

iREACH

Innovation Research, Extension and Advisory Coordination Hub
Pôle de coordination innovation recherche vulgarisation et conseil



Research extension and advisory coordination hub (iREACH)

Objective

The objective is to foster the adoption of agricultural Technologies & Innovations (T&I) available in the region for the transformation in the agricultural sector. Specifically, the objectives are: (i) to showcase promising technologies ready to go for end-user's utilization and (ii) attract private firms for mass production of the technologies to avail them at affordable cost.

Description

The vision of this research extension and advisory coordination hub (iREACH) in West Africa (WA) is a strengthened West and Central African Council for Agricultural Research and Development/Conseil Ouest et Centre Africain pour la Recherche et le Développement Agricoles (CORAF) to meet the objectives of its strategic plan more widely with its broad range of partners throughout the region. Progressively, CORAF will better coordinate, align and integrate research, extension, and advisory activities in the region for efficient use of resources and to meet the demands of different clients including producers, researchers, policy makers and the private sector. iREACH will have a particular, although not exclusive, focus on USAID's activities in Feed the Future and Resilience Zones in Senegal, Ghana, Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger and other initiatives implemented by CORAF and funded by other financial partners (USAID, World Bank, Swiss Cooperation).

Implementing countries

Benin, Burkina Faso, Chad, Ghana, Mali, Niger, Senegal, Sierra Leone and Togo



Duration

1 an (2024)



Budgets

1,3 Millions \$

Indicators

- Number of agriculture technology parks established
- At least four events of open days organized for stakeholders (two in hot and two in cool seasons (farmers, advisory services, decision makers, agronomic school and academia students, journalists, other senior business, and government leaders, etc.) of West Africa (Benin, Chad, Burkina Faso, Ghana, Mali, Niger, Senegal, etc.)
- Capacity Building efforts focus on key stakeholders, specifically, smallholders' farmers, researchers, private sector, and youth.
- Partnerships with private sectors for technology scaling

Target audience

Agriculture stakeholders (research Scientists, private sectors, farmers, policy makers...)

Partners

Regional centers of excellence and National centers of specialization, USAID