19 PROJECTS IN 14 COUNTRIES

3 AREAS OF FOCUS

- Technical & Vocational Education & Training
- Agropastoralism
- Food Systems & Ecosystems

+45 YEARS OF COMMITMENT

14 COUNTRIES ON TWO CONTINENTS
West Africa and Latin America

50 LOCAL PARTNERS
from civil society: producer groups, cooperatives, NGOs, training centres, territorial and local authorities

1 MILLION BENEFICIARIES PER YEAR

€8 MILLION ANNUAL BUDGET

Acting for Life incorporates the UN’s Sustainable Development Goals in the design of each project.

19 PROJECTS IN 2021 LAUNCHED IN 14 COUNTRIES

10 NEW PROJECTS PER YEAR

26 EMPLOYEES

21 BOARD MEMBERS

REALISATION: Acting for Life, June 2022.
Jean-Cyril Spinetta
President

Development is at the heart of what we do.

Last year unfortunately resembled 2020 in a number of ways as health, geopolitical and climate crises had a significant impact on countries and vulnerable communities, leading to greater uncertainty as to whether the UN’s Sustainable Development Goals will be achievable by 2030. Despite the unfavourable environment, Acting for Life further strengthened its efforts in support of security and food sovereignty, while also promoting economic development, by offering training tailored to each specific local context, in order to maintain or restore social cohesion within communities severely affected by conflicts, which is essential when it comes to ensuring sustainable economic development.

For nearly 50 years, we have carried out all our actions in partnership with a wide variety of local actors who are in touch with the realities in the field and capable of implementing programmes to reduce economic and social vulnerability, by focusing on the ecological transition and mitigating the effects of global warming. Acting for Life continued to pursue this approach in 2021 by helping its local partners further strengthen their capacities and resources in order to ensure that the programmes produce long-term results, and to address the needs of vulnerable communities in the Andes and in West Africa.

Our programmes seek to strengthen the resilience and adaptability of agropastoral systems in the Sahel crisis by improving infrastructure. Above all, however, they aim to restore and facilitate dialogue between the different actors in order to ease tensions between communities. Our projects in training and professional and social integration help young people become integrated economically and clearly seek to reduce gender inequality.

With over ten years’ experience promoting the development of family farming in West Africa and Latin America, Acting for Life also launched a large-scale programme called TERSAA – Transition of Local Agricultural and Food Systems -, on those two continents in late 2021. The programme is funded by the French Development Agency (AFD) and seeks to develop access to new markets for family farming.

And finally, I would like to sincerely thank our sponsors and donors, who have continued to support us and our local partners despite economic, social and climate crises, and in doing so have allowed us to expand our work.

REMEMBERING OUR COLLEAGUE
Arnould François, an Acting for Life colleague who worked tirelessly promoting international solidarity over the past 15 years, died on 27 May 2021. Working with our partner organisations in West Africa, he helped build a network of actors dedicated to supporting rural development and agropastoralism.

His intelligence, energy and commitment to supporting an integrated vision of development were often the driving force behind large-scale projects serving communities in the Sahel and West Africa.

Arnould will be missed by the entire international solidarity community, by our African partners, with whom he developed strong friendships, by our entire organisation, and by his many friends in the development community.

He will remain in our memory always.
ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AT LOCAL LEVEL

In 2021
Nearly 50 years after its founding, Acting for Life continues to work with civil-society organisations (SCO) in the Global South to reduce poverty by promoting local economic and social development in West Africa and Latin America.

Since 2015
Acting for Life takes action to address four of the UN’s Sustainable Development Goals (SDG): end poverty; end hunger, achieve food security, improve nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture; establish sustainable consumption and production; combat climate change.

11 March 2002
Acting for Life is officially recognised in France as an organisation serving the public interest.

1979
GARD (Groupement d’Aide aux Réfugiés et Déplacés) is founded in France. In 1992, GARD becomes Groupe Développement, and ultimately Acting for Life.

Funded in 1973
GARD (now Acting for Life) is a French non-partisan, non-religious NGO that promotes international solidarity. It focuses primarily on promoting economic development in vulnerable communities.

KEY ACTORS PROMOTING DEVELOPMENT IN RURAL AREAS
Civil-society organisations in the Global South
For nearly 50 years, Acting for Life has been building a strong network of partnerships with civil-society organisations (CSO) that are deeply rooted in their respective localities in the Global South. AFL works closely with over 50 NGOs and professional organisations – producer groups, cooperatives, training centres, etc. – as well as territorial and local authorities.

AFL’s approach is based on joint project development involving multiple partners, an idea which is at the very heart of its strategy. To avoid counterproductive overlap between its expertise and that of CSOs in the Global South, AFL does not have local offices, and coordinates all projects remotely (exchanges, regular missions in the field, partners’ technical and financial reports). The organisation helps its partners strengthen their intervention capabilities and their role for local economic development. For certain specific topics, AFL also draws on the expertise of a network of specialists at national or sub-regional level. AFL wants to help create economic partnerships at local level. This local approach facilitates coordination between the different actors in question, helping create sustainable institutional networks that make it possible for everyone to adopt and independently adapt actions.

The implementation of large-scale programmes has strengthened AFL in its role coordinating all these actors and helping them network with one another, even internationally and on different continents.
Transhumance in GHANA: official opening of the Gushegu livestock market

Gushegu is a town in the Northern Region of Ghana whose economy is based on agriculture, and livestock farming in particular. As part of the PREDIP project – regional project for dialogue and investment in pastoralism and transhumance –, a livestock market was recently built in the town for a total of about 53 million FCFA. The authorities who attended the market’s inauguration underscored its economic importance and strategic position in the region, which draws transhumant livestock farmers from Burkina Faso, Mali and Togo. This weekly livestock market supplies animals for several localities in Ghana and is the main supplier of livestock for the region’s capital city, Tamale. Thanks to the participation of all actors in the livestock feed sector, the Gushegu market, under the coordination of Acting for Life and with support from Ghana Developing Communities Association (GDCAI), is one of the six livestock markets that have been built as part of the PREDIP project. This modern market will help the town generate funds and improve relations between communities and livestock farmers, while also promoting the practice of mobile livestock farming.

Training the financial departments of local authorities in BURKINA FASO

In Burkina Faso, as part of the PAMOBARMA project – promoting herd mobility to improve access to resources and markets in West Africa –, Acting for Life’s financial support directors are training the financial departments of local authorities belonging to joint local authority groups. This brief training is offered to six municipalities belonging to EOPAPARE (agreement for pastoral cooperation in the Est region) in the eastern part of the country, and six municipalities belonging to EIPC (agreement for pastoral cooperation in the Est region) in the west. The aim is to provide a workshop on preparing financial statements in order to help the financial departments in those municipalities develop their skills in budget data analysis so that they can present their financial results. During the workshop, each municipality and project partner present their overall data and take an in-depth look at the agropastoral sector. Stakeholders and local elected representatives are invited to the event, which provides a platform for our partners to help them reach a larger audience, comprising local decision-makers in particular, and inform them about issues relating to the agropastoral sector.

IVORY COAST: meeting to mark the 3rd year of the PREDIP agropastoral programme

A two-day meeting was organised in Grand Bassam, Ivory Coast, as part of our PAMOBARMA project – project supporting herd mobility to improve access to resources and markets in West Africa –, which is a continuation of PREDIP – regional project for dialogue and investment in pastoralism and transhumance – in the Sahel and in West Africa’s coastal countries, covering the period from 2018 to 2022 in eight West African countries. The goal of the project is to create the right conditions to encourage herd mobility and strengthen social cohesion between key actors at cross-border level. Some of the actions that have been carried out include: informing people about livestock marketing in West Africa, offering training in mapping to facilitate consistent amenities in all territories, and creating statistical tools and agropastoral amenities. This was a good example of real coordination between an array of actors to limit conflicts between crop and livestock farmers, secure cross-border herd mobility and encourage better redistribution of profits from the sale of livestock.

WORKSHOP ON STONWORK Professions and SustainaBLE Construction

The mid-project workshop for the PAMPEC – project supporting stonework professions and sustainable construction – was held in Grand-Popo, Benin, on 22 and 23 November 2021. It brought together actors from three different countries (Benin, Mali and Togo) who are involved in carrying out the project’s activities: local authorities, training centres, young artisan stonemasons supported by the project and other partners, as well as the French Development Agency (AFD). The two-day event was filled with discussion and debate on: assessment of the project’s activities, topics relating to the integration of young people, support for artisans in earth and stonework sectors, and challenges with respect to public procurement and including gender in project actions. Future prospects were also discussed: future collaborations between countries and professional training for new activities are to be planned. The next meeting will be held in Togo in July 2022.

END OF THE REACTIV PROJECT IN ECUADOR

Ecuador was struck by a violent earthquake in 2016, causing many casualties and leaving nearly 29,800 people homeless. In an already weak economic environment, the local economy was severely affected, particularly the main employment sectors, such as tourism, cocoa farming and artisanal fishing. In 2017, Acting for Life launched the REACTIV project – reviving the local economy in Ecuador’s provinces – with its local partner CEFODI, to encourage the development of those local sectors with a special component on financial management and the sustainable management of natural resources. The project was instrumental in helping structure rural businesses and networks of fishing and tourism organisations. The creation and/or strengthening of 27 savings and loan groups was crucial for communities during the health crisis. CEFODI also strengthened its operational strategy by integrating and formalising methods to help support rural entrepreneurship. The REACTIV project, which ended in 2021, received financial support from the French Development Agency (AFD), Air France and the AnBer Foundation.

SENEGAL, Diapalante Centre – New training programme in photovoltaic electricity

For the first time ever, a session on Speciality Photovoltaic Certification was held at the Saint-Louis regional professional training centre in Senegal. A total of 21 young electricians received training over a three-month period to learn the essential skill for the development of green energy in Africa.
ACTING FOR LIFE  A.R 2021

TOTAL BUDGET
€19 MILLION

PROJECTS

Acting for Life has played a major role in supporting agropastoralism for over 45 years and has been officially recognised for its expertise over the last 15 years. Our organisation promotes cross-border transhumance, facilitates access to agropastoral amenities and market infrastructure, and develops eco-agriculture, while working to combat environmental degradation. AFL works with civil-society organisations (CSOs) and local authorities to coordinate regional-level projects in order to help communities become more resilient and support local development through better redistribution of profits from the sale of livestock:

- Securing herd mobility: marking off and mapping corridors for animal transport, securing rest and grazing areas, building watering places and providing services for agropastoralists (livestock health and feed).
- Developing livestock marketing: building market infrastructure (e.g. livestock markets).
- Rolling out social engineering: collaboration and coordination between civil-society organisations and local authorities, and partnerships between them.
- Carrying out advocacy initiatives to promote peaceful mobility: informed debates involving multiple actors, dialogue and experience assessment.

According to Cédric Touquet, head of programmes for Africa at Acting for Life: “In order to support the long-term development of the sector, it is a good idea to work with livestock-farmer groups and the local authorities who own the infrastructure and who are in charge of maintaining it.”

BACKGROUND

In a context where West Africa is having to adapt to climate change and facing a complex security crisis, pastoralism and agropastoralism, a production technique that combines both crop and livestock farming, represent a solid link between Sahelian and coastal countries. This system of livestock farming is a strategic economic sector for West Africa: it is a source of income for over 10 million people, particularly in rural areas where poverty and unemployment are high.

PRECIT: Project to strengthen harmony and cohesion among communities in the border regions

Facilitating dialogue between communities and strengthening governance for better social cohesion

2020 – 2022 • MALI, BURKINABAso • Budget: €1,645,395 • Financial partners: European Union, Air France

he security situation in the provinces and departments along the border between Mali and Burkina Faso has significantly degraded. Over 80% of households in those areas depend on agropastoralism for their livelihood. But a lack of investment in the sector has made it increasingly difficult to access pastoral resources, while pressure on natural resources is already high. The situation has led to a number of conflicts and their exploitation. By creating forums for inter-community dialogue and organising informed debates on the impact of livestock mobility on economic development, PRECIT – Project to strengthen harmony and cohesion among communities in the border regions – is helping to facilitate dialogue between the different groups of actors involved at local level in order to encourage concerted decision-making and prevent tensions and conflicts. The addition of strategic amenities (6 watering places, 2 grazing areas, 70 hectares of regenerated spaces, etc.) has helped limit pressure on resources and tensions regarding their use. As of late 2021, 15 forums for dialogue, 25 local monitoring relays and two information systems for transhumant livestock farmers have been established. A total of 450 agropastoralists were issued Burkinabé national ID cards, which are needed for cross-border transhumance and in the current climate of insecurity. Forty-one village savings and loan associations were created and strengthened with 41 income-generating activities. Three animal-health networks were created. The project has had a direct impact on income levels, food security and social cohesion. It helps young people become more independent and keeps them from drifting towards extremism and radicalisation.

PAMOBARMA: Project promoting herd mobility to improve access to resources and markets in West Africa

Preserving livestock mobility for better economic development

2018 – 2022 • BENIN, BURKINABAso, IVORY COAST, GHANA, GUINEA, MALI, NIGER, NIGERIA, TOGO + Budget: €13,000,000 Financial partners: European Union, Air France, Agence française de développement (AFD)

The livestock sector is a powerful generator of financial resources for agropastoralists and actors in the sector, and also generates tax resources that can be used for developing and managing areas, providing training, creating jobs, and local development. Livestock farming generates income year-round for economic agents (producers, operators) as well as for decentralised authorities in the sense that they receive income from increased market demand. Municipalities receive social/community reinvestment from tax revenue generated through market amenities. This fourth year of PAMOBARMA – Project promoting herd mobility to improve access to resources and markets – was marked by degradation in the security situation, and by restrictive measures implemented at country level, particularly the closing of certain borders. The programme nevertheless continued in all eight project countries. Training was offered for informed-debate leaders and on topics such as GIS (geographic information systems) and mapping. The main infrastructure installations to improve access to resources and cross-border markets were also completed. Major amenities were added over the course of the year: 398.4 km of routes were secured, 14 watering places were built, 6 rest areas were marked, 4 grazing areas were marked, and 2 livestock markets and 6 loading platforms were built. 2 veterinarian jobs were also created. The monitoring and evaluation process implemented three years ago has facilitated data assessment and analyses at local level in each territory. It has been a source of strong support for our operational partners, who as a result were able to share their results in 2021.
Our local partners

Nitilde: designs and carries out projects that seek to promote environmental preservation and strengthen local ecosystems in Madagascar, Burkina Faso, Mozambique and Ivory Coast.

The project ‘Organisation of livestock farmers in Ferkessedougou (DPEF)’ helps improve living and working conditions for livestock farmers, transhumant livestock farmers and other actors in the livestock sector by raising awareness and implementing best practices in livestock farming.

Cross-disciplinary partner: Vétérinaires Sans Frontières (VSF-B) helps improve their livestock keeping through political advocacy, emergency aid, water management, assistance and improvements in animal health.

Our local partners

APÈSS (association for the promotion of livestock farming in the Sahel and Savanes regions) international organisation of livestock farmers from 13 African countries, promoting modern family livestock farming for a healthy society.

RECPA (communication network for pastoralism) livestock farmers’ organisation with over 50,000 members operating in Burkina Faso to foster relationships between pastoralists, rural communities and local authorities for discussing issues relating to pastoralism.

Our local partners

BRGDR (group for research and projects in support of rural development) was created in 1999 by a group of West Africans living in France. Its organisation supports development in West Africa, the Maghreb and France.

GNAP (national group of pastoral associations in Mauritania) works with pastoral associations to supply inputs, perform development work, build pastoral infrastructure and coordinate between actors.

PASRAP: Project supporting stabilisation in the Sahel, Nord and Est regions of Burkina Faso

Strengthening social cohesion and economic stability

2019 – 2021 BURKINA FASO • Budget: €432,000 • Financial partners: Air France

International relations have led the rise in extremism in the border regions of northern Burkina Faso to local tensions and conflicts concerning resource use, which are being exploited by violent extremist groups. Economic and social circumstances that push young people towards extremism, much more than adherence to a particular ideology, need to be understood and the issues and difficulties faced when it comes to herding mobility. The local Private Veterinary Service is a grassroots approach to animal health developed by VSF-B in other countries. This approach also offers solutions to the livestock farming needs of mobile livestock farmers and local communities.

Rural areas in northern Ivory Coast are suffering from growing human pressure. Forest reserves and protected areas around the Comé National Park are facing a rise in and conflicts. The project will help actors in the sector boost their income, while also promoting cross-border dialogue. This approach will help local and religious authorities, law enforcement and journalists help people understand the sector and avoid confusion between pastoral mobility and terrorism. The organisation of seven dialogue sessions to identify amenities, and eight steering committee meetings and meetings for putting in place emergency funds also helped local CSOs as well as decentralised and delegated authorities back at the heart of decision-making. A total of 250 first-aid kits, 302 tonnes of millet and 50 tonnes of fodder were distributed, 210 tonnes of livestock feed was positioned, and two boreholes were dug at strategic points along transhumance corridors.

Providing emergency aid to help vulnerable communities become more resilient

2020 – 2021 BURKINA FASO • Budget: €479,532 • Financial partners: Crisis and Support Centre (COSC) of the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (MEAE)

Burkina Faso’s Sahel and Est regions were hit by a wave of violence with repeated terrorist attacks targeting civilians, government officials and law enforcement. These attacks have consequences for the entire community: they restrict travel and result in the destruction of public infrastructure and the closing of schools. Pastoral communities in rural areas are particularly affected, as their livelihoods require mobility: transhumance routes are modified, and livestock market activity is disrupted by significantly lower attendance and a drop in animal prices. Transhumant livestock farmers and livestock transporters are sometimes mistaken for terrorists and subjected to extortion and mistreatment by soldiers. The Crisis and Support Centre of the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (COSC) of the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs granted funding to Acting for Life in order to act urgently to help vulnerable households become more resilient through social cohesion and by facilitating access to water and livestock feed. In the space of one year, forums for dialogue were organised between local non-governmental actors, local and religious authorities, law enforcement and journalists, and eight steering committee meetings and meetings for putting in place emergency funds also helped local CSOs as well as decentralised and delegated authorities back at the heart of decision-making. A total of 250 first-aid kits, 302 tonnes of millet and 50 tonnes of fodder were distributed, 210 tonnes of livestock feed was positioned, and two boreholes were dug at strategic points along transhumance corridors.

DISTRIBUTION OF 250 FIRST-AID KITS

DISTRIBUTION OF 542 TONNES OF LIVESTOCK FEED AND FOOD

REALISATION OF 2 BOREHOLES AND 3 WELLS
Despite strong economic growth in the region, West Africa faces the challenge of facilitating the professional integration of young people who are entering a job market dominated by informal employment (90% to 95% of jobs, which often means that people are underemployed and earning low income). The offer of training is limited, and focuses more on trades in the services sector and less on trades in rural areas and young women in trades in the secondary sector.

To address these challenges with regard to training and professional integration, Acting for Life is developing its expertise in the social approach to integration and training of young people through several large-scale programmes for the development of training in the primary and secondary sectors. The actions undertaken aim to improve access to high-quality training and expand professional opportunities and boost income for young people by:

- Improving training formats (long programmes, short programmes, diversification of curricula, implementation of free schools, etc.) and creating original systems for monitoring the integration of trainees based on synergies between actions and actors, such as the development of institutional procurement. In 2021, Acting for Life supported nine training entities and local NGOs in five West African countries.

- Strengthening training programmes (degree and certification programmes) in traditional or “green” sectors, masonry, plumbing, electricity, and crop and livestock farming. The programmes are accessible for 2,500 young people who are vulnerable or at risk of becoming vulnerable, or who are isolated from training or schooling. Special attention is paid to ensuring that young girls can access these training programmes, in order to encourage diversity among trainees and thus promote gender equality.

- Supporting the social integration of young people: by covering trainees’ school fees throughout their training, tutoring trainees, and developing cross-disciplinary skills in areas such as entrepreneurship, IT, the environment, gender equality, marketing, etc.

Lastly, Acting for Life and its partners have been examining ways to help young people become drivers of their own lives and get involved in their community by working on aspects such as citizenship and social cohesion.

PROFIL: Project supporting the socio-economic integration of young people in the Est region of Burkina Faso

Burkina Faso’s Est region, which borders the Sahel region and Niger, has seen a degradation in the security situation and a rise in food insecurity. A third of the population is between 15 and 35 years old, and half of the inhabitants are under 15 years old. The region faces many challenges, including high population growth, high rural migration and low enrolment in school. Acting for Life created a regional training and integration system targeting young people not enrolled in school. Promising sectors linked to important local areas, such as agroecology and livestock mobility, were identified with local actors. Short, practical training programmes in agriculture, forestry and pastoralism (field schools, agroecology, livestock fattening, etc.), and in rural-towns (masonry, mechanics, carpentry, etc.), help trainees strengthen their existing economic activities or start new ones.

The programme’s strong local roots, the participation of renowned local NGOs, strong cooperation with public authorities, and Acting for Life’s expertise in training and integration were all keys to its success. Each of the three recruitment sessions drew over 1,000 applications, which is a sign of how much interest there is in the programme. In all, 1,040 young people (more than half of whom are girls) have received training. The training consists in a common core curriculum, plus modules. The second phase of the PROFIL – Project supporting the socio-economic integration of young people in the Est region of Burkina Faso – began in early 2022 and will last three years. The main objectives are to strengthen the training and integration approach, scale up the project (5,000 trainees in 17 municipalities) and develop an action plan to strengthen social cohesion by creating inclusive forums for dialogue and coordination.

OUR LOCAL PARTNERS

- AFRA (association for agroecological research and training) aims to promote agroecological practices and protect the environment through instrumental projects in helping train the national organic farming council (CNABO), which is a multidisciplinary grouping together actors in organic/ environmentally friendly farming.

- RECOPA (communication network for pastoralism) operates in Burkina Faso to help pastoralists, rural communities and local authorities discuss issues relating to pastoralism.

Association Tin Tua (TIN TUA)
Promoting better socio-economic development: training and professional integration of young people

2019 – 2021 • SENEGAL • Budget: €150,000 (pilot project) • FEDI: Project supporting training, employment, development and integration

The project targets vulnerable young people with little schooling, who also receive technical and cross-disciplinary professional training in labour law and entrepreneurship. Acting for Life and its local partner, Diapalante, are working to adapt the offer of training to meet the needs of young people and the locality, and to suit their professional integration. Initiatives were carried out to raise awareness about issues relating to discrimination at work. Lastly, by strengthening the local partner, that partner is now able to engage in dialogue on training issues at regional level with economic and institutional actors.

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Our local partners

The Diapalante association serves as a training centre and “incubator” for artisans and local businesses in sectors linked to the environment and sustainable development.

CRPF for training in photovoltaic electricity.

Groupe FIP – Formation et insertion professionnelle – (TVET Group: Technical & Vocational Education and & Training) was created in 2013 and comprises five French organisations that are dedicated to promoting international solidarity and that are engaged in professional training: Acting for Life, Apprentis d’Auteuil, Essor, Gret and IECD. The members of the Group operate in over 41 countries in Africa, Asia, the Middle East and Latin America. The Group’s main objective is to improve access to jobs for young people and help them become economically integrated.

Groupe FIP discusses cross-disciplinary issues encountered in the development projects carried out by the five NGOs. The approaches, territories and context are different for each association, which leads to fruitful debates, discussions and experience-sharing. The Group has been supported by the Agence française de développement (AFD) since 2015, and meets several times a year to find solutions and share tools in order to improve the quality of projects.

The Group’s initial focus was on entrepreneurship for young people. The Group’s members then engaged in joint discussions on information and communications technology (ICT) and its uses in technical and vocational education and training activities. Lastly, the Group decided to focus on gender and came up with concrete actions to incorporate gender equality into projects to improve training and access to jobs in developing countries: combating stereotypes, preventing drop-outs during training, career development for women after completion of training.

The members of Groupe FIP work together on a regular basis to draft and publish experience-assessment documents, articles and an inventory of tools and best practices.

To learn more:

Two publications drafted (in French) by Groupe FIP members on the contextualisation and methodology of TVET projects were published on Acting for Life’s website:


The first step is to break down the monitoring and impact indicators by gender, but that isn’t enough. For example, if the professional integration of a graduating class one year after completing the programme is 80% for males and 20% for females, that indicator alone doesn’t help us understand why such a gap exists. We need seek out the different actors involved (project managers, instructors, employers, beneficiaries, etc) to explore the possible causes.

Note Contextualisation Genre FIP, Groupe FIP, 2020
**FOOD SYSTEMS & ECOSYSTEMS**

**BACKGROUND**

Shifting agricultural and food systems towards sustainable and resilient models is an important issue. Long marginalized in political agendas, family farming can play a role in the transition of agricultural and food systems. It accounts for 80% of food production worldwide and is a source of jobs in rural areas, where more and more people are leaving and moving to urban centres. It is also more suitable for preserving biodiversity, and stands out in this sense from the intensive production model, which weakens ecosystems and exacerbates the effects of climate change.

**PROJECTS**

Acting for Life works with agrarian communities in West Africa and Latin America to help them gain access to and sustainably manage the natural, human, material and financial resources available in their locality, in order to generate an economic activity. AFL carries out actions to help preserve/restore the ecosystems that rural communities depend on, and works with peasant-farming families and organisations of producers, processors and micro-entrepreneurs to encourage diversified production that meets market standards in terms of quality and quantity, while supporting the transition to agroecology and organic production.

To address these challenges and help transform agricultural and food systems while promoting greater equity, Acting for Life focuses on the following priorities:

- Developing resilient, environmentally friendly practices: by facilitating ecosystem-based adaptation to climate change (protecting natural ecosystems and biodiversity); and by strengthening environmentally friendly practices across all segments of agricultural value chains.
- Improving the downstream segment of value chains (agricultural or other) and promoting market access for peasant-farmer production: by strengthening supply chains, access to institutional markets and contractual farming through private buyers; by promoting product certification and local labels; by pooling downstream value-chain functions (such as storage and distribution); by strengthening capacities for better access to markets; and by developing entrepreneurship in the social and solidarity-based economy.
- Facilitating local cooperation between multiple actors and creating local public policies to facilitate the transition of agricultural and food systems: by promoting local consumption and advocating for public procurement.

**TERSSA: Transition of local agricultural and food systems**

Promoting sustainable food by supporting the development of agroecological production and local consumption

2021 – 2024 • BENIN, BURKINA FASO, TOGO, COLOMBIA, PERU • Budget: €3,664,400 (€2,100,000 from AFD) • Financial partners: Agence française de développement (AFD), Air France, Servair and the Communauté d’agglomération Roissy-Pays de France

**TOTAL BUDGET**

€6,050,842

(Total multi-year budget)

**WEST AFRICA:**

5 PROJECTS IN 2021

3 TARGET COUNTRIES

8 LOCAL PARTNERS

**LATIN AMERICA:**

4 PROJECTS IN 2021

3 TARGET COUNTRIES

5 LOCAL PARTNERS

**Beneficiaries**

7,405 PRODUCERS AND PROCESSORS in family-farming settings (54% women)

175 YOUNG PEOPLE TARGETED for training and integration

270 SHOPKEEPERS AND RESTAURATEURS

100 REPRESENTATIVES OF PUBLIC INSTITUTIONS

hospitals, health centres, schools

**OF PASTURE AND CULTIVATED LAND IN THE PROCESS OF ECOLOGICAL TRANSITION**

1,820 ha

**Burkina Faso**

**Benin**

**Togo**

**Colombia**

**Peru**

**Ecuador**

**Family farming plays a major role in agricultural production, accounting for 80% of food production worldwide. It is also a source of jobs in rural areas where people are leaving and moving to urban centres. It is hindered, however, by poor access to lucrative and sustainable commercial markets. As the climate changes, it is also important to make these agricultural and food systems more resilient.**

With over ten years’ experience supporting rural development in Latin America and West Africa, Acting for Life launched a large-scale programme in late 2021 in five different countries on both continents (Benin, Burkina Faso, Togo, Colombia and Peru).

The TERSAA programme – Transition of local agricultural and food systems – aims to improve food security and food sovereignty while guaranteeing access to high-quality, locally produced foods for all by improving coordination between family farming and local markets through greater control over the downstream segment of agricultural and agrifood sectors.

Sustainable and resilient practices are disseminated and adopted in order to make production and processing systems more sustainable training in agroecology, environmentally friendly agricultural developments and agrifood equipment, training in quality assurance and product certification. Acting for Life and its local partners are committed to helping producers and processors transition to agroecology and boost their productivity. Producers will also receive training and assistance in entrepreneurial management – marketing, promoting and distributing products – in accordance with the principles of the social and solidarity-based economy. Special attention is paid to making sure women and young people are included, particularly through the creation of training and integration programmes.

Local actors – farmers, processors, distributors, municipalities, buyers from the public and private sectors, consumers – are informed about local issues in order to facilitate commercial partnerships favouring sustainable value chains and the implementation of local public policies supporting better food. A joint experience assessment analysing the marketing strategies used by farmers’ organisations is conducted on both continents in collaboration with the IRD (French national research institute for sustainable development).

The TERSAA programme was officially launched at two multi-actor workshops, in Colombia late 2021 and early 2022.
AMAIAGR – RESIST: Supporting actors on institutional markets for agricultural products

Combating food and nutrition insecurity

2019 - 2021 • BURKINA FASO • Budget: €264,771 (pilot project) • Financial partners: Air France, Comité Français pour la Solidaire Internationale (CFSI) / Fondation de France

Since 2016, local authorities in Burkina Faso have been in charge of placing orders for the purchase of raw foods for school cafeterias. The objective of the AMAIAGR project is to support actors on institutional markets for agricultural products – to promote sustainable and fair partnerships between producer organisations and local authorities in 17 municipalities in the Cascades region of Burkina Faso, in order to increase the amount of high-quality local agricultural products supplied to public cafeterias. Acting for Life and its partners train farmers, cooperatives and local authorities in 17 municipalities in the Cascades region of Burkina Faso.

AMAIAGRI: Facilitating access to institutional markets for local agricultural products

For healthy food, buy and consume locally

2019 - 2022 • BÉRIN, TOGO • Budget: €300,000 (pilot project) • Financial partners: Air France, Servair, Comité Français pour la Solidaire Internationale (CFSI) / Fondation de France, Fondation AirBé

In response to the rapid growth of cities, the FAPAMI project – Facilitating access to institutional markets for local agricultural products – aims to improve living conditions and food security in Benin and Togo by professionalising family farming, developing sales outlets for local agricultural products (particularly agroecological products), and offering farming families a stable and sustainable income. The project provides market gardeners with irrigation equipment and training in agroecological production standards. The fruit and vegetables grown are certified “organic quality” by a participatory guarantee system (PGS). Training was also offered in hygiene and quality, and equipment was provided to agri-food processing facilities. The project also aims to improve distribution, sales and contracting with private entities. A distribution centre for processed food products was created in Togo to pool the farmers’ supply. Lastly, communications initiatives promoting massive consumption of healthy local products were launched. Despite the negative effects of the pandemic, farmers’ organisations (AMAP) and processors’ organisations have become more resilient by stabilising their production (large volumes, quality and consistency) and developing fair commercial partnerships with the private sector, and in particular with the company Servair in Togo and Benin.

TADESS: Transitioning to sustainable agriculture and a social and solidarity-focused economy

Incorporating environmental objectives into economic and solidarity-focused development

2019 - 2021 • PERU • Budget: €281,333 • Financial partners: Air France

The TADESS project – Transitioning to sustainable agriculture and a social and solidarity-based economy – aims to boost income for rural communities in the Cuzco province (Ocongate, Ccatca and Andahuaylillas) by structuring strategic production sectors and constructing agroecological districts with help from local actors. The project has four pillars – production, marketing, local cooperation and access to loans – and offers technical support to family businesses to help them improve the quality and profitability of their production. Milk and guinea pig producers were trained in entrepreneurial management and received marketing assistance at local and national level. New value chains were developed and structured, and diversified agricultural production was encouraged in order to secure the area’s food sovereignty. The local partner, CCAIJO, buys some of the cheese production above market price, which it matures and sells under the “D’Ausangate” brand in accordance with the principles of the social and solidarity-based economy, which involve redistributing the proceeds throughout the locality. Farmers’ organisations were strengthened and participated in local discussion forums with CCAIJO to promote a policy for the development of agroecology and a local label.

ALMA: Preserving and sustainably managing the ecosystem of the marsh of Zapotasa

Restoring the Zapatosa marsh ecosystem to improve food security

2019 - 2021 • COLOMBIA • Budget: €428,000 • Financial partners: Air France, Fundación Alma, TNC The Nature Conservancy

The ALMA project coordinates the participatory ecological restoration of the Zapatosa marsh, a wetland area rich in biodiversity, whose socio-ecosystems are vulnerable to climate change. The project has launched a number of initiatives, such as reforestation and the creation of networks of family agroforestry systems, resilient high production vegetable gardens, community nurseries and a seed bank to ensure the locality’s food security. Thanks to sustainable management, the restored marsh now allows fishing families to meet their needs and protect themselves against flooding. The project also aims to implement governance that promotes integrated local management with multiple actors covering the project’s three areas of focus: the Sempaya, Saloa and Mata communities (municipality of Chumibagua, Cesar). The project is continuing in 2022 to improve the environmental resilience, security and food sovereignty of communities suffering from the impacts of climate change, with a view to conserving and restoring ecosystems and promoting inclusive and sustainable economic development.
FINANCIAL REPORT 2021

Acting for Life’s financial statements are audited each year by a statutory auditor. Since 2018, the auditing firm Deloitte has been auditing Acting for Life’s financial statements. The certified financial statements are then published in the Journal Officiel (government gazette) of the French Republic. The following is a summary of those statements.

### Assets
The assets side of the balance sheet shows the association’s resources, which mainly include grants receivable (‘other receivables’) and cash.

Grants receivable decreased by 12% versus 2020, which means that grants received in 2021 were less than grants consumed. Certain projects nearing their end date are reviewed over longer periods (READY with NORAD, PROFIL with the AFD, etc.).

Cash and cash equivalents decreased 12% to €9,722,000, a portion of the grants receivable is expected in 2022.

### Liabilities
Dedicated funds and deferred income were stable overall in 2021. 18% for dedicated funds, and 14% for deferred income. Smaller-scale ‘hungry gap’ projects, such as PROFIL, and RESIST, were carried out. Funding for two projects, however, was confirmed at the end of the year:

- the TERSA programme transition of local agricultural and food systems covering six countries in Africa and Latin America, co-funded by the AFD for €2,500,000.
- the BIDA project (biodiversity, inclusion, sustainable development and water) for Ecuador, co-funded by the European Union’s local delegation for €845,000, scheduled for launch in 2022.

### Funds
At 31/12/2021, funds amounted to €7,466,000 and were stable compared with 2020. Public grants recorded for our projects totalled €4,089,000 at 31/12/21. That figure was in line with public grants consumed in 2021- €1,309,000 for French public funding, and €2,780,000 for EU public funding. EU and Norwegian development cooperation (NORAD).

### Use of funds
Grants awarded by the association accounted for 57% of operating costs, which was on par with 2020 (60%). Those were mainly transfers of funds to local partners working on our projects. In 2021, transfers to our local partners were mainly for the PAMOBARMA project (€1,658k), the PRECIT project (€473k) and the READY project (€363k).

Funds allocated to projects accounted for over 90% of operating costs.

### Events after closing:
The worsening of the geopolitical and security crisis in the Sahel – particularly in Mali and Burkina Faso – could have an impact on the organisation’s activity in 2022. Projects that are currently in progress or scheduled to launch in those two countries may be delayed or interrupted. Such a reduction in activity could negatively affect the organisation’s accounts in 2022. This risk is being monitored on a regular basis, and protective measures have been provided for to reduce the potential impact.

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### Balance Sheet

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| **LIABILITIES AND EQUITY** | | | | |
|---------------------------| | | | |
| **Own funds**             | | | | |
| Funds with right of recovery | 15   | 15       | 15     |          |         |
| Funds without right of recovery | 2,052 | 2,052    | 2,023  | 29       | 1%      |
| Other reserves            | 110     | (110)    | -100%  |          |         |
| Net income                | 2       | 2        | 29     | (26)     | -92%    |
| Provisions for liabilities and changes | | | | |
| Dedicated funds           | 3,744    | 3,744    | 4,318  | (574)    | -13%    |
| Loans and similar debts payable | 1,348  | 1,348    | 1,452  | (105)    | -7%     |
| Accounts payable          | 154     | 154      | 190    | (36)     | -19%    |
| Tax and social debts      | 109     | 109      | 58     | 51       | 87%     |
| Other liabilities         | 15      | 15       | 31     | (16)     | -52%    |
| Deferred income           | 7,322    | 7,322    | 8,539  | (1,217)  | -14%    |
| **TOTAL LIABILITIES**     | 14,761   | 14,761   | 16,766 | (2,004)  | -12%    |

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### Income Statement

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INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERS

Thanks to the generous support of its financial partners, Acting for Life is able to draw on its renowned expertise in economic and local development in the Global South to implement its programmes, ensure their long-term success, and contribute towards achieving the UN’s Sustainable Development Goals (SDG). On behalf of all the civil-society organisations working with AFI, thank you for your support.

A public institution at the heart of France’s development aid system, the Agence Française de Développement (AFD) has been working since 1941 to reduce poverty and promote development. AFD is a long-standing financial partner of Acting for Life in Africa and Latin America. AFD’s support helps bring to life large-scale regional and national programmes in strategic areas for Acting for Life. These include creating training programmes and focus on issues relating to local economic development in line with the agropastoral sector in the Sahel region.

Through the European Commission’s department for international partnerships, the EU develops policies to reduce poverty and promote sustainable development, democracy, peace and security. The European Union has been a partner of Acting for Life for several years, supporting projects in Africa and Latin America covering all of our areas of expertise.

The Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD) is part of the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs. Its main areas of expertise are education, the environment, adapting to climate change, promoting democracy, access to health and renewable energy. NORAD has been supporting Acting for Life since 2017 in its projects to promote technical and vocational education and training in Africa.

The Economic Community of West African States is an organisation that seeks to promote economic and political cooperation between its fifteen member states. ECOWAS partners with Acting for Life in its actions in West Africa to help ensure long-term economic and social development and improve people’s standard of living.

In 2007, the Roissy Pays de France Agglomeration Community (CARPF) and Acting for Life decided to team up for a multi-year partnership. The geographic proximity of the two entities and their shared vision of the importance of international solidarity led to their decision to launch the partnership. Roissy Pays de France is committed to supporting the economic and local development of vulnerable communities in Latin America and West Africa.

PARTNERSHIPS WITH EXPERTS AND RESEARCH CENTRES

For years, AFI has partnered with experts and research centres in Europe, and is a member of French and international “trades” networks.

- CIRAD (French agricultural research and international cooperation centre for development), ARED (Associates in Research and Education for Development), NCS (Nordic Consulting Group), Alliance of Lawyers for Human Rights, ESSEC, Toulouse Capitole University, Catholic University of Louvain (Belgium).
- Coordination Humanitaire et Développement, Coordination Sud, Microinsurance Network (risk management), Pastoralist Knowledge Hub of the Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO).

PRIVATE FINANCIAL PARTNERS

Over the past several years, Acting for Life has developed strong relationships with its private financial partners, which include companies, corporate foundations, family foundations and large donors. The support from our sponsors is instrumental in allowing us to launch pilot projects and trial new approaches that can be subsequently scaled up and co-funded by public funding agencies.

AIRFRANCE

Air France has been a partner of Acting for Life for over 40 years. Its long-term partnership in Africa, Latin America and Asia has been focused on setting up programmes to support economic and local development, small crop and livestock farmers, and technical and vocational education and training in the communities that need it most. Through its generous support, Air France has made it possible to conduct studies and launch local projects with innovative approaches allowing for bigger programmes to be launched subsequently with public institutional partners.

The Motul Corazon Foundation was founded in 2011, under the aegis of the Caritas France Foundation, funds professional training for young people from disadvantaged backgrounds, primarily in Sub-Saharan Africa. Since 2007, it has been supporting Acting for Life on a project to strengthen technical and professional learning programmes and to help young people in Burkina Faso who are isolated from the job market integrate professionally in three key sectors of the local market: solar power, plumbing and farming.

The Caritas France Foundation is the first umbrella foundation dedicated to reducing poverty and exclusion since its founding in 2009. It has supported a number of Acting for Life’s projects, particularly in Africa, on issues such as technical and vocational education and training. It has a particular interest in this area, and works with Acting for Life in its efforts to improve training programmes in West Africa.

CONOLY, Alliances of Lawyers for Development (Nordic Consulting Group), Alliance of Lawyers for Human Rights, ESSEC, Toulouse Capitole University, Catholic University of Louvain (Belgium).

The Détumba Foundation, under the aegis of the Caritas France Foundation, funds professional training for young people from disadvantaged backgrounds, primarily in Sub-Saharan Africa. Since 2007, it has been supporting Acting for Life on a project to strengthen technical and professional learning programmes and to help young people in Burkina Faso who are isolated from the job market integrate professionally in three key sectors of the local market: solar power, plumbing and farming.

We would like to thank all our partners for their past, present and future support to help combat poverty and exclusion in Africa and Latin America.

We have been officially recognised in France as an organisation serving the public interest since 11 March 2002, so your donations to Acting for Life are tax deductible.

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AnBer is a loyal, long-standing partner of Acting for Life. This private foundation, recognised as an organisation serving the public interest, is dedicated to reducing poverty by supporting projects in health, education, work and reducing destitution. Its founders are always open to supporting innovative approaches to job creation and local entrepreneurship for marginalised communities, and have supported many projects in Africa, Latin America and Asia covering all of our strategic areas of focus.

The Department for International Development (DFID) is a UK mechanism for administering humanitarian and development aid. It is committed to supporting sustainable development and reducing poverty around the world. Renowned for its expertise in the Sahel region, Acting for Life has been receiving support from DFID since 2013 for its livestock-mobility projects in West Africa.

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Groupe ADP is a global leader in designing, building and operating airports. A long-standing partner of Acting for Life, ADP supports us and our projects by providing office space at the Paris - Le Bourget airport. This partnership is vital to the stability and longevity of our work.

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Creation of a livestock market: study focusing on needs, impacts on rural land and socio-economic development
Monograph on the livestock market in Benin. PREMIP Project.

Partnering with farmers’ organisations and joint local authorities for the livestock-meat sector in the north of Benin
Article by Cedric Touquet, head of agropastoral programmes, in the magazine Grain de Sel. December 2021.
→ https://acting-for-life.org/organisations-producteurs-territoires-productifs-agroecologiques/

Supporting public procurement for agricultural products
Advocacy brochure on institutional markets for sustainable local food systems in Burkina Faso’s Cascades region. ASIAGRIP project.
→ https://acting-for-life.org/la-commande-publique-de-produits-agricoles/

ARTICLES IN AIR FRANCE MAGAZINE

**Manger mieux et local!**

Air France Magazine, Food System & Ecosystem Article, January-February 2021
→ https://acting-for-life.org/manger-mieux-et-local/

**Renforcer la cohésion sociale**

Air France Magazine, Agropastoralism Article, September 2021
→ https://acting-for-life.org/renforcer-la-cohesion-sociale/

OFFICIAL LAUNCH OF THE TERSAA PROGRAMME

Article by E.H.M. Boukari appearing in Togopresse, a major national daily newspaper.
→ https://topopresse.fr/a-terreaux-officielles-Transition-de-rubrique-a-relancer/7f3becab-realorganisme-specialise-terrasse-l06a025a0x0f4674/86.png

TESTIMONIAL BY ADAMA DICKO

A young graduate who has become an expert in electricity for buildings
Filmed as part of the READY project in Burkina Faso. Hats off to her!
→ https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=JyX5H9F4kCM

PUBLICATIONS IN THE NATIONAL AND FOREIGN PRESS

Video on the local approach involving collaboration between professional organisations and joint local authorities as part of the PREDIP project.
→ https://acting-for-life.org/une-approche-territoriale-pour-la-developpment-de-la-livraison-agropastorale/

This ancient production system has always proven to be resilient and adaptable
Article by Delphine Bousquet, an independent journalist in Benin, on the results of the PREDIP project.
→ https://acting-for-life.org/blan-post-formation-ready/

Initial assessment of the READY project on training for young people: very encouraging results
Results of post training follow up for the first group of graduates.
→ https://acting-for-life.org/blan-projet-ready/

A local approach for the development of agropastoralism
Animated video on the local approach involving collaboration between professional organisations and joint local authorities as part of the PAMORAMA project.
→ https://acting-for-life.org/blan-projet-ready/

Farming to offer high-quality food and support the development of resilience in climate change and a complex security environment
Air France, January-February 2021
→ https://acting-for-life.org/alimentation-locale/

Supporting sustainable family farming to offer high-quality foods
Eating action in local food systems. PAMIP Project. AgriDigital
→ https://acting-for-life.org/alimentation-local/

Developing milk and guinea-pig value chains in Peru
Encouraging the construction of high production agroecological areas. TADESS Project. Marco Simola
→ https://acting-for-life.org/territoires-productifs-agroecologiques/

Focus on the new TERSAA programme and Acting for Life’s added value
Interview with Pedro Oyola, project director of our partner EMI.
→ https://acting-for-life.org/interviews-pedro-ojeda-imc/

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