



LEADING AGRICULTURAL  
INNOVATION IN WEST  
AND CENTRAL AFRICA

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One of the great joys of working in research is seeing the outputs translate into socio-economic benefits for smallholder farmers. Another equally rewarding part of our work is using a regional lens to solve West and Central Africa's intractable challenges. Even with significant disruptions brought about by the COVID-19 pandemic, we saw evidence of greater resilience of our people and communities. We also secured crucial programs that would strengthen our people's food and nutrition security in 2021 and beyond. As we say goodbye to 2020, allow me to thank all our trusted partners for their generous support and wish you a happy holiday season and a prosperous 2021.

**Abdou Tenkouano**  
Executive Director

## Our Top 6 Stories of 2020



## West Africa has its Agri-Inputs Strategy

The integrated strategy was validated after an inclusive and participatory process that lasted more than two years. The strategy is the first of its kind as it addresses crop seeds, fertilizers, pesticides, feed concentrates for livestock, animal genetic material for priority crops, livestock, and aquaculture.

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## His Dream Becomes Real Thanks to WAAPP

Thanks to the West Africa Agriculture Productivity Program (WAAPP), a young Togolese has considerably transformed his personal and business fortunes. From an annual turnover of 4 million FCFA (USD 6,890) before the WAAPP, Guma Concept, a company put in place by Guma M'Bantana, now has a yearly turnover of 120 million CFA francs (USD 206,710).

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## More Agribusiness Millionaires Emerge In West Africa

The last three years have seen two Guinean brothers' fortunes change in substantial ways thanks in part to innovations from the West Africa Agriculture Productivity Program (WAAPP-Guinea). Using innovative technologies such as the Red Goat of Maradi, both Guineans brothers are now recording an annual turnover of close to USD 7,800 per year.

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## SDC-Funded Project to Benefit 10 Million People

Roughly ten million people in West and Central Africa are expected to benefit from a new technology-scaling program funded by the Swiss Cooperation. The agreement constitutes the first phase of a 12-year commitment between the Swiss Cooperation and CORAF for an overall amount of USD 33 million (18 billion FCFA).

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## Independent Assessment Rates WAAPP-IC as Satisfactory

“The evidence provided in the implementation completion report (ICR) point to the success of the West Africa Agriculture Productivity Program (WAAPP-IC) in accelerating the process for generating, dissemination, and adoption of new technologies and innovation in agriculture,” according to a review of the Independent Evaluation Group (IEG) of the World Bank.

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## 40.000 to Benefit from a European Union-funded Research Project

About 40.000 families from Burkina Faso, Niger, and Senegal will benefit from a new five-year plant breeding program funded by the European Union and coordinated in West Africa by CORAF and other key partners. The new project aims at strengthening the resilience of rural communities in the Sahel to climate change.

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