



Improving Nutrient Supplies and Diet Diversity with Vegetables in Mali, Phase I

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Overall objectives

1. Enhanced knowledge among especially women of the importance of healthy diets, especially for children of 6-23 months and under five years in the target region.
2. Increased skills among women in vegetable food production and processing in the target region.
3. Increased use of nutritious and seasonally available vegetables in household diets (diet diversification) and conservation in the target region.

Current and up-coming consultations/visitors

During this reporting period, we discussed with Helen Keller International, Plan Mali and AMEDD (Malian Association of Awakening Sustainable Development), three of our potential partners in this project on the implementation of the project activities in the Sikasso region. From these discussions, it is clear that the process of setting up teams on the sites should be accelerated. This process will start in February 2014.

Key activities and events during the reporting period

- Updated training modules on nutrition and development of new modules.
- Reviewed and revised the baseline report on a preliminary scoping on consumption in the Sikasso region carried out by a public health professional.

Upcoming activities and events of the forthcoming reporting period

- Validation of results of a preliminary scoping on nutrition and consumption conducted by a public health professional.
- Planning and implementing 8 training activities for farmers of Kadiolo, Koutiala, Bougouni, Yanfolila districts of Sikasso region on food preparation and nutritional awareness.
- Reviewing and short listing candidates of the Food and Nutrition Specialist position to be posted at Bamako, Mali and hiring the specialist.
- Development and signature of subcontracts with partners of the project.