



Welthungerhilfe

Welthungerhilfe was founded as the National Committee for the Freedom from Hunger Campaign of the Food and Agricultural Organization of the United Nations (FAO) in 1962. Today, Welthungerhilfe is one of the largest non-governmental organization in Germany. Non-profit-making, non-political and non-denominational, the organization works under the leadership of a voluntary board and the patronage of the German President.

Since its foundation in 1962, Welthungerhilfe has supported some 5500 projects in over 70 countries with more than one billion Euros. It funds its work with private donations and public grants, e.g. from the EU or the Federal Government of Germany.

Welthungerhilfe provides help from one set of hands: from **immediate emergency aid** after disasters to **long-term projects** carried out in cooperation with local partners. For Welthungerhilfe, overcoming **hunger** goes hand in hand with overcoming **poverty**. We support people living in deprivation and poverty, irrespective of the color of their skin, their religious beliefs or their world view. **Effective aid** means helping people find new ways to determine their own lives and future, free of hunger and deprivation-we help them to help themselves.

Projects

We have already...

implemented around 50 projects adding up to about € 60 million in the past 12 years. Funding comes from Welthungerhilfe itself and from various other agencies such as EU, ECHO, German Ministries, SIDA from Sweden, ADA from Austria, WFP, and others.

We are...

at present carrying out around ten projects with a value of € 8 million. They are in the fields of sloping land management, urban vegetable production, fruit tree cultivation, sewage treatment and renewable energies.

We plan...

to continue our way of linking relief and rehabilitation to development. Only development oriented projects can ensure that the people of the DPRK are able to help themselves.

In the future, we will further contribute to food security, mainly for the urban population who do not have access to production means. We will further improve the agricultural conditions with the focus on soil fertility.

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Welt hunger hilfe in the DPRK

We help people to help themselves

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A world without hunger and poverty- We are working to- gether to make this a reality

Welthungerhilfe has been working in the DPRK since 1997, shortly after the country had been hit by severe rainfall and flooding. In the first years, Welthungerhilfe distributed mainly emergency items: food, coal, and children's clothes. But soon it became clear that more was needed. Therefore, at the end of the 1990s we started with agricultural projects in South Hwanghae and North Pyong'an Provinces to show people how to produce food by themselves. The agricultural cooperatives were supported to improve their seeds, to diversify and intensify agricultural production and to maintain their agricultural machinery in a more efficient way.

After 2000, the work expanded to more areas and to more fields. Integrated rural development projects were carried out. Hundreds of greenhouses were built, mainly in the neighborhood of social institutions, like kindergartens and nursery homes, providing them with fresh vegetables all year round.

Villages and towns have been supplied with adapted drinking water systems and have now safe and clean water throughout the day. A large maize seed processing factory has been built and is producing 7000 tonnes of high-value seeds annually. Barren hills and mountains are reforested in order to prevent future disasters like landslides and floods so that the impacts of future rainfalls and floods can be minimized.



Our work

In our work we follow principles such as mutual respect and understanding, openness and transparency. We use participatory methods wherever possible. In our sloping land management projects we work directly with the land users themselves. Our project teams spend weeks in the field in order to work as closely as possible with our beneficiaries.

Our office in Pyongyang hosts more than 30 Korean and international experts who work closely together on their respective fields. Our coordinating partner is KEC-CA - the "Korean-European Cooperation Coordination Agency" and successor of the former FDRC (Flood Damage Rehabilitation Committee).

We also work closely with the DPRK Ministry of Agriculture, the Ministry of City Management, the Ministry of Lands and Environmental Protection, and the Academy of Sciences.

New project ideas are developed together according to the needs of the country. Korean and international teams jointly assess the situation, visit future project sites and develop concepts according to international approaches such as Project Cycle Management (PCM).

Our Success

Since the beginning, we have reached 1.5 million people in need. After emergency situations such as famine and floods, Welthungerhilfe has distributed 90.000 tonnes of food; as well as coal, children's clothes and household items. After the Ryongchon train accident in 2004, Welthungerhilfe rehabilitated schools and kindergartens.

In addition, 600 greenhouses have been constructed, 15 starch and noodle processing units were built, dozens of local bakeries have been rehabilitated and 36 local machinery workshops have been improved. 200 rural water systems have been built and two towns with 50.000 inhabitants have been provided with drinking water systems. Thousands of hectares have been reforested. We have also rehabilitated a hydro power plant of 200 KW.

We have discussed and introduced new and efficient methods of agricultural management and we have sent hundreds of people from the farms, the counties and the respective institutions for training to other countries, including Germany.

DPRK is still not free of hunger and poverty, but our projects have been contributing to making it a better live for many people of this country.