The second and larger programme focuses on strengthening capacities for the storage and preservation of crops and agricultural products. In addition to these programmes, the Fund also supports other programmes of significant size in various areas, such as measures to control plant and animal pests in the region, capacity building for farmers' organisations and improving the production and distribution of agricultural inputs (seeds, fertilisers, pesticides, etc.).

Overview of achievements during the 2011-2013 triennium

Programme Objectives | Title | Annual programming and implementation budget (in millions – CFA francs) % / Total
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
Capacity building | Regional support programme for capacity building in the agricultural sector | 500 | 1 150 | 461 | 2 161 | 7% / 7% |
Regional institutional investments | Regional support programme for the improvement of production and distribution of agricultural inputs | 258 | 812 | 350 | 1 460 | 4% / 4% |
 | Regional support programme for sanitary and plant health control | 400 | 1 747 | 1 386 | 3 533 | 11% / 11% |
 | Regional programme for the promotion of agricultural research | 180 | 500 | 66 | 746 | 2% / 21% |
 | Regional programme for the harmonisation and improvement of agricultural statistics | 334 | 0 | 50 | 384 | 1% / 1% |
 | Regional programme for the promotion of trade in agricultural products | 80 | 526 | 488 | 1 094 | 3% / 3% |
Production and conservation of agricultural products for food security | Regional programme for the promotion and management of food security | 800 | 2 710 | 2 679 | 6 198 | 19% / 19% |
 | Regional programme for the development and management of water for agriculture | 5 037 | 7 862 | 4 622 | 17 521 | 53% / 53% |
Total | | 7 639 | 15 307 | 10 142 | 33 088 | 100% / 100% |

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A STRUCTURAL FUND FOR TARGETED INTERVENTIONS

Created in 2006 by the heads of state and government, the Regional Agricultural Development Fund (FRDA) testifies to the will of the member states of the West African Economic and Monetary Union (UEMOA) to provide the Union’s Agricultural Policy (PAU) with an operational financing mechanism.

The FRDA is a structural fund that supports actions, projects, programmes and structures seeking to:
- adapt production systems and improve the agricultural production environment;
- deepen the Common Market in the agricultural sector and the management of shared resources;
- integrate UEMOA agriculture into regional and global markets.

The Fund is endowed with its own resources from the Commission with the intention that the funding will be replenished by external resources (loans, grants from bilateral and multilateral co-operation and grants from member states).
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The Fund has been operational since 2011, and eight (08) regional programmes are in progress at a cost of CFA francs 33.08 billion (USD 66 million). Focusing on the last two intervention areas, these programmes mainly involve regional investments (93%). The main objective is to achieve food and nutritional security in the Union. This will be accomplished by increasing agricultural production capacity and by working to insure the proper conservation of crops. More than 70% of the Fund’s budget is devoted to these two programmes.

• The first programme aims to equip eight thousand (8 000) hectares (ha) of irrigated agro-forestry-pastoral areas for climate change adaptation.

MODES OF INTERVENTION AND BENEFICIARIES

The Fund’s beneficiaries and modes of intervention vary, depending on the nature of the eligible areas, as listed below:

• Economic and social infrastructure: SUBSIDISED LOANS AND GUARANTEES
  Member states; Local governments; Agricultural socio-professional organisations.

• Capacity building and employment and income generating activities: GRANTS
  Member states; SMEs/SMIs in the agricultural sector; Agricultural micro-enterprises;
  Decentralised financial systems in the agricultural sector.

• Institutional investments and regional projects: COST SHARING AND ALLOWANCES
  UEMOA Commission; Member states; Regional institutions.

I – DEVELOPMENT OF AGRICULTURAL FINANCE SYSTEMS

Objectives
To develop efficient agricultural credit systems, improve production security, and increase agricultural productivity and modernisation.

Eligible projects
- Land investments: irrigation schemes, pastoral water, improvement of soil fertility and pastures;
- Fisheries and aquaculture facilities;
- Forestry and agro-forestry facilities and combating land degradation;
- Agricultural infrastructure and equipment;
- Production and supply of agricultural, zootechnical and veterinary inputs;
- Processing, preservation and marketing of agricultural products;
- Combating animal and plant diseases and pests.

For the 2011-2013 triennium, the FRDA has already invested CFA francs 33.08 billion (USD 66 million) of its own resources from the Commission.

In order to meet the growing demand from the member states and address the agricultural, food and nutritional challenges in West Africa, the aim now is to support private investment in the agricultural sector (first area of intervention). This requires the mobilisation of additional resources to increase the Fund’s investment capacity.

II – CAPACITY BUILDING

Objectives
Support implementation and strengthen the operational and intervention capacity of institutional structures.

Eligible projects
- Training in farm management, agricultural professional organisations and sustainable management of natural resources;
- Structuring of regional professional organisations;
- Organisation of intra-community marketing channels, as well as with third countries;
- Training in international agricultural negotiations;
- Professionalisation of decentralised financial systems;
- Diffusion of technologies.

PRINCIPLES

A. Multi-annual programming framework:

FRDA Principles

Focus

B. Ensures that the priorities noted in the Framework-Document

Additionality

C. Additional support to the efforts of the states and local authorities

External synergies

D. Partnership

FRDA Principles

Governing bodies

Executive

- Drafting of Framework-Document
- Mobilisation of funds and financial management
- Monitoring, evaluation and production of reports

Advisory

- Formulation of recommendations

GOVERNANCE

Council of Ministers

- Decision-making
  - Strategic direction
  - Approval of budget and activities

UEMOA Commission

FRDA Management Unit

Support institutions and delegate project management

Technical Advisory Committee

III – REGIONAL INSTITUTIONAL INVESTMENTS

Objectives
Support actions with structural impact to catalyse regional productive investments.

Eligible projects
- Regional studies for the implementation of inclusive programmes and the validation of their results;
- Regional programmes of applied research;
- Matching funds for cross-border public projects funded by reimbursable external resources;
- Programmes providing institutional support to national and regional structures for quality control and monitoring of animal and plant health;
- Regional institutional mechanisms for the implementation of the PAU.

Eligible areas, as listed below:

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