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Preparation of new training plans for the CAP Agriculture diploma



To increase the recognition of the Family Farm Schools (FFS) and Rural & Agriculture Training Institutes (IFER) training programs in Cameroon, the IECD is currently helping the IFER of Koza, located in the Extreme-North region, and the FFS of Dizangué, based in the Littoral region, to prepare their students for the CAP Agriculture diploma. Hence, a workshop was organized in April in Yaoundé to help the FFS and IFER to better understand the CAP official program and prepare the training plans that will be used as of September school-start. Maryse Di Ruzza (ECTI) and Jean-Paul Dief, two technical & pedagogical experts, conducted the seminar and supervised the preparation of the new training plans. With the preparation of the CAPA diploma, the IFER of Koza and the FFS of Dizangué will deliver an enhanced training that will help the students to start a sustainable activity in the agriculture sector.

The FFS of Cameroon under the spotlight!



An alumni forum in Dizangué

On May 3rd, twenty youth took part in the FFS Alumni Forum organized at the FFS of Dizangué, in Cameroon. The event led alumni to share their experiences, successes, but also the challenges they have faced since graduating from the FFS. Later in the morning, a presentation of the Agriculture Ministry MINADER (the PEA-Jeunes) and the Youth Ministry MINJEC programs helped to brief the participants about the existing aid schemes to foster rural entrepreneurship in Cameroon. Lastly, the forum ended with the presentation "How to start an activity in a challenging environment ?" and a friendly family meal.



The Ambassador of Belgium visits the FFS of Mokolo

On Thursday 24th May, the FFS of Mokolo, located in the Far North region of Cameroon, received visit from His Excellency the Ambassador of the Kingdom of Belgium. Joined by Geert Van de Castele from UNHCR, Emile Wobenso, FFS Monitoring and Evaluation Officer at IECD, but also by members of the Belgian NGO Via Don Bosco and members of the Diocese of Maroua, the Ambassador visited the FFS facilities and talked with the students as well as their trainers and parents. Following the presentation conducted by FFS students on how to produce high-quality food used in chicks breeding, the Ambassador congratulated FFS students, parents and all people involved in the FFS life and success.



Jemina Teguai, 24-year-old, first year student at the IFER of Yamoussoukro

" I attended high school until the last year. I took the baccalaureate exam three times, but I did not get the degree and I thought that farming could be the right choice. My father mentioned to me the Yamoussoukro centre and I passed the entrance test. Now I am learning agriculture techniques and I am fascinated by livestock farming. Among all courses, I prefer phytotechnology and zootechnology because these subjects are closely related to my future job. The training center has a garden and I am intensively trained by my trainer who initiates me into every kind of crop such as aubergine (during the last weeks). I encourage girls to start a training scheme and to decide to work in the field of farming because it is a source of happiness. I strongly believe that being a woman and having decided to work in the field of livestock farming is an excellent plan because it will enable me to earn a living. In order to work in farming, a girl has to be trained adequately but she must also be fond of land and animals because it gives enough strength to commit oneself wholeheartedly. "

Events

July — August 2018

- ◇ Third-year FFS students take the MPE exam
- ◇ In Ivory Coast, building of a new IFER in the town of Afféry
- ◇ Preparation of training booklets for the CAP diploma
- ◇ From July to October, Eloise Petit will conduct a mission in Cameroon to prepare the financial audit of the AT programme

Minhinta Coulibaly, 29 years old, Trainer at the IFER of Yamoussoukro

" Coming from the northern part of Ivory Coast, I studied economics and agricultural management at the Korhogo University. I have been dreaming of working in agriculture, close to nature, since high school. I teach at the IFERA since 2014 and I am also in charge of the organizing internships and follow-up visits. To me, agriculture is both a job and a lifestyle. It makes us able to feed our entire population, and it is crucial for Africa and Ivory Coast. Agriculture is not reserved for men. Many women working in agriculture are even more successful than men because they strive to achieve their objectives. In most cases, women are also better than men at managing their budget ! What I like most at the IFERA is that we offer each young people willing to enroll a true chance and an individual support for three years. Thanks to the dual pedagogy, every IFERA student combines theoretical courses and a lot of practical experiences. We give students a true chance to succeed in their lives ! "



In DRC, FFS students took their exams



In DRC, the 31 1st and 2nd-year students enrolled in the FFS of Ngeba, Kimpemba and Ngidinga took their competency-based exam from the 11th to the 14th of June. The 3 3rd-year girls enrolled in Ngidinga also took the MFB (My First Business) oral exam on June 15th. During their exam, 1st and 2nd-year students had to choose between the preparation of a nursery garden to prepare tomato or onion plants, and the extension and management of that production. In the meantime, 3rd-year students presented their apiculture project and showcased their hives. The FFS team thanks Tsimba, Nsingi and the Pastor Paul for their participation in the examination board as agricultural engineers. Congratulations to the FFS students who all passed their exams!

The Agriculture Training (AT) Program is a network of vocational training centers in agriculture and breeding targeting youth aged 13 to 25 in Cameroon, Ivory Coast and DRC. The goal is to help them develop their skills and contribute to the economic development of their countries and communities. Any question or suggestion ? Contact us at clemence.metz@iecd.org

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