



FarmSahel



2025 IMPACT REPORT



To Unlock the Potential of Sahel Communities to achieve
Economic Freedom through Sustainable Permaculture

OUR MISSION

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OUR VISION

Prosperous women farmers building a greener, food-secure Africa.

FOOD GROWTH

- **More than 30.8 tonnes of produce worth 8,343,655 FCFA** (about \$14,350) in sales. We served 10 villages last year. The five we tracked closely Sinikiéré, Ouda, Simbri, Lilgomdé and Dayasmnoré, produced enormous results.
- **Top production by crop:**
 1. Onions led the season at 16,838 kg and 3,089,905 FCFA (\$5,315), with Sinikiéré alone producing 12,420 kg for 2,272,500 FCFA (\$3,910).
 2. Cowpea followed at 4,590 kg and 2,313,975 FCFA (\$3,980), driven by Lilgomdé and Dayasmnoré.
 3. Rice reached 6,297 kg and 977,475 FCFA (\$1,680) between Ouda and Simbri.
 4. Maize, soybean, lettuce, local eggplant, okra and hibiscus rounded out the harvest and added another 1,962,300 FCFA (\$3,375).
- **Wheat was introduced for the first time this cycle, a new crop expanding our farmers toward year-round nutritional diversity.**

Watermelon planted in Simbri, tangelo trees planted in Ouda, papaya trees in Sinikiere, new income-diversification crops that will pay off for years to come.



COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

- **A model the women invented themselves.** The Sinikiéré cooperative divided its land among nine small working groups, so each group could organize its own daily labor instead of coordinating everything as one body. It worked. The cooperative brought in 12,420 kg of onions, our largest single harvest of the year. We did not design this. The women did, and we are adopting it: going forward, each cooperative will divide its land the same way.
- **Leadership learned from each other.** We partnered with two local women's associations on two projects, giving women across organizations a place to exchange experience and strengthen the leadership skills they use at home.
- **Communities planning their own infrastructure.** Farmers in Tanghin and Dapelgo met to plan the water and irrigation systems coming to their villages.



CLIMATE RESILIENCE

- **750 fruit trees in the ground.** Including 250 papaya trees in Sinikiéré and new tangelo orchards in Ouda. Trees that will shade crops, hold soil, and produce fruit and income for years after the season they were planted in.
- **Water used more carefully.** We replaced polytanks with water basins across our irrigation systems, letting farmers grow more with the same water. In a region where water is the binding constraint, efficiency is resilience.
- **Soil fed rather than depleted.** We trialed Maralfalfa in Ouda, a fast-growing forage crop that builds soil health and feeds livestock at the same time, and diversified plantings across our fields so the ground is not asked to give the same thing year after year.
- **Planting shoulder to shoulder with our neighbors.** In June, FarmSahel answered the national call of “Opération 5 millions d'arbres pour reverdir le Faso”, planting alongside local officials and community members on Burkina Faso's National Tree Day. Restoring this land is not something we do for a community. It is something we do with it.



A MESSAGE OF THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

Dear Esteemed Supporters,

Looking back on 2025, I am filled with gratitude for what your generosity made possible. Clean water access, the foundation of everything we do, now reaches more than 10,000 people across our project communities. That water is not only meeting daily household needs, it is powering a new generation of irrigation on our farms.

In 2025 we moved away from polytanks and built our irrigation systems around water basins instead, a change that let our farmers grow more with the water they had. The results speak for themselves: in Sinikere alone, our farmers produced more than 12 tonnes of onions, a harvest that would not have been possible under our old system.

Meanwhile, our core programs continued to flourish. Women farmers in Simbri and Ouda brought in our most diverse harvest to date: rice, cowpeas, cabbage, soybeans, African eggplant, and corn. We trialed wheat and watermelon for the first time, and we planted 750 fruit trees, including 250 papaya trees in Sinikiere and a new tangelo orchards in Ouda, an investment in income and food security that will keep paying off for years to come.

Last year I stood in these fields with the women who farm them. Numbers on a page cannot hold what that felt like. Every water basin built, every tree planted, every tonne of onions harvested began with someone reading this letter deciding to believe in the women of Burkina Faso.

Thank you for standing with us.

With heartfelt gratitude,

Madjalila Seynou
Executive Director
FarmSahel

HEAR FROM THE WOMEN

“ We started working with FarmSahel in 2022. When we began, we did not know it would turn into this, but we trusted them and we put in the work. Today we are very happy. We grow more food than we expected. The income we made this year from our onions alone is more than we have ever seen. Words cannot express how I feel, and I will stop here, because words alone cannot say it. Thank you, FarmSahel. May God continue to support you, and may He support us in what we do.

Guebre Mariam, President, Sinikiéré Women's Cooperative



“ Before FarmSahel, we used to sit at home during the dry season with nothing to do. We could not even come together as women just to spend time with one another. In the rainy season we farmed. In the dry season we wandered with nothing to do. Now we not only have work, we have each other. Our relationships have grown, and that is before I even speak of the income and the food.

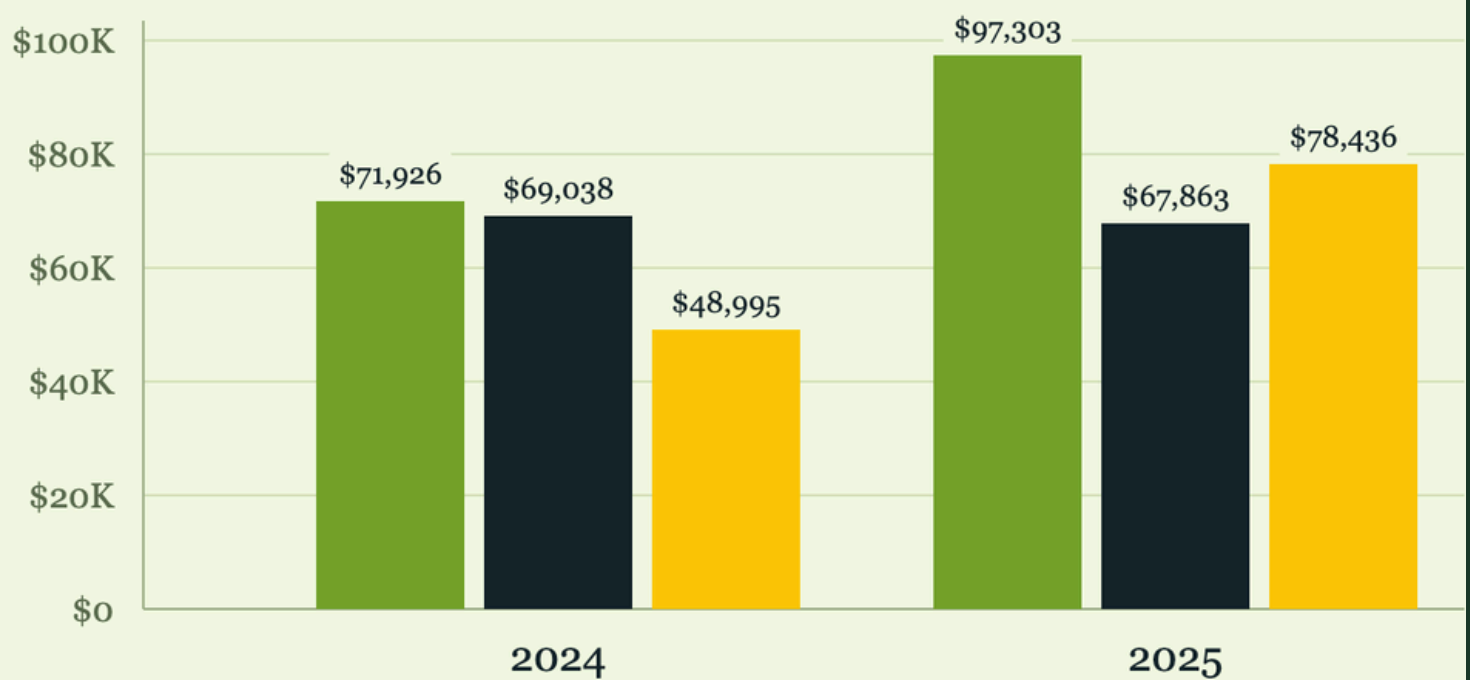
Valeam Kadidjatou, Treasurer, Sinikiéré Women's Cooperative

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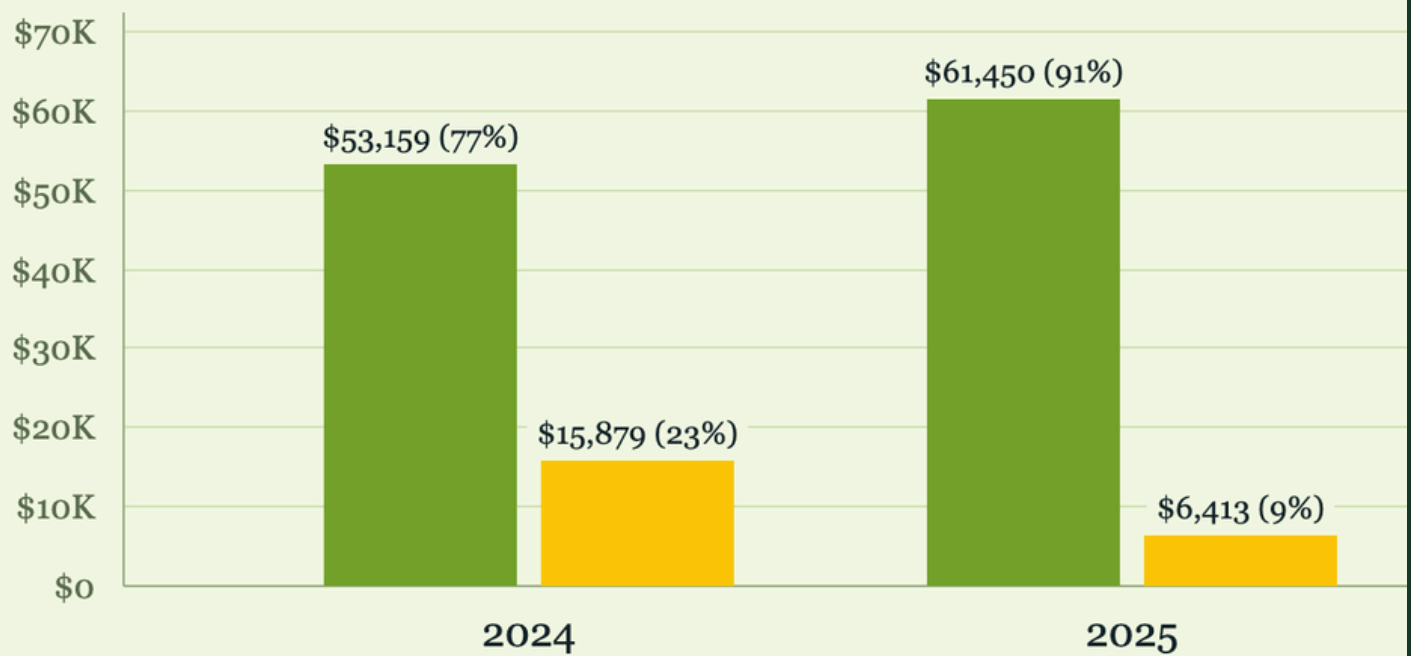
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EXPENSES

■ Program expense ■ Operating expense





2026 LOOKING AHEAD

HOW WE DID ON OUR 2025 GOALS

- More water: Sinikere was our best work yet. The community gained access to clean water, and the irrigation system moved from polytanks to water basins, taking the onion harvest from zero to 12 tons.
- Strengthen women's leadership: We partnered with two local women's associations on two projects, giving women the chance to share experience and build their leadership skills.
- More partnerships: We added the SENSE Foundation as a funding partner.
- Bigger board: The board stands at six trustees. We did not add seats in 2025, and the goal moves to 2027 as we strengthen our internal policies and strategic planning.

WHAT WE ARE COMMITTING TO IN 2026

In 2026 we will take what worked in Sinikere to the village of Tanghin.

But the work ahead is not new work. It is the same work, going deeper. Across the villages we serve, the question has changed. It is no longer whether farmers can grow through the dry season. They can, and they do. The question now is what a cooperative does with a second harvest: what it eats, what it sells, when it sells, how the crop is kept sound while it waits for a better price, and what the money becomes once it arrives. That is the work of 2026.

WORK WITH US



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Every well dug and every cooperative supported in 2025 began with someone who decided this work was worth backing. We are looking for partners to go further with us: funders willing to underwrite irrigation and reforestation at scale, agronomists who can strengthen our field training, and businesses ready to open markets for cooperative harvests. If you believe rural communities in Burkina Faso should own their path to economic freedom, we want to hear from you.

