

# Leadership



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.

In marginalized communities such as Baille Tourible, the fight against extreme poverty can result in failure if in the long-term young people are not familiarized with and sensitized to factors that contribute to its proliferation in their environment. Formal and informal education enables these young people to acquire essential knowledge to act responsibly, and gradually contributes to improving the socio-economic conditions of their community.

KANPE understands the importance of education for young people and has taken concrete actions together with the community and local leaders. Through projects such as the summer camp and the marching band, KANPE encourages young people to develop tools which enable them to meet the challenges facing their community.

## The Marching Band

Founded in 2014 at the request of the youth of Baille Tourible, the marching band became a way for them to regain confidence, develop their leadership skills, and get involved in their community. Additionally, the marching band is helping to slow the rural exodus of these adolescents, who have become role models for the youngest in their community and the pride of all.

The band is now composed of 72\* young students. Every year they have the opportunity to perform during Haitian national holidays (flag festival and patron saint festival) and at several local events.

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## The summer camp

During the summer of 2016, KANPE set up the first 10-day summer camp for young people of the region. The summer camp gives teenagers the opportunity to leave their very remote village for a while in order to be exposed to resources they would not have access to.

The summer camp has the following specific goals:

- Giving the teenagers the opportunity to have intensive music classes, interacting with professional musicians and performing.
- Allowing them to experience common life through respect of the simple rules that have been established and through the contribution of everyone to the well-being of the group.
- Creating an environment where they can put into practice such values as respect, collaboration, inclusion, equality, solidarity, and responsibility.
- Giving the teenagers the opportunity to interact with boys and girls from urban areas in order to discover their dreams and aspirations.
- Transmitting knowledge: agricultural techniques, arts and crafts, cooking, first aid, water purification, and infectious diseases prevention...
- Raising awareness about the country's main issues, particularly those of Baille Tourible: deforestation, decreased food production, population explosion, illiteracy, exodus of young people, and early pregnancy...

