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PROJECT SHEET ON THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE MAIS AND SOYA VALUE CHAIN

Country	REPUBLIC OF CONGO
Duration	3 years, from 2020
Location	Pool, Bouenza, Niari and Lekoumou
Estimated cost	6,000,000,000 FCFA or 9,146,342 Euros
Background and justification	<p>In the animal production development strategy, contained in the National Development Plan 2018-2022, and in order to support short-cycle animal sectors, several constraints have been identified as bottlenecks, including availability of livestock feed.</p> <p>This project aims to help remove this constraint by setting up small livestock production units. The few existing units such as: the Congolese Food Development and Distribution (CODDIPA), NGOs, cooperative groups, and private operators do not market food in sufficient quantity and quality.</p> <p>To carry out this livestock production operation, a grain program will have to be put in place to ensure the regular supply of the units to be created.</p> <p>Thus, the cultivation of feed crops such as maize and soybeans are to be developed, and their by-products from the agri-food industry will need to be valued.</p> <p>Many economic operators have expressed their willingness to engage in the mechanized cultivation of maize and soybeans, in order to feed the main agri-food industries.</p> <p>These include:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • In Loudima, the Tolona farm has more than 1000 ha of maize delivered to (CODDIPA); • In Malolo, the TODI RIVER farm has 1900 hectares with a maize production of 4100 tons per year; • In HINDA (Kouilou) BPH Agricultural produces maize on 40 hectares in 2 annual rotations with a yield of 2 t/ha; • Saris supports village maize plantations on 3,000 hectares in Bouenza; • MINOCO cultivates 22 hectares on its plots in NKAYI.
General goal	Contribute to the increase in the production capacity of feed crops with the concern of supporting the animal and aquaculture production sectors.
Specific goals	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Improve the corn and soybean production system; • Regularly supply feed, fish and local markets; • Improving producers' incomes and living standards.
Activities to be carried out	<p>The activities identified are summed up over the next three years as:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Identify, make available and secure land; • Identify leading producers; • disseminate high-yielding seeds and other inputs (pesticides, seeds, technical equipment); • Opening the fields; • Conducting cultural operations; • Engage investors in the corn and soybean value chain;

- Conduct market research on national key markets and markets in CEMAC to identify consumer behaviour and opportunities to bring more competitively priced (healthier; better packaged, etc.) products to market.

Forecast demand for corn and soybeans in tonnes:

Products	2010	2015	2020	2025
Corn	31 000	36 000	41 000	47 000
Soy				

Demand for feed produce remains higher than local supply (local production).

Changes in corn and soybean production

Year	2006	2007	2008	2009	2010	2011	2012	2013	2014	2015	2016
Corn	9685	9898	10300	10700	109,00	DND	DND	DND	DND	DND	DND
Soy											

Source: DSCERP/DGE estimate

Average situation of corn and soybean production and consumption

Cultures	National production (P) per tonne	Consumption (C) in ton	Balance (P-C) in ton	Consumption coverage rate per production (P/C) in %
Corn	9 898	25 550	-15 652	38,7
Soy				

Source: SOFRECO-CERAPE Agricultural Sector Study

EXPECTED RESULTS

- The corn and soybean production system is improved;
- Feed, fish and local markets are supplied;
- Producers' incomes and living standards are improved.

