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1. Introduction

This brief Feed the Future (FtF) report summarizes the activities conducted and provides highlights of major events and achievements in the project "Improving Vegetable Production and Consumption in Mali (Sikasso), Phase II" in respect to the agreement between USAID and AVRDC. It covers the period 1-30 November 2013.

2. Current and up-coming consultations/visitors

No visitors were received or consultations occurred in any of the demonstration sites of the project at Sikasso region during November 2013

3. Current key activities and events of the reporting period

3.1 Key activities

Key activities carried out during this reporting period are as follows:

- Vegetable seed production of tomato, pepper, sweet pepper and onion on-station for field trials
- Data collection of the varietal tests and demonstration tests in the hubs and the satellites villages
- Preparation of cold-dry season activities (nurseries maintenance, irrigation facilities' setting, land fertilization, transplanting)
- Training on irrigation techniques implemented in the demonstration sites and irrigation kit maintenance
- Training farmers on seed production techniques in the demonstration sites
- Awareness of the producers to environmental mitigation issue in compliance with USAID requirements
- Supervising activities in the different demonstration sites

3.2 Events

Four AVRDC field technicians and eight farmer trainers were trained from 27-28 November 2013 at Soukorani site, district of Koutiala for improving their skills in irrigation techniques and maintenance of irrigation kits.

4. Upcoming activities and events of the forthcoming reporting period

4.1 Activities

The key activities for the upcoming period are:

- Setting up the experiments in the demonstration sites
- Monitoring the trials (irrigation, weeding, fertilization, plant protection, etc...)
- Awareness of the producers to environmental mitigation issues in compliance with USAID requirements
- Monitoring seed production fields

4.2 Events

No field events have been planned during December.