



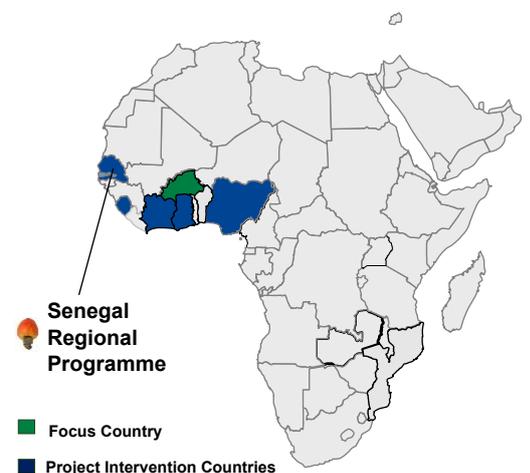
# Market-Oriented Value Chains for Jobs and Growth in the ECOWAS Region (MOVE-ComCashew)

## Senegal – Country Report

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

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Since its inception in 2009, ComCashew recorded 712,000 new jobs in cashew production, processing, and trade, across the project intervention countries. From 2009 to 2025 over 821,000 farmers have been trained in Good Agricultural Practices and taken part in the Farmer Business School, resulting in increased productivity and diversified, higher incomes in the implementing countries.



In Senegal about 66,500 Metric Tons (MT) of Raw Cashew Nuts were recorded in 2024, with only 1,500 MT (3%) processed locally indicating limited value addition despite strong production potential.

In 2025 up to date, 80,000 MT of Raw Cashew Nuts were exported with a market remaining open for exporters. Final figures will be available at market closure.

Source: Chamber of Commerce of Ziguinchor

## 2. Actors overview

No of cashew farmers	Approx. 15,000 farmers
No of Processors in country	11 processors
Cashew main growing regions	Ziguinchor, Kolda, Sédhiou, Niayes and Fatick
Policy and Regulation	National Cashew Advisory Council (Conseil National Consultative Cajou)
Lead Ministry	Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Equipment and Food Sovereignty and Ministry of Trade and Industry
Regional Network	The creation of regional networks is yet to be initiated.
NGOs and Projects active on Cashew Sector	USDA Shelter For Life, ANABEL, NTFV, Senegalese Cashew Nut Competitiveness Support Project (PACAS), Agropol Sud
Private Sector	Senegalese Cashew Interprofessional (ICAS), Federation of Agricultural Producers and Processors of Senegal. (FPTAS)

Source: Production (Chamber of Commerce);  
Productivity ([Qualité des noix bruts en Casamance](#))

## 4. Facts and Figures

	2022	2023	2024	2025
National production volume of RCN – estimate (metric tons)	87,000	160,000	70,000	80,000 for now and the commercial campaign ongoing
National processing capacity – installed (metric tons)	2,400	3,400	4,000	A survey is currently being carried out.
National processing capacity – utilized (metric tons)	1,000	1,500	820	A survey is currently being carried out.
Productivity (kg/ha)	200-250	300-350	450-500	500-550
Number of ComCashew trained farmers (cumulative)	N/A	N/A	100	25
Cummulative Income of all farmers (Mio EUR)	N/A	N/A	N/A	A survey is currently being carried out.

## 3. Main Achievements



A total of **100** cooperative members trained on **Good Agricultural Practices (GAP)**.  
**25** cooperative members trained on the **Farmer Business School (FBS)** training pilot.



**02** cashew companies: ESPEN Organic & IBC benefited from the **Matching Grant Fund Contract**.



A delegation of **07** key Senegalese partners travelled to **Côte d'Ivoire** to study the **cashew value chain setup**.



**35** graduates from the Master Training Programme with **18** men and **17** women.

## 5. Ongoing Activities

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

- Farmer Business Training (ToT);
- National roundtable workshop with key stakeholders on the CNCC;
- Partnership with Agric colleges, universities, private and public partner organizations to promote the E-learning courses in Senegal;
- MOVE-ComCashew as part of the donor group working in the cashew sector in Senegal;
- Master Training Production.

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