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BACKGROUND AND MISSION

Medico International Switzerland was founded in 1937 and focuses on creating holistic care for individuals in the global south. The vision is one of "health care for all", including physical, mental and social well-being. Medico International Switzerland relies mainly on volunteers to conduct its activities related to combatting poverty, violence, discrimination and lack of access to health care. It relies on partners in the global South for conducting its project work. Currently, medico international Switzerland is supporting projects in seven different countries: Cuba, El Salvador, Guatemala, Mexico, Nicaragua, Palestine, Rojava/Kobane (North Syria) and Vietnam.

AREAS OF INTEREST

- Health care for all
- HIV/AIDS
- Sexual and reproductive health, maternal health
- Children with disabilities
- Mental health
- Gender-based violence

HEALTH-RELATED ACTIVITIES

Medico International Switzerland works on multiple projects, depending on the circumstances and needs in the countries. Current projects include HIV prevention, training of midwives, supporting children with disabilities, mental and physical support for suffering from post-traumatic stress, reducing maternal mortality and enhancing psychosocial health. It also engages in the prevention of torture, access to health care and in activities against gender-based violence.

GOVERNANCE AND STAFF

Medico International Switzerland runs a small office with 3 employees and some voluntary contributors that is responsible for project coordination, communications and administration in Zürich. It is overseen by a 7 member board, chaired by Dr. Maja Hess.

FUNDING SOURCES AND BUDGET

Medico International Switzerland is funded through donations by private individuals (80%), foundations (9%), companies and groups (8%), churches (2.5%) and political communes (0.5%). Total income in 2017 was CHF 1 million.

PUBLICATIONS

For the quarterly bulletin and annual report (both only available in German), see:
<http://www.medicointernational.ch/publikationen.html>

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