

# Join us in healing the planet through agriculture!

The Biodynamic Federation Demeter International, in collaboration with GLS Future Foundation, works to spread biodynamic farming further across the globe through capacity building projects and programmes

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Biodynamic farming is the oldest form of organic agriculture. It has been practiced and developed by farmers around the globe for 100 years. The methods they developed and refined deliver many benefits to humans and the environment: biodynamic farming protects and heals agricultural soils; preserves water; enriches biodiversity; produces food that supports human health and builds strong farming communities.

The practice of biodynamic farming is very knowledge-intensive: How to best nurture your soil with your farm's own resources? How to protect your plants from pests and diseases through natural means – such as crop rotation – instead of synthetic pesticides? How to grow food of the highest quality and vitality? How to develop your farm into an organism in which all organs mutually support one another? All these aspects require deep insights into nature's rhythms and interrelations.

Together with our national members associations, we support farmers in acquiring, developing and sharing this knowledge – from and with one another. We reinforce farmers' capacity building and support their organizations who work towards self-empowerment. Our aim is to build a global Biodynamic Learning Community – that will help spread, develop and strengthen the biodynamic approach and thereby contribute to healing the planet through agriculture.

We do this through a variety of means and projects across the globe – that we support together with GLS Future Foundation:

In **Latin America**, biodynamic agriculture has been known for decades, but has only been practiced by a few farms scattered across the continent. To support the growth of biodynamics across the region, a train-the-trainer network has been developed since 2020. Networks of mutual cooperation and learning have strengthened local groups of trainers in several countries such as Mexico or Argentina, leading to a significant increase in the number of biodynamic farms across the continent.

In **sub-Saharan Africa**, biodynamics resonates strongly with the ancestral cosmologies and traditional indigenous practices of the local communities. It is a unique opportunity not only for them to strengthen their communities, but also for the biodynamic movement to develop and grow in harmony with local traditional cultures. We are supporting the development of biodynamics in the region by training local multipliers and strengthening local associations, such as the Indigenous Biodynamic Association of Africa.

Interest in biodynamics is growing across the **Asian continent**. However, only a limited number of experienced local advisors can train farmers in biodynamic farming. In collaboration with local biodynamic associations in Malaysia, India, Sri Lanka and China, we

have supported a pioneering training programme for biodynamic advisors with participants from various countries in the region. The programme aims to empower a new generation of multipliers, strongly rooted in local cultures, who can support the development of biodynamics throughout the Asian region. It is a programme that we hope to replicate in other regions of the Global South to continue building local capacity in the movement.

All around the globe, we also support farmers in developing local markets for their produce. This includes developing locally driven, low-cost alternatives to certification, raising awareness for the high quality of biodynamic produce and participation at local fairs. By increasing the visibility of biodynamic and Demeter quality and building local markets for these, we empower farmers and help build resilient communities.

You can **support our work with your donation to heal the planet through agriculture!**

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