

# Empowering women and young people in the agricultural sector

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## Land

Mali, Senegal

## Projektlaufzeit

2025 - 2028

## Gesamtbudget LED

CHF 3'200'000

## Partnerorganisation

  
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## Brief description of the project

The social and economic integration of young people is a major challenge in West Africa because they are often unaware of the opportunities offered by the agricultural sector and/or have no access to training and further education opportunities. Moreover, few of these opportunities are tailored to the needs of the market. **SIFAs** (*Site Intégré de Formation Agricole*) are easily accessible, community-run, hands-on training centers for young people that prepare and guide them to start their own lucrative agricultural businesses in a short period of time.

## Project goals

- Young adult producers learn agroecological practices, entrepreneurial skills and market knowledge in order to carry out a lucrative agricultural activity adapted to climate change.
- SIFAs are recognized as centers of excellence for agroecological agricultural training and innovative climate change-adapted practices that promote producer empowerment and improve the environmental impact of the agricultural sector.
- SIFAs are recognized as official vocational training institutions and are managed by local stakeholders.

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