



Improving living conditions  
Stimulating creative activities  
Promoting health

## Foundation

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

#### New countries – growing project partnerships

The launch of project activities in Morocco and in the Palestinian territories, preparations for the opening of an office in Cairo and the introduction of a computer-assisted project management system dominated the third year of operations of the Drosos Foundation.

The programme activities in the new countries of the Middle East and North Africa (MENA) were in line with the thematic priorities prevailing so far: empowerment of women, support for street children, HIV/AIDS prevention.

With the planned registration of an office in Cairo the Foundation underlines its intention to expand project activities in Egypt and Lebanon. At the same time, the Foundation monitors and controls the projects adequately.

The introduction of a project management system that enables the electronic administration and evaluation of projects, will enhance the efficiency of the work undertaken by the Foundation. It also contributes to the controlled growth of projects funded both in Switzerland and abroad.

#### Priorities and working method

In mid 2007, the Board reviewed the strategy that the Drosos Foundation has been following since the start of operations at the beginning of 2005. The Board decided to stick to the chosen methodology and to continue to focus on the same geographical and thematic areas:

- The aim of the Foundation is to initialise the projects which, for the time being, are implemented by partner institutions.
- From a geographical point of view the Foundation continues to be committed to Switzerland and Germany and, with a special emphasis, to the regions of the Middle East and of North Africa.
- The main scopes of interest are: supporting prisoners, promoting creative activities for children and young people, empowerment of women, HIV/AIDS prevention for drug addicts.

The Drosos Foundation owes its existence to a generous private endowment. The Foundation is recognised as a charitable non-profit organisation. It is ideologically, politically and religiously independent.

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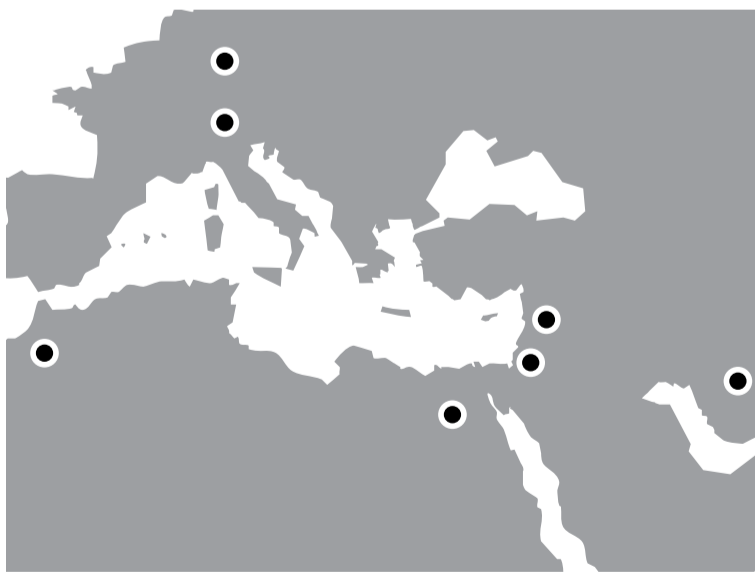
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#### Projects funded in 2007

In 2007, approximately CHF 5 million were used to fund specific projects.

## New projects 2007

**Switzerland** (...) Education in prisons (...) Promoting music among adolescents (...) Youth coordinator for music (...) Musical fairy tale «Tino Flautino» (...) «Schoolhouse novels» II  
**Germany** (...) Pre-school literacy **Lebanon** (...) Promoting the health of prisoners (...) Rehabilitation for drug-addicted prisoners (...) HIV/AIDS prevention for risk groups (...) Legal aid for distressed women **Morocco** (...) Support for single mothers (...) Caring for HIV/AIDS patients (...) HIV/AIDS prevention (...) Health services for migrants II (...) Education for street children (...) Support for distressed women **Palestinian territories** (...) Freedom of movement for young people

## Project summaries

### Switzerland

#### (...) Education in prisons

**Region:** German-speaking Switzerland

**Partner:** Swiss Labour Assistance (SLA)

**Content:** The pilot project (www.bist.ch) developed in partnership with the Foundation provides basic education to prisoners. The aim is to assist their reintegration into society and the working environment. A specialist unit created for this project promotes education in day-to-day life in the prisons. This unit formulates a standard curriculum, provides instructors, and guarantees networking between prisons. The pilot project is being rolled-out in six prisons in German-speaking Switzerland and, in the medium-term, should have an impact on the whole of the country.

**Project duration:** 3½ years

### Switzerland

#### (...) Youth coordinator for music

**Region:** Winterthur

**Partner:** Musikkollegium Winterthur (MKW)

**Content:** The Foundation finances the creation of the position of youth coordinator for music who will be affiliated to the MKW (a Swiss symphony orchestra). The youth coordinator is required to combine music projects for school children and adolescents in Winterthur with the activities of a professional orchestra. It is intended that by participating in the artistic process the young people will gain a taste for classical music. The project is undertaken in close cooperation with authorities and schools.

**Project duration:** 2½ years

### Lebanon

#### (...) Rehabilitation for drug-addicted prisoners

**Region:** Beirut

**Partner:** Association Justice et Miséricorde (AJEM)

**Content:** The aim of this project is to promote the economic and social reintegration of the most severely addicted drug users on their release from the main prison in Roumieh. Those adult inmates who are willing to break the habit will receive support through vocational training, psychological counselling, reunifica-

tion with their families and legal advice, both some months before and after their release from prison.

**Project duration:** 3 years

### Morocco

#### (...) HIV/AIDS prevention

**Region:** Southern Morocco

**Partner:** Association pour la Lutte Contre le SIDA (ALCS)

**Content:** The project focuses on the expansion of the ALCS's prevention programme for HIV/AIDS and sexually transmitted diseases that mainly involve female prostitutes in southern Morocco. Volunteers from those circles are recruited and trained as outreach workers to promote awareness. The partner organisation concentrates on providing additional treatment and anonymous HIV/AIDS tests.

**Project duration:** 5 years

### Morocco

#### (...) Support for single mothers

**Region:** Casablanca

**Partner:** Institut National de Solidarité avec les Femmes en Détresse (INSAF)

**Content:** The project is aimed at the social integration of single mothers and their children, and at diminishing the exploitation of young girls in Casablanca. Single mothers are provided with accommodation as well as medical, psychological and legal support. Partnerships with employers and places in day-nurseries help the mothers to be integrated into the labour market. Young girls who have already been placed in households are returned to their families and schools.

**Project duration:** 4½ years

### Palestinian territories

#### (...) Freedom of movement for young people

**Region:** Gaza Strip

**Partner:** Legal Center for Freedom of Movement (Gisha)

**Content:** The project aims at implementing the legal rights to freedom of movement for young Palestinians from the Gaza Strip. Individual legal counsel is provided to the young people to enable them to gain unfettered access to education and employment in the West Bank/Israel. Moreover, legal procedures are used to do away with travelling restrictions that impede the running of

Palestinian schools.

**Project duration:** 2 years

## Current projects

### Switzerland

(...) «Schoolhouse novels» II

(...) Pre-school literacy

(...) Dance theatre «Carmen»

(...) Education in prisons

(...) Promoting music among adolescents

(...) Youth coordinator for music

(...) Musical fairy tale «Tino Flautino»

### Germany

(...) Children's museum

(...) Remedial reading for pupils

(...) Pre-school literacy

### 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

(...) Promoting the health of prisoners

(...) Rehabilitation for drug-addicted prisoners

(...) HIV/AIDS prevention for risk groups

(...) Legal aid for distressed women

### Morocco

(...) Health services for migrants II

(...) Support for single mothers

(...) Caring for HIV/AIDS patients

(...) HIV/AIDS prevention

(...) Education for street children

(...) Support for distressed women

### Iran

(...) Methadone programme for women prisoners

### Palestinian territories

(...) Freedom of movement for young people

### MENA Region

(...) Harm reduction for drug users

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