



Hanns Seidel Foundation

The Hanns Seidel Foundation (HSF) founded in 1967 is a German political foundation, close to the Christian Social Union (CSU), providing political education „in the Service of Democracy, Peace and Development“ in Germany and abroad. For more than 30 years the HSF has been working within the current Institute for International Contact and Cooperation (ICC) in the field of development cooperation with currently around 90 projects in around 60 countries worldwide.

Our international activities based on Christian-social ideals seek to promote humane living conditions and to contribute to sustainable development by strengthening peace, democracy and social market economy. In cooperation with our local partners we realise projects in the fields of political counselling, vocational training and political education as well as civil society and constitutional structures.

In this area the German political foundations are unique in their kind: No other country disposes of similar institutions engaging in development policy on a worldwide level. The coexistence of six political foundations illustrates the plurality of a free democratic system as well as of its political approach to development cooperation.

Dialogue on Development Policy

Since 2003 the Brussels office of the Hanns Seidel Foundation has also promoted a dialogue on development policy with the officers of the European Union. The project seeks to create an exchange platform on tasks and functionalities of European development cooperation via seminars and symposia as well as to introduce own experience and expertise in order to identify possible fields of cooperation and to help shape European development cooperation. An important role in this work plays the sustainable networking of our partners from the project countries with experts from the EU.

Project Examples

China

Education transfer in structurally disadvantaged regions

Ecuador

Promotion of the indigenous minorities

Egypt

Education and communication centres to promote civic participation in sustainable development measures as well as in urban and rural planning

El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras

Political counselling of local authorities

EU/Brussels

Dialogue on development policy with the EU

India

Seminars on how to set-up a business and management training for women

Indonesia

Support in the design of national curricula on environmental education

Jordan

Promotion of socio-political education and vocational training

Korea

Support of the reconciliation process on the Korean peninsula

Tanzania

Decentralisation, democratisation and promotion of the local administration

Ukraine

Promotion of the transformation process and counselling in the establishment of a citizen-friendly police

Efficiency Control

In order to measure the achievement of the project objectives and to account for the sustainability of the expenses we assess our project activities through a continuous internal monitoring process as well as constant external evaluation measures.

This work implies the identification of effect hypotheses depicting the interrelation between project activities in the countries (e.g. seminars, further education measures and publications) and long-term objectives. Control and steering of the monitoring and evaluation measures lie in the responsibility of desk V/7 „Evaluation“.

Focus of our Work

- Promotion of civil society structures in urban and rural areas
- Support of decentralised participative structures of administration
- Counselling of decision makers from politics and the economy
- Development of rural areas and structurally disadvantaged regions
- Socio-political advancement of women
- Support of the economic progress via vocational and management training
- Bridging of social and ethnic gaps
- Sensitisation of the population to the protection of the environment

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