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CDAIS Burkina Faso : PROJECT IMPLEMENTATION STRATEGY AT THE NICHE AND NATIONAL LEVELS

1) KEY OBJECTIVES OF CD ACTIVITIES AT THE NICHE LEVEL

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**Look for the point of empowerment of key actors of change:**
- Train NIF as innovation entrepreneur and rely on them for achievements
- Push niche stakeholders to identify available support services consistent with CD needs and to organize themselves their partnerships

**Experiment a “coaching approach” :**
- Work with different configurations of collective innovation and explore to what extent coaching is feasible
- State rules with stakeholders
- Accept mistake and failures

**Select CD activities:**
- Priority to “middle management”: start with small things for all the members of the partnerships
- Use fast-paced methodologies to have results in the short-term

**Promote mechanisms similar to the behaviors changes that we want to create:**
- peer mentoring, sharing of resources with other project
- freedom in fund allocation if self-evaluation, results-oriented incentive scheme for NIFs, etc.

**Be as descriptive, explicative and prescriptive as necessary:**
- in order to coproduce, with all project partners, useful knowledge that derives from our interventions in the countries

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2) KEY OBJECTIVES OF CD ACTIVITIES AT THE NATIONAL LEVEL

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