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## The 2025 agricultural season in our Sahelian bocage landscapes of Guiè, Goèma, Filly, Tougo, and at the École du Bocage/JUNE 2025



The near-drought between the 6th and the 27th prevented the seeds from germinating properly, and sowing will continue in July.

In **Guiè**, we only had 50 millimeters of rain during the month of June. This meant that farmers were unable to sow their fields. In situations like this, one solution is to sow dry, hoping that good rain will fall afterwards.



Rainfall in <b>Guiè</b>	
June 2025	
Dates	Millimeters of rain
6	16
7	1
10	8
11	4
19	7
27	14
<b>Total</b>	<b>50</b>



In our test fields, sorghum grew well in some places, but a few Zaï holes remained empty. Re-sowing and transplanting will be necessary to cover the entire plot.

The land revegetation operation continued with the delivery of compost to farmers who were able to dig Zaï holes in their fields.

At the land development unit, we replaced the dead shrubs in the mixed hedge of the new Tounda bocage perimeter in the village of Guiè.

The bocage maintenance team also replaced dead trees along wooded roads, followed by protecting them with fencing.



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**In Goema**, 117 millimeters of rain fell in four showers during the month of June. The rain on June 6 (59 mm) allowed sorghum sowing to begin.

Rainfall in Goèma	
June 2025	
Dates	Millimeters of rain
6	59
13	26
25	11
27	21
<b>Total</b>	<b>117</b>

**In the test fields**, after digging the zaï and adding compost, sorghum was sown following the rain on June 6.

**In the fields undergoing revegetation of zipellés**, the

facilitators supervised the digging of zaï, the application of chicken manure-based compost, and the sowing of sorghum in about 100 fields.



**In the agricultural equipment section**, the tractor equipped with a heavy cultivator was used in several fields to reduce the effort required for manual zaï digging by more than 80%. Several farming families benefited from this essential tool.



**In terms of the development of the tree-lined road from Koutoumtenga to Douré**, technicians have begun manufacturing 3,000 reinforced concrete posts called TUBETON, which will be used to support the tree

surrounds along the tree-lined road.



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**In Filly, the rainy season is once again struggling to get underway.** In the fields, preparations are well underway as we await the arrival of the first good rains. In our test fields, the rain on June 23 (15 mm) allowed us to carry out our first sowing.

Filly rainfall	
June 2025	
Dates	Millimeters of rain
5	36
10	4
19	9
23	15
25	21
<b>Total</b>	<b>85</b>



The 2025 excellence awards (*chicken manure compost and small tools*) were presented to farmers in the bocage areas on June 19 and 20.

On June 21, the farm's e participated in the patriotic hour to green Faso, initiated by the country's highest

authorities, by carrying out reforestation on four sites: the hedge of the Maneguedtindbeogo bocage area in Gourbaré, trees along the production fields in the Zamtako area, section No. 1 of the Ziga Nagbansé → Filly wooded road, and within the farm grounds.

Capacity-building training on the "Good Housekeeping" approach, provided by the Union des Groupements Naam de Koumbri (UGNK), was given to bocage facilitators and some members of the WEMANEGRE

Board of Directors (CA) with a view to strengthening the organizational potential and motivation of farming families working in the bocage areas.

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Rainfall in <b>Tougo</b>	
<b>June 2025</b>	
Dates	Millimeters of rain (mm)
5	20
10	15
12	7
13	14
19	14
22	2
26	19
28	10
30	37
<b>Total</b>	<b>138</b>

**In Tougo**, June heralds a good harvest season given the good distribution and quantity of rainfall. We recorded a total of 138 mm of rainfall in nine rain events. Most farmers took advantage of the good rainfall during the month to sow their seeds.

**As part of the revegetation of degraded land**, chicken manure compost was given to farmers in the future Rasko bocage perimeter after they dug zaï holes in their fields.



The facilitators at the Tougo pilot farm, as well as the beneficiaries of the bocage perimeters, were trained in the "Vie de bon ménage" (Good Household Management) approach. This method aims to



develop strategies that promote the establishment of a genuine system of good governance within households. The training was provided by the Union des Groupements Naam de Koumbri (UGNK).



**In the Rasko hedgerow perimeter**, development work continued with the digging of trenches and infiltration ponds. Some ponds are already full following the first rains in June. In the coming days, we will begin installing the fence.

In addition to these activities, the Tipweogo association took part in the citizen initiative called **L'Heure Patriotique (Patriotic Hour) to green Faso** by planting various species of trees in the test fields.



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At the **École du Bocage in Guiè**, the second-year class of 2024 reinforced its theoretical and practical skills in digging Zaï, which it amended with compost for sorghum production in the **experimental field** section.

With the **Land Development Unit**, there was practical training on procedures for calculating pond volumes and costs based on soil texture at the Bocager perimeter in Tounda.



At the **LINDI production farm**, our apprentices were trained in making beds, leveling, and fertilizing vegetable beds.

The first-year students continued their training in the experimental fields by amending the Zaï and sowing sorghum.



In the **nursery** section, they learned how to care for young plants through watering and pruning.

We also began follow-up visits to the professional internships of the 2023 apprentices, which count toward the third year of training for students at the Ecole du Bocage.



The apprentices from both boarding school classes worked together to prepare a plot for bean production.

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