



## Evaluate youth integration



### More than 90% of graduates inserted thanks to the Agriculture training program !

The integration of young people in agriculture and animal husbandry is at the heart of IECD's priorities and those of its partners. This is why, in July 2019, an integration survey was launched during the IFER Alumni Forum in Yamoussoukro. This complex project, which is essential for assessing the quality of the training courses offered, made it possible to retrace the career paths of more than 200 young graduates from training centers in Cameroon and Côte d'Ivoire.

The survey reveals that 80% of graduates in employment work in agriculture and animal husbandry, demonstrating the relevance of such training in countries where the agricultural sector accounts for about a quarter of GDP and employs 60% of the working population.

Although there are still many challenges in terms of access to employment in rural areas, the Agriculture training program works every day for the integration of young people in Cameroon and Côte d'Ivoire with the support of its technical, institutional and financial partners, in order to offer young people fulfilling future prospects and contribute to the development of local communities.

#### WHAT ABOUT GRADUATES ?



91% of graduates are integrated (employment or pursuing studies).



76% of them are working and 15% continue their studies.



80% of employed graduates work in agriculture or animal husbandry.



69% of employed graduates consider that their income meets their needs.



94% of graduates say they are optimistic about their future.



95% of graduates consider dual pedagogy training is an asset.



Students in class at the FFS in Ndélélé (Cameroon)



Students in Afféry IFER (Ivory Coast)



Practical workshop in Dizangué (Cameroon)

## BROADING STUDENTS' HORIZONS IN CÔTE D'IVOIRE !

In November 2019, **47** students at the IFER in Yamoussoukro had the opportunity to participate in the 4th **International Exhibition of Animal Resources (SARA)** held in Abidjan. The students had the chance to meet many professionals of the sector coming from all over the world. For some of them, this visit was also an opportunity to get in touch with companies with which they may one day collaborate.



Students from the IFER in Afféry also went to Abidjan to **visit the cocoa processing manufactory** of the African Society of Cocoa (SACO). This visit aimed at introducing the students to the **cocoa value chain** through the observation of several machines and cocoa processing stations. The visit was a great success according to the students, who are looking forward to further outings of this type!



## IN CAMEROON, TIME FOR INNOVATIVE IRRIGATION SYSTEMS!

At Kienké training center, as in many other centers of the network, water is a **scarce resource** during the dry season. As a result, students often must go to the river to water the didactic gardens, which is a laborious and time-consuming task. To deal with this difficulty and to continue watering the crops, Kienké training center's trainers have set up an innovative and inexpensive **micro-irrigation system!** Both economical and ecological as it is made from recycled plastic bottles, this drip system allows for **rational water management**. Its functioning is simple: the plastic bottles are cut and then installed on a pivoting support that serves as a reservoir. Small holes are then drilled in the caps to regulate the drop flow. Finally, the water can be precisely directed thanks to a rotating system. This innovation will be presented to the general public during Youth Week held in February 2020!

## Meeting with the communities

In order to meet with local actors around the training centers, the Program Coordinator and the Program Officer respectively visited Cameroon in December 2019 and Côte d'Ivoire in January 2020.

The objective of these visits was to reassess the dynamics of the territories where the agricultural training centers are located and to mobilize local communities. Consequently, many interviews were conducted with young people, producers, cooperatives and representatives of local institutions. Thanks to these particularly rich exchanges, the training centers' services will be adapted to best meet local needs.



## MARK YOUR CALENDAR!

- ✓ February 2020: Youth Week in Cameroon
- ✓ March 2020: framing mission for the launch of an Orientation and Employment Office at Koza IFER (Cameroon)
- ✓ May 2020: pedagogical seminar for trainers in Côte d'Ivoire



“ The dual pedagogy was new to me. It's a system that I personally appreciate but that I feel is complicated for the students, especially for first-year students. Thanks to the IECD's contribution, we can see a real progression in dual pedagogy, technical and general training books are available, as well as the means to carry out real-life activities. »

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Thanks to our financial and technical partners!

