



The 2026 farming season in our Sahelian bocage landscapes of Goèma, Guiè, Filly and Tougo, as well as at the School of Bocage/SEPTEMBER 2026

Rainfall in Goèma	
September 2026	
Dates	Millimetres of rain
05	6
09	25
19	5
21	5
23	80
24	7
29	37
TOTAL	165

In Goèma, total rainfall for the month was 165 millimetres across seven rainfall events. There was a spell of drought from 10 to 18 September, which slowed crop growth. Heavy rain on 23 September (80 mm) subsequently restored soil moisture, allowing crops to continue growing well.

In the trial fields, the field officers have begun harvesting pulses (beans). The sorghum is also looking healthy despite the spell of dry weather observed.



In the fields of beneficiaries of the project supporting vulnerable farmers in the villages of TENKEEGA, the sorghum is in good condition and has reached the ear emergence stage. The harvests look promising for the beneficiaries.

Excellence surveys have been carried out in the five hedgerow farming areas (Kamsé, Goèma, Toéghin, Lèbda and Nabdogo). The aim is to assess the extent to which good hedgerow farming techniques are being implemented. To this end, more than 200 farming families have been assessed in their fields.



At the CAF, technicians carried out maintenance work on the wooded paths. Weeding was carried out around the planted trees, and half-moon-shaped areas were created.

In the rain garden, the purple eggplants were harvested, along with the local variety. This is the garden's very first harvest of this rainy season.



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Rainfall records for Guïè	
September 2026	
Dates	Millimetres of rainfall
6	6
9	5
17	10
19	18
21	9
23	19
Total	67

IN GUIÈ, the rainfall deficit was confirmed in September. We received only six showers, each measuring less than 20 millimetres, throughout the entire month. The consequences are already irreversible in several fields, where some crops have not withstood the drought, whilst others have managed to survive it, albeit with stunted growth.



We have noticed that some crops fertilised with synthetic fertilisers have virtually 'burnt' in this context of insufficient rainfall.

In our trial fields, the growth of sorghum has been satisfactory. Our farming system appears to have made better use of the scarce rainfall, and the crops have reached the flowering stage by the end of this month.



As can be seen, within the same region, with the same rainfall and the same crops, the appearance of the fields can vary greatly. The main difference here lies in the agronomic methods used.



Supported by the other teams on the farm, the field officers carried out 'excellence surveys' in the hedgerow areas, which enable us to assess how well the fields are being utilised and the condition of the crops.

In the livestock sector, haymaking began with around ten bales of hay already prepared. However, the rainfall deficit has significantly reduced the availability of grass.



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In Filly, this September saw seven rainfall events, with an average of 33mm of rain per week. Although these rains were not particularly heavy, they enabled the various crops to enter the ear emergence and/or flowering stages. This month marks the end of weeding work and the start of the harvest (beans, maize, etc.).

Rainfall in Filly	
September 2026	
Dates	Millimetres of rain
2	6
5	40
12	36
20	5
21	12
23	27
29	6
Total	132

Same weather, same soil, same crop, but different farming methods: a 14-metre-wide path separates the two sorghum fields shown here.



At the nursery, it is time to repot the remaining seedlings. Following the reforestation campaign, the nursery staff are repotting the seedlings that remained in the nursery to allow them to continue growing in good conditions so they can be used in the next campaign.

The two-year mounding composting process, which we call 'passive composting', began with the first rains of the rainy season. Earlier this month, we completed the initial stages of the process.



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In Tougo, rainfall in September 2026 had a negative impact on the growth of certain crops. With only 75 mm of rain falling in five showers, the crops did not receive sufficient water during the month.

Rainfall in Tougo	
September 2026	
Dates	Millimetres of rain
06	20
09	7
12	5
21	10
23	33
Total	75

In the trial fields, the maize harvest has begun and is progressing well.

As regards revegetation within the Rasko area, despite low rainfall, some crops are growing quite well and are beginning to form ears.



For the CAF, activities focused on the construction of four classrooms, an office-cum-store and the school canteen at Kindibo B School. Subsequently, brick-making began.



In the farm's rain garden, organic vegetables were harvested to supply the farm canteen.



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At the school of Bocage in Guiè, training continued smoothly throughout September.

For the apprentices of the 2025 intake: they learnt the 'Rouleau Faca' technique in the trial fields with the Field School section. At the Nursery, they were trained in grafting plants. At

the Land Development Unit, they furthered their training on measuring ground elevation using a laser device.

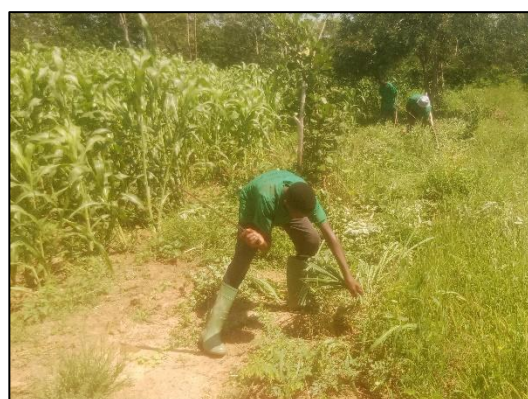


out crop maintenance by weeding and tending the trees lining the plot boundaries, working alongside the Field School Section. Together with the Land Development

Unit, they reviewed the construction of boundary markers and the layout of ponds. In their vegetable garden, they continued to tend the vegetable crops and plant fruit trees.



The Centre is preparing to welcome the Class of 2024, who will return from their advanced training placement at farms within the TERRE VERTE network and partner farms for their end-of-course assessments.



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