

Strategy to scale-up technical assistance activities

PROBLEM



LACK OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDERS

- Insufficient availability of specialized senior experts
- Key role of middle-level experts in the development of national agricultural statistical systems
- Limited knowledge, skills and experience of junior experts

SOLUTION



BUILDING A NEW GENERATION OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PROVIDERS

- Recruitment of young African statisticians from regional statistical training centers
- Two-month mandatory training program on targeted methodologies
 - ▶ Hands-on training sessions with senior statisticians
 - ▶ Direct involvement in the development of generic educational material developed for technical assistance purposes
- Relocation of trained statisticians in sub-regional institutions (e.g. AFRISTAT)
- Participation in all aspects of the technical assistance delivery activities under close supervision from senior experts
- Progressive takeover of responsibilities



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ACCELERATED TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE PLAN FOR AFRICA. GLOBAL OFFICE AND AFRISTAT



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Key Highlights

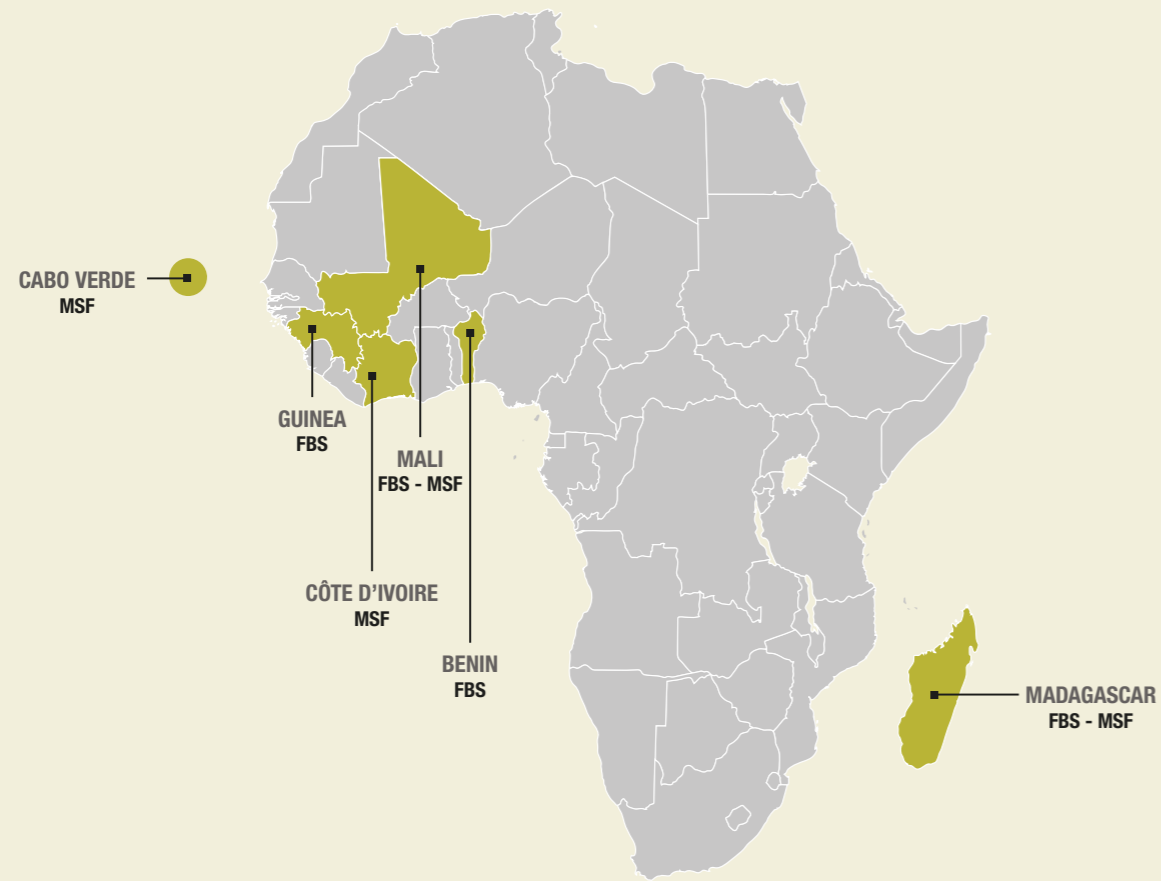
- **PURPOSE:** To create an environment that will enable **selected countries to regularly collect the data** that policy-makers need to guarantee effective marketing, food security and agricultural development policies at country level while **strengthening the capacity of regional and sub-regional institutions** to assist countries in collecting this information over time.
- **APPROACH:** Delivery of targeted country-level support on selected cost-effective and improved methodologies developed by the Global Strategy in partnership with key sub-regional statistical institutions.
- **RESULTS:** Statistical capacity sustainably built in 14 countries for 6 cost-effective methodologies and in key regional partner institutions (AFRISTAT¹, ENSEA², ENSAE³ and EASTC⁴), resulting in increased availability of agricultural data at the country and regional level.

1 - AFRISTAT (International institution concerned with statistics in Sub-Saharan Africa)
2 - ENSEA (Ecole Nationale de Statistiques et d'Economie Appliquée)

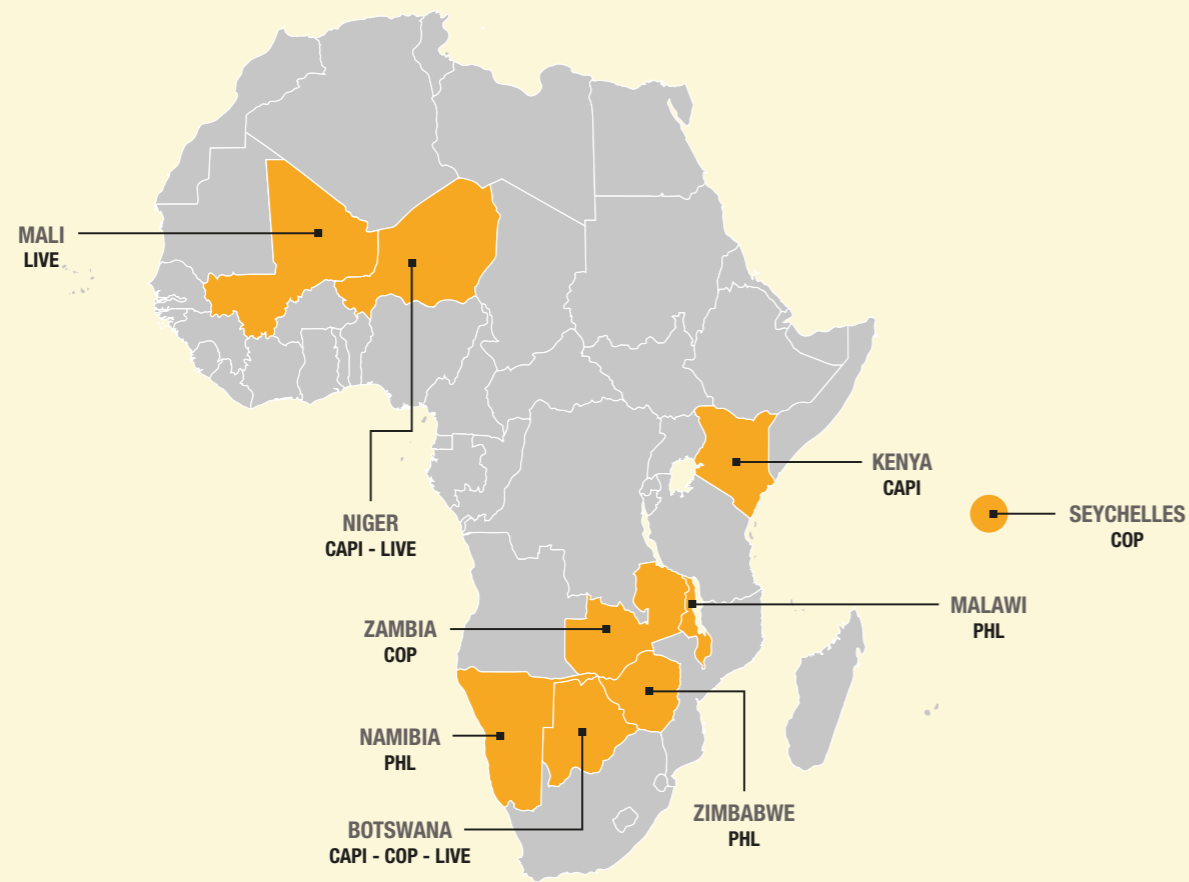
3 - ENSAE (Ecole Nationale de la Statistique et de l'Analyse Economique)
4 - EASTC (Eastern Africa Statistical Training Centre)

DIRECT IMPLEMENTATION AT COUNTRY LEVEL

Technical Assistance provided
by AFRISTAT



Technical Assistance provided
by the Global Office



CAPI Computer-Assisted Personal Interviewing
COP Cost of Production
FBS Food Balance Sheets

LIVE Livestock
MSF Master Sampling Frame
PHL Post-Harvest Losses

DELIVERY OF TECHNICAL ASSISTANCE - AN EXAMPLE

Building Zambia's capacity to produce agricultural cost-of-production (AgCOP) statistics for better decision-making



IMPACT

Sustainable capacity built in collecting AgCOP data and conducting farm profitability analysis by commodities, enabling, for example, in-depth analysis and decisions on subsidies and public support schemes, on possible orientation of agricultural production, and on impact of changes in use, availability or prices of input.

AgCoP questions and methodology field-tested and integration into regular national data collection activities planned.