

International Cooperation

We contribute towards eradicating poverty in the most vulnerable groups of Africa, Asia and Latin America

Edgar's history

Edgar and Bau. 35 years old. Mataró

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The palm tree project is the most important we have under way there. It consists of cooperatives of planters, who apply for microloans, lent to them as goods in kind, rather than cash. They are loaned palm tree saplings, fertilizers, and they have the responsibility, right from the start, of cultivating these saplings, preparing the land, planting them and following their progress. "We are in the tree nursery, where palm tree seeds grow, a project financed by the "la Caixa" Foundation, in collaboration with Twinning without Frontiers and Afrocamerun, which is our counterpart here. Here are the seeds which will grow for 10 months. There are 1,500 of them and one person every day gets the water from the river below. Palms require 4 years maturing, till they start to bear fruit, that can then be marketed. This plant was chosen because it is one of the country's staple foods. Oil is extracted from the palm trees, which is used both for the growers' own consumption and for selling in local markets. I was very agreeably surprised by people's enduring optimism and how much they want to do things. The people were delighted with these projects. And those who couldn't take part wanted to take part. This made me very happy.