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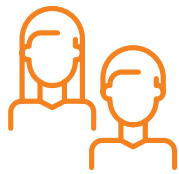
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PROFESSIONALISING YOUNG FARMERS IN CAMEROON (PROJACAM)

Sector: Agriculture: cocoa, poultry and corn sectors - Cameroon, Central, South-Western, Southern and Littoral Regions

Organisations forming the project consortium: Agriculteurs français et développement international (Afdi) France, Confédération nationale des producteurs de cacao et café du Cameroun (Conaprocac), Institut Agricole d'Obala (Cameroon), Chambre d'Agriculture de Côte d'Or (France)



360

young people trained out of which 250 are integrated into the labour market via a dual vocational training approach (workplace and training centre)



75

business owners (employers) are trained/sensitised on work-based training and learning



25

local trainers are trained

Integration of returnees into the dual training scheme

The PROJACAM project allows the revitalization of the Cameroonian agricultural sector, which is facing an important need for qualified vocational training.

Thanks to the involvement of Cameroonian rural youth and the close collaboration of the 4 partner institutions of the project, the poultry, corn and cocoa sectors have been strengthened and can meet the needs of the current market.

Mr. Farel Morel ATANGA
Commune of Bertoua, in the East region:

A few years ago, I decided to leave Cameroon to seek a better situation and thus contribute to the improvement of the living conditions of my whole family. After several years abroad, I could not achieve this goal and therefore decided to return home rather than remain in uncertainty.

With the help of the IOM (International Organisation for Migration), I was able to return to my country, and I was able to follow a first training in entrepreneurship. The resources of my village combined with the financial support of the IOM allowed me to build a henhouse and to start a farm with a flock of 50 broiler chickens. In the beginning I had a lot of losses due to disease. I heard about the training offered by ProjACam of the ARCHIPELAGO programme through an awareness-raising meeting in my village and this motivated me to participate.

The training at the Agricultural Institute of Obala allowed me to acquire new knowledge about chicken farming, as well as to deepen my knowledge of entrepreneurship. The internship with a professional allowed me to gain additional knowledge and to realise that it is possible to make a living from broiler farming. After the training, I went back to work.

Today, I raise more chickens for each flock, I went from 50 to 400 chickens with a mortality rate that has decreased a lot (less than 5%). I have better control over the heating of the chicks, which used to be a great difficulty, not to mention the fact that I make up the feed for my chickens myself. With the entrepreneurial part of this training, I now know how to calculate the necessary funds to raise a chicken and I know the minimum selling price to ensure the profitability of my activity.

During the training, I was able to meet people who were in the same situation as me and this brought us closer together. Several of us have started a new livestock activity and we continue to exchange information on the problems we encounter.



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