

## Partners in the Multi Agency Partnerships for Technical Change in West African Agriculture

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## Profiles of Partners

### Eco-Systems Development

Eco-Systems Development (ESD) is a newly-formed NGO based around individuals who have previously worked with church-based NGOs in Northern Nigeria, notably CRUDAN and POD-ECWA. Eco-Systems Development has been collaborating with ODI on a study of Soil and Water Conservation in Northern Nigeria, in collaboration with the Institute of Agricultural Research, ABU, Zaria. ESD is intended to provide consultancy services in the area of agriculture and environmental management.

### University for Development Studies, Tamale

The University of Development Studies, Tamale, was founded in the early 1990s to provide a more practically-based tertiary education for students, particular from the northern regions of Ghana. All students are required to spend time in rural communities as part of the degree course and disciplines all have a development orientation. The main campus is in Tamale, but there is a secondary campus in Navrongo, where social science disciplines are based. UDS Faculty of Agriculture has been collaborating with ODI on a study of Soil and Water Conservation in northeastern Ghana.

[http://web.archive.org/web/20040819230901/http://www.odi.org.uk/rpeg/soil\\_degradation/index.html](http://web.archive.org/web/20040819230901/http://www.odi.org.uk/rpeg/soil_degradation/index.html)

### AFAR (Action pour la Formation et L'Autopromotion Rurale)

AFAR, a registered NGO based in Sevare, was founded in 1995 by individuals who has previously worked for BIT/ACOPAM, itself an organisation established by WFP. AFAR's main goals are as follows;

1. Promotion of food security through increased agricultural production
2. Diversification of income-generation activities.
3. Improved animal production
4. Re-afforestation
5. Improved land management
6. Increased rural incomes through strengthening local organisations.

AFAR's particular emphasis has been on the construction and maintenance of *périmètres irrigues*, community-based irrigation systems dependent on small pumps.