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# ***Improving and Scaling Up the System of Rice Intensification (SRI) in West Africa: A Success Story***

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'Improving and Scaling up the System of Rice Intensification in West Africa' is a 3-year first phase project to sustainably increase rice productivity and competitiveness throughout the 13-country ECOWAS region of West Africa. The project is part of the West Africa Agricultural Productivity Program (WAAPP), funded by the World Bank, administered by CORAF/WECARD and coordinated by the Mali's National Center of Specialization in Rice (CNS-Riz). SRI-Rice is the strategic and technical partner and part of the regional coordination.

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