

Final Narrative Report: Joint Programmes in the Seed Funding Tracks

INTRODUCTION

Reporting period: From the start date to to the end date of the joint programme (JP).

- Please be succinct and to the point, focusing on the most important accomplishments and issues that you want to bring to the attention of the Joint SDG Fund at the global level.
- Please do not exceed the word limit for each narrative question.
- Kindly ensure that the information provided is duly reviewed and approved by the RC and all PUNOs involved in the JP.
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Submission deadline from RCOs to the Joint SDG Fund: No later than 2 months from the JP end date via MS Form (<https://forms.office.com/e/zYeyMiXjAv>)

PROFILE

JOINT PROGRAMME (JP) PROFILE:	
UN Country Team	Niger
JP Title	AGRODIGI- DIGITIZATION AND STRUCTURING OF THE AGRICULTURAL VALUE CHAIN
Funding Round (Select the applicable funding round for the JP)	☒ Decent Jobs and Universal Social Protection ☒ Digital Transformation ☒ Education and Skills ☐ Energy Access and Affordability ☒ Food Systems Transformation ☐ Integrated Policy and Capacity Building ☒ SDG Localization
Cross-fertilized SDG Transitions (Select up to 2 main SDG Transitions that are reflected in the JP progress to date)	☐ Climate Change, Biodiversity Loss, Pollution ☒ Decent Jobs and Universal Social Protection ☒ Digital Transformation ☒ Education and Skills ☐ Energy Access and Affordability ☒ Food Systems Transformation
Contribution to Cooperation Framework Outcomes	<Verbatim from the ProDoc>
Actual Start Date (i.e. fund transfer date)	08/07/2024
Duration	12 months
Actual End Date (i.e.	DD/MM/YYYY: 08/07/2025

operational closure date)	
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OVERVIEW

1. Overall self-assessment of the JP achievements.

The primary objective of the Joint SDG Fund's seed funding track is to provide countries with support and resources to incubate and pilot transformative solutions and approaches (including actions to develop and implement national roadmaps or priorities) that can subsequently lead to accelerating progress across [key SDG Transitions](#) at scale. Towards this objective, please evaluate the performance of the JP.

1.a. Rate the overall performance of the JP: Did the JP deliver its key results as planned in the ProDoc?

☐ **Unsatisfactory, Marginal Achievement:** Less than 50% of expected results delivered.

☐ **Satisfactory Achievement:** 50-75% of expected results delivered.

☒ **Very Good, Solid Achievement:** 100% of expected results delivered; implementation completed on schedule.

☐ **Exceptional, Outstanding Achievement:** 100% of expected results delivered ahead of schedule, with additional results or improvements delivered.

1.b. Incubation and validation of solutions/approaches/roadmaps: How much results did the JP reach in incubating innovative approaches/national roadmaps and/or piloting transformative solutions during the 12 months?

☐ **Limited Results:** None of planned incubation activities/roadmaps or pilot solutions were rolled out.

☐ **Moderate Results:** Planned incubation activities/roadmaps or pilots began but remain at the early stages or within the limited scope at the time of the JP closure.

☐ **Good Results:** Planned incubation activities/roadmaps and pilot solutions are fully operational and validated.

☒ **Excellent Results:** All planned incubation activities/roadmaps and pilot solutions are completed and validated ahead of schedule, showing promising potential or early sign of scale-up.

☐ **Not Applicable:** The JP did not plan to incubate ideas, roadmaps or conduct pilots during this phase.

1.c. Sustainability and scalability potential: To what extent did the JP achieve in establishing pathways for future viability and scale-up of the innovations/solutions beyond the 12-month implementation?

☐ **Marginal Achievement:** Concrete sustainability or scale-up plan was developed but not operationalized; only preliminary discussion with potential partners/funders took place.

☒ **Moderate Achievement:** Sustainability and scale-up strategies were rolled out; potential scale-up pathways identified; active engagement with potential partners/funders underway.

☐ **Solid Achievement:** Comprehensive sustainability and scale-up strategies achieved a broad uptake; viable pathways for expansion secured; engagement with potential partners/funders deepened and showing promising outcomes.

☐ **Exceptional Achievement:** Robust sustainability and scale-up plans were implemented ahead of schedule; multiple viable scale-up pathways activated; strong commitments from partners/funders obtained; additional opportunities for expansion identified beyond initial plans.

☐ **Not Applicable:** The JP has not yet reached the stage of planning for sustainability and scalability.

RESULTS OF THE JP

A. Results-Based Narrative

2. Overall results of the JP (600 words / 1.5 pages max)

Using bullet points, describe the key achievement made by the JP, especially around how it contributed to incubating and piloting new ideas and approaches (including actions to develop and implement national roadmaps/priority areas) to propel the [key SDG Transitions](#). Your response should cover how the JP made changes around 'enabling actions': 1) developing new policy and regulatory frameworks; 2) identifying new pipelines of solutions; 3) strengthened capacities of key stakeholders; 4) enhanced

partnerships and financing mixes to ensure sustainability and scale, and other transformative shifts. Please include specific reference to the SDG targets identified in the ProDoc.

(600 words / 1.5 pages max; Please delete examples)

The Joint Programme (JP) achieved significant results by piloting and deploying innovative approaches to accelerate key transitions towards the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly in the agricultural sector in Niger. The main results can be summarized as follows:

Development of new policy and regulatory frameworks

The inception phase of the JP was marked by several studies conducted by national institutions such as the National Institute of Statistics (INS), e-Future, the National Agency for the Information Society (ANSI), the Network of Chambers of Agriculture (RECA), the Niger Agricultural Investment Fund (FISAN), the Secretariat for Financial Inclusion (SNFI), the Professional Association of Decentralized Financial Systems (APSF), as well as individual consultants. These analyses enabled the programme to :

- Identify priority agricultural value chains, including maize, groundnuts, cassava, and sweet potato.
- Determine the population's needs in terms of capacity building, agricultural equipment, inputs, and tailored financial products and services, using a Human-Centred Design (HCD) approach.
- Assess the necessity, relevance, and feasibility of establishing a digital platform to strengthen value chain actors' activities and their access to financing.

The findings of these foundational studies (June–September 2024) guided the structuring of target beneficiaries and the deployment of the following digital solutions:

- Organization of farmers into 73 producer groups comprising 2,064 members 80% of whom are women and the establishment of an agricultural cooperative.
- Development of four basic training modules (in French and local languages) on savings, credit, digital financial services, and management, accessible through the digital education platform **Tattali**.
- Establishment of **Agricash**, a digital platform connecting value chain actors to financial institutions, linked with **Agrishop**, an existing marketplace platform integrating geolocation features to facilitate product access and logistics. Agricash provides farm management tools, financial scoring, and mobile

payment services, while Agrishop connects producers, buyers, and suppliers for agricultural products and equipment. Together, these platforms enhance market exchanges and improve access to financial services by linking producers with financial institutions.

- Alignment of the JP with the national e-agriculture strategy (under validation), fostering the integration of digital technologies into the agricultural sector.

Identification of new solution pipelines and key results (achieved and upcoming)

- Integration of Agricash with the Agrishop e-commerce platform has enabled 2,126 registered farmers, with more than 3,000 items listed, to connect directly with financial institutions onboarded on Agricash. Awareness-raising is ongoing with the Digital Development Agency (Agence de Développement Numérique - ADN) to strengthen uptake.
- Establishment of a **digital identity management system** to facilitate beneficiary access to financial services.
- Development of a **digitalized tax collection system** to support revenue mobilization from agricultural production and commercial transactions.
- Integration of an additional **open-API payment module** in the Agricash platform to connect with existing mobile money services (iMoney, Airtel Money, Zamani Cash, Moov Money), improving payment security and reducing reliance on cash.
- A pilot phase on digital payments for beneficiaries of the High-Intensity Labour Programmes demonstrated:
 - 1,709 beneficiaries registered for digital payment accounts, of which 729 enrolled in a savings mechanism mobilizing 3,180,750 FCFA.
 - Strengthened financial inclusion through the adoption of digital tools.
 - A solid basis for integrating digital payments into the Agri-Value Chain platform.
- Deployment of Agricash in May-June 2025 in Birni confirmed the platform's potential, with the following results:
 - 60 users trained to provide regular updates on Agricash.
 - 77 groups onboarded, including 73 from the PIDAGRES programme, a five-year UNDP/UNCDF initiative on financial inclusion and agricultural digitalization, of which Agrodigi is a component.

- 43 agricultural groups (traders, suppliers, processors) with 317 members (296 women) received digital spaces on Agrishop during the Birni Economic Fair, improving visibility and sales.
- 2,126 farmers registered, 517 MSMEs onboarded, and 124 merchants activated.
- Two financial institutions, Banque Agricole du Niger and Capital Finance, integrated into the platform.
- The launch workshop identified:
 - Potential synergies with underutilized agricultural guarantee funds managed by Capital Finance and Banque Agricole du Niger.
 - Opportunities for collaboration with actors such as the PACIPA project and the Mooriben Farmers' Federation, in partnership with ADN, to expand access to markets and financing.
- Identified need to expand the project to additional agricultural regions (Maradi, Zinder, Tahoua) under the PIDAGRES programme.

Strengthening the capacities of key stakeholders

To foster digital adoption and financial literacy, two training series were conducted:

- **Financial and digital literacy training (2024):**
 - 1,709 beneficiaries trained (1,281 women).
 - 729 participants initiated savings programmes.
 - 876 beneficiaries received mobile phones and mobile money accounts.
 - 73 group leaders (58 women) trained in:
 - Gender-sensitive leadership to strengthen women's participation in cooperatives.
 - Cooperative management and enterprise administration.
- **Municipal authorities** trained in digital payment management, enabling the commune of Birni Ngaouré to process payments digitally for 729 HIMO beneficiaries.

In 2025, the **Tattali digital education platform** was developed with four financial education modules in French, Hausa, Zarma, and Fulfulde, covering savings, credit, management, and digital services. For wide dissemination:

- 18 youth (including 5 women) trained as trainers to support peer learning and ensure content updates.
- 1,728 learner accounts created, providing access to training modules and continuous teacher support.
- 317 agricultural exhibitors from 43 groups trained via Agrishop at the Birni Fair, focusing on savings and credit modules.

Strengthening partnerships and diversifying financing for sustainability and scale

- **Deployment of proximity-based financial services:**
 - Establishment of 10 financial service points, reducing cash-handling risks in insecure zones and improving access for women and youth.
- **Digital solutions and strategic partnerships:**
 - Partnership with e-Future to develop a digital payment platform for beneficiaries.
 - Collaboration with start-ups LordCost and Fitila to digitize training modules accessible via mobile platforms.
 - Partnership with the Digital Development Agency (ADN) to operationalize Agricash and Agrishop, equipping farmers, suppliers, processors, and microfinance institutions with the skills to leverage digital platforms for transactions, credit applications, and online sales.

These initiatives contribute to **SDGs 2, 5, 8, 9 and 17** by:

- Developing digital value chains that strengthen food security.
- Ensuring the active participation of women (80% of beneficiaries) across production, processing, and marketing stages.
- Facilitating access to employment for women and youth through integration into structured value chains.
- Promoting the adoption of digital solutions adapted to rural areas, enhancing productivity and resource management.
- Establishing strategic partnerships among municipalities, technical directorates, MFIs, start-ups, and cooperatives to ensure sustainability.

3. Constraints, adjustments and lessons (500 words / 1 page max)

In bullet points, please explain any constraints, including risks identified in the ProDoc's Risk Matrix, that were encountered and any adjustments that were made or mitigation actions taken by the JP team to strengthen the relevance and effectiveness of the JP and the coherence and coordination of UN system support.

In describing lessons learned, please be candid about both successes and failures, explaining what was learned from each experience and how these insights can inform future programming or scale-up efforts.

(500 words / 1 page max; Please delete examples)

During the implementation of the **AGRODIGI – Digitization and Structuring of the Agricultural Value Chain** project, several constraints were encountered. These required strategic adjustments to safeguard the programme's relevance, effectiveness, and coherence with the United Nations system. The main challenges, mitigation measures, and lessons learned are as follows:

Constraints and Adjustments

- **Insecurity and political instability**

The security situation in Niger created major access challenges, with some intervention zones becoming inaccessible due to government-imposed restrictions.

- Mitigation measures:

- Local youth were recruited to support data collection and community sensitization, ensuring that the 73 farmers' groups were mobilized despite mobility restrictions.
 - 18 local facilitators (teachers), living close to the target populations, were trained on the digital financial education platform to ensure community-level dissemination. They regularly updated learners' progress. In addition to direct beneficiaries, the platform was made accessible to a wider audience through a "guest access" option requiring no login credentials.
 - 60 local users within the project area were trained on the **AgriShop** and **Agricash** platforms to assist cooperatives and entrepreneurs in using and updating their information.

- **Extreme weather conditions**

Unprecedented torrential rains in August and September 2024 caused floods, rendering some areas inaccessible and delaying activities.

- Mitigation measures: Activities were rescheduled, and certain tasks were delegated to local technical services already operating in the affected regions to maintain progress continuity.

- **Lack of official identification among beneficiaries**

Many cooperative members lacked official identity documents, preventing them from opening bank accounts and accessing digital financial services.

- Mitigation measures: Mobile civil registration units were deployed to facilitate identification hearings, enabling beneficiaries to obtain official documents and access banking and mobile money services.

Lessons Learned and Adjustments for Future Implementation

- **Community ownership enhances project effectiveness**
The strong involvement of local authorities and farmers' groups in adopting digital solutions accelerated platform deployment and capacity-building efforts.
 - Future application: Ensure early engagement of community leaders and local governance structures to strengthen ownership and long-term sustainability.
- **Local governance structures improve project coordination**
Establishing local governance committees enabled decentralized management, faster decision-making, and adaptive implementation.
 - Future application: Strengthen local coordination mechanisms with clearly defined roles and responsibilities for monitoring and adaptation.
- **Integration of agricultural value chains fosters economic sustainability**
Structuring agricultural value chains created new economic opportunities and reinforced local food systems.
 - Future application: Expand digital market linkages and financial inclusion services to support circular economies within agricultural communities.
- **Flexibility in planning is essential in fragile contexts**
Niger's dynamic political and security environment required adaptive strategies to overcome emerging challenges.
 - Future application: Adopt flexible project design that allows for contingency planning, scenario-based adjustments, and localized response mechanisms.
- **Involvement of resident trainers and local authorities builds trust**
Training local trainers and involving municipal authorities strengthened beneficiary trust and encouraged the adoption of digital tools. The presence of local technical services and municipal authorities alongside ADN increased the project's legitimacy and motivated participants.
 - Future application: Identify potential leaders within target groups who can be trained as trainers to scale up dissemination. Involving technical services and municipal authorities from the outset will further facilitate adoption and effective implementation.

4. Scale up and pathways for transformative systems change (Select all that apply)

Please select all relevant pathways that the JP applied with the aim of scaling up systematic transformation:

☒ **Capacity-building & local ownership:** Strengthening capacity of individuals, local institutions and communities to independently implement and sustain activities; or transferring ownership and management to local organizations for sustained impact.

☒ **Cross-sectoral collaboration & partnerships:** Partnering with diverse stakeholder groups to address interconnected issues and amplify impact; engaging with private and public sector to replicate successful programme components; or institutionalize participatory governance mechanisms to ensure inclusivity and intensify effectiveness.

☒ **Policy integration & mainstreaming:** Incorporating successful programme elements into national or local policies and regulations to ensure wider adoption and impact; or integrating programme components into existing systems and structures for wider reach, efficiency and sustainability.

☒ **Resource mobilization & financial sustainability:** Developing innovative financing mechanisms and attracting new donors/investors to ensure financial sustainability and expansion; or influencing existing financing mechanisms or diversifying resource streams to support long-term programme viability and growth.

☒ **People-centred technology adoption & innovation:** Leveraging technology and solutions to increase reach, efficiency, impact of activities; or using technology and innovation to enhance cross-sectoral collaboration and scale-up of impact.

☐ **Others.** Please specify: _____

5. Measures taken with a focus on sustainability (500 words / 1 page max)

In bullet points, please elaborate how the JP has ensured the mid- to long-term sustainability and scalability of the JP results beyond its 12-month implementation period. Your response should focus on 1) measures taken to ensure financial, institutional, and community-level sustainability of the JP outcomes, 2) '[enabling actions](#)' that supported sustainability and ownership, 3) the exit strategy that facilitated the scalability and replication of the successful JP interventions.

(500 words / 1 page max; Please delete examples)

- The JP supported integration of interventions into the National Development Strategy through high-level policy dialogues with and technical guidelines on development. Sustainability was secured through enhancing government ownership through the establishment of an inter-ministerial working group with dedicated ministry budget lines, while scale-up has been enabled through standardization of the toolkits and training modules ready for adoption by partners.
- The JP launched an integrated platform connecting provincial-national systems with training for government officials and local partners. Long-term sustainability was ensured through partnership with and dedicated

government staff positions, while scale-up potential has been built through user manuals, certified national trainers, and regular system updates.

The Joint Programme (JP), implemented by UNCDF, UNDP and ADN, in collaboration with ANSI, integrated a medium- and long-term sustainability strategy to ensure that results are maintained beyond the 12-month implementation period. The following actions were undertaken:

- **Policy Integration:**
 - Alignment of JP interventions with Niger's **e-Agriculture Strategy** provides a strong political and institutional anchor, reinforcing the sustainability of the intervention in the long term.
 - The **management committee established under the PIDAGRES project** facilitates the transition of the JP towards a community-based governance system, ensuring the durability of the results achieved.
 - This JP represents a **strategic milestone** in Niger's national agenda to digitize agricultural services and strengthen rural actors' access to finance, markets, and information. The initiative is fully aligned with the priorities defined by national authorities and their partners to stimulate agricultural entrepreneurship, improve productivity, and promote innovation in agro-food value chains.
- **Strengthening Local Capacities:**
 - Training of community leaders, cooperative managers, youth, and women has facilitated the adoption and appropriation of the digital tools made available to them.
 - Engagement of several actors, such as the **Irrigated Crops Development and Livestock Intensification Project (PACIPA)** and the **Mooriben Farmers' Federation (FUGPN)**, for collaboration on agricultural financing, is expected to broaden the impact to additional target groups and ensure the platform's viability.
 - The creation of a **dialogue framework between ADN, microfinance institutions, and agricultural guarantee funds**, identified during the launch of the Agri-Value Chain (Agricash) platform, will serve as a critical lever to ensure scale-up and sustainability by promoting better utilization of credit lines that are currently underused by producers.

B. Indicator-Based Performance Update

This section is based upon the JP results framework and workplan.

6. The JP results framework (Upload Excel)

Please assess the JP performance against the indicators identified in the ProDoc's Annex 1: Integrated results framework, namely 1) JP outputs and 2) JP contribution to Joint SDG Fund global indicators.

Indicators	Baseline	Target	Actual	Source / Moyens de vérification
Output 1.1.: Specify output for Joint Programme : A comprehensive digital service platform has been developed and deployed, specifically tailored for the agricultural value chain				
Output indicator 1: Number of agricultural cooperatives onboarded on to the digital service platform	0	30	77	Enrollment Reports / Digital Platform Data Extraction
Output indicator 2: Number of agricultural's supply entities onboarded on the digital service platform	0	100	517	Reports / Digital Platform Data Extraction
Output indicator 3: Number of direct customers (merchants) SMES onboarded on to the digital services platform	0	100	124	Reports / Digital Platform
Output indicator 4: The users who regularly uses the digital service platform and updated their information	0	60	186	Enrollment and Data Extraction Report / Digital Platform
Output indicator 5: Number of farmers onboarded onto the digital service platform	0	500	2126	Enrollment Report
Output indicator 6: Number of collaborations established with FSPs (Financial Service Providers) and agribusiness partners	0	100	116	UNCDF, UNDP Reports
Output indicator 7: Quantity of production recorded on the digital services platform	0	1 tonne	0	The 73 pilot agricultural groups registered on the platform have been allocated 100 hectares currently under development; production has not yet started.
Output 1.2: Specify output for Joint Programme / Key segments of the agricultural value chain, particularly those with significant participation by women and youth, have demonstrated enhanced economic resilience, improved digital and financial literacy				
Output indicator 1: Number of participants/USERS trained on digital and financial service access(including to the digital platform)	0	500	2026	UNCDF, UNDP Report / Digital Platform

7. Key documents produced by the JP (Upload max. 10 files if available)

Please feel free to share up to 10 key documents, including, but not limited to, policy briefs, strategy papers, guidance notes, knowledge products and training materials that the JP would like to bring to the attention of the Joint SDG Fund at the global level. File types can be Word, Excel, PowerPoint, PDF, image, video and audio, but each file size must be below 1GB.

- Analysis and Relevance Report on the Agricultural Value Chain Structuring Platform
- Human-Centred Design (HCD) Study Report
- Market study
- Social and environmental impact study
- Notary study for the formalization of land titles
- Socioeconomic impact study
- Soil study of the Bossadjé site
- Report for the creation, organization, structuring and networking of cooperatives
- Launch Workshop Report for the Agricash Platform
- Beneficiary Enrollment Report on the Agricash Platform

8. Number of people directly benefited by the JP

Direct beneficiaries are individuals, groups or organizations who actively participate in JP activities and directly benefit from its interventions, such as civil servants attending workshops, small business owners receiving training, or households accessing services provided by the JP. It is important to disaggregate the primary beneficiaries by sex and age as per table below when possible.

Type of engagement	Total Number of People	Number of Women and Girls*	Number of Children (ages of 0-14) *	Number of Youth (ages 15–24)*
Training/workshops for targeted groups	1192	1047		184
Awareness raising campaign for broad audience	2064	1018		1135
Dialogues/consultations with relevant stakeholders	75	13		26
Coordination meetings with key partners	12	1		
Access to expanded services	8252			
Others (Please specify): _____				

** Note that it is allowed to have overlaps in the reporting of women/girls and children/youth columns.*

9. Contributions to marginalized and vulnerable groups (250 words / 0.5 page max)

In bullet points, please provide a summary of how the JP benefited the marginalized and vulnerable groups identified in the ProDoc. Include results achieved at both institutional/policy and local/human levels. Please find the 20 standard LNOB groups in footnote 28 on page 17 of the UNSDG Output Indicator Framework's [Implementation Guide](#).

(250 words / 0.5 page max; Please delete examples)

The **AGRODIGI - Digitization and Structuring of the Agricultural Value Chain** project is focusing **leaving no one behind** by ensuring **financial inclusion, economic empowerment, and access to digital services** for vulnerable and marginalized groups in remote areas. The project has achieved the following results:

1) Enhancing Financial Inclusion and Economic Empowerment

- **Electronic payments for vulnerable workers:**
 - 729 beneficiaries, including 629 women, engaged in High-Intensity Labor programs (such as building fencing walls and planting live hedges) received secure, digital payments via a mobile financial services platform.
 - This ensured timely, transparent, and secure wage payments, reducing the risks associated with cash handling.
 - Farmers can also use income from their agricultural production, available in their digital accounts, to purchase agricultural inputs or essential goods directly through the platform—further reinforcing the practical benefits of electronic payments and reducing reliance on cash.
- **Expansion of financial access points:**
 - Established a network of 10 financial services in rural areas, enabling proximity-based access to banking and digital financial services.
 - This initiative particularly benefits rural women, smallholder farmers, and informal workers, who traditionally have limited access to formal financial institutions.
 - Financial institutions onboarded through the **Agri-Value Chain platform (Agricash)** enable agricultural value chain actors to access financing more easily, thanks to the visibility and transparency that the platform provides on their activities.

2) Strengthening Local Agricultural Cooperatives

- Facilitated the formal structuring of farmer groups into agricultural cooperatives, improving their access to financial services, technical training, and market linkages.
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- This benefits smallholder farmers, women, and youth by creating inclusive economic opportunities and strengthening their bargaining power in agricultural markets.

- Through the platform, cooperatives are able to sell their harvests directly to institutional buyers with transparent price-setting mechanisms.

3) Supporting Policy and Institutional Efforts for Inclusion

- Aligned project efforts with **national policies on digital agriculture**.

Strengthened institutional capacity to support marginalized communities, particularly women

- The agri-value chain platform provides relevant data on youth and women that can be leveraged to advocate for targeted financial inclusion policies for rural populations.

10. Financial resources mobilized/leveraged

Please indicate the financial resources (in USD) mobilized or leveraged through the JP. Please clarify the source of funding/financing and the source type, such as PUNOs and Government contributions, public-private partnerships, private sector investments, and financial commitments from IFIs, DFIs and other donors.

Source of Funding/Financing	Type of Source (e.g. PUNO, PPP, DFI, donor, etc.)	Expected amount planned in the ProDoc	Actual amount mobilized as initially planned in the ProDoc	Additional amount newly mobilized beyond the ProDoc expectation
SDG Fund	PUNO	\$ 250,000	\$ 250,000	\$ 0
PNUD	PUNO	\$ 150,000	\$ 150,000	\$ 0
UNCDF	PUNO	\$ 100,000	\$ 100,000	\$ 0

11. Cross-cutting issues and principles of leaving no one behind (LNOB)

For each question, select the relevant response. If yes, please list 1-2 examples of actions taken/results delivered, and if no, please provide a brief 1-2 sentence explanation in the table.

Question	Yes	No	Comment
The JP has adequately implemented environmental and social standards/safeguards to avoid and address adverse impacts on people and the planet.		No	
The JP has developed or operationalized a strategy to address human rights issues, undertaking and drawing upon relevant human rights analysis.	Yes		To ensure full involvement and respect for human rights, the project has set up a targeting committee bringing together the authorities, the managers of the

			beneficiaries' cooperatives, civil society and technical services
The JP has developed or operationalized a strategy to address structural inequalities facing women and girls.	Yes		The project enabled 729 women and young people to access income-generating activities and set up a savings fund (3,180,750 FCFA in 2024)
The JP has demonstrated positive results / effects for youth in accordance with the principles in Youth 2030.	Yes		The project enabled young people to have sources of income and to benefit from capacity building in financial education, particularly on savings mechanisms.
The JP has developed or operationalized a strategy to address structural inequalities facing marginalized and vulnerable persons in any other LNOB groups. Please specify which groups: _____		No	

C. Strategic Communications and Partnership Update

12. Strategic communications

Please provide the links to written articles published by the JP, or the draft outline of a written article to be finalized in the coming weeks. Examples of human-interest stories, practical guidance on storytelling, other useful tools to produce impactful written articles can be found in the Joint SDG Fund's [Communications Guideline for Seed Funding Tracks](#) on [UNSDG Knowledge Portal](#) (NB: PUNOs may need to request access first).

Sous-titre de l'événement	Workshop for the validation of the feasibility study results for the AgriValue Chain platform.
Date	25/02
Rental	Niamey
Participants (Mention if Donor Member States , Government representatives were present)	ANSI, RECA, Ministry of Agriculture, Municipality of Birni Ngaouré, Fintechs, STAs, MFIs
Objective/Outcome (Briefly describe the key objective or outcome of the event)	Validation of study findings and selection of the digital platform.
Quotes (Format: Name, Last Name, Title, Organization, Quote: “ ”)	

especially from donors, government or UN representatives.	
Additional materials and links on event coverage	

List of links to written articles and social media posts:

- Training workshop for farmers' organizations of the agricultural cooperative: <https://t.co/pfUxE040sP> (<https://x.com/PnudNiger/status/1781315545167523918?s=03>)
- Initialization of beneficiaries on digital to support the launch of the closing works of the agribusiness complex: <https://t.co/H6r0SpZpsB> (<https://x.com/PnudNiger/status/1843711317145989232?s=03>)
- Awareness campaign on financial inclusion for agricultural exhibitors at the Birni fair by community members trained (trainers) under the project: <https://www.facebook.com/share/v/1P6yK6eoFB/>

Draft outline of a written article of a human-interest story (500 words / 1 page max)

13. Strategic partnerships (Select all that apply)

What type of partnerships established during the JP made important contribution to the JP objectives?

- ☒ National Government Institutions (Please specify): _____
- ☒ Sub-national Government Institutions (Please specify): _____
- ☐ International Financial Institutions & Development Finance Institutions (Please specify): _____
- ☒ Private Sector Companies or Industry Associations (Please specify): _____
- ☒ Civil Society Organizations, Philanthropic Organizations and Foundation (Please specify): _____
- ☐ Academic/Research Institutions (Please specify): _____
- ☐ Bilateral Development Partners (Please specify): _____
- ☐ Labour Unions or Organizations (Please specify): _____
- ☐ Others (Please specify): _____

ANNEX: SDG Localization Marker Survey

ONLY for the JPs with SDG Localization's Marker 3 to respond.

- 1) Please report on the SDG Localization monitoring indicators below. If an indicator is not applicable to your joint programme kindly state NA and briefly justify in the “Means of Verification” column.

Indicator	Baseline (year)	Target (year)	Evidence or means of verification
Number and type of local and regional governments and relevant local development stakeholders actively engaged in the programme design.	# (type)	# (type)	
Number and type of local and regional governments and relevant local development stakeholders with clear roles and responsibilities within the programme.	# (type)	# (type)	
Number and type of persons or representative organizations involved in activities developed with the primary aim of enhancing local populations' ownership and inclusion in sustainable development processes at the subnational level, led by local development stakeholders.	# (% women, indigenous people, youth, persons with disabilities) (type of org)	# (% women, indigenous people, youth, persons with disabilities) (type of org)	
Number and type of specific events, publications, or training materials aimed primarily at building capacity for local sustainable development/SDG localization in local development stakeholders.	# (type)	# (type)	
Number and type/description of specific coherent policies, regulations, and/or tools developed to enhance SDG localization (Disaggregated on policies, regulations, or tools focused on cross-sectoral or cross-level policy coherence).	# (type / description)	# (type / description)	
Number and type/description of mechanisms or activities developed to improve the transparent and accountable financing of SDG localization.	# (type / description)	# (type / description)	
Number and type of relevant initiatives/processes that the projects contribute to reach large scale, transformative impact.	# (% women, indigenous people, youth, persons with disabilities) (type of org)	# (% women indigenous people, youth, persons with disabilities) (type of org)	
Percentage of programmatic expenditures allocated explicitly to activities that directly impact local sustainable development processes and systems (e.g. food systems value chains, local health or education systems, energy and water management, local economic development, local climate action, multilevel governance) embedded in	%	%	

local SDG-related priorities which are expressed in local strategies.			
Number and type of local financial tools/instruments developed or strengthened to support SDG implementation at local level.	#	#	
Total amount (in USD) of additional public and private sector resources mobilized for local SDG implementation at the local level.	\$	\$	
Percentage of results contributing to SDG localization that have met their preplanned target/milestones.	%	%	
Number of local and regional governments and/or local service providers integrating aspects of policy coherence for sustainable development into their monitoring and reporting processes.	# (type of actor)	# (type of actor)	

2) What action areas has your JP prioritized since launch to advance the SDGs at the local level? (Select all that apply)

- ☐ Empowering local authorities and communities (e.g. capacity building, leadership development, technical support)
- ☐ Facilitating multi-stakeholder engagement (e.g. participatory planning processes, community consultations)
- ☐ Strengthening multi-level governance (e.g. vertical coordination, central-local policy alignment)
- ☐ Localizing SDG financing (e.g. municipal finance mechanisms, local resource mobilization, local SDG budgeting)
- ☐ Enhancing local data systems (e.g. disaggregated data collection, community-based monitoring)
- ☐ Expanding social service access (e.g. last-mile delivery, integrated service provision)
- ☐ Others (please specify): _____

3) To what extent has funding from the joint programme budget be directly channelled or mobilized to local-level actors (e.g. local governments, local community organizations, local service providers) to support SDG Localization efforts in the reporting period?

- ☐ 0% i.e. no resource has been directed to local-level actors.
- ☐ 1-24% of total programme funding directed to local-level actors.
- ☐ 25-49% of total programme funding directed to local-level actors.
- ☐ 50-74% of total programme funding directed to local-level actors.
- ☐ 75-100% of total programme funding directed to local-level actors.

4) Please describe how the territorial or localization approach is applied in your joint programme. Include the following key aspects into your response.

- Alignment between joint programme and local development plans and integration of results in local processes, frameworks and SDG monitoring system.
- Role of subnational-level (local and regional) governments and other key local institutions/stakeholders in the implementation of the joint programme.
- Description on how capacities and innovation of local stakeholders for integrating SDG and multi-actor collaboration are identified and reinforced.

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The AGRODIGI project actively collaborates with local and regional authorities, communities, and service providers to enhance SDG localization, ensuring that policies and initiatives are context-specific, inclusive, and sustainable.

1) Strengthening Local Governance and Institutional Capacities

- o The project organizes capacity-building workshops for municipal authorities on financial management, digital financial services, and SDG-aligned planning to improve local governance and service delivery.
- o Regular consultations with sub-national authorities ensure their active participation in strategic decisions, fostering local ownership and alignment with national policies.

2) Community Participation and Inclusive Approaches

- o The project adopts participatory methodologies, involving local communities in planning, implementation, and monitoring, ensuring that interventions address local priorities.
- o Awareness campaigns on digital tools and financial inclusion are conducted to promote engagement and adoption of new technologies at the community level.

3) Sustainable Financing and Local Service Provider Engagement

- o The project works with local financial institutions to integrate sustainable financing mechanisms, enabling long-term access to digital financial services for farmers and cooperatives.
- o Collaboration with local digital service providers supports the deployment of scalable solutions, ensuring that technology remains accessible and locally managed.

4) Empowering Marginalized Groups

Special focus is placed on women, youth, and vulnerable populations, equipping them with financial literacy and digital skills to enhance their economic participation and resilience.

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