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Haiti: Overcoming poverty by organic farming

Kindernothilfe-Project 8402/AS

The situation in Daveau, Haiti

The inhabitants of the village Daveau are living in extreme poverty. Without electricity, without hospitals and even without roads. A five hour march on foot is necessary to reach the isolated mountain village. The villagers try to survive by farming and keeping of small animals. But the climate is changing and it didn't rain enough during the last years. Because they lack the knowledge, the small-scale farmers damage their environment additionally by clearing trees and bushes. The harvest of the last years has been very poor because of these worsened conditions.

For children and adolescents Daveau doesn't offer any prospects at all. A lot of boys and girls don't go to school and there aren't any opportunities of vocational training. Therefore, many young people migrate to the capital city Port-au-Prince. But without money and without education, most of them end up in the slums.

The project: future for the children of Daveau through organic farming

Kindernothilfe opens up new horizons for the children and youths of Daveau. Offering them a future in their home village is the purpose of the project. 30 boys and girls are learning methods of organic farming to establish a livelihood. They learn to lay out a garden and to cultivate it, so that it produces heavy crops in the long run. As a very important aspect for the forestation of the landscape, the children establish a tree nursery together. Furthermore, the employees of the project, together with the children and their families, establish small-scale chicken farming. In harmony with nature as well as the local conditions they are creating secure and sustainable food resources for the children of Daveau.