



## FACT SHEET

### Agriculture Education and Market Improvement Program (AEMIP)

#### CONTEXT

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Presently, Guinean agriculture is a vulnerable and fragile activity, essentially based on exploiting the potential of the natural resource base, using traditional practices. Maintaining an ecologic balance that will ensure the viability and maintenance of soil fertility and the overall capacity of natural resources to support increasing productivity of agricultural resources is difficult and frequently disregarded by the actions of populations. Guinean AET institutions can play a leading role in training graduates to support populations to adopt climate smart agriculture practices, manage natural resources and increase productivity and food security through innovation

In order to address the changing needs of AET in Guinea, an institutional evaluation, supported by AEMIP, assessed the institutional landscape at the Institut Supérieur Agronomique et Vétérinaire de Faranah (ISAV/F) and identified major gaps in ISAV/F's management, teaching, research and partner/client relations that are limiting its capacity to achieve its vision of becoming a center of excellence for climate smart agricultural education and training. The results of the institutional evaluation and proposed actions were discussed and prioritized by ISAV/F staff and developed into an action plan that proposed the following major themes: 1) Strengthen the capacity of teachers by practical training for the development of complimentary practical course content and climate change information; 2) Develop strategies and plans to improve gender equity; 3) Increase agricultural revenue through revenue generating activities; 4) Develop laboratory operations to allow practical course components; 5) Establish and develop cooperation with International and Regional Universities and ensure graduate training for teaching staff; and 6) Evaluate the results and impacts of strategic activities/programs.

#### USAID RESPONSE

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The USAID Agriculture Education and Market Improvement Program's (AEMIP) mission is to assist ISAV/F to become a recognized leader in promoting professional careers for men and women in a sustainable agriculture sector. AEMIP provides institutional strengthening, curriculum development, research and innovation grants and other support to ISAV/F, to enable faculty and students to contribute to the development of the Guinean agricultural sector in the areas of climate smart agriculture, food security, and gender equality.

#### ACHIEVEMENTS

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- Established 10 Formal partnership agreements with institutions at the local, national, regional, and international levels.
- Trained 709 individuals on agricultural productivity/food security.
- Developed 52 new technical content modules or experiential learning tools and methods to strengthen the ISAV/F curriculum.



Members of Farmers Organization Participating in a Gendered Farm Mapping Study (Faranah, ISAV/F)

#### FACTS & FIGURES

**Project name:** Agriculture Education and Market Improvement Program

**Implementer:** Winrock International

**Project Duration:** May. 31, 2013- Apr. 27, 2018

**Estimated Cost:** \$7,510,000

**Regions of Focus:** Faranah and the Haute Guinea region