

LAYING A FOUNDATION FOR THE FUTURE

POPULATION OF CHAD STILL BENEFITS FROM THE IMPULSE OF A COMPLETED PROJECT

According to a report from the United Nations, the Republic of Chad is placed at the eleventh position concerning the least developed nations of the world. The population on average has to cope with an amount of less than 3 USD a day, 73% of the population have no access to clean drinking water. The adult alphabetisation rate amounts to 53% for men and only 36% for women. A project gives hope.

Education for a better life

APRODEPIT, association for the promotion and development of pisciculture, was a recognized non-governmental organisation with its seat in Sarh, a city at the Chari River in the south of the country. The paramount goal was education to improve the general living conditions.

Ecology as Basis

After the fish population was reduced drastically in the region and there were nearly no fish in the Chari River anymore, an important basis for living was lost to an essential part of the population. The reason for this catastrophe was to be found mainly in the lack of knowledge of the fishers about the ecological prerequisites for the preservation of the fish population. Inadmissible fishing practices where close-meshed nets and even dynamite were being used signified the end of the fish population. The water surface sank, the fish nearly became extinct. There was an urgent call for action, in order to save the life in the river.

Nature and population benefit

Kosse Malle (), the founder of the organisation, started with pisciculture in Bongor in 1980. He wanted to utilize his knowledge which he acquired in a particular pisciculture-education in a project. With the help of a co-worker he first dug up two ponds. Here approximately 3000 Tilapia were bred. This fish grows very quickly and multiplies rapidly. Success proved him right. Together with 11 other families APRODEPIT was established. Additionally to the fish-breeding they specialized in fish preservation through desiccating and curing as well.

Great potential



The organization started a tutorial for the training of pisciculture entrepreneurs. This rescued the fish-population in the region. On site new technologies were applied and secured fish-zones were decided upon. The people took part in the projects and learned the necessary expertise concerning fish-breeding and the commercial exploitation of the catch. In the meantime 143 groups are already working in the region of Sarh, 98 male and 45 female groups.

Sustainability in many fields

The organization has laid important foundations for other areas. Wood clearing, wildlife protection, improvement of school education and cessation of the discrimination of women shifted more and more into the centre of interest. A school and own alphabetisation classes were called into being. Now it is up to the population of Chad to follow the traces of APRODEPIT into a prosperous future.