

Reimagining education
for a future that values
humanity, life and the planet.



Every child deserves the opportunity to learn, grow, and contribute to a more peaceful world.

As division and conflict rise, we're committed to **making education the catalyst for preparing future generations to rise up to these challenges.**



Our mission

We develop **quality education** that **enhances learning**, **reduces violence**, and **fosters lasting peace**. Through innovative pedagogy, we transform academic teaching by integrating the development of students' relational, reflective, and problem-solving skills.

The 4 components of our innovative pedagogy

Teaching methods

For fostering interactive approaches that spark the active participation of all students.

Teaching postures

For adopting positive, empowering yet firm authority to build students' self-esteem and well-being.

Human values

For developing quality relationships with strong shared values such as humaneness, mutual consideration and empathy.

Experiential learning

Whereby students dialogue and collaborate as the means to learn academically all the while honing their full set of life skills together, ie their emotional, social, problem-solving and discernment competencies.



These components develop essential life skills: managing emotions, building healthy relationships, reflecting with discernment and resolving conflict creatively. They build upon **fundamental human values**, such as mutual respect and consideration, and social values, such as inclusion and fairness. Together, these skills and values **foster harmonious relationships, prevent violence and strengthen social cohesion**, both between individuals and within communities.



Implementing our pedagogy

We integrate these components into our interventions at **three complementary levels**:

Design

We produce innovative teaching tools to support teachers in their practice and enable students to learn in different ways.



Training

We train teachers and educators to adopt confidence-building teaching practices that enhance learning and reduce violence.



Awareness building

We engage parents and communities in replacing punitive discipline with fair practices and promoting equity between girls and boys.



Our expertise in building this transformation

We guarantee sustainable and effective educational solutions using a thorough approach based on years of experience and collaboration:

Our Theory of Change through education:

Responds to identified educational and societal challenges with programmatic activities for transforming behaviors, that produce measurable impacts in terms of school performance, girl consideration and violence prevention.

Rigorous impact assessment:

External evaluators measure our impacts and provide feedback for optimizing our interventions.

Holistic approach:

Our programs include students, teachers, parents, and communities, integrating the skills they need to mutually reinforce learning and violence prevention.

Cascade training:

We adopt a cost-effective model for teacher upskilling through a lean and adaptable framework.

Partnering with experts:

We collaborate with local and international specialists to ensure the highest quality of our programs.

Our impact

Our initiatives are designed to enable the following transformative, long-lasting changes:

- ▶ **Serene**, violence-free school climates
- ▶ **Improved academic performance** for boys and girls
- ▶ **Enhanced mental well-being** of students and teachers
- ▶ **Lowered drop-out rates**
- ▶ **Significantly reduced disciplinary**, psychological, and physical violence
- ▶ **Increased gender equity**.



Our beneficiaries



Children and youth develop emotional, social, reflective and academic skills, learn to prevent violence, adopt peace reflexes and can engage as agents of positive change when included and engaged.



Teachers create a dynamic, serene school climate that fosters learning through dialogue when trained in empowering teaching practices.



Trainers given innovative teaching and leadership methods are geared up to become ambassadors for change.



Parents with child-development awareness learn to strengthen their bonds of trust with their children, support their academic success and contribute to their personal development.



Communities mobilized around inclusive education for girls and broader violence prevention strengthen their cohesion and peacefulness.



The history of Graines de Paix

Driven by a strong conviction that education is the key to preventing violence and building a harmonious future, Delia Mamon founded Graines de Paix in Geneva in 2005. She began by defining the values and life skills required for a fulfilling education, capable of preventing impulsive acts of violence and strengthening peace.

Thanks to her innovative spirit, Delia Mamon encouraged the organization's education experts to develop fully recognized school resources and training courses founded on her conceptual work.



In 2020, Graines de Paix became a foundation, ensuring its lasting development.

What sets Graines de Paix apart from other NGOs is its ability to design transformative educational solutions, train very large teacher cohorts, and work closely with ministries and communities. Thanks to this threefold approach, the organization runs efficient projects that generate a strong and lasting impact on students, teachers, parents, and community members in its operating countries.

Our regions of intervention

Switzerland

Despite a renowned education system in Switzerland, many teachers face growing challenges, such as diverse classes, bored and demotivated students, and violence and bullying at school. These challenges affect all students and sometimes cause them to drop out. Our actions foster a dynamic and positive learning climate by supporting teachers with training, coaching and teaching resources.

Benin

Education in Benin faces significant challenges, including violent disciplinary beatings, obstacles to girls' enrolment and increasing insecurity in the north of the country. Our programs foster violence-free education, strengthen girl inclusion in class and home, and develop community resilience in the face of extremism and violence.

Cote d'Ivoire

In Cote d'Ivoire, violence in schools and tensions arising from migratory pressures are severely impacting the well-being of students and teachers. We are committed to transforming the educational landscape by addressing the root causes of school violence and providing targeted support to the most vulnerable regions.

Our programs

Growing Up in Peace: Focuses on developing human values and life skills for positive interactions and violence prevention in alignment with the Curriculum. Children aged 4 to 12 are provided with daily highly interactive classroom activities that hone these key skills while reinforcing their academic knowledge. The program supports teachers with activity-rich teaching guides, training and coaching.

Living Together in Harmony: Promotes academic performance and personal development in students aged 12 to 15 by strengthening their motivation to learn, sense of belonging and ability to live in harmony. Teachers optimize their teaching with collaborative activities, including some with music, that develop emotional intelligence and a full range of other life skills.

AdoGoZen: Guides young people aged 10 to 16 through fun, theater-based workshops that teach them how to deal with violence, overcome it and become agents of positive change.

Leon and his Emotions: Helps youngsters aged 4 to 12 develop their emotional intelligence through an interactive classroom exhibition and a family gamebook that facilitates meaningful exchanges between parents and children.

35 Workshops for Inclusive Schools: Fosters inclusivity among students aged 8 to 12. The program equips teachers with engaging activities and differentiated learning strategies that help students learn, embrace diversity, develop reciprocity and interact with consideration.

Learning in Peace, Educating without Violence: Is a major country program for transforming education through transforming the teaching postures and methods of trainers, teachers and parents. It serves to end disciplinary violence against children, foster belongingness and reduce dropout rates as key means for preventing violent extremism.

Better School for Girls: Boosts girl education by valuing their potential, encouraging equity and empowering educators, parents and communities to provide the same quality schooling to girls as to boys. It includes an inspiring film for triggering attitudinal changes towards girls' abilities and aspirations.

Preventing and Responding to Violence against Children: Protects children from violence in schools by identifying, reporting and supporting victims with the appropriate solutions.

In a world increasingly affected by conflict and violence, even within classrooms, **Graines de Paix is committed to driving lasting behavioral changes through education.** Because it is fully convinced that education is the cornerstone of peace in society, the Foundation redefines the ways of teaching to better achieve school success, child development and the necessary skills for a better future.

We aspire to equip youth with the abilities to think, act, interact and develop their full potential.

Join us in building a world where each child is equipped to overcome today's challenges and contribute to a better world.



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