



## AFD AND **agriculture in Angola**



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**4 projects**  
under implementation  
since 2018

**Over  
€150 million**  
committed since 2018

AFD is financing structuring projects in the agricultural sector to help the Angolan authorities (Ministry of Agriculture and Ministry of Education) accelerate the diversification of the economy, create decent jobs in rural areas and promote the country's food self-sufficiency in the framework of a partnership approach with the World Bank, the European Union, the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) and the African Development Bank.



# AFD'S ACTION IN *Angola*

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## *Supporting small-scale commercial farming*

AFD is supporting Angola's economic diversification policy through financing for rural infrastructure. Through this loan to the Angolan State, co-financed by the World Bank, AFD is financing rural infrastructure, while developing farmers' access to bank financing and working on the structuring of agricultural sectors that are priorities for the government: maize, beans, soya, coffee, poultry, eggs, cassava, potatoes and sweet potatoes. The project aims to increase production, agricultural productivity and access to markets for individual and organized agricultural businesses (cooperatives, associations), and small and medium-sized processing or trading

companies. The project will enable 3,000 farmers, including 900 women, to adopt improved agricultural technologies, and 5,000 farmers, including 1,500 women, to access agricultural services and assets. The project operates in the two main corridors in the northern part of the country, which link the country's main agricultural production areas with the large consumption basin of Luanda, the capital. These corridors also include the areas with the greatest agro-ecological potential.

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## *Strengthening the resilience of smallholders*

AFD is co-financing a project with IFAD to support family farming, which will meet the Angolan government's objectives of combating malnutrition and reducing territorial inequalities and poverty in rural areas, by supporting the improvement of productivity and income of small family farms. The latter exploit 92% of the country's cultivated land and account for more than 80% of the country's agricultural production, which is mainly destined for self-consumption or sold

through informal channels. By strengthening the capacities of producer support institutions but also by directly supporting producers through financial assistance and capacity building (particularly in relation to resilience to the consequences of climate change), AFD hopes to significantly contribute to raising the living standards and nutritional requirements of 218,000 families.



### 3

## *Supporting the revival of an emblematic crop: coffee*

Coffee production in Angola has a long history linked to the colonial era, which placed the country among the four largest coffee exporters in the world, until 1980. The period of civil war that followed independence disrupted the commercial circuits of this raw material and destabilised the State's support services to this sector, leading to the collapse of coffee production (220,000 tonnes produced in 1973, compared to 6,000 in 2021). The coffee value chain revitalization project, implemented by AFD, with €9M in delegated financing from the European Union, will establish the pillars for the development of a sustainable and efficient sector based on family coffee production through:

- Strengthening the National Coffee Institute and its advisory services to producers;
- Structuring producer organisations and strengthening the capacity of actors in the coffee value chain to conduct quality assurance, certification and traceability;
- Promotion and facilitation of coffee exports.



This project aims to revive this crop by promoting the specificities of Angolan coffee, in particular Robusta coffee, which is indigenous to the forests of northern Angola, and comes in several varieties (Ambriz, Amboim, Cazengo, Macocola) with its own organoleptic qualities, and which has maintained an excellent reputation among European roasters. By supporting young farmers and women to engage in sustainable and resilient coffee growing, AFD is helping Angola to reconnect with this emblematic crop.

### 4

## *Support the sustainability of the sector by supporting professional training*

The technical education and vocational training system in Angola was largely destroyed by the civil war (1975-2002), which resulted in the dilapidation of most of its infrastructure. Angola has only 12 operational Agrarian Technical Institutes (ITAs) to meet the training needs of the country's 1.9 million farms. AFD wanted to draw on the history of cooperation between France and Angola to propose a structuring project that would make it possible to finance both:

- Investments to upgrade all ITAs in terms of buildings and equipment
- Reforms through the strengthening of Franco-Angolan technical cooperation (redesign of the content of the curricula, training of trainers, improved governance of the training system, search for a more balanced economic model for ITAs, etc.).



This PAFAR project - *Projet d'Appui à l'Enseignement et à la Formation Agricole Professionnelle* (35M EUR) - aims to support a profound reform of the country's agricultural vocational training. This is to meet the needs of the agricultural entrepreneurial sector for skills development and improved workforce employability, with attractive educational content and opportunities for young people. It aims to support the employability of nearly 6,000 young men and women in the agricultural sector, by providing them with practical training in environmentally friendly farming practices and resilient family farming capable of meeting the challenges of climate change, so as to reduce food insecurity and rural poverty. The European Union has joined the project as part of the Team Europe initiative, with a EUR 5M grant to AFD to strengthen the gender (scholarships, quality of material training conditions and professional integration of young girls) and nutrition components.

Agence Française de Développement (AFD) implements France's policy on international development and solidarity. Through its financing of NGOs and the public sector, as well as its research and publications, AFD supports and accelerates transitions towards a fairer, more resilient world. It also provides training in sustainable development (at AFD Campus) and other awareness-raising activities in France.

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