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**Partner Africa Ethiopia**

Strengthening the Ethiopian textile chain

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# Partner Africa Ethiopia

Cotton textiles have a long-standing and rich tradition in Ethiopia. A fully integrated value chain and excellent conditions for cotton cultivation make the country a prime location for doing textile business in a sustainable manner. Enabling farmers to grow sustainable cotton and creating transparent value chains, including traditional handloom manufacturing, are key elements of the project. Partner Africa is in line with the Ethiopian government's objective of „quality growth“ and the creation of a „green economy“. The project that started in October 2023 runs over three years. It builds up on the experience of a first cooperation project which was completed in April 2023 and which paved the way for transparent and organic textile production in Ethiopia.

***“Partner Africa Ethiopia is designed to improve production conditions and to create access to European and international markets throughout the Ethiopian cotton value chain.”***

Simone Louis, Project Coordinator

# Main Objectives

## Organic Cotton

Fostering sustainable production and processing of cotton.

## Market Access

Creating business links and access to international markets.

## Transparent Chains

Strengthening cooperation of local actors along the value chain.

**Partner Africa Ethiopia** is a project cooperation between GESAMTMASCHE, the Confederation of the German Knitwear Industry, ETGAMA, the Ethiopian Textile and Garment Manufacturers Association and the Ethiopian Ministry of Agriculture. It is funded by the German Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development and supported by sequa gGmbH.

## Sustainable Cotton on the Upswing

*In the region of Arba Minch, cotton farmers traditionally use sustainable farming practices. Fertile soils make artificial fertilizers unnecessary. Abundant rain ensures natural irrigation. A mix of annual and perennial cotton crops curb pest infestation and ensure a long harvest period.*

