

**Press Release**  
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**hep Again Supports aid Organization “Faandima” from  
Burkina Faso**  
**Freshly Picked Mangoes From Organic and Fair Cultivation**  
**Social Commitment as Part of the Corporate Philosophy**

**Güglingen, May 20, 2021** – hep, solar expert from Southern Germany continues its commitment in the West African country of Burkina Faso. After the installation of a solar power plant for an educational campus in 2019 and last year’s Christmas campaign, around 400 sustainably cultivated organic mangoes have now arrived at hepquarters in Güglingen, Baden Württemberg.

**Opening up Future Prospects With Mangoes**

“Faandima” means “development” and is also the name of a Burkinabe aid organization. Its self-help projects are intended to open up better prospects for the future, in particular for women and orphans. One project involves selling freshly harvested mangoes and exporting them abroad. The plantations belong to small farmers who have formed a cooperative to cultivate their mangoes using sustainable and organic methods.

Last year, hep purchased dried mangoes worth around 9,000 euros from Faandima and gave them away as part of the Christmas campaign.

The mango harvest is done almost exclusively by women. In this way, they not only ensure their livelihood, but also finance their children’s school education and thus the chance for a better future.

Faandima supports these women by exporting the mangoes. Around 70 percent of the sales price is intended for the farmers wages of the women farmers as well as for material and production costs. Twenty percent is used to finance other Faandima projects in the areas of health and education, from which the women can benefit directly. The remaining ten percent is used for local logistics and administrative costs.

**Social Commitment at hep: Uncomplicated and Direct**

From hepquarters, the ripe mangoes are distributed to employees, the hep Sports Team and to business partners. “In spring, the mango harvest is due in Burkina Faso. The ideal time to support sustainable, small-scale farming and the work of the aid organization Faandima. It is not a question of waiting too long, but of acting quickly without complications. At the same time, we are also happy about the vitamin-rich energy sources, especially in the hard times of Corona”, says Matthias Hamann, Chief Technical Officer (CTO), explaining how the campaign came about. He himself was responsible for the installation of the solar plant and initiated the cooperation with Faandima.

At the same time, we are also happy about the healthy energy booster, especially in the hard times of Corona”, says Matthias Hamann, explaining how the campaign came about. He himself

was responsible for the construction of the solar plant and initiated the cooperation with Faandima.



Mangos sind für Frauen in Burkina Faso eine wichtige Einnahmequelle (credit: Faandima)



Pflückfrisch und in Bioqualität – ein fruchtiger Genuss mit nachhaltiger Wirkung (credit: hep)

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