

IPM CRSP Trip Report

Country Visited: Mali

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Purpose of Trip: To interview exporters, Importers, and Government officials to collect information for the IPM CRSP Africa Food Security Initiative project

Sites Visited: Bamako, Baguineda

Institutions:

- The Ministry of agriculture, livestock, and fishing
 - The Department of Sanitary and phytosanitary Regulations and of Quality Control (DRCC)
 - The crop protection agency (OPV)
 - The National Department of Agriculture: Focal point of SPS
 - The Department of Agriculture of the district of Bamako
 - The Chamber of Agriculture “Assemblée Permanente de la Chambre d’Agriculture du Mali (APECAM)
 - The Institute of Rural Economics (IER)
 - Headquarter
 - Research center of Sotuba
 - The « *Office de la Haute Vallée du Niger* »
 - The « *Office du Périmètre Irriguée de Baguineda* »-- Irrigated Perimeter of Baguineda
- The Ministry of health
 - National agency of food security and safety – « *Agence Nationale de la Sécurité Sanitaire des Aliments (ANSSA)* »
 - Division of hygiene standards and regulations
- The Ministry of economy and finance
 - National Direction of trade and Concurrence (DNCC)
 - Division of international trade and markets monitoring
 - Division of regulations and quality
 - Regional Direction of Regulations and of imports and exports control (DRCC)

- Observatory of agricultural commodities – « *Observatoire des Marchés Agricoles -- OMA* »
- Chamber of Commerce and Industry of Mali
- Customs office
- National department of statistics (INSAT)

- The Ministry of industry and small and medium scale enterprises
 - National Department of Industry (DNI)

- Professional organizations of exporters
 - Association of Young Exporters (AJEX)
 - Afrique verte
 - Association of Producer Exporters (APEX)
 - Malian association of fruits and vegetables exporters (AMELEF)
 - Malian association of producers and exporters of fruits and vegetables (APEFEL)
 - Malian association of fruits and vegetables exports (AMEFEL)
 - Fruits and Vegetables of Mali (FRUITLEMA)
 - Association of Professional Farmers Organizations (AOPP)
 - GIDD

- International institutions
 - IICEM
 - PCDA

Description of Activities/Observations:

- **Surveys:** The major activity consists on conducting surveys with importers, exporters, and local wholesalers of rice, maize, tomato, plantain, and any processed forms of these goods. Surveys were administrating using questionnaires with the technical support of the “*Observatoire des marchés agricoles*”, a government institution in charge of assessing agricultural markets across Mali in terms of volume of imports and exports, trends in prices; and together with the ministry of trade, APECAM, and Chamber of commerce and industry of Mali, formulate policies aiming at improving domestic and international trade and market strategies in order to ensure food security across the country.

Surveys were also conducted with local traders of rice and maize in Bamako market and also with wholesalers in Baguineda and Niarela markets.

Statistics on Imports and Exports over years for rice, maize, tomatoes and plantain were obtained at the National Institute of statistics (INSAT)

▪ **Interviews:**

- with key informants at ANSSA, OPV and SPS focal points to address SPS regulations issues in Mali regarding procedures of inspection of importing and exporting agricultural goods, different types of certificate required for imports and exports, standards used for exporting products, SPS measures for importing products. Documents such as texts, acts, SPS regulations, or policy brief were also collected.
- with key informants at DNCC (department of trade, Ministry of commerce); APECAM, and chamber of commerce and industry of Mali, on acts and laws that regulate imports and exports in Mali.
- with IICEM agents to gather information about the structure and conduct of vegetable markets across the country.
- with professional associations of exporters to get the list of importing countries and to understand regulations and standards required by these countries.

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