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## "Investing in people, by investing in higher education and skills in Africa"



### PCP AFOP : SUPPORT PROGRAM FOR THE RENOVATION AND DEVELOPMENT OF PROFESSIONAL TRAINING IN THE AGRICULTURAL, LIVESTOCK AND FISHERIES SECTORS - CAMEROON

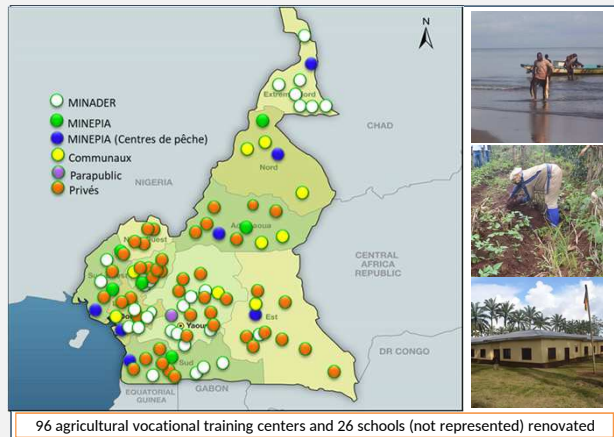
French Ministry of Agriculture and Food – General Directorate for Education and Research  
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#### Project Presentation

- The program aims to contribute to
- **youth employment**
  - inclusive and **sustainable growth** of rural areas in Cameroon
- by
- training and occupational **integration of young women and men in the agricultural sector**
  - renovated training and integration programs and centers with skilled staff
- 3 steps
- 2008-2012: modernization
  - 2012-2016: consolidation and development
  - 2019-2021 : **institutionalization and perpetuation of the system**

#### Technical assistance (French expertise) :

- Regular & **demand-driven** assistance in
- ✓ Vocational education and training approaches (key competences in job situation)
  - ✓ **Training course planning and design**
  - ✓ Learning by doing & alternation training
  - ✓ Pedagogical engineering
  - ✓ Training of economy
  - ✓ Inspection and pedagogic support



#### Project Results

##### FACTS and FIGURES

- More than **4800** young men and women trained as professional farmers and fishermen
- More than **3000** young men and women settled as farmers
- More than **2300** youths trained in agricultural entrepreneurship, extension, and other related jobs (technical high school diploma)
- An estimated **6000** jobs created in rural areas
- **122** agricultural vocational training centers and schools (public and private) renovated all over the country, with all the needed staff (see map below)
- Around **700** trainers, teachers, educational inspectors, managers & support staff animating the learning system, from central to local level

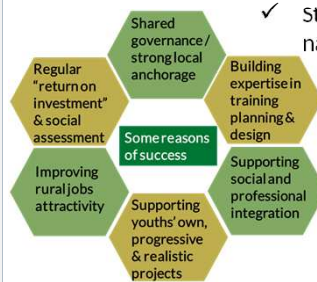
##### SOCIAL EFFECTS

- Occupational integration of youths within their homelands  
→ **rural development**
- Knowledge and practices transmitted informally to families and neighboring communities  
→ **social & practical links strengthened**
- New generation of farmers, interconnected  
→ **skilled farmers organizations**

#### Project Activities

##### A long term, systemic and demand-driven process

- ✓ Renewal of training standards & content (initial training & lifelong learning)



- ✓ Staff capacity building, at national & local levels

- ✓ Reform of the regulatory framework

- ✓ Modernization of infrastructures and equipment

#### Sustainability & Synergies

From technical to institutional achievements  
→ **Consolidation and Perpetuation Phase** (AFOP-PCP), currently ongoing :

- Supporting the organizational, technical and financial changes necessary to pilot and animate the renovated system within the permanent structures of **the State and the territories** : transferring implementation, monitoring, evaluation, awarding processes... functions

- Assessing financial mechanisms and sources to ensure **economic sustainability** and **operational agility**

- Towards the elaboration of an **agricultural training policy**, in line with the agricultural/rural development and professional training policies and laws, and the decentralization process



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#### Information

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