

# SUPPORT FOR PEASANT COMMUNITIES IN BRAZIL THROUGH THE STRENGTHENING OF AGROECOLOGICAL PRACTICES

Region Mata de Pernambuco, northeast of Brazil



#### **Current situation**

Peasant families live in agrarian reform colonies where sugarcane monoculture predominates. Although these families have access to land to produce healthy food, they are under strong pressure from the sugar mills to become small-scale suppliers of sugar cane. They are being pushed to use agro-chemicals on a massive scale, which only worsens their situation.



## **Background**

With the planned actions, the families will be strengthened and empowered to face the monoculture of the region and the challenges that the situation presents. The increase in production should contribute to greater autonomy and economic as well as organizational sustainability.



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The state of Mata de Pernambuco has a deep social deficit (almost half of the families are impoverished, they lack food, they are illiterate, their employment is precarious, etc.), which has only worsened with the cultivation of sugarcane.

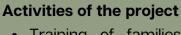
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- Training of families in agro-ecology and practical implementation of the learned techniques
- Consolidation and diversification of agricultural production areas
- The transmission of the acquired knowledge to other families and to new generations
- Transformation and commercialization based on agro-ecology and local knowledge

### **Beneficiaries**

The direct beneficiaries of this project are 200 families (+- 1 000 people):

- These families will receive trainings in agroecology
- 70 families will have at least 10 agroecological practices (soil management, green fertilizers, pruning, composting, medicinal garden) in their production units
- 45 families will benefit from the commercial space of the production



# **Project funding**

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