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PERFORMANCE OF MICRODOSING AND DEEP PLACEMENT OF UREA CONFIRMED IN CASAMANCE!

One of the objectives of the Dundël Suuf project is to boost the income of producers by reducing production costs and increasing the yields of targeted crops. In this regard, the project, in partnership with the Regional Directorates of Rural Development (DRDRs) of Ziguin-

chor, Sedhiou, and Kolda, the Society for Agricultural and Industrial Development (SODAGRI), and the National Agricultural and Rural Advisory Agency (AN-CAR), promotes the application of microdosing (MD) and urea deep placement (UDP) in Lower

Casamance as well as Eastern Senegal and Upper Casamance. To this end, meetings to share the results for the 2022/23 season and validate them were held January 10-14, 2023.



Photo 1 : Facilitators of the Ziguinchor workshop



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Photo 2 : Opening ceremony of the Sedhiou workshop, with the mayor of the commune in attendance



Photo 3 : Facilitators of the Kolda workshop

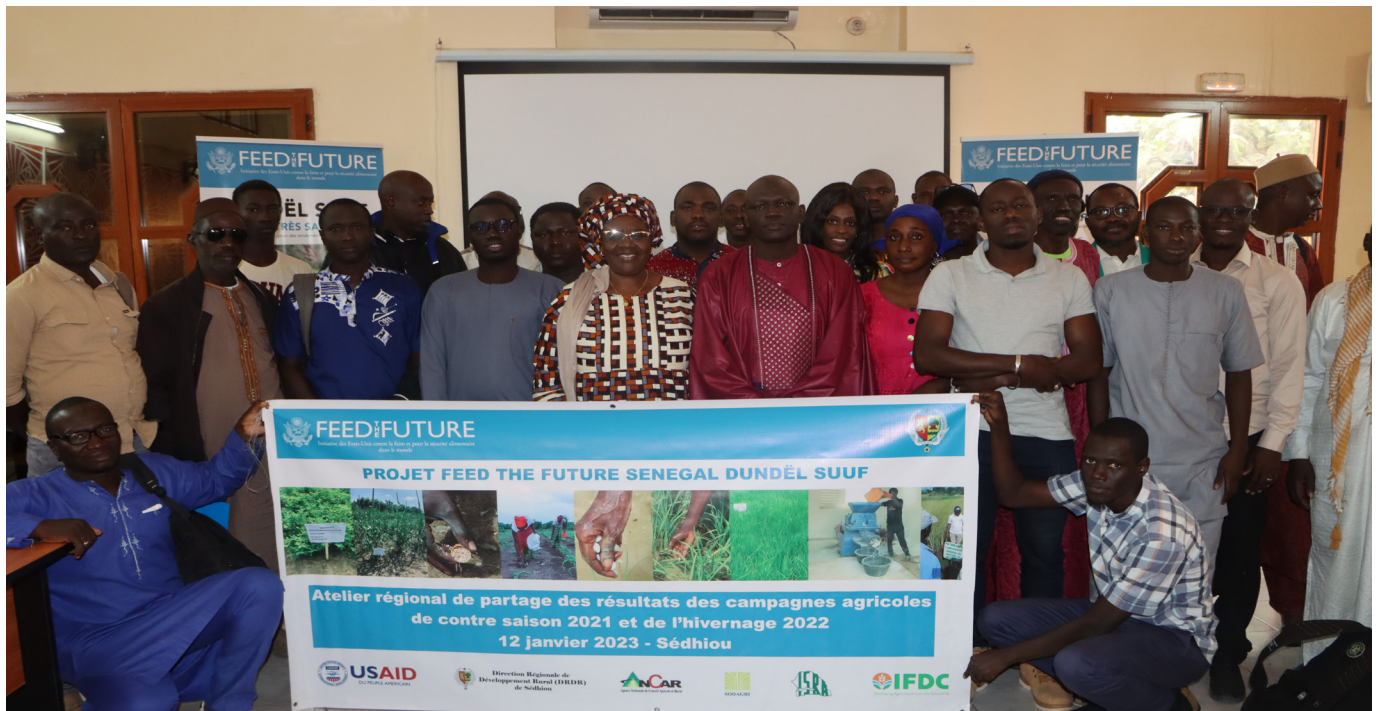


Photo 4 : Participants in the workshops



Photo 5 : Presentation of the partners

With yield gains of up to 108% for millet, 59% for maize, 17% for sorghum, and 52% for rice, the performance of microdosing and UDP technologies was confirmed this season.

However, during the discussions, the following concerns were raised and recommendations were made:

- Low use of organic matter: Producers should be made aware of the importance of organic matter, and their capacity in composting techniques should be strengthened.
- Difficulty in accessing urea supergranules: The project should support producer organizations in acquiring a machine to produce urea supergranules locally.
- Difficulty of applying the MD and UDP technologies: The project should accelerate the design and provision of appropriate applicators.

Resolution of these issues will enable the producers in Senegal to maintain or even improve these yield increases.

SUBSIDIZED AND UNSUBSIDIZED FERTILIZER PRICES IN SENEGAL

Fertilizer	Type	Unit	Average Price (F CFA)
DAP	Unsubsidized	50kg	36,333
	Subsidized	50kg	15,117
NPK 10 10 20	Unsubsidized	50kg	27,500
	Subsidized	50kg	12,500
NPK 15 10 10	Unsubsidized	50kg	26,000
	Subsidized	50kg	12,417
NPK 15 15 15	Unsubsidized	50kg	30,000
	Subsidized	50kg	13,281
NPK 6 20 10	Unsubsidized	50kg	28,000
	Subsidized	50kg	11,750
Urea	Unsubsidized	50kg	36,179
	Subsidized	50kg	18,679

Comment :

- Compared to the previous month, fertilizer prices increased