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Smallholder Sustainability
Upscaling Programme

INCREASING RICE FARMERS' RESILIENCE THROUGH CLIMATE-SMART AGRICULTURE IN MALI



Africa



Latin America



Asia



Financial services delivery



Capacity building for end beneficiaries



Market access and product development



Management systems improvement

CONTEXT

The rice sector plays a strategic role in Mali's food system and rural economy. Agriculture employs around 80% of the workforce and contributes significantly to national GDP, with rice representing one of the country's most important staple crops. Although domestic production has increased significantly over the past two decades, Mali still relies heavily on rice imports to satisfy national demand, which creates both food security vulnerabilities and trade imbalances. At the same time, regions such as Mopti and Ségou represent major rice-producing areas, offering strong potential for the development of efficient local value chains linking smallholder farmers with modern processing facilities.

CURRENT STATUS OF THE BENEFICIARY ORGANISATION

SOPROTRILAD Industrie is a Malian rice processing company founded in 2024 which is a subsidiary of SOPROTRILAD SARL. Paddy is currently sourced from a network of eight smallholder farmer cooperatives. The company aims to strengthen the local rice value chain by providing a reliable market outlet for producers while supplying high-quality locally processed rice to the local market. Building up on the newly established rice mill facility, the company's objectives are to be able to process larger and more consistent volumes of paddy, while creating a stable and reliable market outlet for smallholder producers it is sourcing from.

OBJECTIVE OF THE PROJECT

The objective of the project is to improve the industrial performance of the company and to strengthen the productivity, income, and resilience of smallholder farmers while supporting the sustainable growth of the local rice value chain. Zira, I&P's partner fund in Mali, will be in charge of operational supervision of the project implementation.

The expected results of the project are:

- Train at least 300 smallholder farmers from 3 to 5 cooperatives on climate-smart agricultural and post-harvest practices.
- Establish a preventive maintenance system and performance monitoring framework for a rice mill.
- Build the capacity of the finance team through training and coaching.

PRIORITY TOPICS

Environment and climate change



Food security and improved nutrition



Gender equality



Fair agrifood systems



IMPACT INVESTOR



**IIP INVESTISSEURS
& PARTENAIRES**

BENEFICIARY ORGANISATION
SOPROTRILAD Industrie (agri-SME) – Mali

TARGET

300 smallholder farmers

AGRICULTURAL VALUE CHAIN
Rice

STARTING DATE

September 2026

DURATION

10 months

TOTAL TA BUDGET

€31,362
Including €23,351 (74%)
contribution from SSNUP



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