



# AFRIQUE VERTE

Afrique Verte is a French NGO that was founded in **1990**. It supports the rural world and food security in **West Africa**.

Over time, starting in **2005**, Afrique Verte's activities in the Sahel were organized as four national branches: **APROSSA**, in Burkina Faso; **AMASSA**, in Mali; **AcSSA**, in Niger and **AGUISSA** in Guinée Conakry. These national associations support groups of farmers engaged in transforming cereals in the four countries.

Thanks to the support provided by numerous technical and financial partners, the national associations are able to offer to these groups – the so-called Transformation Units (TU) – adequate training and funding opportunities.

Together with Afrique Verte, the four national associations now make up AVI – Afrique Verte International.

## AFRIQUE VERTE & THE FAI:

The relationship between Afrique Verte and the FAI started before the national associations that make up AVI were set up, with a support from 2004 to 2006 for Afrique Verte in Niger.

In **2007** the FAI sponsored AcSSA Niger, under the direct supervision of Afrique Verte.

In **2009** a direct relationship was established with AcSSA Niger and subsequently, with a three year project from 2011 to 2014, the FAI supported the four countries with which Afrique Verte works in the Sahel and also the setting up of AGUISSA Afrique Verte Guinea.

Since **2005** Afrique Verte has seen the national organizations of its network grow, become stronger and gain independence. To date there are a total of **209 Transformation Units, with 5,442 members, 99% of whom are women.**

The FAI has good reason to be grateful to this organization.

Thanks to Afrique Verte and to the path taken with this organization and its local associations, which is a practical demonstration of a process of acquiring considerable independence, the FAI has been able to really see what sustainable development means.

Thanks to the work carried out together, the Foundation has been able to see what happens when there is a healthy and solid process of strengthening the local production. This is thanks to the right kind of instruments; on one hand the “technical” instruments that the organization and its network have, and on the other hand, the financial instruments, i.e. the funds provided by the Foundation.