

MAY 2020

FOOD SECURITY FOR FINKOLO, MALI



Naturefriends International

PROJECT CONCEPT

Naturefriends France have been cooperating with Naturefriends Mali 2ADIB-MALI for many years now – one successful example for their cooperation is the development of vegetable farming, benefitting the whole local community in Finkolo and its approximately 7,000 inhabitants.

They especially cooperate with the local women's cooperative. The local agriculture has profited greatly from this cooperation and productivity has increased greatly. This positive development was endangered by the consequences of climate change.



Finkolo is in the South of Mali in the Sikasso region, an area in the Sahel, which particularly suffers under the impacts of climate change. The agricultural season in recent years has been globally average in the commune, and there have been areas of poor production due to water shortages and pests.

This has led to an exceptional increase in the price of cereals, affecting the purchasing power of less well-off households, and has added more than 30% of losses due to the poor conservation of market gardening products by the women of Finkolo, which has led to a situation of food and nutritional insecurity in the commune.

OBJECTIVE OF THE PROJECT

The main objective of the project was to build a storage building with a capacity of 30 tons to improve the packaging and preservation conditions of agricultural products for the families of Finkolo village, to ensure the availability of garden products in the commune and to fight against food and nutritional insecurity caused by global warming.

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In the new storage hall, the agricultural products can be stored for a longer period of time - so people can survive periods of drought better and market their agricultural products better and with fewer losses.

Moussa Traoré, President of 2ADIB-MALI

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This makes the food resources and living conditions of the local population more sustainable and gives local people access to healthy vegetables for longer periods of time. Food can be stored longer and thus sold for a longer period of time.

With this, the work of the 420 women in the cooperative is better appreciated. The project therefore also plays an important role for social inclusion within the village.

Other objectives of the project were the purchase of maintenance and processing equipment, provision of working capital to increase production, capacity building of farmers.

PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION

AUGUST 2019

Naturefriends Mali received an amount of 3, 000 Euros for the prefinancing of the project in Finkolo (Sikasso).

SEPTEMBER 2019

The project team travels to the community to officially start the construction of the warehouse on 15 September 2019.



This ceremony was attended by the diverse participants: the mayor and his councillors; the chief of the village and his advisors; the Imam, the president of the women's association and the members of the association, the youth of the village; the assisting population (men, women, and children) and the of course 2ADIB-Mali association represented by its President Mr. Traoré Moussa and the Treasurer General, Mr. Sogoba Mamadou.

APRIL 2020

Immediately after the completion of the works, the official inauguration ceremony of the camp building took place on Saturday, 04 April 2020, in the large meeting room of the town hall in the presence of almost all villagers.



APRIL 2020

The mayor expressed his satisfaction and joy about the project and thanked Naturefriends International for their support and led the participants to the new storage building accompanied by a traditional music performance.



APRIL 2020

There he asked the women of the agricultural cooperative to take good care of this building, which will be very useful for the protection of their agricultural products.



MONITORING & EVALUATION

MARCH 2022

On 29 March 2022, a delegation from Naturefriends Mali visited the agricultural land of the women's cooperative.

Among other things, the women gave their guests cabbages from their production and expressed their sincere thanks for the support from the Naturefriends Climate Fund. They are very happy that the donations were used to support the development of their cooperative.



SUSTAINABILITY

The continuity of the project is related to the transfer of the skills acquired by the project promoters in the technical and financial management of micro-projects and the efficient use of resources.

The project activities will have a real impact on environmental and nature conservation in the long term. They will prevent products from rotting due to heat and poor packaging, which also contributes to the spread of mosquitoes (diseases).

The social impact is to secure an income from the production and marketing of as many agricultural products as possible. In addition, the joint implementation of the project has strengthened solidarity, cohesion and mutual support within the village community.

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There is nothing more noble than a smile given to one in need!

Moussa Traoré, President of 2ADIB-MALI

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The implementation of this project enabled the diversification and increase of the annual income of the members of the women's cooperative. The project also enabled a better valorisation of their agricultural production by improving storage conditions and spreading the marketing of their products over time.

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IN 2019/2020 AND FINANCED BY
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NATUREFRIENDS CLIMATE FUND
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