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Project to Strengthen and Innovate Food and Nutrition Security Information Systems in the Sahel, West Africa and Cameroon (PRISISAN-AOS)

Project official kick-off workshop
13 February 2025 in Ouagadougou

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BACKGROUND

The Sahel and West Africa (SWA) region continues to face recurring problems of food and nutrition insecurity, affecting millions of people every year, particularly the most vulnerable and least resilient people. Many factors contribute to this situation, which is as complex as it is acute in its severity, frequency and geographical extent. The production of quality information to support decision-making in the areas of information management on food and nutritional insecurity is therefore an essential link in the governance of food security in order to increase the resilience of food systems in the region.

So, since its inception in 1973 in the aftermath of one of the greatest droughts the Sahel has ever experienced, CILSS has been working with its member states to achieve sustainable food and nutrition security, in line with its mandate. In collaboration with all the States of the Sahel and West Africa region and their technical and financial partners, CILSS has made a major contribution over the 50 years of its existence to laying the foundations for a sound understanding and control of the main causal factors of food and nutrition insecurity. In line with its mandate which is to "Devote efforts towards achieving food and nutrition security and combating the effects of desertification and climate change for ecological balance and sustainable development in the Sahel and West Africa", CILSS has supported the region in formulating regional and continental agricultural policies and in building technical capacity and providing diploma training courses for national technical service officials, academics, farmers' organisations and civil society in the fields of food and nutrition security (FNS), natural resource management, pastoralism, climate change, water management, population, gender and development, pesticide registration, pest and desert locust control, etc.

CILSS is now at the centre of a vast and unique network and a mechanism that it regularly coordinates, thanks to the strategic partnership developed over half a century in the area of FNS. This mechanism enables CILSS to support all FNS stakeholders, but above all to conduct investigations and regularly tailor its activities to the new challenges facing the countries and the region. As a reminder, in the 80s and 90s CILSS carried out major programmes such as the Regional Programme for the Improvement of Permanent Diagnostic Instruments for Food Security (DIAPER) and the Agricultural Production Climate and Environment Assessment and Monitoring Project (ESPACE) in 1987, which led to the setting up of permanent agricultural sample survey systems, market and vulnerability monitoring systems, early warning systems, and so on. Several other projects in the field of food security have followed in the wake of the ever-increasing needs arising from the expansion of CILSS to include coastal countries from the 2000s onwards. These include support for SOSAR, FSTP/EU (2&3 PRGDT), PASANAO/AFD, ECOAGRIS/EU, PAGR-SANAD/EU, USAID/DOAG, PRASAR/USAID, P2RS 1&2, etc.

Following an in-depth diagnosis of all national information systems in the Sahel and West Africa region - carried out with EU support during the implementation of the PAGR-SANAD project, and given the multiple and complex crises facing the Sahel and West Africa region - CILSS has benefited from a Project to Strengthen and Innovate Food and Nutrition Security Information Systems in the Sahel and West Africa and Cameroon (PRISISAN-AOS, *French acronym*), also funded by the European Union, to consolidate achievements, innovate and

strengthen all the national food security systems in the region in a bid to ensure that they are institutionally viable.

The PRISISAN grant contract was signed in December 2024 between the European Union Delegation (EUD) and the CILSS Executive Secretariat for a 5-year period. The overall objective of the project is to enhance food system resilience to multifactorial risks affecting the countries covered by the project. Specifically, the action aims to strengthen national mechanisms for the prevention and management of food and nutrition crises (DN-PGCAN) and national food and nutrition security information systems, using an inclusive and gender-based approach, and to improve the quality, transparency, accountability and efficiency of mechanisms, tools and, more generally, regional information systems on food and nutrition security.

The project, which will be managed by CILSS, will cover national and regional information systems in 17 countries in the Sahel and West Africa, including Cameroon: **Benin, Burkina Faso, Cabo Verde, Chad, Côte d'Ivoire, Gambia, Ghana, Guinea, Guinea-Bissau, Liberia, Mali, Mauritania, Niger, Nigeria, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo and Cameroon.** The project's activities will mainly involve national technical services, producers' and pastoralists' organisations, civil society NGOs and IGOs active in food and nutrition crisis prevention and management, etc.

To ensure good visibility and ownership of the project by all stakeholders, a programming workshop is scheduled for **10-12 February 2025 in Koudougou**, and **the project launch ceremony will be held from February 13 to 14, 2025 at the Laïco Hotel in Ouagadougou**, under the joint chairmanship of the Burkina Faso Minister of State, Minister of Agriculture, Animal Resources and Fisheries, and the CILSS Minister Coordinator, the Chadian Minister of Agricultural Production and Industrialisation.

OBJECTIVES

The overall objective of the ceremony is to officially launch the activities of the Project to Strengthen and Innovate Food and Nutrition Security Information Systems in the Sahel, West Africa and Cameroon (PRISISAN-AOS). The aim is to create a forum for discussing and sharing information on the operational mechanisms for the project implementation, with the participation of all stakeholders concerned.

Specifically, it aims to:

- Inform stakeholders, all partners and other CILSS projects about the project's objectives and expected results;
- Discuss the project's operational strategy with stakeholders and identify ways of working together and synergising intervention strategies;
- Officially launch the PRISISAN-AOS project activities.

Expected results

At the conclusion of the project planning meeting and official kick-off workshop:

- Stakeholders, partners and other CILSS projects are informed about the objectives and expected results of PRISISAN-AOS;
- The project's operational strategy is updated and the areas of collaboration and synergy with all the other projects are documented in the current context of the West Africa and Sahel region and related challenges and issues;
- The PRISISAN-AOS project is officially launched.

Deliverables from project planning meeting and official kick-off workshop

The following deliverables are expected at the end of the planning meeting:

- The workshop report;
- Recommendations for the Project implementation.

PROGRAMME

Official project launch ceremony on **13 February 2025 in Ouagadougou**, face-to-face and online.

The launch workshop will be held over two (02) days around the official project launch ceremony and technical sessions.

The official launching ceremony will include speeches from the Minister of State, Minister of Agriculture, Animal and Fisheries Resources of Burkina Faso, the Coordinating Minister of CILSS, message from the CILSS Executive Secretary and the speech of the Representative of the European Union.

The technical sessions will be done through presentations and direct exchanges with the responsible of the National Food Security Systems around the different components of the Project.

Furthermore, the countries, will present the NFS information systems in order to identify the strengths and weaknesses as well as the opportunities of these systems in the beneficiary countries of the project.

PARTICIPANTS

The workshop will bring together around hundreds of participants from different structures involved in the implementation of the project as follows:

Structures	Number of people
Ministries	6
Minister Coordinator	1
Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Resources and Fisheries	5
CILSS	22
ES/CILSS (ES, DES, HRMU, Communication, FNS experts, PRAPS, P2RS, PARIIS, etc.)	10
CRA (DG, FNS Experts, DFR, S/E, UAFC, HRMU)	10
INSAH (DG, PRA/Markets)	2
Countries	41
PS/CONACILSS	13
Head of DNSAN (West Africa, Sahel and Cameroon) one person per country	18
EWS Burkina Faso (Meteorology, Nutrition, Agriculture, MIS, etc.)	10
Regional Partners	19
ECOWAS	1
ARAA	1
UEMOA	1
SWAC	1
UNS (FAO, WFP)	5
NGOS (FEWS NET, OXFAM, ACF, SAVE THE CHILDREN, CARE)	5
POs (ROAC, APSS, RBM, ROPPA, RESIMAO, RESOGEST)	6
Financial partners	6
European Union	5
USAID	1
Universities	2
Thomas Sankara University	1
University of Niamey	1
Resource persons	2
Hébié Amadou	1
Lawali Ibrahim	1
Support staff	5
Total	97

AGENDA

Time	Headings	Comments
13 february 2025		
9am-9.30am	Participants arrive and take their seats	CILSS
9.30am - 10am 10am - 10.30am	Musical entertainment <u>Launch ceremony</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Programme announcement (Master of Ceremonies) • Viewing of the SAN Catalogue - CILSS-Device (10 min) 	CILSS
10.30am - 10.40am	Musical entertainment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Message from the CILSS Executive Secretary • Address by the European Union 	
10.40am - 11.40am	Musical entertainment <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Speech by the Minister of State, Minister of Agriculture, Animal Resources and Fisheries of Burkina Faso • Launch speech by the CILSS Minister Coordinator <p>Family photo.</p>	
12 pm to 12.30pm	<u>Press conference</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • CILSS Executive Secretary • CILSS Minister Coordinator • Minister of State, Minister of Agriculture, Animal Resources and Fisheries of Burkina Faso • European Union Delegation 	CILSS
14 february 2025		
9am - 10.30am	Presentation of the FNS information system Strengths-Weaknesses and opportunities (20 minutes per country)	
10.30am – 11.00am	Coffee break	
11.am – 13.00am	Presentation of the FNS information system Strengths-Weaknesses and opportunities	

12.00 – 13.00pm	Presentation of the FNS information system Strengths-Weaknesses and opportunities	
13.00pm – 14.30pm	<u>Lunch</u>	
14.30pm – 16.30pm	Presentation of the FNS information system Strengths-Weaknesses and opportunities	
16.030pm – 17.00pm	Coffee break	
	<u>End of the workshop</u>	