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Biovision Foundation for ecological development
A future for all, naturally

“A world with enough healthy nutrition for all, produced by healthy people in a healthy environment: That is my vision for a better world. It also forms the aspiration underlying the work of the Biovision Foundation and its projects in Africa.”

Dr. Hans Rudolf Herren
Recipient of the Alternative Nobel Prize, Founder of Biovision

Who we are

Biovision was founded in 1998 by Dr. Hans Rudolf Herren, a Swiss national and recipient of the Right Livelihood Award 2013 (also known as the Alternative Nobel Prize). Biovision’s aim is to bring about sustainable improvements in the life of people in Africa whilst conserving the environment as the basis for all life. In 2015, Biovision supported over 20 projects internationally and in Switzerland. It spent a total of around 8 million Swiss francs in fighting hunger and poverty.

The Foundation – with its registered office in Zurich – is a charitable organisation regulated by the Swiss authority responsible for foundations and is ZEWO-certified.

How we work

Biovision pursues a holistic «4H + i» approach, both for projects in Switzerland and in East Africa. This approach is based on the conviction that sustainable development is only possible if humans, animals, plants and the environment are equally «HEALTHY». The «i» stands for information and relates equally to the dissemination of practical knowledge to local communities and the need to raise awareness amongst politicians of the importance of creating the right framework.

Biovision calls for sustainability in both the North and the South. The cross-cutting themes of participation, gender equality and income generation underlie all its projects. These range from grassroots projects with small-scale farmers in East Africa, national and international political advocacy to raising awareness amongst consumers in Switzerland.

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**INFORMATION PROJECTS**

**Political advocacy.**

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**DISSEMINATION OF PRACTICAL KNOWLEDGE**

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**FOREST SCHOOL MPIGI**

This project aims to reduce deforestation in selected areas (see «Stop DDT»). It campaigns internationally and nationally within affected countries for the use of sustainable, proven alternatives (see «Stop Malaria»).

**Integrated Vector Management (IVM)**

Integrated Vector Management (IVM) is used to reduce the number of disease-carrying mosquitoes, thereby tackling the root of the problem and significantly reducing the incidence of malaria. When chemical methods are used to combat malaria, mosquitoes develop a resistance to the insecticides harmful to both humans and the environment. It campaigns internationally and nationally within affected countries for the use of sustainable, proven alternatives (see «Stop Malaria»).

**Stop DDT**

Stop DDT is a scientific method that reduces arthropod and pest (biological) populations. Domestication is based on the premise that in a variety of natural and semi-natural ecosystems such as rice fields, populations are reduced either by emitting odour traps and using other practical training courses. (see «Stop Malaria»).

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**Reviving Traditional Knowledge**

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**Long-term Systems Comparison**

This long-term project seeks to compare conventional and organic agriculture in the same area. The results of the comparison indicate that organic farming can be made to improve food security and poverty eradication. It is part of the global study coordinated by FiBL, the Research Institute of Organic Agriculture.

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**HEALTHY PLANTS**

**HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT**

Intact forests and ecosystems are crucial for biodiversity, local climate regulation, water balance and ultimately for the livelihood of local communities. To protect such forests from conversion, the local population must become aware of their value and determine non-extractive uses. Organisations are being introduced through the network of community based forest management and local resident participation in forest management. This introduction of the network of community based forest management and local resident participation in forest management.

**HEALTHY ANIMALS**

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**Safeguarding Forests and Biodiversity**

Together with local farmers in order to enable a sustainable use of wood and other forest products, the project documents the knowledge, motivations and discourses on issues relating to organic farming. The project is helping three African countries to develop their forest-related industries.

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