Woord en Daad in Ethiopia

Our mission and vision

Woord en Daad was established in 1973 and is based in the Netherlands. Our mission is motivated by the Christian perspective of justice and compassion. Our aim is to overcome poverty by sustainably transforming people and societies.

Woord en Daad cooperates with 30 partner organizations in 22 countries in Africa, Asia, and Latin America. We connect social institutions, communities, educational centers, government bodies, entrepreneurs, and other sectors to realize sustainable change worldwide. Our approach consists of direct poverty alleviation, civil society strengthening and policy influencing.

WOORD EN DAAD CHARACTERISTICS VALUED BY OUR PARTNERS

1. strong supporters’ base in the Netherlands
2. extensive local partner network
3. strong concepts in our core areas of expertise
4. ability to manage complex multi-stakeholder programmes/consortia
5. flexible, project-based approach
6. focus on system change
7. Christian-based core values and development principles
8. global approach to challenges (addressing root causes of poverty and injustice at home and abroad)

OUR EXPERTISE INVESTED IN 5 PROGRAMMES

1. International Network for Christian Education (INCE) improves national education standards in each country involved.
2. Job Booster provides vocational training and job coaching that meet labour market demands and give young people a hopeful future.
3. Sustainable Water focuses on WASH, water-for-food, and Integrated Water Resource Management (IWRM). It is realized with partner organizations, businesses, governments and water boards in the countries concerned.
4. Fair Factories focus on enabling food-processing SMEs to produce more food fairly with a positive social impact and profit for all parties involved.
5. Emergency relief and resilience enables partner organizations to effectively provide emergency relief and resilience aid in disaster areas.

PROJECT INTRODUCTION

Woord en Daad projects in Ethiopia

Woord en Daad has been active in Ethiopia in Education and Vocational Training since the mid-1980s. Now our activities also include Sustainable Water, Resilience, Agribusiness Development and Migration. We work in various public-private partnerships via local partner organizations in different regions.

1 Education

The aim of the Woord en Daad educational program is to strengthen parents, communities and children from vulnerable backgrounds through holistic education and adequate care to support them to become self-reliant citizens. We cooperate in Ethiopia with

Retrak provides, with their lighthouses at Sodo, Addis and Hosanna, a safe place for approximately 200 children who struggle to survive on the streets, to allow them to recover physically, emotionally, mentally and psychologically. The focus is to provide children with skills and self-esteem to allow them to resume formal education, live at home with their families and be active members of their communities.

In addition, poor communities in targeted neighborhoods of Wolayita Zone at Sodo - with high migration risks - are strengthened on child support and economically improved to avoid migration of children. With this prevention program 10,000 children are reached.

WASH in school
Part of education is a program to improve WASH at schools by information and training of children and employees at the schools of Hope and building new and improved sanitation equipment (toilets, showers, drinking water).

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2 Youth Employment

The Employable Youth in Ethiopia (EYE) program will increase the local employability of migration-prone youth in the Southern Corridor of Ethiopia so they can realize their full potential close to home. MoFA-DSH ARC fund partly funds EYE, and a consortium of NGOs, enterprises and a federal university are implementing the programme between 2017 and 2021. EYE cooperates with Yemisrach Social Enterprise, part of the global Job Booster network of Woord en Daad to achieve these ambitious key targets:
- 11,000 young people trained in life-skills
- 5,000 young people supported in establishing business groups
- 22,000 young people have completed TVET education
- 27,000 successful Job Placements
- 50 strengthened public/government owned TVETs

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3 Agribusiness

Woord en Daad works with the Fair Factory Development Fund, to jointly develop enhanced agricultural value chains. Based on the Fair Factory-concept, we have initiated an inclusive and sustainable development program, designed to enable small operators to increase their income. This tailored approach, e.g. selecting consortium partners to address the specific challenges in the value chain, has proven to be an effective way of fostering social and economic change. Our goal is to invest in three different strategic sectors over the next three years: poultry, animal feed production, and innovations in the nut sector.

In our poultry project, we support small holder farmers with a development program including:
- Enter into mutual beneficial off take agreements between producers and processors
- Building of long-term relationships and trust
- Invest in availability of quality feed and inputs for the day-old-chickens
- Training for farmers
- Access to inputs and finances

Our target is to create 1,200 jobs with a budget of 1 million euros. Our consortium partners in this project are Chico Meat, local government, animal feed factory, input suppliers, knowledge centres.

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4 Resilience in Shalla

Resilience is an important new pillar of our emergency relief policy. Meaning that we start resilience projects in areas where no disaster occurred (yet). Such regions are threatened by natural disasters that could have a huge impact on the local population. Shalla, a region in Ethiopia, has a number of challenges. It’s a very dry region. The population has to walk 6 to 36 kilometers to reach expensive and low quality drinking water. 68% of the population has access to sanitation. Woord en Daad starts a sustainable water project to enable the population to cope with drought periods. Clean drinking water will have an immediate positive effect on the living conditions. Next to this, toilets are needed and communities have to learn to maintain this infrastructure.

Cooperation and entrepreneurship are two important aspects of the project. The local population will build the new infrastructure. The project will stimulate the local economy. Woord en Daad cooperates with Siraro, TWA, WD, Denbi.

Targets:
- Access to clean drinking water and improved hygiene in 5 villages
- Improve the situation for 33,000 persons
- Budget 1.5M (2 years)

Project Leader: Tineke Morren

5 Sustainable Water Ethiopia

Inspiring Water Entrepreneurship in Tigray (iWET)

Since 2013, we have worked on innovative drilling technologies and water system maintenance in Tigray. In 2017, we started the Inspiring Water Entrepreneurship in Tigray (iWET) project, sponsored by the Dutch AFAS Foundation. Within 5 years, this public-private partnership aims to sustainably provide 1 million people with clean drinking water and irrigation through system changes. With the ultimate goal that after 5 years an independent water sector exists in Tigray. Partners SNV, DOT and TWA work closely with the Tigray Regional Water Bureau and 12 woredas. The project invests in small enterprises that provide drilling & maintenance services to water users like farmers, schools, health centers and households. iWET also initiated a Regional Innovation Platform where inventors compete for relevant and low-cost solutions to issues in the water sector.

Ambitions:
- 1 million people in Tigray provided with clean drinking water
- 20+ small enterprises offer sustainable and affordable services in the water sector
- Budget: 5 million euros over 5 years

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Water Pricing: for inclusive and sustainable growth

In 2018 we started a Dutch government funded project on improved integrated water resource management in the Awash-Awash sub-basin. Together with Dutch and Ethiopian water authorities, Royal Eijkelkamp and VNGI we establish water tariffing in one of the most strategic planning areas for the Ethiopian government (the Awash supplies drinking water for Addis Ababa). The project aims to improve the management of water resources for more efficient and equitable water use in the sub-basin. We work towards this aim by quantifying and qualifying the available water resources both in time and space by installing measuring equipment throughout the sub-basin. Based on this information Water Pricing introduces a licensing and charging system. With the money gained by this system we work on rendering back water availability and efficiency services to water-users through ecosystem services.

Ambition:
- Public revenue model implemented through Basin Development Authority, connecting 1,500 large/medium irrigation schemes and delivering ecosystem services for 190,000 people
- Budget: 3.6 million over 6 years

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Total budget projects in Ethiopia 2016 - 2018 € 16.604.615

| Budget Education | € 2.959.319 |
| Budget Youth employment | € 7.452.665 |
| Budget Agribusiness | € 1.362.458 |
| Budget Sustainable Water | € 3.874.550 |
| Other projects | € 955.623 |
| Budget Resilience (over 2 years) | € 1.500.000 |

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