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Weltfriedensdienst e.V.

Dear readers, dear friends,

The past year 2005 was a year of campaigns and activities, a year in which the millennium development goals stood at the centre of international attention. The first third of the 15 year period of time for the implementation of these ambitious development goals has passed, and the goals are far from being achieved. We are still a great distance from halving world poverty by the year 2015.

With its projects, the Weltfriedensdienst contributes to the implementation of the millennium development goals. Along with poverty reduction and food security or the improvement of educational and vocational training opportunities, it is above all important to us to strengthen civil society and to support self-help initiatives. Thus, for example, some 100 Indio communities in north-western Argentina have joined together to form an indigenous peoples council. The tenacity of the Kalla and Guarani communities ultimately led to their ownership rights to their land finally being recognised.

The Weltfriedensdienst will once again devote itself more strongly to North-South education over the coming three years. The home project peaceXchange will continue the series of dialogue tours, in which experts from the South talk about their experiences and pass on their knowledge. With this project, which deals with different peace education techniques, we primarily approach young people. The school pupil action day Work for Peace began very successfully in 2005 under the patronage of Federal Development Minister Heidemarie Wieczorek-Zeul – a form of action that combines global learning with concrete support for projects in Africa.

The Weltfriedensdienst is able to rely on the commitment of its members and donors. Without the encouragement and support of the Weltfriedensdienst's many friends and supporters, our work would not be possible. We thank you very much for that encouragement and support.

Walter Hättig
Berlin, August 2005

Civil Peace Service

Peace and development are inseparably linked. Something new can only come into being where people are able to encounter one another without hate and mistrust. Projects within the framework of civil peace service are active in post-conflict care and helping to avoid the occurrence of new conflicts. They help people in talking about the injustices they have suffered, help them work through past traumatic experiences and move towards reconciliation. The WFD supports partner organisations in their important work by providing them with peace workers.



Social work on the streets of Hebron. Alternatives to violence

Palestine

The Weltfriedensdienst e.V. has been working with the *Library on Wheels for NonViolence and Peace (LOWNP)* for several years. The joint project, which is aimed at youth from Hebron and was begun in 2003, makes an important contribution to peace and democracy education. The young people growing up in the tension-riddled, violent atmosphere of Hebron are taught methods for non-violent conflict management, and are involved in training courses where they learn how to pass on their knowledge to their peers.

In this way, the children and youth of Hebron learn to better deal with conflicts and violence, whether they be at school, amongst their circle of friends or in their families or when confronted by Israeli settlers and soldiers. 15 young people have now been educated as *peer educators*. In addition the project offers numerous recreational activities. Some of the young people have started writing their own stories or are documenting their daily life on video. In the near future, the “House of NonViolence” will be set up, which is intended to provide space to discuss and deal with conflicts and to carry out public awareness activities.

The termite mound example:
The causes of a conflict are often not visible



Senegal

Two decades of bloody conflict raged between the Senegalese government and independence fighters in the south Senegalese region of Casamance before peace negotiations began in 2004. WFD has been working with the women's organisation *USOFORAL* – "Let's unite!" since 2003, the aim of the organisation is to strengthen the peace progress at the grassroots level. To this end, among other initiatives, communal peace committees were initiated to make possible and to accompany the social reintegration of former guerrillas. With many activities, the *USOFORAL* also works to deconstruct enmities and provide positive alternatives to the "culture of violence" which has dominated the lives of the people for decades. The *USOFORAL* also uses its own theatre group, which regularly appears in the villages, to present methods for non-violent conflict resolution; trained mediators mediate conflicts at the local level.



Hope for lasting peace

Burundi

Like neighbouring Rwanda, Burundi also suffers from the effects of a bloody, decade long civil war between the Hutu and Tutsi peoples. Conservative estimates place the number of deaths at 300,000. The country, which is faced with huge economic and social problems, needs sustained peace and stable democracy. One of the non-governmental organisations working for peace consolidation is *Mi-Parec* (*Ministry for Peace and Reconciliation under the Cross*). A peace project lasting several years was begun in October 2005 with personnel and financial support from the *Weltfriedensdienst*. The work in this project focuses on three regions in Eastern Burundi where some 750,000 people live. *Mi-Parec* advises local peace committees where people with different cultural backgrounds and political views come together to develop non-violent solution strategies for current conflict situations and to overcome traumatic experiences of the past. This understanding has already made joint self-help activities possible, e.g. the construction of school buildings.

Reconciliation makes joint projects possible



Further WFD Projects

Angola

The non-governmental organisation *Acção para Desenvolvimento Rural e Ambiente (ADRA)* makes a sustained contribution to the peace process in Angola with its work. It supports civil society initiatives in self-confident and constructive dialogue with the as yet barely democratised state authorities. The personnel and financial cooperation between the Weltfriedensdienst e.V. and ADRA ended in 2005.

Guinea Bissau

The civil peace service project – supported by the WFD since 2001 and carried out by our partner organisation *UNDEMOV (Union Nacional de Deficientes Motores y Victimas de Guerra)* plays an important role in overcoming the effects of the civil war, which in 1998 took many people's lives and drove hundreds of thousands out of the country as refugees. Along with individual help for victims, the project also accompanies educational theatre work and supports officers in working against instrumentalisation of the army for example through corrupt politicians.



Something new can only come into being where people encounter one another without hatred

Mozambique

It takes a long time to heal the deep wounds left behind by 16 years of civil war. One of the lasting problems is the rehabilitation of fighters no longer involved in combat, many of whom are children. As early as 10 years ago the group "*ProPaz – Associação Instituto da Promoção de Paz*" ("*Association for the Promotion of Peace*") was formed. The association is now active in four provinces in which an especially large number of former soldiers have settled.



In order to offer children a peaceful future, the consequences of Apartheid must be overcome

South Africa

The *Centre for the Study of Violence and Reconciliation (CSVR)* in Johannesburg promotes close cooperation between peace organisations in Mozambique, Zimbabwe, Angola and South Africa. Cooperation and the exchanging of experience strengthen the initiatives in their work; new methods of civil conflict resolution can be conceived and further developed. In this way, for example, country-specific training materials were able to be developed. CSVR is committed to working for a long-term peace process in Southern Africa.

The South African non-governmental organisation *U Managing Conflict (UMAC)* supports the people in the Cape Region by mediating methods for civil conflict resolution while creating an active and engaged civil society. UMAC works to aid the strengthening of democratic structures and to make dialogue between different societal groups possible. UMAC's three years cooperation with the Weltfriedensdienst came to an end in 2005.

Sinani/Programme for Survivors of Violence (PSV) is active in 20 communities in KwaZulu-Natal, a region where the number of HIV/AIDS sufferers is particularly high and where violence is part of everyday life. Sinani/PSV's community work covers many areas: reconciliation and trauma work, anti-violence campaigns, the promotion of income creating measures.

Zimbabwe

Despite the difficult working conditions the human rights organisation *Zimbabwe Civic Education Trust (Zimcet)* has been able to continue its work. Zimcet advises and supports local peace forums where conflicts are discussed and resolved together. In addition they also use events and presentations to inform people about topics such as peace, non-violence, democracy and human rights.

The right to an education is one of the fundamental human rights. Nevertheless, in the poorest of countries one in five children does not attend school. Access to basic education for all boys and girls is thus one of the eight millennium development goals intended to be achieved by 2015. In many countries there is not only a lack of basic education, but often there is also no independent system for professional training. Yet schooling and professional qualifications are a necessity for both individual and societal development. Thus, since its inception, the WFD has been involved in the area of education, with the aim of providing young people ways out of the depths of poverty and unemployment.



Professional training – the foundation stone for a better future

Ghana

The inhabitants of Dangme East, a coastal region south-east of the capital Accra, used to be able to feed themselves primarily through fishing. In the past years the catch has reduced considerably; the local fishermen with their wooden boats have long been unable to compete with the modern fishing fleets. Agriculture is also producing ever-decreasing yields, the soil is increasingly salinated since the construction of the massive Akosombo Dam. For young people it is increasingly difficult to find opportunities or prospects. Many young people

emigrate in the hope of finding better opportunities in Accra. The reality is often very different. It is therefore important to promote initiatives which aim to provide vocational training possibilities and also employment opportunities in these regions. The Weltfriedensdienst has been supporting the partner organisation *GROWTH Integrated Development Programme* since August 2005. The project offers young people various vocational training programmes and also works create jobs. Small businesses are given advice and further education. Some 800 boys and girls will receive qualifications in four different training centres in the next few years.



Recognising one's own abilities

Brazil

Brazil is a wealthy country. Nevertheless, a large proportion of the population lives in poverty. The people in the Favelas have very few chances to discover and develop their abilities. There is practically no state support of social activities. This makes it all the more important to promote civil society engagement. The Weltfriedensdienst thus supports the project *SOS Periferia* which was founded by the partner organisation *Campo – Centro de Assessoria ao Movimento Popular*. The work focuses on the Favelas in São Gonçalo, a city of several million people in the greater Rio de Janeiro area. The project offers a variety of vocational training courses – e.g. in the areas of electronics and data processing. Accompanying the projects are “Theatre of the Oppressed” activities. They offer young people the opportunity to present and come to terms with their difficult daily lives in the Favelas. The popular theatre presentations have made *SOS Periferia* renowned in São Gonçalo and have ensured that an ever increasing number of inhabitants become engaged in the community work.

Mozambique

For several years Mozambique has been one of the fastest growing economies in Africa. Nevertheless, about half the population lives in abject poverty. Trained skilled employees and tradespeople are necessary in order to also get small and medium sized businesses moving. The *Escola de Artes e Ofícios de Chimoio (EOAC)*, which the Weltfriedensdienst supports with personnel and financial assistance, has been training young bricklayers metalworkers and carpenters for years. In a second project phase the emphasis is, above all, improving the

business training of the young tradespeople and using business plans and marketing strategies to make the step into self-employment easier.

Tanzania

The tradespersons training school *Leguruki King'orie Educational Centre (LKEC)* is situated in the Meru District close to Kilimanjaro. The school, which has received personnel and financial support from the Weltfriedensdienst since 2002, offers training courses for bricklayers, electricians, automotive mechanics and metalworkers. Some 80 students successfully complete their three years of training each year. Training as an electronics technician is particularly popular amongst the girls, they also achieve above average marks. The tradespersons training school has an excellent reputation in Tanzania. In an experts report commissioned by the Tanzanian Ministry of Education the *LKEC* was placed at the top of the list of school assessments. Alongside the further development of the curriculum content, several small businesses were built up in 2005 in order to ensure the long-term financial independence of the school.

School education creates perspectives



The Weltfriedensdienst supports a large number of small projects which are supported by partnership groups in Germany. The majority of these projects are education and vocational training projects. For many children and young people, the projects offer the first way out of poverty and away from a complete lack of future prospects.

Brazil

Providing the young people from the slums of Recife, a city of several million people in the north of Brazil, with future prospects is the goal of the Brazilian non-governmental organisation *Grupo AdoleScER*. Health, education and civil rights are the subjects in which *AdoleScER* trains some 80 young people each year. During the three year training programme, the young people realise that they are themselves able to do something to improve their lives. As so-called multipliers they approach people their own age in their suburbs and inform them about drugs, sexuality and Aids, about prostitution and teenage pregnancies. Within the scope of a pilot project, *AdoleScER* works in eleven poor neighbourhoods where some 15,000 children and young people live. The successful concept is to be extended to other neighbourhoods. The Brazilian non-governmental organisation has been financially supported for the last 10 years by the WFD partnership group "Förderkreis Hochheim".

Benin

Benin is among the 20 poorest nations on earth. More than a third of the population lives below the poverty line, the rate of illiteracy is high. Only the fewest families have the money for school fees and school uniforms. For many families it is more the case that families rely on the children to work in order to be able to feed the family. The Beninese society *Foi-Partage-Développement* (faith-sharing-development) works against this miserable state of affairs. Student scholarships support some 20 to 25 children and young people with particularly difficult financial backgrounds. They receive financial support for school fees, learning materials and food. During the school holidays the students receive career preparation



Young people learn from young people

training. The project has been supported for many years by a partnership group which was founded by Dr. Frank Lehmann. Dr. Lehmann has worked for many years as a development worker in Benin.

Guatemala

It is estimated that every fourth family in Guatemala lives with a handicapped person. There is no state support. In Poptún, in the north of Guatemala, the parents of handicapped children have united and founded the school *Luz en mi vida* (Light of my life). The school is attended by some 85 students between the ages of 3 and 20 years. They receive language therapy or physiotherapy; there are special provisions made for the education of intellectually handicapped people. Along with teaching reading and writing skills, the school also provides training in practical abilities. This supports the independence of the students and allows them to earn part of their livelihoods themselves. The school has been supported for two years by Weltfriedensdienst partnership groups: The Guatemala-Initiative Unna, *Berufsschule Delmenhorst* and the Cologne-Bruck-Merheim Congregation.

What are small projects?

- The annual level of support is generally not more than 30,000 Euros
- The duration and level of support is reviewed and re-determined each year
- Small projects are generally supported solely by donations which are raised by the partnership groups through donation appeals.
- No cooperation partners are provided to the projects
- They are often managed locally by DED development workers or by local organisations.

Human rights

The implementation of human rights – the right to freedom, self-determination, food, shelter, education and health – form the basis of any sustainable development. The WFD supports grassroots initiatives that – often in the face of their country's governmental policy – assert member's rights and carry out awareness-building work, thus improving their standard of living.



Securing an existence – land rights are human rights

Argentina

The Jujuy province lies in north-western Argentina on the border with Bolivia and Chile. Since its inception 15 years ago, the *Council of Indigenous Organisations of Jujuy (COAJ)* has been working for the official awarding of collective land rights in what – in the meanwhile – has become a total of 200 communities.

Mineral deposits and spectacular natural beauty have awakened the desires of national and international investors for access to the Puna and Quebrada de Humahuaca regions in the last few years. Without COAJ, the Kolla Indios living here would have no chance of defending their land. The Guarani people, in contrast, lost their land in the 19th Century. The people hope, with the support of COAJ, to be able to keep enough land out of the hands of the large sugar cane concerns to at least be able to survive.

At village visits and using continued education, the COAJ employees advise the community representatives in the perception of their rights. There is bitter poverty in the villages. Foodstuffs, health provision, electricity and water, and also school attendance are practically unattainable. Therefore, improvement of living condi-

tions in the communities is a further focus for COAJ. The grassroots work is complimented by lobbying at the provincial and state levels and legal representation in court battles.

The Weltfriedensdienst has been supporting COAJ since 2000. In this time a great deal has been achieved. Workshops on mining and environmental law have provided the community representatives with the necessary knowledge to consciously obese and represent their interests when faced with state and private investors. The legal possibility of collective land ownership was enforced, land seizure by hoteliers and mining companies was hindered, environmental studies and compensation payments negotiated.

Yet the hurdles are very high for a community when attempting to obtain a collective land title: To begin with they must be able to document their claim on the basis of chronicles, they must agree with neighbouring communities on land boundaries, they must survey the land and then register themselves as a legal individual. Some 30 communities have been officially surveyed in the meantime, 170 of 184 communities are registered as legal individuals and 11 communities have battled for and won their collective land title.

Women 's Rights

Women and girls are still the worst-affected group when it comes to material deprivation; they are exposed to sexual and physical abuse and have less chance of obtaining schooling and vocational training. Working to support women is an important part of every project for the Weltfriedensdienst.



A self-help initiative gives women renewed courage



Childhood in Palestine – attempting normality

South Africa

Leka Gape – Don't give up! – is the motto of a self-help group in Lulekani in the northeast of South Africa. The city is located in Limpopo, one of the poorest provinces in the country. Poverty and unemployment are rife, far from all households have electricity and water, the number of HIV infected people is constantly increasing. In this climate of resignation and despair at the lack of a way out, domestic violence often occurs, a problem which takes on shocking proportions in South Africa. Thus, a refuge has been built in Lulekani with financial and personnel support from the Weltfriedensdienst. Here abused women, homeless and neglected children can find support and a place to stay. The self-help group, which plays a central role in community life in Lulekani, is active in various social projects, also in the Love-Life-Campaign which offers Aids education and advice in schools and youth facilities.

Palestine

The weekly peaceful protests at the extensive Israeli border protection near Bila'in in West Jordan are now a symbol of peaceful resistance in Palestine. The proximity of the protest location to the women's collective in Kafr Na'meh, which Weltfriedensdienst has supported since 1967, is no coincidence. Against all internal and external resistance, for nearly forty years the women here have been fighting for improvement in their families' living conditions and also for a place in society. Thus, to date they have been able to care for up to 60 children each day in a kindergarten, offer training courses in embroidery, hairdressing and cosmetics, allowing the women to earn their own livelihoods and to at least partially maintain the operation of their textile workshop. In addition, the collective committee meets regularly to discuss the community's problems.

Ecology

For many years the WFD has very successfully supported a number of projects in which traditional farming methods are promoted and natural resources are protected. Ecological farming is not a luxury rather it is the opportunity to protect labile ecosystems and to increase the productivity of soils. Higher yields mean additional income and help to improve people's food availability situation in a sustainable way.



Field schools for ecological farming

Guinea-Conakry

The Mali prefecture in northern Guinea is one of the poorest regions in the country. Many people are threatened with undernourishment. The amount of rainfall has consistently decreased over the past years, slash and burn and the felling of trees have damaged the ecosystem massively, the tillable agricultural area is not sufficient and fields additionally insufficiently protected from roaming herds of animals. In order to improve the situation of the people in a sustainable manner, since 2002 the Weltfriedensdienst has supported a project founded by the non-governmental organisation *ADECOMA – Assistance au Développement Communautaire et Associatif*. Since then new production areas have been cultivated, surveyed and fenced, irrigation systems allow several harvests per year. More than 50 hectares of land has been brought into production, more than 20 well and reservoirs have been built. Reforestation has been started to counter erosion. Thousands of new fruit trees are improving nutrition. In many communities women are involved in the food preservation industry.

Some 600 kilograms of fruit or vegetables can be preserved per year in the simple to use solar drying units. With targeted further education – for example in compost production and seed selection – the yields have been increased.

Zimbabwe

The dramatic deterioration in the economic situation in the country, along with several years of consecutive droughts, has led to many people in Zimbabwe becoming dependent on food aid. The environmental organisation *Environment Africa*, which was founded in 1990, thus concentrates above all on the improvement of people's nutrition and the creation of new sources of income.

In 28 environmental action groups in Manicaland, the people not only learn to care for the existing resources. In their gardens and fields they test traditional agriculture methods and have been able – for the first time since colonial times – to develop again their own drought-

resistant grain seed. Fruit and vegetables are preserved with the help of simply solar drying units and offered for sale at markets. Many environmental action groups begin their work in school, in especially made school gardens. In this way the first foundation stone for ecological consciousness is laid at an early age. The partner organisation *Environment Africa* is supported in its work by the *Weltfriedensdienst* with financial and personnel support.



Farmer's organisations provide mutual support

Mozambique

The Tete province in western Mozambique suffers particularly harsh climatic conditions; occasional heavy flooding during the rainy season are often followed by long periods of drought. The return of war refugees and the growth of the populace mean that people require more areas of forest for fields, pasture, construction materials and fuel. The soil is fallowed for ever shorter periods allowing no time for the forest to regrow or enough recovery to return good yields. The *Cobarema – Community Based Resource Management* project supports agricultural communities in retaining their minimal resources and in expanding them where possible. This includes, for example, the use of natural fertilisers and the planting of grain and vegetable types which produce even during very short rainy seasons. Development committees have been created in the individual villages which, for example, control slash and burn activities or discuss and advise on the construction of wells or small dams.

Senegal

The project *ENDA/ProNat – Protection Naturelle* supports farmers in rediscovering traditional methods, testing them and developing them further. Knowledge about these farming methods was generally lost, forgotten due to years of large-scale farming on irrigated fields with the use of state-subsidised chemical fertilisers and pesticides, growing tomatoes to be sold to large on-selling companies. Once the state subsidies were exhausted and the years of monoculture had exhausted the soils as well, the farmers were left facing a life-threatening crisis. Since then farmers' action groups have formed in some 50 villages in order to share their experiences and test new seeds in so-called field schools. In addition savings collectives and credit associations have been

established to provide producers with sustained financial support. Of ever growing importance is the production of ecological cotton, the demand for which is constantly increasing. The ecological farmers' organisations have now begun marketing their products internationally.

Nicaragua

The district of Bonanza in the Bosawa Biosphere Reserve in north-eastern Nicaragua is still primarily covered in tropical rainforest. In order to effectively fight the massive problems of uncontrolled logging, unsuitable agricultural land-use and gold mining, the district established an environmental bureau in 1999. Since then the bureau has very successfully implemented sustainable and income-generating land-use planning. This occurs in close cooperation with the local, mainly Indio, population. The farmers, loggers and prospectors are supported in making their activities environmentally sound. A *Weltfriedensdienst* partnership group, the *Agenda-Gruppe Varel*, supports the district of Bonanza with a yearly allowance for the environmental bureau personnel costs.



Future Prospects

Weltfriedensdienst Projects in Preparation

EDUCATION

Burkina Faso

Sport and development

As in many other countries in the world, football is a great source of fascination for the youth of Burkina Faso, one of the three poorest nations in the world, with an illiteracy rate of 80%. A new project is making use of this attraction. A football school provides children from the streets of Ouagadougou with regular school lessons – and thus a primary school qualification – alongside football training. With business internships at the end of their three year education, the students are also given the opportunity to enter into the professional world.



Starting blocks clear for a new football school

Brazil

Developing new perspectives

The organisation *Campo – Centro de Assessoria ao Movimento Popular* has been active in district and suburb development in different regions of Rio de Janeiro for many years, where it supports career training centres among other things.

The new project *Meu 1º Trabalho – My first job* is to expand the district work to include career training work. The young adults will be supported in coming to terms with their own identity and becoming aware of their role in society, their rights and responsibilities as citizens. Participation in the career training measures will provide the young adults with the opportunity to gain access to the official employment market and to found their own small businesses with micro-credits.

Brazil

Suburb work supports youth

The Suburb of Santa Tereza in the centre of Rio de Janeiro has long been inhabited by very poor families, the middle class and also from members of Rios elite. In the 1990s, when Santa Tereza became the showplace for the drug war, many inhabitants decided to leave the suburb. The result was an enormous increase in poor inhabitants, the cityscape was increasingly characterised by violence and drug-dealing, social structures broke down. The local partner *Instituto SERE* is attempting to build up new social structures in Sta. Tereza. This is aimed to result in improved living conditions and especially improvement in the personal and career development of young people, who are often caught in the spiral of drugs and violence. In addition it supports the creation of local initiatives against drug criminality and violence.

ECOLOGY

Zimbabwe

Promoting sustainable district development

The Zimbabwean non-governmental organisation *TSURO* has – contrary to the often resigned mood in the country – prepared a large scale development plan for the Chimanimani District. The Weltfriedensdienst has supported a successful resource protection project in this region in eastern Zimbabwe for many years. A large part of the experience that was gained in Chikukwa can now be applied and further developed. The overwhelm-

ing majority of the people living in the Chimanimani District live from agriculture. However, their harvest yields could be significantly increased, e.g. through ecologically adapted cultivation methods or the construction of new water tanks. Alongside economic and social development, the activities in which the many different societal groups involved also contribute to the strengthening of the civil society in the region.

CIVIL PEACE SERVICE

Guinea Bissau

Strengthening peace workers

In the northwest of politically unstable Guinea Bissau ethnic conflict between armed groups intersects with the struggle between the government army and rebels from the Casamance region in Senegal. Added to this are further tensions between different army factions, which manifest themselves as armed mutinies and previously led to a coup and war. The civilian population is often unsure, which group is currently active, but is often the victim of attacks. The Weltfriedensdienst supports three Guinean non-governmental organisations with a civil peace project. The three organisations have joined together in order to bring the armed confrontations towards an end. The aim of the project is to mediate between the different opinion leaders and to strengthen the civilian population.



The Weltfriedensdienst supports people who are active in improving the own living conditions.



HIV/AIDS

Zimbabwe

Education and counselling save people's lives

Similar to other countries of Southern Africa the Aids epidemic in Zimbabwe also takes on catastrophic dimensions. Every fourth adult is HIV infected. A great deal more than one million children have lost at least one parent due to Aids. The project, which was conceptualised by the partner organisation *Family Aids Caring Trust – FACT*, concentrates its activities on an area in the eastern province of Manicaland, which was newly

settled as part of the Zimbabwean land reform. The infrastructure is, as one can imagine, poor. There are hardly any tar sealed roads, only a few houses have sanitary facilities, the health care facilities are completely insufficient. FACT primarily approaches young people with comprehensive education and counselling services. At the centre of activities is the construction of a Community Health training Centre, where information events will be held and where family caregivers will be supported with expert counselling.

PEACEXCHANGE™

PeaceXchange – Learning peace through play

PeaceXchange is the name of the new Weltfriedensdienst project that aims to sensitise youth and young adults towards peaceful conflict management. *PeaceXchange* combines North-South education and peace education work. Alongside dialogue tours with experts from the South there will also be a series of larger events.

The Weltfriedensdienst is moving into new areas with the home project *PeaceXchange*, which is planned to last three years: for the first time all the measures will also be carried out in Poland, the Czech Republic, and Austria. The partners in the respective countries are

NGOs which will not simply be involved in the individual activities, but rather bring their own experience into the whole project. The two experts come from different countries in the South so that the exchange does not only occur between the North and South. This ensures that they can also learn from each other within their own fields of activity.

The project, supported by the European Union, has three thematic emphases. While everything focuses on the theatre work in the first year, the young people will be challenged to take part in a Hip-hop competition in the second year. Sport will be the central theme of the third year.

Education and Public Awareness Work

Public awareness work and North-South education work are important building blocks in the Weltfriedensdienst's work. Publications, actions and events help to ensure that the problems of the South are not forgotten in Germany. In partnership groups, largely working in schools, people work for a just distribution of societal wealth between the North and South.



Making a difference together – Action day for Africa

Inform, discuss, network

Comprehensive information about the Weltfriedensdienst's work is provided to members and interested parties through our quarterly magazine "Querbrief". It introduces projects in the South, reports on progress, takes up political discussions, delivers background information and takes a stand. New developments from projects, current dates and examples of the many initiatives being undertaken by partnership groups can be found at the Weltfriedensdienst website: www.wfd.de

In order to talk to a large number of people and to awaken their interest in North-South issues, the Weltfriedensdienst is present with information stands at events and street festivals, for example at the Evangelical Church Congress or the Open Day at the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development.

The Weltfriedensdienst is part of a network. It is involved in a variety of campaigns, also in *Gemeinsam für Afrika (Together for Africa)*, a federation of 33 organisations that support projects in Africa.



Cultural diversity – a journey of discovery through Africa.

AG Weltfrieden

Young Berliners founded the *AG Weltfrieden (World Peace Inc.)* in order to make the work of the Weltfriedensdienst better known and to support our work with donation collections. They chose a quote from Mahatma Gandhi as the motto for their work: "Those who want peace must begin with peace." More than 200 guests came to the first benefit events. "Dance for Africa" was the title given to the evening with the African Ballet Zebolah. The 300 Euro proceeds benefited a Weltfriedensdienst resource protection project in Senegal. The group meets regularly, occupies itself with North-South topic and plans further public events. They hope that their example teaches others and that other support groups will form in other locations.

Work for Peace

"I find it admirable that Berlin school pupils are not indifferent to the way other students live, but rather want to actively contribute to an improvement in their situation." With these words of recognition, Heidemarie Wieczorek-Zeul opened the first pupil's action day *Work for Peace* in Berlin.

The idea for the pupil's action day for Africa is simple. The students here in Germany place themselves in the situation of boys and girls in Africa or Latin America for a day. The older pupils go to work instead of school. Younger pupils offer small services or do odd-jobs for people they know, the youngest pupils undertake some activity together, irrespective of whether it is a raffle, bazaar or benefit concert. The proceeds are donated by the students and contribute to Weltfriedensdienst educational projects.

Global Learning

Work for Peace offers the opportunity to combine education with project support. The Weltfriedensdienst provides extensive didactic material for preparation of the action day and also supplies instructors. In lessons or on project days, the pupils intensively study the continent, with the diverse history and culture, Africa's nature and wealth of resources.

They also occupy themselves with the daily life of the children their own age, e.g. in a South African township. The pupils learn how closely a lack of access to education is often connected with poverty and violence.

At the 2005 pupil's action day, which supported projects in South Africa and Mozambique among others, most children studied the recent history of Mozambique, also learnt a little about the civil war which the population of Mozambique suffered under for 16 years and were confronted with the fate of child soldiers, war orphans and young victims of landmines.

Yet at the end of each respective lesson the children weren't left feeling perplexed or helpless. Rather there was an opportunity to do something so that something changes for the disadvantaged children and young people – in South Africa, in Mozambique and in other countries. Thousands of school pupils from Berlin, from the Wetterau administrative region in Hessen, from Bonn and Bückeburg took part in the action. For the older pupils the search for a job was in many cases their first contact with the working world and a chance to try themselves out and show social engagement.

More than 30 schools around Germany managed to earn a total of nearly 50,000 Euros. The proceeds from Berlin schools went to the women's and children's refuge in Lulekani, South Africa, and to a vocational training college in Chimoio in Mozambique. The pupils from Wetterau region contributed to the improvement of the

Enthusiasm is contagious



education situation in Boé/Guinea-Bissau. Two schools in Bonn and Bückeburg supported their partnership projects in Senegal and Brazil respectively.

This action will also be carried out again next year; additional schools have registered to take part. The Weltfriedensdienst provides extensive materials and a CDROM. Further information is available at: www.work-for-peace.de

Making a Difference Together

An organisation like the Weltfriedensdienst survives on the trust and commitment of its friends and supporters. More than ever, in 2005, the sometimes years-old, developed relationship to members, partnership groups, project partners donors and pupils has proved its great worth, to the degree where we were even able to increase the total donations income for the year. The Weltfriedensdienst received a total of 831,869.69 Euros in donations for its work.

The more than 60 partnership groups – schools, church congregations or circles of friends – each support a partnership project in Africa, Latin America or Palestine. The donations in 2005 totalled 284,954.19 Euros. Partnership groups don't only provide financial support for their partners in the South; as important is North-South education work. Through diverse and imaginative initiatives partnership groups make the public aware of the situation in the project countries. The groups receive quarterly partnership group mailers containing news from the Weltfriedensdienst office, information about successful action and tips for one-world-work. Once a year, the Weltfriedensdienst invites groups to a partnership seminar for intensive exchange of experiences.

Church Congress 2005 – joining in discussion with others



Actions

Like partnership groups, members and friends of the Weltfriedensdienst initiate small or large donation initiatives year for year.

■ The year 2005 was an anniversary year: many round figure birthdays, weddings, business anniversaries were celebrated. The friends of the Weltfriedensdienst used this opportunity to ask their guests for a small donation to the Weltfriedensdienst or its projects – a total of 17,435 Euros was raised.

■ As always there was a series of benefit concerts. The "Hochheimer Förderkreis" presented a gala concert for the third time, with the proceeds destined to support the Brazilian non-governmental organisation *AdoleSCer*. The 1,570.69 Euros donated on the night will support youth in the Favelas.

■ Many pupils were not just involved in the pupil's action day. "At our class party we gathered 120 Euros in donations. We discussed for a long time and decided to further support our partner project in Boé / Guinea-Bissau. Despite the flooding catastrophe in South Asia, we think that the people there should not be forgotten." This letter was written to us by the pupils of Winterbad in Pennigsehl, who have long supported the project work in Guinea-Bissau.

■ Wulf Schubert's circle of friends supported the elderly persons project *Hebras de Diamantes* in Peru with the proceeds from several flea markets held at their front door. The sales brought in some 2,253 Euros.

■ Every year many partnership groups use the time before Christmas to interest others in their work. Hence the Guatemala Initiative in Unna, which is celebrating 20 years of service, was involved in a large number of stands and Christmas markets. Through the sale of Guatemalan products and handmade Christmas cards, the initiative was able to donate a total of 2,400 Euros in 2005 to the handicapped children's school *Luz en mi vida* in the North of Guatemala.



Pupils question the Minister – preliminary event for Work for Peace



We would like to express our heartfelt thanks to our donors for their support and their trust in our work.

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We are very careful about how we make use of money you donate. That is the reason why we receive the Donor Seal of Approval from the *Deutsches Zentralinstitut für Soziale Fragen* (Central German Institute for Social Issues – DZI) every year. The seal rewards our thrifty, transparent and purpose-specific use of your donated money.

The Weltfriedensdienst Office

The work of the Weltfriedensdienst **head office** is coordinated and managed by the office council. Each department of the office is represented by a member elected to the council. The manager/coordinator is automatically a member of the council.



Head office employees from left to right: Elke Kuhne, Monika Hornig, Siegfried Schröder, Jürgen Steuber, Hans Jörg Friedrich, Carola Ziegert, Carola Gast, Matthias Fischer (peaceXchange), Katrin Steinitz, Walter Hättig

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Noel Bimbiri
Messenger / Courier



The WFD's Foundations

Two foundations support the Weltfriedensdienst's work: the *Stiftung für Internationale Solidarität and Partnerschaft (S.I.S)* (Foundation for International Solidarity and Partnership) and the *Stiftung Weltfriedensdienst Erich Grunwaldt* (Weltfriedensdienst Foundation).

The Stiftung für Internationale Solidarität and Partnerschaft was founded by Fritz Pfeiffer in 1993.

The foundation supported self-help projects for particularly disadvantaged groups and organisations in a total of 25 countries in Latin America, Asia and Africa and thus made a concrete contribution to the struggle against poverty. The S.I.S. has been a Weltfriedensdienst foundation since 2002. The foundation handed over the work of supporting the specific self-help projects to the WFD in order to concentrate its efforts on the management of the foundations assets. The foundation supports WFD self-help projects with the revenue earned from the foundation's capital.

Erich Grunwaldt, a long-time member of the WFD and previous WFD cooperation partner in Mozambique, founded the independent **Stiftung Weltfriedensdienst** (Weltfriedensdienst foundation) in 2002. The goal of the foundation is to support the work of the WFD in Germany. After the sudden death of Erich Grunwaldt in 2003 the WFD Foundations Board decided to change the name to *Stiftung Weltfriedensdienst Erich Grunwaldt*. The foundation is managed through the *Stiftung für Internationale Solidarität*.



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The financial situation of both foundations is audited each year by certified accountants. In addition the foundations' work is supervised and controlled by the foundation committees. These committees ensure that the statutory goals of the foundations are achieved. All committees meet at least once yearly.

Cooperation Partners



The WFD supports partner organisations in Africa, Latin America and Palestine not just financially but also through the provision of experts to act as advisors to the projects. With their experiences and reports, the cooperation partners also make an important contribution to public relations and educational work in the North.

ZFD

Adane Ghebremeskel	Political Scientist	Zimbabwe	since December 2001
Alejandra Maass Cruzat	Education Specialist	Guinea Bissau	May 2001- July 2005
Usche Merk	Education Specialist	South Africa	since October 2005
Constanze Schellhaas	Social Education Specialist	South Africa	since August 2004
Antje Nahnsen	Town Planner	South Africa	July 2002 – February 2005
Undine Kayser-Whande	Anthropologist	South Africa	May 2002 – March 2005
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Valborg Edert	Ethnologist	Senegal	since June 2003
Mirjam de Vries	Social and Theatre Education Specialist	Palestine	since February 2004
Ulrike Schießl	Social Worker	Palestine	since November 2005
Jerome Njabou	Political Scientist	Burundi	since November 2005
Claudia Kukla	Teacher of Romance Languages and Literature	Mozambique	since March 2004

Education / Training

Lutz Taufer	Journalist	Brazil	since August 2003
Holger Scheffler	Vocational Trainer	Tanzania	since July 2002
Dietmar Fandrich	Economist	Tanzania	May 2004 – Dec. 2005
Gerd Hohmann-Schmitz	Industrial Engineer	Mozambique	April 2004 – March 2005
Wolfgang Peuerbock	Vocational Trainer	Mozambique	since March 2004
Hans Schröder	Engineer	Mozambique	since April 2005
Wolfgang Kastens	Vocational Trainer	Mozambique	since April 2005

Ecology

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Gabriele Nestel	Agronomist	Guinea Conakry	April 2003 – March 2005
Jörg John	Agronomist	Senegal	since October 2001
Andrea Case	Geographer	Zimbabwe	since June 2003

Women / Human Rights

Petra Seybold-Powane	Social Education Specialist	South Africa	since June 2003
Marta Guidi	Anthropologist	Argentina	since February 2000



The Weltfriedensdienst maintains its offices in the 3rd and 4th floors of the building in Hedemannstraße 14 in Berlin-Kreuzberg.

The *Weltfriedensdienst e.V. (WFD)* was founded in 1959 in Berlin as a political and confessional open working group. The formation of the society was a response to the horrendous experiences of the Second World War and also to Germany's decision to re-arm only ten years after the end of the war. The founding members, among them the Magdeburg Pastor Lothar Kreyszig, wanted to create an international peace service in order to make a contribution to overcoming conflict and poverty in the world through the coordinated work of volunteers. The *Weltfriedensdienst* was part of the reconciliation services which also included the Action for World Solidarity (ASW) and Action Reconciliation Service For Peace (ASF).

Today the *WFD* supports grassroots initiatives in Africa, Palestine and Latin America. In addition the *WFD* carries out an intensive education public awareness programme in order to help ensure that the problems of the South are not forgotten here in Germany. The *Weltfriedensdienst* sees its work as engagement for a more just world.

A Development Services Organisation

The *WFD* is one of the six development service institutions recognised by the Federal Government and is thus authorised by the law governing development workers to mediate the provision of cooperation partners to projects supported by the *WFD*.

Members

The voluntary commitment of the association's members is the driving force behind the *WFD*'s work. Without their support in the executive committee, the various advisory committees and partnership groups, the continuous development of the content of our work would

simply not be possible. Those who wish the support the goals of the *Weltfriedensdienst* but cannot become actively involved are able to become associate members. At the end of 2005 the association had 274 members, among them 149 active members and 125 associate members. The Annual General Meeting was held in Berlin in November 2005.

Society Memberships

The *WFD* is a member of the *Aktionsgemeinschaft Dienst für den Frieden (AGDF)* (United Action Service for Peace) the *Arbeitskreis Lernen und Helfen in Übersee (AKHLÜ)* (Working Group on Learning and Aid Abroad) and the *Arbeitsgemeinschaft der Entwicklungsdienste (AGdD)* (United Development Services Action Group). The *WFD* is active in supporting development workers and experts who have returned from overseas. The *WFD* is also a member of the nationwide *Verband Entwicklungspolitik Deutscher Nichtregierungsorganisationen (VENRO)* (Development Policy Union of German Non-Governmental Organisations) and the regional *Landesnetzwerk Berliner Entwicklungspolitischer Ratschlag (BER)*. The *WFD* is among the founding members of ATTAC-Deutschland and is a supporting agency in the campaign "Life is a human right" by the *Aktionsbündnis gegen AIDS* (Action against AIDS Germany). Further memberships: Zimbabwe Network, Coordination Group Mozambique, Coordination Southern Africa, Peace Centre / Martin-Niemöller-Haus.

Executive Committee at the end of 2005

Dr. Walter Spellmeyer (1st Chairperson), Torsten Schramm (Deputy Chairperson), Ulrich Alff, Klaus Ebeling, Uta Gerweck, Sabine Hepperle, Uta Kirchner, Helge Löw, Fritz Pfeiffer, Claudia Roos, Wulf Schubert, Christa Schöler.

Financial Statement



Expenditure 2005

Expenditure	31.12.2005	Previous year
1. Project support	3,287,349.67	3,740,548.90
Abroad	3,287,349.67	3,610,384.69
Germany		130,164.21
2. Public relations	206,513.67	120,927.78
3. Project management	81,365.88	95,903.87
4. Association work	27,170.72	26,745.41
5. Other costs	7,844.48	7,567.69
6. Interest	26.60	78.83
7. Reserves	0.00	12,600.59
8. Project reserves	40,625.30	11,018.90
	3,650,896.32	4,015,391.97

Annual statement of accounts 2005 – explanatory notes

Expenditure

Support for projects abroad: 3,287,000 Euros were made available for project support, 343,000 Euros went to small projects and 2,944,000 Euros was provided to projects which are co-financed with government funds. This figure includes 257,000 Euros in order to cover project supervision and project completion costs. For accounting purposes this sum must be deducted from the administrative costs in order to avoid stating the cost twice.

Public relations: Staff and material costs for North-South education as well as lobbying and fundraising.

Project management: Staff costs in Germany for monitoring and supporting projects (e.g. project preparation, fundraising, monitoring finances and project accounting)

Association work: Administrative and staff costs not directly related to project management or public relations. Costs such as rent, telephone office materials etc. are also included.

Other expenses: Expenditure on seal of non-profit orientation, auditing of accounts etc.

Interest: Interest paid on donor loans.

Project reserves: Donations for projects which are not due for allocation until the following year.

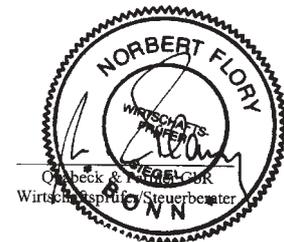


Revenue 2005

Revenue	31.12.2005	Previous year
Grants	2,705,162.75	3,113,888.50
Partner contributions	92,568.25	147,646.35
Donations	831,869.69	746,870.72
Interest received	4,235.15	3,836.40
BFS dividends	4,480.00	3,150.00
Head office deficit	12,580.48	0.00
	3,650,896.32	4,015,391.97

Quabeck & Partner
Auditors – Tax consultants

Norbert Flory
Auditor – Tax consultant
Auditor's seal



Revenue

Grants: these are: public monies, i.e. project-specific grants from the German Federal Government (*BMZ and AA*) or from other public offices.

Other grants from private grant givers, i.e. project-specific grants e.g. from the *EED* (Protestant Development Service) for education and public awareness work and a grant not tied to specific projects from the "*Aktionsgemeinschaft Dienst für den Frieden*" (*AGDF*) (Campaign Service for Peace). This grant was used to fund project administration, public relations and the day-to-day running of the organisation.

Partner contributions: These are payments made or services rendered by WFD project partners in support of projects.

BFS dividends: The "*Bank für Sozialwirtschaft*" (Bank for Social Business) allows charitable organisations which are account holders to participate in the bank's success.



Financial statement and balance of accounts as per 31st December 2005

Assets	31.12.2005	Previous year
A. Fixed Assets		
Equipment and fittings	8,849.00	10,256.00
B. Current Assets		
I. Donations receivable and other assets	150,578.50	174,422.83
II. Cash holdings and bank credit balance	503,961.53	46,647.65
	663,389.03	631,326.48
Liabilities		
A Reserves		
Balance 01.01.2005	113,121.47	
Taken from reserves	- 12,580.48	
Balance 31.12.2005	100,540.99	113,121.47
B. Project reserves	497,830.71	457,205.41
Balance 01.01.2005	457,205.41	
Added in 2005	40,625.30	
C. Accounts payable	65,037.33	60,999.60
Donor loans	25,066.07	
Other accounts payable	39,951.26	
	663,389.03	631,326.48

Balance of accounts assets

A. Fixed Assets

Equipment and fittings: Computers, photocopiers, telephone system.

B. Current Assets

Donations receivable and other assets: in particular donations receivable from project calculation with the BMZ as well as administrative costs funding not yet received. Cash holdings and bank credit balance: including term deposits totalling 358,000 Euros.

Balance of accounts liabilities

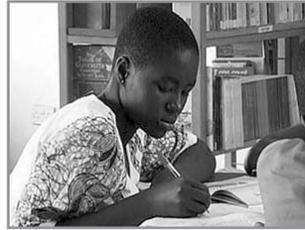
A – Reserves (in accordance with para. 58 No. 6 of the general taxation regulations): reserves serve to secure the institutional viability of the organisation and to fulfil other aims laid down in the articles of the association.

B – Project reserves: These are donations which are foreseen for the financing of projects in the coming year.

C – Accounts payable

Donor loans: loans made by donors to provide for liquidity shortages. The money is held in access accounts and the interest paid on these loans is two percentage points lower than the interest received on the accounts from the bank.

Other accounts payable: the sum given includes as yet unpaid social security contributions, union fees, liabilities to cooperation partners and liabilities derived from deliveries and services received.



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