

Short information **EIKOS e.V.** (April 2020)

EIKOS: Association for Development, Inclusion and Communication with East and South, was founded in 2013 by people who want to actively shape their interests and experiences in the following fields:

- national and international work with and for people with disabilities
- Development cooperation in general
- International cultural and communication work
- Contacts and partnerships with people and organizations from Central and Eastern Europe (East), and from so-called developing and emerging countries (South)

EIKOS would like to promote social engagement with topics such as

- social disadvantage
- Social exclusion of social classes worldwide
- as well as poverty and disability in the **One World**

EIKOS wants to help

- that people with special needs and / or with disabilities and their families in Eastern Europe and the "Third World" receive the necessary support
- That this **One World** is made more inclusive and that all people, including those with disabilities, have equal rights and are given opportunities for development
- that inclusion can also become a social reality (all people live on an equal level in their social environment without exclusion)
- that cultures and cultural/social groups from different countries meet and that mutual understanding is promoted
- that international development cooperation increasingly includes the interests of people with disabilities and with special needs and acts inclusive.

EIKOS makes specific contributions to this, for example through:

- General support and promotion of people with social disadvantage and / or in poverty, where possible
- Development and implementation of temporary projects with partner organizations in different countries in East and South, which are designed in partnership
- Participation in the implementation on site as much as possible and desired
- Promotion of meetings between people from Germany and the respective partner countries. This strengthens mutual learning and experience
- Public relations work on the conditions for people with special needs and on the possibilities for support in the respective partner countries
- Promotion of cooperation (networking) between people, associations and organizations in Germany for the stated goals

Examples of activities during the past years and in the present:

Russia, Nizhny Novgorod region: multiple support for young adults with disabilities in the areas of independent living and employment / job opportunities. Strengthening the structures of the partner organization.

Uganda: in the capital Kampala, development of support centers for people with intellectual and multiple disabilities; Promoting self-help for families with relatives with disabilities in rural areas; development of structures for self-help and income opportunities through Community-Based Rehabilitation; support for the self-help partner organization.

Belarus: encounter/visits of Belarusian contemporary witnesses of German National Socialism in Germany with various schools and administrations; training of specialists in home care and support for disabled children directly their families in Belarus.

Pakistan: support for job opportunities and professional occupation for young adults with disabilities with two partner organizations in the Lahore region

Georgia: development of job opportunities for young adults with disabilities in the Tbilisi region; support for the parent initiative in Georgia.

EIKOS requires financial support from ministries, foundations, also through membership fees and donations to carry out the association's work and above all the project activities.

Help us help! Thank you for your interest in our work.

We look forward to your participation and support.

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