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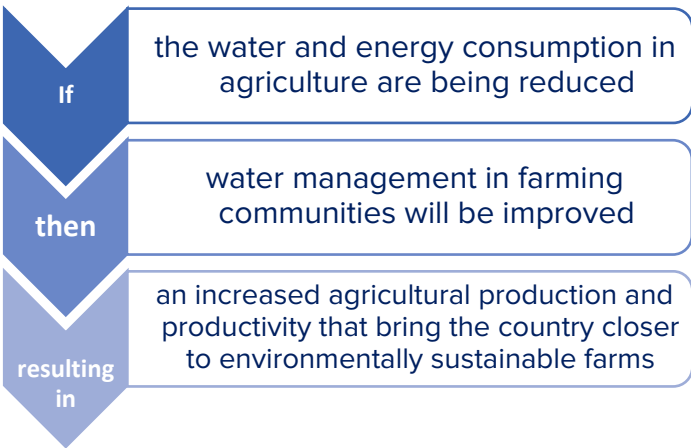
Climate Smart Agriculture (CSA)

The Climate Smart Agriculture pilot programme is coordinated by the Common Market for East and Southern Africa (COMESA) as part of a regional project involving Seychelles and 4 other Member States (Kingdom of Eswatini, Madagascar, Uganda and Zimbabwe).

The primary objective of the project is to improve water management at the Val D'Endor farming community by reducing the water and energy consumption in agriculture. This will in turn lead to increased agricultural production and productivity and bring farming communities in the country, one step closer to having 'green' or environmentally sustainable farms. The specific objective of the project is to roll out the concept for the 'Water Smart Farms', which seeks to promote water efficiency on farms, reduced soil salinity, whilst reducing energy consumption.

A total of around 160 farmers is to be targeted within the Val D'Endor farming community.

OUR APPROACH



Budget Total **£ 409,090**

Period **2018-2021**



QUICK FACTS



70% of the Seychelles food consumption is imported



Val D'Endor, which is the project's implementing area, is the largest farming community in Seychelles

The agricultural sector currently accounts for about **2.9% of GDP**

Seychelles has lost much of its **indigenous fruits and vegetables**



Due to the **high dependency on food imports**, the standard food basket is mostly composed of imported highly processed products.



The majority of farmers are using **sprinkler systems** due to drip irrigation costs.

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OVERVIEW

- Budget: Euro 409,090
- Implementation Period: 2018 - 2021

OBJECTIVE

The primary objective of the project is to improve water management in farming communities by reducing the water and energy consumption in agriculture.

OUR PARTNERS

- Ministry of Fisheries and Agriculture
- Seychelles Agricultural Agency
- Val D'Endor Farmers Association

IMPLEMENTATION

The project is managed by the UNDP Country Office and is being implemented in collaboration with the Ministry of Fisheries & Agriculture. During project implementation, the key partners are to be closely involved via consultations, in order to ensure ownership and appropriation of project results.

KEY RESULTS

- Construction of 2 x 320m³ reinforced concrete water tanks have officially commenced on the 10-August 2020 with an expected completion timeframe in February 2021.

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