

## Project India

Project India (CHF 50,000)

Sustainable agriculture provides security for small farmers

### Introduction

The Vidarbha region in the north-east of Maharashtra is one of the most backward regions in India. Many people suffer from malnutrition and die. The Green Revolution has drastically changed agriculture. The changes have done more harm than good to the small farmers. Excessive use of synthetic fertilisers and pesticides has contributed to an escalation of input costs, and overuse of the soil has reduced the yield. Many small farmers are disappointed at the neglected promises of the agricultural companies. In this desperate situation – highly indebted and unable to support their families – many farmers commit suicide.

**„The small farmers will be trained in sustainable agriculture“**

### Activities

In this region SWISSAID supports Self-Help Groups and villages by introducing sustainable alternatives to chemical agriculture which are adapted to the local needs. The small farmers will be trained in sustainable agriculture and accompanied with the implementation. They will learn to sell their organic products and to expand the plant diversity thanks to seed banks. Additionally, credit cooperatives will be established providing credits at reasonable interest rates. All activities are exactly planned and will be carried out by local organisations and farmer cooperatives. For the farmers' training, several model farms will be established in the region.

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### Facts & Figures

**Country:** India

**Region:** Vidarbha in the north-east of Maharashtra (near Pune and Mumbai)

**Project:** Agriculture project for sustainable cultivation and self-sufficiency

**Benefiting people:**  
About 1,500 families  
About 10,000 people

**Project cost:** CHF 50,000

**Project number:** IN 2618

### Expected Results

1,500 small farmers and their families in 33 villages will cultivate their fields organically and sustainably. They will no longer depend on expensive synthetic fertilizers and pesticides and will again be able to support their families and themselves. With small kitchen and school gardens, the food supply will be complemented. In this phase, 40 new cooperatives with more than 700 members will be founded in the region. The people will find a promising way into a better future.



# CLIENT SYSTEMS

## 10th Anniversary of CLIENT SYSTEMS AG

2008 Client Systems AG is celebrating its 10th anniversary. In the anniversary year, the well established IT company, which has made a name for itself with its fast and competent service in the Swiss hotel industry, would like to share in its success by launching the “cycle for water 2008” project.

In April 1998, Client Systems AG was founded by the present director Hans Hänni in Berne. As a provider of computer networks, we are specialised in installing and maintaining complete computing systems in the hotel industry. In this area, we have become one of the leading IT service providers over the last 10 years. Moreover, there are also companies of other business areas which trust in Client System's competent and firsthand service.

### Client Focus

Our service includes the installation and maintenance of complete networks, security components as well as mail and web hosting. Based in Münsingen, we are close to our clients and can be quickly on the ground. Via remote maintenance and telephone support we can be reached 24 hours a day.

### “Fünfliber” Project

By means of our “Fünfliber” project (five Swiss francs of

### “cycle for water 2008”

Nowadays it cannot be taken as a matter of course to successful-



**„We have therefore launched the “cycle for water 2008” project“**

every invoiced working hour are do-nated), we have been implementing since 2001 humanitarian projects in West Africa and South America in collaboration with SWISSAID, a renowned Swiss NGO. Thus, money of the high-tech business is used to finance vital projects in developing countries.

ly establish a small enter-prise. It is mainly our outstanding staff and our loyal and long-standing clients who have made this possible. Our daily and often unremitting commitment has paid off, and we would like to pass on a little bit of this success in our anniversary year. We have therefore launched the “cycle for water 2008” project. Together with you, we would like to make the life of about 20,000 people in West Africa and India a little bit easier and more comfortable.



# cycle for water 2008

## “cycle for water 2008”

(Hans Hännny, director of Client Systems AG)

For a fairly long time, we have been thinking about doing something special in our anniversary year, something enduring, something meaningful. Our longstanding fruitful partnership with the Swiss NGO SWISSAID has persuaded us to realise two larger projects. After careful examination, we have decided to support an agriculture project in India and a water project in Guinea-Bissau. As we cannot finance these projects on our own and because of my hobby - travelling through distant lands by bicycle - “cycle for water 2008” was born.

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## Project

At the end of February I will start the “cycle for water” tour with a bike of my main sponsor. This

(about 12,000 km). Splitting up the project cost, every complete kilometre I have cycled will cost



12,000 km tour will lead me from Lhasa (Tibet) across the Himalaya to Kathmandu, and then through India, Persia and Eastern Europe back to Switzerland. Previously I will have the opportunity to visit the planned project in India and to get an idea of the necessity of the planned sponsoring tour.

## Financing

The cost for the two projects in India and Guinea-Bissau are quite precisely CHF 100,000. We would like to collect this money together with our suppliers and clients in the course of the sponsoring tour

CHF 8. Our suppliers and clients have the possibility to take a stake in these projects with 10, 20 or 40 centimes for each kilometre. We will spare no effort to reach our aim together with you and to implement the two projects as planned. Client Systems AG will pay CHF 2 per kilometre as a seed capital. Each paid-up franc will be used in favour of the two projects. All costs for the tour will be financed on our own. Of course we will publish a portrait of each sponsoring company on www.bike-travel.ch, a website especially established for this tour.

## Project Guinea-Bissau

Project Guinea-Bissau (CHF 55,000)

Water for 9,000 people

## Introduction

The people living in the regions of Cacheu and Oio in Guinea-

## Activities

For two years, SWISSAID has been providing support to the regional people in the construction and maintenance of wells. Over this time, 25 wells in 55 villages could have already been built. In the second project phase, 25 additional



Bissau on the border to Senegal lack access to clean water. There are only a few wells where people can get rain and groundwater. Therefore, clean drinking water and water to irrigate the fields is scarce. The people regularly die of cholera. The little rain results in bad crops and hunger. The region lacks local well-diggers who can build and maintain the wells.

onal wells for more than 8,000 people in 50 villages will be built or repaired. The villagers will build the wells themselves; SWISSAID provides part of the material and the local construction management. Additionally, well-diggers will be trained in the villages who in future are able to construct the wells less expensively and to maintain already existing ones.

## Account for Donations

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## Facts & Figures

**Country:** Guinea-Bissau

**Region:** Cacheu and Oio on the border to Senegal

**Project:** Construction of 15 wells

**Benefiting people:** About 9,000 people

**Project cost:** CHF 55,000

**Project number:** GB 2601

## Expected Results

By building 10 new wells and repairing 15 silted up waterholes, more than 9,000 people will get access to clean drinking water and be able to irrigate their fields. Thus, on the one hand, cholera will be combated and on the other, hunger will be reduced.

