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INTRODUCTION AND ACKNOWLEDGMENTS

During the reporting period, the 24th year of the existence of HOPE'87, a total of 44 projects and programmes were implemented. 14 of them are situated in Africa, 22 in Asia, 2 in Europe and 4 in Latin America.

In addition to these youth employment and youth training activities, one 400.000 € Emergency Aid project for more than 29.000 flood victims in Pakistan's Khyber Pakhtunkhwa province financed by the EC Humanitarian Aid Department (ECHO) and an Austrian Development Cooperation (ADC) funded flood victims support project were terminated successfully. Furthermore two new humanitarian aid programmes started in Pakistan: an ECHO funded disaster preparedness programme (DIPECHO) in District Chitral in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa to train children and teachers in Pakistani schools to adopt the right behaviour in case of a catastrophe; and a cooperation programme between ADRA-Germany, ADRA-Austria, ADRA-Pakistan (Adventist Development und Relief Agency) and HOPE'87-Pakistan on the provision of drinking water and hygiene kits for about 5.400 beneficiaries in District Muzaffargarh of the Punjab province.

Providing emergency aid in times of a humanitarian crisis remained a vital part of the HOPE'87 activities in the past 12 months, offering fast and efficient support to victims of natural or man-made disasters such as in Bangladesh, Pakistan and Haiti.

Many years ago HOPE'87 signed the "Code of Conduct for International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and NGOs in Disaster Relief". The adherence to these common standards of disaster relief remains a cornerstone of the strategy of HOPE'87 to deliver aid to all those in need, in a neutral, quick and transparent way. The "Humanitarian Charter and Minimum Standards in Humanitarian Response" as laid down in the SPHERE Handbook, are the basis of all HOPE'87 humanitarian aid projects in order to assert the right of people in need to the most effective protection and to the best possible assistance. Compliance of HOPE'87 staff members and local partners with these standards are continuously monitored by the HOPE'87 General Secretariat.

The past twelve months presented income-wise a positive trend from a stabilisation in the previous year at the height of the global financial crisis to a much improved revenue in 2010 giving way to the start of a series of projects, such as a 1 Mio € EC-ADC-HOPE'87 co-financed project in Tajikistan's Khatlon province.

With reference to the United Nations Millennium Declaration, which specifically recognised the fate of the urban poor and to the MDG 7 calling to reduce biodiversity loss (7.B) and to halve the proportion of the population without sustainable access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation (7.C) by 2015, HOPE'87 has put a specific emphasis on habitat improvement in the past years.

Co-operating with prestigious partners, such as the Aga Khan Development Network with its Civil Society Organisations AKPBS-P (Aga Khan Building and Planning Services-Pakistan) and MSDSP (Mountain Societies Development Support Programme, Tajikistan) efficient programmes are implemented to enhance the quality of life of inhabitants in high-mountain areas by providing low cost built environment products and technologies, earthquake resistant building techniques and water supply systems.

With reliable partners, such as the Hashoo Foundation, Don Bosco and the Adventist Development und Relief Agency (ADRA) to name just a few, HOPE'87 formed strong alliances to help people in need efficiently, quickly and in a sustainable manner.

Capacity building, as a major component of all programmes, is the basis of every successful action. We are therefore more than pleased with projects that show impressively - once the funding of HOPE'87 has ended - how to turn that newly acquired know-how into good use.

As an example we are extremely proud of our Pakistani partner NGO, the Society for Education and Technology (SET), that not only implemented a training project for deaf and hearing impaired youth, financed by ADC in Lahore, but was additionally awarded a 150.000 € grant to enlarge the action under the Pakistan-Italian Debts Swap Agreement (PIDSA).

Pursuing the goal of gender equity, special emphasis was given in the past 12 months to enhance the chances for girls and young women to obtain quality skills training, enabling them to be employed or to start their self-employment career.

In this issue of the Activity Report you will find testimonies of women having benefited from the educational support of HOPE'87 and who have turned their knowledge into sustainable business opportunities.

The core element of HOPE'87 programmes to reduce poverty is always to enhance the self-help approach to support entrepreneurial skills, which are as crucial to develop as the other three classic components of economic activities, which are capital, land and labour. The driving force is however the entrepreneurial ability, which is the basis for securing long-term sustainability of programmes for the economic development of a country.

The backbone of the HOPE'87 organisational structure is the HOPE'87 Branch Offices system (to be renamed gradually HOPE'87 Country Representations) and the qualified and continuously trained staff of those offices and of the General Secretariat in Vienna. These HOPE'87 offices form a network of constant information exchange and learning opportunities with the aim to provide best practice in locating, implementing, supervising and evaluating projects, supporting the beneficiaries with the necessary knowledge and expertise and establishing close working relations with national governments and authorities, NGOs and international organisations and agencies, like UNESCO, UNOCHA and the EC-Delegations.

As in previous years, the objective of the present report is to provide the reader with an overview of the most important HOPE'87 activities around the world in the sectors of education, skills and vocational training, health, agriculture, natural resource management, employment and humanitarian aid. It covers the period from October 2010 to September 2011.

Again we have tried to provide a synoptic structure of the programmes' contents, with reference to the UN Millennium Development Goals. Since some programmes have been running for several consecutive years, the core data for these activities has remained the same, with information updating last year's activity report being given only where it seemed necessary, thus avoiding going into too much detail. Complete project data, the project reports and evaluations, as well as any other information desired, can be obtained from the General Secretariat.

As in past years, we would like to express our gratitude to our donors, starting with the Austrian Federal Government and the Austrian Development Agency, the European Commission, ECHO, UNESCO and the Foundation for UNESCO - Education for Children in Need, founded by UNESCO Special Ambassador Dr. Ute H. Ohoven. We would also like to thank the "Recklinghäuser Zeitung", the "Westfalenpost", the association "Barmherzigkeit" (Vienna and Germany), and the numerous enterprises, organisations, associations and donors who have supported HOPE'87.

The achievements of HOPE'87 would not have been possible without the active and most valuable support provided by the Austrian Federal Chancellery, the Austrian Foreign Ministry, the Austrian Federal Ministry for Education, Arts and Culture, the Austrian Federal Ministry of Labour, Social Affairs and Consumer Protection, as well as by the City of Vienna.

Our special gratitude goes to our Japanese partner, Asia Network of Trust (ANT-Hiroshima), its founder and Executive Director Ms Tomoko Watanabe and the Japanese donors supporting HOPE'87 projects for many years, such as the Basic Health Unit in Shamshatoo near Peshawar, Pakistan. HOPE'87 is very happy to have been able, in return, contribute financially, with help from the Martinus Schule (Langenfeld, Germany) and the organisation "Hilfe ohne Grenzen e.V." (Germany) to the ANT-project "Summer Camp for Children with Autism of Fukushima".

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We would finally like to express our wholehearted gratitude to all our HOPE'87 Branch Office Managers and their staff, as well as the HOPE'87 representatives, for their ongoing support and commitment.

As in previous years we fondly remember our dear colleagues and friends, Tamar Oppenheimer, O.C. (†), Senior Advisor of HOPE'87, Uta Meran (†), HOPE'87-Kenya Branch Office Manager and Peter Sserugo (†), HOPE'87-Uganda Branch Office Manager.

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BURKINA FASO

PROGRAMME: Rural community capacity building in social sectors (local development, education and health) for poverty reduction in Burkina Faso

PROJECTS	LOCATION	N° OF BENEFICIARIES	MDGs
No future without education, health and employment (UNESCO Foundation, Foundation "Ein Herz für Kinder", HOPE'87)	Region of Hauts-Bassins, Province of Kéné Dougou, Rural District of Koloko	35,000	Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
Revitalization of Village Development Councils of the Province of Kadiogo (ADC, HOPE'87)	Region of Centre, Province of Kadiogo, Rural districts of Tanghin-Dassouri and Komki-Ipala	624	Goal 7
"Ralf Zacherl" School : Construction of a fourth classroom and nutritional support for the children (UNESCO Foundation, HOPE'87)	Region of Centre, Province of Kadiogo, Rural district of Tanghin-Dassouri	400	Goals 1, 2
Education and capacity building of women in the fight against malnutrition (City of Vienna, HOPE'87)	Region of Cascade, Province of Comoé and Léraba, Banfora and Sindou	1,260	Goals 1, 3, 4, 5, 6
Humanitarian Aid: Clean drinking water improves your health (Apotheker helfen e.V., Medeor, HOPE'87)	Countrywide	5,000	Goals 4, 5, 6
Childrens Drawing Competition (ANT-Hiroshima, HOPE'87)	Region of Centre, Province of Kadiogo, Rural District of Tanghin-Dassouri and City of Ouagadougou	500	Goal 2
Women's struggle against malnutrition: the safeguarding of traditional knowledge (UNESCO, HOPE'87)	Region of Hauts-Bassins, Province of Kéné Dougou, Rural Commune of Koloko	136	Goals 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVE AND REGIONAL COORDINATOR FOR WEST AFRICA
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SUMMARY

In the period from October 2010 to September 2011, HOPE'87-Burkina Faso continued to operate in the field of development and humanitarian action and initiated new activities in the areas of children's education, capacity building for rural women and health of the general population. In addition, development activities to support local communities and development organisations have been undertaken. In the field of nutrition, important activities have been carried out in the western part of Burkina Faso to fight against the malnutrition of women and children with an approach taking into account traditional knowledge.



ACTIVITIES

No future without education, health and employment

The project has mainly worked in the field of education and health supporting the general population and giving particular focus on women and children. HOPE'87 provided the equipment for the Health Centre Koloko and distributed 750 treated mosquito nets to women in order to decrease the danger of malaria infection. To guarantee further effectiveness in health issues, training for women was implemented to raise awareness of HIV/AIDS and malnutrition.

The construction of the school Koloko C (3 classes, 250 students) and the full provision of equipment, including tables, benches, desks, chairs, cabinets and training materials for teachers, as well as the construction of latrines for students and teachers, reflect essential activities for maintaining education.

Revitalisation of Village Development Councils of the Province of Kadiogo

Implemented during 18 months and completed on 30th of June 2011, the project boosted and energised the Village Development Councils (CVD) of the Central Region of Burkina Faso and aimed to promote local development and reduce poverty. CVDs are now known in all the villages and are able to carry out their role publicly. Furthermore, they identify problems of poverty in their villages and offer ideas for solutions, organise these ideas into development projects and seek donors for their projects. Moreover, CVDs learn how to plan, implement, monitor and control these projects independently.

The revitalization of these 52 CVDs allowed the implementation of projects funded by a variety of complementary donors, such as the Local Fund for Poverty Reduction, the FAO and the French General Council of the Territory of Belfort for agricultural projects and local development programme in Komki-Ipala and Tanghin-Dassouri.

In addition, other donors who participated in the round table of donors for the CVD, organized by HOPE'87, have agreed to support projects of CVDs from the central region of Burkina Faso. This positive experience of revitalization of CVDs will be continued also in the future.

“Ralf Zacherl“ School: Construction of a fourth classroom and nutritional support for the children

The German celebrity television Chef Ralf Zacherl has continued to support the school built 4 years ago in the rural district of Koloko as the first and only educational establishment in this area. Besides the construction of a fourth classroom for students, the project assures adequate nutrition in a school canteen. The Parents and Mothers' Educational Association and the team of teachers have contributed greatly to the success of the school canteen in the “Ralf Zacherl” school of Taongho.

Education and capacity building of women in the fight against malnutrition

For many years, Burkina Faso has been marked by certain health problems caused by malnutrition. In this respect, HOPE'87-Burkina Faso with the support of the City of Vienna has undertaken many activities in the Region of Cascades (Provinces of Comoé and Leraba) to reinforce the capacity of four target groups of women in the rural sector. This training of women has contributed to reduce the level of malnutrition in the population within the project area. Furthermore, children less than five years of age were supported by a series of malnutrition screening activities. The four target groups concerned are: women of childbearing age, pregnant women, nursing mothers and women with children under five years. As a concrete example of the results of this project, more than 1,260 women received capacity building to fight against malnutrition, with the help of the project team and the local medical team of the Ministry of Health especially providing support for malnourished children.

Humanitarian Aid: Clean drinking water improves your health

As part of the great partnership between HOPE'87 and Apotheker helfen e.V., HOPE'87-Burkina Faso requested and received in the month of May 2011 a stock of water purifying tablets to be used in emergency situations. These tablets will be available to aid the urban and rural population in case of floods during the rainy season from June to October and can be deployed to all parts of Burkina Faso if necessary. This project helps to reinforce the capacity of intervention of HOPE'87-Burkina Faso in the humanitarian sector (WASH).

Childrens Drawing Competition

The pupils of the “Ralf Zacherl” school of Taongho and the Kandara school of Ouagadougou in the central region of Burkina Faso participated in the «Arts Party 2010» organised by Ms Tomoko Watanabe from ANT-Hiroshima. The events aim was to develop the creativity of children from 4 to 12 years. Their artwork was on exhibition in Hiroshima and any profit from sales was sent to both schools that decided to allocate these funds to purchase school equipment (notebooks, pens, pencils and books) and canteen equipment (pots and cooking utensils). The two schools have already sent confirmation of participation to ANT-Hiroshima for the 2011 edition of the «Arts Party».

Women’s struggle against malnutrition: the protection of traditional knowledge

For the second time, HOPE’87-Burkina Faso has received support from UNESCO through the Participation Programme enabling the implementation of a project to fight against malnutrition in the Region of Hauts-Basins, Province of Kénédougou by taking into account the traditional knowledge of African women. The project made it possible to organise workshops and seminars to enhance and to pass-on the traditional knowledge of local plants and vegetables and recipes to fight against malnutrition with local food. This knowledge was transferred to 16 female leaders in 4 villages (4 per village) and 120 other women in 4 villages (30 per village) through various training. Health authorities in the province of Kénédougou supported the successful implementation.

Other activities

HOPE’87-Burkina Faso participated in the workshop organised by UN OCHA to prepare the Consolidated Appeal Process in 2011 from the 27th of September to the 1st of October 2010 in Dakar, Senegal. HOPE’87 regularly attends the monthly meetings organised by UN OCHA in Ouagadougou.

Furthermore, a project assessment from the 12th to the 19th of April 2011 supported the preparation of a health project to be implemented in Bouaké, Ivory Coast.

HOPE’87 is serving as the implementing partner of FAO in the central region of Burkina Faso and continues its technical collaboration with the General Council of the Territory of Belfort for the implementation of its projects for decentralisation and local development in rural communities of Tanghin-Dassouri and Komki-Ipala.

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NGO's

- Association of Burkina Faso to fight against rural exodus in Tanghin-Dassouri
- Association "It Concerns Me", Orodara
- Associations of students parents in Taonsgo, Koloko, Kalo and Kugr-Yiri
- Don Bosco Burkina Faso, Father Antonio Herera

This country's programme contributes to the achievement of the following MDG:



BURUNDI

PROGRAMME: Assist the Kivoga community to participate in the education of its youth and increase household income

PROJECTS	LOCATION	N° OF BENEFICIARIES	MDGs
“Kinderhilfe für Burundi” – Support for school age children in Kivoga (UNESCO Foundation, RTL TV, Visions for Children, HOPE’87)	Kivoga Village, Rutana Province	1,560	Goals 1, 2, 3

COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVE

Benoît MUHIMUZI - Development Economist



SUMMARY

Burundi is a country in Central Africa and currently a member of the East Africa Community which includes Burundi, Rwanda, Tanzania, Uganda and Kenya. Being landlocked it shares borders with Rwanda to the north, Tanzania and Zambia to the south and east and with the Democratic Republic of Congo to the west. Burundi covers an area of 27,834 km² including the territorial waters of about 2000 km², which mainly consists of the lake Tanganyika, the 2nd deepest lake in the World.

According to the latest national census in 2008, Burundi had 8,038,618 inhabitants. Besides the presence of an important foreign community in the country's capital (Bujumbura), the Burundi population is divided into three ethnic groups: Hutu (85%), Tutsi (14%) and Batwa (1%).

Since its independence in 1962, Burundi has gone through several cycles of violence, especially in 1993. Fortunately, Burundi is slowly pulling out of its crisis as shown through the elections organised in 2005 and recently in 2010. Democracy is starting to gain momentum and hence proves that Burundians are focusing on the future. The international community needs to show its support, along with the government and its people to keep up this momentum for peace building and economic growth.

It is in this aspect that HOPE'87 is providing assistance to Burundi. Particular attention is being given to vulnerable parts of society especially children, in order to improve their conditions at school. Focus is also being put on young people who dropped out of school by providing access to vocational training. An agro-pastoral centre in Kivoga village is being built to bring knowledge to young people as well as teaching cooking techniques to households in Kivoga in an effort to improve their food hygiene standards.

The importance of the work underlying this project is to help combat the cumulative effects of a long war that has gripped Burundi for over a decade. The consequences are still evident, especially as stakeholders in development have not, until now, been able to restart the social structures and to launch economic growth.

The overall goal is to support the Kivoga community to contribute to improved prospects for young people. Two specific objectives aim to strengthen the socio-economic capacity of families in agri-livestock and increase school achievement in Kivoga.

ACTIVITIES

“Kinderhilfe für Burundi” – Support for school age children in Kivoga

HOPE'87 was registered with the appropriate national authorities and benefits from their assistance at the provincial and national level. The Ministry of Youth and Culture and the Ministry of Interior Affairs are willing to support actions carried out by HOPE'87 in Burundi.

During this reporting period, HOPE'87 assisted the community of Kivoga to sustain the partnership with the UNESCO Foundation by receiving a team of the German TV station RTL in November 2010. HOPE'87-Burundi paved the way for the arrival of this team through meetings with the community, establishing the Kivoga Community focal point, identifying vulnerable and destitute families as well as children living far from the school. Priority was given to marginalised groups such as the Twa (an ethnic minority tribe) and families affected and infected by HIV/AIDS. Meetings were also held with the Parents and Teachers Association (PTA), which aimed to strengthen the educational networks in communities. HOPE'87-Burundi also coordinated for all logistics and administrative authorities, at both the local and national level. The local authorities and population were excited to be able to share information on the situation of their area.

For the school construction activities financed by the UNESCO Foundation and the German foundation “Visions for Children”, blueprints of the building have been prepared and the tender dossier was drafted in collaboration with the project partner and published in the “Renouveau”, a national newspaper. The construction company has been selected and the work on the field is progressing rapidly. Regular meetings are held between HOPE'87 and all partners involved in the follow up of the project progress.

HOPE'87-Burundi has put in place all structures necessary to monitor the project as well as for supplying construction material to the site. Construction works of the 8 classes with headmasters/teachers offices and a refectory-kitchen-warehouse complex are underway and works are expected to be finished by December 2011.

In the second phase of this project, an agro-pastoral centre will provide skills training to the youth of the community in order to equip them with the appropriate knowledge in agriculture. This will in turn help to increase the families' income. 30 young people will benefit from the training and their respective households will be assisted with seeds, small animals and equipment for apiculture. The graduates of the centre will also be supported to create a local association of entrepreneurs.

The HOPE'87 project has anticipated the reforms of the Ministry of Education, which provide for the creation of basic education at primary level in order to avoid unemployment of those who drop out of school. This reform prolongs the length of schooling at primary level until the 9th grade so that children complete the cycle with physical and intellectual abilities that will enable them to learn different trades and better cope with life's difficulties. The current Burundian education policy encourages vocational training so it can also have an important place in the country and extend to all municipalities. It encourages small businesses connected to short-term skills training facilitating more beneficiaries to obtain employment.

The establishment of the centre of HOPE'87 at Gitaramuka combines a primary school with 8 classes with a skills training centre and responds effectively to the new measures of the Government to support basic education and to cater for school drop-outs.

INSTITUTIONAL CONTACTS

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This country's programme contributes to the achievement of the following MDG:





ETHIOPIA

PROGRAMME: Humanitarian Assistance in Afar Regional State

PROJECTS	LOCATION	N° OF BENEFICIARIES	MDGs
Humanitarian Crises Response: "Water in Afar" - Promoting development of pastoralists through building community resilience to disaster in Afar regional state (UNESCO Foundation, Siemens Foundation, HOPE'87)	Dulecha and Argoba Special Woreda, Afar Regional State	10,000	Goals 1, 2, 3, 7

HOPE'87 REPRESENTATIVE IN ADDIS ABABA AND TO AU AND UNECA

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SUMMARY

In many parts of the districts, diseases related to deficiencies in water supply and sanitation are contributing factors to most infant deaths and account for a very large proportion of adult sickness. The poor, particularly women and children, suffer most from these deficiencies. Their access to safe water and excreta-disposal services is restricted, and they can afford neither to protect themselves from infection nor to cure it. Limited access to water for human and livestock consumption is also one of the causes of conflicts and clashes between clans, tribes and ethnic groups in the area. In this respect, HOPE'87 provides safe and clean water supplies and sanitation services for the needy community combined with health promotion and conflict management.

ACTIVITIES

Humanitarian Crisis Response: “Water in Afar” - Promoting development of pastoralists through the building of community resilience to disaster in Afar Regional State

In order to minimise the problems of the local community as a result of low water and sanitation coverage, HOPE'87 in cooperation with PADet (Professional Alliance for Development) has been implementing the “Water in Afar” project in Dulecha and Argoba special districts. The objective is to provide safe and clean water supply and sanitation services for the needy community through construction of water supply schemes and sanitation facilities. In order to achieve this objective, the project includes the catchment of 3 springs, the construction of 1 pond, 3 hand dug wells and a deep well, as well as the rehabilitation of an urban water supply system and the construction of 2 waste disposal pits, and 2 VIP (ventilated improved pit) latrines. Other soft components like capacity building for water management committees and harmful traditional practices (HTP) trainings and the establishment of mini media clubs and HTP-committees were also planned during the project lifetime.

This year, as an ongoing process of the project, the Eddelli hand dug well at Kefis Eddelli (Dulecha woreda) was constructed, providing service for 350 people. Furthermore, three springs at Ayromelka, Gallo and Koka were developed, providing potable water supply to a total of 2,410 people respectively. 470 livestock animals were also fed by the Koka spring. The Komash pond was equipped with a geo-membrane reducing water leakage and a water purification unit (WPU) serving now 300 people.

At Kalala at Dulecha woreda (Bolhamo Kebele) a hand dug well is under construction and is expected to benefit 400 people upon completion. One deep well drilling was started also at Dulecha woreda. The construction of two dry waste disposal pits and two ventilated improved pit latrines at Dulecha and Gachenie town were completed and handed over to the Kebele councils and Woreda health offices.

Water Users Committee members, district health and water resource officials and concerned Kebele leaders at Oromia Region North Shewa Zone in Fiche town were trained in sustainable facility management. HOPE'87 provided six school mini-media clubs with mini media materials and equipment such as CD-players, amplifiers, CDs, solar panels, stationeries for edutainment purposes and moreover trained 76 persons in club management, prevention of gender based violence and harmful traditional practices.

105 participants from all Kebeles of the two districts Dulecha and Argoba Special District received a two day training in HTP (harmful traditional practices) identifying actors and causes, negative impacts, prevention mechanisms, the way to address the wider community and how to develop actions in harmony with government legislation and how to share best practices.

HOPE'87 organised a sanitation day at both district towns mobilising the community and collecting waste materials littering the streets and disposing them in the new dry waste disposal pits constructed by the project for this purpose. In cooperation with its local partner PADet, hygiene and sanitation committees were established to follow up the proper use and maintenance of these facilities.

INSTITUTIONAL CONTACTS

Government Authorities

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NGO's

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- WASH Ethiopian Movement Network
- APDA- Afar Pastoralist Development Association
- PADet – Professional Alliance for Development in Ethiopia
- Ethiopian Red Cross Society

This country's programme contributes to the achievement of the following MDG:



GHANA

(administered by the Regional Office for West Africa, Ouagadougou)

PROGRAMME: Shelter and education for street children

PROJECTS	LOCATION	N° OF BENEFICIARIES	MDGs
Support programme for youth and street children in Ghana (UNESCO Foundation, Recklinghäuser Zeitung, HOPE'87	Ashaiman, Sunyani	1.400	Goals 1,2



ACTIVITIES

Support programme for youth and street children in Ghana

HOPE'87 in cooperation with Don Bosco set the objective of improving not only the living conditions of street children in Ghana but especially their access to education by supporting deprived children not able to afford basic education in formal schools. In this respect, four Vacation Camps were organised in different parts of the Sunyani and Odumase Townships allowing a creative and varied space for addressing deficiencies in the children's academic syllabus. Games and animated activities ensured a pleasant learning atmosphere.

The project also includes a scholarship programme supporting those with financial difficulties to guarantee a smooth attendance and learning process.

Furthermore, capacity building sessions for youth animators and staff members of Don Bosco were organised contributing immensely to a successful organisation of the different projects of the partner organisation for street youth.

INSTITUTIONAL CONTACTS

Project Partner

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- Salesians of Don Bosco West Africa Province

This country's programme contributes to the achievement of the following MDG:



MALI

PROGRAMME: Improvement of health and education for poverty reduction in Mali

PROJECTS	LOCATION	N° OF BENEFICIARIES	MDGs
No future without education, health and employment (UNESCO Foundation, Foundation "Ein Herz für Kinder", HOPE'87)	Rural district of Finkolo, Circle of Sikasso, Third Region of Mali	35,000	Goals 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6
Women's struggle against malnutrition: the protection of traditional knowledge (UNESCO PP, HOPE'87)	Rural district of Finkolo, Circle of Sikasso, Third Region of Mali	136	Goals 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVE

Abdarhamane TRAORET - Development Economist



SUMMARY

HOPE'87-Mali continued to operate in the field of social projects to improve the living conditions of the poor population in the south-west of Mali (Region of Sikasso). The activities of the two running projects are focused on the education for young girls and boys and the health of rural women with children. In this regard, new schools have been built and equipped. Furthermore, health centres were equipped and women with children marked by malnutrition were sensitised through various training activities and the spreading of local knowledge to prevent malnourishment. The distribution of mosquito nets for women helped decrease the risk of malaria infection.

ACTIVITIES

No future without education, health and employment

This project is a sub-regional project executed in both Burkina Faso and Mali. HOPE'87 focuses on health aspects and equipped the Finkolo health centre, distributed 750 treated mosquito nets to women and sensitised them on major diseases such as HIV/AIDS, malaria and also malnutrition.

The school in Kaféla near Sikasso has been established and 3 classes for 250 children were equipped. In regards to the project's final phase, the construction of a kindergarten and the distribution of school kits are now in process.

Women's struggle against malnutrition: the protection of traditional knowledge

The sub-regional project carried out in Mali and Burkina Faso aims to give women access to traditional knowledge regarding high nutritional local food products to fight against the malnutrition of children. The preservation of this traditional knowledge supports especially young mothers marked by a lack of experience and a lack of financial means. Traditional knowledge of the use of local fruits and vegetables and herbs combined with modern recipes shall help to eradicate malnutrition.

INSTITUTIONAL CONTACTS

Government Authorities

- Mr Traoré Siaka, Mayor of Finkolo
- Mr Mamadou Tangara, Mayor of Sikasso
- Dr. Haoua Traoré, Responsable for Nutrition, Hospital Sikasso
- Dr. Issa Guindo, Medical Chief, Hospital of Sikasso
- Ms Dicko, Ministry of Territorial Administration and Local Communities in Bamako
- H.E. Ambassador Boubacar Sidiki Touré, Ministry of Foreign Affairs
- Dr. Teme Sodiougou, Director Region of Sikasso, Ministry of Health
- Dr. Bakary Nanko Traore, Medical Chief, Hospital of Kadiolo, Ministry of Health
- Mr Bako Samake, Secretary General, Governorate of Sikasso

Diplomatic Representatives

- H.E. Ambassador Dr. Gerhard Deiss, Ambassador of Austria to Mali
- H.E. Ambassador Sanné Mohamed Topan, Ambassador of Burkina Faso to Mali

Agencies

- Mr Ali Daou, UNESCO Regional Office Bamako
- Mr Youssouf Dembele, National Commission for UNESCO of Mali

NGO's

- Mr Fadiala Kamissoko, President of ACOD NGO (Association for the Development Councils)
- Mr Ambroise Ballo, Project officer, ACOD Sikasso
- Mr Dramane Coulibaly, Secretary General of the local NGO "ASGV"
- Father Hernan Cordero, Father Carlos and Father Guillaume Lagamvare, Don Bosco West Africa
- Ms Fatim Traoré, Community Health Centre of Finkolo
- Association of Community Health of Finkolo
- Mr Dramane Ouattara, Officer Delegate of the Children Foundation of the First Lady of Mali

This country's programme contributes to the achievement of the following MDG:





SENEGAL

PROGRAMME: Poverty alleviation and capacity building in Dakar and rural areas of the Moyenne Casamance focusing on education, health as well as food security and income generation



Mame Diarra BAYO



Senegal

"My name is Mame Diarra BAYO, I am 22 years old and I am from the village of Medina Cherif. As I have never attended school, I don't know how to read or write. Two years ago, I was married to a cousin who is also illiterate.

The FAI local clinic was very useful for me and other women in the rural community, because all of my pre-natal visits were supported by FAI's dynamic and committed team. Due to this I could avoid the complications that many women in rural communities suffer from.

Before the establishment of the health clinic by UNESCO, FAI and HOPE'S7 many women were dying during their transport to Mampatin, the closest health center being located 15 km from Medina Cherif. Today I am very happy holding in my arms this beautiful little boy that I gave birth to in good conditions and I am thankful to have received good medical care through the clinic FAI. By raising awareness of the nurses and HOPE'S7 staff there has been a sharp decline in home deliveries that are very dangerous for us women."

Mame Diarra BAYO

PROJECTS	LOCATION	N° OF BENEFICIARIES	MDGs
Generation of sources of income for women and young people in Dakar's suburbs (UNESCO Foundation, HOPE'87)	Dakar, Districts of Baraka	500	Goals 1,3
Integrated project to fight against poverty in the suburbs of Dakar (UNESCO Foundation, NWA Germany, HOPE'87)	Dakar, Parcelles Assainies	800	Goal 2
Construction and equipment of a clinic in Médina Chérif (Flight Ambulance International (FAI), HOPE'87)	Kolda, Casamance, Rural Community of Médina Chérif	13,125	Goals 4,5,6
Enhancing food security by improving rain-fed rice cultivation (ADC, HOPE'87)	Kolda, Casamance, Rural Communities of Mampatim, Médina Chérif and Dialambéré	18,000	Goal 1

COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVE

Boubacar MANE - Geographer

SUMMARY

Senegal in Western Africa ranks 144th out of a total of 169 countries in the 2010 Human Development Index which is analysing health, education and income of populations as a measure of well-being and development. In accordance with its mandate and lines of action HOPE'87 and its partners support the initiatives of people in its area of intervention in Senegal by giving special attention to poverty reduction, universal primary education, the promotion and development of gender concepts and the fight against food insecurity as well as maternal and infant mortality.

ACTIVITIES

Generation of sources of income for women and young people in Dakar's suburbs

HOPE'87-Senegal supported the population of Baraka, a slum in Dakar, with a micro financing project to reduce poverty and enhance income generating activities for women and youth in cooperation with a Credit and Savings Bank ("Credit Mutuel de la VDN") assuring transparency and allocation of loans. Special emphasis was placed on enabling the beneficiaries to become involved in administrative procedures for the durability and sustainability of the micro credit funds made available by the UNESCO Foundation - Education of Children in Need. Loans were used for a wide variety of commercial activities: selling vegetables, cell phones or ladies shoes; running a small restaurant; providing coal or metal works; tailoring and hair dressing; ensuring that the creativity and entrepreneurship of the youth of Dakar were without limits.

Integrated project to fight against poverty in the suburbs of Dakar

HOPE'87 has successfully completed phase one of its project to reduce poverty in Dakar through education. The completion of this phase saw the construction and rehabilitation of classrooms in a public school in Parcelles Assainies Unité 10 Dakar. The second phase of the project will start in autumn and includes the construction of a health centre ("poste de santé") for about 3,500 inhabitants and the enlargement of skills-training facilities for about 300 trainees in the slum area of Baraka.

Construction and equipment of a health clinic in Médina Chérif

In 2010, HOPE'87 constructed and equipped a small health clinic with adequate and essential medical facilities ("poste de santé") in the rural community Médina Chérif (Moyenne Casamance). The project was funded by Dr. Sigfried Axtmann and the Flight Ambulance International (FAI) and facilitated by the UNESCO Foundation - Education of Children in Need. The health centre provides approximately 100 consultations per day dealing with malaria, diarrhoea, worm infections, flu, accidents and antenatal, natal and postnatal care. HOPE'87 provides training to the health committee members in order to improve the quality of medical services as well as the sustainability of the clinic.

Enhancing food security by improving rain-fed rice cultivation (Moyenne Casamance)

In regards to disaster prevention and food shortages HOPE'87 recognises the importance of improving food security in the Sahel zone. Maintaining its long-term partnership with the local organisation "General Union of Village Development Committees (UGCIVD)" HOPE'87- in cooperation with the Economic Growth Project (PCE) of USAID- trains farmers for a reintroduction of rain-fed rice production known traditionally in this area of the Casamance. Due to climatic changes and sometimes erratic rainfalls in the wet season, the rice cultivation decreased during the past years. Providing about 300 farmers with climate-adapted rice varieties such as Nerica 1 and 6 and Sahel 159 and 134 as well as with agricultural training and tools will allow a productive rice cultivation in the rural community of Mampatim on about 150 ha. A successful pilot phase financed by USAID in 2010 is the basis for this project co-financed by the Austrian Development Cooperation (ADC) from July 2011 – January 2013. The aim of the project is to provide comprehensive support in production, processing, packaging and marketing to producers of rain-fed rice in Casamance.

INSTITUTIONAL CONTACTS

Government Authorities

- H.E. Mr Souleymane Ndéné Ndiaye, Prime Minister of Senegal
- H.E. Mr Kalidou Diallo, Minister of Education
- Ministry of Health
- Hon. Mr Moubarack Seck, Governor of Kolda
- Hon. Mr Al Hassan Sall, Prefect of the Department of Kolda
- Hon. Mr Mamadou Moustapha Thiandoum, Sub Prefect of Mampatim

Diplomatic Representatives

- Delegation of the European Union in Dakar
- H.E. Ambassador Dr. Gerhard Doujak, former Ambassador of Austria to Senegal
- H.E. Ambassador Dr. Gerhard Deiss, Ambassador of Austria to Senegal
- H.E. Ambassador Dr. Christian Clages, Ambassador of Germany to Senegal
- Embassy of Japan in Dakar

Agencies

- UNESCO BREDA, Regional Bureau in Dakar
- JICA representation in Dakar
- Ms Fatou Bintou Kane, UNOCHA representative of West and Central Africa in Dakar
- Ms Andréa Berter, UNICEF representative of West and Central Africa in Dakar
- OMS representative of West and Central Africa in Dakar

- ECHO Regional Office for West Africa
- USAID, Prof Ibrahima Hathie, Economic Growth Project

NGO's

- Participation in various local, regional and national forums for development
- National NGOs members of CONGAD
- European Platform of NGOs in Dakar
- Mr Boubacar Tikire, ANCAR
- Mr Christophe Poublan, Yaajaande Representative in Tambacounda

This country's programme contributes to the achievement of the following MDG:



CHILE

PROGRAMME: Strengthening education for children with special needs, continuation and investigation of further financing prospects

PROJECTS	LOCATION	N° OF BENEFICIARIES	MDGs
“Es mi casa ” Support for children with special needs in San Francisco de Mostazal (UNESCO Foundation, WIGWAM Reisen, HOPE'87)	San Francisco de Mostazal – VI. Region Chile	110	Goal 2

COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVE and REGIONAL COORDINATOR FOR LATIN AMERICA

Rudolf LENHART - Austrian General Consul (ret.)



SUMMARY

Chile, with a length of 4000 km and a width of 200km, extends from the border of Peru till the Antarctic. Due to this extraordinary expanse, Chile is marked by various and remarkable landscapes from the deserts of Atacama in its northern part up to the fjords of its deepest south and impresses with multifarious flora and fauna and people. Despite Chile's alpine landscape, the mountains of Chile are sparsely populated, instead its population is concentrated in the centre of the country, especially in the Andean foreland. Furthermore, the capital Santiago de Chile with 6 million people is so densely populated that one out of three Chileans lives in the metropolis. Based on past political tensions stemming from the 18 years of governance under a military dictatorship and the following democratic consolidation, one still recognises strains within society, inequity in the educational system and the coexistence of different social classes despite Chile having an excellent economic climate. The income disparity between the wealthy and poor is still very high 20 years after the reintroduction of democracy, which is what makes aid still relevant and essential especially for youths and children. Chile is still confronted with territorial and social tensions in relation to the indigenous people, the Mapuche, living in the mid-south of Chile suffering from poverty and social injustice wherefore further support and aid for their youths and children is required.

ACTIVITIES

ACTIVITIES LATIN AMERICA

The Branch Office established in 2007, makes a point of identifying projects and further financing and co-operation opportunities in several countries of Latin America. Another main task is to inform the public and government authorities about the mandate of HOPE'87 and its projects around the World. In this regard HOPE'87 opened a new Branch Office in Paraguay proposing various project implementations and seeking financing possibilities. Furthermore, contacts have been established in Peru and Brazil focusing on the development of a sustainable social economy for indigenous people and specially marginalised groups of the society, health and human rights.

ACTIVITIES CHILE

"Es mi casa" - Support for the children with special needs in San Francisco de Mostazal

Unfortunately, the donor who had previously committed himself to finance the project "Es mi casa" – support for children with special needs in San Francisco de Mostazal – stepped back from his promise. This very rare case of inconsistency put the project to a halt in order to find new financial sources.

In order to continue the project, HOPE'87 established a close relationship with the Chilean "Foundation Trekkingchile" which was created in May 2007 with the purpose of sustaining and supporting traditional groups and tourism entrepreneurs, paying special attention to social work and environmental protection. The Foundation Trekking Chile successfully invited Mr Ulrich Klose of "WIGWAM Reisen", a German travel agency specialising in expeditions and trekking holidays, to financially support this educational project.

San Francisco de Mostazal, about 40km south of the capital Santiago, and its neighbouring communities possess only limited financial resources due to the structure of the area. Nonetheless, because of the imperative need, a school for children and young people (from 1 to 26 years) with special needs was founded on the initiative of some community members about 5 years ago. However, due to the financial weakness of the community, the school is unable to accept all the young people with special needs from the region, and an expansion of the capacities of the school became essential. Many families of physically or mentally disabled children find themselves confronted with perpetual difficulties; home care of the children often exceeds psychological and especially financial limits of the poor families, and often the disabled children have to live in degrading conditions and without any care. They have no access to education or support, and for this reason cannot develop any skills. As a result of this, there is an imperative need to expand the already existing school in order to admit more young people with special needs and thereby improve their living conditions and those of their families. Thus the school becomes a second home for these young people, it is their "casa"...

Thanks to the generous support of Mr Ulrich Klose of “WIGWAM Reisen” and the UNESCO Foundation, HOPE’87 at last is able to arrange a broad extension of the buildings and the workshops of the school so that a higher number of physically and mentally disabled children can be admitted.

INSTITUTIONAL CONTACTS

Government Authorities

- H.E. Ambassador Cristina Lazo Vergara, Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Development Cooperation
- Hon. Mr Sergio Medel Acosta, Mayor of Mostazal

Diplomatic Representatives

- H.E. Ambassador Dr. Wolfgang Angerholzer, Ambassador of Austria to Chile

NGO´s

- Mr Franz Schubert, Foundation Trekkingchile
- Mr Malte Sieber, ContactChile/ Foundation Trekkingchile

This country’s programme contributes to the achievement of the following MDG:



HAITI

(administered by the Regional Office for Latin America, Santiago de Chile)

PROGRAMME: Reconstruction after the earthquake

PROJECTS	LOCATION	N° OF BENEFICIARIES	MDGs
Education and psychosocial care in Port-au-Prince (UNESCO Foundation, HOPE'87)	Port-au-Prince, Haiti	2,100	Goal 2
Education as a pillar of reconstruction (UNESCO Foundation, HOPE'87)	Onaasch, Cité Soleil, Port-au-Prince, Haiti	600	Goal 2



ACTIVITIES

Education and psychosocial care in Port-au-Prince

HOPE'87 and its partner Don Bosco started rebuilding the centre for street children „Lakou-Lakay“ and the school „Marie Auxiliatrice“ in 2010 after the earthquake in Haiti and dedicated their work to the education and care of 2,100 affected children. Besides the emphasis on the continuation of education, the project included one hot meal per day for each child. Suffering from the earthquake and the disaster, more than 1,500 children reaped the benefits from psychosocial care and several arts and sports activities for coping with their trauma. The school's surrounding walls were destroyed by the catastrophe of January 2010 and were rebuilt in May 2010 to restore protection of the school campus.

Education as a pillar of reconstruction

Cité Soleil in Haiti's capital Port-au-Prince is one of the biggest slums on the American continent inhabiting more than 300.000 people. After the heavy earthquake of the 12th of January 2010 a school in Onasch, a district in Cité Soleil, caved in and 600 children between 3 to 12 years lost the only nearby opportunity for essential education forcing them to march long distances in order to reach the next school in their neighbourhood, which is crowded and preventing efficient learning atmospheres.

HOPE'87 and its project partner Don Bosco – Jugend Eine Welt directed their attention to the importance of reconstruction and future prospects and started the construction of the school of Onasch in September 2010 reflecting the overall objective of enabling access to education as an important pillar for the long-term redevelopment of Haiti. The building operations continue at full capacity and target September 2011 for the completion of the school, co-financed by donations of the Recklinghäuser Zeitung, a German newspaper.

INSTITUTIONAL CONTACTS

Project Partner

- Don Bosco-Jugend Eine Welt (Austria)
- Salesians of Don Bosco Haiti

This country's programme contributes to the achievement of the following MDG:



PARAGUAY

PROGRAMME: Improving the living conditions of indigenous youth

PROJECTS	LOCATION	N° OF BENEFICIARIES	MDGs
Hope for Bahia Negra (UNESCO Foundation, HOPE'87)	Bahia Negra, Pantanal Region	2,000	Goal 1

COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVE

Adriana GORCHS DE CABELLO - Manager



SUMMARY

The Republic of Paraguay, which is sometimes called “The Heart of South America”, is situated to the north of Argentina, west of Brazil and south of Bolivia. The country is divided into two very different regions geographically by the river Paraguay. The eastern part, with the capital and largest city Asunción, where most of the population lives, is rich in natural resources, whereas the western part, the Chaco, is flat and has almost no vegetation. The main incomes of the country come from soya production and beef export.

Paraguay stands out due to a large gap between the small upper class, which accounts for almost half of the country’s income and consumption, and the large lower class. Furthermore, with 10% of the population controlling 66% of the land, Paraguay is among the countries with the highest “land concentration” in the world. The HOPE’87-Paraguay project started in January 2009 when the First Lady of Paraguay, Mercedes Lugo de Maidana, who is running a foundation (“Madre Paraguaya”) supporting minority groups, visited the HOPE’87 Headquarters in Vienna and presented a project for helping a community of indigenous people in and around the very isolated city of Bahia Negra, which is located in the north of Paraguay on the border to Brazil and Bolivia.

ACTIVITIES

Hope for Bahia Negra

The remote region of the Pantanal in the northern part of Paraguay is an ecological paradise of unspoilt nature, isolated from the capital Asunción for there are no paved roads and the only regular access is by boat in a journey that takes four days. The indigenous people of the Chamacoco (Yshir) ethnicity who live in the area have their own language and traditions and used to live on a self-sufficient basis.

Nearly 2000 Yshir live in the remote communities of Puerto Bahía Negra, Puerto Diana, Puerto Esperanza, Puerto Pollo, 14 de Mayo and Dos Estrellas, mostly along the Río Paraguay.

Until very recently they lived a semi-nomadic lifestyle earning their living through hunting and gathering. Having been discriminated against for many decades, expelled from their ancestors land by wealthy landowners, most Yshir are illiterate and have no access to basic rights. In order to avoid the rural exodus of young people and to preserve their environment, Ms Mercedes Lugo, the First Lady of Paraguay, proposed a project for the creation of a youth centre in Bahia Negra, where young people can be trained in various demand-driven skills to earn their living without having to migrate to Asuncion and be exposed to poverty and hardship.

Imparting know-how in agricultural techniques, in river fishing and fish conservation, in animal husbandry, but also in basic accounting and management will provide an opportunity to fight poverty and to enhance the self-esteem of the indigenous youth.

Unfortunately, the donor who had previously committed himself to finance this project, negated his involvement in the project. This rare case of inconsistency put the project to a halt in order to find new financial sources. The time was used by the HOPE'87 Regional Coordinator for Latin America, Mr Rudolf Lenhart, to revise the project in cooperation with Mrs Adriana Gorchs de Cabello and to redraft the chore elements.

The project is expected to start again in late 2011.

INSTITUTIONAL CONTACTS

Government Authorities

- H.E. Fernando Lugo, President of the Republic of Paraguay
- Ms Mercedes Lugo de Maidana, First Lady of Paraguay
- Ministry of Health
- Ministry of Agriculture
- Ministry of Education
- The Mayor of Bahia Negra

Diplomatic Representatives

- H.E. Ambassador Dr. Horacio Nogues Zubizaretta, Ambassador of Paraguay to Austria
- H.E. Ambassador Dr. Robert Zischg, Ambassador of Austria to Paraguay
- H.E. Eduardo Lechuga Jimenez, Charge d'Affairs, Delegation of the European Union in Paraguay

NGO's

- Fundacion "Madre Paraguaya"
- Fundacion Marcelo Carlomagno Conti

This country's programme contributes to the achievement of the following MDG:





BANGLADESH

PROGRAMME: Capacity building, skills training and health support

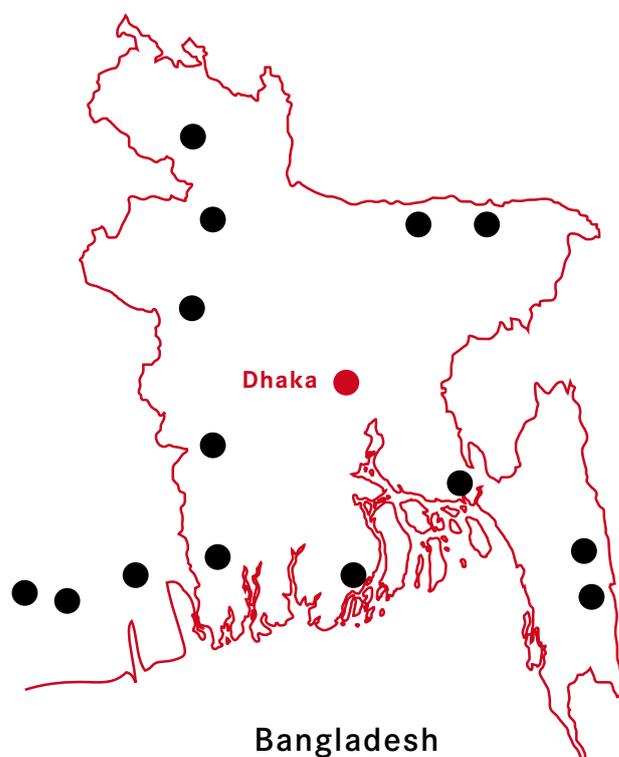
"I am Kripa Chakma, the only child of my parents Kali Mohan Chakma and Shanti Prova Chakma. I am 38 years old and I live in Poarpara, Kawkhali, district of Rangamati in Chittagong Hill Tracts. I used to live a difficult and miserable life here but with the support of micro-credits from HOPE'S7 and Young Power in Social Action (YPSA) I have had the opportunity to become financially independent through sheer determination and hard work. Now I am no longer unemployed and have been leading my community as an elected representative of my locality. I am now trying to persuade other impoverished people to follow my way for changing their unfortunate lives.

After receiving skills training, I realized its importance and encouraged many people from my locality to take part. I invested the received credit for buying cows and different agricultural equipment so that I could expand my farmland and invest in new agricultural activities. Now I feel proud of my agriculture business. Apart from gaining financial independence, I engaged in politics for the socio-economic development of my locality. Now I am the elected Vice-Chairman of Kawkhali Upazila Parishad. Thus through self-determination and motivation I have brought an end to my days of hard labour. Now I have solvency, security and happiness. I think we, the women of the rural communities can become self-sufficient when provided with micro-credits along with the training they need."

Kripa Chakma



Kripa Chakma



Bangladesh

PROJECTS	LOCATION	N° OF BENEFICIARIES	MDGs
Education, Training & Self Employment Programme (ETSEP) for tribal youth (EC, Passauer Neue Presse, HOPE'87)	Ruma & Thanchi sub-districts, Bandarban district, Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT)	150	Goals 1, 2, 3
Poverty Alleviation Programme (PAP) in Chittagong Hill Tracts (Passauer Neue Presse, HOPE'87)	Alikadom, Ruma, Thanchi, Rowngchori and Sadar sub-districts, Bandarban district; Kowkhali and Sadar sub-districts, Rangamati district, Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT)	4,237	Goals 1, 2, 3, 7
Technical / vocational training for employment of disadvantaged urban youth (UN Habitat, HOPE'87)	Gandaria, old Dhaka City	482	Goal 1
Support for technical skills training at a district level (HOPE'87)	Dhaka, Bogra, Feni, Jessore, Natore, Potuakhali and Cox's Bazar	320	Goals 1, 3
Capacity building for youth organization representatives (HOPE'87)	Dhaka	120	
Free Health Care Programme (HCP) (HOPE'87)	Old Dhaka City	1,683	Goals 4, 5
Strengthen community initiatives to sustain community based services in Bandarban District (UNDP, HOPE'87)	Rowangchory, Lama, Alikadam Ruma & Thanchi CHT	372	Goals 4, 5
Humanitarian Aid: distribution of water purification tablets (Apotheker helfen e.V., HOPE'87)	Shatkhira District	50,000	
Humanitarian Aid: distribution of blankets to cold wave affected people (HOPE'87)	Natore, Nilphamary, Jessore and Bandarban District	500	
Humanitarian Aid: disaster & earthquake preparedness programme (HOPE'87)	Dhaka District	2,000	
International youth exchange programme (HOPE'87)	Bangladesh-Pakistan -Singapore- Sri Lanka	78	Goal 8

COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVE
Mohd. Rezaul KARIM - Social Worker

SUMMARY

The People's Republic of Bangladesh is located in South Asia, bordering India and Burma. Bangladesh, which gained independence in 1971, ranks 129th out of 169 countries on the Human Development Index (HDI) in 2010. The HOPE'87-Bangladesh Branch Office, established in 1986, intervenes through youth skills training, income generation, capacity building and leadership development for the empowerment of young people. A special importance is given to humanitarian aid in disaster situations (floods, cold wave) as well as to health support activities.

ACTIVITIES

Education, Training & Self Employment Programme for Tribal Youth (ETSEP)

Since its commencement, the ETSEP project is now the asset of the local community and the partner NGO TOYMU. With the aim of providing skills training in various trades for the unemployed tribal young men and women in the very remote areas of the Chittagong Hill Tracts, two training centres have been set up in the Sub-districts of Ruma and Thanci, and they have been supplied with the necessary training equipment and furniture.

Following the projects inception its training courses have been jointly implemented by the local NGO TOYMU and HOPE'87. After handing over the project to TOYMU, training courses are offered to enable beneficiaries to gain better access to the job market and also to motivate the initiation of small self-employed enterprises in their respective trades. In the past 12 months, 150 women were trained in tailoring and weaving in the TOYMU centres.

Poverty Alleviation Programme (PAP) in Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT)

HOPE'87 took different effective initiatives to ensure the security of livelihood of the most vulnerable citizens of the CHT community. The sub-projects focused on several activities, which aim to improve the socio-economic situation of the beneficiaries. Such projects include needs-based trainings, establishment of training centres, extensive mobilisation of the beneficiaries, and initial financial support for income generating activities (IGA), enabling the community to become self-employed and so creating an environment of economical sustainability. Medical treatment and rehabilitation support for physically challenged children and young adults also had their impact on the social life of the indigenous people. The following sub-projects have been implemented by HOPE'87 through its partner NGOs namely YPSA, Humanitarian Foundation and PROKAS.

• Community Based Children Development Programme

In 2005, 12 basic primary schools were set up in the very remote area of Alikadam, a sub-district of Bandarban. In the past 12 months a total of 312 children have received their primary education. Adult literacy classes have also been conducted in the evenings. This project is now continued and expanded by SONNE International Austria.

• Sustainable Provision for Clean Water and Sanitation

Due to a lack of clean and hygienic water sources, the local population of the Chittagong Hill Tracts is forced to rely on unsanitary water from natural sources like hand-dug wells ("kowa"), spring water ("ziri"), rock canals and rivers. In order to support the eradication of water-borne diseases, HOPE'87 and its implementing partner "Humanitarian Foundation" installed 11 deep tube wells (ring wells) and 2 gravity flow systems (GFS) in order to create access to drinking water and sanitation facilities complying with the necessary hygiene standards in ten remote villages. Through this project a total of 3,600 people of affected villages directly benefited. This is an ongoing project, HOPE'87 and its implementing partner regularly monitor the maintenance of the installations and train the community in order to make the efforts sustainable.

• Self-employment by promoting income generation for youth

The indigenous and local youth group of the Chittagong Hill Tracts profit from trainings on capacity building, skills development, business management and planning, and self employment programmes held in the "Human Resource Development Centre" (HRDC) which has been constructed by HOPE'87 at Kawkhali, sub-district of Rangamati Hill District. During the past 12 months a total of 325 young men and women were trained in

“Entrepreneurship Development and Business Management (EDBM)”. HOPE’87 has allocated additional funds for a sub-project implemented by YPSA in order to support the successful trainees to start their small enterprises creating self-employment opportunities for them as well as for their families.

Technical/vocational training for the employment of disadvantaged urban youths

The project provides practical training in welding, electrical house wiring, car driving, tailoring and computer skills to 482 unemployed youths and students. The project funds will cover the running costs and trainers’ salary of the Training Centre, which was set up with the financial support of the European Commission and the Austrian Government in the year 2001. Necessary training equipment, machinery and furniture will be provided by HOPE’87 from its ongoing project “Hope Technical Training Centre in Old Dhaka”. This project aims to create employment opportunities for unemployed youth.

Expected Results of this project are:

- Flexible training methodology and upgraded curricula
- Developing and printing 4 separate training modules
- Training 192 youths in computer skills, 90 youths in welding, 90 youths in electric works, 60 youths in driving, 90 youths in carpentry and 90 youths in tailoring
- Trainees will participate in educational exposures and development projects to gain practical experience
- 50 most marginalised youths receiving seed money to start self-employment activities
- Organisation of workshops with the representatives of different Ministries, relevant public and private stakeholders/companies motivated for employment of skilled youths
- A strong and active youth network established to advocate for youth rights and promote mutual cooperation and employment initiatives

Support for technical skills training at the district level

In accordance with its principle mandate to create employment opportunities both in urban and rural areas, HOPE’87 provides technical and financial support to the local community based organisations (CBOs) to conduct skills training and literacy programmes. Training programmes for local youths and children were organised and successful trainees were awarded with attendance certificates. In 7 districts, skills training courses are conducted in cooperation with the local CBOs, where unemployed young men and women have the choice attending certified courses in computer training and tailoring. Furthermore, in 2 districts literacy classes for out-of-school children were organised.

Capacity building for youth organizations’ representatives

To strengthen the capacity of youth and youth organizations the following workshops were organized by HOPE’87-Bangladesh:

* “Divisional Workshop on Review of the National Youth Policy»: being held in the Barisal Division in cooperation with the Department of Youth Development; this workshop gave special attention to the review of the National Youth Policy of Bangladesh which was endorsed in 2003. 45 representatives from different youth organisations attended the event.

* “National Advocacy Workshop for Youth Leaders”: in cooperation with the Commonwealth Youth Programme, CYP Asia Centre, HOPE’87 arranged a 3 days workshop held at Sheikh Hasina National Youth Centre in Savar. An in-depth training with case-study presentation of different techniques of advocacy were offered. Experiences from the training and best practices of the Commonwealth countries were also shared with the participants.

* “Town Hall Meeting at UNV”: on the occasion of the International Year of Volunteers HOPE’87 organised, in cooperation with the National Youth Council of Bangladesh UNV Program, a day long town hall meeting at the UN Conference Room in Dhaka for volunteers having a strong commitment to make a real difference to development. In this respect, HOPE’87 assisted in the meeting and development of a network to strengthen the capacity of voluntary organisations. The meeting prepared a list of recommendations regarding the necessity to develop and approve the “National Policy on Voluntarism” and to establish a National Volunteer Agency to coordinate and empower voluntary work countrywide. This recommendation was forwarded to the government for action.

Free Health Care Project (HCP)

Following the flood of 1998, HOPE'87 established its HCP project, which continues still today. The financial support ensures the medical support for up to 1,683 patients yearly. This weekly health care programme is held in the old part of Dhaka every Monday and has completed, since its inception, 575 weeks of service and provided health support services to 29,015 patients, as of July 2011. Most of the beneficiaries are women, children, physically challenged and elder persons.

HOPE'87 assists patients in different government hospitals through the Hospital Social Welfare Officer by providing medical support, medical kits & devices i.e. wheel chairs, crutches, prosthetic limbs, hearing aids, and much more. With the help of the charitable eye hospital "Mawla Box Eye Hospital", HOPE'87 provides financial support and volunteer support to distressed elderly patients marked by poverty and insecurity, and suffering from debilitating eye conditions. HOPE'87 supported 15 individuals through eye cataract operations.

Strengthen community initiatives to sustain community based services in the Bandarban district

The shortage of skilled labourers willing to work in such a remote and dangerous area is an ongoing challenge in this conflict prone region where health care is difficult to access. For many years UNDP successfully operates Mobile Satellite Clinics in some very remote areas of this district. UNDP awarded this project to HOPE'87 to train and motivate the Satellite Clinic Management Committee Members (SCMC) to sustain these community based health services. This project started in May 2011 and will continue up to February 2012. A project team of 9 members working in 25 remote villages will provide capacity building trainings and services to 25 satellite clinics.

Humanitarian Aid: distribution of water purification tablets

With the generous support of the German "Apotheker helfen e.V." (The charity organisation of the Bavarian pharmacists), HOPE'87 distributed water purification tablets (WPT) with the help of the Deputy Commissioner Office, the District Relief and Rehabilitation Officer, INGOs and PNGOs in response to the demand. HOPE'87 is now in process to cooperate with the Bangladesh Red Cross & Red Crescent Society for emergency situation distribution and furthermore plans to distribute WPT to 10,000 flood affected families, which will increase the number of total beneficiaries to 50,000 people.

Humanitarian Aid: distribution of blankets to cold wave affected people

Generally, in Bangladesh during the winter season the temperature remains between 10 to 15 degrees Celsius. In the year 2010 the temperature came down to 4 degrees Celsius and placed the survival of the homeless and the poor in a precarious state, resulting in the deaths of several individuals. In response to this situation HOPE'87 distributed 500 blankets to the most affected people in four districts.

Humanitarian Aid: disaster & earthquake preparedness programme

HOPE'87-Bangladesh has recently started a plan to organise an Earthquake Awareness Campaign along with a Life Skills Training Programme for children and youth from different schools and communities in Bangladesh. To draw awareness to this campaign, HOPE'87 printed posters, leaflets and pocket cards with necessary messages and instructions regarding Earthquake Awareness and Preparedness. Schools, network member organisations and also PNGOs have been selected for implementation. In the period covered by this report, HOPE'87 arranged an awareness programme in BIAM Laboratory Model School, Dhaka University and Lalbagh area (old Dhaka), in which a total of 650 students and young people participated.

International Youth Exchange Programme

The broad objective of the International Youth Exchange Programme is to promote and embrace cultural differences and to empower aspiring youths with diversified backgrounds to become young catalysts for change. To achieve this objective HOPE'87 arranges youth exchange programmes every year between HOPE'87 Branch Offices and youth organisations from other countries. In this year four exchange programmes have been arranged on a reciprocal basis with the following participating countries:

Dunman High School, Singapore

CC Youth Club of Peoples Association Youth Movement, Singapore

HOPE' 87-Pakistan

National Youth Services Council, Sri Lanka

The programme itinerary is especially structured to embed a vibrant and positive experience on youth development and youth employment. The programme duration is between 1 to 2 weeks.

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This country's programme contributes to the achievement of the following MDG:



PAKISTAN

PROGRAMME: Poverty alleviation through education, gender equality, training, income generation, disaster preparedness and humanitarian relief assistance

PROJECTS	LOCATION	N° OF BENEFICIARIES	MDGs
Humanitarian Aid: HOPE for the victims of flood / conflicts (WASH 2; ECHO, HOPE'87)	District Charsadda, Province Khyber Pakhtunkhwa (KPK)	31,024	
Humanitarian Aid: HOPE for the flood victims in Pakistan (ADC, UNESCO Foundation, proLoka, HOPE'87)	District Malakand, Province Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	24,805	
Humanitarian Aid: Food and medical aid for flood victims (Apotheker helfen e.V., ANT Hiroshima Japan, HOPE'87)	District Layyah, District Rajanpur, province Punjab; District Muzaffargarh in Punjab, District Daddu, Jamshoro & Mityari in Sindh; District Charsadda, District Malakand, District Nowshera, Charsadda, Province Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	116,435	
Humanitarian Aid: Muzaffargarh Saaf Pani, WASH-Phase II (ADRA, HOPE'87)	District Muzaffargarh, Province Punjab	5,800	
Humanitarian Aid: A safer tomorrow – disaster preparedness in schools (ECHO, HOPE'87)	District Chitral, Province Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	20,933	
Enabling access to affordable, quality education through a centre of excellence for under privileged / low income groups (PIDSA, TEDDS, HOPE'87)	District Lahore, Province Punjab	750	Goals 1, 2
Basic Health Unit (ADC, proLoka, ANT-Hiroshima Japan, HOPE'87)	Shamshatoo, Peshawar, Province Khyber Pakhtunkhwa	200,000	Goal 4
Learn to Earn – computer training courses for marginalized youth with special needs (ADC, HOPE'87)	District Lahore, Province Punjab	1,000	Goal 1

PROJECTS	LOCATION	N° OF BENEFICIARIES	MDGs
Umeed-e- Noor, skills training for handicapped people in Pakistan (ADC, HOPE'87)	Islamabad, Federal Capital	172	Goals 1, 3
Capacity building for habitat improvement in the Hindu Kush – Tajikistan and Pakistan (EC, ADC, HOPE'87)	Northern Areas (NA) and Chitral (Pakistan) and Gorno Badakshan Autonomous Oblast (GBAO, Tajikistan)	84,600	Goals 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVE AND REGIONAL COORDINATOR FOR CENTRAL & SOUTH(EAST) ASIA

M. Shoaib HAIDER - Civil Engineer

"My name is Sadaf Bibi and I am 24 years old. Being 3 feet tall is about only 2% of who I am. I'm more than able. I'm playing large. I want to help the community. God made me this way for a greater purpose, he created me to serve humanity and raise the hopes of the less privileged and disabled people. The year I turned ten brought a bulk of misfortunes. The death of my father and fracturing my leg were two of the most poignant proceedings to brutally rupture my hopes for a prosperous future. I am the only child of my parents and since I was severely disabled and belonged to an extremely poor family my life has always been nothing short of a perpetual struggle.

For the last few years my mother and I were surviving on only PKR 1500/-, per month. I was always eager to learn new skills and be a helping hand for my mother. I learned about HOPE'87 and Umeed-e-Noor from one of my friends, Saba. Since that day my life has transformed altogether. I started a sewing and needlework course supported by HOPE'87 which has lead to an increased interaction with other people with special needs and normal trainers. I found a new surging confidence, which reassured me I can contribute as well. I started looking at life in a more positive manner and began realizing my purpose in life. I believed in my purposeful existence and endured all opposition from my grandfather and local community who were against a girl's departure from the home for earning. Furthermore, I faced intense criticism from my relatives who did not believe in my abilities due to my disability.

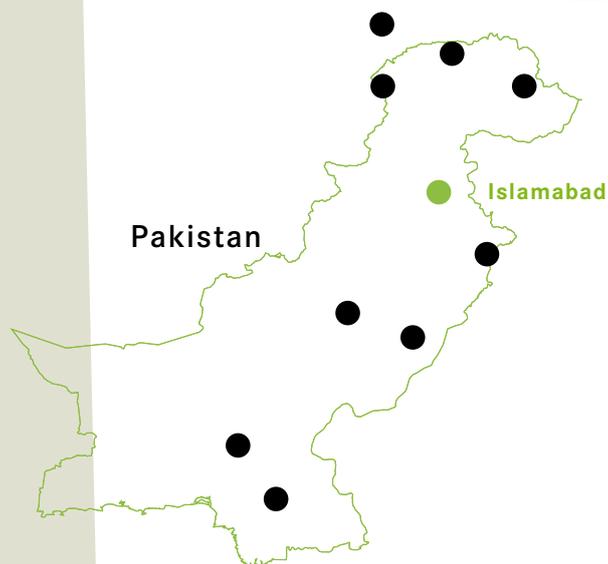
I was trained and proposed my ambition to train other girls in my locality. For that purpose I received two sewing machines and started the training from within my vicinity. My training class expanded in a few months and currently the training center has 25 trainees.

I am full of hope and dreams for my future now and aspire to be a practical example for other people who share the same handicap."

Sadaf Bibi



Sadaf Bibi



SUMMARY

Pakistan ranks 125th out of 169 nations on the HDI Index of the UN, with an unemployment rate of 15%. The Government of Pakistan has spent 1 trillion rupees (about \$16.7 billion) on poverty alleviation programmes during the past four years. Yet 22.59% of the population still lives below the poverty line (i.e. 944.47 PKR = 7 EUR approx. per adult/per month). Close to half of the population is deprived of education and basic health facilities, about three out of ten people have no access to proper medical facilities, five out of ten lack access to education and at least four out of ten have abysmally poor standards of living.

Some 15 years ago, HOPE'87-Pakistan, a member of the worldwide HOPE'87 network, started its modest activities for working children in Punjab. Gaining more technical experience and receiving the trust of the people, the programme was gradually expanded geographically to Islamabad, Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Northern Areas. Sector wise work started to focus also on skills training and vocational training for youth, on the provision of basic health services in remote areas and on habitat improvement for high-mountain areas to name just a few.

Since the earthquake of 2005, HOPE'87-Pakistan has continuously been providing humanitarian aid to victims of natural and man-made disasters, alleviating their fate, securing their survival and giving them hope and the skills to build up their homes again.

Pakistan was hit by its history's worst ever floods in July and August 2010. The floods affected 78 out of a total of 141 districts in Pakistan, covering one third of its geographical area, affecting more than 18 million people (one tenth of Pakistan's population), and devastated villages across the entire country, from the Himalayas to the Arabian Sea. An estimated area of 50,000 square kilometres was ravaged, 2.2 million hectares of standing crops were destroyed and half a million livestock were lost. There were 1,980 deaths confirmed, 1.7 million homes and 10,000 schools were damaged or destroyed.

HOPE'87 immediately responded to the disaster and relief of flood victims in July/August 2010 in regards to the unhygienic water and sanitation and health facilities. The two WASH sector projects funded by ECHO and ADC/ UNESCO Foundation/proLoka to support the flood-affected population have been completed. The projects were designed to help the vulnerable population affected by the flood / conflicts in Pakistan have increased access to and make use of rehabilitated drinking water facilities and follow improved hygiene practices. Additionally HOPE'87 assisted with the distribution of water purification tablets, medicines for cholera patients, antibiotics, malaria treatment medicine for children and high energy biscuits amongst flood victims with in kind donation of "Apotheker helfen e.V" and financial logistical support of ANT-Hiroshima Japan.

The three-year multi country project co-funded by EC/ADC/HOPE'87 titled "Capacity building for habitat improvement in the Hindu Kush" continues to run successfully through achieving the targeted goals. A total of 84,600 people of 150 villages will benefit from habitat improvement activities.

ACTIVITIES

Humanitarian Aid: HOPE for the victims of flood / conflicts in Pakistan WASH 2

The devastating floods began in late July 2010, resulting from a heavy monsoon in KPK, and Punjab provinces that led to floods across Pakistan affecting KPK, Sindh, Punjab and Baluchistan provinces, the Gilgit Baltistan Council of Pakistan, Azad Jammu and Kashmir. With the financial support of ECHO, HOPE'87 together with the local partner Strengthening Participatory Organization (SPO) implemented the six-months project in the district Charsadda, KPK province from 20th of August till 19th of February 2011. The main purpose of this project was to improve the humanitarian situation of the affected population by providing humanitarian assistance.

A total of 50 communal hand pumps were installed across 11 villages and 4,001 water storage kits and 4,000 hygiene kits were distributed among flood-affected families. Furthermore, a total of 210 latrines (48 community and 162 family shared latrines) were constructed or rehabilitated.

Humanitarian Aid: HOPE for the flood victims in Pakistan

The project "HOPE for the flood victims" was successfully completed in 8 months between 1st of October 2010 and 31st of May 2011 achieving all the targets and objectives. This programme was co-financed by the Austrian Development Cooperation (ADC) and supported by the UNESCO Foundation – Education for Children in Need and proLoka and implemented with the support of the local partner "Strengthening Participatory Organization (SPO)".

During the project three Public Health Engineering Department (PHED) water supply schemes and 30 communal water supply sources (dug wells) were rehabilitated and restored. Furthermore, 2,750 water storage kits and 2,750 hygiene kits were also distributed. Public awareness sessions were also conducted regarding health and hygiene promotion as well as public demonstrations displaying the correct use of hygiene kits and aqua tabs. Hence there has been a 78.6 % increase in hygienic practices and knowledge of 2,750 families was reported in a post KAP (Knowledge, Attitude and Practices) study. 4,000 meters of drainage channels were cleaned by involving 211 cash for work (CFW) beneficiaries in phase I, while in phase II 2,728 households participated in village white wash and cleaning campaign with the support of 111 CFW supervisors.

Humanitarian Aid: Food and medical aid for flood victims

With the generous in-kind donations of "Apotheker helfen e.V." and logistical support through the financial contributions of ANT-Hiroshima Japan, HOPE'87 distributed water purification tablets, medicines for cholera patients, antibiotics and malaria medicines, that were used at health camps arranged and organised by civil society partner organisations. Furthermore, 2.5 tons of high energy biscuits were distributed in the provinces of KPK, Punjab and Sindh.

Humanitarian Aid: Muzaffargarh Saaf Pani, WASH-Phase II

HOPE'87 is implementing as partner of ADRA-Germany a WASH project for the vulnerable population affected by floods to overcome their current living situations and improve the hygiene practices of the flood affected population. The key results of this project include availability of safe drinking water, improvement of hygiene practices and also the rehabilitation of sanitation facilities. The project, which started on August 1st, 2011, is managed by ADRA-Pakistan while HOPE'87-Pakistan acts as implementing agency.

Humanitarian Aid: A safer tomorrow – Disaster preparedness in schools

The school safety project in Chitral, KPK entitled "A safer tomorrow – Disaster preparedness in schools", is implemented together with the local partner HASHOO Foundation and started on 1st of May 2011. It is funded by ECHO, under the 6th South Asia DIPECHO action plan. The main components of the project include integrated community based risk reduction trainings, development of risk reduction maps and disaster response action plans for 20 schools, DRR education through extra-curricular teaching sessions, awareness raising through social events, drills and simulations for students and local communities, retrofitting to offer so-called "safe places" in schools, minor DRR measures in 20 schools and provision of emergency tool kits. The project will directly benefit 20,933 individuals. The total project duration is 18 months.

Enabling access to affordable quality education through a centre of excellence for underprivileged / low income groups

The project started in December 2010, with TEDDS (Trust for Education and Development of Deserving Students) having the lead role and co-financing the project together with Pakistan-Italian Debt for Development Swap Agreement (PDSA). The main aim of this project is to provide quality and affordable education to 750 students. The total project duration is two years. HOPE'87-Pakistan is providing monitoring and evaluation services during the project implementation.

Construction of a Basic Health Unit

The construction of a Basic Health Unit near Peshawar, Shamshatoo (KPK), financed by the long term partner organisation ANT-Hiroshima Japan, was completed in December 2010.

After completion of the construction works, ADC, proLoka, ANT Hiroshima and HOPE'87 joined hands and co-funded the operations of the BHU for 30 months starting from January 2011 until June 2013. The BHU is operational and is providing quality medical services to the people of the area at very low or subsidized rates. The BHU is also equipped with a laboratory and a hygiene campaign is also being carried out among the community and school children.

Learn to Earn – computer training for marginalised youth with special needs

The project was successfully completed on the 31st of December 2010 and achieved its target of training 955 young men and women. The project was designed to keep in view the high demand for IT-education in society in Pakistan. The target beneficiaries were the youth of Lahore, especially marginalized youth with special needs (deaf and mute) the aim being to improve their chances to further their education and improve their chances of entering the job market. This program was started in July 2008 with the financial support of the Austrian Development Cooperation (ADC) and ended in December 2010. An extensive capacity building programme enabled the Pakistani partner NGO, the Society for Education and Technology (SET), not only to implement this training project successfully, but to get additionally awarded a 150.000 € grant to enlarge the action under the Pakistan-Italian Debts Swap Agreement (PIDSA).

Umeed-e-Noor, Skills training for handicapped people of Pakistan

This project was started in June 2009 and successfully ended in May 2011. The main aim of the project was to increase the educational and economic opportunities for people who have physical and mental disabilities. This skills training centre for handicapped people improved the chances for employment and income generation opportunities for youth with special needs. The project trained 169 men/women with various disabilities. The highlight of the project were job and art fairs that helped in increasing the awareness among stakeholders and the general public along with creating a platform for employment and income generation opportunities.

Capacity building for habitat improvement in the Hindu Kush – Tajikistan and Pakistan

The 30-months project started in December 2009 and completed the half life of project duration this year. The action addresses habitat improvement needs with the aim of poverty reduction in the regions of Gorno-Badakhshan Autonomous Oblast (GBAO, Tajikistan), District Chitral in the province Khyber Pakhtunkhwa and Northern Areas of Pakistan. Both rural areas have similar environmental conditions with difficult-to-reach, disaster-prone human settlements situated at altitudes ranging from 1.500m to 4.500m with severe winters (as low as minus 45 degrees). Both locations have a high degree of environmental degradation and are subject to high seismic risks. In addition, the locations have a number of similar socio-economic conditions including high unemployment, lack of skilled labour force, a low per capita income, limited facilities for vocational training, gender imbalance and underdeveloped education and health services including similar infrastructural conditions such as poor sanitation and lack of village water supplies.



The overall objective of the action is to contribute to the alleviation of poverty and to improve the quality of life for communities in both countries. The specific objective of this action is to contribute to an improved and safer habitat in the disaster prone areas of GBAO and Northern Pakistan by Habitat Improvement (HI) activities. The project provides for cross-border information sharing, awareness raising, planning and capacity building in and between the NSAs and LAs, leading to strengthened organisational and practical capacities and the development of market-based mechanisms for sustaining service delivery.

This coordination and exchange of good practice will enable the stakeholders in South Asia (Pakistan) and Central Asia (Tajikistan), along with HOPE'87 and its network of Branch Offices in other Asian countries (e.g. Bangladesh) as well as in Africa to replicate successful approaches with other interested NSAs and LAs.

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- ABASEEN Foundation
- Trust for Education and Development of Deserving Students (TEDDS)
- HASHOO Foundation
- Strengthening Participatory Organization (SPO)
- Aga Khan Foundation
- Aga Khan Planning and Building Services, Pakistan
- FOCUS
- Aga Khan Foundation, Tajikistan
- Mountain Societies Development Support Program (MSDSP, Tajikistan)
- Society for Education and Technology (SET)

- ProLoka - Austria
- HAYAT Foundation
- Islamic Relief
- Danish Red Cross
- Action Aid
- Pakistan Red Crescent Society

This country's programme contributes to the achievement of the following MDG:



TAJIKISTAN

PROGRAMME: Habitat improvement and natural resource management

PROJECTS	LOCATION	N° OF BENEFICIARIES	MDGs
Improving income and living conditions in rural areas of Eastern Khatlon through natural resource management and habitat improvement (EC, ADC, HOPE'87)	Tajikistan, Khatlon Province, Districts: Shurabad, Muminabad, Khovaling	109,000	Goals 1, 3, 7
Capacity building for habitat improvement in the Hindu Kush – Tajikistan and Pakistan (EC, ADC, HOPE'87)	Northern Areas (NA) and Chitral (Pakistan) and Gorno Badakshan Autonomous Oblast (GBAO, Tajikistan)	84,600	Goals 1, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7

SUMMARY

The Republic of Tajikistan is a landlocked mountainous country dominated by the Trans-Alay Range in the north and the Pamirs in the southeast.

After the dissolution of the Soviet Union, Tajikistan gained its independence in 1991, but shortly after experienced a civil war between regional factions from 1992-1997. After recovering from the atrocious civil war Tajikistan is faced with much to be accomplished. According to the UNDP Human Development Index, Tajikistan ranks 112th, earning the title of the poorest nation out of all Central Asian countries. With approximately 93 percent of the country covered by mountainous terrain it creates a very challenging environment to promote development initiatives. Short- and long-term socio-economic development is hampered by complex, interrelated problems at all levels such as corruption, lack of training and income-generating opportunities as well as dilapidated public infrastructure and services. Crosscutting issues such as environmental degradation and gender inequality along with soaring drug trafficking further exacerbate these issues.

ACTIVITIES

Improving income and living conditions in rural areas of Eastern Khatlon

Today, with the financial support from the European Commission (EC), Austrian Development Cooperation (ADC), and HOPE'87 and ground support from the Mountain Societies Development Support Programme (MSDSP), and the Agricultural Training and Advisory Centre (ATAC), the project aims to contribute to improved income and living conditions through natural resource management and habitat improvement. At the initial stages of the project, MSDSP and ATAC conducted planning and information meetings with staff, local government officials and community members. The meetings were held regarding project objectives, approaches and outcomes, to enable constructive and smooth partnerships between these stakeholders throughout project implementation. A baseline study was also conducted to assess the physical environment.

A variety of training activities have been conducted in Value Chain Analysis (VCA) and support has been provided to Farmer Field Schools (FFS) in each sub-district of the project region. A comprehensive training



manual will also be produced by the end of the first training cycle and the development of a price collection system and marketing network will allow for greater integration. Currently, the University of Central Asia (UCA) has already elaborated upon a training module on habitat improvement and 130 focal residents were identified and trained. Furthermore, MSDSP has already selected 20 buildings in cooperation with Village Organizations (VOs) and Social Unions for the Development of VOs (SUDVOs), to be partly thermo insulated and put on display to the public to show the effect of thermo insulation and fuel-efficient stoves. Drinking water supply systems were also assessed and 18 Water Committees (WC) and 1 Water User Association (WUA) were trained in “Establishing Water User Associations”. This programme is managed by the HOPE’87 General Secretariat in Vienna.

Capacity Building for Habitat Improvement in the Hindu Kush – Tajikistan and Pakistan

This EC-ADC-HOPE’87 co-financed multi-country project, with a total financial volume of 3.2 million €, addresses the regions of Gorno-Badakshan Autonomous Oblast (GBO, Tajikistan) and those of District Chitral in the North West Frontier Province and the Northern Areas (Pakistan). The overall objective of the project is to contribute to the alleviation of poverty and to achieve an improved quality of life for communities in Tajikistan. This will be measured by increased household disposable income, enhanced employment opportunities for young people, improved health and hygiene conditions and reduced vulnerability to earthquakes and other natural disasters. The specific objective of this action is to contribute to an improved and safer habitat in the disaster prone areas of GBO covering about 120 villages in the districts Darvaz, Vanj, Rushan, Shugnan, Ishkashim, Roshtkala and Murghab. More than 50.000 inhabitants will benefit from improved housing conditions and heating devices, provision of safe drinking water and earthquake resistant building techniques. This programme is managed by the HOPE’87 Regional Office for South(East) Asia in Islamabad. For more information, please refer to the chapter “Pakistan”.

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NGO's

- Mountain Societies Development Support Programme (MSDSP)
- Aga Khan Foundation-Tajikistan
- Agricultural Training and Advisory Centre (ATAC)

This country's programme contributes to the achievement of the following MDG:



BOSNIA AND HERZEGOVINA

PROGRAMME: Psycho-social and medical rehabilitation of mine and war victims, pain patients and most vulnerable groups

PROJECTS	LOCATION	N° OF BENEFICIARIES	MDGs
Continuous education of medical professionals of Community Based Rehabilitation Centres (CBR) for Mine Victims Rehabilitation in BH – Continuation Phase II“ (ITF, HOPE’87)	Countrywide	7,370	Goal 4

COUNTRY REPRESENTATIVE

Fikret KARKIN - Civil Engineer



SUMMARY

During the past 18 years, HOPE’87 has established effective rehabilitative programmes for mine and war victims, amputees and war-disabled children, pain patients and neglected youth in Bosnia and Herzegovina(BH). In its efforts to help the disabled population, HOPE’87 in cooperation with the Ministry of Health of Federation of Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Ministry of Health and Social Welfare of the Republic of Srpska, has supported efforts to provide a systematic approach to the treatment of patients as well as education to medical personnel countrywide.

ACTIVITIES

„Continuous education of medical professionals of Community Based Rehabilitation Centres (CBR) for mine victims rehabilitations in BH – Continuation Phase II“

The current project outlines the plan for facilitating the rehabilitation of disabled patients throughout the country by means of training medical personnel (rehabilitation teams). This project is based on the positive results and requests of the previous projects financed by the ITF, which have provided adequate medical services for people with disabilities in Sarajevo.

The goal of this project is to improve the quality of rehabilitative health services for mine victims in BH to achieve internationally accepted standards. The improvement of medical rehabilitative services, a special emphasis on specific techniques in physiotherapy and the access to international experiences of the medical personnel in CBRs will all raise the quality of medical rehabilitation in BH for mine victims.

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NGO's

- Handicap International
- Landmine Survivors Network
- Mercy Corps
- Red Cross / Red Crescent BiH
- Stop Mines
- Union of Civil War Victims
- Union of Military War Victims

This country's programme contributes to the achievement of the following MDG:



REPUBLIC OF MOLDOVA

PROGRAMME: Physical recovery and reintegration into social life for children and youth suffering from malignant tumours through development of educational and medical opportunities

PROJECTS	LOCATION	N° OF BENEFICIARIES	MDGs
Establishing an educational unit for long term hospitalised children and a bone marrow transplantation unit in Chisinau (ADC, UNESCO, GIGAX Foundation, HOPE'87)	Chisinau	500	Goals 2, 4, 8

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SUMMARY

The Republic of Moldova has one of the lowest incomes in Europe. The current social and economic situation in Moldova means that there is little medical support available for families with ill children and little attention paid to educational issues. This strongly affects the integration into society of ill children at the end of their treatment. In many cases, young people do not get the opportunity to secure employment and cannot contribute effectively to the development of the country.

The National Institute of Oncology in Moldova provides limited educational facilities to children and young people receiving treatment from the institution. Approximately 500 children received medical treatment at the institution in the last year. However the facilities are limited and are not at the same standard of the educational programs taught in normal schools.

The creation of an educational centre and a bone marrow transplantation unit requires strong support from different local and international institutions. Specifically, what is needed includes development of specific

educational approaches, attraction of best practices in medical treatment of children and improvement of management capacities of medical and educational authorities. HOPE'87, in cooperation with the National Commission of the Republic of Moldova for UNESCO and relevant Ministries of the country, have joined efforts to provide a tangible support in these areas.

ACTIVITIES

Establishing an educational unit for long term hospitalised children and a bone marrow transplantation unit in Chisinau

Since its creation in 1960 the Institute of Oncology became a leading institution in medical treatment for children with cancer. The institute also has established an educational unit for hospitalised children and youth. Today, approximately 500 young patients receive permanent medical care. To ensure the highest standards of medical treatment and educational support, services and care practices need improvement.

In the past 12 months medical staff of the Institute of Oncology involved in the treatment of sick children received further training in the "Louis Turcanu" Institute of Oncology in Timisoara, Romania and in the St. Anna Children's Hospital in Vienna, Austria, in order to strengthen their capacities and to be exposed to new medical techniques. HOPE'87 also expresses its gratitude to the GIGAX Foundation for the financial support received. These training sessions for 22 medical experts last for 3 to 6 months and already 8 doctors and nurses participated successfully in such vocational trainings. On the basis of these trainings and other relevant activities, a baseline study as well as guidelines for financial allocations and advocacy issues were drafted. Furthermore, staff members of the educational federal and communal services were invited to Vienna to study the programmes of the City of Vienna for hospitalised children at the St. Anna Paediatric Hospital. The educational services of the Republic of Moldova and of the City of Chisinau will be supported by the project to improve the curricula for special educators to serve long-term hospitalised children and to prepare adequate pedagogical programmes for children staying at the Institute of Oncology. A special educational unit will be adapted and equipped within the compound of the Institute.

The reconstruction and renovation of the facilities for the educational unit and the future bone marrow transplantation units in the Institute of Oncology are an essential part of the project and the planning of these activities were managed in the most transparent way. Project implementation includes procurement according to EC standards and installation of medical and educational equipment for the units. Therefore improving the overall capacities of the Institute of Oncology dealing with both the medical as well as educational and social wellbeing of the little patients and their families.

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