



RAPUNZEL One World Organic Foundation promotes the first projects

The foundation supports organic seed breeding, soil fertility and social projects both regionally and worldwide

Legau, 22nd December 2022 – After the RAPUNZEL One World Organic Foundation began its work in autumn 2022, it supports organic farming and social initiatives with around 125,000 euros in December. The foundation focuses on three main areas: the development of organic seeds, soil fertility and social projects to support women, children and marginalized groups, particularly in countries in the Global South.

The development of organic seeds is a key focus of the funding program. This makes a significant contribution to a sustainable world: it guarantees crop diversity, is true-to-seed and therefore reproducible, and is independent of corporations and genetic engineering. This is why the RAPUNZEL One World Organic Foundation supports the development of organic tomato seeds by Sativa Rheinau and organic durum wheat by Getreidezüchtung Peter Kunz and the Italian foundation Seminare il Futuro, among others.

A world suitable for grandchildren requires not only organic seeds, but also fertile soils. Worldwide soil degeneration is one of the most pressing challenges of our time, and the preservation and promotion of fertile soils is therefore a global task. The RAPUNZEL One World Organic Foundation is supporting the Bioland Foundation's BODEN.BILDEN initiative with 10,000 euros to train people working in agriculture and teach them practical methods.

The foundation disburses around 80,000 euros to social and eco-social projects in Africa, Asia and Latin America. For example, it is supporting a women's project by the Ugandan self-help group GWEFODE for safe access to drinking water in Uganda and a secondary school for girls in Kenya. 'Supporting women and girls in Africa is particularly important to us. After all, they are the future of the continent,' explains Margarethe Epple, Deputy Chairman of the Foundation's Executive Board.

One example of other support in the Global South is the grassroots organization Timbaktu Collective, which is developing regional marketing opportunities for organic vegetables in southern India. Or the commitment of Life-giving Forest e.V. in the Philippines - it combines forest conservation, organic farming, inclusion and human rights.

The foundation also supports educational projects in its own region: Five forest kindergartens in the Allgäu region will each receive 1,500 euros as a Christmas donation.

About the foundation

The RAPUNZEL One World Organic Foundation is committed to strengthening organic agriculture, social initiatives - not least in countries of the Global South - as well as health education and nutrition counselling. The foundation sees itself as a consistent further development of the ecological and social commitment of Rapunzel Naturkost GmbH. The organic food pioneer provides the foundation with almost 1 million euros annually, plus additional donations.

More information about the foundation can be found at www.rapunzelbiostiftung.de/en.

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