Committed to water, sanitation and hygiene

arche noVa – Initiative for People in Need e.V. has been committed to aid projects since 1992. We support people who get in situations of difficulty and need through no fault of their own, caused by conflicts, crises or natural catastrophes. Thereby, our commitment focuses mainly on the human right to water and sanitation.

arche noVa is a politically independent, undenominational and charitable organization. Our roots are voluntary services from which grew professional structures. Today, our expertise in the fields of water, sanitation and hygiene makes us a valuable cooperation partner of grand donor institutions like the German Foreign Ministry, the German Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development or the United Nations.

Global learning is part of it

We are convinced that the living conditions of all people worldwide are interlinked and that we share responsibility. That’s why our Global Learning education program is part of our commitment. Our team offers project days for schools, looks after youth facilities, organizes public events and training courses for teachers and educational institutions. We pass on our expertise through the Global Learning Unit in Saxony and are involved in the EU-wide network of global education providers.

Our vision is a fair and just world where all people have access to clean water and sanitation facilities and can lead a self-determined life.

You can help us to realize our vision by granting us your donation!

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arche noVa provides safe drinking water

We have so far provided access to safe drinking water for more than 1.3 million people in more than 23 countries, constructed thousands of new sanitation facilities and conducted numerous hygiene promotions. Our beneficiaries are now able to live a healthier life with a higher food security, new income generating possibilities and the prospect of a self-determined life.

arche noVa conducts numerous aid projects in Africa and Asia every year. We realize access to water points, install filtering systems, construct rainwater collecting facilities or sand dams as well as wells and latrines. By doing so, we support the realization of the human right to water and sanitation for many people worldwide. We do not only invest in constructing projects, but also secure the essential knowledge transfer. Our hygiene promotions focus on the right usage of water, sanitation supply and health promotion. We establish water committees in the project communities to strengthen the sustainability and further development of the projects.

Fast relief in case of emergencies

The number of floods, droughts and earthquakes is increasing worldwide. arche noVa supports the victims with fast emergency assistance. Our drinking water treatment plants, distribution of relief goods and other emergency assistance activities secure a first basic life supply. After these first relief measures, we support the rehabilitation process keeping possible disaster risk reduction measures in mind.

From water supply and toilets to hygiene training

arche noVa mainly works in rural areas, where the access to clean drinking water is especially problematic. Together with the local people we develop individual solutions, use local construction materials and prefer adaptable technologies which are easy to maintain. Regarded as a cooperation between equals, the work with our local partner organizations and village communities is based on mutual respect and equality and aims at strengthening the local civil society.

Water – a matter of survival

More than 844 million people lack access to safe drinking water. 2.4 billion people lack access to adequate sanitation facilities. They have to live with the permanent risk of getting sick. Every 90 seconds, a child dies of diarrhoea caused by contaminated water and poor sanitation.

To every mission an appropriate solution

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One out of nine.

2,4 billion people lack an appropriate sanitation supply.

One out of three.

2 billion people were affected by natural hazards over the last 10 years.

70 million people throughout the world have had to flee their homes.