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Editorial

As an agri-agency and a member of the AgriCord alliance, Fert is committed to mobilizing the professional know-how in farmer organization held by producers, members and leaders, and by the technicians employed by these organizations. This mobilization is a principle at the heart of the approach, a tool at the service of action in the field, and not an end in itself. For Fert, the mobilization of this know-how is not limited to professional agricultural organizations (the mobilized organizations can have various statuses: agri-food companies, technical institutes, training centers, etc.) and it is done in different ways: missions, hosting study trips, etc.

PEER EXCHANGE: A SOURCE OF MUTUAL LEARNING



See, understand, learn

In Burkina Faso and Madagascar, Fert is a partner of farmers organizations (FOs) committed to supporting and training farmers to be "leaders" in their organizations.

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The production of healthy seed potatoes: a common challenge across borders



Since 2014, Ceffel association has been coordinating a program within the Fifata group to produce healthy potato seeds. Following the outbreak of diseases on the Big Island since 2009, Ceffel supports farmers who multiply seeds, ensures the traceability of production and carries out tests. In July 2019, a delegation of four Malagasy (two leaders and two technicians) came to France for two weeks to meet [FN3PT](#). This trip is the result of collaborations and consecutive exchanges between Malagasy and French farmers since 2015. A look back at the interest of this type of exchange.

During their stay in France, the Malagasy leaders were surprised by the common problem that unites Malagasy and French farmers around the production of healthy seeds. For Evariste RANDRIANAJAINA, member of Fifata's board, French farmers are like "CEOs of their company", making a considerable effort to market their seeds. The Chairman of Cap Malagasy, Georges RANDRIAMAROLAHIZAFIMANDIMBY, highlighted the effort undertaken by French farmers and FN3PT to ensure the production of healthy seeds through investments in a seed control and analysis system.

These kinds of exchanges are also fruitful for those who host. Bernard QUÉRÉ, FN3PT director, testifies: for FN3PT, following the experiment in Madagascar is an "open-air laboratory".

More than a partnership, through mutual contributions, it is a relationship of trust that was born between Ceffel and FN3PT. For example, at the seed breeding level, FN3PT can offer varieties adapted to Malagasy conditions, but also characterize the varieties already used in Madagascar to better understand genetic resources.

This partnership is a good example of reciprocal trade between farmers. Paul-Henri DOUBLIER, Fert administrator confirms: "These are win-win exchanges between farmers from north to south".

If present problems facing Malagasy farmers are technical in nature, they are very well organized and close to consumers. For French farmers and FOs, this collaboration allows them to relearn and be inspired by Malagasy farmers: an opportunity to discuss technical issues, but also to share each other's stories. Without judgment or jealousy, the objective is to understand the changes according to the contexts of each country.

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[Ceffel association on a study trip to France](#)

PEER-TO-PEER EXCHANGE IN AGRI-AGENCIES BACK TO THE AGRICORD STUDY



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