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PROJECT TO MOBILIZE FOOD SECURITY INITIATIVES IN MALI

(Projet de Mobilisation des Initiatives en Matière de Sécurité Alimentaire)

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Introduction

PROMISAM's goal is to help Mali in the implementation of its national food security strategy, or SNSA, through collaborative efforts with the *Commissariat à la sécurité alimentaire* (CSA, or Food Security Commission) in the Office of the President. The 2006/07 PROMISAM work plan focuses on:

1. Helping local communities (communes, circles, and regions) develop their own local-level food security plans. This objective is achieved through training of trainers (mayors, NGO members, other members of civil society) in concepts of food security and in food security planning. They in turn return to their home communities and work to complete these plans with the local population and with technical assistance from the circle-level advisory services (CCC). In addition, PROMISAM is working with the CSA to develop the tools to implement these local-level plans through the National Food Security Program (PNISA).
2. Continue to strengthen the CSA's Communication and Information Service's outreach efforts, particularly with local journalists.
3. Work with the OMA to assure timely market monitoring and food security outlook bulletins (*Bulletins de conjuncture*).

Achievements during the Period January 1 – March 31, 2007

Activities and achievements for the quarter are described below in terms of the objectives and intermediate results listed in PROMISAM's 2006/07 work plan (available at: http://www.aec.msu.edu/agecon/fs2/mali_fd_strtgy/PROMISAM_WorkPlan_yr3_07_06_fin.pdf).

Objective 1: Support the Development of Local-Level Food Security Programs in the Regions of Koulikoro, Segou and Kidal, and Completion of the Work in Kayes and Mopti

Result 1.1: Training of Trainers (who then help develop the local plans)

Activities undertaken:

- Planning of the training activities for Niono, Macina, Bla, Toninian, San, Baraouéli, Nara, Kolokani, and Kidal.
- Training sessions for trainers were conducted in the following localities:
 - Niono, January 10-12, 2007;
 - Macina, January 14-16, 2007;
 - Bla, January 18-20, 2007;
 - Tominian, February 6-8, 2007;
 - San, February 10-12, 2007;
 - Baraouéli, February 14-16, 2007;
 - Nara, March 3-5, 2007;
 - Kolokani, March 7-9, 2007;
 - Kidal, March 27-29.

Reports on all these training sessions are available on the PROMISAM website at:

http://aec.msu.edu/fs2/mali_fd_strtgy/plans/index.htm#trip

Intermediate results obtained:

During the quarter, 811 local trainers, including 148 women and 663 men (mayors, CCC members, civil society leaders, local journalists) were trained via PROMISAM/CSA workshops about how to use food security concepts to develop local food security plans. These included:

- 80 trainers in the circle of Niono (15 women and 65 men) from 11 communes;
- 64 trainers in the circle of Macina (8 women and 569 men) from 11 communes;
- 91 trainers in the circle of Bla (21 women and 70 men) from 17 communes;
- 75 trainers in the circle of Tominian (13 women and 62 men) from 12 communes;
- 132 trainers in the circle of San (28 women and 104 men) from 25 communes;
- 63 trainers in the circle of Baraouéli (10 women and 53 men) from 11 communes;
- 82 trainers in the circle of Nara (16 women and 66 men) from 16 communes;
- 146 trainers in the circle of Kolokani (31 women and 115 men) from 30 communes;
- 78 trainers in the circle of Kidal (6 women and 72 men) from 11 communes;

Result 1.2: Development of Food Security Plans at the Commune, Circle, and Regional Levels

Activities undertaken:

- Provided technical support for the ongoing development of the local food security plans for the communes and the circles of Mopti;
- Provided technical support for the ongoing development of the local food security plans of the communes, circles and regions of Kayes, Ségou, and Kidal.

Intermediate results obtained:

- Development of the 24 remaining communal plans for the region of Mopti. All 108 commune-level food security plans for this region have now been completed.
- Development of all 8 circle-level syntheses for the region of Mopti.
- Development of the regional synthesis for the region of Mopti. Hence, all the local-level plans (commune, circle, and region) have now been completed for the Mopti region.
- Development of 14 of 129 communal plans for the region of Kayes.

Copies of the completed plans are available at:

http://www.aec.msu.edu/fs2/mali_fd_strtgy/plans/index.htm#plans

Result 1.3: Information is available to the various participants in the food security planning process in Mali to facilitate the articulation between the local and national food security programs.

Activities undertaken:

- Information was provided during the training of trainers sessions to the local-level participants about the National Food Security Program (PNSA) and how it will be linked to the local plans currently being developed.

Intermediate results obtained:

- Participants in the planning processes obtained, via the training courses, a better understanding of the various food security programs being designed and implemented at different levels in the country.

Result 1.4: The capacity of the CSA to manage and implement the decentralized SNSA is strengthened.

Activities undertaken:

- Participation in the meeting on March 15, 2007, to evaluate the CSA's 2007 annual work plan and develop the detailed quarterly work plan.
- Participation in the commission charged with choosing the sites and villages for the use of Japanese counterpart funds for strengthening the food security of certain communes in the circles of Gao, Youwarou, and Bandiagara.

Intermediate results obtained:

- The CSA's activity report for the first quarter of 2007 was reviewed;
- Villages and sites were chosen for the use of the Japanese counterpart funds to strengthen the food security of certain communes in the circles of Gao, Youwarou, and Bandiagara.

Objective 2: Strengthening the CSA's Communication and Information Service's Outreach Efforts

Result 2.1: The personnel of the local radio stations and local journalists are trained in concepts of food security

Activities undertaken:

- Planning of the training workshops for the circles of Niono, Macina, Bla, Tominian, San, Baraouéli, Nara, Kolokani and Kida;
- Carrying out of the training workshops.

Intermediate results obtained:

- 26 people in charge of programming for local radio stations participated in the local food security training programs in the circles of Niono, Macina, Bla, Tominian, San, Baraouéli, Nara, Kolokani and Kidal, distributed as follows:
 - 5 in Niono
 - 2 in Macina
 - 5 in Bla
 - 2 in Tominian
 - 1 in San
 - 3 in Baraouéli
 - 2 in Nara
 - 3 in Kolokani
 - 3 in Kidal.

Result 2.2: The timeliness of OMA's publications is improved

Activities undertaken:

- Participation with the OMA in the market reconnaissance surveys of Sikasso, Koutiala, Niono, Macina, and Segou, February 23-28, 2007.

Intermediate results obtained:

- Publication of 2 monthly bulletins of the 2 planned for the quarter.
- Publication of 13 weekly bulletins of the 13 planned for the quarter.
- Publication of a mission report on the cereal market outlook for 2006-07.

Other Non-Programmed Activities Undertaken

In addition to the activities described above, which are included in PROMISAM's 2006/07 annual work plan, PROMISAM also contributed, at the request of the CSA, to Mali's participation in the NEPAD/CAADP planning activities aimed at developing Mali's CAADP country compact. PROMISAM's participation in these activities was supported through supplemental funding provided by USAID's Africa Bureau, Office of Sustainable Development (AFR/SD) via the Food Security III Cooperative Agreement. Activities included:

- Participation in a planning workshop organized jointly by ECOWAS and IFPRI to launch the CAADP country compact development process in West Africa. The workshop was held in Saly, Senegal, January 19-20.
- PROMISAM provided technical support for the preparation and holding of a national retreat for the Malian CAADP team to plan the development of agricultural investment programs in Mali in the context of the CAADP/ECOWAS common agricultural policy (ECOWAP). The retreat was held in early March, 2007.
- Participation in a technical workshop organized by ECOWAS and IFPRI in Cotonou on March 9-14 on modeling impacts of agricultural investments on growth and on implementing the CAADP/ECOWAP program in the West African countries.

Other Observations

The pace of completion of local-level food security planning activities slowed substantially in March due to the participation of local officials in the Presidential election campaign. We anticipate that the pace will continue to be slow through June, when both the presidential and legislative elections are completed.