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# TOGETHER FOR A JUST WORLD

AWO International was founded in 1998 as a professional association for development cooperation and humanitarian action within the framework of the German welfare organization "Arbeiterwohlfahrt" (AWO). AWO International draws on the expertise and vast experience of Arbeiterwohlfahrt (AWO) in Germany. In the past 100 years, AWO has been an integral part of the German welfare state. Solidarity, tolerance, freedom, justice and equality – the basic values of the AWO apply across borders.

In close cooperation with national non-governmental organizations, AWO International is working to ensure that disadvantaged people can sustainably improve their living conditions. In the event of disasters and crisis situations, AWO International is engaged in humanitarian relief and reconstruction. In Germany, AWO International looks at the challenges and opportunities of globalization and provides impulses for value-oriented, sustainable action. AWO International campaigns for fair trade and offers fair traded and ecologically produced products.

## **Fighting poverty and strengthening civil society**

As part of its development cooperation, AWO International promotes projects in Central America, South Asia and Southeast Asia and collaborates with local non-governmental organizations working closely with the affected population. These projects aim to improve the social participation of disadvantaged social groups such as children and adolescents, women, migrants, indigenous people and elderly or sick people. We support people to develop their own life perspectives, to gain access to necessary resources and services. The aim is to strengthen the social structures in which people act at different levels so that they actively participate in political and social processes. In our work, we consistently proceed from a human rights approach.

## **Humanitarian action**

AWO International is involved in humanitarian relief and reconstruction. In cooperation with local partner organizations we provide fast and effective help for the affected population. These include measures such as the distribution of food, shelter and water and hygiene promotion. We promote reconstruction projects and are involved

in disaster risk reduction. Our aim is to contribute to the restoration of everyday civilian life in disaster and crisis areas. AWO International is a member of Aktion Deutschland Hilft e. V., the alliance of German relief organizations, which join forces in the event of a catastrophe in order to provide assistance quickly and effectively.

## **Global Education & Agenda 2030**

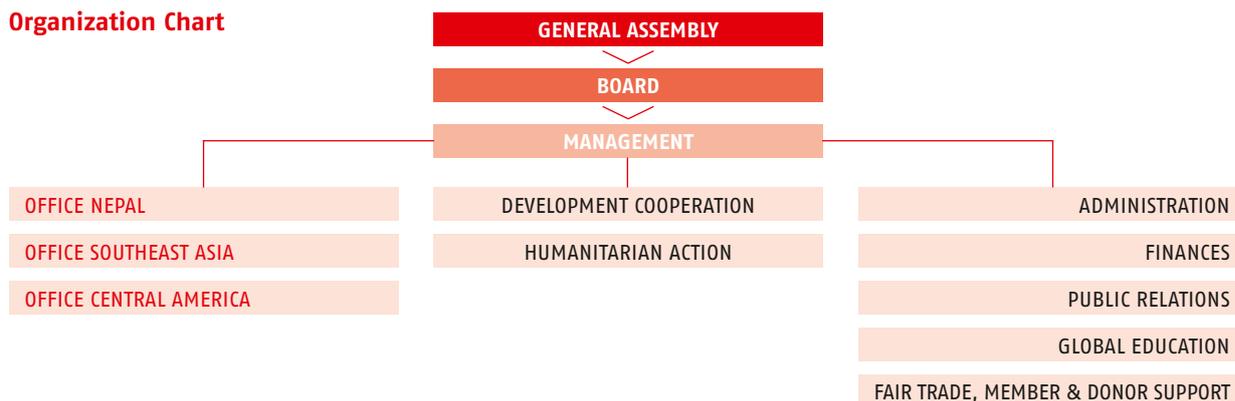
Also in Germany we are committed to raise the issues of solidarity and justice in the consciousness of the people. Our global education program focuses on the challenges and opportunities of globalization and provides impulses for value-oriented action. We draw attention to the Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations and opportunities for participation and engage ourselves with our own products for fair trade. Global education raises awareness about global dependencies, relationships and encourages thinking about globally responsible and sustainable ways of living and acting. Our workshop, material and further education offers are aimed especially at organizations of volunteer services and at extracurricular youth work.

In 2015, the "2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development" was adopted by the 193 member states of the United Nations (UN), including Germany. With the help of the Agenda, the world community wants to tackle global challenges such as poverty, hunger and climate change. Together with several partner organizations, we will draw attention to the 2030 Agenda in the coming years.

## **Fair Trade**

AWO International campaigns for fair trade and sells its own fair trade and ecologically produced products. Consumers who buy fair trade products which are produced ecologically, act in solidarity and contribute to change. With this initiative, the association sends out a clear signal for justice and poverty reduction as well as for a sustainable and environmentally friendly economy in the countries of the global South. Because the purchase of fair products has a direct impact on the smallholders in the producing countries: fair trade helps them to achieve decent working and living conditions by paying fair prices, practising equal and long-term trade relations and promoting an environmentally friendly cultivation.

## Organization Chart



## AWO in Germany

Arbeiterwohlfahrt (AWO) is a decentralised German welfare association and one of the top six associations of the public welfare in Germany. AWO was founded in 1919 by Marie Juchacz. Due to its history and its socio-political understanding, it is a charitable organization with a special character: Women and men have come together as members and as volunteers and employees to participate in our society in dealing with social problems and to realize the democratic, social state of law. Guiding principles and a mission statement are the basis for action in the Arbeiterwohlfahrt.

The AWO in Germany is divided into:

- 30 state associations
- 411 district associations
- 3,514 local associations

The AWO in Germany is carried by:

- 333,121 members
- 65,629 volunteers
- 211,727 employees

The AWO maintains in all federal states in Germany over 13,000 facilities and services, including:

- Homes (e.g. nursing, older people, people with disabilities, women shelters, migrants, children and adolescents etc.)
- Day care centres (e.g. for children, adolescents and for elderly people)
- Information and advice centres (e.g. for migrants and foreigners, the unemployed, families, pregnant women, the elderly, the disabled, adolescents)
- Outpatient services (e.g. for elderly people)
- Counselling agencies
- Day care facilities
- Education institutions

As part of the AWO there are also over 3,500 self-help groups being active in civil society engagement, including:

- senior groups
- youth welfare and youth work
- for the chronically ill and disabled
- health self-help and contact groups
- Voluntary Agencies
- Helper groups for people in special emergencies (such as unemployment self-help, women's self-help)
- family help

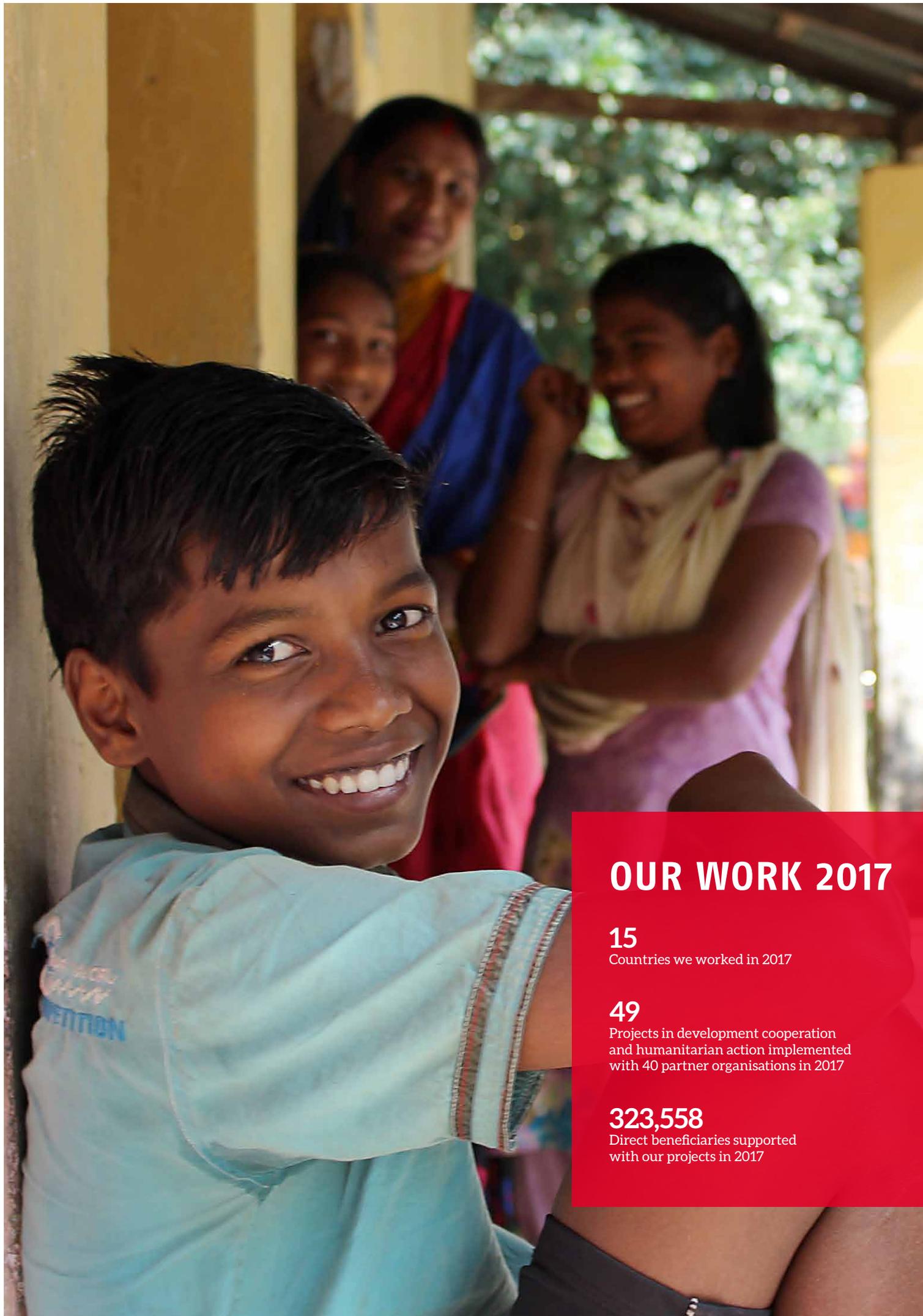
More than 800 independent institutions, initiatives and organizations have joined the AWO at all levels as corporate members. The Arbeiterwohlfahrt has an independent youth organisation (AWO-Jugendwerk).

## About our founder Marie Juchacz

Marie Juchacz is a very important woman in German history. She founded the Arbeiterwohlfahrt (AWO) in 1919 and was its chairwoman until 1933. She was among women in Germany who campaigned vehemently for women's voting rights. Marie Juchacz was a member of the SPD (Social Democrat Party) executive and head of the SPD women's office from 1917 to 1933. From 1919 to 1933 she was a member of the Weimar National Assembly and the Reichstag. On 19th February 1919 she was the first woman to give a speech in an elected parliament in Germany.



**Echt AWO. Seit 1919.**  
Erfahrung für die Zukunft.



## OUR WORK 2017

**15**

Countries we worked in 2017

**49**

Projects in development cooperation and humanitarian action implemented with 40 partner organisations in 2017

**323,558**

Direct beneficiaries supported with our projects in 2017



SOUTH ASIA • NEPAL • INDIA • BANGLADESH

## POVERTY REDUCTION, SAFE MIGRATION AND HUMAN TRAFFICKING

The regional program of AWO International Nepal Office and its Monitoring Desk to South Asia is implemented by Partner NGOs in Nepal, India and Bangladesh with financial support of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). Main objective of the ongoing program is the improvement of livelihoods of small farmers, landless, underprivileged communities and labour migrants and their families. This is achieved by promotion of household incomes, empowerment of women, youth and marginalized communities and by promotion of access to public services, rights and resources.

One of our main working approaches which is characteristic for all cooperation projects is to support and empower social structures (e.g. Community Alert Groups, Migration Networks, Saving & Credit Cooperatives, Farmer Clubs, Women Groups, Grain Bank Committees, Local Resource Persons, etc.). Promotion of gender equality, the empowerment of women and a focus on youth as agents for change are overall crosscutting issues. All projects are using a multi stakeholder approach incl. lobbying and advocacy. Target groups are supported to access governmental services. We are also engaged in capacity and organizational development such as promotion of peer learning between partner organizations. We use a rights-

based livelihood approach and results-based project management.

### Main Intervention Areas

- Poverty reduction, promotion of food security and increase of household incomes by promoting access to governmental services and programs, income generating activities, capacity development, establishment of better market linkages and access to finances.
- Reduction of vulnerabilities (for example in context of food security) and of dependencies from middle men by promoting organic agriculture and LEISA (Low External Input Sustainable Agriculture) techniques.



- Promotion of safe migration on various levels including policy dialogue, provision of information, capacity development and counselling of potential and returning migrants such as close relatives of migrants abroad, promotion of development friendly utilization of remittances, social and economic reintegration of returning migrants.
- Prevention of human trafficking, support for interception of potential victims and rescue operations, first aid and socio-economic re-integration of survivors such as support for repatriation and prosecution of human traffickers.
- Promotion of gender equality and improvement of social protection (e.g. access to insurances, reduction of social inequalities, combating domestic violence/ violence against women)



COUNTRY	NGO-PARTNER	PROJECT	DIRECT BENEFICIARIES	PROJECT EXPENSES in thousand €
BANGLADESH	WARBE	Promoting safe migration	15,000	42.20
	Rights Jessore	Combating human trafficking	56,080	98.35
INDIA	AFARM	Food security in Maharashtra	3,040	57.60
	MSS	Inclusive development of Musahar communities	6,205	43.90
	MADHYAM	Women empowerment and livelihood security	4,800	106.10
	MADHYAM	Food security in Odisha	3,000	104.50
NEPAL	POURAKHI	Combating human trafficking	53,000	129.85
	MAITI	Combating human trafficking	16,647	92.90
	NEEDS	Promoting safe Migration	18,000	104.40
	KPADF	Agricultural irrigation project	700	4.40

## AWO INTERNATIONAL IN SOUTH ASIA

Safe migration, fight against human trafficking and food security are our main work areas in Nepal, India and Bangladesh.

**10**

Development projects with 9 partner organizations implemented in 2017

**176,472**

Direct beneficiaries supported in 2017



CENTRAL AMERICA • EL SALVADOR • GUATEMALA • HONDURAS • NICARAGUA • MEXICO

## YOUTH PROMOTION, PREVENTION OF VIOLENCE AND SAFE MIGRATION

In many Central American countries, up to 60 percent of the population are younger than 25 years. This shows how important children and adolescents are for the future development of societies. However, their life reality is often characterized by poverty, lack of perspective and violence. Since 2007, we have been running a program for youth promotion and violence prevention. Together with our partner organizations, we support young people in claiming their rights and advocating their interests. Since 2015 Safe Migration is an important work area in Central America.

The Prevention of Youth Violence is a necessary response to violent societies. Young people face different forms of violence in their family, community and national contexts: structural violence, gender-based violence, sexual violence and violence caused by different forms of exclusion. Together with our partner organizations we have developed a three-component program strategy. The first consists of developing processes of awareness, training and multiplication with young people in social and political issues, especially in the Rights of Children and Youth Rights. The second component is to strengthen the organizational base of young people and to promote joint processes of youth groups and networks. The third component is the capacity development of youth and related actors to positively influence the politi-

cal, social and economic conditions for youth development and for the integral promotion of their rights. Since 2013, we are also directly supporting Youth Initiatives in order to strengthen the management and impact of young people in their social environment.

### Safe Migration

Our projects in the field of migration take into account the growing migratory flows to Mexico and the United States, the dynamics and adverse conditions to which young people and children in the context of migration in Central America and Mexico are increasingly subjected. In these areas, children and youth face multiple violence and suffering caused by criminal and criminal structures, as well as by the security forces, but also by the precarious



conditions that affect their safety and health. Faced with this scenario, information actions on risks and on ways of protection have been prioritized for migrants, as well as for relatives of migrants and returnees that require accompaniment in reintegration into family and society.



COUNTRY	NGO-PARTNER	PROJECT	DIRECT BENEFICIARIES	PROJECT EXPENSES in thousand €
EL SALVADOR	ACISAM national	Youth promotion, regional video school ECC	3,237	63.77
	ACISAM regional	Violence prevention and youth rights	120	106.99
	IMU	Prevention of violence against women	3,318	72.32
GUATEMALA	SODEJU	Promotion of young people	3,814	67.50
	ACSS	Promotion of safe migration	3,707	58.97
	ECAP	Promotion of safe migration	1,020	51.19
	ADISA	Support people with disabilities	17	10.77
MEXICO	CJGD	Prevention of sexual violence	2,062	40.98
	IMUMI	Promoting safe migration	454	54.41
NICARAGUA	ADM	Promotion of young people	4,732	71.77
	CANTERA	Prevention of violence	1,936	67.11
HONDURAS	OCDIH	Promoting safe migration	9,234	59.60
	OCDIH	Promotion of young people	1,175	65.79
REGIONAL	Local youth initiatives	Promotion of youth projects	26	3.10

## AWO INTERNATIONAL IN CENTRAL AMERICA AND MEXICO

Youth promotion, violence prevention and safe migration are our main work areas in El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, Mexico und Nicaragua.

**13**

Development projects with 12 partner organizations implemented in 2017

**3**

Youth initiatives promoted

**34,482**

Direct beneficiaries supported in 2017



SOUTHEAST ASIA • PHILIPPINES • INDONESIA

## COMBATING CHILD TRAFFICKING AND STRENGTHENING THE RIGHTS OF WOMEN

Despite rapid economic growth in Southeast Asia, the situation has hardly improved for many people living in poverty. In the Philippines, about 25 percent of the population live below the poverty line. There are also problems such as exploitative child labour, child trafficking and prostitution. In Indonesia, cases of sexual violence against girls and women have increased significantly, especially in poor rural areas. Together with our partner organizations, we campaign for the rights of children and fight against sexual violence against women.

In 2017 AWO International cooperated with five partner organizations in Southeast Asia. We conducted three development projects in the Philippines and two in Indonesia.

Human trafficking, especially of children and young women is one of the biggest social problems in the Philippines. Particularly young women in rural regions are in danger of becoming victims of human trafficking for the purpose of sexual exploitation in urban areas. The island Mindanao – as an operational project-area of AWO International – with broad rural areas and the city of Davao is

both a push- and a pull-area for human trafficking. Child trafficking is closely connected to the problem of child labour. AWO International maintains three partner projects in the Philippines. The partner organization Kaugmaon focuses on fighting exploitative child labour. The partner organization Child Alert Mindanao is fighting child trafficking in the region of Davao del Norte. The region borders Davao City directly. The third Philippine organization is Talikala. It concentrates on abolishing human trafficking, especially that of young girls and women for the purpose of sexual exploitation.



### Strengthening women in Indonesia

AWO International cooperates with two organizations in Indonesia fighting sexual violence. The organizations are Rifka Annisa and Mitra Wacana, both with headquarters in Yogyakarta, on the island of Java. The project area is Gunung Kidul, south of Yogyakarta. In the Gunung Kidul area cases of sexual violence frequently happen in the context of internships, related to the vocational education of young girls. Thus the target group includes schoolgirls and female students in four vocational schools as well as the residents of neighbouring villages. The respective village and local governments are included in the educational work. The organization Mitra Wacana works in four villages of the region Banjarnegara, in the province of Central-Java. Banjarnegara is a very remote area in which state protection systems hardly exist. Statistics show an increased occurrence of domestic sexual violence as well as sexual violence in the public sphere. Social protective systems in both regions (Gunung Kidul and Banjarnegara) are suffering from heavy migration.



### AWO INTERNATIONAL IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

Prevention of violence and strengthening the rights of women and children are the main focus of our work in the Philippines and Indonesia.

**5**  
Development projects with 5 partner organizations implemented in 2017

**12,674**  
Direct beneficiaries supported in 2017

COUNTRY	NGO-PARTNER	PROJECT	DIRECT BENEFICIARIES	PROJECT EXPENSES in thousand €
INDONESIA	MITRA	Prevention of sexual violence against women	184	37.10
	RIFKA	Prevention of sexual violence against women	1,500	50.00
PHILIPPINES	Child Alert	Prevention of child trafficking and prostitution	1,990	59.40
	Kaugmaon	Combating child labour	3,000	72.95
	Talikala	Combating child trafficking	6,000	70.10



WORLD WIDE

## HUMANITARIAN ACTION 2017

**In crisis** situations, AWO International, in cooperation with local non-governmental organizations, provides humanitarian aid to the affected population and supports the rehabilitation and reconstruction process.

The aim of AWO International's humanitarian emergency relief is to contribute to the restoration of everyday civilian life in disaster and crisis areas and to strengthen the resilience of the affected communities. These include measures such as the distribution of food and hygiene items, medical care and the promotion of reconstruction projects. AWO International is also engaged in disaster risk reduction.

In 2017 AWO International conducted 19 humanitarian projects and supported more than 90,000 beneficiaries worldwide. The refugee crisis in Myanmar/Bangladesh and on the Mediterranean Sea as well as the food insecurity in Uganda were three of the projects in 2017.

### **Bangladesh: Emergency relief Rohingya**

Hundreds of thousands of Rohingya have fled violence and persecution from their home country of Myanmar to neighbouring Bangladesh since August 2017. The refugee camps are completely overcrowded, the sanitary and hygienic situation is catastrophic. AWO International supplied 5,000 people with secure accommodation, clothing and toiletries. In addition, toilets and wells were built.

### **Mediterranean: Rescue operations**

Since 2015, AWO International has supported rescue operations on the Mediterranean Sea. Our partner organization SOS MEDITERRANEE has saved more than 29,000 refugees. The initiative was founded by European citizens in May 2015 in response to the deaths in the Mediterranean and the failure of the European Union to prevent these deaths. The rescue ship MS Aquarius has been in service since February 2016 in the Mediterranean between Libya and Italy.

### **Uganda: Food, Nutrition and WASH for refugee and host community children**

Uganda has received more than a million refugees in recent years, especially from Southern Sudan, where a cruel civil war is forcing people to flee. The drought and hunger crisis in 2017 aggravated the situation. We support refugee children and young people in the north of Uganda near the Southern Sudanese border with school meals and training in basic hygiene and health promotion.



COUNTRY	NGO-PARTNER	PROJECT	DIRECT BENEFICIARIES	PROJECT EXPENSES in thousand €
BANGLADESH	Agrajatra	Emergency relief Rohingya	8,289	86.50
INDIA	AFARM	Adaption to climate change	1,265	7.30
	MSS	DRR Uttar Pradesh	5,406	9.00
	MSS	Emergency relief Uttar Pradesh	1,831	1.60
NEPAL	Manpur Youth Society	Emergency relief in Bardiya	885	10.00
	Sarbodaya	DRR in Nuwakot	8,738	150.00
PHILIPPINES	Child Alert	DRR in Davao	1,663	28.80
	NPTCDC	Reconstruction in Luzon	1,233	40.90
	Lingap/BASECO	DRR in Manila	6,755	16.40
	MMCEAI	Emergency relief Marawi conflict	2,800	26.00
GUATEMALA	ACCS	Food security in Champerico	147	22.30
	ACOPEDIS	Inclusive DRR	1,480	74.62
MEXICO	IMUMI	Emergency relief after earthquake	25	5.40
	Albergue La Sagrada Familia	Support of a migrant centre	7,000	4.09
HAITI	ASB	Restoration of drinking water supply	9,621	87.07
MALI	LAG Mali	Health prevention Ebola	173	1.08
UGANDA	RTP	Food security and hygiene in refugee camps	28,150	70.10
LIBANON	GVC	Emergency relief for Syrian refugees	1,200	5.00
MEDITERRANEAN SEA	SOS MEDITERRANEE	Rescue operations in the Mediterranean	12,861	102.14
	APS, GVC, HBAid	Strengthening capacities of partner organisations	38	0.28



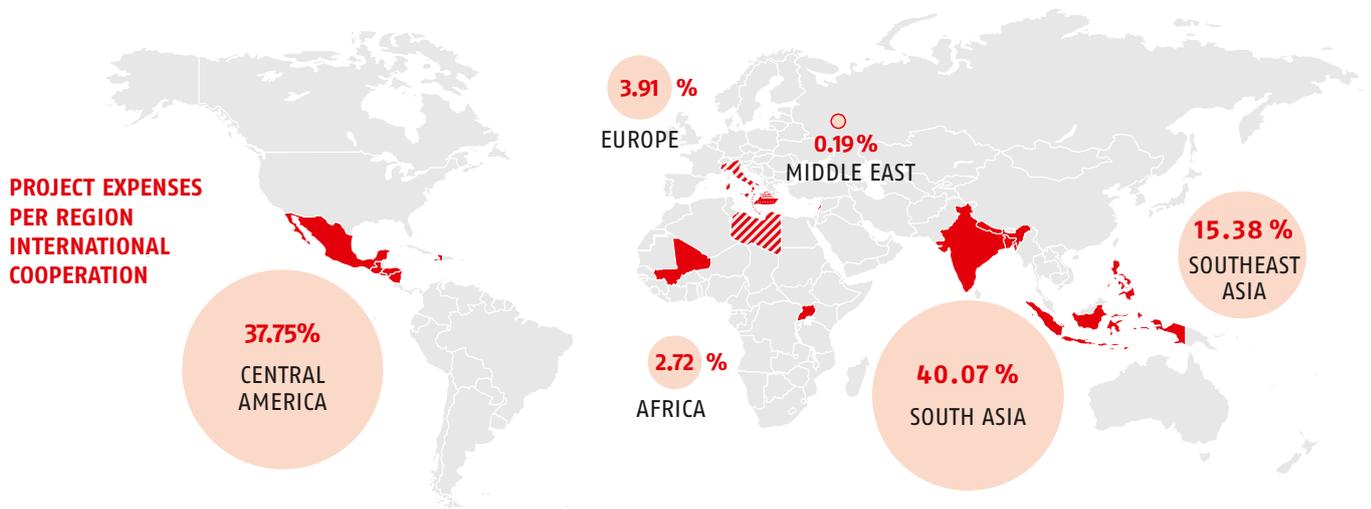
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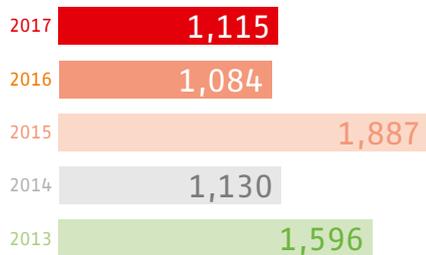
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Humanitarian Aid projects, among them 7 disaster risk reduction projects, were implemented in 2017

**99,560**  
Direct Beneficiaries supported in 2017

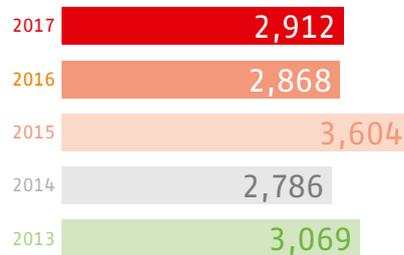
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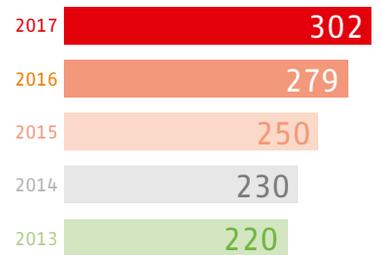
**DEVELOPMENT OF DONATIONS**  
in thousand €



**DEVELOPMENT PROJECT EXPENSES**  
in thousand €



**DEVELOPMENT MEMBERS**



## Transparency

The transparent handling of donations and public funds is important to us. We use the funds made available to us efficiently and report regularly about our work. Each year, we voluntarily undergo an external audit. AWO International has signed the commitment of the Transparent Civil Society Initiative. An overview according to the 10 points we published on our

website. AWO International is a member of the "Deutscher Spendenrat" (German Donations Council). We are committed to disclose structures, activities, projects and finances as part of an annual report, and to review our finances. The result is published annually. AWO International was additionally awarded the donation certificate of the "Deutscher Spendenrat" in 2018.



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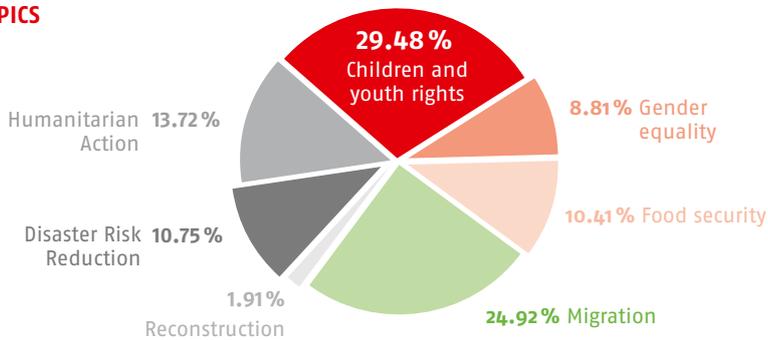
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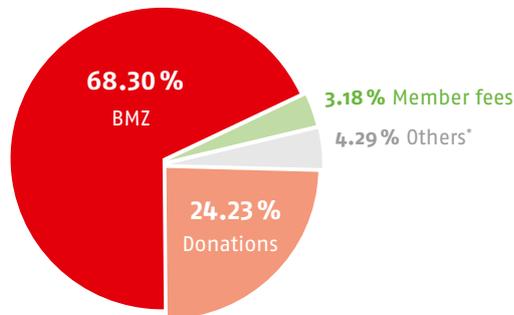
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WORKING AREAS**



**PROJECT EXPENSES  
TOPICS**

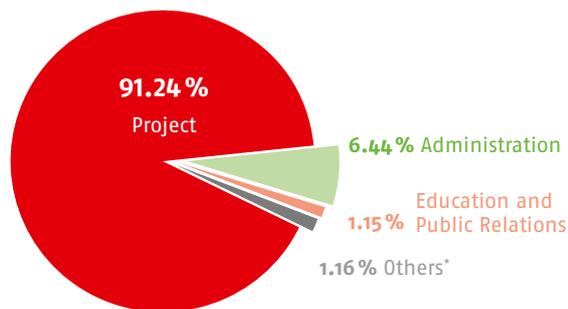


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DONATIONS**



\*Revenues fair trade

**USE OF  
EXPENSES**



\*Expenditure fair trade

**DONORS & PARTNERS**



**ALLIANCES & NETWORKS**



# TOGETHER FOR A JUST WORLD



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## CENTRAL AMERICA

El Salvador  
Guatemala  
Haiti  
Honduras  
Nicaragua  
Mexico

## AFRICA

Mali  
Uganda

## EUROPE

Germany  
Mediterranean

## MIDDLE EAST

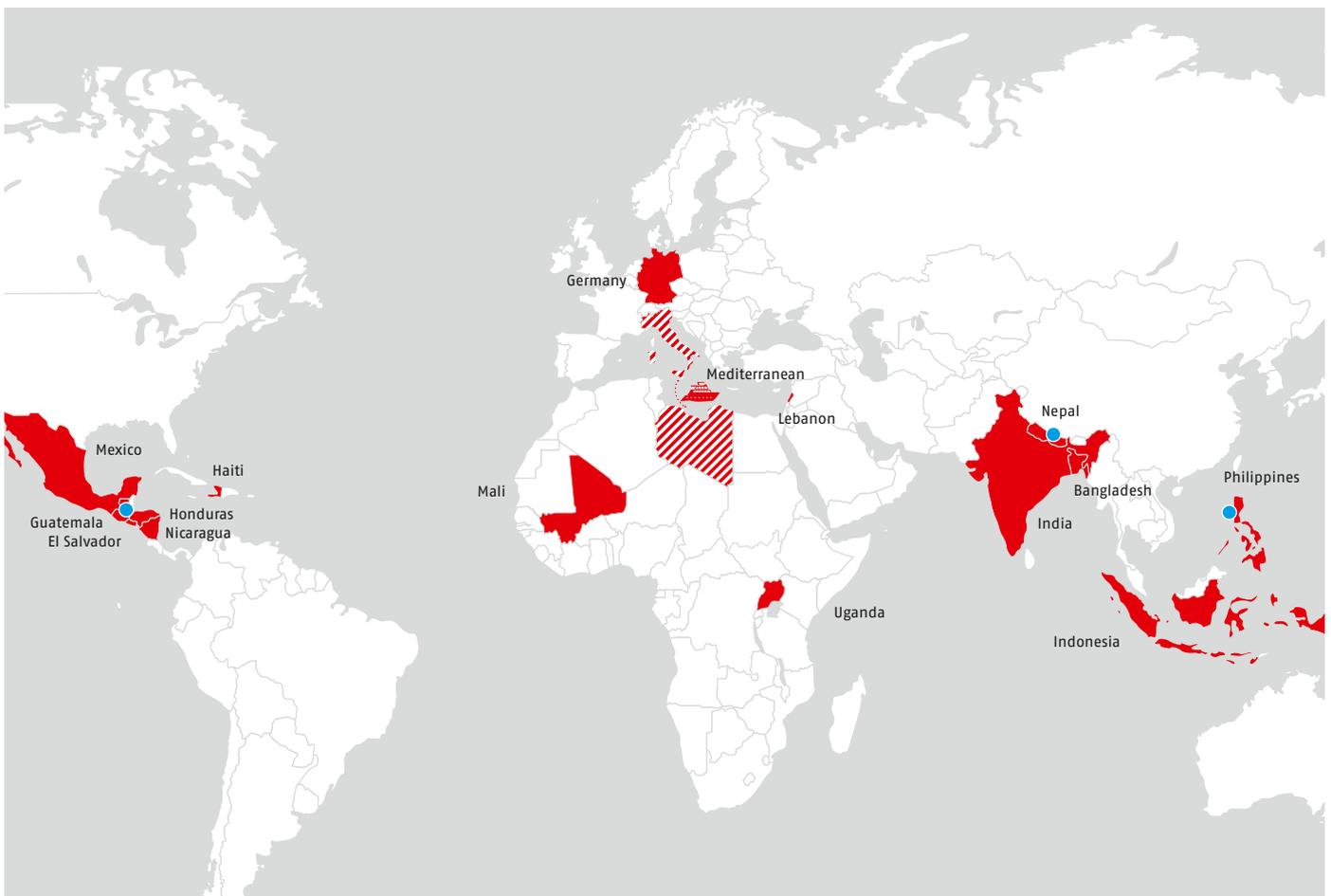
Lebanon

## SOUTH ASIA

Bangladesh  
India  
Nepal

## SOUTHEAST ASIA

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