

## 10 Principles for the project work of Weltfriedensdienst

Action fields and competencies of Weltfriedensdienst are; civil conflict resolution; food sovereignty and resource protection; human rights; vocational education; HIV/Aids. Weltfriedensdienst is also open to new topics.

**1. Project Partners:** All types of local, democratic non-profit structures whose objectives and statutes are consistent with those of the Weltfriedensdienst (World Peace Service). Special emphasis on identity with, recognition by, and experience inside the project region and with the beneficiary groups represent the basis of legitimation for project cooperation.

**2. Working basis of Weltfriedensdienst:** The work of Weltfriedensdienst is value-based, though it is not affiliated to any denomination. The main values are expressed in particular by the following seven criteria.

**3. Partnership:** Project partners and Weltfriedensdienst work together on a partnership basis and in a process-oriented manner. Transparency and reliable communication represent vital prerequisites to this end.

**4. Beneficiaries:** Marginalized, vulnerable groups with special consideration of women in impoverished and/or conflict regions. The project approach respects all those involved and all parties affected.

**5. Ownership and Participation:** The objectives of a project are always identical to the goals independently expressed by the beneficiaries; the project approach is developed with representatives of the target group.

**6. Capacity Building:** Local resources and skills are effectively utilized and changes in key areas are implemented. A qualified cooperant seconded by Weltfriedensdienst facilitates this process as an advisor.

**7. Outcome-Orientation:** The project strengthens the problem-solving capacity and self-initiative of the beneficiaries and has a broad impact.

**8. Do No Harm:** The project does not induce nor aggravate violent conflicts and monitors any unintended side-effects.

**9. Sustainability:** The project is financially, technically, ecologically, economically, and socially sustainable.

**10. Advocacy:** On the basis of good contacts to beneficiaries, Weltfriedensdienst and its partners also make an effort to influence the surrounding conditions at the local level as well as in the Global North in pursuit of the project's objectives.