

MEMBERS' CORNER

We worked closely with our members to produce this issue of the magazine. Some of those members have direct experience in areas such as food systems and partnerships between farmers and businesses. For instance, AVSF (pp. 16-17), Fert (p. 35), Gret (pp. 18-19) and Sald (pp. 26-27) all made contributions to different articles in this issue.



Through its five member organisations, AVI works with farmers in Burkina Faso, Mali, Niger and Guinea to help them ensure their own food security, defend their food sovereignty and deal with the consequences of climate change. More than 1,000 organisations are supported in sectors such as grains, fruits/vegetables, legumes and oils. The objective is to help them improve their professional skills and become autonomous: <http://www.afriqueverte.org/>

AVI organises exchanges for agricultural products at local, national and regional level, where actors from different sectors and private operators come together to buy and sell raw and processed agricultural products and seeds. The initiative is supplemented by a system for managing information on agricultural-product markets, which includes the publication of regular bulletins and maintenance of platforms (web/SMS/mobile app) (www.simagri.net).



The two NGOs are legally independent. Their actions seek to strengthen civil-society actors working to promote social change in agriculture and food through the provision of funding and support.

<https://www.sosfaim.be/>
<https://www.sosfaim.lu/>

SOS Faim Belgium supports various initiatives concerning FO marketing (in Senegal's cowpea and rice value chains), inclusive and sustainable entrepreneurship (in Burkina Faso), and partnerships in Mali between FOs and businesses (the organic-fertiliser supplier Éléphant Vert, the agricultural-insurance company OKO, and the construction NGO La Voûte Nubienne).

SOS Faim Luxembourg contributed to an experience-assessment report on a partnership between a network of pineapple farmers in Benin (RêPAB) and a local processing company (Les Jus Tillous), available here: <https://bit.ly/3wSh3sd>

Agriculteurs Français et Développement International (French Farmers and International Development) is an association that was founded by four French organisations. AFDI builds partnerships between actors in French agriculture and those in the agricultural systems of developing countries, particularly in Africa.



<https://www.afdi-opa.org/>

"Responsible Economic Partnerships" is one of the pillars of AFDI's 2025 strategic orientation. Such partnerships bring together farmers' organisations, businesses, and cooperatives or French subsidiaries to develop value chains between the Global North and South that are fair, inclusive and sustainable, and that offer economic benefits for family farmers. This approach, which combines solidarity and economic action, is pursued in particular by AFDI Nouvelle Aquitaine in Benin for pineapple and groundnut, and by AFDI Pays de la Loire in Burkina Faso for organic soy and in Tunisia for medicinal plants.