

**Aid organization
Mitgefühl in Aktion e.V.
(Compassion in Action)**



**Annual Reports
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Foreword

Dear friends of Mitgefühl in Aktion e.V.,

I am delighted to present to you our 2022-2024 Annual Report. Over the past few years, we have made remarkable progress together to turn our vision of a more just and compassionate world into reality.

The projects we support show how we can use targeted support to promote education, combat poverty and open up new prospects for disadvantaged groups. We are always guided by the Buddhist principle of active compassion, not just as a benevolent attitude, but as concrete action against suffering.

Whether through educational programs, food aid or medical care, we are committed to ensuring that all people can lead a life in dignity.

We are particularly proud of the many projects that specifically support girls and women and have opened up paths to education and economic independence for them.

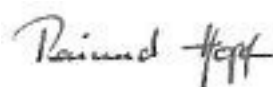
These successes would not have been possible without your support. Your commitment and donations have brought about significant change and hope. You help us to translate the teachings of compassion into practical help.

At the same time, the challenges remain acute: the consequences of climate change, the rising cost of living and ongoing conflicts in many regions require our continued decisive action.

With this report, we would like to give you an insight into the concrete positive effects of your support and encourage you to continue to accompany us in our work. Every single support, no matter how big, helps to improve the lives of disadvantaged people and make our vision of a fairer world a reality.

Thank you for your trust and I look forward to working with you in the future to turn compassion into action.

Sincerely

 (first chairman)

Our mission and vision

Helping where we can

Communicate

Compassion too often manifests itself in a purely benevolent attitude. Yet it is aimed directly at the well-being of others and remains incomplete if it does not also manifest itself in acts of selfless love or help.

For this reason, we have "Compassion in Action e.V.", an opportunity for European Buddhists and compassionate people to actively work together against need and suffering. Together, we want to show that as Buddhists we share responsibility for the well-being of all beings.

"Mitgefühl in Aktion e.V." is a cross-traditional Buddhist aid organization that does not finance religious projects in accordance with its statutes. It supports humanitarian aid projects and sustainable development cooperation aimed at equal participation and healthy livelihoods.

We would like to invite people not only Buddhist groups, organizations and to set an example of love and shared responsibility in a world, our world, in which food and economic opportunities are so unequally distributed.

Anyone who can identify with these goals is welcome to join us.

Inspire

We are inspired by the vision of a world ...

... where poverty is banished, where all can live a meaningful life, enjoy food, clothing, shelter and healthcare

... in which everyone achieves a satisfactory level of education and gainful employment that gives value and meaning to their lives.

... in which all people live together in peace and harmony and no one is discriminated against.

... in which resources are used sparingly and distributed and used more fairly.

... which counteracts climate change through natural ecology and active environmental protection

... in which future generations have life and spiritual development. a chance for a happy

Engage

The Buddha says: *"Hunger is the worst kind of illness and the gift of food is the gift of life."*

As people who are moved by compassion for the world, we want to promote sustainable projects that aim to combat hunger in regions affected by poverty and strengthen natural, ecological agriculture as a means of helping people to help themselves. Today, the problem of growing poverty and malnutrition is inextricably linked to the changes caused by climate change. In order to be able to help those in need in the long term, we would like to therefore also raise awareness and actively promote the responsible use of natural resources and environmental protection.

Financing

Immediate help

- Acute and rapid aid in disaster areas that directly benefits those in need and not governments.
- Providing direct food aid to people affected hunger and malnutrition.

Long-term development work

- Meaningful and sustainable ecological projects in areas affected by hunger
- Supporting the development of sustainable food production methods
- Promoting the education and training of girls and women as a means of securing livelihoods and combating poverty.

Our partner projects

Afghanistan: Women's education as resistance

CARE - University Scholarship Fund Initiative



In the Afghan province of Khost, the organization CARE worked vulnerable to provide . young women with a university scholarshipIn a country where educational opportunities for girls and young women are extremely uncertain, played this support for female students an important role. Since the University Scholarship Fund Initiative was founded in September 2012, female students who were already enrolled at public and private universities have received financial support. The scholarships covered all essential education-related costs such as transportation, textbooks and tuition fees. In addition, CARE worked with partners from the private sector to the providewomen with internships that gave .them valuable work experience

In the first half of the 2022/2023 project year, a total of 132 out of 154 sponsored were able to . students continue their studiesThe fields of study included medicine, midwifery, nursing, dentistry and law. As a result, most of the graduates found a job after completing their studies, which not only made them financially independentby an appropriate , but also enabled them to support their families earning salary.

However, political and economic situation in Afghanistan an enormous challenge the for the project. After the the return of Taliban to power

the already existing hunger crisis was exacerbated by drought, ongoing conflicts, displacement, the resulting rise in food prices and the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. 18.8 million people, almost half of the population, suffered from acute hunger. Since the beginning of 2021

677,000 people have been displaced, within Afghanistan 80% of whom are women and children, who are particularly at risk of violence and also have to protection, healthcare or education. little access

The unstable situation also had a direct impact on the education project: universities and schools across the country were temporarily closed and female students were initially even completely denied access to classes. After reopening, teaching was then only continued in separate classes for men and women. In addition, international sanctions made it difficult to finance the project, as Afghan banks no longer were able to provide sufficient cash. As a result, the traditional hawala system of money traders had to be used to make payments for school fees, materials and transportation costs, although they charged significantly higher fees than banks.

After the Taliban took power, CARE was forced to pause all spending on educational programmes in Afghanistan in order to comply with US guidelines for humanitarian organizations. Although there was hope for a resumption in the meantime, the continuing deterioration of the situation in the country made it impossible to continue the project. In the end, the scholarship program had to be discontinued. Women in Afghanistan are currently not allowed to work in aid organizations or study. This makes us very sad and we hope that the situation will change so that help will be possible again.

**The University Scholarship Fund Initiative of CARE was
launched in the 2022/2023 project year with
5,655.75€ supported!**



Bangladesh: How a school plants hope

Bangladesh Moanoghar Campus - Model Hill Farming for Improving Access to Education of the Children of Moanoghar



Moanoghar Residential School, originally founded , in 1961 as a Buddhist orphanage has existed since as a state-recognized school in Bangladesh with the aim of disadvantaged children from currently eleven marginalized ethnic minority communities education and better prospects for the future.1974 providing This institution has been supported by Mitgefühl in Aktion e.V. since 2019.

Despite all the challenges posed by the Covid-19 pandemic, the school remained an effective institution in the region. In the 2023 school year, the institution reached a long-awaited milestone: the total of 1139 pupils, 783 of whom live in the school's own dormitories, were made up equally of boys and girls for the first time - a remarkable success in an environment where girls are often forced to out of school early.drop

However, the education offered in Moanoghar goes far beyond traditional schooling: in addition to a primary and secondary school, the organization also offers health care, technical and vocational training, programs promote to and preserve indigenous language and culture, as well as initiatives to support income generation and socio-economic development. One such latter initiative was made possible by funding from Compassion in Action e.V. supports: The "Model Hill Farming for improving access to education of Moanoghar Children".

In the 2022 project year, 500 cashew trees, 170 banana plants, were as part of this project. 100 papaya plants and various vegetables planted The initiative not only supplemented the schoolchildren's meals, but also made it possible to ensure that , so that they could continue to attend school, which would otherwise not have been possible for many families.the children were fed during the corona pandemic A is the particularly sustainable component of the project tree nursery with 5,000 cashew seedlings. These seedlings were distributed to the students to plant cashew gardens, which represents a long-term and sustainable source of income for the mountain farming families in the region. By planting gardens on their own land, they will be able to feed their families more independently in the future and support their children's education on their own.

In to addition these direct aid measures, the project also imparts practical knowledge in the areas of food, agriculture and agricultural processing, which providesSkills development programs an improved basis for sustainable family security. in food and beverage production, for example, improve the students' chances of becoming self-employed in the tourism industry or setting up their own small food business. The school has also already received government approval to run a trade course in this area.

Further improvements were planned for . the 2023/2024 project yearFor example, the tree nursery was to be supplemented with higher-yielding varieties and fences were to be erected plantation. However, the organization did not receive official approval to receive foreign funding until the end of the period, in April 2024, which is why to protect the we were , unable to any providefunding in this project yearalthough Buddhist Global Relief did provide subsequent funding.

Nevertheless, at least 1573 people have benefited directly and indirectly from this sustainable project. This it is because not only to meet nutritional needs, but also to provide education that enables the disadvantaged children of Moanoghar to have sustainable income opportunities and hopeful prospects for the future.immediate

Model Hill Farming for Improving Access to Education of the Children of Moanoghar on the Bangladesh Moanoghar Campus was funded in the 2022/2023 project year.

5,762.78€ supported!



India: A chance on change for Indian girls

Bodhicitta Foundation - Girls Home and Social Work Center



The Bodhicitta Foundation has been since supported . The by Mitgefühl in Aktion e.V. 2021organization is dedicated to supporting disadvantaged population groups in India, especially in rural regions and urban slums, where hunger and extreme poverty are omnipresent. Droughts as a result of climate change and the systematic discrimination of women, indigenous communities and casteless Dalits further exacerbate these problems. These groups often have only limited access to medical care, suffer more frequently from malnutrition and their children are less likely to attend school. Girls are particularly this vulnerable incontext, as they are disproportionately often victims of abuse, human trafficking, prostitution and forced marriage. Around 55 million girls in India remain uneducated and 22% are married before the age of 18.

The Buddhist nun Ayya Yeshe the Bodhicitta Foundation in Nagpur, a central Indian metropolis.founded , to counteract these grievances

At the heart of the initiative is a girls' home with an attached school that offers protection and education to girls from remote and disadvantaged regions.

The offer is supplemented by a vocational training center where women are trained in . Legal advice is also on topics such as domestic violence, sexual abuse, health care and career guidance.sewing, computer skills, beauty care and Englishoffered

From 2022 to 2024, 30 girls a year found refuge in the home and were given access to education. After completing their education, they became involved in the adjoining social work center to strengthen . In 2023, around 14 girls successfully completed their training and performed their communities in the long term 500 hours of social work each, enabling their home villages to benefit from their help. numerous people in

In 2022, the number of helpers was expanded even further: 150 social workers were at trained . the Bodhicitta Foundation girls' home After their training, they returned to their home villages, where they set up women's shelters, vocational training centers for women and study centers for children. In this way, the Foundation reached around 3,000 people over the two project years through direct measures in the areas of education, human rights and vocational training. In addition, 8,000 starving children received free meals, at the four locations 220 children from slums received tutoring , while 55 other children received financial support to attend school.

The Foundation's work is already showing remarkable success: malnutrition and child-related diseases in the communities have reduced by 40%. been Recently, however, India have posed considerable challenges for the continuation of the projects. high inflation and rising labor costs in

In 2025, our project sponsor Simpert Würfl will visit the initiative person to take a closer look at the progress and remaining challenges on the ground and to strengthen our direct contact.

The Girls Home and Social Work Center of the Bodhicitta Foundation has been and will be funded in with the project years 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25 31,599.82€ supported!



Cambodia: Rice creates educational opportunities

Lotus Outreach International - Rice4 Education



Lotus Outreach International has been since financially supported . The non-profit organization is committed to sustainably improving the lives of women and girls in Cambodia. Its central concern by Mitgefühl in Aktion e.V. 2020empower to lead self-determined and independent lives.children , living in povertyespecially girls, and young women

LOI promotes access to education, offers counseling services and provides refuge to victims of human trafficking and domestic violence. The organization's aid programmes are also a response to the historical consequences of the Khmer Rouge regime in Cambodia. In the 1970s, were almost all of the country's intellectuals murdered, meaning that only 10% of teachers survived. an entire This deprived educational opportunities. Yet education is a decisive factor for the 's development.generation of Cambodians of their country

Together with its local partner Lotus Outreach Cambodia, LOI a number of programs, including "Rice 4 Education". The R4E program is part of the GATE scholarship program ("Girls Access To Education") and its follow-up project CATALYST. It awards rice scholarships to girls commit to attending school for at least one year instead of working to provide food for their families.at home

The is distribution carried out in cooperation with local education groups consisting of teachers, parents, government officials and volunteers, who deliver the rice directly to the girls' families in need. This support is for the vital .families, as without not external help they would be able to complete their school and university education

of their daughters. Girls are particularly at risk of dropping out of school to support their families. The rice subsidy alleviates this financial pressure by ensuring that the entire family is fed, as the provided rice also parents benefits . This and siblings enables the girls to attend school and some even obtain a university degree. This empowers girls and young women confident and independent to lead lives, improving the their families and communities.long-term and sustainable well-being of

In the 2022 project year, 46,580 kg of rice was distributed to 766 people. This aid was particularly important as the pandemic had severely affected .the livelihoods of many families

In 2023 the program was expanded considerably thanks to a generous grant. A total of 71,590 kg of rice was distributed to 1,405 people in five project areas. In addition to the previous recipients, new groups, such as participants in the "Access to Education for Rural Girls" program in Pursat and poor communities in Koh Dach included in the support. The distribution was optimized so that almost three times as many people could benefit as originally planned.

In recent years, the program has demonstrably the financial pressure on reduced families and at the same time ensured that girls have been able to continue education. In addition to improving food security, it has made a significant contribution to strengthening the girls' future prospects.their

**The Rice 4 Education scholarships from Lotus Outreach
have been and will be awarded in the project years
2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25
€ 31,301.31!**



Cameroon: Empowerment instead of exclusion and a way out of poverty

CCREAD for the Widows and single mothers' empowerment through vocational training



CCREAD-Cameroon is committed to supporting disadvantaged population groups, focusing on impoverished, marginalized widows, single mothers and young people and girls who drop out of school. The program opens up new prospects for these people through free vocational training.

The expansion of the training center in project year 2022, including the installation of a water system and targeted support for internally displaced persons, made a significant contribution to further expanding the impact of the program. Over 650 women, girls and children were provided with free meals to combat this year's malnutrition, 531 women and girls completed a one-year free vocational training course, while 160 women were trained in organic gardening. These measures significantly helped to reduce sexual exploitation, economic exclusion and hunger and gave the beneficiaries a chance to lead a self-determined life.

Program efficiency was also significantly improved through new training materials, additional trainers and extended training shifts. Catering for the participants and their children during the training times proved to be an innovative approach that provided the participants with the necessary relief, increasing both the participation rate and the learning outcomes.

improved. In total, more than 700 people took part in the programs. Over 210 women subsequently found employment or founded micro-enterprises.

The personal success stories of the participants illustrate the transformative power of the project. The women report on their newfound financial independence, the ability to provide for their children and a life beyond poverty and exclusion. Florence, a single mother of five children, reports: "I had given up on life when the father of my children abandoned me with the children. As an unemployed single mother, it became difficult to feed the children and find a place to sleep with them until I came across CCREAD. The organization not only helped me with temporary housing and a scholarship for my children, but also signed me up for an education that changed my life forever. I am sure that I will be able to help other women in the future."

The lasting impact of the program is not only reflected in the changes in individual lives, but also in its growing recognition. The training model is now also being used by numerous other organizations in Cameroon. The program has become a movement that promotes holistic empowerment and makes a long-term contribution to poverty reduction in Cameroon.

Our funding of CCREAD- Cameroon with the 2022/2023 project year concluded. Olivia Haas, project manager at the time, had some closing words: "We look back on the success of the last few years with great gratitude. We are delighted that this project has found supporters and that we know it is in good hands. We can therefore pause this project this year with a calm heart and use the resources freed up to benefit other regions alongside Buddhist Global Relief. We will of course be in touch and see if our help can be of use again in the future."

CCREAD for the Widows and single mothers' empowerment through vocational training was launched in the project year 2022/23 supported with € 5,781.57



Mongolia: Hope nourish and perspectives create for nomadic children

Maitreya Charity - Asral NGO Hot Meal Project/Improving Access to Education



Founded in 2001, the aid organization, whose name is "Asral" in Mongolian "Help" is dedicated to the task of protecting children from homelessness and supporting impoverished families. Since the collapse of communism and the associated economic hardship in Mongolia, a third of the population has been living in slums around the capital Ulaanbaatar. These overpopulated slums are characterized by poverty, hopelessness and loss. The people living there previously lived as nomads, but then settled with their yurts in slums on the outskirts of the city due to economic hardship. Asral has made it her mission to reach the poorest children from these neighborhoods. At the heart of their work are not only warm, healthy meals, but also education and measures to promote the children's physical and mental health. Asral helps therefore by not only them with food and school materials, but also supporting them with their homework and offering them English lessons. In addition, they receive regular medical care, are provided with hygiene articles and are trained in health areas. A social worker, various teachers and a cook look after the children at the local center. a comprehensive program in vital social and

In the 2022 project year, 92 children were provided with regular meals, 46 of them in Ulaanbaatar and the rest in Ondershil, where a well also made easier for . life much the people thereThe program was expanded in the : A total of 397 people received direct support, including 133 children and their families. In Ulaanbaatar, 60 children between the ages of 6 and 18 received hot meals every day, while a further 15 kindergarten children were integrated into educational institutions. In Ondershil, 15 needy families are benefiting from comprehensive aid measures. The purchase of new appliances, such as washing machines, dryers and air purifiers, improved the quality of life of the children and their families over the two years and reduced the health risks caused by the capital's air pollution.2023 project year

Despite the ongoing challenges posed by the Covid pandemic and depressing inflation, the Asral program has continued to be a reliable source of hope for the children. In the last funding period served . a total of 15,750 mealsThe Asral Center was open for hours, 63,000 a place of refuge and education for the children ,who had opportunity to experience a bit of normality in the midst of deprivation.the

Thanks to the support of Mitgefühl in Aktion e.V., was able to the Hot Meal project offer perspective for the future.the children not only a warm meal, but also a

The Asral Hot Meal & Improving Access to Education project of the Maitreya Charity was and will be implemented in the project years 2022/23, 2023/24 and 2024/25 supported !with 31,030.69€



Myanmar: Saving lives with a backpack

Burma Humanitarian Mission - Food and Education for Children of Backpack Medics



The Backpack Health Worker Team (BPHWT) was founded in 1998 and is an organization that provides primary health care in conflict regions and rural areas of Myanmar. The aid teams consist of trained health workers who work closely with village health workers and traditional birth attendants.

With its work, the organization reaches around 300,000 people in various regions of Burma with three main programmes: Medical care, maternal and child health and health education and prevention. Particularly important is the community-based approach, in which the health workers are from the communities selected by themselves and live and work in the villages. In this way, a long-term sustainable and locally rooted health system is established.

The scope of the BPHWT's work is particularly significant given the ongoing violence and deepening crisis in Myanmar. The organization has established itself as a vital player in providing healthcare to internally displaced people and vulnerable communities. Ethnic minorities are particularly affected by this crisis, from the ongoing attacks by the Burmese army. Since the coup in February 2021, the situation has worsened: numerous people have been displaced, many have been killed, and the need for medical care, especially in remote and hard-to-reach areas, has increased enormously.

One of the most important responses to this emergency are the so-called "backpack medics". They work under extremely difficult conditions to provide support . Three quarters of backpack medics are women who not only receive vocational training through their work, but also give their children access to education and a more secure future.in areas without sufficient medical infrastructure

The most common tasks of backpack paramedics are treating injuries and fighting diseases. They also provide help for pregnant women and contribute to improving general healthcare in the regions.

Due to their nationality, the children of Burmese paramedics are not allowed to receive an education in Thailand, where BPHWT operates from. The program we support has therefore set itself of supporting the task these children in order to give them prospects for the future and their relieve . mothers during their important workIn the project year, 2022 54 children of backpack paramedics not only received school support, but also basic nutritional care. A further 18 women began their training as backpack paramedics and numerous pregnant women received necessary food aid. This support in project year 2023, in which 1,250 women and 14 new backpack paramedics were supported. In collaboration with the Mae Tao Clinic in Mae Sot, Thailand, a "Child Development Center, which provides a safe learning environment for the paramedics.' children

The organization made a significant contribution to reducing infant mortality and improving hygiene conditions in the affected areas, for example by building wells and latrines. The BPHWT's is therefore a crucial component of basic medical care ongoing support and the promotion of health infrastructure in Myanmar, which remains indispensable the ongoing conflicts and the difficult political situation.despite

**The Food & Education for Children of Backpack Medics program of the Burma Humanitarian Mission was and will be implemented in the project years 2022/23, 2023/24 .and 2024/25
€26,119.97!**



Peru: Landwards-Innovation against Poverty and hunger

WAWA SONQO - Training for the cultivation of organic vegetables in greenhouses, nutrition and processing of products, in Chaque pay peasant community



Mitgefühl in Aktion e.V. has been since supporting the Peruvian initiative 2023 and the 2024/2025 project year is the first time we have been able to a project with full financial ownership with our local partner, the organization Wawa Sonqo implement . Wawa Sonqo is a Peru-based organization that has been working tirelessly since 2006 to break the vicious cycle of poverty that around affects . 24% of the populationIts approach is based on three main pillars: Education, nutrition and health, with the clear aim of malnutrition and undernourishment among children and young people in rural areas in particular.combating

The project we support is being implemented community of Chaquepay, where around 30 families live. It pursues a variety of objectives, in the agricultural with a particular focus on training families in the cultivation, care, preparation and preservation of fruit and vegetables and emphasizing the cultivation of vitamin- and mineral-rich vegetables.

Mothers and pregnant women are specifically trained in healthy eating and the development of sustainable eating habits. In addition, important measures include the provision of instructions and materials for the construction and use of greenhouses.

As part of the project, 18 farming families will each receive , a greenhouse the overarching aim of allowing and knowledge. the entire village to benefit from the yields. The first successes can already be reported: A greenhouse for the community school and twelve more for the first family groups have been built and 24 seedbeds have been planted with seedlings. 1500 kg of VOCASHI, an organic fertilizer, were prepared and a garbage clean-up was successfully carried out . Lectures on nutrition and organic farming were throughout the community held and basic food baskets were to families in need. In winter, a donation campaign for used clothing and blankets helped the inhabitants of the cold mountain region.

The municipality shows great interest in sharing knowledge, including with neighboring villages. Nevertheless, there are still challenges, particularly with regard to the water supply. The scarcity of water in the Andes (with an average altitude of 3,800 meters) makes it difficult to irrigate the greenhouses. To counter this problem, a solution is already being worked on to introduce drip irrigation systems in order to optimize the water supply and make the project sustainable.

Training for the cultivation of organic vegetables in greenhouses, nutrition and processing of products from WAWA SONQO has been and will continue in the 2023/24 and 2024/25 project years.

€ 25,504.75!



Immediate help

Myanmar

Better Burma - Food aid for impoverished communities in Myanmar

Members of the Chin are fleeing from the violence of the Burmese military. They experience displacement and insecurity and the refugee camps often lack basic facilities and healthcare. Better Burma relies on education as the key to stability, hope and a future perspective in the lives of their children.

Better Burma promotes medical training programs in rural areas to basic care provide and first aid and supports charitable monastery schools with writing materials and hygiene products. Although monks and non monks have been victims of arrest and torture, monastery schools have proven to be a beacon of hope by free education, accommodation many of themselves providing and meals for children in need. These schools offer spaces for children of all backgrounds and religions, providing them with an education and thus opening up the chance of a better future.

The emergency aid in project year 2023/24 amounted to €7,366.05

Ukraine

Caritas International Aid for those affected by the war

Caritas International is in close contact with its partners in Ukraine to alleviate the plight of the people - both in the country itself and in neighboring countries. Around 1000 employees and throughout the country. many volunteers were deployed They provided survival aid for people affected by war and refugees. These people from Ukraine were cared for by local Caritas organizations in Poland, Slovakia, Moldova, Romania and Hungary. Just as important as material aid, including the provision of food, drinking water and hygiene products, and the provision of emergency accommodation and washing facilities, were psychosocial services to help people with their fears and needs, such as a telephone hotline to actively address people's concerns. In addition, transports were organized to assembly points to family members and friends bring together.

The emergency aid in project year 2022/23 amounted to €16,000

New promotion in Sri Lanka

Project sponsor Manfred visited our partner on site

" In July 2024, I had the opportunity to visit **.Child Action Lanka**

The director of CAL, Dilshan, and Mewan, the head of the center in Kandy, introduced me to CAL: CAL was founded in 2006 by Dilshan and his wife Debbie in the basement of a church in Kandy as a street children's project. Since then, CAL has expanded to ten locations throughout Sri Lanka, where around 60 different projects on education, health, nutrition, child protection and sustainable community development are carried out and around 2,200 children are cared for.

MIA's donations for the 2024/25 project period will be used to provide 225 days of meals for 30 disabled children in Gampola and 220 pre-school children, as well as 400 school uniforms, stationery and shoes.

Location Galle

When I arrive at around 8 a.m., I am greeted with two flowers. The preschool in Galle is on weekdays open and is currently attended by 15 - 20 children, most of whom come from fishing families.

Preschool children are also taught English to them for a successful prepare In the afternoons, 100 children school career.

after school, receive lunch and help with subjects they find difficult. Most of them are children with learning difficulties or children who come into contact with drugs or sex tourism. Many of these children have single parents or live with their grandparents, because their parents work .abroad



There is a computer room where the older children can gain certification in Microsoft Office and which open to the public in the afternoon. isThere is also an area with sewing machines where mothers can learn to sew their children. They can pay for the sewing machines with what they make and then take them home. This is the W.R.A.P. project, Women Rising Above Poverty.with

As I drive back to my hotel, I talk to my friend and driver Gihan, who has asked around and one of his friends who lives nearby. None of them had anything unfavorable to say about CAL.the neighbors, the security guard, the arriving parents

Location Kandy

The facilities and routine of the CAL in Kandy are very similar to those in Galle, except that there is also a crèche for the youngest children. Here, 15 infants and toddlers, 25 to 30 pre-school children and around 80 school children are cared for. There is a new building with classrooms, which was built by the Japanese government.



It is equipped with computers, a smartboard and a library. There is a small garden with potted plants on the roof.

After being shown around and briefed by Mevan, the director, I am invited to . breakfastWhen I arrive in the dining room, the children are already and the staff are handing out the meals. When everyone has a plate in front of them, the children count to ten in English, thank the donors and start their breakfast. Afterwards, the children are given an English lesson.waiting

The children are very well looked after in both locations that I . The locations are neat, tidy and clean, and the employees are professionals. CAL is a good fit for MIA because of its size, as it is small enough to maintain personal relationships without bureaucratic hurdles, but large enough to work professionally. The fact that CAL apply for and approval for the extension in Kandy was able to receive shows that CAL also handle larger projects.

In both Galle and Kandy, I felt welcome and an open atmosphere. CAL understands that personal contact is to see where donations are going. "important for donors

A further visit to the project by David Braughton from Buddhist Global Relief and Raimund Hopf from Mitgefühl in Aktion e.V. was planned for spring 2025.



In project year 2024/25, will Child Action Lanka receive €9,394.67 for the first time!

MiA's contribution

By supporting all of these projects, MiA is making an important contribution to 11 of the :17 goals in line with the UN Sustainable Development Goals



Ending poverty in every form and everywhere - through poverty reduction in developing and emerging countries.projects



Securing food worldwide - through direct food aid for people affected by hunger and malnutrition



Health and well-being - by promoting projects for medical and educational care



High-quality education worldwide - by supporting educational projects, especially for girls and women



Equality between and women men - by promoting the education and training of girls and women



Sustainable management as an opportunity for all - through projects promote sustainable livelihoods



Fewer inequalities - by supporting disadvantaged and marginalized ethnic or social groups



Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns - through organic nutrition programs and training in independent agriculture



Restoring land ecosystems and promoting , their sustainable usecombating , desertificationending land degradation and putting an end to biodiversity loss - through irrigation projects and organic farming



Promoting peaceful and inclusive societies for sustainable development - by providing assistance in war zones to protect and help people affected by killing and marginalization



Global partnership - through cooperation with Buddhist Global Relief and direct, personal contact with local project partners

What you give comes back to you

At the end of the **2024 Annual Benefit**, the Chairman, Raimund Hopf, spoke words moving that paint picture of MiA's unique work: an impressive



In the five years of the project so far, an incredible amount of great things have happened! For such a small organization with *grassroots* and *handmade work* a good 6000 people have been in their lives **directly helped** - they have from exclusion, from been saved and perhaps even from death in poverty. We would like to invite you all to support our small organization, *human trafficking* because it is a personal concern of ours that we can do **sustainably and professionally**

Helping also has huge benefits for your own development. It is not a hollow promise: What you give in money will come back to you; what you give in compassion will come back to you. It is a joy to see that what you put into the world comes back to you. Not only spiritually, but also practically.

The Buddha once lifted a man suffering from dysentery with Ananda, cleaned him up and then fetched the monks and said, "How can this be? This man is lying here dying in his feces, why don't you take care of him?" Then he admonished them and said, "If you are not father and mother to each other, then who is?" And I would like to remind us - there are people in this world where you have to ask yourself exactly this:

If we don't help them, who will? There are always people need your help because they won't get any help otherwise - and these are precisely our projects! Projects that are overlooked. But there, on a small scale, we can do a huge amount usually by large organizations **light light**.

We would like to thank the Marabu Foundation in particular, which was set up by Ms. Jutta Matausch and has supported our work for three consecutive years with 10,000 euros each.

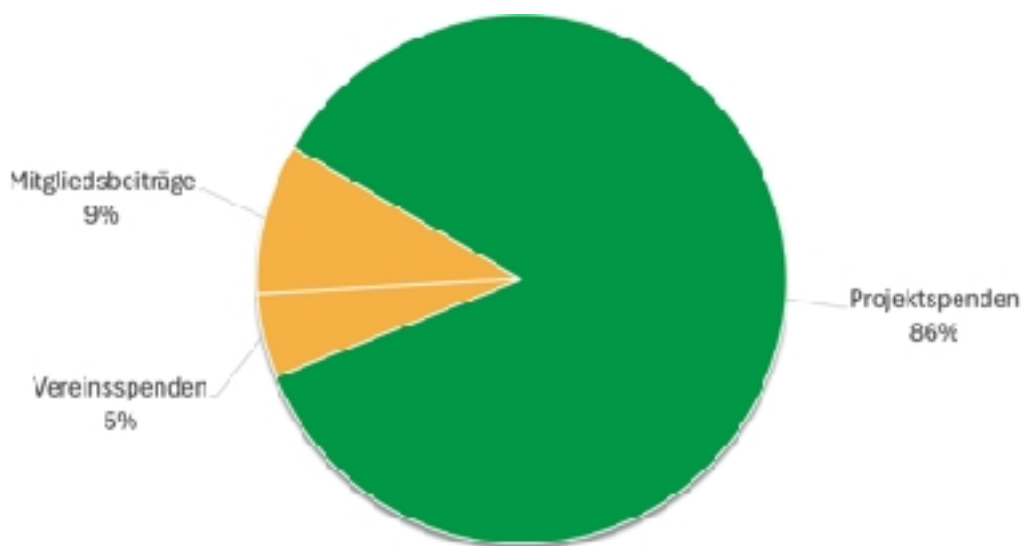


We encourage everyone to get involved - in whatever form! Donations are the means that make the wonderful work of many dedicated helpers in the local projects possible. But our work can only be sustained by an equal amount of **commitment and sustainable action**

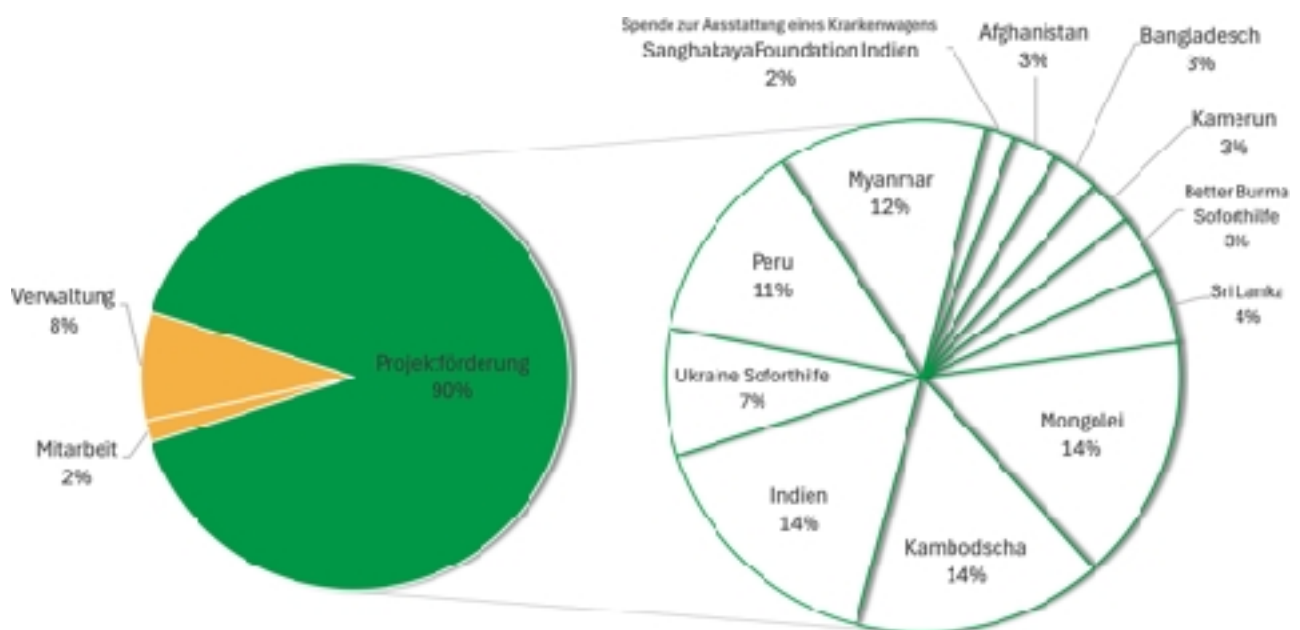
Financial report

Yields		2022	2023	2024
Association donations		4165,81	2188,5	5816,23
Membership fees		6700	6200	8795
Interest from account management		0	7,15	259,29
		10865,81	8395,65	14870,52
Expenses				
Volunteer allowance		0	0	840
Fundraising		0	0	2900
Administrative costs (tax consultancy, DBU , membershipdigital infrastructure, etc.)		6477,46	5992,57	9648,89
Net income for the year		4388,35	2403,08	5221,63
Assets	2021	2022	2023	2024
Cash register		392,85	97,85	0
Accounts		84520,26	75296,26	68186,12
		84913,11	75394,11	68186,12
Liabilities				
Provision for the project year		0	21130,79	13564,51
Project donations for the following year		67265,38	78362,2	56783,94
Balance carried forward		2162,56	-4923,7	-13.295,91
Net income for the year		4388,35	2403,08	5221,63
		84913,11	75394,11	68.186,12

Revenue



Expenditure



The project donations flow **100%** into the project funding on site, .without deduction
 All other expenses, such as administrative costs, are covered by membership fees and association donations.

In the project years 2022 to 2024, the projects were funded !with a total of € **199,226.82**

The team

Management Board



Chairman:

since 2023: Raimund Hopf

previously: Simpert Würfl



Deputy Chairwoman:

since 2024: Dr. Karla Henning

previously: Helga Müller



Treasurer:

since 2024: Oliver Büttgens

previously: Herbert Blickenstorfer



Project manager:

until 2024: Olivia Haas

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Carol Lehmann and Simpert Würfl



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Dr. Andrea Wilden

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Simpert Würfl

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Mitgefühl in Aktion e.V. is a registered association, 2019 to 2023 in the Hamburg register of associations under no. 24201, since 26.3.2024 in the Lübeck register of associations under

No. 4774 HL. The tax office has recognized the association as a non-profit organization in the sense of "development cooperation" and donation receipts may be issued Tax number 22/295/70448, Lübeck tax office. for this purpose.

Mitgefühl in Aktion e.V. is a member of the German Buddhist Union and an associate member of the European Buddhist Union.