

TwoWings Activity Report 2021

# **TwoWings Private Foundation**

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#### A. FUNDAMENTALS AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF TWOWINGS

Unleashing the potential of people is the foundation for all sustainable development. The philosophy of TwoWings is to shape the future through education. This philosophy inspires all projects that TwoWings supports worldwide. Our goal is to enable the people in these projects to lead self-determined lives. The projects supported by TwoWings place importance on sustainable knowledge transfer, which is intended to motivate people to improve their situation with the available resources. We are convinced that education is the key to sustainable development.

## **TwoWings Guiding Principles**

"The world of humanity is possessed of two wings: the male and the female. So long as these two wings are not equivalent in strength, the bird will not fly."

"Regard man as a mine rich in gems of inestimable value. Education can, alone, cause it to reveal its treasures, and enable mankind to benefit therefrom."

## **Equal Partnerships**

In development cooperation, the population of the southern hemisphere is not regarded as passive recipients. In fact, cooperation with local partners is characterized by effective consultation and mutual respect.

## **Avoiding Preconceived Solutions**

Development should not be a process of imitating the so-called "developed" countries. A project depends on jointly defining goals and ensuring their achievement with flexible concepts. The project's participants are supported in finding their own creative solutions to current problems and applying them.

#### **Releasing Potential**

The selected projects do not focus on the deficits that need to be overcome, but rather on the potentials and resources that can be promoted and developed.

## **Sustainability**

The focus of each project is on the sustainability and its impact on the participants and the affected population groups. TwoWings promotes projects with long-term perspectives that benefit the respective community as a whole.

#### **Openness as a Motto**

TwoWings is a non-partisan and non-denominational organization. The projects it supports are open to people of all races, ethnicities, and religions, without any restrictions in this regard.

## **Working Method**

TwoWings relies on volunteers and strives to avoid cost-driving bureaucracy in all working areas, as far as possible. The organization's effectiveness is enabled by its many competent staff members and volunteers who handle donations. To ensure a solid documentation of our work, TwoWings is audited by a.m. Wirtschaftstreuhand GmbH.

## **B. AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY AND DUTIES**

Internally, the organization is composed of 3 organs, the Foundation Board, the Advisory Board, and the Foundation Auditor.

#### **ADVISORY BOARD**

- The Advisory Board is responsible for determining the distribution of the agendas in the Board of Directors of the Foundation, issuing rules of procedure, and deciding on amendments to the Rules of Procedure.
- The auditor of the foundation is appointed by the court on the proposal of the Advisory Board for a period of one year. The proposal for the appointment is made annually in a meeting of the Advisory Board.
- The North-South Advisory Board of TwoWings consists of a total of 8 members, divided into two sections. The first section consists of four representatives from the northern hemisphere, while the second section is occupied by representatives from the southern hemisphere.

This procedure ensures that funding applications are not decided solely based on southern interests, as decisions are made by consensus of the entire Advisory Board. In this way, the basic idea of balanced cooperation between the "North" and "South" is taken into account. It also ensures that local needs are met through well-designed projects.

## **FOUNDATION BOARD**

- The foundation board manages the foundation's assets, represents the foundation in court and out of court and ensures that the foundation's purpose is fulfilled.
- The foundation is represented jointly by two members of the foundation board.
- The Board of Management shall perform its duties economically and with the diligence of a prudent businessman.
- The Board of Trustees shall prepare the annual financial statements for the past financial year.

#### **FOUNDATION AUDITOR**

- The foundation auditor shall audit the annual financial statements, including the accounting and the management report of the foundation.
- The foundation auditor shall report annually to the Board of Management, the Advisory Board and the founder on the results of the audit.

Dipl.-Kff. Dr. Sarvenas Enayati has been appointed as the person responsible for funding activities. The main task of this role is to ensure the fairness of advertising activities in accordance with Section 7 of the Rules of Procedure. This ensures that advertising is fair and that fundraising is conducted with an ethical approach.Ms. Manuela Dorn has been appointed as the data protection officer. The main task of the data protection officer is to ensure compliance with the provisions of the Data Protection Act, to monitor their implementation, and to perform advisory duties.

## **Review of the year 2021**

## Project: Strengthening local food systems in northern Cauca.

The current one-year project is located in the rural area of the municipality of Puerto Tejada, Cauca, Colombia, on the grounds of the University Center for Rural Wellbeing. In response to the unfavorable social and economic conditions caused by the pandemic, the project focused on converting 2 hectares of land into more productive plots, where a variety of crops were grown and organic fertilizers were produced. These efforts contributed to a healthier and more nutritious diet for the families involved in the project. Furthermore, a food marketing network was established for 70 families, and the lessons learned and progress made in the project were systematized and disseminated.

## The implementation of the project achieved the following:

- The project involved planting two hectares of land with plantain plants, banana plants, lemon trees, orange trees, tangerine trees, casava, and pumpkin plants to diversify crops.
- Two compost bins were built, and 92 bags of bokashi were used as organic fertilizer to improve the soil on the two hectares of land.
- An organic food marketing network has been established, benefiting 70 regular users per month.
- Findings and challenges were systematized in digital files. Additionally, four workshops were held, and five bulletins were produced for the general public.
- The products harvested and marketed during the year were well received by the current 70 users. The taste and quality of the foods were appreciated by consumers, and this encouraged more potential

users. Most of the promotion of organic foods was through conversations with friends and family. A simple order form was sent to them via WhatsApp every week on Monday and Tuesday; people placed their orders on Wednesday, harvesting took place on Thursday, and most orders were delivered on Friday.

- The workshops had a positive impact on people and contributed to raising awareness about issues such as the dignity of farmers, food security and sovereignty, and the importance of strengthening local economies through productive family initiatives.
- Discussions will continue to learn together about self-sufficiency in food and the projects carried out in different places.

#### 3. PROMOTION OF YOUTH WORK LOCALLY AND TRAINING PROJECTS WORLDWIDE

## **TwoWings Golf Cup Series**

Playing golf and supporting a good cause at the same time is the motto of the tournament series "Swing with your Heart". This TwoWings Golf Cup is a series for the promotion of young talents and to support sustainable education projects in disadvantaged regions of the world. Despite challenges due to the pandemic, some tournaments were held to raise funds for TwoWings.

#### 4. EDUCATION WORK IN AUSTRIA

No educational work was carried out in Austria in 2021.

#### **5. PREVIEW OF THE YEAR 2022**

The FUNDAEC organization will continue to receive support in 2022, with the goal of promoting comprehensive community development through the beautification of the neighborhood and the creation of solidarity groups, as well as a seed fund for residents of Cali's Municipalities 18 and 20. The following objectives have been identified:

Objective 1: Promote 40 new productive community initiatives through financial support and technical assistance to 125 existing initiatives.

Objective 2: Design and conduct three theoretical-practical workshops for the community on the following topics: i) leadership, ii) health, and iii) organic fertilizer, as well as conducting educational sessions with participants.

Objective 3: Strengthen the systematization of experiences by incorporating audiovisual content in coordination with the Créalo Foundation.

Objective 4: Strengthen the Neighborhood Development Fund in communities 18 and 20.

Objective 5: Promote the cultivation of associated agricultural crops on the demonstration plots of the University Center for Rural Wellbeing - CUBR.