**PROJECT DESCRIPTION**

**Aim:** Improved quality and yield of soybean produces
- Soybean seeds available on the Beninese market
- A better understanding of the needs and constraints of the soybean marketing actors
- A selection of soybean varieties adapted to specific end-products and approved by processors

**Methods**
Participatory rural appraisal, in-depth survey, participatory selection of varieties with farmers and processors, chemical characterisation

**Anticipated impact**
Increased income for processors and farmers; women economic empowerment; employment.

**IMPACT ACTIVITIES / PRELIMINARY RESULTS**

- **Launching workshop and technical meetings**
  1. Newspapers and social media articles
  2. Detailed methodology

- **Appraisal to collect soybean accessions**
  1. Descriptive data on collected accessions
  2. Low variability with the collection

- **Characterisation of soybean accessions**
  1. Early flowering and maturing varieties
  2. Literature review on leguminous grain properties

- **Surveys on:**
  1. Soyabean seed systems
  2. Marketing systems
  1. Level of formality
  2. Organizational barriers
  3. Action plan developed

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**OPPORTUNITIES**
- Strong relationship established between researchers and processors will ensure adoption of developed technologies
- Creation of Benin Agri-business Incubation Hub (BAIH) to incubate young agro-enterprises.
- ProSeSS was brought to the attention of high-level policymakers: The Minister in charge of Agriculture
- Existence of an online seed marketing platform in West Africa (www.wasix.net)

**CHALLENGES**
- Adoption of improved varieties
- Purchase of certified seeds to support seed enterprises
- Implementation of the elaborated soybean seed strategy plan