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The KANPE Foundation, with its Haitian partners, supports families and their communities by strengthening the essential pillars for autonomy: health and nutrition, agriculture, education, entrepreneurship, leadership, and local infrastructure strengthening.

Support to the entire community

Farmers face significant challenges in Haiti, with many areas subject to a serious lack of food security due to environmental conditions, water shortages and infertile soil. They are also faced with rampant poverty within their communities which hinders the development and implementation of sustainable and efficient production systems.

With its Haitian partner Papaye Peasant Movement (MPP), KANPE supports the farming community of the communal section of Baille Tourible, where agriculture represents almost 98% of the local population's economy. Founded in 1973, MPP has more than 40 years of experience in agricultural and professional training for the farmers of Haiti's Central Plateau.

Their support is provided to the entire community and members of a group of farmers, the Organization for the Development of Baille Tourible (ODB): distribution

of seedlings for the reforestation campaign, seed distribution, and agricultural training workshops for the community on soil and water conservation techniques.

The objectives of this partnership are:

- The improvement of farmers' sustainable income and living conditions.
- The growth and diversification of agricultural production of the organization's members.
- The reinforcement of ODB's organizational structure.
- Reforestation of the area.

Since its creation in 2010, KANPE allowed:

- Distribution of bean seeds to 250 farmers.
- Distribution of nearly 3,300 farm animals.
- Production of 12,000 fruit and forest seedlings (reforestation campaign).
- Training in basic accounting for members of the local farmer's association.



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Youth-initiated projects

Building on what they learned from the 2017 summer camp, the young marching band members and students from the public high school of Baille Tourible took the initiative to develop their own agricultural projects. These initiatives allow the community to take one more step towards autonomy.

The marching band members decided to grow beans together on a piece of land. The first harvest took place in November 2017. This initiative has a dual purpose:

- To implement the agricultural techniques learned.
- To identify sources of revenue likely to finance certain activities of the marching band.

70 young people from the public school took the initiative to develop two agricultural projects with their teacher:

- Production from the nursery of fruit tree seedlings: 2,000 acacias, 1,500 cedars, and 700 lemon trees. The seedlings had been planted on the property of the students' parents. The first harvest took place in late spring 2018.
- The vegetable garden, which is a place for students to learn how to replicate the experience at home. The vegetable garden is composed of aubergines (eggplants) and peppers.

