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The Satere Mawe Indigenous Women's Association was founded by the Satere women in Brazil, to help defend their rights and to protect their forest resources. Funds were sought for a fair trade project for their necklaces which will help empower their community through land protection and a more sustainable economy.

The Funding Network project, has enabled a growing number of Satere women to become involved in recuperating and planting the seed trees, securing the supply of seeds for production of necklaces. With the better supply of the raw material the group of urban satere artesans has also grown. As well as raising environmental awareness, this has helped ensure an economic livelihood for the women involved. Contracts with Fair Trade bodies who plan to buy the necklaces has since been secured in Holland, Spain and Germany. In addition AMISM has produced a catalogue of their necklaces and is working with a Amazonian research institute to classify the seed species and further improve the sustainable management of the trees.