

# CHINA-IFAD SOUTH-SOUTH AND TRIANGULAR COOPERATION FACILITY



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## SSTC GRANT

### Grant value

US\$492,438

### Focus country

Republic of the Congo

### Duration

Apr 2020–Apr 2022

### Implementation partner

World Food Programme

### Cooperation partners

Regional Centre of Excellence against Hunger and Malnutrition (CERFAM)

Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations

Chinese Academy of Tropical Agricultural Sciences

Centre for Demonstration of Agricultural Technologies

Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries, Republic of the Congo

### Beneficiaries

107 cassava producers (more than half women) and cooperative groups in Congo (Menisa) and Sidama (Aweyea Nemcha)

## Local production of fortified cassava flour in Bouenza department in the Republic of the Congo

### BACKGROUND

The project aimed to establish a framework and evidence-based business plan for the production of fortified cassava flour and sales of cassava products and to reinforce the capacities of small-scale cassava producers and their organizations to supply fresh cassava to the mills.

As part of a Rome-based United Nations agencies (RBAs) joint SSTC initiative, each agency brought its own expertise to the table. IFAD focused on creating organizations and linkages: setting up multi-partnerships and generating initial funds to enhance small-scale producers' capacities. The Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations (FAO) led the development and adoption of policy standards for cassava flour. The World Food Programme (WFP) coordinated among various partners for implementation and helped to facilitate better market access for cassava producers.

The project consisted of two components:

- Developing national standards for fortified cassava flour
- Increasing the capacity of smallholder farmers to produce cassava

# A joint SSTC initiative by the RBAs to boost the cassava flour industry and value chain in the Republic of the Congo

**1 national standard for fortified cassava flour developed**

**107 smallholder farmers' capacity increased**

**21 policy dialogue and capacity development events organized**

**10 cassava sheds constructed for farmers' organizations**

## ACHIEVEMENTS

During the two-year period, the following results were achieved:

**Produced studies and national standards for fortified cassava flour and sales of fortified products.** A market analysis identified the acceptability of fortified cassava flour. Three cooked fufu samples with different cassava flours were found acceptable by students in Brazzaville. FAO developed a national standard for fortified cassava flour, in collaboration with the Congolese Agency for Standards and Quality Control and the National Laboratory.

**Increased capacity of smallholder cassava-producing farmers' organizations.** The Chinese Academy of Tropical Agricultural Sciences trained 107 smallholder farmers from 10 farmers' organizations in the Loudima region on preserving crop yields and increasing productivity. Approximately 105,642 disease-free stem cassava cuttings (equivalent to 5,300 linear metres) were distributed to these farmers in Loudima to ensure productive cassava harvesting. A farm shed was constructed and handed over to each of the 10 farmers' organizations.

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