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Progress Report on Moroccan SCI SLM activities

The main activity we undertook was the mission in the south of Morocco, from 28 January to 5 February 2012.

The mission was carried out in the framework on the activities scheduled in SCI SLM project. Some suggestions from the TAG team were considered.

The mission has two objectives:

- i) Reciprocal visit exchange to Tigouliane, a community with no initiative, recently added.
- ii) In depth study on forest use by Anzi carpenter.

I) Communities exchanges

A visit to Tigouliane was organized. The representatives of Tabant and Ounieine were invited.

The Tigouliane Douar is located in Sebt Tafraouten rural commune, depend on Taroudant city. Tigouliane is 77 families and 355 inhabitants (2004 census).

Douar Tigoulina has welcome the targa members, two members from taban,t and two from Ounieine.

The content of the exchange.

- i) Theoretical presentation
- ii) Demonstration and peasant extension on tree fruit plantation

Presentation n° 1

The first presentation was given by Targa member. It focuses on SCI SLM project. A large public has attended this presentation. The objective is to let know the community member of Tigouliane about the four initiatives identified, the process of heir emergence and their characterization.

Presentation n°2

The second presentation was given by a member of Agouti association from Tabant. It focuses on fruit tree plantation. The Moroccan team picks up the concept of peasant extension developed and experienced by Targa in Mauritania. The peasants learn from other peasants.

In this purpose, we have to remind the communities members of Ouniene and Sebt Tafraouten (Tigouliane and Tagadirt) were impressed by the activities undertaken by Agouti association and captivated by the progress on agriculture development. The income generated by this activity is stimulating.

Demonstration

After the theoretical presentation, the community members of Tabant proceed to practical demonstration. One first plot was planted. The lesson was focused on measure, distance between trees, orientation, etc. A second plot was planted by the local community members of Tigouliane helped by those of Ouneine.

Perspective for Tigouliane

A project on tree plantation in dry area (4 to 6 hectares), following and up scaling the Ouneine model is in discussion by the community members of Tigouliane.

II) In depth study on forest use by Anzi carpenter

A survey was carried out on exploitation and use of wood by the carpenters and families of Douar Anzi in Ouneine. A quastinnary was elaborated and 15 wood factories were achieved.

The objective of this study are : i) to up date the baseline characterization forms, ii) to collect data from wood factories relating to the use of wood in carpentries and household. The data are under process.

III. Perspectives

The Moroccan team is aware about delay we accused in achieving some activities. In the pipeline we still have to:

1. Participate to the development of an M&E framework.
2. Support Anzi cooperative to establish a partnership with the forestry department.
3. Produce a short movie and a country brochure.
4. Organize a *one-day National meeting* in Rabat with Moroccan officials from environmental and forest departments to raise the awareness among policy makers and participation of the project
5. Organize a exchange communities to improve South-South exchange: for some Moroccan community members will visit Ghana in June.