



The Regional Programme to promote Household and Alternative Energies in the Sahel (PREDAS) is implemented by CILSS and the Sahelian States, with the support of the European Union and the German Cooperation. It is aimed at facilitating a holistic approach to the household energy sector and bringing solutions to the multiple issues involving the continuous supply of domestic energies in the sub-region .

In fact , the importance of household energy, which represents more than 80% of the total energy consumed in the Sahel , makes it an essential factor in limiting the impact of desertification . This energy consumed is essentially provided by woody fuel obtained from forest resources already downgraded by several decades of climatic hazards and by an increasing population pressure ..

The overall objective of PREDAS is to contribute to the research for a sustainable management of natural resources on one hand and to reduce poverty in the Sahel on the other hand .

The specific objective of PREDAS is to create a conducive framework for an organised and sustainable management of domestic energy resources by ensuring the poorest populations with a supply in wood energy at the least cost and in a sustainable manner.

In order to reach these objectives PREDAS has been undertaking a certain number of activities whose main points are the following :

- a. help the CILSS member States to conceive, adopt and implement their “domestic energy strategies” (SED):
- b. form a network of sahelian professionals in household energies (PESED), and initiate a System of Information Technology on Energy (SITE) notably through :
- c. help the CILSS member States conceive and promote the conditions of monitoring the woody resources available in the wood / energy supply basins for the major towns in the Sahel .

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