



## Supporting farmer communities in Brazil through

Project  
2018-2021

...the strengthening of agro-ecological practices

### Location

The project is realized in the Mata Norte region in Pernambuco, near Recife, in northeastern Brazil. The state of Pernambuco has about 9 million inhabitants and has a surface similar to that of Portugal. During the colonization in the 17th century, Brazil was the world's largest sugar producer. The majority of this sugar was grown on the fertile lands of Pernambuco.



### Current situation

Nowadays, the economic sector of the Mata Norte region is dominated by the production of sugar cane and of alcohol for "green petrol" engines. The majority of the land in the region is owned by large landowners. In recent years, agrarian conflicts and rural land liberation struggles have led to an agrarian reform.

On the one hand, farmer families have regained access to farmer land as a result of this agrarian reform. However, they are now facing challenges in satisfying their daily economic needs and in cultivating healthy and sustainable food. On the other hand, a lot of land remains in the hands of the large sugar cane factories that continue their monocultural exploitation of the land. This type of production involves the use of agrochemicals, environmental degradation and labor exploitation.



### Objectives

To tackle this problem of a monocultural production mode, it is necessary to offer practical trainings to farmer families in order for them to learn methods of alternative farming. The aim is to increase the farmers' knowledge in an environmentally friendly and sustainable production. Brazil is currently considered the world's largest consumer of agrochemicals.





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## Project description

The project aims to improve the quality of life of the farmer families by raising their awareness around the needs to change the productive system. The introduction of an environmentally friendly and sustainable agriculture will promote an ecological balance and a cultural diversification. A fundamental goal of this project is the transmission of the acquired knowledge to other families and especially to the next generation.



## Beneficiaries

The direct beneficiaries of this project are 50 farmer families who have received a parcel by the state through the agrarian reform. Through the local exchange of skills, the project will indirectly benefit 252 other families that are part of this agrarian reform.

## Project funding

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