

KAITE-ZIMBABWE e.V.

Ländliche Entwicklung

For more than 16 years,

KAITE Zimbabwe e.V., together with

its local partner, the Fairtrade Support

Network Zimbabwe (FSNZ), has been supporting
the practice and techniques of sustainable agriculture.

From the very beginning, our activities also included the operation of an orphan drop-in center in Kambuzuma (Harare). The organic garden at the Drop-In Center is the link between the two activities. Here we not only teach sustainable gardening, but also harvest, cook and play.

This link is important to us and we want to strengthen it further. Despite very high youth unemployment in Zimbabwe, hardly any young people want to pursue a career in agriculture. This is worrying, as many people in Zimbabwe are unable to find jobs in the big cities. At the same time, dearly innovations to adapt agriculture to climate change are mainly coming from younger farmers.

And finally, hunger is a widespread problem in Zimbabwe.







To solve this problem, we want to make careers in the agricultural sector more attractive again for young people. We are planning a Future Farm Challenge, Together with our partners, the trainers from the Organic Farming Academy and the Archdiocese of Harare, which runs schools in Zimbabwe, we can get started right away. We are working with schools to reach young people and get them excited about climate-friendly agriculture. The initiative builds on school-based practical projects in the Zimbabwean curriculum as part of vocational training with a focus on climate-friendly agriculture. Students are organized in groups of "Future Farmers", with each group taking responsibility for specific tasks in school-based projects. A diverse range of crops are selected according to the season, including herbs. spices, grains, fruit trees and pulses, to promote biodiversity, ecological resilience and healthy eating. At the end of the season, the participating children and young people present and sell the results of their school farms at an open day. Prizes are awarded to the best groups.

> Our team can draw on successes in other countries (Ghana, Kenya) for planning and implementation.



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The aim is to arouse the interest of a large number of children and young people in climate-friendly agriculture, to show them the added value of working in the agricultural sector and to involve them profitably in the value chain for agricultural products through good training, as well as to strengthen the communities and make them responsible for the future of their children and for a secure income.

By taking technological, environmental and economic aspects into account, we ensure that farmers are not just farmers, but stewards of a sustainable and thriving agricultural sector. By investing in the education and empowerment of future farmers, we are laying the foundations for a resilient, innovative and food secure future. In the first year, our school farm project will start with 2-3 schools as a pilot. After evaluating the pilot, we aim to grow and eventually develop the project into a nationwide sustainable school farm competition.

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