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Mission 21

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BACKGROUND AND MISSION

Mission 21 has emerged in 2001 from the union of several like-minded missionary organizations. It is today a missionary organization of the protestant church in the German-speaking part of Switzerland operating within a community of churches and organizations which connects people from Europa, Asia, Africa and Latin America. The cornerstones of the commitment of mission 21 are the theological and cultural exchange, as well as projects in development cooperation in fields such as the reduction of poverty, health care, and gender, education and the advancement of interreligious peace. Mission 21 collaborates with 70 partner churches and organizations - including the Federation of Swiss Protestant Churches (SEK) and the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) - in 20 countries, and supports around 100 projects. The partner churches of mission 21 in Africa, Asia and Latin America are actively involved as equal partners in the forming and organizing of the relations and projects as well as the strategic policy of mission 21.

AREAS OF INTEREST

- Promotion of peace
- Agriculture and income development
- Health
- Education

HEALTH-RELATED ACTIVITIES

Mission 21 focuses its health-related activities on the African continent, where it supports various projects related to the promotion of basic healthcare for rural populations and the fight against HIV/Aids. Projects on HIV/Aids focus not only on prevention and help for infected populations, but also support of widows and orphans. An important aspect for mission 21 is the prevention and treatment of chronic diseases, with a focus on rural populations. Their ecclesiastical health institutions are particularly active in the area of sexual and reproductive health. It supports a midwifery school in South Sudan to reduce child and maternal mortality in a country ridden by civil war.

GOVERNANCE AND STAFF

Mission 21 is overseen by a 6 member board, led by the president of the board, Dr. Johannes Blum-Hasler. Director of mission 21 is Pastor Claudia Bandixen, who oversees the office in Basel with 6 employees. Additionally, mission 21 has 12 local employees in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

FUNDING SOURCES AND BUDGET

The main funding source for mission 21 is donations (2016: 63.8%) by churches, private individuals and institutional sponsors. 16.7% of the funding came from the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), while the rest came from various sources. Mission 21 also receives income from services provided. Total income in 2016 was CHF 17.7 million.

PUBLICATIONS

For all publications, including news, annual reports and project information, see: <https://www.mission-21.org/informieren/publikationen/> (in German only)

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