

Title of project: **Training for transformation**

**Farmers producing their own Seed,
Organic agriculture, the way
towards Food Sovereignty**

In West Africa, in the North of **Togo**, Cinkassé is the frontier town for Burkina-Faso to the North and Ghana to the West, on the international route from Lomé to Ouagadougou. It is a préfecture in the Savanna region of Togo.

History

In the Savannah region, the rigours of climatic & socio-economic change have reduced the capacity to supply the needs of families by ancient customary practices. The new difficulties are enough to make farming an unattractive occupation. Farming infrastructure is not well enough developed, the influence of farmers being minimal, although some effort has been made. Yields of cereals from poor land poorly cultivated varies from 400 to 700kg/ha, insufficient for a whole family (average African family comprises 15 persons).

Carte administrative du TOGO



Typical situation of land in West Tône



Terrain infertile typique sur lequel le fondateur du CD2A a choisi pour commencer les activités pratiques d'Agro écologiques

Advanced desertification due to proximity of Sahel.
Loss of trees, degradation of topsoil & vegetation



Situation of plant growth following external inputs without organic matter



Results

Cereal yields per hectare: 300 to 500 kg (maize, millet, sorgho, rice)

Consequences :

Famine,

Exodus of young men to the towns and further abroad,

Early marriage for young women,

A hard life for the elderly

In common with most old people, he suffers from the emigration of his sons



Street children



Facing up to this situation: CD2A

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Training, self-employment, forget about emigrating





The objectives of CD2A

Assuring food security for all.

Slowing the exodus of young people.

Preserving the heritage of local resources.

Providing for training of rural youth.

Restoring life to the land by agro-ecological practices.

Rehabilitating traditional manual skills.

Making agriculture an attractive occupation.

Participating in the sustainable development of our country.

The « Useful Holiday » Program

