

Project Evaluation Series

**Evaluation of the project
“Integrating climate resilience into
agricultural and pastoral production for
food security in vulnerable rural areas
through the farmers field school
approach”**

**Project code: GCP/BKF/054/LDF
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Management response

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<p>Recommendation 1. Considering the updated strategic and operational challenges and the positive results achieved by the project, a new phase of the project should be envisaged to consolidate the achievements and institutionalise the APFS approach.</p> <p>The project has highlighted the benefits and opportunities of the APFS approach in terms of improving the frameworks and processes for building the capacity of stakeholders and organisations involved in the extension and agricultural advisory process in Burkina Faso, ranging from decision-makers to populations and advisory agents. The progress achieved in the experimentation and adoption of the APFS approach, in the adoption of associated tools by development partners (VSLAs, LCCA micro-projects, gender and CCA mainstreaming guide in CDPs) and in</p>	Accepted	Based on the lessons learned, FAO Burkina Faso has integrated the APFS approach into the ongoing set-up of the project on "improving the livelihoods of agro-sylvo-pastoralists" for LDCF/GEF funding of up to USD 10 million.	FAO BKF, CBC	03/01/2022	Yes

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<p>the adoption of the proposed GAPs, deserve to be consolidated and disseminated more widely. FAO and the inter-ministerial committee set up should continue awareness raising and advocacy for the adoption and wider dissemination of the approach with its institutionalisation as the final objective. 183.</p> <p>The project through VSLAs has enabled people to strengthen social connections and women to develop IGAs to improve their livelihoods. This momentum needs to be supported in the future by other well-targeted support mobilised in a timely manner (supply of equipment and inputs, water supply infrastructure via co-financing partners, etc.). 184.</p> <p>In future projects, FAO can also provide support to the Government to strengthen the participation of women in vocational training schools</p>					

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for agricultural sector agents, with a view to eventually improving the representation of women among technical managers in the rural sector.					
<p>Recommendation 2. The modalities and mechanisms for mobilising co-financing (cash and non-cash) for future projects need to be improved both at the design and start-up stages.</p> <p>This project was one of the first TFPs to receive a cash contribution from the State for the organisation of SC activities, the organisation of certain supervisory missions, the payment of regional focal points, the acquisition of small office equipment and the rehabilitation of the local offices. In spite of the difficulties encountered in its mobilisation, the existence of this cash counterpart funds demonstrates the very proactive commitment of the State to this project and is a</p>	Accepted	The co-financing follows administrative procedures and it is important for FAO Burkina Faso to take steps with the authorized government administrations in order to obtain agreements for co-financing before signing of the project documents.	FAO BKF	31/12/2021	No

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<p>significant step forward in State co-financing. The mobilisation of this fund, added to the monitoring and supervision resources provided for in the Memorandum of Understanding between MAAH and FAO, made it possible to overcome several shortcomings that often limit the monitoring and supervision by the Government of certain projects financed by TFPs. However, in order to improve the effectiveness of co-financing in future projects, it is necessary first at the design stage to evaluate and quantify this co-financing from the Government by linking it to activities and well defined outcomes. Secondly, at the start-up stage, it is worth organising the partners’ workshop early on, drafting memoranda of understanding and carrying out concerted or joint planning to increase synergies.</p>					

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<p>Recommendation 3. Deliberations should be carried out and actions taken to make the Task Force more operational in future projects.</p> <p>The functioning of the task force is often undermined by changes of the LTO and by the fact that the latter is simultaneously involved in several other projects. The LTO of the project was changed several times, consequently, the task force mechanism did not work well. This somehow reduced the visibility of the project at the FAO level.</p>	Partially Accepted	<p>Consultation/support mission of the Task Force in compliance with COVID-19 and security measures. The mechanism for making the Task Force operational will take into account the provisions in force in the context of COVID-19 and the security situation.</p>	FAO BKF and CBC	30/06/2023	No