

Project Title: "Participatory selection of cowpea varieties resistant to aphid and *Striga* in Benin"


Institute: Université d'Abomey Calavi (UAC), Cotonou, Benin

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Summary: The UAC project began in January 2018 and KT provided financial support until February 2021. Several cowpea lines from KT-funded projects, IITA and local Benin varieties were multiplied and tested for *Striga* and aphid resistance in pot trials. The best performing varieties were taken forward for field trials. The best varieties (FUAMPEA 1 and 2, Komcallé, Agbloto, Apagbaala, IT00K-126-3) were then used for participatory variety selection. Following this the lines were multiplied in preparation for dissemination.



Farmers viewing cowpea lines during seed trials at Agbangnizoun, Benin

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