



YOU CAN MAKE A DIFFERENCE

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People in the diaspora can contribute to positive change and make a real difference in their countries of origin. Their qualifications, language skills and networks, their experiences in the diaspora as well as their knowledge of the local circumstances and needs in their countries of origin are valuable resources for sustainable development.

We support this great diaspora potential.

Are you looking to make a difference –
for yourself and your country of origin?

THEN JOIN OUR NETWORK!



Diaspora Experts

Diaspora experts are qualified individuals who want to support their country of origin through a short-term volunteer assignment. We cover the costs of the assignment and help find a suitable organisation looking for international expertise.

Paola Tamayo lives in Germany and works as a journalist and educational consultant. Her assignment as a diaspora expert took her back to her country of origin, **Colombia**. There, she supported a non-governmental organisation founded by eco-feminists to make their work more visible.



"Ethnic minorities and women are exposed to many forms of violence in Colombia. Through my work as a diaspora expert, I have helped Colombian women to help themselves. I can't think of a more effective way to support people in their development."

Paola Tamayo



Diaspora Organisations

We advise diaspora organisations on how to transform project ideas into impactful projects. We also provide financial support to ensure the successful implementation of these projects.

The Albanian Medical Federation for Europe (AMFE) is home to a wide range of Albanian healthcare specialists who have emigrated to Germany but continue to care for the health of their compatriots back in Albania. Cancer education, prevention and treatment are at the heart of AMFE's activities.

"I feel a deep responsibility to set a positive example and inspire this young generation, who continue to face the same challenges I encountered during my medical studies in Albania. Engaging with Albania from a distance through a diaspora organisation allows us to contribute to our homeland's well-being in the best way we can."

Dr med. Aurora Dollenberg





Diaspora Entrepreneurs

Our initiative 'Business Ideas for Development' assists members of the diaspora in refining their business ideas and launching successful enterprises in their countries of origin.

Through his start-up 'Ecopreneur Brothers' diaspora entrepreneur **Dr Phungmayo Horam** empowers beekeepers in Northeast India to access new markets beyond their local reach. This helps beekeepers to receive a fair compensation for their valuable product and to protect biodiversity in one of India's most biodiverse regions.

"What fascinates me is that honey is not just honey. Beekeeping is not only a vital source for community livelihoods in Northeast India, but also a crucial means for biodiversity and forest preservation, as bees play a vital role in pollination and ecosystem health."

Dr Phungmayo Horam





Diaspora Networks

We strengthen networks among diaspora actors and promote dialogue between state actors and their diaspora communities.

In 2024, we supported an exchange between the **Cameroonian** and **Tunisian** diasporas. The workshop encouraged innovative approaches and explored avenues for collaboration in health, investment, and digitalisation.



"Through the networking opportunities provided by GIZ I've found a community of like-minded individuals with a shared vision for development. These interactions have sparked new ideas for all of us and opened doors to partnerships that will undoubtedly help us in our respective missions."

Achraf Aouadi
Co-Founder, WildyNess



"This event was a great eye-opener for me. I learned how Tunisians manage to bring new investors and modern industries to their country. And how they inspire their employers in Germany to get involved in their projects back home. So, we tried the same thing for Mapubi and found out: It works!"

Olivia Davis Mbou
Founder, Mapubi

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