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Lea is Managing Partner at LEPAG-BOYAMA SARL, a company created by three young Congolese partners living in the town of Kisangani in the Democratic Republic of Congo. The company was founded in 2019 with a share capital of FC1000000 equivalent to \$500. For the past four years they have been processing agricultural and livestock products.

The company has three flagship products: the production of flour for infant porridge using local products (maize, soya and caterpillar flour) that are easily found in the Isangi and Yangambi areas of the province. Secondly, they transform pineapple fruit into juice, which is mixed with other ingredients such as ginger and papaya. Thirdly, the company also sells eggs.

Among the strategies developed by the company to sell their products, they work in partnership with other organisations, notably primary and secondary schools, restaurant owners, nunneries and priests, as well as orphanages and households living in peri-urban areas. LEPAG-Boyama is part of a network called Mutuelles des Jeunes Entrepreneurs, which provides a framework for exchanging best practice in entrepreneurship in the Congolese context, as well as financial support through the AVEC (Association Villageoise d'Epargne et de Crédit) system.



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