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INTRODUCTION AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

During the period covered by this report two important events had a significant impact on the work of HOPE'87. The First World Humanitarian Congress held in May 2016 in Istanbul stressed the necessity of addressing the root causes underlying catastrophes calling for increased conflict prevention diplomacy and opting to bring humanitarian aid, development cooperation and peace building together.

The Agenda for Humanity with its five core responsibilities, namely "Global leadership to prevent and end conflicts", "Uphold the norms that safeguard humanity", "Leave no one behind", "Change people's lives-from delivering aid to ending need" and "Invest in humanity", was the basis of the Congress highlighting as outstanding framework of action the responsibilities of states.

HOPE'87 has provided humanitarian aid since its inception in 1987, but it was not until 2005, following the tragic earthquake in Pakistan, that the Country Representatives started a discussion within what is called the "HOPE-family" about aligning humanitarian aid with development efforts on the one hand and integrating emergency support in existing networks of the UN system and of other international and local partners to create valuable synergy effects and minimize duplication of responsibilities and efforts by clearly defining roles and tasks.

Although HOPE'87 has successfully professionalized its humanitarian aid through cooperation with the European Commission Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection (ECHO) and the Austrian Development Cooperation, it nevertheless is sad that today humanitarian aid on a world wide level is needed more than at anytime in the past. It has become more important to address disaster preparedness and disaster risk management in order to save lives and livelihoods during disasters and to provide support to victims to restore their normal living situation as quickly as possible.

As mentioned in the preamble, with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the introduction of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG), a plan for people, planet and prosperity has been initiated. However, many stakeholders are still struggling with the new view on the universality of the contents of the Agenda and its holistic development approach with a strong and balanced focus on economic growth, social development and ecological sustainability on equal levels.

Calling for protecting Human Rights, safeguarding the Rule of Law, ensuring Good Governance, working for Peace and Security the 2030 Agenda has set milestones unprecedented in history. Once again, "Leaving no one behind" has now to be transformed from a commitment into a reality, into a package of rights and responsibilities that eradicate disadvantages and inequalities. The principle of voluntary participation and an alleged national interest must not undermine the global framework of sustainable development calling for the respect for basic values, fundamental social rights and democracy. It is in this context that HOPE'87 reassesses its activities and reviews its strategies, also strengthening its advocacy work on different social and political levels.

During this reporting period, HOPE'87 implemented a total of 46 projects and programmes, 22 of which are situated in Africa, 15 in Asia, 5 in Europe and 5 in Latin America. Currently 12 HOPE'87 Country Offices manage projects and programmes in Bangladesh, Bosnia-Herzegovina, Burkina Faso, Bhutan, Burundi, Chile (Regional Office for Latin America), Ethiopia, Mali, Moldova, Pakistan, Paraguay and Senegal. As in previous years, the objective of the present report is to provide the reader with an overview of the most important HOPE'87 activities around the world.

We have again endeavoured to provide a synoptic structure of the programme contents with reference to the UN Development Goals as outlined above. Since some programmes have been running for several consecutive years, the core data for these activities has remained the same, with information updating last year's activity report being given only where deemed necessary and relevant. Complete project data, the project reports and evaluations, as well as any other information desired, can be obtained from the General Secretariat.

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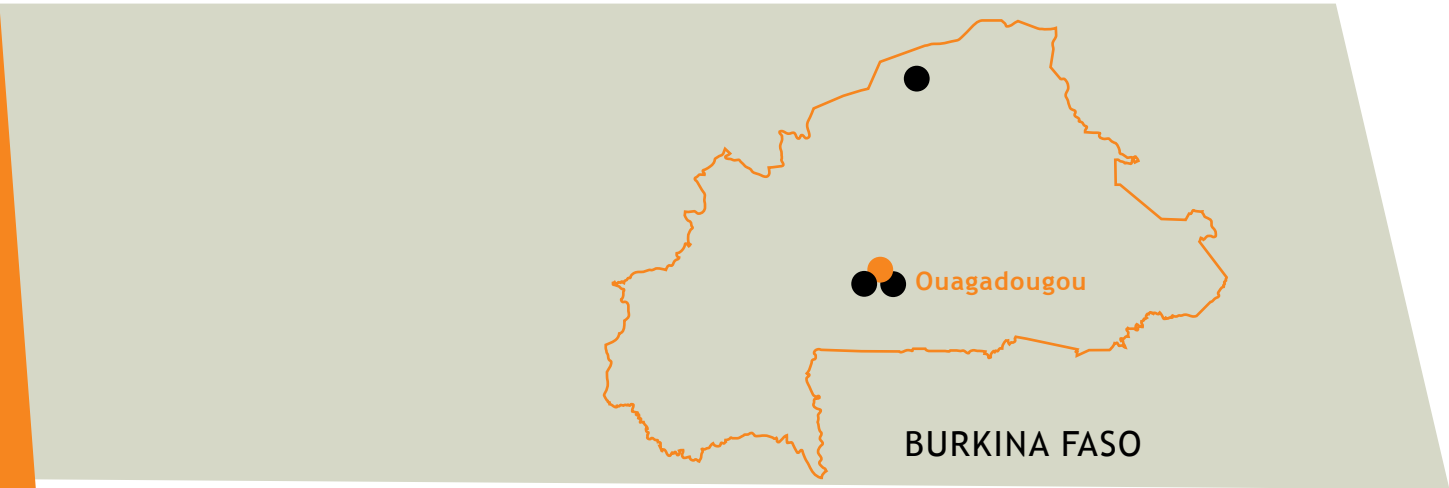


BURKINA FASO

PROGRAMME: Poverty reduction in rural area - improving food security and income generation for poor farming households and increasing independence of women as heads of households

PROJECTS	LOCATION	N° OF BENEFICIARIES	SDGs
Improving food and nutrition security and strengthening economic capacity of market gardeners in the <i>Région du Centre</i> in Burkina Faso	Rural district of Komsilga, Province of Kadiogo, Région du Centre	2.312	Goals 1, 2, 3, 5, 6, 7, 8, 13, 15
Prevention of under-nutrition through food assistance and nutrition	Region of Sahel, Province of Soum	16.920	Goals 1, 2, 3, 4
Youth Vocational Training Center Nabelin - Stabilization and extension of motorcycle mechanical training workshops mechanics	Rural district of Komki-Ipala, Province of Kadiogo, Région du Centre	45	Goals 1, 4, 8
Nutritional education for young mothers	Rural District of Komsilga, Province of Kadiogo, Région du Centre	465	Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 8

COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVE AND REGIONAL COORDINATOR FOR WEST AFRICA
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SUMMARY

Burkina Faso is one of the countries suffering most from the effects of climate change. In recent years several severe food crises impacted 1.3 million people in Burkina Faso. Agricultural production and livestock breeding have been badly affected. HOPE'87's activities in Burkina Faso focus on poverty reduction in rural areas. The projects implemented seek to reduce food and nutrition insecurity, and aim to create income generation activities for very poor households. Availability and access to safe and nutritious food for vulnerable target groups enhance resilience in a context of recurrent disasters. The projects are being implemented in the Sahel Region and in the Centre Region of Burkina Faso.

ACTIVITIES

Improving food and nutrition security and strengthening economic capacities of market gardeners in the Region du Centre in Burkina Faso

Based on the water-food-energy nexus of market gardening, this project is located in the rural district of Komsilga in the Centre region of Burkina Faso, about 100 kilometres from Ouagadougou, the capital city. The district of Komsilga has three main areas where market gardening is practiced: Boulbi, Kalzi and Komsilga-Centre. Project activities for 2016 cover continuing provision of irrigation kits and capacity training for market gardening households. Additional focus areas for women in particular include fostering their resilience capacity and their nutritional knowledge, as well as their technical knowledge and ability to use improved stoves. During the reporting period, 410 farming households were beneficiaries of the project. Those 410 households included 465 women and 452 children under the age of five.

HOPE'87 is partnering with the local women's organisation "Groupement Villageois Feminin Wend-Songda (GFFWS)" of Komki-Ipala to implement this project. It is co-funded by the Austrian Development Cooperation.

Prevention of under-nutrition through food assistance and nutrition

This project aims to ease access for agro-pastoralists in Soum province to markets where they sell cattle as well as improve their food security. Soum province is located in the Sahel region of Burkina Faso. It is an agriculture and livestock production area that is chronically unstable. Most of the population is not able to keep food reserves year round.

The most recent food crisis impacting agro-pastoralists in the Sahel region led to the ECHO response plan of the 2016 Humanitarian Implementation Plan for Burkina Faso (ECHO-Soudure), covering the Oudalan province and provinces in the East and Centre-Nord regions. It is an emergency aid action financed by DG ECHO and led by a set of NGOs including the Sahel Consortium under the leadership of OXFAM, within a common framework of action comprising Christian Aid, Danish Refugees Council, GVC, HOPE'87, OCADES, SOS Sahel, Action against Hunger and Save the Children.

This project has replaced direct food distribution with monetary transfers through vouchers. Children aged 6 to 23 months along with pregnant and breastfeeding women do receive access to nutritional supplements (nutritional flour for porridge and purified water). Nutrition education is also provided, and children aged 6 to 59 months are screened for malnutrition. The project also advocates for the institutionalisation of countrywide social safety nets.



Youth Vocational Training Center Nabelin - Stabilization and extension of mechanical training workshops for motorcycles

In October 2015 HOPE'87 started this vocational project for rural youth aimed at giving them the training needed to become skilled motorcycle mechanics. During the first part of the project, the Nabelin Training Centre was built and equipped. Subsequently, 30 mechanics were trained. The trainees were chosen from young foremen and apprentice mechanics in the two rural districts of Tanghin-Dassouri and Komki-Ipala.

The training centre benefited from the technical and financial support of FAFPA (*Fonds d'Appui à la Formation Professionnelle et à l'Apprentissage*), whilst the project as a whole was supported by the YOU Foundation - Education for Children in Need and the Volkswagen Corporation.



Nutritional education for young mothers

This project aims to provide nutritional education to vulnerable mothers in the community of Komsilga in the province of Kadiogo, in central Burkina Faso. Both pregnant women and lactating women and their families, including infants and children between 6-59 months of age are able to improve their food consumption habit through information about hygiene, conservation techniques of local agricultural products and food diversification. The target group comprises 465 mothers of children (0 to 5 years) from vulnerable households in the project area. Since the project started, 85% of young mothers from the 34 villages of the rural district of Komsilga have participated regularly and with great interest in the nutritional education sessions. The trained women have also shared their knowledge with other rural women who did not take part in the trainings. The project achieved its planned objectives, with the health of mothers and children having greatly improved in the project area.

HOPE'87 implemented the program with its financial partner *Verein Barmherzigkeit Deutschland* and *Verein Barmherzigkeit Österreich*.

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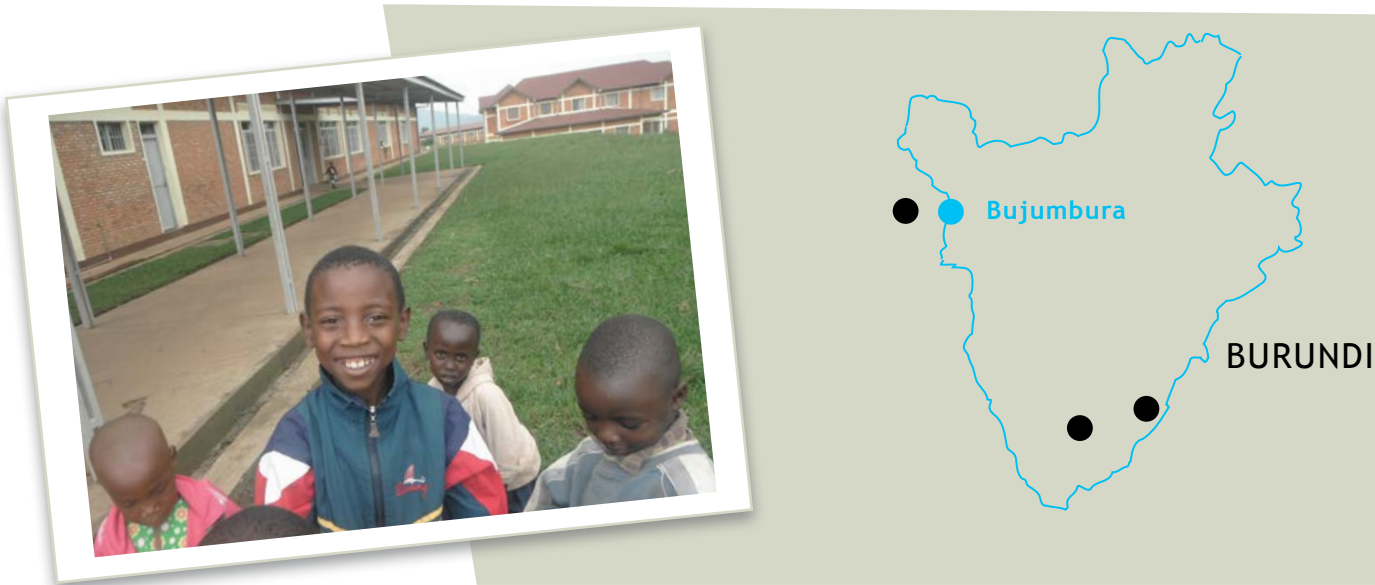
BURUNDI

PROGRAMME: Assisting the Kivoga community to participate in the education of youth and increasing income of households

PROJECTS	LOCATION	N° OF BENEFICIARIES	SDGs
“Kinderhilfe für Burundi”: Support for school age children and youth in Kivoga	Kivoga village, Rutana province	1.560	Goals 1, 3, 4
Strengthening community participation in integrated early childhood development	Kivoga village, Rutana province	650	Goals 1, 3, 4
Training of teachers in education in emergencies	Communities Butere, Kamenge and Kinama; Bujumbura	6.552	Goals 3, 4
Vocational training for young people in the tourism sector	Bujumbura	20	Goals 3, 4, 5, 8
Young Burundian Leaders Network and Environment	Communities Bururi and Makamba; Bujumbura	2.500	Goals 2, 3, 5
Hiroshima Arts Party: Children's drawing exhibition	Burundian refugees in Uvira, DRC	40	Goal 5

COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVE

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SUMMARY

Things just don't seem to get better for Burundi, a small country squeezed between Tanzania and Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). Already ranked first among the world's poorest countries with a GDP of just \$ 315.2 per capita, Burundi also suffers the most from hunger among its neighbours in East Africa. The precarious political and security situation, which has been going on for more than a year, has created more than 260,000 refugees outside of Burundi and 25,300 Internally Displaced People (IDPs). Other consequences include the restricted movement of goods and people, not only within the country, but also with neighbouring Rwanda and Tanzania. The sluggish economy has led to higher unemployment. Meanwhile, since the onset of the political crisis, agricultural production has also fallen due to natural disasters. Family farming, the main source of food and basic livelihood for nearly 90% of the population, has been drastically affected by long years of civil war. Farming is then further destabilized by recurrent natural hazards and disasters. Environmental factors include soil degradation and loss of fertility, ecological degradation and crop diseases such as mosaic and bacterial wilt for which there is no short-term solution. Human factors include high population pressure, wide prevalence of diseases such as malaria, and the long-term vulnerability of households that already have low resilience to shocks. This overall context of fragility is compounded by a situation in which more than 64% of the population currently lives below the poverty threshold. Basic public services such as education and health have been seriously impacted. Despite this grim picture, HOPE'87 continues to support the most vulnerable populations of Burundi, including children and young people, in gaining access to basic primary services such as equitable, quality education. With its early childhood development (ECD) programme, HOPE'87 also encourages the peaceful coexistence of different tribal groups in the province of Rutana.



ACTIVITIES

“Kinderhilfe für Burundi”: Support for school age children and youth in Kivoga

This programme aims at improving schooling conditions at a rural primary school whilst also bolstering food security for the children and their families in the area.

In response to the National Strategic Plan of the Ministry of Education and Scientific Research, this project targets access and quality of education. The first phase of the project was to build an elementary school according to UNESCO and UNICEF standards. The second phase involved building additional rooms for teaching, playing and sleeping. As a result, the Gitaramuka School Centre offers a primary school with sufficient classroom space for students. A large canteen provides healthy food thanks to a well-equipped kitchen and a newly rebuilt ecological-sanitary facility, along with access to potable water for the community. Now in its fourth year of operation, the Gitaramuka Centre for the Development of Improved School Conditions has more than 240 primary school students, as well as eight teachers and a director. A school management committee is in place with the participation of parents.

An additional project component is to contribute to food security in the area. Youth have been trained in agriculture, forestry and livestock by a demonstration of agro-field techniques including the cultivation of banana and cabbage, as well as livestock husbandry to produce manure and milk. Parents showed their support by coming to work in the fields and producing sweet potato and beans. The centre has become a showplace environment for the community as well as a meeting place for the people of the province of Rutana. Thanks to the generous support of the YOU Foundation - Education for Children in Need, the RTL Foundation and the “Visions for Children” Foundation, HOPE'87-Burundi and Father Denis Ndikumana are able to respond to the need for increased access, equitable and the quality education in the Kivoga community.

Strengthening community participation in integrated early childhood development

This project complements the achievements of the Gitaramuka School Centre, helping to promote quality of education and more community involvement in early childhood development.

Parents and other members of the community are invited to contribute to the education of children aged 0 to 5 years. Initially, the project was designed to foster 25 to 30 children in early childhood development. But unexpected pressures by parents resulted in fostering 120 children. The aim was to provide truly equitable and inclusive education for all.

Parent meetings are held on a quarterly basis as well as by request. In meetings with parents during the year, they appreciated the progress made by children since they started school. In the context of the country's fragile peace building situation, this project continues to strengthen peaceful cohesion among households with children in the Gitaramuka centre and particularly during the parent meetings. The effective implementation of the programme has required awareness-raising activities both in Rutana province, as well as at a national and regional level. In partnership with the departments of the ministry in charge of pre-schools, along with the University of Burundi and UNICEF as well as with the director and inspector of education in Rutana, the African Early Childhood Development Network (AFCN) was established to lead these efforts.

Training of teachers in education in emergencies

In the current context of both natural disasters and political crises in Burundi, characterised by persistent violence that not only claims human lives but also the abuse of young people by actors in the conflict there is a need to preserve children's right to education. The primary objective of the project is to promote the capacity building of teachers during emergencies. Trained teachers should be able to prevent disaster risks at school and provide psychosocial care for affected children. To amplify the impact of this project, a train-the-trainers initiative on a minimum standard for education in emergencies and early reconstruction was launched to transmit knowledge to teachers in schools throughout Burundi's provinces. The training ended with a distribution of books and tools to participants in the presence of officials from the Ministry of Education and UNICEF.

Whilst this project was initiated by the Ministry of Education, it was executed by HOPE'87-Burundi in collaboration with UNICEF-Burundi.

Vocational training for young people in the tourism sector

HOPE'87 Burundi took part in a training project, together with the Burundian National Tourist Office. The tourism industry provides potential opportunities for employment in Burundi. To prepare young people to play a vital role in this sector, HOPE'87-Burundi continues to support trainings on capacity building of youth and young women. This year the focus was mainly on putting in place English language training in form of English clubs where young people can learn English, read maps and identify different parts of the country interesting for tourism. The goal was for young people from the northern part of Bujumbura to be able to engage in conversation with tourists in English, inform them about the country's history and also sell goods at markets. Besides offering a way to improve language skills, the English clubs have promoted solidarity among young people during the difficult time of tension that Bujumbura recently faced. The project is funded by the International Tourist Organisation and the Ministry of Commerce, Industry and Tourism.

Young Burundian Leaders Network and Environment

The Young Burundian Leaders Network (YBLN) has developed an annual Career Fair, a unique opportunity for youth to explore a variety of options for their future. In this forum, young people can connect to different educational institutions, NGOs and private enterprises. YBLN is supported by the Ministry of Labour, Higher Education and Elementary Education as well as by the Embassy of the United States to Burundi.

Since HOPE'87-Burundi is known for promoting youth employment opportunities, the Embassy of the United States asked HOPE'87-Burundi to join the Youth Volunteers for Environment Program in Burundi. More than 15 clubs of rural young people are now involved in making domestic economies in their communities more sustainable. These clubs work in schools to plant protective trees. In addition, the project cooperates with the association "Dukorere Ikawa" for planting indigenous trees, coffee trees and beehives to produce quality honey that can be sold on the international market. HOPE'87-Burundi continues to play an important role in promoting education and capacity building of young people to start income-generating activities based on sustainable use of natural resources.



Hiroshima Arts Party: Children's drawing exhibition

The children's drawing exhibition of ANT Hiroshima continues to support Burundian children. The Asian Network of Trust (ANT)-Hiroshima continues its support for Burundian children through an annual children's drawing exhibition. In order to develop children's drawing skills and therefore their self-esteem, Burundian children are invited to take part in the annual drawing competition called "Hiroshima Arts Party". The gifts provided last year by ANT-Hiroshima were distributed to Burundian refugee children in Uvira, a small town in Democratic Republic of Congo located 15 km from Bujumbura. The Don Bosco organization is helping Burundian children refugees in Uvira. The longstanding partnership between HOPE'87 and Don Bosco worldwide, as well as the short distance between the two country offices, should help foster a good partnership with Don Bosco DRC going forward.

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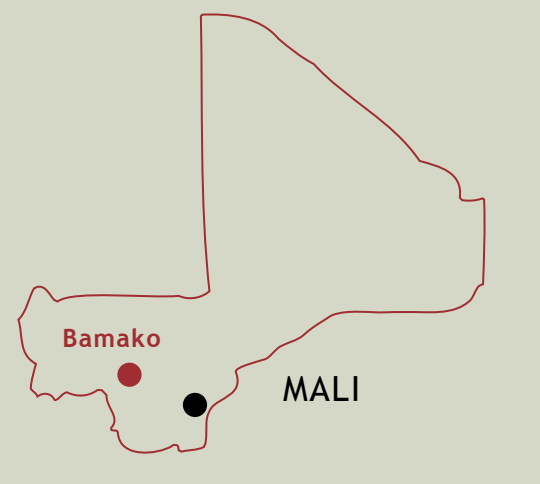
MALI

PROGRAMME: Improving the quality of children's education for very poor households

PROJECTS	LOCATION	N° OF BENEFICIARIES	SDGs
Construction and equipment of classrooms and teacher trainings in the peri-urban area of Sikasso	Bougoula, Circle of Sikasso, Region of Sikasso	268	Goal 4
"Ka Ben Sin Sin" Caravan for promoting peace through cultural activities	Circle of Sikasso, Region of Sikasso, Mali; Province of Kenedougou, Burkina Faso	1.250	Goal 16

COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVE

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SUMMARY

The Republic of Mali is a landlocked country in West Africa. Mali is a mainly rural and agricultural country marked by extreme poverty, which affects the vast majority of its population. The country has been experiencing multidimensional crises for several years. The civil war from 2012 to 2013 increased the poverty of the whole country, and persistent agricultural crisis has caused severe famine and malnutrition. Meanwhile, the quality of education has also deteriorated in Mali. Overcrowding in classrooms, poor school equipment and the lack of training opportunities for teachers are typical conditions, especially in the peri-urban area of the city of Sikasso.

During the period from October 2015 to September 2016, the activities implemented by HOPE'87 in Mali have focused on improving the quality of basic education for children aged 0 to 12 years.

ACTIVITIES

Construction and equipment of classrooms and teacher trainings in the peri-urban area of Sikasso

This project started with preparatory activities in advance of the construction of three classrooms in the area of Sikasso. The main activities were informing and sensitising residents of the area about the project. In the framework of community discussions carried out by HOPE'87 in Mali, the associations of parents of schoolchildren as well as the association of teachers, were consulted on the final project planning. A Memorandum of Understanding with education officials from the Circle of Sikasso (Sikasso Teaching Academy) is in preparation and will determine further objectives of the project. In cooperation with all educational partners, the project area was identified and construction plans for the development of classrooms have been made. Construction work is scheduled to start in the near future.

"Ka Ben Sinsin" Caravan: A cultural and educational caravan for promoting peace

Meaning 'to spread peace', the "Ka Ben Sinsin" Caravan was a project aimed at disseminating conflict prevention techniques and promoting intercultural dialogue among communities. Its main objective was to strengthen social cohesion and harmony in the third district of the Sikasso Circle of Mali and in the southeastern border zone, extending into the province of Kenedougou in Burkina Faso. Activities included theatre shows as well as open cultural forums and training workshops for peace. Both young people from youth associations and civil society leaders took part in the peace training workshops. Over 1,250 people in all benefited from the project activities, gaining cultural and educational knowledge as well as capacity for peace building.

This project was implemented in October 2014, and continued its planned activities until the end of September 2015 with an extension to December 2015. It was supported by UNESCO Paris through its participation programme.



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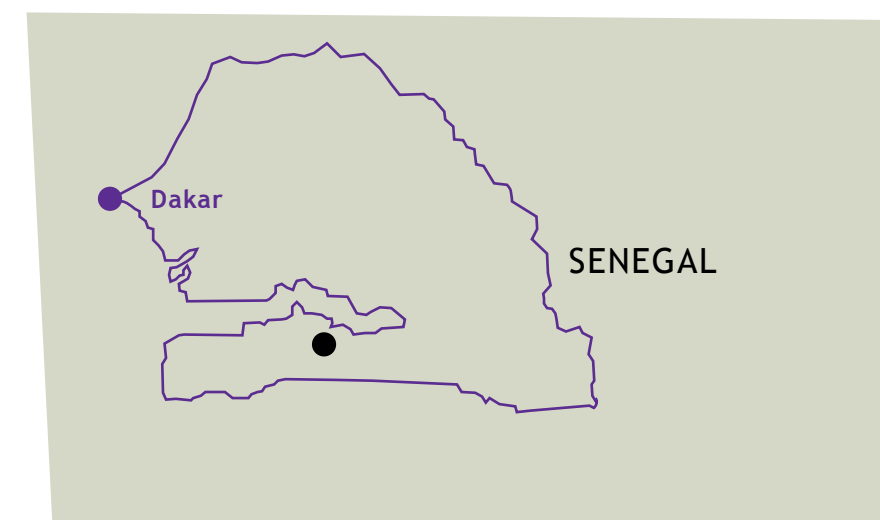
SENEGAL

PROGRAMME: Building capacities of people in urban and peri-urban areas of Senegal by focusing on education, health, infrastructure and income generation

PROJECTS	LOCATION	N° OF BENEFICIARIES	SDGs
"Thiellal Bandu": No chance for AIDS	Médina Chérif, Dep. Kolda	10.058	Goal 3
Fight against HIV/Aids - support for sexual and reproductive health of women	Médina Chérif, Dep. Kolda	5.300	Goal 3
Technical and social support for people affected by road rehabilitation project RN 6 Lot 1	Departements of Ziguinchor, Goudomp and Sédhiou, Region of Sédhiou and of Ziguinchor	1.730	Goal 9
Construction and equipment - Medina Cherif secondary school	Médina Cherif, Dep. Kolda	560	Goals 4, 9
Construction and equipment - Keur Joyce Giraud Ouakam Phase II kindergarten	Ouakam, Dakar	160	Goal 4, 9
Blogger training for promotion of Baraka district	Baraka Sicap Liberté VI, Dakar	4	Goal 8
Awareness raising in Baraka to support the «Cité Baraka» project	Baraka Sicap Liberté VI, Dakar	1.570	Goals 1, 9
Education, health and training in Baraka	Baraka Sicap Liberté VI, Dakar	1.570	Goals 3, 4, 8
Agriculture and improved nutrition for pregnant women and children 0-5 years of age	Médina Chérif, Dep. Kolda	50	Goals 1, 2, 3
Rehabilitation of agro-produce processing units (grain-mills) in the community of Mampatim	Médina Chérif, Dep. Kolda	420	Goals 1, 2, 5, 8

COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVE

Boubacar MANE - Geographer



SUMMARY

Difficult economic and climactic conditions make poverty a chronic issue for Senegal, a Sahelian country with a largely rural population base. Despite outstanding recent political and economic improvements as well as social reconciliation efforts led by the government of President Macky Sall, Senegal fell from 163rd to 170th position in the most recent Human Development Index issued by UNDP (2014). Key elements in the fight against poverty include improving the education of children and young people, promoting gender equality and fostering respect for human dignity. The initiatives undertaken by HOPE'87 aim to address the precarious living conditions of the poorest populations and raise the level of development in Senegal as a whole. An extensive project began in 2015 to alleviate poverty in Baraka, a slum district in the capital of Dakar. The project objective is the rehabilitation of Baraka into a modern district with training facilities and new possibilities for employment. Together with its partner, the YOU Foundation - Education for Children in Need - HOPE'87 has already undertaken substantial preparatory work to raise awareness in Baraka and started with the first small-scale actions for the project.

ACTIVITIES

“Thiëllal Bandu”: No chance for AIDS

Thiëllal Bandu, which means “women’s health” in the local language Pulaar, is helping to improve the sexual and reproductive health of the population by offering information and awareness about HIV/AIDS across five sectors and 47 villages of the community of Medina Chérif. This encompasses 10,312 inhabitants, of which 5,362 are women. The project has educated 7,826 people, including 4,693 women, through a series of trainings, lectures, film broadcasts and advocacy activities. Radio broadcasts by the community radio programme of Velingara informed an additional 45,000 people.

As part of this project, seven health centres have been refurbished and provided with medical equipment, while medical and psycho-social support are being offered to people living with HIV/AIDS. Implemented in partnership with ADRA-Senegal, ADRA-Austria and ADRA-Denmark, this project is co-funded by the Austrian Development Cooperation and HOPE'87.

Fight against HIV/Aids- support for sexual and reproductive health of women

The objective of this project is to inform women, especially pregnant girls and young mothers, about the means of transmission of the HIV/Aids virus, as well as consequences of infection and possible treatments. Targeted sensitisation and advocacy work is especially needed in rural areas in order to prevent the spread of HIV/Aids among girls and young women. Information activities span the range from focus group discussions to village theatre, and have included village gatherings, short wave radio transmissions, sex education for young girls and specific talks with pregnant women about mother-child transmission. Other social mobilisation actions include support for voluntary HIV screenings, distribution of condoms, improvement of capacities of members of the community health services, such as formally trained as well as traditional midwives, and financial support for people living with HIV/Aids. All of these activities have contributed to improved awareness and a drastic reduction of the prevalence of HIV/Aids in the project area.

The project was implemented in cooperation with the YOU Foundation - Education for Children in Need and generously financed by readers of the German newspaper *Recklinghäuser Zeitung*.

Technical and social support for the people affected by the road rehabilitation project RN 6 Lot 1

Road rehabilitation project NR6 aimed to improve a strategic corridor covering a distance of more than 100km, from Ziguinchor to Tanaff. Funded by the U.S. government, it constitutes a major innovation in terms of policy and implementation of road infrastructure in Senegal. The project as a whole represents a vision for structural investment in an area with great potential for economic development through the creation of new employment opportunities.

Nevertheless, a project of this magnitude also has an - often underestimated - impact on local communities, especially those living near the construction sites. Since the road rehabilitation project is affecting not only property rights but also causing people’s displacement, a Resettlement Action Plan (RAP) has been developed in accordance with the operational policy on involuntary resettlement by the World Bank. Current figures show that at least 1.730 people have been adversely affected by the road rehabilitation project, either through agriculture-related losses (land rights problems, property disputes, etc.), loss of place of business or loss of residence.

In order to mitigate local communities’ risks up front, the Millennium Challenge Account (MCA) Senegal decided to start with the implementation of resettlement measures in accordance with the Resettlement Action Plan, including reconstruction of agricultural means of production. Entrusted to HOPE'87-Senegal and its local partner RADI, this community rehabilitation project was successfully concluded at the end of 2015.

Construction and equipment - Medina Cherif secondary school

Due to poor conditions the College d’Enseignement Moyen (CEM) was affected by a high drop-out rate. According to the Inspectorate of Education and Training in Kolda, the drop-out rate was 37 % between 2009 and 2013. To counter this trend and foster CEM’s success, the project’s activities focused on building and equipping new school facilities. These included new classrooms, a 520m-long boundary wall, an administrative block with a staff room, a principal’s office, an office for the superintendent and sanitation facilities. In addition, training programmes for teachers have improved their working conditions and educational efforts. By improving conditions for learning in the school, the project has had a significant impact on the success rate of students. It was implemented in cooperation with the YOU Foundation - Education for Children in Need - and financed by the German corporation ZF-Friedrichshafen.

The new school premises were inaugurated on January 14th 2016 in the presence of a representative of the donor, Dr Robert Omagbemi, UNESCO Special Ambassador Dr Ute H. Ohoven, Vice President of the YOU Foundation- Education for Children in Need Ms Claudia Jerger, and H.E. Dr Caroline Gudenus, Austrian Ambassador to Senegal. The ceremony was presided over by H.E. Mr Serigne Mbaye Thiam, Minister of



National Education and by the Governor of Kolda. Residents of Medina Chérif and some 500 villagers from all over the district enjoyed the inauguration with traditional dances, songs by griots, theatre performances by students of CEM, a military brass band and El Hadji Diouf, the famous Senegalese soccer player.

Construction and equipment - Keur Joyce Giraud Ouakam Phase II kindergarten

The Keur Joyce Giraud de Ohoven kindergarten is located in a poor area of Ouakam, a district of the capital Dakar and was renovated and equipped in previous years with financial support of the YOU Foundation - Education for Children in Need. The new phase involves the construction and equipment of two new classrooms on the roof of the existing infrastructure.

Blogger training for promotion of Baraka

In the context of the rehabilitation of the Baraka slum of Dakar into a modern district, Blog Baraka was launched to promote the latest developments in Baraka worldwide. Katharina Leuck, a popular German blogger, visited Senegal to help create the blog. It is now being operated by three young residents of Baraka, who received an intensive training in blogging methods. Blog Baraka is updated regularly to support the promotion of Baraka worldwide and also to give the population of Baraka a feeling of self-esteem. Local stories in the authentic voice of the people of Baraka can be found at <https://barakadakar.wordpress.com>. This project was implemented by HOPE'87 in cooperation with the YOU Foundation - Education for Children in Need.



Awareness raising in Baraka to support the „Cité Baraka“ project

This outreach project aims to inform inhabitants of the Baraka slum both about the rehabilitation activities addressing the built environment as well as the behavioural changes from them that will be necessary. Home visits, talks, group meetings and village gatherings have focused on the construction work and the opportunity to relocate families from slum huts without running water, electricity or indoor plumbing to apartments in newly constructed houses where they will have the opportunity to gain ownership after 10 years of residency. This project has been funded by the YOU Foundation - Education for Children in Need.

Education, health and training in Baraka

As part of the larger rehabilitation project of the Baraka slum, this initiative, identified several smaller, specific targets for health, education and training. With regard to health, the project offers the services of a family doctor free of charge for all of Baraka. This activity ensures primary health care and treatment of the most common diseases such as diarrhea, malaria and respiratory problems. To improve conditions for education, the primary school of Baraka was repainted, its 120 tables and benches were refurbished by local carpenters and the plumbing of the school latrines was overhauled. Finally, new training opportunities were created in Baraka by converting a vacant hall into a variable temporary training center. Here the neighbourhood's first workshop for female hairdressing is being established to enable girls to integrate into workforce, whilst also promoting the creation of sustainable jobs in Baraka. This project has been led by HOPE'87, in cooperation with the YOU Foundation - Education for Children in Need - along with generous financial support from Mr Samih Sawiris and his company Orascom.

Agriculture and improved nutrition for pregnant women and children 0-5 years of age

The lowland rice-growing region of Casamance in southern Senegal lacks a reliable water supply and is entirely dependent on rainfall. This means that the paddy fields are prone to drought as well as flooding.

Aiming to address that issue through the introduction of new crop varieties, this project aims to improve rainfed paddy and maize cultivation in the rural communities of Mampatim, Médina Chérif and Dialambéré in the Casamance region. It builds on the successful projects undertaken from 2011-2013 by HOPE'87-Sénégal in partnership with Austrian Development Cooperation.

During the 2015/2016 season, 815 ha of rice of short-duration varieties which mature in 105-120 days were cultivated. Even after 90 days of ripening, total production reached 2,500 tonnes, of which 25 tonnes will serve as seed for future seasons. Meanwhile, the cultivation of maize using new crop varieties with traits allowing them to withstand extreme weather such as droughts and flooding yielded a total production of 3,200 tonnes on 1,200ha.

Such results have convinced farmers of the value of “smart crops” adapted to the adverse effects of climate change, by enabling a higher harvest than in previous years. This not only provides the farmers with a reasonable income but also improved the nutrition of pregnant women and children between the ages of 0 to 5.

This programme was carried out in partnership with and financed by USAID/Naatal Mbay and the Pole Pour le Développement de la Casamance (PPDC). The « Casamance Development Pole » is a World Bank Programme for Senegal intended to (i) enhance the agricultural productivity of youth and female farmers for selected crops; and to (ii) improve transport linkages in isolated rural communities in targeted areas of the Casamance region.



Rehabilitation of agro-produce processing units (grain-mills) in the community of Mampatim

The majority of the population in the rural areas of the Casamance region is engaged in subsistence farming. Alongside adapting cultivation techniques and introducing new crop varieties, it is equally important to ensure future sustainability by processing agricultural goods more efficiently. Traditional pounding of maize or millet is a time and energy-intensive task, performed by women in lengthy sessions using a wooden mortar and pestle.

In order to reduce this tedious workload and allow women to use their time for other, more meaningful activities while also offering them a source of income, the project set up 14 grain mills in the community of Mampatim with financial support of the Austrian Development Cooperation in 2006. During the reporting period, eight of the peeling and milling devices were refurbished and partially replaced. This, together with a course in basic accounting procedures has enabled 14 female groups of 30 members each to grind their agricultural products more efficiently and to have a regular income for their 420 households based on 70 tonnes of milled maize, millet and cashew.

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This country's programme contributes to the achievement of the following SDGs:



LATIN AMERICA

(activities administered by the Regional Office for Latin America, Santiago de Chile)

PROGRAMME: Strengthening education for children with special needs

PROJECTS	LOCATION	N° OF BENEFICIARIES	SDGs
Chile: “Es mi casa” - Support for children with special needs in San Francisco de Mostazal	San Francisco de Mostazal - VI. Region, Chile	110	Goals 4, 8
Colombia: Ray of hope for the children of La Estrella/ Medellin	Municipio La Estrella near Medellin, Colombia	30 children, 70 households	Goals 4, 11, 16
Haiti: Give them a chance: socio-educational integration of highly vulnerable children in Petit-Goâve	Petit-Goâve, Haiti	150	Goals 1, 3, 4

COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVE and REGIONAL COORDINATOR FOR LATIN AMERICA
Rudolf LENHART - Austrian General Consul (ret.)



SUMMARY CHILE

Chile is located in southwestern South America between the Andes Mountains and the Pacific Ocean. Before the Spanish conquest, Chile was populated by the Mapuche people, whose descendents still live in the south of Chile. In 1810, after 275 years of colonisation, Chile became a republic. Following a coup against President Allende in 1973, there was a period of often bloody rule by the military. Since 1990, Chile has again had an elected democratic government, as well as one of the most dynamic economies of Latin America. But despite stable growth, the remote northern and southern parts of the country suffer from poor infrastructure, lack of educational opportunities and inadequate medical facilities. Children, young people and marginalised groups are most affected.

HOPE’87-Chile not only serves as Country Office but also fulfils the tasks of a Regional Coordination Office. In this regard the HOPE’87 office in Chile monitors regional activities and interventions in development and humanitarian aid in other South American countries such as Peru and Brazil. Although projects in Chile and Peru officially finished in 2013 and 2014, they are still being supported to ensure their sustainability.

ACTIVITIES CHILE

“Es mi casa” - Support for children with special needs in San Francisco de Mostazal

This project near Santiago de Chile facilitated construction of a workshop and a school for disabled children. With the construction work now completed, children have been able to start studying in an inviting environment. Relief supplies including wheelchairs, crutches and white canes were donated to the school. Thanks to the valuable cooperation with the organisation “Trekking Chile” headed by Mr Franz Schubert, the Regional Office for Latin America can support “Es mi casa” beyond the end of the project timeline. The regional coordinator for Latin America visits the school on a regular basis and maintains ongoing contact with the director and teachers, to ensure the sustainability of the project in the future.



ACTIVITIES COLOMBIA

Ray of hope for the children of La Estrella/ Medellin

The community of La Estrella near the Colombian city of Medellin is afflicted by extreme poverty and social inequality. With poor living standards, a high crime rate and ongoing social conflicts, the population faces difficult conditions in health, housing, welfare and education. Addressing children as the most vulnerable members of the community, this project aims at promoting the right to education for pre-schoolers (5-6 years).

Under the guidance of pedagogic experts, groups of children receive instruction in subjects such as peace building, ecology and communication in their leisure time. Seventy of the community’s poorest families have benefited from the project. Partnerships with local organisations such as CEDAL - Centro de Comunicación Educativa Audiovisual, Comunidad de las Hermanas de la Providencia Social Cristiana and the Institución Educativa Bernardo Arango Macías ensure the sustainable impact of the project. It is funded by the YOU Foundation - Education for Children in Need.





ACTIVITIES HAITI

Give them a chance: Socio-educational integration of highly vulnerable children in Petit-Goâve

Haiti has an illiteracy rate of 47.1%, making education key to development, social transformation and breaking the cycle of poverty. Although the government launched a free primary education program in 2011, the most vulnerable children have not benefited from this reform. With public schools accounting for less than 20% of schools in the country, access remains extremely limited. Private schools are also out of reach as parents are required to pay school fees and cater for other related needs such as school uniforms and school supplies.

This intervention aims to provide poor children of Petit-Goâve access to education. Petit-Goâve is a coastal community in the Léogâne Arrondissement, about 68 kilometres southwest of the capital Port-au-Prince. The region has suffered tremendously since the devastating earthquake of 2010 and Hurricanes Isaac and Sandy in 2012.

The main goal of this project will be to improve access to educational services for the most vulnerable, with a particular focus on the restavek, children whose parents send them into domestic servitude. “Give them a chance”, in partnership with Ecole Adventiste Maranatha de Petit-Goâve, provides all school fees and school materials for beneficiary children to create an environment conducive to teaching and learning. Furthermore there is psychological support to enable the children to cope with the consequences of their social conditions.

Additional action is being undertaken to sensitise families, local leaders (administration, police, justice), religious leaders, and the media to the rights and needs of children living in dire conditions.

Over the long term, HOPE’87 and its partner ADRA believe that this intervention will contribute to raising community awareness of children’s right to education, as well as to rebuilding the country and its social transformation.

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- H.E. Ambassador Armin Ernesto Andereya Latorre, Ambassador of Chile to Austria
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Agencies

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- Comunidad de las Hermanas de la Providencia Social Cristiana
- Institución Educativa Bernardo Arango Macías

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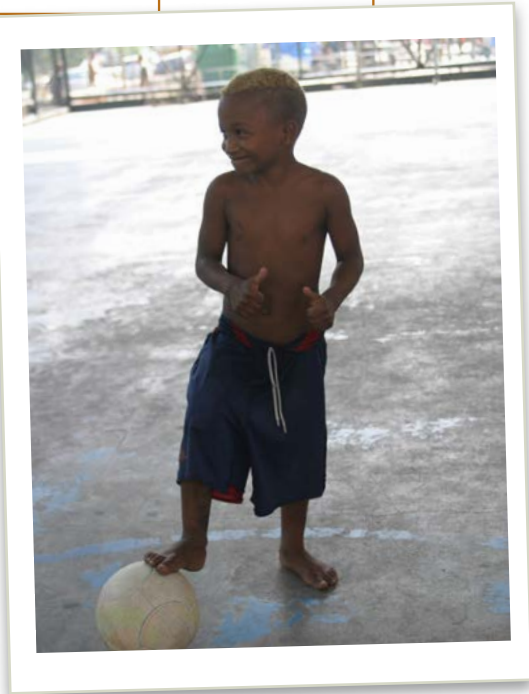
BRAZIL

(activities supported by the Regional Office for Latin America, Santiago de Chile)

PROGRAMME: Improving educational opportunities of children and young people

PROJECTS	LOCATION	N° OF BENEFICIARIES	SDGs
Base Brasil - Living a Dream	Santos, Rio de Janeiro	3.000	Goal 10

PROJECT PARTNER
Markus SCHRUF - Football Coach and Manager



SUMMARY

The Federative Republic of Brazil is the largest country in South and Latin America and the fifth-largest country worldwide by both area and population. Thanks to the Amazon River basin, Brazil boasts diverse wildlife and a variety of ecological systems. As a result, there is tremendous global interest around deforestation and environmental protection in Brazil. The most important industries are agriculture, mining, manufacturing and the service sector. Brazil has been the largest producer of coffee for the last 150 years. Until 2010, the country had one of the world’s fastest-growing major economies. Recognition and influence at the international level were rising. Then, in 2014 the country entered a recession amid a political corruption scandal and nationwide protests. The recession is ongoing. Brazil has above-average levels of violent crime and particularly high levels of gun violence and homicide. The country’s international profile has been boosted by hosting several international sporting events including the 2014 FIFA World Cup and the 2016 Olympic Games and 2016 Paralympic Games. At the same time, violent protests against these events have also brought international attention to the high levels of inequality within Brazil’s population.

ACTIVITIES

Base Brasil - Living a Dream

The project’s overall goal is to improve educational structures and opportunities for children and young people through training in sports. In cooperation with local teachers, Base Brasil coaches are training hundreds of boys and girls in different kinds of sports on a regular basis. The community competence centres organised by the project are places where young people are able to play sports such as football, futsal, handball, basketball, volleyball, before and after school in favelas like Complexo do Alemão in Rio de Janeiro and others in Santos that do not have recreational facilities. Base Brasil coaches follow the educational principles of the Non-Violence-Project (NVP) and are all NVP Master Trainers. As social educators, the Base Brasil coaches train teachers, junior coaches and school classes in the principles of NVP. Ethical values, with a focus on the content of the Sports for Peace Programme, comprise an important component of the sports trainings. The Sports for Peace Programme is divided into exercises covering conflict management, self-esteem, communication and emotional regulation. To improve educational opportunities and career prospects for children and young people, job orientation and preparation seminars are offered in partnership with Escola Total. HOPE’87, with co-funding from the YOU Foundation - Education for Children in Need, has supported the implementation of Base Brasil under the patronage of Mr Jerome Boateng, football player and member of the German national football team.

INSTITUTIONAL CONTACTS

- Project Partner**
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 - Sports for Peace Programme.
 - Escola Total in Rio de Janeiro and Santos
- Diplomatic Representatives**
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This country’s programme contributes to the achievement of the following SDGs:



BANGLADESH

PROGRAMME: Primary and mass education, health care support, technical and skill training, youth development and emergency response

PROJECTS	LOCATION	N° OF BENEFICIARIES	MDGs
Milon Night School for Street Children	Jurain, Old Dhaka City	195	Goal 1, 4
School for Underprivileged Children (SUC)	Dhaka City Chittagong City	275 300	Goal 1, 4
Health Care for children & women	Jurain, Old Dhaka City	1.531	Goal 3
Youth Employment through Skills - YES Centre	District of Cox's Bazar and Capital city of Dhaka	400	Goals 1, 5, 8
HOPE Technical Training Centre	Gandaria, Old Dhaka City	123	Goal 8
Humanitarian support for the orphaned children of Rana Plaza Tragedy	Rural sub-district Savar, Dhaka	9	
Promoting Youth Event & Youth Initiatives	Dhaka district, Bangladesh Sri Lanka	86	Goal 17
Disaster Relief	Kurigram District	700	

COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVE

Mohd. Rezaul KARIM - Social Worker



SUMMARY

Bangladesh is located at an important strategic position in South Asia. It connects the South Asian Association for Regional Cooperation (SAARC) and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations (ASEAN). Its economy is primarily based on agriculture, fishing and textile industries. Ensuring inclusive growth has turned out to be a major challenge for Bangladesh. Being one of the most disaster-afflicted countries in the world, the country has faced a high number of natural disasters like cyclones and floods that have strained the capacity of the nation in recent years. Furthermore it is one of the most densely populated countries in the world. According to the recent Human Development Report of UNDP, Bangladesh is considered, despite the tremendous and laudable efforts of its government, a country with low human development, where 57.8 % of the population lives in multidimensional poverty.

The general intervention strategy in Bangladesh comprises education, skills training, youth programs, health supports and humanitarian aid components for the underprivileged and others in need, especially children, along with women and the physically challenged. HOPE'87 has established a number of successful humanitarian and development projects including several night schools, a mobile school as well as a health centre and a youth training centre. During the period covered by this report, HOPE'87-Bangladesh followed up on its ongoing projects to guarantee their success and to achieve the targeted goals. HOPE'87 also continues to promote and support youth initiatives, youth events and youth networking to motivate young people in several community development activities and to encourage them to become volunteers themselves. A total of 4,450 people and their families benefited from this year's programmes.

ACTIVITIES

Milon Night School for Street Children

Although schooling is free of charge in Bangladesh, many children are forced to drop out of the education cycle due to poverty. Of those that do attend school, academic performance suffers when children are in the workforce. This project addresses the strong negative correlation between child labour and school attendance. Since most working children are employed in small factories or shops during the day, they are unable to attend a regular school. HOPE'87 initiated a Night School project in 2012 to reintegrate street children into the formal education system. So far, 427 working children have been attending evening classes from 6pm to 8.30pm in this Night School. Apart from providing basic primary education, the Night School also prepares students to take the examinations required of students to continue their education. Seven students of class V attended this year's Primary School Certificate (PSC) exam and were admitted to secondary school. The Night School program provides fully equipped classrooms with the necessary school materials. Children receive textbooks as well as light refreshment. Furthermore, they have the opportunity to participate in educational tours, annual sports competitions and art classes every year.

School for Underprivileged Children - SUC

Similar to the Night School programme, this project aims to help disadvantaged children in the workforce by making it easier for them to go to school. In this case, the approach is a mobile school consisting of a specially adapted bus, which has been equipped with school benches and a blackboard, providing space for a total of 50 students at a time. The bus moves around to different places in Chittagong City from 7:30am to 9pm, conducting seven sessions a day for classes I to V. There is a fixed route and schedule, which allows students to get on the bus at the right time and at the right place for their classes. This year, 496 children attended classes in the mobile school. Thirteen students of class V attended this year's Primary School Certificate (PSC) exam and were admitted to secondary school. The project successfully ended in May 2016. Furthermore, HOPE'87 was able to support two additional night schools in Dhaka city, attended by 275 children. Activities like annual sports and cultural competition events, art classes as well as educational excursions have been arranged and children from both Night Schools participated. The mobile school project was made possible through the support of the annual Christmas campaign of the German newspaper *Recklinghäuser Zeitung* in partnership with the YOU Foundation - Education for Children in Need, and HOPE'87.

Humanitarian support to the orphaned children of Rana Plaza

In 2013 hundreds of children were orphaned in the Rana Plaza tragedy in Savar, when the building collapsed. On the first anniversary of the disaster in 2014, HOPE'87-Bangladesh carried out an assessment to identify such children. Many orphans who had lost their mother or father were found to be living with their grandparents or other relatives. Stricken by poverty, they now struggle to survive, HOPE'87, with funding from the YOU Foundation- Education for Children in Need, is providing a monthly stipend to 9 children for them to continue their school education.

Health Care for Children & Women

Slum dwellers and other underprivileged people in Bangladesh are not able to pay for private healthcare, while public health care facilities are inadequate. To address this issue, HOPE'87 has been providing free health care services in Bangladesh since 1998. The main component is a weekly health camp in Dhaka, which provides regular primary health treatments, medical check-ups, prescriptions and medication. The health camp mostly concentrates on female patients, pregnant women and children, as well as physically challenged and elderly people. The weekly health camp has completed 819 weeks of service and reached 38,567

patients so far. During the reporting year, the Health Care Project provided aid for 1503 patients, including 974 women, 401 children and 163 men. In cooperation with the four government hospital social welfare offices, 28 referred hospital patients received special health care support through volunteers. Support includes assistance for hospital admission, testing and medication. Furthermore within the project two health care and hygiene sessions were organized for schoolchildren enrolled in HOPE'87's night schools.



Promoting Youth Event & Youth Initiatives

In order to provide young people with networking opportunities and the chance to share experiences while also developing practical knowledge, HOPE'87 organized a youth exchange program and youth camp in Bangladesh and Sri Lanka. In cooperation with the Department of Youth Development Bangladesh and the National Youth Services Council Sri Lanka, a Youth Exchange Program was organized between Bangladesh and Sri Lanka this year. Thirty youth attended the weeklong program.

Youth Employment through Skills - YES Centre

Poverty is not just a deficiency of financial assets but also of knowledge, skills and confidence. HOPE'87 aims to empower youth, especially girls and young women, by developing their capacities and increasing their access to economic activities through the YES Centre project. HOPE'87, in cooperation with its local partner YPSA, established a multipurpose training centre at Cox Bazar and a small satellite training venue in Dhaka to offer courses ranging from ICT and English classes to hotel management and textile industry-related trainings. Students may also enrol in office management and secretarial training, basic accountancy and bookkeeping, and a life skills education course with a focus on human rights and gender equality. Disaster risk reduction (DRR) is a transversal topic strengthening the resilience of all course participants. Four hundred youth, of which 60% are young women, benefit from this project. The YES Centre helps the upcoming generation integrate into society as responsible citizens, knowing their rights and duties. This initiative of HOPE'87 to assist youth in Bangladesh in finding decent work and lasting employment was generously supported by the YOU Foundation - Education for Children in Need.

HOPE Technical Training Centre

One of the priority initiatives of the government of Bangladesh is ensuring Bangladesh's competitiveness in the global market and reducing poverty by improving the quality of vocational education and training. HOPE'87-Bangladesh started the Hope Technical Training Centre in 2001 with the aim of providing in-house trainings for skilled professions and eventually employment opportunities for the local youth.

During the reporting period, a total of 123 youth and school students underwent practical training in subjects such as computer skills and tailoring. Each trainee received an official certificate confirming his or her skills training. So far the centre has successfully trained 4,269 students. It is located in Old Dhaka city and affiliated with the Bangladesh Technical Education Board. Originally funded by the European Union, this project is now supported by the International Labour Organisation.



Disaster relief

In mid-July 2016, heavy monsoon rains had swollen the Brahmaputra, the Jamuna, the Dharla and the Ghaghot Rivers above their respective danger marks. More than 800,000 people in the districts of Kurigram, Bogra, Sirajganj and Jamalpur were affected. Thousands were forced to leave their dwellings and camp in the open, suffering shortages of food, drinking water and medicines, along with poor hygienic conditions.

HOPE'87-Bangladesh conducted a rapid needs assessment from 7-10 August with the help of its local partner NGO Muhideb Jubo Samaj Kallayan Samiti (MJSKS) in the affected villages of Chilmari Upazila and Ulipur Upazila in Kurigram District. The district is situated 380 km north of the capital Dhaka and takes 10 hours drive to reach by car. Travel to the affected villages, some of them on small river islands, takes another 90 minutes by boat. Based on the assessment results, a HOPE'87 humanitarian aid team visited the flood-affected areas and provided humanitarian aid support to the victims.

HOPE'87-Bangladesh distributed cash support to flood-affected families of the Tethrai Union of Chilmari Upazila in Kurigram District at the Union Parishad (local authority) office. A representative of the Austrian Consulate in Dhaka assisted with the distribution. HOPE'87-Bangladesh also organized a small mobile medical camp to provide short-term medical treatment to about 250 patients of Master Para Village of Astamir Char Union, in Chilmari Upazila. It also provided 450 food parcels for victims in Jatrapur Union on the bank of the river Dharola of Kurigram Sadar Upazila.

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- H.E. Ambassador Md Abu Zafar, Ambassador of Bangladesh to Austria
- H.E. Tasvir Ul Islam, Hon. Consul of Austria to Bangladesh
- Mr Tarik Ahsan, High Commissioner of Bangladesh to Sri Lanka

Agencies

- UNFPA
- Bangladesh Red Crescent Society
- Bangladesh Scouts
- WSDA - Workplace Skill Development Academy, New Zealand

NGOs

- Ms Eva Kernova, Founder/Director, The Choice to Change Foundation, Dhaka, Bangladesh
- Bangladesh Urban Forum
- The Global Forum on Sustainable Development (SGFSD)

This country's programme contributes to the achievement of the following SDGs:



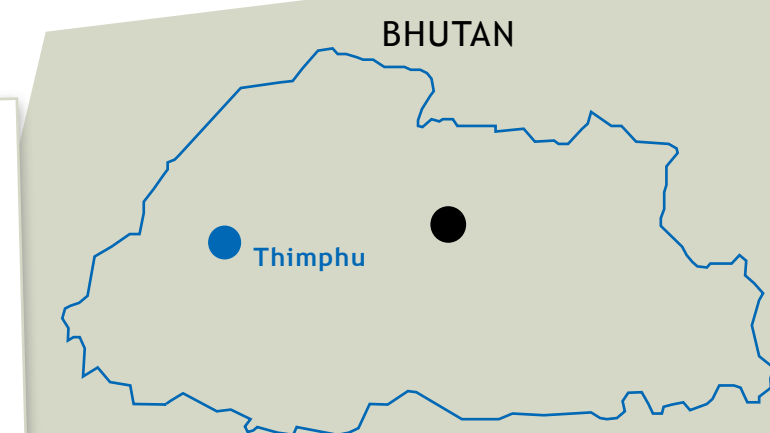
BHUTAN

PROGRAMME: Enabling literacy for young monks - Basic English and IT classes

PROJECTS	LOCATION	N° OF BENEFICIARIES	SDGs
Enabling literacy for young monks	Tharpaling, Bumthang	100	Goal 4

COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVE

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SUMMARY

Bhutan is a landlocked country located between China to the north and India to the south. The country measures 38,394 square kilometres in size. The national language is Dzongkha and the majority of Bhutanese are Buddhist. As of 2005, the population of the country is around 700,000. Under the guidance of the present king, the country elected its first democratic government in 2008. Bhutan is mostly an agrarian country with 69,45% of its population living in rural areas. The country's development philosophy is based on Gross National Happiness (GNH) rather than Gross Domestic Product. The GNH concept emphasizes general well-being of the people rather than increasing domestic product. There are four pillars of GNH: socio-economic development, environmental conservation, cultural preservation and good governance.

The economy of the country is heavily dependent on agriculture and the main sources of foreign exchange earnings come from hydroelectric projects and tourism. The country holds strong economic alignments with India in terms of trade and imports, financial assistance and especially labourers.

According to the World Factbook, about half the population is illiterate. Approximately 12% of the population lives below the poverty line.

Most educational, social, and environment programs are administered by multilateral development organizations, whilst the government keeps an eye on their cultural and environmental adequacy.

Early in 2014, a national HOPE'87-Bhutan chapter was registered with the Civil Society Organization's Authority under the name of "Remoen". It focuses its activities on the support of underprivileged and vulnerable children and youth, especially in the Bumthang district of Eastern Bhutan.

ACTIVITIES

Enabling literacy for young monks

This ongoing project aimed at educating novice monks is located in Tharpaling, in the Bumthang district, nearly 300 kilometres from the capital of Thimphu. Tharpaling Monastery was built in the 14th century by Lama (Great Master) Kuenphen Longchenpa during his self-exile from Tibet. Located at an altitude of 3,600 meters in a very remote area of the country without modern amenities, it takes a 10-11 hour journey by car from Thimphu to Chumey and another one hour by car from the main road or a day's walk on foot to get there.

In most cases, children are sent to the monastery by their parents, while others become monks out of an interest in spirituality. However, it is often also a question of poverty, as families know that if a child is accepted as a novice, the monastery will cover their basic needs and offer some form of education. The monasteries by and large use a pedagogical format of decades past, untouched by modern technology.

However, in recent years, some Buddhist monasteries in Bhutan have begun to introduce English as a second language to enable novices to communicate with foreigners and to familiarise themselves with basic computer knowledge. This was done out of recognition that novices need skills adapted to modern requirements in a broader sense as well, to improve their living conditions and life options; especially if, at the age of 19, they choose to leave the monastery and return to their families.

At the request of the Rinpoche (abbot), Remoen and HOPE'87 began organising English and IT training programs at Tharpaling Monastery in 2014. These children and young adults had never been to a modern school before; many come from poor families. Some are orphaned or have disabilities. Until the project started, the monks had been engaged in Buddhist teachings and spiritual practice only.

The language classes are designed to help master reading, listening, and speaking in English. The IT courses aim to give learners with no previous computer experience an introduction to computing. Topics include first steps in using a computer, using the internet and email, how to be safe on-line and office software fundamentals.

The teachers engaged in the project are not only involved with English and computer literacy classes, but also teach other subjects as needed. Furthermore, they have taught the monks about the importance of physical exercise for health, by doing sports like playing football or dancing. The monks attend two hours of English and computer literacy classes every day. They have also learnt to sing English nursery rhymes to improve their pronunciation. In order to keep the students active and interested, monks are shown Bhutanese and other educational movies each weekend.

The project has also supplied ten desktop computers, one heavy-duty photocopy machine, a printer, a projector, stationery for two years (books/pen/pencil and papers), white boards, tables and chairs. The monks have been grateful to have the opportunity to access quality education along with their traditional form of studies and Buddhist practices. Since being implemented, the project, which was co-funded by the YOU Foundation - Education for Children in Need, has benefited approximately 100 monks and novices between the ages of 5 and 30.



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This country's programme contributes to the achievement of the following SDGs:



NEPAL

PROGRAMME: Improving safety and hygiene in earthquake-affected communities

PROJECTS	LOCATION	N° OF BENEFICIARIES	SDGs
Building community resilience to disaster by promoting and mainstreaming DRM and climate adaptation initiatives	Kavre District	1.500	Goal 3

PROJECT PARTNER
Marcel WAGNER - Managing Director of ADRA Austria

SUMMARY

The Federal Democratic Republic of Nepal is a landlocked country in South Asia with a population of 26.4 million. Nepal’s economy depends on tourism, handcrafts, garments, carpets, tea, coffee, IT services, banking and hydropower. Nepal experiences five seasons: summer, monsoon, autumn, winter and spring. In a land once thickly forested, deforestation is a major problem in all regions, with resulting erosion and degradation of ecosystems.

Nepal is bordered by China to the north and India to the south, east and west. Located in the Himalayas, the country is home to eight of the world’s ten tallest mountains including Mount Everest. The Himalayan or Tibetan Plateau developed through the collision between the Indian subcontinent and Eurasia. Nepal lies completely within this collision zone. The Indian plate continues to move north relative to Asia at the rate of approximately 50 mm per year. Researchers believe there is a 70-year delay between earthquakes in the region. After the devastating earthquake of 1934 in Nepal and the mega earthquake of 15 April, 2015 and 12 May 2015 Nepalese people assume there will be further earthquakes in the near future. In cooperation with ADRA Austria, HOPE’87 attempts to build the community resilience through responsive governance for disaster risk reduction and emergency preparedness in Nepal in post disaster scenarios.

ACTIVITIES

Building community resilience to disaster by promoting and mainstreaming disaster risk management (DRM) and climate adaptation initiatives

The mega earthquakes of 25 April and 12 May 2015 had a major impact on Nepal. The government immediately declared a state of emergency and requested international assistance. Apart from the destruction of thousands of houses and office blocks, the water supply was also damaged to a great extent. The regular flow of water from mountain sources was disrupted. Destroyed latrines and the contamination of water sources led to a waterborne disease outbreak in the community settlement of Kavre District. The immediate response led by ADRA Nepal in cooperation with HOPE’87 included distribution of temporary shelter kits, emergency food packs, household water filtration units, hygiene kits, mosquito nets, and school and health centre tents. In addition, the project focused on building and repairing latrines, refurbishing the drinking water supply system, providing gardening tools and fast growing seeds and kitchen garden training, along with distribution of solar lights and dignity kits for personal hygiene. A total of 150 people were on hand to assist in the project area, drawn from a pool of trained and skilled local volunteers, community-based organisations (CBOs) and self-help groups.

To foster resilience against future disasters, the project also had a school-based safety component. This included the training of teachers, parents and students on school safety and first aid. Now children, teachers, parents and educational authorities all understand the importance of school safety and have adopted the Safe School Safety Framework to raise awareness, prepare and promote resilience in the education sector.

This project was implemented by a local organization, Nangshal Association Nepal (NAN), with the technical assistance of ADRA Nepal and partial financial support from the YOU Foundation - Education for Children in Need.

INSTITUTIONAL CONTACTS

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 - Nangshal Association Nepal (NAN)

This programme contributes to the achievement of the following SDGs:



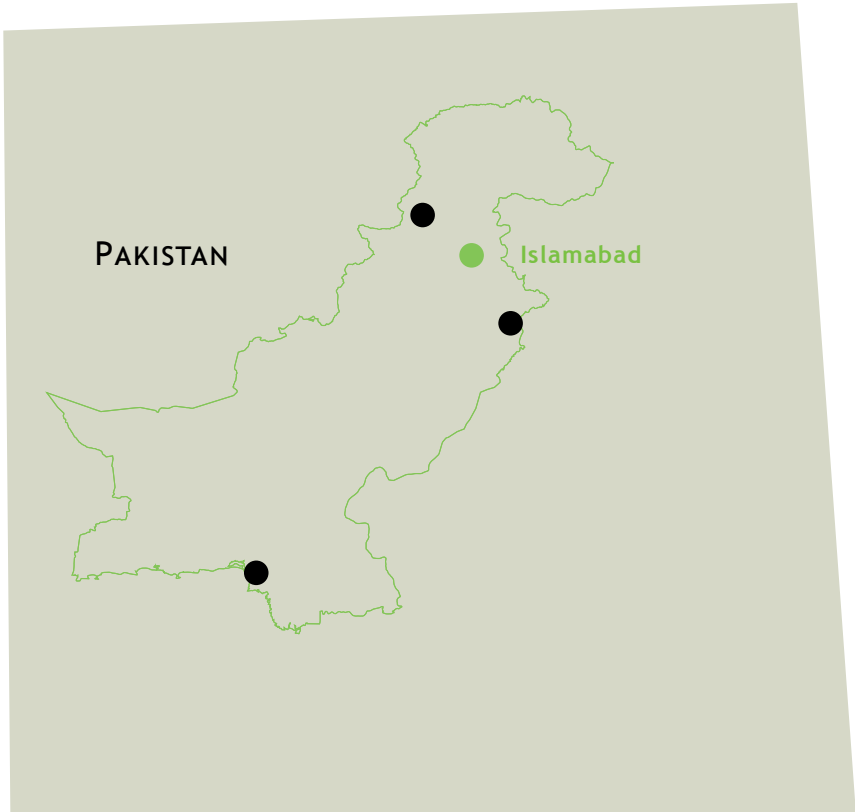
PAKISTAN

PROGRAMME: Promoting peace-building, institutionalised disaster preparedness, education in emergencies, gender equality, skills training & youth employment, capacity building, income generation and humanitarian relief

PROJECTS	LOCATION	N° OF BENEFICIARIES	SDGs
A Safer Tomorrow - institutionalising disaster preparedness in the education system (DIPECHO III)	District Chitral and District Malakand, Province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	323.154	Goal 3
Flood Response 2015 & support for earthquake victims	District Layyah, Province of Punjab, District Chitral and District Swat, Province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	6.340	
Preserving equal citizenship in Pakistan	Islamabad - Province of Baluchistan, Peshawar - Province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK), Lahore - Province of Punjab, Karachi - Province of Sindh	247.350	Goals 8, 10, 16
HOPE Centre of learning/ HOPE Centre for human development	countrywide	58.300	Goals 4, 5
Adaptation of E-learning Centre (AELC)	Peshawar, Province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	2.100	Goals 4, 5, 8

COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVE AND REGIONAL COORDINATOR FOR CENTRAL & SOUTH(EAST) ASIA

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SUMMARY

Pakistan is ranked 146th on the UN Human Development Index (HDI). It is among those developing Pakistan continues to suffer from natural and human induced hazards that affect the life and livelihood of its citizens. Consequences of climate change like heavy monsoon rains have led to flash floods and the flooding of the Indus River in various locations across Pakistan. In 2015 the Chitral district in the province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK) was badly impacted by flooding, with an estimated 285,000 people affected. Parts of Gilgit, Baltistan, Punjab and Sindh were also affected. In October 2015 a 7.5-magnitude earthquake hit the district of Chitral. A total of 19,299 houses, representing about 33% of the total housing stock in the district, were damaged. In response to these natural disasters in 2015, relief assistance projects were implemented in severely affected districts of KPK and Punjab. Other projects focus on school safety, peace building and education in emergencies.

ACTIVITIES

A Safer Tomorrow - institutionalising disaster preparedness in the education system

This project, called STDP 3, focuses on the implementation of school safety in the education system. School-based activities like speech competitions and drawing competitions as well as audio messages developed and aired through radio channels have generated awareness within schools and communities. A special training program for teachers and students provided information about how to behave in times of crises. This included Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) for dealing with natural or man-made hazards as well as terrorist attacks on schools. Along with a set of tools for capacity building on a local level, a monitoring mechanism on a national level has also been developed. At the current state of STDP 3, the programme is being examined and optimised to make a Comprehensive School Safety Framework (CSSF) operational. The collaboration between HOPE’87, IDEA and CARE International on this project exemplifies the kind of cross-regional and organizational support that will make implementation of STDP 3 sustainable over the long term. This intervention was co-funded by the European Commission Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection Office (ECHO) and the Austrian Development Cooperation (ADC).

Flood response 2015 & support for earthquake victims

In response to flood and earthquake destruction in 2015, relief assistance projects were implemented in severely affected districts of KPK and Punjab. In Phase One, hygiene kits were distributed to a total of 6,340 families. Phase Two consists of a project proposal called WASH for life. HOPE’87 and Aga Khan Planning and Building Services (AKPBS), co-funded by ECHO, plan to implement rehabilitated drinking water supply systems, whilst also promoting hygiene and sanitation in Chitral district. The principal objective is to foster resilience against water stresses and shocks in the context of humanitarian crises by providing access to WASH services.

Preserving equal citizenship in Pakistan

The project’s overall objective is to support the enhancement and preservation of equal citizenship and constitutional literacy in Pakistan for religious minorities. A nationwide peace-building project, it addresses the federal capital of Islamabad and four provincial capitals of Quetta, Peshawar, Lahore and Karachi. Religious tolerance is key to the project’s success. In order to develop a national strategy on religious tolerance, consultative meetings were held with religious leaders from different sects, resulting in more awareness about the various kinds of knowledge, attitude and practice among them. Approximately 247.350 people, (40% women and 50% youth) from different creeds, confessions and sects are expected to benefit from the project activities. The action is co-funded by the European Commission and Austrian Development Cooperation.



HOPE Centre of learning / HOPE Centre for human development

The project HOPE Centre of Learning/HOPE Centre of Human Development promotes nationwide quality education in Pakistan. It strengthens the conceptual knowledge and pedagogical skills of teachers in primary and secondary schools. In cooperation with The Citizen Foundation (TCF) and its faculty, teachers will have access to training modules for primary and secondary levels. Following a programmatic approach, TCF's Education Department prepares training content to enhance learning outcomes among children. The main hardware components are funded by OFID, while training modules are co-funded by Austrian Development Cooperation.



Adaptation of E-learning Centres (AELC)

This project is located in Peshawar district, in the province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK) and aims to complement efforts by the KPK government to establish public-private partnerships for skills development. The overall objective of the project is for small and medium-sized businesses and enterprises (SMEs) to enhance their performance and outreach through young talent, whilst the specific aim of the action is for young men and women to access better employment opportunities by virtue of having improved their competencies at e-learning skills centres. The project aims to build bridges between SME employers and job seekers. Both parties benefit: the SMEs are able to hire more skilled employees to meet their specific needs and job seekers receive trainings that improve their employability and retention.

As the second-poorest province in Pakistan, access to skilled work is vital for the population of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa. It is especially important for youth and women, who have the lowest participation in the country's workforce at present.

The project will provide trainings to 240 youth (about 50% girls) per year in one adapted e-learning center in a government high school whilst 192 youth (about 50% girls) will be able to secure internship opportunities at small and medium enterprises. This action is financed by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and co-funded by the YOU Foundation - Education for Children in Need.

INSTITUTIONAL CONTACTS

Government Authorities

- National Disaster Management Authority (NDMA)
- National Institute of Disaster Management (NIDM)
- National Commission for Minorities (NCM)
- Provincial Disaster Management Authority (PDMA)
- Ministry of Federal Education and Professional Training (MoFE&PT)
- Elementary and Secondary Education Department KPK (E&S ED)
- Provincial Institute of Teacher Education (PITE)
- Directorate of Curriculum and Teachers Education (DCTE)
- Provincial Education Assessment Centre (PEACE)
- Education Sector Reform Unit (ESRU)
- Elementary Education Foundation (EEF)
- Public Health Engineering Department (PHED)
- Sarhad Rural Support Program (SRSP)
- Provincial Reconstruction, Rehabilitation and Settlement Authority (PaRRSA)
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- District Coordination Officer, Chitral, KPK
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Agencies

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- Austrian Development Cooperation (ADC)
- European Union (EU)
- United Nations Office for Coordination and Humanitarian Assistance

- UNICEF- Pakistan
- United Nations Office of the Resident Coordinator (UNORC)
- United Nations Department of Safety & Security (UNDSS)
- United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organization (UNESCO)
- World Food Program (WFP)

NGOs

- Aga Khan Foundation
- Aga Khan Planning and Building Services
- The Citizen Foundation
- HASHOO Foundation
- FOCUS Humanitarian
- Pakistan Red Crescent (PRC)
- Peace & Harmony Network Pakistan (PHNP)
- Islamic Relief
- Care International Pakistan
- IDEA
- HelpAge International Pakistan
- Handicap International
- Malteser International
- Voluntary Service Overseas (VSO)
- Mercy Corps Pakistan
- Pakistan Humanitarian Forum
- Save the Children
- State Development Organisation (SDO)
- Sustainable Development Initiative (SDI)
- SANJHA (a network of 18 organisations)
- Pakistan Poverty Alleviation Fund (PPAF)
- Plan International

This country’s programme contributes to the achievement of the following SDGs:



BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

PROGRAMME: Multi-sectoral rehabilitation support for disabled people in Bosnia and Herzegovina

PROJECTS	LOCATION	N° OF BENEFICIARIES	SDGs
Follow-up from the project “Support for people with disabilities in Bosnia and Herzegovina: building capacities of Community-Based Rehabilitation Centres and Community Mental Health Centres (CMH) in BiH”	Countrywide	136	Goals 3, 4, 8
Medical support for children with special needs at the Municipality Sarajevo Centre - Improve the development of childrens’ functional and physical abilities	Canton Sarajevo	52	Goal 3
Rehabilitation program support to children with disabilities and their families	Canton Sarajevo	78	Goal 3

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SUMMARY

The HOPE’87 Bosnia and Herzegovina (BiH) Country Office in Sarajevo has established a comprehensive programme to link relief and rehabilitation to continuous development. Addressing the needs of vulnerable groups in BiH, primarily people affected by the war, persons with disabilities and other marginalised persons, the aim is to assist them in leading a life with full physical, intellectual and social participation in society. Putting people at the centre of activities, efforts have been channelled towards the most pressing issues: the need for medical assistance, psycho-social rehabilitation and pain relief, as well as social and economic reintegration of vulnerable groups. The provision of direct assistance is at the heart of HOPE’87-BiH’s work. It is followed by the key strategic and systematic approach of advancing BiH government structures in the provision of quality services to those that are in urgent need, ensuring a long-term impact. The general premise of this HOPE’87 comprehensive programme is to



provide expert support and continuous assistance to those in need. It is built around two major components: medical rehabilitation and psycho-social and economic integration of mine and war victims and persons with disabilities. The “House of HOPE” is the HOPE’87 building located in Sarajevo, encompassing a well-equipped polyclinic for medical assistance and educational facilities to cater for the needs of the disadvantaged. The polyclinic for medical assistance provides rehabilitation services to those who are in urgent need of medical care, all free of charge.

In order to bring the quality of rehabilitation services up to international standards throughout BiH, HOPE’87-BiH continues to offer community-based rehabilitation centres and community mental health centres across the country access to technical expertise on a variety of topics related to rehabilitation for the disabled.

Institutional support from the Ministries of Health of the Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina (FBiH) and the Republika Srpska (RS) serve increases the priority for rehabilitation in general. HOPE’87 contributes to the national health strategy program with the objective goal of improving the life of people with all kinds of disabilities.

ACTIVITIES

Follow-up from the project “Support for people with disabilities in Bosnia and Herzegovina: building capacities of Community-Based Rehabilitation Centres and Community Mental Health Centres (CMH) in BiH”

According to new national legislation on health and international standards, occupational therapists should be consistent members of rehabilitation teams in CBR and CMH centres. Yet occupational therapy is not well known in BiH. On the basis of the successful outcome of the previous project, HOPE’87-BiH aims to continue building capacity in Community-Based Rehabilitation Centres (CBR) and Community Mental Health Centres (CMH) in BiH. This includes access to expertise in occupational therapy. Follow-up project activities seek to improve the rehabilitation process of persons with disabilities. These activities have included special trainings on occupational therapy in physical and mental aspects of rehabilitation, providing information for medical staff in 68 CBR and CMH centres. Apart from disseminating new knowledge and experience, these expert education trainings provide a platform to exchange experiences between rehabilitation teams, improving cooperation and strengthening connections at the state level. Since the project has been implemented in close and efficient cooperation with the Ministries of Health of FBH and the RS, government sector and formal authorities have been involved throughout the entire project and have provided essential institutional support for all project activities. The state of Upper Austria has provided generous funding.

Medical support for children with special needs at the Municipality Sarajevo Centre - Improve the development of childrens’ functional and physical abilities

Based on many years of success with direct rehabilitation services, HOPE’87 has established close cooperation with a number of NGOs, as well as with governmental and public institutions in BiH. Funded by the Municipality Centre of Sarajevo, HOPE’87-BiH supports activities for children with special needs. The joint project focuses on children with special needs who live in the area of Municipality Centre and have an urgent need for medical rehabilitation but are not adequately served by the health centres in local communities. The project provides free medical rehabilitation services such as physical therapy, pain therapy and medical examinations. The Municipality Centre of Canton Sarajevo provides therapeutic services designed exclusively for disabled children to improve their functional and physical abilities.

The project has raised awareness of the importance of access to quality rehabilitation services at a local level. The project has also changed the image of these children in a positive way. Social inclusion of children with special needs is more common now in BiH.



Rehabilitation program support to children with disabilities and their families

Based on the needs of the beneficiary group as well as the impact of past HOPE'87 rehabilitation projects, this project provides quality and inclusive services on local community level. Existing resources of HOPE'87 (in particular, the HOPE'87 Polyclinic with modern equipment intended for children with disabilities) are matched with a team of creative and trained professionals as a means for not only improving access to nearby rehabilitation services but also to enable efficient and timely use of available resources. The project provides services such as physical therapy, occupational therapy, pain therapy, general medical examinations and continuing professional medical counselling. Each child receives an individual rehabilitation card, which is used to guide and conduct rehabilitation. If a number of important services for disabled children are available locally, parents (in most cases mothers) are also entitled to apply for a job and thus, provide additional income for these often vulnerable households. Therefore HOPE'87 promotes equal status and real social inclusion of families with disabled children. With this project HOPE'87, funded by the Swiss Embassy to BiH, is providing access to necessary rehabilitation for all children with disabilities living in the Canton of Sarajevo.



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Agencies

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NGOs

- Medical Human Society (MHS) BiH
- Red Cross / Red Crescent BiH
- Landmines Survivors Initiatives
- Organization of Amputees of Republika Srpska UDAS
- STOP Mines
- Posavina without Mines
- Union of Civil War Victims
- Union of Military War Victims
- The Associations of Psychiatrists of FBiH and RS
- The Association of Physical Therapists of FBiH and RS
- The Association of Psycho Therapists of Canton Sarajevo
- The Association for children in special needs "Tračak nade", Republic of Srpska
- The Association of Persons Suffering from Cerebral Palsy of the City of Sarajevo
- The Coalition for Linking Mine Action and Development - LMAD Coalition
- Working Group on Mine Victims Assistance (chaired by BiH Mine Action Coordination Centre - BHMACH)
- Association "Living with Down Syndrome"
- Association of families with children with special needs "Give us a chance"

This country's programme contributes to the achievement of the following SDGs:





REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

PROGRAMME: Mental recovery and social reintegration of children and youth suffering from cancer

PROJECTS	LOCATION	N° OF BENEFICIARIES	SDGs
HOPE for the Children of Moldova - Establishment of a bone marrow transplantation Unit and an educational unit for long-term hospitalised children in the Institute of Oncology in Chisinau	Chisinau	2.000	Goals 3, 4, 10

COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVE
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SUMMARY

The Republic of Moldova is a landlocked country in Eastern Europe, located between Romania to the west and Ukraine to the north, east and south. The Republic of Moldova is one of Europe’s poorest nations today. Its current social and economic situation is characterised by low incomes, decreasing industrial and agricultural production and high unemployment. These factors hinder the development and functioning of the national health care and educational systems in Moldova. In particular, there is a lack of knowledge about the pedagogical needs of hospitalised children, especially those with malignant tumours. Several of HOPE’87’s recent actions in Moldova focused on providing adequate physical and psychological care for children suffering from cancer.

ACTIVITIES

HOPE for the Children of Moldova - Establishment of a bone marrow transplantation unit and an educational unit for health professionals treating long-term hospitalised children at the Institute of Oncology in Chisinau

The Institute for Oncology in Moldova has a capacity of 500 beds in the clinical department of which 40 beds are reserved for children (0-18 years). Faced with major shortfalls of resources, the institute was not capable of meeting the needs of children suffering from malignant tumours. The specific objective of the project focused on the physical recovery of the target group and

their reintegration into social life, notably school and vocational training.

Aiming to offer information for health professionals dealing with young cancer patients and also improve vocational and healthcare standards, an Educational Centre at the Institute of Oncology was established. Among other educational offerings at the centre is a guide drafted under the auspices of HOPE’87-Moldova/Speranta for the relevant professions entitled “Practical recommendations on how to work with children and youth suffering from cancer”. This guide, which is to be published shortly, not only explains pedagogical aspects and approaches to dealing with children in difficult circumstances, but also outlines the universal rights of the child. Additional educational offerings have included seminars like “Medical aspects of cancer in childhood: causes of the disease, course of illness and rehabilitation after treatment” and “Psychological characteristics of children and youth suffering from cancer: problems and solutions”. Such courses offer health and social professionals a set of rules and recommendations to improve care for children and youth affected by cancer. This project was undertaken in cooperation with the Austrian Development Cooperation and UNESCO.

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SLOVAKIA

PROGRAMME: Inclusion of Roma children, youth and young adults within the framework of a national strategy to integrate Roma communities

PROJECTS	LOCATION	N° OF BENEFICIARIES	MDGs
Roma children and youth in Eastern Slovakia - in the heart of Europe - at the end of the world	Jarovnice, district of Sabinov, Eastern Slovakia	300	Goal 10

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SUMMARY

The Slovak Republic is a landlocked country in Central Europe. The population of about 5 million is comprised mostly of ethnic Slovaks. Hungarians are the largest minority group at 8.5% of the population, while ethnic Roma make up another 5.6%. Roma have been ostracised, persecuted and displaced throughout history in many countries and often still are today. Most Roma in Slovakia live in one of 300 slums. Although Slovakia is part of the European Union, the conditions in these slums are similar to those in Brazil or India. The largest is in Jarovnice, with 4,500 Roma out of a population of 5,570. The majority of slum residents are unemployed, survive without electricity, sanitary facilities or clean water supply and often turn to crime and alcohol. Distrust and intolerance shape the relationship between the Roma and other inhabitants of Jarovnice. To make the situation even worse, Jarovnice suffered flooding in 1998 and 2010.

The overall level of education among the Roma is very low and children who are starting school often have difficulties integrating into the school environment in particular. As a result, many Roma children drop out of school after grade four. To bolster young people’s resilience against their devastating living conditions and enhance their future prospects, HOPE’87 aims to improve the education of Roma children and youth.



ACTIVITIES

Roma children and youth in Eastern Slovakia: in the heart of Europe - at the end of the World

The overall aim of this project is to integrate Roma people into Slovak society. One specific target is improving the formal education of Roma children and youth as well as offering them meaningful leisure options. Project activities included pre-school preparation for young children as well as a children's chorus; a variety of courses and workshops for youth and young adults, ranging from English and computer courses to dancing and theatre workshops. Other offerings included informative lectures, and health and sexual education. Such awareness-raising measures are aimed at preventing alcohol and drug abuse as well as gambling addiction, decreasing the crime rate and sensitising residents to human trafficking. The project also supports young adults who volunteer in the slums. Within the framework of the project it was also possible to organise a ski course, a computer course and a sewing course, with seminars for both women and men. The youth choir of L'utina is currently preparing to record a CD in cooperation with other Roma gospel choirs. At the end of the school year a contest was held with as children and adolescents performing a musical. The project was supported by HOPE'87 with its local partner Citizens' Initiative of Jarovnice.



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