

FORMALIZATION PROJECT FROM THE WEST AFRICAN SEED WOMEN NETWORK

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The context

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- Initiated and managed by CORAF
 - For:
- strengthen the capacities of women
 - seed producers in quality seed
 - production techniques,
 - in seed business management
 - in leadership and advocacy

Network objectives

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Facilitating trade at national and regional levels

Promote seed companies managed by women



Facilitate market access for seed companies managed by women



METHODOLOGY AND PROGRESS REPORT





Our approach

- Inclusion
- Participative
- Consultative
- Based on real data







Contract deliverables

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	W1	W2	W3	W4	W1	W2	W3	W4	W2	W3	W4
Activity											
Development of a concept note on the initiative											
Finalize the mapping of dynamic seed companies and associations/cooperatives owned or managed by women in West Africa											
Finalize consultations to gather input from stakeholders and obtain the written commitment of private companies to the initiative Development of a draft charter											
(statutes and/or internal regulations) organization of the constitutive											

Execution table to date

Jul. 2023	Development of
Nov. 2023	First virtual introduction
Nov.23 - Feb.24	Data collection and su
Jan.2024 - Feb.2024	Field visits (Mali - Bur virtual meet
Mar – Apr 2024	Drafting and submiss

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CONSULTANT'S OBSERVATIONS





Network characteristics Similarities of challenges throughout the West

- Similarities of challenges through African region
- Diversity within the network (in terms of size, experience and years of existence)
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- 88% of women are in the seed production, processing or marketing network
- Large part of inactive members
- Training gap

Network success factors



- - inclusion,
- Work on member engagement and dynamism
- Capacity Building
- Develop long-term external partnerships
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- Establish a competent and motivated technical team



Consultant's recommendation for the next step

- 1. Finalize registrations and official launch. 2. Establish working groups with active
 - members.
- 3. Establish strong network
 - representatives at national level
- 4. Advocacy and political engagement at
 - national and regional levels and with
 - other sector actors



Consultant's recommendation for the next step

- 1. Work on advocacy and the integration of
 - young people into the network to bring
 - their dynamism (those under 35)
- 2. Capacity building and training
- 3. Resource mobilization
- 4. Monitoring and evaluation
- 5. Workforce growth
- 6. Intensification of activities
- 7. General Ordinary assembly.





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