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SAFEVEG - West Africa is the acronym for: “Healthy locally produced vegetables for consumers in West Africa”. It is an action developed within the framework of the European Union’s initiative on Smart Innovation for Development and Climate through Agriculture (and Food Systems) Research in Developing Countries (DeSIRA). The action is implemented for a period of 60 months (from November 1, 2020 to October 31, 2023) in three West African countries: Benin, Burkina Faso and Mali.

SAFEVEG West Africa aims to reduce undernourishment, improve the income and productivity of small-scale food producers, particularly women and youth, and expand sustainable land use in Benin, Burkina Faso, and Mali. The project is based on the promise that promoting the role of vegetables in local food systems requires simultaneous interventions on both the supply and demand sides.

The World Vegetable Center leads a consortium of several national and international partners, including Wageningen University & Research (WUR) and the Centre de coopération internationale en recherche agronomique pour le Développement (CIRAD). The overall objective is to reduce undernourishment, improve the income and productivity of small-scale food producers, especially women and youth, and expand sustainable land use in Benin, Burkina Faso and Mali.
Component 5: Strengthening Vegetable Business Networks (VBN)
Led by World Vegetable Center, Component 5

- Selects vegetable business networks
- Organizes diagnostic and design workshops
- Selects business coaches
- Provides technical training
- Holds annual review and capitalization meetings

Component 6: Knowledge and Evidence for Policy Development
Led by World Vegetable Center, Component 6

- Conducts a food systems assessment
- Implements a (near) real-time monitoring system
- Conducts an impact assessment to generate evidence
- Coordinates knowledge management
- Builds capacity in partner countries
- Participates in WorldVeg Global R&D Week and international conferences