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*Justice. Compassion. Love.*





Today, offering help and saying, „I’ll help you!“ sometimes carries a dubious aftertaste. Immediately, questions arise about the motives behind offering help. Does offering help imply seeing the recipient as incapable? Can helpers and recipients truly meet on eye level in their relationship? In fact, the choice of words can also be used negatively, as in saying: „Watch out, I’m about to help you!“ This is a warning to the other person.

Indeed, even for an organization like ADRA, it’s no longer always appropriate in certain circles to refer to it simply as a „relief organization,“ as there is a need to avoid past mistakes. Help can lead to dependency. Unfortunately, our European perspective on less developed countries in the Global South is still consciously or unconsciously influenced by colonialism in many cases. However,

we have abandoned the idea of looking down on our fellow human beings. We aim to treat all individuals with dignity, placing utmost importance on self-determination as our guiding principle. Therefore, it’s necessary to explain what „helping“ truly means in order to avoid misunderstandings, stereotypes, and past errors.

In 2023, ADRA once again operated under the motto „To love means to help!“. These words must be interpreted as well. **Humans are social beings and need others — community and people around them — who genuinely care. This is the fundamental requirement for a happy and fulfilled life.** It is the universal longing of all people to experience sincere love and to love others in return. In this sense, our work as a humanitarian organization is characterized by love. I invite you to read our report through the lens of love and to participate joyfully in this lived compassion.

**Please continue to stay loyal to us, because:  
“To love means to help!”**

Christian Molke  
Chairman of the Executive Board





# About Us

## Who we are

ADRA Germany is a globally active humanitarian organization that implements projects in humanitarian aid, development cooperation and development educational work. This independent non-governmental organization was founded in 1986 and is closely affiliated with the Seventh-day Adventist Church, a public corporation. Following the principle of helping people to help themselves, ADRA, with its worldwide network of 117 country offices, collaborates in partnerships to enhance opportunities for self-determined lives. ADRA stands for *Adventist Development and Relief Agency*.



## Our vision

Our vision is a righteous world for everyone, filled with hope, compassion and love. We envision every individual living in physical, mental, and social well-being. Each person should live a fulfilled and dignified life, able to freely unfold their potential.

## Our mission

We aim to provide hope and future perspectives to people in need. Together with our partners and donors, we are committed to a healthy environment and a peaceful society. Through sustainable efforts, we strive to enhance the living conditions of families in disadvantaged regions around the world.

## Our values

ADRA specializes in humanitarian aid and development cooperation, with a focus on individuals in need. We are committed to eliminating inequality, injustice, hunger, and poverty. As a Christian relief organization, we assist all individuals regardless of their political or religious beliefs, ethnic background, age, or gender. ADRA's actions are holistic, guided by our Christian values of justice, compassion, and love, which we express through our work.

## Our goal

Our goal is to collaborate in partnership with communities affected by crises worldwide and to empower them through sustainable and comprehensive measures for a self-determined life. To achieve these goals, we work closely with governments, ADRA partner offices and other organizations. Together, we aim to permanently enhance people's quality of life, strengthen communities, and enable positive change.

## How we work

### Partnership and co-determination

In our humanitarian aid and development cooperation projects, we work in partnership with the local population to effectively implement the principle of **self-help**. Local knowledge is integrated into our work to conserve and consolidate resources. All measures are designed to be effective and sustainable in this way. Through this approach, we empower the local civil society to advocate for their rights and interests, always guided by a human rights-based approach.

### Humanitarian principles as a central foundation

ADRA operates based on international humanitarian law, whose principles were developed according to the standards of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. In 1991, the three principles of **humanity, impartiality, and neutrality** were established as the basis for global humanitarian aid. In 2003, the principle of **independence** was added. As a learning organization, we align with best practices highlighted, for example, at the *World Humanitarian Summit* 2016 in Istanbul.

### Low-risk work

Humanitarian aid should be needs-oriented and targeted, aiming not to worsen the situation for populations in disaster areas. We adhere to the Do-No-Harm principle, which aims to prevent negative developments and side effects for affected individuals, conflicting parties, and the environment.

### Taking responsibility - Being accountable

We are accountable both to the people we support and to those who support us, providing transparent reporting on funds entrusted to us. We regularly evaluate our work, contributing to the development of globally recognized standards (including *Sphere Standards* and *Core Humanitarian Standards*). Under the framework of „MEAL“ (*Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability, and Learning*), each project is assessed, drawing conclusions to enhance our future work. This enables us to serve people effectively and grow as an organization.

### Ethical fundraising

We adhere to the fundraising guidelines of the *German Central Institute for Social Issues* (DZI) and VENRO codes, ensuring truthful and transparent communication with donors about our projects. We reject inappropriate emotional or coercive representations in words, images, or sound. The dignity of individuals portrayed is upheld, and no one is exploited through our public relations efforts for the purpose of increasing donations. We only accept donations from companies that align with our values.



## Secure donations

ADRA Germany has been awarded the DZI Donation Seal by the **German Central Institute for Social Issues (DZI)** for verified transparency and efficiency in fundraising activities. Since 2010, the DZI has annually granted us this donation seal. Additionally, we are a member of the **German Donations Council**, which advocates for maximum transparency, efficiency, and sustainability in handling donations. Through our membership of the **Transparent Civil Society Initiative**, we are committed to transparent information on the Internet. With our commitment to adhering to recognized standards, we demonstrate that responsibility and accountability to the public are central and welcomed guiding principles in fund allocation. Furthermore, we conscientiously uphold additional internationally recognized agreements and ethical quality standards, such as the VENRO Code of Conduct.

For more information, visit [www.adra.de/transparenz](http://www.adra.de/transparenz)



## Our strategy

### Emergency aid and development cooperation worldwide

All our project activities are aligned with the globally recognized 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) set by the United Nations. ADRA Germany conducts a strategic focus every five years. Our goal until 2026 is to enhance community resilience to the impacts of climate change and contribute to achieving selected SDGs. This will be accomplished through improving socio-ecological conditions. **We design our projects to be needs-oriented, collaborative, holistic, and inclusive.** Below are the areas of focus where we concentrate our efforts and possess specialized expertise:

## Protection of personal data

We treat all personal data confidentially and in accordance with the legal data protection regulations of the European General Data Basic Regulation (DSGVO). This ensures that personal data is protected, and individuals' privacy is maintained. It is of utmost importance to us to comply with data protection regulations in order to maintain the trust of our employees, project participants, and supporters, and to avoid legal consequences.



### Zero hunger (SDG 2)

ADRA contributes to strengthening the resilience of people in our project regions and improving health and well-being. We ensure that adequate and nutritious food is available and accessible within humanitarian and development contexts. Our approach considers the economic, social, cultural, and ecological foundations necessary for creating food security and ensuring the nutrition of future generations.



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Source: <https://www.un.org/sustainabledevelopment>

### Quality education (SDG 4)

Our goal is to facilitate access to high-quality and inclusive education for everyone. We want to ensure that children, young people and adults acquire the knowledge and skills they need for a self-determined life. The holistic approach includes education in emergencies, both primary and secondary education, vocational training, strengthening the educational system and non-formal education.

### Gender equality (SDG 5)

ADRA is committed to the equal realization of dignity and human rights. Our objective is to eliminate poverty and injustice for all people and age groups. In the planning and implementation of projects we consider the diverse needs and interests of all genders.

### Sustainable cities and communities (SDG 11)

We improve risk management in crisis areas, to promote the integrative resilience of cities and rural areas. This involves building and enhancing the capacities of local authorities and communities. We focus on risk reduction, the implementation of proactive measures and strengthening preparedness and response capacities on the ground.

### Climate action (SDG 13)

ADRA is committed to risk-informed development and emergency programs. These programs serve to adapt to climate change adaptation (CCA) and climate change mitigation (CCM). They increase the resilience of affected communities and provide sustainable environmental protection. We are aware of our responsibility and strive for climate neutrality and environmentally friendly practices in our offices and projects.

### Peace, justice and strong institutions (SDG 16)

In all our projects, ADRA promotes inclusion, protection, and respect for human rights. The well-being of individuals is crucial. Therefore, participatory projects are designed. The protection of the most vulnerable and human rights-based advocacy approaches are pursued. These aspects contribute to social cohesion. They combine humanitarian aid, sustainable development and the peaceful coexistence of people and communities with each other.



**Partnerships for the Goals (SDG 17)**

ADRA collaborates with local civil society organizations in its projects. Only in national programs or in exceptional cases we implement projects directly. The partnerships are based on joint planning, technical advice, financial support, collaborative learning and the promotion of innovation. In this context, the following three areas are relevant:

- 1. localization
- 2. partnerships, consortia and coordination
- 3. promotion of social businesses

**Development education programs at home and abroad**

Creating lasting peace, justice, and freedom for all requires engagement from society as a whole. We aim to enable people to live without material deprivation and in self-determination, supporting the Federal Government in fulfilling its international obligations and achieving its development goals. Therefore, ADRA is involved in various activities and projects both domestically and internationally in the field of development education. Global learning

focuses on global justice as a central social concern and promotes a responsible attitude. Key thematic focuses include issues of intercultural understanding and sustainable consumption, taking post-colonialism into account. Regional and resource-efficient aspects are strategic priorities influencing the ADRA network. Based on these considerations, the following strategic goals are focused on the age group of youth and young adults (ages 12-27):

- 1. expansion of the volunteer program „weltwärts“
- 2. development of a South-North program
- 3. implementation of educational projects in schools in the Darmstadt region
- 4. promotion of „bridge projects“ with the global South. This includes projects that promote international understanding and support the activities of young people in exchange programs.

To implement project activities, partnerships are established with organizations in Germany and countries of the global South. This can include non-governmental organizations, schools, or charitable social institutions within and outside the existing ADRA network. Funding is provided by private and public funds.

**Sustainable practices**

**Climate neutrality in a humanitarian organization - how does it work?**

With the Paris Climate Agreement of 2015, the global community committed to limiting the global temperature rise to 1.5 degrees Celsius. This is primarily a voluntary commitment of the states, but in today’s context, we all have a responsibility to reduce emissions. **ADRA Germany has also set itself the goal of achieving climate neutrality by 2030. This is to be done in its German offices as well as in project implementations.** For the realization ADRA Germany launched a new project in July 2023: the OSCN project (*Organizational Sustainability and Carbon Neutrality*). To meet our ambitious targets, we measure corporate and project emissions and reduce them through targeted project activities and organizational adjustments. Any remaining emissions after reduction efforts will be offset through our own activities or other compensation methods.

**Climate Protection is integrated into our projects**

Climate protection is an integral part of every project structure and our statutes. Key instruments are promoting the resilience of affected populations and disaster prevention. We want to make this knowledge and awareness of climate impact and responsibility, anchored in our administration. **As an organization, we have extensive expertise in the field of carbon accounting and are co-authors of a comprehensive network guide on carbon reduction** (*Carbon Reduction Guide*, 2021). In 2022, we signed the *Climate and Environment Charter for Humanitarian Organizations* and actively advocate for climate protection at national, European, and international levels. We participated in the pilot project for the *Humanitarian Carbon Calculator* and organized panels on climate resilience of local communities and food security at the COP 26 in 2021 and COP 27 in 2022. **These conferences serve as platforms for collaboration and exchange among various humanitarian organizations and governments worldwide.**



ADRA Germany has been actively engaged since 2021, contributing inputs, panels, and positions at these conferences. The United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC) aims to prevent human-caused disruption of the climate system and to reduce its consequences. As a network, we have recently been granted the UNFCCC observer status and participated in the COP 28 in Dubai in 2023. We organized panels on emissions accounting and food security.

**A new sustainability project at ADRA Germany**

In our sustainability project OSCN we are working interdisciplinarily with several departments to achieve climate neutrality and environmental compatibility. This primarily concerns the ADRA Germany office in Weiterstadt. **Beyond the aspect of climate neutrality, we are currently establishing a sustainable, environmentally friendly, and socially just procurement practice** for our office supplies, print products, technical equipment, promotional items, food, hygiene products and cleaning materials. We have analyzed our waste management in order to optimize it in a resource-oriented manner. The office building was







ADRA with partners at COP 28 in Dubai following a panel on food security

checked by an energy consultant in terms of its energy efficiency. **The reduction of our emissions, and environmentally friendly activities are the focus of our sustainability efforts.** The compensation is a final, but necessary measure.

Environmentally friendly alternatives are considered as early as the project planning stage and used where possible. We are starting with ten ADRA Germany projects. As a supporting entity ADRA Germany offers training courses and has developed its own environmental impact assessments and checklists for various project settings. Using institutionalized CO<sub>2</sub> accounting and our own calculation methods, we measure greenhouse gas emissions. We consider our entire value chain to obtain a comprehensive picture, including emissions outside our direct control but linked to our activities. ADRA Germany strives

to automate the majority of its CO<sub>2</sub> accounting processes to enable quicker action. To make our sustainability progress transparent and verifiable, we will launch recognized certification processes this year. We presented our own efforts and our internal accounting system live at the World Climate Change Conference COP 28 in Dubai.

Achieving CO<sub>2</sub> neutrality is a complex and challenging process. While we still have a long way to go, we can already report very positive results. **Our solar panels on the roof of the office building in Hessen produce twice the energy we need, and we purchase natural gas from a supplier that compensates its emissions.** Both of these correspond to emissions avoidance of 12.53 tons of carbon dioxide equivalent<sup>1</sup> or eleven return flights from Frankfurt to Bangkok<sup>2</sup> per passenger.

<sup>1</sup> Based on the emission factors of the Greenhouse Gas Methodology

<sup>2</sup> Based on the IATA CO<sub>2</sub> Connect Calculator for a Boeing 777-300ER

## Our political work

Advocacy and political communication are central components of ADRA's mandate. As a non-governmental organization, we engage in dialogue with decision-makers, politicians or legislative institutions to address social, ecological or societal problems. Our goal is to represent the interests of marginalized groups and those affected, frequently bringing our partners and project participants to the table. Advocacy means acting as an advocate.

Our topics are primarily climate-resilient food systems and access to climate finance. Last year, we organized two panel discussions with our partners on the topics of food systems and *carbon accounting* i.e. the calculation of emissions, and shared our expertise. During COP 28, we engaged with many organizations and decision-makers, amplifying ADRA's and our local partners' concerns. To maximize our visibility and impact, we intensified our collaboration with other non-governmental organizations in 2023. Our membership of the European *Climate Action Network* significantly aided our preparations and activities at COP 28. It enabled us to create synergies and pool resources.

## Empowering women

Alongside climate justice, gender equality is our focus theme; we aim to sharpen our profile in this area with decision-makers and share our expertise. In 2023, we joined another alliance, Network 1325, to amplify civil society voices. This network supports the implementation of UN Resolution 1325 „Women, Peace, and Security.“ Together with other members, we shared insights on feminist foreign policy with the German government and parliament, engaging in dialogue.

We work closely with *VENRO* (Association of German Development and Humanitarian Aid NGOs) and are active in various groups. Through this association, we contributed to the discussion about the federal budget. The budgets for development cooperation and humanitarian aid are to be cut by at least 25%.

Given the global crises, we consider this policy irresponsible. In our projects, we observe that the needs in the affected countries are steadily increasing. Our commitment brings tangible changes for people on the ground. It is also an important contribution to fair, sustainable, and solidarity-based coexistence on this planet. **Therefore, we advocate for the German government, one of our key funders, to fulfill its role as a credible supporter of international development efforts.**



We support our projects with position statements, e.g. on the Russian war against Ukraine or on localization in humanitarian aid, accompanied by communication efforts. We intend to continue this way in 2024. A proposal to the EU for a *humanitarian talk* on the topic of localization at the upcoming European Humanitarian Forum was successful.



Our structure

The ADRA Germany association and ADRAgGmbH are clearly managed separately. The ADRAgGmbH as a subsidiary of the non-profit association operates the ADRAshops, which contribute to the financing of the association’s projects and raise public awareness.

ADRA Germany thrives through its 67 committed, value-oriented and Christian-motivated employees. 50 of them work full-time and 17 work part-time. In addition, in 2023 ADRA employed three mini-jobbers, three federal volunteers, and four working students. Without the tremendous dedication of our volunteers, ADRA would not have been able to achieve such a significant impact, especially in national activities. Over 1,000 volunteers are involved in our seven ADRAshops and the „Campaign Children help Children!“

The highest committee of the organization is the General Assembly. The 37 members come partly from institutions of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. Anyone can become a member of the association by applying to the Supervisory Board. The General Assembly meets at least once a year and elects the Supervisory Board. The Supervisory Board is the primary control and steering organ, and

currently consists of two women and three men. The members work on a voluntary basis and do not receive any payment. The Chairman of the Supervisory Board is Pastor Werner Dullinger, and Norbert Zens is the deputy chairman. The other members are Anette Hennerkes, Vanessa Schulz, and Johannes Naether. The Supervisory Board appoints and advises the Executive Board, which organizes the operational implementation of the organization’s tasks.

The executive chairman of the board is Christian Molke, who also volunteers as chairman of the Alliance *Together for Africa*, as chairman of the special supervisory board of *Aktion Deutschland Hilft*, and as chairman of the of the board of trustees of *Engagement Global gGmbH*. It is the advisory organ of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

The second member of the executive board is Robert Schmidt, who serves as CFO, and manages the ADRAsotheria gGmbH. ADRAsotheria is an institution established exclusively for domestic missions and has been active since the flood disaster in the Ahr valley in 2021.

Federative network structure

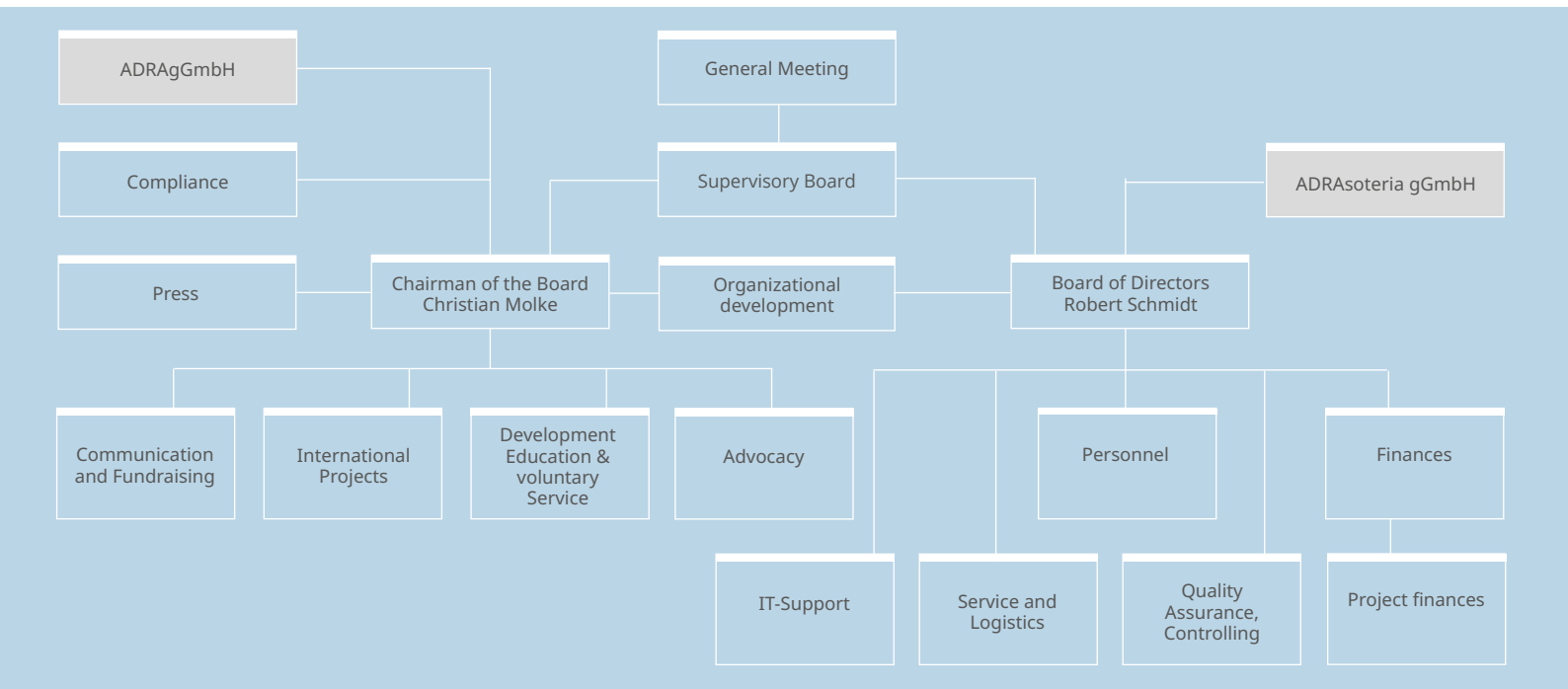
Within the ADRA network, we unite different skills and strengths. A respectful partnership is essential to ensure sustainable and successful project work. Our federative structure enables a long-term and

strategic commitment. At the same time, we maintain the independence of each individual ADRA office.

Network structure of ADRA

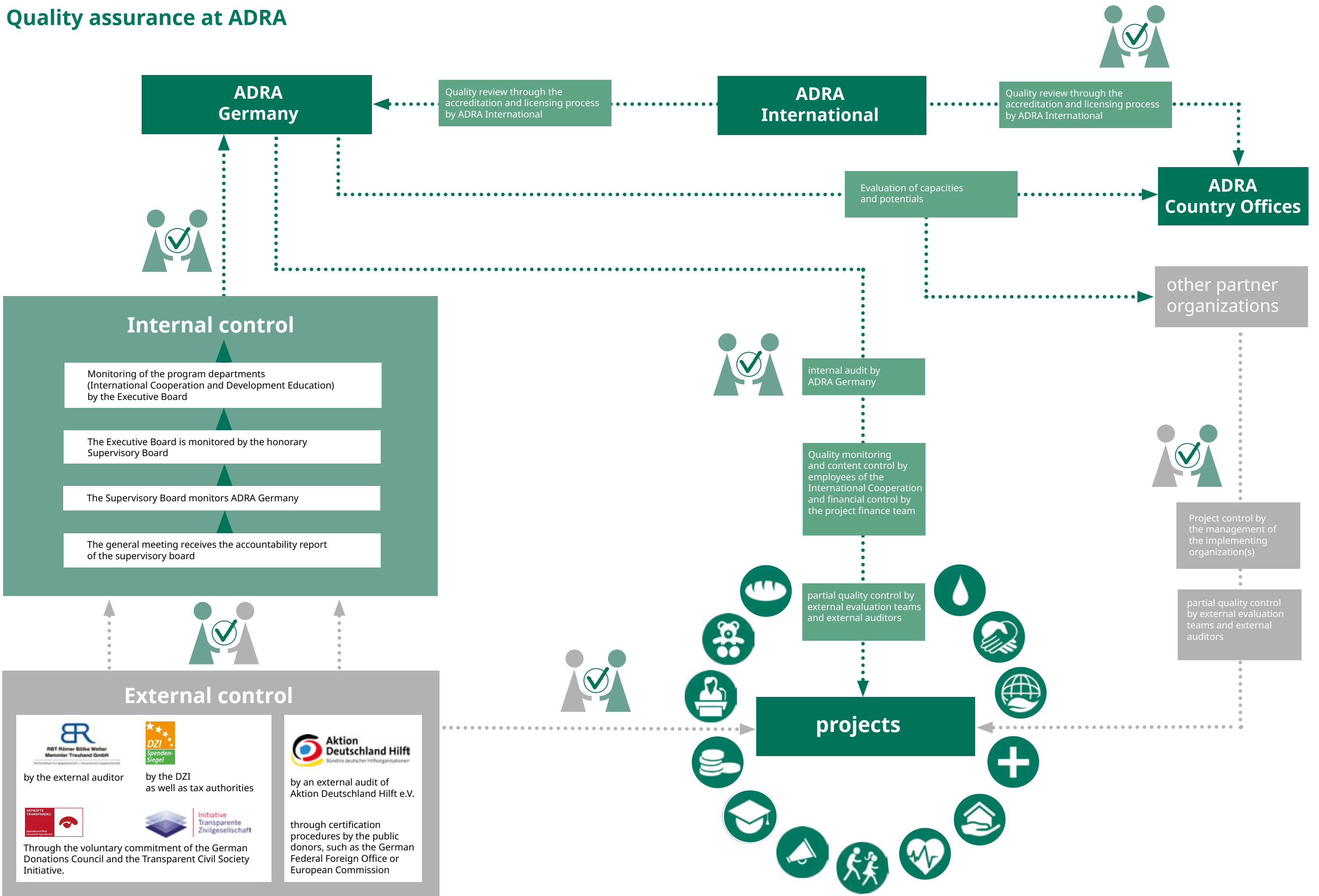
117 countries	9 regions	Worldwide
Support office e.g. ADRA Germany	Regional office	ADRA International
The supporting office promotes the projects of the implementing offices. When using public funds this ADRA office is liable and accountable.	Africa Region Asia Region Europe Region Euro-Asia Region Inter-American Region Middle East and North Africa Union North American Region South American Region South Pacific Region	The international office of ADRA has a coordinating function. It represents the interests of ADRA on an international level. The office is responsible for the further development of quality standards, with the participation of the country and regional level, and is mandated by the network.
Implementation office local		
Implementation offices manage projects in cooperation with the supporting offices. They represent the interests of ADRA in a civil society sense at the country level. The offices commit themselves to ADRA quality standards.		
International implementation office		
These offices run projects in countries where no functioning civil society exists or is prohibited and/ or local registration is not allowed by law, such as in Yemen. The offices commit themselves to comply with the ADRA quality standards.	The regional offices have coordinating tasks. They represent the interests of ADRA at the regional level, in cooperation with the international level and the country level. They participate in capacity building in the network and monitor compliance with the quality standards of the individual country offices.	

Organization Chart ADRA Germany  
Association bodies and departments (as of December 2023)





## Quality assurance at ADRA







### Following guidelines and laws - Compliance at ADRA

#### What is meant by compliance?

Compliance refers to the adherence to and observance of laws and regulations. The goal of good and responsible compliance is to prevent legal violations and the resulting damage.

In the event of an emerging legal violation, ADRA remains able to act with its functioning compliance management system. We can immediately and professionally counteract any compliance case that may arise. A compliance management system is an internal system designed to avoid or minimize legal and regulatory violations through prescribed guidelines and processes.

#### Why is compliance important for ADRA?

ADRA faces various risks as an organization. This includes, for example, corruption risks or the risk of serious misconduct by employees and project partners. Implementing control mechanisms is

necessary, and measures must be taken to address these risks. An efficient quality assurance helps to reduce the risks for ADRA itself as well as for the individuals involved.

One of the most important compliance control mechanisms, is the complaint management system, which was introduced by ADRA Germany in 2021. With our electronic whistleblower system, which can be found on our website, we work in compliance with data protection regulations and fulfill regulatory requirements for whistleblower protection based on the current EU Whistleblower Directive and the German Whistleblower Protection Act.

The whistleblower system enables employees, donors, project partners, and our project participants to report unethical and criminal behavior in a secure, confidential and anonymous way. The electronic whistleblowing system lowers potential inhibition thresholds for whistleblowers and simplifies the processing of incoming reports. The reports are processed by a carefully selected Feedback Committee. The Feedback Committee is obliged to protect the anonymity of the whistleblowers in all cases, upholding the principle of trust.

#### When and how is compliance applied?

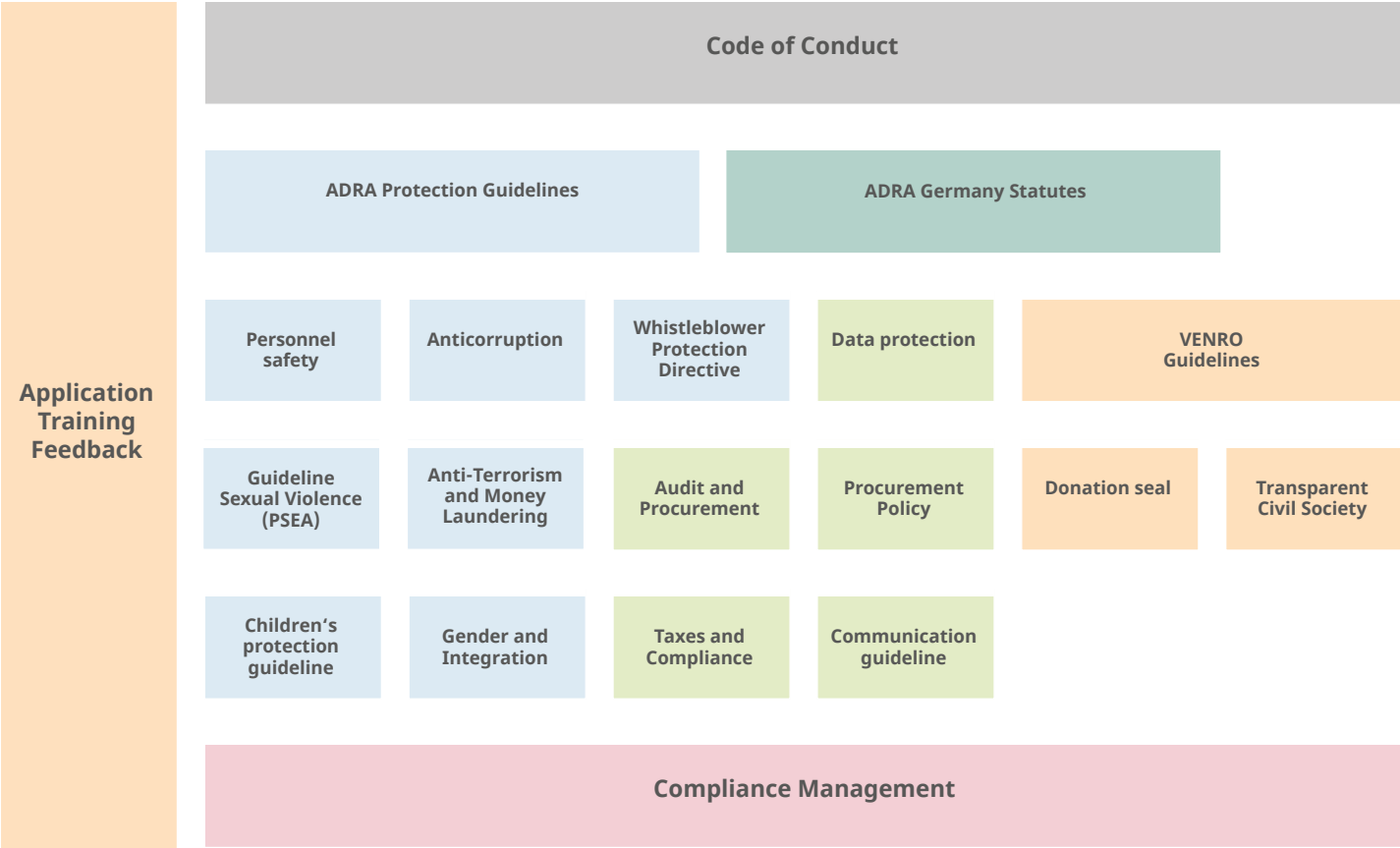
All ADRA employees contribute to a functioning compliance management system. In the run-up to project implementations, various checks and risk analyses are conducted. Employees are obligated to adhere to all applicable guidelines and processes in the execution of their duties. For instance, when procuring goods and services, our purchasing guidelines must be observed, and in certain cases, service providers and new project partners must be checked in accordance with the EU sanctions regulations.

#### How does ADRA ensure the implementation of guidelines and laws?

To ensure that employees comply with guidelines and laws, it is important to establish clear policies and regulations within the organization. This includes regular training, for example, in handling sensitive data, the implementation of security measures, and the regular review and updating of guidelines.

These measures not only serve as an internal guide for employees but also explain the values and work principles of ADRA Germany and help minimize risks.

#### ADRA Guidelines at a glance





Project Impact Measurement

Monitoring and evaluation of project work are priorities for ADRA. We always want to learn in order to improve our projects for the future and help even more people. Monitoring helps us to be accountable to stakeholders, partners, and donors. We can measure project goals and outcomes and adjust them to the needs of people on the ground.

*Liliana Wadelnour is responsible for the monitoring and evaluation of our projects at ADRA Germany. In this interview, she discusses how we address challenges in project work and how we respond to the needs of the people in the project areas.*

How is a project evaluated?

An evaluation is a complex process that takes several months, especially for larger projects. However, it is always integrated into ADRA’s regular project visits. Without regular reviews, an evaluation would not make sense. Thanks to the results, we can learn what went very well. At the same time, we draw lessons from what did not go well and try to do better in future projects.

There are various methods of evaluation.<sup>3</sup> At ADRA, we conduct evaluations, for example, according to the OECD criteria: relevance, efficiency, effectiveness, impact, sustainability, and coherence. ADRA also conducts real-time evaluations for larger emergency projects, focusing on immediate lessons learned rather than long-term results or impacts. Internal evaluations are managed by the ADRA MEAL team (*Monitoring, Evaluation, Accountability, and Learning*). For external evaluations, consultants are hired. They prepare a draft report, which is made available to ADRA, and then the evaluation report is finally presented.

<sup>3</sup> There are various methods of evaluation. These include, for example, **summative evaluations**, which exclusively examine the outcomes of projects, or **formative evaluations**, which focus on the implementation of relief measures at the beginning of a project, to name just a few examples.

An evaluation examines not only the implementation and impact of a project; it is equally important for ADRA to find out whether the project has allowed people to express their concerns and interests.

Who is responsible for the evaluation?

Typically, evaluations are conducted jointly by ADRA and external partners. The partners take the lead, as they create the job descriptions and are most familiar with the projects and the local context. ADRA supports by suggesting specific focal points that may not have been considered, such as data protection according to German regulations.

Does ADRA aim to evaluate every project?

Yes, we strive to have all institutionally funded projects evaluated. We then share the evaluation report with the donor or relevant partners in the country.

How do we handle challenges in the projects?

Not every project runs as initially planned. Most of our projects are planned years in advance, so changes are normal. It is our job to ensure that projects are designed to be adaptable. For instance, if a natural disaster strikes the area where we are working, we try to increase the impact of our projects so that the people we help can survive despite this new challenge. When we are already on the ground, it is usually easier because we know firsthand what is needed and what could help the people. In case of a war or conflict, we have standardized protocols to ensure the safety of all our staff while providing principled humanitarian aid. The same applies to corruption. There are existing workflows that are flexible enough to be adjusted while ensuring full compliance with regulations.

How are the needs of the people in the project area taken into account and how are complaints handled?

At the beginning of a project, we ensure that people know exactly what we aim to achieve together. Feedback from people in the project areas helps us ensure that their rights are upheld. We inform them in advance about the feedback options at ADRA Germany, so they can contact us anonymously or by name. We are reachable by phone, social media, online portal, email, and post. Additionally, each project has a local feedback

system through which people in the project regions can share their opinions, suggestions, and complaints with us. We regularly review the feedback to ensure that suggestions or requests are considered as much as possible. Most often, we receive feedback personally during project visits. Serious feedback includes allegations of fraud or corruption as well as abuse of power, such as of a sexual nature. The described feedback culture brings us closer together and ensures that we improve and learn from our work.





## Our partners

Together with our strong partners worldwide, we have been helping people through development co-operation, disaster relief, and disaster preparedness for over 37 years. In addition to private donations,

we receive donations from institutional donors. **ADRA Germany is a co-founder of VENRO, Aktion Deutschland Hilft, Gemeinsam für Afrika (Together for Africa), and the ADRA Foundation.**



### ADRA Partner Offices (ADRA)

ADRA is a global humanitarian organization with 117 independent country offices, which implements projects in disaster relief and development cooperation.



### Advent-Wohlfahrtswerk e.V. (AWW)

The AWW is the social welfare organization of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Germany. It maintains and supervises various social institutions and projects throughout Germany.



### Aktion Deutschland Hilft (ADH)

The Action Alliance for Disaster Relief currently consists of 23 German aid organizations. Their goal is to join forces in order to provide faster and more effective aid.



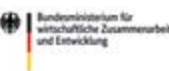
### Federal Foreign Office (AA)

The Federal Foreign Office is responsible for humanitarian aid within the German government.



### Blue Action Fund (BAF)

The Blue Action Fund is a public fund for the protection of the world's coasts and oceans. It focuses on protecting marine biodiversity and improving the livelihoods of people in coastal communities.



### German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)

Within the German Federal Government, the BMZ is responsible for planning development cooperation with partner countries.



### Seventh-day Adventist Church (STA)

The Seventh-day Adventist Church is a Protestant free church. It is established worldwide and supports charitable projects.



### Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid (DG ECHO)

DG ECHO is responsible within the Commission for EU policy in the fields of humanitarian aid and civil protection.



### Directorate-General for International Partnerships (DG INTPA)

DG INTPA is responsible within the Commission for EU policy in the areas of development and international aid.



### German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ)

As a federal enterprise, GIZ supports the German Federal Government in achieving its development policy goals.



### Radiohjälpen

Radiohjälpen is a Swedish public fundraising organization. It collects donations, to change lives and alleviate hardship both in Sweden and in projects around the world.



### Swiss Solidarity

Swiss Solidarity is a private Swiss fundraising organization. In case of disasters, it calls for solidarity and ensures that the collected donations are used for humanitarian projects.



### Friedensau Theological University

Friedensau Theological University is a state-recognized university. It teaches on the basis of the Adventist confession.



### The ADRA Foundation

#### *With the ADRA Foundation against poverty and hunger*

The „ADRA Foundation for Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Aid“ is legally independent and pursues exclusively non-profit and charitable purposes. The foundation was established in 2001. Sustainability, resource protection and environmental compatibility play a major role in the selection of projects and campaigns. The aim of the foundation is to permanently promote the work of the ADRA network and to contribute to capacity building.

## Our memberships

In our commitment to a just and sustainable world, foundations, associations and action alliances are an important pillar for our work. They provide new knowledge and perspectives that help us to

continuously develop our project work in the best possible way. They also help us to sensitize more people to development policy and humanitarian issues.



### Climate Action Network Europe (CAN)

The Climate Action Network Europe is a coalition of more than 180 environmental and development NGOs from 38 European countries. The network advocates for sustainable climate, energy, and development policies across Europe.



### Deutsches Institut für Compliance e.V. (German Institute for Compliance)

The German Institute for Compliance aims, together with its predominantly corporate members, to establish and further develop standards for compliance practices.



### Der Paritätische Wohlfahrtsverband e.V. (Parity Welfare Association)

The German Parity Welfare Association is an umbrella organization of the independent welfare work in Germany, which has around 10,000 member organizations nationwide.



### Entwicklungspolitisches Netzwerk Hessen e.V. (Development Policy Network Hessen)

The EPN Hessen is a joint action and communication platform of development policy organizations and strengthens the commitment to development policy in Hessen by providing advice.



### FAIR SHARE of Women Leaders e.V.

FAIR SHARE of Women Leaders e.V. is a non-profit association that promotes a fair share of women in leadership positions in civil society organizations.



### Focus Sahel

The civil society network serves as a platform for exchange and consultation on peace and development policy issues. The participating organizations are active themselves or with the support of partners in the region of Sahel.



### Gemeinsam für Afrika e.V. (Together for Africa)

Together for Africa is an alliance of 20 development aid organizations that work for better living conditions in African countries. The goal is to communicate a diverse and just image of Africa.



### Verband Entwicklungspolitik und Humanitäre Hilfe e.V. (VENRO) (Association for Development Policy and Humanitarian Aid)

VENRO is the umbrella organization of development policy and humanitarian non-governmental organizations in Germany. Around 140 German organizations belong to the association.



### Voluntary Organizations in Cooperation in Emergencies (VOICE)

VOICE is a European umbrella organization representing the interests of 86 non-governmental organizations in the areas of disaster management and humanitarian aid.





## Our fields of work



### Advocacy

ADRA advocates for oppressed and marginalized groups in project countries and domestically.



### Children

ADRA advocates for the rights and protection of children and works to give them the chance for a good and happy future.



### Development Education

ADRA educates people about the complex backgrounds and interconnections of hardship in the world.



### Disaster Preparedness

ADRA prepares people in disaster areas with targeted measures so that they are better protected in the event of a crisis.



### Education

ADRA advocates for equitable educational opportunities for children and adults.



### Emergency Response

ADRA provides emergency aid by distributing food, clothing, hygiene items, by providing emergency shelters as well as medical and psychological first aid.



### Environment

ADRA advocates for the protection of the environment and climate and supports innovative energy concepts in project countries.



### Food

ADRA fights poverty and hunger, which are often caused by disasters, climate change and poor farming conditions.



### Health

ADRA works to strengthen people's health care and well-being.



### Income

ADRA enables people to earn their own income so that they can overcome poverty.



### International Understanding

ADRA promotes the integration and cooperation of people and communities from different backgrounds.



### Refugee Aid

ADRA provides emergency aid and support for refugees from crisis areas, also in Germany.



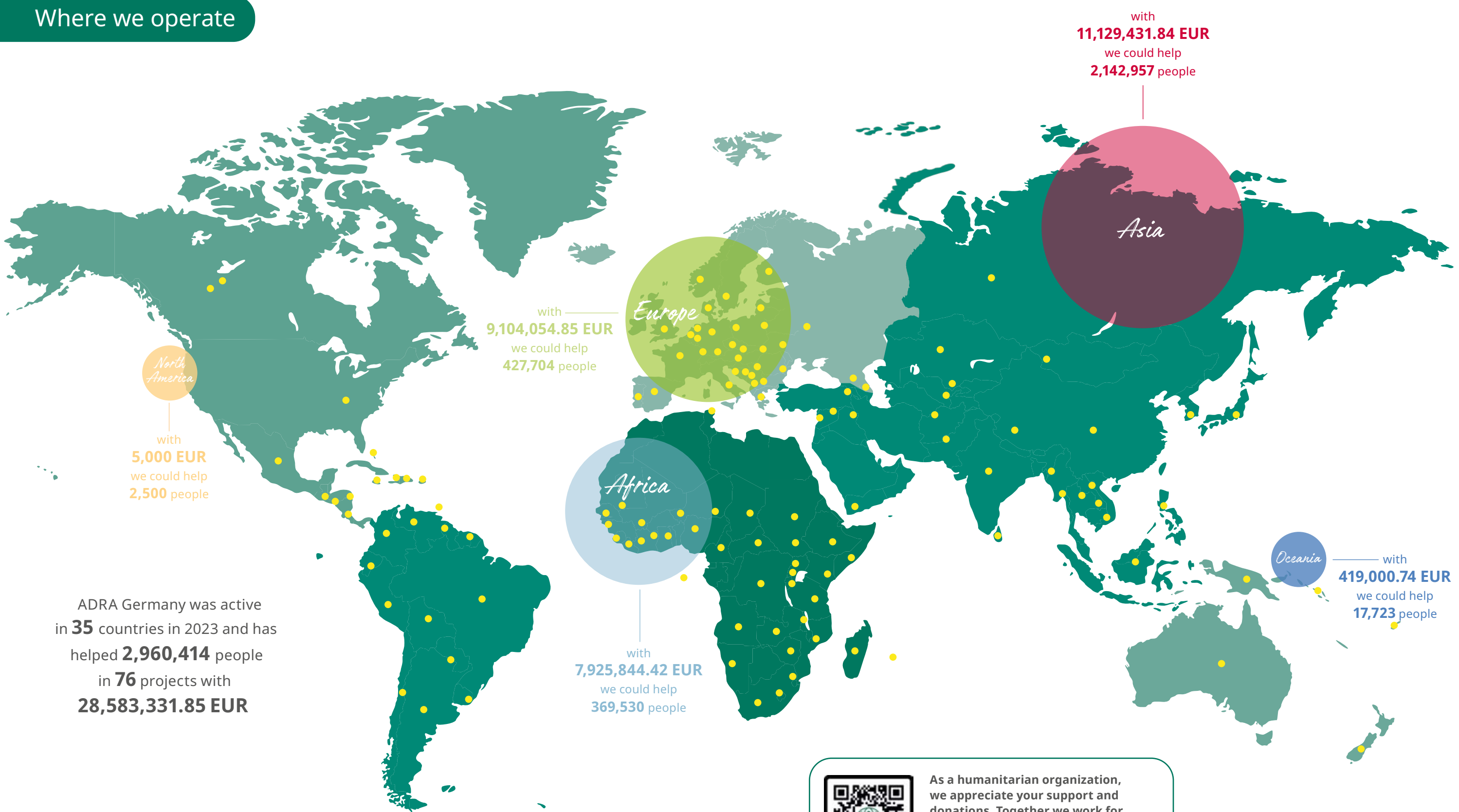
### Water

ADRA enables access to clean and safe drinking water in crisis areas.





Where we operate



ADRA Germany was active in **35** countries in 2023 and has helped **2,960,414** people in **76** projects with **28,583,331.85 EUR**



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 ADRA offices





# Our work in Germany

Germany is not immune to humanitarian crises. ADRA is committed, according to its mandate, to help wherever assistance is needed, whether domestically or internationally.

The needs can vary greatly. Sometimes the civilian population is directly affected, as in the case of the flood disaster in the Ahr Valley. Other times, it involves the challenge of hosting a large number of refugees, such as after the Russian attack on Ukraine. Addressing these emergencies requires not only governmental structures but also the support of civil society actors like ADRA. Coping with these social and humanitarian challenges of our time, the demand for emergency relief measures in Germany is increasing. Additionally, we run secondhand shops (ADRashops) nationwide and conduct volunteer campaigns and development education work.



### ADRAsoteria gGmbH - Actively supporting people in Germany through relief projects

ADRAsoteria was founded as a subsidiary of the ADRA Germany association in response to the devastating flood disaster of July 15, 2021. On this day, a flood destroyed large parts of the Ahr Valley, as well as other areas in North Rhine-Westphalia and Rhineland-Palatinate. Working with ADRA Germany and in collaboration with many local initiatives and organizations, ADRAsoteria implements projects to assist people in Germany affected by disasters. Many of the affected individuals still suffer from the consequences of the catastrophe. It takes a long time to return to a certain normality, and often, by then, the disaster has already faded from public awareness. **We aim to provide assistance quickly and efficiently, but also sustainably and for the long term.** ADRAsoteria provides help in various ways, depending on the needs. Here are some examples:

Various mobile container units provide transitional housing solutions. These containers include a bathroom, cooking area, and a furnished room. Containers for the secure temporary storage of



rescued personal belongings are also provided. **The large container facility in Schleiden offers affected individuals and families a place to stay, providing medium-term housing security.** Due to the destruction of housing, finding accommodation is difficult, and newly renovated housing is often expensive and unaffordable for many victims.

**28 flood kitchens** have been procured and are permanently loaned out so that families can cook in their damaged homes. Many people did not want to leave their homes and preferred to work on repairs. So having a cooking facility, which also served as a gathering place for families, was of great importance. The flood kitchen includes a sink with a water pump, electric or gas stoves, refrigerator, table, chairs, and kitchen equipment.



In collaboration with volunteers, local grocery stores, and the *Rotary Club Brillion-Marsberg*, a **food distribution initiative** was organized, providing groceries to 150 households twice a week. Food items were collected, sorted, refrigerated, and distributed directly to households at various locations. Especially affected elderly people appreciated the delivery service since local food structures and markets had been disrupted.

For the reconstruction, **tool rental centers** were set up in places like Ahrbrück, equipped with forklifts, pallet jacks, and containers. Additionally, containers were provided for overnight stays for volunteers and workers, as suitable accommodation and sanitary facilities were often lacking.

Another major project involved **operating a refugee shelter for Ukrainian refugees in Kirchhundem, North Rhine-Westphalia**, following Russia's attack on Ukraine on February 24, 2022. Together with the association, infrastructure and support services were established to accommodate 130 individual refugees, families, and children from Ukraine. Services included meals, transportation to schools and doctors, as well as guidance and assistance with registration in Germany.

We are pleased to offer concrete, practical assistance to those affected.



Further assistance included support for psychological emergency care, temporary kindergartens, mobility solutions during public transportation disruptions, emergency heating, and art-graffiti projects with kids.

At this point, we would like to extend our

*heartfelt thanks*

**for the donations.**

We also express our **deep gratitude** to our many dedicated volunteers from civil society who have tirelessly and faithfully supported us for a long time!

Many photos and additional reports from the projects can be found on [adra-soteria.de](https://adra-soteria.de)



Emergency Aid for Ukraine

Two Years of Assistance for Refugees in Germany

The invasion of Ukraine by Russian troops on February 24, 2022, forced many Ukrainians and their families to flee. Most people (around 3.4 million) found refuge within Ukraine itself. Others fled to neighboring countries like Poland (953,086), Czech Republic (339,305), or the Republic of Moldova (118,250). The Federal Republic of Germany has taken in over 1 million people<sup>4</sup> from Ukraine and granted them protection (as of April 2024).

ADRA has therefore decided to support not only the refugees in Ukraine and the neighboring countries but also assist those seeking protection in Germany. This humanitarian work in Germany was made possible through the support of our donors, *Aktion*

*Deutschland Hilft* (ADH), and other partners. ADRA promptly addressed the reception and care of Ukrainian refugees, assisting them in adjusting to their new daily lives. ADRA’s work is guided by the needs and emergencies. Due to the *Statista Research Department*, the number of refugees to Germany has essentially stagnated since January 2023<sup>5</sup>. Those who found protection in Germany are now mostly self-sufficient. Therefore, the needs have changed. Accordingly, ADRA’s assistance is being adjusted. This means that emergency aid within Ukraine itself is being intensified, and domestic assistance in Germany will end on July 31, 2024.

The following section highlights the impact that donations have had on the refugees from Ukraine.

<sup>4</sup> Angaben des UNHCR (Zuletzt aktualisiert auf MEDIENDIENST INTEGRATION, April 2024: <https://mediendienst-integration.de/migration/flucht-asyl/ukrainische-fluechtlinge.html>)

<sup>5</sup> <https://de.statista.com/statistik/daten/studie/1294820/umfrage/kriegsfluechtlinge-aus-der-ukraine-in-deutschland/> (Stand Juni 2024)



German lessons for Ukrainian refugees in Stendal

Overview of support Ukraine domestic assistance from 02/24/2022 to 04/30/2024	
Evacuations	More than 500 refugees were evacuated from Ukraine to Germany during the first months of the war.
Emergency supplies to Ukraine	ADRA Germany organized 70 tons of emergency supplies to Ukraine in twelve shipments.
Financial support for families	Between 03/01/2022 and 07/31/2022, temporary assistance was provided to 1,245 refugees.
Protection and shelter for refugees	1,291 beds were made available in over 300 private households. A total of 100 beds were provided in three youth hostels—Bergheim Mühlenrahmede (NRW), Haus Waldfried (Hessen), and Wachtelburg (Brandenburg)—from March to June 2022. All houses are part of the Seventh-Day Adventist Church network.
Integration into daily life	In 19 integration projects across Germany, more than 3,000 refugees, around a third of them children, were assisted in settling in Germany. Two social workers in Baden-Württemberg and North Rhine-Westphalia supported refugees with bureaucratic matters such as dealing with authorities, applying for social benefits, and corresponding with officials.
Pastoral care, counseling, and hotline for refugees	From 04/01/2022 to 04/30/2023, two ADRA employees provided full-time counseling for refugees and supporters through a hotline. The team was able to assist in German, Russian, and Ukrainian. A psychological counseling service for supporters was not utilized.
Running our own transitional facility for refugees	In North Rhine-Westphalia, ADRA established its own accommodation for refugees, housing 209 refugees over 19 months. Residents received full catering, German and integration courses, support from social workers, and pastoral care in their native language.
Total Budget:	3,070,365.95 EUR
Partners	Aktion Deutschland Hilft (ADH), Advent-Wohlfahrtswerk e.V. (AWW), Seventh-Day Adventist Church (STA), Friedensau Theological University (ThHF), as well as numerous helpers, donors, and supporters.

Active for Refugees Together with Our Partners

The aim of the humanitarian measures was to help refugees on their journey to Germany. This included support in finding safe accommodation as well as integration into a self-determined life. ADRA implemented various measures to achieve this.

1 Transport and Evacuations from the War Zone

In the early days of the war in Ukraine, many people, mostly mothers with their children, fled from the fighting that was occurring across the country. Many sought refuge abroad. At the borders, long queues and waiting times developed in the midst of the cold winter.

At the same time, the supply situation within Ukraine was poor during the first weeks of the war. Many people depended on humanitarian assistance from abroad, as there was a shortage of medicines, hygiene items, and warm clothing. To avoid empty vehicle journeys, the transport of goods for the outbound journey and the evacuation of people for the return journey were planned.

**a** The transportation of relief supplies to Ukraine was supported logistically and financially by ADRA. Private initiatives collected donations such as warm clothing, food, medical equipment, and medicines. With ADRA’s help, these were brought to the Ukrainian border, where they were received by Ukrainian colleagues and transported across the border to the people in need. In total, twelve transports with 70 tons of relief supplies took place, supported with **107,000 Euro**.



**b** At the Ukrainian borders in Poland, the Czech Republic, Romania, Hungary, and Slovakia, ADRA received Ukrainian refugees and organized further transport to safe regions. With the help of ADRA Germany, 540 refugees were taken to a safe place in Germany.

## 2 Arriving in Germany

More than 6.5 million Ukrainians have found refuge abroad. These are mainly women and children, as many men are not allowed to leave the country. Germany has taken in 1.16 million people from Ukraine.<sup>6</sup> They fled to Germany by bus, car, and train. They arrived completely exhausted in a foreign country, while a terrible war raged in their homeland and they were worried about their relatives. ADRA helped them on their arrival, provided accommodation and financial assistance. In further steps, ADRA, together with various partners, initiated integration projects and offered pastoral care in Ukrainian language.

**a** To coordinate the refugee flows and voluntary engagement, as well as to create counseling services, a German-Ukrainian hotline was quickly set up. Refugees and supporters could turn to this hotline for assistance. ADRA provided information about accommodation, coordinated transportation options, and clarified legal questions. The empathetic staff members, some of whom are Ukrainian refugees themselves, were available to listen to the worries and fears of those seeking help.

**b** Through the network of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Germany, more than 300 private households registered with us to accommodate refugees. This volunteer engagement provided 1,291 beds. ADRA Germany assisted with the placements.

**c** The newcomers received financial assistance that was intended to enable refugees to sustain their livelihoods at least for the first week. From March through July 2022, with the support of local congregations of the Seventh-day Adventist

Church, 1,245 refugees were promptly and directly supported financially. The amount of support was in accordance with the Asylum Seekers Benefits Act:

Adults received	86 EUR for 7 days
Adolescents aged 14 to 17 received	76 EUR for 7 days
Children aged 6 to 13 received	66 EUR for 7 days
Children aged 0 to 5 received	58 EUR for 7 days

**d** ADRA also considers mental well-being. In addition to the counseling hotline, a phone counseling service in Ukrainian and Russian languages was established to provide a quick and uncomplicated first point of contact for people who were partly traumatized.

**e** In cooperation with Friedensau Theological University, ADRA offered special online training for host families and companions of refugees. The training aimed to strengthen committed helpers and focused on handling traumatized individuals and cultural diversity.

## 3 The transitional facility „Carpe Diem“ provides refuge to many people.

Living space has been and continues to be rare in Germany. Especially in the early months of the war, there were not enough emergency shelters available. ADRA established a transitional facility in North Rhine-Westphalia.

**a** In April 2022, ADRA Germany opened a transitional facility for refugees from Ukraine in Kirchhundem, Olpe district. The vacant hotel „Carpe Diem“ was prepared and made habitable by ADRA staff and many volunteers beforehand.

**b** The transitional facility had 120 beds. Over the 19 months of ADRA's operation, 209 refugees from Ukraine temporarily found a new home there.

**c** At this transitional facility, refugees received comprehensive support. They were provided with full catering and had access to German language and integration courses on-site. Thanks to social workers in the facility, they received assistance with administrative procedures, doctor visits, housing searches, and could receive counseling in their native language.

## 4 Facilitating Integration in Germany

With the influx of refugees from Ukraine, the demand for support and integration measures increased. To make a positive contribution to the integration of refugees in Germany, ADRA Germany, the Advent-Wohlfahrtswerk (AWW), the Seventh-day Adventist Church (STA), and Friedensau Theological University (ThHF) established the „Gemeinsam für Geflüchtete“ initiative (formerly „Gemeinsam für Flüchtlinge“) in 2015. This initiative consolidates existing resources to facilitate integration and inclusion into German society.

Within the framework of Ukraine emergency response, this network initiated 19 projects across nine federal states, supported by ADRA Germany. Additionally, ADRA funded two social worker positions who provided guidance and support to refugees during administrative processes.

Since July 2022, one social worker has been actively assisting refugees in Lüdenscheid and Altena (North Rhine-Westphalia), directly aiding more than 130 individuals. She offered support with bureaucratic procedures, job center applications, health insurance registration, bank account openings, school and kindergarten enrollments, among other services. Furthermore, she provided assistance to refugees residing in Kirchhundem.

Another social worker, since September 2022, focused on coordinating volunteer groups in Baden-Württemberg. Collaborating closely with local authorities, reception centers, and church structures, he ensured efficient and targeted assistance from approximately 20 volunteers across various AWW groups in the region. Together, they successfully resettled around 500 refugees into private and state accommodations and assisted with their relocations. He also organized regional meetings with refugees in Böblingen and Tübingen, where activities such as cooking, communal meals, music, and children's playtime were facilitated. German language courses and support with administrative tasks were also provided.

Several integration projects are highlighted as examples among the 19 projects initiated.

**a** Between July 1, 2022, and January 31, 2023, the Advent-Wohlfahrtswerk (AWW) in Schweinfurt offered two-hour German courses on 26 mornings, based on a textbook and supported by a teacher. The demand for language instruction was particularly high before the start of integration courses in September 2022, allowing several refugees to gain initial language skills through this program. Meanwhile, children of the participants engaged in targeted recreational activities such as crafts, singing, cookie baking, and a trip to the zoo. Additionally, an integrative excursion with all family members to Nuremberg, including a guided city tour, took place. This initiative reached approximately 27 adults (aged 20-60) and ten children (aged 1-10).

**b** The Advent-Wohlfahrtswerk (AWW) Berlin-Brandenburg, in collaboration with the local church community, runs a café where up to 50 refugees regularly find a place for support and connection. They receive material, psychosocial, and pastoral assistance. Over time, a structured routine has been established: gymnastics sessions led by a Ukrainian sports instructor (who is herself a café visitor), communal cooking and dining, group singing, language-focused games, and discussions addressing specific issues followed by individual counseling sessions.

**ADRA Germany extends heartfelt thanks to all volunteers, donors, and supporters who made our Ukraine emergency relief project for refugees in Germany possible!**

<sup>6</sup> <https://mediendienst-integration.de/migration/flucht-asyl/ukrainische-fluechtlinge.html> (as of June 2024)



## Statements from Ukraine emergency relief



*„You could see it in the eyes of the women who came from Ukraine: shock, horror, but above all determination. Not giving up, not surrendering. They will not let their dignity, their love, and their humanity be taken away.“*

Liliana Wadelnour,  
ADRA Emergency Relief Coordinator



*„Our journey through Ukraine was filled with unrest: constant air raids, and it wasn't until we reached Poland that we were finally safe. There, I stayed with my children for two months before coming to Germany. Here, my children can live in peace, and I thank Germany and ADRA for that.“*

Katja, refugee from Ukraine,  
on her journey to Kirchhundem



*„With the café, we want to offer a safe and beautiful space to the Ukrainians who fled the war and now live in Berlin. In a pleasant, relaxed atmosphere, people can exchange ideas and connect with each other. We aim to answer their questions and provide practical assistance with everyday challenges of living in a foreign country, such as distributing food.“*

Olga Kormann, Project Manager of the Meeting Café Advent  
in Berlin-Reinickendorf



*„I never thought that strangers could have so much love and understanding. People who didn't know us welcomed us with open arms and love into their homes. Warm meals on the table and a clean room where everything was unfamiliar but calm. It was the greatest gift of my life that everyone could feel safe and secure.“*

Refugee from Ukraine on their accommodation  
in Germany – Memory protocol



*„I was immediately relieved when I heard the reassuring voice in my native language. Never in my life had I experienced two such strong feelings simultaneously: despair and relief. I immediately had trust that my children and I would not be abandoned and would not have to sleep on the streets in a foreign country. One sentence immediately calmed me down: Everything will be fine, and we will make it together.“*

Caller to the hotline – Memory protocol



*„When you receive 100 calls a day asking for help, you have an inner fire to keep going. Because if at the end of the day, every desperate person gets a place to sleep and a warm meal, then those people are the happiest in the world. The most beautiful thing you can hear in your life: „Thank you for not only helping us but also giving us the strength to keep going and the hope.““*

Domira Khiminets,  
Hotline Supervisor in ADRA's Emergency Relief Team  
for Ukraine

## „Campaign Children Help Children!“ - Sharing Brings Happiness

The Christmas parcel campaign was launched in 1999 with the goal of improving the lives of children in Eastern Europe and raising awareness of their situation in German society. Children not only receive Christmas gifts from Germany, but the parcel campaign also serves as a fundraising initiative.

Every year, we encourage children in Germany to pack a parcel together with their friends and parents to bring joy to kids who are less fortunate. Thus, every year until mid-November, children and adults joyfully pack Christmas parcels for kids in Eastern Europe. Kindergartens, schools, and companies participate in the campaign. **The recipients in 2023 were children in Albania, Bosnia and Herzegovina, Bulgaria, Kosovo, Montenegro, North Macedonia, and Serbia.**

The campaign has several objectives: firstly, to help children from financially disadvantaged families. Secondly, children in Germany learn about the lives of their peers in other parts of the world through their participation in the parcel campaign and show them compassion.

Furthermore, they experience that giving brings joy and sharing makes both sides happy.

Children from Germany bring joy to their peers at Christmas and show them that they are not alone. They learn compassion and charity. The „Campaign Children Help Children!“ is therefore part of the educational development work of ADRA Germany.



In 2023, over 300 action groups packed, checked, and sent 25,546 parcels on their journey.

For more information on „Action Children Help Children!“, visit [www.kinder-helfen-kindern.org](http://www.kinder-helfen-kindern.org).

The initiative starts annually on World Children's Day (September 20) and continues until mid-November. ADRA Germany coordinates the collection, transportation, and distribution to the target countries. Each parcel incurs 7 euros in transportation and distribution costs, which are covered through donations.

**2023** 25,546 parcels

**2022** 26,623 parcels

**2021** 29,709 parcels

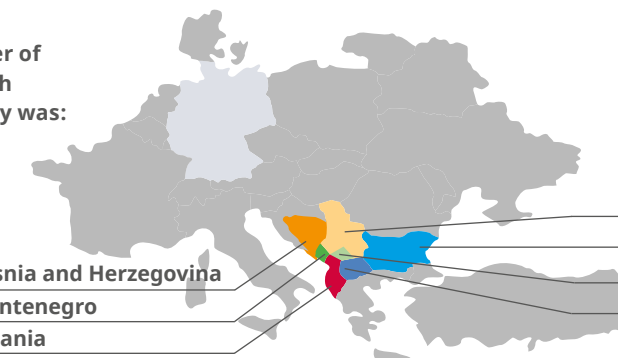
**2020** 26,942 parcels

**2019** 35,513 parcels

With the outbreak of the COVID-19 pandemic and the associated safety measures, the number of parcels packed decreased.

In 2023, the number of parcels sent to each destination country was:

3,609 parcels for Bosnia and Herzegovina  
3,000 parcels for Montenegro  
3,084 parcels for Albania



7,183 parcels for Serbia  
3,627 parcels for Bulgaria  
3,099 parcels for Kosovo  
1,944 parcels for North Macedonia





## ADRAlive – A year for ADRA at Home and Abroad

ADRA offers young people a variety of opportunities to actively engage in social projects and gain valuable experience. Our programs aim to promote personal development, social commitment, and intercultural understanding among young individuals.

For those interested in social work, ADRA provides the opportunity to participate in a Voluntary Social Year or the Federal Voluntary Service in Germany. These programs allow participants to engage in various fields for a year, acquire new skills, and gain valuable experiences.

Through „weltwärts“, the international volunteer service of the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), ADRA has been offering young people since 2008 a unique opportunity to work on social projects abroad. This program enables participants to work in various countries worldwide, developing intercultural competencies along the way.

**These are the locations where our volunteer assignments take place:**



## The Voluntary Social Year

The Voluntary Social Year at ADRA provides an opportunity for individuals who prefer to volunteer within Germany to engage in various social projects and facilities for a year. Volunteers work closely with experienced professionals, assisting them in the implementation of relief projects and the support of target groups across Germany. Young adults can support ADRA in departments such as fundraising, service and logistics, the ADRAshops, or in educational development work, gaining valuable initial work experience. At the end of the twelve months, volunteers receive a recognized certificate that can positively impact job applications, training opportunities, and employment prospects.

## Volunteer Service Abroad with ADRA

Young people aged 18 to 28 have the opportunity to gain valuable experience and actively participate in international development projects abroad as part of ADRA's volunteer service.



**These deployments are part of „weltwärts“, a funding program by the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), which promotes development engagement, global learning, and encounters on an equal footing.** In the year 2022/23, a total of 13 volunteers were deployed in Albania, Bolivia, Lesotho, Lebanon, and Tanzania. Similarly, in the year 2023/24, 12 volunteers were deployed.

The volunteers work in various projects and support local communities in the fields of education, health, environmental protection, and social development. Their activities range from assisting in schools and health centers to participating in environmental conservation projects and supporting agricultural initiatives.

We observe a trend towards increasing numbers of applications for the international volunteer service, indicating growing interest in intercultural exchange and social engagement. This is encouraging and demonstrates significant interest in the program among both volunteers and local partners. Additionally, there are promising prospects for a South-North project where volunteers from Mozambique and Tanzania could participate in a volunteer service in Germany, facilitating a bilateral exchange. This project is attracting a great deal of interest from various organizations and could provide an enriching experience for all involved.

Thus, the international volunteer service remains an important instrument for promoting intercultural understanding, social engagement, and global solidarity. This is benefiting both the volunteers and the communities they support.

## Federal Voluntary Service

The Federal Voluntary Service at ADRA Germany in Weiterstadt offers young people a broad and exciting opportunity to engage in various fields for a year and gain valuable experience. The work is highly diverse, providing volunteers with the opportunity to learn practical skills and make a positive contribution to society. Federal volunteers are placed either at ADRAgGmbH or in the Service and Logistics department, depending on their interests and skills.



**ADRAgGmbH - PURCHASING GOOD. DOING GOOD SUSTAINABLY.**

ADRAgGmbH is a subsidiary of ADRA Germany. Its main focus lies in the field of Social Business, which refers to a socially oriented enterprise actively addressing societal issues through economic activities. In 2023, ADRAgGmbH operated seven ADRAshops nationwide. These secondhand shops offer used textiles, toys, and household goods, complemented by an online shop for antiquarian books. Through its commitment, ADRAgGmbH promotes sustainable and environmentally friendly consumption practices.

**By reusing textiles and books, the number of newly produced items can be reduced, benefiting our environment.** Purchasing secondhand goods is



therefore a way to alleviate environmental impact both during production and disposal phases.

The profits from the sale of secondhand items at the ADRAshops directly benefit economically disadvantaged families in Germany. A portion of the profits supports social projects in the regions where the ADRAshops are located, while the majority contributes to ADRA's projects, financing development cooperation and disaster relief efforts by ADRA Germany. These predominantly volunteer-run shops enrich the social and cultural landscape of their respective cities. **In Germany, ADRAshops are located in Bergisch-Gladbach, Lüdenscheid, Köthen, Nuremberg, Stendal, Weiterstadt, and Darmstadt-Eberstadt.**



What works in the real world also works online – especially books, which are available for purchase on the internet as well. The transactions are handled by the employees of ADRAgGmbH.

**Multiplying Donations – How Small Contributions Make a Big Impact**

Mrs. Kharimkhaan is a single mother of three children in Mongolia. She was struggling to earn enough to adequately provide for her children for a long time. „With the support of ADRA, I started growing organic vegetables myself. In addition to seeds, I received modern tools. Through training sessions, I was able to expand my knowledge to achieve consistently good harvests. Together with others from my village, I founded a cooperative to market our products more easily. With the income, I can now better secure my children's future. I am very grateful to ADRA and the donors for the help and advice I received.“

**Donations Make Our Projects Possible**

Success stories like this one in Mongolia are only possible through private donations in project work. Regular contributions, such as through monthly direct debits, help us to plan projects in a long-term and sustainable manner. Our donors' support achieves much more than they might realize. What seems like a small amount becomes significantly more through public funding.

**How Does Donation Multiplication Work?**

Another project illustrates this concept. In Laos, small-scale farmers are learning new and sustainable cultivation techniques with climate-adapted seeds to better manage the soil and generate more income over time. The total cost of this project is 1,000,000 euros. The Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) funds 900,000 euros, with ADRA raising the remaining 100,000 euros through private donations.



**Double and Triple the Hope**

The Laos project is just one example. Many ADRA projects are funded in this way. We are grateful for public funding agencies; besides the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), these include, for example, the Federal Foreign Office (AA) or the European Union (EU), which support many projects. They add an average of 5 to 10 euros to every euro donated. This way, small private donations sometimes result in projects worth several million euros. Without these private donations, we cannot access the public budgets. **Therefore, by donating, you double and triple the hope for people in need!**



Ms. Kharimkhaan is grateful for the support.



Our projects





## Emergency Relief Projects



Every year, millions of people suffer from natural disasters or human-caused crises. Extreme weather events, earthquakes, pandemics, and armed conflicts are challenges that severely impact or even threaten the lives of many individuals. In 2023, according to the United Nations, 362 million people worldwide were in need of humanitarian assistance, with more than 110 million forced to flee their homes. Crises and disasters have increased in recent years, affecting people on all continents.

**Thanks to a global network, ADRA can be on the ground quickly after a disaster or crisis. Through our local ADRA offices, we can provide swift and effective emergency aid.** The initial relief efforts are aimed at ensuring the survival of those affected. The most critical immediate measures include providing food, water, cash, emergency

shelters, hygiene kits, medical and psychological support, and medications. **Humanitarian aid encompasses not only direct and immediate relief but also rebuilding efforts following conflicts or natural disasters.** ADRA's goal is to help those affected return to normality and sustainably improve their living conditions. This involves repairing buildings, bridges, roads, sanitation facilities, and water systems, as well as investing in education. Tutoring and the rapid restoration of schools aim to minimize the disruption to children's education. The needs of the people are regularly assessed and adjusted to the current situation.

Below, we present a selection of our emergency relief projects from 2023. For more detailed information, please visit our website at: <https://adra.de/projekte/>.

## Africa

### Somalia

## Overcoming Drought Periods with Cash

Since 2022, ADRA has been supporting people in the Puntland state of northern Somalia with cash assistance to alleviate the immediate effects of drought. The goal is to save lives and provide security. Due to the ongoing drought, the project was extended for six months in October 2023. **Under the current emergency relief, approximately 4,000 people from 850 herding families receive around 80 euros per month via mobile phones.** This financial assistance helps families purchase food, hygiene items, and other daily necessities from local markets, indirectly boosting the local economy. In this way, other people also benefit from this project. **Selected families receive the financial assistance once a month for five months.** The project benefits families with nursing mothers, young children, and elderly or sick members who have moved closer to cities

for better access to food. Having lost most of their livestock and wealth due to the drought, they lack the means to buy food and would not survive without external aid.

### Project Goals:

- Compensate for the loss of livestock with financial support
- Ensure the survival of herder families



The project is funded by Swiss Solidarity, Aktion Deutschland Hilft (ADH), and ADRA.

### Morocco

## Helping Earthquake Victims

In September 2023, a 6.8 magnitude earthquake caused severe damage in Morocco. **ADRA, alongside local partners, is constructing winterproof emergency shelters in the Atlas Mountains near the epicenter.** These shelters are small, prefabricated houses with good insulation, providing families with a temporary home until their houses are rebuilt. They feature running water, sanitation, and washing facilities. The project also includes building sanitation facilities and wells as well as distributing goats and livestock feed to affected herders. This helps them to generate income again. Finally, young people are involved in the reconstruction efforts, with certification for acquired skills. **The project benefits 4,226 people.**



### Project Goals:

- Construction of 50 winter-resistant shelters in the *Tlat Nyaacoub* region.
- Ensuring access to clean drinking water and improved hygiene.
- Affected individuals can resume work and earn their own income.



The project is funded by Aktion Deutschland Hilft (ADH), and ADRA.





## Emergency Relief Projects

### Asia

#### Indonesia

## Safe Shelter After Disaster

In November 2022, the southwest of Indonesia was struck by an earthquake measuring 5.6 magnitude. Over 272 people lost their lives, many were injured, and others were reported missing.

#### Afghanistan

## Gathering Strength After the Disaster

Between October 7 and 15, 2023, the province of Herat was struck by three devastating earthquakes. This natural disaster was among the worst in recent years in Afghanistan. Following the earthquakes, ADRA provided support to families in need to help them through the winter. Over 300 villages were completely or partially destroyed during this severe event. **In the hardest-hit districts of Injil and Zindajan, 9,000 people received food and hygiene items to gather strength and protect themselves better against diseases.** To help them overcome the difficult period until reconstruction, cooking utensils, gas stoves, warm blankets, and tents were distributed.

### Project Goals:

- Ensure safe protection from the weather through emergency shelters.
- Empower affected families with the knowledge to independently retrofit their homes to be earthquake-resistant.



The project is funded by Aktion Deutschland Hilft (ADH), and ADRA.

Thousands of houses collapsed or were severely damaged. **Immediately after the disaster, ADRA was on the ground distributing tents and tarps to 1,600 people who couldn't return to their homes immediately.** At the same time, ADRA is involved in rebuilding lightly damaged houses to enable a quick return for families to their own spaces. **We are assisting families in retrofitting their homes to make them more earthquake-resistant.** This involves reinforcing the interior and exterior walls of houses with wire mesh, a cost-effective technique that requires no special tools or equipment. ADRA is training people on how to apply this technique themselves to renovate their homes. They are also receiving cash assistance to independently carry out renovation work and provide their families with essential goods.



### Project Goals:

- Prevent malnutrition through distribution of food items.
- Ensure survival during the cold winter months.



The project is funded by ADRA.

### Syria/Turkey

## Emergency Response After Severe Earthquake

**On February 6, 2023, the earth shook in Syria and Turkey.** In the magnitude 7.8 earthquake, more than 50,000 people lost their lives, and hundreds of thousands of buildings were damaged. Numerous families lost their homes. Immediately after the disaster, ADRA provided emergency response in both countries. **In Turkey, ADRA assisted approximately 1,600 people with essential supplies.** Volunteers, together with local organizations and authorities, distributed winterproof tents, food packages, hygiene items, and warm clothing. Additionally, gas heaters were provided in emergency shelters to protect families from the cold. Following the emergency response, ADRA concluded its operations in Turkey and shifted its assistance to families in Syria.

**ADRA has been operating in Syria for many years, which enabled us to respond immediately after the catastrophe.** In the regions of Latakia, Aleppo, and Hama, we provided assistance to those affected. They received aid packages containing



hygiene items, diapers for babies, warm clothing, as well as mattresses and blankets. ADRA also supplied cleaning supplies to improve hygiene in five collective shelters. A year after the disaster, we continue to support people in repairing their damaged homes. ADRA is also collaborating with local authorities to rehabilitate water networks. **This project benefits 51,060 people.**

### Project Goals:

- Ensure the survival of those affected by the disaster.
- Initiate primary reconstruction measures to enable a safe return home.



The project is funded by ADRA.







Emergency Relief Projects

Europe

Ukraine

Initial Support for School Children in Lviv

In the city of Lviv, the *Zhyve Slovo* school provides assistance to 400 families from conflict zones. They receive food to regain strength and hygiene items. Through conversations with professionals and participation in recreational activities, they process their traumatic experiences. The children also receive tutoring to facilitate

**Project Goals:**

- Enable processing of traumatic experiences in a safe environment.
- Prevent school dropout among children affected by war.



The project was funded by ADRA and the Marienhöhe School Center

their return to school. **Additionally, school fees, school supplies, and uniforms are covered for 45 children from disadvantaged backgrounds.** The Marienhöhe School Center from Darmstadt supports ADRA in this project.

Oceania

Vanuatu

Providing Joint Emergency Relief after Cyclones

At the end of February 2023, the cyclones „Judy“ and „Kevin“ caused extensive damage in the island nation of Vanuatu in the South Pacific. Countless homes were reduced to rubble. **ADRA, in partnership with the European Union, is assisting over 14,000 people to navigate through this crisis.** The affected individuals find refuge in emergency shelters. They receive financial assistance to purchase food and essential items for daily use. Additionally, hygiene products are provided to protect them from illnesses.

**Project Goals:**

- Ensure the survival of those affected by the disaster.
- Prevent the outbreak of diseases in the project area.



The project was funded by the European Union (EU).



Project Information

Project No.	Country	Beneficiaries	Duration	Total Cost
4940004	Morocco	4,226	09/2023–06/2024	436,624.00 EUR
7160092	Somalia	4,000	10/2023–04/2024	400,752.00 EUR
1070063	Afghanistan	9,000	11/2023–04/2024	477,920.00 EUR
3860020	Indonesia	1,600	11/2022–11/2023	286,449.00 EUR
7240006	Syria	51,060	03/2023–05/2024	494,572.00 EUR
7840091	Turkey	1,600	02/2023–03/2023	125,769.00 EUR
7940189	Ukraine	1,761	08/2022–08/2023	135,000.00 EUR
8200002	Vanuatu	14,479	03/2023–07/2023	302,545.00 EUR



## Projects in Development Cooperation



**In our development cooperation projects, we support people in improving their living conditions in the long term.**

Together with them and local partner organizations, we develop solutions to address the daily challenges in the project region. The project measures are diverse and affect various aspects of family life such as education, employment, health, and the environment. All these areas are interconnected, and sustainable changes are only possible when they all interact within the project work.

For example, together with families and local authorities, we work to ensure access to high-quality food, water, and medical care. Additional measures aim to expand the educational offerings

in the project area or mitigate the effects of natural disasters through good preparedness. **A project is considered successful when people can support themselves and their families, protect their environment, and apply and pass on their acquired knowledge.**

Private donations as well as contributions from public donors such as the Federal Government, the European Union, or the United Nations make development cooperation possible.

Below, we present a selection of our development projects from the year 2023. For more detailed information, please visit our website at: <https://adra.de/projekte/>.

## Africa

### Mali

## Small Farming Families Defying Climate Change

In Banamba, in southern Mali, people are poor and dependent on their agricultural yields. Often, the harvest is not sufficient to feed everyone. **ADRA addressed this problem in 40 villages and supported 4,500 families in increasing their production.** In a region affected by climate change, small farmers learned new production techniques for growing crops such as millet, sorghum, and cowpeas. Through improved seeds and adapted cultivation methods, they can now increase their harvest. This enables them to raise their income, feed their families throughout the year, and finance their children's education.



### Project Goals:

- Increase agricultural productivity.
- Promote sustainable management of farmland, forests, and pastures.
- Introduce additional income opportunities through courses in honey production, tree cultivation, and plant breeding.



The project was funded by the Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and ADRA.

### Somalia

## Improving Educational Opportunities for Poor Children

For 30 years, ADRA has been promoting the development of the Somali education system. The need is great, as only a few people can read or write. The illiteracy rate in Somalia is over 40%, making it one of the highest in the world. In cooperation with

Save the Children, ADRA has been committed to providing Somali children with a safe and dignified education. **As part of this project, over 72,000 kids from poor backgrounds were enrolled in school.** Teaching and learning materials are now available in 100 schools. Teachers received better training and a salary for their work. Additionally, the drinking water supply was improved through the use of water tanks. We have financed school costs for children and their families. Kids with disabilities were equipped with assistive devices.



### Project Goals:

- More than 72,000 girls and boys attend school.
- Learning conditions have been improved in 100 schools.



The project was funded by the European Union (EU) and Aktion Deutschland Hilft (ADH).



Projects in Development Cooperation



Europe

Serbia

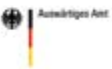
Support for Roma Families

In the cities of Belgrade and Novi Sad, ADRA is working alongside Roma families to facilitate their integration into Serbian society. Since 2015, ADRA has been supporting them with educational programs for both children and adults. **As part of this project, ADRA aimed to improve the living conditions of 640 people.** To this end, ADRA informed Roma families in the project areas about their rights to prevent workplace discrimination.

Children were supported in completing their education and received tutoring. Adults acquired new skills through training programs that they can demonstrate in the job market. Young people received financial support and assistance with administrative processes when starting small businesses.

Project Goals:

- Integrate Roma families into Serbian society.
- Ensure children return to school.
- Equip young adults with the knowledge to earn their own income.



The project was funded by the Federal Foreign Office (AA) and Aktion Deutschland Hilft (ADH).

Asia

Lebanon

Changing Lives through Education

In cooperation with the Swedish foundation *Radiohjälpen*, ADRA took care of neglected children in Lebanon. Due to the ongoing economic crisis in the country, fewer and fewer parents are sending their children to school. Instead, children are forced to work to support their families. **To counteract these developments, ADRA offered catch-up courses in two new learning centers for 1,500 Lebanese and Syrian kids** who had dropped out of school due to the precarious economic situation. In safe spaces, they were able to make up for lost time and receive psychosocial support.



Additionally, they received nutritious snacks daily to help them concentrate better while learning.

Project Goals:

- 1,500 children aged 7 to 14 who are no longer attending school will return to school after the project is completed.
- The affected children are protected from child labor, abuse, and exploitation.



The project was funded by Radiohjälpen, Aktion Deutschland Hilft (ADH), and ADRA.

Thailand

Preventing Human Trafficking

Human trafficking remains a harsh reality in Thailand, with the majority of victims being minors from ethnic minorities. They are subjected to sexual exploitation or forced labor. **In the Chiang Rai region, ADRA assisted over 1,700 individuals in living free lives.** Children from poor families had their school costs covered to keep them away from forced labor. Vulnerable youth were housed in safe

shelters where they could attend school and receive psychological support. Trainings were conducted to educate families and authorities about the dangers of human trafficking. Following the conclusion of the current project phase, the project continued from January 2024 onwards, expanding support to more minors in need.

Project Goals:

- Provide a place of refuge for highly vulnerable girls.
- Raise awareness among families in the project region about exploitation and human trafficking.
- Ensure that supported girls have better opportunities in the job market through educational offerings.



The project was funded by ADRA.



Project Information

Project No.	Country	Beneficiaries	Duration	Total Cost
4930012	Mali	4,500	11/2018–10/2023	994,243.00 EUR
7160085	Somalia	72,668	08/2021–10/2023	2.824,105.26 EUR
4650013	Lebanon	1,500	08/2022–07/2023	200,000 EUR
7690031	Thailand	1,710	08/2021–12/2023	370,919.00 EUR
9630217	Serbia	640	04/2021–03/2023	337,000 EUR



Project data





Project number	Country	Fields of activity	Duration	Direct beneficiaries	Implementation partner	Total project costs	Donor	Project expenditure 2023
Africa								Africa
1450002	Mali   Burkina Faso	Food   Disaster Preparedness	12.2022–10.2026	27,615	ADRA Mali   ADRA Burkina Faso	4,600,000.00 EUR	BMZ KWI	1,148,970.09 EUR
1830011	Burkina Faso	Food   Environment   Income	08.2023–07.2027	4,000 households	ADRA Burkina Faso	1,500,000.00 EUR	BMZ PT	239,283.60 EUR
2720108	Ethiopia	Health	01.2019–12.2024	14,000	Mekele SDA Pediatrics Clinic	69,000.00 EUR	ADRA	10,220.10 EUR
2720110	Ethiopia	Health   Income	06.2021–12.2023	21,500	ADRA Ethiopia   OSSHD	100,162.00 EUR	GIZ	7,800.20 EUR
2720111	Ethiopia	Food	10.2022–12.2023	900 households	ADRA Ethiopia	129,032.00 EUR	ADH	120,226.90 EUR
2720113	Ethiopia	Environment   Education   Income	11.2021–12.2023	500	ADRA Ethiopia   DICAC	520,000.00 EUR	GIZ	122,301.80 EUR
2720114	Ethiopia	Environment   Education   Income	10.2022–12.2025	480	ADRA Ethiopia	2,200,000.00 EUR	BMZ PT	536,436.26 EUR
3190004	Ghana	Health	03.2022–02.2023	6,500	ADRA Ghana	65,997.00 EUR	ADRA	5,000.00 EUR
4900021	Madagascar	Food	12.2019–04.2023	37,000	ADRA Madagascar	1,450,000.00 EUR	BMZ PT	81,623.18 EUR
4930012	Mali	Food	11.2018–10.2023	4,500 households	ADRA Mali	994,243.00 EUR	BMZ SEWOH	121,019.28 EUR
4940004	Morocco	Health	09.2023–06.2024	4,226	ADRA Spain	436,624.00 EUR	ADRA   ADH	0.00 EUR
5050018	Mozambique	Environment   Food   Disaster Preparedness	06.2022–05.2027	18,620	ADRA Mozambique   AMA   Livaningo	3,700,000.00 EUR	BAF   ADH	649,822.68 EUR
5050021	Mozambique	Food   Disaster Preparedness   Emergency Response	11.2022–07.2026	35,000	ADRA Mozambique   SEPPA   AMA   Conselho islamico	2,400,000.00 EUR	BMZ KWI	549,987.79 EUR
5050022	Mozambique	Environment   Food   Disaster Preparedness	08.2023–07.2027	14,324	ADRA Mozambique   AMA   Livaningo	2,821,497.00 EUR	BAF	494,898.90 EUR
5050024	Mozambique	Food   Income   Advocacy	09.2023–04.2026	1,240	Livaningo	333,333.00 EUR	BMZ PT	47,230.12 EUR
7160085	Somalia	Education	08.2021–10.2023	72,668	ADRA Somalia   Save the Children   Save the Children Somalia	2,824,105.26 EUR	DG ECHO   ADH	558,353.98 EUR
7160086	Somalia	Education	04.2022–04.2025	48,000	ADRA Somalia   Alight   CISP	9,900,000.00 EUR	DG INTPA	2,260,851.31 EUR
7160090	Somalia	Income   Food	12.2022–05.2023	4,000	Adra Somalia	380,000.00 EUR	ADH   ADRA Switzerland   Swiss Solidarity	10,000.00 EUR
7160091	Somalia	Education	04.2023–03.2025	42,000	ADRA Somalia   Save the Children	844,305.00 EUR	DG ECHO   ADH	300,102.60 EUR
7160092	Somalia	Income   Food	10.2023–04.2024	4,000	ADRA Somalia	400,752.00 EUR	ADH   ADRA Switzerland   Swiss Solidarity	0.00 EUR
7230036	South Sudan	Food   Environment   Income	11.2021–01.2025	2,200 households	ADRA South Sudan	1,906,508.00 EUR	BMZ PT	586,243.60 EUR
7290002	Sudan	Emergency Response   Health	06.2023–09.2023	5,057	ADRA Sudan	92,016.00 EUR	ADRA	15,020.10 EUR
7760029	Togo	Food   Income	12.2020–11.2023	1,200	ADRA Togo   CACIT	400,000.00 EUR	BMZ PT	60,451.93 EUR

Asia								Asia
1070062	Afghanistan	Food	10.2022 - 01.2023	4,942	ADRA Afghanistan	263,206.00 EUR	ADRA   ADH	0.00 EUR
1070063	Afghanistan	Food	11.2023 - 04.2024	9,000	ADRA Afghanistan	477,920.00 EUR	ADRA	0.00 EUR
1440004	Laos	Food   Environment	08.2021 - 04.2025	3,900	ADRA Laos	2,000,000.00 EUR	BMZ PT	863,123.12 EUR
3850132	India	Emergency Response   Health	07.2022 - 01.2023	57,394	ADRA India	825,194.00 EUR	DG ECHO   ADH	82,866.45 EUR
3850134	India	Refugee Aid	07.2023 - 06.2024	4,000	ADRA India	346,061.00 EUR	DG ECHO	195,895.56 EUR
3850136	India	Refugee Aid	09.2023 - 11.2023	300	ADRA India	10,752.00 EUR	ADH	10,020.10 EUR
3850137	India	Emergency Response	10.2023 - 01.2024	7,828	ADRA India	107,433.00 EUR	ADRA   ADH	50,000.00 EUR
3860019	Indonesia	Disaster Preparedness	07.2022 - 04.2024	15,000	ADRA Indonesia	224,190.00 EUR	ADH	152,046.33 EUR
3860020	Indonesia	Emergency Response	11.2022 - 11.2023	1,600	ADRA Indonesia	286,449.00 EUR	ADRA	25,021.35 EUR
4610016	Laos	Income   Food	11.2022 - 04.2026	10,258	ADRA Laos	1,000,000.00 EUR	BMZ PT	358,336.48 EUR
4650013	Lebanon	Education   Children	08.2022 - 07.2023	1,500	ADRA Lebanon	200,000.00 EUR	Radiohjälpen   ADH	1,879.99 EUR
4650014	Lebanon	Emergency Response   Health	09.2023 - 12.2024	180	ADRA Lebanon	200,000.00 EUR	ADH	3,229.61 EUR
5070036	Mongolia	Income	10.2023 - 12.2026	500	ADRA Mongolia	1,666,666.00 EUR	BMZ PT	139,450.54 EUR
5180030	Myanmar	Education	06.2019 - 06.2024	355,801	ADRA Myanmar	21,052,632.00 EUR	DG INTPA	273,296.89 EUR
6100021	Pakistan	Emergency Response	07.2023 - 09.2023	15,000	ADRA Pakistan	163,854.00 EUR	ADRA	24,020.60 EUR
6190049	Philippines	Disaster Preparedness	01.2020 - 06.2022	100,370	ADRA Philippines   Humanity & Inclusion	500,000.00 EUR	DG INTPA	32,780.38 EUR
6190055	Philippines	Education	01.2023 - 12.2025	12,850	ADRA Philippines   JVOFI   CDPC	867,667.00 EUR	DG INTPA	215,095.76 EUR
7240005	Syria	Disaster Preparedness   Emergency Response	06.2021 - 03.2024	107,441	ADRA Syria	2,500,000.00 EUR	DG ECHO	5,496.65 EUR
7240006	Syria	Emergency Response   Health	03.2023 - 05.2024	51,060	ADRA Syria	494,572.00 EUR	ADRA	90,070.10 EUR
7240007	Syria	Emergency Response   Health	02.2023 - 08.2023	3,400	ADRA Syria	373,608.00 EUR	ADRA Switzerland   ADH	35,000.00 EUR
7240008	Syria	Emergency Response   Education	07.2023 - 10.2024	44,500	ADRA Syria	531,915.00 EUR	ADH	0.00 EUR
7690031	Thailand	Children	08.2021 - 12.2023	1,710	ADRA Thailand	370,919.00 EUR	ADRA	0.00 EUR
7690033	Thailand	Education   Refugee Aid	01.2023 - 12.2025	2,700	ADRA Thailand   ACTED	1,908,000.00 EUR	DG INTPA	635,297.16 EUR
7840091	Turkey	Emergency Response	02.2023 - 03.2023	1,600	ADRA International-ERT	125,769.00 EUR	ADRA   ADH	43,535.23 EUR
9400022	Yemen	Health   Food	12.2020 - 06.2024	505	ADRA Yemen	3,000,000.00 EUR	BMZ   KWI	700,188.16 EUR
9400032	Yemen	Emergency Response   Health	01.2023 - 03.2025	1,099,618	ADRA Yemen	16,767,543.00 EUR	AA	7,108,263.57 EUR
9400034	Yemen	Health	09.2023 - 12.2023	230,000	ADRA Yemen	90,808.47 EUR	ADH	84,517.81 EUR



Project number	Country	Fields of activity	Duration	Direct beneficiaries	Implementation partner	Total project costs	Donor	Project expenditure 2023
Europe								Europe
3100209	Germany	Emergency Response	07.2021 - 12.2025	17,500	ADRA Germany	5,318,860.68 EUR	ADH	581,470.61 EUR
3100214	Germany	Emergency Response	10.2021 - 06.2024	1,500	ADRA Soteria gGmbH	2,770,576.34 EUR	ADH	650,062.09 EUR
3100217	Germany	Emergency Response	01.2023 - 12.2023	1,100	SOS Humanity e.V.	476,166.88 EUR	ADH   ADRA Deutschland e.V.   Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund Deutschland e.V.   AWO International e.V.   Handicap International e.V.   Help – Hilfe zur Selbsthilfe e.V.   Islamic Relief Deutschland e.V.   Kinderhilfswerk Stiftung Global-Care   World Vision Deutschland e.V.   Zentralwohlfahrtsstelle der Juden in Deutschland e.V.	449,288.64 EUR
3100228	Germany	Environment	07.2023 - 07.2026	55	ADRA Germany	556,788.00 EUR	ADRA Germany	0,00 EUR
7130011	Slovenia	Emergency Response	09.2023 - 08.2024	750	ADRA Slovenia	201,810.00 EUR	ADRA   ADH	70,000.00 EUR
7940176	Germany	Emergency Response	02.2022 - 04.2024	5,000	ADRA Germany   ADRA Soteria gGmbH	3,070,365.59 EUR	ADH	1,586,695.50 EUR
7940177	Poland	Emergency Response	03.2022 - 03.2023	40,127	ADRA Poland	375,781.00 EUR	ADRA	50,000.00 EUR
7940178	Ukraine   Romania   Moldova   Poland   Hungary	Refugee Aid	03.2022 - 12.2023	68,787	ADRA Ukraine, ADRA Moldova, ADRA Romania, ADRA Poland, ADRA Hungary, ADRA Slovakia	7,404,098.18 EUR	GFFO	4,690,483.13 EUR
7940181	Ukraine	Emergency Response	05.2022 - 04.2023	9,224	City Council of Kyev	3,623,926.99 EUR	ADH	0.00 EUR
7940182	Ukraine	Emergency Response	09.2022 - 12.2023	2 offices	ADRA Ukraine	202,177.00 EUR	ADRA	2,382.65 EUR
7940183	Ukraine	Food   Refugee Aid	05.2022 - 08.2023	266,423	ADRA Ukraine	2,591,733.41 EUR	ADRA   ADH	20,449.57 EUR
7940185	Ukraine	Emergency Response	10.2022 - 09.2023	3,900	City Council of Kyev	1,391,063.83 EUR	ADH	9,209.06 EUR
7940187	Ukraine	Emergency Response	10.2022 - 06.2023	2,099	ADRA Ukraine	1,000,000.00 EUR	ADRA	0.00 EUR
7940188	Ukraine	Emergency Response	01.2023 - 05.2023	5,440	ADRA Ukraine	144,461.10 EUR	ADRA	145,988.23 EUR
7940189	Ukraine	Education   Refugee Aid	08.2022 - 08.2023	1,761	ADRA Ukraine	135,000.00 EUR	ADRA Germany   Marienhöhe	135,000.00 EUR
7940190	Ukraine	Emergency Response	09.2023 - 04.2024	195	ADRA Ukraine	691,480.04 EUR	ADRA	50,040.10 EUR
7940191	Ukraine	Disaster Preparedness	12.2023 - 09.2024	50	ADRA Ukraine	580,428.00 EUR	ADH	536,604.15 EUR
7940192	Ukraine	Education   Refugee Aid	09.2023 - 05.2024	201	ADRA Ukraine	109,797.41 EUR	ADH	0.00 EUR
9630217	Serbia	Education	04.2021 - 03.2023	640	ADRA Serbia	337,000.00 EUR	GFFO   ADRA	38,802.13 EUR
9630218	Serbia	Education	06.2022 - 04.2023	800	ADRA Serbia	56,515.92 EUR	ADH	32,258.06 EUR
9630220	Serbia	Health	09.2023 - 12.2023	2,000	ADRA Serbia	94,438.00 EUR	ADRA   ADH	20,020.10 EUR

North America								North America
3410029	Haiti	Education	09.2023–12.2023	2,500	ADRA Haiti	100,000.00 EUR	ADRA   ADH	5,000.00 EUR

Oceania								Oceania
2810014	Fiji	Income   Environment	01.2020–06.2023	3,242	ADRA Austria   ADRA Fiji	680,000.00 EUR	DG INTPA	30,170.33 EUR
2810020	Fiji	Disaster Preparedness	10.2021–11.2023	2 offices	ADRA Fiji	183,000.00 EUR	ADH	133,896.74 EUR
8200002	Vanuatu	Food   Health	03.2023–07.2023	14,479	ADRA Vanuatu	302,545.00 EUR	DG ECHO	254,933.67 EUR

Others								Others
0000040	Global	Environment	07.2022–07.2023	150	ADRA Germany   ADRA Canada   ADRA India   ADRA Mosambique	100,000.00 EUR	ADH   ADRA Canada	35,300.83 EUR

<b>Donor</b>		BMZ PS	Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development Private Sponsor (PS)	GFFO	German Federal Foreign Office	CDPC	Center for Development Programs in the Cordillera, Inc.
ADH	Aktion Deutschland Hilft (Germany's Relief Coalition)	BMZ SEWOH	Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Special Initiative ONE WORLD – No Hunger	GIZ	Society for International Cooperation	CISP	International Committee for the Development of Peoples
ADRA	Adventist Development and Relief Agency	DFRO	Disaster Relief Fund	IKI	International Climate Initiative	EOC-DICAC	Ethiopian Orthodox Church Development and Inter-Church Aid Commission
AeA	Ayuda en Acción	DG ECHO	Directorate-General for European Disaster Preparedness and Humanitarian Aid	PREDES	Centro de Estudios y Prevención de Desastres	HI	Humanity & Inclusion
ASB	Workers' Samaritan Federation	DG Intpa	Directorate General for International Partnerships	Radiohjälpen engl. "Radio Aid", swedish radio fundraiser		JVOFi	Jaime V. Ongpin Foundation, Inc.
BAF	Blue Action Fund	ECHO	European Community Humanitarian Office	SP	Soluciones prácticas	OSSHD	Organization for Social Service Health and Development
BMZ	Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development	EU	European Union	<b>Implementing Partners</b>		RISE	Rural Indigenous Sustainable Education
BMZ CRI	Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, Crisis Management, Reconstruction, Infrastructure (CRI)	EuropAid	European Cooperation Office	AMA	Environmental Association		
				CACIT	Collectif des Associations Contre l'Impunité au Togo		



# Financial Report





## Commentary on the Annual Financial Statement Fiscal Year 2023

### Foundation of the Association

ADRA Germany (short: ADRA) is a non-profit association and a recognized non-governmental organization. It has defined its mandates and objectives in the areas of international cooperation, humanitarian aid, and development education. The so-called Triple Nexus is particularly embodied at ADRA through concepts of anticipatory crisis intervention and preventive measures. The goal is to reduce social injustice and to fight poverty. ADRA's developed „Extended Nexus“ goes beyond the phases of humanitarian aid and development cooperation, aiming at activities in social ventures as a basis for well-being and resilience strengthening. Such a holistic approach is intended to have a

peace-promoting effect on both the individual and social levels of civil society.

The totality and range of the stated goals appear as a very extensive and partly overwhelming task for a medium-sized relief organization like ADRA. However, we are convinced that only an integrated and holistic package of measures will lead to more sustainable overall development. Such a complex task can only be managed through meaningful partnerships with other cooperation partners, including cross-sectoral collaborations. ADRA is prepared to work with other stakeholders and considers the connectivity for partnerships and cooperation essential. **Self-help must always be considered to its full extent.** A legitimate criticism of our sector is that the work of relief organizations does not contribute sustainably enough to overcome injustice and structural inequality. **The interconnections in the environ-**

**mental analysis must be considered together with the people on the ground.**

Only through such a holistic approach can all measures lead to a measurable change and improvement in local living conditions. Project work that spans the phases of crisis prevention, emergency aid, transitional aid, development cooperation, and *social ventures*, and focuses on successful transitions between these phases, can be considered a „flagship project“ from ADRA's perspective.

ADRA was founded in 1986 and has locations in Weiterstadt and Berlin. However, our staff often works in a hybrid structure at various locations. Our area of operation is primarily abroad. Geographical focal points of our work include Ethiopia, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Madagascar, Mali, Mozambique, Somalia, Sudan, Togo, Fiji, India, Indonesia, Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, the Philippines, Thailand, Afghanistan, Yemen, Syria, and Ukraine. Additionally, we support the rescue of refugees in the Mediterranean.

Since 2021, ADRA has also been engaged in projects in Germany. Our projects to alleviate the distress following the floods in North Rhine-Westphalia and Rhineland-Palatinate, as well as to host war refugees from Ukraine, started in 2021 and 2022, respectively, and are still being implemented.

In the international project countries, ADRA collaborates with independent local partner organizations as implementing partners. These partners are either part of the quality-assured ADRA network or independent local humanitarian organizations with professional or local expertise. In most projects, ADRA is in charge of the overall project management and is responsible for the planning, implementation, and monitoring of activities. However, there are also projects in which ADRA participates as an associated partner.

ADRA also maintains contact and communication with institutional donors, such as the Federal Foreign Office (AA), the Federal Ministry for

Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), the Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (DG ECHO), the Directorate-General for International Partnerships (DG INTPA), and *Aktion Deutschland Hilft* (ADH). Additionally, we have initiated projects with the German Agency for International Cooperation (GIZ) and the *Blue Action Fund*.

ADRA is supported by donations from numerous private individuals. These donations empower ADRA to implement various projects and relief measures on behalf of German civil society. Our Communication and Fundraising department maintains contact with our supporters, providing them with competent information and addressing their feedback and expectations. It is particularly important for ADRA to listen to our supporters through this dedicated department and respond directly to their feedback, concerns, and questions. Another central part of our fundraising is ADRA's partnership in the *Aktion Deutschland Hilft* (ADH) alliance.

To achieve and document a high level of credibility, quality assurance, and transparency, ADRA is audited and certified annually by external donor representatives. In addition to the annual financial audit by our auditor, ADRA provides comprehensive disclosure of information to the German Donations Council and the German Central Institute for Social Issues (DZI-Seal of Approval). All certifications for the respective previous year were granted without any restrictions.

The internal certification of ADRA partner offices (internal quality and policy audits) and certification by our key institutional donors, contribute further to creating transparency and accountability. These certifications include the audit of both ADRA as an organization and individual projects.





Economic Report

1. Business Development

Over the three-year course of German donation trends, we continue to perceive a volatile environment, always influenced by major events communicated through the media. According to a press release from the German Donation Council<sup>7</sup>, the donation level reached a new high in 2021, increasing by approximately +7% compared to the previous year. Around 20 million people in Germany (30.1% of the population) donated a total of about 5.8 billion euros. The flood disaster in western Germany significantly influenced donation levels in 2021. In 2022 <sup>8</sup>, donations slightly decreased by -1.6%, compared to the previous year’s peak. 5.7 billion euros were donated by around 18.7 million people in Germany, with an average donation of 43 euros. Donors were particularly focused on helping refugees from Ukraine. The conflict in Ukraine was evidently crucial for the strong donation result in 2022. Considering the burden on German households due to rising inflation, especially in living costs and energy prices, this donation result can be seen as very positive and empathetic.

Despite ongoing media attention on the conflict in Ukraine in 2023, monetary donations returned to pre-COVID levels seen in 2017 and 2019, totaling 4.988 billion euros, marking a decrease of approximately -12%. It is concerning that the number of donors has further decreased to now 17 million, down by -9%. The donor reach, meaning the percentage of donors within the German population, stands at 26%. This decline is attributed to economic challenges in Germany (such as inflation and economic stagnation) and global geopolitical uncertainties, which have

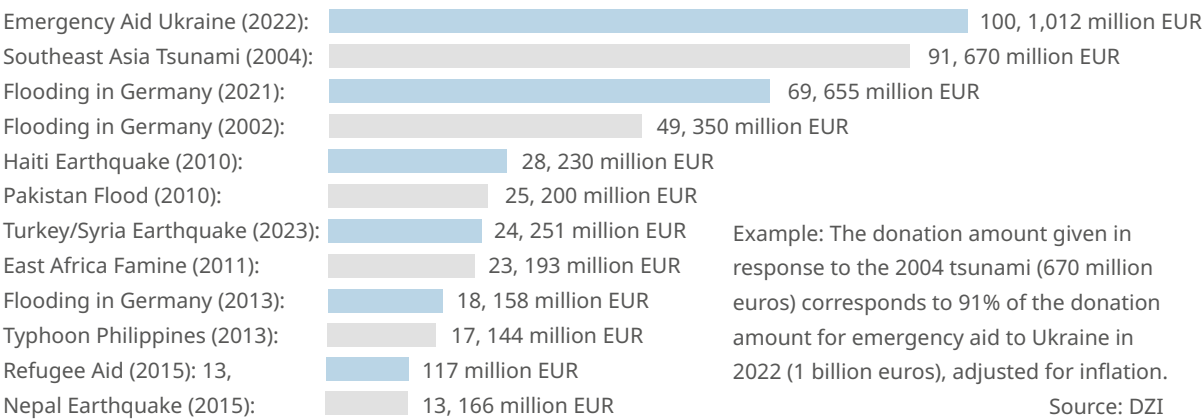
increased people’s inclination to save rather than donate.<sup>9</sup>

In this context, the distribution of donations has also changed. The main share of the donation volume was allocated to humanitarian aid, such as emergency and disaster relief, which decreased in proportion to the previous year to 75.2% (previous year: 76.4%). Compared to the previous year’s 4.331 billion euros, only 3.753 billion euros were designated for this purpose in 2023, marking a significant decline of -35% in this segment. Donations related to refugees amounted to 459 million euros in 2023. While this is still higher than pre-COVID levels (2019: 351 million euros), it has significantly decreased compared to the strong previous year – the start of the war in Ukraine – when 1.133 billion euros were donated for this purpose.

For other humanitarian aid, which includes development aid and education, donations remained very stable compared to the previous year, with 710 million euros donated (previous year: 702 million euros/+5%).<sup>10</sup>

In contrast to the report by the German Donations Council, the statistics from the German Central Institute for Social Issues (DZI) and the Socio-Economic Panel (SOEP) suggest a less severe negative development in donation revenues. The DZI report, which includes large donations up to 30,000 euros from private households, cites a donation volume of 12.8 billion euros, a decrease of -1.9% compared to the previous year. The report concludes that in the reporting year, the willingness

Disaster donations in Germany, adjusted for inflation and nominal values (Emergency Aid Ukraine = 100), nominal values in million euros:



and ability to donate in private households with relatively small donation volumes declined more significantly than in households with above-average annual donations.<sup>11</sup>

ADRA could not resist the trend of declining donations, but it remains at a high level. Compared to the previous year, donations decreased by -8.0% to 13,494,407.52 euros (previous year: 14,661,152.76 euros). These figures include funds from the donor organization *Aktion Deutschland Hilft* (ADH), which were implemented in projects in 2023.

Donations from private individuals, including bequests, comparable to the indicators mentioned above, decreased slightly by -2.2% to 4,740,985.17 euros (previous year: 4,848,602.59 euros). Thus, ADRA performed significantly better in the fiscal year than the trend for 2023 indicated by the German Donations Council but slightly worse than the comparison value of -1.9% determined by the DZI.

Unlike in previous years, crises and disasters in 2023 were not prominently featured in the media. The ongoing crisis in Ukraine continued to dominate the news but not with the intensity and quality that drove donations as in the previous year. At the beginning of 2023, there was relatively brief coverage of the devastating earthquake in Turkey and Syria. According to the DZI, approximately 251 million euros were donated specifically for this event.<sup>12</sup>

Unfortunately, numerous crises and disasters continue to go unnoticed or receive minimal media attention.<sup>13 14</sup> In these „forgotten“ regions and countries, ADRA Germany remains active with projects in Somalia, Burundi, Burkina Faso, and Yemen. According to the United Nations, nearly 300 million people will require humanitarian aid in 2023/2024. The donation statistics also indicate a decline in contributions for nature, environmental, and climate protection.<sup>15</sup> Therefore, ADRA Germany is increasingly committed to its new statutory goal

<sup>7</sup> Press Release German Donation Council dated December 2, 2021: „Spendenjahr 2021: Rekordspendenvolumen: Die Deutschen spenden im Jahr der Flutkatastrophe so viel wie nie!“

<sup>8</sup> Press Release German Donation Council dated February 1, 2023: „Bilanz des Helfens 2022“

<sup>9</sup> Press Release German Donation Council dated February 14, 2024: „Bilanz des Helfens 2023 – Mitschnitt der Pressekonferenz des Deutschen Spendenrates e.V. vom 09.02.2024“

<sup>10</sup> Press Release German Donation Council dated February 9, 2024: „Bilanz des Helfens 2023“

<sup>11</sup> Press Release German Central Institute for Social Issues dated March 18, 2024: „Spendenvolumen 2023 weiterhin auf sehr hohem Niveau“

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<sup>13</sup> Publication by the European Commission: „Forgotten crises“ [https://civil-protection-humanitarian-aid.ec.europa.eu/what/humanitarian-aid/needs-assessment/forgotten-crises\\_en](https://civil-protection-humanitarian-aid.ec.europa.eu/what/humanitarian-aid/needs-assessment/forgotten-crises_en); accessed on April 19, 2024

<sup>14</sup> Website of the Federal Foreign Office: „Vergessene Krisen“

<sup>15</sup> Press Release German Donation Council dated February 9, 2024: „Bilanz des Helfens 2023“



of climate protection, promoting significant projects in this critical area in Fiji and Mozambique. The consequences of climate change are a major issue for struggling countries, as these impacts exacerbate dreadful conditions and cause disasters to strike more frequently and/or with greater intensity.

In 2021, ADRA began implementing domestic projects in Germany, starting with flood relief efforts. This work continued with aid projects to support refugees from Ukraine in Germany. In 2023, ADRA is still helping to mitigate the effects of the flood in North Rhine-Westphalia/Rhineland-Palatinate. This long-term commitment results in sustainable changes for those affected. Many appreciate that assistance continues even after media attention has faded. This engagement in Germany also increases ADRA's recognition within the country.

In 2023, ADRA achieved a total revenue, primarily derived from project implementation, amounting to 37,567,573.00 euros. This represents a +7.4% increase compared to the previous year's figure of 34,982,701.69 euros. The growth can be attributed mainly to an increase in executed international projects.

Considering the general conditions, the organization's economic development is outlined as follows.

Presentation of the Financial Situation (Income, Assets, and Financial Position)

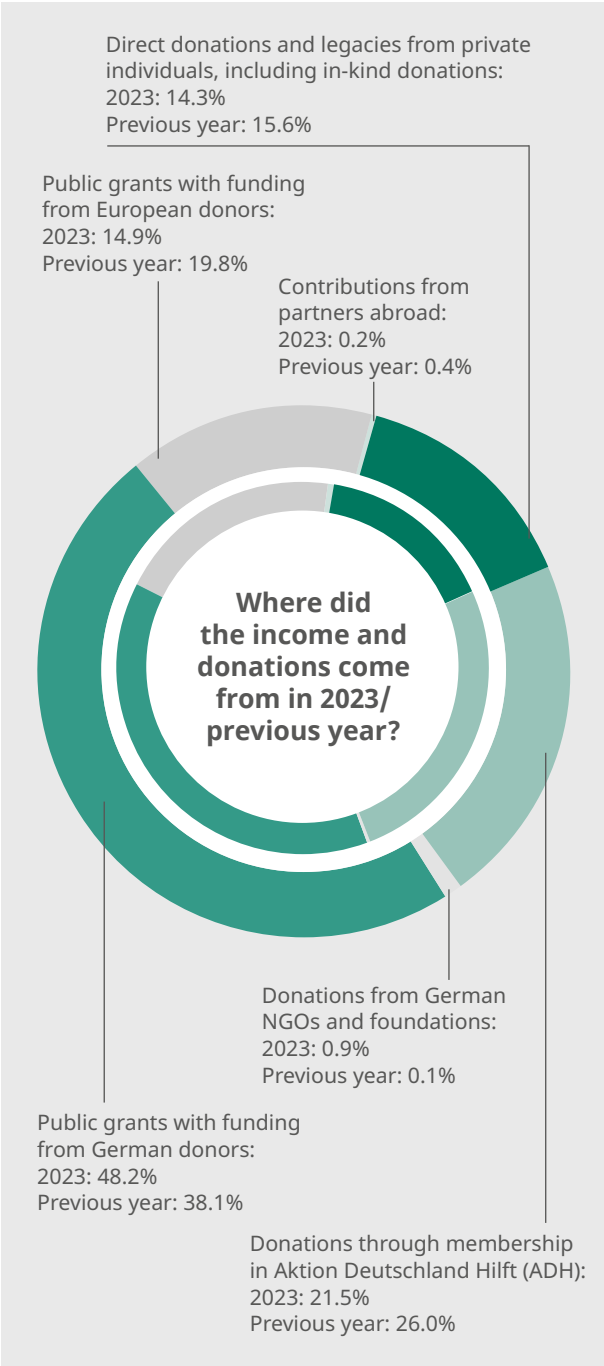
1.1. Income Situation

The association generated **income** amounting to 37,567,573.00 euros (previous year: 34,982,701.69 euros) achieving a +7.4% improvement compared to the previous fiscal year. The budget of approximately 29 million euros was exceeded. The revenue growth is primarily attributable to the robust implementation of international projects and ongoing emergency relief projects in Germany.

Income sources include contributions from private donors, as well as support from institutions backing ADRA's projects. ADRA holds valuable initiative rights with German institutional donors, allowing

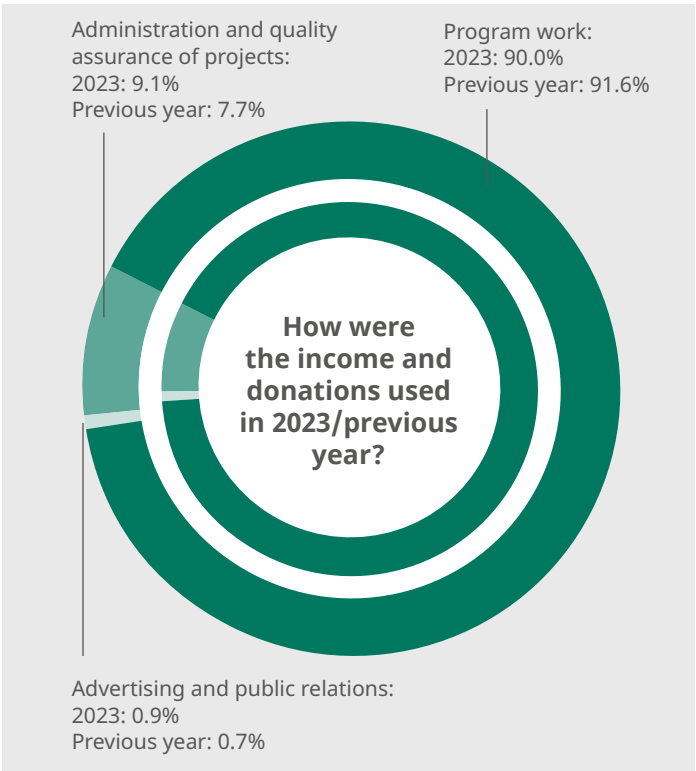
it to propose projects for their support. With European institutions, it is the responsibility of ADRA project coordinators to apply for tenders and secure projects aligning with our goals, competencies, and implementation capabilities. All institutionally funded projects require a matching component; these are funds contributed by ADRA, sourced from private donations, to achieve a blend of private and institutional resources.

ADRA considers institutional funding as a significant lever to amplify individual donations. In recent years, ADRA has successfully achieved a



Revenue and expenses statement for the financial year 2023

	2023 EUR	2022 EUR	2021 EUR	2020 EUR	2019 EUR
1. donation income	13,494,407.52	14,661,152.76	13,426,109.16	5,165,569.89	5,788,245.95
thereof: private donations	4,740.985.17	4,848,602.59	4,602,410.95	3,478,955.52	3,153,917.99
2. income from the consumption of grants from public institutions for project financing	24,043,965.90	20,293,393.29	12,331,546.86	15,495,588.18	15,538,119.54
3. other revenues	29,199.58	28,155.64	25,478.69	24,873.66	27,833.89
4. other operating income	46,229.73	403,854.17	88,780.89	221,304.24	67,573.46
5. total income	37,613,802.73	35,386,555.86	25,871,915.60	20,907,335.97	21,421,772.84
6. project-related expenses	-33,311,012.78	-31,123,106.84	-22,225,500.74	-17,289,479.97	-18,553,070.95
7. gross profit	4,302,789.95	4,263,449.02	3,646,414.86	3,617,856.00	2,868,701.89
8. expenses for other revenues	-5,660.28	-5,660.24	-5,660.24	-5,660.24	-5,660.24
9. personnel expenses					
a) Wages and salaries	-1,714,384.04	-2,307,903.64	-1,718,263.96	-1,529,266.11	-1,397,328.28
b) Social security contributions / pensions / benefits	-414,632.79	-558,178.63	-415,920.19	-337,176.32	-341,642.38
Total personnel expenses	-2,129,016.83	-2,866,082.27	-2,134,184.15	-1,866,442.43	-1,738,970.66
10. depreciation and amortization	-71,599.16	-96,043.66	-67,437.85	-80,839.53	-70,086.02
11. other operating expenses	-1,567,954.85	-1,020,495.27	-1,008,559.79	-1,236,359.24	-1,012,025.69
12. operating result	528,558.83	275,167.58	430,572.83	428,554.56	41,959.28
13. income from public and non-public project financing	19,562,662.90	56,878,241.71	17,281,839.36	24,001,325.25	12,558,824.59
14. expenses from additions to liabilities	-19,562,662.90	-56,878,241.71	-17,281,839.36	-24,001,325.25	-12,558,824.59
Earnings effect from project subscription	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
15. income from other securities and loans held as financial assets	13,721.98	6,265.78	6,071.69	6,262.27	12,744.29
16. net interest income	55,369.31		0.00	-653.09	
17. financial result	69,091.29	6,265.78	5,418.60	6,262.27	12,744.29
18. taxes on income	-588.00	645.66	1,445.71	-2,395.13	-2,356.19
19. results after taxes	597,062.12	282,079.02	437,437.14	432,421.70	52,347.38
20. other taxes	-6,891.44	-7,499.44	-7,443.44	-7,443.44	0.00
21. net profit for the year	590,170.68	274,579.58	429,993.70	424,978.26	52,347.38
a) loss carried forward from previous year	326,566.42	51,986.84	-378,006.86	-787,460.90	-839,808.28
22. funds carried forward (+) / new loss carried forward (-)	916,737.10	326,566.42	51,986.84	-378,006.86	-787,460.90

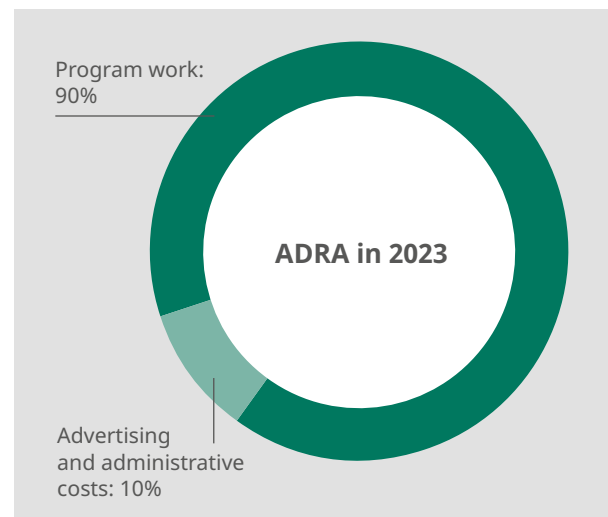


strong leverage ratio between private donations and institutional funds, ranging from 1:7 to 1:8.

This means that for every euro received from direct private donations, ADRA has been able to add 7 to 8 euros from institutional sources to implement projects. Notably, Aktion Deutschland Hilft (ADH) has been a key institutional contributor in this effort. We are deeply grateful to all our donors, both private individuals and institutional partners, for their trust in ADRA and the effectiveness of the projects we have implemented!

The acquisition or **initiation of new projects** to be implemented in future years amounted to 19,562,662.90 euros, which did not surpass the exceptionally strong previous year (56,878,241.71 euros). It is important to note that project acquisition operates over multi-year cycles, making linear growth over the years neither possible nor desirable. In the long-term trend,





ADRA's workload is secure; however, resources need to continue to be developed to ensure the smooth execution of projects.

The influx of new projects in 2023 was specifically driven by efforts related to Ukraine aid, as well as significant project acquisitions for implementation in Ukraine, Mongolia, Burkina Faso, Mozambique, Somalia, Syria, and other countries.

The **interim result** (gross result) improved both nominally and percentage-wise compared to 2022, partly due to the inclusion and billing of personnel costs in projects in 2023. The gross result percentage increased slightly from 11.0% in the previous year to 11.3%. As a non-profit organization, ADRA aims to utilize as much of the received funds as possible for aid delivery rather than generating profits. Nevertheless, ADRA Germany needs to position itself sustainably as an organization. This means conducting long-term stable, secure, and financially positive projects to remain viable for the future.

In **administrative costs**, the significant expense block, personnel expenses, decreased by -25.7% to 2,129,016.83 euros (previous year:

2,866,082.28 euros). This is due to the above-mentioned allocation of personnel positions or portions to project costs. The increase in other operating expenses can be attributed to one-time special costs in the information technology sector, as well as increased expenses in donor support and energy costs.

Total administrative costs accounted for 9.9% (previous year: 10.3%), thus -0.4 percentage points lower than in 2022. However, in the previous year, the value of other operating income from the reversal of provisions amounting to 301,067.84 euros offset the administrative costs. Additionally, the allocation of personnel costs to projects in the previous year must be noted. Without these special effects, the adjusted administrative costs are 10.0% for the fiscal year and 8.4% for the previous year. It is important to note that personnel costs also include expenses for employees who temporarily support projects in Germany. This figure also includes fundraising costs. **With this rate, ADRA compares very favorably to the average administrative rate of other humanitarian organizations, which is 12.0% (previous year: 12.4%), demonstrating very efficient project management.**<sup>16</sup>

The increase in the administration rate reflects the slight rise in the nominal value of the overall result. This includes also the responsible and long-term management of personnel and operational resources necessary for the organization and management of large projects. The aim is to gradually increase administrative costs to further professionalize and strengthen the personnel structure within the administration.

The salary ranges for different employee groups are shown in the table below. The gross salaries of employees are based on the „General Financial Guidelines“ (AFR), which in turn are aligned with

in thousand EUR	Lower Range	Average	Upper Range
Administrative Staff:	49	52	56
Program, Project Finance, Fundraising, and Public Relations Officers:	52	56	62
Senior Program Officers; Advocacy & Compliance:	59	61	62

<sup>16</sup> See DZI Spenden-Almanach 2023, data and graphics: Advertising and administrative costs as part of total expenditures, page 314. Previous year values: DZI-Spenden Almanach 2022, page 316.



the guidelines of the Seventh-day Adventist Church. In December 2023, the General Assembly, upon the recommendation of the Board of Directors and Supervisory Board, decided to switch to a salary system based on the public sector collective agreement (TVöD Bund) starting in 2024. The employee representatives and the employees have agreed to this change.

The remuneration of the Board of Directors is based on the collective agreement regulations of the AFR and is exclusively fixed and known to the staff council of the special supervisory body. For data protection reasons, the individual annual total remuneration, including the specific functions of the management body, is not published. Travel and accommodation expenses for meetings are reimbursed individually to the members of the Supervisory Board, whose work is on a voluntary basis.

A positive operating result and **after-tax result** have been achieved. The result for the fiscal year 2023 is 590,170.68 euros, representing an increase of 315,591.10 euros (+114.9%) compared to the previous year's value of 274,579.58 euros.

Stable financing of the organization is extremely important for all our stakeholders: Rights holders/beneficiaries are sustainably supported through long-term projects. Our personnel can be employed long-term under good conditions, and lastly, a gradual improvement in key figures contributes to a positive evaluation by institutional and public

donors for project allocation. The positive annual result is allocated to ADRA's reserves. Since ADRA does not distribute dividends or „profit distributions“ like companies do, these reserves will be used in the future for the association's purpose, namely to help people in need.

In summary, it can be stated that ADRA Germany has continued to grow in the revenue sector through international projects. International projects are the core of our work. **In 2023, we achieved significant milestones in our projects and initiated new ones.** Additionally, we managed humanitarian projects in Germany, which we oversee as the executing organization and partly implement ourselves over the long term.

ADRA Germany can always positively evaluate the loyalty of its private donors. In a year still marked by economic uncertainty and inflation for donors, ADRA was able to achieve a stable financial position and project implementation with an overall increased project volume thanks to their help. The 2023 budget – our internal targets – was exceeded in terms of revenue, gross result, operating result, and after-tax result. The management is overall satisfied with the development of the financial position in 2023. **We are very grateful to our private and institutional supporters for the trust placed in us. Thank you very much!**



Balance sheet per December 31, 2023

ASSETS	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
	EUR	EUR	EUR	EUR	EUR
A. FIXED ASSETS					
I. Intangible assets					
Concessions, industrial property rights and similar rights and assets, and licenses to such rights and assets	23,992.18	315.74	1,073.52	2,756.85	2,512.22
Total	23,992.18	315.74	1,073.52	2,756.85	2,512.22
II. property, plant and equipment					
1. land, land rights and buildings	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
2. technical equipment and machinery	47,640.36	53,300.64	58,960.88	64,621.12	70,281.36
3. other equipment, factory and business equipment	64,286.60	111,339.15	126,204.56	161,324.00	184,557.16
Total	111,926.96	164,639.79	185,165.44	225,945.12	254,838.52
III. financial assets					
1. shares in affiliated companies	75,000.00	75,000.00	75,000.00	25,000.00	50,001.00
2. credit balances with cooperatives	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00	500.00
3. securities held as fixed assets	626,309.69	626,309.69	626,309.69	626,309.69	626,309.69
Total	701,809.69	701,809.69	701,809.69	651,809.69	676,810.69
Total fixed assets	837,728.83	866,765.22	888,048.65	880,511.66	934,161.43
B. CURRENT ASSETS					
I. Inventories					
Goods	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
II. receivables and other assets					
1. receivables from affiliated companies	89,700.44	87,874.38	77,744.79	158,879.26	147,200.00
2. receivables from co-financing	29,685,793.28	40,267,458.65	17,328,205.47	25,373,557.84	16,045,347.06
3. other assets	163,860.66	40,163.20	103,951.21	132,667.42	481,074.80
Total	29,939,354.38	40,395,496.23	17,509,901.47	25,665,104.52	16,673,621.86
III. cash in hand, Federal Bank balances, bank balances and checks	15,009,853.58	14,844,425.11	10,609,087.82	5,316,288.80	6,365,632.20
Total current assets	44,949,207.96	55,239,921.34	28,118,989.29	30,981,393.32	23,039,254.06
C. PREPAID EXPENSES	24,162.43	21,783.53	0.00	0.00	15,524.22
Total assets	45,811,099.22	56,128,470.09	29,007,037.94	31,861,904.98	23,988,939.71

EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
	EUR	EUR	EUR	EUR	EUR
A. EQUITY					
I. Associational equity	526,000.00	526,000.00	526,000.00	526,000.00	526,000.00
II. Reserves					
Free reserve according to § 62 para. 1 no. 3 AO	1,473,145.30	1,198,565.72	1,146,578.88	1,146,578.88	1,146,578.88
III. loss carried forward	0.00	0.00	-378,006.86	-802,985.12	-839,808.28
IV. Net income for the year	590,170.68	274,579.58	429,993.70	424,978.26	52,347.38
Total	2,589,315.98	1,999,145.30	1,724,565.72	1,294,572.02	885,117.98
B. ACCRUALS AND PROVISIONS					
I. Accruals					
1. provisions for personnel	176,000.00	156,000.00	81,000.00	74,000.00	68,000.00
2. provisions for taxes	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
3. other accrued expenses	2,957,500.00	735,000.00	1,044,800.00	751,300.00	210,600.00
Total	3,133,500.00	891,000.00	1,125,800.00	825,300.00	278,600.00
II. liabilities					
1. liabilities to banks	2,688.77	4,496.58	1,520.09	0.00	0.00
2. liabilities from co-financing	39,799,643.56	52,987,539.28	25,998,526.09	29,337,698.56	22,118,669.65
3. liabilities from non-public project financing	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
4. liabilities from deliveries and services	8,118,051.74	83,006.61	83,069.25	96,985.50	60,811.96
5. other liabilities	167,899.17	163,282.32	73,556.79	307,348.90	645,740.12
Total	40,088,283.24	53,238,324.79	26,156,672.22	29,742,032.96	22,825,221.73
Total equity and liabilities	45,811,099.22	56,128,470.09	29,007,037.94	31,861,904.98	23,988,939.71

1.2. Asset and Financial Position

The **total balance sheet** decreased by -10,317 thousand euros to 45,811,099.22 euros as of the balance sheet date December 31, 2023 (previous year: 56,128,470.09 euros).

The primary factors influencing the development of the balance sheet on the **asset side** are the positions of receivables from co-financing amounting to 29,685,793.28 euros, which fell by -10,582 thousand euros, and the account balance, which increased by +165 thousand euros to 15,009,853.58 euros. This was due to the utilization of receivables through project implementations and the disbursement of funds for projects from donors to the account balance.

ADRA’s organizational operating model functions similarly to that of a medium-sized service provider, as ADRA’s performance is primarily delivered by its employees, in alignment with the association’s purpose. In the future, there will be a focus on employee development, quality-optimizing processes, and knowledge management.

This model also means that ADRA’s **investments** are not in the area of tangible assets to be recorded on

the balance sheet, but rather in „diffuse,“ intangible, and difficult-to-measure investments. In 2023, ADRA implemented a software that enables the program department to better administer and manage projects qualitatively. ADRA’s aim is to improve project management and to conduct projects in a highly economical, responsible, and accountable manner.

ADRA purchased the licenses for this project management software and accordingly activated them on the balance sheet for the first time in the fiscal year. The costs associated with the implementation (*customization*) were entirely expensed in the reporting year and not capitalized on the balance sheet.

In general, ADRA opts for conservative accounting practices; thus, we also exercised the option to directly expense various electronic devices in the year of acquisition rather than capitalizing them (e.g., laptops, mobile phones). This effect is particularly noticeable in the previous year.

The capitalized investments of the past years are as follows:

Investments in the current fiscal year, prior year comparison	2023 EUR	2022 EUR	2021 EUR
Licenses, rights, concessions	35,988.26	0.00	0.00
Operating and office equipment	33,344.94	80,421.47	30,642.46
Total	69,333.20	80,421.47	30,642.46

On the **liabilities side** of the balance sheet, liabilities for projects decreased by -13,188 thousand euros, to a level of 39,799,643.56 euros. As a significant component of the balance sheet,

receivables and liabilities from project acquisition are closely analyzed and evaluated. The company’s ability to service project liabilities further improved in the fiscal year 2023.

	2023 EUR	2022 EUR
Receivables from project co-financing	29,685,793.28	40,267,458.65
Cash and account balances	15,009,853.58	14,844,425.11
Liabilities from project co-financing	-39,799,643.56	-52,987,539.28
Balance	4,896,003.30	2,124,344.48



The provisions totaling 3,133,500.00 euros increased by +2,243 thousand euros. This increase primarily reflects an update in the risk assessment of the project portfolio, which has grown in scale and volume over the past two years due to implementation.

The equity of 2,589,315.98 euros improved by the annual profit of +590,170.68 euros. The annual surplus is entirely allocated to unrestricted reserves. With the allocation of the annual profit to equity and the reduction in the balance sheet size (decrease in total assets), the equity ratio significantly changed from 3.6% to 5.7%.

In summary, it can be stated that the asset and financial position of ADRA Germany is well-organized. The organization's liquidity remained secure due to incoming donations and existing liquid assets. Payment obligations were consistently met on time. The management is satisfied with the organization's asset and financial position for the fiscal year.

**Report on anticipated developments with significant opportunities and risks**

**1. Opportunities and Risks Report**

ADRA's local and global engagement in projects often involves weighing opportunities and risks. Fundamentally, opportunities are influenced by the humanitarian imperative that urges ADRA to act, often with a moral or ethical obligation, to fulfill projects and expectations. Projects frequently take place in areas that pose high risks across various dimensions simultaneously, such as personal, physical, and psychological risks to project staff, risks of fraud and corruption, misallocation of funds, failure to achieve goals, or nepotism among project implementers.

ADRA is exposed to both controllable and uncontrollable risks in both strategic and operational areas. Internal controls including liquidity planning and

risk management ensure systematic identification, efficient classification, and deliberate action-taking to minimize risks.

In a dynamic environment, new opportunities and approaches for assistance continually emerge, presenting opportunities. ADRA's pronounced internal culture of learning, openness, and transparency, along with its international network and continuous monitoring of innovations within our sector, supported by our qualified staff, facilitate the implementation, evolution, and continuity of our organizational mission.

Internal frameworks such as project approvals, expenditure, and investment plans within annual budgets, as well as guidelines and oversight by the board of directors and supervisory board, help capture and address financial risks comprehensively. Adherence to these frameworks is continuously monitored internally and externally. Financial risk management adheres to stringent criteria. Rolling budget and financial planning aim for balanced and long-term growth, ensuring the continuous and sustainable financial commitment to emergency relief and development projects. This fulfills the expectations of civil society and our organization's members. Daily liquidity reporting, along with monthly and quarterly reporting and subsequent analyses, form the basis to act promptly and potentially adjust course as needed.

Further risks are assessed by the department, and estimated costs for remediation are provisioned. Risk management for future cases in this area naturally includes appropriate insurance coverage.

Medium-term workforce planning identifies personnel needs at a functional and qualitative level. This planning includes continuous training and development, particularly in administrative and programmatic areas. The unpredictability of crises and emergencies often necessitates ADRA to dynamically recruit personnel tailored to specific projects.

ADRA identifies a new and heightened risk in the current societal trend, which increasingly views our

sector critically. This includes other organizations with a faith-based background. This societal trend could influence institutional funders. Based on our assessment in the reporting year and in 2024, we conclude that political institutions, parties, and funders might scrutinize ADRA as a faith-based humanitarian organization with scepticism. This may lead to a reduction in project contracts amid general budget cuts in the federal budget. ADRA perceives this trend as a shrinking of spaces for action, particularly affecting small and medium-sized civil society organizations. Given the evolving budgetary situation of the German government and the European Commission, ADRA could face pressure in the future. ADRA aims to mitigate this risk by submitting high-quality project outlines to funding agencies and by highlighting successful project work as part of an internal excellence initiative. Additionally, ADRA seeks to counter prejudices or criticisms through comprehensive and direct information and communication with funders. Only ADRA's compelling work can mitigate or eliminate this risk.

In none of our areas is there any significant or substantial financial dependence on individual major project funders. Our receivables from co-financing are primarily from government organizations such as the Federal Government or the European Union and are highly secure. The association does not use financial instruments. The majority of receivables and payables are denominated in euro.

Through active risk management, ADRA is able to meet legal requirements for risk control and provide timely, comprehensive, and qualitative risk assessments to regulatory bodies. The management assumes that, in the overall assessment of the association's risk situation, the risks are limited and manageable and do not endanger the continued existence of ADRA.





2. Outlook and Forecast Report

Foreign Minister Annalena Baerbock presents the concept of integrated peace management, emphasizing the integration of various measures for crisis management. A significant aspect of global security is to be achieved through the integration of civil elements, including humanitarian aid measures. Food security, healthcare, and future prospects are placed at the heart of peaceful coexistence and global security. The aim is to act early and manage crises sustainably.

ADRA is pleased to be part of German and European humanitarian relief efforts. Concern for the well-being of all people on this earth is embedded in ADRA’s mission and long-term strategy. However, implementing this creed in daily work is highly dynamic. It is influenced by factors such as annual changes and recent budget cuts in ministries or among institutional donors, as well as by the perception and promotion of these goals within German civil society.

Many external factors fundamentally change the conditions under which our sector operates. Consequently, ADRA Germany must respond to these changes, adjust to new circumstances, and continuously learn and relearn to flexibly adapt. Many key themes, however, remain fundamentally constant.

Trusted partnerships aimed at alleviating poverty, hunger, and structural injustice remain a focal point for ADRA. Our global network, which relies on local organizations, is dedicated to nurturing these

deepened partnerships to effect sustainable change. This also applies to new and established partnerships with institutions that have co-financed projects over many years. The value-oriented approach to implementing preventive, sustainable, rapid, and equitable projects is an intrinsic aspect of ADRA Germany, reflecting its Christian-oriented ethos.

Protecting minorities from any form of discrimination continues to be a high priority in our projects. In many of our project countries, addressing gender-specific values and perspective on individuals with special needs or disabilities remain an ongoing issue. Therefore, it is essential to integrate this aspect into every project comprehensively.

We are equally enthusiastic about new emerging themes, such as integrating climate protection and sustainability more robustly into our projects.

ADRA’s strategic orientation clearly focuses on deepening the existing connectivity within global systems across our projects and organizational direction. Since 2020, our strategy has reflected this connectivity, ensuring that challenges in disaster and development projects are perceived and addressed in their actual complexity and multidimensional nature.

Relatively new focus areas also include a feminist perspective and approach, as well as considering the historical responsibility in the relationship between the global South and North.

Revenues and expenses

REVENUE	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
	EUR	EUR	EUR	EUR	EUR
Income from donations and grants from public institutions	37,538,373.42	34,954,546.05	25,757,656.02	20,661,158.07	21,326,365.49
Donations from natural individuals	4,740,985.17	4,848,602.59	4,602,410.95	3,478,995.52	3,168,496.53
Donations in kind - "Campaign Children Help Children!"	626,273.07	605,698.83	596,832.62	559,787.31	775,642.60
German Federal Foreign Office (AA)	11,617,056.61	8,459,198.52	5,839,999.01	6,893,355.37	7,327,060.50
Federal Ministry for Cooperation (BMZ)	5,439,944.96	3,968,916.65	2,587,492.25	1,796,955.27	3,287,460.79
German Society for International Cooperation (GiZ)	108,464.90	416,350.00	136,230.00	0.00	0.00
European Community Humanitarian Office (DG ECHO)	1,459,437.58	1,092,148.15	1,905,777.46	1,327,241.92	1,271,472.69
European Cooperation Office (EuropeAid/INTPA)	4,126,016.84	5,824,402.13	1,123,040.87	5,086,392.87	3,643,357.35
Alliance Aktion Deutschland Hilft (ADH)	8,081,459.81	9,085,415.64	8,157,952.34	846,844.50	892,455.25
Blue Action Fund / Nature Trust Alliance	910,253.03	460,442.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
International ADRA Network Partners	88,931.83	150,967.60	161,765.44	231,642.75	265,365.96
ADRA Foundation (Germany)	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200,000.00
Other organizations (NGOs)	293,860.15	-70,258.72	586,986.43	165,804.08	42,929.30
Disaster Famine Relief Offering Fund (DFRO)	45,689.47	112,662.66	59,168.65	274,138.48	452,124.52
Other revenues	29,199.58	28,155.64	25,478.69	24,873.66	27,833.89
Other operating income	46,229.73	403,854.17	88,780.89	221,304.24	67,573.46
Interest income	69,091.29	6,265.78	6,071.69	6,262.27	12,744.29
Total revenue	37,682,894.02	35,392,821.64	25,877,987.29	20,913,598.24	21,434,517.13
EXPENDITURE	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
Humanitarian assistance in crises and disasters and Development cooperation	32,858,679.42	36,381,600.55	22,229,390.61	17,835,533.90	18,251,815.89
Development education	1,090,979.32	1,054,551.31	907,972.66	873,746.94	1,252,118.38
Marketing and advertising	322,284.07	235,622.88	206,205.32	183,284.10	158,589.40
General administration	2,814,826.21	2,288,216.13	2,105,217.62	1,593,659.91	1,717,087.12
Interest expense/taxes	5,954.32	6,853.78	-792.62	2,395.13	2,558.96
Total expenses	37,092,723.34	35,118,242.06	25,447,993.59	20,488,619.98	21,382,169.75
Surplus (+) / deficit (-)	590,170.68	274,579.58	429,993.70	424,978.26	52,347.38

The assessment and forecast for the development of our program and project work in both national and international contexts indicate that crises and the need for practical, operational project work will increase above average. However, financial viability will be subject to uncertain, short-term, and dynamic influences.

ADRA continues to observe a trend towards more large-scale private support from international foundations and significant private donations. These donors have different expectations and requirements for international projects, including reporting and influence, compared to institutional public donors. To attract these supporters for humanitarian projects, dynamic and flexible applications are necessary – and ADRA considers itself well-positioned in this regard.

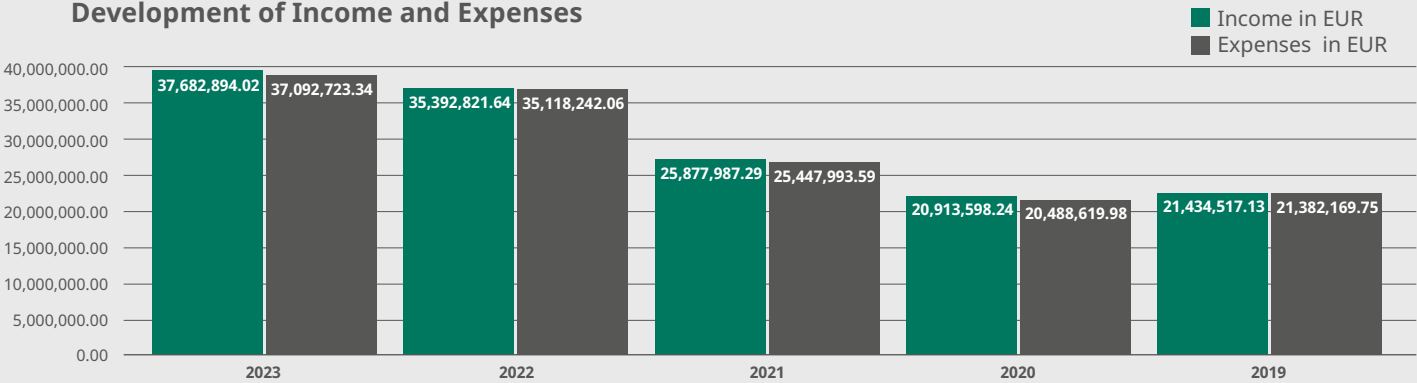
Additionally, private individuals as donors are of great importance. ADRA receives the mandate from German society to implement humanitarian projects in crises and to sustainably alleviate suffering. Both in the reporting year and currently, ADRA has experienced an overwhelming willingness

from donors to provide financial assistance. This demonstrates that compassionate and supportive helping is deeply rooted in our society.

In both the development and emergency response project areas, we anticipate lower growth for the next year, projected to align with a rate of +1 to +3 percentage points above inflation. In the event that the aforementioned risks materialize, we have developed guidelines for handling a decline in our work by -10 to -15% in a worst-case scenario.

In our highly dynamic environment, as a medium-sized humanitarian organization, we must quickly seize opportunities and adapt ADRA’s requirements flexibly and swiftly as needed. ADRA must be prepared for scaling activities, such as in response to sudden large-scale crises and disasters, to fulfill the core mission of the organization: serving humanity, so that people can find hope again.

Development of Income and Expenses



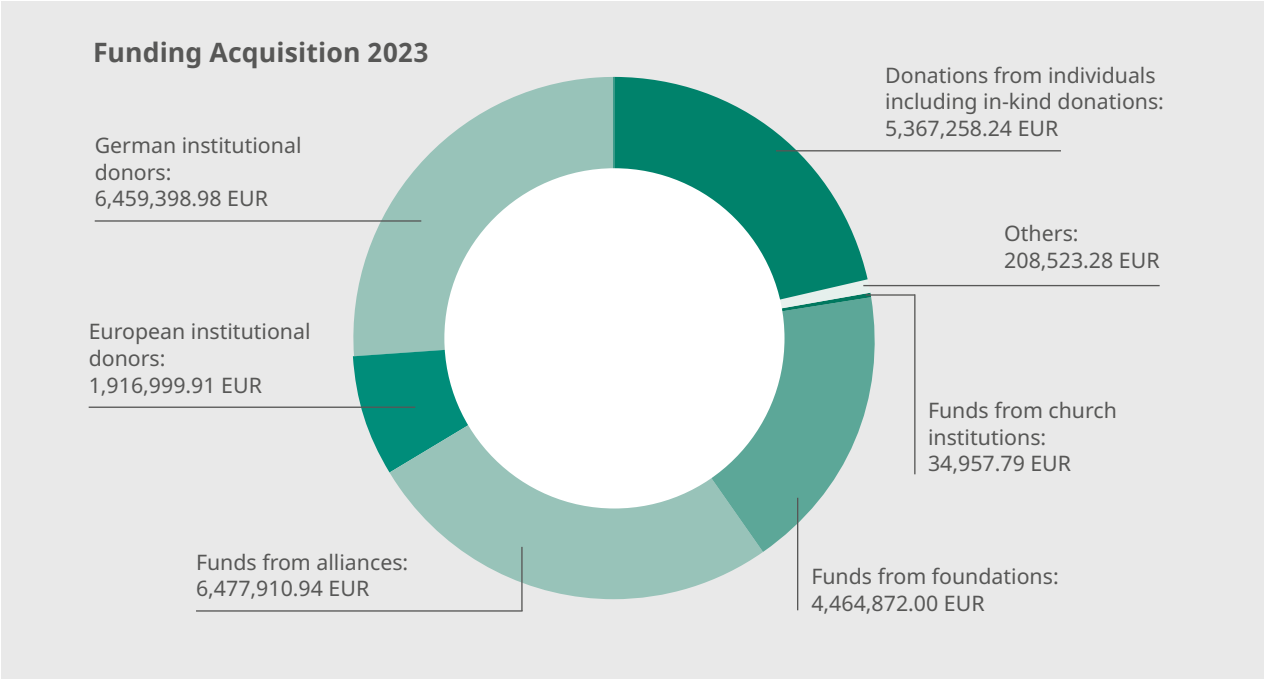


Fundraising

Fundraising refers to the financial commitments of planned national and international humanitarian projects that were contractually agreed upon and signed in the respective fiscal year. This involves

both the commissioning and allocation of project funds by institutional donors, which will be implemented and executed by ADRA Germany in the following years.

	2023	2022	2021	2020	2019
	EUR	EUR	EUR	EUR	EUR
German institutional donors					
Federal Foreign Office (AA)	3,693,687.80	19,278,943.85	301,401.60	13,805,565.00	2,112,057.07
Federal Ministry for Cooperation (BMZ)	2,773,836.98	10,025,771.17	3,582,635.02	3,321,587.91	1,138,361.27
German Society for International Cooperation (GiZ)	-8,125.80	0.00	684,560.80	0.00	0.00
	6,459,398.98	29,304,715.02	4,568,597.42	17,127,152.91	3,250,418.34
European institutional donors					
European Community Humanitarian Office (DG ECHO)	1,924,782.58	769,534.21	1,264,829.86	1,927,145.71	1,335,362.29
European Cooperation Office (EuropeAid/INTPA)	-7,782.67	10,458,493.97	0.00	1,661,656.99	5,866,436.56
	1,916,999.91	11,228,028.18	1,264,829.86	3,588,802.70	7,201,798.85
Funds from alliances					
Aktion Deutschland Hilft (ADH)	6,434,258.74	13,138,819.52	10,985,406.47	2,235,511.38	1,136,275.91
ADRA partner network	43,652.20	105,000.00	216,129.19	217,721.47	294,936.82
	6,477,910.94	13,243,819.52	11,201,535.66	2,453,232.85	1,431,212.73
Funds from foundations					
Blue Action Fund / Nature Trust Alliance	4,464,872.00	2,988,977.00	0.00	0.00	0.00
ADRA Foundation	0.00	0.00	0.00	0.00	200,000.00
	4,464,872.00	2,988,977.00	0.00	0.00	200,000.00
Funds from church institutions					
Disaster, Famine, Relief Offering (DFRO)	34,957.79	40,082.16	212,065.22	51,666.00	525,394.67
Other	208,523.28	72,619.83	34,811.20	780,470.79	-50,000.00
Partial amount of project commitments	19,562,662.90	56,878,241.71	17,281,839.36	24,001,325.25	12,558,824.59
Donations					
Donations from natural individuals	4,740,985.17	4,740,985.17	4,602,410.95	3,478,995.52	3,168,496.53
Donations in kind	626,273.07	605,698.83	596,832.62	559,787.31	775,642.60
	5,367,258.24	5,346,684.00	5,199,243.57	4,038,782.83	3,944,139.13
Grand total	24,929,921.14	62,224,925.71	22,481,082.93	28,040,108.08	16,502,963.72





## INDEPENDENT AUDITORS' REPORT

Based on the final results of our audit, we have issued an unqualified audit opinion on the financial statements as of December 31, 2023 of ADRA Germany, Weiterstadt, dated May 21, 2024, which is reproduced here in part:

### Audit Opinion

We have audited the annual financial statements of ADRA Germany, Weiterstadt, comprising the balance sheet as of December 31, 2023, and the income statement for the year from January 1 to December 31, 2023, as well as the notes to the financial statements, including a description of the accounting and valuation methods. We have also audited the management report of ADRA Germany, Weiterstadt, for the financial year from January 1 to December 31, 2023.

In our opinion, based on the results of our audit, the accompanying financial statements present fairly, in all essential respects, the financial position of the association as of December 31, 2023, and of its financial performance for the financial year from January 1 to December 31, 2023 in accordance with German principles of proper accounting.

On the whole, the accompanying management report provides a suitable understanding of the Association's position. In all essential respects, this management report is consistent with the annual financial statements, complies with German legal requirements and accurately presents the opportunities and risks of future development.

In accordance with Section 322 (3) sentence 1 of the German Commercial Code (HGB), we declare that our audit has not led to any reservations concerning the correctness of the annual financial statements and the management report.

(...)

Munich, May 21, 2024  
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Events 2023





## Events 2023

### Conference „Forgotten Crises“ at the Federal Foreign Office

The conference „Forgotten Crises“ took place on April 18 at the Federal Foreign Office in Berlin, preceding the #InDenFokus campaign. The focus was on discussing how to raise awareness about forgotten crises, particularly highlighting Lebanon, South Sudan, and Bangladesh. The goal was to spotlight the suffering of people in these regions and familiarize the public with the humanitarian efforts of German aid organizations in these three countries. ADRA also had the opportunity to participate in this conference with an information booth, informing attendees about our work.



### The Evangelical Church Assembly in Nuremberg

The Evangelical Church Assembly took place from June 7 to June 11 in Nuremberg under the motto „Now is the Time.“ A wide range of programs, information booths, and activities were offered at the exhibition center and in the city center. ADRA had the opportunity to present its various areas of activity and engage in conversations with many guests about our work, including discussions on „Global Challenges.“

### Pathfinder Meeting in Friedensau, Sachsen-Anhalt

The „EUD Camporee“ is the largest European gathering for Pathfinders of the Seventh-day Adventist Church aged 12 to 15 years. This event takes place every four years and was held this year from July 23 to August 6 on the campus of Friedensau Theological University near Magdeburg. Pathfinders from across Europe and other parts of the world came together for seven days of community, adventure, and numerous activities. ADRA was present at the Camporee and presented the project „Children's Hospital in Mekele, Ethiopia.“ Pathfinders had the opportunity to donate to this project.



### Summer Festival Adventist Church Wesseling, North Rhine-Westphalia

A special occasion brought together people from different cultures in the community of Wesseling on August 27. The Adventist Church Wesseling, dedicated to helping people in need, organized a summer festival to raise donations for people in Ukraine. ADRA was invited to participate in this festival, where many guests visited the Adventist Church Wesseling for the first time. In addition to a brief program, the festival featured a variety of international culinary delights. ADRA set up an information booth to introduce our organization to those unfamiliar with it. There were also plenty of engaging activities for children to enjoy at the ADRA booth.

### ADRA Sermon at Adventist Church Treysa, Hessen

On November 4, ADRA was invited to deliver a sermon at the Adventist Church Treysa. Reimund Peters accepted the invitation and spoke on the topic of light—how we, as humans, can be a light on earth and its connection to our work at ADRA.



### Schlossgrabenfest in Darmstadt

The Schlossgrabenfest is a music festival that takes place over the Pentecost weekend around the Darmstadt Castle. Local and regional associations can showcase themselves at the Friedensplatz. For the first time, ADRA participated from May 25 to 28, setting up an information booth at the Schlossgrabenfest and offering various activities. The goal was to raise awareness within our local community. Among other things, attendees were invited to write their wishes for a better world on a „Wall of Wishes.“

### Sustainability Project week at Marienhöhe, Darmstadt

From July 14 to 20, the project week took place at the Marienhöhe School Center. ADRA was actively involved with a total of 15 students on the topic „Water as a scarce resource and as a human right.“ Students from grades 5 to 11 formed groups during this week to create infographics on various subtopics related to this theme. These infographics were exhibited on March 23, 2024, to coincide with World Water Day, at Marienhöhe.

### Open Day at Waldfriede Hospital in Berlin

Once again this year, on September 10, ADRA participated in the open day event at Waldfriede Hospital in Berlin. We were supported on-site by a volunteer. Visitors had the opportunity to gain insights into our work and engage with our staff on topics such as health, education, and the ADRAlive volunteer service.



### Christmas Market in Augsburg

For many years, there has been a stand at the Augsburg Christmas Market that supports ADRA projects with profits from sales. From November 27 to December 23, the proceeds supported the Children's Hospital in Mekele, Ethiopia. Visitors to the Christmas market had the opportunity to learn about the project and ADRA in general at the stand. We extend our gratitude to all the volunteers whose tireless efforts have contributed to supporting ADRA projects.

### Christmas Musical at Marienhöhe in Darmstadt

On December 9 and 10, the Marienhöhe Adventist Church in Darmstadt hosted a Christmas musical titled „Hanna's Dream“. In this musical, Hanna experiences the biblical Christmas story in a dream. The musical was a great success, and after the performances, guests had the opportunity to donate to ADRA's work. ADRA had an information stand at the church where guests could learn about various projects.





*Dear Mr. Dullinger, since when have you been a supervisory board member of ADRA Germany and what connects you to this relief organization?*

Since my nomination as President of the Seventh-day Adventist Church for Southern Germany in 2016, I have served as a member and Chairman of the Supervisory Board of ADRA Germany. However, even during my years overseeing youth work in Hessen, I maintained close contacts with the ADRA office in Weiterstadt. Through projects like „weltwärts“, many young people gained valuable experiences that shaped their future paths. Additionally, I believe that the fundamental Christian values I uphold find a practical and highly effective embodiment in ADRA's work for the benefit of the global society.

*What distinguishes Christian development cooperation and disaster relief?*

On one hand, I believe that Christian development cooperation fundamentally shares its values with secular organizations, as the underlying principles are largely aligned: the inviolable dignity of every human being, providing assistance and respect regardless of religious affiliation, origin, or social status, promoting self-help, and maintaining a high degree of transparency towards institutional and private donors. Alongside all this, Christian development cooperation and disaster relief, are distinguished by a holistic view of individuals, addressing not only physical and material needs but also the spiritual and psychological well-being of people.

*What challenges do you see for humanitarian work in today's times?*

Humanitarian work today faces a multitude of challenges, arising from both global trends and specific local conditions. One major challenge is the increasing complexity of conflicts and crises. Political tensions and restricted access hinder

humanitarian organizations from reaching those in urgent need. Moreover, the impacts of climate change, coupled with the frequency and intensity of disasters, necessitate immediate relief measures and the long-term building of community resilience. I am particularly concerned about the declining sense of solidarity in Western societies. There



appears a growing tendency among individuals, communities, and even states to prioritize their own interests.

To address these challenges effectively, enhanced cooperation between governments, non-governmental organizations, local communities, and other stakeholders is essential. This collaboration is crucial for developing innovative solutions and ensuring the effectiveness of humanitarian efforts in an ever-evolving world.

*Werner Dullinger is a pastor and the President of the Seventh-day Adventist Church in Germany.*



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