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Implementing our work inside and outside Germany



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Foreword

Estimated Ladies and Gentlemen, dear Friends!

We are tremendously thankful for your help in the past and the present, in improving and rebuilding communities in despair.

In 2011 we have taken positive steps towards new projects and current ones have been continued even more successfully.

The projects in Cameroon have been expanded and the positive feedback we are receiving from the volunteers in Cameroon, the interns in Germany as well as from the numerous participants and donators show us that we are going in the right direction.

We are looking forward to further cooperation with you and with other organisations to continue our efforts in developing needy Cameroonian communities.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Gerald Bobga Fonkenmun', with a large, stylized initial 'G' and 'B'.

Sincere regards,

Gerald Bobga Fonkenmun

Founder and Director of the Hope Foundation

About Us

Our Values

Integrate

We receive people with open arms.

Educate

We inform, in order to free the world from prejudices and cultural misunderstandings.

Enable

We help people to take their lives into their own hands and to improve them.

Promote

We support the development of needy communities.

Our Vision

To reduce poverty and improve education to integrate disadvantaged communities in Cameroon and enable them to participate in the decision making processes.

Our Mission

Hope Foundation deals with the questions of poverty, health and social work in rural areas of Africa.

In our projects...

... we ensure that people are informed in regards to basic health care, family planning, immunisation and vaccination as well as hygiene and sex education.

... we promote people's rights by supporting community leadership and responsibility of the citizens.

... we supply orphans, disabled people and street children with food, clothing, education and shelter.

... we build up the supply with foodstuffs and introduce modern agricultural methods.

... we organise work teams, in which local and international volunteers become engaged in community projects.

Projects & Events 2011

Cameroon:

Hope Foundation-Team visits the Bosa-Orphanage in Bali-Nyonga, August 2011



Friendly Greetings in the Orphanage in Bali

In August 2011 a team of the Hope Foundation visited the Bosa-Orphanage in Bali Nyonga, where approx. 45 children live. Bali Nyonga is a village in the north-west of Cameroon. The society is well connected, communities are well organised and families live together. Despite of that there are many orphans in this area and the majority lives in the Bosa-Orphanage.

Upon our arrival at the orphanage we were greeted by the orphans with a welcome song. The coordinator and the whole team showed us around and explained everything to us thoroughly. We had a look at the living rooms, the kitchen, the reception and the class rooms of the children, where they learn a lot new things.

After the tour, everyone introduced himself and we explained to the children why we were visiting them. We were there to hand over some small donations which could come handy in different everyday life situations.

The volunteers from France and Austria had brought many things from their home countries. Each child received a garment and could choose a toy. More over there were pens, books and other material for the class.

The children were very thankful for all the things. In the remaining time everyone played soccer, hide and seek, and cards.

„We would have really loved to spend more time with the children but the time passed so quickly and we had to leave them so soon! It is a good feeling to have made the children happy!“ Anna Matras – Volunteer from France.

„It was so cute, how a little boy dressed up with his new Bayern-Munich-Dress.“ Stefan Krammer – Volunteer from Austria.

The visit took place in the course of the Christmas project (more about the Christmas project on page ?).

Repairing Drinking Water Points in Lomié, East-Cameroon, August 2011



Repairing a drinking water point in Lomié East-Cameroon

Last summer several volunteers of the Hope Foundation went to Lomié, to work in different projects. There they met a fundamental problem which doesn't only makes the life of the local people difficult but even endangers it: The insufficient supply of potable water. Being forced to use polluted water is the main cause for the spreading of a number of diseases. Many villagers have to walk for many kilometres to reach clean water. And that, despite of the fact, that theoretically there are sufficient drinking water points to supply the people – or at least make the supply much more easier.

During the colonial time several drinking points were built, which used to be functional. Unfortunately over the years nobody took care about the maintenance and purification etc.

This baseline study has been made together with our partner

organisation ADELOM and with the support of the mayor of Lomié.

After years of neglect the drinking points and water pipes are in a desolate condition. The points are dirty and muddy and the walls of the tanks are cracked.

We made a 3-day activity in which we started to renew a water point that can supply up to 4000 people with clean drinking water.

In these three days we were able to exchange the pipes, clean the point and break out the old walls of the tank.

The continuation and finalisation of the project is planned for the coming dry season when the condition for building concrete tanks is the best.

We would like to finalise the project. We therefore ask all our readers to support us, so that in May 2012 at the latest, the people of Lomié can experience the joy of drinking fresh, clean water.

Working with Minorities: Visiting the Baka Pygmies, East-Cameroon, September 2011



There is hope behind this smile, Baka Pygmies

In the End of August a team of the Hope Foundation visited the Baka-Pygmyes in the East of Cameroon. To get to them we had to travel almost 600 km into the heart of the equatorial rain forest. There we reached our goal, a small Baka-Pygmyes-Settlement, where we spent the night.

The Baka-Pygmyes are a group of people who have been pushed to the further edge of the society and receive almost no help at all from outside.

We visited the community to gain insight in to their living situation and to understand the problems that these people are facing daily. A further step would then be to build a working cooperation and try to find solutions for their problems.

The trip to the Pygmies was adventurous– we travelled by bus, motor bicycle and on feet until we finally reached the forest settlement in the late afternoon. We we greeted very friendly and in a traditional way by the people. Then were introduced to the Eldest of the community and had dinner.

Then the festive part started. A Fire was made around which we all sat. The villagers started to drum, sing and dance. We joined the dancing and danced under the moon light until 3 o'clock in the morning.

Early in the next morning the men showed us hunting practices then the women took us to the river where they showed us their daily fishing. It was a wonderful experience which we will never forget.

After eating lunch together we handed over our presents. Then we sat together one more time with the Eldest to discuss the challenges which the Baka are facing and how they could be solved.



The difference in size is extreme...but our volunteers are also taller than usual

Football 4 Life Project 2011, July until August 2011



Team photo with the international volunteers

The health care in Cameroon is deficient. A huge problem in the country is the high HIV infection rate. According to UNICEF approx. five percent of the adults in the age between 15 and 49 years are infected. Only 30% of the youth have extensive knowledge about this disease.

An other disease about which the population, especially in the countryside is not sufficiently informed about, is Malaria.

But not only the lack of information and education poses a challenge.



The winning team at the Football 4 Life tournament in Lomié

Drug consumption, especially by adolescents is an other problem.

The lack of education combined with little hope for a prosperous future, drives many young people to a life on the streets and drug consumption.

The Football 4 Life Project takes place annually in the rural regions of Cameroon. The goal of the project is to reach the adolescents through the positive context of a joint sports event and to inform them about infectious diseases like HIV/AIDS and Malaria as well as about the dangers of drug abuse. The tournaments lasts for four weeks and takes place in peripheral cities, like this year in Bali Nyonga and Lomié. Before each game there was a speech addressing prevention and during the games volunteers of the Hope Foundation talked to the audience about the above mentioned topics and distributed condoms.



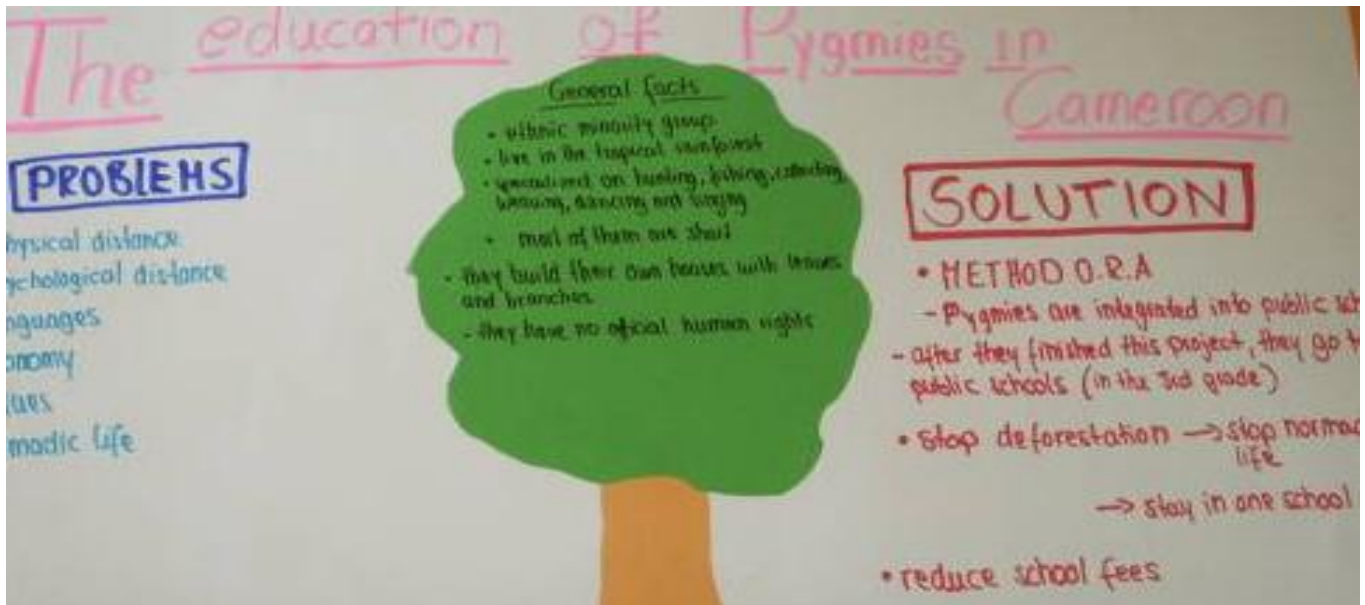
A volunteer distributes condoms and informs about sexually transmissible diseases

One of the highlights was a game of the European interns versus the original habitants of Africa, the Pygmies. Although the volunteers lost 1:0 it was a memorable experience that they won't forget so easily.

Judith Ellfeldt

Projects & Events 2011

Germany



Group Work of the Group Africa at the Paulsen Gymnasium, Steglitz

The Project “Bridging Cultures”

Building Bridges between the Cultures of the World – intercultural Project Work in Schools in Berlin and Brandenburg, September /October 2011

Due to the media development in the last decades, countries and continents that are far away, suddenly seem to be only a mouse click away. In times of globalisation the world moves closer economically.

But how about the social relations between people of different cultures?

Being confronted with certain occurrences and specific problems of other cultures, can lead to reducing fear and raising understanding for these cultures. Moreover own approaches for solutions and creative project ideas can be developed. And this is exactly the goal of the intercultural educational project Bridging Cultures“.

The project took place from September 5th until October 28th at 10 schools in Berlin and Brandenburg. Trainers from Asia, Africa, and Latin America offered the 800 pupils (age between 16-20 years), an insight into life style, tradition and customs, as well as developmental problems of their countries and cultures. In numerous workshops the pupils discussed the multi-faceted topic of globalisation as well as the importance of the Millennium Development Goals.



Ein Beitrag zur
Weltdekade
Award for BC
from UNESCO

After that the pupils formed groups and were asked to discuss the cause and effects of different problems based on the information they had received previously and develop creative approaches for solving them.

Thanks to the dedication of the trainers in the context of Bridging Cultures, many facets of globalisation, the MDGs and developmental key problems were illuminated.

The key problems that were discussed were Immigrant Wives, Waste Pickers, Malaria, Oil Pollution, Sex Tourism and Micro Finance. The pupils made interesting presentations and presented their creative solutions.



Besides the contents, the promotion of the foreign language skills of the adolescents was also a focus of the project.

The communication during the workshops took place in English, which gave the pupils the chance to practice the language outside the usual learning context.

The intercultural education project this year was again a success and was honoured by the UNESCO Award for Education for sustainable Developed.

The ideas for solutions are intended to encourage new projects in Germany with the aim of raising awareness for globalisation, the Millennium Development Goals and developmental key problems.



Presenting the group work at the Alexander-Puschkin Gymnasium, Hennigsdorf

Plays, musical performances, as well as commercials and documentaries were presented. The pupils impressed their audience with their technical finesse, and proved how personal commitment and media can be wonderfully used to bring important issues ahead beyond school borders.

Through the project "Bridging Cultures" bridges to other cultures are built, language barriers are overcome and the awareness for the problems of people beyond one's own country borders is raised. The pupils of today are the decision maker of our society tomorrow that is why especially these adolescents must continue to be promoted.

Anja Köhn

Barefoot for Africa - Shoe Aid Project

Sand between the toes and positive vibes -

Second "Barefoot for Africa" event was despite of rain a great success, July 2011



Announcement board at the YAAM for Barefoot for Africa Event

It was the second time for the Charity-Event "Barefoot for Africa" to take place. Despite of rainy weather more than 500 guests joined the event on July 17th at the Yaam to donate their shoes and experience a little bit of African life style.

The event took place in favour of the Shoe donation and shoe recycling project called Shoe Aid Project. More than 1000 shoes were donated on this day.

The colourful event attracted people of all ages into the popular beach bar at the Spree. At the kids corner the little guests could make monsters out of socks or turn into wild animals by getting a wonderful face paint. Delicious African food as well as cool drinks were served.

Numerous popular musicians added to the event with wonderful music and supported the project by performing without pay. Although it started raining in the afternoon the atmosphere continued to be great and the guests celebrated and danced until late in the night, a lot of them barefooted.



Face painting for the little ones during events in the Kids corner

Football 4 Life

Together instead of against each other, – kicking for a good cause- Yaam Street Soccer Masters, September 2011

That football can unite people of different age and cultures worldwide in a peaceful setting was again visible at last year's world cup in South Africa. Fairness, respect and tolerance play a significant role in football. Using this positive spirit of football in favour of charitable organisations and projects was the aim of the Yaam Street Soccer Masters.

The series of events were launched by the Charity Initiative Bonn and CARE Germany Luxemburg in the course of a spontaneous call for donations after the flood catastrophe in Pakistan. The tournament was carried out five times already this year and the profit was donated to social projects such as "School bricks for Gando" (Burkina Faso) by the architect Francis Kere, and the Berlin Streetwork-Project "Gangway".

Besides supporting social projects financially, the tournament aims at sensitising the sportsmen and the audience for charity and aid projects in a fun way.

The final took place on September 24th. The revenues were donated to the project "Football 4 Life" (see article on "Football 4 Life" on page 15).

The game as well as the information about different cultures is the main focus of the Street Soccer Masters.

No matter if the sportsmen were talented athletes with professional ambitions or just occasional players – everybody was invited to join. Players of different ages played against each other. Hand made goals and advertisement banners, international DJs, the sound of African drums, and the scent of traditional food made a unique and inimitable atmosphere.

URBAN PLAYGROUND PRESENTS
 All in aid of 'Football4Life' (Cameroon) a project by Hope Foundation e.V Berlin
 BRING ALL YOUR OLD FOOTBALL SHOES AND EQUIPMENT FOR DONATION !
24/09 @ 11am YAAM @ OSTBANHOF
 Hosted by
 DJ GARRINCHA & MC TIKOGO (Brazil) feat special guests...
 Best of
YAAM
STREET
SOCCER
MASTERS
2011
El Classico

FOOTBALL 4 LIFE
 FOOTBALL4LIFE is an annual project where soccer is used as an instrument to educate many youths in Cameroon about the dangers of HIV-AIDS, Drugs and Malaria more info at www.hope-found.org



Anmeldung und details via: shiraz@yaam.de // www.yaam.de

Advertisement flyer for the Yaam Street Soccer Masters in favour of the Football 4 Life Project

Internship

In the course of 2011 the Hope Foundation had 14 interns. They assisted in different areas in the office in Berlin. Some of them supported in the project organisation, others at different events, in winning sponsors or office work.

Volunteer Service

In 2011 we registered a very positive change of trend. Thanks to new cooperation with expatriation organisations, for example the French “La Guilde” we had 30 volunteers from France, 6 from Austria, 2 volunteers from Poland and 4 German volunteers in the summer programme.

From June until September the volunteers participated in different projects which were planned and organised in our office in Germany.

Some of them are:

Current programmes

- Working in rehabilitation centres and with people with special abilities
- Working in the medical care service
- Working in orphanages
- Teaching assistance in elementary and higher schools
- Giving seminars about human rights, especially for women and minorities.



Group picture with traditional clothing, it is a cultural exchange and not merely a volunteer service.

In the project “Bridging Cultures” we were supported by interns from Brazil, Nigeria, Ghana and Taiwan.

Summer Programmes

- Renewing water points, social and cultural project (September)
- Football 4 Life: Creating awareness and informing about HIV/AIDS and Malaria in BERTOUA (August)
- Holiday School & cultural exchange programme – in BALI NYONGA (July or August)
- Holiday School & cultural exchange programme – in OBALA (July)
- Children Aid Project & cultural exchange- in BUEA (June)

We are already perceiving a huge demand for a volunteer exchange for our summer programme.

One of the volunteers in 2011 was Stefan Krammer from Austria. On the following page you can read his report about his stay in Cameroon and the work with the Hope Foundation.



An Internship of a Different Kind

Together with 3 of my best friends, I decided to make an internship of a different kind.

Instead of working in an office or a production site, we flew 7000 km to Cameroon to implement different developmental aid projects.



Abb.: Straße zum Pygmäen Dorf in Ost-Kamerun

Cameroon: Despite of Peace, little Development

Cameroon, located in West Africa is considered one of the poor countries of the world. According to the International Currency Fond an Austrian earns in average over 18 times more than his Cameroonian counterpart. Other than in African countries that are even poorer, the reason doesn't lye in martial conflict as Cameroon hasn't suffered of almost no military conflict since the Second World War. The problem in Cameroon is the corruption and the poor health and education system.

After uncountable visits to different doctors, authorities and organisations, on August 5th we were finally ready: We flew to Cameroon! After a two-day flight we arrived at the airport in Duala and were picked up by two employees of the Hope Foundation.

After an unforgettable drive of 9 hours with public transportation we finally reached our target location Bali Nyonga.

Summer School

Shortly after arrival we attended the kick-off meeting, where we also got to know the other volunteers from France and Poland. We discussed for hours the 3 main activities of the internship: the summer school, a football project and a water project.

The school project was a true blessing for the parents as it is harvesting time in August and there are barely no possibilities to keep the children busy in a sensible way.



Abb.: Fleißige Schülerin in der Pause der Sommerschul in Bali Nyonga



Group photo with pupils of the Summer School in Bali Nyonga

I was responsible for the maths class, together with two French interns. There were At each of the four classes at the public school in Bali Nyonga we taught one hour of maths. We usually started the lesson with counting games. After an introductory game we started with the main part which dealt with multiplication, geometry or text based problems.

The School project was ended with a celebration and performance by the pupils where they danced and performed sketches that we had rehearsed together.

Water Aid Project

After three weeks we continued our journey into the jungle to an area where there is no running water to support a well building project. Under the technical instructions of a Cameroonian professor, preparations were made to exploit a well. This natural well has drinking water quality but it flows at the earth surface into a stream, which leads to a contamination of the water. To counteract this we started building a collection tank for the well water (read more at page 9).

Best experience in my life

The experiences I made in Cameroon have strongly improved my cultural understanding, besides my foreign language skills. I very much want to continue working in a context with the black continent. As I have already specialised in “renewable resources” and their economical, social and ecological impact, I hope that I will be able to use this knowledge in favour of the African Continent.



Foto: © Stefan Krammer und Rafael Lorenz

...a new day is born in Cameroon.

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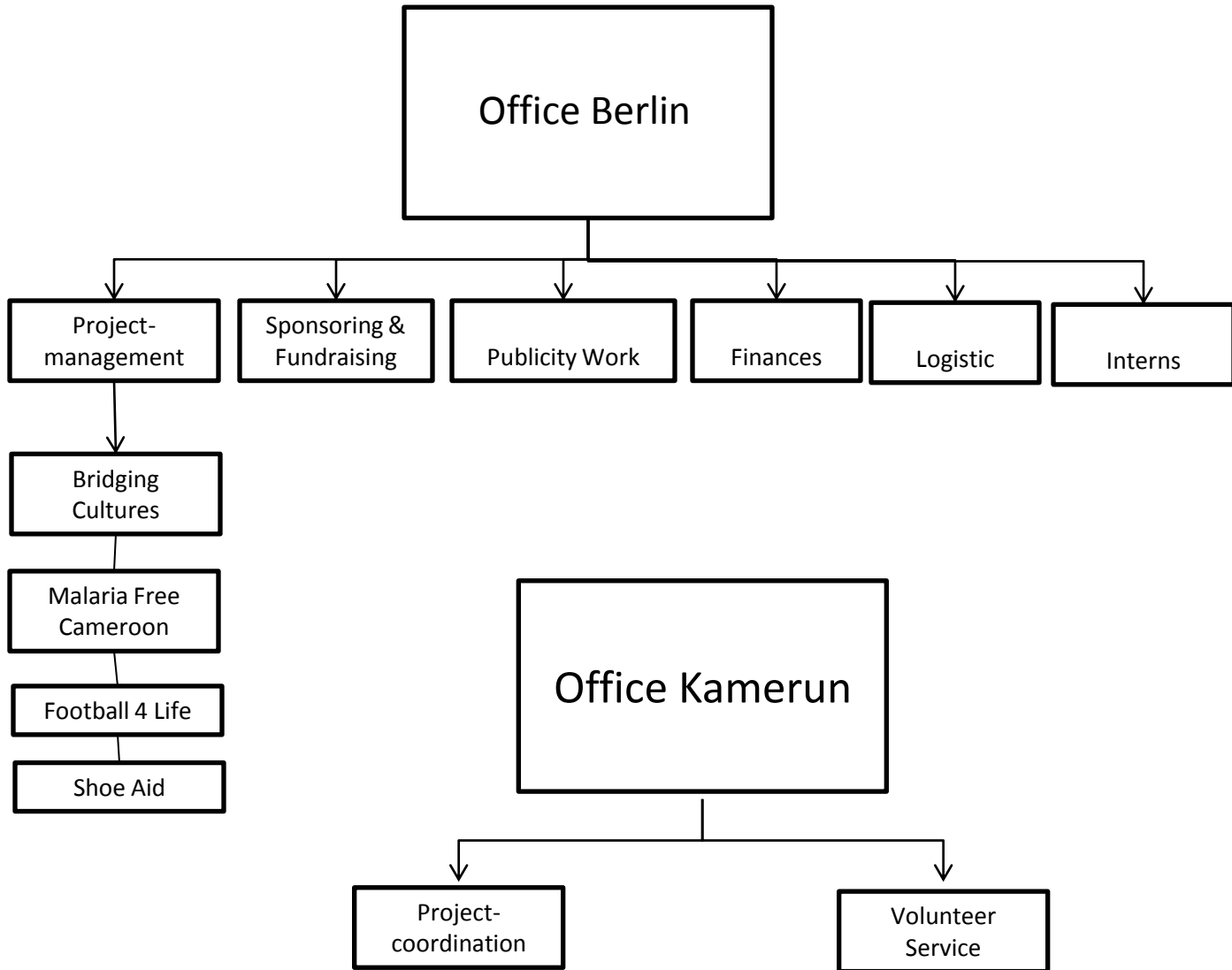
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Organisation Chart



Business Year 2011

Overview

Hope Foundation e.V. looks back at a turbulent but also successful year 2011. In 2011 we received two sponsorships, which is an increase compared to 2010 and which shows us that we are on a good way with our work. We were able to conduct our awareness and educational projects in Germany again and even more successfully and had the highest number of volunteers in our summer projects in Cameroon until now.

Germany

In April the Hope Foundation was able to move into its new office in the centre of Berlin. With the help of donations from companies and individuals the office was equipped with some old computers, desks and shelves.

The office enables us to structure our work further and to enlarge our team with interns. With this team we organised the events and projects again that had taken place in 2010 and prepared projects for 2012.

The goal of the projects was informing about and strengthening the cultural awareness for developing countries like Cameroon. The educational project "Bridging Cultures" was successfully implemented for the second time. With this project we were present at 20 schools in Berlin and Brandenburg in the past two years and were able to work together with our international trainers on issues of globalisation and the Millennium Development Goals with approx. 2000 pupils.

We filed in applications for three projects of which two were completely sponsored.

Applied and Sponsored Projects 2011

Region	Applied Projects	Applied Sum in €	Approved Projects	Approved Sum in €
Germany	3	6993,66	2	4060,48
All	3	6993,66	2	4060,48

Moreover we conducted „Barefoot for Africa“ for the second time, it took place again at the YAAM in Berlin. 1500 pair of shoes were collected in the event which offered great music and a wonderful atmosphere.

Cameroon

The Hope Foundation organises every year a series of projects in Cameroon, which volunteers from all over the world are invited to support.

When joining one of the important local projects, volunteers can choose between a short-term or a long-term stay in Cameroon. The Cameroonians profit from the great and diverse contribution and the volunteers gain a better understanding of a new culture and lifestyle.

Our Sponsors



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des Landes Berlin
Stiftung des öffentlichen Rechts

Finances

The year 2011 was closed with a surplus of 1748,70 Euro.

The reason is the increased project management and acquisition of sponsoring aid. Du to the acknowledgement of the Hope Foundation as a charity organisation the readiness for donations has increased. 100% of the applied and approved financial aids were used for the projects.

The administrative expenses have to be covered by donations which is still difficult. All members of the Hope Foundation work on an honorary capacity. This makes the work sometimes difficult, as tasks cannot be fulfilled in regular times but need to be adjusted to the working capacity of the honorary employers and interns.

Despite these challenges we are on a good path and the developments are more positive each year.

Profit and Loss until 31.12.2011

General Expenses

Item	Cash In	Cash Out
Administrative Costs (Office rent, storage rent, Phone, Copies, Stamps)		-2553,25€
Expenses Flee Market		-366,00 €
Donations Flee Market	1.620,43 €	
Donation Printing Costs	84,55 €	
Book Sale	11,00 €	
Lockers for Storage Room		-31,98 €
Diesel		-28,24 €
Donation Cans		-20,32 €
Websites Hosting		-95,76 €
Paypal Voucher	0,25 €	
Sum	1716,23	-3.095,55 €

Project Costs

Project Bridging Cultures		
Sponsoring Booklet	200,00 €	
Orientation Week		-12,50 €
Participant Fees / Schools	1.086,51 €	
Sponsorship	2.700,00 €	
Training Material		-252,60 €
Booklets		-750,00 €
Expenses Allowance Consultants		-840,40 €
Monthly Public Transportation Ticket for Project Management Sep/Oct		-182,00 €
Donations	400,00 €	
Sum	4386,51 €	-2037,50 €

Events and Projects from 2010 were improved and established further in Berlin and Brandenburg.

Shoe Aid Project		
Car rental/ Gas		-187,19 €
Donation Linke (Political Party)	250,00 €	
Sum	250,00 €	-187,19 €

Barefoot for Africa Event		
Event expenses		-981,38 €
Donations	1783,50 €	
Sum	1.783,50 €	-981,38 €

Moreover we were able to enlarge our network and use other events as as a platform for information and fundraising.

World Festival		
Catering		-46,43 €
Donations World Festival	198,50 €	
Stall Fee World Festival		-55,00 €
Sum	198,50 €	-101,43 €
Malaria Free Cameroon Project		
Donations from the Half Marathon	65,00 €	



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