

Honey Production for and with Indigene GUARANI

Announcement and successful start of funding: March 2016

Project description: Guarani are native South-Americans that once belonged to the biggest ethnic group in Latin America. These days, about 4,000 – 5,000 Indigenes live in the province Misiones in Argentina.

By the tropical and subtropical deforestation the Guanrani completely lost their living environment, their related culture and traditions. Deracinated like that they are living without orientation or future prospects, without own territory, without water supply and without sufficient health care. The elder people even do not possess any personal documents. The very few public schools are widely spread.

The aim of the project "Honey Production for and with Indigene GUARANI" is to give these people the chance to take also financial advantages out of the honey production and trade. The beekeeping and collection of honey in cooperation with local peasants shall enable the indigenes to gain additional income for their families. That will help to increase their standard of living and improve or even enable the education of their children and/or grandchildren.

A bee colony with a big wooden bee hive, manufactured in an own carpentry, costs 100 Euro. The **GESINAS**-Foundation in cooperation with **ImmunoTools** GmbH is involved in the regular support if it is possible to find one or more donors for the acquisition of the bee colony with a bee hive.



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Purpose: Bee Colonies for GUARANI

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In cooperation with the **GESINAS**-Foundation and the support of **ImmunoTools** GmbH our partner "Guarani-Hilfe e.V." will take care that the indigene GUARANI will be involved in this project according to their interests and abilities. Beekeeping includes the construction and installation of the wooden bee hives, the intensive care of the colonies during the year, the collecting of the honey as well as the trade with honey. The GUARANI have the possibility to be trained as beekeepers.

The beekeeping also gives the indigenes and the local peasants the chance to get a better understanding for each other and to improve their relationship.

A "house of honey" with a capacity for the production of honey out of 2000 colonies has already been built by the Guarani-Hilfe e.V. according to the valid food law. At the moment there are 70 colonies of bees. We need your help to be able to acquire more colonies so that more families can benefit.



The first 100 EUR for this project were already donated shortly after its announcement. We and the GUARANI thank very much for this generous donation.

About our partner: Guarani-Hilfe has been set up by Hiltrud Hartmann in 1985, because the native South-Americans lived and even still live in severe poverty. In 2000 Dr. Herbert Hartmann and his wife Hiltrud, both teacher at the "Goetheschule" in Buenos Aires from 1985- 1991, founded the non -profit and charitable organisation **Guarani-Hilfe e.V.** after 15 years of private development assistance. The goal of this organisation is the sustainable help for the Guarani to help themselves to a better living standard which can only be improved by education and professional training of the young generation.

Guarani Hilfe e.V. builds, equips and runs kindergardens, pre-schools and primary schools for those kids who have no possibility to attend a public school. About 1000 Guarani children have already been alphabetized. Schools, sanitary facilities, school kitchens etc. have been constructed in 9 Guarani villages. The children get 2 meals a day and medical treatment if necessary. The Guarani-Hilfe organizes the teacher-training of the native teachers and provides their income every month. A medical ward has been built at Picada Chafariz, because the Guarani are treated insufficiently in public hospitals.

The Guarani-Hilfe has been supported by the **GESINAS**-Foundation and the **ImmunoTools GmbH** since 2014.

The help for self-help by the production and trade of honey shall be a role model with the goal to establish it worldwide. We want to report about this model and its positive feedback to the tribes in the mountains of the northern part of Thailand and in Nepal to encourage them to realize similar projects over there.

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