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Our responsibility



ENABLING COMMITMENT
ACHIEVE MORE TOGETHER

“ BE THE CHANGE THAT YOU WISH TO SEE IN THE WORLD. ”

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DR JENS KREUTER
Managing Director

STRENGTHEN COMMITMENT – OPEN SPACES FOR ACTION

A sustainable development policy starts with us, in Germany. Our behaviour affects the living conditions of others, for example, when we buy a smartphone, a T-shirt or chocolate. That is why global challenges like climate change, hunger, poverty, people being forced to flee their homes and migration have much to do with us.

To understand global relationships, question one's own way of thinking and acting, and promote changes is what numerous active participants in associations, initiatives, church communities, foundations, schools and local communities advocate. It is the aim of Engagement Global to strengthen this commitment and encourage even more people to take action in development policy-related fields.

We combine under our roof several entities and programmes supported by the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) that aim to strengthen the commitment of civil society and communities, as well as educational work on development cooperation.

We offer technical, organisational, and especially financial support from one source for all who want to participate in development cooperation.

We open up spaces for action and help to realise ideas and projects. We inform and advise on all questions regarding development policy commitment in Germany, help with procuring the necessary funds, provide professional educational offers and enable dialogue and networking between participants.

So that we can achieve more together, in Germany and worldwide.

Yours,

Dr Jens Kreuter
Managing Director



WHO WE ARE SERVICE FOR SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Engagement Global – service for development initiatives, the name says it all: We support commitment that looks for answers to global questions, because the world’s development does not respect borders. It is only together that we can meet global challenges.

Engagement Global acts on behalf of the Federal Government and is financed by the BMZ. With a big variety of programmes and networking measures, our organisation advocates a just global community. Interested members of the public, associations, schools, companies, and local communities that would like to take action in development policy fields can find information and advice with us. We not only offer opportunities for advanced training and continuing education but also for support and networking. The support and joint realisation of projects which

aim to spread development policy information and education in Germany is a central concern for Engagement Global.

Our branch offices in Berlin, Düsseldorf, Hamburg, Leipzig, Mainz and Stuttgart represent Engagement Global in the federal states of Germany. They closely coordinate their activities with the central office in Bonn, provide information about our services and connect the different stakeholders at federal, state and community level in their development policy commitment.

Together with state ministries and partners from civil society, they apply proven and adopt new approaches to developmental education and implement them effectively.

As service providers for the federal states they participate in nationwide initiatives and administer state-specific funding programmes.

Engagement Global also supports the development projects of civil society organisations abroad. In a lot of programmes it is not just about financial support. Upon request, we provide intensive assistance for every project, from the idea all the way through to its realisation. Throughout, we mobilise and interconnect all kinds of groups in society, not least with the aim of attracting more and more people to support a development commitment themselves.

As varied as our offer is, so too, are our cooperation partners. It is of decisive importance for us that the actual, specific commitment takes place locally so that we can promote commitment in civil society, schools and local communities, but never generate or replace it. Our cooperation is always a long-term endeavour, as this is also part of sustainable development. The basis for our work is the recognition of the special and very valuable roles, competencies and tasks fulfilled by volunteers and stakeholders in civil society, communities and states. By cooperating with civil societies, communities and countries, we contribute to sustainable development, so that future generations will have opportunities for action, too.

In doing so, it is important for us to examine our own role critically.



Changing the perception of the world

It motivates us that there are so many people in Germany who are taking action in development policy or want to participate and who we can support with our programmes. With this in mind, we are also happy to provide contacts to existing offers by other entities.

We advocate an open-minded and tolerant society, a culture of diversity and the acceptance of differences. The diversity of people working for Engagement Global who often have a personal background in development cooperation or developmental education offers great potential due to different living situations, cultures and generations coming together.

We have the utmost respect for and work in accordance with the principle of subsidiarity as a service provider for those people who wish to get involved. Our mission is to act wherever the possibilities and responsibilities of the state can support and strengthen the actions of committed stakeholders in society, because together with our partners we pursue the same goal: more justice and sustainability in the world.



CONSULTATION

Engagement Global provides advice on commitment opportunities in Germany and abroad. The Information Desk on Civic Engagement answers questions from interested parties or transfers them to the appropriate contact. The EU Funding Advisory helps civil society organisations and local communities with applications for EU funding.

Information Desk on Civic Engagement

“Our association has been supporting an orphanage in East Africa with donations for years. Now, we would like to organise training places but lack sufficient funding – can you help us?” Our team from the Information Desk on Civic Engagement (MMZ) answers requests like these on a daily basis. There are a lot of dedicated associations in Germany looking for ways to put projects into practice, in Germany and abroad. And a lot of people, especially young people, would like to visit a country of the Global South for a longer or shorter stay to experience it as more than just a tourist.

For these cases, we have our initial consultants of the Information Desk on Civic Engagement. The team consists of experts in development policy funding and volunteer programmes. They provide contacts and cooperation partners and connect people with like-minded stakeholders, as well as helping to find adequate funding sources for specific projects and ideas. They are in close contact with numerous development organisations to keep fully up to date. Upon request, they advise on and offer numerous further training programmes throughout Germany. These one-day information events and two-day seminars are often organised in cooperation with regional partners from civil society. They are a way to inform interested people on a broad basis about funding opportunities and at the same time connect them with important umbrella organisations in the development policy field.

Finding the most suitable offer

The Information Desk on Civic Engagement advises one-to-one, via telephone and by e-mail. The team is most often approached by individuals and associations, and processes 6,000 requests per year. Most of those seeking advice are interested in a volunteer programme or funding opportunities for overseas projects. They repeatedly ask questions about how to found an association with a focus on development. Other subjects of consultation include work to raise awareness for One World and to educate on sustainable development in Germany.

The Information Desk on Civic Engagement knows the programmes of Engagement Global well – in addition to their target groups, requirements and procedures. Once a suitable offer is found, they transfer interested persons to the specialised departments for an in-depth consultation.

What makes the MMZ special is that it not only informs about programmes from Engagement Global but also provides comprehensive information about the offers of other organisations and institutions.

Encouraging commitment

Additionally, it deals in detail with fundamental questions of civic involvement in Germany: Who is committed to development matters? Why do people invest their time and effort? How can they and their organisations be supported in that undertaking? Selected target groups are directly addressed, for example foundations, religious communities, organisations of migrants or the media industry. The MMZ encourages them to get involved in development policy matters within the scope of their possibilities and strengths. This is how it promotes activities surrounding our global responsibility within German society.

EU Funding Advisory

The EU Funding Advisory guides civil society organisations and local communities through the complex application procedures of EuropeAid, the Directorate-General of the European Union for International Cooperation and Development. The EU Funding Advisory is targeted at non-profit civil society organisations – foundations, NGOs or associations – as well as churches, federal states and local communities. It addresses institutions planning a project in a partner country, and those wanting to realise a development policy campaign or educational work in Europe and looking for adequate funding for it.



Well-advised!

Would you like to get involved in development cooperation? Please contact us for advice – accessible services also available!

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FUNDING

Engagement Global helps to procure funding for the realisation of development policy projects and initiatives. We provide support during the application procedure and the process of establishing compliance with eligibility requirements. Funding is available for large and small projects in Germany and abroad.

Programme for Action Groups (AGP)

Are you planning a campaign about fair trade? Or would you like to spread information on the living conditions in a country of the Global South? The AGP supports small development policy information and education projects, for example at schools, childcare facilities and action groups that want to share their knowledge about global relationships. Campaigns like these can get uncomplicated funding from AGP of up to 2,000 euros. Applications may be submitted throughout the whole year. The completed application forms must be submitted no later than six weeks before the campaign is due to start.

bengo

Under the budget item "Private Sponsors", the BMZ provides funding for projects by German NGOs in developing countries. The funding is awarded via Engagement Global. Every non-profit association, organisation or foundation planning a project with a local partner in a country of the Global South can get advice from bengo. bengo offers training seminars for private sponsors and supports applicants in the funding process, from consultation, to the project idea for the application, to questions during project realisation and the collation of evidence. The maximum initial amount of funding available is 50,000 euros, which can later rise to up to 500,000 euros.

Cooperation with civil society is becoming ever more important for the BMZ. The budget volume for "Private Sponsors" has been increased continuously over the past years. Particularly in view of Agenda 2030, the broad commitment of as many stakeholders as possible is needed. With a great variety of projects, these private sponsors contribute to a sustainable improvement of the situation of poor populations or the observance of human rights. The strengthening of civil society is increasingly moving into the spotlight, so that it can participate in improving governmental frameworks and play a more active role in addressing global issues in international partnerships.

Funding Programme for Development Education (FEB)

The conscious decision to buy fair trade products or to cut consumption – without active civic commitment, a fairer process of globalisation will not be possible.

The FEB programme supports projects in Germany that communicate information about development policies and raise awareness of opportunities for commitment. Support is provided for projects that pursue the concept of sustainable development, thus implementing the development policy goals of the federal government. Initial applications can receive funding of up to 10,000 euros for a maximum project term of 12 months. Organisations that have already been awarded funding in the past may receive up to 36 months of additional funding.

Programme for the funding of development policy-related qualification measures (PFQ)

With PFQ, Engagement Global supports NGOs financially in their endeavour to share development policy knowledge and train other NGOs methodically. Any non-profit organisation with a focus on development goals and a registered office in Germany is eligible for funding.

Organisations applying for PFQ funding for the first time can receive up to 25,000 euros. The maximum amount of co-financing for newly designed training offers is up to 85% of the eligible expenditure, and for proven concepts up to 75%.

Transport Costs Subsidies (TKZ)

TKZ finances transports of donations in kind that are eligible for development assistance. This means that the donation's purpose must be to improve the living conditions of particularly disadvantaged population groups in a partner country of the German development cooperation. One example would be medical equipment for a hospital. Private non-profit organisations, associations, and initiative groups in Germany that do not have sufficient resources can apply for TKZ. The maximum amount of funding is 20,000 euros per applicant and year.

EXCHANGES AND ASSIGNMENTS

Learn from and with each other, design a sustainable and united world together – these goals motivate many people, regardless of their age, to make a commitment and participate in a project abroad. They will find a range of opportunities to do so with Engagement Global.

ASA-Programme

Would you like to understand better how this world interacts? You have an interest in international exchange and would like to share a common commitment? The ASA-Programme regards itself as a workshop for global learning and is targeted at young people from Germany, Europe and the Global South who are interested in global interconnections and want to make a difference.

The ASA-Programme awards scholarships to students, bachelor graduates and young professionals aged between 21 and 30 years. Applications may be submitted on an annual basis between 20 November and 10 January.

The learning and training programme promotes learning, exploration and mobility in an interconnected and shapeable world. During multi-day seminars, participants acquire the skills to deal with diversity and conflicts as well as methods of group and project work. They exchange views regarding their own position within global structures and address subjects such as privilege and racism.

A project placement may take participants to a country of Africa, Asia, Latin America or South Eastern Europe, where they actively participate in specific projects and get to know new perspectives on their field of activity and global relationships. Some projects start with a three-month period in

“I would like to encourage young people to change their way of thinking and to adopt responsible behaviour in their society and life.”

Elie Kuegah-Tedjo from Togo, works with young people in Lomé

an international team in Germany before continuing in the Global South. In order to realise these project placements, the ASA-Programme cooperates with numerous partner organisations – from NGOs, foundations and implementing organisations of German development cooperation, to local authorities, companies and universities.

Upon completion of the programme, participants reflect on how to integrate the impetus from their exchange into their environment. The large alumni network invites people to help shape the programme, expand their own knowledge and get involved. It is the starting point for long-term commitment to just and sustainable development.

African-German Youth Initiative (AGYI)

The objective of AGYI is to promote the exchange between young people from African countries and Germany. This political cooperation between the BMZ and the African Union aims to enhance and further interlink the activities of civil society and state organisations that work in youth exchange – both in Germany and in African partner countries.

AGYI seeks to contribute to sustainable development. With this as its goal, existing programmes like ASA and weltwärts are expanded, new offers such as a funding scheme for out-of-school group exchanges are created, and technical exchanges and training for different stakeholders is supported.

Additionally, Engagement Global supports its African partners with know-how in terms of promoting the commitment of returnees and the educational supervision of exchange programmes.

Senior Experten Service (SES)

The SES, a Foundation of German Industry for International Cooperation, is a volunteer and exchange organisation for retired specialists and executives.

It offers interested retirees the opportunity to share their knowledge and expertise with others in Germany and overseas. As experts in an honorary capacity they assist in training skilled workers and executive staff. The SES receives funding for its overseas missions from the BMZ via Engagement Global.

weltwärts

The development volunteers programme weltwärts offers young adults aged between 18 and 28 years the opportunity to work and learn in projects and partner organisations in Africa, Asia, Latin America, Eastern Europe or Oceania.

The stays are at least six months, but normally one year in duration. Education and the promotion of children and young people are very popular fields.

A lot of sending and also partner organisations in the countries of assignment implement the programme and play a big part in designing it further.

The sending organisations not only select the participants but also intensively prepare them and help with departure formalities. Every assignment covers a specific need in the hosting country. Seminars help the young people to reflect on their experiences and handle possible challenges. The sending organisations provide transport to the country of assignment and back or refund the travel costs. They also obtain any necessary insurance and cover vaccination costs. In the country of assignment, accommodations in line with local standards, as well as meals, are provided. The volunteers receive pocket money during their assignment.

Upon their return to Germany, the sending organisation offers the returnees opportunities for development commitment in Germany. In order to safeguard the high quality of their work, all organisations have to be certified. They receive support from quality associations throughout the process.

The programme steering committee, on which Engagement Global, other civil society organisations and the BMZ are represented, sets the course for the further development of the programme.

“Living in a completely different culture and encountering people from all around the world has changed my views hugely. I now value much more what we have in Germany but I have also recognised that people are all the same somehow, even if they have different customs.”

Jessica, former weltwärts volunteer in Kenya

An important part of the weltwärts programme is the South-North component. Under this component, volunteers from the Global South can complete development volunteer services in Germany. This intensifies the exchange between partners from the Global South and from the Global North and promotes the networking among all volunteers. Consequently, this promotes weltwärts as a programme for Global Learning.

Financing Civil Peace Service (ZFD)

The ZFD supports projects worldwide that advocate non-violent conflict resolution in conflict zones and crisis countries by sending specialists within the framework of the Development Aid Workers Act.

Reducing violence, ensuring long-term peace and preventing crises are its objectives.

The ZFD arose from a civil society initiative. It evolved – and with it civil conflict management – from a pilot project to a recognised instrument of German peace and development policy. In the spirit of a common endeavour of civil society and state, nine peace and development organisations work together with the BMZ on the programme’s design and its strategic orientation. The ZFD receives its funding from the BMZ and advice and administrative support from Engagement Global.



Sharing experiences

SES is the right place for any retiree who wishes to get involved. Like Senior Expert Bernd Vermehr, who exchanges views with his project partners during an assignment in Namibia.

Lively discussions

At the ASA-Kaleidoskop dialogue and networking meeting, ASA network members exchange their ideas with stakeholders from economy and civil society on how sustainable economy can be achieved.

Exchanging experiences

weltwärts volunteers participate in a development project and acquire experiences that will stay with them throughout their entire life.

From South to North

Francisco from Mozambique spent a year at the Eduard Spanger community school in Reutlingen as a weltwärts volunteer. He supported the teachers in their lessons and activities outside the classroom.



ENABLING COMMITMENT!



Qualyfood

The project Qualyfood by SONED e. V. and HORTITECHS improves the food situation in Cotonou, Benin. The connection between an organic model farm and the people who buy the products in the city constitutes the core of the project. They can also learn gardening skills. bengo provides advice for the project, which is funded by the BMZ.

Global Classroom

The Global Classroom in the Welthaus (World house) in Stuttgart provides an extracurricular learning space for development education for all ages. Interactive forms of learning show the cultural diversity of the One World. The Education meets Development programme (BtE), the branch office in Stuttgart and the World house cooperate closely with each other.

2030 Watch

2030 Watch is a project by the Open Knowledge Foundation Germany. The project's objective is to monitor and visualise the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) in Germany. 2030 Watch is financed by the Funding Programme for Development Education (FEB).

Fair consumption

With the project "Fair trade - my mobile phone, my clothes, my flowers", the agenda group One World drew attention to the subject of fair trade and raised the population's awareness for the opportunities of fair consumption. The project was funded by the Programme for Action Groups (AGP).

Kick for Hope

"Kick for Hope - Dialogue for Peace" was a project in the Zaatari refugee camp in Jordan. Volunteers were trained for peace work with children and young people and used sports to help them overcome trauma. The project was supported with special funds from the BMZ and advised by the bengo programme.

Rainbow House of Hope

Young professionals taught carpentry skills workshops to disadvantaged young people and repaired houses together. The project Young Trade in Development Cooperation is a collaboration project supported by the Engagement Global's branch office in North-Rhine Westphalia.



EDUCATION AND SCHOOLS

Everyone can make a contribution to fair globalisation. This requires that everyone knows and is aware of the relationships between the global challenges we face. Engagement Global offers numerous educational programmes designed to foster global learning.

Education meets Development (BtE)

The BtE programme establishes contact between expert speakers and nurseries, schools, universities, and other institutions for youth and adult education. Specialists and volunteers who have been involved in the development cooperation in countries of the Global South, as well as people from these regions who now live in Germany talk about their experiences. Using practical experiences, they illustrate issues of global development which at first might seem to be far away.

“I was born and grew up in Lesotho. I have lived in Germany since 1994. BtE allows me to meet all kinds of different people, especially children and young people. It is an opportunity for me to make a difference by imparting and spreading authentic knowledge about my home country. Education influences the way we think about others, and strengthens our self-esteem and respect for each other.”

Tiisetso Matete-Lieb, BtE speaker in Roth and Nürnberg

They open up new perspectives and make global topics interesting and accessible. Besides training speakers and establishing contacts, BtE supports the design of project days or campaigns and offers further training on specific subjects for teachers and educators, as well as other interested people. Additionally, the programme also provides educational resources for developmental education.

Developmental Education in Germany (EBD)

Within the framework of the EBD programme, Engagement Global and its six branch offices support regional development commitment. In cooperation with state ministries and civil society, they offer technical, methodological and financial support for educational events in all federal states of Germany. They complement existing offers with innovative formats and new subjects. Focal areas of the individual events include sports, media, fair trade and work with state institutions such as the German Armed Forces and universities. Strengthening the implementation of these offers in rural areas is of particular importance.

Education for Sustainable Development (BNE)

The World Action Programme (WAP) “Education for Sustainable Development” sets the framework for subsequent activities during the World Decade on this subject. In a globalised world, our actions have a direct impact on future generations and other world regions. Education for Sustainable Development (BNE) imparts knowledge to help understand these relationships. In order to improve the implementation of BNE at all levels,

Germany, India, Mexico and South Africa jointly launched a Capacity Development Programme. An international network of education experts (ESD Expert Net) is at the core of the programme. They promote international dialogue on BNE and develop transnational strategies. They advise on the implementation of education policy and provide resources on a

national and international level. The ESD Expert Net and Engagement Global are UNESCO partners for the implementation of the WAP. They will actively support the planned measures in the coming years.

CHAT of the WORLDS

The CHAT of the WORLDS programme combines global learning and the use of digital media. School classes from Germany meet school classes or individuals from the Global South in virtual chats and discuss everyday topics and issues of global coexistence. The use of digital media overcomes geographic distances and offers an opportunity for authentic encounters. The CHAT is accompanied by preparatory and follow-up work in which cultural knowledge in combination with language and media skills are deepened. Every CHAT of the WORLDS project is guided by developmental education experts. The CHAT partners learn from each other, thus strengthening their awareness of global relationships. As an offer for schools and vocational colleges, the programme allows development and environment subjects to be integrated into the curriculum.

ENSA

The School Exchange Programme for Development Education ENSA accompanies the establishment and expansion of partnerships between secondary schools from Germany and countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America or South-East Europe.

In this context, ENSA supports preparatory and encounter journeys, preparatory and follow-up seminars for participants as well as training and networking opportunities for teachers, non-governmental organisations and students. Support is provided for school projects focussing on social justice, ecological compatibility, political participation and sustainable management of future generations. Project topics include fair trade, human rights, inclusion, environmental protection and more.

Global Development learning field

In a joint initiative, the Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs (KMK) and the BMZ created an orientation framework for the learning field of Global Development in schools.

Numerous university educators and teachers developed the framework, accompanied by a project group consisting of representatives from the ministries of education, the scientific community and NGOs. It provides the means to firmly integrate education in sustainable development with a global perspective into schools and classes. Preparing children and young people for the complex questions of global development and conveying awareness of their own responsibility is of fundamental importance for sustainable worldwide development.

The orientation framework for the Global Development learning field shows how every single class and the whole school can contribute to Global Learning and it provides ideas on how to teach relevant skills and content. Engagement Global implements the content of the orientation framework in several cooperation projects with the federal states of Germany. The goal is to change curricular standards, develop and test pilot materials and methods and to firmly integrate Global Development in education and further training for teaching staff.

Schools competition of the German President “Everyone for One World – One World for everyone”

The German President’s schools competition on development policy “Everyone for One World – One World for everyone” is organised every two years for all schools across Germany. It aims to raise students’ awareness of the diversity in our world and motivate them to act sustainably. At the same time, the Global Development learning field in classes is supported with free resources, training and workshops. The competition submission must relate to a development subject and can be submitted in any creative way. There are more than one hundred prizes to be won with a total value of more than 50,000 euros. The School Award includes cash prizes with a total value of 25,000 euros. The German President invites delegations of the winning teams to the award ceremony in Bellevue Palace to present the awards in person together with the Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development.

The Song Contest “Your song for ONE WORLD!” is an accompanying campaign to the schools competition of the German President and is thus embedded in the developmental education work of the BMZ. The Song Contest specifically addresses young people between the ages of 12 and 25. It is open to solo artists and (school) bands and choirs, and joint contributions with musicians from abroad are always welcome. At the end of the Song Contest, the ONE WORLD song is chosen, which provides the musical accompaniment to the schools competition as its hymn in Germany and abroad.

WinD

Those who have worked as volunteers in a country of the Global South are also more likely to get involved in Germany. This voluntary commitment to One World is supported by WinD. WinD is a network that promotes the exchange of experiences among returned volunteers. The programme offers financial support and fosters networking among returnees, regional coordinators assist with advice. Former volunteers design campaigns and workshops for Global Learning, mostly on a voluntary basis.



Change of perspective

An exchange gives you other perspectives of the world. The global impact of our local actions becomes more understandable.

Global Learning

Relate to everyday experiences with Global Learning: In a BtE workshop, confimees learn under which conditions smartphones are produced.

Vite Vielfalter

May I introduce? This is Vite. Vite Vielfalter. He embodies the motto of the German President’s seventh schools competition: “Dealing with diversity: differences unite – be unique, together!”

Africa puzzle

Where was Burkina Faso again? The Africa puzzle with equal-area presentation (Gall-Peters projection) makes the African countries palpable. It opens the door to topics relating to the continent or individual countries.

SERVICE FOR COMMUNITIES

From fair tea at the local council meeting to a climate partnership between Cologne and Rio de Janeiro: The Service Agency Communities in One World and the branch offices of Engagement Global provide advice and multifaceted support for the One World work of local communities in Germany.

Service Agency Communities in One World

The Service Agency Communities in One World (SKEW) is the competence centre for all questions relating to community development policy. It provides information, advice and networks for decision-makers from towns, cities, communities and districts. The diverse projects deal with central topics like fair trade and fair procurement, globally sustainable communities, community partnerships as well as migration and development. In addition, SKEW offers personnel and financial support.

Fair Trade and Fair Procurement

When we think of fair trade products, coffee, chocolate and cotton come to mind. But work clothes can also be “fair”. The national network Fair Procurement advocates for adherence to social standards in public commissions – encouraging for example a city to use fair paving stones for road-building projects. SKEW provides direct advice to communities on questions concerning Fair Trade and Fair Procurement.

With its national competition Capital of Fair Trade, SKEW honours towns, cities and communities for their local commitment to fair trade. The initiative draws attention to innovative examples and encourages participation and emulation. Successful initiatives include: Fair trade coffee in town hall cafeterias, project weeks at schools, campaigns in supermarkets, and the inclusion of social criteria in procurement. The award-winning communities receive a cash prize with a total value of 105,000 euros to continue with their fair projects.

Municipal Partnerships for Sustainability

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations require communities to be more closely involved in their implementation. SKEW supports them with a variety of measures for globally sustainable communities in developing and implementing community sustainability strategies. The SKEW provides information and advice to communities relating to the integration of sustainability as cross-sector topic and guides this process.

The project “Municipal Partnerships for Sustainability NRW” is implemented by SKEW along

with its cooperation partner LAG21 NRW e. V. Other projects with the federal states Thuringia, Lower Saxony, Rhineland-Palatinate, Schleswig-Holstein, Baden-Wuerttemberg and Bremen are being developed.

Municipal partnerships

SKEW offers state- or region-specific support for municipal partnerships. It organises round tables on individual partner countries and regional conferences on partnerships with Africa, Asia and Latin America. Community stakeholders from all over Germany can exchange ideas and work on the further development of their partnerships. The exchange and cooperation with communities abroad is also supported, for example in project partnerships with communities in Ukraine to strengthen the forces of reform and foster the development of a people-oriented local administration. The project Municipal Knowledge Transfer Maghreb-Germany is active in countries like Morocco, Algeria and Tunisia. One working focus is the initiative Municipal Know-How for the Middle East, which is aimed at helping communities in Syrian neighbouring countries to receive refugees.

The project Municipal Climate Partnerships promotes technical cooperation between German cities and communities in the Global South. Climate protection and climate adaptation are integrated into the work of existing partnerships and new partnerships are created. For this purpose, the community partnerships develop common action programmes with goals, measures and assigned resources.

Migration and development

In many places, towns, cities, communities and districts, migrant organisations and One World stakeholders work together to put global topics on the local agenda. This integration of the competencies and experiences of migrants and people from One World initiatives sharpens the profile of local development policies. The Municipality Moves World competition awards prizes for cooperation between communities and migrant organisations and people from One World initiatives on the topics migration and development. It honours outstanding examples and encourages further commitment in the field of migration and development.

The national network for migration and development contributes to the exchange of experience on a local level. In order to promote the networking processes further, the wishes and needs of all stakeholders must be known. For this purpose, SKEW offers a workshop for interested communities where they can take stock of the current situation and network with others. The consultant pool MiGlobe has been created to open up local development policy to intercultural influence. The aim is to ensure refugees are also integrated into local development policy – local networking platforms offer an opportunity in this context.

Financial and personnel support for local development policy

SKEW continually expands its offers of personnel and financial support. The “Small Projects Fund” provides interested communities with start-up aid for new measures and partnerships on local development policy. It promotes commitment on a local level, networking among relevant stakeholders and inter-community dialogue with the Global South. Funding can be granted for initiatives on local development policy relating to education work, strategy development, training, networking and consultation. The amount of funding ranges from 1,000 to a maximum of 20,000 euros.

The project “Sustainable Local Development through Partnership Projects” (Nakopa) promotes local knowledge exchange and specific implementation projects in countries of the Global South. Partner projects with a focus on sustainable public service or good local governance can receive funding of up to 250,000 euros for a period of three years. The “Funding Programme for Climate Protection and Adaptation Projects of Municipal Partnerships” (FKKP) offers financial support for all local climate partnerships. SKEW provides comprehensive advice to communities as well as training seminars.

The project “ASA locally” connects young people and communities that are involved in the development projects of town/city partnerships, both in Germany and abroad. Placements lasting between three and six months focus on implementing specific small-scale projects in local development policy and promoting an understanding of global relationships.

With its project “Integrated Experts for Municipal Partnerships Worldwide” (IFKW), German Development Cooperation (GIZ), in collaboration with the SKEW, sends German and European experts to communities in the Global South for around two to five years to initiate projects and provide consultation. The project “Coordination of Local Development Policy” finances coordinator positions that normally fall under the responsibility of local administrations, as well as smaller-scale implementation measures and networking activities. It focusses on expanding local development commitment and the formally integrating the subject into communities.

Local Development Policy (KEPol) in the branch offices

The branch offices are actively involved in local development policy, too, and, in close collaboration with SKEW promote the regional inclusion of local commitment to global issues. As the local contact, they offer specialist events on subjects such as Fair Trade and Fair Procurement, as well as migration and development, or programmes for the development of intercultural skills in local administrations and training for town/city partnership groups. New communities are introduced to development policy-related subjects through the initiatives. The crucial element is the networking of existing initiatives and development policy stakeholders in the specific region.

For climate protection
Climate partnerships between German and international communities help to transfer knowledge and foster climate protection.

Cultural understanding
The Municipality Moves World competition awards prizes for successful cooperation between migrant organisations and local authorities on development policies. Joint projects promote cultural understanding on both sides.

Partnership work
Experts from all over the world connect at conferences. Key elements are cooperation at eye level, learning from each other and shared responsibility.

Local commitment
The participants of SKEW’s Capital of Fair Trade competition present their local commitment during the award ceremony.



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ABBREVIATIONS

AGP	Programme for Action Groups
AGYI	African-German Youth Initiative
ASA	Work and Study Exchanges
bengo	Consultancy Service on International Projects
BMZ	Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development
BNE	Education for Sustainable Development
BtE	Education meets Development
EBD	Developmental Education in Germany
ENSA	School Exchange Programme for Development Education
ESD	Education for Sustainable Development
EYD	European Year for Development
FEB	Funding Programme for Development Education
FKKP	Funding Programme for Climate Protection and Adaptation Projects of Municipal Partnerships
GIZ	German Development Cooperation
IFKW	Integrated Experts for Municipal Partnerships Worldwide
KEPoI	Local Development Policy
KMK	Standing Conference of the Ministers of Education and Cultural Affairs
MMZ	Information Desk on Civic Engagement
Nakopa	Sustainable Local Development through Partnership Projects
NRO	Non-governmental organisation
NRW	North-Rhine Westphalia
PFQ	Programme for the funding of development policy-related qualification measures
SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
SES	Senior Experten Service
SKEW	Service Agency Communities in One World
TKZ	Transport Costs Subsidies
WAP	World Action Programme
WinD	Return programme for international volunteers
ZFD	Civil Peace Service

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