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PROJECT SHEET ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURAL MECHANIZATION

Country	REPUBLIC OF CONGO
Duration	5 years, from 2020
Location	The concentration area of the project is the Savannah region. However, some communities where the demand for mechanization is high will also be affected. The total area available for mechanization is 10 million hectares
Estimated cost	\$144 million (to be confirmed by a feasibility study).
Background and justification	<p>It is very difficult to imagine a successful agricultural sector without the development of mechanization. This factor, such as pesticides, seeds etc. plays a key role in improving agricultural production.</p> <p>The agricultural mechanization development project in Congo thus contributes to the implementation of the strategy of growth and economic diversification for the structural transformation of agriculture.</p> <p>Congolese agriculture is mainly practiced by smallholder farmers who use rudimentary tools. In order to increase the area exploited and increase agricultural production, it is essential to reduce the difficulty of developing agricultural work mechanization.</p> <p>As part of the mechanization services to small producers, 20,063.52 hectares were opened for the benefit of 6,868 beneficiaries in the period 2013-2017.</p> <p>The agricultural mechanization development project in Congo focuses primarily on increasing arable land and reducing the amount of work hardship.</p>
Objectives	Develop intensive commercial farms, benefiting from increased access to mechanization developed by the private sector with state facilitation.
Specific goals	<p>The specific objectives are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Have equipment adapted to the agro-ecological conditions of farms; • Vulgarize motorized agricultural operations in production areas; • Reducing the hardship of agricultural work and improving farmers' incomes; • To foster the emergence of a dynamic private sector in the agricultural mechanization subsector; • Facilitating access to mechanization equipment; • Encourage the creation of maintenance workshops in production areas; • Enable agricultural mechanization players to develop their activities; • Reducing the price of equipment, mechanization inputs and the cost of agricultural mechanization operations;

Expected results	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• The existence of National Agencies in a position to provide advisory support functions for the promotion of agricultural mechanization;• Number of agricultural facilities in sufficient quality and quantity perfectly meet the needs of farmers taking into account their socio-economic background;• The existence of a very dynamic private sector operating in a very favorable market enabling it to ensure its long-term survival and development;• Motorization effort undertaken as part of this project;• Number of agricultural assets used by tractors accompanied by the project;• Rate of increase in agricultural productivity gains;• Farm motorization rate;• Number of hectares developed by motorization.
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