



Annual Report 2020



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Initiative for People in Need

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Our Vision

Our vision is a world without hardship in which all people can live self-determinedly and with dignity. Access to clean drinking water and adequate sanitation as well as a good education are an important foundation for this.

Our Mission

We support people in attaining the knowledge, skills and means necessary to bring this vision to fruition.

We enable sufficient and safe water supply, sanitation facilities and context appropriate hygiene measures (WASH) and improve the living conditions in regions affected by natural disasters, crises and poverty. In doing this, we provide emergency – as well as transitional aid and engage in long term development cooperation.

We promote good education in Germany and abroad, in order to enable people to take on responsibility for themselves and their environment. The focus of our educational work in Germany is on Global Education and Education for Sustainable Development (ESD). In our projects abroad, we predominantly support the education of children and young people – usually in connection with the supply of water and sanitation in schools.

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We focus on



WATER



SANITATION



HYGIENE



EDUCATION



EMERGENCY RELIEF



REHABILITATION



DISASTER RISK REDUCTION



What is COVID-19 and how do you protect yourself from infection? Fact-based answers to these existential questions were delivered by arche noVa 2020 through local partner organizations in such remote places as Garilly in Somalia.

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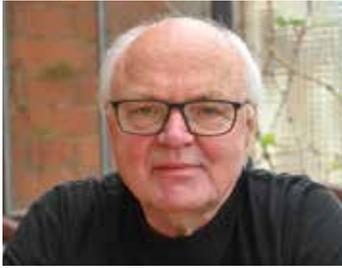
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A voice for solidarity

Around the world, the number of crises is not going down, they are not diminishing in size, and they are lasting longer and longer. As an aid organization, we have to face up to these challenges. This applies not only to the COVID-19 pandemic and climate change, which will continue to affect humanity for a long time to come. In this annual report, you will learn how our projects help people in need to cope with their difficult everyday lives, which hopefully gives them the assurance that they are not forgotten.

The fact that we have been able to implement this work from Dresden, the capital of Saxony, for so long is not something we take for granted, and it fills us with gratitude and also a little pride. It is not the rule that cities of this size host their "own" aid organization that is active in so many countries. But for us, many things simply fit together well here. We feel supported by the civil society and respected and supported by the state capital, the Free State of Saxony and many companies.

This trust is a source of strength for arche noVa and at the same time an obligation to share our experiences, which we gather in our international work, with the people "at home". In our publications and press releases we regularly report on our work. We also reach out to young people and young adults with educational programs for sustainable development, so that they can better understand global interrelationships and take on responsibility themselves.

Thanks to your support, we have been able to become a voice for solidarity and cosmopolitanism that is so important, especially in Saxony. We are doing everything we can to ensure that this remains the case and that we can continue to provide effective support to many people in the future with emergency aid in crises and development cooperation projects.

Stay by our side.

Stefan Mertenskötter
Chairman of the Board



Under difficult conditions

Unfortunately, when I look back on 2020, the COVID-19 pandemic cannot be ignored. It kept us busy throughout the year and determined our actions to a considerable degree. Even now, shortly before the annual report goes to press, it is not clear what impact can still be expected. However, it is certain that the pandemic and its consequences will accompany us for a long time and that we have to find ways for a responsible coexistence on a very local as well as on a global level.

For arche noVa it has been shown that we are able to act even under difficult conditions. This is important with regard to all crises, even those that were not in the media focus in 2020. Particularly in the countries where we have been providing humanitarian aid for several years, the pandemic was just one of many problems that make people's lives more difficult. Climate change is also advancing and, just like the virus, is affecting the most vulnerable people the most. It is for these people that we work every day in our projects.

The fact that we were able to continue all our projects last year – albeit in a modified form – is also due to the motivation and perseverance of our employees and partners. They deserve my special appreciation. Thanks to their commitment, we have been able to further professionalize our digital collaboration.

The expansion of the Board from three to five members will also further strengthen the organization. After Jan Löper unfortunately did not stand for re-election due to family reasons, we were able to win three new members who will network arche noVa even more broadly in civil society in the future. Together with the Board, I would like to thank all supporters of arche noVa, because without your help our work would not be possible.

Mathias Anderson
Managing Director

ACTIVE UNDER COVID-19 CONDITIONS

International Project Work 2020



On January 30, 2020, the director of the World Health Organization declared an international health emergency. At this point COVID-19 was barely heard of and its spread was still minimal. But soon, everything around the world revolved around the care of the sick and the containment of the waves of infection – also in our project countries. arche noVa reacted on all levels. Projects were redirected, increased and adapted. Once again, our focus on WASH proved to be an important thematic area.

Curfews, distancing- and hygiene rules, and home office - around the globe, there were far-reaching responses to the pandemic in 2020. The preventive measures also affected arche noVa - from the headquarters in Dresden to the country offices abroad and the people in the projects. We immediately took protective measures for employees and partners and adapted the ongoing project work to the new framework conditions and the changed need for help.

Keeping projects alive

In many countries, arche noVa was able to initiate immediate measures to contain the virus. These included, in particular, education and hygiene campaigns and additional WASH activities. arche noVa brought existential information about infection risks and hygiene to the remote project regions. Once again, it paid off that we work closely with local organizations and are present on site with local teams.

Thus, arche noVa succeeded in not having to stop any project despite international travel restrictions and great pressure to adapt during the pandemic. On the contrary, by reallocating, increasing and adapting the ongoing project content, we succeeded in making an important contribution to COVID-19 prevention in our project regions. For example, microenterprises in Myanmar were contracted to produce everyday-masks, and hand-washing stations were installed in Uganda. Our Lebanese team supported medical aid workers with protective clothing and disinfection materials. In addition, project funds were increased to expand WASH provision at a health station in Ethiopia and more hygiene education was carried out in Iraq.

Continuing to work at a distance

In all countries of operation, our duty of care was to our own teams and those with whom we worked. Hygiene

concepts were introduced at each site, taking into account both national regulations and WHO recommendations. At the same time, strict health protection changed the actual project activities. Activities involving the gathering of large crowds had to be suspended or transferred to smaller formats. However, many activities could also take place at a distance or digitally. This applies both to activities with the target group and to project management.

Digitization opens doors

The progress in digitalization is one of the few positive consequences of the pandemic, which arche noVa also made good use of. For example, colleagues from Dresden participated via video in consortium meetings in East Africa that previously took place in Nairobi without them. The move to digital enabled arche noVa to expand the circle of participants at each individual event and generally facilitated international cooperation. This also applies to conferences and trainings, which were previously not accessible or affordable for interested people from the Global South due to language barriers, long journeys or high costs. arche noVa explicitly welcomes this development. Events, which we organize or co-host ourselves, shall be as participative as possible in the future.

Despite all the optimism emanating from digitalization in project management as well as in implementation however, the enormous regional differences worldwide also became apparent in this question. While our local partner organization in Lebanon, for example, succeeded in getting digital school lessons off the ground, it was not possible in Somalia, despite great efforts, to conduct training with the target groups online simply because there are neither sufficient terminal devices nor mobile phone capacity on site.

Global progress slumped

A final assessment of COVID-19 is still a long way off. In many countries, including most of our project countries, the number of infections was still rising as this report went to press. One thing is already clear, however: the economic and humanitarian impact of the pandemic has been monumental. COVID-19 has made the world more unequal and set the international community back years on the road to global development goals. That's because, while the virus puts everyone at equal risk, it hits particularly hard those who were already weak and vulnerable. This applies both to the

actual health crisis and to the resulting economic recession. High mortality rates and the rise in extreme poverty are particularly evident in the world's economically weakest countries, where there were hardly any social safety nets even before the crisis.

Our teams on the ground saw how the sometimes rigid restrictions initially contained the spread of COVID-19, but at the same time led to massive dislocations. Jobs were lost, people fell into existential hardship, women and girls became victims of domestic violence, and children could no longer go to school where previously they had not only received education but also school meals. Many global advances in poverty reduction, food security, educational work and gender justice of the past decades have already been lost in 2020 and are further in danger.

Keeping arche noVa on track

In our project countries, COVID-19 was and is by far not the only crisis people have to deal with. Man-made conflicts, structural disadvantages and last but not least the consequences of the climate crisis shape the everyday life of our target groups. The most important thing we can do is to continue to implement our ongoing and planned project activities as best we can. Every water supply system we build; every health station that gets sanitation; every refugee family that gets hygiene items; every child that knows how to wash hands counts. COVID-19 has strengthened arche noVa in its mission. Our projects, especially in the field of water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) contribute to the stabilization of the supply situation in crisis regions, strengthen future prospects in the sense of helping people to help themselves and, last but not least, are a contribution to preventive health care.



Katja Laudemann

(Master's in Humanitarian Aid) has been leading the interantional program since 2019. She sees the digital solutions as an opportunity to stay in contact with our partners and national employees even during a pandemic and thus ensure program implementation.

ARCHE NOVA 2020 WORLDWIDE

arche noVa was active in eleven countries in 2020. The international program ranged from humanitarian aid in Syria to numerous WASH projects in development cooperation and disaster preparedness in the Philippines. In all project countries, the current COVID-19 prevention regulations were taken into account and activities were adapted according to the needs.

In total, arche noVa supported 2.01 million people.

The total expenditure of arche noVa was 14.9 million Euros. Of this, arche noVa spent about 13.8 million Euros on projects abroad and 567,000 Euros in educational work in the field of ESD.

GERMANY:

- 📍 Global Education/Education for Sustainable Development (ESD)

SYRIA:

- 🤝 BONYAN Organization
- 🤝 Ufuk International for Relief & Development

LEBANON:

- 📍 arche noVa country office Lebanon, Tripoli
- 🤝 Society for Social Support & Education
- 🤝 Tankamel Sawa
- 🤝 Development for People and Nature Association
- 🤝 Lebanese Red Cross

ETHIOPIA:

- 🤝 Organization for Welfare and Development in Action

UGANDA:

- 🤝 Katosi Women Development Trust

MALI:

- 📍 arche noVa country office Mali, Bamako
- 🤝 Association Nord et Développement
- 🤝 Nouveaux Horizons

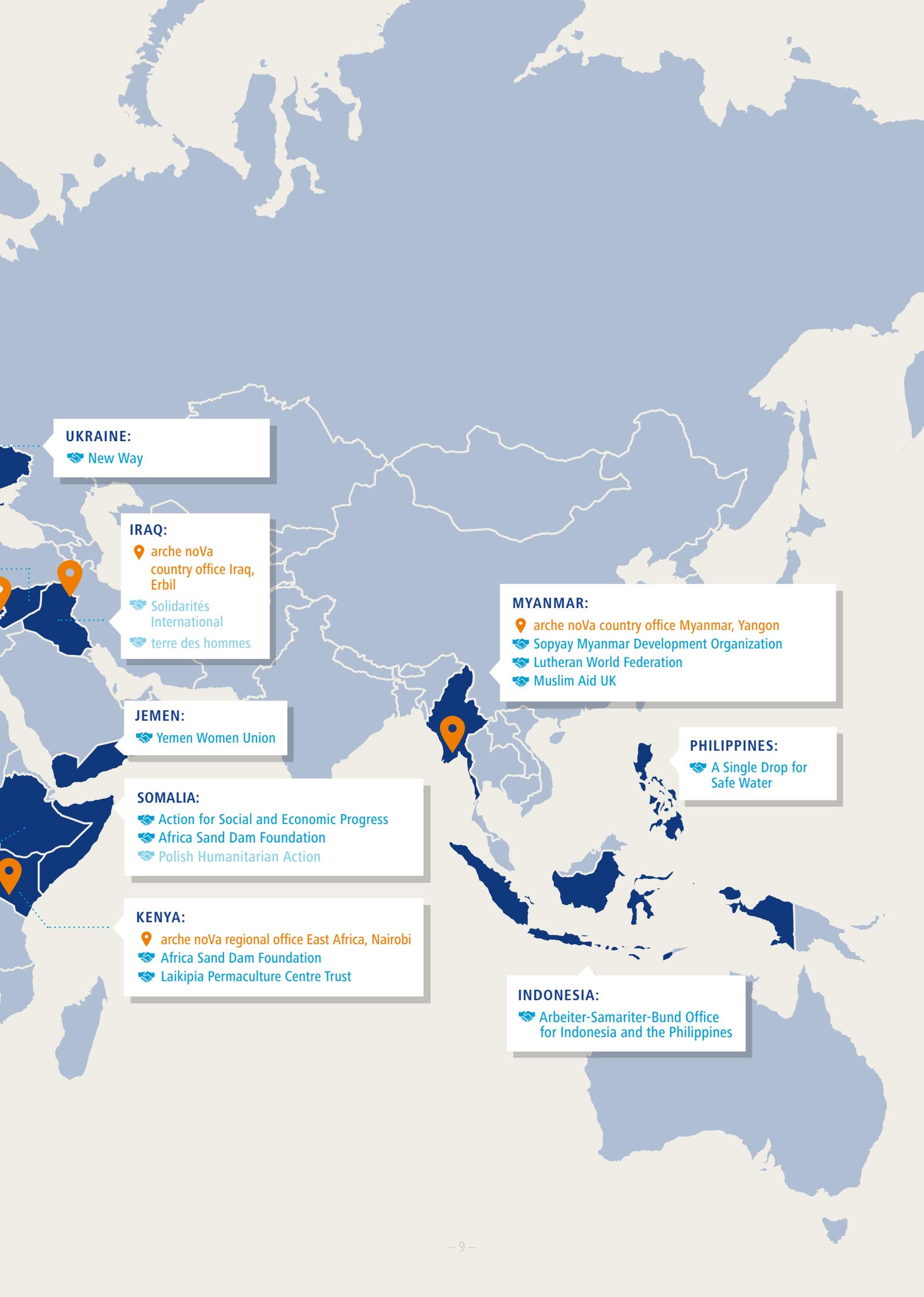
INTERNATIONAL PARTNERSHIPS

arche noVa works according to the principle of helping people to help themselves. The cooperation with local partner organizations is particularly important to us. arche noVa promotes civil society structures and involves the population in the projects together with its partners.

 arche noVa country or regional office with its own team

 Implementation partner for international program

 Consortium partner for individual projects



UKRAINE:
New Way

IRAQ:
arche noVa country office Iraq, Erbil
Solidarités International
terre des hommes

MYANMAR:
arche noVa country office Myanmar, Yangon
Sopyay Myanmar Development Organization
Lutheran World Federation
Muslim Aid UK

JEMEN:
Yemen Women Union

PHILIPPINES:
A Single Drop for Safe Water

SOMALIA:
Action for Social and Economic Progress
Africa Sand Dam Foundation
Polish Humanitarian Action

KENYA:
arche noVa regional office East Africa, Nairobi
Africa Sand Dam Foundation
Laikipia Permaculture Centre Trust

INDONESIA:
Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund Office for Indonesia and the Philippines

PROJECTS OF OUR INTERNATIONAL PROGRAM

	COUNTRY	REGION	DURATION	DESCRIPTION
AFRICA	Ethiopia	Somali Regional State	09.2018 - 03.2020	Providing humanitarian aid for communities affected by floods and droughts; C
	Ethiopia	Somali Regional State	01.2019 - 03.2020	Strengthening the resilience of pastoral and agro-pastoral communities
	Kenya	Makueni-, Machakos-, Kitui-, Laikipia County	01.2015 - 12.2020	Improving water supply, reforestation and increasing food security
	Mali	Région de Gao	07.2018 - 08.2020	Improving WASH and income and food security in communities affected by co
	Somalia/ Kenya	Somalia: Gedo, Lower Juba, Galgaduud; Kenia: Makueni-, Machakos-, Kitui-County	09.2018 - 03.2022	Humanitarian aid (WASH and livelihood) in communities affected by floods, dro prevention (Somalia and Kenya).
	Somalia	Gedo, Jubbaland	09.2019 - 12.2021	Strengthening the resilience of communities affected by conflicts and natural d
	Uganda	Mukono District	10.2017 - 09.2021	Improving access to drinking water, sanitation facilities & hygiene in fishing co
ASIA	Indonesia	Sulawesi Tengah (Central Sulawesi)	09.2018 - 07.2020	Reconstruction water supply systems and sanitation facilities for people affecte
	Iraq	Gouvernements Diyala, Sulaymaniyah	01.2019 - 06.2020	Providing humanitarian emergency aid in the fields of WASH for IDPs and host
	Iraq	Gouvernements Diyala, Sulaymaniyah	03.2020 - 02.2021	Humanitarian aid in the fields of WASH for IDPs in 6 Camps
	Iraq	Gouvernements Diyala, Kirkuk, Salah al-Din	06.2020 - 05.2024	Improving WASH, agriculture and capacity building in host and returnee comm
	Iraq	Gouvernements Diyala, Kirkuk	01.2020 - 06.2020	Hygiene promotion in camps, distribution of equipment for medical facilities, co
	Lebanon	Governorate Bekaa	10.2015 - 08.2022	Providing education for children in Lebanon affected by the Syria crisis
	Lebanon	Governorate Bekaa	06.2020 - 12.2020	Supporting school attendance for children affected by the Syria crisis in the CO
	Lebanon	Governorate Akkar, Beirut	07.2016 - 07.2021	Improving water supply in host communities, COVID-19 prevention, emergency
	Lebanon	Beirut	10.2020 - 05.2021	Psychosocial support for children and adolescents after Beirut blast
	Myanmar	Rakhine State	06.2016 - 07.2021	Supporting communities frequently affected by natural disasters in the field of W
	Myanmar	Shan State	11.2017 - 10.2020	Strengthening the resilience of communities affected by conflicts in the field of
	Myanmar	Shan State	10.2019 - 06.2024	Improving learning conditions in schools strengthening the resilience of commu
	Myanmar	Rakhine State	04.2020 - 12.2020	Emergency aid for IDPs through distribution of food packages and hygiene kits
	Myanmar	Rakhine State	09.2020 - 08.2021	Ensuring basic WASH needs in 2 IDP camps
	Myanmar	Rakhine + Shan State	12.2020 - 02.2021	Strengthening resilience in IDP camps and communities with winter relief and
	Philippines	Palawan	01.2020 - 12.2024	Institutional support of the partner ASDSW for the provision of infrastructure in
	Philippines	Palawan	03.2020 - 12.2020	Strengthening resilience of 20 rural communities in Puerto Princesa, COVID-19
Syria	Nordost Syrien (NES), Raqqa, Deir Ezzor	02.2018 - 06.2021	Rehabilitation of water supply systems, promotion of waste management for ID	
Syria	Governorate Idlib	12.2019 - 12.2021	Providing humanitarian assistance to war-affected IDPs and host communities	
Syria	Nordost Syrien (NES), Raqqa, Deir Ezzor	12.2019 - 12.2022	Improving access to education, rehabilitation of WASH basic infrastructure for	
EUROPE	Ukraine	Oblast Donezk, Luhansk	09.2015 - 08.2020	Improving the living conditions of people affected by the conflict
	Ukraine	Oblast Donezk	10.2020 - 02.2021	COVID-19 prevention in schools and kindergartens in the conflict-affected area
	Germany, Myanmar		01.2019 - 12.2020	Training in emergency aid in the field of WASH and compilation of a compendi
	Germany, worldwide		various	Supporting small projects in the field of emergency aid, refugee assistance, CO

Meaning of the SECTORS:  Water,  Sanitation,  Hygiene,  Education,  Food Supply,  Livelihood,  Health,  Disaster Risk Reduction

Abbreviations: AA: Auswärtiges Amt, ADH: Aktion Deutschland Hilft e.V., ASB: Arbeiter-Samariter-Bund Auslandshilfe, ASDF: Africa Sand Damm Foundation, ASDSW: A single drop for safe water, ASEP: Action for Safe Humanitarian Aid Operations, GWN: WASH-Netzwerk (German WASH Network), IDP: Internally Displaced Person (im eigenen Land Vertriebene), KWDT: Katosi Women Development Trust, LPCT: Laikipia Permaculture for Welfare and Development in Action, PAH: Polska Akcja Humanitarna, SI: Solidarités International, SKALA: SKala-Initiative der PHINEO gemeinnützige AG, SMDO: Sopay Myanmar Development Organization, SSK: SSK - Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, UNICEF: United Nations Children's Fund, WASH: Wasser-, Sanitärversorgung und Hygiene, WDHBS: Weiterdenken – Heinrich-Böll-Stiftung Sachsen e.V.

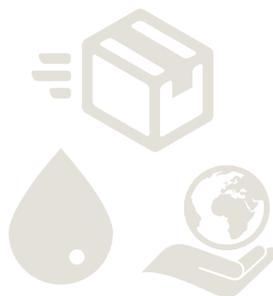
2020

	SEKTORS	CATEGORY	DIRECT BENEFICIARIES	FINANCIAL SUPPORT	IMPLEMENTATION PARTNER	EXPENSES IN 2020
COVID-19 prevention		NH	56,660	AA, ADH	OWDA	877,389.20 €
		EZ	26,315	BMZ, ADH	OWDA	125,478.45 €
		EZ	32,514	BMZ, ADH	ASDF, LPCT	368,515.80 €
Conflicts		WA/ÜH	22,000	SKALA, ADH	ND, NOUV	545,358.09 €
Thoughts and conflicts, COVID-19		NH	314,468	AA, ADH	ASEP, PAH, ASDF	1,747,194.29 €
Disasters		WA/ÜH	19,245	BMZ	ASEP	623,363.97 €
Communities, COVID-19 prevention		EZ	23,310	BMZ	KWDT	159,962.10 €
Affected by the earthquake		NH, WA/ÜH	18,634	ADH	ASB	57,327.34 €
Refugees and returnee communities		NH, WA/ÜH	107,000	AA, UN OCHA	TDH, SI	888,700.43 €
		NH	17,000	ECHO	SI	350,890.10 €
Communities		WA/ÜH	40,000	BMZ		295,543.25 €
Construction of a school toilet			10,000	ADH		103,669.21 €
		NH	1,794	SSK	SSSE	386,960.88 €
COVID-19 pandemic		NH	900	SSK	SSSE	34,771.25 €
Aid after Beirut blast		NH, WA/ÜH	62,382	BMZ	TKS, LRC	1,445,348.72 €
		NH	700	ADH	DPNA	22,047.18 €
WASH, capacity building, DRR		WA/ÜH	16,307	BMZ		325,680.96 €
WASH, capacity building, DRR		WA/ÜH	8,000	BMZ	SMDO	305,650.44 €
Communities		WA/ÜH	6,700	BMZ	SMDO	361,703.95 €
		NH	1,134	ADH		27,157.69 €
		NH	2,183	UN OCHA	LWF	8,146.55 €
COVID-19 prevention		NH	16,267	MAUK	MAUK	610.93 €
Preparation for the event of a disaster		NH			ASDSW	10,000.00 €
Prevention			15,500	ADH	ASDSW	52,073.12 €
IDPs and host communities		NH	850,000	BMZ		535,709.43 €
		NH	151,140	AA, ADH	BONYAN, UFUK	2,199,271.41 €
IDPs and host communities		NH, WA/ÜH	162,317	BMZ		903,776.73 €
		WA/ÜH	13,500	BMZ, UNICEF	NW	146,947.78 €
		NH	7,000	SSK, ADH	NW	18,152.14 €
Sum		NH	150	AA	GWN	73,499.01 €
COVID-19 prevention		NH		ADH	ASDF, WDHBS	17,981.48 €

Abbreviations of the CATEGORIES: EA – Emergency Aid, R/TA – Reconstruction/Transitional Aid, DC – Development Cooperation

Social and Economic Progress Somalia, BMZ: Bundesministerium für Wirtschaftliche Zusammenarbeit und Entwicklung, DPNA: Development for People and Nature Association, ECHO: European Civil Protection and Centre Trust, LRC: Lebanese Red Cross, LWF: Lutheran World Federation, MAUK: Muslim Aid UK, ND: NOR.DEV (Association Nord et Développement), NOUV: Nouveaux Horizons, NW: New Way, OWDA: Organization for Economic Cooperation and Development, Sächsische Staatskanzlei, SSSE: Society for Social Support & Education, TDH: terre des hommes, TKS: Tankamel Sawa, UFUK: Ufuk International for Relief & Développement, UN OCHA: United Nations Office for the

ONE EXPLOSION AND MANY CRISES



On August 4, 2020, at 18:08, 2,750 tons of improperly stored ammonium nitrate explode in the port of Beirut. A gigantic wave of detonation races across the city, buildings collapse, over 200 people die and thousands are injured. The catastrophe hits a country that had already been in multiple crises before. In view of the great need for support, arche noVa has been active on the ground for many years; in 2020 this work is increased with the addition of acute emergency aid in the capital as well as activities for the prevention of COVID-19.

Muriel Schockenhoff will never forget the 4th of August 2020. With two Lebanese colleagues, she wanted to return from Beirut to the arche noVa country office in Tripoli that evening. "We had just passed the port when we heard a huge bang and the shock wave came," our colleague recalls. Cars went off the road, windows shattered, parts of buildings crashed down. "Miraculously, nothing happened to us."

The explosion claimed the lives of more than 200 people. Thousands were injured and hundreds of thousands were left homeless. Around the port, the destruction was greatest, but more remote, poor neighborhoods were also affected. Here, the need for aid was particularly great. In the district of Karantina, arche noVa distributed 1,000 hygiene packages as emergency aid. Mobile toilets and shower stalls were also set up for people who had lost their homes.

"The explosion could not have come at a worse time. An economic crisis and the Coronavirus pandemic had already hit Lebanon hard. Large parts of the population, a quarter of which consists of refugees, slid further into poverty," says Muriel Schockenhoff. Despite adverse circumstances with lockdown, currency collapse and unrest, arche noVa managed to maintain the 2020 country program. As part of the broad-based WASH project in the north of the country, community water systems were expanded in around 50 communities as planned. Some 11,700 people, including locals and

refugees, are benefiting from this. Any improvement in water supply was particularly important in 2020 in light of the COVID-19 pandemic.

In addition, arche noVa responded to the rising infection figures with new measures in cooperation with the Red Cross. Our team distributed protective clothing to health workers and hygiene kits for people in precarious living conditions. Refugees in emergency shelters received disinfectants, relief supplies and information about the pandemic. In addition, dilapidated water systems and latrines in the camps were repaired.

Our education project for Syrian children in the Bekaa Plain also faced major challenges in 2020. With the pandemic, schools went into lockdown. A heavy blow for the refugee children, who had already been through a lot and often have educational deficits. Our local partner organization reacted immediately and worked with the teachers to develop digital teaching formats. So that these could also reach the students, tablets were purchased and distributed.

At the end of 2020, arche noVa became active again in the districts of Beirut affected by the explosion. Children and young people who had been traumatized by the disaster received psychosocial support.

In one fell swoop, everything was broken. Two massive explosions destroyed the port of Beirut on August 4, 2020. The catastrophe devastated large parts of the capital and affected a country that was already at its limits. The emergency aid and sustainable projects of arche noVa were more important in 2020 than ever before.



Kindness is one of the most important things that people can do for each other. In Syria, gestures like these are especially valuable. arche noVa has been providing aid on the ground since 2012, despite ongoing military conflicts and new challenges like COVID-19.



Syria

A SIGN OF HOPE



In 2020, Syria finds itself in the tenth year of war. The United Nations puts the number of people in need of humanitarian aid at eleven million. The country and its people are reeling almost unnoticed in a never-ending catastrophe. While world attention focuses on COVID-19, phrases like this are heard in Syria: "We're not dying of Coronavirus, we're dying of war or starvation."

Nobody suspected that our help in Syria would take on such proportions when an arche noVa staff member crossed the border for the first time in 2012 to find out where the need was greatest and what was needed on the ground. This is how our first emergency relief mission was born. Since then, our work in Syria has been about the existential: food and water. The fact that this elementary aid is still needed in 2020, alongside the beginnings of reconstruction, is part of the tragedy of the humanitarian crisis in Syria, which is affecting people very differently from region to region, but still has the entire country in its grip.

While the world public is hardly looking anymore, arche noVa is still present in the country in 2020 in view of the still enormous need for help. In the meantime, we are working with our own teams and local partner organizations in more and more places in the northwest and northeast of the country. Our humanitarian assistance ranges from distributing food and hygiene kits to securing water and sanitation supplies and developing makeshift shelters.

In 2020, with a certain stabilization of the security situation, the possibility even opens up for arche noVa to take a tentative step towards reconstruction. With our own local teams, we have been contributing to the repair of basic infrastructure since 2020, focusing on WASH. Our teams repair pipe networks, rehabilitate pumping stations, improve waste management and organize wastewater disposal in the participating communities. For example, truck trailers for emptying septic

tanks are being converted and put into operation in nine communities.

Nothing can be organized easily. In particular, logistics and the purchase of relief supplies, materials and equipment become a Herculean task in 2020. This is because the pandemic in Syria leads to lockdowns, supply bottlenecks and skyrocketing prices. All this against the backdrop of grueling years of military violence, destruction and displacement.

In view of the many other problems, those who are not currently ill themselves or who know people in their immediate circle who are affected are ignoring the new danger of COVID-19. To date, no one knows how high the infection figures actually are in Syria. At the same time, there is a lack of medical care. Therefore, education and prevention are all the more important. arche noVa introduces hygiene rules at its own relief sites. Information about health protection is distributed and hygiene kits for families are increased. The monthly aid packages contain more disinfectants, soaps and additional masks. Whether Coronavirus aid, water distribution or the construction of piped networks: At the project sites, our colleagues and the teams of the partner organizations are met with great gratitude every day. Our presence on the ground is an important sign of hope in a crisis that must not be forgotten.

DISPLACED PEOPLE UNDER PRESSURE



In Iraq, official signs point to a return to normality. That's because the end of open fighting was three years ago. In 2020, the government will close camps for internally displaced persons. But this does not mean that humanitarian needs will disappear. Millions of people are still dependent on aid. arche noVa provides WASH in remaining camps, host communities and soon also in areas of return.

In the end, there was only time for one last photo of Al Wand, one of the large camps for internally displaced people in crisis-ridden Iraq. Our local team had been working there for more than four years. Up to 3,500 people who had fled violence and destruction in their homes received daily drinking water, sanitary services and support in the area of health care through hygiene measures. Most recently, there were distributions of soaps and disinfectants as Coronavirus prevention. Then came the closure of the camp in November 2020. It was evacuated in just three days. Our photo shows abandoned tents and empty gravel roads.

In 2020, the Iraqi government pushed for the closure of shelters and the return of affected people to their places of origin. But what is politically desired is in practice fraught with adversity and imposition. In 2020, tens of thousands of internally displaced persons were once again looking for a place to stay. They took up quarters with relatives or friends, fled to remaining camps, and sought rental space, no matter how expensive or uncomfortable. Given the extremely fragile security situation and economic crises, returning to their homes was not an option for many.

Restoring livelihoods in areas affected by years of terror and fighting is among Iraq's greatest challenges. There is a lack of basic infrastructure, income opportunities and prospects. In addition, people worry about their security. Attacks must still be expected, which also makes the work of aid organizations more difficult. Against this background, camps remain

part of the Iraqi reality despite several closures. Accordingly, arche noVa continued its humanitarian work in this area and supported 17,000 internally displaced people in emergency shelters.

Activities in the community sector were even more extensive, and under Coronavirus conditions that made logistics considerably more difficult. In 2020, arche noVa completed a multi-year WASH project. In six municipalities that have taken in many displaced people, the water supply was ensured for a total of 150,000 people. In addition, sanitation systems were built at schools and health facilities. Thus, arche noVa was able to significantly improve the living conditions for many people in need. In this sense, we continue the work and now focus on return areas.

Until 2024, arche noVa will work in the areas of water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) in villages and small towns from which many people have fled during the years of fighting. In this way, we are helping to create the conditions for people to return. In order to give people a lasting perspective, income-generating measures in agriculture are also part of the program. Our great wish is: At the very end, not to take a photo of empty camps, but of people who are looking positively into the future.

In November 2020, Al Wand in Iraq was closed. Up to 3,500 internally displaced persons have lived here in the last four years and were supported by arche noVa. The humanitarian need has not disappeared with the camp closures in Al Wand and elsewhere. Our work is shifting more and more to communities where many refugees live, as well as to communities of return that were previously the scene of fighting.





As local as possible: The fabric comes from local trade and sewing is done locally. In Myanmar, arche noVa promotes the containment of the COVID-19 pandemic with the production and distribution of everyday masks and at the same time opens up an earning opportunity for micro-enterprises.

MITIGATING THE EFFECTS OF THE PANDEMIC



In 2020, Myanmar was already facing a whole series of structural problems and unresolved conflicts. The situation became acute with the emergence of COVID-19. arche noVa responded promptly with containment measures and was able to continue ongoing projects at the same time.

In 2020, the Coronavirus pandemic reached a country which, like many other arche noVa project countries, had already been in numerous crises for decades. No one could foresee the huge upheavals that would hit Myanmar in 2021, but the people in the Southeast Asian country were already struggling with many challenges in 2020, to which the dangers of the COVID-19 virus were added.

Since arche noVa started projects in the multi-ethnic state with its latent and acute internal conflicts and its location exposed to natural disasters in 2008, our work has been met with an immense need for help. We have never been deterred by the unstable security situation and the sheer volume of challenges. Our own team and local partner organizations continue to respond to new emergencies while implementing sustainable projects in WASH and education infrastructure support, including disaster preparedness.

U Thein Maung is one of the small entrepreneurs who sewed everyday masks for COVID-19 prevention in 2020 with the support of arche noVa. In total, 20 tailors produced around 26,000 masks in our two project regions. With this and the local production of 3,300 liters of liquid soap, arche noVa enabled people in lockdown to earn an income and made an important contribution to prevention by distributing the masks in a country with a weak health system. This was complemented by COVID-19 awareness campaigns in our project regions in Shan and Rakhine States. Our team in Myanmar worked through new challenges every week in 2020. First, we had to remain operational with internal protective measures

during the pandemic, then COVID prevention was needed in project areas, and in April we added a new humanitarian outreach to IDPs who had fled attacks in Rakhine State.

At the same time, we held fast to the goal of implementing as many planned project activities as possible in 2020, against all odds. As in other parts of the world, this was possible in the construction sector. For example, arche noVa was able to build a new school in the village of Kheit Hsin. The project site is part of our comprehensive program in Shan State with five new school buildings, expansion of WASH infrastructure and disaster preparedness.

Kheit Hsin now has a stone school building for the first time, including school toilets, hand-washing facilities and playground equipment. The children gathered at the fence and marveled. They can't wait to conquer the climbing frames and slide in the schoolyard after the school closures due to COVID-19. Finally, the village has a good place to learn, play and grow up, says the Parents' Council of Se Paung Elementary School. "We want the children to be well educated and have opportunities for a good job," says U San of the Parents' Council. "We also want them to learn to contribute positively to social interaction in our community and country." There is no better way to summarize the future wishes that arche noVa has for Myanmar.

IMPROVEMENTS HARD WON



The north of Mali is one of the most dangerous project regions where arche noVa is active. In view of the great security risks, activities can only be carried out effectively in cooperation with local aid organizations. In 2020, our previous engagement in Mali came to an end after seven years. The focus was again on water and sanitation supply as well as food security and income opportunities.

Since 2013, arche noVa was active in the north of Mali. What began with the reconstruction of the sewage system in Timbuktu has developed into a comprehensive program with WASH focus. Schools in the region have been an important site of intervention. In 2020 alone, arche noVa built or rehabilitated toilets at 16 schools. The gender-separated sanitary facilities help girls stay in school longer. This is because the onset of menstruation is often a reason for girls to drop out of school. The last visit by our local team showed that 80 percent of the children use the school toilets and are very satisfied with them. Open defecation visibly decreased, leading to improved health.

Successes like these require great effort in Mali. The fundamental problem is the ongoing security crisis, particularly in the north of the country, with attacks, kidnappings and armed fighting that put people at immediate risk but also create enormous socioeconomic difficulties. Extremists destroy fields and kill livestock to demoralize the population. The number of people who find themselves at the "crisis" point increased again in 2020. Yet living conditions on the edge of the Sahara are already challenging. Finally, in 2020, the pandemic was added as a challenge.

arche noVa had to fight for the project implementation. In 2020, access to the project area was again difficult. Due to security incidents, the work had to be interrupted several times. Nevertheless, in the end, much was achieved: ten wells with hand pumps were constructed and five were rehabilitated.

They are used by school communities and the village population. In addition, there were income-generating measures and food security activities. For example, women's groups received training in allotment gardening and agroforestry. We also supported livestock farmers in gaining access to veterinary medicine.

The linchpin of all projects was always close cooperation with our partner organizations Nord et Développement and Nouveaux Horizons, which carefully prepared each activity, involving the target group as well as village leaders and authorities. Their capacities were also strengthened. Since 2013, we have been able to set important accents and reach people who otherwise receive little attention. "I can't remember any support in our community of such importance in favor of women," says Abdoul Wahab Haidra, who has been in charge of the agricultural sector in Asongo since 1994.

arche noVa has to say goodbye to the region for the time being, because follow-up funding could not be found so far. Nevertheless, we will keep an eye on Mali, because it is one of the poorest countries in the world and there is a great humanitarian need due to conflicts, climate crisis and COVID-19. The ties with local partners are a strong basis on which new activities can be built.

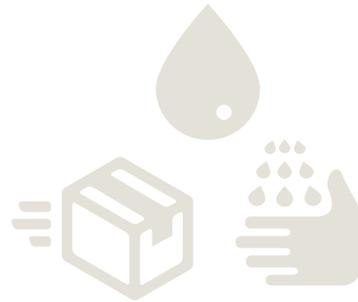


To promote women is one of the important goals of the arche noVa project in Mali, where there is a massive lack of gender equality. Among other things, women's groups are supported in horticulture and agroforestry.



Members of the local self-help group mix concrete for the wall at the sand dam in Ithaeni. It will collect the precious water that rushes through the riverbed during the rainy season. A well and hand pump complete the construction and provide year-round access to drinking water.

WATER, KNOWLEDGE AND EMERGENCY AID



The people in our Kenyan project areas are taking big steps towards more supply security with arche noVa and the local partner organizations. Together we improve water supply and agricultural yields. In 2020, with the Coronavirus pandemic, the urgently needed activities come under threat before they can then be continued after all, albeit with cutbacks.

One could almost overlook the figure in the 2020 statistics. Yet it describes a catastrophe: 90 percent – so high was the proportion of the Kenyan population that suffered income losses as a result of COVID-19. In other words, people have no money. Our team from the regional office in Nairobi registered with concern how the pandemic was dragging life in Kenya into a downward spiral. Bad news came from all project sites. But a particularly dramatic call for help reached our team in the fall from the slum right next door, which had not previously been part of our area of operation. The children of St. Juliet School in Kibera had not only lost their lessons in the lockdown, but also their main meal. Our emergency aid saved their lunch supply and enabled further urgently needed distributions around the school.

Across the country in 2020, people struggled with curfews, lockdowns and strict spacing rules. Unemployment and hunger increased significantly. Our ongoing work securing drinking water supplies, promoting agriculture and strengthening civil society at the community level in rural communities in the southeast of the country was thus more important than ever. Together with our local partner organizations, we did everything we could to continue the activities planned for 2020, even after the outbreak of COVID-19.

As elsewhere, continuing to work in Kenya was difficult in areas that require many people to come together. This was true, for example, of self-help group trainings. They had to be postponed. Activities in the construction sector, on the other

hand, were still possible, taking into account the COVID-19 rules in force. In four rural communities, arche noVa was able to complete the construction of sand dams in 2020. In the arid and semi-arid project areas, together with our local partner organization Africa Sand Dam Foundation (ASDF), we rely on this effective method to collect large amounts of rainwater in temporary river courses and make them usable. Activities in sustainable agriculture were added. This area was further expanded in 2020 and a new cooperation was launched with the Laikipia Permaculture Trust Center, which specializes in permaculture.

Localization is central to our country program in Kenya. In 2020, this also paid off in the pandemic. Unaffected by international travel restrictions, local teams were able to continue working and launch additional activities. The main focus was on preventive health care and COVID-19 awareness. In Kenya, as in many other countries around the world, misinformation and rumors about the pandemic had spread faster than the virus itself. With educational events and the distribution of fact-based information material, arche noVa contributed to preventive health care. In addition, everyday masks were distributed and local soap production was promoted to make good hygiene practices possible for all.

DRINKING WATER IS THE FOUNDATION



In 2020, the pandemic in Ethiopia looms over a country that, in addition to numerous political and structural challenges, is particularly struggling with the consequences of global warming. With a focus on water, sanitation and hygiene, our work in Ethiopia can both mitigate acute emergencies and improve basic living conditions.

In the rural communities of the Somali region of Ethiopia, where arche noVa is active, the lack of clean drinking water is one of the biggest problems. People do not have enough water available and the small amount that is accessible is often contaminated. This creates the worst possible conditions for dealing with additional crises. Yet this is precisely what is increasingly being demanded of people. Extreme weather events such as droughts and floods have been on the rise for years.

In the acute drought of 2017, arche noVa started the outreach. One of the first places where we secured the drinking water supply was the hospital in Denan. In 2020, our help was needed again. The COVID-19 pandemic demanded more from the medical facility than it could handle. Together with our local partner organization OWDA (Organization for Welfare and Development in Action), arche noVa therefore supported the hospital again and helped two other health stations. Additional hand washing stations were built at the medical facilities, soap, disinfectants and emergency medicines were distributed as well as protective clothing for the staff.

Hygiene training sessions were also held throughout the project area. In addition to specific COVID-19 prevention, they included general information on good hygiene practices and safe water chains, as well as fecal and waste disposal. Our local partner organization used a variety of channels to disseminate the diverse information. In addition to intensive training of multipliers such as religious leaders, health work-

ers and local politicians, there were audio messages to the population that were disseminated using specially purchased loudspeakers mounted on cars. In easy-to-understand language, some 300,000 people from the region learned about the importance of keeping their distance, wearing face masks and following health guidelines during the pandemic.

With COVID-19, the need for emergency aid increased throughout the country. Not only the first wave of infection, but also the protective measures and restrictions to contain it shook the supply situation, which was on a weak footing. Progress in poverty reduction and food security was lost. This was compounded by a massive plague of locusts. In the face of multiple challenges, we continued to focus on improving water and sanitation as a basic prerequisite for coping with everyday life and surviving crises. Water systems were built or expanded in a total of nine villages with around 20,000 inhabitants. This included, for example, the construction of an elevated tank with a filtration system, storage tank and standpipe in Bargun on the Shabelle River, where around 5,200 people live. The villages of Libahle and Gudduo, located in desert-like surroundings, are also better supplied with water. Here, underground cisterns have been built that can each hold around 800 cubic meters of water during the short rainy seasons. Around 500 households benefit from this, including a number of livestock farming families.

Safe drinking water flows out of the hand pump in Gabradahidan. Behind it is a traditional underground rainwater storage tank, whose construction arche noVa has optimized with the local partner organization OWDA. The entire system stabilizes the water supply in a region that is increasingly struggling with droughts.



SUCCESSFUL DISASTER PREPAREDNESS

Pilot project: Cooperation with partner organization in the Philippines

In March 2020, arche noVa started a cooperation with the Philippine WASH organization ASDSW. The basis is a five-year partnership agreement, which includes an annual funding of 10,000 euros and is intended to strengthen the operational capacity of the local organization. In 2020, an additional project enabled concrete disaster preparedness activities on the island of Palawan, which immediately proved their worth in COVID-19 prevention.

Through the cooperation with the organization ASDSW (A Single Drop for Safe Water) in the Philippines, arche noVa breaks new ground. It is the first time that a cooperation does not focus on a case or specific projects, but on a structure. Our basic funding of 10.000 euro per year strengthens the local organization as a whole, so that it can apply for funding more easily and be operational quickly in case of emergency. In the event of major natural disasters in the Philippines, silent cooperation can turn into active cooperation in which relief measures are implemented jointly.

We chose this cooperation partner because we share a focus on WASH and ASDSW is part of an alliance of national relief organizations that covers all parts of the island nation. Short distances for emergency workers and strong national aid organizations are particularly important in the Philippines because the country always has to reckon with typhoons and earthquakes due to its location in the western Pacific.

Supported by Aktion Deutschland Hilft, in addition to the structural support of ASDSW 2020, a very concrete project was also able to be implemented. Between March and December, extensive disaster preparedness activities were carried out on the island of Palawan. The target group was local community authorities, with whom ASDSW revised emergency plans. The highlight of the activities was the establishment of a data management system for the collection and digitization of statistical data, which enables the municipalities to respond more quickly in the event of disasters.

With the COVID-19 pandemic, whose outbreak coincided with the project's launch, the project was immediately put to the test and unexpectedly became a success story. When the authorities were overwhelmed, the participatory approach to training and the novel data management proved to be effective tools for pandemic containment. Given its innovativeness, the program even won the START Network's "Working Differently Challenge" of more than 50 aid organizations. The

success spurred ASDSW to push the approach even further. Together with an IT partner, the aid organization developed an immunization management system for the municipal government of Puerto Princesa, the provincial capital. Due to its success, our project has also generated funding that will allow the program to be expanded to other regions of the country.

Localization with arche noVa

Local organizations are becoming increasingly important in humanitarian aid: they are often the first ones on the ground after a natural disaster and they know the local conditions best in crisis areas. With a number of initiatives, arche noVa promotes these actors.

We involve our partners in the planning and implementation of humanitarian measures and dedicate a part of the project budgets to the capacity building of local relief organizations. We promote exchange and knowledge transfer between our local partners.

We participate in and host specialized training opportunities for local organizations on different continents, including courses on WASH in Emergencies.



OUR IMPACT IN 2020



30,000 cubic meter of water

comprises the newly installed water storage tank with solar pump in Geriley, Somalia.



822 Tippy Taps

hand wash facilities were built with self-help groups in Kenya.



34 schools and kindergartens

in eastern Ukraine received support in the COVID-19 prevention.



4 tons of faeces sludge

can be removed by the new vehicle for latrine emptying in Uganda.



209 sample school lessons

on Education for Sustainable Development are available on www.bne-sachsen.de.



110,000 people

in six Syrian communities gained access to drinking water through the rehabilitation of pipes and pumping stations.

1,039
children and young people

from Beirut received psychosocial aftercare following the explosion disaster in the port.



DIGITAL IS BETTER?

In the lockdown, Education for Sustainable Development goes online

In 2020, Education for Sustainable Development at arche noVa took place primarily digitally. COVID-19 forced us to deal with new technologies, which above all turned out to be an opportunity. Digitization will permanently enrich and complement our face-to-face offers.

2020 got off to a promising start: 80 workshops at schools, five vacation camps for young people, a German-Czech youth exchange, an ESD workshop in Lebanon, and a new exchange project on youth work in Saxony and Kenya were on the agenda for our Global Learning/Education for Sustainable Development (ESD) department. As always, everything was to take place as a face-to-face event. Because our educational work thrives above all from real contacts, direct interaction and the triad of head, heart and hand.

All the more reason the pandemic "caught us by surprise". Suddenly all meetings were impossible, the children at home, the office taboo. How were we to continue? None of us believed that the crisis would drag on for so long. At first, we used the time to catch up on things that had been left undone, to work on concepts and to organize ourselves in the home office.

Internal knowledge boost

It soon became clear that the situation would remain difficult, but also offered new opportunities. Why not move

the interactive and meetings into the digital space? We just needed to learn how. Continuing education courses on the subject of working digitally popped up in rows. It was a veritable flood that had to be sorted, because not everything was relevant and usable for us as education providers. We tried out digital tools. In particular, we were looking for a compelling video conferencing platform that not only offered many options, but was also privacy compliant. We found what we were looking for with an open source provider and have since been using the tool throughout the organization.

We also quickly found our first external application. A group of volunteers had planned ESD-workshops pre COVID-19 outbreak and was now scrambling to find speakers who were willing to work digitally. We accepted the challenge. Both sides knew this was a debut and made the best of it.

What followed was a lot of work and demanded adaptability, creativity and good nerves from everyone. We had to transfer our analog-tested methods into new formats, win over speakers for digital work, address and convince target groups, wrestle with the technology, and much more. It was

EDUCATION PROGRAM – PROJECT OVERVIEW 2020

TITLE	DESCRIPTION
"One World = Your World"	School workshops on Global Education for Sustainable Development (ESD), provision of educational materials, training of multipliers
Specialist Department Global Education /ESD in Saxony	ESD counseling, training for teachers, editing and publishing of the website www.bne-sachsen.de
ESD 1 x 1 - Promoting Global Education/ESD in teacher training at Saxon universities	Workshops for education students to introduce the concepts of "Global Learning" and "Education for Sustainable Development"
"Generation Future - 6days4future"	School vacation camps and summer workshops on career orientation and sustainability on the job
Introducing ESD in the public library system *	Online workshop, consultations, handout
Strengthening of digitization competence in the arche noVa team for ESD	Training on digital methods and data protection, acquisition of hardware and software

*Activities to introduce education for sustainable development (ESD) in the public library system as part of the implementation of the Saxon State Strategy on ESD.

Abbreviations: AEA: Ashoka East Africa, AM: Aktion Mensch e.V., BFDW: Brot für die Welt - Evangelisches Werk für Diakonie und Entwicklung e.V., BMU: Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Naturschutz und nukleopolitisches Netzwerk Sachsen e.V., ESF: Europäischer Sozialfonds, FEB: Förderprogramm Entwicklungspolitische Bildung des BMZ, FS: Freistaat Sachsen, KF: Katholischer Fonds, SMK: Sächsisches Staatsminis

particularly important for us to work closely together as a team despite the distance.

Offers for different target groups

Our successes have rewarded us: In the project "One World = Your World", 15 workshops with volunteer groups took place, the newly developed workshop #zukunftsberufe was booked several times, various method workshops for trainee teachers and a project exchange took place. In addition, we reached a completely new target group with an online workshop on ESD: Saxon libraries in rural areas. Our services that were already available digitally, such as the portal www.bne-sachsen.de, were particularly well used in 2020. The trend will continue in 2021.

In contrast, we have not yet succeeded in reaching schools digitally. In 2020, both students and their teachers were working at the limit. Organizing lessons and teaching core topics of the curriculum had top priority. In addition, the schools, but also the children and young people at home, often lacked the technical equipment necessary for arche noVa's digital formats.

Digital – a good supplement

Digital offers in the field of Education for Sustainable Development have many advantages: We can work with team members or groups that are far away. We save travel distances, time and CO2 and thus enable people in remote regions to access our educational offers. In addition, our team can easily incorporate Internet research in the online events and thus broaden the field - provided that the participants are skilled in working with sources.

However, there are also disadvantages: It's difficult to build a group feel digitally. Participants are more silent and can withdraw completely. Our presenters then have hardly any possibilities to still reach the person. In addition, digitally we are limited to hearing and seeing. It is more difficult for us to activate all the senses. Last but not least, there is a risk that technical problems with the participants and with us as organizers will affect the events.

Our conclusion: digital is not better, but it can be a very good supplement to our ESD offerings!



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(Master Adult Education) has been leading the department "Global Learning/Education for Sustainable Development (ESD)" at arche noVa since 2010. In 2020, she and her team took up the challenge of becoming acquainted with the realm of digital tools.

DURATION	COUNTRY	REGION	BENEFICIARIES	FINANCIAL SUPPORT	PARTNERS	EXPENSES IN 2020
01.2019 - 12.2021	Germany	Saxony, State of Brandenburg	2,900	FEB, BFDW, FS, DD	DD	89,448.25 €
01.2019 - 12.2021	Germany	Saxony	2,000	SNSB, FS	EG, ENS, SMK	99,597.13 €
04.2019 - 12.2020	Germany	Saxony	138	FEB, SNSB, KF, FS	SMK	25,727.14 €
01.2019 - 12.2022	Germany	Saxony, Thuringia	360	BMU, ESF	UWZ, VBW	201,774.05 €
09.2020 - 12.2021	Germany	Saxony	23	FS	LFS-BIB	8,061.01 €
11.2020 - 12.2020	Germany	Saxony	26	SNSB, DSEE	ENS	5,316.94 €

WATER SEEN GLOBALLY

ESD lesson examples for download and in a brochure



Since the school year 2020/21, the ESD platform in Saxony offers exactly 209 samples of school lessons on Education for Sustainable Development available for download free of charge. A new collection of methods has also been created on the topic of water.



What does my vacation have to do with icebergs? How does world trade work? Who earns money from my jeans? These are three questions from a total of 209 teaching examples that have been offered on www.bne-sachsen.de since the school year 2020/21. Thus, arche noVa could reach another milestone in editing and publishing of the website www.bne-sachsen.de.

For all teachers good to know: The teaching examples are precisely aligned with the Saxon curricula and freshly updated. In addition, our team has set up a new filter option. From now on, the website users can search for specific examples for certain school types, a concrete subject reference and the respective grade level from the multitude of topics.

The samples were developed in the context of the Saxon state initiative "Creation of teaching examples for the implementation of the Orientation Framework for Global Development Education", a cooperation project between arche noVa, the Saxon State Ministry for Education and the Engagement Global gGmbH.

Furthermore, our project "One World = Your World" 2020 has dealt with the topic of water completely in line with the arche noVa mission. For global learning on this topic, a new collection of methods was developed, which is available in the media library on the website of arche noVa. On 120 pages there are detailed instructions and background knowledge on the topics water in general, WASH, virtual water, human right water and conflicts about access to water. Not only teachers, but also educators from independent youth work and others interested in global learning will find suggestions for their work in the brochure.

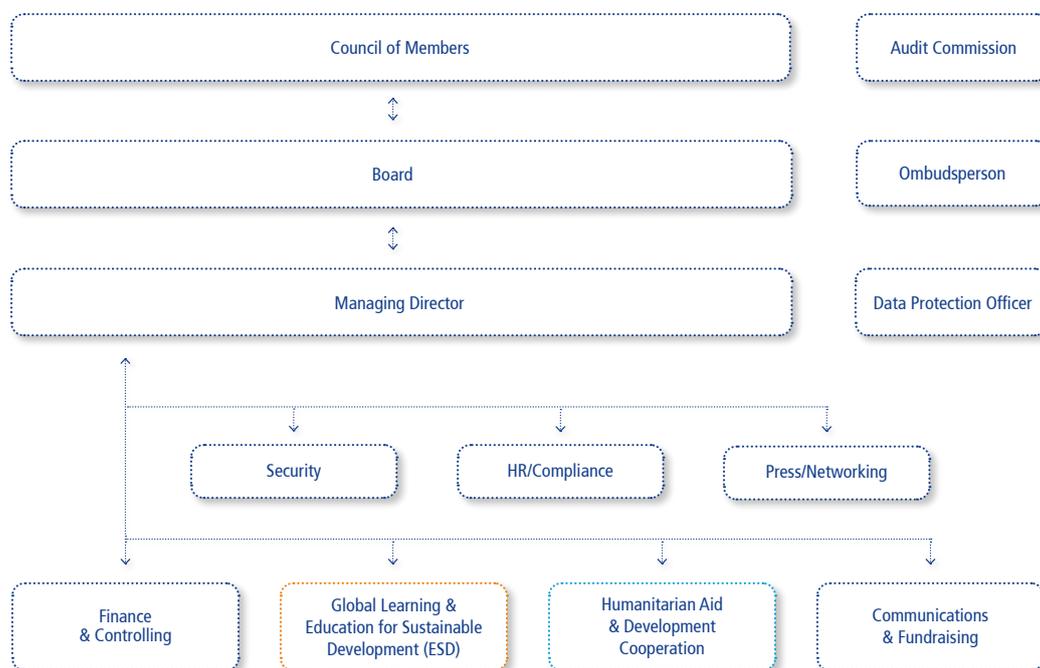
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- › SCHOOL WORKSHOPS on globalization
- › WORKSHOPS & VACATION PROGRAMS
- › CONTINUING EDUCATION for teachers

- › On- and offline EDUCATIONAL MATERIALS
- › WEBSITE <https://bne-sachsen.de>
- › SPECIALIST DEPARTMENT ESD in Saxony

ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE

arche noVa – Initiative for People in Need e.V.



08/2021

arche noVa – Initiative for People in Need e.V. is a registered, non-profit and charitable association. Its organs are the general meeting, the board of directors, the management and the audit commission.

Council of Members: The council of members is the highest body of the organization, it determines the guidelines of the association. Its main tasks include the decision on the discharge of the Board, the implementation of amendments to the Statutes, the decision on the exclusion of members of the Association, the election of members of the Board, the election of the Audit Commission and the adoption of the annual budget. The number of members is 44 and their commitment is honorary.

Board: The Board of the Association is elected for a period of three years. It has a minimum of three and a maximum of five members. The allocation of individual functions takes place within the board. On the basis of a factual and financial annual report on the part of the board and the annual assessment of the independent audit commission, the board is discharged. The members of the Board of Directors work on an honorary basis. In accordance with the Articles of Association, the Board of Directors regulates the business. This can be done by the members of the board themselves, a full-time manager appointed by the board or a special representative. The chairman of the board is Stefan Mertenskötter, the vice-chairman Cornelia Trentzsch, the treasurer Clivia Bahrke,

the board member Dr. Jens Ola, the board member Tina Wünschmann.

Managing Director: The Managing Director conducts the day-to-day administration of the association and is appointed by the Board. Mathias Anderson has been appointed as full-time executive director since 2019. On 07.05.2021 Frank Engel was confirmed by the board as deputy managing director.

Audit Commission: The Audit Commission is elected by the General Assembly every two years and works on a voluntary basis. The audit commission can inspect all documents of the organization at any time.

Data protection officer: The external data protection officer monitors compliance with the data protection regulations of the European Data Protection Regulation (DSGVO) and the German Federal Data Protection Act (BDSG) throughout the organization.

Ombudsperson: The ombudsperson is an external and independent contact person for complaints about all activities of arche noVa. She becomes active if someone feels affected by a misconduct of the organization, if there is a suspicion of corruption or taking advantage or if victims of sexualized violence want to report incidents and take advantage of support.

AS MUCH PUBLICITY AS POSSIBLE

Events and campaigns by the communications department

Public relations work was a difficult undertaking in 2020. From March onwards, the COVID-19 pandemic almost completely dominated the public space. arche noVa nevertheless managed to place other important content alongside news about Coronavirus activities in its own project countries.



Creative: Video clips illustrate the water issue

A pause in filming and a forced break gave actor Mike Zaka Sommerfeldt completely new ideas in 2020. With a wink, but without losing sight of the seriousness of the topic, he designed and produced a series of video clips for arche noVa and also inspired his environment. Under the title "Wasserpost" ("Water Mail"), artists from Dresden show what it means when suddenly there is a sudden water shortage. In July, the first clip was shown at the open air cinema "Filmnächte" on the banks of the Elbe. This was followed by the release on our online channels, where all clips are still available.

Musical: Benefit concert of physians from all over Germany

Until shortly before their performance, the music-making physicians could not believe that they would be sitting together on the stage of Dresden's Kulturpalast and playing in front of an audience. But the benefit concert of the Bundesärztephilharmonie actually took place during a lockdown break on September 27. Jürgen Bruns conducted Mozart's Figaro Overture as well as pieces by Milhaud, Ives and Beethoven. The audience, reduced to 800 guests, was enthusiastic; so was the team of arche noVa. Because the proceeds from the ticket sales came completely to the benefit of our Coronavirus emergency aid.



Informative: New image film about arche noVa celebrates its premiere

On September 24, the new image film of arche noVa celebrated its premiere in the presence of the director Dietmar Klein at the UCI cinema Dresden. For months, the filmmaker, who otherwise produces the ZDF series "Notruf Hafenkante", visited our team again and again with his camera and had gone deep into the video archives to portray arche noVa in all its breadth. "I am very happy to be able to support the association and its great work in this way," explains Dietmar Klein.



Transparent: Information event on water projects

Whoever wanted to know what the arche noVa water projects in East Africa achieve, was able to listen to project officer Yvonne Stephan and managing director Mathias Anderson in a lecture at the beginning of March and ask questions afterwards. The information evening took place in cooperation with the Globetrotter branch in Dresden, which advertised the event in its calendar of events and made the event space available. Our water projects were presented in great detail and discussions were held on how to support regions affected by the climate crisis.

Engaging: Enna Miao sings charity song for arche noVa

Dresden singer-songwriter Enna Miao and her husband always collect for a good cause during Advent. In 2020 their choice fell on arche noVa and Enna Miao specially composed a new song. On November 19, "Bring a smile - a song for arche noVa" including a video was released. It is important to her to think globally and act locally, emphasizes the musician. That is why she is pleased that there is an internationally active aid organization in her hometown. "In times of globalization, climate change and privatization, the human right to access water is especially important."



Insistent: parliamentary evening on global networking

As a voice of practice, arche noVa participated in the Parliamentary Evening of the Development and Peace Foundation in Dresden in September. Managing Director Mathias Anderson reported to the Saxonian members of the parliament how our school project in Lebanon, which is supported by money from the Saxonian state budget, opens a perspective for Syrian children. He also discussed the challenges that the Coronavirus pandemic poses for an international aid organization.

Active: "We see red" on Menstrual Hygiene Day

Under the motto "We see red", arche noVa started a campaign on May 28 on the occasion of Menstrual Hygiene Day, in which our project in Somalia was the center of attention. 20 percent of all girls there drop out of school when they reach menstrual age. We therefore asked our supporters for donations for hygiene training and the construction of school toilets. We published further information on all online channels about how we are increasing educational opportunities for girls and thus opening up prospects for a society as a whole.



DESPITE COVID-19 PANDEMIC PROJECT VOLUME INCREASED

Also for arche noVa, 2020 was marked by the Coronavirus pandemic. Despite great restrictions and challenges at the association's headquarters and in the project countries, the project volume was increased by 16 percent. The volumes of educational and campaign work also increased. Donation levels remained stable.

As for almost all people and institutions in the world, also for arche noVa the Coronavirus pandemic was an enormous challenge. Within a very short time, a large part of the work and infrastructure had to be revised and converted to mobile workplaces. Project work was severely restricted for long stretches, as employees were sometimes unable to leave their homes for months and travel options for international staff were almost completely limited. Nevertheless, it was possible to adapt activities in the project countries to the changed conditions and not to let the project volume collapse overall, indeed through additional activities it was even increased.

The educational and campaign work in this country had to be switched at short notice from face-to-face events to on-line-based offerings. Even though the circumstances and the short-term nature of the switch posed a major challenge, we ultimately see it as a strategic asset, because our portfolio has become broader in this area in the long term.

General and administrative expenses remained virtually unchanged in 2020 compared with the previous year (-1%). Expenditure on public relations and advertising was likewise just on a par with the previous year (-1.9%). A planned increase was waived due to the COVID-19 crisis. In 2020, the development of donations was closely monitored. At the end of the year, there was a minus of 20.4 % to 1.31 million euros. However, this decrease compared to the previous year is based on a single donation, which had significantly shaped the income in 2019.

Structurally, the donation level was maintained in 2020 despite Coronavirus related restrictions. Total assets increased

by 0.62 million euros to 6.12 million euros in 2020, and reserves for emergency aid and development cooperation were increased by 0.34 million euros to 0.97 million euros. The longer-term macroeconomic impact of the pandemic, and thus possible consequences for the population's willingness to donate, cannot yet be estimated. In the first months of 2021, arche noVa has felt a slight dampening in donation income.

Remuneration in the office is based on an in-house pay scale. The following gross annual salaries for a 40-hour working week were used for classification: Assistant/Clerk - Group A (25,200 - 30,600 euros); Junior Desk Officer/Junior "Referent" - Group B (27,000 - 32,400 euros); "Referent" - Group C (32,400 - 37,800 euros); Desk Officers/Staff - Group D (35,400 - 40,800 euros); Department Head - Group E (39,600 - 45,000 euros); Managing Director/Head of Foreign Department (54,000 - 55,200 euros). The weekly working hours are ordinarily a maximum of 36 hours per week. Project staff employed abroad receive local wages. These are determined thoroughly in advance in order to avoid distortions of local wage ratios.

As of 31.12.2020, arche noVa had 43 full-time and six part-time employees or interns, twelve of them abroad. Five volunteers (two of them regularly) worked in the office. The personnel costs of the whole organization, including the international experts abroad, amounted to 1.36 million euros in the year under report.



Frank Engel

Frank Engel has been working for arche noVa since 2005 and has been responsible for finances since then. He is in charge of the Finance & Controlling department, which has grown in scope in the course of the organization's expansion. He is also deputy managing director.

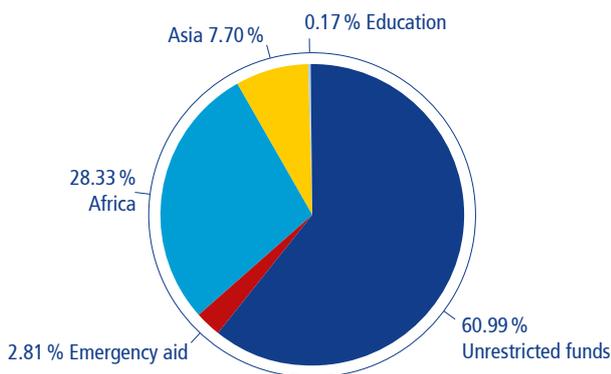
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INCOME & EXPENDITURE 2020

Income (in Euro and percent)	2020	2020	2019	2019
Donations	1,311,047.81	8.43	1,646,460.36	11.22
Donations in kind	408,593.13	2.63	276,013.43	1.88
Estates	77,792.30	0.50	33,103.20	0.23
Membership fees	1,000.00	0.01	1,000.00	0.01
Allocations of monetary fines	5,460.00	0.04	7,650.00	0.05
Funds contributed by public donors	12,841,811.93	82.56	10,352,814.15	70.57
Other contributions	894,439.79	5.75	2,323,424.30	15.84
Revenues from non-profit taxable and tax-exempt activities	5,210.00	0.03	9,190.00	0.06
Revenues from taxable activities	727.50	0.00	5,409.50	0.04
Other revenues	9,281.08	0.06	14,950.00	0.10
Total	15,555,363.54	100.00	14,670,014.94	100.00

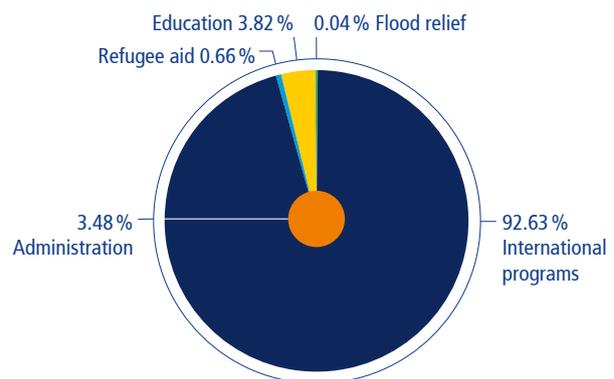
Expenditure (in Euro and percent)	2020	2020	2019	2019
Program expenses	13,850,412.86	93.14	11,894,846.52	92.51
Campaigning, educational and awareness-raising activities	501,609.62	3.37	437,753.06	3.40
Marketing and public relations	290,935.45	1.96	296,573.51	2.31
Administration	227,138.84	1.53	229,400.99	1.78
Total	14,870,096.77	100.00	12,858,574.08	100.00

Income from donations by designation



Unrestricted funds (60.99%)	799,632.82 €
Emergency aid (2.81%)	36,842.46 €
Africa (28.33%)	371,362.98 €
Asia (7.70%)	100,980.85 €
Education program (0.17%)	2,228.70 €

Expenditure by activities



International programs – Humanitarian aid, rehabilitation, development cooperation (92.63%)	13,773,993.70 €
Refugee aid Germany (0.66%)	4,999.11 €
Education for Sustainable Development in Germany (3.82%)	567,364.06 €
Flood relief Germany/Czech Republic (0.04%)	5,665.61 €
Administration, marketing & public relations (3.48%)	518,074.29 €

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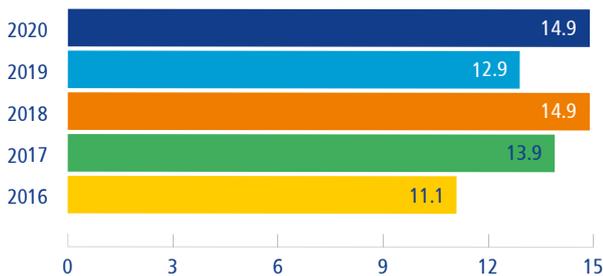
BALANCE SHEET 2020

ASSETS (in Euro)	2020	2019
A FIXED ASSETS		
I. Intangible assets		
1. Concessions, licenses etc.		
II. Tangible assets		
1. Other assets, operating and business equipment		
Vehicles, means of transport	-	3,614.00
Other assets and equipment	23,934.00	38,105.00
III. Financial assets		
1. Other loans	5,661.30	5,661.30
B CURRENT ASSETS		
I. Receivables, other asset items		
1. Trade accounts receivables	-	-
2. Other asset items	1,187,684.28	1,022,163.12
II. Cash balance, bank balance	4,892,540.84	4,427,908.17
C DEFERRED EXPENSES AND ACCRUED INCOME	8,635.91	2,617.24
	6,118,456.33	5,500,068.83

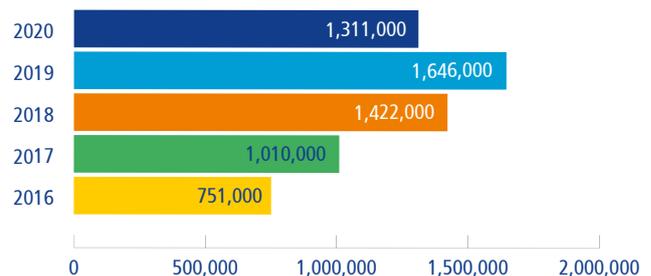
LIABILITIES (in Euro)	2020	2019
A ORGANIZATION'S FUNDS		
I. Organization's capital	189,090.99	189,090.99
II. Reserves		
1. Restricted reserves	5,485,505.42	4,859,198.23
2. Unrestricted reserves	255,733.48	196,773.90
B ACCRUALS		
1. Other accruals	52,253.20	55,353.20
C LIABILITIES		
1. Liabilities to financial institutions	22.86	-
2. Trade payables	120,320.85	155,863.84
3. Other liabilities from not yet used funds	2,650.09	9,906.64
4. Other liabilities	12,879.44	33,882.03
	6,118,456.33	5,500,068.83

DEVELOPMENT OF EXPENDITURE AND DONATIONS

..... Total expenditure
in millions of euros (rounded)



..... Income from donations
in euros (rounded)



AUDITOR'S REPORT

The auditor Ulrich Paserat has audited the annual financial statements of arche noVa - consisting of balance sheet, income statement and notes - including the accounting and the management report for the financial year 2020 and has issued an unconditional audit assessment. The audit confirms that the annual financial statements comply in all material respects with the German commercial law provisions applicable to corporations. It further states that the annual financial statements give a true and fair view of the net assets, financial position and results of operations in accordance with German principles of proper accounting. It is also confirmed that the management report as a whole provides a suitable view of the Company's position and that the management report suitably presents the opportunities and risks of future development. In accordance with Section 322 (3) Sentence 1 of the German Commercial Code (HGB), the auditors declare that the audit has not led to any reservations concerning the correctness of the annual financial statements and the management report. In addition, the regularity of the management was audited. The audit certificate was issued by Dipl.-Wirtsch.-Math. Ulrich Paserat on September 13, 2021

Since 1993, arche noVa e.V. has consistently carried the DZI donation seal. The German Central Institute for Social Issues (DZI) is an independent scientific documentation center, which is supported by the public sector. For fiscal year 2019, the DZI determined that advertising and administrative expenses accounted for 4.39% of total expenditures (0-10% low, 10-20% appropriate, 20 -30% reasonable). At the time of going to press, no review had taken place for fiscal year 2020.



arche noVa has signed the self-commitment declaration of the initiative Transparent Civil Society. In this sense, we publish the 10 relevant pieces of information about our organization required therein in an easily findable and understandable way on our website www.arche-nova.org.



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OUR NETWORK 2020

Our work would not be possible without our partners. arche noVa cooperates with public authorities and partner organizations at the local, national and international level. We are active members of alliances and networks, because together we can achieve more. Knowledge exchange and coordination are important issues for us.



Aktion Deutschland Hilft – Zusammenschluss deutscher Hilfsorganisationen



Auswärtiges Amt – der Bundesrepublik Deutschland, insb. Koordinierungsausschuss humanitäre Hilfe



agl – Arbeitsgemeinschaft der Eine Welt-Landesnetzwerke in Deutschland e.V.



BMU – Bundesministerium für Umwelt, Naturschutz und nukleare Sicherheit



BMZ – Bundesministerium für wirtschaftliche Zusammenarbeit und Entwicklung



Bündnis gegen Rassismus – Bündnis für ein gerechtes und menschenwürdiges Sachsen unter dem Dach des ENS



Der Paritätische/Paritätischer Landesverband Sachsen – Wohlfahrtsverband von eigenständigen Mitgliedern, die soziale Arbeit für andere oder als Selbsthilfe leisten



Echo – Europäisches Amt für Humanitäre Hilfe – unterstützt die Arbeit von Hilfsorganisationen im Falle großer Katastrophen



Engagement Global gGmbH – zentrale Anlaufstelle für die Vielfalt des entwicklungspolitischen Engagements sowie der Informations- und Bildungsarbeit beim BMZ



Entwicklungspolitisches Netzwerk Sachsen – Zusammenschluss von Vereinen, Gruppen und Initiativen, die sich für zukunftsfähige Entwicklung und weltweite Gerechtigkeit einsetzen



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Global WASH Cluster – Internationales Bündnis zur Koordinierung der Nothilfe in den Bereichen Wasser, Sanitärversorgung und Hygiene (WASH)



GTO – German Toilet Organization e.V., die deutsche Themenorganisation für nachhaltige Sanitärlösungen weltweit



Landesarbeitsgemeinschaft BNE in Sachsen – Arbeitsgruppen zur Weiterentwicklung der Landesstrategie BNE und die Gewinnung strategischer Partnerinnen und Partner



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Stiftung Nord-Süd-Brücken – Interessenvertretung ostdeutscher Nichtregierungsorganisationen



Sustainable Sanitation Alliance – internationales Netzwerk, dessen Mitglieder die Vision von nachhaltiger Sanitärversorgung teilen



tolerantes sachsen - Netzwerk für Demokratie und gegen Rassismus in Sachsen



UN OCHA – United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs, Teil des Sekretariats der Vereinten Nationen, verantwortlich für die Zusammenführung der humanitären Akteure in Katastrophen und Krisen



UNICEF – das Kinderhilfswerk der Vereinten Nationen



VENRO – Verband Entwicklungspolitischer Nicht-Regierungsorganisationen in Deutschland



WASH-Netzwerk – Initiative deutscher Nichtregierungsorganisationen, die sich für Wasser, Sanitärversorgung und Hygiene engagieren

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Numerous national and local partner organizations in our project countries as well as other institutions in Germany, including, among others, Brot für die Welt - Evangelisches Werk für Diakonie und Entwicklung e.V., EPIZ e.V. Berlin, ESD Expert Net, ESF - European Social Fund, Catholic Fund, TU Dresden, Sächsische Landesfachstelle für Bibliotheken, Umweltzentrum Dresden e.V., Uni Leipzig, Valtenbergwichtel e.V., VHS Dresden.

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