



**HUMAN
RIGHTS
ORGANIC
COTTON**



PROMOTING INFRASTRUCTURE

The bioRe® Foundation promotes the development of infrastructure in India and Tanzania to support basic human rights in the areas of education, health, agriculture and livelihood security.

EDUCATION MEANS A FUTURE

Since 2006, the bioRe® Foundation has supported animation schools for underprivileged children who have no access to education. At present, there are 22 animation schools which are attended by around 1,000 children. The first priority is not to build a school but to facilitate tuition. The bioRe® Foundation is now setting up three secondary schools which are certified by the Indian government. Apart from a basic education, these unique campuses offer vocational training with local relevance and also promote community-building.

HEALTH

The availability of medical care is critical in rural areas. The bioRe® Foundation therefore supports a doctors' surgery on wheels in the form of a mobile health unit which has provided medical treatment to over 40,000 patients since 2006. In Tanzania, the bioRe® Foundation provides access to clean drinking water and has greatly improved the supply of water by constructing 60 wells and 20 water tanks.

AGRICULTURE

The bioRe® Foundation offers farmers interest-free credit for infrastructural purposes so that they can implement their own projects such as building a biogas plant or an efficient cooking stove. The construction of these systems improves the living conditions of these farming families while simultaneously offsetting the CO₂ emissions resulting from the production of bioRe® cotton textiles.

LIVELIHOOD SECURITY

The bioRe® Foundation supports livelihood security projects. In the Aavran project in rural India, for example, groups of women spin and weave scarves by hand. A new silk project is generating income from the proceeds of breeding silk worms and cocoons. In Tanzania, three groups of women have pulled together to generate their own income by selling handmade cotton bags and textiles.





PROMOTING ORGANIC AGRICULTURE

Organic cotton production requires the careful provision of training and support to farmers as well as continuous investment in research. The bioRe® Foundation promotes both these approaches at the sites of the bioRe® businesses in India and Tanzania. With this commitment, the bioRe® Foundation seeks to secure the human right of an intact environment.

BIORE® TRAINING CENTRES

It is at the bioRe® Training Centres in India and Tanzania that the farmers receive their basic training. Since the founding of these centres in 2005, they have developed into regional centres of excellence for organic agriculture and are even sought out by farmers from other regions wishing to obtain training.

KNOWLEDGE EXCHANGE RIGHT ON THE FIELD

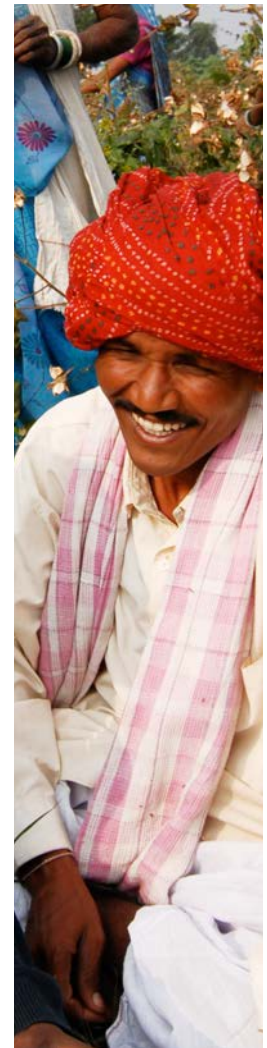
Selected farms serve as Farmer Field Schools. The bioRe® team works with the farmers right in the village in order to determine the best ecological methods to promote soil quality and deal with pests.

LONG-TERM SYSTEM COMPARISON

In 2007, bioRe® launched a 10-year system comparison in India together with the Swiss Research Institute of Organic Agriculture (FiBL). Four locally practised agricultural systems, namely biodynamic, organic and conventional farming and the production of genetically modified cotton are being studied. The field trial offers clear insights which are shared with the farming community.

COTTON SEEDS FOR ORGANIC FARMING

One main focus of the bioRe® Foundation is to evaluate cotton seeds. The aim of the seed project is to be able to provide farmers with high-quality organic, and thus non-genetically modified, seed to secure the farmers' right to save their own seed and to support their independence. More than 90% of Indian cotton is currently genetically modified.



BECOME A CORPORATE PATRON OF FRIENDS OF THE BIORE® FOUNDATION

Your contribution will support the bioRe® Foundation's social projects in India and Tanzania. As a corporate patron of Friends of the bioRe® Foundation, you will receive regular newsletters and have the opportunity to meet the foundation's project leaders at an annual gathering.

We are grateful for every donation. With a contribution of CHF 5,000 or more, your company can become a corporate patron of Friends of the bioRe® Foundation and support the sustainable development of our social projects in India and Tanzania.

THE BIORE® FOUNDATION

The bioRe® Foundation has been investing in the sustainable advancement of living conditions for farming families in India and Tanzania since 1997. The main areas of focus are organic cotton farming as a sustainable source of income as well as health, education and livelihood security. The social projects are locally implemented by partner organizations of the bioRe® Foundation. These are bioRe® Association India, bioRe® India Ltd., bioRe® Foundation Tanzania and bioRe® Tanzania Ltd. The businesses bioRe® India Ltd. and bioRe® Tanzania Ltd. form the starting point of the unique bioRe® supply chain. They work directly with the farmers who produce the high-grade bioRe® cotton.

For further information about the bioRe® Foundation and its social projects, please visit

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