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# ACTIONS & PROJECTS

2017-2018

This document contains detailed information on all our projects from the years 2017 and 2018.

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## About us

### WHO WE ARE

The Humanitas Foundation is a non-profit organisation with the goal to relieve distress of needier people from poor regions of the world. Orphans, widows, ill people, refugees and in other ways disadvantaged groups are helped specifically to find alleviation of suffering in current distresses or even to find a permanent basis of existence. Our motif is to strengthen families, support the youth and to perform international relationships in order to organise aid projects. Thus, on the one hand, our organisation supports suitable established social projects and, on the other hand, realises new projects for suffering people and families, aiming for the chance to live an independent and free life.

### **ABOUT US**

The Humanitas Foundation e.V. is, of course, officially registered and approved as solely non-profitable working by revenue authorities.

Such non-profit organisations are only allowed, according to the fiscal law of the Federal Republic of Germany, to use their whole revenues for non-profit and statutory purposes and are subject to strict control of the state. Therefore, every form of enrichment of private persons is impossible. As in every non-profit organisation, we have many volunteers, who work in an honorary capacity in support of individual projects. Other employees receive payment in accordance with local wages. As in every other non-profit organisation every actions are not aiming for realisation of profits. The organisation decides on all transactions.

Revenues of the Humanitas Foundation come from donations of members, friends and sponsors of every kind, in this connection we are active in projects for the collection of donations. We receive commodity contributions, for example, from acknowledged German aid organisations, for the purposeful use in individual projects. Every donation is used statutory in worldwide projects for the encouragement of family, youth and international understanding. Finances are of course, as it is common for non-profit organisations, subject to government supervision.



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# Our Motive - Faith - Love - Hope

### **4 WORLDWIDE AID**

We want to give every person, who wants to help others, the opportunity to support aid projects worldwide, by making sure that donations reach the beneficiary directly. With this help, specific groups of people can directly receive international financial support in their effort for independence and autonomy in daily life.

### 4 HELP 4 SELF-HELP

We want to support people in building an individual base of life, so that they are able to feed their families independently and live autonomously and free.

### **4 DECENT LIVING**

We want to support men, women and children in aiming high in life, and live with self-esteem and dignity.

### 4 THE FAMILY

We want to strengthen and support the family as first and basic unit of all countries and nations.

### **4 THE PARENTS**

We want to enable parents to raise their children with highest standards, and in a safe environment, so that they are able to develop their talents and inner values in freedom.

### 4 THE YOUTH

We think of it as an important goal to take care of the youth as the future of a country and to enable them to be taught up to high moral values and receive good education.

### **4 RELIGIOUS FREEDOM**

We are profoundly convinced, that religious freedom is a fundamental human right. The freedom to live according to personal knowledge and individual belief, and to decide freely in this context is due to every human.

### **PLEASE NOTE**

We do not engage in any political aspects and do not take party in any religious or political streaming whatsoever their goals and targets may be. We work interdenominationally in pure humanitarian projects and are as organisation independently active, just supported and in cooperation with other similar non-profit organisations in order to reach our goals.

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# Our Background

### WHERE OUR ROOTS LIE

The organisation was founded in 2002 by Dr. Walter Lipke and his family. From the very beginning, the organisation was committed to the support of family, youth and international understanding. This manifested, for example, in the support of educational training and schooling in Germany, which helped creating apprenticeship places. Further, we took part in various social projects. To these belonged the opening of a vacation village for international families with many children, youth groups and European guests. With the 10th anniversary in 2012 the organisation decided to broaden the charitable work and take part in aid actions, especially in poor countries like Africa. Thus, the aims to support family, youth and international understanding began to be realised outside Europe as well. The main aim is and will remain, to help people from all over the world, in form of various projects and in cooperation even outside Europe, so that people can improve their lives permanently and long lasting.

As Dr. Lipke had worked in medical field a long time, that's why it was very close to us this idea to begin our activity in the field too. The realisation began in 2005 with the Porta Medika Project. Porta Medika is an internet platform grown out of the thought to facilitate the best medical treatment the patients throught medical and health relevant information accessing per a mouse click for every user. It's very important especially for African countries, because of the missed access to information and very limited medical care.

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# Projects Kenya

### AID PROJECT FOR ORPHANAGE IN KENYA

An important cooperation abroad is the support of the St. Paul's Children's Home, an orphanage for children from the slums of Nairobi in Kenya. The Project has been brought to life by Mrs. Margret Mbote and her family 12 years ago. She founded the orphanage in the district Ongata Rongai and functions as its head since then. Mrs. Mbote feels it is her purpose to give those children, who have no families supporting them, a home.

By now, around 70 orphans live here and receive accommodation, food and schooling. Nevertheless, the orphanage's means are limited, so that we see it as our task to support the orphanage in its effort to give those children the opportunity to live a decent life, now and in the future. After we fundamentally and permanently improved the circumstances in which the St. Paul's Children's Home had to work with the orphans until now, our cooperation goes on.

So we sponsor local labor and new children's beds, built together new sanitary facilities and a multipurpose hall, where the children can do homework and celebrate. Furthermore, we were able to achieve a sustainable improvement of the drinking water supply by cleaning the water tank and installing a water filter system. We are also collecting donations to build a well system so that the Home won't be dependent on supplies of rainwater and purchased water.

We support also the Home financially every month and particularly we were able to support some orphans in obtaining education, school education or a driving license.

We sponsored new bedrooms for the orphans, as well as classrooms, and a kindergarten, moreover restrooms, side buildings for the orphanage's employees and a new, fully equipped kitchen. With the amount of 200.000 € we are able to realise the whole project and reach our goal to improve education, as well as to raise standard of care and level of hygiene. We achieved our first success with the construction and completion of the orphanage's new assembly hall in March 2014.

Gathering all employees and children living in the orphanage in one room was not possible until now. After we equipped the hall with tables and benches, the room also serves as dining hall for all children and employees. Additionally, the hall has a store room and a restroom according to European standard. The Humanitas Foundation controls the proper architectural planning and construction of the whole project. Members of the Humanitas Foundation do the architectural drawings and construction planning, while others support and supervise the realisation of the buildings in attendance. Therefore, we guarantee that material and time is invested efficiently and that donations are used properly, sensible, and solely for the orphanage. Besides, we organize a free feeding in and around Nairobi at regular intervals. This has been possible by assistance of external donors and partners.

### THE SYSTEM OF MICROLOAN - HELP FOR SELF-HELP

People from the poorest underclass in Africa, who want to achieve realisation of their own business concept, mostly are not creditworthy in the eyes of a regional bank. Thus, there is no chance to implement an often valuable idea which is worthy of support. Here the Humanitas Foundation directly helps. Following an intensive conversation, which clarifies the eligibility for promotion, we provide an interest-free loan the person in question pays back bit by bit. Hereafter, this money is available for promotion of other projects. A microloan ranges between 10€ and 250€.

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# **Projects Germany**

### AID PROJECT FOR REFUGEES IN BAVARIA

In Germany the Humanitas Foundation runs an aid project for refugee families with small children from conflict areas and war zones, as well as for politically suppressed minorities, and gives them shelter in Bavaria since 2012. This project is located in the main building of the vacation village Fichtelsee in Upper Franconia, which is a Bavarian region close to the city of Bayreuth. For that project, we make available the main building of the vacation village Fichtelsee containing 80 beds, as well as some of the side buildings, as residential buildings for the applicants for asylum from conflict areas and war zones like Syria.

At the end of November 2012, we started the project, in cooperation with the responsible district office, with 10 families from various war zones, among them refugees from Syria, Chechnia, Georgia, as well as from the Balkan countries. First and foremost, we decided to take care of families especially with small children. We receive support from local authorities, as well as from social organisations and individuals. Our project's goal is, alongside the professional accommodation of those families mostly with small children, to create an atmosphere of international understanding, by giving them a temporary home. In this doing, it is important, that they are able to experience the security and privacy they cannot experience in their home countries, because of economic and political instabilities. Some of these families experienced very bad things and more than a few suffer from various diseases.

Thus, especially the families, that apply for asylum in Germany, need special care. Our team in Fichtelberg helps in every possible way to solve problems that occur because of language barriers and cultural diversity. Hence, our local employees take care of all everyday needs of the families, organise doctor's appointments, help with necessary visits to authorities and are in close contact with every counterpart and every resident of the home, as well as with the responsible authorities.

At the end of 2017, the project was handed over.

### **PORTA MEDIKA**

Porta Medika is a project that started to develop in 2015. In fact, Dr. med. Walter Lipke has the idea around for over 15 years. At that time, the technical implementation was not possible. In 2015 he began to realize his idea with a young, dedicated team

The main idea of Porta Medika is to collect the medical and health knowledge of the world on a platform, regardless of the medical orientation and the context where the user is in contact with the respective topic (patient, relative, therapist, interested etc.). Every vote counts! We want to offer people an exchange, information and comparison platform where the user can act not only as a user, but can also be an author himself.

Especially through our work in Africa and with refugees, we saw again and again the poor medical care conditions and the lack of knowledge about health issues. Through our work with refugees and in Africa, we faced again and again the poor medical care conditions and the lack of knowledge about health issues. The Porta Medika project is created to provide a holistic approach for patients, relatives and patients to receive the best medical care.

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# **Donations**

Donate money on our account. You can donate a freely chosen amount onetime or recurrently. We are recognised by the local tax office for corporations as a non-profit society and you can set off your donation against tax liability.

At a donation amount of 50€ we will be glad to issue a donation receipt. For this purpose, please send us your name and address via e-mail to humanitasfoundation@hotmail.com

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