

AGRICULTURAL AND RURAL TRAINING

The agricultural and rural sector accounts for a significant part of socio-economic activity in developing countries. AFD supports Agricultural and Rural Training projects to sustainably improve the production and processing of agricultural products and foster job creation in rural areas.



141
million
euros
committed



8
countries
supported

AFD, the French development agency, operates throughout the education continuum and has a specific activity in the field of agricultural and rural training. Its support helps actors in a number of countries create, improve or overhaul their agricultural and rural education and training system, with the aim of providing a response to the dual requirement of increasing agricultural productivity and supporting a number of activities, as well as developing a wide range of skills, from livestock raising to water pump maintenance.



16
projects
financed

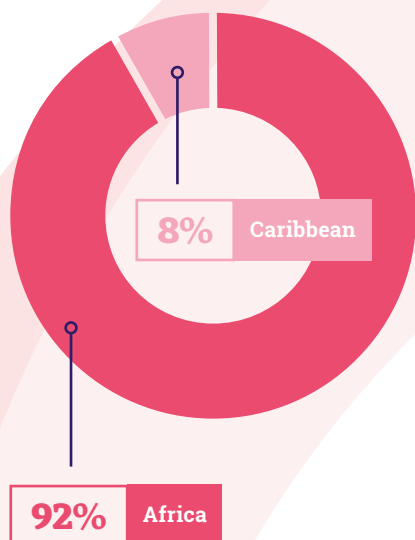
The systems financed by AFD aim to train executives, technicians and future

farmers and their professional organizations, but also to make agricultural and rural activities more attractive and improve living conditions in rural areas. They promote the vocational and social integration of new generations and contribute to sustainable growth in agricultural production in the context of environmentally friendly practices. AFD attaches particular importance to family farming, which remains the best vehicle for food security and youth employment in a number of developing and emerging countries.

Projects in Africa and the Caribbean

The projects supported by AFD in the agricultural and rural training sector cover many countries in Africa (Benin, Cameroon, Mali, Senegal...) and the Caribbean (Haiti). They may take the form of multi-country programs, for example, to promote the sharing of good practices. AFD uses its main financial tools: grants, sovereign loans, debt cancellation contracts (C2Ds)...

AFD commitments by region (2013-2017)



SUPPORTING EXPERT ORGANIZATIONS IN THE SECTOR

Dialogue between public authorities, the professional world and territorial authorities is essential to improving agricultural and rural training systems. To promote these exchanges, AFD works in partnership with organizations recognized for their expertise in this field (FERT, Handicap International, GRET, IECD, Sferre, IRAM...) and Egis, a subsidiary of Caisse des Dépôts Group.

AFD also works in partnership with French agricultural higher education institutes, recognized for their expertise, to support African countries in the design or overhaul of their education and training system or the creation of agricultural technical and vocational training programs.

THREE FLAGSHIP PROJECTS

Fostering the training of 12,500 young people

In 2016, France and Cameroon signed a debt cancellation contract (C2D), which includes 40 million euros earmarked for agricultural and rural training. A network of about a hundred training centers undertake to overhaul their provision by promoting apprenticeship programs, ensuring better alignment of the programs and the agricultural calendar, and defining career paths. The program aims to train 12,500 young people (including 5,000 women) and support the social and vocational integration of 9,000 people. 50,000 farms will consequently benefit from new skills.

CAMEROON



Strengthening training provision in two key regions

AFD supports the diversification and structuring of training in agricultural activities via a close dialogue between the State and professional organizations. The sectors of poultry farming, horticulture, agrifood industries and agricultural machinery are specifically targeted. An innovative project involving GRET and ENDA-Graf Sahel has also been supported in the Saint-Louis and Dagona regions to assist learning, create specific training paths for farm-related activities, and support food processing economic interest groups managed by women.

SENEGAL



Promoting the sharing of good practices

In 2015, AFD allocated a 1.5 million euros grant to the international Agricultural and Rural Training Network (reseau-far.com). This network includes institutional actors and civil society from 16 African countries: Algeria, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Central African Republic, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, Guinea, Madagascar, Mali, Mauritania, Morocco, Niger, Senegal, Togo and Tunisia. It promotes the exchange of experiences and supports projects to overhaul and implement training systems, as well as the cooperation programs which may result from them. This project is managed by Montpellier SupAgro.

AFRICA AND THE MEDITERRANEAN

