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The hedgerow maintenance section has undertaken maintenance work on the forested trails along the Goèma–Komsilga–Konéan and Goèma–Toèghin routes. The wooden stakes previously used to support tree surrounds have been replaced with concrete-filled metal



tubes. These tubes are made by our technicians by filling metal tubes with concrete to make them stronger and durable.

Arborists at the Goèma pilot farm pruned mixed and living hedges in the various hedgerow areas. Some hedges, notably the *Acacia coleii* planted two to three years ago on very arid land, have grown very well. Pruning these hedges provides wood for various needs (firewood, construction wood, etc.) while preserving the environment. This constitutes an additional source of income for farmers in the hedgerow areas, who can sell the wood.



As part of current animation, the hedgerow animators have organized monthly and quarterly meetings with farmers from all the hedgerow areas. The goal of these meetings is to support them in organizing collective work, such as clearing internal paths, maintaining firebreaks and fencing, as well as in enhancing their hedgerow areas. Meetings were also held with local authorities and the residents of Koutoumtenga to review completed activities and outline future plans.



Rainfall from January to May 2026 was marked by two rainstorms totaling 31 millimeters of rainfall in May. This allowed farmers to easily begin digging the zaï in the fields.

In our test fields, plot preparation work—including clearing, digging zaï trenches, and applying compost—has been completed. The animators also repaired the Improved Traditional Granary (GTA) to ensure proper seed storage.



A project to support vulnerable farmers was launched last April with financial support from three of our partners (Mil'Ecole, ACCIR, and SOS Enfants). This project aims to provide 258



farming families from five villages (Goèma, Toèghin, Kamsé, Lèbda, and Kossoghin) with agricultural tools, compost, and food aid (bags of corn). These beneficiary families will help restore the zipellés (degraded land) while producing grains to break free from the vicious cycle of vulnerability. In total, more than 3,000 people will receive 5,160 bags of compost; 1,290 hoes; 516 machetes; 516 pickaxes; and 774 bags of corn. The beneficiaries have already begun digging zaï pits and

applying compost under the guidance of project facilitators.



In the agricultural equipment section, the tractor equipped with a heavy cultivator began working continuously in April, both within and outside the hedgerow areas. There is great enthusiasm among the farmers, but unfortunately it is very difficult to satisfy them all, even while working nearly 12 hours a day (6 a.m. to 6 p.m.). We hope to acquire a second tractor if financial resources allow. At this stage, tractor operations are limited to the five TENKEEGA member villages at prices affordable to farming families.



At the nursery, the focus this year is on producing seedlings to supplement mixed hedgerows and living hedges. Currently, more than 20,000 seedlings of various species are being grown. The majority of these seedlings will be distributed to beneficiaries of the resettlement assistance project to strengthen mixed hedgerows within the bocage areas. In addition, certain fruit tree species have been grown for grafting, with the aim of improving productivity.



The **TENKEEGA Board of Directors** held preparatory meetings in anticipation of the renewal of the executive committee and made decisions to ensure the smooth operation of the association's activities.



Pilot farmers from the various hedgerow areas organized meetings to discuss and share experiences in order to resume field trials with support from the Goèma Pilot Farm



The **Goèma Pilot Farm** participated on behalf of **TERRE VERTE** in the forum on investment in



the Nazinon region. In addition, we attended meetings such as the National Consultative Framework for Agroecology Stakeholders and the Consultative Framework for Agroecology Stakeholders in the Koulsé region. These meetings provided an opportunity to

promote the Sahelian bocage.

At the Social Promotion Centers (CSPS) in Goèma and Lèbda, pharmaceutical products were distributed to provide free care for vulnerable individuals. These products were donated by our partner Mil'Ecole.



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