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**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	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Newspapers and social media articles</li> <li>2. Detailed methodology</li> </ol>
Appraisal to collect soyabean accessions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Descriptive data on collected accessions</li> <li>2. Low variability with the collection</li> </ol>
Characterisation of soyabean accessions	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Early flowering and maturing varieties</li> <li>2. Literature review on leguminous grain properties</li> </ol>
Surveys on: <ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Soyabean seed systems</li> <li>2. Marketing systems</li> </ol>	<ol style="list-style-type: none"> <li>1. Level of formality</li> <li>2. Organizational barriers</li> <li>3. Action plan developed</li> </ol>

**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](http://www.wasix.net))

**CHALLENGES**

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

