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Smallholder Sustainability
Upscaling Programme

SUPPORTING THE OPERATIONAL RECOVERY OF A PROFESSIONAL ORGANISATION IN THE ONION AND POTATO VALUE CHAINS IN NIGER



Africa



Latin America



Asia



Financial services delivery



Capacity building for end beneficiaries



Market access and product development



Management systems improvement

CONTEXT

Niger is a landlock country in West Africa covering a land area of almost 1.3 million km² making it the sixth largest in Africa. Over 80% of its land lies in the Sahara and most of its 25 million inhabitants live in the southern and western parts of the country. Its population grows at a rate of 3.4% per year, one of the highest in the world. The agricultural sector is characterised by a predominantly subsistence-based approach, with smallholder farmers focusing on staple crops such as millet, sorghum, maize, and cowpeas, alongside extensive livestock rearing in the Sahelian zones. Livestock production, including camels, goats, sheep, and cattle, is a major economic activity and export, supporting nearly a third of the population.

CURRENT STATUS OF THE BENEFICIARY ORGANISATION

FCMN-NIYA (Fédération des coopératives maraîchères du Niger) is a professional agricultural organisation established in 1996 on the initiative of 11 cooperatives from the regions of Niamey, Dosso, Tahoua and Maradi. It now comprises 1,003 cooperatives and 107 cooperative unions currently undergoing restructuring, spread across 8 regions. Gathering 42,000 smallholder farmers, FCMN-NIYA is a leading player in Niger's potato and onion sectors, contributing to food security by supplying high-quality seeds and providing tailored technical support. Over the past five years, FCMN-NIYA has suffered from the deteriorating regional conditions despite the support received from various donors.

OBJECTIVE OF THE PROJECT

The overall objective of the project is to contribute to the structuring and development of local onion and potato value chain by ensuring the financial and operational sustainability of FCMN-NIYA.

The expected results of the project are:

- Implement a rigorous marketing plan through the introduction of market monitoring mechanisms to identify new market opportunities.
- Elaborate the strategic plan for the period 2026-2030.
- Support the sale of potato seeds leading to the production of 43 tons of potatoes.

PRIORITY TOPICS

- Environment and climate change
- Food security and improved nutrition
- Gender equality
- Fair agrifood systems

IMPACT INVESTOR

Sidi Solidarité Internationale
pour le Développement
et l'Investissement

BENEFICIARY ORGANISATION

FCMN-NIYA (producer organisation) – Niger, serving 42,000 smallholder farmers

AGRICULTURAL VALUE CHAIN

Onion, potato

STARTING DATE

June 2026

DURATION

9 months

TOTAL TA BUDGET

€47,363
Including €40,381 (85%)
contribution from SSNUP



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