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Examining Opportunities for Linkages in Collaborative  
Research, Technology and Human and Institutional  
Capacity Building  
West Africa Presentation

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# USAID/West Africa mandates:

- 1) Manage regional programs**
- 2) Support USAID non- or limited-presence countries .**
- 3) Provide technical services in support of bilateral, regional or global programs/initiatives:**
  - [Feed the Future](#)
  - [G8 Alliance for Food Security and Nutrition](#)
  - [Sahel Global Alliance for Resilience \(AGIR\)](#)



# Support USAID Non-presence or Limited-Presence Countries

- Full Programmatic Support
  - Cote d'Ivoire
  - Equatorial Guinea
  - Cameroon
  - Sao Tome and Principe,
  - Togo
  - Gabon
  - Burkina Faso
  - Niger
- Support services
  - Benin
  - Liberia



# Provide technical services in support of bilateral, regional or global initiatives

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# Manage Regional Programs

- With and through regional partners – RECS, regional organizations – ECOWAS, CILSS, CORAF, UEMOA
- Feed the Future Regional Strategy
- ECOWAP -Regional Agriculture Investment Plan

a U.S. Government initiative

SEE THE  
FEED  
CHANGE **FUTURE**



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**FY 2011–2015 Multi-Year Strategy**

**U.S. Government Document**

The Feed the Future (FTF) Multi-Year Strategies outline the five-year strategic planning for the U.S. Government's global hunger and food security initiative. These documents represent coordinated, whole-of-government approaches to address food security that align in support of partner country priorities. The strategies reflect analysis and strategic choices made at the time of writing and while interagency teams have formally approved these documents, they may be modified as appropriate. *Document approved April 28, 2011*



## USAID/West Africa FTF Results Framework

**Increased Food Security  
in West Africa**

**IR 1: Improved  
Sustainable Agricultural  
Productivity**

**IR 2: Increased Regional  
Trade in Key Agricultural  
Commodities**

**IR 3: Improved  
Capacity of Regional  
Agricultural Sector  
Actors**



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# WA Regional Programs

- West Africa Seed Program (2012-2017)  
CORAF
- West Africa Fertilizer Program (2012-2017)  
IFDC
- West Africa Cotton Improvement Program  
(2006-2013) IFDC
- Niger Food Security Project (2010-2014)  
CLUSA





# WA Regional Programs (cont)

- West and Central Africa Council on Research and Development Support (CORAF) (2009-2014)
- Permanent Interstate Committee for Drought Control in the Sahel Support (CILSS) (2006-2016)
- ECOWAS - support to ECOWAP Implementation (2010-2016)



# WA Regional Programs (cont)

- Agribusiness and Trade Promotion Programs (ATP and E-ATP) Abt Associates
- Africa Lead Capacity Building Program (2010-2012) DAI
- Partnership for Sustainable Food Fortification in West Africa (2011-2013) Helen Keller
- West Africa Water Supply, Sanitation and Hygiene Program (2011-2015) Florida International University

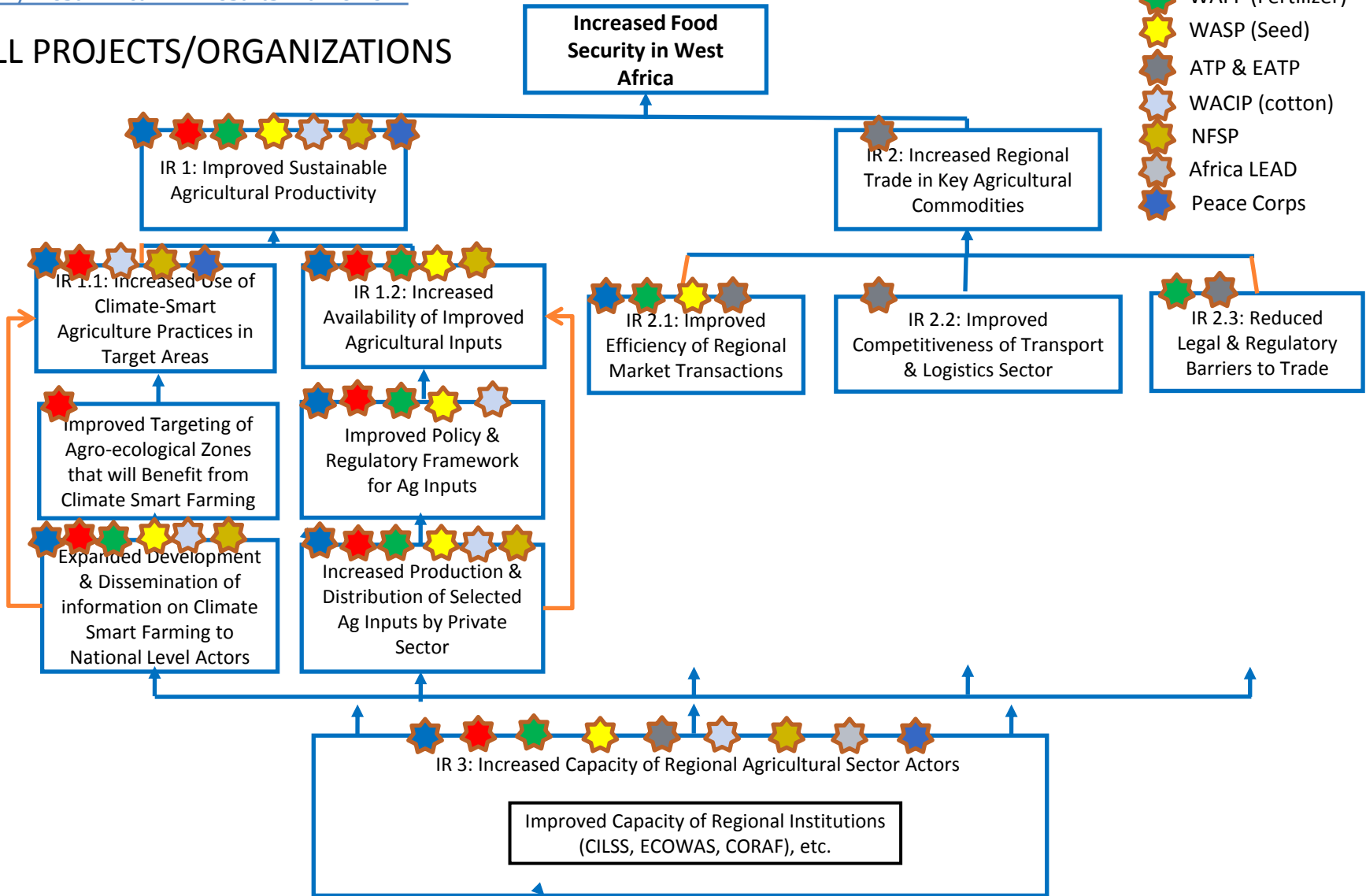


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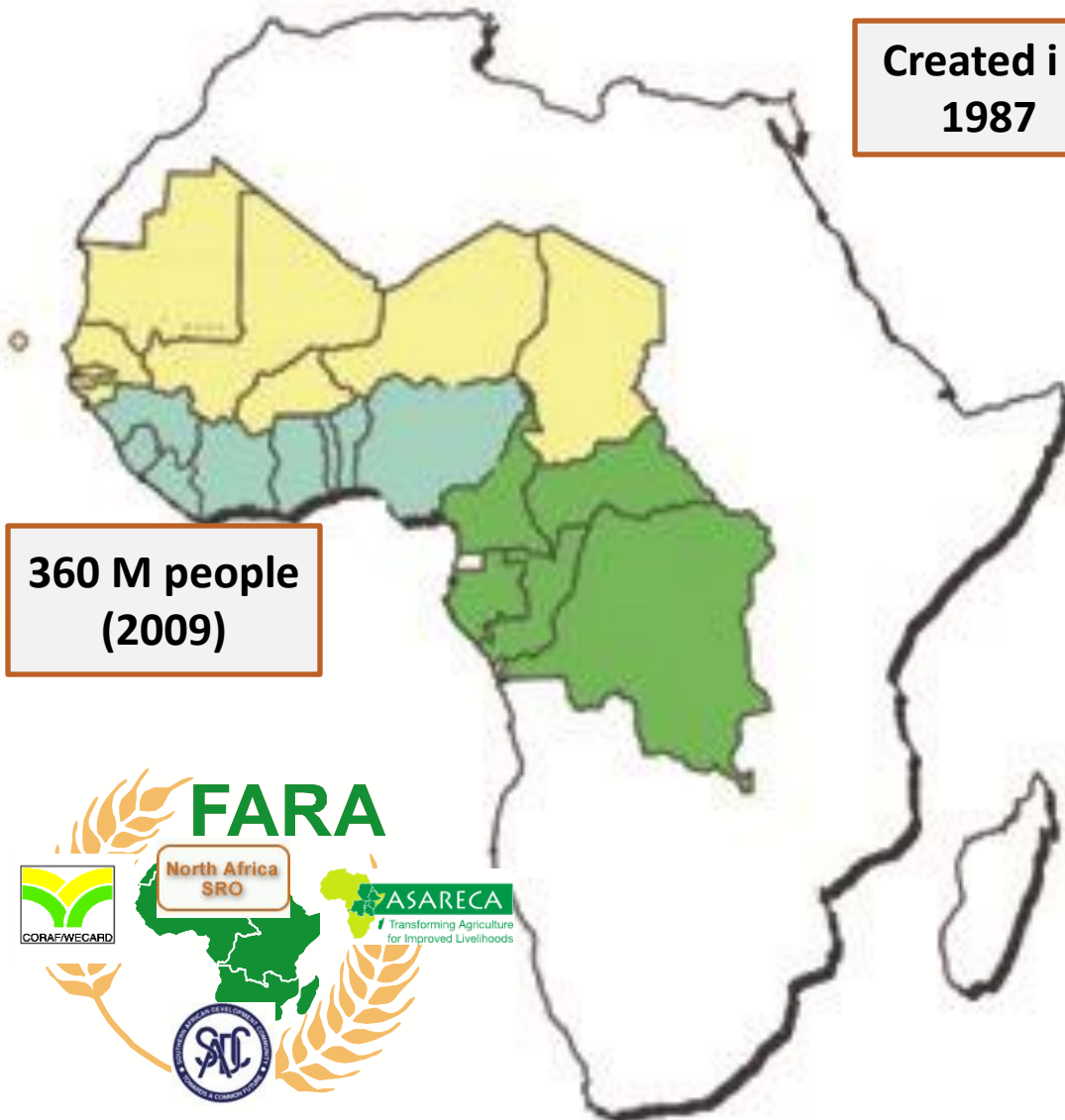
## USAID/West Africa FTF Results Framework

### ALL PROJECTS/ORGANIZATIONS

- CILSS
- CORAF (Core Support)
- WAFP (Fertilizer)
- WASP (Seed)
- ATP & EATP
- WACIP (cotton)
- NFSP
- Africa LEAD
- Peace Corps



# Overview of CORAF/WECARD



**Promote sub-regional cooperation**

**Create synergies & reduce duplications**

**Mobilize resources**

**Solve common agricultural research and development problems**

**Contribute to the transformation of small-holder farmers to entrepreneurs**



# CORAF Development partners

**DFID**

**USAID**

**ECOWAS countries**

**AfDB/FARA**

**EU Commission**

**ECOWAS commission**

**CTA**

**IDRC**

**CIDA**

**World Bank**

**AusAID**

**UEMOA**



# Increasing regional leadership and capacity

- CORAF has taken on much more funding and responsibility over recent past (from <1 Mill to > \$100 million) – capacity and systems need to catch up
- Continue targeted institutional and individual capacity building to CORAF and BOD. NARIs. (as well as ECOWAS, CILSS)
- Continue facilitating and strengthening regional associations (traders, producers, farmers, seeds, etc)



## CORAF functions

- Encourage common planning, fin. & admin. systems
- Pool resources
- Support FAAP compliant programmes

- Create & maintain expertise
- Foster institutional strengthening
- Develop competence in implementing IAR4D

Coordinate  
NARS

Strengthen  
NARS  
capacity

End users/producers

Advocacy

Knowledge  
Management

- Provide information strategic options
- Influence policies
- Mobilise financial resources

- Convert information to knowledge & disseminate
- Establish innovation platforms & support experiential learning



# USAID support to CORAF

**Institutional and Programmatic support (2006 to present;  
current 5 year agreement through 2014 approx \$2  
mill/yr)**

- **Focus** : Core support and support to 3 priority Programs (Staple Crops, Biotechnology and Livestock); priority commodities to align with the FtF initiative and RAIP - cereals (rice, sorghum and maize), livestock and milk; value chain approach; crosscutting issues such as climate change, nutrition, gender, capacity building and partnership development.

**West Africa Seed Program (WASP) Cooperative Agreement:  
4 years, 2012 – 2017 (9 million US\$)**

- **Focus**: Expand the production and supply of quality improved certified seeds, both OPVs and hybrids, from the current 12 to 25% over the five years of the program; seeds of major food crops.



Table 1: Summary of USAID support to CORAF/WECARD



# Current USAID/West Africa Support to CORAF

<b>Initiative</b>	<b>Agreement</b>	<b>Period</b>	<b>USD</b>
Global Food Security Response (GFSR) and Feed the Future (FtF)	CORAF Institutional Support and Staple Foods, Livestock, Biosafety Research	June 8 <sup>th</sup> 2009 – June 7 <sup>th</sup> 2014	9,600,000
Feed the Future (FtF)	West Africa Seed Program	Aug. 1, 2012 – July 31 <sup>st</sup> 2017	9,000,000

- Also, capacity building through Africa LEAD program

- USAID will continue to fund CORAF at least through 2017, probably beyond
- Recognize the need to continue to strengthen capacity
- Formulating new 5 yr strategy for West Africa starting next month -- TBD



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# Working together

- Results, priorities and reporting requirements
- M&E considerations - common and shared
- Deepen dialogue and increase collaboration
- Information sharing
- Research – share innovations, technologies, policies
- **Include regional partners, Missions**



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**Thank you!**