

MINISTRY OF LIVESTOCK, FISHERIES
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AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT



For a productive, profitable and competitive agriculture

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MISSIONS

The **ACEFA** Programme is a device born from the desire of the State to intensify and modernise the agricultural production systems in order to address problems of food security and rural employment. It falls directly in line with the Growth and Employment Strategy Paper (GESP) and further aims at:

- Improving the technical and economic capacities of family-run farm enterprises (FAFs) through the producer groups ;
- Modernising and strengthening the production system of FAFs ;
- Generating jobs and stimulating the economy upstream and downstream of production ;
- Improving governance and the collaborative framework between the State and the profession.



BENEFICIARIES

- **Direct beneficiaries include :**
 - The agricultural and livestock producers, members of producer organisations.
- **Indirect Beneficiaries :**
 - Economic operators ;
 - The decentralized credit systems ;
 - The Government;
 - Consumers.

PROGRAMME COMPONENTS

Component 1 «Supportive counselling» :

Aimed at providing assistance to FAFs, PGs and Professional Agro-pastoral Organisations (PAOs) in the form of supportive counselling to help them in decision-making, enabling them to better manage the conduct of their operations and improve their technical and economic management, while developing services rendered to their members.

Component 2 «Funding of projects submitted by producer organisations» :

Subsidize productive investment projects (equipment, buildings...) producer organisations, foster the growth of self-financing and the integration of PGs and PAOs into the savings and credit financial channels.

Component 3 «Agro-pastoral professionalisation» :

Aimed at strengthening the performance of the national and regional platforms of producer organisations (PLANOPAC) and the Regional Agro-pastoral Professionalisation Centre (CRPA)* Garoua in order to enhance their capacity for action, management and strategic planning.

Component 4 «Coordination» :

Aimed at carrying out the following missions at the national and regional levels :

- Technical, administrative and financial management of the Programme ;



* The Regional Agro-pastoral Professionalisation Centre



- Carrying out all activities sponsored by the Programme;
- Monitoring and evaluation.

PRINCIPLE OF INTERVENTION

The intervention approach focuses on producers. The Programme's approach is based on the following :

- **Application for services submitted by producers** : The supportive counselling device is set up and counsellors intervene following the request for services from producers who express the need for such services.
- **Joint financing of productive investments** : Grants are awarded solely to finance the investment expenditure of productive projects. The ceilings of the grants are set at 85 % for projects presented by producer groups and 70 % for projects presented by PAOs with maximum amounts of 6 and 30 million FCFA respectively for the PGs and PAOs.
- **Joint management by the State and the profession** Ensured by the joint bodies composed of representatives of producers and representatives of the government.
- **Economic and technical approach** aimed at stepping up the productivity of smallholder farm enterprises for the creation of added value.



PHASES OF THE PROGRAMME

- **Phase 1** : The first phase lasted four years (2008-2012) and covered five pilot regions including **the Adamaoua, North, West, South-West, and South regions**. It allowed for the establishment of **the supportive counselling device** in 10 pilot divisions and the funding mechanism in all the 27 divisions that make up these regions.
- **Phase 2** : Is expected to last for four years (2012-2016). It will allow the extension of the Programme to the five other regions (**Far North, North-West, Littoral, Centre and East**) with the gradual implementation of the supportive counselling device in the remaining 48 divisions. The Programme will cover all the 58 divisions of the Republic.

PRESENTATION OF OPERATIONAL RESULTS

Phase 1 :

- **307 counsellors** assisted **2560 PGs** and 153 PAOs in improving their production techniques, yields, productivity, margins and services offered.
- **1843 projects** were funded.

Total cost: 14.2 billion FCFA.



A dual administration



Perspectives for Phase 2:

- About **2000 counsellors** will be recruited, trained and equipped to support **20500 PGs** and **300 PAOs** for a total of **24 000 producers** with the same aims as those of Phase 1.
- A total of **5380 projects** will be funded by the end of phase 2.

Total cost: 60 billion FCFA.

STEERING AND EXECUTION BODIES:

Supervisory authority : MINADER and MINEPIA.

Steering Committee : It comprises the representatives of the administration and of the profession (producers); and is jointly chaired by the Secretary-Generals of MINADER and MINEPIA.

Execution : National Coordination and its regional branches.

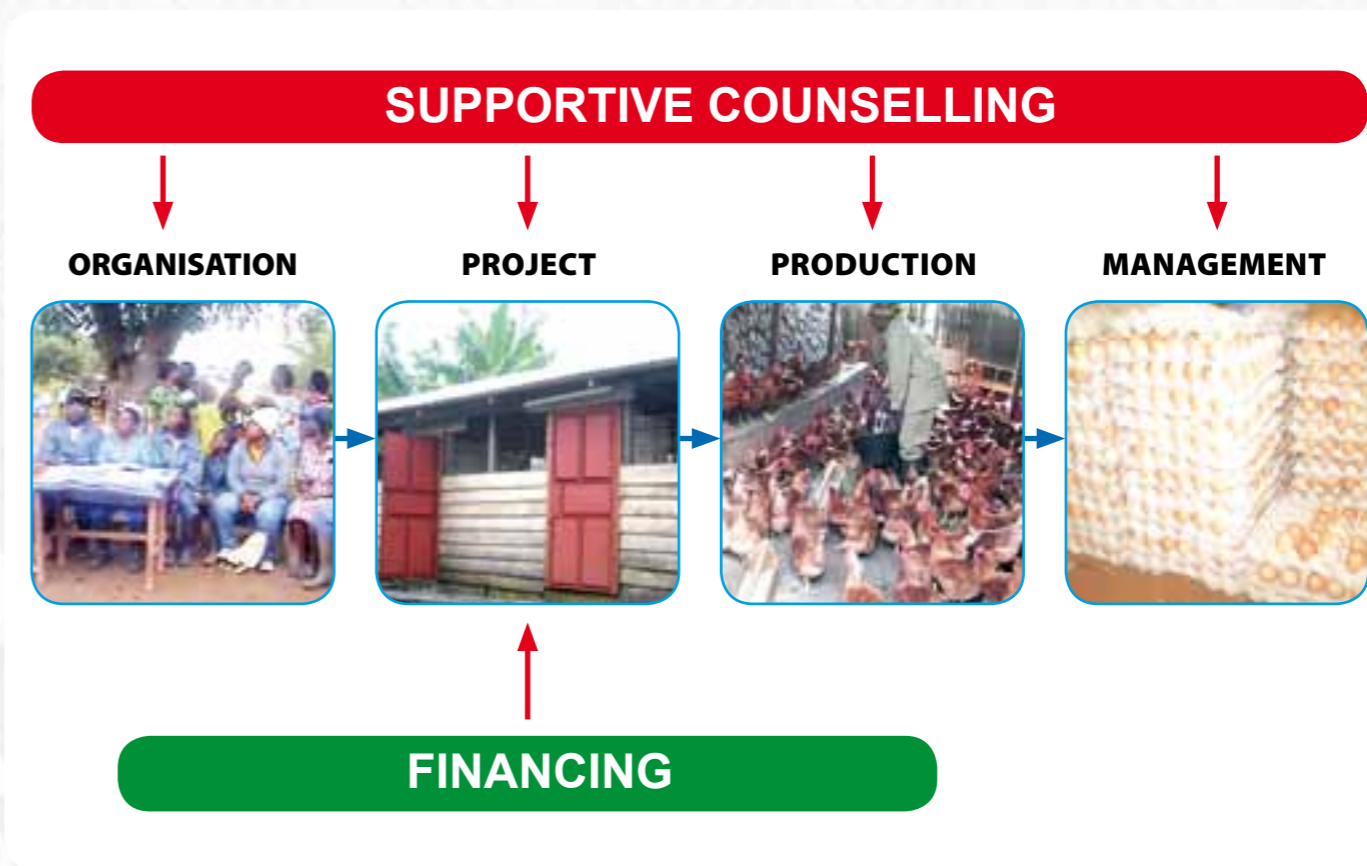
JOINT-MANAGEMENT BODIES:

The Divisional Support Counselling Committee (CODAC), in which the Government and the profession are equally represented : responsible for the orientation and monitoring of the supportive counselling service.

Regional and divisional project selection committees (CRSP and CDSP): These are the bodies that decide on the award of grants to PGs and producer organisations.



INTENSIFIED COMBINATION OF «COUNSELLING AND FUNDING» FOR MORE EFFICIENCY





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Littoral Region (Douala)	: 98 98 39 88 / 77 54 00 35
North Region (Garoua)	: 97 08 91 18 / 22 27 25 01
North-West Region (Bamenda)	: 98 95 75 22 / 77 86 61 87
West Region (Bafoussam)	: 97 08 91 33 / 33 44 49 59
South Region (Ebolowa)	: 97 08 91 23 / 22 28 34 02
South-West Region (Buea)	: 97 08 91 28 / 33 32 24 86

*The reference Programme for the development of family-run
farm enterprises.*