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Introduction

- Association Minim Sông Pânga (AMSP) is a farmer's organization in Burkina Faso
- Mission of AMSP: Really involve farmers and other local stakeholders in research and development activities and promote proved and preferred technologies according to their contexts and needs
- Stages of the pearl millet value chain: Selection of new varieties / Seed production / Grain production / Grain processing
- Program: AMSP is implementing programs on Pear Millet in collaboration with Burkina Faso NARS (INERA and IRSAT) and ICRISAT
- Goals:
 - ✓ To improve technical capacity of local stakeholders (seed producers, grain producers, agro inputs dealers, technicians, etc)
 - ✓ To improve the organizations of farmers and other stakeholders for better collaboration
- Resources
 - ✓ Human resources: in the villages there are farmers trainers and innovators, and endogens animators. They are supported par an agronomist and administrative personal
 - ✓ Financial resources of AMSP: contributions of members and mainly by foundations
- Major partners: INERA, ICRISAT, IRSAT, CIRAD, Foundations (McKnight, BMGF,...)

Current activities in value chain of pearl millet

- Participative selection of new varieties including local and varieties of research
- Production of seeds: certified and non certified seeds (communitarians seeds)
- Promotion of seeds (demos, farmers' fields schools, mini kits, local radios, etc)
- Commercialization of the seeds in a network of agro inputs dealers and seed producers shops and by farmers' Unions
- Agro ecological intensification of grain production
- Processing of grain with association of women

Key Achievements/Outputs

- ✓ Participative selection of new varieties: 3 OPV now cultivated, varieties of high content of iron and zinc (Chakti, ...)
- ✓ Production of seeds: possibility to collaborate with a network of 100 seeds producers;
- ✓ Promotion of seeds: at least 3000 farmers can be involved in the activities
- ✓ Commercialization of the seeds: in 20 shops and by 2 farmers' Unions
- ✓ Processing of millet and groundnuts in one Incubation Center: bassi and mougougou

Future goals

- Selection of adapted OPV and hybrids (grain and fodder, high content in zinc and iron)
- Production of seeds of the preferred OPV and hybrids
- Promotion and commercialization of seeds to reach at least 3000 farmers individually
- Creation of 2 new incubations centers for the processing of millet in the districts of Andemtenga and Korsimoro

Constraints/Needs to move forward

The key constraints AMSP face in achieving your future goals are related to:

- ✓ New materials for the participative selection of varieties / hybrids with possibility to plant in June / July
- ✓ Limited resources to promote and commercialize seeds to reach individually at least 3000 farmers
- ✓ Financial resources to create the 2 new incubations centers
- ✓ Limited human and logistic resources of AMSP to face all the activities

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