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TSHANFETO PROJECT

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The teaching farm Tshanfeto ("Get up!" In local language) was founded in 2000 in Yopougon (17 km from Abidjan), an inspiration of the Betharramite missionaries.

The aim of the project is to train young Africans so that they can acquire competence and self-confidence to manage a small farm to support their family and progressively develop the economy of the area.

Tshanfeto is a state of the art teaching farm to train young people in the best agricultural techniques, instill confidence in them and make them independent thus facilitating their socio-professional inclusion.

The stages of the project

Since 1996, the missionaries present in the African country realize that there were many needs around the villages and especially that young people are often left to themselves with uncertain or almost zero future prospects.

So they try to support the villages with the purchase of materials necessary for small-scale subsistence agriculture but immediately it's clear that the initiatives put in place, were slowly failing due to insufficient training and lack of coordination in each village.

The missionaries realized that without training, failure would follow.

Moreover, they are the years in which the country is starting to experience a serious crisis: the capital which until then had become very attractive to young people, providing jobs, is now saturated and there is no longer any possibility of work for the young people.

They had pinned all their hopes and they had forged too many illusions in a comfortable life in the city, they must return to their villages with no possibility of a sure and secure future.

It was, therefore, decided to start the project on training young people in agriculture to make a real contribution to the integral development of men and women in the country.

A maturing period of the project took place from 1996 to 1998; the training centers were visited in the north of the Ivory Coast (Kouto and Korhogo) and in the subregion (Bobo-Dioulasso in Burkina and Songhaï in Porto-Novo in Benin).

In 2000, two pavilions were erected on the grounds of the parish of San Bernardo at Adiapodoumé – Yopougon and the "Ferme pédagogique" project started from this moment.



The training lasts one year and includes general subjects of personnel training, accounting and management techniques and a 9-month practice in plant and animal production destined for marketing. The students are also followed with a monthly support.

At the beginning, the project involved young people from the Saint Bernard parish of Yopougon, but over time it has grown and today about fifty young people, who come from all over the Ivory Coast, are welcomed.

Around 300 young people have been trained which is highly appreciated. Those who leave Tshanfeto are much sought after by various companies because at the moment there are no better agricultural schools.

The future

The desire is to prepare the future of families and the country, and for this it's important that young people feel proud of working the land, obtaining results that allow them to live and improve their conditions, without dreaming of fleeing to the city or to emigrate to Europe.

Today the goal is to modernize Tshanfeto to create one of the best agricultural activity models in West Africa.