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Creating the necessary conditions for the spreading of agroecology in drylands.

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Agroecology as a way to adapt to climate change in drylands

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We increasingly hear about agroecology even though it often remains a theoretical option for policy makers. Avaclim's goal is therefore to disseminate agroecology in drylands.

These fragile territories represent 40% of the world's surface and are home to more than a third of the population, the majority of whom are farmers. Agroecology helps to combat desertification and contributes to food security.

In order to deploy it on a large scale, Avaclim accompanies the peasant world in the exchange of agroecological experiences around a community of practice.

At the same time, it will assess the impact of these initiatives in economic, environmental and social terms. These exchanges and scientific evaluation will help build a case and implement national and international advocacy for an agroecological transition.

AVACLIM IS A UNIQUE PROJECT.

Firstly, the project was built in concert between the various partners involved in its implementation, members of civil society, researchers and institutional partners, among others.

In each of the seven partner countries, it brings together the leaders of agroecological initiatives in the field, advocates of the agroecological approach and researchers studying the relevance of alternative practices. The project involves all of these entities from beginning to end: around a common reflection on the results acquired in the field, the construction of an evaluation tool, the evaluations themselves and the deployment of a common advocacy.

The tool is adaptable to local specificities. Based on the knowledge of agroecology practitioners, their context and the different scientific knowledge gathered within a consortium, it demonstrates the specific effects of agroecological initiatives at the scale of their territories.

THREE YEARS OF PROJECT: 2020-2022 SEVEN COUNTRIES
A MULTI-PARTNER PROJECT A COORDINATING NGO: CARI
A COALITION OF NGOS A SCIENTIFIC CONSORTIUM TARGETED AND SPECIFIC ADVOCACY
A FOCUS IN DRYLANDS A DEDICATED THESIS



DEFINITION OF AGROECOLOGY

Agroecology is an approach to rethinking food systems with the aim of achieving ecological, economic and social sustainability. At the crossroads between a scientific discipline and local knowledge, agroecology is based on a set of practices aimed at intensifying and optimising the ecological processes of agriculture in favour of a food system that is more resilient to climatic and economic hazards, more inclusive and profitable in the long term.

The Avaclim project characterises agroecology in its multi-dimensionality at the territorial level and focuses on agro-ecological initiatives. Agroecological initiatives can take the form of social, economic and agro-environmental innovations and provide a specific response to a local need. These initiatives are the result of multiple connections with local actors: the Avaclim project places the specificity of the context and the factors that allowed the emergence of these initiatives at the centre of its evaluation process. The primary conditions of development of these initiatives at the level of a territory and their specificities are to be identified for a wider dissemination of the approach.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO MEASURE YOUR AGROECOLOGICAL EFFECT?

Avaclim's evaluation method can be adapted to different social, economic and geographical contexts. The guide supports the use of the evaluation method: you can reuse it independently.

LOOKING FOR EXAMPLES OF AGROECOLOGICAL INITIATIVES?

Find at least 35 initiative files from the 7 Avaclim countries. You will also discover the first results of the evaluation method put into practice in 14 agroecological areas.

WOULD YOU LIKE TO CALL ON DECISION-MAKERS TO SET UP A FAVOURABLE FRAMEWORK FOR THE DEPLOYMENT OF AGROECOLOGY?

Use key messages from evaluations of agroecological initiatives. They are compiled in position papers for each of the 7 countries and also internationally.

All of these tools can be downloaded from avaclim.org and the CARI resource center.

