Young people aged 15 to 24 currently account for 16% of the world population, a figure that will likely rise to almost 1.3 billion by 2030. The issue of their integration and support is therefore a real challenge, particularly in Africa. In light of this, through the JADE Programme agreement, GRET is working to support almost 10,000 young people and facilitate their integration.

With a wealth of experience in the area of economic inclusion of young people, GRET and its partners are promoting better support of young people and contributing to their improved integration capacity so that they can become a lever of change. Launched in July 2020 and funded by Agence française de développement, the JADE programme is a pilot programme introducing reflection on young people as a cross-cutting theme in development. Its objective is to structure a multi-dimensional approach to young people’s integration. The programme designs and tests relevant, innovative methods to support young people in their overall integration (economic and professional, social and civic, environmental and climatic). In this way, young people are considered as stakeholders in change and no longer as simply beneficiaries of development actions.

**An experimental programme based on recognised professional integration expertise**

JADE is laying the foundations of an inclusive strategy to support young people via the implementation of innovative, structural support, favouring their overall integration and their role as stakeholders in sustainable development of their territories over the long term.

The programme is being conducted in six countries: Guinea, Haiti, Republic of Congo, Mauritania, Mali and Senegal, through seven projects already underway and 4 new actions. It is consolidating the training and support for integration that have already been provided. The programme is working in new areas encountering environmental, climate, political and social issues. The objective is to extend actions involving young people to other subject areas and consolidate GRET’s approach in favour of overall inclusion of young people.
The main stages of the project

JADE is supporting the overall integration of almost 10,000 young people and strengthening civil society’s capacities - and those of solidarity organisations and GRET’s partners - in the programme’s countries of intervention with a view to inclusion of young people. To do this, the programme is being rolled out around three components:

> enrich the economic and professional integration approach with systematic consideration of new dimensions favouring overall inclusion of young people;
> test a cross-cutting approach to the subject of young people in actions enabling the latter to become social and eco-civic stakeholders in their territories;
> make the subject of Young People a cross-cutting subject of action-research and strategic reflection.

EXPECTED RESULTS

- 8,500 young people are prepared to work in salaried employment or an income-generating activity and are aware of or trained in ecological transition practices and jobs.
- 45 sustainable initiatives led by young people or aimed at an audience of young people are supported by the programme.
- 200 associations and groups made up of young people or aimed at an audience of young people are strengthened.
- 75 consultation frameworks supported or created as part of the programme.
- Tools and methods to support the overall integration of Young people are produced, tested and distributed to GRET’s partners.
- 10 partners are supported to include and strengthen young people as stakeholders in their strategy and interventions.

PROJECT PARTNERS

- Association of cooperation and research for the development of Guinea
- Action for community development - Guinea
- Youth action Association - Mali
- CARITAS Mauritania
- Eclosio
- Interprofessional artisans’ group of Congo
- Y’EN A MARRE
- Social Change Factory

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