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Smallholder Sustainability
Upscaling Programme

STRUCTURING WOMEN'S COOPERATIVES TO SECURE THE SUPPLY OF ATTIEKE TO LOCAL RESTAURANTS IN CÔTE D'IVOIRE



Africa



Latin America



Asia



Financial services delivery



Capacity building for end
beneficiaries



Market access and
product development



Management systems
improvement

CONTEXT

Ivorian agri-food sector accounts for more than 20% of national GDP and serves as a cornerstone of food security. Cassava, the primary raw material for attiéké, plays a strategic role: production exceeded 6 million tonnes in 2022, representing a 170% increase since 2010 (FAO, National Agency for Support to Rural Development in Ivory Coast), and attiéké ranks among the most widely consumed foods in urban areas, providing nearly one-third of the daily caloric intake per capita. Despite this economic and nutritional importance, the attiéké value chain remains fragile, characterised by fragmented production, poorly structured women's cooperatives, limited access to formal markets, and insufficient compliance with hygiene and quality standards.

CURRENT STATUS OF THE BENEFICIARY ORGANISATION

Ivoire Garba (I-Garba) is an Ivorian fast-food chain created in 2021 which is a pioneer in the valorisation and modernisation of "Garba", a traditional Ivorian dish made from cassava semolina served with fried tuna. The company currently operates two restaurants in Abidjan, offering low to mid-price range meals, and plans to grow to five restaurants over the next three years, with the longer-term ambition of exporting its model to inland localities and neighbouring countries. To sustain its growth, I-Garba seeks to secure its supply of attiéké by building a reliable supplier network.

OBJECTIVE OF THE PROJECT

The objective of the project is to strengthen and formalise the attiéké processing and supply chain by supporting the organisational development and professionalisation of women's cooperatives and small-scale producers in peri-urban areas. Comoé Capital, I&P's partner fund in Côte d'Ivoire, will oversee operational supervision and project governance.

The expected results of the project are:

- Establish a structured and georeferenced database of attiéké producing cooperatives in the peri-urban areas of Abidjan covering around 15 women's cooperatives.
- Train 200 women producers on processing techniques in compliance with food hygiene and safety standards, cooperative governance, simplified accounting, agroecological practices, and women's leadership.
- Formalise and sign supply contracts with up to 10 women's cooperatives.

PRIORITY TOPICS

Environment
and climate change



Food security
and improved nutrition



Gender equality



Fair agrifood systems



IMPACT INVESTOR



**IIP INVESTISSEURS
& PARTENAIRES**

BENEFICIARY ORGANISATION

Ivoire Garba (agri-SME) – Côte d'Ivoire

TARGET

200 smallholder farmers

AGRICULTURAL VALUE CHAIN

Cassava

STARTING DATE

September 2026

DURATION

6 months

TOTAL TA BUDGET

€32,116
Including €27,298 (85%)
contribution from SSNUP



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