

Project Update: November 2017

After the first training that aims to reinforce the capacity of former local mushroom growers residing in Foumban (capital of the Noun division), we had a second training from 14th to 16th September 2017 with 23 persons coming from rural areas. During this session, led by the same team, trainees have theoretical lecture on fungi (mushrooms in particular), cultivation and preservation of mushrooms. Then, they had practicals on fruiting bodies production from the substrate preparation to the collection of fruiting bodies of oyster mushrooms. In addition, they had some demonstration on different ways to cook mushrooms. For a large vulgarisation of mushroom cultivation, the training was registered and used to produce video documentary that is now diffused through a local television "Canal Mom". This video will be multiplied and distributed to trainees as an audio-video course support. Three trainees of this badge have already started the cultivation for their own using part of their house. One of them was nominated during the last rural women's day in the Koutaba subdivision.

Even though many plantlets were successfully grown in nurseries, we suspended the tree plantation because we are very close to the dry season. The operation will restart in May 2018. Nevertheless, in collaboration with The Government High Schools of "Koutaba Leproserie" (situated in an open savanna area), we launched a pilot project to plant trees around schools. In this project named "Operation one student one tree", 200 plantlets were handed to the school and planted by students of form 1 and form 2 (who are supposed to stay in the school for 6 to 7 years). Each student planted one tree and took the engagement to follow up his tree during his stay in this school by watering it during the dry season. For the first year those whose trees will be alive after the dry season will be rewarded. The General Bilingual Secondary School of Komemgba also received 150 plantlets for the same issue.



Left: Symbolic giving of plantlet to the principal of GHS Koutaba Leproseries. Right: Planting of a plantlet by students of form 1.



Left: Demonstration of sterilization process by the instructor. Right: Madame Mbopuwouo Adèle in her mushroom chamber in Koutaba.