Success Story

ANAMBÉ BASIN: FEPROBA SUPPORTS THE PROMOTION OF SUPER GRANULATED UREA

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The idea of acquiring two new granulators dates back to 2020, when the Feed the Future Senegal Dundël Suuf project experimented with urea deep placement (UDP) technology in a few plots. Following the exceptional results with yields varying between 5 and 6 tonnes per hectare, compared to 3 to 4 tonnes previously, there was a strong demand for super granular urea in the area. Thus, the project provided FEPROBA with a granulating machine to bring super granular urea to producers in the southern zone.

«The operation of the first machine allowed us to realise that it was important for us to have a granulation unit in the area, thus making super granular urea available to producers in a context where urea is becoming increasingly scarce and expensive,» says Mouhamed El Mansour Bassoum. He adds that «some 80 tonnes of super granular fertiliser were distributed in 2021, thanks to the granulator provided by the Feed the Future Senegal Dundël Suuf project».

This machine «has allowed us to earn money and acquire new machines», he says.
Mr Bassoum explains that the revenue from the sale of super granular urea has also made it possible to «set up a guarantee fund of 3 million CFA francs at a microfinance institution, in order to facilitate access to credit for our women and young people who are active in the Anambé basin.»

The new granulators are a means to: (i) strengthen FEPROBA’s financial autonomy, (ii) create jobs through the signing of contracts between women’s MSEs and producers for the application of Super Granular Urea.

Mouhamed El Mansour Bassoum, Coordinator of FEPROBA
In addition, an association of 18 young people, consisting of a manager, machine operators and labourers, has been created to manage the granulation unit.

The Technical Director of SODAGRI, Mr. Abdoulaye Daff, added that in terms of dynamics and economic and financial management, cooperatives for the care and maintenance of agricultural equipment (CEMA) are being created and will take into account the granulators. He concluded that «this beautiful initiative remains a success story for the project, SODAGRI, but also an interesting investment for FEPROBA». 