Making a difference

An overview of German development cooperation
“WE ARE WORKING FOR THE RIGHT TO A DECENT LIFE FOR ALL”

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Rapid global population growth, dwindling natural resources, crises and climate change – these are just some of the vital issues affecting the continued survival of humankind for which we must find viable solutions, just as soon as we can. Some important milestones have already been reached. With the aim of enabling all people on the planet to live a life in dignity, in 2015 the countries of the world adopted the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, and also the Paris climate agreement, in order to put the brakes on global warming. Now it is time for these words to be followed by actions. Germany is in the vanguard of these efforts. We have the know-how and the technologies it takes to respond to the most pressing challenges. We are investing in education and training, in agricultural development and in developing value chains in our partner countries. We need to make globalisation fair, so that it benefits all people.

Development policy in the 21st century is not about making repairs, it is about pursuing an innovative and global policy for the future. In the following pages you will find facts, figures and examples – showing how our efforts are making a difference.

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The budget of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) is part of the German national budget, where it is listed as departmental budget 23. In the 2019 budget year, the BMZ will have 10.2 billion euros at its disposal.

The BMZ is currently involved in bilateral development cooperation with 85 partner countries.

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Africa’s young people must have a future in Africa. By 2050 Africa’s population will have doubled and will then account for 20 PER CENT of the global total. As a result 20 MILLION new jobs will be needed every year. Developing the necessary economic structures and creating new jobs and training places are the key challenges. The focus of the Marshall Plan with Africa is on creating employment and training opportunities.

In our cooperation we count on our partners to show initiative and take ownership of projects. Since 2017 we have been offering our three reform partners, Côte d’Ivoire, Ghana and Tunisia, targeted support for the reforms they are pursuing with a view to enhancing economic growth, mobilising higher levels of private investment and creating more jobs.

Future prospects for young Africans: We have awarded more than 1,000 additional scholarships to African students and we are fostering the development and expansion of the Pan-African University. Since 2015 we have helped 9,600 people find work and made it possible for 37,300 people to increase their incomes just through our Employment for Sustainable Development initiative.
Finding ways to cope with the continuing flows of refugees is a top priority for German development policy. We are investing in development and creating opportunities in the countries of origin. We are helping both the refugees and the host countries, cities and municipalities. We are creating rapidly available job opportunities for refugees through our “Cash for Work” Partnership for Prospects. We are supporting refugees as they return home and helping them reintegrate. Furthermore, we are working to ensure safe, regular and orderly migration.

In Jordan we have helped provide water for about **1 million** refugees and others, and power for **80,000** refugees.

By funding **7,000** teachers we have made it possible for **60,000** Syrian children to have lessons.

In 2016 and 2017, we created more than **140,000** temporary jobs through our “Cash for Work” Partnership for Prospects.
We are working closely with MORE THAN 45 partner countries in the field of sustainable economic development. Our focus is on the entire global value chain – and that begins with each one of us. The Partnership for Sustainable Textiles was initiated in Germany by the BMZ in 2014. Member companies constitute about 50 PER CENT of all German retailers in the textiles sector. Partnership members are working together to bring about social, environmental and economic improvements along the entire textiles supply chain. In 2017 alone, the members decided on 1,500 TARGETS for achieving these aims. Beginning in 2018, all members will publish roadmaps for the implementation of their targets on the website www.textilbuendnis.com/en/.

In the last six years, in Bangladesh alone, we have given 250,000 workers in the textile industry training, so that they are now more aware of their rights and obligations.

Since 2014, we have assisted more than 22,000 young men and women in North Africa in acquiring vocational qualifications.

Working with businesses under our develoPPP programme, we have so far implemented more than 1,900 projects – ranging from improving social and environmental standards in supplier companies for the textiles industry, to sustainable cultivation methods in the coffee sector, to measures to promote renewable energies.
Climate policy is development policy! Almost **90 PER CENT** of the funding that the German government makes available for international climate finance comes from the BMZ. Every year, with this funding, we launch projects that, over their lifetime, will save more than **20 PER CENT** of Germany’s annual CO₂ emissions.

Our goals: lower CO₂ emissions, protect forests, support people in adapting to climate change.

In Morocco, the world’s biggest solar power plant has been built with German support. It will provide more than **1.3 million** people with renewable energy.

In our partner countries we have helped to protect more than **100 million** hectares of forest – that is roughly **70 times** the size of all Germany’s protected areas put together.

Together with our G7 partners, we will be providing climate risk insurance for an additional **400 million** people by 2020.

As part of the G7 initiative for renewable energy in Africa, by 2020 we will have installed **10 gigawatts** of generating capacity – that is the equivalent of ten coal-fired power plants.
Through its special initiative One World – No Hunger, the BMZ is investing a total of **1.5 BILLION EUROS A YEAR** in projects concerned with food security, agriculture and rural development. At the G7 summit in Elmau, we set ourselves the goal of freeing 500 million people from the scourge of hunger and malnutrition by 2030. At the G20 summit in Hamburg we were able to adopt an initiative for rural youth employment. We are promoting innovation in agriculture and the food industry, creating new opportunities for people in rural areas.

We have set up **15** green innovation centres in Africa and Asia since 2014, where we are working to improve value creation in agriculture along the entire value chain – from field to fork.

In 2018 we had already managed to restore soil fertility to about **50,000** hectares of land in Ethiopia. Some **600,000** small family farm households are currently benefiting from these achievements.

With German support, more than **9 million** hectares of land in Namibia has been redistributed to previously disadvantaged people. More than **150,000** people have been granted municipal land titles, almost half of them women.
YOU WOULD LIKE TO VISIT US?
The BMZ offers visiting groups of between 15 and 55 people the chance to gain some concrete insights into how German development cooperation works in practice. Come and visit us! Our presentations for visiting groups lasting 90 minutes are offered in the BMZ offices in both Bonn and Berlin.

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WHERE DOES CHOCOLATE COME FROM?

School groups from Grade 3 upwards can take part in a cocoa game when they visit the BMZ. The game for primary school pupils takes them on a “Journey into the World of the Cocoa Bean”, where they learn all about where cocoa grows, how it is made into chocolate and how people working on cocoa plantations live.

School groups from Grade 3 upwards can register for the special cocoa programme for schoolchildren at:

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CLOSE UP

For school groups from Grade 9 upwards the BMZ offers a simulation exercise. Climate change is jeopardising biodiversity in Mandhari National Park and threatening to deprive the local people of their livelihoods. A German development project aims to improve the situation. But can all the different interest groups agree on a solution? Learn more about how development cooperation works in practice.

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