



Context

The project targets the Northern Region of Burkina Faso, where 90% of households are smallholder farmers, and there is an increasing demand for cultivable and grazing land, as well as demand for wood and energy resources. This has led to a host of challenges, namely, diminishing forage resources, decline in wildlife resources, water scarcity (due to the early depletion of water reservoirs and the water system), silting of watercourses and degradation of riparian areas, as well as conflicts over the use of natural resources. To address these challenges, the Government of Burkina Faso, with IFAD support, launched the Neer-Tamba Project, operation between 2014–2022, to improve living conditions and incomes for rural households affected by poverty and food insecurity.

The project, which also extends to the country's Eastern and North Central regions and aims to benefit 190,000 rural households through the following:

1. Building resilience to climate and promoting financial autonomy; and
2. Strengthening an enabling social and economic fabric in which the target groups are actors and partners.

Through Resilient Food Systems (RFS), the Neer-Tamba Project is further enhancing the promotion, adoption and scaling up of food security policies and activities.



Objective

The core objective of the project is sustainably managed agroecosystems, allowing for food security in the Northern Region of Burkina Faso.



Participatory Natural Resource Management and Rural Development Project (Neer-Tamba Project)

Burkina Faso

Resilient Food Systems is one of the three Integrated Approach Pilots funded by the Global Environment Facility. Implementation is led by the International Fund for Agricultural Development, in collaboration with 12 African countries and several regional partners. The five-year programme is committed to **fostering sustainability and resilience for food security in sub-Saharan Africa**.

As an integral part of this regional initiative, the **Participatory Natural Resource Management Project** in Burkina Faso is contributing to the collective impact of the Resilient Food Systems Programme.



Project area for Burkina Faso

Global Environmental Benefits GEBs

 8,500 (ha)
land under integrated and sustainable management

 12,621,000 (MtCO₂e)
GHG emissions avoided or reduced

Key components

The project is structured to focus on three components in line with Resilient Food Systems:

1. Capacity building for national and regional multi-stakeholder platforms;
2. Scaling up integrated approaches to sustainable land management within agroecosystems; and
3. Coordination of arrangements, including key indicators for decision-making on food security and environmental best practices. Cross-cutting aspects related to value chains, capacity building and knowledge management are further strengthened through direct support from the Regional Hub project.

Expected impacts



Capacity building for national and regional multi-stakeholder platforms:

- Multi-stakeholder frameworks at the national and regional level enable actors to contribute to the decision-making process (e.g., sectoral policies and intervention priorities).



Scaling up integrated approaches to sustainable land management within agroecosystems:

- An integrated approach, adopted by 20,000 rural households, advances the improvement of food security in the Northern Region.



Monitoring and evaluation of the contribution made by environmental investments to enhance the population's resilience:

- A national system to measure resilience enables decision-making within multi-stakeholder frameworks.

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Innovation

The Neer-Tamba Project is part of an approach based on building resilience. Consequently the project promotes innovative activities based on social engineering to create and reinforce committees and associations at the sub-watershed level. The sustainability of interventions is ensured by the choice of practices and activities that have proven their worth over decades.

Stakeholders engaged

The project falls under the financial oversight of the Ministry of Economy, Finance and Development and the technical oversight of the Ministry of Agriculture and Water Development. Other key stakeholders include:

- Executive Secretariat, National Council on Food Security
- Permanent Secretariat for Coordination of Agriculture Sector Policies
- Ministry of Livestock and Water Resources
- Ministry of Environment, Green Economy and Climate Change Permanent Secretariat, National Council on the Environment and Sustainable Development
- National Bureau of Rural Chambers of Agriculture

Target Beneficiaries

Engagement increase

 17,800 households

 105,000 people