



Organisation Béninoise Pour la Promotion de l'Agriculture Biologique (OBEPAB)

Introduction

Agriculture is the base of the national economy. It occupies almost 70% of the active population and contributes 38% of GDP. However, current production systems, farmers make intensive use of chemical fertilizers for soil fertilization and synthetic chemical pesticides for plant health protection. Chemicals are used to food storage. Chemical inputs cause huge damage to human health. One of the alternatives to deal with these problems caused by current production systems in conventional agriculture is the ecological and organic agriculture.

In this context, the initiative of Ecological Organic Agriculture has been adopted by the Heads of African States to address the food security challenge allows the Project Mainstreaming Ecological Organic Agriculture (EOA) into National Policies, Strategies and Programmes in Africa. In Benin, the coordination of this project is implemented by the "Organisation Béninoise pour la Promotion de l'Agriculture Biologique" (OBEPAB). During 2015, several activities were implemented by the 4 pillars that constitute the project. This annual report present the mains results, challenges, lessons learned and recommendations followed by a table which summarizes the different activities.

Main results for 2015

Below are some mains achievements of 2015.


1. EOA master curricula development
2. Elaboration of EOA Strategy communication documents
3. Identification and use of newsletter « Regard Citoyen » which is read by more than 1000 producers. It served for dissemination for sharing EOA information among stakeholders
4. Existence of data base and repertory of actors involved in EOA
5. Elaboration of 2 business plans : 1 of pineapple and second on compost
6. Creation of 2 new functioning selling points of organic products
7. Existence of a document on Policy gap analysis on the current policies as related to EOA development along the value chains in Benin
8. Availability of strategy plan for the EOA of Benin EOA platform

Challenge

1. To bring more consumers to know, to buy and to consume organic product
2. To include clearly organic production in the new version of "Plan Stratégique de Relance du Secteur Agricole "
3. To work toward the adoption of rules and documents for the harmonisation, homologation and import of biopesticides in the sub region
4. To lobby in such a way that government services are more committed to the promotion of organic agriculture (promotion and execution of organic activities)

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		PILLAR 1: TRAINING, RESEARCH AND EXTENSION			
Project Title: Mainstreaming Ecological Organic Agriculture (EOA) into National Policies, Strategies and Programmes in Africa				Reporting Period: Jan-November 2015	
OUTCOME 1: Ecological Organic Products and related knowledge along the value chain is increasingly documented, updated and actors capacitated to translate it into practices and application.					
Outputs	Indicators (logframe)	Baseline	Progress between reporting period	Project Targets	Analysis, Remarks
Output 1.1 Increased knowledge of research into use, needs and priorities about Organic practices in the entire value chains available					
Activity 1.1.1 Conduct in-depth assessment to document available technologies on EOA research into use.	In-depth assessments to document available EOA research into use conducted in the northern region	Not documented before	A consultant has been identified to assess the available data base on EOA research results into use in cotton and soy bean production systems in Benin (See report in annex 1)	A functional Data base produced on EOA research into use. A study / assessment report and a documentation on research gaps produced.	The study focused on cotton and soya, the two main crops on which organic farming technologies are used in northern Benin. Technologies identified are linked to soil and pest management. 4 technologies has been identified in organic and sustainable cotton farming (including food spray to attract natural enemies) and 2 in soya production system.

<p>Activity 1.1.2 Identify knowledge gaps needs and priorities by gender in the development of specific EOA value chains</p>	<p>Knowledge gaps needs and priorities by gender identified in Benin.</p>	<p>Not documented before</p>	<p>During October 2015, a consultant has been recruited to study and to identify knowledge gaps and needs in EOA products value chains' actors in Benin according to gender.</p> <p>(See annex 2 for the report)</p>	<p>One assessment report submitted</p>	<p>The study identified actors, constraints and knowledge gaps along the organic cotton and soya bean value chain in Benin. These results will help for the design of training curricula towards farmers, extension agents and processors of EOA products.</p>
<p>Activity 1.1.3. Create and regularly update a data base of EOA research into use at national level in close liaison with networks like NOARA, WANOART and other research institutions</p>	<p>Consultants hired to undertake the exercise EOA research data base created and regularly updated</p>	<p>Not documented before</p>	<p>An expert from the faculty of science and technologies of university of Abomey has been identified to assess the ecological management of tomato's pests in South of Benin (case study of <i>Helicoverpa armigera</i>). During this research activity, the plots of 30 tomato's farmers were investigated in southern Benin. More than 2000 species of arthropods potential natural enemies of <i>Helicoverpa</i> has been identified.</p> <p>(See annex 3 for the report)</p>	<p>EOA research data base in place at the National level in Benin.</p>	<p>The results of this research will help to use the complexity of agro ecosystem to combat tomatoes pest by eliminating the synthetic pesticides use.</p>

<p>Activity 1.1.4 Validate research findings in EOA practices</p>	<p>Research findings in EOA practices validated</p>	<p>Not documented before</p>	<p>Validation workshop of the study : assess the ecological management of tomato's pests in South of Benin (case study of <i>Helicoverpa armigera</i>).</p> <p>(Validate workshop report in progress)</p> <p>Experience about application of biopesticides application of different doses of manure production of compost using among others the kitchen wastes.</p> <p>(Report in progress)</p>	<p>One validation report produced</p>	<p>The main findings are:</p> <p>3349 arthropods are collected from 30 fields.the hymenopteres are the most importants followed by the orthopters and the coleopteran followed by the coleopterans. the diversity of plants increases the number of useful insects and this is good for pests management in ecological and organic agriculture</p>
<p>Activity 1.1.5 Document application of local knowledge to development of EOA</p>	<p>Local knowledge related to vegetable production, pineapple, cotton and soya beans identified</p> <p>Application of identified local knowledge to development of EOA documented</p>	<p>Not documented before</p>	<p>A consultant has been identified to participatory assessment of local knowledge related to vegetable and pineapple production. On going</p> <p>Research on the comparison between soil quality in organic/ecological and conventional cotton</p> <p>(Report in progress)</p>	<p>Documentation report and materials produced from Benin</p>	<p>Local knowledge identified and their potential effect of vegetable and pineapple production has been assessed</p> <p>This study has shown no significant difference between the structure and the texture of the soils. This can be explained by the fact the conversion period is still short and the effect of the use of manure is not yet visible.</p>
<p>Output 1.2: Capacity for organisation and implementation of EOA practices developed and strengthened</p>					

Activity 1.2.1 Identify training needs for EOA actors by gender (producers, extension agents, marketers, processors, regulators and consumers) in the value chains	Training needs for EOA actors of vegetable, cotton, soya beans and pineapple identified	Not documented before	Not done	Report on training needs for EOA actors in vegetable, cotton, soya beans and pineapple	A similar activity has been achieved to identify knowledge gap related to organic cotton and soya bean In the next planning period the training needs will be identify for vegetable and pineapple values chains
Activity 1.2.2 Support periodic reviews of curricula and training materials for relevant training institution with stakeholders (Practitioners, institutions and policy makers)	A review of curricula and training materials for relevant training institution with stakeholders supported and undertaken	Not documented before	Update of the training curricula of fields agents on the organic cotton to include the use of new practices and technologies. (in progress)	A review report on the state of alignment of curricula and training materials available	A draft of the technico economic forms developed and being tested
Activity 1.2.3 Sensitize stakeholders on recommended EOA curricula and training materials	Sensitization workshops of the main stakeholders conducted on curricula and training materials Sensitization visits to training institutions done	Not documented before	Not done	Workshop and visits reports submitted.	–
Activity 1.2.4: Support development of EOA training programmes and materials based on training needs assessment and curricula reviews	Training programmes and materials developed	Not documented before	Not done	Various training materials and programmes available	–

<p>Activity 1.2.5: Support short course trainings for targeted actors in EOA value chain to build capacities on identified gaps.</p> <p>The issue of seed also needs to be considered.</p>	<p>Five vegetable seed breeders and five cotton seed breeders have been trained</p>	<p>Not documented before</p>	<p>Training of 17 organic cotton seed producers in Donwari 21 - 24 July 2016 (See annex 4 for the report)</p>	<p>A report on the training workshops produced using the materials produced.</p>	<p>The first harvest will take place in January 2016. This will help organic process to be autonomous with respect to the access of organic seed.</p>  <p>Seed producers training at Kandi</p>
<p>Output 1.3: Effective implementation of the pillar activities enhanced</p>					
<p>Activities 1.3.1+1.3.2 Conduct M&E and support activity implementation</p>	<p>Monitoring and evaluation strategy developed</p> <p>M&E field visits undertaken</p> <p>Pillar management meeting organized</p>		<p>Fields visits organized in August (2 to 5), in September (7 to 9) and October (26 to 28) 2015 (See annex 5, 6 and 7 for the reports)</p>	<p>A monitoring and evaluation strategy document available</p> <p>Report on M&E field visits submitted</p> <p>Pillar management meeting reports</p> <p>fields visits reports</p>	
<p>Activity 1.3.3: Prepare annual and progress reports</p>	<p>Annual and progress reports prepared by pillar coordinator and submitted to CLO</p>		<p>Progress report is prepared</p>	<p>Technical and financial reports submitted.</p>	




PILLAR 2: INFORMATION AND COMMUNICATION

Project Title: Mainstreaming Ecological Organic Agriculture (EOA) into National Policies, Strategies and Programmes in Africa


Reporting Period: Jan-November 2015

Outcome 2. Producers are systematically informed and made aware about the EOA approaches and good practices and motivated to apply them by having access to strengthened advisory and support services


Outputs	Indicators (log frame)	Baseline	Progress between reporting period	Project Targets	Analysis, Remarks
Output 2.1: Awareness and knowledge of the value and practices of EOA is increased					
Activity 2.1.1 Conduct gap analysis in information and communication strategies	TOR elaborated A contract is signed with consultant A report is produced	Not documented before	TOR has been approved and a consultant has produced a report of study. On 25 th february 2015, a validation workshop took place at Cotonou with 20 participants Report on gap analysis has been produced. (See annex 8 for the TOR and annex 9 for the validate workshop report).	Information and communication gap report produced and available	A consultant contracted to carry out a study in order to establish a gap in information and communication strategies has submitted a final report. 


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<p>Activity 2.1.2</p> <p>Develop sensitization and communication strategies</p>	<p>Sensitization and communication strategies developed</p>		<p>TOR has been approved and a consultant has produced a report of study.</p> <p>On 31st march 2015, a validation workshop took place at Cotonou with 28 participants</p> <p>Document of sensitization and communication strategies has been produced.</p> <p>(See annex 10 for the TOR).</p> <p>Sensitization and communication strategies document developed by consultant</p> <p>(Strategy document on going)</p>	<p>Sensitization and communication strategies document available</p>	<p>The TOR for undertaking the assignment has been approved between the consultant and PASCiB</p> <p>This document is about how introduce EOA in agricultural politic and programmes in Benin.</p> <p>This document describes the communication actions to improve knowledge of the target audiences on the EOA, communications to change attitudes hearings assuming. They are more familiar with the EOA but remain their commitment to the achievement of project activities and communication activities to influence the practices of target audiences if indeed their contribution does not contribute to the achievement of project objectives.</p>
<p>Activity 2.1.3:</p> <p>Prepare and avail information and communication materials</p>	<p>Various communication materials produce in French and two local languages</p>	<p>On going</p>	<p>On going</p>	<p>2 Posters, 1 leaflet, 1 brochure, 1 DVDs, publication of EOA newsletters and E- bulletins available</p>	


<p>Activity 2.1.4: Sensitize EOA stakeholders and actors in the value chain through workshops, media, websites</p>	<p>EOA stakeholders sensitized through a sensitization workshop and meeting</p> <p>At least 3 radio programs on EOA value chains will be organized and broadcasted.</p>		<p>On 11th april 2015, a sensitization EOA workshop took place at Adjohoun in south Benin with 60 participants (producers and local authorities)</p> <p>Contract with the three community radio stations namely Soleil FM, Adjohoun radio, voix de la Vallée to broadcast emission in EOA and sensitize people to EOA importance</p> <p>EOA recorder programs was introduced in</p> <p>EOA thematic notes were published in journal "Regard Citoyen" (see workshop report in annex 11) (supports of emissions and the journal on going)</p>	<p>One sensitization workshop</p> <p>Three programmes radio</p>	<p>People have more information about EOA importance</p>  <p>Workshop participants</p>
<p>Output 2.2: Extension and communication support systems are strengthened</p>					


<p>Activities 2.2.1:</p> <p>Improve support communication infrastructure (farmer resource centre's, information hubs, websites, databases and other data/knowledge repositories)</p>	<p>Repertory resource of information and communication infrastructures and their needs elaborated for Benin.</p> <p>2 more volunteers will be trained for each resource center. These will in turn take care of the centers and open them during the appropriate time for farmers to access materials.</p> <p>Farmer resource centers will be equipped with relevant information materials, which will serve as study and reference materials.</p>	<p>None</p> <p>None</p>	<p>On going</p> <p>On going</p>	<p>Repertory of information and communication infrastructures and their needs available</p> <p>One farmer resource or studio upgraded with right equipments</p>	
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<p>Activity 2.2.2:</p> <p>Train farmers and extension agents in the use of innovative communication strategies</p>	<p>Extension agents trained on the use of strategies communication relating to biopesticides strategies</p>		<p>From 25th to 27th June 2015, one training workshop took place at Centre de Développement des Initiatives Locales (CDIL) at Cotonou with 10 participants. 05 extension agents trained on the use of biopesticides for pest management and organic fertilizer in vegetable production.</p> <p>(See annex 12 for the training workshop report)</p>	<p>5 extension agents trained on the use of communication strategies related to biopesticides</p>	<p>Producers and consumers are exposed to a health hazard due to residues use of chemical pesticides and to health problems and diseases. The use of Biopesticides in vegetable production will avoid people no longer suffer pesticide-related poisoning.</p>  <p>e.g : Organic fertilizer application at VIMAS</p>
<p>Activity 2.2.3:</p> <p>Prepare and avail policy briefs and guidelines on ICT applications in EOA to relevant policy makers and other stakeholders</p>	<p>Policy briefs and guidelines on ICT applications in EOA elaborated</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Policy briefs and guidelines on ICT applications in EOA are on going. (Policy briefs on going)</p>	<p>two policy briefs and guidelines available</p>	<p>TOR was prepared</p> <p>One consultant was hired to do realise policy brief</p>

<p>Activity 2.2.4: Create linkages and partnerships among actor organizations involved in transfer and dissemination of EOA practice</p>	<p>Linkages and partnerships created among others actors organizations Participation in 3rd African Organic Conference in Lagos</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>On going</p>	<p>At least 2 another partnership linkage established successfully</p>	
<p>Activity 2.3.1 +2.3.2: Conduct M&E and support activity implementation</p>	<p>Monitoring and evaluation strategy developed M&E field visits undertaken Pillar management meeting organized</p>		<p>M&E activities for those activities : sensitization and communication strategies development, extension agents training for biopesticides use in vegetable pest management (see in annex 13 for Report on M&E visits)</p>	<p>A monitoring and evaluation strategy document available Report on M&E field visits submitted Pillar management meeting reports</p>	<p>The main difficulties concern the relatively short time to ensure the implementation of activities and the budget lines of some activities too weak to fully realize these activities</p>
<p>Activity 2.3.3: Prepare annual and progress reports</p>	<p>Annual and progress reports prepared by pillar coordinator and submitted to CLO</p>		<p>On going</p>	<p>Technical and financial reports submitted.</p>	
		<p>PILLAR 3: VALUE CHAIN AND MARKET DEVELOPMENT</p>			
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OUTCOME 3: A substantially increased share of organic quality, quantity products at the local, national and regional markets is achieved					
Outputs	Indicators (log frame)	Baseline	Progress between reporting period	Project Targets	Analysis, Remarks
Output 3.1 Access to market information and data on EOA products increased (30%)					
Activities 3.1.1+ 3.1.4: Continue and update national database of actors (producers, processors, traders, consumers, regulators) in the EOA value chains and train stakeholders on the use of the tools for collecting market information and data	A national database of EOA actors developed	None	Data collection tools have been create with information from operators like producers, processors, traders, consumers, regulators and NGO with promote organic and ecologic products (see annex 14 for data base)	National database is up and running with updated current data. Report on the training session on market information	
Activity 3.1.2: Create linkages between the national databases and the other databases at regional and global levels - AUC, FIBL,IFOAM			Not done		This activity is linked to the previous one. The linkage will be created in next steps.


<p>Activities 3.1.3+ 3.1.5</p> <p>Develop, adapt and update tools for collecting market information and data and support stakeholders to collect, analyze and disseminate market information and data</p>	<p>Trained stakeholders supported in collecting market treatment and disseminate market information</p> <p>Numbers of actors using the market information and data</p> <p>The report from CSFT about the support (CSFT is an organic pineapple processor</p>	<p>Organic market information not available to main organic stakeholders</p>	<p>About 650 visitors per day ask for information (label Benin, aliment sain)</p> <p>2700 cotton producers, 1700 pine apple producers, 1080 soya producers, 620 people collect plants for essential oil. About 6080 producers ask for information from market facilitators.</p> <p>on going</p>	<p>Report on stakeholders support and the dissemination activities related</p>	
<p>Activity 3.1.6:</p> <p>Support establishment of at least 3 organic farmers markets in every participating county</p>	<p>2 new functional organic and ecological farmer markets created</p>	<p>3 organic selling point established in Cotonou before 2014</p>	<p>2 new functional organic and ecological farmer markets created at Allada and Abomey</p> <p>(See photo of organic selling point in Abomey)</p>	<p>Existence of two new organic and ecological farmer markets</p>	 <p>Organic selling point at Abomey</p>

<p>Activity 3.1.7: Support organization and participation of stakeholders in the national, regional and international trade fairs</p>	<p>8 stakeholders' attendance in the national, regional and international trade fairs supported</p>	<p>Irregular stakeholders' participation in national, regional and international trade fairs.</p>	<p>4 persons were supported to attend the third African Organic Conference in Lagos at Nigeria from 05 to 09 October 2015. (See annex 15 for the trade fair report)</p>	<p>Information on Business contacts was obtained and shared with different business operators and others international traders</p>	<p>Information on Business contacts was obtained and shared with different business operators and others international traders</p>  <p>EOA Product in trade fair at Lagos</p>
<p>Activity 3.1.8: Conduct consumer awareness through media, promotional materials, mobile phones</p>	<p>1 promotional campaign conducted on EOA products in Abomey-Calavi in Benin cities.</p>	<p>Irregular and scarce promotional campaign on EOA products None in Calavi before</p>	<p>100 consumers reached through the promotion campaign. (Report on going)</p>	<p>Non indicated.</p>	
<p>Output 3.2: Capacity in value chains development for EOA products enhanced.</p>					
<p>Activity 3.2.1: Conduct value chain mapping and analysis for EOA products</p>	<p>A organic cotton value chain mapping and analysis exercise undertaken successfully A negotiation and discussion platform of organic cotton actors established</p>	<p>3750 producers of organic cotton in Benin No platform of organic cotton actors</p>	<p>Mapping is yet ongoing and report expected for December 2015</p>	<p>5625 producers of organic cotton</p>	<p>The organic cotton value chain mapping and analysis process is on-going and yet a platform of organic cotton actors is established.</p>

Activity 3.2.2: Conduct training in Value Chain Development and Marketing for at least 10 Master Trainers (MTs) taking into account gender and youths	1 send to a training session	None	Not done: Planned for the end of November 2015	A training report from MT candidate	
Activities 3.2.3+ 3.2.4: Support MTs and TOTs conduct national TOTs trainings for extension agents, lead farmers and service providers on value chain development	A TOT training session organize for 15 extension agents, service providers and lead farmers		Not done: planned for the end of November 2015	Report of TOT training available	
Activity 3.2.5: Facilitate exchange visits for actors to cases of best practices	Exchange visits for actors to cases of best practices arranged successfully	Irregular exchange visit	Not done: Planned for the end of November 2015	1 exchange visit is undertaken and report submitted showcasing best practices.	
Activities 3.2.6 + 3.2.7: Train stakeholders in entrepreneurship, development of business plans and support strategic business linkages with green investors	2 EOA promoters are trained in entrepreneurship and development of business plans and also are successfully linked with green investors with their business plan	None	1 pineapple business plan was developed (See Business plan in annex 16)	2 business plans available One MOU showing linkages with green investors available	1 Business plan exist


<p>Activity 3.2.8: Document in booklets, brochures, video clips and audio clips and share through media and workshops/events best practices in the value chains of EOA commodities</p>	<p>Best practices in the value chains of EOA commodities documented and shared successfully</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Not done : planned for December 2015</p>	<p>At least 1 Document on EOA best practices developed</p>	<p>–</p>
<p>Output 3.3: Enhanced capacity in quality assurance for supporting collective marketing of organic products to the domestic, regional or export markets enhanced</p>					
<p>Activity 3.3.1: Train 8 local organic inspectors</p>	<p>1 Local organic inspector selected and sent to the training workshop of local inspectors.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>The training workshop of local inspectors A report on the training workshop on going</p>		

<p>Activity 3.3.2 Train and Facilitate at least 16 producers associations nationally in the use of Internal Control System (ICS) and Participatory Guarantee System (PGS) for market access</p>	<p>The number of farmers qualified for the PGS certificate from the 3 organic producer associations increased.</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>For the use of the participatory guarantee system 3 associations were trained : there are AJAM (Association des Jeunes Agriculteurs Modernes), GEA (Groupe-ment des Exploitants Agricoles du Bénin) et AP-PRAL (Association des Producteurs et Productrices de Riz de l'Atlantique/Littoral)</p> <p>Report from Helvetas on going</p>		
<p>Activity 3.3.3 Facilitate implementation of third party certification approach</p>	<p>Implementation of third party certification approach facilitated</p>	<p>None</p>	<p>Support pineapple producers network (REPAB) and pineapple processor (FRUIT TILLOU) of third party certification (ECOCERT)</p> <p>In process</p>	<p>Report submitted showcasing the process of facilitation. This can be farmer group selection reports, field visit reports, and identification criteria reports</p>	<p>In process</p>
<p>Output 3.4: Effective implementation of the pillar activities enhanced</p>					
<p>Activities 3.4.1+ 3.2.9 : Conduct M&E and share lessons on value chain development of EOA product</p>	<p>M&E conducted through field visits and frequent reporting</p>		<p>M&E reports submitted, field reports and progress reports</p>		

Activity 3.4.2: Prepare annual and progress reports	Annual and progress reports prepared and submitted		Annual (2014 reports) and midyear 2015 financial and progress reports submitted		
Travels cost					
Administration cost					
		PILLAR 4: SUPPORT AND CEMENTING EOA PLATFORM: STEERING, COORDINATION AND MANAGEMENT			
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OUTCOME 4: Fully functional multi stakeholder platforms at the national level, mutually agreeing on well coordinated and concerted action to inform public policies and investment plans in favour of EOA					
Outputs	Indicators (log frame)	Baseline	Progress between reporting period	Project Targets	Analysis, Remarks
Output 4.1: Fully functional National Platforms with Steering Committees established and strengthened					

<p>Activities 4.1.2+ 4.1.3 : Organize at least one meeting for bringing together country partners to share experiences and lessons and also sensitize various actors about the value of EOA in development</p>	<p>Organization by the CLO of one meeting by region</p> <p>Sensitize actors in the country about EOA</p>		<p>A multi stakeholders' workshop at Saint Anouarite centre of Abomey-Calavi (nearby Cotonou) held on 10th February 2015 with 40 participants. This meeting gave also the opportunity to validate the report of the study on : Identification, prioritization and validation of knowledge needs of value chains actors of organic and ecological products in Benin.</p> <p>Multi stakeholders' workshop held on 13th April 2015 with 19 actors in the organic sector to contribute to the improvement and African EOA strategic plan. It is also an opportunity for exchanges</p> <p>(See Annex 17 for the workshop report)</p>	<p>Invitations and meeting reports</p> <p>TOR and report</p>	<p>Report and presentations were later shared to all the members who attended via e-mail addresses.</p> <p>During this meeting, the EOA platform members of Benin got the opportunity to understand deeply the EOA project document. They have made some comments for the improvement of the project's strategy.</p>
<p>Activity 4.1.4 : Undertake policy gap analysis on the current policies as related to EOA development along the value chains in EOA</p>	<p>Policy gap analysis on the current policies as related to EOA development undertaken</p>	<p>No policy initiative exists before targeting EOA.</p>	<p>TOR has been prepared to hire one expert to do this activity.</p> <p>(See Annex 18 for TOR)</p>	<p>TOR and policy gap analysis report</p>	<p>Negotiations are going on with expert for assignment charges and the budget.</p>

<p>Activity 4.1.5 Lobby for inclusion of EOA into national policy making processes, strategies and investment plans.</p>	<p>A Workshop on policy document organized</p> <p>Policy briefs on EOA elaborated</p> <p>At least two advocacy meeting organized</p>	<p>Decision makers were not aware about the importance of EOA and why to promote it</p>	<p>A dialogue meeting was held between the CLO coordinator and 09 members of “Conseil Economique et Social (CES)”, a governmental organ where the main agenda for public investment is discussed. The meeting focused on “The inclusion of organic cotton in the textile Sector”.</p> <p>(see annex 19 and 20 for the TOR and report)</p> <p>As resource person, the CLO coordinator has been enrolled in Radio broadcasting program on the Soleil Radio station aiming to sensitize the broad public on EOA and agricultural policies.</p>	<p>Policy briefs on EOA Workshops reports Advocacy meeting report with policy makers</p>	<p>As the result of this those dialogue meetings; these resolutions were endorsed:</p> <p>(i) CES members promise to share the lessons learn on organic agriculture</p> <p>(ii) CES members have better understanding on EOA and the importance of organic cotton in the textile industry This activity has helped raise awareness of decision makers for the inclusion of EOA in the national development program.</p>
<p>Activity 4.1.6: Develop long term goals and strategies for the National Platform facilitated by the Steering Committee and CLOs</p>	<p>Strategy plan elaborated A validation workshop organized</p>		<p>The ToR is elaborated and the process of identifying two experts to facilitate the process is on-going. (see annex 21 for the TOR) On going</p>	<p>Strategic plan available Validation workshop report</p>	<p>One of the two experts will have good knowledge on the organic sector in Africa and the second should have good experience in working with civil society organisations.</p>

<p>Activity 4.1.7 Develop directory and database of members of the national platforms and development partners</p>	<p>A database of members of the national platform developed</p>	<p>No data-base of the members of the national platforms and development partners exists before.</p>	<p>TOR has been prepared to hire a consultant</p>	<p>An updated database of members of the national platform and development partners available</p>	<p>The process is still going on.</p>
<p>Activity 4.1.8: Support participation in regional fora</p>	<p>At least 10 stakeholders supported to attend the Third African conference on EOA in Nigeria, Fibl meeting, Textile regional meeting/platform</p>		<p>8 actors were supported to attend the third African Organic Conference in Lagos (Nigeria) from 05 to 09 October 2015.</p> <p>Report on going</p>	<p>Reports and participants list are available</p>	<p>The continental conference was an opportunity to some participants to improve their knowledge on organic agriculture talking to different people During this Conference, two participants from Benin have been elected in the regional board, showing how the project progressively build the capacity and leadership abilities in the region.</p>  <p>Third African Organic Conference in Lagos</p>
<p>Activity 4.1.9: Create website for visibility of the initiative and information sharing</p>	<p>EOA- Benin website created successfully linked to other global EOA websites</p>	<p>Only some blogs and social networks exist.</p>	<p>Contract has been signed with a IT technician who will manage frequently the website (See Annex 22 for TOR)</p>	<p>Functional website</p>	<p>The website is designed, it needs to be animated and updated.</p>

<p>Activity 4.1.10: Prepare annual work plan and budget through participatory processes</p>	<p>Annual work plans and budgets prepared</p>		<p>From 11 to 12 August 2015 at Fifatin hotel at Bohicon in the centre Benin, one meeting took place to review the implementation of 2015 work plan.</p> <p>(See annex 23 and 24 for the TOR and workshop report)</p>	<p>2016 national work plans submitted</p>	<p>The first draft 2016 national work plan and budget has been designed. Those documents needed to be finalized with inputs from different stakeholders from inside the country before submitting to Bio Vision Africa Trust</p>
<p>Output 4.2: Capacities of Country Lead Organizations (CLOs) and Pillar Implementing Partners (PIPs) to perform their functions strengthened</p>					
<p>Activity 4.2.2: Strengthen capacity of CLOs and PIPs in project coordination and implementation</p>	<p>Capacity of CLOs and PIPs in project coordination and implementation strengthened</p>		<p>From 11 to 12 August 2015 at Fifatin hotel at Bohicon in the centre of Benin, one meeting took place for exchange on the EOA project document and the main instructions it contains.</p> <p>(See photo)</p>	<p>Training reports</p>	<p>All the PIP members have attended this meeting. It was the occasion to learn more about the commitments of the EOA program and the necessity to follow the work plan with more rigors.</p> <div data-bbox="2021 1134 2450 1414" data-label="Image"> </div> <p>Participants at the meeting</p>

<p>Activities 4.2.4 + 4.2.6: CLOs convene at least two national platform meetings a year for PIPs and other stakeholders and Prepare annual work plan and budget through participatory processes .</p>	<p>Two national platform meetings in 2015 for PIPs and other stakeholders held Annual 2016 work plans and budgets prepared</p>		<p>One meeting held on 12 to 13 November 2015 at Grand Popo at Bel Azur Hotel to prepare annual report, work plan and budget for 2016. This meeting reassembles some PIP members and the CLO through a participatory process. (See annex 25 for the workshop report and 26a, 26b, 26c, 26d for the thirist version of 2016 national work plans and budget)</p>	<p>Meeting reports Work plans and budgets for 2016 submitted</p>	<p>The draft work plan for 2016 has been revised and finalised. Activities are oriented to the extension of EOA in Benin and active training activities toward producers, extension agents and processors.</p>
<p>Activity 4.2.5: CLOs and PIPs conduct project supervision, support, monitoring, evaluation and reporting to executing agencies and other stakeholders</p>	<p>Project supervision, support, monitoring, evaluation and reporting to executing agencies and other stakeholders undertaken</p>	<p>No systematic monitoring plan exists before.</p>	<p>Screening of the different documents submitted by PIP for their validity and the support documents of each activity. Field visits to AMAP Field visits</p>	<p>Different advancement reports commented and improved.</p>	
<p>Other Pillar Costs</p>					

2015 SUMMARY OF EOA IMPLEMENTATION STATUS FOR BENIN

PILLARS	PLANNED ACTIVITIES	IMPLEMENTATION STATUS	REASONS FOR NON-IMPLEMENTATION/REMARKS
<u>PILLAR 1. Research, Training and Extension</u>			
Output 1.1: Increased knowledge of research into use, needs and priorities about EOA practices in the entire value chains.			
1	1.1.1. Conduct in-depth assessments to document available technologies on EOA research into use.	Done	-
1	1.1.2. Identify knowledge gaps needs and priorities by gender in the development of specific EOA value chains	Done	-
1	1.1.3. Create and regularly update a data base of EOA research into use at national level in close liaison with networks like NOARA, WANOART and other research institutions	Partially done	-
1	1.1.4. Validate research findings in EOA practices	Partially done	-

PILLARS	PLANNED ACTIVITIES	IMPLEMENTATION STATUS	REASONS FOR NON-IMPLEMENTATION/REMARKS
1	1.1.5. Document application of local knowledge to development of EOA	On going	Local knowledge identified and their potential effect of vegetable and pineapple production has been assessed
Output 1.2: Capacity for organisation and implementation of EOA practices developed and strengthened			
1	1.2.1. Identify training needs for EOA actors by gender (producers, extension agents, marketers, processors, regulators and consumers) in the value chains	Not done	A similar activity has been achieved to identify knowledge gap related to organic cotton and soya bean In the next planning period the training needs will be identify for vegetable and pineapple values chains
1	1.2.2. Support periodic reviews of curricula and training materials for relevant training institution with stakeholders (Practitioners, institutions and policy makers).	Partially done	
1	1.2.3. Sensitize stakeholders on recommended EOA curricula and training materials.	Not done	
1	1.2.4. Support development of EOA training program and materials based on training needs assessment and curricula reviews.	Not done	

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1	1.2.5. Support short course trainings for targeted actors in EOA value chain to build capacities on identified gaps.	Partially done	
Output 1.3: Effective implementation of the pillar activities enhanced.			
1	1.3.1+1.3.2. Conduct M&E and support activity Implementation	Partially done	
1	1.3.2. _	–	–
1	TOTAL NO. OF PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR PILLAR A=11	TOTAL NO. OF IMPLEMENTED ACTIVITIES FOR PILLAR achieved :2 partially achieved 9	18% and 82 % are on going some of which will be achieved before the end of 2015.
<u>PILLAR 2: Information and Communication</u>			
Output 2.1: Increased awareness and knowledge of the value and practices of EOA.			
2	2.1.1. Conduct gap analysis in information and communication strategies	Done	

PILLARS	PLANNED ACTIVITIES	IMPLEMENTATION STATUS	REASONS FOR NON-IMPLEMENTATION/REMARKS
2	2.1.2. Develop guidelines for information and communication strategies based on the EOA best practices	Done	
2	2.1.3. Prepare and avail information and communication materials on EOA	On going	
2	2.1.4. Sensitize EOA stakeholders and actors in the value chain through workshops, media, websites	Done	
Output 2.2: Strengthened extension support systems			
2	2.2.1. Improve support communication infrastructure (farmer resource centre's, information hubs, websites, databases and other data/ knowledge repositories)	On going	
2	2.2.2. Train farmers and extension agents in the use of innovative communication strategies	Partially done	

PILLARS	PLANNED ACTIVITIES	IMPLEMENTATION STATUS	REASONS FOR NON-IMPLEMENTATION/REMARKS
2	2.2.3. Prepare and avail policy briefs and guidelines on ICT applications in EOA to relevant policy makers and other stakeholders	On going	
2	2.2.4. Create new and strengthen existing linkages and partnership among actor organizations involved in dissemination of EOA practices	On going	
2	2.3.1+2.3.2. Conduct M&E and support activity implementation	On going	
2	TOTAL NO. OF PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR PILLAR <i>A=09</i>	TOTAL NO. OF IMPLEMENTED ACTIVITIES FOR PILLAR <i>AI=</i>	PILLAR I ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTATION PERCENTAGE <i>P2=</i>

PILLAR 3: Value Chain and Market Development

Output 3.1: Access to market information and data on EOA products increased

PILLARS	PLANNED ACTIVITIES	IMPLEMENTATION STATUS	REASONS FOR NON-IMPLEMENTATION/REMARKS
3	3.1.1+ 3.1.4 . Continue and update national database of actors (producers, processors, traders, consumers, regulators) in the EOA value chains and train stakeholders on the use of the tools for collecting market information and data	Done	
3	3.1.2. Create linkages between the national databases and the other databases at regional and global levels - AUC, FIBL,IFOAM	Not done	
	3.1.3+3.1.5. Develop, adapt and update tools for collecting market information and data and support stakeholders to collect, analyze and disseminate market information and data	done	
3	3.1.6: Support establishment of at least 3 organic farmers markets in every participating county	Done	
3	3.1.7. Support organization and participation of stakeholders in the national, regional and international trade fairs	done	

PILLARS	PLANNED ACTIVITIES	IMPLEMENTATION STATUS	REASONS FOR NON-IMPLEMENTATION/REMARKS
3	3.1.8. Conduct consumer awareness through media, promotional materials, mobile phones	not done	
Output 3.2: Capacity in Value chains development for organic products is enhanced			
3	3.2.1. Conduct value chain mapping and analysis for EOA products	not done	
3	3.2.2. Conduct training in Value Chain Development and Marketing for at least 10 Master Trainers (MTs) taking into account gender and youths	on going	
3	3.2.3.+3.2.4. Support MTs and TOTs conduct national TOTs trainings for extension agents, lead farmers and service providers on value chain development	Not done	
3	3.2.5. Facilitate exchange visits for actors to cases of best practices	Not done	
3	3.2.6 + 3.2.7. Train stakeholders in entrepreneurship, development of business plans and support strategic business linkages with green investors	done	

PILLARS	PLANNED ACTIVITIES	IMPLEMENTATION STATUS	REASONS FOR NON-IMPLEMENTATION/REMARKS
3	3.2.8. Document in booklets, brochures, video clips and audio clips and share through media and workshops/events best practices in the value chains of EOA commodities	Not done	
Output 3.3: Enhanced capacity in quality assurance for supporting collective marketing of organic products to the domestic, regional or export markets enhanced.			
3	3.3.1. Train 8 local organic Inspectors	done	
3	3.3.2: Train and Facilitate at least 16 producer associations nationally in the use of Internal Control System (ICS) and Participatory Guarantee System (PGS) for market access	done	
3	3.3.3. Facilitate implementation of third party certification approach	done	
Output 3.4: Effective implementation of the pillar activities enhanced			
3	3.4.1+3.2.9. Conduct M&E and share lessons on value chain development of EOA product	Partially done	
3	3.4.2. Prepare annual and progress reports	On going	

PILLARS	PLANNED ACTIVITIES	IMPLEMENTATION STATUS	REASONS FOR NON-IMPLEMENTATION/REMARKS
3	<p><i>TOTAL NO. OF PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR PILLAR</i></p> <p><i>A=17</i></p>	<p><i>TOTAL NO. OF IMPLEMENTED ACTIVITIES FOR PILLAR</i></p> <p><i>AI=</i></p>	<p><i>PILLAR I ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTATION PERCENTAGE</i></p> <p><i>P3=</i></p>
<p><u>PILLAR 4: Supporting and Cementing: Steering, Coordination and Management</u></p> <p>Output 4.1. Fully functional National Platforms with Steering Committees established and strengthened.</p>			
4	<p>4.1.2+4.1.3. Organize at least one meeting for bringing together country partners to share experiences and lessons and also sensitize various actors about the value of EOA in development</p>	<p>Done</p>	
4	<p>4.1.4. Undertake policy gap analysis on the current policies as related to EOA development along the value chains in EOA</p>	<p>On going</p>	<p>TOR and rules of procedures are prepared but are still waiting for the final endorsement ????</p>
4	<p>4.1.5. Lobby for inclusion of EOA into national policy making processes, strategies and investment plans.</p>	<p>Partially done</p>	

PILLARS	PLANNED ACTIVITIES	IMPLEMENTATION STATUS	REASONS FOR NON-IMPLEMENTATION/REMARKS
4	4.1.6. Develop long term goals and strategies for the National Platform facilitated by the Steering Committee and CLO	On going	
4	4.1.7. Develop directory and database of members of the National Platforms and development partners	On going	
4	4.1.8. Support member participation in regional/international fora	Done	
4	4.1.9. Create website for visibility of the initiative and information sharing	On going	
4	4.1.10. Prepare annual work plan and budget through participatory processes	Done	
Output 4.2. Capacities of Country Lead Organizations (CLOs) and Pillar Implementing Partners (PIPs) to perform their functions strengthened			
4	4.2.2. Strengthen capacity of CLOs and PIPs in project coordination and implementation	Done	

PILLARS	PLANNED ACTIVITIES	IMPLEMENTATION STATUS	REASONS FOR NON-IMPLEMENTATION/REMARKS
4	4.2.4 + 4.2.6 CLOs convene at least two national platform meetings a year for PIPs and other stakeholders and Prepare annual work plan and budget through participatory processes	Done	One meeting has been held The second is planned for November
4	4.2.5 CLOs and PIPs conduct project supervision, support, monitoring, evaluation and reporting to executing agencies and other stakeholders	On going	

	TOTAL NO. OF PLANNED ACTIVITIES FOR PILLAR <i>A= 11</i>	TOTAL NO. OF IMPLEMENTED ACTIVITIES FOR PILLAR <i>AI= 6</i>	PILLAR I ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTATION PERCENTAGE <i>P4= 6/11= 54%</i>
OVERALL EOA IMPLEMENTATION STATUS IN BENIN FOR 2015	OVERALL NO. OF PLANNED ACTIVITIES=	OVERALL NO. OF IMPLEMENTED ACTIVITIES=	OVERALL EOA ACTIVITIES IMPLEMENTATION PERCENTAGE=