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2023 at a glance

127

active projects worldwide

13.5 million

people are supported by our projects.

94.3%

of our funds go directly to our projects.

63.5 million

euros in project volume

28

project countries

587

employees world-wide



Morocco | Distribution of relief supplies after the devastating earthquake in the northern part of the country



Pakistan | Health care for mothers and children in the regions affected by the flood disaster



Burkina Faso | Help equipped classrooms in a school for displaced children.



Mali | In local health centres Help offers family planning services and counseling for people affected by gender-based violence.

Preface

Dear readers,

Looking back, 2023 was an eventful year that was marked by numerous crises and disasters around the world. The earthquakes in Türkiye, Syria, Morocco and Afghanistan, as well as the floods in Libya, led us to provide emergency aid in acute crises. In addition to Help's regular programme activities, the war in Ukraine and the violence in the Middle East also required the provision of vital humanitarian aid.



Once again in 2023, the funds made available internationally were not sufficient to cover the increased humanitarian needs. We are therefore all the more grateful to all our supporters who enabled us to significantly increase our capacities for providing of aid last year. With Help's highest ever project volume of 63.5 million euros, we were able to assist 13.5 million people in need worldwide.

At present, we are concerned about the German Federal Government's dramatic cuts to funding for humanitarian aid and development cooperation for 2024 and 2025. The consequences of these cuts were described recently by our Country Director in Syria, Mirna Abboud: "We would have to cut aid by 34%. In north-east Syria alone, 30,000 people would lose access to hygiene products and sanitary facilities. 4,000 children would have to do without winter clothing. 3,300 people would be left without health care. These figures make the need here more tangible, and by making cuts, we risk losing all the progress we have made. If that were to happen, we would be throwing people back into the situation they were in before we helped."

Together with our local partners, we are therefore stepping up our efforts so that we can continue to reach as many people as possible. For this, we need you as strong supporters by our side, now more than ever.

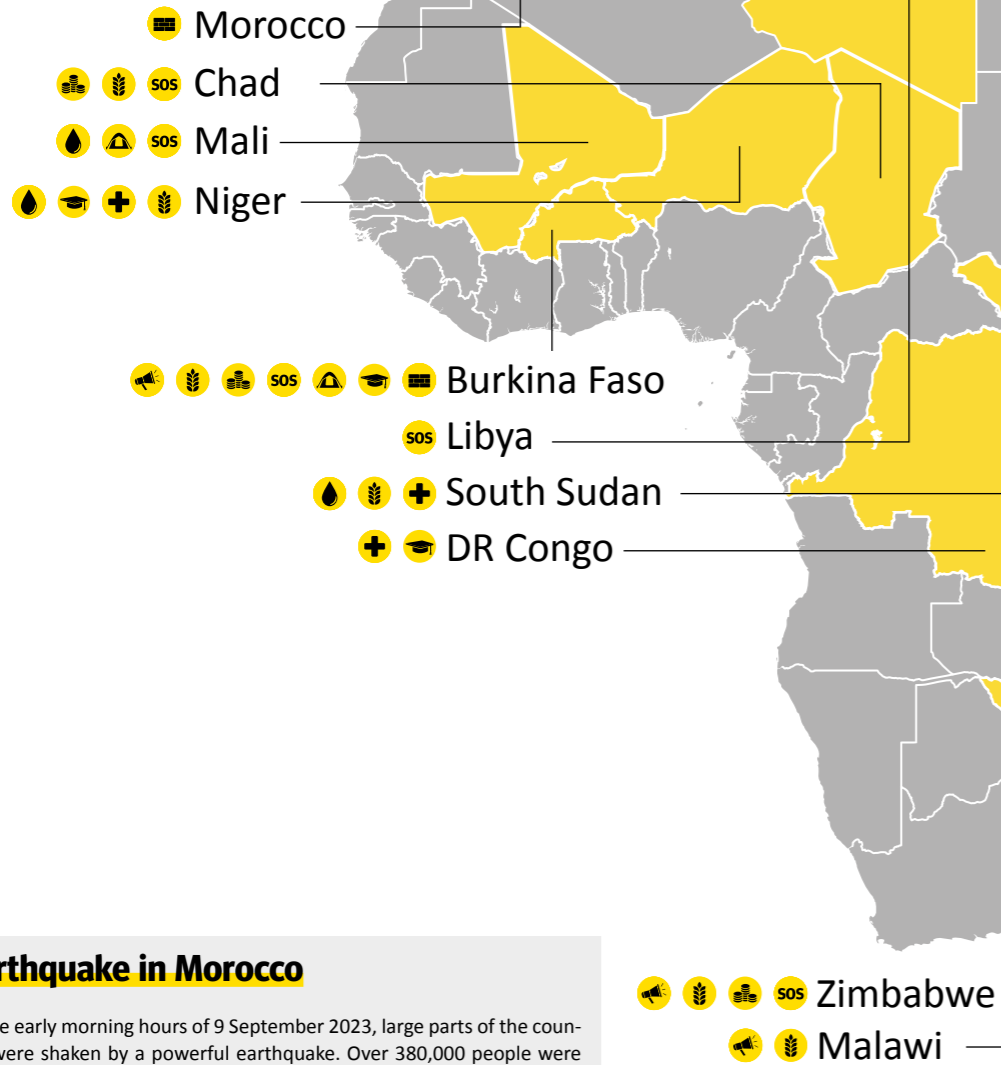
Kind regards,

Dr Thorsten Klose-Zuber
Secretary General

Bianca Kaltschmitt
Managing Director

Our projects around the world

Africa and Asia



Earthquake in Morocco

In the early morning hours of 9 September 2023, large parts of the country were shaken by a powerful earthquake. Over 380,000 people were affected by the earthquake, which caused massive damage to infrastructure and left approx. 50,000 destroyed buildings in its wake. The damage was immense, particularly in the three provinces of Al-Haouz, Taroudant and Chichaoua. Rescue work was hampered by the destroyed infrastructure and the geography of the locations, especially in remote mountain villages.

In collaboration with Islamic Relief Germany, Help provided hygiene products to 2,300 families in temporary accommodation.

Escalation in the Gaza Strip

The escalation of the Middle East conflict on 7 October 2023 triggered a humanitarian crisis that has been intensifying ever since. The ongoing violence has led to the displacement of at least three quarters of the people in the Gaza Strip as well as the destruction of much of its infrastructure. As a result, the availability of food is limited. Due to inflation, many families are unable to afford essential food items. Therefore, the entire population in Gaza is suffering from hunger.

In collaboration with a partner in Egypt, Help was able to bring food parcels across the Egyptian border to Gaza, enabling 8,450 families to prepare simple meals. Aid measures are currently under way to provide emergency medical care and psychological support for displaced people.

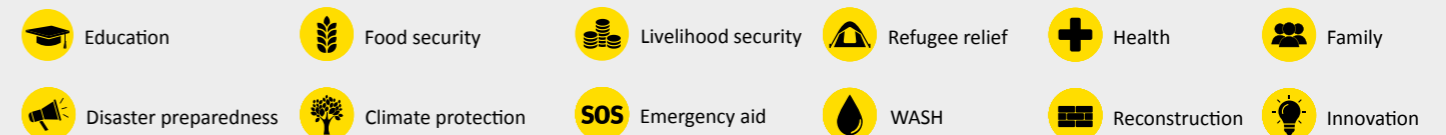


Floods in Libya

Persistent rainfall led to devastating flooding in Libya's coastal region in the early hours of 11 September 2023. Two dams collapsed, leading to the destruction of entire neighbourhoods, particularly in the port city of Derna. More than 11,000 people lost their lives in the floods, while tens of thousands were left homeless.

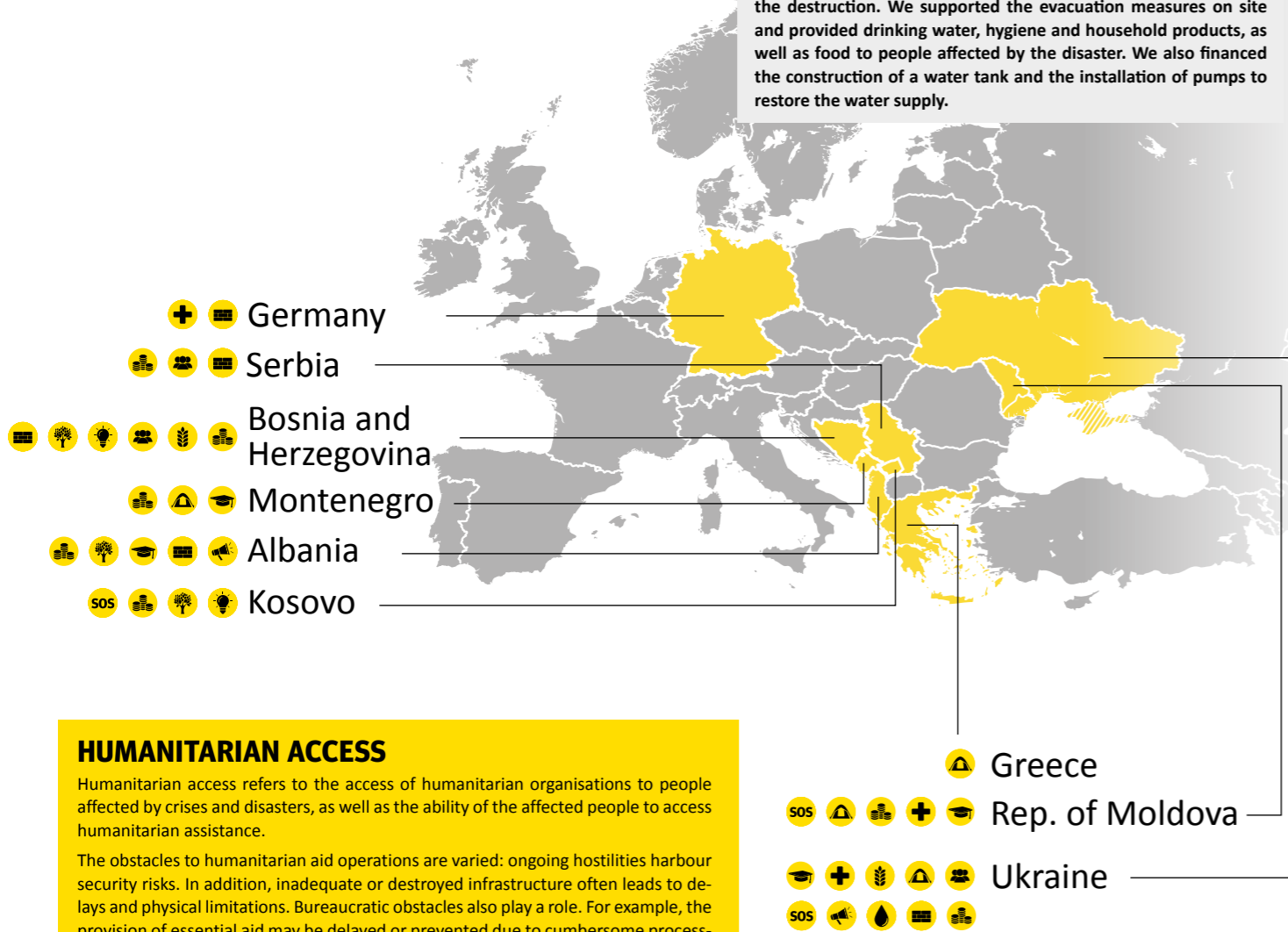
Help initiated emergency relief measures with the support of four local partner organisations. We provided food, baby food, hygiene products and household items such as blankets and bed linen to affected families. Another focus was the provision of life-saving medical care. For example, we were able to support children with chronic illnesses such as cancer, heart disease or diabetes by providing medication, measuring devices and treatments.

Project countries (As of: December 2023)



Our projects around the world

Europe



Destruction of the Kakhovka Dam in Ukraine

On 6 June 2023, the Kakhovka Dam near the Ukrainian city of Kherson was destroyed by an explosion in the course of the war in Ukraine. The destruction of the dam resulted in widespread flooding that inundated many agricultural areas and residences and forced thousands of people to flee their homes. The destruction of the dam also caused the emptying of the Kakhovka Reservoir, which supplied drinking water for over 700,000 people in the southern part of the country.

The Help team began the initial aid measures immediately after the destruction. We supported the evacuation measures on site and provided drinking water, hygiene and household products, as well as food to people affected by the disaster. We also financed the construction of a water tank and the installation of pumps to restore the water supply.

HUMANITARIAN ACCESS

Humanitarian access refers to the access of humanitarian organisations to people affected by crises and disasters, as well as the ability of the affected people to access humanitarian assistance.

The obstacles to humanitarian aid operations are varied: ongoing hostilities harbour security risks. In addition, inadequate or destroyed infrastructure often leads to delays and physical limitations. Bureaucratic obstacles also play a role. For example, the provision of essential aid may be delayed or prevented due to cumbersome processes, customs duties, sanctions or border closures.

Fast and unrestricted access is fundamental for effective humanitarian aid. Only this way can aid workers analyse needs and allocate goods and personnel to the places where they are needed. In the face of increasingly complex restrictions, humanitarian aid workers endeavour to foster dialogue with local authorities and communities. This is because one thing has top priority: reaching the largest possible number of people in the shortest possible time.

Your donations make a difference

How donations help us respond quickly to crises



SUPPORT FOR MOTHERS IN PAKISTAN AND BURKINA FASO

For the second time in a row, Help was part of the fundraising campaign organised by the German broadcasting company WDR. The motto here was "Together for mothers in need". Generous donations allowed us to fund two projects. In Pakistan, we are supporting young and expectant mothers who were affected by the flood disaster in 2022. Together with our local partner CAMP, we are providing prenatal and postnatal care as well as psychosocial support. We also provide food and hygiene products and offer training programmes. In Burkina Faso, we are helping women find jobs to secure their livelihoods. In addition, we are promoting food security for mothers and their children by providing mothers with tools for farming vegetables and raising livestock.

DEALING WITH THE CONSEQUENCES OF THE FLOOD DISASTER

Two years after the flood disaster in Germany, our support to the regions affected by the flooding continues. Help supports charitable social organisations in the region with reconstruction measures, procurement of equipment as well as provision of psychological support services. Another focus of our work is "Help for the helpers". This involves providing support to charitable institutions that were affected by the disaster, including local fire brigades and local chapters of the THW (Federal Agency for Technical Relief). The assistance doesn't stop there: affected institutions in North Rhine-Westphalia and Rhineland-Palatinate can still apply for funding from Help.



THE BASIS IS TRUST

Companies and foundations donated generously following our fundraising appeals, and helped achieve a record result for the third consecutive year in 2023. The DOHLE Foundation has been a trusted supporter of Help for many years. On 5 March 2023, the Cox's Bazar Rohingya refugee camp in Bangladesh was partially destroyed in a devastating fire. As a stateless minority, the Rohingya live in very precarious conditions. After the fire, the supply situation deteriorated dramatically. DOHLE pledged a donation promptly, enabling Help to distribute clothing items, hygiene kits as well as cooking utensils to 1,500 families via local partners. The families were able to return to the camp in the meantime.

- Education
- Food security
- Livelihood security
- Refugee relief
- Health
- Family
- Disaster preparedness
- Climate protection
- SOS Emergency aid
- WASH
- Reconstruction
- Innovation



Reconstruction after the disaster

Earthquakes in Syria and Türkiye

The Syrian-Turkish border region was shaken by a series of powerful earthquakes on 6 February 2023. Tens of thousands of people lost their lives and thousands were injured. Over 26 million people were affected by the disaster. To this day, a return to everyday life is still not possible for many.

A COMPLEX CRISIS AS A BASELINE

The devastating earthquakes left enormous destruction in their wake in the region. Countless survivors lost friends, acquaintances, family members and their livelihoods. Thousands of people are still being housed in temporary accommodation. Both Türkiye and Syria were already grappling with enormous challenges before the earthquakes. Back then as today, many people in Türkiye are not able to afford essential items, and about one third of the population lives below the poverty line.

The Turkish provinces that were hit by the earthquakes are also a place of refuge for many Syrian refugees. Already before the earthquake, Syrian refugees often lived in precarious conditions, faced discrimination and were impoverished due to a lack of job opportunities.

Syria itself is affected by a complex humanitarian crisis due to 13 years of ongoing war and economic turmoil. Millions of people have already been displaced multiple times, and have experienced additional trauma through the earthquakes. The earthquakes

also caused considerable destruction to north-west Syria's infrastructure (including schools, hospitals and shops), which was already severely damaged.

AID IN THE HERE AND NOW

Help has been providing humanitarian aid as well as transitional development assistance in various parts of Syria since the war in the



A tent settlement in north-west Syria – many affected areas looked similar immediately after the earthquakes.



A man undergoing an examination at the polyclinic supported by Help in the Syrian province of Aleppo. In addition to emergency medical or internal medical care, people of all ages can make use of psychological services here.

country began. Our team on the ground was unaffected by the disaster and, following a needs assessment, began distributing hygiene products just two days after the earthquakes hit. Over the subsequent days and weeks, we provided those affected in the Syrian provinces of Aleppo, Hama and Homs with medicines, ready-to-eat food and hot meals. We also covered the costs of medical treatment and operations for people with chronic illnesses. Basic needs were covered for 66,000 people in the form of food, hygiene products and nappies provided on a monthly basis. In Türkiye, we were also able to support 15,000 people in the provinces of Antakya, Gaziantep, Hatay and Kahramanmaraş by providing monthly food parcels and food vouchers in collaboration with local partners.

HEALING INVISIBLE WOUNDS AND REBUILDING RESILIENCE

Disasters often have long-term psychological consequences. Survivors frequently struggle with profound insecurities and fears following the loss of friends and loved ones or the destruction of a home. In addition to immediate emergency aid, the reconstruction of social facilities after such events is very important. Together with local partners, Help invests in access to education as well as medical and

psychosocial care in order to support a gradual return to everyday life and strengthen resilience among survivors. For example, we are supporting schools in the earthquake region as important places for children to interact with their peers and receive mental stimulation.

In the Turkish city of Kahramanmaraş, we set up temporary emergency accommodation for teaching and supervised psychosocial activities for children. In the province of Antakya, we are currently covering the cost of materials for a school and supporting children with educational scholarships.

In north-west Syria, we have been able to support two orphanages and an education centre through the provision of repairs and new furniture, and we also provided psychological support for the children. In the north-west Syrian district of Al-Bab, we are currently offering basic medical services in a polyclinic. In the province of Idlib, Help is supporting a centre for victims of gender-based violence. In addition to crisis intervention and psychological first aid sessions, the centre offers awareness-raising events in order to further prevention and provide those affected with long-term protection.

In post-disaster reconstruction, it is essential to take the needs and rights of all people into account, and especially those of vulnerable groups. This is the only way to rebuild an inclusive and more resilient society.



In group activities, children learn to talk about their problems in a playful way and build new self-confidence – like here in Kahramanmaraş, Türkiye.



Help that keeps growing

Economic prospects in Albania – an impact report

In Albania, one of the poorest countries in Europe, Help has been assisting people in developing better economic prospects locally for the past five years. The country's economic growth is slow, unemployment remains high and one in five people is at risk of falling below the poverty line.

With regional projects, we are helping to strengthen transnational cooperation and economic development. The project “Socio-economic strengthening of the Western Balkans” was implemented in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Kosovo, Montenegro and Serbia. An external evaluation of the project in Albania testifies to initial successes.

EXPERTISE AND EQUIPMENT FOR SMALL BUSINESS OWNERS

Agriculture is one of Albania's main economic sectors. However, most farms are very small by EU standards and do not use modern agricultural equipment. By providing modern equipment such as ploughs and olive harvesting machines, the project was instrumental in significantly accelerating work flows on farms. This not only helped to reduce labour time, but also increased productivity.

Help also assisted small businesses in dealing with the aftermath of the COVID-19 pandemic by providing financial subsidies. These subsidies helped with the procurement of equipment in order to resume business operations and build up resilience for the future. Through targeted mentorships and training, we were able to play a part in improving business expertise and creating new opportunities for growth.

PROJECT INFORMATION

Time frame	February 2021 – February 2023
Location	Municipalities of Berat, Mallakastër and Tirana (Albania)
Project participants	110 (including 23 children) and 107 small businesses and agricultural enterprises
Project volume	542,874 euros

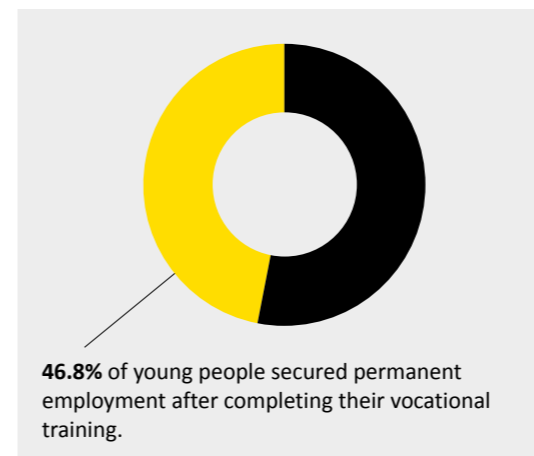
The project in Albania was supported by donations, the German Federal Foreign Office, the Medicor Foundation and funds from the participating Albanian municipalities and entrepreneurs.



By providing knowledge and start-up grants Help particularly empowers young people and women with small businesses in Albania.

NEW OPPORTUNITIES FOR YOUNG AND MARGINALISED PEOPLE

Vocational training and securing employment for unemployed women and young people, particularly in rural areas, was another focal point of the project. These groups often have no access to vocational training and are disproportionately affected by unemployment in the project region. Through targeted vocational training and professional development programmes, we managed to open up new prospects for 87 unemployed women and young people. Vocational training was completed by 47 participants. Of these, 22 went on to secure permanent employment.



These measures not only boosted the participants' self-confidence; they also provided them with tangible professional skills that

equip them for the local labour market.

The renovation and modernisation of a day-care centre and a crèche in the small town Ballsh was a particularly gratifying success. Following the completion of construction work and the grand opening, both facilities enjoyed significantly increased enrolment rates in 2023. Children are thus provided with a safe and child-friendly place to learn, which significantly contributes to early childhood development in the region.

SUSTAINABILITY AND LONG-TERM IMPACT

By working closely with local communities, ministries and civil society partners, we have built strong local networks that safeguard the impact of our projects over the long-term. Help also focuses on visionary approaches to creating new jobs in competitive sectors and supporting small businesses in their professionalisation processes.

Thanks to the support of our partners, we have been able to transform the social and economic conditions of young people in Albania in a sustainable manner and offer them opportunities for the long term. The knowledge gained and models developed in this project will serve as a basis for future projects in order to secure and build upon the successes over the long term.

OUR IMPACT AT A GLANCE

- ▶ **Vocational training / professional development:** Of a total of 87 young people and women who took part, 40 completed a professional development course. A training programme was completed by 47 participants. Of these, 22 secured permanent employment after their training.
- ▶ **Strengthening small businesses:** Subsidies for equipment and training were provided to 107 small businesses and farms, enabling them to increase productivity.
- ▶ **Educational infrastructure:** Early childhood support was provided to 23 additional children in two early childhood education centres.

An external evaluator was commissioned by Help to conduct the study. The evaluation included focus group discussions with project participants as well as in-depth interviews with project staff and representatives of national and local interest groups.

Faces of Help

Our colleagues introduce themselves

I joined Help's Mission in Kosovo after dedicating 12 years to Women's Leadership programs. Shifting my career focus was not just about professional growth, but also about making a meaningful difference in Kosovo, a country striving for stability and progress after the chaos of the 1999 war.

The most emotional moment for me was when we helped a client who lost hand up to the elbow to a landmine. We equipped him with the tools he needed to start his beekeeping micro-business. When he achieved financial stability, he told us that he decided to stay in Kosovo and not move abroad. This statement has lived with me ever since, motivating me to do even more for individuals.

The primary challenge we face is limited funds. Despite providing 2000 grants, we received 9000 applications, leaving 7000 potential micro-entrepreneurs without support. In Kosovo we plan to provide more grants and training for micro businesses to promote self-entrepreneurship, endorse networking which results to social resilience and promotes private sector engagement as a key element of Kosovo's journey to self-reliance.

I joined Help 2020 as the Finance Director, motivated by the inner drive and the desire to help humanity. While growing up the spirit of helping those in need was always the way of life taught in my community.

There have been many emotional moments in all the years. The top on the list is seeing a highly malnourished child admitted to our Stabilization Centre (SC) recover and gets discharged. While being discharged, seeing the joyful mother gave all the indications of restored and renewed hope in humanity.

There are several challenges faced in my work. Insecurity is one of them, the other is the high cost of delivering humanitarian aid, largely due to the lack of supportive infrastructure. Still, improving the food security of the people in need we serve is enough motivation to my work.

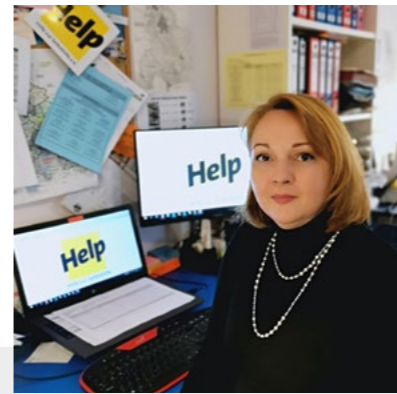
Our programing has started integrating these three thematic areas of WASH, Food Security and Nutrition. Focus area for integration is often around a Health Facility. Eventually the goal is to have transformed communities to ensure sustainable solutions for themselves.



Name: Shqipe Breznica,
Help Country Director in Kosovo
Education: Master in Journalism and Communication



Name: Peter Kipkorir Rono,
Help Country Director in South Sudan
Education: Master of Business Administration



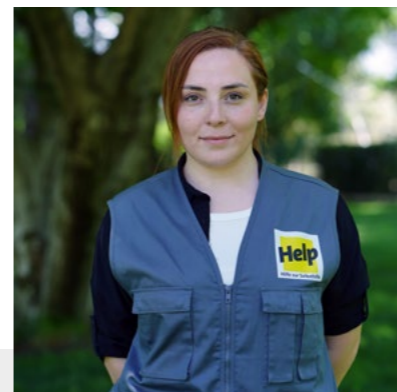
Name: Aleksandra Brkic,
Help Country Director in Serbia
Education: Study of Economics, Major in Foreign and Domestic Trade

I have started out at Help in 2000 as a Finance Administrator and am still here 24 years later. We were not a big team to begin with, and it gave us an opportunity to multitask and challenge ourselves by assuming a number of different roles.

Before I became the Finance Manager and eventually Country Director for Serbia, I spent a year working for the Help office in Zimbabwe and a month assisting with a project in Indonesia. It gave me insight into different ways of working and the challenges faced.

In Serbia we encounter so many people who are willing and able to be involved in our projects and transform their families' existence from poverty through self-sustainability to progress. It's always a difficult task to select the ones to included.

What motivates my colleagues and I is finding ways to contribute to improving the lives of people. There is nothing more rewarding than seeing the positive change you helped happen, especially on the individual level, transforming the lives of entire families. It keeps us going further, doing better all the time.



Name: Mirna Abboud,
Help Country Director in Syria
Education: Bachelor in IT, Diploma in International and Diplomatic Affairs

I was working with one of Help's local partners in Syria as the focal point with Help. When Help had a vacancy for a project manager in Northeast Syria, I applied and got accepted. Back then, the region was still under control of ISIS. This challenge has played a big role in changing my perspective on both the professional and personal level.

I was raised in a family that admires giving more than taking. So, when the conflict started in my country, my first instinct was to step up and help.

People have always been my number one orientation. Creating any small difference in someone's life is what I work for and live for.

Recently, our local partner received a volunteering request from an 18-year-old young man. 7 years ago, he had fled from rural Damascus, and in the shelters, he had met a lot of good people who helped him to partially rehabilitate his home and return. He said he wanted to be one of the "good people" and give back.

I think this story summarizes the difference we are making in peoples' lives and futures.

Introducing: Our global partners

At Help, we work in accordance with the principle of “as local as possible and as international as necessary”. But what does localisation actually mean in our work? Here is an example: Pakistan was hit by severe flooding in 2022. Through our local partner CAMP, we were on the ground immediately and were able to provide direct support to those affected by the disaster. We also source relief supplies directly from our project countries wherever possible. This not only saves time and resources; it also strengthens local economies and makes us more flexible. A win-win for all!

AVALYST IN UKRAINE

In collaboration with the Ukrainian aid organisation Avalyst, Help has been active in the areas controlled by Ukraine in the Donetsk region since the war escalated. The active hostilities in the region pose an enormous risk for our partners on the ground. Working with a small local team, Avalyst continuously identifies survivors of missile attacks and supports them with unrestricted and unconditional cash assistance. Many homes in the region have been damaged by air strikes and require makeshift renovation – especially in order to survive the harsh winters in Ukraine. Many people have also lost all of their possessions as a result of the air strikes. Cash assistance enables those affected to procure the most essential items efficiently and independently.

“It is very important to remain strong and resilient in order to continue assisting the people in my country, who are suffering every day due to the war,” says Avalyst Director Yuliana Harbar, who was forced out of her home in the occupied territories of the Luhansk region as a result of the war. “Collaboration with Help is valuable and important, as we are working together on a range of solutions to assist those affected and improve the quality of life in



A common sight in many streets of Kharkiv: Entire rows of houses peppered with holes from missiles.

society.” Alongside other aid organisations, Avalyst and Help also took part in the third Ukraine Recovery Conference in June 2024. “My inner motivation is my inner fire, which drives me to achieve my goals and keeps me fiercely committed to my dream of doing as much as I can for everyone who needs help”, says Harbar.



Svitlana Balyk is hoping to use the cash assistance from Help to carry out repairs to her flat in Kharkiv.



The municipality prepares for emergencies by carrying out disaster and evacuation drills.

ECOWEB IN THE PHILIPPINES

Help has been implementing projects in the Philippines in collaboration with the non-profit organisation Ecoweb since 2016. Our common goal is to help indigenous communities assert their rights, strengthen their socio-economic position and develop strategies for adapting to the effects of climate change.

Typhoons, earthquakes, volcanic eruptions: the Philippines are particularly vulnerable to

natural disasters and the effects of climate change. At the same time, local mining companies are exacerbating the problem by over-exploiting indigenous territories and conducting extensive deforestation activities that make these territories even more vulnerable to storms and flooding. Ecoweb has many years of experience working with indigenous communities and helping them assert their rights and build livelihoods that are adapted to the climate crisis.

“We consider Help an invaluable partner when it comes to expanding our local development work”, says Nanette Antequisa, Managing Director at Ecoweb. “Years of partnership have brought about numerous opportunities for marginalised and vulnerable communities in the Philippines, including indigenous peoples and people affected by conflict and disasters, to build up their resilience while preserving their rights and dignity. Ecoweb is committed to promoting locally-led humanitarian and development activities and seeks to maintain and expand such partnerships.”



Nanette Antequisa, Managing Director of our partner ECOWEB, admiring indigenous craftsmanship.

You'll find a complete list of our partner organisations around the world on our website:



Boards and their tasks

As of 08/2024

MEMBERS' MEETING	
▶ Dr Naim Assad (founding member)	▶ Dr Georg Kippels (Member of the Bundestag, CDU)
▶ Uwe Baust (Corporate Finance)	▶ Volkmar Klein (Member of the Bundestag, CDU)
▶ Rudolf Bindig (former Member of the Bundestag, SPD/Honorary Chairman)	▶ Dr Thorsten Klose-Zuber (Help Secretary General)
▶ Katja Dörner (Mayor of Bonn)	▶ Gudrun Kopp (former Member of the Bundestag, FDP / former Parliamentary State Secretary)
▶ Kerstin Düsch (Commissariat of German Bishops/Catholic Office)	▶ Jörg Leske (Chairman of the Board of NAK-karitativ e.V.)
▶ Erich G. Fritz (former Member of the Bundestag, CDU)	▶ Dr Andreas Nick (former Member of the Bundestag, CDU)
▶ Andreas Glück (MEP, FDP)	▶ Dr. Karl-H. Rolfes (Member of the Board of Management of Autobahn Tank & Rast Gruppe GmbH & Co. KG)
▶ Angelika Graf (former Member of the Bundestag, SPD, Ombudsperson)	▶ Christian Schmidt (former Member of the Bundestag, CSU / former Federal Minister of Agriculture, High Representative for Bosnia and Herzegovina)
▶ Ottmar von Holtz (Member of the Bundestag, Bündnis 90/The Greens)	▶ Ute Vogt (former Member of the Bundestag, SPD / former Parliamentary State Secretary)
▶ Dr Barbara Höll (former Member of the Bundestag, Die Linke)	▶ Gabi Weber (former Member of the Bundestag, SPD)
▶ Dr Uwe Janssen (founding member)	
▶ Angelika Josten-Janssen (former Managing Director of Help)	
▶ Prof Ulrich Kelber (former Member of the Bundestag, SPD, former Parliamentary State Secretary / former German Federal Data Protection Commissioner)	

The Members' Meeting approves general guidelines, the budget plan and amendments to the Articles of Association. It also elects the auditor and the Executive Board, the Special Supervisory Body and the Ombudsperson.

SPECIAL SUPERVISORY BODY	
▶ Erich G. Fritz (former Member of the Bundestag, CDU)	▶ Jörg Leske (Chairman of the Board of NAK-karitativ e.V.)
▶ Dr Barbara Höll (former Member of the Bundestag, Die Linke)	

The Special Supervisory Body monitors the Executive Board's fulfilment of its duties in accordance with the Articles of Association and reports to the Members' Meeting.

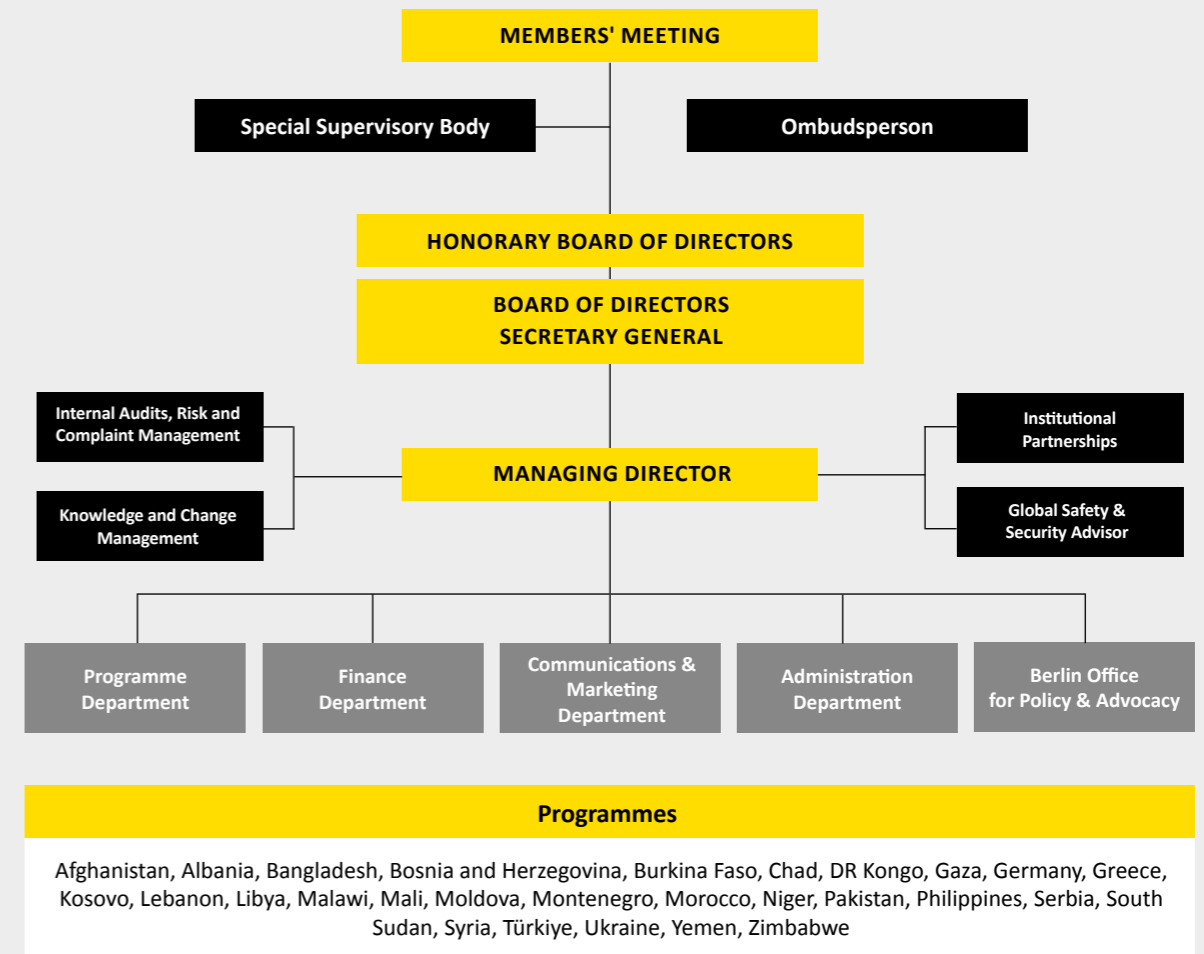
EXECUTIVE BOARD	
▶ Dr Georg Kippels (Member of the Bundestag, CDU/Chairman)	▶ Manuel Gava (Member of the Bundestag, SPD)
▶ Ute Vogt (former Member of the Bundestag, SPD / former Parliamentary State Secretary / Vice-Chairwoman)	▶ Dr Christoph Hoffmann (Member of the Bundestag, FDP)
▶ Ottmar von Holtz (former Member of the Bundestag, Alliance 90/The Greens / Vice-Chairman)	▶ Angelika Josten-Janssen (former Managing Director of Help)
▶ Dr Thorsten Klose-Zuber (Help Secretary General)	▶ Helin Evrim Sommer (former Member of the Bundestag)
▶ Rudolf Bindig (former Member of the Bundestag, SPD / Honorary Chairman)	▶ Dr Wolfgang Stefinger (Member of the Bundestag, CSU)
	▶ Katrin Uhlig (Member of the Bundestag, Bündnis 90/The Greens)

The Executive Board according to Section 26 of the German Civil Code (BGB) (Chairman, Deputies and Secretary General) represents the association judicially and extra-judicially. The Chairman and the Deputies are authorised to represent Help individually and conduct the association's affairs. The Executive Board appoints and monitors the management. All members, with the exception of the Secretary General, work on a voluntary basis. More information can be found in our Articles of Association and at <https://www.help-ev.de/en/transparency-and-monitoring/>.

If you have any complaints or other concerns, please contact Ms Angelika Graf as a confidential and independent ombudsperson at: ombudsperson@help-ev.de.

Organizational chart

As of 08/2024



Members of the Bonn team at the internal inauguration of the new offices at Adenauerallee 131 a

Amplifying the voices of others

Advocacy & public relations work at Help

Conflicts, natural disasters and the consequences of climate change once again increased humanitarian needs in 2023, leading to another sad record: according to the United Nations, 363.2 million people worldwide were in need of humanitarian assistance and protection, which is the highest figure ever recorded.

Help expanded its high-profile campaigns and political work to amplify the voices of those affected by humanitarian emergencies in 2023. We were also able to create forums for important discussions and put measures into place for strengthening civil society worldwide.

BONN HELPS KHERSON

In February 2023, the federal city of Bonn was approached by the southern Ukrainian city of Kherson with the proposition of entering into a solidarity partnership. Bonn then decided to opt in to this partnership. Various partners from Bonn's civil society and business community joined forces to support the Ukrainian city through the exchange of knowledge, but above all with humanitarian aid and support for the reconstruction of administrative structures. Help is providing humanitarian aid on the ground through the "Bonn helps Kherson" donation project.

Kherson is being attacked with missiles by Russian forces on an ongoing basis. Numerous houses and considerable parts of the civilian infrastructure in Kherson, including schools, kindergartens, hospitals and energy and water supply systems, have been



Help has been utilising donations to finance essential medical equipment and medicines for hospitals in Kherson.

damaged. Those who are still living in the city or are there to provide humanitarian aid are constantly under threat from air strikes.

Help mobilised various target groups for the donation project at numerous events last year. This mobilisation was successful, as so far the income from donations has enabled us to support four hospitals by providing them with medical equipment and medicines, and we have also been able to improve access to health care for 218,000 people. We thank all our partners for their solidarity and support!



Together with Katja Dörner, Mayor of Bonn, Help was able to mobilise support for the donation project at the closing concert of Bonn's Beethoven Festival.



One Health Day 2023 proved the importance of interdisciplinary cooperation between stakeholder groups for overcoming complex challenges in conflict and crisis regions in a sustainable way.

ONE HEALTH DAY

Help joined forces with Vétérinaires Sans Frontières Germany to organise the One Health Day that was held in October 2023. Special emphasis was placed during the event on the importance of the One Health approach for humanitarian aid in times of conflict and crisis. Together with experts from politics, science and civil society, we discussed whether One Health approaches, which take account of the interactions between humans, animals and the shared environment, can contribute to peace-building.

Various interventions, such as the veterinary aid provided by Help in Syria and Ukraine, were presented in a series of interactive workshops and discussions. It became clear that veterinary and environmental measures in humanitarian crises can have a direct effect on the lives and safety of the local population. Vaccination campaigns for livestock, for example, can make a vital contribution to the prevention of disease, and thus increase income security.

HUMANITARIAN CONGRESS BERLIN

Help supported the organisation of Humanitarian Congress Berlin – one of the main humanitarian conferences in Europe – as an official partner for the first time in 2023. We made a conscious decision to offer a platform to our local partner organisations on the panel we had been allocated. This enabled representatives from Lebanon, the Philippines and Chad to highlight the shortcomings of an attention-driven humanitarian system and make recommendations for fairer, more effective and more localised humanitarian aid directly to decision-makers in the Global North.

The speakers delivered short, interactive presentations that showed how donor institutions as well as international NGOs still have a long way to go to overcome colonial continuities in the humanitarian system. In this respect, our participation in the Humanitarian Congress ensured that the perspective of local humanitarian stakeholders was included in the discourse on reforming the humanitarian system, which would not have been the case otherwise.



During the Humanitarian Congress Berlin, Mahamat Moussa Djibert from our partner organisation AHTD in Chad shared insights about the challenges faced by local stakeholders.



Executive Board Report

FRAMEWORK CONDITIONS FOR HUMANITARIAN AID

The work of international non-governmental organisations in the humanitarian and development sector once again faced serious and continuously growing challenges in the reporting year. The year was characterised by a high number of armed conflicts and natural disasters happening at the same time. These included the ongoing war in Ukraine, the earthquakes in Syria, Türkiye and Afghanistan, the outbreak of civil war in Sudan, the floods in Libya, the escalation of violence in the Middle East and the deterioration of the situation in Yemen and the Sahel region.

Once again in 2023, the funds made available internationally were not sufficient to cover the increased humanitarian needs. The composition of the 2024 federal budget marked a turnaround in Germany's global commitment, as unprecedented cuts were made to both the budget of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and the funds for humanitarian aid at the Federal Foreign Office (AA). The savings made through these cuts were disproportionately high compared to the cuts in other departments.

DEVELOPMENTS ON THE DONATION MARKET IN GERMANY

According to the analysis in the "Bilanz des Helfens" (aid balance sheet) report published by the German Donations Council and the Gesellschaft für Konsumforschung consumer research organisation, income is also declining on the donation market. Germans donated approx. 5 billion euros in the 2023 calendar year. This

corresponds to roughly 12% less than in the previous year. The number of donors has also fallen by 1.7 million people (-9%) compared to the previous year.

DEVELOPMENT OF DONATIONS TO HELP

Unlike the overall donation market, the development of donations to Help was positive in the reporting year. Help's income from donations rose by 17.8%, with a record result achieved for the third consecutive time. High individual donations also contributed to this positive development. The donations forwarded by our Aktion Deutschland Hilft alliance more than doubled in 2022 and 2023 to 11.4 million euros and 12.8 million euros, respectively, as compared to the 5.5 million euros recorded in 2021. However, this trend is based on the occurrence of donation-related events (disasters).

BUSINESS DEVELOPMENT AND RESULTS

Help achieved an annual surplus of 1.23 million euros in the financial year. Herein, the variation of the earmarked donation reserve amounting 2.52 million euros is recognised. The surplus was well above the planned fig-

ure for 2023 of -1.14 million euros. This positive result and the associated strong growth in project volume is primarily due to large project grants from public donors as well as earmarked donations for the Sahel region, the Middle East, Ukraine and Afghanistan, which were implemented in the reporting year.

In 2023, Help carried out projects with a total volume of 63.46 million euros, which represents an increase in volume of 26.48 million euros as compared to the previous year. The amount of our own funds used totalled 16.06 million euros, which corresponds to an increase of 6.55 million euros compared to 2022. The utilisation of external funds increased by 72.6% (19.94 million euros) and amounted to 47.40 million euros. The use of our own funds and external funds is thus in line in percentage terms. Total income including changes in reserves amounted to 68.55 million euros, which was 26.74 million euros more than in the previous year.

Expenditure for public relations work, advertising, campaigns as well as educational work amounted to 1.68 million euros in 2023. Compared to the previous year, expenditure fell by around 310,000 euros. This is mainly

due to the fact that a higher budget was spent in 2022 following on from the measures that could not be implemented during the COVID-19 pandemic. In addition, some measures planned in the area of advertising were not implemented, as the department's work in 2023 was largely characterised by special operations due to disasters. Furthermore, Help currently has 9,370 supporting members who support Help's work with unearmarked donations on a regular basis.

Help's major donation appeals and income in 2023:

- ▶ **Ukraine:** 1.74 million euros
- ▶ **Earthquake in Syria & Türkiye:** 1.32 million euros
- ▶ **Flooding in Libya:** 169,000 euros
- ▶ **Bonn helps Kherson** (solidarity partnership with the city of Bonn): 146,000 euros

Expenditure on administration, excluding public relations, came to 2.16 million euros. Expenses for administrative personnel in particular rose by 64.1% (462,000 euros) here. On balance, other operating expenses increased by 240,000 euros or 32.8% compared to 2022. This relates to additional expenses for renting co-working spaces because of an instance of water damage, costs for legal advice on rental matters, estate agent fees for arranging the necessary new office space, as well as increased expenses for IT equipment, licences and training due to the higher headcount.

PERSONNEL DEVELOPMENT

In 2023 (as of December), Help employed a total of 64 staff members (corresponds to 58.47 full-time equivalents) in Germany, as well as one temporary worker on a mini-job basis and one staff member on a voluntary social year (until the end of August). Including its employees in Germany, Help employed 587 people worldwide as at the reporting date. The organisation is supported by 30 volunteers, of whom 28 are members of one of the association boards.

In total, 12 employees took part in 19 continuing education courses in the areas of public relations and fundraising, bookkeeping/finance, human resources, project-related topics and first aid / occupational health and safety.



Help Executive Board members Angelika Josten-Janssen, Ute Vogt and Dr Thorsten Kloze-Zuber visited projects in the Western Balkans – as shown here in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

Due to the increased programme volume, the staffing plan needed to be scaled up. As the headcount grew, so did the need for support from the HR department. Digital HR management software was introduced here in 2023, and this will lead to a significant simplification of core HR processes and improved performance indicator analyses over the long term. As usual, the annual financial statements and payrolls were handed over to a tax accountant in 2023. Staff turnover at Help remains relatively low.

ASSOCIATION BODIES

A total of three Executive Board meetings, three Special Supervisory Body meetings and one Members' Meeting were held in the reporting year. No elections were held. The number of Managing Directors was reduced from two to one in 2023, and the allocation of responsibilities between management and the Secretary General was adjusted. Both are responsible for legally binding external representation.

FINANCIAL POSITION AND LIQUIDITY

The use of own resources in the project business in the amount of 16.06 million euros (previous year: 9.52 million euros) marked a 68.8% increase from the figure recorded in 2022. At 19.9 million euros, income from donations was 3.01 million euros (17.8%) higher than in the previous year. At 3.66 million euros, income from administration shares was 1.33 million euros (57.4%) higher than in the previous year.

External funds from donors continue to be the main source of income. However, donations are necessary in order to enable us to contribute our own funds that are needed for the projects. In addition, due to the donation situation, more projects were carried out purely with our own funds during the reporting year, particularly in Ukraine. As in previous years, the financial position is con-

sidered to be in good order due to a surplus cover of liabilities by receivables and liquid assets.

Shareholder's equity increased from 8.5 million to 9.8 million euros. Because fixed assets (as the only non-current asset category) only increased slightly in relation to the equity increase (from 28,000 to 191,000 euros), the surplus of non-current capital over non-current assets also developed positively (from 8.5 million to 9.6 million euros).

FORECAST

Help's programme work will continue to focus on the countries of the Sahel and the Middle East as well as South-East Europe and Ukraine. The grants for humanitarian crises from public donors that have already been approved for 2024, and the available donations, are at a high level for 2024 as well. This will enable Help to realise a project volume similar to the previous year's in 2024.

The German Federal Government's severe budget cuts may also have a negative impact on new funding commitments to Help over the medium term. Financial planning calculations for the 2024 financial year are therefore cautiously conservative and based on the expected averages. Disasters are expected to occur. However, these are usually just as difficult to plan for as they are to predict. This ap-

plies in particular to income from donations, which depends on external donations and in turn on the media visibility of disasters. A decline is to be expected here as well. We expect a negative result of approx. - 0.5 million euros for the current financial year.

RISK REPORT

Help is aware of the operational risks it faces when it implements projects. These include volatile situations in the project countries with regard to security and political conditions as well as the feasibility of measures within the planned volume and time frame, but also proper project management in compliance with the respective internal guidelines and donor guidelines. In view of the growing project volume, operational risks are also increasing.

We are pressing ahead with the necessary revisions to complaints management and internal audits as well as the establishment of a structured risk management system through the restructuring of the Internal Audits, Risk and Complaints Management Unit, which began in January 2024.

The German Federal Government made budget cuts of approx. 1.5 billion euros in connection with humanitarian aid and development cooperation in the 2024 federal budget and is planning further drastic cuts for the 2025 federal budget. This is a dramatic turnaround for people in the Global South and it significantly jeopardises the scope of action of organisations such as Help, which should in fact be expanding their project activities even further due to the growing demands of people in need.

Help has grown significantly in recent years. A great need for skilled labour goes hand in hand with this expansion. In order to achieve a high level of attractiveness as an employer, Help has further improved and expanded its policies with regard to family friendliness,



The contents of our food parcels for Gaza: Water, milk, dates, cheese, molasses and tinned meat

remote working options, workplace equipment, company bike leasing, coaching offers and targeted measures on diversity, anti-racism and anti-discrimination, which are promoted by an intersectional feminism working group.

OPPORTUNITY REPORT

During the reporting period, Help's strategy was further developed with a focus on localisation, empowerment and sustainability. This refinement of objectives, including target indicators and the associated work packages, makes a positive contribution to Help's professionalisation, thereby also increasing the chances of maintaining the project volume at a high level despite the tight budget situation.

In order to generate more visibility for our work in the political arena, we have invested in personnel and spatial capacities at our Berlin office. Advocacy work and Help's representation on the board of VENRO (association of German development and humanitarian aid NGOs) offer great opportunities for Help's involvement in our sector in a manner that steers the political discourse.

The relocation to new business premises in March 2024 due to increased space requirements was a special event after the end of the reporting period. This will require special expenditure associated with the move and with equipping the new premises with suitable office furniture and IT hardware, a conference system and an archive system. The improvement of workplace conditions will lead to greater employee satisfaction and appropriate representation of the organisation. This will open up opportunities to accommodate further increases in our headcount in line with occupational health and safety requirements.

12 June 2024

Dr Georg Kippels
Chairman of the Executive Board

Dr Thorsten Klose-Zuber
Secretary General



Strong through community – Help supports cooperatives in Malawi in securing livelihoods with agroforestry.

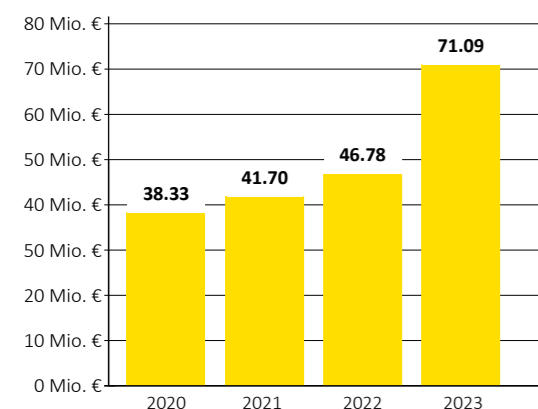
Financial Report

INCOME (EUR)	2023	2022
Donations	19,897,164	16,891,487
of which earmarked:	16,140,019	12,824,220
Aktion Deutschland Hilft	12,779,839	11,425,779
other organisations	2,446,602	1,398,441
local donations	913,579	0
of which legacies	4,820	20,843
of which fines	1,750	200
of which gifts in kind	1,046	1,348
Earmarked grants	47,395,655	27,458,143
Interest income	11,115	861
Other income	3,781,265	2,431,495
Total income	71,085,199	46,781,986

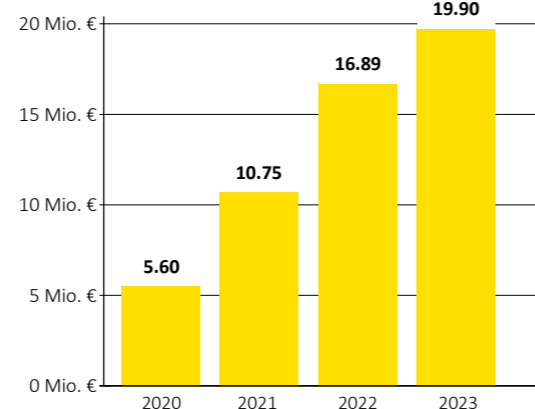
If the donation reserves in the amount of 2.52 million euros are subtracted, total income for 2023 amounts to 68.55 million euros.

Development of income and expenditure

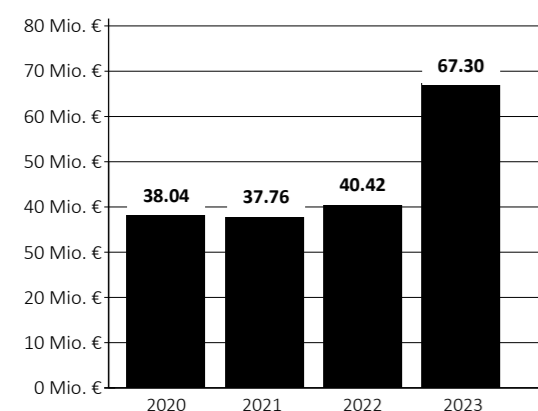
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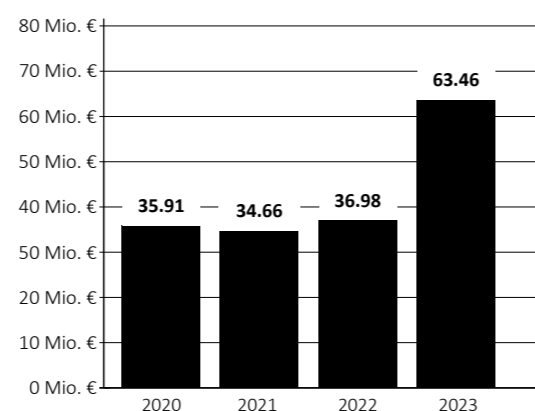
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Development of total expenditure



Development of project expenditure

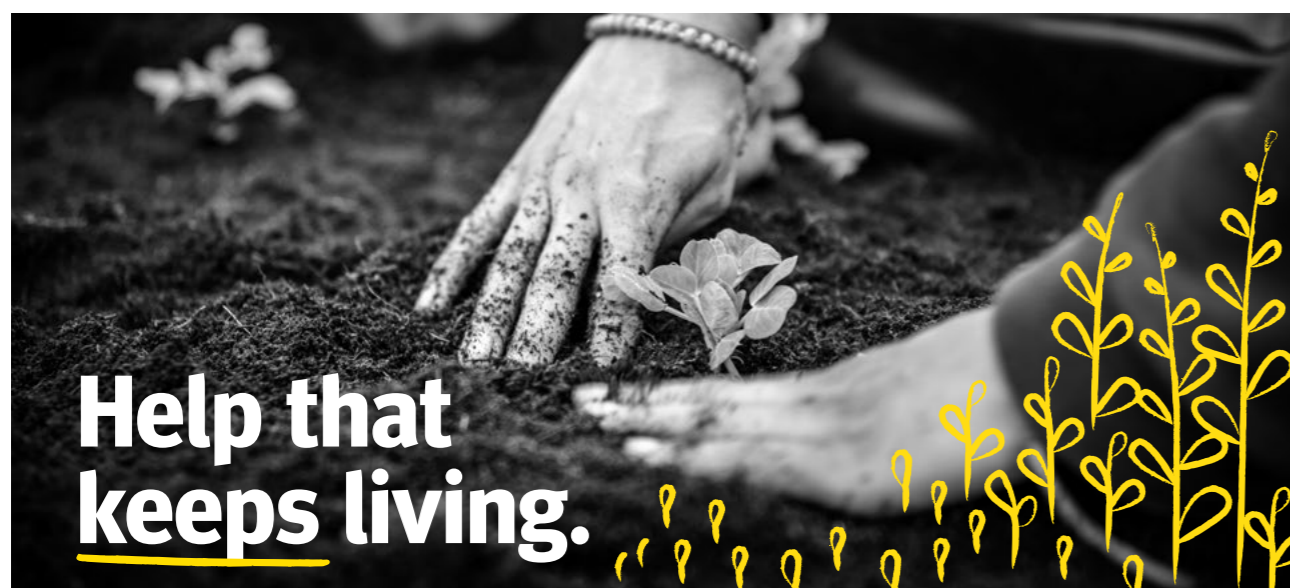
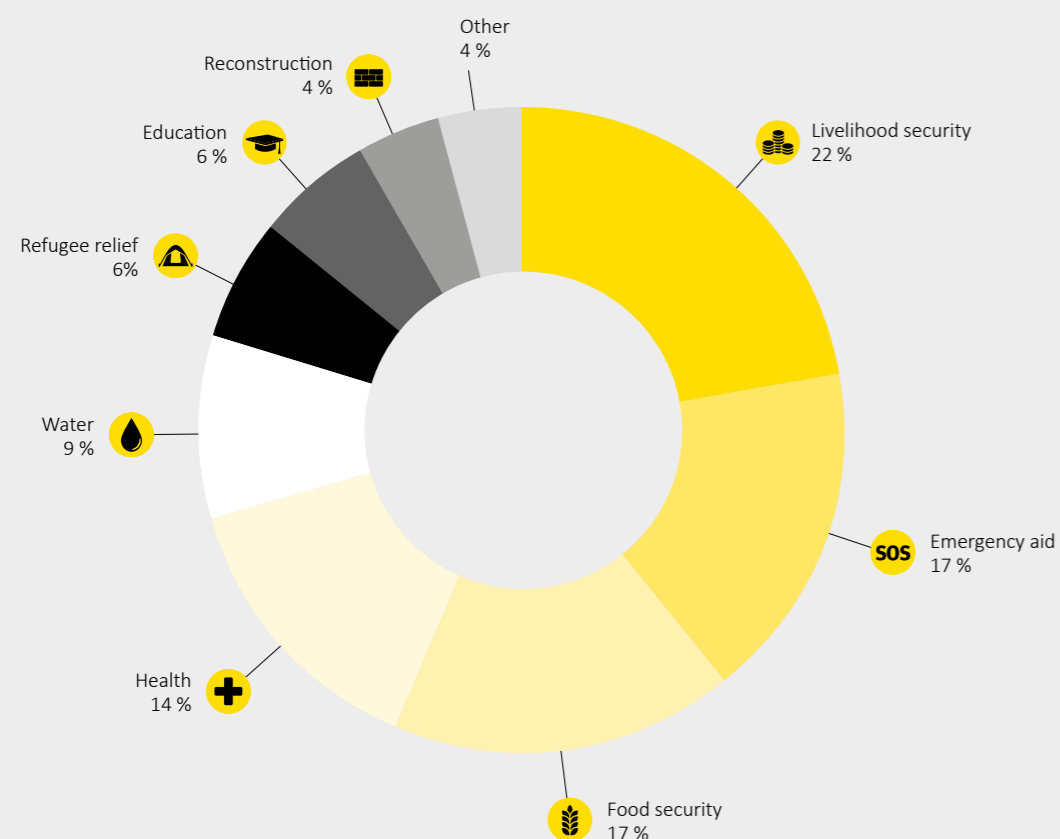


EXPENDITURE (EUR)	2023	2022
Total project expenditure	63,459,823	36,976,482
of which external funds	47,395,655	27,458,143
of which own funds	16,064,168	9,518,339
Share of personnel expenses	2,024,318	1,782,957
Total expenditure for public relations and donation advertising, and educational and press work	1,681,483	1,991,191
Public relations and donor liaison	1,451,047	1,770,382
of which personnel expenses	369,592	309,111
Educational work	118,195	121,071
of which personnel expenses	77,782	82,685
Press work	112,241	99,738
of which personnel expenses	94,670	82,664
Total administration expenditure	2,158,204	1,456,328
Wages and salaries, including social security contributions and pension expenses	1,184,109	721,690
Legal and consultancy expenses	206,812	191,421
Premises and facilities	218,976	121,210
Postage, telephone and courier services	39,852	59,104
Repairs and maintenance	114,065	56,843
Office supplies	7,027	6,877
Insurance policies and contributions	112,939	91,269
Data protection expenses	32,469	27,587
Interest expenses	2,084	3,214
Travel expenses	10,017	17,037
Continuing education courses	22,251	14,997
Costs arising from monetary transactions	29,028	47,980
Boards' expenses	24,867	17,763
External services and work	83,456	9,803
Operating lease expenses for movable assets	1,635	1,377
Vehicle expenses	0	279
Other personnel costs	5,489	34,456
Other expenses	63,129	33,421
Total expenditure	67,299,510	40,424,001

Please see the Executive Board Report on pages 22-25 for further details about the income and expenditure reported here and changes in relation to the previous year.

FINANCIAL PLANNING (EUR)	TARGET 2024	ACTUAL 2023
Earmarked grants	37,000,000	47,395,655
Donations, general	4,000,000	3,757,144
Donations, earmarked	11,000,000	16,140,020
Expenses for public relations/educational work/press work	2,317,166	1,681,483
Administration expenditure	2,949,300	2,158,204

Project expenditure by sector



Help that keeps living.

Bequeath a better future

“Assistance towards self-reliance” has been the fundamental principle underlying the work performed by Help for more than 40 years now: We assist people in improving their living conditions through their own efforts. When you include Help in your will, you spread hope and help create a better future.

Please contact us if you have any questions regarding wills: Sabine Preker will be happy to assist you: Tel. +49 228 91529-12, preker@help-ev.de

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Consolidated income statement for the 2023 financial year

	2023	2022
	EUR	EUR
Income from ongoing activities	71,067,163.31	46,755,544.95
a) Donations	19,897,163.68	16,891,486.50
b) Income from restricted grants	47,395,655.06	27,458,142.75
c) Other income	3,774,344.57	2,405,915.70
Change in unused restricted donations	-2,523,938.64	-4,973,470.63
Other operating income	6,920.43	25,579.31
Subtotal	68,550,145.10	41,807,653.63
Amortisation and depreciation on intangible and fixed assets	29,087.21	14,837.89
Expenses from ongoing activities	67,297,425.55	40,420,786.67
a) Project expenses	63,459,823.32	36,976,482.00
b) Personnel expenses (administration only)	1,184,109.01	721,690.33
c) Administration needs	1,977,933.52	2,293,941.01
d) Maintenance and repair expenses	114,064.54	56,843.24
e) Contributions and insurance policies	112,938.69	91,268.59
f) Rental expenditure	218,976.00	121,209.78
g) Other expenses	229,580.47	159,351.72
Subtotal	1,223,632.34	1,372,029.07
Other interest and similar income	11,114.99	861.15
Interest and similar expenses	2,084.34	3,213.96
Result after taxes, annual surplus	1,232,662.99	1,369,676.26

Pay structure 2023

GROUP/POSITION	PAY GROUP	MONTHLY GROSS SALARIES FROM - TO IN EUROS	ANNUAL SALARIES INCLUDING SPECIAL PAYMENTS AND EMPLOYER CONTRIBUTION TO THE PENSION SCHEME FROM - TO IN EUROS
Department head	E 13	6,089.52 - 6,089.52	78,702.15 - 78,862.48
Executive units and team leaders	E 12	5,102.97 - 5,695.74	67,452.40 - 75,040.00
Consultants	E 11	2,041.27 - 5,463.69	28,330.67 - 74,854.35
Administrative staff	E 10	3,773.01 - 4,438.33	50,429.06 - 58,945.15
Assistants	E 9	2,192.62 - 3,341.54	30,200.07 - 44,906.24
Traineeship		2,279.74 - 2,279.74	27,964.81 - 29,484.36
Working student		975.00 - 1,300.00	12,000.00 - 18,200.00
Intern		520.00 - 2,028.00	

The salaries of full-time Help employees in Bonn and Berlin are aligned with the remuneration system of the Collective Wage Agreement for Federal Civil Servants (TVöD). The gross annual salaries consist of monthly salaries, a yearly special payment of 80% (up to E 12) or 60% (starting at E 13) of a monthly salary and contributions to the company pension scheme of up to 2,134 euros for employees working under indefinite contracts. Actual salaries in accordance with working hours are shown here (also includes part-time positions). The three highest salaries are paid to the Executive Board (full-time Secretary General) and the two Managing Directors, with one Managing Director only exercising this role in the first half of 2023. To safeguard the right to informational self-determination, these salaries are reported cumulatively and amount to a total annual salary of 282,141.84 euros.

Statement of financial position as at 31 December 2023

ASSETS	31 December 2023	PREVIOUS YEAR
	EUR	EUR
FIXED ASSETS		
I. Intangible assets	118,646.00	3.00
<i>Paid concessions, commercial property rights and similar rights and assets as well as licences for such rights and assets</i>	3.00	3.00
<i>Advance payments made</i>	118,643	
II. Property, plant and equipment	71,954.50	27,709.00
<i>Other equipment, operating and office equipment</i>	71,954.50	27,709.00
CURRENT ASSETS		
I. Receivables and other current assets	3,324,022.85	5,209,116.29
<i>1. Receivables - restricted grants</i>	2,021,044.53	2,235,655.97
<i>2. Other assets</i>	1,302,978.32	2,973,460.32
II. Cash, credit at banks and cheques	33,758,288.18	23,438,382.56
<i>1. Cash on hand</i>	159,326.72	208,509.15
<i>2. Cash at banks and credit institutions</i>	33,482,117.02	23,187,232.11
<i>3. Cheques</i>	116,844.44	42,641.30
DEFERRED EXPENSES AND ACCRUED INCOME	59,527.81	63,645.84
ASSET DIFFERENCE AMOUNT FROM THE BALANCE SHEET	2,881.41	0.00
	37,335,320.75	28,738,856.69

LIABILITIES	31 December 2023	PREVIOUS YEAR
	EUR	EUR
SHAREHOLDER'S EQUITY	9,756,737.98	8,524,074.99
<i>I. Result carried forward</i>	8,524,074.99	7,154,398.73
<i>II. Annual surplus</i>	1,232,662.99	1,369,676.26
AS YET UNUSED RESTRICTED DONATIONS	11,770,418.78	9,246,480.14
PROVISIONS	484,913.24	175,552.76
<i>Other provisions</i>	484,913.24	175,552.76
LIABILITIES	15,323,250.75	10,792,748.80
<i>1. Trade payables</i>	134,602.26	214,456.02
<i>2. Liabilities from as yet unused restricted grants</i>	15,084,514.21	10,464,837.77
<i>3. Other liabilities</i>	104,134.28	113,455.01
	37,335,320.75	28,738,856.69

The auditor has issued an opinion extract, which is given below on the full financial statements as at 31 December 2023 (statement of financial position, consolidated income statement and annexes) as well as on the Management Report for the financial year from 1 January to 31 December 2023. This is a translation of the German original. Solely the original text in the German language is authoritative.

INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT

To Help – Hilfe zur Selbsthilfe e.V., Bonn, Germany

Audit opinions

We have audited the annual financial statements of Help – Hilfe zur Selbsthilfe e. V., Bonn, which comprise the balance sheet as at December 31, 2023 and the statement of profit and loss for the financial year from January 1 to December 31, 2023 and notes to the financial statements, including the presentation of the accounting and valuation methods. In addition, we have audited the management report of Help – Hilfe zur Selbsthilfe e. V., Bonn, for the financial year from January 1 to December 31, 2023.

In our opinion, on the basis of the knowledge obtained in the audit,

- the accompanying annual financial statements comply, in all material respects, with the requirements of German commercial law applicable to business corporations and give a true and fair view of the assets, liabilities and financial position of the Association as at December 31, 2023 and of its financial performance for the financial year from January 1 to December 31, 2023 in compliance with German Legally Required Accounting Principles, and
- the accompanying management report as a whole provides an appropriate view of the Association's position. In all material respects, this management

report is consistent with the annual financial statements, complies with German legal requirements and appropriately presents the opportunities and risks of future development.

Pursuant to § 322 (3) sentence 1 HGB, we declare that our audit has not led to any reservations relating to the legal compliance of the annual financial statements and of the management report.

Basis for the Audit Opinions

We conducted our audit of the annual financial statements and of the management report in accordance with § 317 HGB and in compliance with German Generally Accepted Standards for Financial Statement Audits promulgated by the Institut der Wirtschaftsprüfer [Institute of Public Auditors in Germany] (IDW). Our responsibilities under those requirements and principles are further described in the "Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Annual Financial Statements and of the Management Report" section of our auditor's report. We are independent of the Association in accordance with the requirements of German commercial and professional law, and we have fulfilled our other German professional responsibilities in accordance with these requirements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinions on the annual financial statements and on the management report.

Cologne, 17 June 2024

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Public Auditor/Tax Consultant

signed Christoph Tritz
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Transparency and monitoring

Transparency and responsible action are among the most important principles that guide the work conducted by Help around the globe. The proper and transparent utilisation of the grants and donations provided to Help in line with our Articles of Association and the efficiency of our work are monitored and confirmed by internal and external audits.



You can find a list of external audits and information on our commitment to humanitarian standards on our website.



2023 projects

COUNTRY/REGION	PRO-JECTS	SECTORS	EXPENDI-TURE IN EUROS	FUNDING AGENCIES/ COOPERATION PARTNERS	NUMBER OF PEOPLE SUP-PORTED
Africa					
Burkina Faso	15		4,029,473	AA, ADH, Luxembourg Foreign Ministry, BMZ, EU, German Embassy in Burkina Faso, GLS Treuhand, PATRIP Foundation, Shelterbox, UNICEF, UNOCHA	3,445,866
DR Congo	2		55,330	ADH	167,451
Libya	1		98,288	ADH, Kurt und Maria Dohle Stiftung, SDL	8,000
Malawi	1		45,336	BMZ	3,535
Mali	15		4,446,667	BMZ, GIZ, The Global Fund, PATRIP Founda-tion, UNFPA, UNICEF, UNOCHA	2,000,000
Morocco	1		The expenditure of funds took place in 2024.	Project financed with own funds	11,500
Niger	7		3,373,219	AA, ADH, ECHO, GLS Treuhand, UNICEF, UNOCHA, WFP	2,224,988
Zimbabwe	4		367,785	ADH, BMZ, project participants, USAID	47,550
South Sudan	5		2,537,604	AA, ADH, FAO, UNICEF, WFP, ZF hilft	631,000
Chad	1		538,820	ADH, BMZ	8,500
West Africa Regional projects	2		5,835,088	AA, ADH	525,355
Africa total	54		21,327,609		9,073,745
Asia					
Afghanistan	6		5,237,721	AA, ADH, FAO, PATRIP Foundation, UNICEF, U.W. Linsi Foundation	337,105
Bangladesh	1		25,366	ADH, GLS Treuhand, Kurt und Maria Dohle Stiftung	1,500
Gaza Start of project activities in 2024	1		The expenditure of funds took place in 2024.	ADH	42,250
Yemen	2		515,680	ADH, BMZ, SDL	429,945
Lebanon	4		319,202	AA, ADH, NAKK, State Chancellery in NRW	540 ; and a hospital
Pakistan	3		161,276	ADH, SDL	20 ; estimates
Philippines	2		513,642	ADH, BMZ	23,010

Notes:

Other project locations include various transnational regional projects that are implemented in Armenia, Georgia, North Macedonia and the Mediterranean, among others.

“Emergency aid” applies to projects carried out in immediate response to a disaster.

The project objective “Environmental and climate protection” includes activities in other sectors as well.

Unless stated otherwise, all projects were carried out with Help funds derived from donations. For projects that extend across more than one year, a larger part of the expenditure may be incurred in other financial years (previous year or following year).

The number of people supported by a project does not always refer to the reporting year alone. Where a division by accounting period is not possible, it covers the entire project period. For some projects, the number of people supported cannot be precisely quantified, e.g. when medical facilities are supported. Here, either the number of people treated in a year is used, or the number of people in the catchment area of the facility.

Figures and percentages may not be completely precise in some cases due to rounding differences.

COUNTRY/REGION	PRO-JECTS	SECTORS	EXPENDI-TURE IN EUROS	FUNDING AGENCIES/ COOPERATION PARTNERS	NUMBER OF PEOPLE SUP-PORTED
Syria	3		11,769,806	AA, ADH, BMZ, Canada Life Assurance Europe plc, GLS Treuhand, Kurt und Maria Dohle Stiftung, NAKK, SDL	228,815
Türkiye	2		472,684	ADH, Canada Life Assurance Europe plc, NAKK, SDL	34,004
Asia total	22		19,015,378		1,097,189
Europe					
Albania	8		180,700	ADH, EU, Japanese Embassy, SlovakAid, Swiss-contact, UNOPS	60,180
Bosnia and Herzegovina	4		439,010	AA, BMZ, EU, local municipalities, project participants	150,095
Germany	3		1,631,877	ADH, ZF hilft	95,651
Greece	1		66,766		764
Kosovo	3		51,583	Local municipalities, Z Zurich Foundation	4,056
Republic of Moldova	8		887,665	ADH, EU, Marbach GmbH, SIDA	23,865
Montenegro	7		427,303	ADH, EU, French Embassy in Montenegro, King Baudoin Foundation, Latter Day Saints Charity, local municipalities, Ministry of Labour and Social Care, UNICEF	7,661
Serbia	3		1,961,144	BMZ, German Embassy in Belgrade, EU, GIZ, local municipalities, SIDA	2,694
South East Europe Regional projects	4		3,041,701	AA, GIZ, Helvetas, local municipalities and cities, local ministries and prisons, project participants, SIDA	20,676
Ukraine	10		14,280,082	ADH, AA, Marquard & Bahls AG, NAKK, private donors, Provinzial Holding AG, SDL, UHF, UN-OCHA, WTS	2,925,488
Europe total	51		22,967,831		3,291,130
Projects total	127		63,310,817		13,462,064
			149,006	General project management and other project locations	
			63,459,823	Total project expenditure	
			16,064,168	of which own funds	

Abbreviations and acronyms:

AA = Federal Foreign Office; ADH = Aktion Deutschland Hilft; BMZ = Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development; GIZ = Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (German International Cooperation and Development Agency); ECHO = European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations; EU = European Union development aid; FAO = Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations; Helvetas = Helvetas Swiss Intercooperation; NAKK = NAK-karitatív, relief organisation of the New Apostolic Church; SDL = Stiftung der Deutschen Lions; SIDA = Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency; UHF = Ukraine Humanitarian Fund; UNHCR = United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, UNICEF = United Nations Children’s Fund; UNOCHA = United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs; UNOPS = United Nations Office for Project Services; USAID = United States Agency for International Development; WFP = World Food Programme; WTS = WTS Group Stifter für Stifter

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Zimbabwe | The “agri-hub” is a centre where farmers can buy and sell their goods and also purchase medicines for their livestock.

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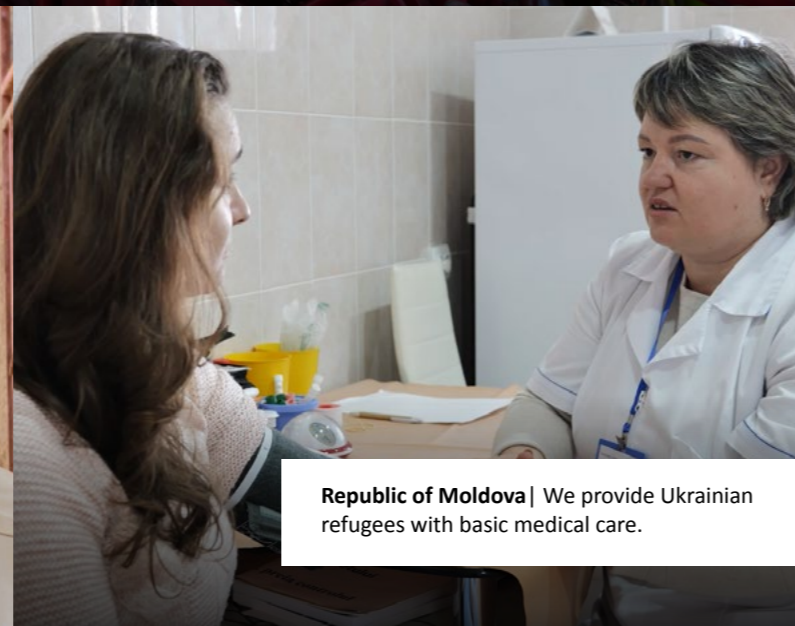
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