

Ex-ante evaluation of Phase II of the project “Refrigeration and freezing systems for artisanal fisheries in Senegal”

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Companies Involved: Canaest, S.L

Description

The main goal of the technical assistance is to make an ex-ante evaluation and formulation of the second phase of the cold storage infrastructures project in order to give added value to artisanal fisheries production in Senegal. Done with the financial support from Spain through the Development Aid Fund, the second phase will come in addition to those complexes already installed in St. Louis, Yenne, Mbour, Ziguinchor and Thiaroye sur Mer.

The technical assistance is meant to support P4R in the definition of the following questions:

a) Location, type and dimensions of refrigeration installations

For each of the selected towns: Soumbédioune, Hann, Elinkine, Kafountine, Kayar and Fass Boye, information was gathered to assess technical, economic and organisational feasibility. Recommendations were made about type and dimensions of the infrastructures.

b) Project management during execution phase

A general strategy of project management, monitoring and evaluation was designed, including the definition of the management team.

c) Infrastructure management model in order to guarantee the long-term sustainability of the installations.

The main elements and characteristics of the management system were defined, although the model will be adapted to the particular conditions of each town

During the technical assistance different measures and criteria were identified to enhance the feasibility and sustainability of the refrigeration installations

An extensive field work was carried out to accomplish the objectives undertaken, assuring in every moment the effective participation of the potential direct beneficiaries and the Ministry of Maritime Economy as project counterpart. This participatory approach was ensured through the organization of meetings of fishermen, fish merchants and processors along all pre-selected towns and through direct and permanent dialogue with Senegalese fisheries administration.