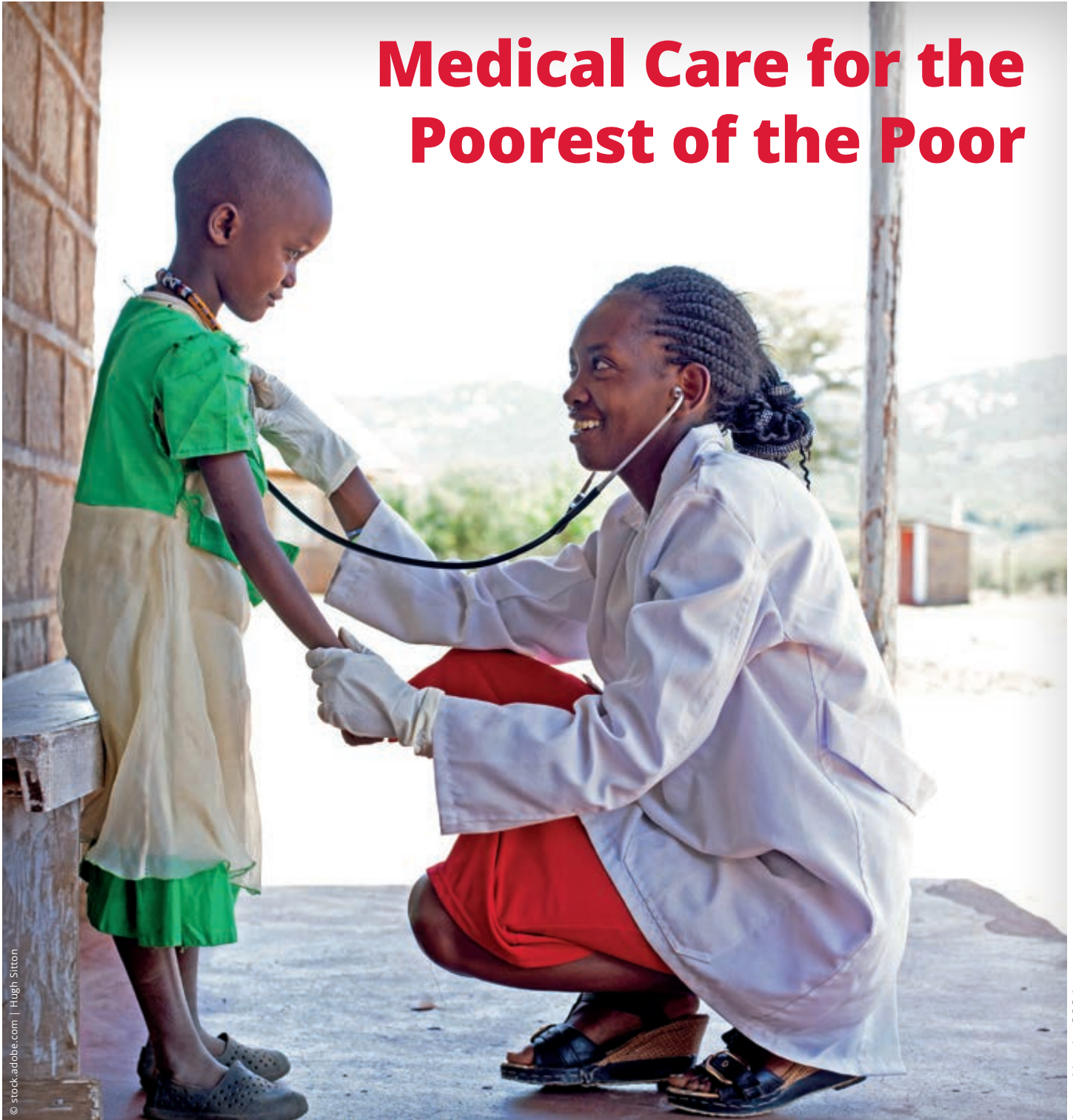




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## Dear Readers

***What we in Austria take for granted is denied millions of people in the countries of the South: comprehensive and professional medical care.***

Remote regions where the nearest doctor is a good 100 kilometres away. Mothers living in poverty who simply cannot afford to take their children to the doctor. Street children who must fight for survival every day. Or infrastructure destroyed in war, making treatment impossible. The reasons are manifold. What it all adds up to is suffering.

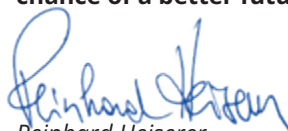
Since the organisation was founded 27 years ago, Jugend Eine Welt has supported projects that make precisely these urgent medical services available to the poorest of the poor in our ONE world. This issue of Giovanni presents a detailed overview.

In Kulmasa, an isolated and desperately poor region in northern Ghana, teams of health professionals including nurses and midwives ensure that the population, that struggles even to have the bare essentials, receives medical treatment free of charge. Currently, an urgently needed family clinic is under construction. In India, Jugend Eine Welt project partners visit the slums of the metropolises with their

mobile clinics, offering free check-ups for children, mothers-to-be and senior citizens, and providing them with medicines and vaccinations. In Nigeria, our long-standing Don Bosco partners have been looking after the countless street children for many years, ensuring they not only receive food but also other necessities such as medical care.

These are just a handful of examples that show how important our help is, help that we could not offer without your generous support. Your donation helps! With it, you contribute to making our ONE world a little fairer and giving the poorest of the poor the possibility of a life in dignity.

**I thank you most sincerely for your trust and your support.** Let us continue working together to make education available, to provide better medical care for all people and, by so doing, to give them **the chance of a better future.**

  
Reinhard Heiserer  
Director, Jugend Eine Welt

### The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) relating to health

**What are SDGs?** In 2015, the United Nations defined and adopted 17 goals, the so-called SDGs (Sustainable Development Goals), in a resolution known as "Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development" and undertook to implement them at regional, national and international level. The SDGs cover a wide range of topics, from environmental protection to health care, education and reducing hunger.

The most important goals for the health of every person are:



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*Mobile Clinic under  
a Mango Tree*





A large, leafy tree in a rural setting with a group of people gathered underneath. The tree is on the left side of the frame, and its branches spread out over the scene. A group of people, including women and children, are gathered under the tree. Some are sitting on the ground, while others are standing. They are wearing colorful clothing. The background shows a grassy field and more trees in the distance. The sky is blue with some clouds.

# Primary Health Care for Every Person in the World.

In Austria, injuries or illness can be treated quickly in a nearby hospital. Prompt medical attention is also available for routine check-ups or chronic complaints.

But in many parts of the world, people can only dream of a health service like this. They do not even have access to the most basic forms of treatment. But thanks to the donations and grants it receives, Jugend Eine Welt can provide medical assistance through many projects implemented in the beneficiaries' own localities, such as mobile clinics, cottage hospitals, health buses and floating surgeries.



# MEDICAL ASSISTANCE FOR THE POOREST!

How Jugend Eine Welt gets medicines to the remotest areas, helps mothers-to-be, looks after sick street children and saves lives in the gravest crises.

*For the people living around the market town of Kulmasa in Ghana, medical care was unattainable for a long time: the nearest doctor was 80 kilometres away from the villages in the desperately poor region.*

That is why Jugend Eine Welt supports the work of the Medical Mission Sisters here. Now, health workers visit the remote villages to examine and treat the people there. "The children here are our future," says Dr Den-Back Powell during a visit to a village. "If I didn't come, many would be lost."

This example shows that when it comes to medical aid in poorer countries, the first task is to actually get to the people who need help. And many things that we take for granted are often simply not available: medicines, refrigerators and clean water. Which is precisely why diseases break out which could easily be avoided.

## Help has many faces

This is also true for street children: they sleep on the streets, are undernourished, beaten up, exploited and sexually abused. In Sierra Leone, for example, Jugend Eine Welt partners provide health care for boys and girls from a converted bus, also taking time to talk to them and offer psychological support.

Our medical assistance can take many forms: In Bethlehem our partners look after children with a disability. In India, Jugend Eine Welt supports programmes that raise awareness of better hygiene, in Ukraine the acquisition of prosthetics for war invalids. In other places, Jugend Eine Welt establishes health posts.

Our work always takes the United Nations' 17 Sustainable Development Goals into account, one of which is that everyone has access to essential health services.

## Trust is crucial

Gaining patients' trust is of paramount importance. Our project partners have achieved this. In many cases they have been working with the local population for decades, and stay with them even in life-threatening situations. The Don Bosco Sisters in Damascus



provide a living example of this: They continue to care for the sick, the wounded and the maimed even at the height of the conflict. And when the earthquake in Aleppo buried tens of thousands beneath rubble, the sisters were quickly on hand to provide blankets, food and medicines! But we can only help people in even the gravest of crises for as long as there are other people who make donations and support what we do. That's why we reiterate our heartfelt thanks for this support.

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# MOBILE CLINICS GIVE SUPPORT TO THOSE IN NEED

**Remote areas with no hospital, a lack of qualified staff or financial obstacles. In the South, going to see a doctor is often impossible.**

Together with its project partners, Jugend Eine Welt supports the creation of mobile clinics for people in need and makes free medical care available to them.

## **Severe poverty makes things worse**

Chandigarh. A city of 1.2 million and a highlight for fans of modern architecture. The metropolis in northern India was planned in 1947 by the Swiss architect Le Corbusier, more or less completely on the drawing board. Seen at the time as symbolising a new era of urban development and optimism, Chandigarh finds itself, 74 years later, battling major problems. The slums on the outskirts are continually growing. Many people hoped to find a better life in Chandigarh, but instead they are living in abject poverty.

## **Care of children and mothers-to-be**

In Chandigarh, Jugend Eine Welt supports the Don Bosco Navjeevan Society, also thanks to contributions from the City of Vienna and the Else Kröner-Fresenius Foundation. A mobile clinic that travels round the slums stopping at 21 locations provides free

medical services for around 30,000 poor people. Children, mothers-to-be and senior citizens receive free check-ups and medicines. As an accompanying measure, information is given on prevention, nutrition and hygiene because malnutrition and unhygienic living conditions lead to disorders such as anaemia – a major factor in the high mortality rate among women giving birth. The Jugend Eine Welt project partners can help here with relatively simple measures such as dispensing vitamins.

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## **Working for street children**

Chandigarh is not unique. A mobile clinic, the Don Bosco Mobile, also operates in Freetown, the capital of Sierra Leone. The specially converted bus tours the streets, mainly at night, offering street children professional help from social workers and medical professionals. In addition, the children are given something to eat as well as information on preventing diseases such as hepatitis and HIV.

## **Floating health post**

On the Solomon Islands, medical care even comes by boat. A floating health post, equipped with

medical apparatus, medicines and medical staff, regularly puts in at the isolated groups of islands. The focus is on preventive measures and the treatment of infectious diseases. In recent decades the islands' already inadequate infrastructure has been further weakened, firstly by a severe earthquake and the ensuing tsunami in April 2007, then by devastating floods in April 2014. Providing health care for the approximately 7,000 islanders would be almost impossible without the Jugend Eine Welt project partners.



The health bus in the Indian city of Chandigarh brings medical assistance to the slums where it is urgently needed.





# HEALTH CARE FOR STREET CHILDREN



***Children who live and sleep on the streets are the most vulnerable members of society. Protecting them and making sure they are healthy is a major part of the work done by Jugend Eine Welt.***

The world over, health care for street children faces numerous obstacles that make it more difficult to offer medical services to this vulnerable section of the population. In the crowded streets and squalid alleyways of towns in Africa, India and other parts of the world children fight for survival day after day and often face health hazards.

The conditions in which medical assistance must be provided in the remote areas of the countries of the South are equally problematic. Street children suffer from a permanent lack of access to basic health services, sanitation and clean water, leading to acute infections and chronic health problems. The most common diseases affecting street children are infections such as respiratory diseases, diarrhoea, malaria, HIV/AIDS and tuberculosis. Undernourishment, malnutrition, a lack of hygiene and open wounds caused by accidents are also widespread. The hopelessness of their situation means that drug addiction is also a constant threat to these youngsters.

The Jugend Eine Welt projects in India and Nigeria presented here serve as pioneering examples of health initiatives that improve the quality of life for street children in the long term.

## **Don Bosco children's shelter in Lagos**

Over 100,000 children live on the streets of Nigeria's largest city where they are exposed to numerous dangers such as crime, sex work and human trafficking. They suffer violence, are often malnourished and have only inadequate access to clean water and

medical care. The Don Bosco partners of Jugend Eine Welt do what they can to help those children in Lagos worst hit by the difficult living conditions. In the new Bosco Boys Home, which is being built with the support of Jugend Eine Welt, street children, orphans and children who suffer neglect or abuse will find a refuge and a sense of security in a community for the first time in their lives. They are given not only food and medical care, but also moral and psychological support. The Jugend Eine Welt project partners rescue the children from the streets and arrange visits to a doctor or a hospital for them.

## **Street children in Bangalore, India**

Around 23,000 children are exposed to serious health risks on the streets of Bangalore. Their circumstances make them particularly prone to infections, chronic illnesses, injuries and drug addiction. They have virtually no access to medical facilities and have no money for treatment or medicines. These children find themselves slipping ever deeper into situations that expose them to exploitation where health and safety have no meaning.

A lifeline in the rapidly growing capital of the Indian state of Karnataka is BOSCO Bangalore. This free health initiative for children and adolescents at risk has received support from Jugend Eine Welt since 2013 and gives street children, working children, orphans and victims of abuse easier access to medical care. This care covers all aspects of health: not only are diseases and injuries treated, but measures for awareness-raising and prevention are carried out, as is rehabilitation, if required. In recent years, thousands of children have benefited from the medical care and awareness-raising measures offered.







# STREET CHILDREN'S DAY

Father Linus from Nigeria gave us an insight into his life as a streetworker in Lagos.

2024

*For "Street Children's Day" on 31 January 2024, Jugend Eine Welt was privileged to welcome a project partner from Nigeria who works every day to make life better for street children – despite the great risk to his own life this entails.*

**Father Linus Valentine Onyenagubor**, streetworker and priest, talked about his daily life on the streets of the metropolis of Lagos and, at the traditional event for "Street Children's Day" on 26 January in the Curhaus on Vienna's Stephansplatz, also related some personal experiences. Talking to Jugend Eine Welt ambassador Chris Lohner, who compèred the evening, Father Linus revealed fascinating facts about the important work done by Don Bosco in Nigeria.

## Events in Austria

Apart from the event in the Curhaus, Father Linus also visited schools in Vienna and Upper Austria. At the high school in Vienna's 13th district an audience of around 400 students were held spellbound by the stories he told. At the Don Bosco schools in Vöcklabruck, Upper Austria, and an event in the nearby parish of Attnang, Father Linus also gave a vivid account of the importance of the work he does with street children in Lagos.

## Streetworker and priest

The population of Lagos is roughly 15 million. Reports suggest that the number of street children exceeds 100,000. In Nigeria as a whole, an estimated 13 million children do not go to school. Father Linus, a priest in the order of the Salesians of Don Bosco, patrols the streets of Lagos, tending to the needs of children and adolescents. He speaks to them and tries to offer them friendship and support. His mission is to give them hope and prevent them drifting into crime. Just like Don Bosco, Father Linus is dedicated to helping these children: he gives them optimism, does all he can to provide them with food and, if possible, arranges vocational training for them. He

invites them to come to the Child Protection Center once a week where they can forget all their cares for a couple of hours.

## Construction of a new children's shelter in Lagos

Currently, the children's home only has space for about 15 full-time residents. A second and much bigger one is urgently needed. With the support of Jugend Eine Welt it was possible to buy a plot of land, and the building is now structurally complete. There is still much to do, but once the building is finished it will be able to house over 100 children, offering them protection as well as schooling and vocational training to prepare them for an independent life.

### NOTE:

If you'd like to be part of activities for the next Street Children's Day, or even organise an event of your own, contact us at: [spenden@jugendeinewelt.at](mailto:spenden@jugendeinewelt.at), phone +43 1 879 07 07. [www.tagderstrassenkinder.at](http://www.tagderstrassenkinder.at)



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# OUR SUPPORT FOR DISABLED CHILDREN

How your donations enable therapy and care for children with a disability in troubled regions.



***In crisis-hit regions, children with a disability are even less likely to receive support than they are elsewhere.*** The suffering is so great that no resources are available for the educational and medical assistance they require. Projects funded by Jugend Eine Welt address these children's needs.

## **A kindergarten offers a ray of hope in Bethlehem**

At the Lifegate kindergarten near Bethlehem, around 40 children aged between three and five can take part in an early learning programme and receive medical care. Many children are partially paralysed and need walking aids or wheelchairs. Lifegate has its own workshop where these appliances are adapted to the children's needs. To do this, support and donations are required.

The kindergarten staff also promote the children's coordination and mobility with exercises that focus on play and music. In this way, the Jugend Eine Welt partners in the Holy Land provide "a brightly shining light in the darkness", as the children's parents put it. This support is tremendously

important for the families concerned because the entire region is desperately poor.

## **Help in a Ugandan refugee camp**

In the Palabek refugee camp in Uganda the first difficulty was to find the disabled children in the crowds. Tens of thousands of people have fled there from the civil war in South Sudan, and setting up schools for the children stranded in the camp was an enormous challenge. But that was by no means the only problem: Places in the classes also had to be found for children with a disability. They, too, have a right to education and future prospects. Now they are attending classes with their peers.

These children also need medical assistance. Some suffer from paralysis, are severely hearing-impaired or have Down syndrome. Special training, such as tactile, mobility and memory exercises, is vital for their development. Walking aids and other medical appliances must also be obtained. The programme has already reached around 150 children with special needs.

## **Check-ups for indigenous in Ecuador**



In Ecuador, Jugend Eine Welt finances numerous projects in support of indigenous communities, which are particularly badly affected by poverty. One of these is in Cayambe in the north of the country: here, 50 children and adolescents with a disability have received assistance such as physiotherapy which their parents would otherwise not have been able to afford. In addition, hundreds of children were given medical check-ups to detect the presence of disease. If the treatment administered was successful, it prevented long-term and avoidable damage to health.

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## **Reinhard Heiserer: We provide a future!**

Medical appliances and treatment are unaffordable for many families in the countries of the South. "That's why Jugend Eine Welt supports families with disabled children through our projects," says director Reinhard Heiserer. "With needs-oriented medical aid and integration in the education system we provide a future!"





# Return to Uganda



Maria and Rudi Kraxberger undertook a second assignment as Senior Experts.

***“What we wanted more than anything was to establish a little centre for people with a disability where intensive support can be provided and appliances manufactured,”*** explains Maria Kraxberger. Two years ago, the qualified therapist and her husband Rudi went on assignment to Adjumani in Uganda as Senior Experts. To continue their work, the couple returned to Uganda for a few months. “Our Jugend Eine Welt project partners in Uganda, the Medical Mission Sisters, wanted to take this project further, and so did we. In this part of northern Uganda, people with a disability have next to no chance of receiving the care they need and of participating in society. Going to school is seldom possible for them, and finding work is even harder. We wanted to give them these opportunities and help them to be mobile so they can live in dignity.”

## Working with the simplest materials

While Maria Kraxberger trained volunteers and used the simplest materials to make walking aids such as crutches and zimmer frames, plus seats and exercise equipment such as parallel walking bars, her husband Rudi concentrated on building the centre. “It’s amazing that what is quite a large structure can be built in a remote area with so little equipment and so few tools,” says the retired farmer who also has considerable experience of construction work. “Whether it was digging, mixing concrete or putting up the scaffolding – every single job was done by hand. We had no special machinery. Water had to be carried, there was no electricity. On the other hand, we had a great deal of manpower and good workers.”

## Treatment unaffordable for many

For the Upper Austrian couple, improvisation was the order of the day. “Getting the materials was difficult,” says Rudi, and Maria adds, “Medical care in the region around Adjumani chiefly consists of visits to hospital with nothing more than clinical diagnosis. Follow-up examinations to confirm the diagnosis and appropriate treatment are expensive and beyond the means of most people. What’s more, the hospitals are a long way away, so many people can’t get to them. Thanks to my many years of professional experience I was able to accurately assess the problems facing the people with a disability and show them some simple techniques.”



## Unforgettable experiences

Their second assignment as Senior Experts in Uganda left Maria and Rudi Kraxberger with many positive impressions and unforgettable experiences to take home. Maria: “The best part was the way the people came up to me and asked me if I could go and see their relatives as well because of course they wanted them to have help too. And when a small child sits in a specially made chair and beams at you, everyone is naturally delighted.”  
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## About Senior Experts Austria

**As Senior Experts**, people with professional experience and experience of life have the chance to share their knowledge with non-profit organisations and educational institutions around the world. Their unpaid work contributes to development cooperation and makes help towards self-help possible. Assignments last several months and take place in areas where Jugend Eine Welt supports projects chiefly implemented by members of the Don Bosco communities.

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# OPERATIONS AMID BOMBS AND CASUALTIES

Fast help for the wounded, intensive care for premature babies:  
How our partners save lives in wartime and when disaster strikes.

**War is the great destroyer: It makes orphans of children and causes injury and mutilation. And where battles rage, bombs fall and bullets fly, it is particularly difficult to maintain medical care.** So many things are unavailable – infrastructure has been destroyed, hospitals sometimes have to work without electricity and there is a constant risk of running out of bandages and medicines. Last but by no means least, the lives of the doctors and medical staff are in danger every single day. But it is in times of war that help on the ground is more important than ever so that the wounded can be tended to. That is why the Jugend Eine Welt project partners do not leave war zones: They remain to support those who are suffering.



## Help for the poorest in ravaged Damascus

The Don Bosco hospital in Damascus represents “a visible symbol of compassion in practice,” as Sister Anna Maria Scarzello put it. In the midst of the war in Syria, now in its 14th year, the sisters and their staff



The war in Syria put the hospital run by the Don Bosco Sisters in a dramatic situation

maintain a refuge for people with a low income. The hospital turns no one away, not even the very poorest. They are given life-saving operations or can be admitted to the accident and emergency unit which is open round the clock. A crucial investment was the acquisition of new operating lamps, which were bought with the aid of funds provided by Jugend Eine Welt donors. In the accident and emergency unit, special duties are sometimes necessary: Following an attack, all members of the hospital staff rush to the victims' aid. The wounded are urgently tended to, and the Don Bosco Sisters also look after the family members, talking to them to help them cope with the situation.

## Disaster relief after the earthquake in Syria

How important the presence of the Don Bosco Sisters in the region is, and how valuable the support offered by our donors, was also apparent following the catastrophic earthquake that devastated Aleppo in February of last year, hitting a city already ravaged by the war. Shortly before the earthquake, a donor had transferred a large amount to us. With it, the Don Bosco Sisters in Damascus were able to buy medicines, dressings and blankets. So when the earthquake struck Aleppo they already had items to hand with which they could provide immediate help. Straight away, they drove a bus into the town, where they had good contacts because other Don Bosco Sisters run a kindergarten there that is also supported by Jugend Eine Welt. Other organisations first had to arrange delivery of the necessary supplies and wait for border clearance. In the face of disasters of this magnitude, rapid help saves lives, and the tireless Don Bosco Sisters were able to provide it immediately thanks to the generous donation received by Jugend Eine Welt a short time before.





Jugend Eine Welt's relief coordinator Wolfgang Wedan visits Aleppo shortly after the earthquake in the border region



### **Ukraine: When babies are born prematurely in wartime**

The war leads not only to physical injuries but also to severe emotional trauma. The constant danger of death means that nerves are permanently on edge. This insecurity aggravates existing illnesses or physical ailments, says Dr Anna Bantovska who works on the maternity ward at a hospital supported by Jugend Eine Welt in Odessa. As specific examples she names "Infections, heart or kidney ailments – complications that often lead to pre-term delivery."

The premature infants are cared for by Dr Bantovska and her team. But the conditions they have to work in are becoming more and more difficult because of the constant Russian bombardments. Often, it is not possible to send medical supplies through Ukraine. So it is all the more important that the urgently needed relief supplies can be sent via the Republic of Moldova to Odessa, which is close to



Tending to a premature infant. Jugend Eine Welt supports the maternity ward in Odessa.

the border. Using this route, Jugend Eine Welt has provided the hospital with medicines, dressings and infusions. "This has enabled us to help countless newborns who are caught up in the war," read a line in a highly emotional letter to Jugend Eine Welt. "We cannot thank you enough for your compassion, your generosity and your unflagging help in these challenging times." And it is precisely this help that allows the medical staff at the children's hospital to perform life-saving procedures.

For instance, Dr Bantovska recounts the case of a girl who weighed a mere 2 kg when she was delivered by emergency caesarean section in the 35th week of pregnancy. "The girl suffered from



Relief supplies arrive in Odessa. The support given by our donors saves lives in Ukraine! THANK YOU!

convulsions from day one and had to be given oxygen to keep her breathing," says Dr Bantovska. "In the end she spent 19 days in intensive care and was on a ventilator for 11 of them. There were various complications, including a gastrointestinal haemorrhage." The baby survived her battle for life and was able to be handed over to her mother in good health and with a good prognosis. "It cost a tremendous amount of effort, but now we see the smiles of both parents and child," says Dr Bantovska.

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# CLEAN WATER SAVES LIVES

SUFFICIENT HYGIENE AND CLEAN WATER ARE VITAL. THERE ARE VARIOUS WAYS OF ENSURING THEM.

**For a long time, the inhabitants of North Horr in Kenya risked their lives every time they drank water.** All they had was the dirty water from the river. As a result, cholera, typhoid and severe diarrhoea were rife, particularly among the children and the elderly. Our partners in the area, the Don Bosco Sisters, decided that life-saving action was needed! They installed a water-purification unit that filters out bacteria and viruses. It is robust and easy to operate, so the villagers can use it themselves. Consequently, approximately 300 people now have access to clean drinking water.

## Essential well repairs

There are many ways of supplying clean water to local populations: In Adwa, a small town in northern Ethiopia where the people are in dire straits following the civil war, Jugend Eine Welt made it possible to repair the defective pump of a public well, for example. As important as it is to construct wells, it is equally important to maintain and repair them afterwards.

## Water tanks and toilets

We make sure clean water is available in our education projects too. In Venezuela, for instance, a school was equipped with a new water tank. Now the children have fresh drinking water.

And in Burundi an elementary school asked Jugend Eine Welt for assistance with six closable toilets, which would go a long way towards preventing diseases such as hepatitis and dysentery.

## DIY sanitary towels

Hygiene measures play a central role in our projects too. It emerged that in the slums of the Indian city of Chandigarh there was a severe shortage of sanitary towels, prompting women and girls to adopt expedients harmful to their health. A project was therefore started, which was also supported by the City of Vienna, to provide low-cost toiletries for 3,500 girls and young women and to form self-help groups in which they have now begun making their own sanitary towels.

## Education on health issues

Education in hygiene is also a permanent topic at our schools. For example, pupils wash their hands together, a measure which on its own can cut the cases of diarrhoea by half. In addition, the teachers explain to the children how they can avoid catching diseases. Only education, only the relevant knowledge, creates a healthy future!



## Reinhard Heiserer: Clean water is a life-saver!

"Here in Austria all we need to do is turn on the tap. But in countries like Ethiopia, children have to walk for hours in sweltering heat to come away with a few litres of drinking water," says Reinhard Heiserer, director of Jugend Eine Welt. And this water is often contaminated with germs, bacteria and parasites! "Clean water is a life-saver, and therefore essential," Heiserer stresses. "That's why Jugend Eine Welt carries out vital water projects with local partners!"





# A QUIET HERO TURNS 90

A shining example of untiring dedication.  
Happy birthday Father Kiesling!

It has to be said: when Father Johann Kiesling visits Jugend Eine Welt the sun comes out! Every meeting with him gives great pleasure to all concerned. The Austrian with the heart of gold has lived in the Democratic Republic of the Congo for nearly 45 years. His dedication to the poorest of the poor is legendary. He has witnessed how hunger, disease and a lack of prospects destroy the lives of children, young people and whole families – but he has never resigned himself to it. Despite his advanced years he continues to help tirelessly where he can. Thanks to his impressive efforts, health posts, (boarding) schools and many wells have been created.

## Well construction as an indispensable source of life:

At some point, Father Kiesling stopped counting the number of wells he has built. The health of the population depends on the clean water they provide. His greatest concern has always been for children. Alongside the street children who suffer such terrible hardship, "his" orphans are particularly

important to him: their poor diet and hunger make them prone to illness. To alleviate this, the Don Bosco institutions give them a nourishing mash containing maize meal, sugar and powdered milk every morning. Fr Kiesling also helps when it comes to medical care. How often has he intervened when someone needed a costly, life-saving operation? How many times has he driven along perilous routes to take drugs and medicines to villages in the middle of nowhere? He himself sees what he does as a work of compassion.

## A wealth of experience gained over 90 years:

Father Johann Kiesling was born on 19 July 1934 in southern Moravia. He knows what it means to be an orphan, because he himself grew up as one. His father was killed in the war, and his mother fell seriously ill and died young. At that time the chaos of war had driven the family from their home. He was raised by his mother's sisters. Times were hard, and before he was able to start studying he trained as a metalworker, a trade he practised for

several years. The skills he learned all those years ago came in very handy when constructing wells! For decades he did pioneering work in the east of the Democratic Republic of the Congo where there is virtually no functional infrastructure: no roads, no electricity, no running water, no telephone lines, no sanitation. Repeated political upheavals meant that on several occasions he found himself in potentially life-threatening situations. Father Kiesling now lives in Kansebula, near the provincial capital of Lubumbashi. His life in the Congo contains enough stories to fill several enthralling books. "God never let me down," he says with a smile. For generations, this trust in God and his infectious good humour have been a source of encouragement not just for the poor of Africa but also for all of us who work in this field here in Austria.

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***We feel extremely grateful and privileged to know Father Johann Kiesling and wish him all the very best and God's blessings for his 90th birthday!***







## On Trust, Openness and Personal Dialogue

In the GIOVANNI interview, Wilma Neureiter-Schneider, responsible for programme development and partnerships at Jugend Eine Welt, tells us about formative experiences and the important role played by foundations as funding partners in development cooperation.

**In 2013, Typhoon Haiyan devastated large parts of the Philippines. A disaster that took Wilma Neureiter-Schneider to where it all happened.**

She had already got to know the country and its people while working for the Department of Social Welfare and Development of the Philippines as a young woman. Her first assignment abroad for Jugend Eine Welt, the organisation she had only recently joined at the time, was to assist the project partners in the region with organising emergency aid for the people who had been so badly hit by the tropical cyclone. It was an experience that left a deep impression on her: **"I saw how brilliantly the Jugend Eine Welt network is organised, and how it allows help to reach people in need quickly and unbureaucratically."**

In her current position it is Wilma's job to maintain and expand this network. And while she does so, she always remembers what she experienced during numerous visits to projects: the affection and kindness with which children and young people are looked after and supported, regardless of all cultural and religious differences.

**One of your jobs is to find people willing to support projects. Apart from private individuals, companies and state institutions, foundations are potential sources of funding. How important are they to Jugend Eine Welt?**

Neureiter-Schneider: Tremendously

important. As a rule, non-profit foundations focus on particular goals and activities for which they provide funds. These reflect the purpose of the foundation which is usually determined by the convictions of the founder. Consequently, funds are only granted to projects whose goals match the foundation's purpose. On the other hand, the amounts provided are often considerably larger than those of other donors. That makes them important partners for us.

**How do you persuade a foundation to support a project?**

*My first fundamental question is always which foundation suits our organisation, where is there potentially common ground. Put simply, what I want is to place the right project with the right funding partner. This requires a lot of preliminary research and, starting with the initial personal contact, detailed discussion, also to get an idea of the funding partner's wishes.*

**So you develop a suitable project together?**

*Yes, we do. But our advantage is that we have a large range of projects to begin with, meaning we can select one that already meets many of the funding partner's criteria. So I don't just send out project applications to all sorts of foundations at random and wait to see what happens. Instead, I contact very carefully selected potential partners directly.*

**Once they are on board, continual**



Wilma on assignment in the Philippines after Typhoon Haiyan



Mobile clinic for the Indian region of Chandigarh: project implemented with support from the EKFS foundation.



Presentation of the EKFS foundation humanitarian award to Sr Rita Schiffer (centre) with Jugend Eine Welt director Reinhard Heiserer (left), Wilma Neureiter-Schneider and representatives of the foundation.



**contact must be maintained. Are any special measures necessary?**

*We place great importance on actively maintaining relationships. Building trust is essential. The greater the level of mutual trust, the more we can achieve together. This is a process that takes time. That's why regular personal contact with those responsible is important to me. It is indispensable for enabling long-lasting and fruitful cooperation that continues over the course of several projects. And this also means not concealing any problems that arise during implementation, but reporting them in a frank and transparent manner.*

**Let's talk about a specific example: recently, the Else Kröner-Fresenius-Stiftung (EKFS), one of Germany's biggest non-profit foundations, was secured as a funding partner. How did that come about?**

*Our projects provide comprehensive care for children, young people and their families, and that includes medical care. As part of its humanitarian grant scheme, the EKFS targets precisely those people who are deprived of access to medical care. That means we share a common goal, and the first project we cooperated on, medical care for street children in Bangalore, India, was a success, which created a solid foundation for mutual trust.*

**What did the project achieve?**

*During the Covid pandemic, we planned a mobile clinic for the region of Chandigarh in northern India together and put it into operation with our local partners. Next came support for creating a public health team in Ghana, west Africa, and the presentation of the 2022 humanitarian project award to the head of Attat hospital in Ethiopia (note: both are projects of the Medical Mission Sisters, see following pages). The latest joint effort is the funding of a programme in India to get addicts off drugs.*

**The EKFS is also active in the field of emergency aid?**

*Not as a rule, but the Ukraine emergency fund constitutes an exception. We succeeded in persuading them to grant financial aid to the children's hospital in Odessa in Ukraine and to the "Unbroken" rehabilitation centre for war invalids in Lviv. It may sound a bit abstract when we talk about foundations. I'd like to stress that behind these foundations there are incredibly dedicated people. I find it tremendously rewarding to work with people like that. And I'd like to say a big thank-you to all those with whom I can develop and carry out these fantastic projects! Foundations often work in the background, but they make an enormously valuable contribution to improving the circumstances of people in distress.*

**About Wilma Neureiter-Schneider:**

A social worker with a degree in Cultural and Social Sciences, she was born in 1981 and grew up in the Wachau region of Lower Austria. International and intercultural social work has always been central to her professional life. After one year of "foundational social work" in the Philippines and stints working in Austria for refugees and in integration, she spent lengthy periods abroad contributing to projects in Uzbekistan, India and Romania. In 2013 Wilma joined Jugend Eine Welt where she has occupied several positions including that of director.



**About the EKFS foundation:** The non-profit Else Kröner-Fresenius-Stiftung for the advancement of medical research and the support of people in need is based in Bad Homburg, Germany. It was launched in 1983 by one of Germany's most successful businesswomen, Else Kröner (1925–1988). Born Else Fernau, her father died young and she was raised by her mother in the Frankfurt home of pharmacist Dr Eduard Fresenius who, having no children of his own, treated her like his own daughter. He was proprietor of the Hirsch pharmacy and founder of the firm of Fresenius in Bad Homburg. Else studied pharmacy and, aged only 21, inherited both the Fresenius pharmacy and the company. With Hans Kröner, who was later to become her husband, she turned the company, which was initially heavily in debt, into the globally operating listed health concern that Fresenius is today. Else adopted five children and invested her entire fortune in the foundation which is now the majority shareholder in the Fresenius health concern and draws virtually all its income from the company's dividends. Currently, the foundation reports disbursement of annual grants totalling over EUR 70 million.





# Mobile Surgery in the Shade of Tall Mango Trees



A public health team of the Medical Mission Sisters tours around far-flung villages in Ghana.

***“If I didn’t come, many of the children here would probably be lost,” says***

**Dan-Beck Powell.** Once a month the doctor from the far-off hospital in Damongo travels a good 130 kilometres over bumpy roads to the small and isolated town of Kulmasa in the Savannah region of northern Ghana. There, Powell spends two days working with a public health team that includes nurses and midwives and has for some time been touring around 24 villages in a region where medical care is desperately lacking and which is among the poorest parts of the country. The project, which also receives funds from the province of Tyrol, provides free check-ups and treatment to the locals – in the open air, beneath the shade of stately mango trees.

“We concentrate on antenatal and postnatal care for mothers-to-be, children’s health and diet, hygiene and people with a disability,” says Sr Rita Amponsaa-Owusu. The Medical Mission Sister, a qualified pharmacist with years of professional experience, started putting together the public health team with two fellow sisters in Kulmasa in late 2020. Jugend Eine Welt is supporting the efforts of the Medical Mission Sisters (MMS). Sr Rita recruited and trained the team members from among the local population.

The health team’s activities include regular attendance at “community gatherings” for the early diagnosis of health risks. Around 20,000 people live in the region, most of them farmers. However, the short rainy season and long dry season mean that yields are low. Only the main road in Kulmasa is asphalt, the single health post is completely derelict and the nearest



hospital is a good 80 kilometres away. Emergency services of the kind we know in Europe do not exist.

## Family clinic under construction

Those waiting for treatment, often all day long, are chiefly women with their children. “Unfortunately, it is not always possible to see them all,”

says Dr Dan-Beck. To tend to children with a disability, the paediatrician Dr Ursula Maier (MMS) from the far-off Holy Family Hospital in Techiman recently carried out several special mobile paediatric clinics with her team of speech therapists and physiotherapists. However, the main objective of the project, says Sr Rita, is the establishment of a family clinic

with maternity ward, accident and emergency unit, small operating theatre, laboratory, pharmacy, wards for in-patients and a vehicle that can serve as an ambulance. Because of delays in raising the necessary funds, construction work could not start until the spring of 2024.

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## Anna Dengel and the Medical Mission Sisters

In 2025, the order of the Medical Mission Sisters celebrates its 100th anniversary. The order was founded by Anna Dengel (1892–1980) who was born in Steeg in the Tyrolean Lech valley. She was one of the first female doctors in Austria and began practising in 1920 in Rawalpindi, then in India. Appalled by the suffering afflicting women and children owing to the lack of medical assistance, she grew determined to form a religious order that would send doctors, midwives, pharmacists and nurses to similar places. It was not until 1936 that the Church recognised the new order because until then religious sisters had not been permitted to practise medicine. The Medical Mission Sisters (MMS) spread to many countries. Today, approximately 500 sisters work in 19 countries in Africa, Asia, Europe, North and South America. Jugend Eine Welt supports their efforts. **BOOK RECOMMENDATION:** *Das Unmögliche wagen – the biography of Anna Dengel* by Ingeborg Schödl (Tyrolia-Verlag 2014/2019)





The work done by the Medical Mission Sisters in Attat is a godsend for the people there.

## An Old School Becomes a Large Hospital

**More than 50 years ago, the Medical Mission Sisters began building a hospital in the Ethiopian town of Attat. Today it provides urgently needed medical assistance to around 800,000 people.**

It started from next to nothing. All the Sisters had was an old, abandoned, derelict schoolhouse and a big field. In 1969, equipped with a few mattresses and a handful of simple medical instruments, three Medical Mission Sisters started a village hospital project in the Gurage Zone of Ethiopia. Its facilities did not even reach the minimum standards of a field hospital. For a long time, sanitation, drains and fresh water pipes were unheard of. "The chronic deprivation of the people here in a region of 800,000 inhabitants with no health care was what drove us to build everything up step by step," remembers Sr Walpurga Küpper.

Today, Attat Hospital, a good 175 kilometres southwest of the Ethiopian capital Addis Ababa, offers hundreds of patients urgently needed medical aid every day. Although it has been expanded and improved in many respects it cannot be compared to a standard European hospital. Organising, improvising, doling out the scanty resources, procuring the necessary items and even feeding the staff – all that, plus "a few caesarean sections", is all in a day's work for the German MMS Sister Dr Rita Schiffer who has been medical director in Attat since 1997. And so, on occasion, the gynaecologist has patients' beds welded together to make them more

stable and durable. "We use some very simple equipment to perform operations that in other hospitals are carried out by a team of specialists with proper instruments," she says. One example of this is the way an old dentist's chair became an operating table because "its lamp works so well".

### The services offered

The statistics show that an average of 350 people find their way to the outpatients' department every day. The most common reasons for admittance to the hospital with its 141 beds are problems during pregnancy and birth followed by infections, malaria and treatment in emergencies and after accidents. Every year, around 3,000 women give birth here. Just over 200 people work at the hospital which makes sure they have opportunities for ongoing training. It has also become a sought-after training centre for medical students from all over the country. In the surrounding villages, a mobile public health team offers health programmes such as courses in hygiene, awareness-raising and vaccinations. Well construction guarantees a supply of clean water.

### Promotion of women through small loans

But the assistance goes much further: to help women gain independence, their businesses are supported with small loans, for instance. The money for these comes from a fund managed by the women themselves.



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On the initiative of Jugend Eine Welt, **Sr Rita Schiffer** was awarded the prize of the Else-Kröner-Fresenius Foundation for medical development cooperation in 2022 in recognition of the project "Sustainable surgical services in Attat". The prize is worth EUR 100,000. Sr Rita: "Without the financial help from Europe in the form of donations we would not be able to continue running our hospital. Thank you very much!"





**i** Read the Covid issue of our magazine at [jugendeinewelt.at/giovanni](http://jugendeinewelt.at/giovanni)

# Epidemics Require Fast Help



**When infectious diseases break out it is vital to provide rapid help to save lives.**

Today, epidemics such as ebola and cholera remain a threat to the populations in the countries of the South. When they break out, life-saving immediate aid is crucial. The vital importance of well-thought-out emergency plans was also shown by the Covid pandemic.\*

When, in the spring of 2020, coronavirus plunged the whole world into a state of emergency we started to receive appeals for help by the hour from countries we were in contact with in the context of our development projects. Despite lockdowns and curfews, Jugend Eine Welt was able to distribute financial support for medicines, food and toilettries such as soap and disinfectant to 33 aid projects around the world and so save many lives. This was only possible because carefully devised emergency plans were available. Jugend Eine Welt was helped by the fact that since it was founded 27 years ago it has gained vast experience of providing emergency aid in connection with infectious diseases.

## A centre for ebola orphans

For example, west Africa was hit by the ebola virus in the years 2014 and 2015. Ebola haemorrhagic fever is a highly contagious infection that is fatal in over 50% of cases. When ebola broke out we were forced to immediately contact our partners in Sierra Leone and adapt the projects we had there to the new

situation. Above all it was children who needed prompt assistance: They had lost their families and found themselves out on the street overnight, with no food and no medical attention. "We hastily turned our school in Lungi into a reception centre for ebola orphans and children who had survived the illness," Brother Lothar Wagner reports. Despite the considerable risk to his own life, the holder of a degree in Social Education and Theology stayed in the country for



the duration of the ebola epidemic.

## Cholera spreads like wildfire

An example from Haiti shows how crucial it is to act quickly to combat infectious diseases: at New Year in 2016, our partners at Hôpital l'Espérance in the north of the country had 15 cholera patients. Three days later, the number had shot up to 60, and shortly afterwards it reached over 200. Thanks to non-dedicated donations, Jugend Eine Welt was able to provide immediate financial aid to pay for medicines and medical assistance. In a second phase, the woefully inadequate water supply



to the hospital and the schools was improved. Cholera is spread by contaminated water which is why it is vitally important to inform local populations about the causes of cholera and other epidemics, which is always done as part of the relief measures.

## LET'S FILL THE RELIEF FUND

It is thanks to non-dedicated donations, made with no stipulation about their use, that Jugend Eine Welt can provide fast and unbureaucratic initial aid in times of need. Some of these donations go into our relief fund so that money is available immediately. Reinhard Heiserer: "Following crises, our relief fund is unfortunately always exhausted. **Help us fill it up again and keep it filled.**"



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\*In a **pandemic** a disease spreads into many countries and can even have global consequences. This was the case with Covid-19. In an **epidemic** the outbreak is limited to a particular area. This was the case with ebola.





## THE "STOP CHILD LABOUR" ALLIANCE We show strength against child labour!

This is the motto of the alliance "Kinderarbeit Stoppen" ("stop child labour") which campaigns around the world against dangerous and exploitative child labour. And for a better future and equal opportunities. Worldwide, 160 million children are currently engaged in child labour, while a huge number of them, 79 million, are exposed to its most gruelling and dangerous forms, putting their health and safety at risk.

That today, in 2024, this should be ancient history is something that all members of the "Kinderarbeit Stoppen" alliance agree on. The initiative, which started campaigning against child labour and for effective supply chain legislation several years ago, is an alliance of various aid organisations and artists. All these people see it as their duty to draw attention to situations in which children are badly treated. To this end, Jugend Eine Welt, the Dreikönigsaktion, Fairtrade, Kindernothilfe, solidar Austria and the Butterfly Rebels have joined forces to work tirelessly on activities including campaigns, high-profile public events and petitions.

While some members of the alliance work in the countries of the South with the affected groups themselves, others aim to effectively combat child labour here in Austria, too. They vociferously demand the introduction of a framework of conditions that will stop goods produced in exploitative circumstances ending up on our supermarket shelves. This year, teenagers and young adults in particular are being asked to make a stand, for example by joining the "action groups against child labour", discovering what measures they can take and actively opposing child labour. The project **kinderarbeit stoppen** is supported by the Austrian Development Agency (ADA).

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## NO LESSONS ON AN EMPTY STOMACH Success for Jugend Eine Welt & Zotter's education project "Schokolade macht Schule"



Enjoy exquisite chocolate of supreme organic quality and make the wish of disadvantaged children in Madagascar for a school education come true. The project "Schokolade macht Schule" (roughly, "Chocolate goes to school") supported by the chocolate-making firm of Zotter and Jugend Eine Welt makes it possible. Because 50 cents from the sale of every Zotter SchokoBanane bar goes to this aid project.

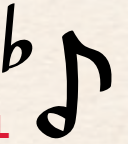
"Thanks to Zotter's generous support, everyone who buys a 'Schokolade macht Schule' chocolate bar helps these children to have a high-quality education and prevents them having to learn on an empty stomach," explains Reinhard Heiserer, director of Jugend Eine Welt. "They are all given something to aim for and the chance of a better future. For that, we are very grateful to Zotter." So far, 100,000 SchokoBanane bars have been sold. That means that EUR 50,000 has already been raised for the children. The "Schokolade macht Schule" brand is on sale in shops as well as the online shops of Jugend Eine Welt and Zotter and costs EUR 4.30. For more details, visit

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## CHARITY CONCERT IN THE HOFBURG CHAPEL We thank the dolce risonanza ensemble and the Hofmusikkapelle!

In late March, over 100 guests experienced a wonderfully atmospheric charity concert in the historic chapel of Hofburg palace. The dolce risonanza ensemble played in support of Jugend Eine Welt, with the donations made instead of ticket prices going to children and young people at risk.

The concert took place as part of the "Übergänge" festival and its motto was "Doloris Mysteria". The ensemble, regarded as one of the best in the early music genre, played the cycle of sonatas on the sorrowful mysteries of the rosary by Heinrich Ignaz Franz Biber, which is considered a highlight of Baroque composition.

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## EFRIENDS – SHARE ELECTRICITY Donate your electricity to Jugend Eine Welt

Thanks to our cooperation partner eFriends you can click to donate electricity and support Jugend Eine Welt! eFriends, whose community has members all over Austria, make it possible: they generate green electricity in their own regions and share it with consumers in real time. With the donate function, producers can not only sell their power, but also quite simply place it at the disposal of aid organisations like Jugend Eine

Welt free of charge. This makes the power donors indirect supporters of the numerous alternative energy projects funded by Jugend Eine Welt in Asia, Africa and Latin America.

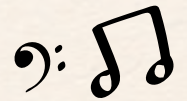
"As an eFriend, we are as delighted to have donors in Austria who give us electricity as we are about those who donate money or goods," says Jugend Eine Welt director and trained electrical engineer Reinhard Heiserer. The "eFriends Energy Control" is installed in the junction box in the consumers' homes. Using a special app, producer and consumer find each other and establish a connection. They decide who they want to receive power from or to whom they want to supply excess electricity – and how much it will cost. Sharing happens in real time. Should no power be available within the community at any time – because it's dark – demand is met automatically from the eFriends balance group. The level of self-sufficiency among the community members has now reached nearly 80 per cent.

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## EXQUISITE SOUNDS ON NASCHMARKT

### The newly opened C. Bechstein Centrum in Vienna supports Jugend Eine Welt

In the city that is the home of the waltz and the operetta, where the spirit of composers such as Wolfgang Amadeus Mozart, Joseph Haydn, Ludwig Van Beethoven, Franz Schubert, the Strauss family, Johannes Brahms and Gustav Mahler is felt on every street corner, Vienna's C. Bechstein Centrum welcomes interested visitors to demonstrate to them the sound and the passion of this piano-man-

ufacturing company that was founded in Berlin in 1853. Its arrival in Vienna was celebrated in fine style, with C. Bechstein inviting many distinguished guests to the grand opening of its new piano showroom on Linke Wienzeile. The guests, including Ernst Woller, president of Vienna's provincial government, Ulrike Sych, chancellor of the University of Music and Performing Arts Vienna, and Chris Lohner, honorary ambassador of the Austrian development organisation Jugend Eine Welt, listened as pianists of international renown such as Elisabeth Leonskaja, Paul Gulda and Sunny Ritter wove their spell.



**C. BECHSTEIN**  
Centrum Wien



## JUGEND EINE WELT AT A FOOTBALL-THEMED SERVICE IN HARTBERG

### Blessings for the world of football



Ever fancied attending mass in a football stadium, possibly in your football kit or shirt? That was possible on 9 June 2024 in Hartberg stadium. The parish of Hartberg held an international football-themed church service and Jugend Eine Welt was there.

Five days before the European Football Championships started, more than 2,000 participants answered the call of parish priest Joe Reisenhofer to fill the home of Austrian top-flight club TSV Hartberg and to sing, pray and celebrate together. Jugend Eine Welt took the opportunity offered by the service to tell participants about the numerous football projects carried out in countries of the South thanks to our generous supporters and donors. There was also a competition with 10 Jugend Eine Welt footballs, produced under fair conditions, as prizes.

Apart from Jugend Eine Welt, the event was attended by TSV Hartberg with its players, youth teams, officials, fans, SMS Hartberg, DSG Steiermark (diocesan sports club), Red Hots Cheerleading, the music group Cross- ing Voices XXL, special guests and many more.

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# ROLLED EGGS aka „Rolex“

## STREETFOOD FROM UGANDA



### Fancy a Rolex?

In Uganda, Rolex is not just something you wear on your wrist. You can eat it, too. “Rolex” is a regional speciality, available on the roadside for only 20 cents. The name “Rolex” is a play on the words “rolled eggs”. It is made of chapati, a kind of unleavened bread, and egg. Cabbage, onion and tomatoes are added to make a vegetable omelette. Ugandans roll the omelette into the chapati so that the “Rolex”, once ready, resembles a wrap. The “Rolex” can contain as many eggs as desired as well as other vegetables or fruit such as avocado. However, every egg and every additional filling cost extra at the stall.

**Preparation time:** 30 minutes

### Ingredients for 2 people

#### For the filling:

- 4 small eggs
- a little cabbage
- 1 onion
- a couple of cherry tomatoes
- coriander (as much as you like)
- chilli, optional

#### For the dough:

- 1 cup of flour
- 1 cup of wholemeal flour
- ½ tsp sea salt
- a little hot water
- butter for coating
- oil for frying

### Method

#### The Chapati:

- 1 Mix the flour and wholemeal flour with the salt and knead into a ball with a little hot water. Cover the dough with a damp cloth and leave to stand for an hour.
- 2 Divide the dough and roll it out to form flat, round pieces.
- 3 Heat the vegetable oil, place the chapatis in the frying pan, coat with butter and fry on both sides.

#### Preparing the Rolex:

- 4 Mix the ingredients for the filling in a cup.
- 5 Heat the oil in a non-stick frying pan. Add the egg mixture, smooth it flat and leave to thicken. Do not turn over until the underside is lightly browned. Take out the omelette and keep it warm.
- 6 Now briefly reheat the chapati on both sides in the frying pan and take it out again. Place the Rolex mixture on the chapatis and roll up tight. If you want the authentic version, wrap in greaseproof paper.



# Enjoy!



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For the value of a 130m<sup>2</sup> condominium in Vienna, we are building an urgently needed, fully equipped hospital in Freetown, Sierra Leone.

***In Sierra Leone, poverty is everywhere. The consequences of the horrific civil war that raged from 1991 to 2002 are still felt today.*** To make matters worse, the effects of the ebola epidemic on the population's health and the country's economy have caused enormous suffering. These effects include deep-seated trauma, extreme poverty and a chronically overburdened health system. The mortality rate is particularly high among children and women and is among the highest in the world. Because of malnourishment, delayed development affects one child in three. One in eleven dies before the age of 5.

### No care without a new hospital

St. Anthony's Clinic is located in one of Freetown's slums and is a vital health care hub. Of the 1,000 patients treated every month, nearly half come from the surrounding slums.

But the hospital, built in 1992, is now far too small and virtually falling apart. The roof leaks and the walls are cracked. There are constant power failures. The only way to guarantee safe health care for the impoverished population is to completely rebuild the hospital.

### > ONE MILLION IS NEEDED <

To build the hospital we need around EUR 1 million. With your generous support, this simple hospital in Sierra Leone can be built quickly, a hospital that will in future always be associated with your name. Soon it will once again be possible to treat accident victims, cure diseases and promote the health of those living in the slums. In the new St. Anthony's Clinic you will have made safer births, more accurate diagnoses and better sanitation possible. In other words, you give the sick the gift of life and renewed hope for the future.



### Reinhard Heiserer:

"If you can, please help to make the dream of the people in the slums on the outskirts of Freetown in Sierra Leone a reality. Provide the funds for a new cottage hospital which will primarily benefit mothers-to-be, mothers and children. I was able to visit the hospital as recently as last December, where I met its head. St. Anthony's Clinic provides important services but must be rebuilt as soon as possible. At present it is run-down, too small and in an unacceptable condition. That is why the Jugend Eine Welt Foundation is looking for donors, sponsors and companies willing to make large donations towards rebuilding and furnishing the new hospital. Because this work cannot begin before the funds to cover the costs of EUR 1 million are confirmed."

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# God's Tightrope Walker

**While still a child, Giovanni Bosco noticed that his friends in the small village of Becchi showed little interest in religious questions and practices. Not all of them attended mass.** They seldom prayed and avoided church. He himself had always been an enthusiastic believer and wanted to win others over to God's cause. So he considered what he could do to change things.

He had often been an attentive spectator when travelling entertainers performed their tricks. They always received enthusiastic applause. Why shouldn't he have a go himself? Giovanni was lean, strong and good at acrobatics. Even as an adult he still took part in running races at the oratory.

But back to Becchi: The would-be "artiste of God" practised diligently for months at home "until I'd learnt it", as he later recalls. He could even

pull a rabbit out of a hat and walk on a tightrope. Of course he had a few falls but, as he later writes: "You might not believe me, but aged eleven I could do magic tricks, perform a full somersault, walk on my hands and walk on a tightrope."

## Balancing for a prayer

At last he was ready. Giovanni announced his debut performance. He stretched a rope between two trees on the market square, climbed up and walked across it holding a balancing pole. What a spectacle for the youngsters in the village! But the grown-ups, too, watched little Giovanni with great interest and admiration. Everyone applauded. And he genuinely deserved it. But he wouldn't have been the person who later became Don Bosco if he hadn't had a good idea there and then. "So," he said to his audience, "you liked it! What I should really do now is pass the hat round and collect

my reward. But I have another idea: my reward should be that we all say a prayer together now and that you all go to mass on Sunday." And it worked: some of the lads folded their hands in prayer and Giovanni joined in – and on Sunday nearly all of them were in church. It was a technique he continued to use: He would first put on a show, and before the final number Don Bosco would invite all the spectators to pray with him.

"God's streetworker" followed the same principle later on with the street children in Turin. As risky as some of his tricks were, Don Bosco also made sure that rules were observed that prevented accidents and was always there for his boys. He became a father, teacher and friend to young people.

Source: [www.iss.donbosco.de](http://www.iss.donbosco.de)



## Don Bosco (1815 - 1888) Pioneer of social work and young people's saint

is the patron saint of Jugend Eine Welt. His devotion to children and young people is the example we aim to follow. He set up several workshops so that street children in 19th-century Turin could obtain a good education. The dedicated priest also negotiated the first indentures for the youngsters in his charge. Today, Don Bosco projects in over 130 countries worldwide provide young people with solid vocational training. That gives them the chance of a better life.



# „MY SIGNATURE HELPS GIVE CHILDREN IMPORTANT EDUCATION“

Chris Lohner has remembered Jugend Eine Welt in her will. In this brief interview, the Austrian aid organisation's honorary ambassador talks about the reasons for her bequest.

## What prompted this decision?

“I've been travelling around the impoverished regions of the world for over 20 years and have witnessed many heart-rending stories. My visits to projects – always paid for out of my own pocket, of course – took me to the remotest villages in Africa and Latin America where the people are unbelievably poor. But their unbroken courage and zest for life were infectious and motivated me to help.

I live comfortably, for which I'm grateful, and that's why I want to give something back. That's also why I am remembering the Austrian development organisation Jugend Eine Welt in my will. For years they've been helping to rescue disadvantaged children from the streets in the countries of the South and give them the chance of an education.

My signature at the bottom of my will won't change the world, but it can make life easier in certain cases and help at least some children to receive the education that is so important for leading an independent life. It is a meaningful gesture. Because your last shirt has no pockets, and no one gets out of here alive!”

## One of your mottoes is “Help is reflexive”. What exactly is the reasoning behind that?

Everything in life is reflexive. Both the good and the bad. When you help others it does you good, too.”

## Where does your desire to help come from?

“I think it was passed on to me by my father. He was a great philanthropist! His willingness to help still exerts a great influence over me. He taught me to do my best to consider other people's aspirations and requests. He set an example through his actions. That has had a profound influence on me.

*We say  
thank you!*

*Chris Lohner*



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