The KANPE Foundation (to « stand up » in Haitian Creole), in collaboration with its local Haitian partners, supports the most vulnerable communities to achieve autonomy by helping to strengthen the following six pillars: health and nutrition, food sovereignty and climate resilience, education, entrepreneurship, leadership, and local infrastructure strengthening.

Several regions in Haiti are facing food insecurity due to environmental conditions, water scarcity, and soil infertility. They also face endemic poverty that hinders the development and implementation of efficient and sustainable production systems within the communities.

With its Haitian partner Mouvement Paysan Papaye (MPP), KANPE supports the farmers of the communal section of Baille Tourible through the peasant association Organisation pour le Développement de Baille Tourible (ODB). Founded in 1973, MPP has more than 40 years of experience in agricultural and vocational training for farmers in the Central Plateau of Haiti.

Achievements of The KANPE Foundation since its creation in 2010

Agroforestry

- Launching of an experimental farm aiming at: 1) the production of fruit and forest trees, 2) the production of agricultural commodities, and 3) the breeding of livestock and poultry.
- Production of more than 40,000 seedlings, of which 30,000 were planted in reforestation campaigns by local peasant associations along with high school and band youth (since 2017).
- Distribution of bean seeds to 250 peasants and 84 young people from the band leading to 2 annual harvests (since 2016).
- Distribution of nearly 3,300 farm animals, training, and implementation of a goat breeding project by the farmers’ association (ODB).
- Active participation of the 84 youth in the marching band in plastic waste collection activities and reforestation days (including a climate walk retweeted by climate activist Greta Thunberg).

Trainings

- Techniques for seedling production and maintenance, planting beds, and natural insecticide production for members of seven local associations.
- Soil and water conservation techniques for approximately 250 farmers.
- Theoretical courses and practical workshops on agriculture for over 120 youth at summer camp (since 2016).
- Teaching concepts and integrating activities related to agriculture and livestock into the high school curriculum (since 2016).

COVID-19

- Launching of three community nurseries and 500 gardens producing 56,000 vegetable seedlings for the benefit of the most vulnerable families in the community.
- Distributing food rations to 450 public elementary school students during the lockdown period in Haiti.