## EDUCATION OVERCOMES POVERTY

## Annual Report 2021 How your donation helps - worldwide!



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## **REVIEW OF 2021**



PROJECT



# Hello!

Stay optimistic, keep going and don't lose heart. Last year, 2021, I had to say that to myself occasionally. It worked. Despite several difficulties, we succeeded, in this second "pandemic year", not only in continuing the worldwide Jugend Eine Welt aid programmes, but in broadening their scope, too.

For this, a big thank-you is due primarily to you - thanks to your unstinting loyalty and solidarity we were again able to improve the lives of many young people a little.

I am absolutely convinced that the motto we have had ever since our organisation was founded 25 years ago, "Education overcomes poverty", has lost none of its relevance in these difficult times. But the large number of crises, and especially the one caused by coronavirus, meant that we carried out more initiatives and support programmes in the field of humanitarian (emergency) aid than planned. Quite simply, it was more urgent to supply daily essentials such as food, medicines and toiletries to the children and their families, to the elderly and the sick who were being cared for by our project partners. In this crisis we do not want to abandon anyone!

At the same time it was necessary to provide **alternative forms of education** in collaboration with our project partners in many countries of the South because regular school lessons were not possible for months and years on end. Consequently, extra private tuition and remedial programmes were organised so that the education of children and young people did not grind to a complete halt. Families in difficulty received support so that they could afford their children's school fees.

Our fantastic donors, supporters and funding agencies also showed their **generosity**. Thanks to your dedication we were able to cope with the increased number of applications for help in 2021.

I am also very optimistic that, thanks to your generous help, we will again be able to support development cooperation projects in an effective manner in future. In this regard, four of the SDGs, the United Nations' Sustainable Development Goals, are particularly important to us: ending poverty, no hunger, health and well-being, and quality education for all. Goals that are all closely linked and which we aim to achieve together for our ONE world.

THANK YOU for joining us in making the world a little better!

Ing. Reinhard Heiserer Director



## Do whatever is possible!

This guiding principle was particularly relevant for the work of Jugend Eine Welt in 2021. Time and again, critical situations arose that required a response.

Because the pandemic came in waves, frequent modifications to the emergency COVID measures were necessary to react to the changing circumstances. In India, for instance, the number of people in need rose sharply again during the second major wave in the spring. Our project partners were again forced to close schools and training facilities and look for alternatives. "Normal" operation was virtually impossible, and some new projects were delayed as a result.

Despite this, new activities did get under way. In Ghana, construction work began on a family clinic run by the Medical Mission Sisters. In four countries (Ethiopia, Uganda, Bhutan, Greece), a comprehensive package of aid was put together for particularly disadvantaged groups such as women, children and refugees. In addition, humanitarian aid was provided for the Ethiopian region of Tigray where civil war is raging, and for Afghan refugees in Pakistan.

## New projects and a new ambassador for **Jugend Eine Welt**

In all our activities, we are extremely grateful to our donors and supporters who helped Jugend Eine Welt in various ways. For example, several donors once again provided **interest-free loans**.

An important and innovative form of development cooperation to promote high-quality education was the issue of the third **Don Bosco** education bond (2021–2027). As with its predecessors, the proceeds from the issue of the bond will again serve the expansion and support of the Universidad Politécnica Salesiana (UPS) in Ecuador.

Following the suspension of all periods of voluntary work abroad last year because of COVID, these were gradually resumed. From the autumn, young volunteers from **VOLONTARIAT bewegt**, the agency for voluntary assignments managed by Jugend Eine Welt, and Senior Experts from our scheme for volunteers with professional experience, were able to travel out to their projects. Our team of volunteers has a prominent new member with the arrival of Chris Lohner as the new ambassador for Jugend Eine Welt.

The many volunteer helpers in our education teams in Austria filled in all the lockdowns with a series of online events and activities until real, face-to-face meetings, workshops and information campaigns were permitted at schools again, at least from time to time, in the second half the year. There were also several helping hands that supported the office work at the Jugend Eine Welt headquarters where all the employees smoothly switched between working from home and working at the office.







Senior Experts were able to resume their voluntary assignments abroad here in Uganda.



## A whole day's radio dedicated to Street Children's Day

COVID made an event with visitors impossible, so this year's Street Children's Day was held on the radio. For a whole day on Radio Klassik Stephansdom a range of features and reports on the topic of "Utterly defenceless – when the streets are home" were broadcast. Jugend Eine Welt staff members and project partners provided insights into the work they do with street children and for street children around the world.

## Austria's foreign minister visits a project in Ethiopia

In January, Foreign Minister Alexander Schallenberg took the opportunity of a two-day visit to Ethiopia to take a look at the Bosco Children centre in Addis Ababa that ugend Eine Welt has long supported. He was accompanied by Jugend Eine Welt director Reinhard Heiserer. The distinguished visitor from Austria was highly impressed by the excellent training programme that the centre offers to former street children.



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## One year of COVID aid: The achievements

COVID meets poverty - join forces to help. That was the Jugend Eine Welt motto when the worldwide coronavirus pandemic broke out in March 2020. It enabled a total of EUR 563,734 to be made available to Don Bosco project partners in 24 countries as COVID emergency relief in the space of one year. This sum made preventive measures and the purchase of toiletries, medicines, food and school equipment possible.

#### Forget-me-nots for bequests

As a symbolic expression of gratitude to all those who made donations in their wills, we planted forget-me-nots in front of the Belvedere palace in Vienna in May in conjunction with the "Good Will" initiative. This event was followed by four well-attended free online information sessions on inheritance law and wills.

#### Austria's president pays tribute to young volunteers

COVID-19 scuppered many plans. But in the summer, the time came for 19 young volunteers from "Volontariat bewegt", the initiative run by Jugend Eine Welt and the Salesians of Don Bosco, to set off for a period of work on a project abroad. Before they left, Austrian president Alexander Van der Bellen paid tribute to them at their official send-off.



## Another severe earthquake in Haiti

In August, Haiti was again hit by a severe earthquake. The Caribbean country is still suffering from the effects of the major quake in 2010. Following on from the support given during the COVID pandemic, Jugend Eine Welt was able to provide its long-standing Don Bosco partners in Haiti with more rapid assistance so that they could at least give the earthquake victims a roof over their heads.

# JUGEND EINE WELT







#### A new face on the board of Jugend Eine Welt Austria

Great experience in setting up networks, fundraising groups and cooperative partnerships is what Gabriel Müller, who joined the board of Jugend Eine Welt in February, provides. An Austrian living in Switzerland, he has many years' experience of working in Austrian and Swiss aid organisations. As a Jugend Eine Welt representative based in Switzerland, Gabriel devotes himself to cooperative partnerships and partner recruitment.

## Information campaign starts for year against child labour

The UN General Assembly declared 2021 International Year for the Elimination of Child Labour. Jugend Eine Welt launched an information campaign on the topic that lasted for the following months. The campaign explained exactly what constitutes child labour, what its causes and consequences are, and which products are produced with the help of child labour.

## Aid for imprisoned adolescents in Liberia Salesian brother Lothar Wagner

has been a "premium partner" of Jugend Eine Welt for many years now. Since 2020, the youngsters he looks after have included convicted adolescents in the central prison of Liberia's capital, Monrovia. As a result of his repeated reports to the state authorities about the terrible conditions in the prison he has now been asked to help work on a reform of Liberia's criminal law relating to young offenders.

## Sierra Leone: Prompt help after a devastating fire

A devastating fire destroyed large parts of "Susan's Bay", an informal settlement on the outskirts of Sierra Leone's capital, Freetown, Over 7,000 people lost everything they had, and fast help was needed. Don Bosco Fambul, our long-standing project partner in Freetown, provided the victims with emergency accommodation, food and clothing.



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#### Volunteers' report presented in parliament

WeltWegWeiser, the service point for voluntary assignments abroad run by Jugend Eine Welt, was able to present its latest volunteers' report to parliament in September at an unusual venue: the Grosser Redoutensaal in the Hofburg palace in Vienna. A tremendous mark of recognition "for our work."

## Hands up against child labour

"Stop child labour!" A broad alliance of organisations, including Jugend Eine Welt, presented thousands of messages of support to justice minister Alma Zadić in June. People from all over the world symbolically raised their hands against child labour and demanded that politicians take action to effectively combat the problem.



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#### Chris Lohner is our new honorary ambassador

One of Austria's best-known women is the new honorary ambassador for Jugend Eine Welt: the actress, TV presenter and best-selling author Chris Lohner is committed to helping disadvantaged children and young people all over the world. The motto "Education overcomes poverty" is the key, she says, to improving the lives of disadvantaged young people. Chris Lohner says she "will actively support" this important objective."

#### Senior Experts set off again

Following a break of over a year caused by COVID, the first Senior Experts were at last able to travel out in late autumn to begin their assignments in a variety of projects in Venezuela, Kenya and Uganda. The volunteer experts from Austria pass on their skills, knowledge and experience there.

# AUGUST SEPTEMBER OCTOBER NOVEMBER DECEMBER

2021

## Christmas present for children in Bethlehem

Shortly before Christmas, Jugend Eine Welt was able to fulfil a longheld dream: We support our Don Bosco project partners in Bethlehem who are building a new playground in the middle of the city. A place for children and young people to meet and play beyond all religious and cultural borders.

#### Lively exchanges at the volunteers' meeting

"Joint action against inequality": this was the motto of the big annual volunteers' meeting. Volunteers, former volunteers, Senior Experts and Jugend Eine Welt staff members spent a weekend of workshops and talks taking an in-depth look at issues and challenges surrounding (un)equal opportunities. The meeting was highly productive for everyone who took part and provided a wealth of new ideas.

## FOR CHILDREN'S RIGHTS AND AGAINST EXPLOITATION THROUGH CHILD LABOUR

## Making a powerful gesture against child labour and for the rights of children.

That was the background behind the large-scale campaign against child labour that ran throughout 2021. Information on the causes, extent and effects of harmful, abusive and exploitative child labour was presented in various formats at events, online sessions, in the media, on the internet and on social media platforms in order to create a critical awareness of the problem among the general public. A great deal of attention was paid to goods and products that are made using child labour – because there is no denying that we in Austria are also faced, albeit indirectly, with this problem. Austria's politicians were also urged to act, the key concept here being fair supply chains.

**2021** was declared International Year for the Elimination of Child Labour by the United Nations. The aim was to make greater progress with legislation and practical forms of support for ending child labour all over the world. In light of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) many countries have vowed to abolish the worst forms of child labour by 2025. Unfortunately, the global COVID pandemic threatens to undo the progress that has been made. Instead of falling, the number of children and young people around the world being forced into working conditions that exploit them is actually rising.

**Conservative estimates** put the number of children and young people subjected to child labour that exploits and harms them at as many as 150 million. These children have to contribute to their families' often meagre, or non-existent income, by working in hazardous conditions. Or else they are left to fend entirely for themselves and take on any job they can get as a means of survival. This not only harms their health but also violates their fundamental rights as children and robs them of their future.

The UN Convention on the Rights of the Child stipulates that every child in the world has a right to education as well as the right to protection from exploitation in all its forms. Since it was founded, Jugend Eine Welt has actively worked to defend children's rights and to combat child labour. Many of the projects supported by Jugend Eine Welt give working children and young people the chance to escape from the vicious circle of child labour – especially by means of education and training.

Full information on the subject of child labour is available at: www.jugendeinewelt.at/kinderarbeit



## Schooling instead of child labour

What is needed to conquer the problem of child labour is help where it occurs. Such help is available at the facilities run by the Don Bosco project partners in many countries. Here are four examples:

#### **Don Bosco Fambul in Sierra Leone**



The Don Bosco Fambul (Creole for "family") centre for street children in Sierra Leone's capital Freetown is one of the largest support facilities. It offers shelter, accommodation and medical care along with schooling and vocational training for many of the children and young people who have to scratch a living on the streets of Freetown

with jobs of every description. There is a separate shelter for girls who are often exploited as cheap sex workers.

#### Girls' shelter in Deodurga, India



Poverty, scarcely any regular work, high illiteracy rates, rapid population growth: in the rural parts of the southern Indian state of Karnataka all this means that girls in particular are forced to work from a young age to add to their families' meagre income. For many of them, attending school remains nothing more than a dream. At the Don Bosco centre

in Deodurga around 50 girls, who have been liberated from child labour that exploits them or even from forced marriages, are taken in every year. Here they can learn in a safe environment – for a brighter future.



#### The "Don Bosco Shelter" in Ecuador

Street children, working children, neglected children and young people from poor families: all find refuge at the Fundación Don Bosco in Ambato, a provincial capital south of Ecuador's capital city, Quito. The "Don Bosco Shelter" offers children hot meals, learning support and private

remedial tuition as well as worthwhile leisure activities. And for some children it also serves as a temporary home.

#### "Catch-up school" for child labourers in Kinshasa



In Kinshasa, the capital city of the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the Don Bosco Sisters run an elementary school as well as a "catch-up school" for former child labourers. Girls aged 11 to 20 who were previously unable to go to school at all or were forced to break

off their school education are given lessons here. Once they pass the final examination they can learn a trade – baker, confectioner, cook or waitress – at the affiliated bakery.



# Take care when choosing these products!

No one wants to buy food or everyday items that involve child labour. For consumers, it is not always easy to see which products these are. This is why it is important to make the general public aware of those product groups that may have involved the work of children at some point during the production process.

To this end, Jugend Eine Welt, itself a supporter of FAIRTRADE Austria and the Clean Clothes campaign, used the campaign to launch an appeal to consumers to check a product's origin before buying it and to see whether it bears a logo that certifies it as having been produced in fair conditions.

Close scrutiny and information is needed when buying the following products:



www.jugendeinewelt.at/kinderarbeit







## The Year 2021 in Figures

Revenue, expenditure and use of funds donated

Balance sheet date 31.12.2021

| Balance | of acc | ounts fo | or 2021 |
|---------|--------|----------|---------|
|         |        |          |         |

| A. Fixed assets                                     | Euro         |
|---|--------------|
| I. Intangible assets                                | 38.005,79    |
| II. Tangible assets                                 | 171.111,64   |
| III. Financial assets                               | 3,00         |
|   | 209.120,43   |
| B. Liquid assets                                    | Euros        |
| I. Reserves   | 9.129,03     |
| II. Receivables and other assets                    | 360.893,13   |
| III. Cash in hand, credit at financial institutions | 1.797.144,14 |
|   | 2.167.166,30 |
| C. Prepayments and accrued income                   | 17.935,61    |
| Total assets  | 2.394.222,34 |

| A. Capital resources   | Euros        |
|--|--------------|
| I. Reserves and provisions for use according to the statutes | 604.042,41   |
| B. Liabilities for donations yet to be disbursed as assigned | Euros        |
| I. Liabilities for donations yet to be disbursed as assigned | 928.457,43   |
| C. Accrued liabilities                                       | Euros        |
| I. Other   | 66.920,08    |
| D. Payables  | Euros        |
| I. Amounts owed to financial institutions                    | 61.994,48    |
| II. Accounts payable for supplies and services               | 145.340,76   |
| III. Amounts owed to affiliated undertakings                 | 293.190,92   |
| IV. Other liabilities  | 70.921,15    |
|  | 571.447,31   |
| E. Prepayments and accrued income                            | 223.355,11   |
| Total liabilities  | 2.394.222,34 |

## How we use our donations

We make every effort to ensure that donations are used as efficiently as possible and that administrative expenses are kept to a minimum!



| Financial report Donation seal of approval 2021                                   |              |
|---|--------------|
| Sources of funds  | Euros        |
| I. Donations received   | 5.379.787,66 |
| a) non-dedicated donations  | 2.516.665,39 |
| b) dedicated donations  | 2.863.122,27 |
| II. Membership fees   | 350,00       |
| III. Operating income   | 2.570.636,42 |
| a) operating income from public funds   | 2.570.463,33 |
| b) other operating income   | 173,09       |
| IV. Other income  | 2.730,68     |
| a) asset management   | 1.269,53     |
| b) other operating income   | 1.461,15     |
| V. Release to income of liabilities for donations yet to be disbursed as assigned | 727.027,01   |
| Total   | 8.680.531,77 |
|   |              |
| Use of funds  | Euros        |
| I. Expenditure for purposes stipulated by the statute                             | 6.160.867,20 |
| a) project work   | 5.231.088,04 |
| b) education/advocacy/information   | 929.779,16   |
| II. Fundraising, donor information and donor relations                            | 1.210.667,45 |
| III. Administrative costs   | 405.506,14   |
| IV. Transfer to liabilities for donations yet to be disbursed as assigned         | 885.436,60   |
| V. Transfer to reserves   | 18.054,38    |
| Total   | 8.680.531,77 |

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Liabilities

Assets



13,95% Fundraising



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## Voluntary work for Jugend Eine Welt in figures

Volunteer assignments, education work, voluntary work in Austria in 2021

**5** Senior Experts assignments

events on education and voluntary work

820 hours of work performed by Senior Experts abroad

**60** voluntary colleagues in Austria

hours of work by the education teams in Vienna, Linz and Graz

**1.160** hours of unsalaried office work

Working for the future of the children of our ONE world!



Notes on the financial statement and report

**"Education overcomes poverty"** – this is the conviction that has motivated Jugend Eine Welt **since its foundation in 1997** to make a better future possible for disadvantaged children and young people all over the world. Since the introduction of the Austrian donation seal of approval in 2001 we have been one of the organisations entitled to use it continuously. This gives you the certainty that your donation is used in accordance with your intentions.



For an organisation to be awarded the seal of approval, an independent audit of its accounts and publication of a financial report on the basis of this audit are required. Every euro donated to Jugend Eine Welt is an expression of trust in us. Accountability and transparency are important to us.

Thanks to the **generous support** of our donors during the past year we were once again able to reach **numerous children and young people** in difficulty. **Thank you for your important help in 2021!** 



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**Auditor**: Responsibility for the audit of the financial report lies with the offices of Wilhelm Glinzner.

**Tax deductibility:** Donations to Jugend Eine Welt in Austria have been tax-deductible since 2009. We ask private individuals to give their full name and date of birth when making a donation. This enables us to report your donation to the tax office directly and you do not need to do anything else. Businesses report donations directly to the tax office.

**Liabilities:** This term is used to describe funds assigned to a specific purpose such as construction of a school that were not disbursed for that purpose in the year they were received.

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## JUGEND EINE WELT at a glance



## Schools and vocational training

Worldwide, millions of children cannot go to school. Jugend Eine Welt helps young people graduate from school or complete an apprenticeship so that they can stand on their own two feet. www.jugendeinewelt.at/bildung

## Disaster relief

Disasters hit needy families particularly hard. Jugend Eine Welt provides rapid and unbureaucratic help in the event of a disaster. Long-term rebuilding is particularly important to us.

www.jugendeinewelt.at/nothilfe



## Voluntary work

Jugend Eine Welt gives people of all age groups the chance to spend several months working as volunteers on a social project. www.jugendeinewelt.at/einsatz



**Children's rights** Across the globe, millions of children live on the streets. Countless girls and boys have to toil as child workers. Through the aid projects it supports, Jugend Eine Welt actively works to uphold children's rights. www.jugendeinewelt.at/kinderrechte



## Fair investment and donations

Interest-free loans and investment in our not-for-profit foundation or the education bond enable us to secure the long-term funding of sustainable poverty-reduction programmes.

www.jugendeinewelt.at/faires-geld



## Donate & support

lugend Eine Welt offers numerous opportunities for turning your commitment into concrete assistance. These include one-off and regular donations, donations for special events or anniversaries and wreath donations. Or you could launch a fundraising campaign yourself!

www.jugendeinewelt.at/spenden



## Wills and bequests

Continue doing good even after you're gone: by making a bequest you ensure that your help remains effective after your passing, giving young people all over the world the chance of a better future. www.jugendeinewelt.at/legate



## Online shop

Doing good and treating yourself at the same time? It's easy in the Jugend Eine Welt online shop! Buy products that were made in the supported projects themselves or come from fair trade sources. shop.jugendeinewelt.at