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Kindernothilfe

We consider ourselves an international child rights organisation with Christian values. Since 1959, we have been committed to supporting disadvantaged young people and promoting their rights. In 2024, we were active in 39 countries. Together with Kindernothilfe in Luxembourg, Austria and Switzerland, we empowered, protected and facilitated the participation of more than 2.2 million girls and boys in 475 projects. We have projects in 36 countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America and Europe. We are a member of the Diakonisches Werk (Social Services Agency) of the Evangelical Church in Rheinland-Westfalen-Lippe e. V.

Our vision

Each child has the potential to change our one world. For that reason, we help ensure that the voices of children are heard. Together with the girls, boys and their communities, we are committed to improving their living conditions and, thereby, making a contribution to the realisation of children's rights. So that they have the chance to enjoy a future that is just and the freedom to develop their personalities.

Our work

We are part of a global movement and believe that we have the responsibility to enable children to gain an education, protect them against violence and economic exploitation and uphold their right to participation. We support locally initiated projects and are actively involved in programmes for particularly disadvantaged children. We help create a fairer living environment, in which the needs of people and the environment are awarded equal consideration. This includes a shared working commitment not only during but after humanitarian disasters. Through worldwide dialogue, we learn from the experiences of other organisations working with, and for, children and make our know-how available in training courses and consultancy services. Through advocacy work, political campaigning, development education and public relations work, often in co-operation with our partners and networks, we are able to advocate the realisation of children's rights in our dealings with people in positions of responsibility and decision-makers worldwide.

Our sponsors

Altogether 130,506 people make our work possible: 64,723 of them through long-term funding, including 51,813 through sponsorships and around 1,000 volunteers. Several people in the public eye use their high profile to raise awareness of our work. Alongside state and institutional funding, support from the Kindernothilfe Foundation also makes a significant contribution to our project work.

Integrity and transparency

Each year since 1992, we have received the Donation Seal of Approval from the German Central Institute for Social Issues (DZI) in recognition of our responsible management and allocation of donations. Kindernothilfe has also received several Transparency Awards for high-quality and transparent reporting.



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Photos of the year



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Report of the Board of Directors for 2024

Challenges facing children and their rights

2024 was a year, in which Kindernothilfe made a real difference: at a time of instability and global crises, our projects reached more than 2.2 million children throughout the world. Together with our partners, donors and large numbers of young people, we are helping shape the future – a future that is just, sustainable for children and with the greatest possible impact on their lives. As the Board of Directors of Kindernothilfe, we report here on how we are taking responsibility for, and systematically developing, the organisation.

We are living at a time of profound global change. Countries throughout the world – including the USA – are increasingly relinquishing their international responsibilities. The significance of shared values, such as human rights, poverty reduction and humanitarian aid, is diminishing. These developments have dramatic impacts, particularly on all the children and young people, who are suffering as a result of crises, violence and unstable living conditions.

Displaced children: a global emergency

Currently, around 43.3 million children and young people around the world are displaced – a staggering number that has more than doubled in the last ten years. These children are especially vulnerable: forced to flee war, poverty and climate-related disasters, they often have no access to education, medical care or protection against exploitation.

Our response: assuming global responsibility

Kindernothilfe takes this reality very seriously. Our “Global Programme Strategy for Flight and Migration” seeks to offer refugee and migrant children protection, participation and future prospects. In close co-operation with partners and experts, we developed the 2024 Strategy, which, from 2025, will be intensified through a concrete action plan, which will focus on local structures, participatory approaches and sustainable support.

Making a real difference: a review of 2024

Despite all the global crises, 2024 was a year of stability and continuing development for Kindernothilfe. We successfully implemented 475 projects in 36 countries, reaching more than 2.2 million girls and boys. Thanks to the generous support of our donors and the stability of our income, we were able – in spite of the overall cuts in development co-operation – to sustain the reliability and effectiveness of our work.



In its child protection centre, our partner in the Ukraine, Myrne Nebo, provides education and psychosocial support (Photo: Myrne Nebo)

Every day, our programmes reach children, safeguarding and reinforcing their rights and improving their living conditions – through education, child protection, income generation and psychosocial support. One area worthy of particular mention is our working commitment in conflict regions and in countries severely affected by climate change in East Africa, Asia and Latin America. And since we can no longer ignore the disturbing reality that violence, abuse and discrimination are part of many children's everyday life, we have also expanded our work in Germany.

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- ❶ Publication of our study on sexual violence against children in Ukraine (Photo: Angelika Böhling)
 - ❷ As we approach the 30th anniversary of the genocide in Rwanda and our active commitment in the country, our self-help groups continue to help those affected (Photo: Kindernothilfe partner)
 - ❸ Celebrating 50 years of project work in Bolivia and Kenya (Photo: Christian Nusch)
 - ❹ “Violence and Reconciliation” was the theme of our international youth conference (Photo: Finn Schäfer)
 - ❺ Thanks to our workshops, children and families in San Martín, Peru, can protect themselves against child traffickers (Photo: Martin Bondzio)



Financial situation in 2024

Last year, our income of 73.2 million euros rose by 3.8 million euros or 5.5 percent from 69.4 million euros in 2023, following a decline the previous year. This growth was driven, on the one hand by grants and subsidies, which rose by 1.9 million euros or 20 percent to 11.3 million euros (previous year: 9.3 million euros). Alongside this, our highest ever income from legacies, amounting to 6.4 million euros, contributed significantly to this growth. Overall donations, which fell by 195,000 euros or 0.4 percent to 53.4 million euros, remained at virtually the same level as the previous year (53.6 million euros).

As part of our essential budget consolidation measures, there was a slight reduction in project funding compared to the previous year. Amounting to almost 52 million euros (previous year: just under 53 million euros), this is still significantly higher than funding in 2022 (47.1 million euros) and 2021 (41.7 million euros). Total programme expenditure, according to the DZI classification system, amounted to 62.3 million euros, a slight decrease of 349,000 euros or 0.6 percent compared to the previous year.

Two strategic milestones: climate and the “NahDran sponsorship”

Through the implementation of our “Global Climate Programme Strategy” we have sent out a strong signal of intent. Above all, climate change threatens children in the Global South – our response is a holistic approach, linking climate justice with children’s rights. We train our partners, set target indicators and empower children to take their futures into their own hands.

One other success was the launch of the “NahDran sponsorship”. This new type of sponsorship reinforces the connection between donors and the projects supported. The direct insights, opportunities for dialogue and transparency enable not only the growth of trust, but also the joint commitment to positive change on the ground.

Participation reinforces impact: the Youth Council

We are particularly proud of the preparations for the foundation of the Kindernothilfe Youth Council. It gives young people the chance to take an active role in shaping our work. Their perspectives have a direct influence on project decisions – a key step towards genuine participation and a lasting impact

Internationalisation for greater effectiveness and justice

Prompted by post-colonial debates, global challenges and economic developments, we are taking resolute measures to transform Kindernothilfe into a truly international organisation. We are transferring decision-making powers to our partner regions, bolstering local expertise and promoting collaboration that is participatory and on equal terms.

Our goal is to put structures and processes in place that enable our colleagues in Africa, Asia and Latin America to take on responsibility for projects in their respective contexts – as a means of ensuring that the work of Kindernothilfe throughout the world is sustainable, based on equality and effective.

Working together for children’s rights worldwide

Kindernothilfe stands alongside children – in times of need, in everyday life and on their journey to a more hopeful future. Now, more than ever, when international solidarity is under increasing pressure, it is moving to see the numbers of people, who, instead of withdrawing their support, are actively supporting us. We would like to sincerely thank each one of you, who made our work possible in 2024 – for your trust, your solidarity and your tireless commitment to children around the world.

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As of: May 2025



Drought and drinking water shortages threaten people in Zambia. We help by providing school meals. (Photo: Kruger & Brent Arts)

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- 6 Young people from various projects participated online at the UN Climate Change Conference COP28 (Photo: Kindernothilfe)
 - 7 Through the new “NahDran sponsorship” programme, donors can supporting self-help groups throughout the world (Photo: Kindernothilfe)
 - 8 We provided 200,000 euros worth of emergency aid to support children and families in Lebanon (Photo: Kindernothilfe partner)
 - 9 The Christmas donation campaign raised 221,000 euros: journalists from Germany’s largest regional newspaper, Westdeutsche Allgemeine Zeitung, reported from the Thai region bordering Myanmar (Photo: Lars Heidrich)
 - 10 Since the end of the Kosovo war, our local partners have trained more than 10,000 young people (Photo: Roland Brockmann)

Our working commitment to

displaced children and their families

In 2024, there were 122 million displaced people throughout the world. War, persecution and human rights violations of all kinds forced them to leave their homes. Around 50 million of them – more than 40 percent – were minors. In the midst of this crisis, we, together with our partners, support affected children and their families, providing a range of protective measures, education as well as humanitarian and psychological support.

Text: Laura Puma



*"I know that life in the USA is hard for migrants.
But it's better than life here." – Fabiola, 13 years old
(Photo: Christian Nusch)*

Fabiola was not even 13 years old when she was forced to flee her home in Honduras. Life there was too dangerous, the fear of being killed in the gang warfare too great and the poverty too overwhelming. "I know that life in the USA is hard for migrants," says Fabiola, "but it's better than life here." The young girl's despair is shocking and, yet, it is a fate she shares with millions of other children. But children and young people like Fabiola have the right to a life free from violence. A right laid down in Article 19 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child. Reality, however, is very different.



The same can also be said about the Ukraine. Since the start of the war of aggression, the UN estimates that more than six million people have left the country and more than three million others have been internally displaced. "It's a state of permanent uncertainty," says Dr Camelia Doru, Executive Director of the "ICAR Foundation", one of our Romanian project partners. Children and young people, who were forced to flee Ukraine, often have no knowledge of how their relatives back home are surviving and, therefore, try to keep abreast of the situation on their mobile phones. To help them take their minds off things, our partner arranges leisure activities. "It doesn't only distract them," Doru says. "It helps them to find – and be – themselves again". Working closely with our partners, we have been able to support more than 16,000 war-affected children and young people. In the context of war and conflict in Ukraine, girls and boys have access to psychological counselling, speech therapy and education. In the host countries of Romania and Moldova, their resilience is boosted, while a range of support measures help them build a life with future prospects and security.



*Our partner in Romania helps refugee children and young people find their way again in everyday life.
(Photo: Jakob Studnar)*



From Europe to the Middle East: here, armed conflicts are destroying the lives of countless girls and boys not only in Israel and Palestine, but also in neighbouring countries – especially Lebanon. As of October 2024, nearly 750,000 people were internally displaced in Lebanon – including 300,000 children. In addition to this, Lebanon has taken in around 1.7 million refugees from Palestine and the civil war-torn country of Syria. This amounts to more than a quarter of Lebanon's own population. Since 2013, we have again been active in the country, providing educational opportunities for children and young people to improve their future prospects. Even in this acute crisis situation, we were able to provide emergency relief by distributing food and other items including clothing, mattresses and blankets. Alongside psychosocial support, children and young people received support in the form of online learning opportunities and leisure activities in the refugee camps. These aid measures enabled us to support more than 5,500 children.

Our measures reach refugee children from Syria and Palestine. Internally displaced persons and children from Lebanon also benefit (Photo: Kindernothilfe Luxembourg)

One other armed conflict, which has received little coverage in our media, is the civil war in Myanmar, now in its fifth year. There have been repeated outbreaks of violence between the military government and ethnic militias. And as the war continues, food shortages, poverty and fear continue to proliferate. In the past three years, 2.8 million people have been displaced. While some families flee together to Thailand, others send their children over the border accompanied by migrant helpers/traffickers. Left to their own devices, these children and young people can easily become victims of exploitation and human trafficking. Displacement and flight entail a real risk to life and limb. Yet, given the thousands of civilian deaths back home, they are not any safer there. Together with our Thai partner, "Rights Beyond Borders" (RBB), we enabled more than 300 children and young people to go to school. Through close co-operation with the authorities, we are also promoting a system that guarantees the long-term security and well-being of hundreds of children in the border regions.

All alone, "Blume" had to leave her home in Myanmar when she was just nine years old (Photo: Lars Heidrich)



Alongside war, hunger and poverty, which are on the increase as a consequence of climate change, are forcing families to take flight. "Half of all human beings live in what are known as climate hotspots. By the year 2050, we expect there to be around 216 million climate refugees," warns Prof. Dr Christian Berg, sustainability expert at the Club of Rome. Regions in the Global South, such as the Horn of Africa, have been particularly affected. In recent years, periods of extreme drought – the worst for 40 years – have led to massive crop failures and water shortages. Asia Abdulkadir, our country co-ordinator for Somaliland, reports: "Over 90 percent of the country is affected by extreme drought. Food security and, thus, the fundamental human right to life of approximately 6.7 million people, including countless children, are in acute danger." The consequences are dramatic: nearly three million people have been forced to leave their villages, two-thirds of them children. They seek refuge in overcrowded cities, where there are few prospects or safe living conditions. Our partner, the Women's Rehabilitation and Development Association (WORDA), supports 200 women, running workshops on food security and providing them with the know how and skills they need to ensure their children have a long-term, healthy diet. WORDA also provides nutritional supplements to more than 100 malnourished children to alleviate acute deficiencies.



Through self-help groups and other forms of support, we help women, children and their families facing severe drought disasters (Photo: Mustafa Saeed)



Flight does not necessarily guarantee safety. As they make their way towards an uncertain future, further dangers often lie ahead for these already desperate families. Last year alone, nearly 9,000 people died on refugee routes throughout the world. The number of unreported cases is even higher. Refugee routes in Latin America are particularly dangerous. Here, violence, gang criminality and poverty have forcibly displaced 20 million people. A quarter of them are children. This has had a particularly severe impact on the people of Haiti, Venezuela and Honduras, fleeing in large numbers to such countries as Brazil, Ecuador and Peru. Many families are so desperate that they embark on the life-threatening journey to the USA. But only a few make it all the way.

"For many, it's sheer desperation, simply being at a loss as to how to feed their children or enable them to go to school," said Dr Elmer Villeda, our former Kindernothilfe country co-ordinator in Honduras. Climate disasters are also increasing in frequency, exacerbating poverty and hunger. Extreme gang criminality, terrorism and violence are robbing children and families of their future. Families are separated during their escape, people unable to protect themselves against physical attacks, illness or injury. In the host countries, our project partners make it possible for children and young people to go to school, learn the local language and enable their social integration. Up to the end of his tenure, Dr Elmer Villeda never tired of repeating his warning: "We must never forget that all these children and adults coming across our border are not beggars, but human beings with a right to protection and the defence of their dignity!"

Gang violence in Honduras forces countless families to take flight (Photo: Christian Nusch)

Back to Europe and the Greek island of Lesbos: for some years, now, children and families have also been seeking refuge from war and violence. They come from such countries as Afghanistan and Syria, making the perilous journey across the Mediterranean strait in small, dangerously overloaded rubber dinghies. "Here on Lesbos, we witness what we would otherwise only see in the media," says Kindernothilfe Ambassador and actress, Valerie Niehaus, when she met up with our partner, "Lesvos Solidarity" (LeSol), on Lesbos last year.

"Forced displacement is the burning issue of our time, and we have to accept that it is the responsibility of each and every one of us. And it is an issue that will occupy us for a long time to come," Niehaus says. With our support, LeSol has set up a shelter to accommodate single women, with or without children. Three girls, Leila, Ines and Yura live here with their mothers. "We feel safe here and are happy to have a home," they say. "But we haven't found it easy to completely switch off and find peace". We have been working intensely with LeSol since 2024, in the attempt to bring about positive political change for refugees at the EU's external borders.

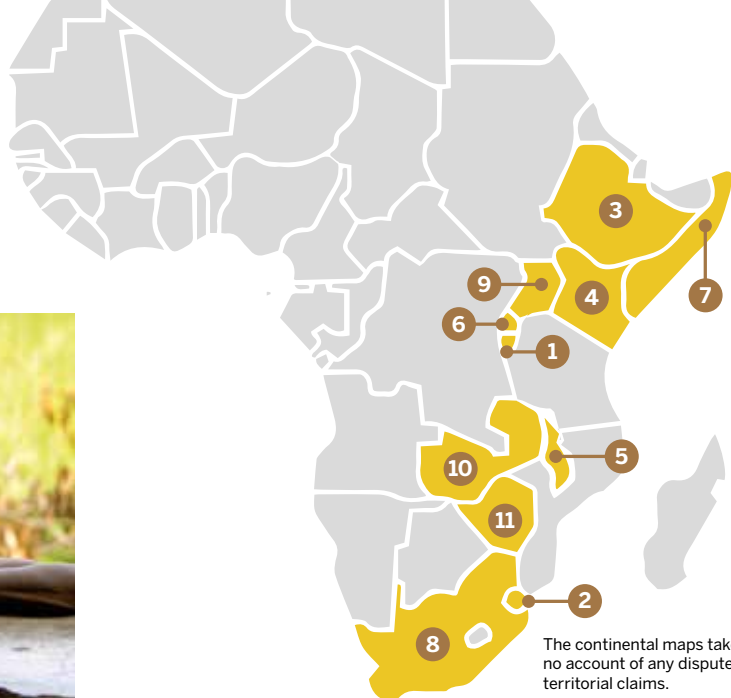
"Supporting children means actively shaping the future," says our ambassador, Valerie Niehaus, who has been involved in supporting disadvantaged children throughout the world since 2022 (Photo: Lars Heidrich)



We cannot stop the war. But in co-operation with our partners, we can support displaced children such as Fabiola, Blume, Leila, Ines, Yura and their families: as part of our support measures in the host countries, we work through self-help groups, training programmes and humanitarian aid to combat poverty and food shortages. Through the protection centres in the countries, where they arrive, we offer children and young people a safe place, where they can learn, play and find peace. Psychological support helps children address the experiences during their flight that have left them traumatised. And our work continues in Germany: in our workshops on "Trauma among refugee children and young people," we train staff from day-care centres, schools and other institutions – the people making a vital contribution to enabling refugee girls and boys to live a life that is safe and free of fear.

Sheer desperation forces people to make the dangerous journey across the Mediterranean (Adobe Stock Photo)

Project funding 2024 at a glance



AFRICA

	Projects	Children/ Youth	Expenditure	Working priorities 2024
1 Burundi since 2007	6	31,325	2,034,407 €	Self-help groups empower women socially, economically and politically. We also enable their children to access healthy food, healthcare, education, etc. We support families with respect to their food security and adaptation to the impacts of climate change.
2 Eswatini since 1979	6	20,819	820,179 €	Through self-help groups, we support the social, economic and political empowerment of women. We promote an environment that is better equipped to meet children's basic needs, enables them to receive an education and protects them against violence.
3 Ethiopia since 1973	38	759,714	4,221,108 €	We enable girls and boys from the poorest families to access basic education and promote inclusion. We protect them against violence, child labour and child trafficking. We safeguard their food security through disaster preparedness, humanitarian aid and the development of their environment.
4 Kenya since 1974	16	56,196	1,683,009 €	By focusing on education, participation and protection against violence, our projects seek sustainable improvements in the living conditions of children and young people. This particularly includes children with disabilities.
5 Malawi since 1999	13	110,708	896,882 €	We promote early childhood education as well as the protection and participation of children with disabilities or those living on the streets. Women's self-help groups strengthen families and communities while child protection committees raise awareness of children's rights.
6 Rwanda since 1994	11	30,220	1,490,385 €	Through self-help groups, we continue to support the social, political and economic empowerment of women. And through a range of child rights-based projects, our partners protect children against violence and exploitation while enabling them to access education and health services.
7 Somalia 1980–1994 since 2010	8	86,918	1,016,208 €	Our advocacy work focuses on female genital mutilation. Through self-help groups we empower women, support victims of sexual violence and train communities in disaster preparedness. And through training/educational initiatives for teaching staff, parents and children – including those with disabilities and/or the internally displaced – we protect children's rights.
8 South Africa since 1968	24	139,270	2,243,457 €	We support children from disadvantaged families, children with disabilities, street children and child refugees. In some projects, parents and community leaders set up a social network, giving girls and boys the space to grow up safely.
9 Uganda since 1981	10	149,233	1,007,360 €	Through self-help groups, our projects support particularly disadvantaged village communities socially, economically and politically. Respect for children's rights is an indispensable part of our work. In addition to this, young people receive needs-based training, for example in farm schools.
10 Zambia since 1998	16	95,453	1,746,313 €	We support projects that realise children's rights to education, health, protection, survival and development. The aim of our advocacy work is to ensure children develop without being exposed to violence and exploitation, and we combat the impacts of climate change on children's rights.
11 Zimbabwe 1980–1994 since 2010	5	9,213	847,719 €	We promote child protection through drop-in centres for children and young people experiencing violence as well as projects, where they can learn about their rights. Self-help groups promote the socioeconomic empowerment of women, which benefits families and their communities.
Africa (general)*			319,896 €	
Total	153	1,489,069	18,326,923 €	

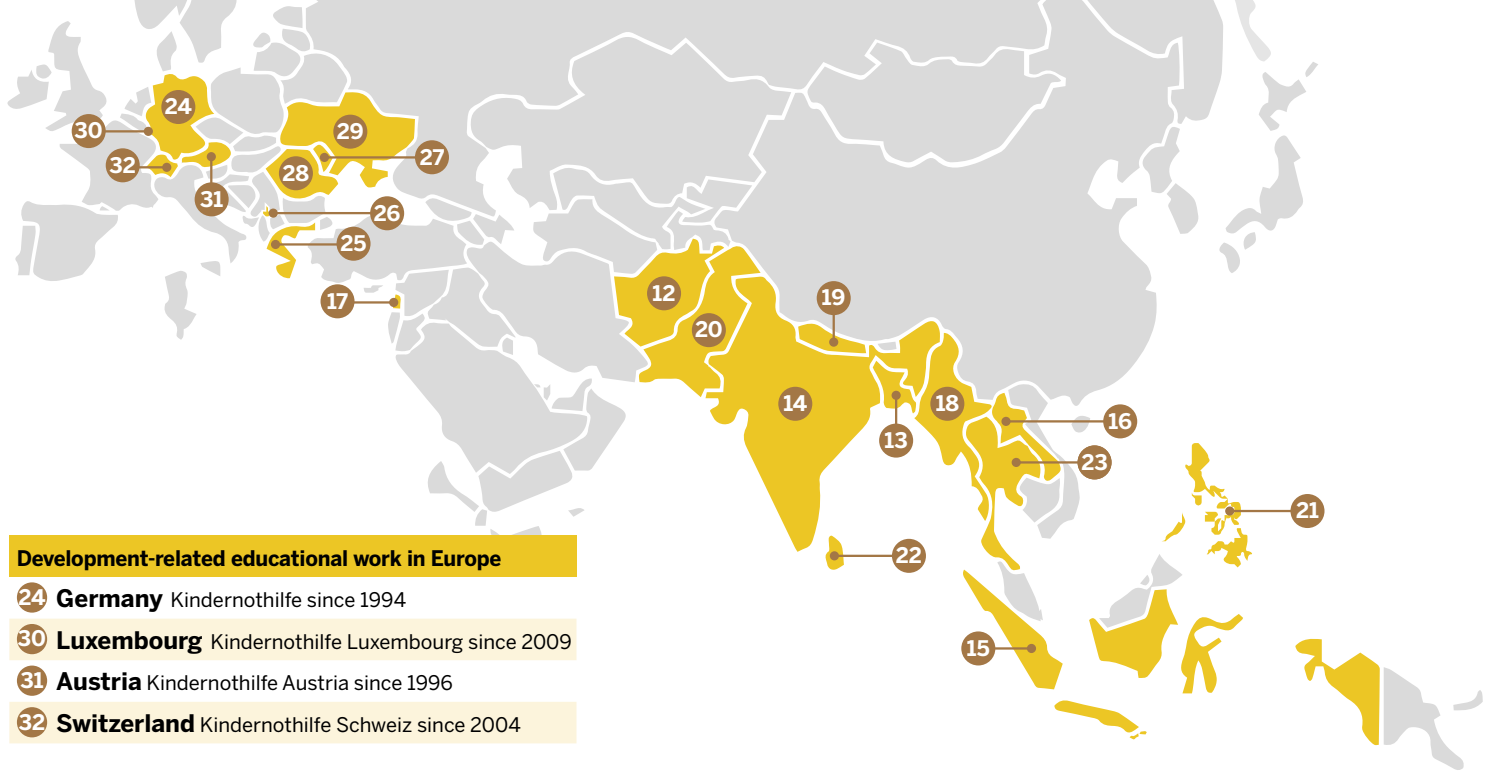
* International co-ordination of women's self-help groups



ASIA

	Projects	Children/ Youth	Expenditure	Working priorities 2024
12 Afghanistan since 2002	9	11,216	684,497 €	We are expanding our work with four partners: in the provinces of Balkh, Kunduz and Kabul, and in the Jalalabad region. The focus of our work is on the right to education, especially for children with disabilities, but also on supporting the local population through humanitarian aid in the form of winter relief and nutrition.
13 Bangladesh since 1971	7	12,764	797,330 €	Women's self-help groups bolster families in poorer areas and raise awareness of children's rights – particularly education, protecting girls against early marriage and domestic violence. We support street children as well as Rohingya refugees and their communities.
14 India since 1959	55	95,887	3,183,850 €	We enable children to access quality education and protect them against exploitation, child trafficking and early marriage. To this end, we support urban social work, e.g. through street workers, and self-help groups in rural areas.
15 Indonesia since 1970	5	6,959	492,583 €	We lobby against serious violations of children's rights and for the protection of children. Our focus is on young people working and/or living on the streets, women's self-help groups and early childhood education.
16 Laos 2023	1	785	54,395 €	Through our <i>lobbying/advocacy</i> work, we combat grave violations of children's rights, such as child trafficking and child labour. Through our community work, we empower women and children and raise awareness of children's rights. And our project in Laos enables us to specifically combat child rights violations in the context of unsafe migration.
17 Lebanon 1962–1988 since 2013	17	17,962	1,565,320 €	Through our educational projects, we improve the future prospects of marginalised refugee Lebanese children. Extracurricular activities and psychosocial support help them overcome experiences of violence and war trauma. We also provided additional emergency aid during the Middle East war.
18 Myanmar 2017	1	500	45,970 €	Our lobbying/advocacy work helps combat serious violations of children's rights, including child trafficking and child labour. Through community work, we empower women and children and raise awareness of children's rights. And as part of our project in Myanmar, we specifically combat child rights violations in the context of unsafe migration.
19 Nepal 1972–1977 since 2015	13	13,575	685,480 €	The focus is on women's self-help groups and promoting the rights of women and children, especially the rights of children, who are extremely disadvantaged or affected by unequal treatment based on gender and/or social status (caste).
20 Pakistan since 1978	11	32,101	1,383,480 €	Self-help groups empower women, children and communities. Climate advocacy, solar energy, environmental education and climate-adapted/organic farming help them cope with the climate crisis. We conduct lobbying and advocacy work vis-à-vis children's rights violations and disaster preparedness.
21 Philippines since 1978	27	30,133	1,908,238 €	We empower women, children and communities, particularly through self-help groups and combat serious children's rights violations such as child labour and violence against/abuse of children. Major nationwide issues include preventing teenage pregnancy and climate change adaptation measures.
22 Sri Lanka since 1978	11	11,529	1,566,305 €	We strengthen communities through women's self-help groups and promote peace/democracy education and the rights of particularly vulnerable children. Due to the impacts of the government/economic crisis, humanitarian aid programmes continued.
23 Thailand since 1983	13	3,276	923,902 €	Through lobbying and advocacy, we combat grave child rights violations, such as child trafficking and child labour. Within the scope of community work, we empower women and children and raise awareness of children's rights in the project areas. Through projects in Myanmar and Laos, Thai partners are combating child rights violations in the context of unsafe migration.
Africa (general)*	2	252,250	1,030,209 €	
Total	172	488,937	14,321,559 €	

* Capacity building of partners, *lobbying and advocacy* etc.



Development-related educational work in Europe

- 24 Germany** Kindernothilfe since 1994
- 30 Luxembourg** Kindernothilfe Luxembourg since 2009
- 31 Austria** Kindernothilfe Austria since 1996
- 32 Switzerland** Kindernothilfe Schweiz since 2004



EUROPE

Projects	Children/ Youth		Expenditure	Working priorities 2024
24 Germany * ¹ since 2017	110,964		1,185,252 €	We offer training courses and advice on child protection issues for day-care centres, schools, sports clubs and other institutions, helping them to develop child protection systems. We also support educational, voluntary, church and youth work.
25 Greece * ² since 2020	1	10	66,160 €	A refuge offers accommodation to particularly vulnerable women and children from refugee camps on Lesbos. They receive psychosocial support and are helped to access education, look for work and feed their children – a model project for the entire region.
26 Kosovo since 2020	2	566	120,000 €	We ran occupational training courses for young people – especially those from minorities – thereby easing their integration into the labour market. We worked with young people from different ethnic groups, practising reconciliation and democratic participation in society. Our aid interventions in Kosovo were wound up at the end of 2024: www.kindernothilfe.de/kosovo-24-jahre .
27 Republic of Moldova since 2022	4	5,440	902,028 €	We support Ukrainian refugees and the local population, especially mothers and children, with food and donated commodities, shelter, medical care, educational programmes, psychological/psychosocial support, integration measures and job placement.
28 Romania since 2022	4	1,255	1,347,115 €	We support Ukrainian refugees and the local population, especially mothers and children, with food and donated commodities, shelter, medical care, educational programmes, psychological/psychosocial support, integration measures and job placements.
29 Ukraine since 2022	6	9,844	1,939,027 €	In safe centres, children receive psychosocial and medical support. We provide families with food and donated commodities, and educate girls, particularly about gender-based violence. We also help rebuild and re-equip schools and are committed to investigating violations of human rights and children's rights.
Total	17	128,079	5,559,582 €	

*¹ The costs of the Training & Consulting programme amounting to 1,163,577 euros are listed under educational, information and advocacy work and not here.

*² Lobbying and advocacy



LATIN AMERICA

	Projects	Children/ Youth	Expenditure	Working priorities 2024
33 Bolivia since 1974	20	21,032	2,066,009 €	Our work to prevent domestic and sexual violence reinforces child protection. We support marginalised children and their families living in poverty through our projects on inclusion and development in rural communities.
34 Brazil since 1971	35	23,028	3,342,753 €	Our work focuses on preventing violence, combating climate change impacts and strengthening local civil society. We promote resilience, self-protection, non-violent parenting and intergenerational dialogue alongside participation, lobbying and the involvement of political actors.
35 Chile ^{*1} since 1974			346,205 €	
36 Ecuador since 1979	8	4,819	1,062,875 €	We help families reduce malnutrition, improve incomes and raise their children in a non-violent environment. In our lobbying, we promote the participation of children in all areas of community life.
37 Guatemala since 1976	26	22,356	2,991,513 €	We improve the lives and living conditions of children in rural areas, e.g., in the areas of health and education. Through advocacy work, empowerment of children and young people and women's self-help groups, we support measures to combat poverty and violence.
38 Haiti since 1973	11	18,655	1,248,342 €	We help ensure that children can develop in a safe, non-violent environment. Through women's self-help groups, we create access to education and bring about improvements in the social, political and economic environments of children.
39 Honduras since 1979	13	17,566	1,657,716 €	Our projects to reduce poverty and prevent violence in rural and urban areas reinforce the implementation of children's rights. We support rural communities through the provision of sustainable structures in education, health and social services with a special focus on women.
40 Peru since 1984	15	12,720	1,326,423 €	We are committed to protecting children and young people with disabilities against violence and exploitative child labour, as well as combating social exclusion. We get families, communities and local institutions involved in efforts to strengthen children's rights. We prepare young people for their future working lives and combat the impacts of climate change in rural communities.
Latin America (general) ^{*2}	2	13,000	382,546 €	
Total	130	133,176	14,424,382 €	

^{*1} Since 1st January 2023, Chile has been a project country solely for Kindernothilfe Austria and is, thus, not included in the country, project and child statistics of Kindernothilfe Germany. However, since the funds are channelled through us, they are itemised here.

^{*2} Capacity building of partners, lobbying and advocacy etc.

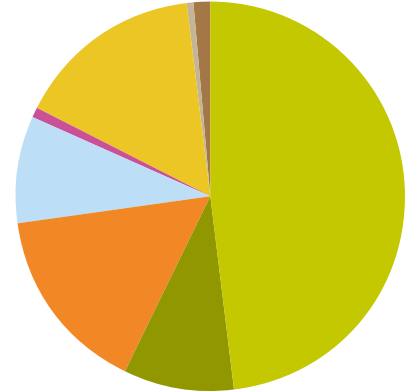
Our finances 2024: an overview

Income

Our income in 2024, amounting to 73.2 million euros, was an increase of 3.8 million euros from the previous year (+5.5%). This growth was primarily a consequence of an increase of 1.9 million euros (+21%) in subsidies and grants from public donors, and an increase of 2.3 million euros (+56%) in legacies. Income from donations, however, was slightly below the previous year's level (-0.4%).

Income breakdown

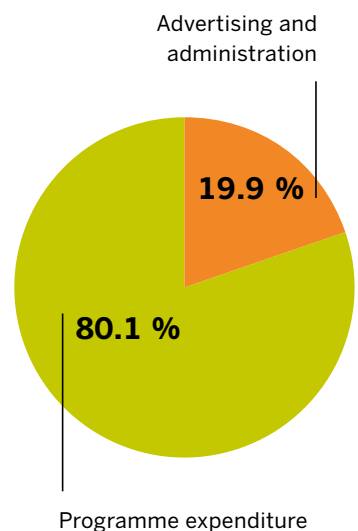
Donations	35,527,909.50	48.5 %
Donations for humanitarian aid	6,553,743.07	9.0 %
Non-earmarked and other donations	11,365,831.70	15.5 %
Legacies & bequests	6,442,736.57	8.8 %
Income from fines	654,472.45	0.9 %
Subsidies & grants	11,276,063.87	15.4 %
Interest & similar revenue	436,319.49	0.6 %
Other income	927,041.79	1.3 %
Total income	73,184,118.44	100.0 %



Expenditure

Our expenditure of 78.3 million euros remained at virtually the same level as the previous year (+0.1%). According to the classification of the German Central Institute for Social Issues (DZI), programme expenditure amounting to 62.3 million euros was a decrease of 349,000 euros (-0.6%) compared to the previous year. While expenditure on project funding fell by 993,000 euros (-2%), expenditure on project support and statutory educational, information and public relations work increased by a total of 644,000 euros (+7%). Expenditure on advertising and administration of 15.5 million euros increased by 334,000 euros (+2.2%).

Programme expenditure:	62.3 Mio. €
Project support:	52.0 Mio. €
Project administration and monitoring:	5.9 Mio. €
Education, information and advocacy:	4.4 Mio. €
Advertising and administration:	15.5 Mio. €
Public relations and donor services:	10.1 Mio. €
Administration:	5.4 Mio. €
Total:	77.8 Mio. €
Business operations, asset management, refunding public funds:	0.5 Mio. €
Total expenditure:	78.3 Mio. €



The annual financial statements

The annual financial statements show a deficit of 5.1 million euros, which, compared to the previous year, is a decrease of 3.8 million euros and 3.6 million euros lower than planned. Total income was 486,000 euros (-1%) and expenditure 4.1 million euros (-5%) below the respective budgeted levels. Overall, the shortfall in income is on the one hand a result of income from donations being 3.4 million euros (-6%) below the budgeted amount and, on the other, income from legacies was 2.9 million euros higher than planned. Expenditure on project funding was lower than planned (-3.1 million euros, or -6%), while expenditure on areas such as human resources, professional fees and depreciation was also lower than budgeted, totalling 951,000 euros (-3.5%).

To finance this deficit, 4.7 million euros were withdrawn from our equity capital and 359,000 euros from project reserves. The association has liabilities amounting to 6.3 million euros. This includes 5.0 million euros attributable to project commitments from public grants.

Taking account of new acquisitions and depreciation, the association's fixed assets increased by 464,000 euros compared to the previous year. Current assets decreased by a total of 3.9 million euros, primarily as a result of a decline in liquid assets used to finance the result.



An evaluation provides encouragement

Shaping the future in the face of climate change

The population of the province of Sindh, in southeast Pakistan, is exposed to extreme climatic conditions. Most families live from subsistence farming and animal husbandry. Climate change is leading to increasingly intense and frequent heat waves, droughts and heavy rainfall, which, in turn, threaten livelihoods. In view of the poverty, scarcity of resources and the increasingly noticeable impacts of climate change, potential solutions, which are both specific to the context and sustainable, are essential for a future that is worth living. For the last twelve years, we have been supporting the work of the Research Development Foundation (RDF) in Sindh. In 2024, we commissioned evaluations of four completed projects – achieving positive results in all areas.

Text: Barbara Winker; photos: Kindernothilfe partner



*Wells and rainwater tanks
provide clean water*



Since 2012, Kindernothilfe in Sindh has been co-operating with the Research Development Foundation (RDF), which operates in the fields of health, education, agriculture, food security, income generation and resource conservation. Part of their focus is on strengthening the rights of women and children and putting local structures in place to facilitate climate change adaptation.

With financial support from the German Federal Ministry for Economic Co-operation and Development (BMZ), we and our partner, RDF, implemented four climate-adaptation projects in the two districts of Sanghar and Tharparkar from 2013 to 2023, focusing on water storage, climate-resilient farming methods, fruit and vegetable growing and livestock health. Further measures include ensuring that those in positions of responsibility protect natural resources, promote environmental education, disaster management and the development of solar energy as well as supporting women and young people through occupational training.

The important perspective of those involved

Together with RDF, we commissioned ex-post evaluations of the four projects in 2024. These are evaluations carried out after each project is completed to assess its long-term impact and sustainability. Such an evaluation is also intended to provide recommendations for future project work. Following a complex selection process, the renowned consulting firm, GLOW from Islamabad, funded by the BMZ, was commissioned to conduct this evaluation.

Following an intensive preparation phase, two evaluation teams travelled to Tharparkar and Sanghar at the beginning of May to conduct interviews and take a look at the project facilities. The teams conducted surveys of 410 households vis-à-vis various aspects of the project work. They also interviewed numerous community and official representatives. In focus groups, men, women and children assessed the relevance and sustainability of the different activities and reported on their impacts on their families and communities.



*Thanks to specially adapted cultivation methods and
drought-resistant seeds, crop yields have increased significantly*

The results: how projects can change lives

The evaluation report confirms lasting positive changes in all project areas. While the households surveyed identified water supply measures, electrification, and occupational training as the most important project components, local officials specifically highlighted the reinforced disaster protection capacities. The well-chosen combination of the project measures and the close co-ordination with local authorities made a substantial contribution to the project's success and sustainability.

Disaster preparation:

The introduction of early warning systems has already saved lives and reduced material and structural damage. This ensures that communities are better prepared for extreme weather events. "The project has significantly improved our capacity for disaster preparedness and management," a senior official confirmed to the evaluation team. "It serves as a model for other regions facing similar challenges."

Specially adapted agriculture

The introduction of drought-resistant seeds and specially adapted farming methods has increased crop yields, improved the nutritional situation and created additional income opportunities. Households involved in the project learned about sustainable practices, including drip irrigation, and how to implement them. Reforestation and erosion control measures stabilised the ground and soils. The installation of rainwater storage tanks and restoration of wells have increased water availability. "Before the project, we had to walk long distances to fetch water and, even then, the water was often not clean," reported a Tharparkar resident. "But now, the new wells and rainwater tanks mean that we have access to clean water close to our homes".



The Kindernothilfe partner supports the expansion of solar energy

A rainwater harvesting system

Occupational training

Training programmes have opened up new sources of income. Many graduates have found employment or set up their own businesses. One young participant comments: "Learning how to install and maintain solar systems has given me a secure job and is helping our community gain access to electricity."

Solar energy

The situation of children has also improved. Solar panels have been attached to health centres. The main beneficiaries of this are mothers and newborn babies, since solar-powered cooling systems have made the safe storage of vaccines and medicines possible. This, in turn, has facilitated the expansion of vaccination programmes, increases in vaccination rates and an improvement of general health care.

School-based environmental education

The environmental and climate education programme in schools has motivated children and young people to become actively involved in environmental protection. Planting trees and creating school gardens raised their awareness of ecological issues and their sense of responsibility for environmental protection.

They have passed on what they have learned to their families and communities. One of the students summarised the programme achievements: "As members of the Environmental Club, we have learned so much about protecting our environment. And we are proud that we can make a difference in our community." However, limited state resources and competing educational priorities made it difficult to integrate environmental education into the curricula and secure sustainable funding.

Improved school conditions

The installation of solar panels and rainwater tanks means that the schools now have a reliable water supply, hygienic sanitation facilities and well-lit, comfortable, temperature-controlled classrooms. Learning in the evenings is now possible, and this benefits working children in particular. Improved hygiene has also led to a decrease in water-induced illnesses and absenteeism. This has also meant that it is easier for girls to go to school, even during their periods.

A high degree of sustainability

The evaluation team certified that the projects achieved a high degree of sustainability. This is particularly true of the water and solar energy sectors, where 95 percent of the systems are still in use. The veterinary advisors who had received training are still active, while environmental education is continuing in almost all project

schools. And the community committees have expanded their activities. Nevertheless, the evaluation team also highlights a number of challenges, such as shortfalls in agricultural inputs, mounting maintenance costs and limitations in the adaptability to new developments, which, in the long term, could jeopardise sustainability.

Sustainably reinforcing and expanding success factors

The evaluation team stresses that the interaction of the various project components made a significant contribution to project success. With respect to future projects, the recommendation, therefore, is that individual activities are specifically reinforced and augmented by supplementary measures. Our partner, RDF, would like to prioritise the following recommendations: the increased use of solar energy to generate income, the use of school gardens as centres of learning for sustainable agriculture and the development of multimedia teaching material on environmental and climate issues. RDF has identified further opportunities: for example, introducing data-driven vaccination campaigns for animals, combining reforestation and agro-forestry, integrating indigenous knowledge and scientific findings on disaster risk reduction and expanding water infrastructure.

From lessons learned to impact – how we use evaluation results

We will get together with programme managers at home and abroad to share and discuss the evaluation approach, the results and the lessons learned. High priority recommendations will be integrated into the design of new projects.

The evaluation confirms the importance and effectiveness of the measures that help address the challenges of climate change. The evaluated project concept can be supplemented with further components, such as targeted dietary advice or working with savings and credit groups. This creates a broad programmatic framework based on proven approaches. In dialogue with the project communities and local partners, and in view of the limited resources and timeframes, the most promising combination of measures must be selected for each specific context. A graphic conceptual framework for climate adaptation can make this dialogue easier.

The evaluation underlines the fact that the key to climate adaptation lies in sustainable, locally based solutions. Project successes demonstrate that it is possible to address the challenges of climate change and create hope and positive prospects for future generations.

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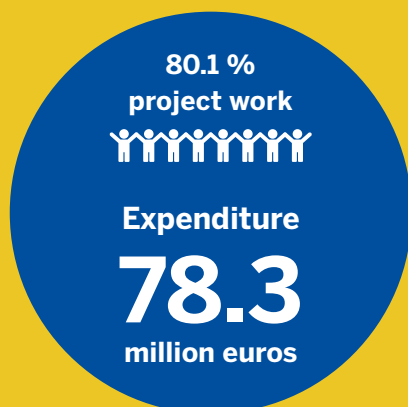
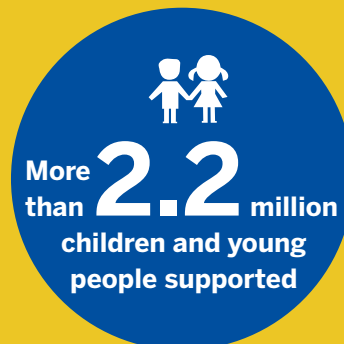


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