3. SUPPORTING WOMEN & CHILDREN IN COTTON COMMUNITIES

OBJECTIVE:
The project aims to improve the living conditions of cotton-producing households.

SPECIFIC OBJECTIVES:
- Increasing the Empowerment of Women
- Increase women's access to and control over productive resources.
- Enabling women's access to inclusive markets
- Improve nutrition
- Promoting social protection

STRATEGIES:
- Promotion of climate-friendly agricultural practices on experimental plots,
- Support for agricultural equipment and equipment, guidance on technical routes for market gardening,
- Setting up the VSLA,
- Entrepreneurship training and simplified business plan development,
- Support for the establishment of agricultural and non-agricultural Income Generating Activities,
- Gender awareness
- Linking with microfinances,
- Support for marketing,
- Creation of a literacy center,
- Awareness of good practices in nutrition, hygiene and sanitation,
- Support in school kits and supplementary judgments

RESULTS
- 27 VSLA implementation (612 members including 451 women and 161 men) trained in VSLA methodology, entrepreneurship, gender, market gardening and child protection;
- 05 Group sponsors trained in VSLA methodology
- 12 VSLA (257 members including 179 women) related to ADVANS microfinance;
- 608 couples (1,333 members including 717 women and 616 men) affected by the couple dialogues;
- A network of 10 VSLA members for the marketing of VSLA production (food crops, poultry...) established;
- Four WASH committees supported by WASH equipment
- 150 handwashing stations (local material tippy taps) established
- 761 people including 569 women and 171 men sensitized to COVID-19
- 1,208 people, including 863 women and 345 men, sensitized to the worst forms of child labor in cotton production
- 58 school kits distributed to the 10 best students in the 05 localities;
- 158 birth certificates distributed (90 girls and 68 boys)
- A collaborative framework between the CDC and local government/state development structure created to support the CDC action plan

STRATEGIC ACTIVITIES
- Training of trainers,
- Technical coaching;
- Connecting with partners;
- Materiel, equipment and miscellaneous support;
- Awareness;
- Prevention of child labor;
- Advocacy

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• Implementation period: Jun 2021 to May 2022
• Partners:
  - CARGILL, COIC (Ivorian Cotton Company), PNN (national nutrition program), OCPV, DAENF
• Target population:
  Cotton producers and their households (women and children)