

**TRIP REPORT**

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**Mali: Building Local Capacity in IPM Solutions**

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**Country Visited:** Mali, West Africa

**Dates of Travel:** June 15-24, 2011

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**Purpose of Trip:** Pesticide safety education program support; collaborate with Malian pesticide safety educators and agricultural researchers; plan for a regional workshop; contact new cooperators

**Sites Visited:** Bamako (Institut d'Economie Rurale/Sotuba and Office de la Haute Vallée du Niger), Kamale (group of women tomato growers), Segou (Office du Niger)

**Description of Activities/Observations:**

- Institut d'Economie Rurale/Sotuba: workshop planning, equipment repairs, and lesson plan development
- Office de la Haute Vallée du Niger: materials inventory, lesson plan development, meeting with Directeur Général
- Kamale: observe tomato seedbeds planted by women growers, hear their accounts of starting a new enterprise (selling tomatoes to a "middleman" who will transport them to Bamako and resell them), discuss production issues and plans for pesticide safety training (conducted by OHVN's lead trainer, Issa Sidibé)
- Segou (Office du Niger): meet with Technical Director; confirm interest in and discuss logistics of a workshop for prospective ON pesticide safety educators

**Accomplishments:**

- 1.) Discussed logistics and made plans for a regional workshop for pesticide safety trainers later this year: dates, sites, task list + person in charge of each task
- 2.) Met with the DT and staff of a new partner organization (ON) who will send field agents to the regional workshop
- 3.) Inventory IER/Sotuba's and OHVN's pesticide safety education program support materials to assess needs (additions, repairs, replacements, etc.)

**Suggestions, Recommendations, and/or Follow-up Items:**

VT-IER-OHVN team will continue to develop program support materials and conduct pesticide safety/IPM training in Mali, using the “train the trainer” model.

IER and OHVN should be recognized as the lead agencies for IPM and pesticide safety education in Mali.

VT-IER-OHVN team will contact, work with, and train trainers who work for other agencies and production regions in Mali.

**List of Contacts Made:**

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