



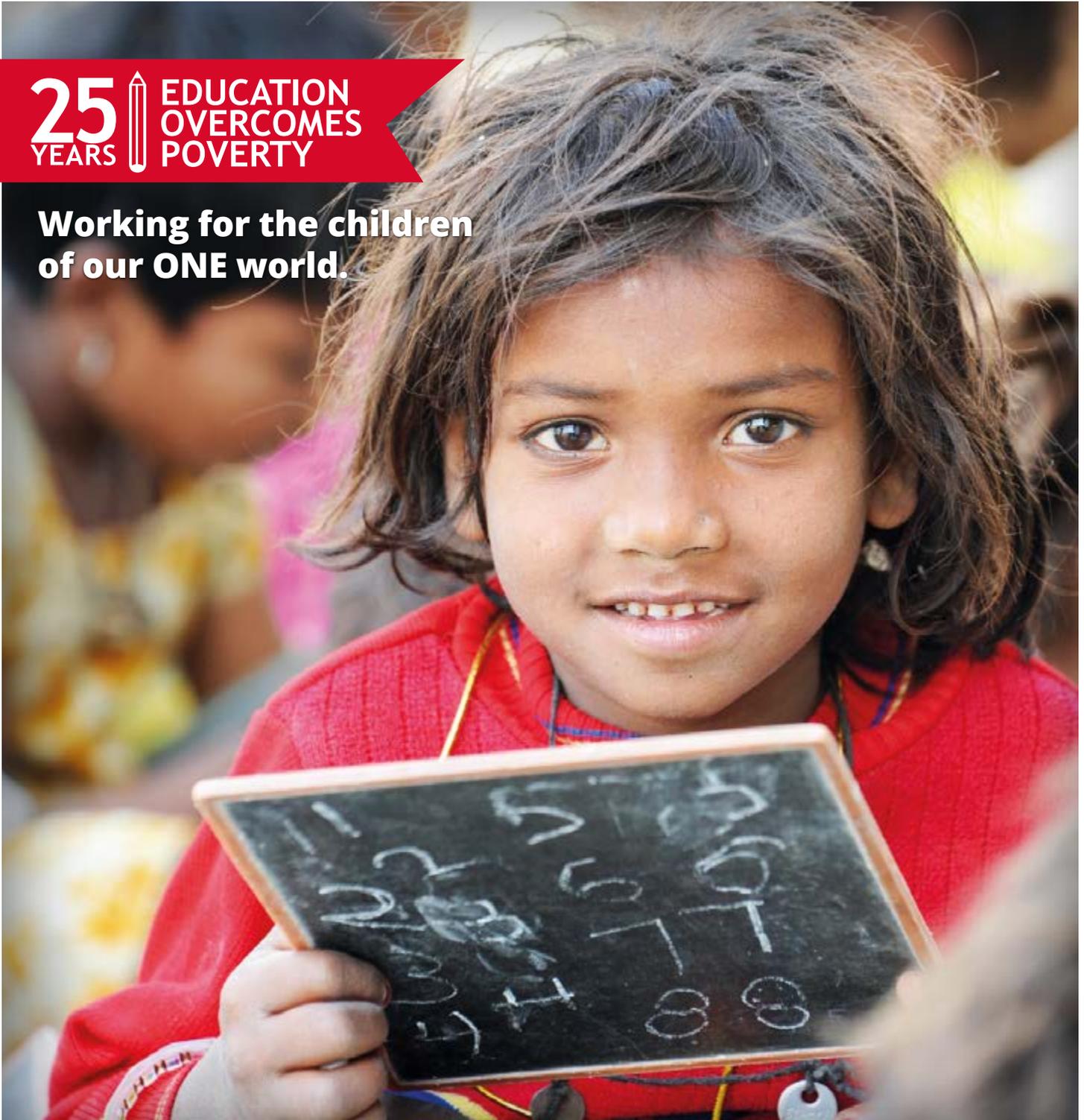
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OVERCOMES  
POVERTY**

**Working for the children  
of our ONE world.**



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## Dear Readers,

*When I sat down to write this editorial, two things immediately sprang to mind: gratitude and goose bumps.*

### GRATITUDE

On two recent trips to visit Jugend Eine Welt projects in Ecuador and Ghana I was able, in quick succession, to meet up with longtime friends and project partners and once again visit projects and programmes that we support. These two trips took me back to the very beginnings of our aid organisation that has now existed for 25 years. You see, both countries were among the first in which our newly founded organisation provided support for projects. So it was a journey back in time, and it showed me how important and successful our work as Jugend Eine Welt is and how much it is appreciated by the Don Bosco partners on the ground.

Programmes for street children or vocational training centres, campaigns for the rights of the child or disaster relief: Jugend Eine Welt joined the fight – and is still fighting today – for better prospects, especially for children and young people at risk and their families, shoulder to shoulder with valued partners in the countries of the South.

**In this struggle, the three educational pillars of Don Bosco serve as important guides. His holistic to approach to education, which applies all over the world, consists of school education, vocational training and education of the heart. And it has proved its worth right up to the present day! Not for nothing is our motto “Education overcomes poverty”!**

### GOOSE BUMPS

My meetings with partners from projects we have been supporting from the very start again made me realise that none of it would have been possible without YOUR generous support and willingness to help. YOU, our friends and donors, sponsors and volunteers, colleagues and solidarity groups – each and every one of YOU who supports us with such generosity and dedication, such understanding and reliability, with your donations,

grants, bequests, loans, voluntary work and awareness-raising. It's incredible to think of the difficulties we have overcome together in 25 years and the opportunities for a better future we have created for disadvantaged people all over the world. Goose bumps!

**I am so grateful to be able to provide this important global support for people in difficulty and towards the promotion of children and young people with YOU!**

Best wishes,

Reinhard Heiserer



Anniversary cake made by our project partners in Colombia.

# 25 Years of *Jugend Eine Welt* – We Thank You for the Trust You Place in Us.

In keeping with the motto of “Education overcomes poverty”, the aid organisation *Jugend Eine Welt*, in cooperation with countless dedicated people, has been contributing to giving children and young people at risk all over the world the chance of a better life by means of education and training since 1997.

We thank all those who have accompanied us on this journey: project partners around the world, sponsors, donors and supporters who have been instrumental in the success of *Jugend Eine Welt* and have consequently made a vital contribution to giving many young people in our ONE world a better life. Our efforts continue to focus on those children who need our help most urgently. Without your support this would not be possible. For that we say a big thank-you!



# EDUCATION OVERCOMES POVERTY

Working for the future of the children and young people of our ONE world.

**Providing aid, lending support and creating new opportunities.** Improving the lives of children and young people at risk has been the central objective of the aid organisation Jugend Eine Welt ever since it was founded in 1997. This is because promoting young people in the countries of the South contributes significantly to making life in this world fairer and therefore more worth living.

Every girl and boy deserves a chance and investing time, effort and money in the youth of our ONE world is worth it. Thanks to the help of many people and their generous donations and grants, Jugend Eine Welt has been able, over the past 25 years, to carry out, support, contribute to or develop **3,028** projects of various types and sizes for disadvantaged children and young people, primarily in the countries of the South. In all, an astonishing sum of **100 million euros** was entrusted to Jugend Eine Welt in that time and invested in project support, voluntary work, education work, political work and advocacy for the rights of the child. This amount is impressive evidence of the great solidarity with children and young people at risk that exists, and it enabled us to provide important assistance.

### **A global network – giving young people a future worth living for together**

The young persons' patron saint and pioneer of social work John Bosco (Don Bosco, 1815 – 1888) realised that help for vulnerable young people can only be effective, and more importantly

long-lasting, if it comes through education. Jugend Eine Welt works particularly closely with the Salesians of Don Bosco and the Don Bosco Sisters to ensure that EVERY child has access to education.

Our partners are active in over 130 countries around the world. They live with the young people who are entrusted to their care and are familiar with the local situation. This guarantees that donations are used efficiently. The Don Bosco schools and social centres rightly have an excellent reputation, since they focus firmly on young people and offer them a way out of poverty by means of high-quality schooling and vocational training. But education of the girls' and boys' hearts is also important to the project partners.

**Each year** we support over **134 social projects** for disadvantaged children and young people on **four continents** and also provide emergency relief in the event of disasters. Together with our Don Bosco partners we have supported projects in **over 107 countries since 1997**. In the over 7,400 facilities run by our project partners, which include educational institutions, leisure centres, schools and homes for street children, a total of over 1.8 million young people in difficult circumstances are given the training and attention they need for a successful life and allow them to look ahead to a promising future.



## HOW WE HELP



### **Schools and vocational training**

Worldwide, millions of children cannot go to school. In keeping with the motto of "Education overcomes poverty", Jugend Eine Welt supports projects for schools and vocational training in Asia, Africa, Latin America, the Middle East and Eastern Europe. These projects enable young people to finish their school education or an apprenticeship and stand on their own two feet to find a way out of poverty. Because education is the key not only to personal development, but to the development of the whole of society too. Education is the only way of escaping the vicious circle of poverty that in many cases has persisted for generations.

Basic skills like reading, writing and arithmetic are essential for learning almost any trade that requires both theoretical knowledge and practical skills. Young people need good schools and training facilities so that they can take their chances in a globalised labour market. But the education systems in many countries differ enormously: here, state schools are free, but substandard; there, pupils can attend expensive, but excellent, private schools and elite universities. Social inequality often begins with access to education, whose potential will only be fully realised in future if participation in it improves dramatically. It has been shown that where

there is equal access to education, social and economic inequality diminishes. Because education overcomes poverty! For more information, see pp. 10–15, pp. 18–19 and [jugendeinewelt.at/bildung](http://jugendeinewelt.at/bildung)



### **Children's rights**

Worldwide, over 160 million girls and boys have to toil as child labourers. 79 million of these children work in hazardous environments or conditions that expose them to exploitation. Jugend Eine Welt works in support of children's rights, not just through the aid projects we support, but also through the education work and awareness-raising we do here in Austria. For more information, see pp. 9–19, pp. 22–28, p. 32 and [jugendeinewelt.at/kinderrechte](http://jugendeinewelt.at/kinderrechte)



### **Street children and social projects**

Extreme poverty forces children to drop out of school and work in conditions that exploit them. Many of them end up on the street. At the social centres and centres for street

children supported by Jugend Eine Welt, children are looked after with love and affection and given the chance to go back to school. More details on pp. 9–13 and at [jugendeinewelt.at/strassenkinder](http://jugendeinewelt.at/strassenkinder)



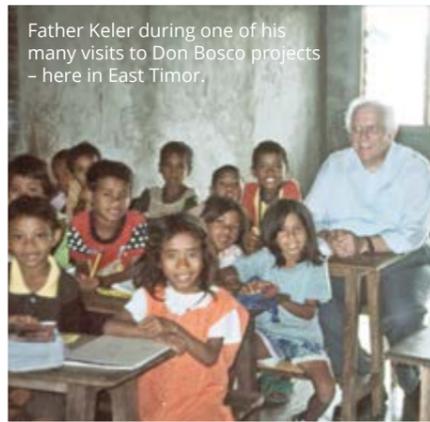
### **Disaster relief**

Disasters hit poor families especially hard. Jugend Eine Welt has a global network of reliable partners, meaning we can provide fast and unbureaucratic help. In this connection, long-term rebuilding is also particularly important to us. More details on pp. 16–17 and at [jugendeinewelt.at/nothilfe](http://jugendeinewelt.at/nothilfe)



### **Voluntary work**

Jugend Eine Welt offers people of all ages the opportunity to participate actively in an educational or social project in a project country by doing a period of voluntary work and so making their own personal contribution to development cooperation. For more information, see pp. 29–30, p. 35 and [jugendeinewelt.at/einsaetze](http://jugendeinewelt.at/einsaetze)



Father Keler during one of his many visits to Don Bosco projects – here in East Timor.



## FATHER JOSEF KELER – VALUED FRIEND AND ASSOCIATE

An indispensable mentor for Jugend Eine Welt.

**As the Provincial at the time, Father Dr. Josef Keler played a central role in the foundation of Jugend Eine Welt** and was chairman of the Austrian aid organisation's board for many years. It is thanks to his experience and vision that Reinhard Heiserer and his team were given the chance 25 years ago to support Don Bosco aid programmes around the world with highly professional project work and well-prepared periods of voluntary work. To this day he remains a highly valued friend of Jugend Eine Welt who can be relied on for words of wisdom when there seems to be no way forward.

### Father Keler, what prompted you to support the foundation of Jugend Eine Welt?

Father Keler: As Provincial, I saw the work being done by the Salesians of Don Bosco in the missions first-hand and knew what enormous difficulties and obstacles they faced. I knew I couldn't help everywhere: all help is only a drop in the ocean, but if the drop falls where it's needed it brings life. Meeting Reinhard Heiserer who, following his time as a development aid worker in Ecuador, was highly motivated to do something in Austria for Don Bosco projects in poor countries, persuaded me to support the organisation's foundation. I was then able to witness how thousands of young people were given life through this aid.

### What, in your view, is the decisive factor for motivating religious orders to devote themselves to effective efforts in favour of the poor, vulnerable and disadvantaged in future?

Orders have the advantage of a perspective that comes from the universal church. They live among the local population, there is no need to fly specialists in and pay them. Because

the people on the ground know what the population needs. This grass-roots help is the advantage that orders have. Unlike state institutions they can organise educational and social projects with lean structures and with the people they know personally. More and more orders are realising that close cooperation with the so-called laity is what ensures success. In a nutshell: With orders, the hour for the laity is at hand.

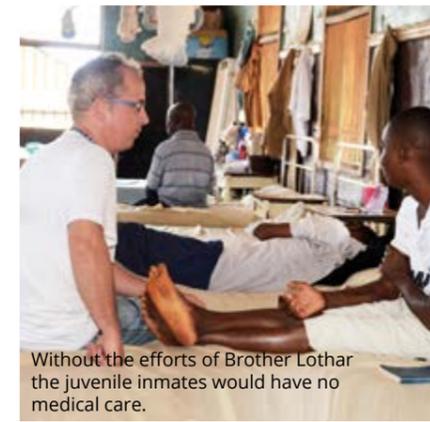
### You have known Jugend Eine Welt since its inception. Are you satisfied with the way we have developed?

Father Keler (laughs): The successful course of the past 25 years should continue at all costs! The many helpful projects for the poor and repressed should continue. Purposeful actions with respect, devotion and trust have more power than a lot of talk. Your help hits its mark.

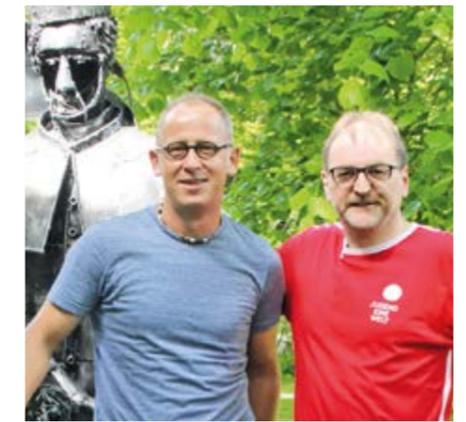


### A religious skilled in management

Father Dr. Josef Keler, born in 1939, has been a member of the congregation of the Salesians of Don Bosco since 1959. Following his theological studies in Benediktbeuern he was ordained to the priesthood in 1969. In 1984 he was appointed Provincial of the Austrian province of the Salesians of Don Bosco, a post he held for twelve years. As a former Procurator of the Missions, he has travelled to many mission stations in the countries of the South. Since 2013, Father Keler has been the parish priest at the Herz Jesu Church in Vienna's 3rd district. Josef Keler was also the man who inspired Father Petrus Obermüller (on the left in the photo above) to join forces with Reinhard Heiserer and work on founding Jugend Eine Welt.



Without the efforts of Brother Lothar the juvenile inmates would have no medical care.



## DEDICATION TO CHILDREN WHOSE FATE NO ONE ELSE CARES ABOUT

Day in, day out, Brother Lothar Wagner dedicates his life to children and young people who eke out their existence in prison or on the streets.

### No clean water, constant hunger and insufficient medical care.

In a small cell designed for two inmates, as many as ten people are crammed – adults and children alike. Violence and abuse are everyday occurrences. For the inmates, the central prison in Monrovia, the capital of Liberia, is hell on earth. Among them are children as young as twelve who, in Liberia, often find themselves behind bars far too quickly. To prevent these young people from losing all hope, Brother Lothar Wagner does everything in his power, bringing humanity into the dark prison cells. Apart from providing water and food, he and his colleagues also organise medical assistance. And, not the least important of his tasks, Wagner organises legal advisers whenever necessary because many of the children did not even have a proper court hearing.

### Youth welfare instead of prison

Over the past years, the dedicated Salesian brother has often drawn attention to these inhumane conditions and violations of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child and has demanded changes. Now, at last, his efforts are bearing fruit: **the Supreme Court in Liberia has asked Don Bosco for its assistance with a reform of criminal procedures relating to juveniles.** In addition, the government has offered the Jugend Eine Welt partners a plot of land with buildings where they can set up a centre for young offenders. All that is currently missing are the funds needed to refurbish and extend the buildings, and then minors will at long last be able to receive appropriate assistance outside prison. But Brother Lothar Wagner is optimistic: "It is tremendously heartening to know that we have partners like Jugend Eine Welt who are accompanying us on this path. It encourages me to see that we share the aim of being there for the poorest of the poor and stand up for them together. Here in Liberia we are not alone!"

### A future instead of a graveyard

Lothar Wagner also receives support from Jugend Eine Welt and its donors for the important steps he takes to help Liberia's street children. These youngsters often find their only refuge in Monrovia's cemetery. Brother Lothar offers his "cemetery children" meals, someone to talk to and the feeling that they are appreciated. He also opens up new horizons for them and tries to guide their seemingly hopeless lives in a more positive direction.

### A glimmer of hope for disadvantaged children

Jugend Eine Welt has been the "premium partner" of the dedicated Salesian brother Lothar Wagner for many years now. Born in Trier, Germany, in 1973, the holder of a degree in social education and theology prefers to help at the social hotspots of our ONE world. As director of the "Don Bosco Fambul" children's shelter in Sierra Leone's capital Freetown he not only assisted street children and young prison inmates, but also underage prostitutes and orphans during the ebola crisis. Brother Lothar's work for the "cemetery children" was one of the missions he began during his first assignment in Liberia. These children, homeless and with no prospects whatsoever, spend their nights in graves. Since the summer of 2020, this expert for West Africa has been back in Liberia, devoting all his efforts to looking after street children and children in Monrovia's central prison.



# UNSUNG HEROES IN AFRICA

Austrians working to eliminate child labour and help street children.



They are constantly on the go. They are past masters at improvisation and often have the bare minimum of resources to work with. They must battle bureaucratic obstacles and sometimes political fickleness. In all they do, one thing is particularly important to them: to give the youngsters in their care the chance of a bright future through education and training. They are our unsung heroes who dedicate themselves every day to the disadvantaged children and young people of the world. With quiet determination, Jugend Eine Welt's Don Bosco project partners do what they can for those in their care.

## Father Johann Kiesling: Tireless efforts

One of them is Father Johann Kiesling. Now 88, this native of Vienna has been working as a Salesian priest in the Democratic Republic of the Congo for 45 years. A trained metalworker, he has done truly pioneering work in many villages in the sprawling region around Lubumbashi, the provincial capital in the east of the country. Together with the local population, wells were dug, schools built, health posts and centres for street children established, and vocational training schemes for former child labourers organised. There have been plenty of accidents, illnesses and other setbacks, but he talks about them with a smile: "God has never let me down." Currently, Father Kiesling is looking after students from poor families in Kansebula near Lubumbashi. And he is always on hand to help out whenever "his" numerous children in the villages need it. On 3 May Father Kiesling will receive the missio Award for his 45 years of missionary work at a church service presided over by the cardinals Christoph Schönborn and Antoine Kambanda (Rwanda) at St. Stephen's Cathedral in Vienna.

## Sister Hildegard Litzlhammer: Help towards self-help through vocational training

Another unsung hero also works in the Congo, and Jugend Eine Welt has supported many of her projects over the years: the Don Bosco Sister Hildegard Litzlhammer, originally from Upper Austria. She is currently busy setting up a home for girls at risk. The home will provide them with shelter, their daily needs and support with their training. "I follow the principle that while you need help to set something up you must then be able to support yourself. We can't live on donations forever," explains Sister Hildegard. For example, an elementary and "remedial" school she recently launched for girl labourers in Kinshasa has an affiliated bakery that covers some of the overheads.

## Sister Hanni Denifl: From Tyrol to Africa - for the children's future

Exploitative child labour and violence and abuse directed at girls and young women are still widespread in western Africa. Sister Hanni Denifl FMA from Tyrol has been working for the Don Bosco Sisters in West Africa for over 15 years. From a project for imprisoned children in Benin to her work at a children's shelter in Ivory Coast, her primary aim has always been to give marginalised children protection and a future. At the shelters every child finds refuge, can go to school or learn a trade so that they are able to take responsibility for their future themselves. To ensure that the projects' benefits are sustained in the long term, the local population is sensitised to issues such as the rights of the child, legislation against child trafficking, the responsibilities of parents and child welfare in general.



# FIGHTING HOPELESSNESS

In Nigeria, a district in Ecuador, street children find a way to escape poverty through education and training.

*All you working children, you newspaper sellers and shoe shiners, come and help change the world* – this is a line from a song by Father Marco Paredes who has been working for "his" street children in Guayaquil since 2003 through the "Chicos de la Calle" programme for street children, helping them to have a positive outlook. Convincing the children in the slum district of Nigeria that there is hope for the future is no easy thing since the area is dominated by rival gangs, crime and drugs. The appalling poverty and often broken homes cause many children to run away from home and end up on the streets.

## Education overcomes poverty

To help these children, the Salesian priest Marco Paredes and his colleagues prioritise supportive care and education. Each year, over 200 children are cared for at the street children's centre in Guayaquil. They initially come to the centre because they are given something to eat here and can join a game of football which enables them to forget their worries, at least for a couple of hours. But anyone who decides to give up living on the streets finds a new home with the Jugend Eine Welt partners and can go to school. Teenagers have the chance to learn a trade. The training is often accompanied by other measures such as literacy courses because many of the youngsters are unable to read and write.

## Funding for a community centre and housing

What is equally important is that the young people have a roof over their heads once they have completed their

training. So one day Father Paredes approached Jugend Eine Welt and, with the support of donors and funding agencies, it was not long before the young graduates and their families had built simple dwellings of the type typical for that part of the world. Over the following years, the families made their own contributions to the cost of their homes by paying small monthly instalments.

The "Casa Don Bosco" community centre was also constructed – with classrooms, an assembly hall, a dining room and a sports ground. At the centre, extracurricular lessons, extra private tuition, recreational activities and much more take place. The recreational activities include a music group and dance group. The African music that they learn there teaches the young people about their ancestors' roots because most of them are descended from African slaves who were forced to toil on the sugar cane fields of big landowners in northwestern Ecuador. They wanted to give their children a better life but their dream of a rosy future ended in the slum.

However, the urban development programme that has been supported by numerous Jugend Eine Welt donors has successfully countered their sense of hopelessness. The quality of life of the people in the district has improved enormously. This is shown by the roads and sewer system, but also by the supply of clean drinking water which has led to a marked reduction in instances of serious illness and the infant mortality rate.



# Father Noel – Giving Hope to the Street Children of India

Promoting children and reducing poverty with knowledge and a talent for organising.

**“We have been able to do so much good together”.**

Jugend Eine Welt has been working closely with Father Noel Maddhichetty for two decades now. His experience and dedication are outstanding when it comes to children and young people at risk. Father Noel is the director of “BoscoNet”, the office in New Delhi that coordinates all the aid programmes conducted by the Salesians all over southern Asia. His wealth of experience is a real asset for performing this gargantuan task. After all, the Jugend Eine Welt partner previously served as Provincial in the Indian state of Andhra Pradesh with its population of no fewer than 50 million people. In this capacity, Father Noel oversaw 30 Don Bosco institutions such as centres for street children, schools and rural development programmes.

It is always a pleasure to welcome Father Noel as our guest in Austria. His lively talks (he speaks fluent German) on the life led by street children in India always touch the hearts of his listeners. In 2017 he visited us with a former street child, Santosh Kumar, father of a young family, who gave an account of how he succeeded in gaining control of his life with the help of Don Bosco India.

**Father Noel, what role does Jugend Eine Welt play in the work you do?**

*The clue is in the name: One world for the youth of all countries is a fascinating goal for everyone who works to help young people. To carry out this ambitious undertaking, those regions of the world where the economy is weak need help because it is there that the population is predominantly very young. The task that Jugend Eine Welt and the Don Bosco network share is primarily to enable the citizens of the future to lead a life in dignity and to save and sustain the Earth, our home. That is why education, a secure livelihood and care of our one world are our most important concerns.*

**You visited us in Austria for “Street Children’s Day” in 2017. Has the situation of street children in India changed since then?**

*The Day for Street Children, which is organised every year by Jugend Eine Welt, is a marvellous idea. Its aim is to highlight the fate of street children with a view to changing their lives and enabling them to find a way to succeed in life. Unfortunately, the coronavirus pandemic has seen a massive increase in violence towards working children and street children in India and in discrimination of them. Jugend Eine Welt stood by us in these difficult times when life almost came to a standstill. We were given immediate aid in our adversity, enabling us to supply food and medicines to people in despair.*

**You work with several aid organisations in order to counter the effects of poverty all over southern Asia. How do you assess our contribution to this work?**

*I’ve been collaborating with Jugend Eine Welt for over two decades. As a dedicated aid organisation, Jugend Eine Welt has a reputation for effective help at grassroots level and provides professional guidance for establishing capacities and exchanging knowledge and information. Putting help and resources in place is a challenging and highly demanding undertaking. In my experience, the team led by Reinhard Heiserer is at the forefront of efforts to help disadvantaged young people all over the world with a commitment based on social awareness and with passion.*

*On behalf of all the young people and communities that have benefited from this support we wish to express our thanks and our appreciation. We believe that the mission pursued by Reinhard Heiserer and his team of uniting the world of the young and making us realise that we are a global family will always serve as a shining example and will continue for decades to come. Congratulations to Jugend Eine Welt on your 25th anniversary!*



Many children are still denied their right to education because their parents cannot afford the school fees.



Working small miracles together: Father Noel Maddhichetty and Reinhard Heiserer.

SANTOSH



A rare treat for our Indian guests: Father Noel and Santosh in the snow on the Nordkette near Innsbruck.

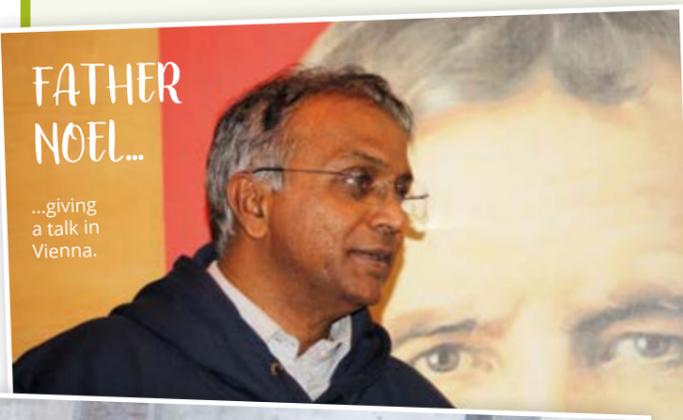
## SANTOSH KUMAR PADIBANDLA

### From a street child to head of a Don Bosco centre

We are all very proud of him, because the evolution of Santosh Kumar Padibandla is remarkable! His progression from street child to proud father with a university degree was long and full of trials and tribulations. Without the help of the Salesians of Don Bosco this success story would never have happened. Five years ago, Santosh undertook a tour of Austria, holding talks with Fr. Noel Maddhichetty in which he gave a first-hand account of the lives led by street children.

He was born in Hyderabad, southern India, in 1983. His father abandoned the family and his mother was no longer able to feed her children. Santosh ended up on the street where life is extremely dangerous. Street children are constantly being chased away and they are not popular with the police. As a result, they jump rides wherever they can, criss-crossing the country and only staying in a town until they are forced to move on. One day, Santosh wanted to jump onto a moving train but met with a terrible accident. The boy lost his lower arm and one leg. Badly injured, he was taken in by the Don Bosco centre in Vijayawada. Once he had more or less recovered, Santosh went back to school, which he found very difficult to begin with. Street children lead itinerant lives, never staying long in one place. But the patient support he received at the Don Bosco centre was successful: he studied computer science and social work. Today, he is married and has two children. To our great delight, and the delight of Fr. Noel, Santosh is now the project manager at the Navajeevan Don Bosco centre.

Asked what it is that street children need more than anything else, Santosh replied: „A street child needs someone he can trust. Someone must be there for these children – on the streets and in their lives.“



12 JUGEND EINE WELT Education is the escape route for India’s street children.



Father Ubaldino and his young charges show their delight at graduating from the Palabek vocational school.

# AFRICA'S YOUNG PEOPLE NEED PROSPECTS

Quality vocational training provides opportunities.

**In many African countries, the education system is chronically under-funded.** Most young people are excluded from education for want of money, and if they do manage to go to school they find the classrooms hopelessly overcrowded. By supporting high-quality professional training schemes, Jugend Eine Welt intends to contribute to improving the education sector in Africa. After all, only good-quality training gives young people genuine prospects.

### Don Bosco Tech Africa: Promotion of sustainable development

The aid organisation cooperates closely with Don Bosco Tech Africa (DBTA) which coordinates 110 vocational training centres in 34 African countries. Sustainable development is playing an increasingly important role in professional training too, and

deputy director John Ngigi Njuguna is delighted to see the progress being made here: "Jugend Eine Welt has supported projects in Ethiopia and Uganda with funds from the Austrian Development Agency which trained over 150 trainers in planning, installing, repairing and maintaining solar arrays. This investment has benefited young people at the Don Bosco institutions in the two countries enormously. Between 2016 and 2021 over 1,500 young people were trained in or sensitised to topics relating to renewable energy." An important contribution to environmental protection and to the population. The vocational schools that specialise in solar power are all in countries where, to date, less than half the population is connected to the grid. "Access to clean and affordable energy is a fundamental

human right and a key factor in the battle against the marginalisation of the less fortunate," says Salesian John Ngigi Njuguna, stressing the importance of these projects.

### Palabek: Haven of hope and preparation for a better life

"Palabek": That is the name of the large refugee camp in northern Uganda, not far from the border with South Sudan. More than 5,600 people live in the camp, chiefly women, children and adolescents. Most of them come from South Sudan. They have fled to safety from the deadly conflict that has devastated their homeland for nearly nine years. Palabek is a haven of hope, a place that gives young people the chance to start a better life thanks to high-quality professional training.

## Professional training

Demand for the courses currently on offer is enormous and for that reason Father Ubaldino Andrade and his colleagues want to add to the training opportunities available to the young refugees. Besides the existing courses in tailoring, construction, agriculture, solar power and motorcycle mechanics, they would like to launch additional courses in carpentry, blacksmithing and animal husbandry. During the coronavirus pandemic the vocational school made a name for itself by producing over 24,000 face masks, which brought it recognition from the UNHCR among others. "The Don Bosco centre was highly innovative and a pioneer in mask production," said Hilary Onek, Uganda's minister for refugees during a visit to Palabek. "Not just in the camp, but all over Uganda." Although short of the necessary materials, young volunteers from the sewing workshop began making these important protective items soon after the COVID crisis broke out. Together with the Salesians of Don Bosco, those in charge

of the camp are currently assessing new ideas for income-generating activities for the many young people there. The highly successful face mask production could be a first step towards landing orders for other items such as uniforms for schools in Uganda.

### Computer courses at the vocational training centre in Lilongwe: #digitalize Malawi!

Malawi is one of the poorest countries in the world. The majority of the population lives on less than one US dollar a day. Breaking out of the cycle of poverty is particularly difficult for young people owing to the lack of high-quality education and training. For this reason, Jugend Eine Welt is supporting the project run by the Salesians of Don Bosco in the capital city Lilongwe that addresses this deficiency. The Don Bosco Youth Technical Institute (DBYTI) offers over 600 students a year comprehensive professional training. The range of courses includes car mechanics, electrical engineering, IT and the hotel

trade. In Salesian brother Walter Thyrniang, who served as rector of the DBYTI for many years, young people find a staunch supporter: "I believe in the potential of every young person. All young people need is an opportunity."

Teaching computer skills is particularly important for the Jugend Eine Welt partners. Only with specialist knowledge in the field of information and communications technologies do the graduates of today stand a good chance in the labour market. Importance is also placed on power from renewable energy sources at the vocational school in Lilongwe. The expansion of solar power, which was supported by Jugend Eine Welt, has put a sustainable energy supply for the school on a solid footing.

**"I believe in the potential of every young person. All young people need is an opportunity."**

*Br. Walter Thyrniang SDB*



# TIMELY RELIEF!

Jugend Eine Welt's partners provide fast and unbureaucratic help in the event of disasters and emergencies.

**Time and again Jugend Eine Welt receives appeals for help following disasters all over the world.** A rapid response is then required because the people in the affected areas need life-saving support quickly. This was the case after the earthquakes in Haiti in 2010 and 2021, typhoon Haiyan in the Philippines in 2013, the ebola crisis in Sierra Leone in 2014, the earthquakes in Nepal and Ecuador in 2015 and 2016, the floods in southeastern Asia, the catastrophic explosion in Lebanon in 2020, the devastating fire in Sierra Leone in 2021, the famines in South Sudan and Ethiopia and the war that is currently raging in Ukraine.

Jugend Eine Welt's partners are thoroughly familiar with the local situation, and this means that they can provide fast and unbureaucratic help. In such cases, the Don Bosco centres often serve as shelters or distribution centres for food and reconstruction aid. The first stage of disaster relief aims to ensure the survival of the affected population by taking prompt measures. Then, as soon as possible afterwards, we begin our efforts to support the reconstruction of schools to make sure that lessons can continue. This gives children a degree of normality amid all the chaos. Regular schooling also protects the affected children and young people against exploitation as child labourers or child trafficking. Many of the helpers only stay in the affected areas until the most pressing needs have been met. But Jugend Eine Welt and our partners often provide support with reconstruction work for years afterwards.

## CHILDHOOD ENDS WHERE BOMBS FALL: HELP FOR UKRAINE AND THE NEIGHBOURING COUNTRIES

Children are killed and injured, countless others are traumatised. "The children told us that they were suddenly taken out of school, that they lost their favourite toys and that they had to hear the terrible sound of grenades and gunshots," said Catherine Russell, Executive Director of UNICEF, the United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund. "So many children are deeply traumatised." Following the invasion of Ukraine by Russian troops, countless families were forced to leave their homeland overnight and get themselves to safety. Here, too, rapid and effective action was required. And thanks to the great solidarity of donors and funding agencies, Jugend Eine Welt was able to do this. Our partners Štefan Kormančík and Mykhaylo Chabank immediately starting organising rescue missions in the war zone, ferrying orphans and vulnerable minors out of the danger area. Only a few days after the war broke out they came to the Jugend Eine Welt offices in Vienna to discuss further important relief measures. Shortly afterwards, the aid organisation sent an experienced emergency relief coordinator to our partners in the borderlands of Ukraine. He can quickly identify what is needed at each location and help with the requisite project planning there.

### Supplies for refugees and to Ukrainian towns

As soon as the war started the project partners in Ukraine and its neighbouring countries gave fleeing families refuge in their institutions. Because the people were often traumatised on arrival, they also provided psychological support.



In addition, the Don Bosco Sisters went to the borders with Poland and Slovakia to offer new arrivals food, medicines, blankets, clean clothes and the opportunity to sleep in their centres and have a wash before they went on elsewhere. Help is also provided in Ukraine itself wherever possible. For example, packages are put together every day in the neighbouring countries and taken to the Don Bosco communities there.

### Long-term help: Lessons, recreational activities and much more

In the meantime steps are being taken, after the first highly intensive weeks of emergency aid, to put structures in place for people who need help looking for a place to live and a job. Efforts are also under way to ensure that medical care is available. Worthwhile recreational activities are being organised for the countless refugee children and adolescents to take their minds off their worries and fears, at least temporarily. At the same time, the Jugend Eine Welt partners place great importance on enabling the child refugees to go back to school as soon as possible. They are taught and given educational support by teaching staff who speak both Ukrainian and the language of the host country. In some places, holiday camps for children and young people are being planned which, in keeping with the time-honoured Don Bosco tradition, will also be supported and supervised by young volunteers.

## A CONFLICT CAUSES A MAJOR HUMANITARIAN CRISIS: AID IN ETHIOPIA

There is a ray of hope for Tigray, the region in Ethiopia where civil war has been raging since November 2020. In March of this year, Ethiopia's prime minister Abiy Ahmed unexpectedly proclaimed an indefinite humanitarian ceasefire in the Tigray conflict. However, it remains to be seen whether this will lead to an improvement in the calamitous living conditions of those who still live in the region. Most recently, Tigray was to all intents and purposes cut off: international relief supplies such as food, water and medicines have repeatedly been held up or even stopped. The distribution of supplies that reached the country has in many cases been hampered by the lack of fuel.

"In Tigray the people are practically being forced to fend for themselves," says Reinhard Heiserer. "With the few remaining staples, our project partners are setting up emergency food supply lines for the many needy people, and especially for women and children." But the ongoing drought, the plagues of locusts that repeatedly ravage the land and the destruction of farmland make the supply of cereals such as wheat from the region extremely difficult. Despite continual interruptions to communication channels "we have managed to stay in contact with our Don Bosco partners in Adwa and support them with transfers of funds, for example, so that they can buy flour from those manufacturers in the region who still have stocks of grain," says Heiserer. With the flour, bread is made with the help of volunteers and then distributed to the many impoverished families and children. The war in Ukraine, one of the world's biggest bread baskets, may exacerbate the food crisis still further, particularly in eastern Africa because the aforementioned drought means that the countries in this region depend on imports. The World Food Programme is currently warning of this crisis. Our global Don Bosco aid network is always ready to help marginalised people in particular in the case of an emergency.



Children have a right to education and a life free of exploitation.

## THE FIGHT AGAINST CHILD LABOUR IN INDIA MUST GO ON

*“Between July 2021 and January 2022 Don Bosco carried out surprise raids in a variety of businesses in cooperation with local government authorities, rescuing 127 child labourers in Bangalore alone,”* says Father Rubin Mathew, head of BREADS Bangalore. Following advance payments to the parents, these children were taken by middlemen to the southern states of India where they were put to work. They were forced to toil from early morning till late at night in appalling conditions on building sites, in paper mills, in steelworks or in the clothing

industry. Without their employers’ permission they were not even allowed to contact their parents. And these are no isolated cases: since the coronavirus pandemic started in 2020, every organisation concerned with child welfare has reported an increase in child labour in India.

### The exploitation of children continues unabated although it is prohibited

Officially, children in India must attend school until at least the age of 14 – and any form of work for children below this age is prohibited. The reality, however, is different. And so it is that one organisation alone, the Jugend Eine Welt partner BREADS, has so far managed to rescue no fewer than 27,933 children from work that exposes them to danger or exploitation. 85.4 per cent of these child labourers were boys, 14.6 per cent girls. To promote a shift in social attitudes that favours children, BREADS has so far conducted a total of 3,500 programmes to raise awareness of children’s rights in schools, state institutions and for government bodies that reached more than 430,000 people overall.

“Unfortunately, though, the coronavirus pandemic has undone a lot of the progress we had made in the fight against child labour,” says Father Joy Nedumparambil, economist of BREADS Bangalore. “Millions of Indian children were, and still are, affected by school closures and economic hardship, which has led to an increase in child labour and child

marriages.” It must be assumed that most of the children who drop out of school are exploited as unskilled labourers. The number of minors affected is estimated at over 30 million. “It is likely that the figure will continue to rise,” explains the Salesian priest. “In these challenging times, organisations like Jugend Eine Welt are particularly important and play a vital role in the struggle to safeguard and promote children’s rights all over the world.”

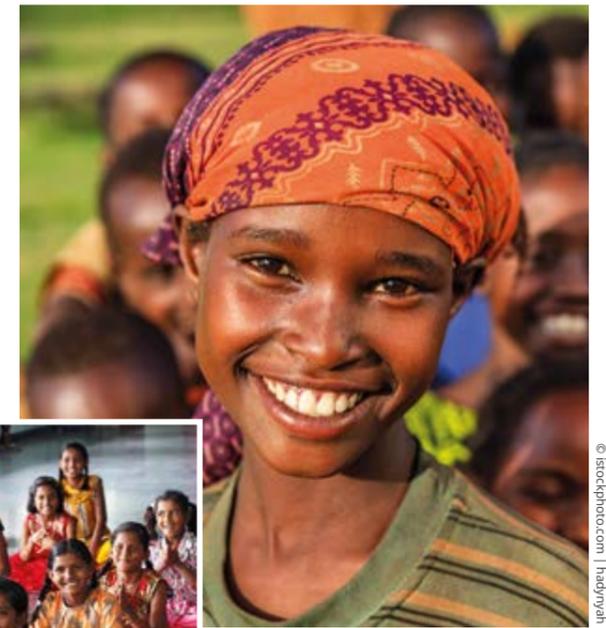
### Child labour is a worldwide problem

Over the last two decades the fight against child labour has unquestionably made progress, with some regional differences. But according to the latest report from the International Labour Organisation and UNICEF, the United Nations International Children’s Emergency Fund, the number of child labourers has risen to over 160 million – that’s an increase of 8.4 million. The report warns that by the end of 2022, an additional 9 million children worldwide could be forced into child labour as a result of the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. Jugend Eine Welt works with a number of project coordination agencies, such as BREADS (Bangalore Rural Educational Development Society), to ensure that children’s rights around the world are implemented.



## PROMOTING GIRLS FOR THE WORLD OF TOMORROW

In the Don Bosco Sisters, Jugend Eine Welt has reliable partners at its side, especially when it comes to promoting girls and women all over the world.



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In many societies, girls are still the victims of massive discrimination and human rights violations – purely and simply because of their sex. But the effects of the COVID-19 pandemic make it more important than ever to support women and girls. Even before the pandemic, half the world’s population (3.2 billion people) had less than 5.50 US dollars a day to cover the cost of living. Today, because of the pandemic, this figure has risen by 163 million worldwide. According to the International Labour Organisation, the economic effects of the COVID crisis are hitting women hardest. The future of countless girls is also in danger owing to the dire financial position of their families.

### Abandonment of schooling and child marriages endanger the future

According to estimates, no fewer than 20 million girls in low- and middle-income countries will never return to the classroom – in addition to the 129 million girls who did not go to school before the pandemic. What is more, the economic effects of coronavirus mean that around 10 million other girls are at risk of being married off as child brides. Following such a forced

marriage, going to school or learning a trade are out of the question. Those affected therefore have little or no chance of earning their own money and leading an independent life. The COVID-19 pandemic has also led to an alarming rise in violence, in all its forms, against girls and women. A recent report by the World Health Organisation shows that around the world one in three girls and women, that is approximately 736 million, has been exposed to physical and/or sexual violence at least once in her

### „Strong girls are our future!“

Sr. Sarah Garcia FMA

life. “It is therefore indispensable,” says Sister Sarah Garcia, a champion of human rights, “to work together with other players in civil society, creating synergy to defend, promote and exercise the human rights of all people and especially of girls and women.” Sr. Garcia heads the human rights office of the Don Bosco Sisters in Geneva. She emphasises that “to address these problems we, along with Jugend Eine Welt, are more than ever obliged to make sure that the right to education is asserted for every

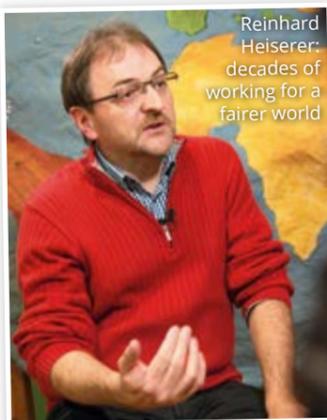
girl, without exception. Moreover, children must be taught important facts about applicable human rights at an early age. Strong girls are our future!”

### Jugend Eine Welt helps with Don Bosco

In many of the projects funded by Jugend Eine Welt the promotion of women and girls in specific areas is a core element. Sister Vilma Tallone, general economist of the Don Bosco Sisters, says, “The work done by Jugend Eine Welt is very important for us. Time and again, the aid organisation shows its active interest in all initiatives that favour disadvantaged girls and young women, especially those that focus on education and training, but it is also interested in longer-term support.” Education and training are primary objectives of Don Bosco projects so that disadvantaged girls can escape from poverty and discrimination. These aims are pursued alongside other forms of support such as self-help groups for women or the distribution of microloans that enable young women to start their own small businesses.

# Reinhard Heiserer – Multitasking for Development Cooperation

Executive director, visionary, guiding light and motor of Jugend Eine Welt.



Reinhard Heiserer: decades of working for a fairer world

**Reinhard Heiserer is no social idealist**, but a hard-working, creative personality with a passion for the cause. 25 years ago, on 28 June 1997, he and a little group of like-minded individuals founded the organisation Jugend Eine Welt. Since then, Heiserer and his colleagues have repeatedly achieved the impossible, whether this was organising help in emergencies in next to no time, supporting nationwide programmes for street children, funding vocational training institutions or helping to establish universities. Information on the projects that Jugend Eine Welt currently supports can be found at [www.jugendeinewelt.at/projekte](http://www.jugendeinewelt.at/projekte).

## Reinhard, what caused a young man from Pflach in western Tyrol to become interested in development cooperation?

My namesake Reinhard Lorenz, a joiner and church youth group leader from the town of Reutte, went to Papua New Guinea as a development aid worker. That ignited my interest in “developing countries”, as they were known then. So after completing my professional training I went on a short two-month assignment to Nigeria. As an electrician, I installed the power supply in a community centre together with other volunteers from a women’s cooperative there. It was a fantastic experience of being part of a group, making a concrete contribution and lending practical support where it was needed. That was the spark that set me off. Back

in Tyrol, I took evening classes at Innsbruck Technical College and worked during the day as a carer for the disabled at the Elisabethinum youth centre in Axams. It was here that I realised how important PR is for charitable institutions. After I had qualified as an electrical engineer and gained several years’ work experience, I applied to the Austrian Development Service for an assignment abroad, completed the preparatory course, learned Spanish and was sent to Ecuador in the autumn of 1991.

## What was your principal job in Ecuador?

I trained 30 pupils, all former street children, in the theory and practice of electrical engineering at a Don Bosco vocational school for joiners, electrical engineers and mechanics in the capital city, Quito. They were all from poor families and were expected to find work or start their own small businesses after their training to earn their livelihoods. At night I often went out with the Salesians and their social workers who looked after street children. I saw how terrible their living conditions were, how urgently they needed help and care and how few resources were available for that. During my periods of leave in Austria I raised money for the street children in my Don Bosco centre in Quito, and this brought me into contact with Father Josef Keler, who was Provincial of the Salesian order in Austria at the time. We, and later on other Salesians like Father Petrus Obermüller and other dedicated individuals, agreed



In the Don Bosco street children’s centre in Medellín, Colombia.



One of the footballs sold in the Jugend Eine Welt online shop for Austrian president Alexander Van der Bellen.



In Ecuador with long-time project partner Sister Narciza Pazmiño.



Nepal, at the foot of Mount Everest with Fr. Augusty Pulickal.



that more help was necessary in the countries themselves and that development cooperation must begin here in Austria. We wanted to dispel the old preconceived idea that the so-called Third World had only itself to blame for its poverty.

## You have been raising money for decades so that disadvantaged young people can have a brighter future. Do you remember the first large donation you were given?

I remember it only too well: a mudslide had cut off the electricity supply in large parts of Ecuador and our situation was desperate. How was I supposed to teach young electricians when there was no power? We urgently needed a large generator. So I wrote my first project application, sending it to Germany and Austria. We were delighted when we were able to buy the generator we’d applied for with funds sent from home. But I am particularly grateful to all those people who, from the very beginning, have entrusted us with grants, large donations and even bequests in their wills on their own initiative. Without the help of our numerous donors, supporters, sponsors and volunteers we could not provide our important help.

## After nearly five years working abroad you came back to Austria with the firm intention of establishing a network that would make help towards self-help possible.

## Where and how does one start such an ambitious undertaking?

I really wanted to stay in Tyrol, but in Vienna there are better opportunities for establishing contacts with funding agencies, international organisations and people with an interest in this topic. So I moved to Vienna and worked for Missio as a fund-raiser.

In the end it was possible to launch Jugend Eine Welt thanks to the combined efforts of people who wished to help disadvantaged children and young people in the spirit of Don Bosco. From its beginnings in 1997 as an organisation with unpaid volunteers, Jugend Eine Welt has undergone a continual development over the past 25 years. Since our inauguration we have been able to support numerous education and training programmes, social projects and projects for street children all over the world. As a result, tens of thousands of young people from the poorest of backgrounds have been given the chance to go to school or learn a trade. For me it is always a small miracle when I see how support from Austria turns former street children into skilled tradesmen who can now earn their livelihoods, or how young people from the poorest of backgrounds graduate from university with a degree.

## Why is education work here in Austria so important to you?

It was clear to us from the outset that it is important to inform and involve people in Austria. To make them aware of what is really happening in the rest of the world! I mean child labour, human trafficking, exploitation and human rights violations in large parts of our ONE world. As a development organisation with partners on every continent, it is very important to us to contribute to greater global justice in Austria too.

Our prosperity must no longer be at the expense of other countries and result from exploitation of other people! One way to combat this is promotion of the FAIRTRADE concept which is a significant and tangible contribution demanded by our global responsibility. Every consumer can shop responsibly and choose products in such a way that exploitative structures are pre-empted. We must pay a fair price, not the lowest price, for our food and consumer goods so that the workers and their families can lead a life in dignity as well! This is no idealist’s dream, but the only realistic way to achieve equal opportunities, poverty reduction and the world peace that is universally yearned for. War, poverty, displacement and repression must not be tolerated. A fairer world where ALL people live in dignity is possible!

# OUR NETWORK FOR A BETTER WORLD

In collaboration with others, Jugend Eine Welt works as a member or executive agency to achieve better living conditions for disadvantaged children and young people in the countries of the South. Here we present the voices of some of our partner organisations.



## Sr. Vilma Tallone FMA, general economer of the Don Bosco Sisters, and Sr. Cristina Camia FMA, coordinator of development projects

The work done by Jugend Eine Welt is very important to us. Apart from young women at risk, great attention is also paid to children and their development by supporting holistic education and training. Jugend Eine Welt also understands the urgency of relief measures in the event of disasters. In such cases, the aid organisation distinguishes itself with fast responses and actions. Jugend Eine Welt attends to those who live in the places where poverty is greatest. These are all goals and central tasks that we share. And when Jugend Eine Welt finds donors for our development cooperation projects, it is a great help not only to us as partners, but also to all the people we can reach thanks to the support provided by Jugend Eine Welt and its benefactors!

## Pia MacRae, chief executive officer of the Consortium For Street Children

The Consortium For Street Children is proud to work with Jugend Eine Welt as a long-standing member of our global network. Together we are committed to improving the future prospects of marginalised children and young people and share a strong commitment to the right to education. There is a worldwide obligation to make sure that the rights of all children, including street children, are respected, safeguarded and exercised. We believe that through our cooperation and by jointly highlighting the injustices that children are subjected to we can progressively make the world a fairer place. The patient efforts of organisations such as Jugend Eine Welt bring us closer to achieving this. Congratulations on the work that you and your team do every day for street children, and best wishes for your 25th anniversary!



## Fr. Joy Nedumparambil SDB, economer, and Fr. Rubin Mathew SDB, executive director, of BREADS Bangalore

As long-standing partners we are very pleased to be able to congratulate Jugend Eine Welt most sincerely on their silver anniversary! The aid organisation's commitment to disadvantaged young people and to safeguarding children's rights worldwide has resulted in important partnerships with like-minded organisations such as BREADS. Together, we dedicate our efforts to vulnerable children, be they street children, child labourers or other children at risk who are in need of protection. Over the years, Jugend Eine Welt has helped give thousands of such children in India a brighter future. Unfortunately, the coronavirus pandemic has undone a lot of the progress we had made in the fight against child labour. Millions of Indian children are affected by school closures and economic hardship, which has led to an increase in child labour and child marriages. In these challenging times, organisations like Jugend Eine Welt are particularly important and play a vital role in the struggle to safeguard and promote children's rights all over the world.



## Astrid Winkler, executive director of ECPAT Austria, the organisation for the right of children to be protected from sexual exploitation

For 25 years, Jugend Eine Welt has been working to give children and young people at risk better future prospects. Through the numerous initiatives of Jugend Eine Welt, children and young people who were subjected to trafficking, exploitation, abuse and sexual violence are given the chance to escape the spiral of poverty and violence. It is these children who are the most vulnerable and need the greatest level of protection and support to overcome the trauma of what they have experienced. We congratulate Jugend Eine Welt on their anniversary and for giving children an opportunity to begin a new life far away from exploitation, abuse and sexual violence. Together we can achieve many things!

## Hartwig Kirner, director of FAIRTRADE Austria

If we want to make the world a better place we must focus first and foremost on the next generation. Jugend Eine Welt has been doing this for 25 years by making education possible for young people all over the world and thus giving them the chance to lead a better life. Through its membership of FAIRTRADE, the organisation has also supported fair commerce for many years in its efforts to eliminate child labour. Day in, day out, the team fills the concept of altruism with life with great dedication and creativity. FAIRTRADE Austria says thank you for that and wishes the organisation a happy birthday!



## Heide Tebbich, director of Baobab

For 25 years, Jugend Eine Welt has been committed to helping improve the prospects of marginalised children and adolescents all over the world. We offer our congratulations and express our deep respect for this valuable work. We have a second anniversary to celebrate: for 20 years, Jugend Eine Welt has been supporting the work done by Baobab as a partner organisation, accompanying us in our efforts to provide education on global interdependencies, sustainability and social justice. For that, we say a big thank-you!



## Matthias Katt, founder of eFriends

In recent weeks it has become clear to all of us how important it is to increase the use of renewable forms of energy in Austria and around the world. We are convinced that the electricity donating function launched by eFriends in association with Jugend Eine Welt is an important step towards greater global fairness. The electricity generated on the roof specifically for the purpose can be donated to aid organisations using eFriends technology and is a significant contribution to doing good and addressing the issue of energy sharing. We eFriends congratulate you on 25 years of Jugend Eine Welt and say thank you for better power and a better and fairer world!



## Franz Neunteufl, executive director of IGO - Interest Group of Public Benefit Organizations

If there is a key to a better world, it is education. And if there is someone who gives this key to children and young people, the way Jugend Eine Welt has been doing with great success for 25 years, so much the better. I have the greatest respect for what the organisation has achieved and congratulate you on your anniversary. At the same time I thank you for the successful cooperation and decades-long support of IGO - Interest Group of Public Benefit Organizations!



## Elisabeth Schaffelhofer-Garcia Marquez, Netzwerk Kinderrechte Österreich

Youth! Comes first (in German) in the name "Jugend Eine Welt". But young people and children also come first in the work we do. That unites us, this shared commitment to the rights of the child. The way you see the bigger picture has enhanced our work for many years. Who if not you could keep insisting that children's rights all over the world need the closest attention. It is you who make child labour or street children an issue in the first place. Thank you! ¡Muchas gracias!



# YOUR COMMITMENT IS THE BASIS OF OUR *GLOBAL AID*

The people whose willingness to share makes Jugend Eine Welt's aid projects possible in the first place are as diverse as the aid programmes themselves. But they are all united by our common goal: to accompany children and young people on their road to a better life! We can hardly express how grateful we are for this. Read about the reasons given by three good souls, as representatives of all our donors, for lending us their support year after year.



Syria: Sr. Anna Maria Scarzello is in charge of the hospital run by the Don Bosco Sisters in Damascus.

## HELP WHERE HARDSHIP IS GREATEST

**Ms Helga S.** is retired, a bundle of energy, and deeply concerned about the suffering endured by people in areas hit by crises and wars. She keeps a very close eye on what is happening around the world and helps where the hardship is greatest – in Syria, Lebanon or Colombia, for example.

*"People often ask me why I donate to Jugend Eine Welt. The answer is easy: I've been to South America three times and seen that there are many initiatives that aim to improve the situation and development of children, young people and older people. That interested me and I wanted to know how these groups work and how they are organised. And I was surprised to learn that some groups manage themselves. Larger-scale projects, however, need help from outside. And Jugend Eine Welt provides this kind of support, also in the form of funding. The plans for each project are analysed and a budget is drawn up. This leads to a wonderful network with numerous specific areas of support. And it makes me happy when I hear about the successes. Maybe one of the euros I donated has also helped to make a world that is more pleasant to live in and to create a future where there is hope. My donation for this year is already on its way."*



Learning for the future in the Ecuadorian rainforest.

## A STANDING ORDER SUPPORTS EDUCATION

**Mr Peter K.** set up a standing order many years ago to give Jugend Eine Welt the freedom to use his donation wherever funds happen to be short. His main concern is education for young people.

*"In the course of my commitment and in numerous conversations with development aid workers on the ground I realised that help for the poorest sections of the population needs education to be sustainable and effective. This should start with infants and toddlers. The fundamental advantages of this activity should be explained to the parents by people who live in the same locality and by respected public figures. This makes education possible and prevents child labour! This has the best chances of succeeding if the children receive free school meals or can live at the school as boarders. Jugend Eine Welt performs this task in exemplary fashion, and now has 25 years of experience. Sending out volunteers is also a useful way of helping the Jugend Eine Welt project partners and leads to valuable experiences on both sides. May the global efforts of Jugend Eine Welt continue to make vital contributions to the welfare of the poorest!"*



An interest-free loan secured emergency aid after the devastating earthquake in Nepal.

## A LOAN TO ENABLE AUTONOMY

**Ms Regina W.** chose a special way of lending support. Her interest-free loan makes disaster relief and large-scale development cooperation projects possible. It was her desire to help the poorest of the poor that prompted her to grant a loan to Jugend Eine Welt that can be withdrawn at any time.

*"I'm pleased to support Jugend Eine Welt with an interest-free loan because it helps the poorest people in the world to take control of their lives and make their own choices. The Don Bosco aid projects have been getting excellent results for years, and I'm not the only one who thinks so! I'm glad to be able to support them and use my money for a good cause. I wish Jugend Eine Welt all the best for many years to come and hope that this team's energy will not flag until we have peace and material justice for all the people of the world."*

# Exemplary Commitment in Austrian Schools and Parishes

## "Fair Play" campaign: Upper Austrian government doubles donations

Since 2006, the government of Upper Austria has been encouraging school pupils to do something to help children stricken by poverty. It doubles the proceeds of fund-raising campaigns run in schools and parishes. With impressive enthusiasm, pupils organise cake buffets, sell paintings or articles they have made themselves, or put on plays. In this way, they learn for life while helping disadvantaged children of their own age. Jugend Eine Welt is grateful for every sum raised by young people in Upper Austria for our aid programmes that is then doubled. The visit to India by the former Upper Austrian governor Dr. Josef Pühringer in 2017, during which he visited our projects and opened a Don Bosco school in Hyderabad, was a particular honour.



Dr. Josef Pühringer at the official opening of a Don Bosco school in India.

## Two school classes start a business for a good cause

Pupils at a secondary school in Vienna that specialises in commercial professions wanted to get to know the world of entrepreneurs and do good at the same time. With money raised from shareholders and supported by two teachers, they founded a small business, making their own bath additives with such alluring names as "Lavender Dream", "Shiny Holiday" and "Bergheiden Love" (named after the school). The youngsters persuaded their investors to donate their shares and profits to Jugend Eine Welt. At the end of the school year, we were delighted to receive €773.41 from this innovative "junior company". Thank you!



The pupils sold their bath additives in support of Jugend Eine Welt.

## Decades of help for street children in Ecuador

Since 2004, children and young people in difficult social circumstances have been receiving regular support from the Ambato action group in the parish of Christkindl to enable their education and training. At the Don Bosco centre in Ambato in the highlands of Ecuador, healthy meals are served every day, while street children and working or neglected children and young people from poor families are offered private tuition. No one is turned away. Sr. Narciza Pazmiño and her team impress upon the youngsters the importance of education for a successful future. They should one day be able to stand on their own two feet and lead responsible lives. Our thanks go to the action group of the parish of Christkindl for their admirable efforts!



A visit from Ecuador: Sr. Narciza Pazmiño and the Ambato action group in front of Christkindl church.

# A Voice for Disadvantaged Children and Young People

Chris Lohner, Jugend Eine Welt's honorary ambassador, explains why she wants to support doing good.



## What motivates you to do good?

*It's something I inherited chiefly from my father. He often helped people who came to him with all sorts of problems, and that made a big impression on me as a child. Later on, this willingness to help took on a life of its own with me. As a child I went to old people's homes at Christmas to read stories to the residents. Today, my passion to help comes from my gratitude for the life I've had which, because many people appreciate my artistic work, has become a good one. So I feel a kind of obligation to give something back.*



Chris Lohner visiting a project in Mozambique.

## What do you do personally to help?

*I am, above all, someone who takes note and does not look away. I like to help people who are much worse off than many of us and whose lives I can improve a little with my support – whether they are close by or in Africa and Latin America. Helping directly is the most important thing for me here, doing something and being part of it. At the same time I do not expect any gratitude because I don't want to make people who have got into difficulty feel embarrassed as well. Also, help must always have a clear purpose: you must be aware of the effects of what you're doing and have thought it through to its conclusion.*



## Why have you taken on this role for Jugend Eine Welt?

*For twenty years I did what I could to help the blind and people with eye afflictions in developing countries. During my trips to Africa and Latin America – which I always undertook as a volunteer and paid for myself – I saw how people must try to survive even under the most adverse circumstances. Now I'm placing my voice, my name and my energies entirely at the disposal of Jugend Eine Welt because our world has once again gone awry. Young people, and especially those that are disadvantaged, are very important to me. Giving children future prospects changes them and the society they live in. Whether they are street children, girls who have been forced into prostitution or children used as child soldiers in contravention of their rights: all of them deserve a better future in which they can live in dignity. Young people carry the hopes of our world.*

## What do you get out of it when you stand up for social concerns?

*Like everything else in life, I see help as reflexive. If I have succeeded in rescuing a child from the spiral of poverty that makes me very happy – a sense of achievement.*

## What do you say to people who think making donations is pointless?

*All I can say to people like that is: Your lives are empty. We are not alone in this world, and you're denying yourselves the wonderful feeling of having done something worthwhile. Navel-gazing is ultimately exhausting. Showing solidarity with the vulnerable of this world is undeniably rewarding.*

## Which encounters in developing countries made the biggest impression on you?

*There have been very many encounters and life stories that I will never forget and for which I am immensely grateful. On all of my trips I was with people in precarious circumstances, away from the crowded tourist routes. These included single mothers with disabled children who, in circumstances that are utterly desperate, still receive help from their neighbours, or young people learning a trade so they have the key to mapping out their own, better future themselves. All these people displayed courage, optimism*



Jugend Eine Welt partner Father Jorge Crisafulli SBD, Chris Lohner and Reinhard Heiserer.

*and a zest for life which were contagious and inspired me to stand up for the many worthwhile development cooperation projects and programmes.*

## Do you have a personal target for the future of your commitment to social issues?

*For the next twenty years I'd like to serve as honorary ambassador for Jugend Eine Welt in favour of children and young people around the world. For me, a long-term commitment is essential. I help wherever I can and wherever it makes sense. My voice is well-known and heard by many. For me, being able to use it for people who would otherwise never be heard in our Western society is a gift. Being heard is essential for creating awareness of problems. And this awareness that there is a problem in turn opens doors to long-term help and support. That's what I'm here for.*

## Do you have anything you would urge our readers to do?

*Absolutely: stay sceptical, question everything, don't look away and – most importantly – do something. Don't make donations merely to salve your conscience, but do the right thing because you are convinced that it's the right thing to do. Education in the countries of the South is a human right. All those who realise this will help readily and gladly. Let's knuckle down to it together and help where help is urgently needed, sustainable and constructive.*

## For the future of the young with Chris Lohner

Since September Chris Lohner, broadcaster, actress, author, the voice of railway announcements in Austria and consequently one of the best-known women in the country, has been an honorary ambassador for Jugend Eine Welt and is therefore actively engaged in supporting disadvantaged children and young people all over the world.

Her decades of commitment to the environment, culture and especially marginalised and disadvantaged people have been an example to many. On numerous trips to visit projects in developing countries – always in support of humanitarian concerns and always paid for out of her own pocket – Chris Lohner has experienced many encounters and moments that touched her deeply. That has given her the strength to look for and find support and help in Austria as an ambassador for what is good.

The current emergency afflicting children and young people in the countries of the South prompted Chris Lohner to take on an honorary position on behalf of Jugend Eine Welt. Together with the aid organisation she will raise her voice for these youngsters, visit projects and help give young people a better future. Jugend Eine Welt is delighted by Chris Lohner's commitment and thanks her most sincerely.



# WORKING FOR A FAIRER WORLD OR „MASSI ON THE ROAD“

Massimiliano Schiliró is an enthusiastic supporter of Jugend Eine Welt and probably the most widely travelled of all.

When our Italian colleague Massimiliano Schiliró decided he wanted to get to know our aid projects first-hand after five years at Jugend Eine Welt it was hard to say goodbye. Fortunately, though, we are seeing him regularly again. For seven years he travelled around the world, helping out in numerous Don Bosco projects: in Brazil, Uruguay, Argentina, Chile, Peru, Bolivia, Venezuela, Colombia, Panama, India, Nepal, South Africa, Lesotho and Ethiopia. He has written three books about his travels and held over 150 talks in Italy and Austria. In the course of these activities he raised what is now a considerable sum in donations for Jugend Eine Welt's aid projects. Massimiliano is very clear when it comes to describing his reasons for

drawing attention in Europe to the living conditions in poor countries: *“When I was working for Jugend Eine Welt in Vienna I wanted to see the aid projects with my own eyes so that I could talk about them and sensitise others to the topic of development cooperation. With my books and my talks I'd like to help people who haven't yet seen very much or have no opportunity to do so to grasp the reality of the world we live in. Face-to-face contact, the stories, reports and photos awaken interest in the lives of disadvantaged people and create new opportunities for direct exchanges between different cultures. For their anniversary I wish Jugend Eine Welt that, in 25 years' time, we will all be able to celebrate the 50th anniversary together.”*

**i** Massimiliano Schiliró, born in Piedmont, Italy, in 1981, has a remarkable life story: He studied German with a focus on intercultural communication in Genoa and Germany. After graduating he worked for an Italian aid organisation in Kosovo for a year, and from 2006 to 2011 he worked for Jugend Eine Welt in Vienna. Following this, he devoted himself to spending years travelling around the world in stages. From 2019 until mid-2021 he worked in a community for unaccompanied minors in Genoa. Several months ago he went back to being “Massi on the road” again: his next destinations are Israel and Palestine.



## ASSIGNMENTS ABROAD BROADEN PERSPECTIVES

Himself a former volunteer with Jugend Eine Welt, Johannes Ruppacher went on to head **VOLONTARIAT bewegt** for over six years.

**15 years ago you were a volunteer in the Philippines?**  
Yes, this period of alternative community service had a profound effect on me. The Jugend Eine Welt partners' dedication to disadvantaged children made a big impression on me. I was able to help out in a centre on the island of Cebu which housed 110 disadvantaged young people. They were either orphans or came from families who couldn't afford to meet their basic needs or send them to school. In this home I was something like a big brother to these children, and having graduated from a technical college I taught technical drawing and maths at a training centre.

**Are there still moments today when you think back to those days?**  
Oh, definitely! I'm still in touch with the Salesians of Don Bosco in the Philippines.

*“Nothing can instil such a feeling of happiness and satisfaction like the joy a child feels at being alive, packed in nothing more than a smile.”*  
Tobias was a volunteer in Ecuador

very seriously. Today I'd probably do things differently. It goes without saying that passing on knowledge in the classroom is extremely important, but today I would place much more importance on teaching values in the context of school education.

**Do you think that society as a whole benefits when young people do periods of work abroad?**  
Yes, when young people experience solidarity that is practised in tangible ways during their period abroad it has a positive impact on their lives and is a good investment for society as a whole. Working with disadvantaged children in other parts of the world and being “plucked out” of familiar social structures broaden young adults' perspectives and promote their capacity for innovative action. They offer a

*“Only by crossing national borders can we really understand how much our lifestyle affects the situation of others and how closely we are all linked on the planet we share.”*  
Rita was a volunteer in Colombia

responsible for it, Jugend Eine Welt and the Salesians of Don Bosco, it has proved possible to establish a resilient organisation that has, fortunately, successfully come through the turbulent times of COVID-19 times as well. I'm also very pleased that volunteer assignments were recently introduced for countries in Eastern Europe too.

**What personal message do you have for Jugend Eine Welt on its 25th anniversary?**  
I find it marvellous to see how committed the team of founders still is even after 25 years. Thank you for the valuable work that has already benefited many young people here in Austria as well as in many countries of the South!

*“Voluntary work gives me the chance to grow by taking on new responsibilities.”*  
Anne-Sophie was a volunteer in India

Particularly now with coronavirus I've been thinking about the situation over there, because the population density and lack of resources mean that the people are once again exposed to the dangers and effects of the virus. In times of a global pandemic it becomes particularly clear how unfair the distribution of our global resources is. I always have to think back to the lessons I taught at the vocational school, too. At the time I took everything

perfect opportunity to overcome personal limitations and preconceived ideas. For many young people, an assignment abroad also inspires them to join the fight for a fairer world after their return.

**What can you tell us about the future development of VOLONTARIAT bewegt?**  
Thanks to the dedication of VOLONTARIAT bewegt, its staff and the two organisations

**i** The Jugend Eine Welt volunteers' programme started in foundation year 1997. Jugend Eine Welt and the Salesians of Don Bosco in Austria have shared responsibility for VOLONTARIAT bewegt, the voluntary assignment agency, since 2013.



Massimiliano and children in front of a school tent in an Indian slum.



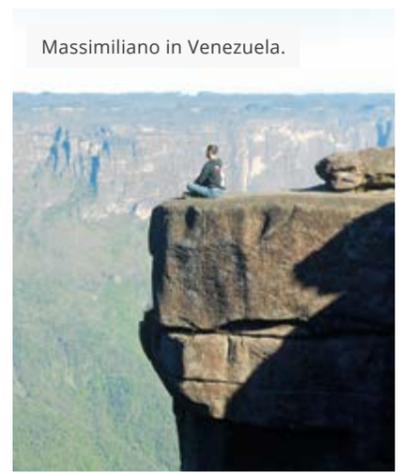
With children at a Don Bosco school in Addis Ababa, Ethiopia.



Book presentation in Italy.



Massimiliano in Cape Town.



Massimiliano in Venezuela.

## Harnessing the Power of the Sun with Knowledge and Experience

As an electrical engineer with over 40 years' professional experience, Senior Expert Josef Loderbauer made an important contribution to sustainable energy in Uganda.

***I wake up early and let my thoughts run free for a moment.*** Yes – it's good to be here! The tilers are doing a pretty good job again, even though they only have combination pliers to cut the tiles to size. I have several things to see to today for what will be the solar engineering lab." So runs an entry in the diary of Senior Expert Josef Loderbauer who has already completed two assignments at a Don Bosco vocational training centre in Kamuli. A qualified electrical engineer from Upper Austria, he contributed his expertise to a solar energy programme run by Jugend Eine Welt and funded by the Austrian Development Agency.

### **A chance for disadvantaged young people**

At the local facility for trainee solar engineers, Mr Loderbauer supported and coordinated the planning, construction and equipment of the solar lab. He was also actively involved in training prospective teachers who now chiefly teach disadvantaged youngsters who would otherwise be unable to afford professional training. Demand is great: "When I found myself suddenly facing 670 students I thought, what have I let myself in for?" said the dedicated Upper Austrian after his return home. "But everything went really well."

One reason for the great interest that young people show in this course is that the majority of the population in Uganda are still not connected to the power grid. The most common sources of energy are charcoal and firewood, which can have serious consequences for the population and the environment.

### **Sunshine as a resource that will never run out**

Fortunately, attitudes are starting to change, and new sources of energy that conserve resources are now being seen as the foundation of sustainable development. Solar power is one such source, and very much the focus of attention. It is flexible, affordable and generates power using nothing but sunshine. A resource which, in Uganda, is never in short supply. Salesian brother Denis Habam, director of the vocational training centre, was delighted with the support he received from Josef: "We got the right person in the right place at the right time. Josef knows what he's doing and is passionate about his work!" Asked today about his work abroad, Josef Loderbauer spontaneously replies: "I spent 107 days in Uganda as a Senior Expert and know that my contribution will bear fruit where it's needed. I'd like to say a special thank you to Jugend Eine Welt for the work they do beyond our borders with such dedication."

### **Senior Experts Austria**

The aid organisation Jugend Eine Welt has been sending qualified Senior Experts to work abroad since 2018. Alongside the Austrian Development Agency (ADA), Karin Pühringer of POK Pühringer Privatstiftung is another enthusiastic supporter of this scheme: "The idea is as simple as it is brilliant: Senior Experts support social projects and small businesses around the world and so provide help towards self-help. At the same time their expertise is put to good use – which is of tremendous value to society." **Would you like to work abroad as a Senior Expert yourself, or provide the funds for a voluntary assignment? More details are available here: [jugendeinewelt.at/seniorexpertsaustralia](http://jugendeinewelt.at/seniorexpertsaustralia)**



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## Make an Endowment to the Jugend Eine Welt Private Foundation!

Make dreams of a better world come true for disadvantaged children and young people.

***Do good for young people for a long time.*** The Jugend Eine Welt Not-for-profit Private Foundation, founded in 2016, makes this possible: it offers a particularly long-lasting form of supporting Jugend Eine Welt's worldwide social, school and educational projects. With their donations or endowments, donors can choose whichever form of support suits them, and their contributions are then invested in undertakings with long-term benefits. In this way they help to effect a lasting improvement in the lives of disadvantaged children and young people. "Alongside donations and grants from the public purse, endowments and contributions to the foundation are an important component for Jugend Eine Welt's development and education programmes which we carry out all over the world with reliable project partners," explains Reinhard Heiserer, who is not only director of Jugend Eine Welt but also a co-founder and chairman of the not-for-profit private foundation. The essential purposes of the foundation are as follows: reducing poverty worldwide, making education and training possible, helping disadvantaged children and young people.

Donors can contribute in two ways: They can either add to the capital reserve of the not-for-profit foundation and consequently to its income from investments, which is used to support projects in accordance with the purposes of the foundation. The money is invested only in sustainable and ethical financial products. Alternatively, donors can contribute to funds dedicated to specific topics. These funds are set up in accordance with the donors' own ideas and preferences. Money is paid out every year from these funds to support projects chosen by the donors. Contributions of any size can be made to the foundation. Dedicated funds are particularly effective from a capital reserve of EUR 200,000. "Every contribution counts," says Heiserer. And apart from cash, contributions can be made in any form of asset: from securities, real estate or bequests to works of art or music copyrights.

Talking about the importance of projects implemented by the not-for-profit foundation, Ruth Williams, secretary general of the Verband für gemeinnütziges Stiften (association of non-profit foundations) in Austria says: "To solve the major challenges facing society today, perseverance is needed, and we will only be able to solve them if we cooperate. For 25 years, Jugend Eine Welt has been demonstrating what it means to provide sustainable and continuous support to children and young people in difficulty through global cooperation, and continues to do so with, among other strategies, the not-for-profit private foundation. This work is immensely important for each and every person you come into contact with and who has a chance of a better life through education.



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Foundation chairman Reinhard Heiserer with apprentices at the vocational training centre in Bogotá, Colombia.

Would you like to be a donor and make the world a little better with your endowment? We would be pleased to answer any questions you may have in a personal consultation.

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# THE WORLD UP CLOSE THE WORK OF THE JUGEND EINE WELT EDUCATION TEAMS



**Following the break caused by COVID, the Jugend Eine Welt education teams are back visiting schools at last!** The teams consist of volunteers and people who did periods of voluntary work abroad. They visit classrooms to talk about their experiences in other countries and work on topics relating to development policy with the pupils. In their workshops they aim to encourage young people to think about issues relating to global justice and raise awareness of global interdependencies and challenges. They offer free workshops and talks for schools and other educational and recreational facilities in Vienna, Linz and Graz. The education work focuses on topics such as children's rights, street children and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).



## WE COME TO YOU TO YOUR SCHOOLS – EXAMPLES OF WORKSHOP ACTIVITIES

### “Every child has rights”

What rights do children actually have? Are they the same for all children? How do I exercise my rights? The workshop on children's rights aims to give participants an opportunity to learn about the fundamentals of the rights of the child. The workshop presents global interdependencies which the pupils explore together with the education team, and aims to spark their interest in going into this topic and other issues of development policy in more depth. Suitable for pupils aged 8 to 12.

### “One world, one plan!”

This workshop aims to make children and young people more familiar with the 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). In two to three hours, pupils learn with the team how the Sustainable Development Goals came about and why they constitute a plan for a better future. The pupils also learn what they can do themselves to contribute to achieving each SDG and global justice. This workshop is suitable for young people aged 11 to 18.

**Interested?** If so, please visit our website [www.jugend-einewelt.at/bildungsteam](http://www.jugend-einewelt.at/bildungsteam) for the contact details of our education teams, a full list of workshops, talks and simulation games as well as the application form for our activities.

### Current events and campaigns

Are you interested in topics relating to development policy and would like to talk about them with others who share your interest? Apart from the workshops for schools, the education teams also organise events such as “Global im Lokal” in cafés and regular campaigns in public spaces. For details of the education teams' current “café discussions”, go to: [www.jugendeinewelt.at/global-im-lokal](http://www.jugendeinewelt.at/global-im-lokal)

**Digital educational resources:** Our website has documentation on topics relating to development policy with a focus on (un)equal opportunities: [www.jugendeinewelt.at/bildungsmaterial](http://www.jugendeinewelt.at/bildungsmaterial). We are always pleased if you use our free digital educational resources!



# GUAGUAS DE PAN

The word “guagua” (pronounced “wawa”) comes from the indigenous Quechua language and means “child”. The name refers to the appearance of these sweet Ecuadorian pastries, which are shaped like dolls. In Ecuador it is traditional to make these little pastry figures together with a fruity black maize drink called Colada Morada for All Souls' Day and to eat them at family gatherings.

**Preparation time:** 2 hours

### Ingredients:

- 500g flour
- 30g yeast
- 250g butter
- 3 eggs
- 4 egg yolks
- 1 litre milk
- 2 tsp salt
- 3 tsp sugar
- 2 packets vanilla sugar

### Method:

Dissolve the yeast, sugar, vanilla sugar and salt in warm milk and leave to stand for 15 minutes. Then add the butter and half the flour. Knead everything thoroughly and mix in the eggs and egg yolk. Now add the rest of the flour and knead everything until a soft pastry has formed. Put the pastry in a bowl and place it in a warm place for two and a half hours until the pastry has doubled in size.

Now take out a handful of pastry and mould it into the shape of a doll. Place the finished pastry dolls on a greased baking tray or a tray lined with grease-proof paper. Coat the “guaguas” with an egg yolk and milk mixture. Leave to stand for another 15 minutes, then bake the figures at 175 °C in a preheated oven for approx. 30 minutes until they are golden yellow. Decorate the “guaguas” with food colouring and sugar.



Enjoy!

# COLADA MORADA

## The Ecuadorian maize drink

### Ingredients:

- 2 litres water
- 3 tbsp maize meal
- 1 cup blackberries
- 1 cup strawberries
- 1 cup bilberries
- 1/2 pineapple, finely diced
- 5 oranges
- 4 cloves
- 4 allspice (pimento) peppercorns
- 2 cinnamon sticks
- ½ kg sugar
- 2 orange leaves
- 5 myrtle leaves
- 2 lemon verbena leaves

### Method:

Bring the 2 litres of water to the boil and add the blackberries, strawberries, bilberries, diced pineapple, oranges, cloves, allspice, cinnamon and sugar. Bring back to the boil and add the orange leaves, lemon verbena, myrtle leaves and sieved meal. Simmer for approx. 25 minutes. Strain your Colada Morada through a sieve.



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**Maxim:**  
*„Be cheerful, do good and let the sparrows chirp.“*

**What is the meaning of Don Bosco's best-known saying?**

*In years gone by, no child's diary or autograph book, full of mottoes written in a child's best handwriting and decorative stickers, was complete without Don Bosco's best-known saying. His maxim was an encouragement to carry on in difficult times and not to let things get you down.*

Don Bosco's famous words reflect the fundamental attitude of cheerfulness and a positive approach to life that typified the man and his work as a teacher. Silvia Habringer-Hagleitner, professor of religious instruction at the teacher training college of the diocese of Linz, adds: "For his motto, Don Bosco borrowed from the Italian poet Dante who wrote: 'Let evil pass. Be merry and good and let the sparrows chirp.'" What does this mean? "If I don't give in to the negative attitudes, bad news and compulsion to criticise, don't allow myself to be guided by them for the rest of the day, the

other voices inside me have another chance: I then find sufficient reason to be cheerful and do things that do me and the people around me good," she says.

A look at Don Bosco's life story helps make the meaning of this saying clearer. The Turin priest was born in Piedmont into a family that lived in the humblest of circumstances. Money was short and the three sons had to pitch in from a young age to ensure the family's survival. Having completed his training, which he had to fight hard for, Giovanni Bosco became a priest at the age of 26. In Turin he saw how poor the children and young people were. How does this fit in with the seemingly naive quote? How could he justify a cheerful attitude? Don Bosco was not naive: the misery of the street children, that he fought against with all the means at his disposal, was too great and required all his

skill, physical strength, diligence, intelligence and empathy. One of his pupils has already been canonised. Dominikus Savio (1842–1857) only lived to the age of 15. His greatest wish was to lead a good life, become a Salesian and be there for others like Don Bosco. Don Bosco revealed his recipe for holiness to the boy: First of all cheerfulness and joy that comes from peace with God. Second, fulfilling everyday obligations; and third, doing good to others.

And where do the sparrows fit in? Don Bosco is definitely no patron saint of animals, even though there was a mysterious dog that repeatedly came to his aid in tricky situations. The sparrows refer more to the voices that repeatedly made remarks about Don Bosco and his work, or disrupted or tried to stop it. It was better not to pay full attention to every voice or give in to it as he worked tirelessly every day for his children and young people.



**Don Bosco (1815 – 1888)**  
 apostle of the young, pioneer of social work

and 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 one of 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.



## Jugend Eine Welt competition: "Why is education important?"

To mark our 25th anniversary we are giving away 5 copies of the book "Wer überlebt? Bildung entscheidet über die Zukunft der Menschheit" by Reiner Klingholz and Wolfgang Lutz, 2016, Campus Verlag.

### How to enter the prize draw?

Send a letter to Jugend Eine Welt, Münchreiterstraße 31, 1130 Vienna by 31 July 2022 or an email to [info@jugendeinewelt.at](mailto:info@jugendeinewelt.at) telling us why, in your opinion, education is important.

Terms and conditions of entry: Please give us your contact details (first name, surname, telephone number and address) so that we can send you the book if you win. Your data will not be passed on to third parties. Entry is free and voluntary and does not involve any further obligations. Winners will be notified by email or telephone. The judge's decision is final; no dispute will be entered into. Prizes cannot be exchanged for cash equivalents. No legal entitlement to a prize may be assumed. Entries are limited to one per household. Competition not open to Jugend Eine Welt employees



**PRIZE DRAW**

## JUGEND EINE WELT INFO

### Jugend Eine Welt und VOLONTARIAT bewegt

**VOLONTARIAT bewegt** is the voluntary assignment scheme run by Jugend Eine Welt and the Salesians of Don Bosco. The organisation for promoting periods of voluntary work abroad was founded in 2013 and is based on long years of experience and the global network that the two responsible organisations have. With **VOLONTARIAT bewegt**, young people aged 18 to 35 can spend 10 to 12 months doing voluntary work in the countries of the South. To date, over 650 people have done so. The volunteers live and work in the social projects managed by the Salesians of Don Bosco and other partner organisations. The projects' main emphasis is the welfare of disadvantaged children and young people. The volunteers can contribute their knowledge, skills and strengths creatively in a wide range of activities at schools, youth centres, sports grounds and in musical and artistic activities. In the process they discover how educational and rewarding intercultural exchange can be for their own lives. Young men can do a year of voluntary work abroad instead of their mandatory community service in Austria.

The assignments organised by **VOLONTARIAT bewegt** also include thorough preparation and follow-up measures. This experience of learning and a change of perspective motivates many young people to play an active role in civil society after their return home and the organisation lends practical support here, too.



For more information on your period of work abroad, go to: [www.jugendeinewelt.at/volontariatbewegt](http://www.jugendeinewelt.at/volontariatbewegt)



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Reinhard Heiserer bei der Gedenkstätte am Hietzinger Friedhof.



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## The memorial on Hietzing Cemetery: a symbol of great solidarity and appreciation that continue after death.

“At this special place of remembrance with its statue of Don Bosco, the patron saint of youth, whose concerns and dedication to children and young people we all share, we have created a place where, all the year round, we can remember all the benefactors, donors, friends, volunteers, project partners and children and young people that we cared for around the world and who have passed on. The memorial is also a symbol of solidarity with all the people who live according to the principles of Don Bosco and never stop believing in what is good and devoting themselves to achieving it.”

*Reinhard Heiserer, founder and director of Jugend Eine Welt*

In August 2020, the Salesian priest Alois Saghy consecrated the statue of Don Bosco made by the Tyrolean artist Isidor Winkler that stands on Hietzing Cemetery, main entrance Maxingstraße 15, 1130 Vienna, plot 68, row 2, no. 7.

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