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Promotion of Youth Employment (Men and Women) in Local Milk Value Chains in West Africa and Chad



Phase 3 of the Regional Programme to Support Farmers Organisations (PRAOP) falls within the consolidation process of the achievements of two previous phases, all funded by the Swiss Cooperation and that have enabled the development and validation of strategies for the promotion of local milk value chains and youth employment in the agro-sylvo-pastoral and fisheries sector with their respective priority investment programmes.

Planned to last 4 years (2022-2026), it specifically aims to improve the access of young people (men and women) to decent and lucrative jobs in the local milk value chains in the targeted areas.

To this end, a call for proposals for local initiatives to promote youth employment in the sector in West Africa and Chad has led to the selection of several field projects in three thematic areas to be implemented in the region, namely (i) improving milk and animal feed production, (ii) collection, processing and distribution of local dairy products and specific equipment, and (iii) provision of innovative financial and non-financial services that create employment for young people.

The financing of these local initiatives, led by ECOWAS, the States, socio-professional agricultural organisations and the private sector, comes from the overall budget of PRAOP 3. The total cost of the 23 field projects amounts to **seven million, two hundred and sixty-one thousand and seven hundred and one (7,261,701) USD, i.e. 4,307,123,406 CFA francs.**

Below is the full list of the selected 23 field projects

I. Projects selected for funding in thematic area 1 (Improvement of milk and animal feed production)

N°	Project title	Project Sponsor	Country of intervention	Objectives	Amount of the Grant	Duration	Targets
1	Sourou Local Milk Development Project	Cooperation Inter Collectivité du Sourou	Mali	To contribute to the improvement of local milk production and productivity to strengthen food and nutritional security in the Sourou area	869 110	32	- 200 young people and 300 women. - 30 members of 2 umbrella organisations (FOBEV and FEBEVIM).
2	Improvement of Dairy and Animal Feed Production for the Creation of Youth Employment in the Regions of Thiès and Fatick - APLABEJ	National Council of the House of Breeders of Senegal	Senegal	Create a favourable environment for increased milk production (animals, fodder) to provide employment opportunities for young people	355 555	32	- 300 family dairy farms. - 02 pilot farms employing 20 people each, 50% of whom are women
3	Project to set up feed production units in Benin	Action Centre for the Environment and Sustainable Development	Benin	Improving the availability of fodder for dairy farmers in the Department of Borgou	285 210	32	- 500 cattle farmers. - 20 young people from the Department of Borgou.
4	Project to support the local milk sector and the employment of young people and women to improve the incomes of livestock farmers in Forest Guinea (ALLEAR-GF)	Friends of the Environment	Guinea	Create an enabling environment for increased milk production (animals, fodder) and marketing of dairy products to provide sustainable employment opportunities for youth and women	322 398	32	300 women and 200 men in 40 structures
5	Project to support milk production by improving production performance and increasing the resilience of milk sector actors (PAPROLAIT)	National Federation of Livestock and Meat Professionals of Togo	Togo	Increase milk production through the improvement and development of production factors in order to increase the employability of young people and women	300 495	24	10,000 actors in the various links of the milk value chain, 50% of whom are young people and 40% women
6	Consortium for the valorisation of local milk on the island of São Vicente - Cabo Verde	Associação dos Amigos da Natureza	Cabo Verde	To contribute to the organisation of the local dairy production chain, increasing the productivity of traditional production systems, quality through the valorisation of local milk and forms of marketing on the island of Sao Vicente	384 411	24	- 1 micro-enterprise composed of 17 women. - 479 ruminant breeders, 65.8% of whom are men and 34.2% women. - 97 cattle farmers. - 10 processors (3 men, 7 women factory workers and mini dairies).
7	Project to Strengthen the Employability of Young People in the Local Milk Sector in the Centre and High Basins Regions (PRÉJ- lait local)	Interprofession of the milk sector in Burkina Faso	Burkina Faso	Contribute to increasing the productivity and production of the local milk sector in order to provide employment opportunities for young people	263 873	32	- 52 milk producers. - 256 young girls and boys
8	Support project for local initiatives of farmers' organisations (PILOP)	AREAS AND CONTROL ACTIONS	Chad	Increase decent and gainful employment opportunities for young people and women seeking employment	328 685	32	144 women and 173 young members of farmers' groups and cooperatives
9	Improving youth employment through an improved dairy and feed enterprise in Kaduna State, Nigeria.	Milk Value Chain Foundation	Nigeria	Provide employment opportunities for young people through improved milk and fodder production	277 232	24	- 200 households (1200 farmers); - 400 young people.
10	Project to Support the Scaling up of Milk Farmers' Economic Units (ProLait)	Network of Peasant Organisations and Agricultural Producers of West Africa (ROPFA)	Niger, Senegal, Togo, Benin, Burkina Faso	To help ensure that urban consumers have access to enough quality local dairy products.	289 649	24	- 22 Women and youth economic units - 330 women and young people from family farms and the milk processing sector

11	Promoting the employment of young women and men in the local milk sector in Burkina Faso	WILDAF-WA (Women in Law and Development in Africa - West Africa Office)	Burkina Faso	Promoting self-employment of young women and men in the local milk sector in Burkina Faso	237 026	24	- 20 young women and 10 young men involved in local milk and feed activities. - 80 people from 4 member cooperatives (20 per cooperative) of UMPL/B and those of the WILDAF-Burkina network working in these sectors.
12	Dairy Enterprise Development for Youth Employment (MEDYE)	National Association of Nigerian Traders (NANTS)	Nigeria, Niger, Benin	Modernising and calibrating the dairy sector and its practices	260 828	24	- 1,000 young people and women in the milk and fodder production sector.
13	Project to support the promotion of youth employment in the local milk value chain in Nigeria and the Republic of Niger	Confederation Of Traditional Stockbreeders Organizations (CORET)	Nigeria, Niger	Supporting initiatives led by local actors in helping to reduce constraints in the development of the milk value chain	215 056	36	- 20 cooperative clusters identified, mapped and registered (10 from Niger Republic and 10 from Nigeria). - 800 young people, 30% of whom are women.
14	Center for intensification of dairy production in Côte d'Ivoire (FILCI)	CODIEXPERT	Côte d'Ivoire	Contribute to intensifying dairy production in Ivory Coast	174.985	36	- 5 animal production technicians - 10 Collectors - 10 Transformers - 15 Distributors - 10 dairy farmers

II. Projects selected for funding in thematic area 2 (Collection, processing, distribution of local dairy products and specific equipment)

N°	Project title	Project Sponsor	Country of intervention	Objectives	Amount of the Grant	Duration	Targets
1	Introduction of a national milk cluster to revitalise the local milk sector in Benin	STE FORLAJ GROUP SARL	Benin	To improve the productivity and profitability of the local milk sector in a sustainable and climate-smart way in Benin while structuring the actors of the sector and increasing the market shares in relation to the sub-region	275 023	36	- 350 members of 10 milk clusters. - 270 members of the National Association of Dairy Distributors. - 100 people from the Benin Agribusiness Development Project (PDAB), including 40 women.
2	Support for the creation of opportunities for young people and women through the promotion of the local milk sector in the province of Bahr El Gazal	Action for the Promotion of Livestock and Food Security	Chad	Promote the economic integration of young people and women involved in the local milk value chain, through support for the collection, processing and marketing of milk and dairy products in the province of Bahr El Gazal (BEG)	270 582	32 months	- 200 members of three dairy cooperatives. - 1,603 farmers from the Chadian Dairy Farmers Association (ATEL)
3	Project to support the milk collection and cooling systems of FERLAIT-SIKASSO producers through the implementation of solar technology by promoting the integration of young people in the milk value chains of the SIKASSO Region	REGIONAL FEDERATION OF UNIONS OF COOPERATIVE SOCIETIES OF MILK PRODUCERS OF SIKASSO	Mali	Promote innovative cow's milk collection and conservation systems for producers and cooperative societies members of FERLAIT-Sikasso in Mali, through the integration of environmentally friendly solar technologies	312 094	24	- 12 milk production and collection cooperatives that are members of FERLAIT-SIKASSO. - 24 unemployed young people (50% of whom are women) from the target localities.
4	Wagashi for the Optimisation of Household Income from Local Milk Production in Northern Togo (WOMEN)	Management of the Environment and Valorisation of Agropastoral and Forestry Products	Togo	Improving the resilience of vulnerable households living off milk and milk products	259 156	24	- 500 women milk processors. - 150 to 200 farmers or herdsmen. - 60 wagashi traders. - 40 carriers.

5	Support Project for the Promotion of Youth Employment for the Development of the Local Milk Sector in Forest Guinea (PAPE-DEL/GF)	Network of Animators for Integrated Development in Guinea	Guinea	The general objective of this action is to contribute to the promotion of youth employment through the improvement of the value chain of the local milk sector.	170 521	18	- 275 actors involved in collection, transport, processing and cattle breeding activities, including 160 women in the dairy sector. - 1,375 people directly dependent on the members of the groups.
6	Project to improve the competitiveness of local milk and the professionalisation of young people	National Union of Mini Dairies and Local Milk Producers in Burkina Faso	Burkina Faso	To contribute to improving the employability of young women and men in the competitive links (collection, processing and marketing) of the local milk sector, which is strongly connected to urban markets.	249 997	32	-20 milk collectors. - 20 processors from seven (07) dairies. - 10 milk controllers from seven (07) dairies. - 09 young managers and employees of three (03) «resto-laits». - 21 young distributors from dairies.
7	Support to the milk collection centres of Hamdallaye and Say in the process of Modernisation of the major segments of the local milk sector in Niger (PROMOFIL)	Association pour la Redynamisation de l'Elevage au Niger	Niger	Promote the improvement of local milk collection, processing and marketing systems to increase the productivity and competitiveness of the sector in Niger	330 186	24	- 100 young milk collectors. - 20 young producers of cultivated fodder. - 25 young para-veterinarians. - 2 milk collection centres
8	Trades Training and Apprenticeship Improvement Project of the local milk chain (PAFAMEL)	RESEAU BILLITAL MAROOBE (RBM)	Niger, Burkina Faso, Mali	To accompany pastoral and agro-pastoral youth in a training and learning process, so that they can acquire the skills, aptitudes and means to increase their employability in the local milk sector or the profitability of their enterprises oriented towards the development of this sector.	329 012	24	100 young boys, girls and women from pastoral and agropastoral areas
9	Milk and dairy value chain - the dairy school: an incubation space to strengthen the employability of young people in Senegal and The Gambia	Association Of West African Women (AFAO-WAWA)	Senegal, Gambia	Contribute to the strengthening of technical and commercial performance and resilience of dairy value chains and dairy products	260 011	30	- 140 young people (70% of whom are girls) - 07 Dairy promoters.
10	Promotion of youth employment in local milk value chains in West Africa and Chad	KSA AGROLOG	Nigeria Chad	Modernize the collection, processing, distribution of dairy products and equipment while contributing to the organization of stakeholders, the integration of young people and their integration into the different value chains around the dairy basins in each country	173,248	24	410 jobs including 36% women -

III. Projects selected for funding in thematic area 3 (Provision of innovative financial and non-financial services that create employment for young people)

N°	Project title	Project Sponsor	Country of intervention	Objectives	Amount of the Grant	Duration	Targets
1	Project for the Development of Professional Technical Skills of Young Agropastoralists in the Milk Sector (DCTP JAML)	Association for the Promotion of Livestock in the Sahel and the Savannah (APESS)	Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger, Senegal, Chad	To contribute to the professionalisation and better socio-professional integration of young people (M/F) in the dairy industry at regional level	415 591	30	3750 young men and women in the 5 countries, i.e., about 750 per country

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