

## Profiles of the Project Partners

AGEF - ASSOCIATION OF EXPERTS IN THE FIELDS  
OF MIGRATION AND DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION



### **Labour and Training as a Fundament for Development and Peace**

In 1992, AGEF was established as a non-profit limited company. AGEF works in the fields of development cooperation, migration and sustainable development. It assesses the continuously changing social, political and economic problems in our world as a challenge to be approached with competence and commitment. AGEF envisions equal social and economic conditions for all people and a transition towards democratic societies. It aims at identifying, integrating and supporting potentials and creativity in people in or from these countries.

#### **Jobs for Migrants**

AGEF offers cross-border job placement services in Germany on behalf of the German Central Placement Office (ZAV). With counselling, active job acquisition and adapted recruitment instruments, around 4,000 people have found jobs.

#### **Training, Vocational Education and Adapted Qualifications**

With training in generic skills and in specific labour market oriented qualifications key skills and target group specific contents are provided. AGEF also supports participants' access to the labour market in their respective countries.

#### **Integration of Migrants**

With counselling and training the integration of refugees and former contract workers is supported. Especially in Europe AGEF promotes the integration of minorities (e.g. Sinti & Roma).

#### **Return and Reintegration**

Prepared by studies, research and concept developments AGEF executes projects and programmes for return and reintegration, especially for labour and educational migrants as well as for refugees in specific regions and countries of return.

#### **Start-ups and Small/Medium-sized Enterprises**

By self-employment trainings and consultancy AGEF supports start-ups in the formal and non-formal sector. Additionally small and medium-sized enterprises (SME) are supported in their development and in their human resource management.

#### **Project Management and Organizational Development**

With participatory methods, AGEF manages projects and supports local partners to become independent with organizational mediation and consulting.

#### **Democracy, Human Rights and Work for Peace**

The building of democratic structures and the application of fundamental human rights are inseparably connected with economic progress and with the provision of a secure economic existence of the people. AGEF focuses on this approach in projects for women and youth as well as in work with minorities.

FLÜCHTLINGSHILFE ARBEITERWOHLFAHRT / CARITAS  
HAMBURG gGMBH



The humanitarian organisation Flüchtlingshilfe AWO/Caritas Hamburg was founded in 1992 by the Arbeiterwohlfahrt and Caritas in Hamburg to help Bosnian refugees arriving in Hamburg. Both organisations had over two decades of experience working with migrants and joined this knowledge into this new organisation to help accommodating the refugees. Camps were put up for the refugees, language-courses were organised, psychological support was offered. Later there were also qualifying measures for workmen. To help the returning Bosnians, a Central Information and Advisory-Service was founded in 1996 (in the beginning for refugees from Bosnia and Herzegovina, later also for refugees from Kosovo and Serbia and Montenegro, since 2002 for refugees from all over the world).

The offer of advice given by the Central Information and Advisory-Service for Refugees “Flüchtlingshilfe Arbeiterwohlfahrt / Caritas Hamburg gGmbH” is addressed to all refugees, individuals seeking asylum and migrants in Hamburg.

It offers comprehensive and competent advice concerning questions of the foreigner’s law (asylum-procedure, questions of status), orientation in dealing with requests by the German authorities and questions related to perspectives of working and education.

Furthermore, information and advice is given concerning the possibilities and conditions for a voluntary return to the home-country.

A central part of this advisory-service is the clarification of needs and the conception of social- and build-up projects, as well as the negotiation of and the enrolment for projects. This is guaranteed by the precise insight into the situation on the spot and the clarification of local means.

To support the return of refugees, over 20 reconstruction projects (over 2.6 million Euro in worth) were realised since 1996 in the countries of origin, mostly in Bosnia and Herzegovina and in Serbia and Montenegro.

INDE – INTERCOOPERAÇÃO E DESENVOLVIMENTO



INDE is a Portuguese Development NGO founded in 1988. It was born out of the initiative of several cooperatives and associations working in different sectors of development. Its main objective is to contribute, so that individuals, communities and institutions can strengthen their capacity for self-determination, and can assure material conditions for a life of dignity, thus guaranteeing fundamental rights to democracy, to education, to culture and to influence social transformation. In short, INDE aims at promoting active citizenship through guaranteeing fundamental rights to participation in a variety of spheres.

Therefore, INDE has developed a strategy articulated along the following lines:

- promotion of intercooperation as a valuable tool for balanced and sustainable development
- support of local development activities in various regions of the world, by establishing partnerships between local players, and collaborating in exchange networks and sharing of experience
- distribution of new information means and methodological tools that multiply resources and competences.