Follow-up surveys have been conducted in June and July across the country and **80 FFS and IFER alumni students have been interviewed**. Having achieved their training in the training centers in 2015 and 2016, they answered to questions on the evolution of their activities since then.

The results of the surveys show the very positive impact of the training: **75% of former students are currently engaged in a professional activity** and 80% of them even lead their own agricultural business. **21% of alumni student have chosen to continue their studies** in a general or vocational training center, posing the FFS Program as a stepping stone towards reinsertion as only 4% are presently unoccupied.

Moreover, more than **50% of the students interviewed funded their project themselves** right after their training thanks to the income generating activities implemented during the years of training. Most of the students have improved their standards of living. **78% declare that they have increased their production** and **92% of alumni students are capable of satisfying their everyday needs**. Furthermore, they are 85% to have observed a positive effect on their parent’s production.

Finally, in order to guarantee a better follow-up of the alumni in their professional project, a personalized follow-up has being implemented and alumni events will be organized at the end of 2018 in the Littoral and East regions of Cameroon.

**Interviews**

**Emmanuel Sengafor, member of Kumbo’s diocese, local partner**

My name is Emmanuel and I am 43 years old. I have dedicated the last 10 years of my life to the development of the FFS network of the Kumbo Diocese. I am proud of the positive changes I contributed to instigate for hundreds of families benefiting from our work in order to ensure the development of the FFS communities. The anglophone crisis has slowed down the activities in 2016-2017 but thanks to a personalized follow-up and student’s visits, we were able to pursue part of the training. In October 2017, the FFS of the Kumbo Diocese have timidly reopened and we are doing our best to guarantee the success of the 2018-2018

**Guillaume LE FLOHIC, Manager of the Limbe Wildlife Centre (LWC)**

The LWC, implemented since 1993 by Pandrillus (NGO), is a rehabilitation center for animals which suffered from poaching and illicit trade. The LWC takes care of 52 chimpanzees, 15 gorillas and more than 200 other apes! We are happy to contribute to the development of the FFS Program by making trainers and students benefit from our expertise in environmental education. Indeed, farmers are the architects of rural landscapes and have a major role to play in the preservation of natural ecosystems. Our goal is to enable these future entrepreneurs to develop a sustainable business model while guaranteeing the survival of Cameroon’s natural heritage.
A new theme made its appearance in the training course of Family Farm Schools in Cameroon: agroecology. The objective is to train students to sustainable agricultural methods, respectful of the environment. The themes of this training course have been elaborated in collaboration with the pedagogical teams in Cameroon, Ivory Coast and DRC and with the expertise of the French NGO GRET. The students will discuss varied subjects such as the management of natural resources, the impact of human activities on the environment, the integrated pest and disease management and the sustainable agricultural practices: preparation of biopesticides and use of biofertilizers for instance.

In order to insure the involvement of all the actors, a training has been organized for all trainers and FFS associations during the national seminar in July in Yaoundé, which was dedicated to the preparation of the new school year. To further this dynamic, partnerships have been made with actors of sustainable development in each locality, such as the Limbe Wildlife Center or the GIC Evergreen. Those partnerships will enable to support the agroecological practices not only in the training of the students, but also in the training of the trainers and the student’s parents (modular trainings).

## Meanwhile in the other countries ...

### A slow school start in DRC!

Good news in DRC: classes have slowly reopened after a teacher’s strike which was lasting since last August and therefore affecting the school start in the FFS of the Program. The centers were all set to host the students in the best conditions after the recruitment of a new trainer and the renovation of doors and windows in the Kimpemba and Ngeba FFS. The students have had the possibility to realize their first theoretical cycle on the theme of market gardening and to directly implement the acquired skills, by preparing the plant nurseries for tomatoes and implementing garden fences, with the support of their trainers. Maize, tomatoes and legumes should be ready in January!

### The IFERA in Ivory Coast welcomes its first 2 promotions!

In 2017-2018, the IFERA welcomes for the first time two batches of students at the same time. Indeed, 23 first-year students have registered to the IFERA in order to prepare the CAP Agriculture and Farming equivalent. The students and their parents were gathered on October 2nd for an introduction on the training plan and the dual pedagogy approach. It is brand new for the IFERA to simultaneously host 2 promotions the same year, therefore it is a real challenge for the PEFACI and its staff ! The feedback will enable the program to consider recruiting 3 batches each year enabling the IFERA to respond to the demand of numerous youths waiting to join the training center.