

PARTNER FACT SHEET



Projected Impact



Generate at least \$21 million in sales, including \$1.8 million in regional exports in West Africa.



Provide a regular income for 3,660 seed and paddy producers.



Create more than 15,600 new jobs within the rice value chain.



A smallholder farmer in Bama, Burkina Faso, that NAFASO works with inspects a variety of rice called Orylux 6. Photo credit: NAFASO

About NAFASO

Neema Agricole du Faso (NAFASO) is a private seed company based in Bobo-Dioulasso in Burkina Faso. It specializes in the production and distribution of improved quality seeds at affordable costs for smallholder farmers in Burkina Faso, as well as in other West African countries.

Co-Investment Partnership

The USAID-funded West Africa Trade & Investment Hub (Trade Hub) awarded a \$1 million co-investment grant to NAFASO to help boost rice production, reduce dependence on imports, and improve food security in Burkina Faso. While the country significantly relies on white rice, the local production of this staple crop does not cover the needs of the population due to low efficiency of rice processing and the poor quality of agricultural inputs such as seeds.

As part of NAFASO's 3-year partnership with the Trade Hub, it will leverage approximately \$5.3 million to add 3,600 paddy rice farmers and 60 seed producers to its existing network of experienced smallholders in areas targeted for increased rice production in Burkina Faso. In line with the Trade Hub's goal of ensuring equitable access to opportunities in agriculture, most of the new smallholders will be women and youth. NAFASO will provide them with agricultural inputs (such as fertilizers), land, and training on modern techniques for cultivation, storage, and conservation. Read more [here](#).

Partnership Opportunities

NAFASO seeks partners committed to tackling food security issues in Burkina Faso and other countries in the region. Organizations the company has successfully partnered with include the West and Central African Council for Agricultural Research and Development, Alliance for a Green Revolution in Africa, and West Africa Food Markets. For the West Africa Food Markets, the company is a signatory of a project to increase the production and commercialization of maize, millet, cowpea, sorghum, cassava, orange flesh sweet potato, potato, and cashew varieties in Burkina Faso, Ghana, and Niger.

To learn more about investment and partnership opportunities with high-potential companies in West Africa, visit the Trade Hub's Virtual DealRoom at asokoinsight.com/deals/watih/investor



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