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## NEWS

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### Two New AGRODEP Working Papers Released

AGRODEP recently released two new papers under the [AGRODEP Working Paper series](#). Both papers address African Commitments for Agricultural Development Goals and Milestones and focus on West African countries. [Working Paper No. 41](#) addresses potential growth in Côte d'Ivoire resulting from increased agricultural investment and [Working Paper No. 42](#) focuses on potential growth in Niger. Both papers were co-authored by AGRODEP member [Soulaymane Sadio Diallo](#), currently at the Centre Ivoirien de Recherches Economiques et Sociales (CIRES) and Université Félix Houphouët Boigny – Abidjan, with [Ismael Fofana](#) and [Mariam Diallo](#), both of IFPRI.

[Working Paper No. 41](#) investigates the impacts of implementation of the Côte d'Ivoire National Agricultural Investment Programme (NAIP) towards progress in achieving goals and objectives under CAADP, the UN Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), and the African Union's Agenda 2063. The authors use Computable General Equilibrium (CGE) Modeling and microsimulations to evaluate the impacts of the NAIP. They found that while increased investment under the programme will likely allow Côte d'Ivoire to reach several targets and see increases in agricultural growth as well as GDP growth, there could still be challenges in overall poverty alleviation, hunger eradication, and meeting intra-African trade targets.

A similar approach using CGE modeling in combination with microsimulations was taken in [Working Paper No. 42](#) to explore the effects of the implementation of the NAIP in Niger. The authors find that increases in agricultural investment will allow Niger to reach several targets, including reducing poverty by half, and creating sustainable growth and employment. However, similar to the study in Côte d'Ivoire, there will continue to be challenges in reducing inequality and eradicating extreme poverty.

Both papers are available from the AGRODEP website in the [Working Paper Library](#).

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