

Development benefits generated by the project

From May to September 2018, an impact assessment was conducted to determine what changed over the SYFAAH project period. The assessment included a quantitative survey of 715 people and a qualitative survey administered through 6 discussion groups.

Main behavioural changes observed

- Farmers adopted the use of credit in their financial habits.
- As a result of the advisory services, which did not exist prior to the project, farmers expressed an interest in improving crop yields and, in some cases, sharing best practices.
- As a result of the crop insurance, which also did not exist prior to the project, farmers now have basic knowledge of production risks. This, along with the knowledge gained through the advisory services, reinforced the adoption of farming best practices.

Agricultural credit

- **74%** of agricultural entrepreneurs said they have been able to make positive changes to their farming activities thanks to improved access to credit.
- **83%** said credit has improved the long-term prospects of their income-generating activities.
- **100%** reported increased income.
- **75%** went so far as to say they enjoy better living conditions thanks to improved production.
- **80%** have expanded their farm operations.
- **67%** of women make certain credit decisions on their own, and **100%** of those who were in a relationship said they make decisions about credit together with their spouse.



Crop insurance

- It is clear that further efforts are required to raise awareness of crop insurance and how farmers can apply for this new and innovative service.
- The pilot showed that **39%** of agricultural entrepreneurs consider crop insurance as an incentive to expand their operations.



Technical assistance

- **83%** of agricultural entrepreneurs changed their practices as a result of receiving technical assistance.
- **78%** say this assistance was the main factor prompting them to adopt new farming practices.
- **59%** of this group say the new practices resulted in improved crop yields.



Overall, **63%** of SYFAAH project beneficiaries reported that they have been able to **improve living conditions for their families**.

*An jeneral nou jwenn plis pase **63%** moun ki te benefisye projè SYFAAH di ke yo wè kondisyon lavi fanmi yo amelyore.*