



Improving living conditions
Stimulating creative activities
Promoting health

Foundation

The Drosos Foundation is committed to enabling disadvantaged people to live a life of dignity.

drosos (...) on an expansion course

In its second year of operations, Drosos Foundation's activities, which are on an expansion course lasting several years, increased significantly. Expenditure for specific project activities, both in Switzerland and abroad, increased accordingly. The work of the management in terms of identifying, structuring and implementing the projects, got a more distinct profile.

Apart from its activities in Switzerland and Germany, the Foundation has for the time being established a clear focus on the region of the Middle East and North Africa (MENA).

The first main scopes of interest are: support for prisoners, support for disadvantaged girls and women, HIV/AIDS prevention for drug users, promoting creative activities for children and young people. Additional priorities will become apparent on the basis of experience gained from individual projects and project partners. The Foundation is open to suggestions.

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Working method

The Drosos Foundation develops and supports projects having a direct bearing on improving the living conditions of particular groups of people. The Foundation seeks a longterm impact wherever it is engaged. The Foundation does not get involved in individual cases or emergencies.

The Drosos Foundation, with headquarters in Zurich, was established in late 2003 and has been operational since the beginning of 2005. The Foundation owes its existence to a generous private endowment. The Foundation is recognised as a charitable non-profit organisation. It is politically, religiously and ideologically independent.



Projects funded in 2006

In 2006, approximately CHF 3 million were used to fund specific projects.

New projects 2006

Switzerland (...) Dance theatre «Carmen» **Germany (...)** Children's museum (...)
Music theatre «Odysseus» (...) Remedial reading for pupils **Egypt (...)** Vocational training for juvenile prisoners (...)
Empowerment of women (...) HIV/AIDS prevention for drug addicts **Lebanon (...)** Reintegration of prisoners **Morocco (...)**
Health services for sub-Saharan migrants **Iran (...)** Methadone programme for women prisoners **MENA Region (...)** Harm reduction for drug users

Project summaries

MENA region

(...) Harm reduction for drug users

Region: Entire Middle East and North Africa region

Partner: World Health Organisation (WHO)/International Harm Reduction Association (IHRA)

Content: On behalf of the Foundation, WHO conducts a regional project in the countries of the Middle East and North Africa with the aim of strengthening civil society in delivering harm reduction services to drug users (in particular HIV/AIDS). Working from

competence hubs in Morocco, Lebanon and Iran, the project promotes private help groups and networks by offering training, advice and support. IHRA works closely with WHO to develop these hubs.

Project duration: 4 years

Lebanon

(...) Reintegration of prisoners

Region: Beirut/North Lebanon/Bekaa

Partner: Mouvement Social du Liban (MSL)

Content: This project is fostering the reintegration of inmates of the prisons of Roumieh (juveniles) and Barbar El Khazen (women). With the help of a social worker they are developing a plan for their life after release. Once free, they are helped by social workers to look for work or education and training opportunities, receive counselling when social problems arise, and are offered legal advice. The young people can also take advantage of art-oriented leisure activities at the centres run by MSL.

Project duration: 3 years

Germany

(...) Children's museum

Region: Halle

Partner: Kindermuseum Halle

Content: Alongside the day-to-day activities preparing the exhibition «Der Atem der Dinge» (The Breath of Things), the Foundation is funding guided art workshops. They bring together disadvantaged and handicapped adolescents with healthy children and young people. The results of this preparatory work can be seen in an exhibition at «Solbad Wittekind» where artistic projects are developed with the participation of visitors.

Project duration: 2 years

Egypt

(...) Empowerment of women

Region: Helwan

Partner: Association for the Development and Enhancement of Women (ADEW)

Content: The Association for the Development and Enhancement of Women, an Egyptian NGO, runs a comprehensive project in a suburb of Cairo aimed at offering single mothers and their children a package of support measures in the form of literacy courses, basic education opportunities and empowerment programmes. The disadvantaged women are also offered help in obtaining identity papers, and are provided with micro-credits.

Project duration: 3 years

Morocco

(...) Health services for sub-Saharan migrants

Region: Rabat

Partner: Médecins du Monde (Mdm)/Association pour la Lutte Contre le SIDA (ALCS)

Content: This project is implemented by Mdm and aims at improving care for migrants from the sub-Saharan region in Rabat. The organisation helps to run a reception centre where migrants can get help and advice and obtain medication. Working closely with the local ALCS and supported by the Foundation, Mdm implements educational and prevention programmes that focus on sexually transmitted diseases with the emphasis on HIV/AIDS.

Project duration: 12 months

Switzerland

(...) Dance theatre «Carmen»

Region: Zurich

Partner: Zurich School of Music, Drama and Dance (HMTZ)

Content: Young people from the city of Zurich with various cultural and social backgrounds are working on a piece of dance theatre under the title of «Carmen – a bigger bounce». This is providing them with new experiences and helping to stimulate their development and sense of awareness. The project is managed by the HMTZ and will culminate in public performances in Zurich and beyond.

Project duration: 10 months

Current projects

Switzerland

(...) «Schoolhouse novels»

(...) Pre-school literacy

(...) Dance theatre «Carmen»

Germany

(...) Children's museum

(...) Music theatre «Odysseus»

(...) Remedial reading for pupils

Egypt

(...) Street children

(...) Village libraries

(...) Vocational training for juvenile prisoners

(...) Empowerment of women

(...) HIV/AIDS prevention for drug addicts

Lebanon

(...) Vocational training for juvenile prisoners

(...) Legal and social aid for foreigners

(...) Database of laws concerning foreigners

(...) Reintegration of prisoners

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