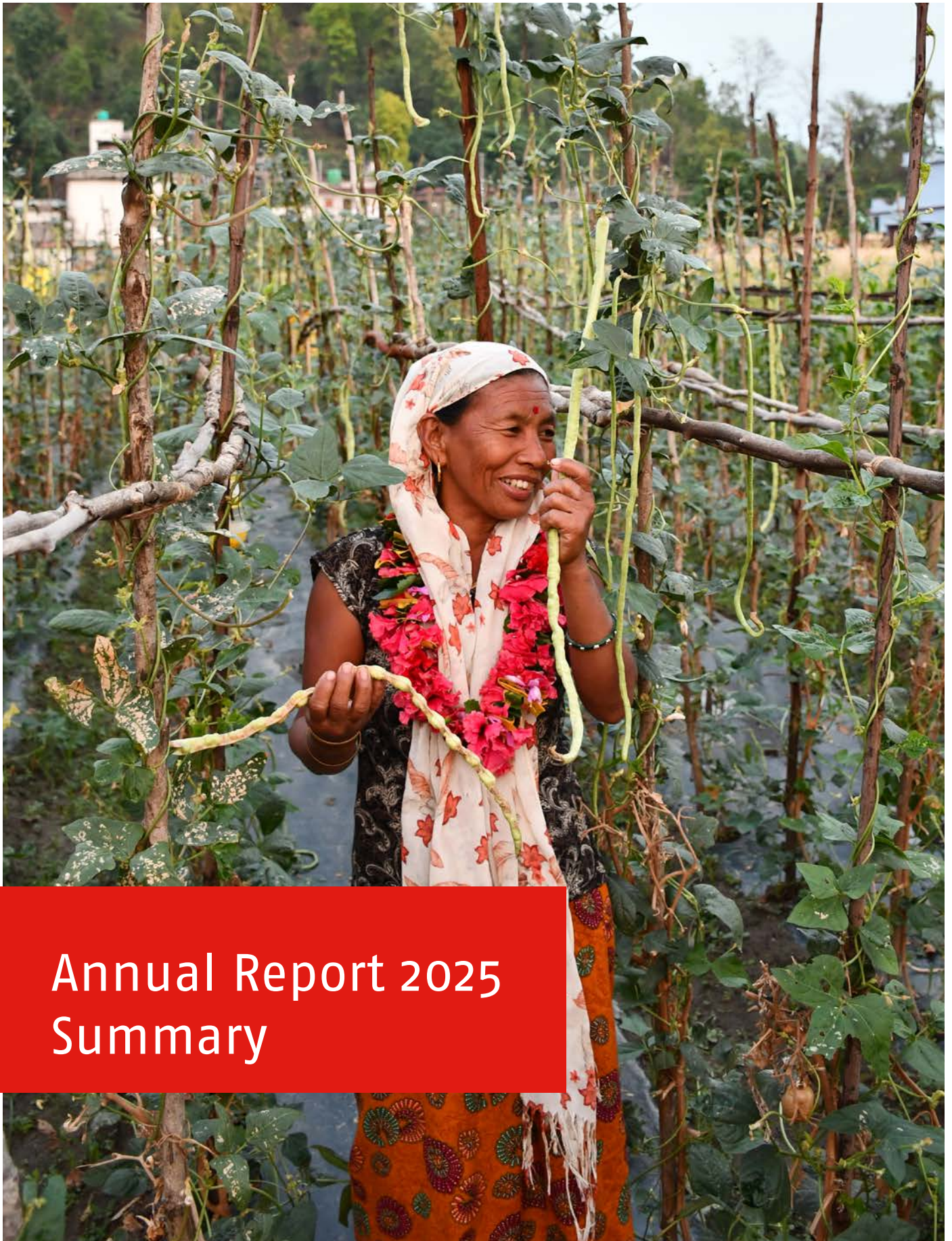




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# RELIABLE PARTNERSHIPS IN DIFFICULT TIMES

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 experience of Arbeiterwohlfahrt (AWO) in Germany. For over 100 years, the AWO has been an integral part of the German welfare state. Solidarity, tolerance, freedom, justice and equality – our basic values 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, Southeast Asia, East Africa and Europe and collaborates with local nongovernmental 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 disabled, 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 organisations, 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**

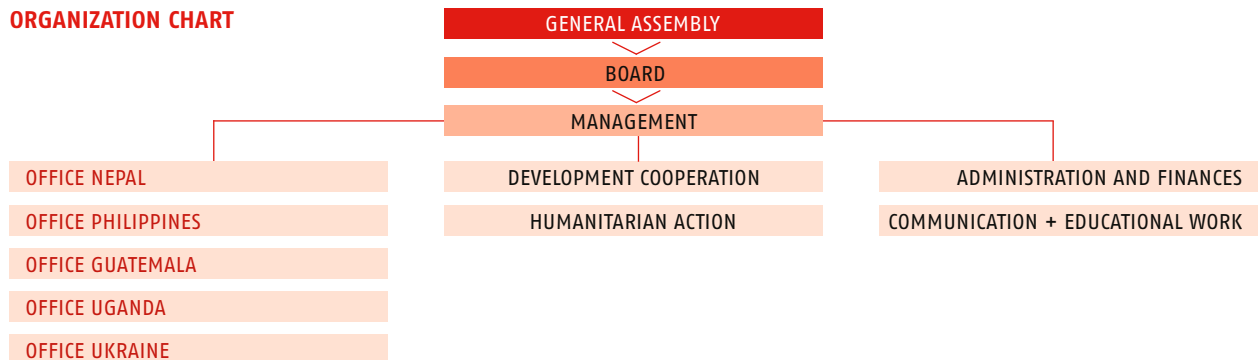
Also in Germany we are committed to raise the issues of solidarity and justice in the consciousness of the people. Our global education program focuses on the challenges and opportunities of globalization and provides impulses for value-oriented action. We draw attention to the Sustainable Development 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 extra-curricular 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 partners with Ökotopia to distribute its own fair-trade and ecologically produced specialty coffee and tea in Germany, thereby supporting fair trade. 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, practicing 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 sociopolitical 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:

- 32 state associations
- 390 district associations
- about 3,000 local associations

The AWO in Germany is carried by:

- 270,000 members
- 70,800 volunteers
- 250,700 employees

The AWO maintains in all federal states in Germany over 18,000 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)

- 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 organisations have joined the AWO at all levels as corporate members. The Arbeiterwohlfahrt has an independent youth organization (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.

# OUR INTERNATIONAL WORK

As the Workers' Welfare Association, we collaborate with local partners to develop projects that empower disadvantaged people and provide humanitarian aid in emergencies. International project work in development cooperation, disaster preparedness and humanitarian aid is at the heart of what we do.



**16**  
project countries



**62** overseas projects with



**50** partner organisations and  
one AWO association across 2025.



**309,159** individuals directly  
benefited from our overseas projects  
in the 2025 reporting year.





## SOUTH ASIA

# HOW COMMUNITIES IN INDIA ARE TACKLING CLIMATE CHANGE

In the hilly region of Kandhamal in the Indian state of Odisha, many families make a living from small-scale farming. Erratic rainfall, soil erosion and declining soil fertility are making everyday life increasingly challenging. On top of this, access to water and local markets is often severely limited. The results are poor crop yields, unstable incomes and seasonal migration.

Together with our partner organisation, the Madhyam Foundation, AWO International has been supporting communities in the Raikia block since 2023. The goal is long-term food security – ensuring a stable supply of basic foodstuffs while building lasting, sustainable livelihoods through alternative new income opportunities and sustainable soil and water management.

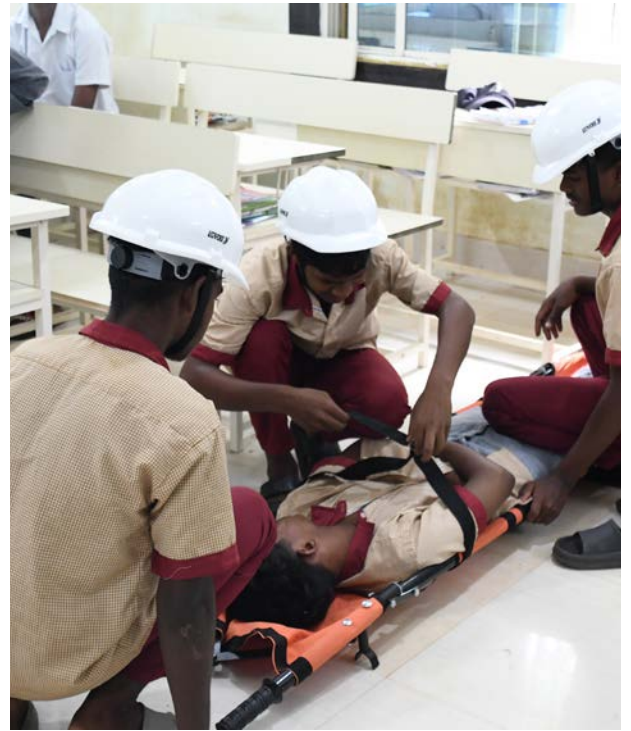
At the heart of this initiative is an integrated approach that connects agriculture, water management, income generation and local structures. Over 3,500 farmers have been trained in climate-smart and organic farming methods, including improved soil management and water-saving

measures. Fifty production units for organic fertilisers and plant protection products have been set up, enabling them to be produced and used locally.

To boost food security, 4,850 households created home gardens, ensuring a steady supply of diverse, nutrient-rich food and cutting daily living costs. Cultivating a diverse mix of crops, including rice, pulses, millet and lemongrass, makes local agriculture far more resilient to climate shocks.

Water plays a key role in the region: By installing irrigation systems, check dams and percolation ponds, the project boosted groundwater recharge and mitigated soil erosion. Water treatment plants have been installed in 16 villages, improving access to clean drinking water whilst promoting health and hygiene. This directly reduces the daily burden on women and young girls.

In order to diversify people's income, support was provided for additional sources of income: 518 landless households received support for goat farming. In addition, lemongrass cultivation was introduced, and a processing facility was set up to extract lemongrass oil. A network of 26 collection points enables farmers to jointly market their goods and negotiate higher prices.



Our project places a particular focus on women. Through 135 dedicated women's groups with 4,050 members, they organise cultivation and marketing collectively. Additional training was provided to enhance sales skills, while a recognised women's cooperative secures female-led income over the long term. Workshops and street theatre help to reduce discrimination and increase participation in community life. People with disabilities also received targeted support, for example, through assistive devices, training and improved access to government services.

With the aim of enabling communities to plan and implement measures independently, local groups and collectives were established or strengthened, including climate and water committees as well as producer organisations. Close cooperation with government bodies helps to ensure that services are maintained in the long term.

Measures relating to disaster preparedness and environmental protection were additionally implemented: In 52 villages, disaster preparedness structures were strengthened through school emergency plans, training sessions and drills. Reforestation, waste management and training programmes help to protect the environment and make the region more resilient.

In total, 21,800 people benefit from improved nutrition, food security and enhanced resilience. This project demonstrates that an integrated, community-driven approach brings about tangible change: increased crop yields, more stable incomes and improved food security. By strengthening communities in a holistic way, they will be able to tackle the consequences of climate change in the long term.



## OUR WORK IN SOUTH ASIA

Bangladesh • India • Nepal • Pakistan

In South Asia, we focus on promoting safe migration and supporting communities in disaster preparedness and climate adaptation. In the 2025 reporting year we

-  implemented **6** development projects and performed **8** humanitarian projects,
-  collaborated with **12** local and international partner organisations and
-  directly supported **99,939** people.



## SOUTHEAST ASIA

# LABOUR MIGRATION IN THE PHILIPPINES

## Creating shared prospects for returnees

Dan Bagsic has served as a Project Manager at the Southeast Asia Regional Office in Manila since 2018. Migration is one of the key challenges facing the Philippines: Many people leave the country in search of work, often ending up in exploitative conditions. Since 2024, Dan has been supporting the project with our partner Atikha, which specifically addresses this issue.

### **Why do so many people leave the Philippines, and in which countries do they look for work?**

Labour migration has been an integral part of government policy since the 1970s and was institutionalised in 2022 with the establishment of the Ministry of Labour Migration (DMW).

For domestic workers, countries in the Middle East and Hong Kong are among the main destination countries. Skilled workers often migrate to the US, Canada, the UK

or Australia. For many, the goal is to build a better future for their families, ensuring everything from food security to quality education for their children.

### **Where is Atikha's project based?**

The project is being implemented in Laguna, a region with high levels of labour migration, and in Iloilo, a key origin area for migrating domestic workers. Many migrant workers do not have sufficient savings to provide for their long-term financial security. This is a primary reason why they are unable to return permanently, even if they wish to do so. This is where our project with Atikha comes in.

### **What are the main objectives of the project; what has been achieved thus far?**

Government support schemes often fail to adequately reach migrant workers, even though they would like to see effective reintegration programmes that offer them long-term prospects in their own country. Through our project, access to services for over 3,000 returnees and their families was improved by strengthening local institutions, such as Migration and Development Councils, government authorities, schools and cooperatives, based on a holistic and gender-sensitive approach.



### Why is there a special focus on women and families?

The social impact of migration is evident in broken family structures, vulnerable left-behind children and deep economic reliance on remittances. Long-term separations exert severe strain on migrant workers and their household members. Women who work in private households abroad are particularly prone to experiencing emotional strain, family tensions and alienation, which makes a permanent return home difficult.

### What makes the partnership between Atikha and AWO International stand out?

The partnership reflects the vision of AWO International: 'Together in solidarity'. Drawing on the experience and expertise of AWO within Germany in areas such as social protection and social inclusion, we empower Atikha to

actively shape Philippine migration policy and assist disadvantaged individuals. The combination of international exchange of experience and local expertise makes this project unique.

### What are your hopes for the future?

My hope is that everyone in the Philippines will see an improvement in their living conditions and that no one will be at risk of poverty any longer. Migration should be a free choice, not an economic necessity. When people decide to work abroad, they should have the opportunity, on their return, to successfully integrate into their local communities and get involved. Together with our partners, we aim to help create the conditions that enable sustainable reintegration and offer returnees long-term prospects in their home country.



## OUR WORK IN SOUTHEAST ASIA

Indonesia • Myanmar • Philippines

In Southeast Asia, we are dedicated to promoting safe migration. Another key focus is earthquake emergency relief and disaster preparedness.

In the 2025 reporting year we



implemented **9** development projects and performed **7** humanitarian projects,



collaborated with **13** local partner organisations and



directly supported **32,529** people.



## CENTRAL AMERICA AND MEXICO

# RESISTANCE FROM EXILE

Cristosal remains a voice for human rights

Under El Salvador's ongoing state of emergency, critical voices face systematic persecution. Since May 2025, the 'Foreign Agents Regulation Law' has further exacerbated the situation. Our partner organisation, Cristosal, was also forced to leave the country. AWO International supports Cristosal in building new alliances across borders to demand justice and respect for human rights.

### Civil society under threat

In March 2022, President Nayib Bukele declared a state of emergency under the banner of combating gang violence. The consequences: Civil rights in the country are being dismantled, and arbitrary raids have led to the detention of over 90,000 people, including more than 3,000 children. Many of those affected are innocent and are being held in custody without trial because of their appearance, their background or misinformation. The conditions in the

overcrowded prisons are alarming. At least 458 people have died in custody thus far, and the government is also deliberately criminalising civil society work. Human rights organisations face fines of up to 250,000 dollars and taxes of 30 per cent on unauthorised international aid funds. Our partner organisation, Cristosal, also came under the scrutiny of state repression.

Ruth López, a lawyer, has been wrongfully detained since May 2025 without a transparent trial. As head of the anti-corruption department at Cristosal, she exposed corruption and human rights abuses in El Salvador. Mounting threats forced Cristosal to suspend its direct on-site operations in El Salvador. Managing Director Noah Bullock explains: "Exile is a form of political violence because it is specifically directed against people. But it also sends a message to society as a whole. Anyone who dares to object or refuses to conform is at risk of severe reprisals. Even a prison sentence."

### Defending human rights from exile

For Cristosal, silence is not an option. They are continuing their work from Guatemala with a new focus, reporting human rights violations in El Salvador, advising those



affected in exile, as well as using their new headquarters as a platform to broaden their focus across the region. The 19 staff members have left their families and friends behind in order to defend human rights. In addition to this personal cost, it is also more difficult to support those affected by human rights violations, as the documentation and exposure of such cases must now be carried out remotely. Advocating for human rights remains dangerous, even from exile. The government of El Salvador monitors the communications of human rights defenders and fuels a climate of intimidation beyond its national borders. Cristosal has therefore stepped up its safety protocols to protect its staff and those affected.

### Together for Justice

Despite the climate of fear, Cristosal is looking ahead. The organisation campaigns for a society in which a person's background, economic circumstances and sexual orientation do not determine their opportunities, and where holding different opinions is not a crime. Through our project, we support Cristosal in building robust legal structures capable of exposing systematic human rights violations and bringing them to justice through targeted intervention. In addition, those affected are offered advice and have a point of contact. We also support a network of exiled journalists that denounce injustice and violence across borders and build alliances in the fight for human rights in the region.



## OUR WORK IN CENTRAL AMERICA AND MEXICO

El Salvador • Guatemala • Honduras • Mexico

In Central America and Mexico, we focus on safe migration, preventing violence and disaster preparedness. In the 2025 reporting year we



implemented **6** development projects and performed **6** humanitarian projects,



collaborated with **10** local and international partner organisations and



directly supported **34,965** people.



## EUROPE

# RECONSTRUCTION DURING THE WAR

This is what AWO International does in Ukraine

Together with its partners Rokada and Way Home, AWO International supports people in need and strengthens local social structures. In doing so, it directly builds on the work of AWO in Germany: Assistance for particularly vulnerable people, social inclusion, quality care, and spaces for community gathering and counsel as an essential contribution to public welfare.

Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine has continued with the utmost brutality and severity since the occupation of Crimea in 2014. The Russian army commits war crimes against the civilian population every day. According to a World Bank report, the direct damage caused by the attacks amounted to around 169 billion euros by December 2025. Indirect economic follow-on costs are not yet included in this figure. Russia is deliberately targeting civilian infrastructure, energy supplies and transport routes, whilst the specific attacks on individual

targets are often carried out indiscriminately. The injury and killing of civilians is recklessly accepted as collateral damage. Many people were forced to flee abroad or to other parts of the country. At the same time, poverty continues to rise.

Geographically, AWO International focuses on the south of Ukraine – in particular the administrative regions (oblasts) of Mykolaiv and Odesa, as well as the area surrounding the capital, Kyiv, including a district bordering the Chernobyl exclusion zone. In 2022, parts of these areas were occupied by the Russian army. Today, the area is home to numerous internally displaced people, returnees and survivors of the occupation. They all need support and prospects. AWO International is coordinating relief efforts from Kyiv and Mykolaiv in collaboration with colleagues from its national partners.

A key focus of AWO International in Ukraine is supporting social institutions. In the Mykolaiv Oblast, nine institutions underwent structural renovation in 2025, including care homes for the elderly and centres for children, young people and people with disabilities. In addition, professionals were trained and psychosocial, medical and



material assistance was provided. International patient transfers to specialist doctors and the distribution of essential supplies were also organised. Another key focus is the promotion of accessible community centres. With funding from the BMZ and Aktion Deutschland Hilft, nine accessible community centres have been renovated and fitted out to date. The community centres are run by AWO International's Ukrainian partners. They are important places where people can meet, which are lacking in many places. In keeping with the AWO ethos, the centres offer cultural activities, social and legal advice, as well as individual and group counselling sessions. There are also opportunities for professional development. At least one room is dedicated to this purpose and equipped with appropriate tools and resources, such as sewing machines,

kitchen appliances, 3D and textile printers, or ceramic kilns.

AWO International will continue to support the people of Ukraine in the future. The focus is increasingly on long-term reconstruction. In the coming years, further social services are to be supported. After all, places where people come together offer hope and new prospects. The work is funded by the Federal Foreign Office and the Austrian 'Allianz für Kinder' foundation, but also relies heavily on donations. At the same time, it is clear that: The reconstruction of Ukraine will take years. This makes long-term and reliable solidarity all the more important.



## OUR WORK IN EUROPA

### Ukraine

In Ukraine, alongside emergency aid and reconstruction, we are focusing more on strengthening social institutions, further education and job placement. During the winter months, the focus is increasingly on the supply of fuel and heated shelters.

In the 2025 reporting year we



performed **6** humanitarian emergency aid projects,



collaborated with **3** local partner organisations and



directly supported **36,226** people.



## EAST AFRICA

# FROM IDEA TO IMPLEMENTATION

The development of projects for the Karamoja region in Uganda

The Karamoja region in north-eastern Uganda is one of the most deprived regions in the country. Decades of political neglect continue to shape this structurally disadvantaged border region to this day: A lack of infrastructure, poor public services and limited economic prospects are slowing down the development of many communities. At the same time, Karamoja has a strong cultural identity and a wealth of local knowledge. That is why a particularly careful and collaborative approach is needed here.

A new project does not begin with ready-made solutions, but with a rigorous, on-site assessment of the situation. For the planned projects on food systems designed

to remain stable even in the face of the climate crisis, the initial focus was on the question: Where is the need greatest – and what measures can have a long-term impact?

### From analysis to the selection of the project region

The decision to choose Karamoja was based on several factors. The region has a poverty rate of over 74 per cent, which is significantly higher than the national average for Uganda. Many families make their living from livestock farming and small-scale agriculture, but are severely affected by drought, erratic rainfall and the consequences of the climate crisis. Compounding these challenges are soaring food prices, livestock diseases, localised conflicts such as cattle rustling and limited funding for local government services.

One of the most critical issues is the availability of food. Large sections of the population are unable to secure a sustainable food supply. Malnutrition amongst children and women is also widespread. Following various data analyses, the districts of Kaabong, Karenga and Kotido

were ultimately selected. Decisive factors included high levels of food insecurity, relative regional agricultural potential and security considerations.

### Partner selection and long-term integration

A key element of the project's structure was the selection of suitable local partner organisations. The aim was to work with organisations that are firmly established in Karamoja and are familiar with the region's cultural, social and economic characteristics.

The selection process took place in several stages. First, potential organisations were identified and invited to submit project proposals if they were interested.

Following the submission of project proposals, budgets and evidence regarding internal control systems, online interviews and on-site visits took place. This process involved auditing the administrative and financial structures of the local offices, evaluating their technical expertise for project implementation and assessing their collaborative approach with local communities in need.

From an initial total of 13 organisations, two local partners were selected: the 'Grassroots Alliance for Rural Development' (GARD) and the 'Warrior Squad Foundation' (WSF). Decisive factors included their experience in food security and livelihood protection, their strong local roots, their expertise in sustainably building civil society structures and their support for marginalised groups.

A functioning quality management system is just as crucial as selecting the right partners. These include transparent financial processes, training, joint planning and regular on-site visits. Realistic goal setting, clear and effective coordination with all relevant stakeholders and a well-defined exit strategy are essential. Creating sustainable prospects takes time, local expertise and close dialogue with the local community.



## OUR WORK IN EAST AFRICA

### Uganda

The focus of our project work in Uganda is on food security, disaster preparedness and climate adaptation. In the 2025 reporting year we



implemented **4** development projects and performed **5** humanitarian projects,



collaborated with **7** local partner organisations and



directly supported **21,807** people.

MIDDLE EAST

## BETWEEN AIRSTRIKES AND HOPE

On the road with team members  
from partner organisation  
Mousawat in Lebanon

Since 2023, we have been running the Health on Wheels 4 project in collaboration with Volkshilfe Austria and, our local partner, Mousawat. A mobile clinic provides free medical treatment, physiotherapy, psychotherapy and counselling, primarily to people with disabilities and older people. Recurrent airstrikes aggravate humanitarian distress while simultaneously obstructing aid operations.

A deployment day starts early. Often after nights without sleep because of the airstrikes. The Mousawat teams load medicines, first-aid supplies and emergency rucksacks into their vehicles. Before setting off, the following is checked: Which roads are still open? Where was the most recent bombing?

Despite the risks, they make their way to emergency shelters in Beirut, the Bekaa Valley, Saida and Tyre. They are often affected themselves: Some have lost their homes and are living with relatives or in makeshift accommodation. Even so, they get up every morning, put on their waistcoats and set off. In the collective accommodation,



often school buildings, the scene is a bleak one: overcrowded classrooms, families sleeping on the floor, elderly people, traumatised children and people with disabilities without suitable toilets or assistive devices. The teams don't hesitate: Medical consultations, medicine, mobility aids, wheelchairs, emergency cases requiring immediate transfer to hospitals and psychosocial support. Sometimes, listening is the most important 'treatment'.

"The worst part is seeing how every noise frightens the children," says one member of staff. Another colleague describes it as follows: "In emergencies, speed is everything. If we wait, people will suffer."

Just how fine the line between help and danger is became clear at the Qasmieh tent camp near Tyre. Whilst the on-site teams were providing emergency aid, airstrikes could be heard nearby. People were afraid, but were waiting for help. "We knew we couldn't leave," recalls one member of staff. Barely minutes after they pulled away, that very spot was hit in an attack.

Their work shows what it means to provide help in a crisis like this. For the teams, this means making the deliberate decision every single day to press forward – amidst airstrikes, fear and the hope of providing at least a brief respite.



## OUR WORK IN THE MIDDLE EAST AND THE MEDITERRANEAN

Lebanon • Syria • Turkey • Mediterranean

In the Middle East, we provide humanitarian assistance to people forced to flee armed conflicts or affected by natural disasters. In the 2025 reporting year we



performed **5** humanitarian projects,



collaborated with **7** local and international partner organisations and



directly supported **76,950** people.

# OUR WORK IN GERMANY

Our development education and information work focuses on the challenges and opportunities of globalisation and promotes sustainable, value-driven action. In addition, together with Ökotopia in Germany, we distribute our own fairly and organically produced specialty coffees and teas, thereby supporting Fair Trade. In exceptional cases, AWO International is also active in humanitarian aid within Germany, for example, in flood relief after the July 2021 disaster. In 2025, flood advisors at the AWO flood offices in Bad Neuenahr, Schleiden and Hagen continued to offer those affected advice, financial assistance and psychosocial support. We also provided financial support to help affected households rebuild their lives.



Across Germany, we delivered **27** information stands and lectures at district and regional conferences, in addition to AWO festivals.



**1,221** people have benefited from our educational programmes.



**397,721** people were reached via our social media channels, of whom 121,685 were on Facebook and 276,036 on Instagram.





## GLOBAL EDUCATION

# SHAPING EDUCATION TOGETHER

Creating strong offerings through close collaboration

### **'Global (un)learning' – Shaping change together**

'Global (un)Learning' encourages people across Germany to understand global interconnections, to question them critically and work together to develop steps towards a fairer and more sustainable society. In this project, we use interactive and playful methods to help people understand issues such as climate justice and poverty.

A key component is a series of open online workshops on the environment and sustainability. Together, we discuss how everyday life is linked to global issues, such as the circular economy, or how we can talk about the climate crisis without demoralising others. Participants share their experiences and develop ideas for specific changes in their working lives, voluntary work or everyday lives.

For those who organise educational events themselves, the 'Methods for Global Justice' handbook was completed in 2025. It brings tried-and-tested exercises on social, climate, resource and gender justice together. For each method, there is background information, detailed instructions and evaluation questions. Education officers can put the content into practice straight away. At a workshop in Berlin, the following was said on this subject:

"It was exactly the right mix of theory and practice. I particularly liked the interactive methods used to explore global trade and resource justice."

In 2025, two educational games were also used more extensively. In the escape game 'Water Under Pressure', participants investigate a fictional water conflict in Guatemala and then discuss water as a human right and global power dynamics. Through the educational game 'Journey of a Pair of Jeans', they trace the life cycle of a garment, exploring wages, environmental impacts and corporate responsibility. Both games can be requested as workshops from AWO International.

Funded by Engagement Global with funding from the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development.



### ENGAGE: Empowering youth leaders in global learning

Through 'ENGAGE – Empowering Next Generation Advocates for Global Education', AWO International is taking part in an Erasmus+ project with partner organisations from Romania, the Czech Republic and France. The focus is on youth leaders, educators and volunteers who work with young people. Many of them have noticed that young people are interested in politics, but are rarely asked for their views. This is exactly where ENGAGE comes in: The project supports them in encouraging young people to engage in democratic participation, embrace diversity and promote social justice.

For ENGAGE, 2025 was a year of exchange and joint development. At international meetings in Prague and Toulouse, the partner organisations worked on an e-learning course on democracy, diversity and participation. At the same time, they developed and tested methodologies for group work, planning training sessions and exchange formats to promote and distribute the materials. The aim is to provide youth workers with practical tools they can use in their day-to-day work to engage in conversation with young people in an accessible way.

The developed materials are based on an international needs analysis carried out in four countries. The survey involved young people, youth leaders and educators.

The results show that: Many young people would like to get involved, but find that their concerns are rarely



addressed in day-to-day politics. The desire for safe spaces for discussion, criticism and joint action became particularly clear.

This led to the production of national reports and a joint strategy for more inclusive youth and education work in Europe. They highlight obstacles such as financial hardship, discrimination and mental health issues, as well as demonstrate how youth work can be organised in such a way that no one is left behind. ENGAGE combines analysis with practical initiatives and empowers those working with young people in the fields of global learning and democratic education.



# PROJECTS 2025

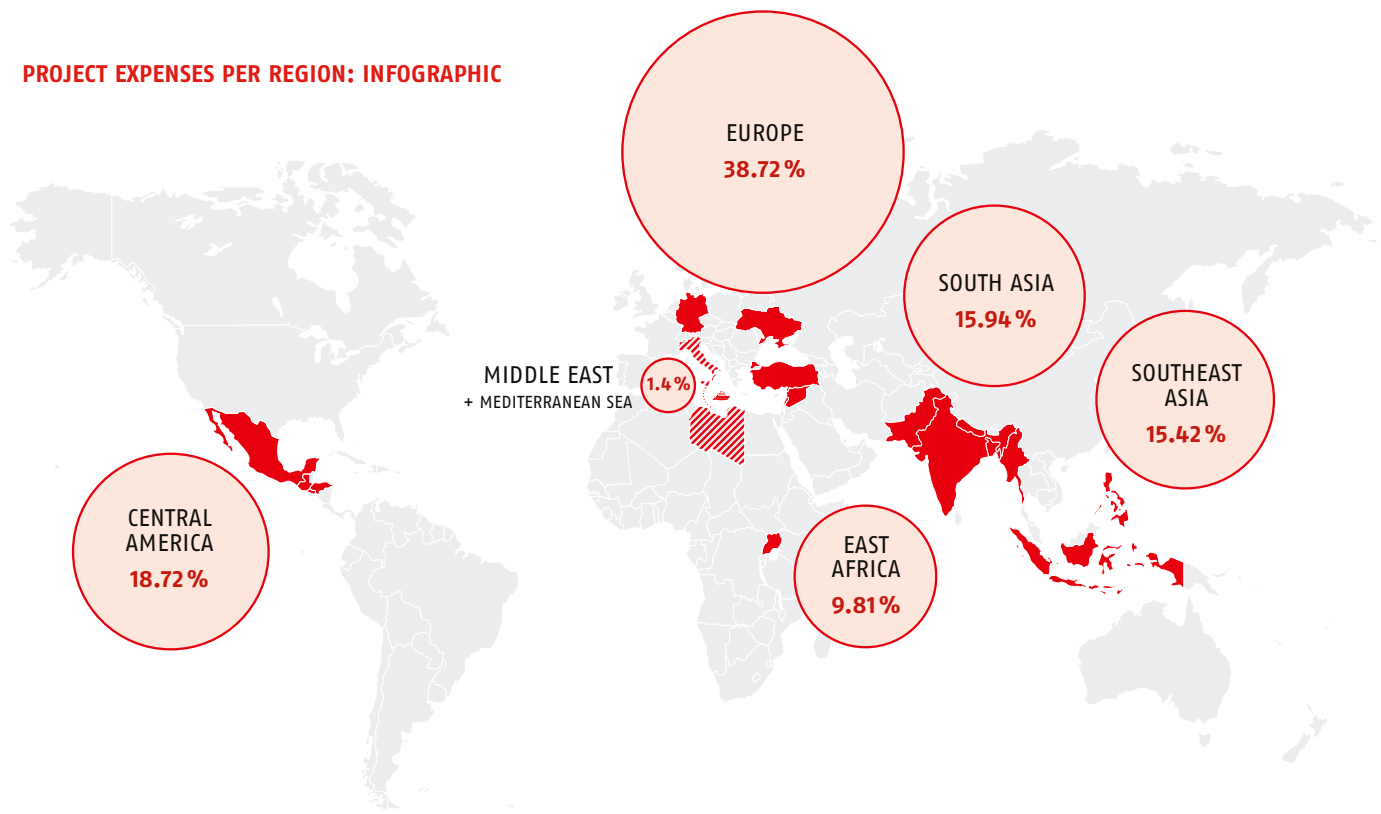
## PROJECT EXPENSES PER REGION: LIST

| Region/<br>Country | NRO-<br>Partner             | Project<br>Focus        | Direct<br>Beneficiaries | Project<br>Expenses<br>in € |
|--------------------|-----------------------------|-------------------------|-------------------------|-----------------------------|
| CENTRAL AMERICA    |                             |                         |                         |                             |
| EL SALVADOR        | Cristosal                   | Migration               | 385                     | 136,875                     |
| GUATEMALA          | Utz Ché                     | Food Security           | 1,468                   | 102,415                     |
|                    | ASECSA                      | Disaster risk reduction | 2,474                   | 151,517                     |
|                    | ECAP                        | Migration               | 454                     | 122,467                     |
|                    | ECAP                        | Emergency relief        | 902                     | 4,649                       |
|                    | ADISA, CORDES               | Disaster risk reduction | 24,000                  | 216,761                     |
|                    | AWO International           | Disaster risk reduction | 37                      | 82,185                      |
|                    |                             |                         |                         |                             |
| HONDURAS           | CASM                        | Emergency relief        | 258                     | 20,022                      |
|                    | OCDIH                       | Migration               | 2,070                   | 291,760                     |
|                    | CASM                        | Migration               | 405                     | 277,352                     |
|                    |                             |                         |                         |                             |
| MEXICO             | IMUMI                       | Migration               | 380                     | 115,263                     |
|                    | Fray Matías                 | Migration               | 2,132                   | 151,283                     |
| Total              |                             |                         | 34,965                  | 1,672,549                   |
| EAST AFRICA        |                             |                         |                         |                             |
| UGANDA             | FAPAD                       | Disaster risk reduction | 2,524                   | 103,859                     |
|                    | GARD                        | Disaster risk reduction | 1,912                   | 31,243                      |
|                    | WSF                         | Disaster risk reduction | 2,458                   | 14,636                      |
|                    | AFARD                       | Disaster risk reduction | 3,053                   | 206,768                     |
|                    | AWO International           | Disaster risk reduction | 30                      | 64,141                      |
|                    | AFARD                       | Migration               | 1,951                   | 124,938                     |
|                    | COVID                       | Migration               | 4,515                   | 130,373                     |
|                    | UCOBAC                      | Migration               | 1,724                   | 100,642                     |
|                    | RICE-WN                     | Migration               | 3,640                   | 99,897                      |
|                    |                             |                         |                         |                             |
| Total              |                             |                         | 21,807                  | 876,496                     |
| SOUTH ASIA         |                             |                         |                         |                             |
| BANGLADESH         | GUK                         | Migration               | 5,249                   | 73,980                      |
|                    | GUK                         | Emergency relief        | 3,652                   | 3,294                       |
|                    | GUK                         | Food Security           | 2,956                   | 198,768                     |
|                    | GUK                         | Migration               | 9,392                   | 147,785                     |
| INDIA              | Madhyam                     | Food Security           | 9,954                   | 401,966                     |
|                    | SKHM                        | Migration               | 272                     | 54,735                      |
|                    | Kolkata Sanved              | Migration               | 1,914                   | 68,419                      |
| NEPAL              | BEE Group                   | Disaster risk reduction | 11,603                  | 75,459                      |
|                    | CEAPRED                     | Food Security           | 1,895                   | 91,304                      |
|                    | AWO International           | Disaster risk reduction | 31                      | 43,710                      |
|                    | NEEDS                       | Migration               | 26,963                  | 132,733                     |
|                    | WOSCC                       | Migration               | 3,621                   | 109,939                     |
|                    | Pourakhi Nepal              | Migration               | 437                     | 22,210                      |
|                    |                             |                         |                         |                             |
| PAKISTAN           | SCF, SAFWCO, Solidar Suisse | Emergency relief        | 22,000                  | 8,868                       |
| Total              |                             |                         | 99,939                  | 1,424,302                   |

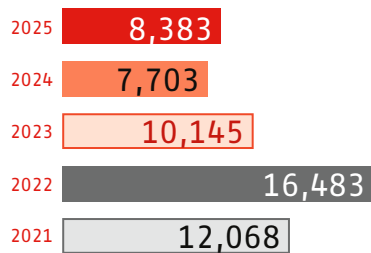
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| <b>SOUTHEAST ASIA</b>                    |                                       |                         |                         |                             |
| INDONESIA                                | YEU                                   | Disaster risk reduction | 364                     | 46,303                      |
|                                          | ADBMI                                 | Migration               | 635                     | 99,721                      |
|                                          | INFEST                                | Migration               | 220                     | 84,162                      |
|                                          | PPK                                   | Migration               | 418                     | 99,593                      |
|                                          | Migrant CARE                          | Migration               | 168                     | 75,655                      |
| MYANMAR                                  | CDA                                   | Food Security           | 148                     | 50,774                      |
|                                          | CDA                                   | Emergency relief        | 7,711                   | 59,391                      |
|                                          | HAND                                  | Emergency relief        | 5,943                   | 64,397                      |
| PHILIPPINES                              | ECOWEB                                | Disaster risk reduction | 6,592                   | 227,687                     |
|                                          | ECOWEB                                | Emergency relief        | 7,199                   | 32,000                      |
|                                          | CONCERN                               | Disaster risk reduction | 6,743                   | Use of fund from 2024       |
|                                          | AWO International                     | Disaster risk reduction | 143                     | 74,290                      |
|                                          | CMA                                   | Migration               | 323                     | 90,775                      |
|                                          | MMCEAI                                | Migration               | 1,100                   | 88,462                      |
|                                          | OND Hased                             | Migration               | 750                     | 96,642                      |
|                                          | Blas Ople Center                      | Migration               | 215                     | 85,594                      |
|                                          | Atikha                                | Migration               | 600                     | 98,030                      |
| Total                                    |                                       |                         | 39,272                  | 1,373,477                   |
| <b>MIDDLE EAST AND MEDITERRANEAN SEA</b> |                                       |                         |                         |                             |
| MEDITERRANIAN                            | SOS Humanity                          | Emergency relief        | 1,101                   | 100,000                     |
| LEBANON                                  | Mousawat, Volkshilfe Österreich       | Emergency relief        | 2,421                   | 11,180                      |
| SYRIA                                    | Heyva Sor, Volkshilfe Österreich      | Emergency relief        | 72,928                  | Use of fund from 2024       |
|                                          | Mouswat, Volkshilfe Österreich        | Emergency relief        | 460                     | Use of fund from 2024       |
| TURKEY                                   | SARD, ZDA, Solidar Suisse             | Emergency relief        | 40                      | 13,508                      |
| Total                                    |                                       |                         | 76,950                  | 124,688                     |
| <b>EUROPE</b>                            |                                       |                         |                         |                             |
| GERMANY                                  | AWO International, AWO Bundesverband, | Emergency relief        | 305                     | 72,515                      |
|                                          | AWO Lifebalance                       |                         |                         |                             |
|                                          | AWO BV Rheinland                      | Emergency relief        | 12,520                  | Use of fund from 2024       |
|                                          | AWO BV Mittelrhein                    | Emergency relief        | 10,000                  | Use of fund from 2024       |
|                                          | AWO BV Westl. Westfalen               | Emergency relief        | 1,765                   | 878,691                     |
|                                          | AWO International                     | Education               | 311                     | 91,393                      |
|                                          | AWO International                     | Education               | 910                     | 23,277                      |
|                                          |                                       |                         |                         |                             |
| UKRAINE                                  | R2P Right to Protection               | Emergency relief        | 30,000                  | 510,478                     |
|                                          | AWO Germany, AWO Ukraine, Rokada      | Emergency relief        | 2,127                   | 749,772                     |
|                                          | AWO Germany, AWO Ukraine, Rokada      | Emergency relief        | 1,110                   | 844,310                     |
|                                          | WAY HOME                              | Emergency relief        | 219                     | 125,210                     |
|                                          | Rokada                                | Emergency relief        | 2,700                   | 73,717                      |
|                                          | AWO Germany, AWO Ukraine              | Disaster risk reduction | 70                      | 89,863                      |
| Total                                    |                                       |                         | 62,036                  | 3,459,227                   |

# FACTS AND FIGURES

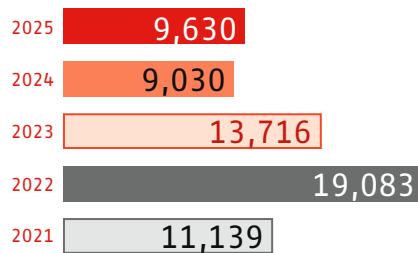
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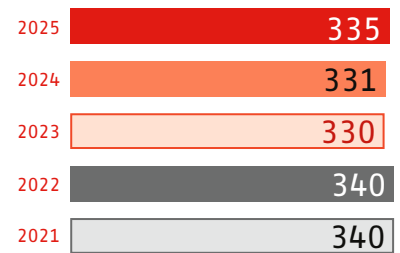
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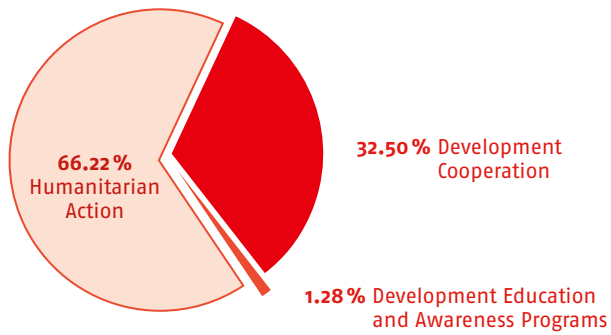


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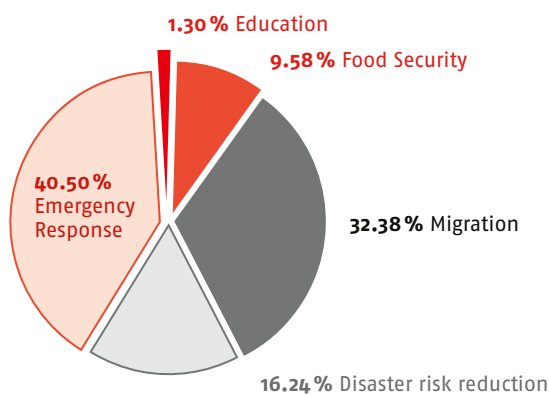
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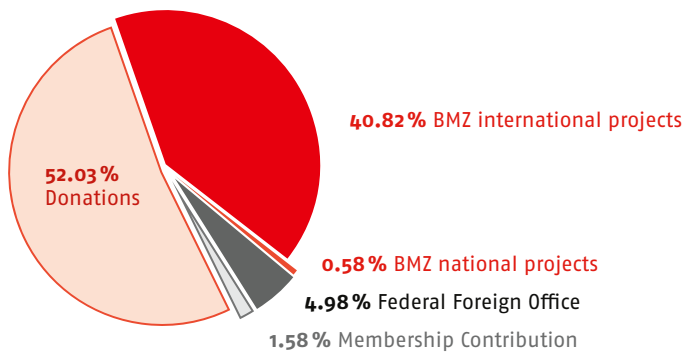
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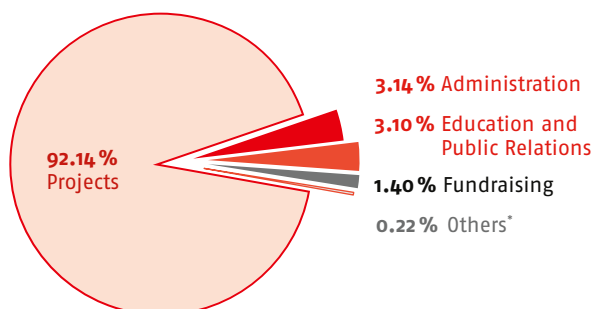
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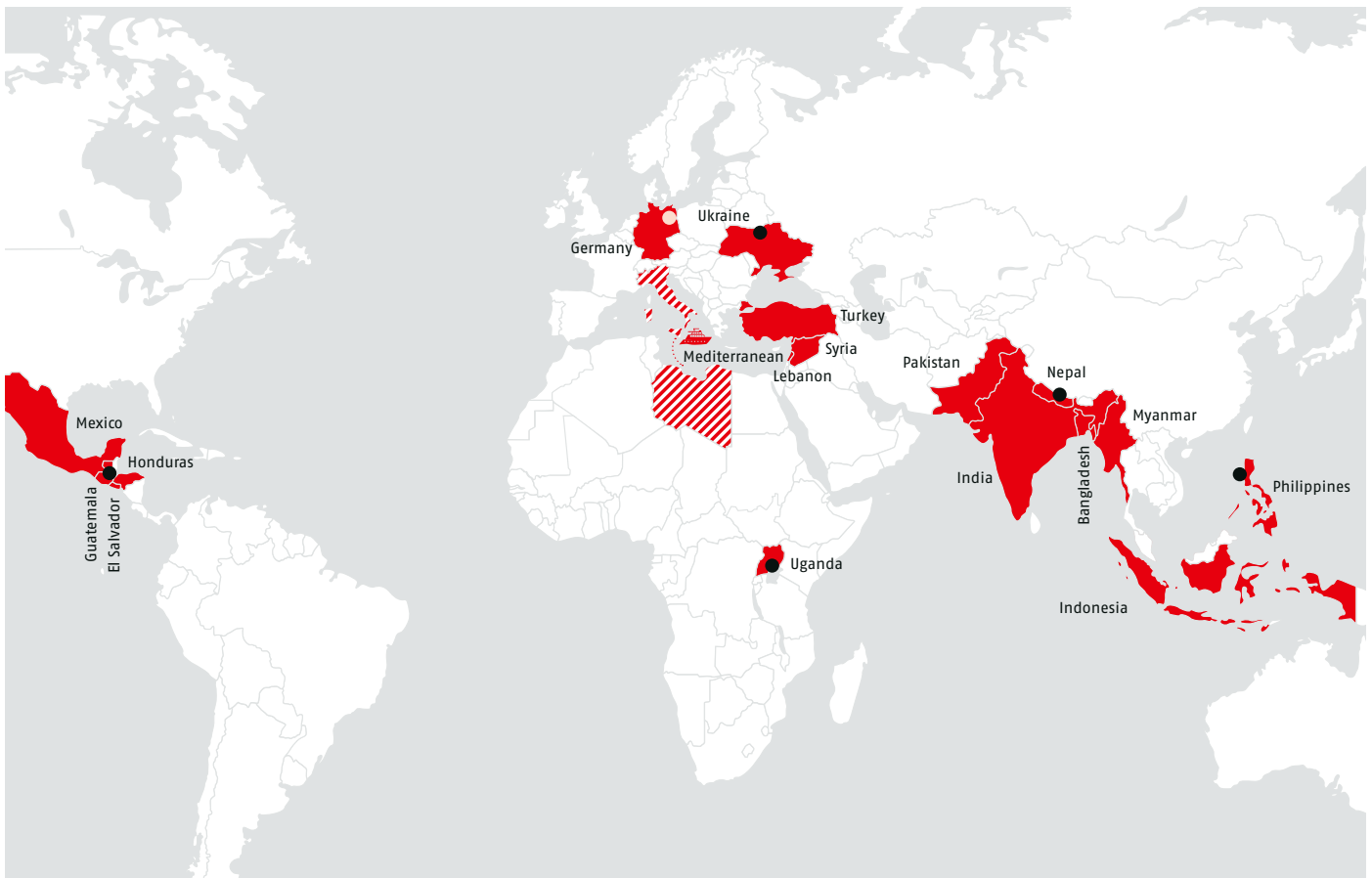
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