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+++ Bolivia: Education for equality
+++ Palestine: Training for peace and human rights

We follow the hotspots

Loggers, plantation companies, land sharks and gold diggers are clearing huge swathes of the Amazon rain forest. They are robbing local people of their land and converting it into cocoa or palm oil plantations.

Our Peruvian partner Kené records human rights violations and forest felling. It plays an important role in public education. Kené advises affected communities, defends the rights of residents in court and supports public agencies in their work. Together with Rettet den Regenwald, the Weltfriedensdienst is funding Kené's activities.

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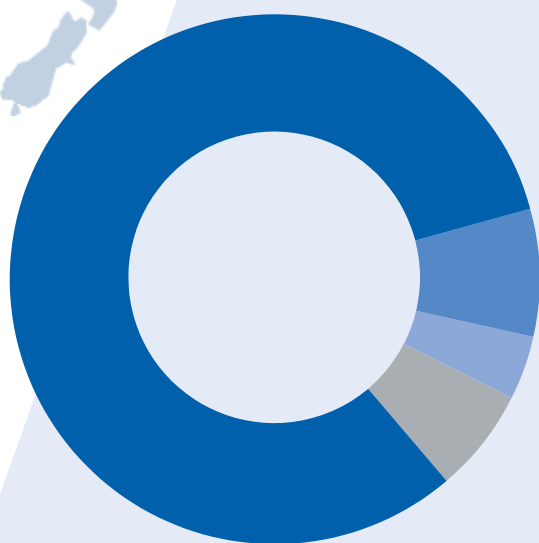


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Working with local partner organisations, we support 45 long-term development projects in Africa, Latin America and Asia. We design the projects together with our partners and take care of the financing. Each development project serves one of our association's goals: **Facilitating Peace, Enabling Survival, Developing Skills.**

Weltfriedensdienst: over 220 long-term projects worldwide since 1959.

Senegal

Food sovereignty for family farms (DS)

ENDA Pronat (Protection Naturelle)
WFD experts: Laure Brun, Jörg John, Marie von Schlieben

Brazil

Community development and violence reduction (DS) Grupo AdoleScER
WFD expert: Christina Schug

Peru

Preventing deforestation and displacement in the Amazon (DS)
Kené (Instituto de Estudios Forestales y Ambientales)

Bolivia

Programme: Conflict prevention and transformation in Southern Bolivia CPS coordination: Heiko Flink
Conflict management in rural areas and peace journalism (CPS)
ACLO (Acción Cultural Loyola)
WFD expert: Daniel Seemann
Strengthening women's rights and peace journalism (CPS)
CJA (Centro Juana Azurduy)
WFD expert: Britta Wiemers
Conflict management and peace culture (CPS)
ISALP (Investigación Social y Asesoramiento Legal Potosí), WFD expert: Benedict Weiss

Guinea-Bissau

Peace Forum – Activating Civil Society (CPS)
GTO-Bissau (Grupo do Teatro do Oprimido)
WFD expert: Jasmina Barckhausen

Guinea

Non-violent democratic change (CPS)
CNPG (Coalition Nationale pour la Paix en Guinée), PTDD (Plateforme des jeunes de l'Axe pour la démocratie et le développement)
WFD experts: Aboubacar Souaré, Susanne Souaré

Argentina

Community development, indigenous participation (DS)
COAJ (Consejo de Organizaciones Aborígenes de Jujuy)
WFD expert: Alejandra Castro de Klede
Promoting indigenous micro-business (DS)
ProSoCo (Programas Sociales Comunitarios)
WFD expert: Alicia Rivero

Other projects in our *Eine Welt* partnerships

Brazil, Ecuador, Guatemala, Nicaragua and Peru Benin, Ghana, Namibia, Tanzania and Zambia India and Palestine

Germany

Water Grab: campaigns and public education

Project coordination: Stefanie Hess

CPS Programme Development

CPS (Civil Peace Service) consultants

Results orientation, knowledge management:

Anne Beer

Project finance: Michaela Balke

SMEs, finance consortium: Mona Ahmed

Myanmar

Resilient communities (CPS)

CPS coordination: Bernhard Ortmann

KDG (Kachin Development Group)

MPYA (Mong Pan Youth Association)

MWO (Mon Women Organisation)

NDI (Naushawng Development Institute)

WFD expert: Lukas Nagel

Palestine

Programme: Training for Peace & Human Rights (CPS)

Al-Haq

GTC (Guidance and Training Centre for the Child and Family)

Kenya

People empowerment against extremism and land grabs (CPS)

IPL (Isiolo Peace Link)

WFD expert: Tim Bunke

Laos

Village development through non-formal vocational training (DS)

GLAD (German Lao Association for Development)

WFD experts: Thomas Bergmann, Janett Gareis

Burundi

Non-violent conflict transformation (CPS)

Mi-PAREC (Ministère Paix et Réconciliation sous la Croix)

WFD experts: Théogène Habyarimana, Matthias Hoffmeister

South Africa

Media-assisted human rights work (DS)

STEPS (Social Transformation and Empowerment Projects)

WFD expert: Marianne Gysae-Edkins

Zimbabwe

Programme: Constructive conflict transformation at community level in rural Zimbabwe (CPS)

CPS coordination: Andrea Case

Non-violent conflict transformation in Chimanimani (CPS)

CELUCT (Chikukwa Ecological Land Use Community Trust) WFD expert: Eli Josef-Westermann

Conflict management in rural Midlands Province communities (CPS)

CCMT (Centre for Conflict Management and Transformation) WFD expert: Christof Schmidt

Preventing politically motivated violence against women (CPS)

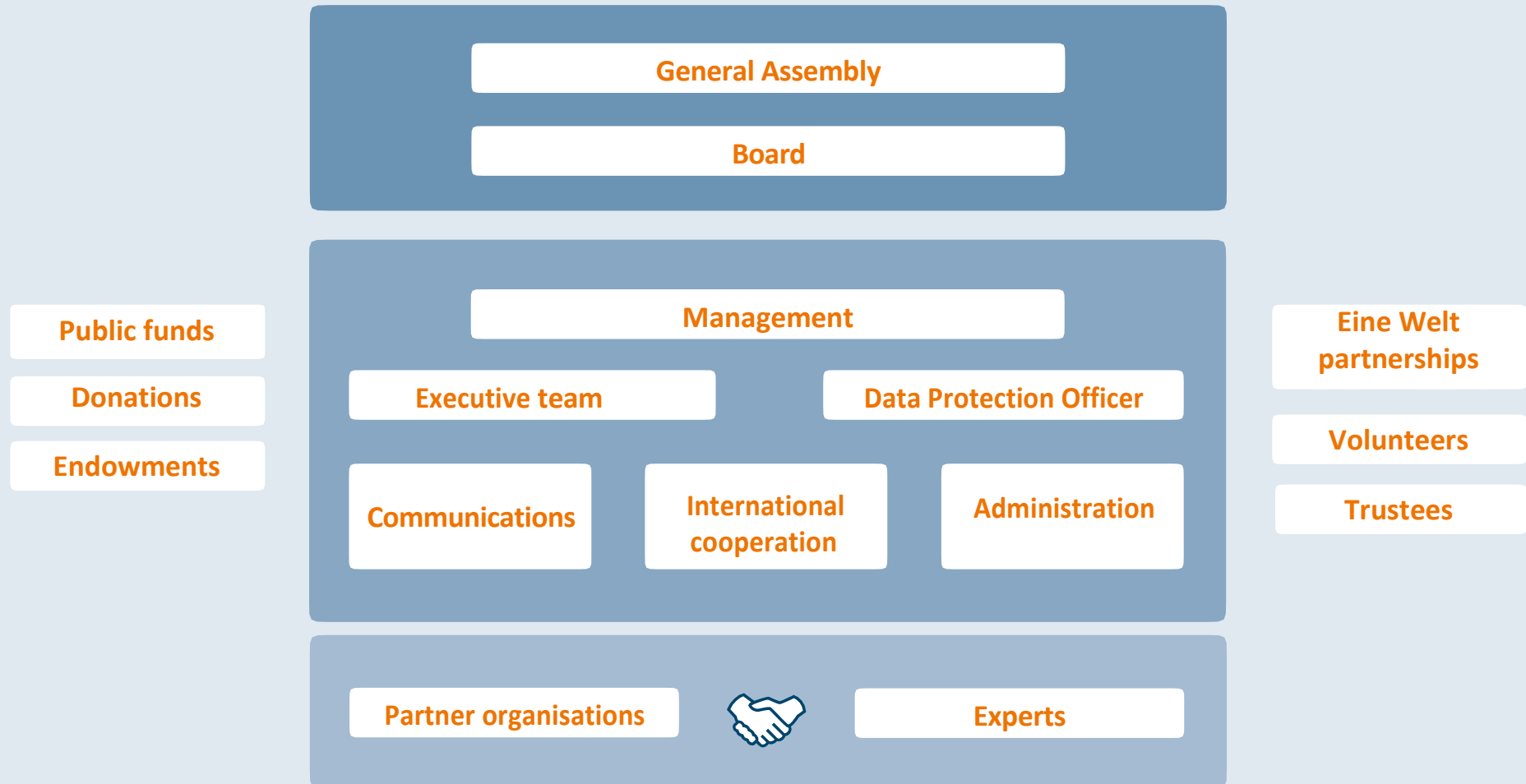
MUSASA (supporting survivors of gender-based violence) WFD expert: Vivien Martens

Community resource protection and food sovereignty (DS)

TSURO (Towards Sustainable Use of Resources Organisation) WFD expert: Ulli Westermann

Other partner NGOs: COTRAD (Community Tolerance, Reconciliation and Development Trust), WoZA (Women of Zimbabwe Arise), ZHRF (Zimbabwe Human Rights NGO Forum), ZimRights (Zimbabwe Human Rights Association)

WELTFRIEDENSDIENST: THE STRUCTURE



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Meet our office staff:
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BOARD AND MANAGEMENT REPORT

Dear reader,



In 2018 crisis and the effects of belligerent conflict again defined the work of the Weltfriedensdienst. Over 80 per cent of refugees and displaced persons are living in countries of the South. More and more people need support to resist the destructive impact of conflict. **Everyone has the right to live in peace and justice. That is our vision. That is what we are striving for – worldwide and professionally.**

Our Annual Report 2018 shows how effectively we have engaged along with our partners, who are equally committed to the objectives of peace and justice, as we seek progressive change.

OUR PARTNERS' PROGRAMMES: THE CORE OF OUR WORK

Our partners in the Global South and their target groups are the springboard for our work at the Weltfriedensdienst. In 2018, once again, we watched them grow and respond to new challenges. We are proud that they place their confidence in our ability to support their programmes. New opportunities constantly arise for us to get to know and understand each other better. We pass this experience on in campaigns and education work in Germany, keeping the general public informed.

The work our partners do extends beyond their local framework. So when we plan our projects together, we explicitly bear in mind the need for advocacy and try to network stakeholders at all levels and make sure our partners are heard. The Weltfriedensdienst has always seen itself as an advocate for disadvantaged, vulnerable sections of the population and lends power to their voice. Our colleagues out in the field play an important role in this. They pave the way for our partners and accompany them as part of a long-term relationship.

RESOURCE JUSTICE: THE CAUSE THAT UNITES US

Resource justice is a theme that is increasingly on the minds of our partners, but also our members and donors. Wherever we are, it has a profound effect on the way we live and work. People are seeking answers to the challenges of our day. Since 2018 we have pooling our energies to tackle this issue. It brings together all three pillars of our peace commitment: **Enabling Survival, Facilitating Peace and Developing Skills.** Together with our local partners, we ensure access to material and non-material resources, oppose water grabs, land grabs and forest clearance, and in so doing defend human rights.

THE FIGHT FOR RESOURCES: A WEALTH OF IDEAS

There are many aspects to resource justice, and these are reflected in the work the Weltfriedensdienst does with its partners:

- Agricultural projects, like in Zimbabwe, help to maintain survival: **community management of resources restores ecosystems, thereby ensuring the food and water supply.** Insights and experience gained here feed into our project *“Wasser verbindet”* [Water Links] in Germany and into our campaigns and education work.
- Unfair distribution of resources fans conflict – like in Guinea-Bissau. **We help networks to transform existing and emerging conflicts in non-violent ways.** Peace becomes a real option.

- The provision of training in international human rights – like in Palestine – builds **skills in non-violent conflict resolution**. This was confirmed by the award of the French Human Rights Prize 2018 to our long-established Palestinian partner Al-Haq and an Israeli human rights organisation.



Resources are not just the stuff of conflict or a question of distribution. Resources can also be our human qualities and skills. Ultimately it is our own resources of humanity that enable us all to live a life of dignity together in One World. It is those resources that we are building on when we stand by disadvantaged people who are bearing the brunt of conflicts or trying to pull through them.

LEARNING WITH AND FROM EACH OTHER

In our international cooperation with partners, we learn both with and from each other. This teaches us that local problems often have global causes and effects. Managing them locally calls for access to the international arena, demonstrating that **in a globalised world we can only solve our problems together**. The Sustainable Development Goals adopted by the United Nations describe these connections as a shared challenge and responsibility for North and South alike and look beyond conventional development work. By working together for peace, the Weltfriedensdienst and its partners are helping to counter a worldwide trend towards polarisation and exclusion, with growing constraints on civil society.

THANK YOU!

Clever minds, willing hands and a forward-looking ethos: What makes us strong are our colleagues – in the organisations we partner with around the world and in our own office. They are investing their passion and expertise in a future worth living. Thank you! We have obtained public funding for the peace and education work we carry out around the world, and we are grateful to all these public agencies for their collaboration and the trust they place in us.

2018 was a successful year. We warmly thank everyone who donated or contributed with an endowment, and everyone who brought their personal commitment to our *Eine Welt* partnerships: your engagement and your financial support make it possible for the Weltfriedensdienst and our partners around the world to pursue our peace work. The contribution made by our volunteers in the association and on the Board, by the interns who come to us for work experience, by the members of the Federal Volunteer Force BFD and by our education teams is a valuable, indispensable component of our work. We look forward to continuing this effort together – around the world and on our own doorstep.

Best wishes,

Marcel Gounot
Chairman of the Board

Judith Ohene
Management

WHAT IS THE WELTFRIEDENSDIENST?

We are a civil society organisation committed to development and since 1959 we have been active around the world in regions of poverty and conflict. Working with local partners, we provide backing for people with a deep commitment to peace, human rights and sustainable development.

All around the world we support people who are seeking non-violent resolution to conflicts, trying to improve their livelihoods and protecting resources together. Our partners are local campaign groups set up as self-

help organisations, often with a political mission. **We empower people to formulate and assert their own rights independently.**

FOR PEACE AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AROUND THE WORLD

Building long-term partnerships on a foundation of trust is an essential part of our work: **local people choose their own agenda** to achieve peaceful coexistence and fair access to resources. When explicitly asked

by local groups, we assist them with our many years of experience, and we can provide peace workers and project consultants to help them. We currently have 29 WFD experts out in the field in 13 project countries. We finance this work through public grants and private donations.



PEACE, HUMAN RIGHTS AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

We create space for dialogue. Everyone has the right to live in peace and justice. That is the goal we are working towards – worldwide, professional, engaged.

PEACE IN BURUNDI



Burundi is suffering from the effects of a bloody civil war between the Hutu and Tutsi. Together with a local NGO we support peace committees all over the country. They mediate effectively between victims and perpetrators and work to prevent fresh violence.

JUSTICE IN SOUTHERN AFRICA



Young people in Southern Africa are unable to participate in political, economic and cultural life. A network of nine local NGOs works with documentary film to strengthen human rights and trigger social and political change.

SUSTAINABILITY IN ZIMBABWE



Zimbabwe was once seen as the bread basket of Africa. Today the country depends on food aid. Working with a local NGO we are helping to protect resources and build the domestic food supply.



EDUCATING SUSTAINABLY

Water is an essential component of life. Across our planet, reckless exploitation of this precious resource is destroying the ability of humans, animals and plants to survive. In our education project **Wasser verbindet (Water Links)** we are raising awareness for this issue in Germany and campaigning throughout the world for the fair distribution of resources. For 60 years the Weltfriedensdienst has made social change its mission – observing, taking responsibility and helping to shape the future.

COOPERATION AND NETWORKS

The Weltfriedensdienst is independent of political parties and ideologically neutral. We belong to several networks and work closely with other organisations. We are one of seven development services recognised by the German government and one of the nine agencies who make up the Civil Peace Service.

STAY UP TO DATE weltfriedensdienst.de

Our **Newsletter** reports every month on our peace projects and other important peace news, as well as on our campaigns and events, including “Wasserraub”, which raises awareness about water grabs:
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Our experience derives
from resource conflicts all
over the world.

DEVELOPMENT SERVICE NETWORK



The Arbeitsgemeinschaft der Entwicklungsdienste e.V. (AGdD) is an umbrella organisation for seven development agencies recognised by the German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). 1,129 experts are currently providing development services in 92 countries. They contribute their experience and knowledge wherever joint action is needed to tackle poverty, drive political reform and promote peace.

agdd.de

CIVIL PEACE SERVICE



The Civil Peace Service (CPS) is a programme for preventing violence and promoting peace in regions of crisis and conflict. It works for a world where conflicts can be managed without violence. Nine German peace and development organisations, among them the Weltfriedensdienst, run the CPS together with 450 local partners. The CPS is funded by the German government. CPS experts support local communities long-term as they pursue their commitment to dialogue, human rights and peace. There are currently about 300 international CPS experts and more than 500 local peace workers operating in 42 countries.

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ZIMBABWE: DESIGNING POLICIES FOR THE FUTURE

Local land conflicts in Zimbabwe often lead to forced displacements. With this flagship project, CCMT has been demonstrating that sensitivity to conflict can be reflected in policymaking.

WFD partner:

The **Centre for Conflict Management and Transformation (CCMT)** is a Zimbabwean NGO. CCMT is a *Weltfriedensdienst* partner and helps to build peace and social justice in Zimbabwe by promoting a constructive response to conflicts and a cooperative approach to solving problems.



ccmt.org.zw



“It is pleasant to govern happy people,” smiles Chisadza Bunina, a traditional chief. In 2017, after 23 years, the dispute between villagers and the local authority was finally put aside thanks to an intervention by the Centre for Conflict Management and Transformation (CCMT). Mataga in Mberengwa District (Midlands Province) was to be developed, and the villagers were to be resettled to make way for the town to grow as planned. The village community resisted, asserting their rights to heritage land. They would not let the bulldozers destroy their fields. The conflict escalated, and for more than two decades there were forced evictions, demonstrations and detentions while rural development was neglected. Consistent dialogue promoted by CCMT overcame the stalemate and an agreement was reached. The families concerned were compensated for their farmland with housing plots and market stalls in Mataga and fields in a municipal irrigation project.

EVICCTIONS AND FORCED DISPLACEMENTS ON THE AGENDA

“Zimbabwe is open for business”. From 2017, after President Mugabe lost power, that was the motto with which the new government sought to attract international investors, promote mining and revive commercial agriculture. There were efforts to develop infrastructure and expand urban settlements in rural areas. Conflicts between local

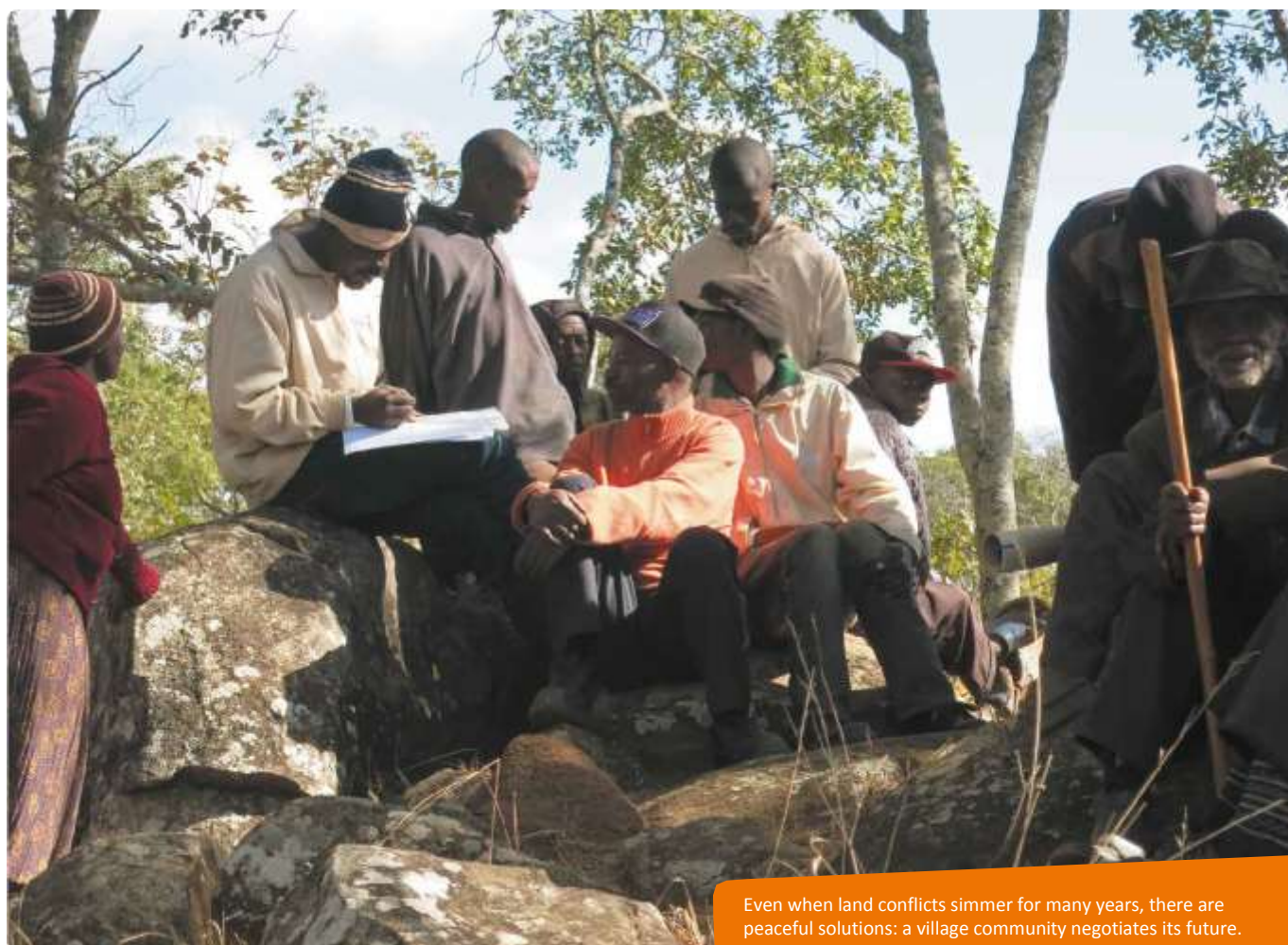
administrations and the communities affected by resettlement were inevitable.

“It is an urgent problem,” says Mr Chaeruka, a lecturer at the University of Zimbabwe: “There is no standard procedure for resettling and compensating rural communities who are expected to relinquish their land to government agencies for the purposes of development.” Mr Mwedzi, the planning officer in Mberengwa District, agrees: “It is hard to find solutions when we need land to develop schools, bridges and urban centres.”

A FLAGSHIP PROJECT FOR OTHER DISTRICTS

Based on this success in Mataga, CCMT decided to join other villages and local authorities affected by these issues and campaign at provincial level for conflict-sensitive guidelines on community resettlement and compensation. To ensure that the approach could be applied in other districts too, CCMT built good working relations with local authorities and set up a working group, which included the Midlands Province administration and representatives of all the Districts.

In a dialogue with members of the community, they drew up their own solutions for the Province. The following months brought long debates and tough negotiations, and at first there were more questions than answers:



Even when land conflicts simmer for many years, there are peaceful solutions: a village community negotiates its future.

- How can the loss of land be compensated appropriately?
- How is the compensation value of buildings and structures calculated?
- What guarantees are there that the households affected will have similar access to social facilities, services and community property?
- How can intangible and cultural factors like ancestral graves be taken into account?
- And what humane solutions are there for illegal settlers?

The elections in July 2018 posed an additional strain, as the political climate was highly polarised again. Thanks to many years of experience in conflict management, CCMT managed to keep bringing the parties back to the table.

DEFUSING TENSIONS

On 4 October 2018 community representatives came together with district council chairpersons and high-ranking provincial administrators. Together they presented their position paper with guidelines and recommendations for designing conflict-sensitive policies for the resettlement of rural communities.

By the end of the year, five of the eight districts had signed the document. Independent and pro-government media alike were enthusiastic: at last a success story for crisis-torn Zimbabwe!

The work with these principles has just begun. If the flagship project is to send out a signal for many more projects, communities facing resettlement must now insist that these new guidelines

are properly implemented. And for the changes to be binding and enduring throughout Zimbabwe, comprehensive reforms are now needed at national level as well.

A start has been made.

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BOLIVIA: EDUCATION FOR EQUALITY

Equal rights for men and women are a vital component of peace and justice. Our expert Britta Wiemers and her Bolivian colleague Henry Cervantes describe how the Centro Juana Azurduy in Sucre is protecting women's rights and empowering them as agents of peace.

WFD partner:

Centro Juana Azurduy
Bolivia

Peace expert:
Britta Wiemers

Project budget:
275,000 euros (3 years)

Purpose:

Strengthening women's rights and conflict-sensitive journalism

Achievements:

Since 2018 the Centro Juana Azurduy has been training about 50 female community activists a year in civil conflict transformation. Moreover, Radio Encuentro has set up a new programme to facilitate dialogue between parties to local conflicts.



Men's business too: stronger women's rights



Women in Bolivia now account for 50% of elected political functions and their access to education, jobs and health services has been improving steadily over the last ten years.

However, Bolivian girls and women still confront structural disadvantages and suffer high rates of gender-specific violence in different forms. In 2018, 128 women were murdered by their partner, ex-partner or another family member on grounds hostile to women; this means that Bolivia has **one of the highest rates of femicide in Latin America**. Strengthening women's rights is therefore a central factor in our peace work in Bolivia. The Centro Juana Azurduy (CJA) is a non-governmental organisation in Sucre that has been pursuing this very aim for 30 years by providing legal and psychological support for women affected by violence, by strengthening and accompanying community-based

organisations of women in their work, and by using its own broadcasting channel Radio Encuentro for programmes educating girls and women about their rights.

In Bolivia there is still a highly polarised attribution of gender roles. Women are seen as subordinate in private and public life, and various forms of violence against women are justified and presented as natural. "Breaking out of that socialisation process, empowering women to organise around social and political issues and to participate in democratic life – these are the declared aims of the CJA's Escuela de Formación Política (political education college), where about 50 women from community-based organisations are trained each year," says Gretel Lambertin, Head of Lobbying and Advocacy at CJA. The participants are drawn from both

the urban context around Sucre and rural areas across the Department of Chuquisaca. During the course, which lasts several months, they learn to deconstruct gender roles in Bolivia's patriarchal society, building their confidence in themselves and developing their communication skills. They also acquire knowledge about socio-political processes and Bolivian history and learn to respond to conflicts constructively and without violence. This last point is especially important in the Bolivian context, where socio-political conflicts rapidly escalate and often lead to violence. This is where the partnership with the Weltfriedensdienst comes in: since last year constructive responses to conflict based on non-violent communication, negotiation techniques and dialogue have been an integral part of the course at the Escuela de Formación Política.

STRENGTHENING WOMEN'S RIGHTS

As a contribution to change processes as the level of political structures, the project supports local and regional exchange between community-based organisations and political authorities. Among elected assemblies, however, there is not much initial awareness of how important such processes are, and



Workshop on conflict transformation

so it takes a lot of persuasion before the political representatives agree to take part.

In Bolivia too, the influence of media reporting on perceptions of social conflict and gender-specific violence should not be underestimated.

"Providing constructive alternatives to articles in the mainstream media that are hostile to women and glorify violence is as important an aim for Radio Encuentro as promoting the critical use of social media among young people," explains Ana Lilian Ortega, a journalist and the channel's chief editor. With the support of the Weltfriedensdienst five journalists underwent further training in conflict-

sensitive journalism last year and created a new radio programme called "Sin Pretextos" (No Excuses). Every two weeks it deals with a conflict that has taken place in Sucre. The parties concerned are invited to the live broadcast and discuss the causes and effects of the conflict with the presenters, who try to understand the unspoken interests of the people involved and to explore solutions. While the parties to the conflict above all value being heard within a constructive space, the listeners perceive "Sin Pretextos" as a programme that offers objective, detailed information about conflicts in their town.

RADIO ENCUENTRO

Facebook, Instagram and Twitter are increasingly used to counter sexism and glorifications of violence among young people. These activities by the broadcaster are supported locally by the *Weltfriedensdienst*.

At present the radio team are working with young people on new formats to educate users about gender-specific violence. The idea is to encourage younger listeners above all to think about these matters.



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PALESTINE: TRAINING FOR PEACE AND HUMAN RIGHTS

Religiously charged, highly militarised, complex and entrenched are hallmarks of the Middle East conflict, which has been raging for more than 70 years. The independent Palestinian human rights organisation Al-Haq works in the national and international arena to promote the rule of law and respect for human rights.

WFD partner:

**Al-Haq –
Law in the Service of Man**

Al-Haq (Arabic: The Law) is a Palestinian NGO based in Ramallah. The oldest human rights organisation in the Arab-speaking world was founded by a group of lawyers in 1979.

Al-Haq is affiliated to the International Commission of Jurists in Geneva, has adviser status at the UN Economic and Social Council and is a member of the international human rights network EuroMed Rights, the World Organisation Against Torture and the International League for Human Rights.



Al-Haq documents violations of individual and collective Palestinian rights, regardless of who carried them out.



Never give up: Al-Haq has worked tirelessly for international law and human rights standards to be observed in the Israeli-occupied Palestinian territories. For 40 years now, Al-Haq has been monitoring compliance with human rights here and promoting education about violations of international law – regardless of who is to blame. The organisation openly opposes illegal occupation practices and the creeping colonisation of the West Bank. That is why it has always been a regular target for official charges and personal attacks, even death threats. In 2009 the organisation set up the Al-Haq Center for Applied International Law to pass on its experience to local and international human rights defenders.

THE WELTFRIEDENSDIENST AND AL-HAQ

The rule of law, compliance with international human rights and humanitarian standards, and international law are an essential factor in achieving sustainable peace in any country. That is why, ever since 2013, the Weltfriedensdienst has been supporting the work of the Al-Haq Center for Applied International Law by posting a Civil Peace Service expert and designing a training programme for human rights activists and international lawyers.

In 2018 the Al-Haq Center for Applied International Law worked with the Weltfriedensdienst to run three

foundation courses, a summer school and four customised courses for the EU Coordinating Office for Palestinian Police Support. Two foundation courses in English were both attended by 25 to 30 participants from over 15 countries and organisations, including UN development agencies, international NGOs and representative offices.

SUMMER SCHOOLS FOR HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENDERS

A key cornerstone of the WFD programme is the Summer School. The fourth **Al-Haq International Law Summer School** was held in 2018. It was attended by 20 people from 14 countries, all specialists in international law and human rights. The Al-Haq team were delighted to see how engaged, interested and active the group were, and the feedback from participants was overwhelmingly positive.

The Al-Haq Summer School is unique, because the theory and practice of international law are combined here in an interactive programme with presentations by Al-Haq and other local and international organisations, group discussions, visits to local communities and excursions, calling for tremendous commitment from all the participants. The two-week course is intended to help participants acquire a full understanding of the legal and human rights situation in the occupied Palestinian territories. For specialists, this is an opportunity to explore the local context, the history and the future of the territories.

For the closing ceremony after the Summer School 2018, Al-Haq also sent invitations to the diplomatic missions of the participants' countries of origin. The success of the programme is reflected in the annual rise in applications to take part in the Summer School. Diplomats have also asked the Centre to design a similar but shorter programme to present the reality of human rights in the field to missions with a presence in the occupied Palestinian territories.

"One of the best human rights organisations in the Middle East, protecting and promoting human rights and the rule of law in the occupied Palestinian territories. My participation on this course was definitively one of the best experiences I have ever had."

Jessica (France), participant in the Summer School 2018

HUMAN RIGHTS AWARD FROM FRANCE IN 2018

In December 2018 the Palestinian and Israeli human rights groups Al-Haq and B'Tselem, which both work for an end to the Israeli occupation, were among the five winners of the Human Rights Award of the French Republic, set up by the French Prime Minister. In making this award, the jury honoured the quality and integrity of the work done by these two organisations, which have become leading associations in the region. They also received the award as a form of support in the face of the great pressure and danger they have to confront in their work.

Al-Haq's general director Shawan Jabarin said: "It is a great honour for Al-Haq to receive this prestigious award jointly with our colleagues at B'Tselem, who are our partners in the struggle for justice and a better future free from oppression and occupation. Together, we are working to end the culture of impunity so that Palestinians can enjoy the full realisation of their human rights."

The award of the French Human Rights Prize raises hopes that the human rights situation in the occupied Palestinian territories will remain part of international political discourse and that civil society organisations committed to upholding the standards of international law under military occupation will receive the recognition they so urgently rely on given the gradual destabilisation of the situation on the ground and the ever diminishing scope to respond.



[alhaq.org/al-haq-center/
about-the-center](https://alhaq.org/al-haq-center/about-the-center)

A WORLDWIDE NETWORK FOR PEACE AND DEVELOPMENT

39 *Eine Welt* partnerships in Germany are supporting 21 self-help campaigns and projects around the world. Founded on solidarity, the Partnership Groups are working proactively to put our vision of a fairer world into practice.



A highlight for the School Partnership: the members of this little delegation are visiting to see for themselves how their support is having an impact.

In schools, in *Eine Welt* (one world) groups and among friends, the Partnership Groups bring together people who cannot accept global injustice and poverty. Although they are all very different, these Groups have one thing in common: a desire to combine intercultural learning with active solidarity. We illustrate this here with the example of the **School Partnership at the Amos Comenius Gymnasium**, a grammar school in Bonn.

LEARNING FOR LIFE

School students today set great store by sustainable development. Fridays for Future proves that. They have joined forces to make the future worth living. The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development may be a useful guide in the classroom. But what school can

fail to benefit from hands-on insights into the 17 Sustainable Development Goals? In Project Week, for example, how can a school raise awareness of how Germany's own lifestyle and economy affect the living conditions of people in other parts of the world? When students collect donations with sponsored runs and summer fêtes, how can they be sure that they are doing something for peace and justice, and that the money is really going where it is needed?

SEEING FIRST HAND

Since 2003 the Amos Comenius Gymnasium in Bonn had fostered a partnership with ENDA ProNat, a farmers' organisation in Senegal. The NGO ENDA ProNat is a partner of the Weltfriedensdienst. It is promoting

sustainable agriculture in Senegal and integrating environmental education into the school curriculum. Back in Bonn, ever since this partnership began, the grammar school has been integrating development issues into its teaching from a hands-on perspective: What is water grabbing and land grabbing about? What is food sovereignty? How does non-violent resistance work? What makes a land reform fair? How can malnutrition be prevented? What are the links between global warming and migration?

The students hear **first-hand reports** when the NGO regularly visits their school. One milestone in development education was a **panel debate with**

politicians in Bonn about Germany's Africa policy. WFD programme coordinator Hans Jörg Friedrich has also come along to answer questions from the pupils. In recent years, the school has devoted entire days to Africa. There has been a theme day on child soldiers, and film evenings on Senegalese culture. The school looked forward to answers from German ministries to its letter about land grabs in Senegal. It put on exhibitions about the situation of Senegalese women and applied successfully for the status of FairTrade School.

Since 2003 the Amos Comenius Gymnasium has donated about 250,000 euros to ENDA ProNat. On several occasions, students, teachers and parents with itchy feet have visited ENDA ProNat in Senegal to find out for themselves what impact their support is having on the ground.

SUCCESSFUL TOGETHER

The Partnership Group set up by the Amos Comenius Gymnasiums in Bonn is one of our most active *Eine Welt* groups.

The ingredients of success: education about development, personal exchange between North and South, and lots of fund-raising campaigns by the school.

The School Partnership at the Amos Comenius Gymnasium began 20 years ago with a focus on Brazil. Back then, teacher Rainer van Heukelum set up the partnership to fund a vocational training centre for street kids in Rio de Janeiro. The school launched its partnership with Rio by celebrating a "Festa Brasileira". This was followed by countless campaigns by both groups and individual pupils, donations from parents, stalls at town festivals and Christmas markets, the "Amos Flea Market" and a sponsored run for the entire school. Regular reports to the school assembly about how the project was progressing, articles for the "North Noticeboard" and the school magazine "Amos-Aktuell", and a travel journal by two teachers who visited the project

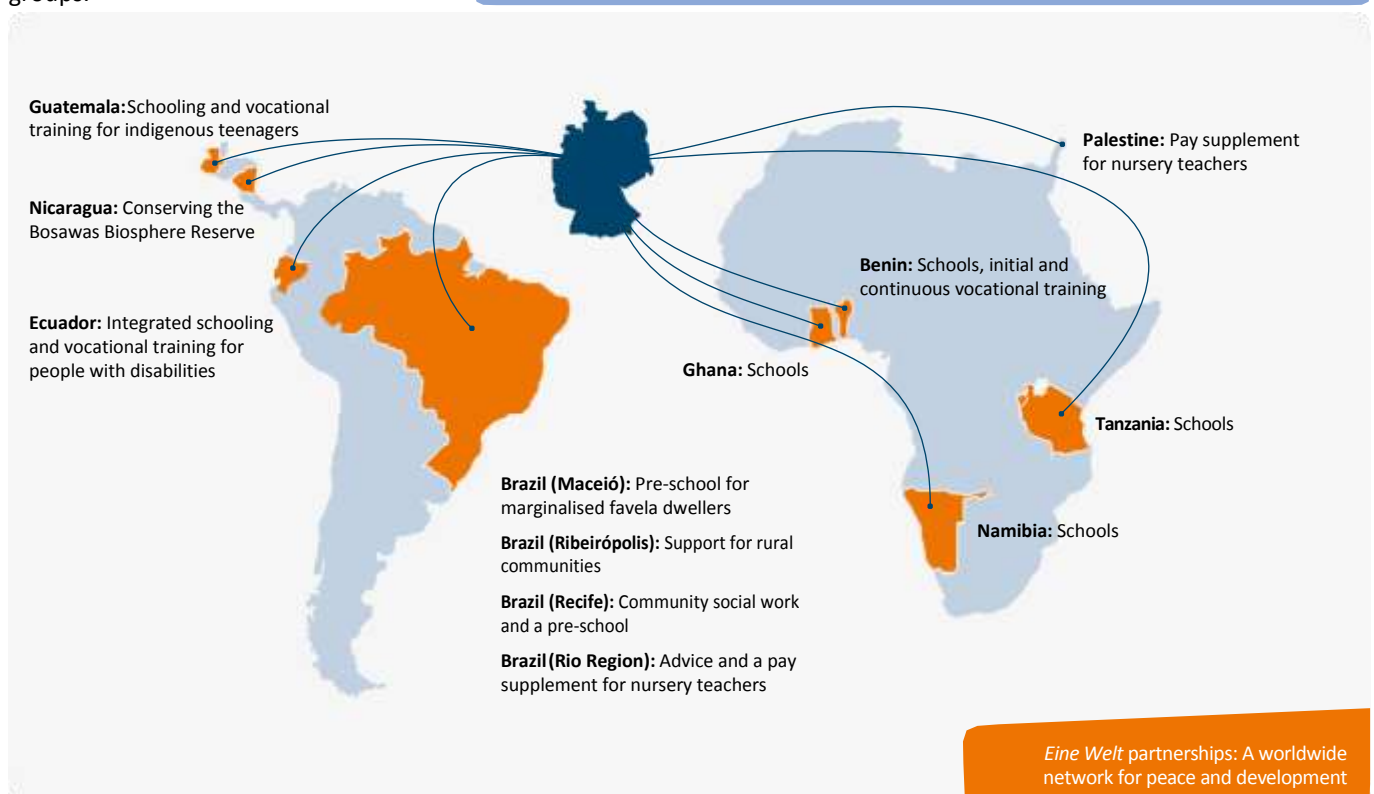
kept motivation high. Altogether the grammar school raised 56,000 euros until its partner project was able to stand on its own two feet.

GIVING SOMETHING BACK

"When young people who are still at school recognise connections between their own habits and conditions in the countries of the South, they begin to examine their own lifestyle critically and to change. But if the solidarity they show or concrete actions they take achieve little quantifiable steps towards changing the world in a real project, that will have an impact on their lives as adults," Rainer van Heukelum firmly believes. Two pupils sum it up in a pragmatic nutshell: "People in the southern hemisphere often have a lousy life, we have a good life. We can give something back."



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BUILDING BRIDGES

The public relations work done by the Weltfriedensdienst brings people in Germany and the countries of the Global South closer together.

On the Internet, on social media, in publications, during campaigns and at events, the Weltfriedensdienst spreads information about the origins of conflicts – and about the art of uniting torn societies. We report on discrimination and injustice – and describe how strong networks are triggering social and political change. We illustrate the effects of water grabs, land grabs and forest clearance – and the solutions that already exist for protecting resources and achieving self-sufficiency. In all we do, we seek to motivate people here in Germany to reflect, take action and join in.

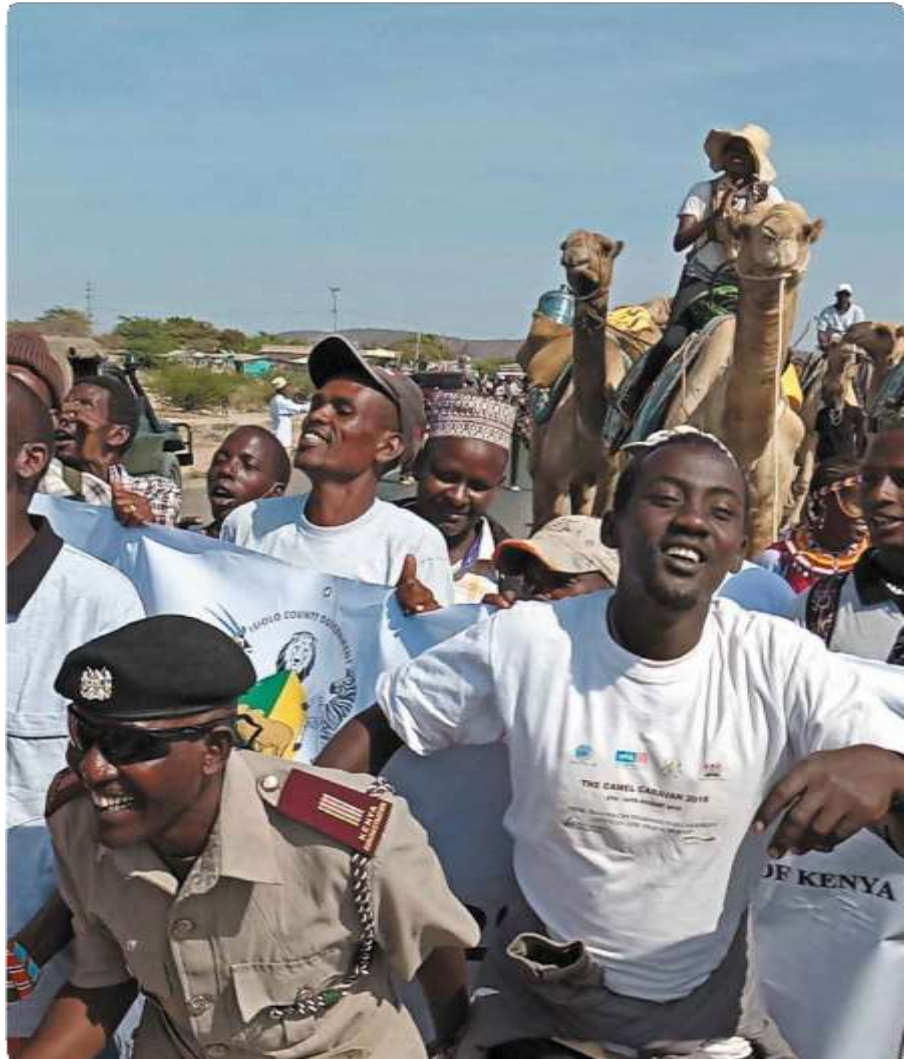
COMMUNICATION

We translate our objectives and the work our partner NGOs are doing into language that is easily understood and produce information for different target groups and channels. We describe the contribution being made around the world by the Weltfriedensdienst, and in so doing we boost confidence in our pursuit of peace.

CAMPAIGNS AND EDUCATION

We think it is especially important to reach young people. In our workshops, materials, films and presentations, we draw attention to the reckless exploitation of global water resources and offer activities that children and teenagers can join. **We strengthen awareness for the interdependence between our lifestyle and economy and the living conditions for people in other parts of the world.** In so doing, we are playing our role in social and political discourse about development issues.

THE FIGHT FOR KENYA'S RESOURCES



Here are some examples of our work: The Ewaso-Nyiro is a lifeline for about 3.6 million people. The river brings vital water to the dry regions of Kenya. But for that very reason, conflicts around water and pasture land are flaring up more and more. Every year our partner NGOs launch an extraordinary campaign for the sustainable use of the Ewaso-Nyiro and for peaceful

neighbourly relations between the people who live along its banks. In August 2018, for the fifth time, two caravans with 15 camels set off on a 6-day march. Activists are able to talk to people along the river directly, outside conference rooms, about their problems and to gain a direct understanding of the situation.



Read more: [weltfriedensdienst.de/
kenia-eine-kamel-karawane-fuer-den-fluss](https://weltfriedensdienst.de/kenia-eine-kamel-karawane-fuer-den-fluss)

GLOBAL WATER CRISIS

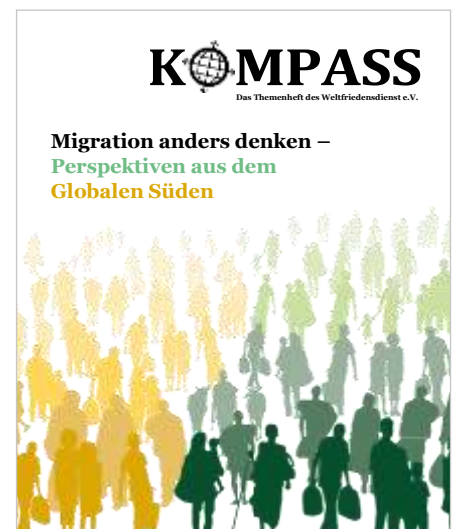


By 2050 half the world's population will confront the threat of too little water. Our partner NGOs have been sounding the alarm too: water shortages cause many conflicts. That is why water is at the heart of our campaigns and education work. 350 school students aged 6 to 18 in Eisenberg in the state of Rhineland-Palatinate worked on the global water crisis with our Campaigns and Education team. How much water is there actually, and where is it? Where does

it come from? And how can we save water where it is in short supply? These questions were explored in the primary schools. Older pupils took part in role play about the human right to water, devising solutions for conflicts they enacted. Students about to take their final exams discussed good water management and adaptation to climate change with representatives from public agencies, agriculture and civil society.

BROCHURE ON MIGRATION

We published a special issue of our magazine KOMPASS on the theme of "Rethinking Migration", calling for a switch in perspective. This collection of twelve articles by colleagues in partner countries across Africa, Latin America and Asia cast a new light on the issue. We tell stories about xenophobia in South Africa, gender roles in Zimbabwe and conflicts between arable farmers and herders in the north of



Kenya. We report from Bolivia and about migrant workers from Nepal.

"Rethinking Migration" challenges our understanding of migration as a problem and calls for a recognition of the potential in migratory flows.



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FIND OUT AND JOIN IN

Our monthly Newsletter (in German) provides information about our peace projects, activities and events, our campaign on water grabbing and interesting facts from our peace work: weltfriedensdienst.de/newsletter

On facebook.com/weltfriedensdienst and instagram.com/weltfriedensdienst you can be part of the WFD network.

YOUR COMMITMENT BUILDS TRUST

The Weltfriedensdienst looks after your donation responsibly and provides professional, unbureaucratic assistance.

You proved again this year that there are no boundaries to caring for other people. You strengthened us and our partners around the world in our pursuit of a more just and peaceful world. You empowered activists and communities to assert their own rights with self-determination.

“The Weltfriedensdienst is empathetic and attentive to our work in and with poor communities. Together we are creating prospects for disadvantaged people.”

Rosangela Bandeiro from our

WE WARMLY THANK YOU FOR ALL OF THIS!

Grateful thanks to the Stiftung für internationale Solidarität und Partnerschaft (S.I.S.), the Stiftung Weltfriedensdienst Erich Grunwaldt (SWEG), the foundation Solidarität und Menschenrechte (SUM) and the Education Support Fund Africa (ESFA) for their dependable, long-term support.

“Without our solidarity, not only do the poorest remain poor, but we are impoverished ourselves.”

Josef Paillon, founder of the Eine Welt Partnership Group at the Humpis Vocational School in Ravensburg



Essential as it is for an established development service to remain professional, we believe it is important not to lose sight of the human touch. That is another reason for letting our project partners have their own say and talking about their successes and

“Apart from its professional approach to donations and projects, the Weltfriedensdienst sees the potential and importance of personal contacts with project partners and donors.”

Monika and Kai Zschiesche, long-standing supporters

challenges. **The trust that we have been able to generate among our partners with their reliable support** is an important factor in the effectiveness of our work.

A fine example is our **long-standing cooperation** with the education project Grupo AdoleScER in Brazil and the success story of Igor Luan. He came to AdoleScER when he was twelve years old and completed their training as a peace educator. Now, nine years later, he is part of the core team at AdoleScER, where he leads his own youth group and trains new peace educators.

TRANSPARENT & EFFICIENT

We use all the funds entrusted to us to good purpose, carefully and sustainably, making sure that our work produces demonstrable results. This judicious use of private donations and public resources is confirmed every year by the German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, which monitors how project funds are spent, by an independent auditor of accounts, and by the public revenue agency, which checks that we meet the requirements for charitable status. The Weltfriedensdienst consistently spends less than ten per cent of its costs on fundraising, public relations and administration.

We comply with exacting standards of ethics and quality, in particular those of the Deutsches Zentralinstitut für soziale Fragen (DZI) and VENRO, the umbrella association for German NGOs in the field of development policy and humanitarian aid).

The DZI issues its seal of approval to serious donation-based organisations. It proves that a charity is making careful, responsible use of the money entrusted to it.

We are proud to have been among the recipients ever since 1991 without interruption.



Tested + Recommended

YOUR ACTIVE CONTRIBUTION

Whether you donate occasionally or regularly, with or without a specific purpose in mind, individually or as a member of a Partnership Group, whether you make us an endowment or a bequest – you are an indispensable part of the Weltfriedensdienst e.V.

Our full-time fundraising team can advise you in your commitment. We send out our donation appeals in

letters, on our website, in the social media and in our magazine "Querbrief". We regularly phone our donors to express our gratitude personally and to ask for feedback.

Only together will we achieve our vision of a fairer and more peaceful world!

How we use your donation

As an independent non-profit organisation, we need donations to finance our work, because even public project grants require us and our partner NGOs to put up our own funding first. Your donation gives us the chance to persuade donor agencies that we are doing a good job and to apply to them for further resources. Usually we can multiply every donation by five in this manner.



DONATION



PUBLIC FUNDS



PROJECT FUNDS

Your donation works.



In line with the campaign for a **Transparent Civil Society** we have published further details on our website: weltfriedensdienst.de/transparent-und-sparsam



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FINANCIAL REPORT 2018

THE HEALTH OF THE ASSOCIATION

The civil society mandate of the Weltfriedensdienst is defined by its members and donors. This mandate provides the orientation and foundation for its peace mission in its partnerships around the world and in its public education work in Germany.

The Weltfriedensdienst concluded financial year 2018 with a surplus of € 100,608. This will boost the reserve and thereby help to secure the finance for the association's peace work. Project spending in 2018 rose 22 per cent year-on-year to almost € 6.2 million. To fund the increase in project volumes, unused donations from previous years in the amount of € 81,468 were withdrawn from project provisions.

SUCCESSSES AND CHALLENGES

The interplay between professional programme activity and successful fundraising resulted in 2018 in an increase in public grants by almost € 1.3 million to € 5.7 million. 87 per cent of all revenues hence derive from public sources.

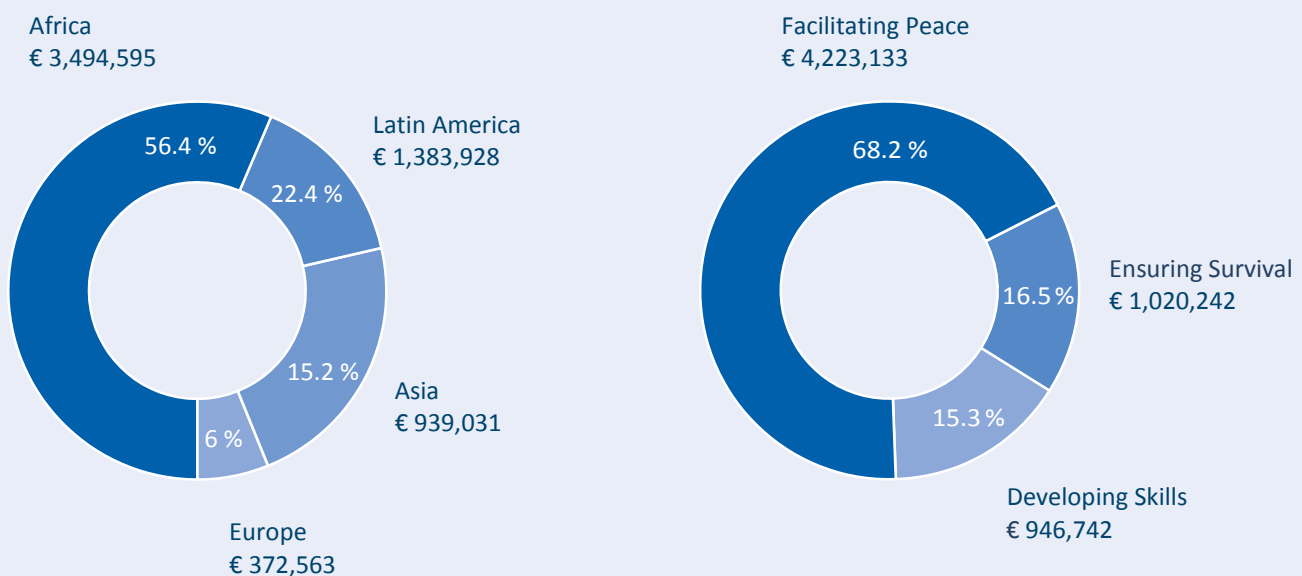
The biggest funding provider was the German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). Over the same period income from major donors and endowments declined by about € 94,000. Seeking an appropriate increase in income from donations in the light of greater public funding is a challenge and a constant target in the development of the Weltfriedensdienst.

Members and donors secure the financial basis for the association's peace work thanks to their donations. Private donations create the basis enabling the Weltfriedensdienst to persuade public donors of the quality of its work and hence to acquire funding.

ADMINISTRATIVE COSTS

Advertising and administrative costs accounted for 5.7 per cent of overall expenditure in 2018. This indicator confirms the extremely thrifty use of budgetary resources by the association.

Project-related spending 2018 6,190,117 euros



BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2018

Assets	2018 (€)	2017 (€)
Fixed assets		
Operational and business equipment	12,811.13	12,206.90
Current assets		
Receivables and sundry assets	141,971.62	227,368.34
Cash holdings and bank accounts in credit	2,270,253.90	1,919,791.31
Total	2,425,036.65	2,159,366.55

The **fixed assets** consist of office furniture and fittings. The **current assets** include receivables and sundry assets, cash holdings and bank accounts in credit. These primarily comprise as yet unused funds to finance projects amounting to € 1,657,994.

Liabilities	2018 (€)	2017 (€)
Reserves		
Reserves for operating expenses	330,299.08	281,874.20
Free reserves	19,867.52	9,806.75
Project reserves	92,500.00	50,378.00
Project provisions	223,790.74	305,259.00
Provisions	30,295.18	28,729.11
Payables	1,728,284.13	1,483,319.49
Total	2,425,036.65	2,159,366.55

The annual net surplus for 2018 (€ 100,608) was appropriated to the **reserves**. The **project provisions** comprise unspent donations allocated to specific projects. The **provisions** contain residual leave and overtime entitlements carried over from the previous year (€ 21,200) and fees for the annual audit (€ 6,000) and the DZI seal of approval for donation-funded associations (€ 3,100). The **payables** primarily reflect public funds for financing projects which have not yet been used (€ 1,657,994).

AUDIT OPINION

On 2 August 2019 we issued an unqualified auditors' opinion for the annual financial statements of the Weltfriedensdienst e.V., Berlin, as at 31 December 2018 (balance sheet, statement of profit and loss, notes), which were presented in accordance with the statutory requirements.

Hamburger Treuhand Gesellschaft Schomerus & Partner mbB
Auditors, Berlin office

Berlin, 2 August 2019



Lehmann
Auditor



The full original version of this Audit Opinion can be found at
weltfriedensdienst.de/transparent-und-sparsam

INCOME 2018

Public funds were given to the Weltfriedensdienst by the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) to finance projects abroad and education work at home.

Grants from other organisations were received in 2018 from Brot für die Welt and from Aktionsgemeinschaft Dienst für den Frieden.

Partner contributions are paid to the association by its partners as a share of project costs. They vary over the course of multi-annual project tenors.

Donations consist of assigned and unassigned gifts from natural and legal persons, including endowments from foundations amounting to € 5,300.

Members' fees are designed to help fund the association's work in keeping with the laws governing associations.

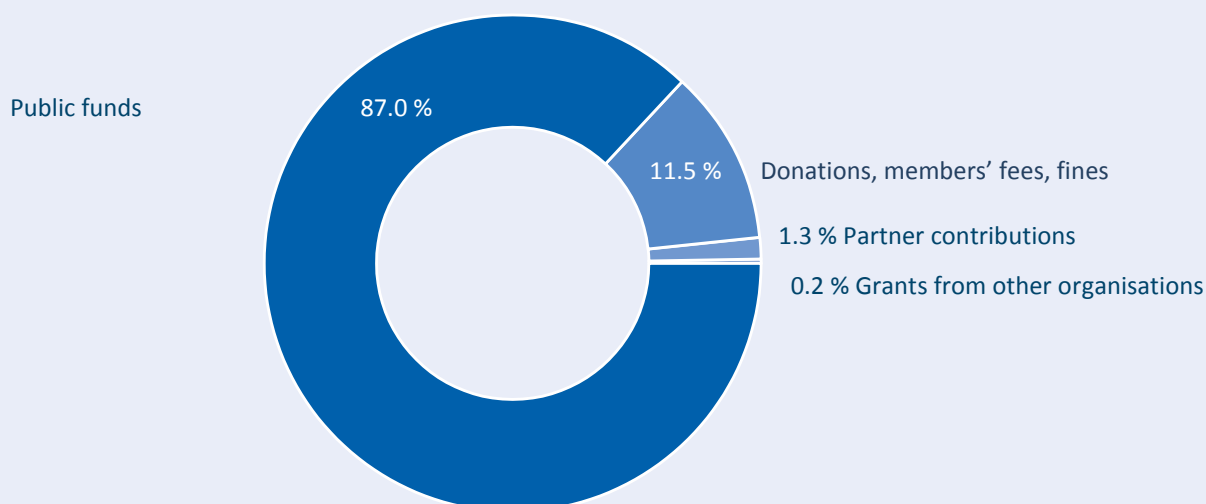
Fines were not collected by the association in 2018.

Other income consists of fees from event participants, interest and out-of-period income.

Drawdown of project provisions serves to finance projects. Project provisions are unused donations transferred to reserves in previous years in an orderly manner and for specific purposes.

Income	2018 (€)	2018 (%)	2017 (€)	2017 (%)
Public funds	5,726,514.5	87.0	4,447,967.28	80.4
Grants from other organisations	12,000.00	0.2	22,894.94	0.4
Partner contributions	81,949.22	1.3	193,462.86	3.5
Donations	711,274.36	10.8	805,282.42	14.6
Members' fees	46,914.94	0.7	48,856.94	0.9
Fines	0.00	0.0	400.00	0.0
Other income	3,170.38	0.0	12,724.12	0.2
Total income	6,581,823.65	100.0	5,531,588.56	100.0
Drawdown of project provisions	81,468.26		25,138.27	
Total	6,663,291.91		5,556,726.83	

TOTAL INCOME 6,581,824 EUROS



EXPENDITURE 2018

In line with the standards defined by the Deutsches Zentralinstitut für soziale Fragen (DZI), material costs incurred by the office were allocated to project support, campaigns and education, administration or public relations and advertising.

Project funding comprises funds fully channelled into projects.

Project support reflects continuous quality and progress monitoring and project development.

Statutory **campaigns and education** show costs of education work undertaken by the association.

Expenditure for **public relations and advertising** included staff and material costs incurred in the acquisition of funds and the presentation of the association.

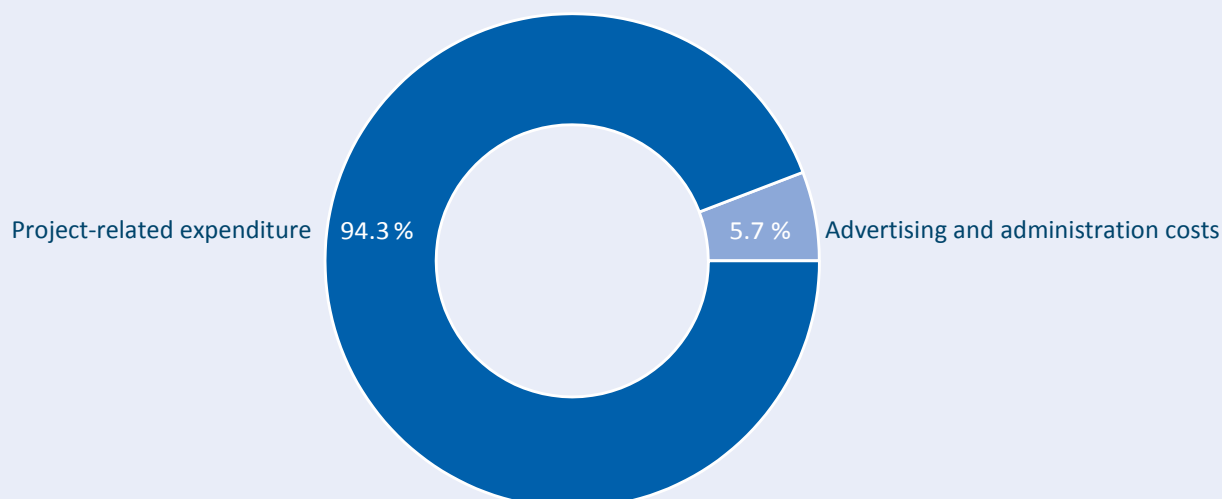
Administration comprises staff costs for management, and the administration of finances, staff and donations. Material costs include expenditure on office infrastructure, the auditing of the accounts, and the DZI seal of approval.

Appropriation to project provisions: Unused project donations are appropriated to the provisions for a specific purpose.

Appropriation to the reserve: The net surplus for the year amounting to € 100,608 was allocated to the reserve.

Expenditure	Staff	Materials	2018 (€)	2018 (%)	2017 (€)	2017 (%)
Project-related expenditure			6,190,116.72	94.3	5,061,411.29	93.7
Project funding		5,485,047.21	5,485,047.21	83.6	4,436,497.50	82.1
Project support	439,760.71	56,367.48	496,128.19	7.5	415,826.62	7.7
Campaigns and education	133,637.85	75,303.47	208,941.32	3.2	209,087.17	3.9%
Advertising and administration			372,567.54	5.7	340,684.98	6.3
PR and advertising	119,783.93	45,183.83	164,967.76	2.5	129,209.47	2.4
Administration	120,005.13	87,594.65	207,599.78	3.2	211,475.51	3.9
Total expenditure			6,562,684.26	100.0	5,402,096.27	100.0
Appropriation to project provisions			0.00		66,593.10	
Appropriation to reserves			100,607.65		98,067.46	
Total			6,663,291.91		5,566,756.83	

TOTAL EXPENDITURE 6,562,684 EUROS



THEATRE REPLACES GUNS



Guinea-Bissau, one of the poorest countries in the world, November 2018, just before the parliamentary elections. The mood is heated. There is violence in the air. The opposing parties and the all-powerful armed forces are fighting for votes and positions. Because these are the key to revenues from exploiting rich mineral deposits and drug trafficking. Citizens have had enough. Many plan to stay at home this time and withhold their votes.

And then he appears, although everyone thought he was dead! Amílcar Cabral, who founded the state, was assassinated in 1973. He registers his fingerprints, has his photograph taken and receives a voting card. Cabral's return was organised by the Peace Forum, a partner NGO to the Weltfriedensdienst, and meets with a tremendous response among the people.

The Peace Forum brings together 11 committed local groups. Some of the activists were trained during the WFD's conflict mediation project. They have already resolved more than 50 local conflicts. The Peace Forum is recognised by local officials and dignitaries, conflict parties and residents, and its services are often requested directly. The groups even work together with the courts to promote extrajudicial dispute settlement. Thanks to close links with radio stations, teachers and local theatre groups, their work has high public visibility.

With the giant puppet Amílcar Cabral, the Peace Forum has also entered the national stage with a drumroll, triggering public debate: about how votes are bought, about the acrimonious fighting between the parties, and about its destructive impact on families and neighbourhoods. Support has already been given by the Minister of Territorial Administration. The democracy procession is advancing!

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