

# Baltic Foundation good experience in implementation Lithuanian Rural Network projects



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Altogether with the partners Baltic Foundation in Lithuania, Estonia, and Latvia is working on more almost 40 projects in rural communities to end hunger and poverty.

Each project in rural community lasts for 3 years, and includes Living Gifts and trainings as well.

Inspired by the principles of love for neighbors and respect for nature, the Baltic Foundation's main aim is to improve the social and economic situation of vulnerable groups of the population and to find the solutions to ecological and economical problems in an equitable and environmentally sound manner.



## Baltic Foundation Statement of Purpose

**B**altic Foundation provides help to low-income and socially vulnerable people and communities, by working towards the sustainable development of environment, livestock and knowledge. Within this context, the Baltic Foundation facilitates and supports the participative processes of development at the grassroots level, in order to strengthen and develop:

- an integrated vision: environment, people, and animals,
- micro-enterprises,
- gender equity and youth development projects,
- grass-roots organizations,
- sustainable utilization and protection of the environment,
- food security,
- social initiative,
- assistance to rural NGOs.



## Baltic Foundation role in Lithuanian Rural Network

- **Baltic Foundation is a member of Business promotion of the village committee.**
- Together with the local communities a few years have successfully implemented several projects in different rural areas in Lithuania.



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- **Main objective** of implemented projects - **to encourage entrepreneurship of rural people.**
- **Other priorities**
  - promoting Entrepreneurship Competitiveness, Education and competence in Rural areas;
  - promoting Cooperation, partnership and co-operation in the village;
  - application of innovations to increase efficiency of business in the village.



## Activities:

During 3 years Heifer Baltic Foundation has passed on almost **35 tones of seed potatoes** in various Lithuanian regions. Each family received 50 kg of seed potatoes gift. The Projects already **supports ~ 1500 families (18 communities)**.

By the support of the National Rural Network, communities received **trainings about the cultivation of potatoes, enterprise possibilities, ecology and the sociality**.



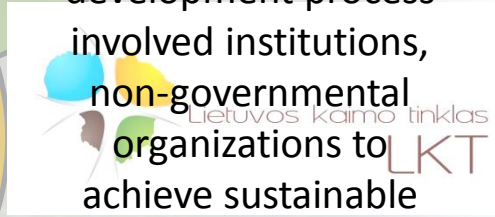
## Summarizing: The importance of cooperation and networking

**Baltic Foundation** – organising trainings, distributing livestock & plants according to “pass-on the gift” methodology.

**Communities** actively participate in the trainings, cooperating in the implementation of project activities.

**The projects included:**  
- 18 communities  
- 1500 families

**Rural Network** combines the development process involved institutions, non-governmental organizations to achieve sustainable rural and agricultural development.





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