## Les Jardins de la Méditerranée Imagine84

Integration project
Fruit and vegetable sorting,
 packaging and
 distribution workshop

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# PRACTICE DESCRIPTION

Created in 2009

as a response to the request of the French Department of Health and Sports

as part of the National Health
Nutrition Plan 2

which advocates the

consumption of 5 fruits and vegetables per day.

## WHAT DOES THE PRACTICE DO?

As part of the workshop / integration project

Les Jardins de la Méditerranée -Imagine 84 recovers food (intended to be discarded for calibration problem for example) at all production levels of the chain, from producers to central purchasing departments.

These products are then sorted, packaged and shipped throughout France through major national food aid organizations (Such as Food Banks, French Red Cross, Relief Populaire, Restos du Coeur, ...)



### **OBJECTIVES**



The main objectives of the site include:

- 1- Fighting against food waste
- 2- Improving the diet of disadvantaged people with increased consumption of fresh fruits and vegetables
- 3- Promoting the professional integration of people far from employment

# TARGET POPULATION

The people involved in the integration project include:

French residents of different citizenships,

with more or less equal gender parity,

from 19 to 59 years old

Their situation prior to joining the project:

33 beneficiaries of the French governement minimum aid

21 long-term job seekers

2 young people below 26

#### **METHODE USED**



## Training:

8 employees subscribed in training programs Including:

Social life assistant, forklift driver, French language, Service agent

### Professional Immersion Period

6 employees went to professional immersion in different sectors including:

Sales, Health, Medico-social Public works

## 2018 OUTCOMES/RESULTS

Sorting and packaging workshop:

1500 Tonnes (or 30 tonnes / week)
of products
received from companies
in the fruit and vegetable chain



#### 1200 Tonnes /year

of fruits and vegetables
(or 24 Tonnes / week)
distributed to nearly 40 Food bank
and Popular relief
and other private Associations
trhoughout the country

#### **2018 OUTCOMES/RESULTS**

Positive outcome: 14 (47%)
Sustainable job: 1(3%)
Transition job: 6 (20%)
Other outcome: 9 (30%)



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