

# **WELTHAUS**

**Institution for World Church  
and Development Promotion  
of the diocese of Linz**

**WELTHAUS was founded in 1970, following a resolution of the Diocesan Synod of Linz. The following organisation and action groups are members of WELTHAUS:**

- Familienfasttag – Catholic Women’s Movement of the Diocese of Linz
- Action Feel Free, Catholic Man’s Movement of the Diocese of Linz
- Dreikönigsaktion - Kath. Jungschar
- Aktion Teilen Kath. - Jugend
- Solidaritätsfond / Catholic Workers Movement Upperaustria
- MIVA – MissionsVerkehrsArbeits-gemeinschaft
- Caritas Linz – International Department
- MISSIO – pontifical mission societies in austria
- Jugend Eine Welt Don Bosco
- OÖ. Plattform rückgekehrter ÖED/Horizont3000 – Entwicklungs-helferInnen
- Regionalkonferenz der Frauenorden der Diözese Linz
- Diözesane Ordenskonferenz der Männerorden

## **The duties of WELTHAUS:**

- coordination and support of activities of member-organisations on diocese-level
- support of projects in Africa, Asia, and Latin-America through distributing the means from project-funds of the diocese of Linz.
- information and public relations campaigning in the diocese of Linz in the field of development policy of the World Church and promotion of development.
- support of action-groups, parishes and schools in the diocese of Linz

## **1. WELTHAUS-Projectfunds**

An important part of the WELTHAUS (Institution for World Church and Promotion of Development) of the diocese of Linz, is the promotion of development- and pastoral programmes or projects in African, Asian and Latin American countries. This support does not only mean specific help for the people in the south of the world. This kind of help can also be seen as a sign of solidarity and encountering.

Connected to this is also the information work here in Austria. This is to inform about the context of worldwide development and the effects of our economic system and life style on the situation of people in the south. Concrete financial support and cooperation with partners in neglected countries on one hand and information work in Austria on the other hand belong unseparably together.

## **2. Methods of fund-raising**

Major part of the project-funds will be financed by the budget of the diocese and further by contributions paid by parishes.

### **3. Main points of promotion**

- 3.1 Information, education and juridicial counselling in Austria**
- 3.2 Pastoral projects**
- 3.3 General development**
- 3.4 Special criteria**

#### ***3.1 Information and education in Austria***

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Information, global learning; campaigns  
Those are projects which promote information work about development policy, global learning in schools and in education programs for juveniles and adults. In addition campaigns, actions and public relations work which aim at informing people of the diocese on the global connections in churchly, political and economic matters. Thus to promote critical discussion and individual responsibility in ones engagement. Organisations that pursue a this aim can be supported with contributonal payments.  
Financial support for projects should convene with the educational topics of WELTHAUS.

#### **Applicants from Upper Austria**

Applications from organisations, institutions, parishes and groups of the diocese Linz will receive special consideration.

#### **Fair Trade**

Projects that promote, practice and propagate fair trading in Upper Austria will receive special support. For the realisation of One World shops (and similar projects) concrete support in form of loans are offered interest free without special guarantees.

### **WELTHAUS Education programs**

Education programs increase the efficiency of the work of the WELTHAUS-team. This justifies to take the financial means from the project funds of the WELTHAUS. As far as possible member-organisations of the WELTHAUS should make a financial contribution. An additional aim should be a co-financing by the EU or the Austrian Government.

#### **The 25% Rule**

To emphasize the importance of information and education (about development policy) in Austria 25% of the total amount of the project funds should be provided for supporting projects that are involved in this field.

### **3.2. Pastoral projects**

Education and training for local priests, monks and nuns, lay people et al in neglected countries are of great importance. A letter of recommendation by the local bishop or prior should be included to the applications.

### **3.3. Development**

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#### **Education**

We consider measures such as: alphabetisation programs, support in attending of primary schools and professional training programs. Financial aid for visiting higher or secondary schools is only possible in exceptional cases.

#### **Agriculture and local development**

Local projects in villages which promote self supporting systems and independent development are especially favoured.

#### **Health**

Small, decentralised projects on local level which intend to establish a basic struture of health care and precaution are of great importance.

### **3.4. Special criteria**

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#### **Emphasized countries and regions**

The concentration of means on certain countries/regions should allow an active and more effective cooperation with project-partners. Thus to increase the efficiency of used means.

#### **Staff of the diocese Linz**

Requests of priests, nons, monks and development aid workers of the diocese Linz will receive special consideration for

projects in those countries, where they work.

#### **Partial financing**

The general rule is that projects will be completely funded. Partial financing will only be part of a total financing plan. A co-financing by the Austrian Government and the EU is recommended.

#### **Cost of Personell**

This can only be considered when the funding of project and the work of the persons involved are secured over a longer period of time.

#### **Aspects of Gender**

Every application has to be examined seriously. Thus to avoid discrimination and further structures of disadvantages against women.

#### **Local Self-performance**

Every project application should, as far as possible, prove a certain part of self-performance (e.g. finances, hours of work, material, estates...).

#### **Single-Scholarships**

Requests for single scholarships cannot be considered unless the financing is part of the total concept of an organisation, diocese such as.

#### **Aid in Catastrophies**

In this area NGOs have proven a far better know-how and experience.

Therefore, the WELTHAUS can only support these aids in exceptional cases.

### **Vehicles**

No financing in requests for vehicles, vehicle-repairs and mobile units.

*Those criteria have been approved in the 104<sup>th</sup> meeting of the WELTHAUS, on the 28<sup>th</sup> of October 1999.*