



# Market-Oriented Value Chains for Jobs and Growth in the ECOWAS Region (MOVE-ComCashew)

## Burkina Faso – Country Report

### 1. Promoting Competitiveness of the Cashew Value Chain.

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The impact of ComCashew since its inception in 2009, recorded 712,000 new jobs created in cashew production, processing, and trade, across project countries and over 790,000 farmers were trained on Good Agricultural Practices (GAP) and Farmer Business School (FBS) from 2009 to 2020 resulting in higher productivity, diversified and higher incomes in implementing countries.



In Burkina Faso over 50,000 households are involved in the cultivation of cashew nuts with their cultivating area stretching over a total of 389,000 hectares as of 2021.

## 2. Actors overview

No of cashew farmers	Approx. 65,000 farmers
No of Processors in country	Approx. 20 processors
Cashew growing regions	Cascades, Centre-Ouest Hauts-Bassins and Sud-Ouest
Policy and Regulation	The Burkinabe Cashew Nut Council (CBA) as the regulation board Levy on RCN export: 25FCFA/kg
Lead Ministry	Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Resources and Fisheries (MARAH)
Regional Network	Consultative International Cashew Council (CICC) African cashew research and development network (REDAA)
NGOs and Project active on Cashew Sector	Fairmatch Support, Nitidae, Selfhelp Africa, PADA/REDD+, USDA Pro-Cashew/CNFA
Private Sector	Comité Interprofessionnel d'Anacarde du Burkina Faso (CIAB) Union Nationale des Producteurs d'Anacarde (UNPA); Association Nationale des Transformateurs d'Anacarde (ANTA); Union Nationale des Commerçants et Exportateurs d'Anacarde (UNCEA)

## 3. Main Achievements



More than **65,000** farmers (**38% women and 22% young people**) benefited from the trainings.



Over **4,000** farmers directly linked to local processors.



**210** graduates from the Master Training Programme. **132** men and **78** women.



**115** elite mother trees identified  
**16,225** grafted seedlings distributed  
**10** clonal gardens 4 nurseries established.

## 4. Facts and Figures

	2021	2022	2023
National production volume of RCN – estimate (metric tons)	100,000	120,000	140,000
National processing capacity – installed (metric tons)	59 000	60,000	65,000
National processing capacity – utilized (percentage)	49%	50%	65%
Productivity (kg/ha)	325	1 100	1 300
Number of ComCashew trained farmers (cumulative)	58,775	60,903	66,403
Cummulative Income of all farmers (Mio EUR)	NA	NA	NA

## 5. Ongoing Activities

MOVE-ComCashew through its intervention supports the development of conducive business environment for all actors of the cashew value chain. Some activities currently ongoing in Burkina Faso include:

- Follow-up of partners who benefited from the first phase of Matching Grant Fund (MGF) support
- Capacity building activities for stakeholders in the cashew field (FBS, grafting)
- Supporting three (3) rice and cashew entrepreneurs to work with rice and cashew by-products and develop a new product onto the market.
- Conservation Agriculture Training
- Technical advice and support to processing units.
- Policy advice and support to all the actors for the cashew sector development.
- Continuation of activities within the framework of the second phase of MGF support

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