

The background of the cover features two young girls standing in front of a dark chalkboard. The girl on the left is wearing a vibrant, patterned dress with green, yellow, and orange designs. The girl on the right is wearing a patterned shirt with orange and white. A white heart has been drawn on the chalkboard behind them. The right side of the cover is a solid yellow color, and the entire page is framed by a blue border.

Activity Report 2022

TwoWings Private Foundation

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FUNDAMENTALS AND GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF **TWOWINGS**

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The projects supported by TwoWings place importance on sustainable knowledge transfer, which is intended to motivate people to improve their situation with the available resources. We are convinced that education is the key to sustainable development.

Our goal is to enable the people in these projects to lead self-determined lives.





Equal Partnerships

In development cooperation, the population of the southern hemisphere is not regarded as passive recipients. In fact, cooperation with local partners is characterized by effective consultation and mutual respect.



Releasing Potential

The selected projects do not focus on the deficits that need to be overcome, but rather on the potential and resources that can be promoted and developed.

TwoWings Guiding Principles

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Openness as a Motto

TwoWings is a non-partisan and non-denominational organization. The projects it supports are open to people of all races, ethnicities, and religions, without any restrictions in this regard.



Sustainability

The focus of each project is on sustainability and its impact on the participants and the affected population groups. TwoWings promotes projects with long-term perspectives that benefit the respective community as a whole.



Avoiding Preconceived Solutions

Development should not be a process of imitating the so-called “developed” countries. A project depends on jointly defining goals and ensuring their achievement with flexible concepts. The project’s participants are supported in finding their own creative solutions to current problems and applying them.



Working Method

TwoWings relies on volunteers and strives to avoid cost-driving bureaucracy in all working areas, as far as possible. The organization’s effectiveness is enabled by its many competent staff members and volunteers who handle donations. To ensure a solid documentation of our work, TwoWings is audited by a.m. Wirtschaftstreuhand GmbH.

AREAS OF RESPONSIBILITY AND DUTIES

Internally, the organization is composed of 3 organs, the Foundation Board, the Advisory Board, and the Foundation Auditor.



ADVISORY BOARD

- The Advisory Board is responsible for determining the distribution of the agendas in the Board of Directors of the Foundation, issuing rules of procedure, and deciding on amendments to the Rules of Procedure.

- The auditor of the foundation is appointed by the court on the proposal of the Advisory Board for a period of one year. The proposal for the appointment is made annually in a meeting of the Advisory Board.

- The North-South Advisory Board of TwoWings consists of a total of 8 members, divided into two sections. The first section consists of four representatives from the northern hemisphere, while the second section is occupied by representatives from the southern hemisphere. This procedure ensures that funding applications are not decided solely based on southern interests, as decisions are made by consensus of the entire Advisory Board. In this way, the basic idea of balanced cooperation between the “North” and “South” is taken into account. It also ensures that local needs are met through well-designed projects.

FOUNDATION BOARD

- The foundation board manages the foundation's assets, represents the foundation in court and out of court and ensures that the foundation's purpose is fulfilled.

- The foundation is represented jointly by two members of the foundation board.

- The Board of Management shall perform its duties economically and with the diligence of a prudent businessman. - The Board of Trustees shall prepare the annual financial statements for the past financial year.

FOUNDATION AUDITOR

- The foundation auditor shall audit the annual financial statements, including the accounting and the management report of the foundation.

- The foundation auditor shall report annually to the Board of Management, the Advisory Board and the founder on the results of the audit.

Dipl.-Kff. Dr. Sarvenas Enayati has been appointed as the person responsible for funding activities. The main task of this role is to ensure the fairness of advertising activities in accordance with Section 7 of the Rules of Procedure. This ensures that advertising is fair, and that fundraising is conducted with an ethical approach. Ms. Manuela Dorn has been appointed as the data protection officer. The main task of the data protection officer is to ensure compliance with the provisions of the Data Protection Act, to monitor their implementation, and to perform advisory duties.



REVIEW OF THE YEAR 2022



Project: Transformation of the environment, Colombia

The ‘Transforming the Environment’ project, initiated in May 2022, targets planting 10,000 native trees in Colombia. This initiative is supported by our long-term partner FUNDAEC and numerous participants. It forms a key part of FUNDAEC’s ‘Preparation for Social Action’ (PSA) training program, which actively involves students, tutors, coordinators, parents, leaders, and teachers from marginalized communities.

10,000 native trees

The project spans multiple districts across Colombia, encompassing plans to conduct 3 workshops in over 28 locations and to establish tree nurseries with a capacity of producing 1,000 trees annually. The responsible team initiated the project by collecting information, identifying suitable tree species, and assessing local environmental conditions.

In Córdoba and Sucre, the first set of workshops were held in June. These sessions covered both the theoretical and practical elements of tree planting, including organic soil preparation and fertilizer production. The participants displayed remarkable enthusiasm and commitment.

Organic Soil Preparation and Fertilizer Production.

In July, the momentum continued with additional planning and planting activities, notably including the creation of a ‘Natural Forest’ in Cauca. By December 2022, the project had achieved a significant milestone with the planting of 4,814 trees. Each tree is under the care of a designated caregiver, backed by detailed care information. The donation from TwoWings played a crucial role, specifically contributing to the planting and ongoing maintenance of 500 of these trees. This support ensures their well-being through initiatives such as dedicated training programs.



The implementation of technology in tree inventory management has been a key focus. We have developed a tree registration and geo-referencing tool, ensuring every tree in our project is traceable. This platform, a collaborative effort between TwoWings and the IT team at Green Habitat GMBH based in Linz, Austria, is already active. Its development was enabled by a targeted donation for IT services, which included website creation, online donation processing, and the development of a comprehensive database and app. These tools facilitate the efficient administration and documentation of tree planting and training projects within the 'Planting Hope' initiative.

Future plans include expanding the workshops to additional regions in Colombia, with planting activities set to resume in April 2023, coinciding with the rainy season. This timing is optimal for the growth and sustainability of the new plantings. The project is focused on creating a lasting impact on biodiversity and enhancing the well-being and environmental knowledge of the community.

Two inspiring stories highlight the success of our project. Pedro D., in charge of a tree nursery in Córdoba, is passionately committed to planting and nurturing native trees. His goal is to establish a certified commercial tree nursery. Meanwhile, Lisbeth S., from the municipality of San Nicolás, has planted over 300 trees to create a biodiverse forest. Her remarkable leadership and management skills in overseeing the tree population stand out as exemplary.

The project has achieved a significant milestone, yet its real impact will unfold in the years ahead as the trees mature and ecosystems are rejuvenated. This growth will bring substantial benefits to both nature and local communities, marking a lasting positive change.

Project: Support for “the Foundation for the Betterment of Society” or FBS, Vanuatu

In collaboration with the German-based association “Beyond” (www.beyond-verein.de), TwoWings has extended support to the “Foundation for the Betterment of Society” (FBS) in Vanuatu. With a population of around 300,000 and an average age of 21 years, Vanuatu faces unique challenges. A significant portion of its young people, who seldom attend secondary school, migrate to cities for apprenticeships or work, leaving rural areas underdeveloped and weakening social structures.



Founded in 2009 by locals, FBS aims to empower the population to independently address these challenges and drive social and economic progress in their villages. The Foundation primarily operates through the Preparation for Social Action Program (PSA), which involves training tutors in rural areas. These tutors then conduct a 2-to-3-year training program for groups of young people in their villages. The program focuses on practical applications tailored to local needs, covering essential topics such as health care, agriculture, environmental protection, municipal administration, economy, business, and early childhood education. The curriculum is a blend of theory and practice, fostering a service-oriented attitude towards the common good. Graduates of the program are recognized as “promoters of community wellbeing,” contributing significantly to the development of their communities.



Promoters Of Community Wellbeing

EDUCATIONAL WORK IN AUSTRIA

Art for Education

As part of a charity art auction for the TwoWings Foundation, students from the art schools CHS Villach and HBLA für künstlerische Gestaltung Linz participated in the “Art for Education” competition. This initiative aimed to inspire young artists to create artworks centered on themes such as “Equality,” “Reforestation against Climate Change,” “One Planet, One Humanity,” and “Development and Flourishing of Human Potential through Education.” The goal was to raise awareness and generate donations through their artistic expressions. The highlight of this event was the opportunity for the winners to have their artworks featured and sold at the charity auction in the first half of 2023.

Financial education for women

In Austria, women are disproportionately affected by poverty in old age, a situation often attributed to a lack of financial education. To address this issue, two workshops focused on financial education for women were organized in 2022, in cooperation with Partner Bank, in both Linz and Vienna. The proceeds from these events were donated to TwoWings.

FORECAST FOR THE YEAR 2023



2021

2022

2023

In 2023, we plan to continue our support for the “Transforming the Environment” project by FUNDAEC in Colombia, as well as the “Environmental Health Program” by the Inshindo organization in Zambia. These projects encompass much more than just tree planting. They involve comprehensive training for individuals to deepen their understanding of ecosystems. This education aims to empower people to make sustainable contributions, thereby strengthening the environmental health of their communities.