



# SEPOP

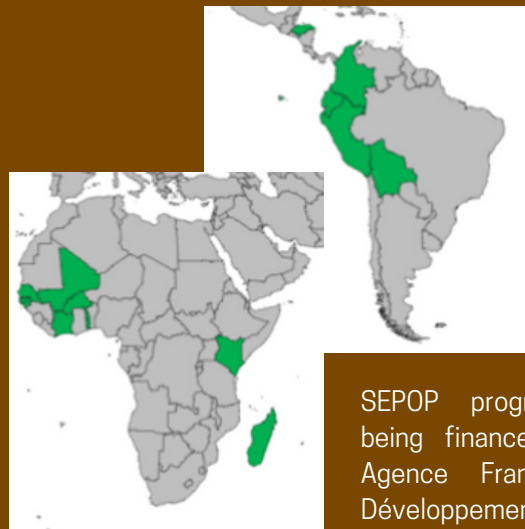
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# 2023

# ABOUT THE PROGRAM

The SEPOP programme consists of 17 projects in Africa and Latin America. The projects are implemented by 8 AgriCord's member agri-agencies and farmer organizations (FOs) on the national, subnational, and local levels ranging from country-wide federations to primary producer cooperatives. The overall objective is to contribute to the sustainable development of the agricultural sector and to improve the lobby and advocacy, technical and commercial services of FOs for the benefit of their family farmer members.



SEPOP programme is being financed by the Agence Française de Développement (AFD)

## PROGRESS IN 2023

Overall, the implementation of SEPOP programme continued without major difficulties in 2023. The progress against the global results indicators shows that SEPOP has surpassed all set targets. The number of direct beneficiary farmers reached 621,765 and the number of indirectly benefiting farmers and their families is estimated at 2,664,582. The supported farmers' organisations have reinforced their lobby and advocacy and 142 policy briefs or proposals were developed and submitted to governments. The farmers' organisations became also more inclusive. The increase in the number of women and youth in the farmers' organisations' governance bodies was 154.



**621,765**

**Direct farmer beneficiaries**

**2,491,071**

**Members of supported FOs**

**26,604,567**

**Euro in goods marketed**





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# LEARNING BY DOING AND SHARING

South-North-South exchanges, including expert missions, FO-to-FO and farmer-to-farmer visits and peer learning, sharing of technical documents, thematic webinars and in-person training sessions were numerous in 2023. These initiatives contribute to the dissemination of best practices among farmers' organisations and their members across regions, both at the regional and national levels. They cultivate also the culture and mindset for continuous learning and innovation.

## NEW PARTNERSHIPS

**ACODEA** established new partnerships with 3 FOs for 2023 :

- Cooperativa de Caficultores de Támara (Colombia):
- FEDEFRUNOR (Ecuador)
- FAPECAFES (Ecuador)

**Asprodeb** has also expanded its network by integrating 3 new FOs for planned activities, building on years of collaboration to strengthen and extend these partnerships :

- Conseil National de Concertation et de Coopération des Ruraux (CNCR)
- la Fédération Nationale des Groupements de Promotion Féminine (FNGPF)
- Fédération des Organisations Non Gouvernementales du Sénégal (FONGS)





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## Case : Improving enabling environment by effective lobbying (CGA - Kenya)

Supported by Fert

The Cereal Growers' Association (CGA) in Kenya, supported by the French agri-agency Fert, negotiated successfully with the key value chain actors and relevant authorities good wheat prices for their member farmers. CGA's promoted also the purchase of locally produced cereals for public programs, which created an important market for their producers. Moreover, CGA collaborated with county authorities to improve the state cereal storage system, resulting in the storage and sale of 107,763 tons of cereals in 2022 at advantageous prices.

## KEY OUTCOMES: ILLUSTRATIVE EXAMPLES

### Case : Improving extension services (CGOP - Burkina Faso)

Supported by Afdi

CGOP launched a mentoring program in collaboration with FNAS to strengthen their technical advisers' skills through peer exchanges and personalized coaching. Performance indicators for 2023 showed significant improvements in their skill set. The scope of technical services expanded from 15 member FOs in 2022 to 19 regional unions and 58 primary FOs in 2023. Services provided increased also significantly - from an average of 2 per organization in 2022 to 30 across 14 organizations in 2023. Thanks to the improved service provision, CGOP revenues in 2023 exceeded the previous year's forecasts.



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# LATIN AMERICA



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## Case : Virtual Learning Platform Reaches Over 2,000 Learners (Financoop - Ecuador)

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A virtual learning platform - the Knowledge Pathway - was developed with Cresol AA (Infocos) and is now fully integrated into Financoop's service portfolio. The platform offers various training trajectories and refresher session. In 2023, 4,223 individuals registered into The Knowledge Pathway 2.0 and 2,123 of them completed a certification (1,074 men, 1,049 women, and 689 youth). Finance training attracted 1,234 registrations, with 1,152 participants (588 men, 564 women). The Gercoop 2.0 program trained 172 participants in cooperative management, awarding 115 certificates (69 women, 13 youth). Additionally, 268 youth underwent leadership training, with 116 receiving diplomas. Virtual leadership training for women and youth attracted 221 participants.

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### Case : Empowering Youth for Sustainable Farming (UNOCAFE - Ecuador)

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The organization developed capacities for social sustainability, with a 400 hour professional training of 31 youth who obtained a certification approved by the ESPOCH Academy. The training covered various aspects of social and economic sustainability, including innovative agricultural practices and business management. These young people will apply and disseminate the knowledge acquired in their family farms and among other producers who are members of UNOCAFE, Kallari and Wiñak.



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