

What we achieve

Core areas of our projects and programs

School and professional education

By means of education and professional training, we enable children and adolescents to make use of their rights and live an independent life in dignity. We believe that education is the most important tool to reduce poverty and create a socially more just world.

- Our understanding of education is comprehensive, in accordance with the principles of Don Bosco's Preventive Pedagogy.
- Our educational institutions promote children and adolescents in a mental, emotional, and physical way so that they are able to freely develop their talents.
- Our values-based education empowers young people to grow up as independent and socially responsible citizens.

In association with the local economy, we make sure that our professional education is practice-oriented. Appropriate to the requirements of our target groups, we enable a non-formal access to our programs. Employment services and start-up programs are a firm part of our vocational training concept.

Until they are as economically independent and socially stable as possible, we support children and adolescents throughout the entire course of their education by means of:

- Preschools
- Literacy programs
- Bridging courses for school dropouts
- Remedial teaching for pupils at risk
- Primary and secondary schools
- Professional education and employment services

Emergency relief

When people are in need due to wars or catastrophes, we will be there to provide fast and target-oriented help. Since our partners actually know the people and their living conditions, our endeavours rely on the established structures of the local Salesians.

We give aid to people to survive without losing sight of their medium- and long-term needs. Transitional aid programs and reconstruction measures usually follow our emergency assistance.



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Street Children Programs

Our partners develop programs for street children that gradually lead them back into a normal life: from first contact on the streets to children's homes to an independent life. In our open institutions, children and adolescents, who live on the streets or in other risk situations, find shelter and can learn to trust other people.

We care for and protect them throughout their entire journey leading to the reintegration into their biological family, a foster family, or a residential home. Corresponding educational programs complement our work. Wherever possible, we also engage in prevention programs, for instance consulting single mothers, establishing day nurseries, or other services that prevent children from ending up on the streets.

Rights of Men and Children

The Charter of Human Rights – especially the right of each child to shelter, integrity, and education – is the foundation of our work. We are committed to the realisation of these rights worldwide.

Sustainability

The key elements of our programs and partnerships regarding sustainability are:

- Holistic education programs
- Reliable structures on a long-term basis (our partners are deeply rooted in the local civil society)
- Integration of all local resources and acquirements (Participation and helping others to help themselves)

We furthermore assist our partners in building efficient structures: We support their sustainable financial self-sufficiency, or promote a reliable government funding, thus ensuring a stable economic basis for our projects.

We support our partners in their efforts concerning programs for environmental sustainability.