



Digitization of climate-smart practices in vegetable crops to support sustainability of production and improve livelihood of smallholder’s farmers (Digit_Crops)

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Work Package 4: Project Management and Sustainability		
Activity 4.1 Project management structure and meetings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Kickoff meeting - Quarterly meetings to review progress and make strategic decisions - End-of-project restitution workshop - Identify stakeholders and target farmers - Community awareness meeting on the project 	<p>Community awareness meeting on the project : From December 2 to 12, 2024, an awareness and information mission for the Digit_Crops project was carried out in Korhogo, Yamoussoukro, and Songon. In Korhogo, workshops held across four villages engaged 195 participants, 80% of whom were women. In Yamoussoukro, from December 6 to 9, a final workshop was organized in collaboration with the "Plateforme des Producteurs pour la Commercialisation des Produits Maraîchers de Yamoussoukro" (PCOPMAYA) cooperative, bringing together 32 producers from various localities. In Songon, from December 10 to 12, discussions involved 14 community leaders. In total, the mission reached 241 participants, including 165 women. This initiative reinforced community engagement and empowered participants to serve as advocates for promoting the objectives of the Digit_Crops project.</p> <p>Kickoff meeting: The launch event of the Digit_Crops project brought together a diverse group of stakeholders, including government agencies such as ANADER, technical partners like the International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology (ICIPE), professional agricultural organizations (OPA), researchers, and academics, fostering a spirit of inclusive collaboration. The ceremony commenced with an opening address by Professor KOUASSI Édouard, followed by insightful presentations</p>

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		highlighting key challenges facing the Ivorian vegetable farming sector, including pest infestations, soil degradation, and the impacts of climate change. Dr. M'BO Kacou Antoine presented the project's objectives, funded by AGriDI, emphasizing the development of digital tools for pest management and strategies to enhance farmers' resilience. An interactive session encouraged meaningful discussions and culminated in the adoption of a well-defined action plan to guide the project's implementation.
Activity 4.4. Communication mechanism (external and internal)	Social networking creation and enrichment (Twitter, Facebook, and LinkedIn account for visibility and communication) Partnerships and collaboration with agricultural association Publications and catalog on pests of vegetable crops and CSA practices	<p>1- Visibility and communication: The web page on the WASCAL platform is currently under development. It will provide greater visibility for the project internationally. The access link will be: DIGIT_CROPS - Centre WASCAL/CCBAD</p> <p>2- Visibility and communication: The project's launch activities were communicated through various media outlets, including print press and television. Access links are as follows:</p> <p>Print Press: <i>Fraternité Matin</i>, Tuesday, January 7, 2025, No. 18006, Page 10 (https://www.bing.com/ck/a?!&&p=97009209d2c06f07afe643ec5aff0c627dd415a3d3cc207226696c96ee940cfcJmltdHM9MTczNjgxMjgwMA&ptn=3&ver=2&hsh=4&fclid=3887ae17-c2ec-6808-2967-be90c3b96989&psq=https%3a%2f%2fwww.fratmat.info+Digit_Crops&u=a1aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cucHJlc3NyZWFkZXluY29tL2NvdGUtZC1pdm9pcmUvZnJhdGVybml0ZS1tYXRpbj8yMDI1MDEwNy8yODE5NjQ2MTMzNTYyMzk&ntb=1)</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Television: <i>Business 24</i> (https://youtu.be/cdCvbKaEJ7Q?si=Pyg6gaLsGJ2cllFR)