

## Mali

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Project title:	High quality sesame from Mali
Location:	Fana
Sector:	Agriculture
Applicant:	SUMECO Sarl., Switzerland
Local partner:	PROSEMA SAU, Mali
Start project:	01 January 2011
End project:	31 December 2012
Total budget:	EUR 1,500,000 (50 percent PSI contribution)

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### Project summary:

The partners will set up a sesame treatment unit in Fana, Mali. The unit will be equipped to clean, sort and de-hull sesame and to produce sesame oil from roasted sesame seeds.

Malian sesame production is lagging behind because unlike its neighbouring countries, Mali cannot process its sesame. Sesame production in Burkina Faso and Senegal for example, can provide both larger quantities and a better quality to the world market. This is due to the fact that these countries can add value to their sesame production by cleaning and treating the product themselves.

Because Mali has a longstanding tradition in sesame cultivation, the project partners got the idea of upgrading sesame production and processing in the country. The result of the project will be the annual processing of 20.500 T of sesame, the production of 50.000L of roasted sesame oil, 75 T of press cake.

12.000 out growers will profit directly from this project, as well as Mali as a country; this project will contribute to increasing the quality and the quantity of sesame export from Mali.