

PROJECT INFORMATION



NIGERIA: FOOD AND LIVELIHOOD SECURITY

Help Nigeria's rural population to escape poverty and a lack of prospects – with sustainable agriculture and vocational training.

The supply situation in the northeast of Nigeria is a precarious one. In addition to the poor economic situation and environmental issues, the terrorist threat posed by the jihadist militia Boko Haram has aggravated the situation for the population.

Nigeria is rich in natural resources. However, these are often not used sustainably and are distributed unequally. The rural population in the northeast of the country, whose development has been neglected for decades by the state, is particularly disadvantaged. Climate change and years of overexploitation of natural resources are hitting the people there particularly hard.

Exodus and displacement

On top of all this comes the continuing violence perpetrated by the jihadist militia Boko Haram. The ongoing conflict has led to one of the biggest humanitarian crises in the world. Roughly two million people are on the run. Hundreds of thousands of families have left their fields fallow, massively aggravating the supply situation in the region.

Where the situation allows, the Basel Mission German Branch attempts to counter these developments, working alongside Mission 21 and the local partner church – the Church of the Brethren in Nigeria (EYN).

Organic agriculture training

The sustainable use of natural resources plays a central role in improving economic living conditions for the rural population in northeast Nigeria. Organic agriculture is the alternative to industrial methods of cultivation and secures work in rural areas. Training courses teach peasant farmers the basic principles of organic farming, such as how to preserve soil fertility and the cycle between soil, plant, animal and human.

Another focus is on training women and young people who, as internally displaced persons, are forced to build a new life at their place of refuge. They receive access to vocational training, such as courses in tailoring, metal and upholstery work, computer training, and business basics. Participants can then receive start-up assistance in the form of seed capital and work material. Mutual support is strengthened by forming practical self-help groups. Here, participants exchange information and experiences, and learn from and with each other.

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