

# Rural development with a focus on food security and agricultural education in West Africa

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## Short Project Description

Despite their natural resources, Burkina Faso and Mali suffer from food insecurity, which is exacerbated by climate change. Rising food prices, persistently high unemployment and stagnating socio-economic development are leading to growing frustration among the population, particularly among young people. A lack of work and prospects is driving poorly educated young people to the cities and abroad, while there is a shortage of skilled labour in rural areas.

**By developing and expanding agricultural vocational training**, the project will help **to create jobs for these young people, who are currently struggling to earn a living**. This will increase the yields of their farms and improve the food security of smallholder families.

## Project Goals

- Smallholder families are modernising their production systems towards sustainable agriculture thanks to access to advice and services
- Young men and women have access to high-quality and innovative agricultural training that enables them to professionalise their careers
- Companies in the agricultural sector develop competitive business models with the help of support services
- The public sector provides the necessary framework conditions to develop the agricultural sector and vocational training programmes

## Countries

Burkina Faso and Mali

## Project Duration

01.01.2021 – 31.12.2024

## Overall LED Contribution

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## Partner organisation(s)



## Further information

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