultural intensification adapted to the production methods of small producers	1 927 716,00 €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	60 000,00 €	- €	60 000,00 €	60 000,00 €
ACV.1	Establishment of partnerships between OPAs and research and training centres and dissemination of research results	1 206 358,00 €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	60 000,00 €	- €	60 000,00 €	60 000,00 €
ACV.2	Capacity building and support for vulgarisation mechanisms.	721 358,00 €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €

Code	Composante / Activités / Actions	Total Budget PAE	Montants décaissés par l'AFD (2018)		Montants décaissés par l'AFD (2019)		Montants décaissés par l'AFD (2020)		Montant total décaissé par l'AFD 2018-2020		
			PATAE	PAIAD	PATAE	PAIAD	PATAE	PAIAD	PATAE	PAIAD	Total PAE
ECP	Exchanges, capitalisation and contribution to the elaboration of public policies for agroecological intensification	2 756 229,00 €	483 500,00 €	- €	- €	- €	- €	252 474,00 €	483 500,00 €	252 474,00 €	735 974,00 €
ECP.1	Establishment of exchange mechanisms between projects and implementation of a "Sustainable Agriculture and Agroecology" network in West Africa	615 000,00 €	100 000,00 €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	100 000,00 €	- €	100 000,00 €
ECP.2	Capitalisation of the results obtained and dissemination of "good practices"	821 229,00 €	153 500,00 €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	153 500,00 €	- €	153 500,00 €
ECP.3	Establishment and animation of national and regional consultation frameworks and advocacy	965 000,00 €	230 000,00 €	- €	- €	- €	- €	252 474,00 €	230 000,00 €	252 474,00 €	482 474,00 €
ECP.4	Support for the implementation of PRIASAN and PNIASAN and training of national technicians	355 000,00 €							- €	- €	- €
CG	Coordination and Programme Management	3 220 607,00 €	117 238,00 €	- €	207 426,19 €	- €	187 025,33 €	64 150,00 €	511 689,52 €	64 150,00 €	575 839,52 €
CG.1	Support to the contracting authority in the coordination and day-to-day management of the PAE	2 900 000,00 €	117 238,00 €	- €	207 426,19 €	- €	187 025,33 €	- €	511 689,52 €	- €	511 689,52 €
CG.2	Evaluation	85 000,00 €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €
CG.3	Audits and Support to ARAA	235 607,00 €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	64 150,00 €	- €	64 150,00 €	64 150,00 €
DI	Miscellaneous and Contingencies	430 000,00 €							- €	- €	- €
RAFD	AFD remuneration	507 009,00 €						97 919,64 €	- €	97 919,64 €	97 919,64 €
TOTAL		15 750 000,00 €	600 738,00 €	- €	1 995 109,79 €	- €	674 181,33 €	597 919,64 €	3 270 029,12 €	597 919,64 €	3 867 948,76 €

Comments : Out of a consolidated budget of 15 750 000 Euros, AFD's disbursements to project implementers amount to 3 867 948,76 Euros, i.e. a 24.56% disbursement rate from 2018 to 31 December 2020. This rate will improve significantly in 2021 once i) the second installments are disbursed to the remaining 11 field projects, ii) the studies have been completed and paid for.

2.3 Overall summary of project commitments as of 31/12/2020.

Code	Composante / Activités / Actions	Total Budget PAE	2018	2019	2020		Total engagements 2018-2020			% Engagement 2018-2020
			PATAE	PATAE	PATAE	PAIAD	PATAE	PAIAD	Total PAE	
ATA	Support for the agro-ecological transition for local actors	800 000,00 € ⁴	- €	469 209,00 € ⁴	112 338,00 €	- €	581 547,00 € ⁴	- €	4 581 547,00 €	95%
ATA.1	Establishment of a call for proposals for innovative multi-stakeholder projects with the potential to scale up agroecological practices	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	
ATA.2	Selection, implementation and support of field projects	469 209,00 € ⁴	- €	469 209,00 € ⁴	- €	- €	469 209,00 € ⁴	- €	4 469 209,00 €	100%
ATA.3	Monitoring and evaluation, internal audits and capitalisation	330 791,00 €	- €	- €	112 338,00 €	- €	112 338,00 €	- €	112 338,00 €	34%
FRC	Agricultural training and capacity building for sustainable agricultural intensification and promotion of agroecology	108 439,00 € ²	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	0%
FRC.1	Study on the status of training centres in agro-ecology and sustainable agriculture, agribusiness and processing of agricultural products	158 000,00 €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	0%
FRC.2	Development and support of training centre activities	800 000,00 € ¹	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	0%
FRC.3	Diagnosis of ESAs and agricultural EFTP	150 439,00 €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	0%
ACV	Advisory support and vulgarisation of technological innovations for sustainable agricultural intensification adapted to the production methods of small producers	927 716,00 € ¹	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	0%
ACV.1	Establishment of partnerships between OPAs and research and training centres and dissemination of research results	206 358,00 € ¹	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	0%
ACV.2	Capacity building and support for vulgarisation mechanisms.	721 358,00 €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	0%

Code	Composante / Activités / Actions	Total Budget PAE	2018	2019	2020		Total engagements 2018-2020			% Engagem ent 2018-2020
			PATAE	PATAE	PATAE	PAIAD	PATAE	PAIAD	Total PAE	
ECP	Exchanges, capitalisation and contribution to the elaboration of public policies for agroecological intensification	2 756 229,00 €	28 229,88 €	188 551,54 €	131 371,45 €	- €	348 152,87 €	- €	348 152,87 €	13%
EC P.1	Establishment of exchange mechanisms between projects and implementation of a "Sustainable Agriculture and Agroecology" network in West Africa	615 000,00 €	10 666,14 €	109 440,06 €	31 930,02 €	- €	152 036,22 €	- €	152 036,22 €	25%
EC P.2	Capitalisation of the results obtained and dissemination of "good practices"	821 229,00 €	4 451,95 €	26 365,88 €	44 951,59 €	- €	75 769,41 €	- €	75 769,41 €	9%
EC P.3	Establishment and animation of national and regional consultation frameworks and advocacy	965 000,00 €	13 111,79 €	52 745,60 €	54 489,84 €	- €	120 347,23 €	- €	120 347,23 €	12%
EC P.4	Support for the implementation of PRIASAN and PNIASAN and training of national technicians	355 000,00 €					- €	- €	- €	0%
CG	Coordination and Programme Management	220 607,00 €	101 470,35 €	1 587,08 €	283 595,34 €	605 050,26 €	386 652,77 €	1 605 050,26 €	991 703,03 €	93%
CG .1	Support to the contracting authority in the coordination and day-to-day management of the PAE	900 000,00 €	100 000,00 €	- €	220 000,00 €	580 000,00 €	320 000,00 €	1 580 000,00 €	900 000,00 €	100%
CG .2	Evaluation	85 000,00 €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	0%
CG .3	Audits and Support to ARAA	235 607,00 €	1 470,35 €	1 587,08 €	63 595,34 €	25 050,26 €	66 652,77 €	25 050,26 €	91 703,03 €	39%
DI	Miscellaneous and Contingencies	430 000,00 €					- €	- €	- €	0%
RAF D	AFD remuneration	507 009,00 €		507 009,00 €				507 009,00 €	507 009,00 €	100%
TOTAL		15 750 000,00 €	1 129 700,23 €	5 166 356,61 €	527 304,79 €	1 605 050,26 €	6 316 352,63 €	2 112 059,26 €	8 428 411,89 €	53,51%

Comments : The total amount committed as of 31 December 2020 is **8, 428, 411.89** Euro. Despite the relatively low disbursement rate with AFD, it should be noted that **53,51%** of the consolidated budget is committed.

2.4 Overall summary statement of the execution of the project expenditure as at 31/12/2020

Code	Composante / Activités / Actions	Total Budget PAE	PTBA PAE 2020	2018	2019	2020				Total Dépenses 2018-2020			% Exécution Globale 2018-2020
				PATAE	PATAE	PATAE	PAIAD	Total 2020	% Exécution PTBA 2020	PATAE	PAIAD	TOTAL PAE	
ATA	Support for the agro-ecological transition for local actors	4 800 000,00 €	1 854 350,27 €	- €	469 552,28 €	243 033,85 € ¹	- €	243 033,85 € ¹	67,03%	712 586,13 € ¹	- €	586,13 € ^{1 712}	36%
ATA.1	Establishment of a call for proposals for innovative multi-stakeholder projects with the potential to scale up agroecological practices	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €		- €	- €	- €	
ATA.2	Selection, implementation and support of field projects	4 469 209,00 €	1 787 683,60 €	- €	469 552,28 €	227 937,85 € ¹	- €	227 937,85 € ¹	69%	697 490,13 € ¹	- €	490,13 € ^{1 697}	38%
ATA.3	Monitoring and evaluation, internal audits and capitalisation	330 791,00 €	66 666,67 €	- €	- €	15 096,00 €	- €	15 096,00 €	23%	15 096,00 €	- €	15 096,00 €	5%
FRC	Agricultural training and capacity building for sustainable agricultural intensification and promotion of agroecology	2 108 439,00 €	308 439,00 €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	0%	- €	- €	- €	0%
FRC.1	Study on the status of training centres in agro-ecology and sustainable agriculture, agribusiness and processing of agricultural products	158 000,00 €	158 000,00 €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	0%	- €	- €	- €	0%
FRC.2	Development and support of training centre activities	1 800 000,00 €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	0%	- €	- €	- €	0%
FRC.3	Diagnosis of ESAs and agricultural EFTP	150 439,00 €	150 439,00 €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	0%	- €	- €	- €	0%
ACV	Advisory support and vulgarisation of technological innovations for sustainable agricultural intensification adapted to the production methods of small producers	1 927 716,00 €	150 000,00 €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	0%	- €	- €	- €	0%
ACV.1	Establishment of partnerships between OPA and research and training centres and dissemination of research results	1 206 358,00 €	150 000,00 €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	0%	- €	- €	- €	0%
ACV.2	Capacity building and support for vulgarisation mechanisms.	721 358,00 €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	0%	- €	- €	- €	0%

Code	Composante / Activités / Actions	Total Budget PAE	PTBA PAE 2020	2018	2019	2020				Total Dépenses 2018-2020			% Exécution Globale 2018-2020
				PATAE	PATAE	PATAE	PAIAD	Total 2020	% Exécution PTBA 2020	PATAE	PAIAD	TOTAL PAE	
ECP	Exchanges, capitalisation and contribution to the elaboration of public policies for agroecological intensification	2 756 229,00 €	980 870,00 €	28 229,88 €	188 551,54 €	9 000,00 €	- €	9 000,00 €	1%	225 781,42 €	- €	225 781,42 €	8%
ECP.1	Establishment of exchange mechanisms between projects and implementation of a "Sustainable Agriculture and Agroecology" network in West Africa	615 000,00 €	248 870,00 €	10 666,14 €	109 440,06 €	- €	- €	- €	0%	120 106,20 €	- €	120 106,20 €	20%
ECP.2	Capitalisation of the results obtained and dissemination of "good practices"	821 229,00 €	250 000,00 €	4 451,95 €	26 365,88 €	9 000,00 €	- €	9 000,00 €	4%	39 817,83 €	- €	39 817,83 €	5%
ECP.3	Establishment and animation of national and regional consultation and advocacy frameworks	965 000,00 €	482 000,00 €	13 111,79 €	52 745,60 €	- €	- €	- €	0%	65 857,39 €	- €	65 857,39 €	7%
ECP.4	Support for the implementation of PRIASAN and PNIASAN and training of national technicians	355 000,00 €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	0%
CG	Coordination and Programme Management	3 220 607,00 €	900 087,00 €	213 136,11 €	268 895,57 €	267 312,44 €	142 442,22 €	409 754,66 €	46%	749 344,12 €	142 442,22 €	891 786,35 €	28%
CG.1	Support to the contracting authority in the coordination and day-to-day management of the PAE	2 900 000,00 €	858 087,00 €	211 665,76 €	267 308,49 €	227 941,10 €	142 391,96 €	370 333,06 €	43%	706 915,36 €	142 391,96 €	849 307,32 €	29%
CG.2	Evaluation	85 000,00 €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	0%
CG.3	Audits and Support to ARAA	235 607,00 €	42 000,00 €	1 470,35 €	1 587,08 €	39 371,34 €	50,26 €	39 421,60 €	94%	42 428,77 €	50,26 €	42 479,03 €	18%
DI	Miscellaneous and Contingencies	430 000,00 €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	- €	0%	- €	- €	- €	0%
RAFD	AFD remuneration	507 009,00 €	- €	- €	- €	- €	97 919,64 €	97 919,64 €	0%	- €	97 919,64 €	97 919,64 €	19%
TOTAL		15750 000,00 €	4 193 746,27 €	241365,99 €	926 999,39 €	1 519 346,29 €	240 361,86 €	1 759 708,15 €	41,96%	2 687 711,67 €	240 361,86 €	2 928 073,53 €	18,59%

Comments : The overall implementation rate for the 2018-2020 programme expenditure is **18,59%** as of 31 December 2020. The current year specific implementation rate is **41,96%** against the 2020 PTBA budget. This weakness in expenditure implementation is partly explained by the fact that i) 9 PATAE field projects have not yet applied for a second grant installment due to COVID-19; ii) short-term expertise was conducted by videoconference, iii) all national and regional consultations have not yet been organised, iv) the PAIAD project account opened at the ARAA could only be funded on 22 December 2020, v) diagnostic studies have not yet started, vi) Program activities in the 10 other ECOWAS countries not covered by PATAE have not yet started. These rates will improve significantly with the completion of the above activities in 2021.

2.5 EU payments to AFD on PAIAD

In accordance with Article 19 of Annex 2 of the EU-AFD Delegation Agreement, each new payment of an EU pre-financing instalment to AFD is made on condition that "more than 70% of the immediately preceding instalment (and 100% of the previous instalments, if any) have been paid by the organisation to its staff or have been the subject of a legal commitment with a third party".

The criteria for triggering a request for a instalment are therefore as follows:

- 70% disbursement on the current instalment (and 100% of previous instalments, if any) or,
- 70% disbursement on the previous instalment (and 100% of previous payments, if any).

Based on this information, the data currently available on the PAE is as follows

- The total amount committed to the FED/EU represents 100% of instalment 1, and 24% of instalment 2 (not yet paid);
- The total amount disbursed from the FED/EU represents 43% of instalment 1

These data are detailed in the tables below.

Commitment	Amount received	Amount due	Total	Amount committed EUROS	Remaining to be committed	% commitment of the instalment
Instalment 1	1 398 852		1 398 852	1 398 852		100%
Instalment 2		3 000 000	3 000 000	713 207		24%
Instalment 3		3 351 148	3 351 148			0%
Total	1 398 852	6 351 148	7 750 000	2 112 059	-	27%

Disbursement	Amount received	Amount due	Total	Amount disbursed EUROS	Remaining to be disbursed	% of disbursement of the installment.
Instalment 1	1 398 852		1 398 852	597 920		43%
Instalment 2		3 000 000	3 000 000			0%
Instalment 3		3 351 148	3 351 148			0%
Total	1 398 852	6 351 148	7 750 000	597 920	-	43%

Given the current level of progress, the criteria for requesting a new instalment of EU pre-financing have been met, i.e. 100% legal commitment on the first instalment. AFD can therefore request the 2nd instalment of pre-financing from the EU, amounting to €3,000,000, to avoid a cash shortage that would impact the programme's smooth running.

2.6 Audit and control measures

Financial statements to facilitate audits and controls have been elaborated. The audits were carried out by the selected firm PwC, with whom ECOWAS signed a purchase order contract in 2020. For the time being, the audits have been limited to the ARAA-PATAE account for the 2018-2019 financial year and to six (6) field projects that have expressed the need to apply for and receive the second instalment of their grants. These are the three project leaders from Togo and the three from Mali.

A second purchase order has been issued for the audit of the remaining nine (9) field projects in Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire and Senegal before 20 December 2020.

Conclusion

The implementation of the PTBA 2020 of the Agroecology Programme in West Africa has not escaped the consequences of the serious health crisis linked to Covid-19 which is afflicting the West African region as it has other regions of the world.

Therefore, the tangible achievements of the Programme during the year remained below the expectations, despite the readjustments that were made to adapt the implementation of activities to the constraints of Covid-19 and the insecurity linked to terrorism in the Sahel countries, Mali and Burkina Faso in particular. The physical achievements were 42% completed. Budget implementation was also low (26.54%) and commitments were moderate (50.12%) of the overall programme budget.

Despite the crisis, the field projects were able to implement adaptation strategies that enabled them to carry out between 23% and 138%% of the activities they had planned in their PTBAs. However, the results were moderate, with almost half of the projects achieving less than 50% of their plans.

The activities that were most affected by these health and safety crisis were those of training, awareness-raising, experimentation with agro-ecological practices, agricultural fairs, the production of documentaries and exchange visits. National consultations on agroecology have been particularly affected and have not been able to bring together a large number of actors in the countries.

In the end, given the scale of the impact of the health measures adopted by countries to control the pandemic, the year's achievements are satisfactory.

ANNEXES

Annex 1 : Impact note of Covid-19 in the implementation of the Agroecology 2020 Programme:

link <https://app.box.com/s/p65wgcng6kuo07wfnuiaygz1w4bse3bi>

Annex 2a : Narrative of the impact of Covid-19 on the implementation of field projects: link <https://app.box.com/s/mf8eqp0qq5m1qradudy8zhkbpdbzory>

Annex 2b : Excel sheet on the impact of Covid-19 on the implementation of field projects: link <https://app.box.com/s/r23w3k7qmfamucuubj247lgvotztuk0l>

Annex 3 : Proposal note on the operation of the Programme in ECOWAS Member States : link <https://app.box.com/s/lj8dpoaae7lbh4wl5bsv1y6kz2z9nq3h>

Annex 4 : Terms of reference for the study on training centres link <https://app.box.com/s/yxjlf1k8l2621ioplxzdm38dyu39p9g>

Annex 5: Terms of Reference for the ESA and TVET Study link <https://app.box.com/s/ft1yv9ymljkbzomrgea7vlfrow0wnwgu>

Annexe : Terms of reference for the study on the identification of OPA-research partnerships and vulgarisation and advisory structures ; <https://app.box.com/s/268rzplmka8ncispqrt21q4xhalbyzrt>

Annex 7 : Consolidated PAE structure ; <https://app.box.com/s/actv9hfxm0it0r8xj3ejfh6tfaunjem>

Annex 8: Summaries of the 2020 annual activity reports of field projects

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Annex 9 : Terms of Reference Implementation of the PAE communication strategy

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Annex 10 : List of Agroecology Programmes and Projects in PATAE countries and Benin-Nigeria

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Annex 11 : JAE Report-February 2020_DyTAES

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Annex 12 : Contribution to national policies for a TAE in Senegal _ DyTAES _ Avril 2020

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Annex 13 : Summary for decision-makers _DyTAES_2020

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Annex 14 Recommendations for an agroecological transition in Senegal _DyTAES

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Annex 15_ Summary of activities carried out by NCs

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Annex 16_ Backstopping mission guide 122020

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Annex 17_ WA WG notes ; <https://app.box.com/s/rdz4r1elvlgxusuqbepaat95z48l6h6a>