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Dear Readers,

Shortly after we had presented the first issue of our new magazine "Giovanni" to you coronavirus broke out – and everything changed. The Jugend Eine Welt team was forced to work from home – just as appeals for help from every continent began to pour in, and continue to do so.

No sooner had our donors' generous help allowed us to organise the first hygiene products, such as disinfectant, soap and face masks for selected target countries, than **hunger reared its ugly head as a dangerous concomitant of coronavirus in poor countries.** From our projects I often hear, "We are dying of coronavirus or hunger."

In this second issue of **Giovanni**, read about the determined efforts of our Don Bosco partners to ensure the survival and improve the prospects of disadvantaged young people despite the adverse circumstances. It is the young generation in crisis-hit countries like South Africa, Ecuador and Brazil who most depend on urgently needed support. At Jugend Eine Welt we do whatever we can. **For many people, your donation represents the vital support they have so long yearned for.**

A huge **THANK-YOU** for your solidarity!

Reinhard Heiserer

Education over-
comes poverty!

Learning Despite the Virus. How does that work?

E-learning, home schooling, help with lessons in internet chats – in Austria too the coronavirus crisis forced schools and universities to find alternatives to conventional classroom methods. But what if there's no internet, no laptops, no smartphones and not even enough pens and exercise books? How do children learn during a global pandemic in poor areas where people barely have enough to live on at the best of times? And what can educational institutions do to help?



The Austrian Don Bosco sister Hanni Denifl works for disadvantaged girls in Africa.



EDUCATION OVERCOMES CRISES

How do young people around the world learn during a pandemic?

„Education overcomes poverty“ – that is Jugend Eine Welt’s guiding principle and firm belief. We support education projects for disadvantaged children, adolescents and young adults all over the world with a view to giving them the chance of a life away from poverty and so encouraging long-term change in entire regions.

Since Jugend Eine Welt was founded twenty years ago our project partners have of course experienced a crisis of some sort every now and again. It was often in schools, training centres and universities that prompt, unbureaucratic and sometimes unconventional help was made available. During the devastating floods in Kerala, India, in 2018 Don Bosco schools were swiftly turned into makeshift accommodation for families. In South Sudan in 2019 the schools run by the Don Bosco Sisters in Tonj and Wau distributed meals to hungry children. And in Ecuador the “Universidad Politécnica

Salesiana”, the Salesian University, was able to broker peace after protests had broken out.

Then came spring 2020 and with it the coronavirus pandemic. For the first time in Jugend Eine Welt’s history we were faced with a crisis that affected virtually the whole world and every aspect of daily life in equal measure – including the education projects run by our partners. As before, creative solutions were required to provide the people with the best possible assistance and to make sure that education could continue.

On a little world tour of education projects supported by Jugend Eine Welt in Latin America, Asia, Eastern Europe, Africa and the Middle East we present some of these solutions on the pages that follow. But we can tell you this much already: education overcomes not just poverty, but crises as well!

SCHOOL IN A SLUM

In Sierra Leone lessons come to the pupils.

In a narrow street in Freetown a small group of children sits between simple huts, poring over a sheet of paper. The exercise that their teacher and social worker has given them today appears particularly tricky, but they set about it with enthusiasm, determined to complete it. Normally, lessons are not held on the muddy paths in this Freetown slum, but COVID-19 has brought many changes, also to Sierra Leone's capital.

"Lessons on the doorstep are an initiative designed to give boys and girls educational input so that they don't miss too much in this school year," explains Father Jorge Crisafulli, director of **Don Bosco Fambul**, the biggest social centre for disadvantaged children and young people in the whole of Sierra Leone. Ensuring that young people have a chance of an education despite all the obstacles is especially important to the Jugend Eine Welt partner. And in Sierra Leone the people are only too familiar with obstacles. The little West African country is struggling with the repercussions of a devastating civil war, poverty, an ailing health service and the aftereffects of the most recent ebola epidemic. The latter has given Sierra Leone an important edge when it comes to stopping the spread of COVID-19.

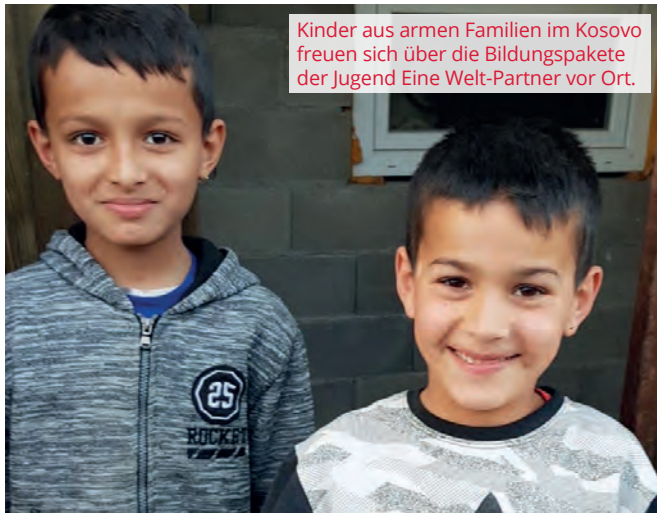
While most schools and youth centres in Europe first have to get used to hygiene regulations and measures to prevent infection, institutions in Freetown can base their response on past experience. "The ebola crisis showed that raising awareness of prevention is more effective when conducted face to face than by any other medium," says Father Jorge Crisafulli. This is also why he and his team decided to continue with school lessons on the streets for small groups of no more than five children. In this way, the children pass on information on coronavirus prevention to their families, Crisafulli explains. To make learning easier for the children in their care, the members of the Don Bosco team put together a booklet with lesson topics which they distributed among the pupils. Each booklet costs the equivalent of €1.50, and here in this Freetown slum where the people have neither computer nor internet it is a valuable source of knowledge and learning aid.



During the coronavirus crisis the Jugend Eine Welt partners in Sierra Leone have once again proved that straightforward solutions can be found with simple means to provide young people with the gift of education – despite all the obstacles.

SCHOOL SETS FOR THE MOST NEEDY

When not everyone has access to e-learning.



Kinder aus armen Familien im Kosovo freuen sich über die Bildungspakete der Jugend Eine Welt-Partner vor Ort.



Thank you so much! The emergency aid from Jugend Eine Welt has arrived safely and is saving the disadvantaged families from going hungry!

Learning on the computer, lessons in online meetings, homework by app – in many places the coronavirus crisis has digitised schooling at lightning speed. But how to learn during a global pandemic when neither a computer nor a smartphone and not even a telephone, exercise books or pens are available?

Many minority families, such as Roma and Ashkali (a subgroup of the Roma) faced this question in the spring of 2020. They all live in remote settlements in Kosovo, most of them in poverty and the most basic of conditions. Their children generally have less chance of an education even under normal circumstances. Their parents can offer scant support, either financially or with schooling, since they often lack the money to buy even enough food, clean water or toiletries. For many here, books, pens, face masks, gloves and disinfectants are unaffordable luxuries. The organisation Balkan Sunflowers is supported by Jugend Eine Welt and aims to make sure that children from minority groups in Kosovo do not become socially marginalised and have a chance of an education.

While for most children lessons simply continued online during the coronavirus crisis, the pupils that Balkan Sunflowers targets had no chance of taking part in them. Their families quite simply do not own a computer or smartphones, and in the settlements where the Roma and Ashkali families live hardly any households have an internet connection. **So that the children of minority families in Kosovo could continue to follow lessons during the global pandemic the Balkan Sunflowers team formed small groups of six pupils for whom classes could still be held.** Whenever the restrictions on travel and gatherings permitted, the Jugend Eine Welt partner's team went to the settlements to tell the inhabitants about state education opportunities and to hand out important hygiene products.

Balkan Sunflowers distributed emergency aid packages for school to the poorest 30 per cent of its pupils. The packages contained exercises, exercise books and writing materials. As a result, those children who live in isolated areas, cannot take part in the small groups and have no internet connection at home can continue learning. **Even during the coronavirus crisis, the Jugend Eine Welt project partners proved that they do their utmost to support every single child.**

FROM DEGREES TO EMERGENCY AID

How a university in Ecuador became the nation's leading crisis HQ during the coronavirus pandemic.

In Ecuador it is as famous as Harvard or Oxford is elsewhere: The Universidad Politécnica Salesiana, or UPS for short. But there is one crucial difference between the world-famous elite universities and the Salesians' university. **The UPS has set itself the objective of focusing on young people from low-income families and enabling them to study.** In addition, the university actively works to ensure that graduates not only leave it as skilled experts, but also as socially aware citizens committed to contributing to the common good of Ecuadorian society.

This concept is bearing fruit. Since it was founded in 1994 the UPS has steadily grown – also thanks to the support it has received from Jugend Eine Welt for many years. Today it offers over 25,000 young people from all income brackets the chance to do a degree and has long since established itself as a major player in Ecuadorian society. As such it has in the past played a vital role in mediating solutions to national crises and overcoming them.

So it is not surprising that the UPS has also taken on an important role in the coronavirus crisis. The campus in Guayaquil, a city that was particularly badly hit by COVID-19, soon became the country's principal crisis headquarters. It was from here that needy families were supplied with food and face masks, and it was here that major meetings of experts were held and countless volunteers organised themselves to help wherever they could.

Early on in the coronavirus crisis a serious problem became apparent: the hospitals had nowhere near enough protective clothing to be able to help the numerous coronavirus patients without putting their staff at serious risk. Ecuador's hospitals needed far more face masks, and as quickly as possible.

Technicians at the UPS developed a face mask that can be made using a 3D printer and mobilised their nationwide network: in seminar rooms, living rooms, the garages of start-ups and tiny backyard offices, the 3D printers of students and graduates began to hum. Countless young people with a connection to the UPS worked day

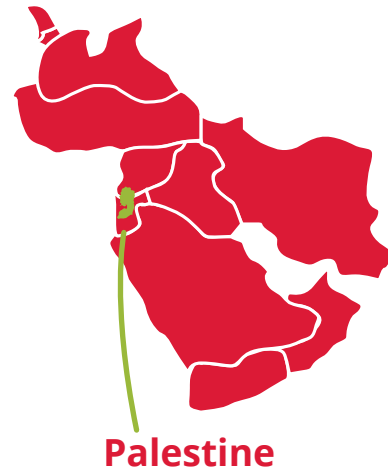


and night, unpaid, to produce as many masks as possible and make them available to local hospitals and helpers – and their efforts paid off.

Thanks to the work done by the UPS and its students past and present Ecuador's hospitals were swiftly supplied with face masks. The university therefore made a significant contribution to maintaining health care in the country and proves that education overcomes not just poverty, but crises as well.

OVER EVERY OBSTACLE

Coronavirus is not enough to stop an education centre near Bethlehem looking after its disabled children.



Palestine

„It was at midday on Thursday, 5 March that the news reached us that all schools, educational institutions and other facilities had to send their children home without delay,” says Burghard Schunkert, remembering the day that the coronavirus crisis came to Beit Jala. In the small town beside Bethlehem he heads the **Lifegate education centre that gives children with disabilities the chance of an education and many other forms of support.**

Lifegate looks after as many as 250 children per year and adopts a comprehensive approach: besides education,



Despite the digital care they received, the children at the school run by Jugend Eine Welt partner Lifegate sorely missed their teachers.

the centre also provides medical services and therapy for the children and offers intensive support to their families. A special programme involves parents, brothers and sisters in supporting the disabled child and by so doing also strives for greater acceptance of disabled people in Palestinian society.

This intensive support provides considerable relief to the families, many of whom do not have the means to give their child the assistance it needs or care for it unaided. But coronavirus forced the Lifegate team to stop this support overnight. “Life in the town came to a virtual standstill and our hope that it would all be over in a couple of days proved illusory,” says Burghard Schunkert as he describes the situation. “Several colleagues started phoning the parents of our kindergarten and special school children in the first few days to ask how they were coping at home.” The answers were mixed: Some families needed help urgently.

So the Lifegate team quickly put together an educational programme that made it possible to support the children by phone and PC. Exercises were demonstrated to be copied at home, and resources were prepared and then used on both sides of the screen. There were also joint cooking and baking sessions – the Lifegate staff found creative and straightforward solutions to many challenges.

And the online lessons had another advantage: because everyone only saw each other on screen there was no need for masks, and the pleasure that both sides felt at being able to see and smile at each other was great. Summing up, Burghard Schunkert says, “It was an intensive time. Our children and young people with disabilities require a great deal of physical closeness which often communicates more than words. Now that closeness had to be couched in words, something that many of us found hard. But we learned how to do it during the coronavirus period.” Some of the children have since been able to return to the education centre. Those that still have to stay at home continue to be taught via computer.



SEWING MACHINES AGAINST COVID-19

In India, Don Bosco vocational schools are making face masks.

When we think of India we normally imagine colourful overcrowded streets teeming with life. When the first case of coronavirus was confirmed in the state of Kerala on 30 January, no one suspected how radically it would transform this image of India. When the number of infections shot up only two months later, the government was forced to take extreme measures: on 23 March, the world's second-most populous country was placed under "lockdown". 1.33 billion people were affected.

Those who were already living in extreme poverty now feared losing the little they had. Day labourers lost their sole source of income and were stuck in the big cities. They were unable to return to their villages or support their families. At a stroke, countless people were faced with the threat of hunger and destitution. As important as it is to use disinfectants and masks, such hygiene products are quite simply unaffordable for many people in India. The Jugend Eine Welt project partners in the country reacted immediately: all over India Don Bosco institutions organised life-saving food distributions and the Don Bosco educational institutions also quickly found creative solutions for the problems that were appearing.

One example of this is the coronavirus emergency relief campaigns run by the Jugend Eine Welt partner BREADS Bangalore (Bangalore Rural Educational and Development Society). In the states of Kerala and Karnataka they organised not only the distribution of food and hygiene products, but also immediately started making face masks for the local population: trainees at the five training centres in Palluruthy, Hospet, Kollam, Badravati and Bidar ensconced themselves at the sewing machines there to produce as many masks as they possibly could.

And BREADS Bangalore is just one example of the well-organised help provided by the Don Bosco partners in the country. All over India, Don Bosco schools that also offer tailoring apprenticeships began making face masks.



The prompt reaction of the Don Bosco educational institutions, the good organisation of the Jugend Eine Welt partners in India and not least the support given by donors in Austria have enabled help to be given to many people in India who have found themselves in difficulty since the start of the pandemic.



VIDEO TIP:

Reinhard Heiserer and Jugend Eine Welt volunteers appeal for solidarity and donations to the worldwide coronavirus relief fund:

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HUNGER PANDEMIC

"We're dying of hunger, not of coronavirus!"
The coronavirus crisis will lead to a massive hunger pandemic.

Zero hunger – that is the goal the global community set itself in the second of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals that are supposed to be reached by 2030. But the coronavirus crisis threatens not only to greatly diminish the chances of reaching this goal, but also to trigger a “hunger pandemic” on a massive scale in the near future. Many UN organisations have been warning of this since April, and the appeals for help that Jugend Eine Welt has been receiving since the start of the coronavirus crisis speak volumes: For the poorest of the poor, whom we and our project partners do our utmost to support, the threat of starvation is far greater than that of contracting COVID-19. That is why food aid has top priority in the emergency relief we are providing during the coronavirus pandemic.

2020: More than 1 billion going hungry?

Even before the coronavirus outbreak the outlook was bleak: owing to the effects of climate change and numerous ongoing conflicts, the number of people suffering from hunger worldwide, which had been falling steadily for years, started to rise again in 2016. In early 2020, parts of eastern Africa and southern Asia in particular were hit by a food shortage caused by drought and the appearance of huge swarms of locusts. Towards the end of April, David Beasley, executive director of the World Food Programme (WFP), issued a stark warning in a statement to the UN Security Council that COVID-19 could cause a hunger pandemic: “Lockdowns and economic recession are expected to lead to a major loss of income among the working poor.

Overseas remittances will also drop sharply – this will hurt countries such as Haiti, Nepal and Somalia just to name a couple. The loss of tourism receipts will damage countries such as Ethiopia, where it accounts for 47% of total exports.” Countries badly affected by conflicts, economic crises and the effects of climate change are particularly at risk of famine.

Worldwide, 821 million people were already going to bed hungry every night in 2019, and 135 million were on the brink of starvation. According to UN forecasts, an **additional 130 million people** could be pushed to the brink of starvation by the end of 2020. That means that unless urgent measures are taken to counteract this trend, the number of starving people will exceed one billion by the end of the year.

Sahel region at particular risk

Besides countries like Yemen and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, which were ravaged by hunger in 2019, the crisis poses a particular threat to the Sahel region. In Burkina Faso, for instance, which in May announced the highest officially recorded number of COVID-19 deaths in Sub-Saharan Africa, three times as many people are expected to be affected by hunger in June (2.1 million) than in the whole of the year before (680,000). But coronavirus lockdowns in emerging nations such as India, South Africa and Brazil are also threatening the lives of the poorest people who either work in the informal sector or are unemployed, literally live hand-to-mouth, have no savings and are excluded from any form of state support. What is more, millions of small farmers can no longer work their fields. Sowing, harvesting, selling and transporting crops – all are impossible. Harvest hands stay away and border closures often mean that seed, fertiliser and pesticides are no longer available. **One consequence of this is that in many regions the price of basic foodstuffs has risen so sharply that poor families can no longer afford them.**

School meals sorely missed

In the Sahel region, in India and in the Latin American countries particularly badly hit by coronavirus it is children who suffer most from the crisis it has caused and the social and economic knock-on effects. The number of children on the brink of starvation could



rise by as much as twenty per cent, the World Food Programme warned in May. For children from the poorest families, cessation of school meals owing to coronavirus restrictions is particularly calamitous, since these were often the only meals they could be sure of having each day.

The number one priority: food aid!

The Jugend Eine Welt project partners therefore consider it a matter of particular urgency to support the poorest children and their families with food assistance during this crisis. They are doing everything in their power to supply them regularly with food parcels or vouchers for buying food. No one should go hungry!

The locusts are coming!

Eastern Africa is currently being hit by the worst locust infestation for decades. The situation is being made worse by the coronavirus crisis which has caused border closures, thus preventing the application and import of pesticides. Worst hit are Kenya, Somalia, South Sudan, Uganda and Ethiopia which have in recent months been plagued by enormous swarms of voracious migratory locusts. The crops they devour in a single day could be used to feed 35,000 people. There is a very real fear that June and July will see more huge swarms appear in eastern Africa which will devastate the new crops – with dramatic consequences for the food

situation in the region. Jugend Eine Welt project partners in Ethiopia have trained farmers to combat the locusts and stockpiled food so as to be ready if the worst comes to the worst.



Countries worst hit by hunger in 2019:

1. Yemen 15.9 million going hungry
2. DR Congo 15 m
3. Afghanistan 11.3 m
4. Venezuela 9.3 m
5. Ethiopia 8 m
6. South Sudan 7 m
7. Syria 6.6 m
8. Sudan 5.9 m
9. Nigeria (north) 5 m
10. Haiti 3.7 m



We help where it's needed with your donation



The latest from our Projects:

Your coronavirus help is well received!

Right at the start of the coronavirus crisis, Jugend Eine Welt received a large number of appeals for help, some truly distressing, from our Don Bosco partners all over the world. Thanks to the generous and prompt support provided by our donors we were able to respond positively to many of these appeals and support aid programmes on every continent in the battle against COVID-19. We present some of these projects below. We thank all those who donated, and continue to donate, towards the worldwide fight against the virus and its effects. **Your contribution makes the difference!**



Ethiopia



Albania



Benin



Ethiopia

Br. Cesare Bullo used the emergency aid granted by Jugend Eine Welt to inform the people of Ethiopia about coronavirus and buy hygiene products such as soap and disinfectant. In **Addis Ababa**, the capital, money from the coronavirus relief fund allowed Fr. Angelo and Br. Endalk to teach the children at the street children's centre they run about coronavirus and ensure their medical care.



Benin

In **Benin** donations to the coronavirus relief fund helped Paul Kossi Adjibode to implement important hygiene measures in the local Don Bosco centres and provide food to the children there.



DR Congo

In **Lubumbashi** Jugend Eine Welt's emergency aid enabled Clémence Coquet and Fr. André Kazembé to buy life-saving food and sanitary items for the local Don Bosco centres.



Sierra Leone

In **Bo** Ibrahim Tucker and Andreas Schnier are working to help children from destitute families. Here, the Jugend Eine Welt coronavirus relief fund supported health care, food distribution and important educational measures relating to COVID-19 for children and young people.

Good News



Columbia



Palestine



India



South Africa

The pictures of the long queues that formed outside the soup kitchens in South Africa following the coronavirus outbreak struck a chord throughout the world. Jugend Eine Welt was in touch with Jo da Silva and Fr. Patrick Naughton in **Cape Town** and supported the distribution of food and hygiene products, health care for the local population, the accommodation of homeless people as well as awareness-raising campaigns and agriculture projects for food production.



Uganda

Thanks to the coronavirus aid from Austria Fr. Elie Nyandwi was able to supply food and drinking water to the needy in **Kampala**, provide accommodation for many children and pay for disinfectants and face coverings.



Haiti

The Jugend Eine Welt coronavirus relief fund also supported Fr. Victor Auguste in **Haiti** with providing over 3,000 destitute families with food and implementing important awareness-raising and hygiene measures.



Columbia

With the aid of the Jugend Eine Welt coronavirus relief fund, Fr. Carlos Manuel Barrios and Juan Pablo Sandoval from the "Ciudad Don Bosco" in **Medellín** were able to provide food to the impoverished families of the 510 most socially deprived pupils in addition to the 150 or so children they look after in the home. The "Ciudad Don Bosco" is a complex with several schools and a home. A total of around 2,000 pupils attend "Don Bosco City".



Albania

Thanks to the help from Austria, Sr. Magdalena Cerovska, director of the Laura Vicuña centre in **Tale**, northwest Albania, was able to buy disinfectant, hygiene products and food parcels for needy families.



India

The coronavirus relief fund helped Fr. Noel Maddhichetty, director of BoscoNet and a longstanding Jugend Eine Welt partner, to produce face coverings, distribute soap and disinfectant, supply medicines and food, carry out awareness-raising campaigns and set up quarantine facilities – all **in several towns in India**.



Lebanon

Coronavirus, state bankruptcy and having to provide for nearly two million Syrian refugees is too much for **Lebanon**. More and more people are now going hungry in the small Middle Eastern country. Here too the coronavirus relief fund was able to help the Sisters.



Palestine

The situation in **Bethlehem** was particularly grave. The border closures caused by COVID-19 had led to a food and water shortage, placing many families in desperate straits. The coronavirus emergency aid granted by Jugend Eine Welt made vital financial support possible here.

Thank you!

Dedicated multitasking in Vienna

Kurt Schmidl of Jugend Eine Welt provides insights into his work.

Kurt, you've been working for Jugend Eine Welt for many years now and have done many different jobs in that time. Are there any moments that stand out?

Here, every day is unique, but setting up a memorial site for late friends and donors was a very special task. I very much appreciate their contributions because without this assistance we are powerless. I personally, and Jugend Eine Welt as a whole, consider it very important to honour their memory. In Hietzing cemetery, near our office, we have been able to do this with the aid of a statue of St. John Bosco donated by an artist from Tyrol.

You are responsible for managing real estate for Jugend Eine Welt. What does that involve?

Donated real estate entails great responsibility. For example, one donor who had supported us loyally for many years bequeathed us an apartment for us to do with as we wished after her death. We are using it as accommodation for persecuted Christians who are learning a trade and are being looked after by a church group. In this way we were able to fill the flat with life again. We make sure we get the best possible benefits from such donations – either by continuing to use them for our own activities or by selling them.

At Jugend Eine Welt you are also known as someone who works with religious orders and parishes. What exactly do you do with them?

For over a quarter of a century I was a parish councillor. In my job I have also worked closely with dioceses and orders for many decades, with both full-time and unpaid staff. There are many among them who support the work done by Jugend Eine Welt, and working partnerships continue with several of them. One of my responsibilities is to be their liaison officer. We can only solve the problems in our ONE world if we act together.

Is there anything you consider particularly important for the continuing development of Jugend Eine Welt's work?

I think that, despite the restrictions imposed by the current situation, the Senior Experts programme has tremendous potential. I believe that it can appeal to and interest a great many people. They can contribute their expertise, talents and skills to a wide range of social projects, benefit from their experiences there themselves and can then give authentic accounts of them in Austria – a win-win-win situation. Networks such as those mentioned above can help us make this opportunity more widely known.



As a loyal member of the Jugend Eine Welt team Kurt Schmidl performs a wide range of tasks. As a photographer at events or a contact for donors, Kurt is always on hand and pitches in wherever he can.





CEVICHE [se'βitʃe]

A cold fish dish for hot summer days – a South American classic

The true origins of ceviche still sometimes cause heated debate in Latin America, but regardless of whether it comes from Peru or Ecuador it is a staple of menus in both countries. This light dish of raw fish is not only really quick and easy to make, but also extremely tasty and healthy. This makes it ideal for hot summer days – in Austria, too. Have fun preparing it, and **enjoy!**



Ingredients:

- 400 g fillet of fresh fish (e.g. sea bass, cod, zander)
- 2 tomatoes
- 2 sticks of celery
- 5 coriander stalks
- 1 small red onion
- 1 green chilli pepper
- 4 limes
- 1 TSP white wine vinegar
- 1 TSP olive oil
- Salt
- Pepper

Method:

- 1 Wash the boneless fish fillet and dab dry. Dice into pieces roughly 1 cm square. Mix in the lime juice. Place the marinated fish in the fridge for around three hours, keeping it covered.
- 2 Skin the tomatoes, remove the pips, and dice finely.
- 3 Finely dice the onions and celery.
- 4 Wash the coriander and pluck off the leaves.

- 5 Depending on how hot you want the dish, remove the chilli seeds (no seeds = mild, with seeds = very hot). Wash the chilli and cut into thin rings.
- 6 Mix all the ingredients with the fish. Season with oil, vinegar and pepper and leave to stand for approx. 20 minutes at room temperature.
- 7 Serve with a baguette.

Enjoy!



Ceviche is a fish dish that is popular in many parts of Latin America.

¡Buen provecho!

Borrowing is an important form of giving

Aid projects can also benefit from interest-free loans.

Jugend Eine Welt has been working for disadvantaged children and young people all over the world since 1997. This is only possible thanks to the help of countless donors who place their trust in us and provide financial support in many forms. One such form is interest-free loans. By lending Jugend Eine Welt money interest-free, these benefactors enable us to help faster and unbureaucratically, especially in times of crisis such as the coronavirus pandemic. In the following interview, one loyal donor who decided to support our work quickly in this way tells us what prompted her to choose this form of help.

What is your motivation for providing support?

I lend support chiefly to people in so-called developing countries because it's very important to me to help the people there, and especially street children, to live in conditions fit for human beings and to give them help towards self-help so that they don't stay dependent on donations or feel the need to flee their native country.

What prompted you to support the work done by Jugend Eine Welt with an interest-free loan?

I've been making donations to your projects for quite some time now because I wish to support the marvellous efforts of the project leaders. But now, when the pandemic is hitting the most vulnerable people hardest, I'd like to provide a larger sum. An interest-free loan seems to me to be an excellent way of doing this.

What would you say to other people who may be thinking about offering financial support?

I would suggest to everyone who wishes to do good and lend financial support to consider the option of an interest-free loan. Interest on the financial markets is at rock bottom anyway, so they could invest any money that they don't immediately need in this way – and it will bring them interest of a different kind, namely lives saved. Should they need their money back one day they can have it within the space of a month. Or they can bequeath it as a donation in their wills.



With an interest-free loan to Jugend Eine Welt International you enable us to provide advances or bridge financing to selected projects and programmes and to support sustainable areas of activity (fair trade, alternative forms of energy, ...). It is not always necessary to make a donation, sometimes a loan helps too! We'd be pleased to give you more information, either in person or by phone, and will send a sample contract for you to look at.

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„Once they start work to bolster their family's income, children rarely go back to school.“

Reinhard Heiserer

WORK IS NOT CHILD'S PLAY!

The coronavirus crisis will lead to more child labour.

Currently, an estimated 152 million children worldwide still have to go out to work, 73 million of them in particularly hazardous areas that cause them harm, such as mining, agriculture that is awash with pesticides, or as child soldiers or prostitutes. Sadly, there is a great danger that the coronavirus crisis will lead to even more child labour. According to estimates by the World Bank, the pandemic could force an additional 40 to 60 million people into extreme poverty in 2020 alone.

In order to survive, many poor families see no other alternative than to send their children out to work since they can no longer afford expensive school fees. There is a great risk that once they start working and contributing to their family's income, children will never go back to school. As a result they remain inexorably trapped in the spiral of poverty: with no school or training certificates there is every likelihood that they will never find

a job with half-decent pay and that their children will also have to work one day. That is why the Jugend Eine Welt project partners do everything they can to prevent children dropping out of school and to support the poorest families as much as possible during the coronavirus pandemic, for instance with food parcels and lessons at home.

Child labour in many products

Every single one of us can help put an end to abusive child labour by changing our behaviour as consumers. "It is important to know which products are especially likely to have been made with the aid of child labour," says Jugend Eine Welt director Reinhard Heiserer. "These can include gold, cotton, chocolate, textiles, mobile phones, sugar, coffee, tobacco and hazelnuts. Particular attention should be paid to where these articles come from and if possible fair trade products should be chosen."

Children need protection!

But to make abusive child labour a thing of the past as stipulated by the Sustainable Development Goals, many changes are needed in industrial practice and trade. For this reason Jugend Eine Welt supports the "Kinderarbeit stoppen" ("stop child labour") campaign of the Dreikönigsaktion which calls for businesses to be legally obliged to assume responsibility for their supply chains.

2021 is the "International Year for the Elimination of Child Labour" – and Jugend Eine Welt intends to intensify still further the efforts it makes along with other aid organisations towards achieving this.





Home from the Solomon Islands

Senior Expert Gerd Heiter tells us about his voluntary work abroad which was cut short by the coronavirus crisis.

Gerd Heiter from St. Lorenzen had planned to spend an entire year working abroad as a volunteer. In the Senior Experts Austria scheme run by Jugend Eine Welt he had found the ideal partner for this undertaking, since it organises periods of voluntary work for people with many years' professional experience. Gerd's mission began with a journey half way around the globe to the Solomon Islands, until coronavirus forced his premature departure. In a letter, the Senior Expert describes his experiences:

"Phew, that was close!" It was during the final days of my 50-week assignment as a Senior Expert on the Solomon Islands that I received a call from an Austrian number late one evening – six days before my scheduled departure from Gizo, Western Province. Suspecting nothing, I took the call. "Gerd, we want you to come home NOW!" said the familiar voice of a Jugend Eine Welt employee at the other end (of the world).

49 weeks previously I had set myself the goal of devoting an entire year of my life to a social project abroad. I wanted to give something back in return for what I had been able to "take" during a relatively trouble-free life. One year as a Senior Expert during which I could not only contribute my professional knowledge and experience, but could also immerse myself in the utterly unfamiliar way of life and attitudes of people who live far away – and completely differently – from us. It was important to me to discover how they approach conflicts and friendships, how crises and ups and downs – in other words, life as a whole – are dealt with. But I was also curious about everyday life and routines. I wanted there to be room for fun as well, and my year as a Senior Expert was to be one thing above all else: a two-way experience – I too wanted to learn, to grow as a person.

A journey to the other side of the world

Shortly before I was due to leave Austria I read the itinerary and thought, "It's a good thing I like flying!" The journey from Vienna to Gizo was scheduled to last 34 hours. Tough, but doable. That it took nearly 40 hours longer to get there was down to a delayed departure in Dubai and the lack of a connecting flight in Honiara, the capital of the Solomon Islands. I just hoped that nothing worse would happen!

Many talents, many tasks

As a Senior Expert I was involved in many different tasks: shipbuilding, mechanics, electrical engineering, solid and dry construction. The work was correspondingly challenging. Of course one of the points of all this was to work with a wide variety of people, all of whom had their own expertise, their own ideas – and that too could be extremely challenging. From the point of view of personal relationships they were 49 wonderful and rewarding weeks that I was able to spend among people who were down-to-earth, friendly and very welcoming.

Coronavirus causes abrupt departure

And now I'm back here in South Tyrol, in St. Lorenzen. I was able to come home just before Italy closed its borders and entry to the country was stopped or required quarantine, shortly before airports were closed and trains were cancelled. Jugend Eine Welt arranged everything for me and organised all the changes to my flights. Only 36 hours after that evening phone call from Vienna I was on my way back to Europe. All I can say to that is: good anticipation, a good decision, and good work by Jugend Eine Welt! Thank you for seeing the dark clouds for what they were and for bringing me back before it was too late. Thank you very much! That's what I call real support, quite apart from the great support I was given all through my assignment. I can highly recommend Jugend Eine Welt to potential Senior Experts: a top team, excellent organisation. I thank you and wish you continued success in the future!"

You'd like to work abroad as a Senior Expert after coronavirus or fund a voluntary assignment? Go here to find out more:

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DIY FUNDRAISING



Start your campaign for a good cause now!

People are increasingly questioning the pressure exerted on us nowadays to buy more and more. This can be seen at birthday parties, at Christmas and at weddings: there is a trend away from piles of gifts towards making a donation to a good cause. With the new tool on the Jugend Eine Welt website it is now very easy to start your own fundraising campaign for the cause of your choice.

Whether you organise an internet charity concert, launch a Christmas appeal or wish to raise money to help during a global crisis like the coronavirus pandemic – on our

website anyone can now take the initiative and work for a good cause.

Just a few clicks are needed to complete a new online form and create your own fundraising campaign. The donations go to social and education projects in Latin America, Asia, Eastern Europe, the Middle East and Africa that are supported by Jugend Eine Welt.

Go to www.jugendeinewelt.at/spendenaktionen now and launch your own appeal in only five minutes! Together we achieve more.



NEW SCHOOL YEAR, NEW INPUT



In the autumn, the Jugend Eine Welt education team picks up where it left off.

Teachers and pupils with an interest in global development cooperation are probably already familiar with it: the **Jugend Eine Welt education team**. A group of former Jugend Eine Welt volunteers, these young adults have set themselves the task of raising awareness of topics relating to global solidarity, justice, development and climate change.

To this end, the team visits various schools, bringing with them simulation games, workshops, fascinating talks and tales of their own travels as volunteers with a view to showing school pupils the hidden cost of our prosperity, the situation in other parts of the world and what they themselves can do to bring about a fairer world.

Coronavirus and the school closures it entailed meant that the education team was forced to put its activities on hold in the spring months. But the team members made good use of the break to come up with absorbing new learning methods and **games that will be used when they make a fresh start in the autumn.**

If you would like the education team to visit your school, go here to find out more: www.jugendeinewelt.at/bildungsteam





DON BOSCO – ACTION, NOT QUESTIONS

Don Bosco and the Epidemic

The mayor of Dora, a suburb of Turin, was at the end of his tether. In this one month, July 1854, 500 people had died of cholera. An appeal for help was issued to the citizens. The first youth centre founded by Don Bosco was only a stone's throw away in the district of Valdocco. On 5 August the charismatic priest and God's streetworker summoned several young people and used his powers of persuasion on them: "Nurses and helpers are needed for the cholera patients. If some of the biggest are brave enough to go with me to the hospitals and homes we would do good work together."

Don Bosco managed to recruit 48 young men for this mercy mission. The oldest of them went into the wards and homes of the sick. The second group combed the streets for newly infected patients. The youngest stayed behind in the so-called oratory in Valdocco, ready to help if necessary. All of them had to take precautions and wash themselves thoroughly with vinegar. Don Bosco's mother, Mama Margareta, also helped, handing out altar cloths to those patients who had no bed linen.



On 21 November 1854 the cholera epidemic was over. None of the courageous young helpers had fallen ill, just as Don Bosco had predicted.

Today, thankfully, we have disinfectant instead of diluted vinegar. But Don Bosco's call, **"Do whatever is possible!"** still applies.



Don Bosco (1815 - 1888)

Apostle of the young and pioneer of social work

and patron saint of Jugend Eine Welt. His devotion to children and young people at risk is the example we aim to follow. Friends and staff of Jugend Eine Welt and Don Bosco organisations continue to do what they can for those who fall ill in epidemics – now more than ever because of coronavirus. Instead of vinegar, disinfectant is now used, as shown in the photo above.

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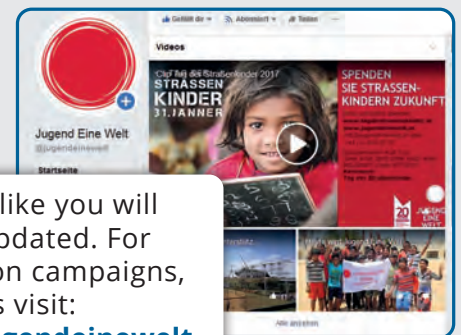


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- **With your will and bequest...**

...you strengthen the foundations of Jugend Eine Welt and decide yourself how you wish to do good after the end of your life.

- **Your donation**

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