

Unique Selling Points



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sign of hope

What we do

Whether we provide food for the hungry, emergency shelter for earthquake victims, seeds and tools for smallholders, vocational training for women, textbooks for schoolchildren or organise protests for persecuted Christians, the work we do around the world is wide-ranging and focused.

Hoffnungszeichen | Sign of Hope e.V. is a faith-based Christian organisation dedicated to human rights, humanitarian aid and development cooperation. Helping the oppressed and exploited all over the world is at the heart of what we do. Drawing on Christian belief for our values and our motivation, Sign of Hope is guided by the principles of compassion, loving one's neighbour and solidarity.

Hoffnungszeichen | Sign of Hope e.V. stands up for people whose rights are under threat or being violated, provides humanitarian aid in the form of disaster relief and emergency aid and is committed to sustainable development cooperation. Satisfying the basic human needs for food, water, health-care and shelter are core elements of our work.

One of the regions where we are particularly active is East Africa. In this reporting year, particular emphasis was placed on South Sudan, a country in which Sign of Hope has been active since 1994, and on Uganda, where a life-saving health station is run by Sign of Hope in the particularly poor and neglected east of the country.

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Humanitarian aid

By providing short-term disaster relief, Sign of Hope quickly and efficiently ensures the survival of victims of famines and natural catastrophes – for example in the aftermath of devastating floods. As part of this short- and medium-term emergency relief, we assist people in crisis- and war-afflicted countries that lie in the focus of our organisation.

Development cooperation

In this field, we aim to bring about structural changes that will support better living conditions by helping people to help themselves. We collaborate with local partners and members of staff on the ground, working together to help them achieve sustainable project goals

Vision & Mission

Our Vision Statement

A future in which birthplace no longer determines a life in dignity.

Our Mission Statement

We reach out our hand, so that people can stand tall.



“Whatever you did for one of the least of these brothers and sisters of mine, you did for me.”

Matthew 25:40

(Sign of Hope’s guiding verse)

How we help

Streamlined work processes, a network of trustworthy partners and comprehensive monitoring mechanisms: providing personalised aid requires careful planning and diligence. This is why our work is effective and efficient, as well as focussed entirely around our aid recipients and donors.



God created and loves us all, and every person has dignity. The needs of the individuals who receive the aid we deliver are, therefore, at the heart of our work. We interact with both the participants and beneficiaries of our projects and our donors as equals, treating them with respect, appreciation and tolerance. The main pillars of our work are trust, neutrality and interdenominational principles.

We have been involved in trusting collaborations with a number of different partner organisations for several years now with a view to achieving our goals. Furthermore, we also initiate and carry out projects using solely our own resources. However, crisis situations and the causes of structural poverty are becoming ever more complex. Managing projects is all the more important in order to maintain high standards of qual-

ity and to improve our work consistently, from planning and implementation to monitoring and evaluation.

In practical terms, Sign of Hope works in line with internationally recognised principles of humanitarian aid and development cooperation, such as the Core Humanitarian Standard, the standards of the Sphere Project, the VENRO Code and the principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. Self-imposed guidelines and external auditing bodies moreover ensure the transparency, safety and quality of our work.

Wideranging partner networks, such as EU Cord – a network of European Christian non-governmental organisations – act as lobby groups and vital sources of information at the same time.



Focus areas

Providing immediate assistance, achieving change in the long-term and satisfying basic human needs. In order to achieve this, Sign of Hope projects are devoted to seven focus areas.



Food

We make sure that people in desperate situations have access to sufficient food. We help them to supply themselves with food and provide seeds, tools and – when necessary – food rations.



Healthcare

People continue to die from diseases that are actually easily treatable. In many of its projects Sign of Hope ensures access to healthcare and provides information about disease prevention.



Human Rights

Sign of Hope exerts selective influence to improve the human rights situation around the world. We provide information about abuses and put pressure on those responsible.





Floods, earthquakes, conflict, famine – in the present era there is often a demand for immediate material help. To deliver this, we collaborate with partners on the ground who know what those affected require most urgently, such as clean drinking water, hygiene products or emergency shelter.



Emergency Aid & Disaster Relief



Poverty affects millions of people worldwide. Sign of Hope assists them in improving their lives through their own efforts, for example by creating income opportunities.



Combating Poverty



In many countries, it is principally the poorest in society who have either no or limited access to clean water. Sign of Hope helps by building drinking water wells, reservoirs and basic sanitary facilities and by providing hygiene education.



Water



Education is important in overcoming poverty and being able to determine the course of one's own life. We facilitate access to educational programmes even in the remotest of regions.



Education & Social Issues



Where we work

Armenia

Bangladesh

Bolivia

D.R. Congo

Ethiopia

Guatemala

Haiti

India

Iraq

Kenya

Malawi

Nepal

Peru

Rwanda

South Sudan

Uganda

Ukraine

Zambia

Zimbabwe



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