



Improving living conditions
Stimulating creative activities
Promoting health

Foundation

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

Opening of the Cairo office, new board member

The official registration of the Foundation as an international non-governmental organisation (NGO) in Egypt, the expansion of the activities to Syria and the appointment of a new board member dominated the agenda of the Drosos Foundation in 2008. Furthermore, project management workflows were organised more efficiently.

Dr. Frank Schnewlin joined the Board at the beginning of June, as a new member.

At the end of July the Foundation was registered by the Egyptian authorities as an international NGO with the permission to fund projects in Egypt and to open own offices in Cairo. The Foundation was able to move into its own premises in December.

At the same time, research for project opportunities was launched in Syria. The board has approved a first project in the country.

On the basis of experience gained until now the procedure for selecting new project partners was further streamlined using checklists.

Priorities and working method

The 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.

In pursuing its activities, the Foundation puts the emphasis and methodological principles on the following:

- The aim of the Foundation is to initialise and help to shape projects. For the time being, these are being implemented by third parties.
- From a geographical point of view, the Foundation continues to be active in Switzerland and Germany. However, its primary focus is on the countries of the Middle East and of North Africa.
- The main scopes of interest are: support for prisoners, promoting creative activities for children and young people, empowerment of women, HIV/AIDS prevention amongst drug addicts.
- Regarding the activities in Egypt the Board identified the following target groups: children in difficult situations, HIV risk groups as well as women, children and young people in deprived communities.
- The Foundation is open to further issues or target groups.

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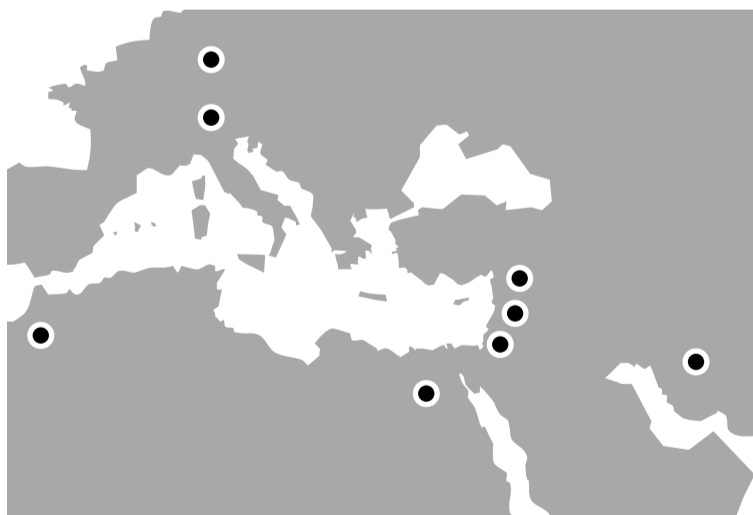
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Projects funded in 2008

In 2008, approximately CHF 6.5 million were used to fund specific projects.

New Projects 2008

Switzerland (...) Pre-school literacy II (...) Pupils opera «Fealan»
Germany (...) Pre-school literacy **Egypt** (...) Child labour protection (...) Reintegration of young delinquents (...) HIV/AIDS prevention in prisons (...) Health of street children II (...) HIV/AIDS prevention drug addicts **Morocco** (...) Water treatment
Palestinian territories (...) Vocational training/Job placement
Syria (...) Support for Iraqi refugees

Project summaries

Switzerland

(...) Pupils opera «Fealan»

Region: Winterthur

Partner: Musikkollegium Winterthur (MKW)

Content: Entitled «Fealan», children and adolescents with different social background from the city of Winterthur are producing an opera. The intention is to give the young people a deeper insight into the world of the musical theatre. The involvement of the pupils ranges from drafting the story to performing as actors and from singing in the choir to designing the props.

Duration: 1 1/2 years

Germany

(...) Pre-school literacy

Region: Zwickau

Partner: Förderstudio Literatur e.V., Zwickau (FLZ)/SOS-Mütterzentrum/Mehrgenerationenhaus Zwickau

Content: The aim of this project is to promote the literacy skills of pre-school children and first-time readers from educationally deprived classes in the region of Zwickau in the German federal state of Saxony. Fifty honorary reading mentors undertake pre-reading activities in selected towns, villages and special schools as well as in child day care centres in and around Zwickau. Target groups are children between the ages of 5 and 7.

Project duration: 2 years

Egypt

(...) Child labour protection

Region: Nile delta

Partner: Terre des Hommes (TdH)

Content: The aim of this project is to reduce child labour in the Damietta region by improving the quality of teaching and strengthening family structures. Child workers between the ages of 6 and 14 should benefit from improved working conditions in the factories and from more instructive work. TdH is undertaking this project in cooperation with four local partners.

Duration: 4 years

Syria

(...) Support for Iraqi refugees

Region: Aleppo

Partner: Médecins du Monde (Mdm)

Content: The main component of the project aims at improving the access for Iraqi refugees to basic healthcare in the Aleppo region. At the same time, Mdm provides a contribution to strengthening the local clinics operated by the Syrian Red Crescent in nearby rural areas. Finally, the needs for a care unit for traumatised refugees from Iraq will be assessed.

Duration: 7 months

Morocco

(...) Water treatment

Region: Asselda

Partner: Association Morocco-Suisse pour l'Environnement et le Développement (AMSED) / Swiss Federal Institute of Aquatic Science and Technology (EAWAG)

Content: The project promotes the recovery of waste water for irrigating farm land. Thanks to specialised treatment of the waste water the risk of contracting infectious diseases is reduced. Prevention campaigns aimed at improving hygiene are also undertaken. The people in the village, south of Marrakesh, are involved in planning and implementation of the project.

Duration: 5 years

Palestinian territories

(...) Vocational training/Job placement

Region: West Bank

Partner: Education for Employment (EFE)

Content: The project focuses on providing young people who have completed their schooling with practice-related vocational training tailored to the labour market. Thanks to a binding commitment on behalf of companies involved in the project, the participants are ensured of a job. The project should further support local educational establishments and teachers who are jointly responsible for developing the curricula. Ultimately the participating companies are made increasingly aware of the needs of unemployed school leavers.

Project duration: 3 years

Ongoing Projects

Switzerland

(...) «Schoolhouse Novels» I + II

(...) Pre-school literacy I + II

(...) Education in prisons

(...) Promoting music among adolescents

(...) Youth coordinator for music

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

(...) Pupils opera «Fealan»

Germany

(...) Children's museum

(...) Remedial reading for pupils

(...) Encouraging first readers

(...) Pre-school literacy

Egypt

(...) Street children

(...) Village libraries

(...) Vocational training for juvenile prisoners

(...) Empowerment of women

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

(...) Child labour protection

Lebanon

(...) 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 women in distress

Morocco

(...) Health services for migrants II

(...) Support for single mothers

(...) Caring for HIV/AIDS patients

(...) HIV/AIDS prevention

(...) Support for distressed women

(...) Education for street children

(...) Water treatment

Iran

(...) Methadone programme for women prisoners

Palestinian territories

(...) Freedom of movement for young people

(...) Vocational training/Job placement

Syria

(...) Support for Iraqi refugees

MENA region

(...) Harm reduction for drug users

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