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A Mapping Exercise into International Volunteer Co-operative Agencies 2009

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“Nobody made a greater mistake than he who did nothing, because he could only do a little.” Edmund Burke

1. Statement of intents and purposes

FORUM's Executive Members are acutely aware that the spectrum of volunteering opportunities worldwide is growing exponentially. Type in 'international volunteering' into a search engine like Google and you are likely to get some 376,000 + results! There are numerous organisations in the public and not-for-profit arenas that work in the area of International Cooperation and Volunteering which FORUM is not working with at the present time. FORUM also understands that scoping the potential in all countries and recognising the **growth in non-profit and private sector organisations** that engage in international volunteering are crucial components of a mapping exercise. The following paper reveals relevant information on **FORUM and non-FORUM members**. The focus of this research has been organisations involved in international development volunteering.

2. This paper was first written to stimulate discussion at the IVCO Conference in November 2008 in Cambodia.

3. The paper draws on extensive online research conducted by the paper's primary author. Any inaccuracies or misplaced assumptions in this draft are the responsibility of the author and we would be grateful to have your comments and corrections in order to inform the final version.

About FORUM

4. International FORUM on Development Service (known as 'FORUM') is a network of organisations engaged in international volunteering and personnel exchange. FORUM aims to share information, develop good practice and enhance co-operation between its members. FORUM's members include both non-governmental (NGO) and state organisations from around the world.

5. The main activities of FORUM include the following:

- Facilitating the sharing of information, through the FORUM website, news updates, sharing of knowledge and experiences.
- Commissioning and undertaking research, as well as facilitating members' involvement in research into issues around international volunteering.
- Organising an annual conference for heads of agencies known as IVCO. This conference is primarily concerned with issues of change, redefining international volunteering and offering opportunities to learn about new models of activity.

6. FORUM is resourced by membership subscriptions, the staff time and budgets of the organisations providing the Chair and Executive Board of Officers as well as occasional grants. Subscriptions from members enable FORUM to operate at a basic level and organise the annual IVCO (International Volunteer Cooperation Organisations) conference, which has proved very successful since it began in the late 1990s.

History of FORUM

7. FORUM was founded in 1964 in Strasbourg under the auspices of the Council of Europe. Until 2000, FORUM was an exclusively European based body. At that point it was decided to open membership to incorporate organisations on a global basis. This change also sought to recognise that bodies with similar objectives and ways of working are emerging in developing countries and are entitled to access to the network of organisations that operate in this field. **The use of technology is seen as a key mechanism to promote such world-wide cooperation.**

New volunteerism

8. *“...Volunteerism is as old as mankind, existing in all cultures and religions. In its simplest expression, it is the notion of solidarity and reciprocity. Although, the form of volunteerism varies from one culture to another, it can be characterised as an act undertaken freely, without coercion, for reasons other than financial gain, and for the benefit of others as well as volunteers themselves.”*¹

9. As people travel more frequently and more widely, **the international volunteering sector is rapidly diversifying and expanding.** Many people, especially those aged in their twenties and thirties or at the latter stages of their careers and family commitments, are seeking travel experiences with meaning. Volunteering abroad is increasingly being looked upon – and marketed – as an enriching and viable experience. Of course there is the altruistic concept of ‘giving back’ central to volunteering, but for each potential volunteer there are a myriad of motivations to consider international volunteering from gaining work experience to learning a foreign language or the social component of making new friends.

10. **New technology and sophisticated news delivery has enabled masses of people to become ‘connected’ with an increasingly globalised world.** A story breaks about unrest in Burma and anyone interested can scan the internet for related blogs and footage. A village in South Africa can be pinpointed on Google Earth. A grassroots NGO in Peru can promote its agenda to an English speaking audience and seek financial contributions from an eclectic mix of, previously untapped, donors. Our immediacy to issues and, in turn, our connectedness to others is like at no point in history. This has surely revised an interest in international volunteering and made it accessible to people outside the development arena. Sustainable development is gaining increasing currency among non-traditional audiences so it’s not just policy advisors thinking in these terms but average people wanting to extend themselves and, in the process, contribute to a more peaceful, more equitable planet.

11. *‘International volunteering has always represented a special dimension of international solidarity, initially characterised by transfer of skills from developed to developing countries but increasingly by supporting capacity-building and involving exchanges of volunteers among developing countries themselves, as well as diaspora initiatives.’*²

¹ Final Report, International Conference on Volunteerism & the Millennium Development Goals, 2004

² Follow-up to the implementation of the International Year of Volunteers, Report of the Secretary-General, United Nations, July 2008, p 10.

12. The ‘think globally, act locally’ catch phrase of the early 1970s still has relevance today, especially with regards to ‘greening’ one’s own lifestyle and making smart choices for the benefit of the global environment. But these days, the opportunity to ‘act globally’ has been facilitated by affordable air travel, knowledge sharing via the internet and less conventional approaches to work and lifestyle. **Whether it is a holiday, a gap year, career break or period in retirement, many people are choosing to contribute their knowledge, skills and/or labour for an international volunteering effort.**

13. Long standing campaigns like Make Poverty History [www.makepovertyhistory.org] are putting global inequalities in the media spotlight. Celebrities from Angelina Jolie to George Clooney, have their preferred issues and are recruited by INGOs to raise the profile of particular issues such as hunger in central Africa, land mines in Cambodia and genocide in Darfur. It’s hip to be interested in global affairs as these ‘cause celeb’ examples show. Another reason perhaps why international volunteering is experiencing a renaissance.

International volunteering grows and diversifies

14. As the popularity of international volunteering reaches new heights, the vast number of volunteering opportunities is multiplying at such a rate that the extent of it has been anyone’s guess. Certainly private sector opportunities associated with volunteering, and online portals, has risen aplenty. Nowadays, some **businesses are also encouraging their staff to volunteer as a way of skills/career extension.**

15. *‘Private-sector interest in employee volunteering as an expression of corporate social responsibility is well established in many developed countries. Founded on the notion of reciprocal benefits, this interest is emerging in developing countries in the form of schemes that build employee skills, increase employee loyalties to their companies and raise company profiles in the communities served.’³*

16. **It is difficult for the would-be volunteer** – and/or businesses as described above – to wade through the options and decipher genuine volunteering options from less legitimate ones. Within this confusing landscape **the debate about whether international volunteering is the new colonialism still exists**: zealous missionaries wanting to ‘convert’ indigenous populations, and legions of ‘do-gooders’ from the West setting sail to the Global South (or countries of the developing world) to instruct people in right living. As crude as this sounds, international volunteering still struggles with such connotations. The reality is that it *depends*: it depends on the mindset of the volunteer, it depends on the sustainable development credentials, values and practices of the organisation facilitating the volunteering, and it depends on the willingness of the local community and major actors to get involved.

17. **Ethical volunteering assumes volunteers understand the cause they are working for, and host communities really benefit in a tangible way**, i.e. capacity building and sharing technical skills, and avoiding exploitation, as opposed to working for free for a commercial operation. Volunteers should have a clear sense of where the

³ Follow-up to the implementation of the International Year of Volunteers, Report of the Secretary-General, United Nations, July 2008, p 5.

money goes (especially true if they paid for their volunteering experience). Lastly the negative impacts should be minimised, e.g. environmental impact of development.

18. This ideal is embraced and practised by many development agencies, however, it is less likely to be monitored in market based volunteering whereby people are prepared to pay for an international volunteering experience. **As a shift has been noted from longer to short term exchanges** – suiting time poor professionals and people on vacation – the private sector volunteer outfits, and online portals, have created a suite of volunteering products appealing to a diverse range of niche markets. In turn, International Volunteer and Cooperation Organisations (IVCOs), a small self-identified subset of organisations that send personnel overseas⁴, are losing their ‘exclusivity’ among the mainstream sector. These days volunteering can be as much about skills transfer, as skills upgrade (and CV enhancement) of the volunteer, whether it be for youth learning or market enhancement of graduates entering the competitive global jobs market.

19. As previous FORUM commissioned discussion papers such as ‘International volunteering: trends, added value and social capital’ (2004) have noted, **social capital is intrinsically linked to social networks which have tangible value**. This particular report notes that ‘...without effective social networks, there can be no collective action...’ This is no more relevant than now when social networks have been harnessed on the World Wide Web with sites like Facebook and MySpace. Facebook is an online directory that connects people through social networks. MySpace is an international site that offers email, a forum, communities, videos and web blog space. Both are important new tools for mobilising people around causes, whether it is in their own neighbourhood or internationally, and potentially prompting people to volunteer (mostly in a national or local context). In this way, social networking websites with active online communities traverse ‘bonding social capital’ (between people who are similar or who have a lot in common) and ‘bridging social capital’ between different types of people or groups. As the ‘International volunteering: trends, added value and social capital’ (2004) report notes: ‘international volunteers provide a common denominator between different groups or people – and can be a catalyst for bridging social capital.’

20. **Independent volunteering has been greatly enhanced by the increasing availability of online directories, or portals, dedicated to listing local charities and grassroots NGOs that accept volunteers directly, or for a fee.** In some cases, a small fee will enable some directories to offer a matching service. Chat room postings such on Lonely Planet’s Thorn Tree (www.lonelyplanet.com/thorntree or www.lonelyplanet.com/volunteering) are another avenue for people interested in international volunteering activities to access up-to-date information on opportunities, recommendations and pitfalls. **It is a new form of technologically aided (truly global) word-of-mouth.**

21. *‘Developments in communication technologies are spreading awareness about volunteerism and are catering for growing interest in short-term, flexible volunteer assignments, especially among young people. Global social networking sites host forums for volunteers and organisations to interact. Online networking opportunities*

⁴ For a useful overview of international volunteering see Sherraden et al , The Forms and Structure of International Voluntary Structure.

for volunteers include *idealist.org*, *ICVolunteers* and the *Network for Good* while examples from developing countries include the *V2V online networking organisation in Brazil* and *Haces Falta* (“You are needed”) in Mexico. National online volunteer databases include “*Volunteer Office*” in Sweden and “*Volunteering*” in Slovakia.⁵

22. Similarly, **virtual volunteering enables anyone, anywhere to contribute time and expertise to organisations that utilise volunteer services through the click of a computer mouse.** In this sense, it crosses borders, can facilitate people-to-people connections and is international. This type of volunteering can be self-initiated or made possible through websites like *InterConnection* [www.interconnection.org] which recruits volunteers to provide free or low-cost websites and virtual training for not-for-profit groups. *IESC Geekcorps* [www.geekcorps.org] is another example. Imagine: a small micro finance project in Nicaragua can be assisted in funding applications by an economics professional in Chicago or a web producer in Singapore. The possibilities – made possible by linking people virtually – are limitless.

23. And such volunteering is not just limited to technical advice. ‘*Online volunteering is moving into other fields such as capacity development and project and resource management. The Online Volunteering service of the United Nations Volunteers has received over 26,000 applications since 2001 and mobilised 13,000 volunteers from 182 countries. Over 60 per cent of the volunteers were women and 46 per cent were from developing countries.*’⁶

24. **In fact, many of the world’s most successful and emulated new technologies are the result of volunteer efforts.** Behind the successes of big corporations such as Microsoft, many ideas are conceived in the studies and bedrooms of those savvy with information services. ‘*Volunteers have been active in promoting ways to use new information technologies. Tim Berners-Lee, creator of the Web and coordinator of the World Wide Web Consortium, has paid tribute to the role volunteers have played in developing the computer systems, network protocols and internet applications that form the basic technological pillars of the information society. A high profile example of this is the Linux operating system created by Linus Torvalds with assistance from volunteer systems developers and programmers all over the world. Countless online or “virtual” volunteers have also played a part in disseminating information and promoting development. Online opportunities have facilitated the involvement of individuals who might not otherwise have been available to assist organisations. Online volunteering has also created space for the involvement of people who find it difficult to engage in on-site volunteering such as those with home-based obligations, people with disabilities and people living in remote areas.*’⁷

25. **Simultaneously, this trend for democratic knowledge dissemination is being mirrored in-country.** With offices in Nigeria and the United States of America, *Youth for Technology Foundation (YTF)* is setting about helping young people in rural communities achieve their goals using appropriate technology.

⁵ Follow-up to the implementation of the International Year of Volunteers, Report of the Secretary-General, United Nations, July 2008, p 12.

⁶ Follow-up to the implementation of the International Year of Volunteers, Report of the Secretary-General, United Nations, July 2008, pg 12.

⁷ UNDP, ‘Volunteering and Development,’ *Essentials*, October 2003, p 5.

26. “YTF’s theme is *Delivering to the Community*. This theme was borne out of an aspiration to help communities in potentially strong developing nations, like Nigeria, embrace technology at the grassroots level. YTF recognises that technology is not going to solve the problems of African communities but it is an instrument that can be used to help bridge different social and economic obstacles. To this effect, all YTF programs are innovatively designed to use technology to address a concrete community need while equipping young people with the skills they need to prosper in the global digital village.”⁸ YTF aims to “unlock talent.” For more information see www.youthfortechology.org

27. This FORUM Mapping Exercise seeks to highlight the scope of international volunteering across development organisations (NGO and government), private non development organisations (profit and not-for-profit), and umbrella / peak and multilateral organisations which promote international volunteerism. By understanding the scope and range of international volunteering activities in different parts of the world and within its own membership base, **FORUM can consider the impacts on its vision and mission, and opportunities and threats**. This initial work was presented as an interim report at IVCO 2008 in Cambodia (refer to Discussion Points for issues to review and discuss).

28. The growth of the volunteering industry – since the 1960s to today – may have prematurely slowed due to ‘**global financial crisis**’ of late **2008/09** – first sparked in the United States and then reverberated across the world. This will have considerable impacts on the international volunteering and development sectors as did the 1990s credit crunch.

Kinds of international volunteering

29. *‘International volunteering has always represented a special dimension of international solidarity, initially characterised by transfer of skills from developed to developing countries but increasingly by supporting capacity-building and involving exchanges of volunteers among developing countries themselves, as well as diaspora initiatives.’*⁹

30. Essentially a volunteer must be giving up their time to help others. Sometimes a stipend is paid, often not. A volunteer experience is dependent on whether the volunteer opts for an organised (all-inclusive), structured (semi-organised), self-funding or religious volunteer program. Then there is a raft of specialisations: development, teaching, conservation, wildlife, executive, construction, scientific, archaeological, disaster relief, working as a voluntary staff member, packages – volunteering and courses, volunteering and expeditions and ‘voluntourism.’ This paper focuses on development volunteering across FORUM members and non FORUM members worldwide.

31. **Development volunteering tends to be the most influential type of international volunteering** whether through a placement. Charities, sending agencies and NGOs have organised volunteer programs and self-funding volunteer programs. Religious organisations are also involved in dispatching volunteers internationally.

⁸ www.youthfortechology.org

⁹ Follow-up to the implementation of the International Year of Volunteers, Report of the Secretary-General, United Nations, July 2008, p 10.

32. **‘Organised volunteering programs’** tend to be packaged experiences paid for by the volunteer, motivated largely by adventure and personal development. These are targeted at a wide range of people including the under 25 year old market, professionals who want to volunteer as a staff member for a gap-year or year-out organisation, those who want to combine volunteering with a language course and/or structured adventure travel, and holiday-goers who go on a tour with a component of volunteering. Organised volunteer programs can specialise in conservation and wildlife including scientific and archaeology expeditions. Skilled or ‘executive volunteering’ whereby volunteers with specific know-how, knowledge and skills can also fit within this rather broad category, as with emergency relief style volunteering (e.g. post disasters and war).

33. **Structured and self-funding volunteer programs typically involve a longer term commitment** with often more to arrange by the volunteer and often less cost to the volunteer than the organised programs mentioned above. In addition, volunteers are often dispatched on their own or in pairs (rather than groups) but this is not always the case. This type of volunteering is often described as the middle way: not completely organised but volunteers are not left to their own devices either. Skilled volunteering, conservation and wildlife specific volunteering and under 25 volunteering is often cited within this category.

34. **Religious organisations are also a major player** in international volunteering. Typically they are more likely to run humanitarian and development programs than conservation efforts etc.

35. Many aspiring volunteers are also subscribers to the **‘DIY’ phenomenon** whereby they plan their own volunteer experience direct with a local charity or grassroots NGO. Many travellers incorporate volunteering into their trips this way. This type of independent volunteering (without sending agency involvement and set up entirely by the individual communicating with a development agency abroad by email etc) is certainly something for FORUM to keep track of as it sits separately to industry trends and yet is favoured by some potential development volunteers. **Foundation HELP** [www.foundationhelp.org], a not for profit NGO based in Musoma, Mara in the north west of Tanzania, runs a flexible volunteer intern program with assignments built around the specific interests of the prospective volunteer. Placements available in Musoma include teaching and working with AIDS orphans and/or widows to support micro-business, water and sanitation and sustainable agriculture. All this work is in accordance with the United Nations’ Local Agenda 21. If volunteers are interested in working in Mwanza, Kagera, Shinyanga and Kigoma, a wide variety of opportunities exist to work with refugees or refugee-affected communities on similar projects.

36. Bangladesh based, **BRAC** [www.brac.net] is the largest NGO on the Indian subcontinent and with 100,000 staff (most of whom are women) it is the largest NGO in the world by default. BRAC is concerned with poverty alleviation and sustainable development. Their work also extends to Africa. **As part of BRAC’s internship program, volunteer placements for students and young professionals are offered with details available on the BRAC website.** These enable the volunteer to witness BRAC’s multifaceted activities. In return BRAC seeks a commitment to undertake some specific piece of output, which contributes to the needs of the organisation. Volunteers stay for a minimum of three months and cover all costs for food, accommodation, transportation and interpreter.

37. The FORUM Mapping Exercise presents 'list style' information on non-FORUM and FORUM members worldwide. In the process of understanding and documenting the scope and range of international volunteering in different parts of the world, it is envisaged that a clearer picture of the sector will emerge.

Numerous non-FORUM members are listed in this document. Although the author has taken reasonable care in preparing these listings, FORUM makes no warranty about the accuracy or completeness of its content and, to the maximum extent permitted, disclaim all liability arising from its use.

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Chapter Two: Charter of International Volunteering

The Meeting of International Volunteer Sending Agencies held in Prague, 24 October 2001, saw International Volunteer Sending Agency representatives agreeing to a range of best practice guidelines. These included:

- To adopt in principle a Charter of International Volunteering which sets out the aspirations, objectives and principles which we believe should underpin International Volunteering.
- To continue to meet as a broad inclusive coalition of International Volunteer Organisations with the aim of ensuring regular exchanges of views and ideas and to facilitate on-going contact between volunteer organisations both sending and receiving and to cooperate and collaborate in the fulfillment of the aspirations set out in the draft charter.
- To cooperate actively with partner volunteer organisations in the Central and Eastern European countries (especially but not exclusively the Czech Republic, Hungary, Poland and Slovenia) as they continue to develop their capacities in the field of international volunteerism.
- The Meeting of International Volunteer Sending Agencies re-affirmed that **"volunteers make an important contribution to the creation of a more equitable world, where poverty is reduced and human rights are universally recognised...International volunteerism is a relationship based on reciprocal benefit and responsibility. It is underpinned by people centered development and the imperative for people of different cultures to get to know each other and respect different beliefs and practices."** It also further stated that "...this form of international solidarity is increasingly important in a globalising world."

International Volunteerism recognises that:

1. Global security and justice are founded on constructive relationships among individuals.
2. Respect, mutual benefit and responsibility form the basis of successful relationships.
3. International volunteerism is a uniquely effective instrument for building constructive relationships between nations and across cultures.
4. International volunteerism is also a powerful tool for sharing knowledge, skills and values, thereby making an important contribution towards the reduction of poverty.

The undersigned volunteer-sending agencies affirmed that the objectives of their volunteer programs are to:

1. Offer experience and expertise to assist organisations, institutions and communities in their efforts to enhance prosperity, dignity and human security.
2. Provide direct and sustained people-to-people linkages beyond transactional relationships arising from business arrangements and tourism.
3. Enable volunteers to learn about and be enriched by the world's diversity while expressing their generosity and solidarity,

and accordingly commit themselves to:

1. Ensuring that working alongside, and sharing skills with host partners, in response to their expressed needs, is fundamental to all volunteer assignments.
2. Ensuring that volunteers have the appropriate personal qualities, motivation and skills to offer, and are appropriately prepared to make the most effective contribution to their placement.
3. Providing the appropriate support to volunteers and host partners to ensure the successful completion and sustainability of their joint undertakings.
4. Encouraging returned volunteers to share their experience and commitment within their own communities, in order to strengthen and enrich their societies.
5. Collaborating with other organisations which share these goals to ensure continuing relevance, impact and cost-effectiveness.

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Introduction

38. For the purposes of this FORUM mapping exercise, the focus is on development volunteering of which there are many kinds. Described as a “development asset”¹⁰ this kind of **volunteering contributes to the development needs of a host country, and/or contributes to public engagement in respect of development in the sending country, and/or contributes to mutual global learning and exchange between the volunteer and host communities**. In the best case scenarios, it is a culmination of all three ideals mentioned. It’s about building connections between people, sharing knowledge and learning from one another.

39. *‘Recognition of volunteerism is being accompanied by calls for increased professionalism in formal volunteering management. While it has long been a professional category in developed countries, interest in volunteer management in developing countries is growing in response to demand for well-structured and managed volunteer opportunities. At the same time, volunteer-involving organisations seek maximum benefits.’*¹¹

40. Below is simply an explanation of the sectorial areas of international development volunteering available to individuals rather than an inquiry into each, or rationale about how category contributes to the big picture of sustainable development.

Kinds of development volunteering

41. **Agriculture and farming** – Covering everything from animal husbandry to effective water management, this kind of practical volunteering is vital for helping self-sufficiency and sustainability of farming practices and agricultural techniques. Agronomists, foresters and permaculture experts are among the types of people required in this volunteering segment.

42. **Business administration and office work** – This type of volunteering is commonly sought by local NGOs to build or strengthen capacity and improve operations and, in turn, involves everything from computer and IT training to writing fundraising proposals and managing a project or assisting in human resources. Hence, the appeal is wide and varied.

43. **Building and construction** – Whether it involves building a kindergarden or latrines in a refugee camp, manual labour (and the skills and resources to make it happen) are still a major requirement in developing countries and as such volunteers are a valuable resource in this regard.

44. **Community development** – A broad term which embraces community and social programmes designed to help communities help themselves.

¹⁰ Final Report, International Conference on Volunteerism & the Millennium Development Goals, 2004

¹¹ Follow-up to the implementation of the International Year of Volunteers, Report of the Secretary-General, United Nations, July 2008, p 4.

45. **Education and training** – While many development volunteering placements are concerned with capacity building and upskilling local communities to deal with their unique challenges, in reality most volunteering of this kind involve teaching English (with or without qualifications) to children, school leavers and adults. Not surprisingly considering modern English is the dominant international language in communications, science, business, aviation, entertainment, radio and diplomacy. At the highest levels, education and training volunteering can foster national level capacity building from working with the law enforcement sector to incorporate the rights of the child into their work practices, to streamlining models of education delivery to high school students for instance.

46. **Emergency and relief** –The placement of highly skilled volunteers for deployment in areas affected by humanitarian crisis, natural disaster or the ravages of war. This type of development volunteering involves doctors, nurses, psychologists, translators, engineers, logistics experts etc who respond to emergencies as they arise which often necessitates the volunteer being on-call. Many specialised agencies dealing with emergency and relief situations (e.g. *Médecins Sans Frontières, MSF*) require volunteers prove their credentials beforehand and receive emergency and relief training to facilitate rapid response.

47. **Health and nutrition** – Health professionals bring valuable skills to help further the health and wellbeing of individuals (e.g. specialised treatment and nurse training), families (e.g. vaccinations) and entire populations (e.g. HIV awareness raising). These kinds of volunteers are always in high demand.

48. **Organisational development** – Strategic planning, marketing and evaluation and business models to promote organisational development are key requirements of many organisations in the developing world. As Plewes and Stuart (2007) noted, there is demand for specialised technical and professional skills, particularly fundraising and IT skills. Volunteers with business acumen can help local staff adopt the latest practices for organisational development and strengthening. This model of 'organisational development' can also relate to electoral assistance or other governance mechanisms.

49. **Working with children** – Children's rights, their survival, development and protection is at the forefront of international development work and as such there is a raft of specialised volunteer placements to work with kids for speech therapists to art teachers. This kind of volunteering can also involve working in an orphanage, a common type of volunteering opportunity in the developing world.

Summary

50. These different expressions of international development volunteering can involve skilled and unskilled labor. **This FORUM mapping exercise recognises wildlife volunteering and voluntourism as distinct from development volunteering** and, as such, it has not been covered for the purposes of this exercise. Obviously there is a strong link between the environment and development but the above expressions of volunteering can also encompass environmental concerns like climate change while not involving wildlife care and monitoring, marine conservation or such things as archaeology and paleontology.

51. *Focusing on development organisations (NGO and government), private non development volunteering organisations, and umbrella / peak and multilateral organisations.*

Within the international development volunteering arena, there are paid and unpaid, package and do-it-yourself experiences on offer. This mapping exercise has focused on charities or NGOs, public organisations such as governmental or state volunteer placements/programs and religious organisations, and lastly, the ever-expanding private sector which takes into account gap years for under 30s, internet portals, volunteer placements combined with travel, and volunteering holidays marketed to the vacationer who wants to 'do a spot' of volunteering. **We have included this diverse array of organisation under the in the broad categories of FORUM members and non FORUM members.**

52. The mapping exercise probes some of the leading worldwide organisations involved in development volunteering across development, private non development and organisations set up to promote volunteerism. It by no means covers every organisation of this kind. **Judgments were made about organisations at the forefront of this sector based on their programming, reputation and marketing.** Organisations are listed and briefly described in order for FORUM members to consider the sheer expanse of organisations involved in the same industry and ponder how this affects FORUM's ongoing work and membership base. It also strongly suggests just how many possibilities the potential volunteer has to think about and how this may influence the 'volunteer journey' from choosing the volunteer experience to selecting a specific program and going abroad and ultimately the quality of the volunteering.

53. *A cautionary tale*

It is important to consider that many organisations claim to be involved in international development volunteering in their marketing and public relations when, in fact, they are not by definition. This can be true on the internet where it is often hard to discern professional organisations from shams. International volunteering is marketed as everything from 'adventure' to 'NGO program.' It begs the question: do many people hitting the web even know what an NGO is?

54. Many people are under the assumption that you have to *pay* to volunteer internationally, and its easy to arrive at that conclusion; internet Search Engines and portals are dominated by the 'big ticket' volunteer placement websites, which offer a more packaged, higher cost volunteer experience.

55. Unfortunately many dubious operators have seen money to be made – especially in volunteering holidays aimed at the twenty something market, internship seekers and gap year kids – and these business interests seek to confuse people who have the best of intensions. So instead of going on a legitimate volunteering assignment some people (especially school leavers and the younger, more vulnerable market) end up paying huge sums of money for nothing more than a position which never existed in an organisation that never expected them, let alone with a real volunteering experience on offer. This happens. **It is more important than ever for codes of conduct among the volunteering sector to be shared and education about what constitutes ethical and credible volunteering to be passed onto to interested members of the public.**

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FORUM MEMBERS

Name of organisation

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Primary focus of IV activity

The AFVP recruits volunteers and assigns them on missions identified beforehand with its partners. The AFVP has a mission to promote and develop youth solidarity. It aims to enable young people to express their solidarity with people of other countries by joining their efforts and participating at their side and on a voluntary basis, to actions between dynamic development and social change, promotion of culture and emancipation of women and men. Placements are for two years and the average age of volunteers is 26 years.

FORUM member

Yes

Countries in which they work

Mainly in Africa but also in Madagascar, Haiti, and now South East of Asia and Central and South America.

Do they receive government funding?

Yes. The AFVP is managed by associating the French authorities (primarily the Ministry for Foreign Affairs) and youth associations.

Status, e.g registered charity

Association

No. of volunteers

350 at present

Name of organisation

[Australian Volunteers International \(AVI\)](#)

Contact name and position

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Primary focus of IV activity

AVI has been at the forefront of international volunteering for more than 50 years, and we have enabled over 6000 Australians to find their place in the world, through an opportunity to work in developing communities. AVI has a vision of a peaceful, just and sustainable world; a world of respectful global relationships where all people have access to the resources they need, the opportunity to achieve their potential, the right to make decisions about the kind of development they want and to participate in the future of their own communities. AVI provides opportunities for Australians to become volunteers and assists them in sharing the learning from their international experiences.

FORUM member?

Yes

Countries in which they work

Asia Pacific and Middle East

Do they receive government funding?

Yes

Status, e.g registered charity

Not for profit limited company

No. of volunteers annually

600

Name of organisation

[Canadian Crossroads International \(CCI\)](#)

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Primary focus of IV activity

Canadian Crossroads International (CCI) is a non-profit organisation dedicated to building a constituency of global citizens committed to voluntarism, *international* development and social action. In its work CCI is reducing poverty, mitigating the impact of HIV and AIDS and increasing women's rights around the world. Working with local partners in 28 projects, in eight countries and supported by hundreds of volunteers each year, Crossroads leverages expertise and resources, North and South, required to help people overcome poverty and assert their human rights.

FORUM member

Yes

Countries in which they work

CCI is currently working in Bolivia, Ghana, Mali, Niger, Senegal, Swaziland, Togo and Zimbabwe.

Do they receive government funding?

Yes

Status, e.g registered charity

Volunteer non-profit development and educational organisation.

No. of volunteers

Over the past fifty years, more than 8,000 people from Canada and the South have volunteered with Canadian Crossroads International

Name of organisation

[Centre d'étude et de coopération internationale \(CECI\) - World University Service of Canada \(WUSC\)](#)

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Primary focus of IV activity

Uniterra is a program implemented by two Canadian NGOs: Centre d'étude et de coopération internationale (CECI) and World University Service of Canada (WUSC). Uniterra seeks to contribute to the achievement of the Millennium Development Goals through south-north partnerships that combat poverty. Uniterra aims to build capacities of local institutions in six sectors, agriculture/rural development, private sector development, health and HIV-AIDS, basic education, and youth citizenship. Gender equality is mainstreamed in all of the sectors. The program draws upon the principles of aid effectiveness and is aligned with national poverty reduction strategies. The programme also helps to bring together Canadian and southern partners in relationships of mutual exchange and reciprocity.

FORUM member?

Yes

Countries in which they work

Uniterra sends volunteers to cooperation projects in 13 countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America. It also has a public engagement programme for Canada.

Do they receive government funding?

Yes (tbc)

Status, e.g registered charity

NGO

No. of volunteers annually

Uniterra mobilizes more than 400 Canadian and southern volunteers on both short and long-term assignments annually.

Name of organisation

[Canadian Executive Service Organisation \(CESO-SACO\)](#)

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Primary focus of IV activity

The Canadian Executive Service Organisation (CESO-SACO) has a mission to build capacity in governance and economic development through the transfer of knowledge and skills by Volunteer Advisers. Every year, CESO completes approximately 1,500 assignments, in collaboration with Aboriginal and non-Aboriginal Canadians, and international clients.

FORUM member

Yes

Countries in which they work

Canada and internationally. CESO International Services is currently active in countries in Africa, Asia, and the Americas and in new market economies of Eastern Europe.

Do they receive government funding?

Yes

Status, e.g registered charity

Not-for-profit organisation

No. of volunteers annually

CESO-SACO maintains a roster of over 2,700 Volunteer Advisers (VAs), one of the biggest resource banks of management and technical expertise of its kind

Name of organisation

[Canada World Youth](#)

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Primary focus of IV activity

Designs and delivers international educational programs for **youth** (aged 17-29) with a focus on volunteer work and community development in a cross-cultural setting. Canada World Youth is about learning by doing. Its non-formal educational model involves core elements such as the team approach, the counterpart relationship, host families and communities and partner organisations.

FORUM member

Yes

Countries in which they work

30 countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America, the Caribbean, Central and Eastern Europe.

Do they receive government funding?

Yes

Status, e.g registered charity

NGO

No. of volunteers

Since 1971, more than 27,000 youth have participated in Canada World Youth [programs](#)

Name of organisation

[Comhlámh](#)

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Primary focus of IV activity

Comhlámh, the Irish Association of Development Workers, is a member and supporter organisation open to anyone interested in social justice, human rights and global development issues. Marking its 33rd year in 2008, it connects, informs, educates and campaigns on these matters. The Volunteering Options project in Comhlámh aims to promote informed decision making by potential volunteers and to develop good practice standards among volunteer sending organisations. Through its website www.volunteeringoptions.com, Comhlámh has many volunteering organisations listed.

FORUM member?

Yes

Countries in which they work

N/A

Do they receive government funding?

tbc

Status, e.g registered charity

Registered charity

No. of volunteers annually

N/A

Name of organisation

[CUSO-VSO](#)

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Primary focus of IV activity

CUSO and VSO Canada have merged, and CUSO-VSO is the result.

CUSO-VSO is the North American member of the VSO Federation which, with the addition of CUSO's programs, has projects in 44 countries worldwide.

The VSO Federation is a worldwide partnership of Voluntary Service Organizations (VSOs) based in the U.K., the Netherlands, Kenya and the Philippines, as well as Canada. Volunteers are also recruited in India and Ireland.

FORUM member

Yes

Countries in which they work

44 countries

Do they receive government funding?

Yes

Status, e.g registered charity

NGO

No. of volunteers

12,000 volunteers since 1961

Name of organisation[German Development Service](#)

Dr. Jürgen Wilhelm, Director General

Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website**Primary focus of IV activity**

Founded in 1963, the German Development Service is one of the leading European development services for personnel cooperation. It is largely staffed by development experts, however, there are volunteer opportunities with the organisation. Since founding, more than 16,000 development experts have committed themselves to improve the living conditions of people in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Development experts are dedicated to fight poverty, promote a self-determined, sustainable development and to preserve natural resources. The organisation has over 1,300 development experts currently working, in addition 800 local experts and 300 administrative personnel. The German Development Service also offers its services to international clients, e.g. cooperation with UN organisations, World Bank, etc.

FORUM member

No

Countries in which they work

48 countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America

Do they receive government funding?

DED is owned jointly by the Federal Republic of Germany, represented by the Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development, and the working group "Learning and Helping Overseas", a registered association. DED is financed by the federal budget.

Status, e.g. registered charity

Non-profit-making, limited liability company

No. of volunteers annually

600 volunteers have a contract with DED.

Name of organisation[Federazione Organismi Cristiani Servizio Internazionale Volontario \(FOCSIV\)](#)**Contact name and position**

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FOCSIV is the largest Italian Federation of Christian Organisations with a volunteer charter. It is currently involved in 641 development interventions. FOCSIV volunteers are involved in implementation of projects in the social sectors of health, agriculture, education and defense of human rights.

FORUM member

Yes

Countries in which they work

86 countries from Africa, Asia, Latin America, Europe, Middle East and Oceania.

Do they receive government funding?

tbc

Status, e.g registered charity

Registered charity

No. of volunteers

817 at present

Name of organisation

[FK Norway \(Fredskorpset\)](#)

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Primary focus of IV activity

FK Norway (Fredskorpset) arranges reciprocal exchanges of personnel between organisations in Norway and developing countries. Their objective is to contribute to lasting improvements in economic, social and political conditions in the world.

The exchange occurs in a partnership between two or more organisations or companies, with support from FK Norway. FK Norway doesn't send out participants itself; but calls upon companies and organisations to do so with the partner determining what expertise is needed from the volunteer. The aim is to promote the mutual exchange of knowledge, experiences and skills. This goes both ways: the organisation or company both sends and receives participants.

FORUM member

Yes

Countries in which they work

55 developing countries including Uganda, Tanzania, Malawi, Kenya and South Africa.

Do they receive government funding?

FK Norway is a public body answerable to the Norwegian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and financed totally over the State Budget. For the year 2007, Fredskorpset has been allocated NOK 165 million.

Status, e.g registered charity

Public body

No. of volunteers annually

2,500 participants over past five years

Name of organisation

[Hungarian Volunteer Sending Foundation \(HVSF\)](#)

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Primary focus of IV activity

The Hungarian Volunteer Sending Foundation provides personnel needed to carry out developmental and aid projects undertaken by Hungarian or international organisations. The purpose of the Hungarian Volunteer Sending Foundation is to foster a relationship with organisations specialising in developmental and aid projects and to find the right volunteer or professional for the job. After gaining knowledge of the concrete concerns and circumstances of the project, the Hungarian Volunteer Sending Foundation prepares the volunteers or professionals for the specific on-site tasks they will be carrying out. The foundation also provides the infrastructure needed to carry out the tasks: transportation, insurance, food and lodging, health coverage and communications. It also offers support and oversees the volunteer's or professional's work and, upon their return home, helps them readapt to their normal environment.

FORUM member?

Yes

Countries in which they work

In 2007, Cambodia, Ethiopia, Uganda and Yemen.

Do they receive government funding?

Likely (tbc)

Status, e.g. registered charity

NGO, sponsored by the German Development Agency (DED)

No. of volunteers annually

tbc

Name of organisation

[International Service \(IS\)](#)

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Primary focus of IV activity

International Service is a development agency. It places experienced individuals to work with local partner organisations to combat poverty and oppression by working to increase global understanding of development issues. International Service recruits on behalf of local organisations – non-governmental organisations (NGOs), municipalities, community groups, grassroots organisations - that have identified a need for specific skills for which they are unable – for whatever reason to recruit locally. All posts require individuals with professional skills and at least two years' experience (ideally in a development context).

FORUM member?

Yes

Countries in which they work

Latin America, Africa and the Middle East

Do they receive government funding?

Not apparent

Status, e.g. registered charity

Development agency

No. of volunteers annually

30

Name of organisation

[Japan International Cooperation Agency \(JICA\) - Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers \(JOCV\)](#)

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Primary focus of IV activity

The new look JICA was officially inaugurated on October 1, 2008 with a merger between the existing Japan International Cooperation Agency and the overseas economic cooperation section of the Japan Bank for International Cooperation (JBIC).

Providing technical assistance, concessionary loans (Japanese ODA loans) and grant aid, JICA will become the "one stop shop of Japan's ODA". JOCV (Japan Overseas Cooperation Volunteers) is one of the most important programs. Since 1965 more than 30,000 JOCVs, increasingly women, have worked in countries around the world on projects which complement the organisation's larger and more structured programs. JOCVs generally stay in developing countries for two years, living and working with the local people while taking part in cooperative activities such as agriculture, forestry and fishery, manufacturing, maintenance and operation, civil engineering and architecture, health and welfare, education and information services, sports, and planning and administration. Around 195 occupations are involved in all.

Volunteers aged between 40 and 69 are recruited for the Senior Volunteer Program. The program can be described as a senior version of the JOCV Program. Volunteers are assigned to hospitals, schools, corporations, and NGOs. In 2003, there were 1,914 applicants for this program.

FORUM member?

Yes

Countries in which they work

Worldwide

Do they receive government funding?

Yes

Status, e.g registered charity

Established as an independent administrative institution under the law concerning the Independent Administrative Institution Japan International Cooperation Agency.

No. of volunteers

30,000 volunteers since 1965 (1,529 volunteers in 2006).

Name of organisation

[Lernen und Helfen in Übersee \(AKLHÜ\)](#)

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Primary focus of IV activity

AKLHÜ is a contact and networking exchange for state-recognised development, youth community and peace services and for other organisations active in development cooperative ventures. AKLHÜ promotes exchanges on specialist / professional subjects between its members and other national and international players in the field of personal development cooperation. The vacancies-database of AKLHÜ gives users access, via a targeted search, to current job opportunities in development organisations/initiatives and international volunteer development services. It contains information on various projects, areas of work and particular activities, conditions and duration of service/jobs, organisations offering opportunities, etc.

FORUM member

Yes

Countries in which they work

None

Do they receive government funding?

Yes

Status, e.g registered charity

Umbrella organisation

No. of volunteers annually

None

Name of organisation

[Mellempfolkeligt Samvirke \(MS\)](#)

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Primary focus of IV activity

MS's work is coupled through a clear vision about a world in peace with better conditions for the poor and marginalised. A world where people cooperate to achieve global justice. MS work hand in hand with 200 partner organisations in Africa, Central America, Asia, and the Middle East.

They focus on training, education, self organisation and exchange of experience – and investment in people, because the organisation believes people are the most important resource in the development process. MS offers travels to development countries in Africa, Central America and Asia to enable Danes to “get a perspective on the world” through a work camp, an extended stay doing voluntary work or through a study trip. MS also offers stays for Midterm Volunteers (MTVs). Most stays promoted by MS are arranged by locally based organisations that are partners of MS or have been partners in our development programme. MS have country offices in different countries in East Africa, Southern Africa, in Nepal and in Guatemala and Nicaragua.

FORUM member?

Yes

Countries in which they work

Africa, Central America, Asia, and the Middle East.

Do they receive government funding?

tbc

Status, e.g registered charity

NGO

No. of volunteers annually

tbc

Name of organisation

[Progressio](#)

Contact name and position

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Primary focus of IV activity

Progressio is a faith based international development charity working for justice and the eradication of poverty. The organisation works in partnership with civil groups and governments in Latin America, Caribbean, Africa, Middle East, South East Asia, UK and Europe. The approach combines advocacy work to secure equitable policies with the strengthening of community-based organisations that represent the interests of the poor and improve their quality of life. Through Progressio country programmes, they place experienced professionals to share their skills with partners in 11 countries. This is normally for two years. Approximately one third of volunteers are from the North, and two thirds from the South.

FORUM member?

Yes

Countries in which they work

11 countries in Latin America, Caribbean, Africa, Middle East and South East Asia.

Do they receive government funding?

Funded by citizens.

Status, e.g registered charity

International development charity

No. of volunteers annually

tbc

Name of organisation

[PSO](#)

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Primary focus of IV activity

PSO is an association that consists of fifty Dutch development organisations. The association focuses on capacity development at social organisations in developing nations. PSO wishes to contribute to structurally combating poverty through capacity building in social organisations in developing countries. PSO does so by supporting Dutch organisations and their partners in developing countries with knowledge development and funding. A Youth Zone program is designed to give young people from the North and the South experience in capacity building.

FORUM member

Yes

Countries in which they work

Internationally

Do they receive government funding?

Yes

Status, e.g registered charity

Association of NGOs

No. of volunteers

600 development workers are supported by PSO each year

Name of organisation

Skillshare International

Contact name and position

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Primary focus of IV activity

Skillshare International is an international volunteering and development organisation, working to reduce poverty, injustice and inequality and to further economic and social development in partnership with people and communities throughout the world. The organisation's key focus is a combined focus on social and organisational change. Priority sectors are health, education, environment and economic empowerment and they address the themes of gender, HIV and AIDS, human rights and peace building across their work. Skillshare typically recruits one to two-year placements. The positions are on a voluntary basis but Skillshare International covers the cost of flights, accommodation, health insurance and also a basic living allowance. Most positions require a degree level or professional qualification plus two years work experience.

Skillshare International's roots go back to 1917 when Service Civil International (SCI) was set up to work towards the cause of peace following the First World War, sharing skills, experience and understanding across nations.

FORUM member?

Yes

Countries in which they work

Skillshare currently works with partner organisations in more than 14 countries in southern Africa, East and West Africa (Botswana, Lesotho, India, Mozambique, Namibia, Swaziland, South Africa, Tanzania and Uganda), and South Asia. They also have a development awareness programme in the UK and Ireland.

Do they receive government funding?

Yes

Status, e.g registered charity

International volunteering and development organisation

No. of volunteers annually

The total number of development workers on placements in June 2008 was 71

Name of organisation

Singapore International Foundation (SIF) / Singapore Volunteers Overseas (SVO) programme

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Primary focus of IV activity

Established in 1991, the Singapore International Foundation (SIF) is a not-for-profit organisation that seeks to nurture active global citizens and friends for Singapore. SIF aims to help the development of communities outside of Singapore through the Singapore Volunteers Overseas (SVO) programme. SIF facilitates the participation of volunteers in capacity-building programmes in areas as diverse as healthcare and health education, organisational and personal capacity development, empowerment of disadvantaged children, women and families, and rehabilitation of the disabled. Singaporean volunteers can choose to be long or short-term in-field volunteers, workshop trainers or specialist trainers, depending on their knowledge and interests. For its work, SIF was presented the Excellence for Singapore Award.

FORUM member?

Yes

Countries in which they work

16 countries including in Asia

Do they receive government funding?

Yes

Status, e.g registered charity

NGO

No. of volunteers

Since its inception in 1991, the SVO programme has enabled more than 1,500 skilled Singaporean volunteers, up to 30 Singapore institutions, corporations and foundations, and numerous supporters to participate directly in building capabilities in developing communities for long-term, sustainable development.

Name of organisation

SUCO - Global Citizens for Change

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Primary focus of IV activity

On the cutting edge of web interactivity and social networking, Global Citizens for Change is a joint outreach and public engagement initiative of the coalition of Canada's eight leading volunteer cooperation agencies. Global Citizens Connect is the coalition's way to demonstrate the range and scope of the work being done by Global Citizens around the world. It also displays overseas volunteer opportunities currently being offered by the nine partner organizations who are part of the Global Citizens for Change coalition.

FORUM member?

Yes

Countries in which they work

Africa, Latin America and the Caribbean, the Middle East, Asia/Pacific, Eastern Europe and other

Do they receive government funding?

It receives the financial support of the Government of Canada provided through the Canadian International Development Agency (CIDA).

Status, e.g registered charity

Coalition

No. of volunteers

Unavailable

Name of organisation

[The United Nations Volunteers \(UNV\)](#)

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Primary focus of IV activity

The United Nations Volunteers (UNV) programme is the UN organization that contributes to peace and development through volunteerism worldwide. Volunteerism is a powerful means of engaging people in tackling development challenges, and it can transform the pace and nature of development. Volunteerism benefits both society at large and the individual volunteer by strengthening trust, solidarity and reciprocity among citizens, and by purposefully creating opportunities for participation. UNV contributes to peace and development by advocating for recognition of volunteers, working with partners to integrate volunteerism into development programming, and mobilizing an increasing number and diversity of volunteers, including experienced UNV volunteers, throughout the world. UNV embraces volunteerism as universal and inclusive, and recognizes volunteerism in its diversity as well as the values that sustain it: free will, commitment, engagement and solidarity.

FORUM member?

Yes

Countries in which they work

Worldwide

Do they receive government funding?

Yes

Status, e.g registered charity

United Nations

No. of volunteers annually

7,753 in 2008

[UNV Online Volunteering](#)

Worldwide online volunteering opportunities of United Nations Volunteers. Volunteers can find online volunteer assignments.

<http://www.onlinevolunteering.org>

Name of organisation

[Te Tūao Tāwāhi:Volunteer Service Abroad \(VSA\)](#)

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Primary focus of IV activity

Te Tūao Tāwāhi:Volunteer Service Abroad (VSA) promotes international volunteering for development, linking New Zealanders with people working to create positive change in their communities and countries.

FORUM member?

Yes

Countries in which they work

VSA operates in 15 countries in Africa, Asia and the Pacific with most assignments in the latter including Bougainville, the Cook Islands, Papua New Guinea, Solomon Islands, Tokelau & Vanuatu.

Do they receive government funding?

Yes

Status, e.g registered charity

Incorporated society with charitable status.

No. of volunteers annually

At any one time there are around 100 volunteers working with our partners in the field

Name of organisation

[Unité](#) (Swiss Association for the Exchange of Personnel in Development Cooperation)

Contact name

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Primary focus of IV activity

Unité is an umbrella organisation representing 25 Swiss development agencies and church organisations, sending development / fraternal workers to projects of their Southern partners as well as supporting local personnel and facilitating both South-North and South-South exchanges, mainly in Latin America (58%) and Africa (34%). Both development and public engagement / advocacy activities are the principle goals of this partnership exchange (échange pour le changement).

FORUM member?

Yes

Countries in which they work

Latin America, Asia and Africa

Do they receive government funding?

Max 75%

Status, e.g registered charity

Association

No. of volunteers annually

In 2007, there were 279 state co-financed positions (mainly long-term engagement of more than two years). There were around 200 privately funded positions.

Name of organisation

[VSO](#)

Contact name and position

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There are offices in Ireland and the UK. They also have federation offices in the Netherlands, Canada, India, Kenya and Uganda and the Philippines.

Primary focus of IV activity

VSO is a leading development charity and the largest independent sender of volunteers. The volunteers aim to pass on their expertise to local people so that when they return home their skills remain. The average VSO volunteer is 41, the majority coming from skilled, professional backgrounds. Placements range from one month to two years in duration. The range of jobs is vast, and includes small business advisors, teachers, social workers, health professionals, management consultants, marine biologists, accountants and farmers.

FORUM member?

Yes

Countries in which they work

30-40 countries throughout Asia, Africa and Eastern Europe

Do they receive government funding?

tbc. Fundraising is fundamental to the work of VSO.

Status, e.g. registered charity

Registered charity

No. of volunteers annually

1,500 (since founding in 1958, VSO has sent over 30,000 volunteers to over 70 countries).

Chapter Five: Volunteering and development organisations – non FORUM Members

NON FORUM MEMBERS

Name of organisation

[Adventist Development and Relief Agency Japan](#)

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Primary focus of IV activity

Established in 1986, ADRA's activities in developing countries includes emergency assistance during disasters, education work and medical assistance. It is a partner of UNHCR and the Japan Network for Education and Japan Platform.

FORUM member?

No

Countries in which they work

Branches in 129 countries

Do they receive government funding?

Not apparent

Status, e.g. registered charity

Non profit

No. of volunteers annually

Not apparent

Name of organisation

[AFS Intercultural Programs – Community Service Programme](#)

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Primary focus of IV activity

AFS offer international community service volunteerism with a focus on gaining work experience, learning another language and fostering intercultural understanding. There's a range of experiences on offer some challenging including working in a women's shelter in Honduras for example. Volunteers are either housed with a local host family or with other international volunteers on a project site. Assignments span four weeks to 12 months.

FORUM member?

No

Countries in which they work

Belgium, Bolivia, Brazil, China, Costa Rica, Denmark, Dominican Republic, Ecuador, Egypt, Ghana, Guatemala, Honduras, Hong Kong, Malaysia, Mexico, Panama, Paraguay, Peru, South Africa, Thailand & Venezuela.

Do they receive government funding?

No

Status, e.g. registered charity

Not-for-profit

No. of volunteers annually

23 Australians in 2005

Name of organisation

[Agency for Volunteer Service \(AVS\) Hong Kong](#)

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Primary focus of IV activity

AVS aims to develop, provide and organise service opportunities for Hong Kong citizens who would like to volunteer. It recruits volunteers, develops and coordinates volunteer resources and establishes volunteer service management to match with the needs of the society with local, regional and international volunteering organizations. It's also involved in providing assistance to service organisations in developing volunteering.

FORUM member?

No

Countries in which they work

Not available; mostly in Hong Kong

Do they receive government funding?

Not available

Status, e.g registered charity

NGO

No. of volunteers annually

Not available

Name of organisation

[Amigos de las Americas](#)

Contact name and position

Emily Untermeyer, Executive Director

Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website

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Web: www.amigoslink.org

Primary focus of IV activity

Amigos de las Americas works with high school students to contribute to development outcomes in Latin America. It's been around for 43 years and AMIGOS volunteer missions have built partnerships to empower people, advance community development and strengthen multicultural understanding in the Americas.

FORUM member?

No

Countries in which they work

Latin America only

Do they receive government funding?

No

Status, e.g registered charity

Private organisation

No. of volunteers annually

20,000 volunteers since its inception

Name of organisation

[Asian Community Trust \(ACT\)](#)

Contact name and position

site under construction at time of research

Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website

c/o ABK Bldg. 1F, 2-12-13 Hon-Komagome, Bunkyo-ku, Tokyo 113-8642. Ph: +81-3-3945-2615.

Email: act-info@acc21.org. Web:

<http://www.acc21.org/act/english/act-aen-index.html>

Primary focus of IV activity

ACT has been in the aid business for 25 years. Its assistance budget is around 10,000,000 annually and seeks to assist people at a grassroots level.

FORUM member?

No

Countries in which they work

Asian countries

Do they receive government funding?

site under construction at time of research

Status, e.g. registered charity

Charitable trust

No. of volunteers annually

site under construction at time of research

Name of organisation

[Australian Business Volunteers \(ABV\)](#)

Contact name and position

Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website

PO Box 25, Deakin West, ACT, 2600, Australia. Phone: +61 (0)2-6285 1686

Email: info@abv.org.au Web: www.abv.org.au

Primary focus of IV activity

ABV is an overseas development agency largely funded by AusAID. ABV focuses on assisting the development of the private sector as a “sustainable engine for development.” At the request of clients in developing countries of South East Asia and the Pacific, ABV sends skilled and experienced Australian volunteers to undertake short-term training, advisory and mentoring assignments with client counterparts overseas including micro, small and medium-sized businesses, local government bodies, NGOs and civil society organisations. Volunteers are sent throughout the year on one to 12 month assignments. Partner programs include in-country organisations, Business Councils and Chambers of Commerce in the Asia Pacific and Australian professional organisations.

FORUM member?

No

Countries in which they work

Cambodia, East Timor, Fiji, Indonesia, Laos, Papua New Guinea, Philippines, Solomon Islands, Thailand, Vanuatu & Vietnam.

Do they receive government funding?

Yes

Status, e.g. registered charity

ABV Ltd is a not-for-profit incorporated company, limited by guarantee

No. of volunteers annually

260 volunteers in 2006/07

Name of organisation

[Austraining International \(Austraining\)](#)

Contact name and position

Mr Kym Davis, CEO

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Email: austraining@austraining.com.au

Primary focus of IV activity

Austraining International (Austraining) is a South Australian Government-owned project management and international development organisation that has been certified to ISO 9001 standards since 1998. Austraining has managed over 300 bilateral and multilateral projects throughout the Asia Pacific and the Middle East. Austraining’s Head Office was established in 1991 and is located in Adelaide, South Australia. Asia Pacific regional offices are located in

Jakarta, Bangkok, Hanoi, Manila and Suva.

Since March 2001 Austraining has built up a particular and unique expertise in managing Australian government volunteer programs through the Australian Youth Ambassadors for Development (AYAD) Program and more recently from July 2005 the Volunteering for International Development from Australia (VIDA) Program. These two programs operate in 20 developing countries and deploy 500 to 600 volunteers each year, with a total of approximately 2,500 volunteers managed since the programs' inception.

FORUM member?

No

Countries in which they work

Asia Pacific and the Middle East

Do they receive government funding?

Yes

Status, e.g registered charity

Government

Name of organisation

[Geekcorps](#)

Contact name and position

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Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website

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Ph: + 1 (202) 326-0280. Email: geekcorps@iesc.org Web: <http://www.geekcorps.org/>

Primary focus of IV activity

Geekcorps' international technology experts teach communities how to be digitally independent by expanding private enterprise with innovative, appropriate, and affordable information and communication technologies. It promotes stability and prosperity in the developing world through information and communication technology (ICT). It seeks to increase the capacity of small and medium-sized business, local government, and supporting organisations to be more profitable and efficient using technology. Started by Ethan Zuckerman in 1999, Geekcorps became a division of the International Executive Service Corps in 2001.

FORUM member?

No

Countries in which they work

Worldwide

Do they receive government funding?

Not available

Status, e.g registered charity

Not-for-profit

No. of volunteers annually

Geekcorps draws on a database of more than 3,500 technical experts willing to share their talents and experience in developing nations

Name of organisation

[German Development Service](#)

Contact name and position

Dr. Jürgen Wilhelm, Director General

Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website

Primary focus of IV activity

Founded in 1963, the German Development Service is one of the leading European development services for personnel cooperation. Since founding, more than 16,000 development experts have committed themselves to improve the living conditions of people in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Development experts are dedicated to fight poverty, promote a self-determined,

sustainable development and to preserve natural resources. The German Development Service also offers its services to international clients, e.g., cooperation with UN organisations, World Bank, etc.

FORUM member

No

Countries in which they work

Africa, Asia and Latin America

Do they receive government funding?

The German Development Service is owned jointly by the Federal Republic of Germany, represented by the Federal Minister for Economic Cooperation and Development, and the working group "Learning and Helping Overseas", a registered association. It is financed by the federal budget.

Status, e.g registered charity

State organisation

No. of volunteers annually

Almost 1,300 development experts are currently working in 48 countries, in addition 800 local experts, 300 administrative personnel, 600 volunteers have a contract with German Development Service.

Name of organisation

[Global Citizens Network](#)

Contact name and position

Linda Stuart, Executive Director

Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website

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Primary focus of IV activity

Global Citizens Network provides fee-paying individuals the opportunity to interact locally and internationally with people of diverse cultures who share common global values, in order to develop creative and effective local solutions to global problems. Global Citizens Network sponsors teams of volunteers wishing to learn from and work with people in other cultures. Each team visits a developing community where local people are involved in grassroots efforts to meet their human and community needs while preserving their culture and traditions.

FORUM member?

No

Countries in which they work

Asia and Latin America

Do they receive government funding?

No

Status, e.g registered charity

Private organisation

No. of volunteers annually

Not available

Name of organisation

[Global Volunteers](#)

Contact name and position

Bud Philbrook, CEO

Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website

375 E. Little Canada Rd, St. Paul, Minnesota, USA. Ph: +1 55117-1628

Email: email@globalvolunteers.org Web: www.globalvolunteers.org

Primary focus of IV activity

Part of the volunteer vacation market, Global Volunteers has 23 years experience mobilizing short-term (up to 24 weeks) international volunteers on service projects and work abroad programs on six continents. No specialised skills are needed.

FORUM member?

No

Countries in which they work

Developing countries worldwide

Do they receive government funding?

No

Status, e.g registered charity

Non profit network

No. of volunteers annually

Not available

Name of organisation

[Global Volunteer Network \(GVN\)](#)

Contact name and position

Colin Salisbury, CEO

Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website

P O Box 2231, Wellington, New Zealand. Ph: + 64 (0)4-569 9080

Email: info@volunteer.org.nz Web: www.volunteer.org.nz

Primary focus of IV activity

GNV offers volunteer opportunities in community projects worldwide. GNV aims to support the work of local community organisations in developing countries on education, conservation, maintenance and construction and HIV/AIDS. Widely known, GVN is a savvy, people-orientated operation catering to all nationalities.

FORUM member?

No

Countries in which they work

GNV works in 21 countries and each has at least one annual project.

Alaska, China, Costa Rica, Ecuador, El Salvador, Ghana, Honduras, India, Kenya, Nepal, New Zealand, Philippines, Romania, Russia, Rwanda, South Africa, Tanzania, Thailand, Uganda & Vietnam.

Do they receive government funding?

No

Status, e.g registered charity

NGO

No. of volunteers annually

1,960 volunteers in 2005 (260 were from Australia and New Zealand)

Name of organisation

[Global Vision International \(GVI\)](#)

Contact name and position

Erica Louise, Regional Manager, Australia

Richard Walton, Director and Founder, GVI

Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website

Suite 1412, 227 Collins Street, Melbourne, VIC, 3000, Australia. Ph: +61 1300 795 013.

www.gviaustralia.com **(Note, there are offices in North America, the UK and Ireland).**

Primary focus of IV activity

Creates volunteer opportunities and provides funding to enable volunteer experiences with the 150 international charities, non-profits and governmental agencies it works with. They primarily recruit volunteers from the USA, the UK and Australia and project a professional and well-organised image.

FORUM member?

No

Countries in which they work

38 countries

Do they receive government funding?

No

Status, e.g. registered charity

Private (non religious, non political), internet based

No. of volunteers annually

2,000

Name of organisation

[Go Make a Difference \(Go M.A.D\)](#)

Contact name and position

Angie Peltzer, founder

Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website

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Primary focus of IV activity

Go Make a Difference (Go M.A.D) is an international volunteer organisation and Japan Exchange and Teaching (JET) Programme Special Interest Group run by volunteers based mostly in Japan. Go M.A.D. encourages cross cultural understanding and global peace initiatives by linking volunteering with travelling.

FORUM member?

No

Countries in which they work

Guatemala, Venezuela, El Salvador, Ghana, Tanzania, Thailand, Indonesia, India, Vietnam, Cambodia, Myanmar (Burma) and Laos.

Do they receive government funding?

Volunteers pay for food, accommodation, and donations on-sight. For large group trips out of Japan on the JET Programme there is an AJET Special Interest Group fee of 1000 yen per individual, per trip.

Status, e.g. registered charity

Not-for-profit

No. of volunteers annually

Not available.

Name of organisation

[Handicap International](#)

Contact name and position

Philippe Delescaille – President

Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website

Rue de Spa, 67, B - 1000 Bruxelles, Belgium. Ph: +32 (0)2 280 16 01. Web: www.handicapinternational.be

Primary focus of IV activity

Handicap International is an international solidarity organisation specialised in the field of disability. Non-governmental, non-religious, non-political and non-profit making, it works alongside people with disabilities, whatever the context, offering them assistance and supporting them in their efforts to become self-reliant. Volunteers are on a fixed-term contract of 13 months (12 months in the field and one month paid leave), taking effect from the date of departure on assignment. The level of salary, calculated using Handicap International's pay scale, is linked to qualifications, prior experience, length of service within the organization and the level of future responsibilities. Monthly local compensation to cover living costs, calculated according to the cost of living whilst on assignment, is also paid.

FORUM member

No

Countries in which they work

Developing countries worldwide

Do they receive government funding?

TBC

Status, e.g registered charity

Registered charity

No. of volunteers annually

TBC

Name of organisation

[Help Exchange \(HelpX\)](#)

Contact name and position

Robert Prince, founder

Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website

www.helpexchange.net

Primary focus of IV activity

Help Exchange (www.helpexchange.net) is an online listing of host organic farms, non-organic farms, farm stays, home stays and ranches etc who invite volunteer helpers to stay short-term in exchange for food and accommodation (board and lodging). Help Exchange is similar to Willing Workers on Organic Farms (WOOFING) in this regard and its popularity is growing among independent travellers. While not strictly related to international development volunteering, it's worth FORUM being across such competition programs.

FORUM member?

No

Countries in which they work

Australia, New Zealand, Canada, and Europe including England, Scotland, Wales, Ireland, France, Germany, Spain, Portugal, Italy, Greece, Finland, Bulgaria and many other European countries. Help Exchange has now also launched a new network called International to cover world countries not included in the main networks such as Hawaii, Caribbean, Costa Rica, Chile, Ecuador, Japan, Korea and South Africa.

Do they receive government funding?

No (volunteers are required to pay a subscription fee from 15 Euros, valid for two years).

Status, e.g. registered charity

Private

No. of volunteers annually

Not available

Name of organisation

[HealthCare Volunteer](#)

Contact name and position

Elliot Mendelsohn – Joint CEO

Neil Patel – Joint CEO

Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website

Headquarters: 6825 Cielo Vista Dr. PMB# 29, El Paso, TX 79925, United States. Phone within USA: (310) 928-3611. Outside USA: (00) 1-310-928-3611. They also have offices in Canada and throughout Asia.

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Primary focus of IV activity

At least 1.3 billion people worldwide lack access to the most basic healthcare, often because there are no health workers to take care of them. HealthCare Volunteer (www.healthcarevolunteer.com) is a non-profit portal that connects all volunteers, and job seekers, interested in health-related volunteering, or health-related work, to appropriate opportunities. HealthCare Volunteer was accessed by thousands of volunteers and job seekers from more than 118 countries in 2006. In 2007, DentalVolunteer merged with HealthCare Volunteer to create the world's largest listing of health-related volunteering opportunities.

FORUM member?

No

Countries in which they work

Worldwide

Do they receive government funding?

No

Status, e.g. registered charity

HealthCare Volunteer is currently a non-profit organisation in the United States and will subsequently assume a NGO status internationally and politically enabling itself to partner with health organizations anywhere in the world.

No. of volunteers annually

Approximately 25,469 'connections' made since the organisation was founded

Name of organisation

[IAVE International](#)

Contact name and position

Anthony Carlisle, Executive Director, IAVE International Resource Center
Kang-Hyun Lee, Ph.D. President, IAVE, c/o Korea Council of Volunteering (KCV)

Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website

IAVE International Resource Center: Fl.1, No.31, Sec.1, Zhong-xiao East Rd.Taipei, Taiwan (ROC). Phone: 886-2-3322-3167. Fax: 886-2-3322-3160. Email: info@iave.org

Web: <http://www.iave.org/>

Primary focus of IV activity

IAVE is the only international membership organisation that exists solely to promote and support more effective volunteering by all people. Membership and active participation in IAVE is the way in which volunteer leaders demonstrate their solidarity with the growing worldwide volunteer movement. Priorities include: 1) providing opportunities for volunteer leaders to come together at the global and regional levels, 2) encouraging and facilitating communication and sharing of "best practices" worldwide; 3) being a strong advocate with multinational institutions, governments, NGOs, and businesses of the principles embodied in the 2001 Universal Declaration on Volunteering; and 4) helping develop and disseminate new knowledge about volunteering as it is practiced throughout the world.

FORUM member?

No

Countries in which they work

Worldwide

Do they receive government funding?

Not apparent

Status, e.g registered charity

Volunteer-governed and volunteer-managed network

No. of volunteers annually

Not directly responsible for personnel dispatch

Name of organisation

[ICVolunteers \(International Conference Volunteers\)](#)

Contact name and position

Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website

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Fax: +41 22 800 14 37. Email: info@icvolunteers.org . Web: www.icvolunteers.org

Primary focus of IV activity

ICVolunteers an international non-governmental organisation that connects volunteers and organizers of non-profit projects. Its main areas of work include the mobilisation, training and coordination of volunteers for social, humanitarian, scientific and ecological conferences; the mobilisation of volunteers for information and communication technology related-projects. With offices and representations in Europe, Africa and North America, it carries out projects internationally.

FORUM member?

No

Countries in which they work

tbc

Do they receive government funding?

tbc

Status, e.g. registered charity

tbc

No. of volunteers annually

Not available but works with volunteers from about 60 countries

Name of organisation

Idealist.org

Contact name and position

Ami Dar, Executive Director

Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website

Action Without Borders/Idealist.org, 302 Fifth Avenue, 11th Floor
New York, NY 10001, United States. Fax: (1) 212-695-7243. Web: Idealist.org

Primary focus of IV activity

A leading online portal with a focus on non profits jobs, aligned events and development opportunities plus a big emphasis on international volunteering with up to 15,000 volunteer placements listed at any one time. Idealist is a project of Action Without Borders founded in 1995 with offices in the United States and Argentina. Popular daily email alerts are available.

FORUM member?

No

Countries in which they work

Worldwide

Do they receive government funding?

No but they receive donations and private sector monies

Status, e.g. registered charity

Non profit

No. of volunteers annually

Not available

Name of organisation

INTER-ACT

Contact name and position

Sandro Caretoni, Ronchini of Aurigeno, President
Bayardo Flores, Minusio, vice-president

Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website

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Primary focus of IV activity

Founded in 1970, INTER-ACT has been sending volunteers to the South for three decades allowing hundreds of people to work within the framework of international cooperation with projects designed and managed by partners of the South. Projects canvas health, education, environmental protection, micro-credit, human rights and institution building. Volunteers are required to undertake training and have a minimum of two years of work experience. INTER-ACT works closely with [Bethlehem Mission Immensee](#) and operates out of the Italian speaking part of Switzerland.

FORUM member

Member of Unité (Swiss Association for the Exchange of Personnel in Development Co-operation)

Countries in which they work

Nicaragua, El Salvador, Bolivia and Brazil

Do they receive government funding?

tbc

Status, e.g registered charity

tbc

No. of volunteers annually

tbc

Name of organisation

[International Voluntary Service Exchange](#)

Contact name and position

Peter Coldwell, Director

Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website

1034 Tiffany Road, Belmont VT 05730, USA. Web: www.vfp.org

Primary focus of IV activity

International Voluntary Service Exchange ~ Volunteers for Peace offers placements in over 3,000 volunteer projects in more than 100 countries. The organisation exchanges volunteers with international partners, who organise the projects taking place in their own countries. VFP's basic fee is \$300 for a multi-week placement.

FORUM member?

No

Countries in which they work

100, including USA

Do they receive government funding?

No

Status, e.g registered charity

Non-profit membership organisation

No. of volunteers annually

Not available

Name of organisation

[International Voluntary Service Great Britain \(IVS\)](#)

Contact name and position

tbc

Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website

IVS GB, Thorn House, 5 Rose Street, Edinburgh, EH2 2PR. Ph: 0131 243 2745. Email: info@ivsgb.org Web: <http://www.ivsgb.org/info/>

Primary focus of IV activity

IVS GB is a peace organisation working for the sustainable development of local and global communities throughout the world. It is affiliated with Service Civil International, a worldwide network of voluntary organisations promoting peace and justice. IVS GB has international voluntary projects ranging from environmental conservation in Morocco to youth work in Russia. Projects are determined based on enhancing rather than replacing local initiatives. No specific skills or qualifications are needed by prospective volunteers but volunteers should be over 21 years of age.

FORUM member

No

Countries in which they work

Asia, Africa, South and Latin America

Do they receive government funding?

No

Status, e.g registered charity

Sending agency

No. of volunteers annually

Not available

Name of organisation

[INTERTEAM](#)

Contact name and position

Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website

Under-Geissestein 10/12, 6005 Luzern, Switzerland. Ph: +41 41 360 6722. Email: info@interteam.ch Web:www.interteam.ch

Primary focus of IV activity

Created in 1964, INTERTEAM is a member of the Swiss Personnel Development Co-operation, placing and supporting qualified Swiss development workers on three-year missions in Africa and Latin America. Its development workers work in the areas of nutrition, health and education, in coordination with the UN millennium development goals.

FORUM member

Member of Unité (Swiss Association for the Exchange of Personnel in Development Co-operation)

Countries in which they work

Africa and Latin America

Do they receive government funding?

Yes, plus private and church funds

Status, e.g registered charity

A ZEWO-certified organization.

No. of volunteers annually

70

Name of organisation

[International Volunteers for Peace \(Australia\)](#)

Contact name and position

tbc

Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website

499 Elizabeth Street, Surry Hills, NSW 2010, Australia. Phone: +61 02 9699 1129. Email:

admin@ivp.org.au. www.ivp.org.au

Primary focus of IV activity

IVP is a non-profit local community group with an international perspective. IVP has contact branches in over 50 countries and focuses on organising 'work camps' around worthwhile, peace inspiring community needs and causes, for which it recruits participants from Australia and worldwide. Workcamps attract people of diverse race, ideology, nationality, and age to live together for two to four weeks while working on a community project. IVP is the Australian contact for Service Civil International (SCI), an international non-governmental voluntary service organisation established in 1920 at the inspiration of Swiss pacifist Pierre Ceresole. Long term placements are from three to 12 months; medium term volunteers work three to six months, but in both cases these volunteers must have demonstrated suitability at a work camp prior.

FORUM member?

No

Countries in which they work

Worldwide including Asia, Latin America, Africa and Australia. Also in Europe and the USA.

Do they receive government funding?

No

Status, e.g. registered charity

Non-profit, non-governmental organisation

No of volunteers annually

tbc

NOTE: [Civil Service International (the international arm of the above)

<http://www.sciint.org/>]

Name of organisation

Internationalvolunteering.org

Contact name and position

Not available

Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website

A 'contact us' form is available at www.internationalvolunteering.org

Primary focus of IV activity

Internationalvolunteering.org is another internet listing provider of volunteer projects aimed at budget travellers who are only willing to pay for food and board in exchange for their volunteering to be set up. The website was set up by former volunteers. They offer community service work, human rights placements and medical placements among other types of volunteering. Volunteers are encouraged to take responsibility for themselves.

FORUM member?

No

Countries in which they work

Worldwide, including developed countries

Do they receive government funding?

No

Status, e.g. registered charity

Private

No. of volunteers annually

Not available. However the website records 24,000 unique visits (timeframe unavailable)

Name of organisation

Interserve Australia

Contact name and position

tbc

Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website

PO Box 231, Bayswater, Victoria 3153, Australia. Phone: +61 (0)3 9729 9611.

Email: info@interserve.org.au Web: www.interserve.org.au

Primary focus of IV activity

Interserve is an international mission agency offering Christians the chance to use their faith, training and skills in a unique form of service. Six months to one year projects are classified as short term; two year partner programmes are considered long term. Volunteers raise own support with the assistance of Interserve. Christians aged 18 to 70 years can apply; families with children can apply as well.

FORUM member?

No

Countries in which they work

Central Asia and South East Asia, India, Nepal & the Middle East.

Do they receive government funding?

Not clear

Status, e.g. registered charity

Not-for-Profit Incorporated Association.

No. of volunteers annually

50 to 60 on six month to one year projects; eight volunteers on long term programmes.

Name of organisation

[International Volunteer Service \(IVS\)](http://International Volunteer Service (IVS))

Contact name and position

tbc

Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website

Thorn House, 5 Rose Street, Edinburgh, EH2 2PR, Scotland. Ph: 0131 243 2745. Email: info@ivsgb.org Web: www.ivsgb.org

Primary focus of IV activity

IVS Great Britain is a peace organisation working for the sustainable development of local and global communities throughout the world. They are the British branch of Service Civil International, a world wide network of like-minded voluntary organisations promoting peace and justice through voluntary work. They offer youth volunteer placements for those under 18 years of age and other standard projects from two weeks to 12 months. These are full fee paying volunteer placements.

FORUM member?

No

Countries in which they work

Africa, Asia and South America

Do they receive government funding?

Not available but seemingly no

Status, e.g. registered charity

Registered charity

No. of volunteers annually

Not available

Name of organisation

[Involvement Volunteers Association Inc \(IVI\)](#)

Contact name and position

Rheema Issa, Program Coordinator

Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website

P. O. Box 218, Port Melbourne, VIC, 3207, Australia. Ph: 03 9646 9392/
03 9646 5504. www.ivworldwide@volunteering.org.au

Primary focus of IV activity

IVI aims to assist everyone that wants to help others on international volunteer placements. IVI works in 30 countries.

FORUM member?

No

Countries in which they work

Worldwide

Do they receive government funding?

No

Status, e.g. registered charity

NGO

No. of volunteers annually

Around 300

Name of organisation

[Japan NGO Center for International Cooperation \(JANIC\)](#)

Contact name and position

Mr. Masaaki Ohashi, Chairperson/Board Member, SHAPLA NEER

Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website

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Email: global-citizen@janic.org. Web: <http://www.janic.org/en/en-index.html>

Primary focus of IV activity

The Japan NGO Center for International Cooperation (JANIC) is a non-profit, non-partisan networking NGO founded in 1987 by a group of NGO leaders who saw the need to better coordinate activities in Japanese society and facilitate communication with overseas groups. They oversee a list of 278 Japanese NGOs whose overseas activities contain poverty reduction, educational support, medical and healthcare services, environmental protection, relief and

emergency assistance for refugees etc. The organisation serves as secretariat for the annual all-Japanese Network NGO Forum, conducting NGO human resources development training courses, offering accounting courses to NGOs, opening up an information and resource center, conducting global citizenship, seminars all over Japan, conducting research and advocacy on NGO support schemes, such as official development assistance for NGO activities, and providing information and advisory services to local governments, economic organisations, labor unions and media.

FORUM member?

No

Countries in which they work

Japan, with members working worldwide

Do they receive government funding?

Not apparent

Status, e.g. registered charity

NGO

No. of volunteers annually

Not apparent

Name of organisation

[Japan Youth Volunteers Association](#)

Contact name and position

Not available

Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website

c/o NYC, 3-1 Yoyogi Kamizono-cho, Shibuya-ku, Tokyo 151-0052. +81-3-3460-0211. Email: info@jyva.or.jp. Web: http://www.jyva.or.jp/eng/index_e.html

Primary focus of IV activity

JYVA has been promoting volunteer activities throughout Japan. Founded in 1967 as an incorporated body approved by the Ministry of Education, JYVA has built up an extensive network with other Japanese volunteer groups, associations, corporations, and research organisations, as well as organizations throughout the world which promote volunteer activities. JYVA undertakes such activities as giving information and advice regarding volunteer activities, providing opportunities for volunteering and for research and development, supporting international exchanges, and publishing. JYVA has been expanding its international network by accepting full-time volunteers mainly young people and students from Asian countries and the U.K.

FORUM member?

No

Countries in which they work

Not apparent

Do they receive government funding?

Not apparent

Status, e.g. registered charity

Incorporated body

No. of volunteers annually

Not clear

Name of organisation

[JCA-NET](#)

Contact name and position

Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website

Sankin Bldg. 3F, I-B, 3-21 Kanda Nishiki-machi, Chiyoda-ku, Tokyo 101-0054. +81-3-3291-2875. Email: office@jca.apc.org

Primary focus of IV activity

JCA-NET's mission is to empower citizen's activities through the internet for peace, social, environmental justice and human dignity. JCA-NET dedicates its efforts to provide networking

tools for NGOs and social movements, working closely with the AsiaLink, an Asian wide NGOs information and e-mail network and is also a partner node of the Association for Progressive Communications (APC Networks) in Japan.

FORUM member?

No

Countries in which they work

Not clear

Do they receive government funding?

Not clear

Status, e.g. registered charity

Not clear

No. of volunteers annually

Not available

Name of organisation

[Kansai NGO Council](#)

Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website

4F, 2-30 Chaya-machi, Kita-ku, Osaka-shi, Osaka 530-0013. Ph: +81-6-6377-5144. Email: knc@ak.wakwak.com

FORUM member?

No

Name of organisation

[Korea International Cooperation Agency \(KOICA\) / Korea Overseas Volunteers \(KOVs\)](#)

Contact name and position

Park Dae-won, President of KOICA

Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website

298 Siheung-dong, Sujeong-gu, Seongnam-si, 461-833 Gyeonggi-do, Korea. Ph: 82 2 740 5621. Web: www.koica.go.kr

Primary focus of IV activity

KOICA is the key government organisation for Korea's grant aid policy making and implementation to developing countries since it was established in 1991. Dispatching Korean volunteers is one part of KOICA's missions.

The Korean equivalent of JICA, KOV, has been operating for 18 years and has sent skilled Korean volunteers to 27 countries. Its volunteers assist in many hands-on projects from abalone culture to brick making and animal breeding. The Korea Overseas Volunteers (KOVs) program dispatches Korean nationals to partner countries to share expertise, knowledge, and experience in order to make practical contributions to their socio-economic development. Volunteers work in sectors such as education, health, rural development and information & communication technology (ICT). Volunteers must be at least 20 years of age. Assignments are generally for two years.

FORUM member?

No

Countries in which they work

Africa, South America, Middle East and Asia

Do they receive government funding?

Yes

Status, e.g. registered charity

Government organisation

No. of volunteers

Between 1990 and 2007, a total of 4,818 volunteers were sent overseas

Name of organisation

[Latitude Global Volunteering \(formerly GAP\)](#)

Contact name and position

Belinda Coote – Chief Executive, Australian branch

Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website

PO Box 6054, Chapel Street North, South Yarra, VIC, 3141, Australia.

Phone: +61 (0)3 9826 6266. Web: <http://www.latitude.org.au/>

Note, there are offices in the UK, New Zealand and North America as well.

Primary focus of IV activity

Volunteering for 17-25 year-olds.

FORUM member?

No

Countries in which they work

Every continent

Do they receive government funding?

No

Status, e.g registered charity

UK registered charity

No. of volunteers annually

Not available but certainly large numbers

Name of organisation

[Lawyers Without Borders](#)

Contact name and position**Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website**

www.lawyerswithoutborders.org

Primary focus of IV activity

Lawyers Without Borders is the world's largest group of volunteer lawyers from around the globe who stand ready to offer pro bono service to international projects and initiatives. LWOB does not "represent" any person or organisation. It is not a resource for individuals seeking personal pro bono representation. The goal is to provide legal support to Rule of Law projects and initiatives in the human rights and global capacity building sectors; this is achieved using lawyers serving pro bono whenever possible. This approach has proven to exponentially reduce costs to funders, in-country NGOs and legal communities in developing regions around the world. There is no connection between Avocats sans Frontieres (AsF) and Lawyers Without Borders, Inc. LWOB operates in UK, USA, Canada, Australia, New Zealand, Israel and Palestinian Territories under the name.

FORUM member?

No

Countries in which they work

Developing countries worldwide

Do they receive government funding?

Not available. They do receive corporate funding.

Status, e.g registered charity

Not available

No. of volunteers annually

Not available

Name of organisation

[Médecins du Monde](#)

Contact name and position

Susan Wright, Director of *Médecins du Monde* UK, leads the team in the UK office.

Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website

Médecins du Monde UK 14 Heron Quays, London, E14 4JB, England. Tel: + 44 (0)20
Email: emiddleton@mdmuk.org.uk

Primary focus of IV activity

The organisation sends volunteers overseas to provide medical care to vulnerable people who are affected by natural disasters (recent hurricane in Burma), conflict (emergency response sent to Sudan) and extreme poverty (HIV/AIDS prevention amongst isolated populations in Zimbabwe). Médecins du Monde offices also run healthcare projects in their capital cities for marginalised populations who cannot access mainstream healthcare services. Médecins du Monde's international work is initiated from 10 delegations, with the support of six representative bureaux. Médecins du Monde UK is a representative bureau. The International Secretariat, is based in France, exists to ensure that all communication channels are clear between all offices, and that all of Médecins du Monde's principles are adhered to.

FORUM member

No

Countries in which they work

88 countries since founding

Do they receive government funding?

tbc

Status, e.g registered charity

Médecins du Monde UK was registered as a charity in England and Wales in January 1998.

No. of volunteers annually

5,500 volunteers in our offices; 1,200 volunteers in the field

Name of organisation

[Médecins Sans Frontières International](#)

Contact name and position

tbc

Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website

Rue de Lausanne 78, ep 116 1211, Geneva 21, Switzerland. Ph: +41 (22) 849 8400. Web: www.msf.org There are representative offices in 24 countries.

Primary focus of IV activity

A professional medical aid organisation with a pre-eminent reputation operating in 70 countries. The average volunteer assignment is six months. In general, MSF looks for health professionals, administrators and logistics specialists.

FORUM member?

No

Countries in which they work

Africa, Central Asia, Eastern Europe, Federation of Russia, Middle East North Asia, Southeast Asia, South and Central America & Western Europe.

Do they receive government funding?

tbc

Status, e.g registered charity

Registered charity

No. of volunteers annually

137 volunteers from Australia and New Zealand in 2005; **worldwide figures tbc**

Name of organisation

[Mission 21](#)

Contact name and position

Seraina Vetterli - Projects

Christa Debely – Exchanges

Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website

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Primary focus of IV activity

Mission 21 assists in 100 projects, fighting against poverty, promoting health, improving the position of women, resolving conflicts peacefully and educating people in theology and the church. At its headquarters in Switzerland, Mission 21 organises meetings, exchanges and research related to missionary work and developmental cooperation.

FORUM member

Member of Unité (Swiss Association for the Exchange of Personnel in Development Co-operation)

Countries in which they work

17 countries in Africa, Asia, Latin America and Europe

Do they receive government funding?

TBC

Status, e.g registered charity

TBC

No. of volunteers annually

TBC

Name of organisation

[Never-ending International Workcamps Exchange \(NICE\)](#)

Contact name and position

Ueda Eiji, Director

Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website

2-1-14-401 Shinjuku, Shinjuku-ku, Tokyo 160-0022. Ph: +81-3-3358-7140. Email: nice@nice1.gr.jp Web: <http://nice1.gr.jp/e/indexe.html>

Primary focus of IV activity

International voluntary projects

International work camps involve volunteers from the world and local people working and living together for two to three weeks for development etc. NICE organise international work camps in Japan and east Asia with local partners and people. They send volunteers from Japan to work camps all over the world, and organise LAMP (long and middle term voluntary programs) in Japan and send volunteers from Japan to LAMP activities abroad.

FORUM member?

No

Countries in which they work

98 countries

Do they receive government funding?

Not apparent

Status, e.g. registered charity

Independent, non political

No. of volunteers annually

1,084 individuals as members / 3,000 projects

Name of organisation

[Nippon Volunteer Network Active in Disaster \(NVNAD\)](#)

Contact name and position

Toshiaki Tanaka, President

Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website

1-5-1 Wakihama Kaigan-dori, Chuo-ku, Kobe-shi, Hyogo 651-0073. Ph: +81-78-231-9011. Email: master@nvnad.or.jp Web: http://www.nvnad.or.jp/index_e.html

Primary focus of IV activity

In an emergency, NVNAD coordinates volunteers, their relationships with local governments, communities, victims, and other organisations. Outside of these times it is a network disaster volunteer organisation providing local communities with the workshop called "Preventing Disaster Without Saying Disaster Prevention." It also runs a series of lectures/activities for future disaster

volunteers and local governments.

FORUM member?

No

Countries in which they work

Worldwide

Do they receive government funding?

Information not available

Status, e.g. registered charity

NGO

No. of volunteers annually

450 individual members

Name of organisation

[Okayama Topia for International Contribution \(OTIC\)](#)

Contact name and position

Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website

3-1-28 Hokan-cho, Okayama-shi, Okayama 700-0825. Ph: +81-86-251-6218. Email: sfujiki@marugo.ne.jp Web: http://www.otic.jp/index_Eng.html

Primary focus of IV activity

Since its establishment in 1994, OTIC has held NGO Summits for International Contribution for every year, with the cooperation of many organisations including WHO, UNICEF, UNESCO, UNDP, Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Japan, local governments, business groups, local NGOs and citizens' groups. The Summits are organised to build an international network to strengthen the capacity of NGOs in humanitarian assistance by exchanging information, experiences and methodologies.

FORUM member?

No

Countries in which they work

Not apparent

Do they receive government funding?

Not apparent

Status, e.g. registered charity

NGO

No. of volunteers annually

Not clear if it actually involved in the sending of volunteers

Name of organisation

[Palms Australia](#)

Contact name and position

Roger O'Halloran, Executive Director

Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website

PO Box 976, Glebe, NSW 2037, Australia. Phone: +61 2 9518 9551

Primary focus of IV activity

Palms Australia is an independent Australian volunteer sending organisation with over 46 years experience in recruiting, preparing, sending and supporting volunteers for work overseas and in cross-cultural situations. Palms responds to requests from international communities by sending skilled Australian volunteers abroad as part of our skills exchange program.

Palms Australia started in Sydney in 1956 as the Paulian Association. Groups formed in around 100 communities to identify local issues, reflect on values and take appropriate action to address social inequality and assist people in need. After identifying that similar issues needed to be addressed globally, in 1961, the program was extended to communities overseas which request the placement of volunteers to assist develop health, education and other facilities.

FORUM member

No

Countries in which they work

Pacific, Asia and Africa

Do they receive government funding?

No government funding

Status, e.g registered charity

Independent Australian volunteer sending organisation

No. of volunteers

Since 1961 Palms Australia has sent over 1300 volunteers to 38 countries around the world

Name of organisation

[Peace Brigades International](#)

Contact name and position

tbc

Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website

International Office, Development House, 56-64 Leonard Street, London EC2A 4LT, U.K. Ph: +44 20 7065 0775, Email: admin@peacebrigades.org Web:www.peacebrigades.org

Primary focus of IV activity

Peace Brigades International (PBI) is an international grassroots NGO that has promoted nonviolence and protected human rights since 1981. PBI sends international volunteers to areas of conflict, providing protective accompaniment to human rights defenders threatened by political violence. They also facilitate other peace-building initiatives.

FORUM member

No

Countries in which they work

Colombia, Guatemala, Indonesia, Mexico, Nepal

Do they receive government funding?

tbc

Status, e.g registered charity

International grassroots NGO

No. of volunteers annually

Unclear

Name of organisation

[Peace Corps](#)

Contact name and position

Ronald A. Tschetter, Director

Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website

www.peacecorps.gov

Primary focus of IV activity

The primary focus of Peace Corps, an organised volunteer program of the US government, is stated as helping the people of interested countries in meeting their need for trained men and women. Helping promote a better understanding of Americans on the part of the peoples served. And lastly, helping promote a better understanding of other peoples on the part of Americans.

FORUM member?

No

Countries in which they work

Worldwide; currently, Peace Corps volunteers serve in 74 countries in Africa, Asia, the Caribbean, Central and South America, Europe, and the Middle East.

Do they receive government funding?

Yes

Status, e.g. registered charity

tbc

No. of volunteers annually

190,000 volunteers since 1960

Name of organisation

[PEPY \('Protect the Earth. Protect Yourself'\)](#)

Contact name and position

Daniela Papi, Executive Director and co-founder

Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website

PEPY Tours, PO BOX 1235, Phnom Penh, Cambodia. Ph (1) 914-458-4262 (US), (81) 50-5534-8504 (Japan) & (855) 092 361 849 (Cambodia). www.pepytours.com

Primary focus of IV activity

Dubbed 'an educational NGO funded through a responsible tour operator,' PEPY. started off with cycle tours with proceeds assisting the construction of schools and claims to inspire 'meaningful travel' by raising travellers awareness of development needs by connecting them with development organisations. PEPY has a very high listing on Google searches, the branding is very professional and the organisation seems to target Americans, Canadians, Japanese and Australians.

FORUM member?

No

Countries in which they work

Cambodia

Do they receive government funding?

No (do receive private sector sponsorship)

Status, e.g. registered charity

NGO

No. of volunteers annually

tbc

Name of organisation

[Projects Abroad](#)

Contact name and position

Dr Peter Slowe, Founder and Director

Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website

GPO Box 422, Adelaide, SA 5001. Ph 1300 132 831. Email info@projects-abroad.com.au. Web: www.projects-abroad.com.au

Primary focus of IV activity

A member of the International Volunteers Programs Association (IVPA), Projects Abroad offers a wide range of fee paying 'cultural exchanges' meets CV enhancement from working at a local newspaper to learning Spanish in South America. They have offices in Adelaide, New York and Toronto.

Countries in which they work

Ethiopia, Morocco, Ghana, Togo, South Africa, Senegal, Romania, Moldova, Nepal, China, Mongolia, Thailand, Cambodia, India, Sri Lanka, Jamaica, Peru, Mexico, Bolivia, Brazil and Argentina.

FORUM member?

No

Do they receive government funding?

No, privately funded tours are marketed.

Status, e.g. registered charity

Private, internet based

No. of volunteers annually

tbc

Name of organisation

[Project Trust](#)

Contact name and position

Nicholas Maclean-Bristol, OBE, DL, President & founder

Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website

The Hebridean Centre, Isle of Coll, Argyll PA78 6TE. Ph: +44 (0)1879 230 444. Email: info@projecttrust.org.uk Web:www.projecttrust.org.uk

Primary focus of IV activity

Project Trust promotes itself as offering the original Gap Year providing young people with an opportunity to understand a community overseas by living and working there for a year. All the projects are vetted for their suitability for volunteers, and none deprive local people of work. Volunteers are aged between 17-18 years. Volunteers must have qualifications that would get them into a British university, be highly motivated and attend a week's training and briefing course based on the country to which they are going. Volunteers are given assistance from **Project Trust** to raise a proportion of their costs through fund-raising activities. Living expenses, flights, food and accommodation are provided.

FORUM member

No

Countries in which they work

25 including Asia, Africa and the Americas

Do they receive government funding?

Unspecified

Status, e.g. registered charity

Educational Charity, registered as a charity in Scotland

No. of volunteers annually

200 a year (4,000 since it was founded in 1968)

Name of organisation

[Save the Children](#)

Contact name and position

tbc

Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website

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Email: twebster@savechildren.org. Or, 2000 L Street NW, Suite 500
Washington, DC 20036. Ph: +1 202-640-6600.

Primary focus of IV activity

Save the Children encourages highly motivated individuals to apply to become volunteers at all levels of their organisation. Save the Children does not have a formal overseas volunteer program, however, if volunteers are traveling in a country where Save the Children is active they can contact local offices.

FORUM member?

No

Countries in which they work

50 countries including the United States

Do they receive government funding?

tbc

Status, e.g. registered charity

Registered charity

No. of volunteers annually

Figure not available

Name of organisation

[Service Centre for Development Cooperation \(KEPA\) / ETVO Southern Volunteer programme](#)

Contact name and position

Mikko Toivonen

Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website

Service Centre for Development Cooperation – KEPA, Töölöntorinkatu 2 A, 00260 Helsinki, Finland. Email: mikko.toivonen@kepa.fi Web: www.kepa.fi/english

Primary focus of IV activity

KEPA, or the Service Centre for Development Cooperation, is a service base for some 270 Finnish NGOs involved in development work and global issues. Each year approximately 60 people from Finland go to work abroad under the ETVO Southern Volunteer programme. This programme is a joint programme of five Finnish NGOs: KEPA, Finnish Youth Co-operation (Allianssi), International Cultural Youth Exchange (ICYE Finland), Finnish Branch of Service Civil International (KTV) and Finnish Tinku Association. ETVO was set up in 1995 and acts as a tool of global education. It aims to reduce cultural barriers and prejudices and increase tolerance both in Finland and in developing countries. ETVO started inviting volunteers from its partner NGOs to Finland in 1999.

FORUM member

No

Countries in which they work

Asia and Africa

Do they receive government funding?

Yes

Status, e.g registered charity

Peak body / not for profit

No. of volunteers annually

60

Name of organisation

[Service de Coopération au Développement – SCD](#)

Contact name and position

Jean-Daniel Balme, Director

Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website

Department of Development Cooperation (SCD), 202 Road Fontanières, The Mulatière 69,350 (Lyon) – France. Fax: 04 72 66 87 29. Web: www.scd.asso.fr

Primary focus of IV activity

The CPC is the 3rd sending agency French Volunteers for International Solidarity with 300 volunteers in over 60 countries. At the request of partners responsible for development structures, the CPC recruits, trains and sends volunteers for missions than 2 years.

FORUM member

No

Countries in which they work

tbc

Do they receive government funding?

Yes

Status, e.g registered charity

tbc

No. of volunteers annually

tbc

Name of organisation

[Seva Foundation](#)

Contact name and position

Mark Lancaster, Executive Director

Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website

1786 Fifth Street Berkeley, CA 94710, United States. Ph: +1 510-845-7382. Fax: +1 510-845-7410. Email: mlancaster@seva.org Web: www.seva.org

Primary focus of IV activity

Founded in 1978, Seva develops volunteer opportunities that meet program partners' specific

needs and as such opportunities are limited; projects typically involve service delivery, training or consulting. Ophthalmologists and other health professionals are sought for the Sight Program to design customized volunteer projects that match the needs of Sight Program partners. Occasionally, Community Self-Development Programs accept field volunteers for assignments in Guatemala and Mexico.

FORUM member?

No

Countries in which they work

United States (with Native Americans), Guatemala and Mexico. Possibly other countries too but not apparent.

Do they receive government funding?

Not apparent

Status, e.g. registered charity

No. of volunteers annually

Not available; a limited number though

Name of organisation

[Worldwide Volunteering](#)

Contact name and position

Roger Potter, founder, Peter Sharp, director, Andrew Graham, chairperson

Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website

7 North Street Workshops, Stoke sub Hamdbdon, Somerset, TA14 6QR, England. Ph: +44 01935 82558

Primary focus of IV activity

A matching database with 1450 volunteer organisations, 1.1 million placements in the UK and internationally. WorldWide Volunteering is a non-profit making organisation and they aim to make it easier for people of all ages to volunteer by providing instant access to information about the widest range of volunteering opportunities available.

FORUM member?

No

Countries in which they work

214 countries worldwide

Do they receive government funding?

No, private funding and funding from trusts and foundations listed on their website.

Status, e.g. registered charity

No. of volunteers annually

1,000,000

Name of organisation

[Youth Challenge Australia](#)

Contact name and position

Emma Rochford, Executive Director

Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website

Postal Address: C/- University of Technology Sydney, P.O Box 222 Eton Road
Lindfield, NSW 2070, Australia. Ph:+61 2 9514 5512. Web: www.youthchallenge.org.au

Primary focus of IV activity

Youth Challenge Australia is a non-profit, non-religious organisation that actively engages Australian volunteers in grass roots development work. Its mission is to engage and empower young people through collaborative and sustainable work with communities, to create understanding and bring about positive change. In Central Australia, Vanuatu, India, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Mexico and Guyana, volunteers work in collaboration with local communities and partner organisations to assist the growth of sustainable and positive development. Youth Challenge Australia partners with Australian Volunteers International's youth program in India, Philippines and Papua New Guinea.

FORUM member?

No

Countries in which they work

Central Australia, Vanuatu, India, Costa Rica, Guatemala, Mexico and Guyana.

Do they receive government funding?

No (tbc)

Status, e.g registered charity

Non-profit, non-religious organisation.

No. of volunteers

In 16 years over 1,000 Australian participants have participated in Youth Challenge projects worldwide

Name of organisation

[2WayDevelopment](#)

Contact name and position

Katherine Tubb

Organisation contact address, phone number, e-mail and website

2Way Space, 1-4 Pope Street, London, SE1 3PR. Ph: +44 (0)20 7378 9600. Email: volunteer@2waydevelopment.com . There is also an office in New York.
www.2waydevelopment.com

Primary focus of IV activity

A UK based volunteer agency with partnerships with 100 organisations including NGOs. Every placement with 2Way Development is tailored to match a volunteer's abilities to the needs of partners. There is a £950 flat placement fee. The image is hip and professional.

FORUM member?

No

Countries in which they work

30 countries in Asia, Africa and Latin America

Do they receive government funding?

No

Status, e.g. registered charity

Private

No. of volunteers annually

Not available

Chapter 6: Conclusion

56. This mapping exercise has revealed **there are a variety of diverse groups engaged in international volunteering personnel exchange**, not just in terms of sending volunteers but also facilitating partnerships with civil organisations to arrange company-wide volunteering opportunities for international development purposes. Volunteering is no longer just within the realm of the individual volunteering his or her skills and services. FORUM needs to be mindful of the different groups working in the industry and consider the risks, challenges and opportunities in the new operating landscape.

57. Certainly there is cause for consideration that it is now time for FORUM to cooperate actively with partner volunteer organisations beyond traditional zones (Europe, North America, Australia and New Zealand) as other organisations continue to develop their capacities in the field of international volunteerism. It is hoped this mapping exercise spotlights other organisations which share the common goals of FORUM and may be worthy collaboration partners in the future.

58. Looking at organisations in terms of their NGO, public or private status is but one possible filter by which to look at new potential partners for FORUM. There are also peak bodies, membership based organisations, volunteer resource centres and a myriad of volunteer internet sites not mentioned here. This is not to forget the organisations operating in developing countries who relish hosting international volunteers too like Foundation Help in Tanzania mentioned previously. There are lots of potential partners in the world of program delivery; among them, individuals and highly organised groups of people and/or organisations. For example, websites like Global Giving [www.globalgiving.com] connects donors with worldwide community based projects that need financial support (as opposed to volunteers) for everything from gender violence reduction projects in Kenya to hurricane medical relief in Cuba.

59. Another example, of a different model, is the "Vlaams Steunpunt Vrijwilligerswerk vzw" (formerly known as the 'Platform voor Voluntariaat'), or the Flemish Centre for voluntary work. The organisation is open to all volunteer organisations, whatever their field of activity and it forms a bridge between voluntary workers and organisations employing volunteers, and forms a bridge between organisations and policy-makers. Germany's Bundesnetzwerk Bürgerschaftliches Engagement (BBE), or National Network for Civil Society, is another *national* network linking organisations and associations from the third sector (non-profit organisations) and civil society, from business and work life and federal and community institutions. Both are members of CEV, the European Volunteer Centre (www.cev.be). There are many organisations like these. **While this mapping exercise has focused on the international arena, it is always worth FORUM paying attention to trends within domestic volunteering.**

60. National volunteering: snapshot

There is a rich catalogue of data suggesting volunteering, especially within state borders, is gaining significant government attention.

61. *'In many countries in transition in Eastern Europe there is growing interest in volunteerism as a route to greater citizen engagement, safeguarding recent democratic gains. Volunteerism is more clearly identified in Asia and Latin America and good progress is being made in terms of support from all sectors. Support for volunteerism in the Arab States should be strengthened if it is to take full advantage of the recent emergence of civic engagement in the region.'*¹²

¹² Follow-up to the implementation of the International Year of Volunteers Report of the Secretary-General, United Nations, July 2008, p 18.

62. The documented trend also has impacts on the international volunteering sector. Are volunteers being convinced of the benefits of volunteering in their own backyard, so to speak, versus offering their skills in contexts far removed from their own? While there will always be a set of people for whom international volunteering appeals more, there are clearly pluses to volunteering at home including ease and convenience, the ability to build local networks, less financial commitment/risk, and a perceived higher likelihood of job prospects as a result. Certainly in this time of fiscal uncertainty and terrorism, the likelihood of domestic volunteering strengthening as a result is likely and commendable. The challenge is how to differentiate and sell the benefits of international volunteering to audiences more accustomed to choice than at any stage in history.

63. There are not just organisations involved in international volunteering and cooperation but **an increasing array of linking organisations**, or call them middle-men, who act as an intermediary between the volunteer and the community in need of skills and resources. In this respect, FORUM's relevance and charter may benefit for further discussion and analysis about the impacts of such divergence. Similarly, **many organisations in developing countries anticipate international volunteers with open arms**. Such arrangements can be very mutually beneficial for both organisation and volunteer. This mapping exercise does not address how such organisations in-country are dealing with the opportunities and challenges presented by the growth of international volunteering in countries of the North, however, this would be a worthy area of investigation for FORUM in the future.

64. Looking to 2011

It will be the tenth anniversary of the International Year of Volunteers in 2011. What progress does FORUM intend to make to promote and strengthen international development volunteering in the lead up? There is so much to achieve with the UN's Development Millennium Goals. Over one billion people live in extreme poverty on an income of less than one dollar a day (Final Report, International Conference on Volunteerism & the Millennium Development Goals, 2004). Indeed **volunteering can be a greater part of the poverty alleviation solution**.

65. *'Volunteerism, including mutual aid and self-help, service delivery, campaigning and advocacy, and other forms of civic participation, is a powerful asset for development and achieving the Millennium Development Goals.'*¹³

66. At the first conference on volunteering and the MDGs in Islamabad, Pakistan, Dr Kumi Naidoo, CIVICUS Secretary General and chair of the Global Call to Action against Poverty (GCAP), remarked that "...while service delivery is the main focus of many volunteer-involving organisations, they should not focus their energies exclusively on this aspect. There is a larger world of advocacy and fighting for rights. Some may object that this brings politics into the picture but, ultimately, change can only come through the participation of the citizens to whom politicians are accountable"¹⁴. Food for thought for all lead alliances, including FORUM, involved in the sector.

67. These poignant figures, gathered at the time of research, are compelling reminders that international volunteering for development is more important than ever¹⁵:

- 1.4 billion people live on less than \$1.25 per day.
- One woman dies every minute as the result of pregnancy and childbirth.

¹³ Follow-up to the implementation of the International Year of Volunteers Report of the Secretary-General, United Nations, July 2008, p 4.

¹⁴ Final Report, International Conference on Volunteerism & the Millennium Development Goals, 2004.

¹⁵ www.standupagainstopoverty.org

- An estimated 40 million people are living with HIV/AIDS.
- The world spends \$1.2 trillion on weapons annually but cannot find the \$18 billion necessary to help meet existing overseas development assistance commitments.
- For every \$1 in aid a developing country receives, over \$25 is spent on debt repayment.

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"Helping out is not some special skill. It is not the domain of rare individuals. It is not confined to a single part of our lives. We simply heed the call of that natural impulse within and follow it where it leads us." - Ram Dass, Co-Founder and Honorary Lifetime Board Member, Seva Foundation (California)

Chapter 7: Collective Research and Learning and Discussion Questions

- As a leading network of organisations engaged in international volunteering and personnel exchange, how does FORUM intend to respond to the ever-growing and separate networks out there in the global volunteering marketplace?
- How does FORUM wish to work with the growing sector of online volunteering portals promoting worldwide volunteering?
- FORUM aims to *share information, develop best practice and enhance co-operation between its members*. Would it consider going beyond its traditional membership base? What would be the advantages of this? And the disadvantages?
- The FORUM membership is very Euro-centric, with members in Oceania and North America as well. How does FORUM plan to engage with volunteering organisations from the 'global South' including South East Asia, North East Asia and South Asia?
- The FORUM membership of NGOs and state organisations works with approximately 12,000 volunteers. Is this a healthy, representational figure? Consider 'China has 13.8 million (national) registered volunteers' alone (World Volunteer Web, 'China creating new law on volunteering,' 2005).
- Is FORUM effective on the basis of developing best practice models that potentially only reaching this number of beneficiaries? Does FORUM have other beneficiaries?
- What can FORUM do to promote best practice international volunteering among new and emerging volunteering organisations? How does it promote itself?
- What is the status of international development volunteering in this new era of 'green volunteering,' namely conservation volunteering and the urgent call to address climate change and its impacts on sustainable development? Is there an integrated approach envisaged? Should FORUM be targeting green volunteering organisations to recognise this interconnectedness?
- Does FORUM seek to include online volunteering, for the purposes of sustainable development, in its charter?
- Many aspiring volunteers are simply doing it themselves – they don't want to volunteer for an organisation where they have to pay for the experience. How does this grass-roots, back to basics volunteering trend affect FORUM's current work?
- Given its interest in personnel exchange, would FORUM consider a matching service whereby volunteers can submit skills and interests and be informed by FORUM of appropriate vacancies worldwide?
- With 'voluntourism' being widely promoted by all manner of tourism outfits, how does FORUM continue to keep longer-term development volunteering fresh and appealing to aspiring volunteers? What can be learned from the successful worldwide agencies like i-to-i (www.i-to-i.com) in the way they market volunteering to the masses?
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ORGANISATIONEN DER ENTWICKLUNGSZUSAMMENARBEIT IN FRANKREICH

1. Einleitung

Als ehemalige Kolonialmacht hat Frankreich traditionell den Schwerpunkt seiner Entwicklungszusammenarbeit in den frankophonen Staaten des Nahen Ostens, Afrikas, Asiens, des Pazifiks und Lateinamerikas. Zur EZ gehört in Frankreich neben der militärischen auch die administrative, kulturelle und wirtschaftliche Zusammenarbeit. Sie ist seit 1999 ein allgemeiner Arbeitsbereich des Außenministeriums. Der Aktionsradius der französischen EZ ist seit 1999 über die frankophonen Staaten hinaus, auf insgesamt 54 Länder (vor allem Nachbarländer frankophoner Staaten) erweitert worden.

Die technische, wissenschaftliche und kulturelle Zusammenarbeit ist im Aufgabenbereich der „Direction Générale de la Coopération Internationale et du Développement“ (Generaldirektion der internationalen Zusammenarbeit und Entwicklung DGCID) angesiedelt. Die alljährliche Festlegung der EZ-Richtlinien und die Definition der vorrangig förderungswürdigen Gebiete (ZSP - Zone de Solidarité Prioritaire) ist wiederum Aufgabe des interministeriellen Komitees für internationale Zusammenarbeit und Entwicklung (CICID). Das zentrale Verbindungsorgan zwischen den französischen Experten, der französischen Verwaltung und den Antragstellern ist seit 2002 die Agentur France Coopération Internationale FCI. Im Zuge der entwicklungspolitischen Reform wurde auch der Hohe Rat der Internationalen Zusammenarbeit HCCI gebildet, der für einen intensiveren Kontakt mit der Zivilgesellschaft und für mehr Transparenz in der EZ zuständig ist.

Die im Auftrag der französischen Regierung entsandten Fachkräfte der EZ werden als technische Assistenten bezeichnet (früher Entwicklungsberater). Zwischen 1980 und 2004 ist die Zahl der entsandten Fachkräfte von 20.000 auf 2.300 gesunken. Alle sonstigen Fachkräfte und Freiwilligen die nicht im Auftrag der Regierung arbeiten, werden als „Volontaires“ bezeichnet. In der folgenden Zusammenstellung werden diese im Deutschen als „Freiwillige“ bezeichnet. Beim französischen Außenministerium, das für die Akkreditierung der Entsendeorganisationen zuständig ist, sind etwa 26 Organisationen als solche anerkannt. Diese entsenden weltweit jährlich rund 2.000 Freiwillige.

Im Jahr 2005 wurde das bereits vorhandene Freiwilligengesetz überarbeitet. Seitdem werden Freiwillige als „Volontaire de Solidarité Internationale VSI“ bezeichnet, was den solidarischen und internationalen Aspekt in besonderem Maße betonen soll. Das Freiwilligen-Dekret Nr. 2005-600 (27.05.2005) und das entsprechende Freiwilligengesetz 2005-159 (23.02.2005, http://www.clong-volontariat.org/pdf/vsi/Loi_VSI_23%20fevrier_2005.pdf) definieren den „Volontaire“ als

einen Bürger (Franzose oder EU-Bürger) der sich aktiv und solidarisch über eine vom französischen Außenministerium anerkannte Organisation, für eine befristete Zeit in einem internationalen Entwicklungshilfeprojekt engagiert. Die Freiwilligen arbeiten ohne Eigeninteressen und auf Anfrage der lokalen Bevölkerung. Sie erhalten eine Aufwandsentschädigung (kein Gehalt), die ihnen ein angemessenes Leben im jeweiligen Land ermöglicht. Das Freiwilligengesetz regelt darüber hinaus die finanzielle Unterstützung durch den Staat, die sozialen Rahmenbedingungen und die rechtlichen Absicherungen in Bezug auf Kranken-, Unfall- und Arbeitsunfähigkeitsversicherungen. Nach der Rückkehr stehen den Freiwilligen zusätzlich Wiedereingliederungshilfen zur Verfügung.

Um gut qualifizierten jungen Fachkräften einen Einsatz in einem Entwicklungsland zu ermöglichen haben das Außen-, Wirtschafts-, Finanz- und Industrieministerium, das Sekretariat für Außenwirtschaft sowie UBIFRANCE (Agentur für die internationale Handelsentwicklung) das Nachwuchsförderungsprogramm CIVI (Internationaler Ziviler Freiwilliger Dienst) geschaffen. Ziel dieses Programms (mit rund 5.000 offenen Stellen) ist es, die wirtschaftliche, soziale,

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wissenschaftliche und kulturelle Entwicklung Frankreichs, sowie die berufliche Mobilität und die Ausbildung qualifizierter Nachwuchskräfte zu fördern.

Weitere Informationen: Außenministerium (www.diplomatie.gouv.fr); France Coopération Internationale (www.fci.gouv.fr); CIVI (www.civiweb.com); Nathalie Gillet : „Die französische Entwicklungshilfe schaut wieder auf Afrika“. In: Der Überblick Heft 01/2004.

Bei den nachfolgend vorgestellten Organisationen handelt es lediglich um eine Auswahl.

2. Dachverbände und Zusammenschlüsse

Coordination SUD

Die Mehrzahl der französischen NROs ist in der 1994 gegründeten Coordination SUD zusammengeschlossen. Etwa 100 Organisationen und sechs Dachverbände (Clong Volontariat, Cnajep, Coordination d'Agén, Crid, Forim, Groupe Initiatives) sind Mitglied bei Coordination SUD. Ziel ist die Unterstützung und die Vertretung der französischen NROs bei politischen Debatten, in nationalen und internationalen Foren, in Gremien sowie die entwicklungspolitische Bildungsarbeit. Zusätzlich nutzen die Mitgliedsorganisationen Coordination SUD als Diskussionsforum und haben in diesem Zusammenhang einige Arbeitsgruppen gebildet. Eine Stellendatenbank für die französische Entwicklungszusammenarbeit findet sich unter der Rubrik „Emploi – Emplois en ONG“ bei Coordination Sud.

Weitere Informationen: Coordination SUD, 14, passage Dubail, 75010 Paris; Tel.: 0033-1 44729372, Fax: 0055 1 44729373; E-Mail: sud@coordinationsud.org, www.coordinationsud.org

CLONG-VOLONTARIAT

CLONG-Volontariat, das Komitee für NROs die Freiwillige entsenden, wurde 1979 gegründet und setzt sich aus 14 Verbänden zusammen, die solidarische Einsätze von VSI in Entwicklungsländern fördern. Ziel von CLONG-Volontariat ist die Förderung des Volontariats als eine Form des bürgerschaftlichen Engagements sowie die Mitgestaltung der rechtlichen Rahmenbedingung rund um das Freiwilligengesetz. CLONG engagiert sich in den Kommissionen für Entwicklungszusammenarbeit und für Freiwilligeneinsätze,

vertritt die NROs beim HCCI und ist zugleich Gründungsmitglied von Coordination SUD, wo es mit 3 Repräsentanten im Verwaltungsrat vertreten ist.

Weitere Informationen: Comité de Liaison des ONG de Volontariat (CLONG-Volontariat), 14 passage Dubail, 75010 Paris; Tel.: 0033-1 42056300, Fax : 0033-1 44729373; E-Mail: clong@clong-volontariat.org, www.clong-volontariat.org

Comité Catholique Contre la Faim et pour le Développement CCFD

CCFD, das katholische Komitee gegen den Hunger und für die Entwicklung, ist die größte Entwicklungshilfeorganisation Frankreichs. Die Organisation steht unter der Schirmherrschaft der französischen Bischöfe und ist ein Zusammenschluss von 29 kleineren katholischen Bewegungen. Ziel dieser Organisation ist die Unterstützung von Projekten der EZ u.a. in den Bereichen Bildung, Nahrungsmittelsicherung, Menschenrechte und regionale Entwicklung, sowie die entwicklungspolitische Bildungsarbeit.

CCFD wurde 1961 als Reaktion auf den FAO-Aufruf zur weltweiten Bekämpfung des Hungers gegründet. Das Komitee unterstützt weltweit über 600 Projekte unabhängig von der religiösen, kulturellen oder politischen Zugehörigkeit der Beteiligten, in den Bereichen solidarische Wirtschaft, regionale Entwicklung, Friedens- und Menschenrechte, Nahrungsmittelsicherung und Frauenrechte. Die Projekte werden durch lokale Partner in direkter Zusammenarbeit mit der betroffenen Bevölkerung umgesetzt. Die Einnahmen zur Finanzierung der CCFD-Projekte stammen zu 9% aus öffentlichen Mitteln und zu 91% aus Spendeneinnahmen.

Weitere Informationen: Comité Catholique contre la Faim et pour le Développement, 4 rue Jean Lantier, 75001 Paris; Tel.: 0033-1 44828000, Fax: 0033-1 44828141; E-Mail: ccfd@ccfd.asso.fr , www.ccfcd.asso.fr

3. Entsendeorganisationen

Association Française des Volontaires du Progrès AFVP

AVFP wurde 1963 gegründet um jungen Menschen die Möglichkeit zu geben, sich solidarisch an der Arbeit mit Menschen des Südens zu beteiligen. In den jeweiligen Einsatzländern liegt der Schwerpunkt der Arbeit von AVFP in der Unterstützung und der Stärkung nachhaltiger lokaler und ziviler Initiativen. Die Freiwilligen sind in den Projekten sowohl als Fachkräfte als auch als Betreuer und Vermittler in der Zusammenarbeit mit lokalen Partnern aktiv. Ziel der AFVP ist dabei immer die Stärkung der menschlichen Fähigkeiten.

Von Beginn an wird der größte Teil der Freiwilligen in die frankophonen Länder Sub-Saharas entsendet. Es werden aber auch Projekte in anderen afrikanischen Ländern, in den Inselstaaten des indischen Ozeans und der Karibik durchgeführt. Durchschnittlich arbeiten über AFVP rund 300 Freiwillige mit 300 lokalen Fachkräften in etwa 30 Ländern der Welt. Die Freiwilligen sind zwischen 21 und 30 Jahren alt, ledig und können die für das jeweilige Projekt erforderlichen Fachkenntnisse und Erfahrungen vorweisen.

Weitere Informationen: AFVP, 11, Rue Maurice Grandcoing, Immeuble Le Rond-Point Européen- BP 220, 94203 Ivry sur Seine; Tel.: 0033-1 53142030, Fax: 0033-1 53142050; E-Mail: dq@afvp.org , www.afvp.org

Air Secours International (ASI)

ASI wurde 1983 von französischen Medizinern und Piloten mit dem Ziel gegründet, isolierte Dörfer in Burkina Faso per Flugzeug mit der Außenwelt zu verbinden und medizinisch zu versorgen. Um die Projekte finanziell zu unterstützen wurden u.a. Luftrallyes in Frankreich organisiert. In den Folgejahren wurden weitere soziale und medizinische Projekte in Burkina Faso, Kamerun, Demokratische Republik Kongo und Niger finanziert. Derzeit plant ASI eine Ausweitung der Einsätze auf Kongo-Brazzaville. ASI unterstützt ländliche Gemeinschaften und errichtet medizinische Versorgungszentren und Schulen, um die regionale Entwicklung zu fördern. Die Gemeinschaften und ansässige Kleinunternehmen werden bei der Selbstfinanzierung und der eigenen Entwicklung unterstützt.

Für die Einsätze sucht ASI regelmäßig Freiwillige. Die Anforderungen und die beruflichen Profile der gesuchten Personen sind je nach Einsatz sehr unterschiedlich. Darüber hinaus bietet ASI jungen Menschen die Möglichkeit ein Praktikum in einem der Projekte durchzuführen.

Weitere Informationen: ASI , 5, rue Lebon, 75017 Paris; Tel.:0033-1 45747766; E-Mail: asi-france@asi-france.org , www.asi-france.org

Association Générale des Intervenants Retraités Actions de Bénévoles pour la Coopération et le Développement AGIRabcd

AGIRabcd ist eine 1983 gegründete, politisch und konfessionell ungebundene Organisation von Senior-Experten, die ihre Erfahrung sowohl in Frankreich als auch in Übersee anderen Personen ehrenamtlich zur Verfügung stellen.

AGIRabcd war zunächst nur in Frankreich tätig, weitete aber ab 1990 den Einsatzbereich aus. Die Experten arbeiten sowohl in sozialen, als auch in wirtschaftlichen und medizinischen Bereichen. Die Einsätze werden in Entwicklungsländern, in den ehemaligen GUS-Staaten und in Osteuropa durchgeführt. Die Senior-Experten kommen aus verschiedenen Berufsgruppen. Bei ihren Einsätzen wird darauf geachtet, dass keine lokalen Arbeitskräfte verdrängt werden und neue Arbeitsplätze geschaffen werden.

AGIRabcd greift bei der Personalsuche in Frankreich auf ein dezentrales Netz verschiedener Büros in 51 Departements zurück. Anfang 2006 waren 3.710 Volontaires bei der Organisation registriert, davon 33% Frauen. Im Jahre 2005 wurden 1.217 Einsätze durchgeführt, davon 728 in Frankreich und 489 in 72 Ländern weltweit. AGIRabcd arbeitet u.a. mit den Außen-, Erziehungs-, Justiz- und Arbeitsministerien Frankreichs zusammen. Sie ist auch Mitbegründerin der im Jahr 2000 in Brüssel gegründeten Europäischen Konföderation der Senior Experten Services (CESES).

Weitere Informationen: AGIRabcd; 8 rue Ambroise Thomas; 75009 Paris; Tel.: 0033-1 47701890; E-Mail: agirabcd@agirabcd.org , www.agirabcd.org

Cooperation et formation au developement (CEFODE)

CEFODE wurde 1963 als NRO im Bereich der EZ gegründet. Die Organisation entsendet auf Anfrage Freiwillige (coopérants-volontaires) mit einem Zweijahresvertrag und unterstützt zusätzlich Immigranten aus Entwicklungsländern in Frankreich. In den letzten 40 Jahren hat CEFODE über 2.500 Freiwillige in über 1.000 Projekte nach West- und Zentralafrika, Lateinamerika und Osteuropa entsendet. Im Rahmen dieser Projekte

wurden und werden u.a. Gesundheitskräfte geschult, Jugendliche, Frauen und Pflegekräfte weitergebildet sowie Landwirtschaftsprojekte und mikrokreditfinanzierte Vorhaben unterstützt.

CEFODE entsendet u.a. Agrotechniker, Bauingenieure, Krankenschwestern, Pädagogen und Programmkoordinatoren. Voraussetzung für einen Einsatz ist ein Mindestalter von 23 Jahren und die zeitliche Verfügbarkeit von mindestens 2 Jahren. Zusätzlich ist die Teilnahme an den Vorbereitungsseminaren von CEFODE Pflicht. Der rechtliche Status der Freiwilligen wird durch das Freiwilligengesetz geregelt. Monatlich erhalten die Freiwilligen eine Aufwandsentschädigung und eine einmalige Abfindung am Ende des zweijährigen Einsatzes.

Weitere Informationen: CEFODE, Espace Nord-Sud, 17, Rue de Boston, 67000 Strasbourg; Tel.: 0033-3 88455990, Fax: 0033-3 88616436; E-Mail: cefode@aol.com , www.cefode.org

Délégation Catholique pour la Coopération (DCC)

Die katholische Entwicklungshilfedelegation DCC wurde 1967 gegründet und entsendet im Namen der französischen katholischen Kirche Freiwillige in die ganze Welt. Bereits ein Jahr nach ihrer Gründung wurden die ersten 700 Freiwilligen (vor allem Fachkräfte) entsendet. Seitdem haben sich etwa 13.000 Personen über DCC in Projekten in Entwicklungsländern engagiert. Seit 2003 bietet DCC jungen Menschen auch die Möglichkeit eines Europäischen Freiwilligendienstes an.

DCC führt selber keine EZ-Projekte durch, sondern unterstützt Vorhaben aus den Ländern des Südens auf Anfrage ihrer katholischen Partner. Dabei steht die Förderung der menschlichen Potenziale im Vordergrund ihres Handelns.

Während des Aufenthaltes müssen sich die Freiwilligen auf einfachste Lebensbedingungen einstellen. Die Arbeit mit den Menschen vor Ort erfordert Zeit, Respekt, Geduld und Bescheidenheit. Die Freiwilligen müssen die vom Partner gewünschten beruflichen Kompetenzen und Erfahrungen mitbringen und sich in der lokalen Gemeindearbeit engagieren.

Weitere Informationen: DCC, BP 303, 11 Rue Guyton de Morveau, 75625 Paris cedex 13; Tel.: 0033-1 45659665, Fax : 0033-1 45813081; E-Mail: dcc@ladcc.org , www.ladcc.org

Entraide Médicale Internationale (EMI)

EMI wurde 1972 gegründet und hat sich auf die nachhaltige medizinische Versorgung in Entwicklungsländern konzentriert. Auf Anfrage von Partnern aus Afrika, Asien und Lateinamerika entsendet EMI qualifizierte Fachkräfte (Ärzte, Chirurgen, Augenärzte, Gesundheitsexperten, Krankenschwestern und Logistiker). Seit der Gründung hat EMI über 650 Mediziner und medizinische Hilfskräfte entsendet. Bei ihren Projekten berücksichtigt sie gleichermaßen den medizinischen – als auch den Weiterbildungsbereich, zugunsten der Nachhaltigkeit des Projektes. Alle einheimischen Fachkräfte wie z.B. Ärzte und Krankenschwestern erhalten von der Organisation Fortbildungen. EMI stellt regelmäßig Chirurgen, Augenärzte, Zahnärzte und Stomatologen für 1-6-monatige Einsätze ein und sucht ehrenamtliche Mitarbeiter für ihre Arbeit. Für die Einsätze werden alle notwendigen Versicherungen von der Organisation übernommen.

Weitere Informationen: E.M.I.; 70 Allée Jacques Prévert, 14790 Verson; Fax: 0033–2 31262200; E-Mail: entmedint@aol.com ; www.perso.orange.fr/emi-ong

Inter Aide

Inter Aide wurde 1980 mit dem Ziel gegründet, die Lebensbedingungen bedürftiger Menschen zu verbessern. Die Organisation versteht sich als überparteilich und konfessionell nicht gebunden.

Inter Aide verwaltet derzeit weltweit 60 Programme in 8 Ländern: Haiti, Dominikanische Republik, Äthiopien, Malawi, Madagaskar, Mosambik, Indien, Philippinen.

In den Projekten der ländlichen Gebiete geht es vorrangig um die Trinkwasserversorgung, Hygiene und sanitäre Einrichtungen, Landwirtschaft, Gesundheitserziehung und die Förderung des Grundschulwesens. In den Stadtgebieten sind die Aktivitäten auf den Arbeitssektor (berufliche Bildung, Mikrokredite), den Bildungsbereich (Vorschul- und Grundschulwesen) und den sozialen Bereich konzentriert.

Die über Inter Aide entsandten Fachkräfte (z.B. Hydraulikingenieure, Agrarwissenschaftler, Mediziner, Krankenschwestern, Bildungsfachkräfte und Logistiker) erhalten einen Zweijahresvertrag und sind für die Durchführung der Programme in den Einsatzregionen verantwortlich. Die freien Arbeitsstellen von Inter Aide sind auf der Webseite von www.coordinationsud.org ausgeschrieben.

Weitere Informationen: INTER AIDE, 44 rue de la Paroisse, 78000 Versailles; Tel.: 0033–1 39023859, Fax: 0033–1 39531128; E-Mail: interaide@interaide.org , www.interaide.org

Santé Sud

Santé Sud ist eine NRO mit dem Schwerpunkt im medizinischen Bereich. Die Organisation betreut 60 Projekte in über 20 Ländern weltweit. Ihre Arbeit zielt auf die Verbesserung der Krankenpflegesysteme, der medizinischen Hilfe und der medizinischen Betreuung alleinerziehender Mütter und verwaister/ behinderter Kinder.

Bei der Umsetzung der Projekte will Santé Sud die jeweilige nationale Gesundheitspolitik respektieren und die vor Ort geltenden rechtlichen Bedingungen anerkennen. Die benutzte Technik wird an die Kapazitäten des lokalen Personals angepasst. Die regionalen Arbeitsschwerpunkte von Santé Sud liegen in Westafrika, Madagaskar, im Maghreb, im Nahen Osten und in der Mongolei.

Freiwillige die für Santé Sud arbeiten wollen müssen zahlende Mitglieder der Organisation sein. Die Auslandseinsätze können von einigen Tagen bis zu mehreren Monaten dauern. Santé Sud übernimmt u.a. die Reisekosten und die Berufsunfähigkeitsversicherung. Besonders gesuchte Berufsgruppen sind u.a. medizinische Fachkräfte, Psychologen, Psychosozialen, Pädagogen und Logistiker.

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ORGANISATIONEN DER ENTWICKLUNGSZUSAMMENARBEIT IN PORTUGAL UND SPANIEN

Einleitung

Die portugiesische und die spanische Entwicklungszusammenarbeit (EZ) sind im Vergleich zur deutschen recht jung. Bedingt durch den Faschismus und die daraus resultierende eigene „Unter-entwicklung“ kam es in beiden Ländern erst Ende der 70er und Anfang der 80er Jahre zu ersten Ansätzen einer EZ und der Gründung von Nichtregierungsorganisationen (NRO). Die meisten NRO haben einen katholischen Hintergrund. Die Entwicklungshilfeleistungen beider Länder konzentrieren sich stark auf die ehemaligen Kolonien in Afrika, Asien und Lateinamerika. In Spanien wird außerdem wegen der starken Einwanderung aus Nordafrika dieser Region eine besondere Bedeutung zugemessen. In beiden Ländern ist der EZ-Bereich beim Auswärtigen Amt angebunden

Abgesehen von Entwicklungshelferinnen und -helfern, die als Cooperantes direkt von der Regierung entsandt werden, werden alle Freiwilligen bei den NRO als „Voluntários“ bezeichnet. Dabei spielt es keine Rolle, ob es sich um einen Einsatz für qualifizierte Fachkräfte oder um einen Einsatz im Rahmen eines Freiwilligendienstes handelt.

Für Fachkräfte, die im Auftrag von NRO entsandt werden, wird in diesem LHÜ-Sonderinfo in Abgrenzung zu Freiwilligen, bei denen eine Ausbildung nicht vorausgesetzt wird, der Begriff „Volunteer“ benutzt. Der Status eines Volunteer setzt in beiden Ländern ein ehrenamtliches Engagement voraus. Eine Vergütung des Einsatzes ist nicht bei allen Entsendeorganisationen gegeben.

Die hier vorgestellten Organisationen sind eine Auswahl aus insgesamt mehr als 50 NRO.

PORTUGAL

Seit Januar 2003 regelt das staatliche Instituto Português de Apoio ao Desenvolvimento (IPAD) im Auftrag der Regierung die portugiesische Entwicklungshilfe. Die Anbindung des Instituts an das Auswärtige Amt spiegelt die Bedeutung dieses Ressorts in der portugiesischen Außenpolitik wieder. Ziel des IPAD ist die Förderung der wirtschaftlichen, sozialen und kulturellen Entwicklung sowie die Verbesserung der Lebensbedingungen der Bevölkerung in den portugiesischsprachigen Ländern in Lateinamerika, Afrika und Asien.

Für die Umsetzung dieser Aufgaben entsendet die portugiesische Regierung Entwicklungshelferinnen und -helfer, sog. Cooperantes. Der Einsatz der Fachkräfte wird von der Kooperanten-Abteilung des IPAD koordiniert und organisiert. Rechtlich ist der Einsatz des Cooperantes durch das Gesetz Nr. 13/2004 geregelt. Sie müssen portugiesische Staatsbürger sein. Derzeit arbeiten rund 274 Cooperantes im Auftrag der Regierung im Ausland. Für Tätigkeiten im Rahmen eines Freiwilligendienstes gilt das Freiwilligengesetz Nr. 71/98.

EZ-Organisationen in Portugal werden im Unterschied zu sonstigen Nichtregierungsorganisationen als ONGD (Organização não-governamental para o desenvolvimento) bezeichnet. ONGD müssen vom Auswärtigen Amt anerkannt sein. Sie haben sich in der Plataforma ONGD zusammenschlossen. Die Plataforma ist der einzige Verbund dieser Art in Portugal und unterstützt die Arbeit seiner Mitglieder u.a.

durch Lobbyarbeit auf nationaler und internationaler Ebene. Sie gibt jährlich einen NRO-Führer (Guia das ONGD) heraus. Eine Zusammenstellung aller Mitgliedsorganisationen findet sich bei der Plataforma unter:

www.plataformaongd.pt/site2/publique/cgi/cqilua.exe/sys/start.htm?sid=72&tpl=section.

Eine Auflistung der Organisationen, die Freiwilligendienste im kirchlichen Bereich durchführen findet sich unter: www.agencia.ecclesia.pt/ins/51/seccao_instituicoes.asp.

Weitere Informationen: Ministerio dos Negócios Estrangeiros, Instituto Português de Apoio ao Desenvolvimento (IPAD); Avenida da Liberdade, nº 192-2º, 1250-147 Lisboa; Tel.: (+351) 21 317 6700; Fax: (+351) 21 314 7897; Website: www.ipad.mne.gov.pt

OIKOS - Cooperação e Desenvolvimento

OIKOS, eine der heute größten portugiesischen NRO, wurde 1998 gegründet. Die Zentrale in Lissabon unterhält verschiedene Außenbüros in Angola, Mosambik, Nicaragua, Bolivien, Peru und Kuba. Ziel von OIKOS ist es, die Zusammenarbeit und Solidarität im Rahmen einer nachhaltigen menschlichen Entwicklung in Ländern des Südens zu fördern. Dazu arbeitet OIKOS mit örtlichen Gemeinden, Stadtverwaltungen, NRO, Kirchengemeinden, Berufsverbänden sowie Menschen-rechtsorganisationen und Minderheitenvertretungen zusammen. Oberstes Prinzip der Arbeit ist die soziale, politische, wirtschaftliche und geschlechtliche Gleichstellung der Menschen.

Ein besonderer Arbeitsschwerpunkt von OIKOS ist die Humanitäre Hilfe. In den meisten Fällen handelt es sich hier um kurzfristige Einsätze in Krisen- und Katastrophenregionen. Neben der Leistung von Soforthilfe werden auch Maßnahmen zur Katastrophenprävention unterstützt. OIKOS agiert in diesem Bereich weltweit, wobei ein regionaler Schwerpunkt auf Lateinamerika liegt. Hier gilt das besondere Augenmerk der Förderung der nachhaltigen Entwicklung. Im Jahre 2004 begann OIKOS in Mittelamerika mit Projekten zur Armutsbekämpfung in der ökologisch wichtigen Region des Golfes Fonseca. Es folgten weitere Projekte in Haiti, Ecuador und Argentinien. Auf dem afrikanischen Kontinent werden die bestehenden Projekte in Angola und Mosambik ausgebaut, im südlichen Afrika werden Süd-Süd-Partnerschaften unterstützt.

In Portugal liegt das Hauptaugenmerk auf dem Ausbau der entwicklungspolitische Bildungsarbeit an Schulen, Hochschulen, bei Gewerkschaften und Jugendgruppen. Darüber hinaus werden Tagungen und Kampagnen zu verschiedenen entwicklungspolitischen Themen organisiert.

Volunteers haben bei OIKOS die Möglichkeit, sich in einem internationalen Projekt zu engagieren. Die Volunteers sollten sich mit den Zielen von OIKOS identifizieren und Berufserfahrung für die jeweiligen Einsatzbereiche vorweisen.

Weitere Informationen: OIKOS - Cooperação e Desenvolvimento; Rua de Santiago nº 9, 1100-493 LISBOA; Tel.: (+351) 21 8823630, Fax: (+351)21 8823635/8; Website: www.oikos.pt

AMI - Assistência Médica Internacional

Im Jahre 1984 gründete Dr. Fernando Nobre die NRO „Assistência Médica Internacional“ (AMI). Diese private und überparteiliche NRO mit Sitz in Lissabon hat ihren Schwerpunkt in der Humanitären Hilfe in Krisen- und Konfliktregionen. AMI ist

derzeit in 52 Ländern aktiv und verfolgt dabei das Ziel, weltweite Armut, soziale Ausgrenzung, Unterentwicklung und Kriegsfolgen zu bekämpfen. Die Arbeit von AMI basiert auf drei Pfeilern: Auslandsarbeit, Inlandsarbeit sowie Bildungs- und Informationsarbeit. Im Ausland teilen sich die Aktivitäten ebenfalls in drei Bereiche auf: 1. Nothilfe z.B. in Zaire, in Angola, Guinea-Bissau, Honduras, Ost-Timor und im Iran. 2. Langfristige Entwicklungshilfe z.B. in den portugiesischsprachigen Ländern Afrikas, in Ost-Timor und in Papua-Neuguinea. 3. Finanzierung sozialer und medizinischer Projekte einheimischer NRO in Afrika, Asien und Lateinamerika.

Für die Fachkraft-Einsätze werden Berufserfahrung in dem jeweiligen Tätigkeitsbereich, Fremdsprachenkenntnisse und zeitliche Verfügbarkeit erwartet. Gesucht werden z.B. Ärzte, Krankenpfleger, Logistiker und Projektleiter. AMI erstattet alle Kosten für Verpflegung und Unterkunft, zahlt zusätzlich ein kleines Tagegeld und eine Aufwandsentschädigung. Der erste Monat des Einsatzes wird ehrenamtlich geleistet.

Weitere Informationen: Assistência Médica Internacional AMI; R. José do Patrocínio 49, 1949-008 Lisboa; Tel.: (+351) 218 362 100, Fax (+351) 218 362 199; E-Mail: fundacao-ami@mail.telepac.pt; Website: www.fundacao-ami.org

FEC - Fundação Evangelização e Culturas

Die Stiftung Fundação Evangelização e Culturas (FEC) wurde 1990 gegründet und wird von Bischof Dom José Policarpo geleitet. Der Bischof ist in Portugal vor allem durch sein soziales Engagement und seinen Einsatz für Menschen in Entwicklungsländern bekannt. Ziel der Stiftung ist es, die Entwicklungszusammenarbeit der katholischen Kirche in den portugiesischsprachigen Ländern zu fördern und zu koordinieren. Die Stiftung organisiert regelmäßig Arbeitstreffen mit

Kirchen- und Gemeindeführern und Freiwilligen aus Portugal, Angola, Brasilien, Kap Verde, Guinea-Bissau, Mosambik und Ost-Timor. Sie versteht sich als Plattform für die Zusammenarbeit und die Verständigung zwischen diesen Ländern. Die FEC unterstützt insbesondere Projekte im sozialen Bereich und im Bildungssektor. Jedes Jahr werden etwa 20 Volunteers in Entwicklungsländer entsandt. Derzeit führt FEC Projekte in Angola und Guinea-Bissau durch. In Zusammenarbeit mit der angolanischen katholischen Kirche wurde ein Projekt zur Unterstützung des Bildungswesens im Landesinneren geschaffen. Neben der Lehre der portugiesischen Sprache werden pädagogische Fortbildungen und sozialpädagogische Arbeit angeboten. Derzeit arbeiten in Angola acht Volunteers.

In Guinea-Bissau engagiert sich FEC ebenfalls gemeinsam mit der einheimischen Kirche im Bildungsbereich. Insbesondere im Inneren des Landes soll die Qualität der Ausbildung verbessert werden. Bis Ende 2006 sollen sieben Bildungszentren, mit angeschlossenen Büchereien errichtet werden. Durch den Ausbau eines Markplatzes in Catió soll der Absatz lokal angebotener Produkte verbessert werden.

Im Rahmen einer missionarischen Tätigkeit können sich Freiwillige in Projekten der FEC engagieren (vergleichbar mit Missionar auf Zeit in Deutschland). Weitere etwa 30 Organisationen, die diesen Freiwilligendienst durchführen, haben sich in einem bei der FEC angesiedelten Verein zusammengeschlossen.

Weitere Informationen: Fundação Evangelização e Culturas; Campo Santana, nº 43 – 2º, 1150-225 Lisboa; Tel.:(+351) 21 886 17 10; Fax: (+351) 21 886 17 08; E-Mail: fec.geral@mail.telepac.pt; Website www.fecongnd.net

Leigos Boa Nova

Leigos Boa Nova wurde 1992 gegründet. Die Organisation ermöglicht jungen Christen Einsätze im portugiesischsprachigen Afrika und in Brasilien. In Zusammenarbeit mit NRO aus Spanien, Griechenland und Italien führt Leigos seit dem Jahr 2000 Projekte im Bildungs- und Menschenrechtsbereich in Afrika und Lateinamerika durch.

Die Freiwilligendienste finden in den Bereichen Bildung, Soziales, Menschenrechte und Pastorales statt. Derzeit arbeiten sechs Freiwillige in Afrika und drei in Brasilien. In Angola leisten die Freiwilligen einen Beitrag zur Verbesserung des Bildungswesens. In Mosambik arbeiten sie am Kollegium Don Bosco, wo sie soziale Bewegungen unterstützen und aktiv für eine Verbesserung der Bildungs-, und Ernährungssituation in den Gemeindeschulen eintreten. In Brasilien konzentriert sich der Beitrag der Freiwilligen auf die Weiterbildung im Menschenrechtsbereich und die Fortbildung von Lehrern.

Für die Bewerbung müssen Freiwillige keine besonderen Vorkenntnisse vorweisen. Allerdings sollten sie sich bereits in einer Gemeinde engagiert haben, sich mit den christlichen Werten identifizieren und ein Jahr für die Vorbereitung auf den Freiwilligendienst zur Verfügung haben.

Weitere Informationen: Leigos Boa Nova, OMAS/Leigos Boa Nova, Largo da Igreja, Apartado 40, 3721-908 Vila de Cucujães; Tel.: (+351) 256 899 337, 256 899 330; Fax: (+351) 256 899 179; E-Mail: omas.lbn@sapo.pt; Website: www.boanova.pt/leigos

SPANIEN

In Spanien sind das Ministerium für Entwicklungszusammenarbeit und das Auswärtige Amt in einem Ministerium vereint. Dieses ist zuständig für die Regelung der spanischen EZ und arbeitet bei der Umsetzung eng mit der Agencia Española de Cooperación Internacional (AECI) zusammen. Schwerpunktregionen der EZ sind Lateinamerika, die Mittelmeerregion sowie das südliche Afrika. Die staatliche EZ wird von drei politischen Gremien unterstützt: dem Rat für Entwicklungszusammenarbeit, der zwischenstaatlichen Kommission für Entwicklung und der interministeriellen Kommission für Entwicklungszusammenarbeit.

Die AECI wurde 1988 als Verwaltungsorgan für die spanische Entwicklungspolitik geschaffen. Sie ist u.a. zuständig für den Entwurf, die Umsetzung und die Verwaltung der Entwicklungshilfeprojekte und -Programme. AECI wird von 36 Entwicklungshilfebüros, 12 Kulturzentren und 3 Bildungszentren im Ausland unterstützt. Das Ziel von AECI ist der Kampf gegen die Armut sowie die Förderung der kulturellen und wissenschaftlichen Zusammenarbeit. Für die Umsetzung der Arbeit im Ausland beschäftigt AECI Cooperantes sowie lokales Personal. Die rechtlichen

Rahmenbedingungen für die Arbeit der Cooperantes sind in Artikel 38 des spanischen Entwicklungshelfergesetzes festgeschrieben. Die Cooperantes müssen über projektspezifische Kenntnisse verfügen, spanische Staatsbürger sein und einen Hochschulabschluss haben.

Im Jahre 2001 hat AECI zusammen mit dem spanischen Jugendinstitut INJUVE und dem Institut für Arbeit INEM ein EZ-Nachwuchsförderungsprogramm für Universitätsabsolventen entwickelt. Das Nachwuchsförderungsprogramm dauert 6 Monate und wird vollständig im Ausland geleistet. Transport-, Unterkunft- und Versicherungskosten werden von der AECI getragen. Die Bewerber müssen zwischen 18 und 29 Jahre alt sein, über Fremdsprachenkenntnisse verfügen und in Einzelfällen auch Berufskennnisse vorweisen. AECI bietet darüber hinaus spanischen Jugendlichen die Möglichkeit, ein entwicklungspolitisches Praktikum im Ausland zu absolvieren.

Die spanischen EZ-NRO sind in der CONGD zusammengeschlossen. Die Plattform wurde vor 19 Jahren gegründet und war der erste Zusammenschluss von EZ-NRO in Spanien. Heute sind 98 Organisationen und 14 Dachorganisationen direkte Mitglieder von CONGD. Sie vertritt damit fast 400 spanische NRO. In der CONGD gibt es 11 Arbeitsgruppen zu verschiedenen Themen der EZ: Humanitäre Maßnahmen, MDGs, Gender, Volunteers etc. Darüber hinaus gibt CONGDE eine entwicklungspolitische Zeitschrift sowie Informationsblätter zum Thema Voluntarios heraus. Auf der Website von CONGD www.nodo50.org/congde/onqd.htm sind die wichtigsten spanische NRO aufgelistet.

Weitere Informationen: Ministerio de Asuntos Exteriores y de Cooperación, Plaza de la Provincia, 1-28012 Madrid; Tel.: (+34) 91 379 97 00; Website: www.mae.es

CIDEAL

Seit über 20 Jahren widmet sich CIDEAL der Forschung, der Bildung und der technischen Zusammenarbeit in der EZ. Die Gesellschaft wurde 1983 gegründet und hat Außenbüros in Lateinamerika, der Karibik, in Afrika und dem Nahen Osten. CIDEAL ist derzeit in 22 Ländern mit Projekten vertreten. Die Verknüpfung praktisch-theoretischer Aufgabenbereiche der EZ und die Entwicklungsländerforschung gehört zu den Schwerpunkten von CIDEAL. Sie arbeitet unmittelbar mit Universitäten zusammen, organisiert Vorträge zur EZ und gibt regelmäßig eine Zeitschrift heraus. Die aus der Forschung gewonnenen Erkenntnisse fließen direkt in die einzelnen Projekte ein. Mitarbeiter von CIDEAL sind überwiegend Wissenschaftler, Fachkräfte und Forscher. Ziel der Tätigkeit ist es, die menschliche Entwicklung in den Ländern des Südens zu fördern. Praktisch umgesetzt wird dieses durch Förderung und Durchführung von Entwicklungshilfeprogrammen und – Projekten, durch Forschung, Aus- und Fortbildung, technische Unterstützung und entwicklungspolitische Bildungsarbeit. Neben der wissenschaftlichen Zusammenarbeit bietet sie privaten und öffentlichen Institutionen technische Kooperationen in verschiedenen Bereichen an. Darüber hinaus gehören Weiterbildungskurse für die EZ wie Projektmanagement, Evaluierungsmethoden, Strategische Planung, Organisationsplanung und branchenspezifische Kurse zum Angebot.

Weitere Informationen: CIDEAL, C/ Blasco de Garay 94, 28003 Madrid; Tel: (+34) 91 553 84 88 / (+34) 91 554 64 02, Fax: (+34) 91 598 51 80; E-Mail: cideal@cideal.org; Website: www.cideal.org

Cooperación Internacional por una juventud solidaria

Cooperación Internacional wurde 1993 von Universitätsprofessoren und jungen Fachkräften gegründet. Ziel dieser Organisation ist die Förderung der menschlichen Entwicklung und des Engagements junger Spanierinnen und Spanier in Entwicklungsländern. Cooperación Internacional ist Mitglied von CONGDE und Gründungsmitglied der internationalen Jugendorganisation Red ICNET. Die Organisation fördert das soziale Engagement junger Menschen im Rahmen eines Freiwilligendienstes in weltweiten Projekten der EZ. Ihre Arbeit gliedert sich in drei Bereiche: sozi-ale Partizipation (kultureller Austausch und Dialog durch soziales Engagement vor Ort); soziale Sensibilisierung (der Gesellschaft in Spanien allgemein und von Jugendlichen für Probleme der Armut und der Unterentwicklung); menschliche Entwicklung (Abbau von geschlechterspezifischen Benachteiligungen und Förderung der Kinderrechte).

Cooperacion Internacional bietet Freiwilligenprojekte im Jugend- und Bildungsbereich in Latein-amerika und in Europa an. Im Bereich der EZ liegen die Schwerpunkte in Zentral- und Südame-rika, der Karibik, den Philippinen, dem Nahen Osten und dem südlichen Afrika. So werden z.B. in Ägypten Restauratoren ausgebildet, die zum Erhalt ägyptischer Kulturgüter beitragen; in der Kari-bik Holzbearbeitungsbetriebe geschaffen und Kulturförderungsprojekte unterstützt; in El Salvador vom Erdbeben Betroffene beim Häuserbau unterstützt; in Guatemala Minibibliotheken in ländlichen

Gebieten errichtet; im Libanon historische Stätten restauriert und in Ekuador und Kolumbien wird die Ausbildung und Weiterbildung Jugendlicher unterstützt.

Für ihre Arbeit und ihr soziales Engagement wurde Cooperación Internacional mit der spanischen „Cruz de Oro de la Orden Civil“ ausgezeichnet.

Weitere Informationen: Cooperación Internacional por una juventud solidaria, Núñez de Balboa, 56, bajo A, 28001 Madrid; Tel.: (+34) 91 435 6807, Fax: (+34) 91 4316962; E-Mail: info@cooperacioninternacionalong.org; Website: www.cooperacioninternacionalong.org

Fundación Codespa

Die Stiftung Codespa ist seit ihrer Gründung im Jahre 1985 im Bereich der EZ aktiv. Schirmherr ist der Prinz von Asturien. Ziel der Stiftung ist die Entwicklung und Stärkung des Menschen und der Gemeinschaft sowie die Verbesserung der Lebensbedingungen. Die Gründung von Codespa geht auf eine Initiative von Unternehmern und Universitätsprofessoren zurück. Schwerpunkte der Arbeit sind: einkommenschaffende Maßnahmen (arbeitslose Personen werden mit Aus- und Weiterbil-dungsangeboten sowie Mikrokrediten unterstützt); Befriedigung sozialer Grundbedürfnisse der marginalisierten Bevölkerung (u.a. durch Unterstützung von Versorgungszentren); Stärkung und Unterstützung von Institutionen, Bürgerbewegungen und NRO im Süden; Förderung nachhaltiger Projekte in ökologisch sensiblen Regionen; entwicklungspolitische Bildungsarbeit in Spanien.

Weltweit besitzt Codespa vier ständige Vertretungen: in Kolumbien, in der Dominikanischen Republik, in Marokko und auf den Philippinen.

Weitere Informationen: Fundación Codespa, Rafael Bergamín, 12 – bajo, 28043 Madrid; Tel.: (+34)91 744 4240, Fax: (+34) 91 744 4241; E-Mail: codespa@codespa.org; Website: www.codespa.org

Promoción y Desarrollo (PROYDE)

Promoción y Desarrollo wurde 1988 mit dem Ziel gegründet, die Lebensbedingungen der Menschen in Entwicklungsländern zu verbessern. Dieses wird praktisch umgesetzt durch Projekte im Bereich der Land- und Viehwirtschaft, und der Alphabetisierung von Jugendlichen und Erwachsenen. In Spanien ist PROYDE in der entwicklungspolitischen Bildungs- und Lobbyarbeit aktiv. PROYDE ist an die Institution der Christlichen Schulbrüder - La Salle angebunden und für etwa 40.000 Familien der La Salle-Zentren der zentrale Ansprechpartner. In ihrer internationalen Arbeit hat sich PROYDE die Bekämpfung der weltweiten Armut und die Förderung der Menschen in ihrer Entwicklung zum Ziel gesetzt. Die Organisation sieht Bildung als wichtigen Motor für eine Entwicklung an. Um die Verständigung zwischen den Völkern zu fördern, unterstützt sie die Bildung von Solidaritätsnetzwerken zwischen spanischen und ausländischen Organisationen.

Personen, die älter als 22 Jahre alt sind, können bei PROYDE für einige Jahre als Volunteer in Bildungs-Projekten mitarbeiten. Voraussetzung ist, dass sie bereits an mindestens einem Freiwilligendienst im Ausland teilgenommen haben, physisch und psychisch stabil sind und sich als gläubige Christen verstehen. Darüber hinaus sollten sie eine für das Projekt relevante Hochschul- oder Berufsausbildung vorweisen können.

In den Sommermonaten bietet PROYDE zusätzlich für sozial engagierte Jugendliche über 21 Jahre die Möglichkeit, aktiv im Rahmen eines Freiwilligendienstes in einem ihrer Projekte im Ausland zu arbeiten. Diese Freiwilligen sollten sich mit dem La Salle-Gedanken identifizieren können und sich als gläubige Christen verstehen.

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ARBEITEN IN DER INTERNATIONALEN ZUSAMMENARBEIT: INSTITUTIONEN UND ORGANISATIONEN IN DER SCHWEIZ

Anfang September 2004 präsentierten sich ca. 90 Institutionen und Organisationen der internationalen Entwicklungszusammenarbeit aus der Schweiz mit Informationsständen auf der Veranstaltung **forumcinfo 2004** in Biel (Schweiz). Sie informierten über berufliche Möglichkeiten und Anforderungen in der internationalen Zusammenarbeit, über Aus- und Weiterbildung und über ihre sonstigen Aktivitäten.

Das LHÜ-Info stellt in dieser Sonderausgabe exemplarisch einige Institutionen vor, um damit Interessierten in Deutschland einen Einblick in die schweizerische entwicklungspolitische Szene zu vermitteln. Die Auswahl orientiert sich am thematischen Schwerpunkt der personellen Entwicklungszusammenarbeit. Die Informationen stammen aus den Publikationen der Institutionen, den Websites oder aus Gesprächen während der Veranstaltung *forumcinfo 2004*.

Der AK LHÜ plant in unregelmässiger Reihenfolge weitere Sonderausgaben zu anderen Ländern.

ENTWICKLUNGSZUSAMMENARBEIT

***cinfo* – Zentrum für Information, Beratung und Bildung; Berufe in der internationalen Zusammenarbeit**

cinfo informiert Personen, die sich für eine Anstellung in der internationalen Zusammenarbeit interessieren und unterstützt Institutionen, die Mitarbeitende für entsprechende Tätigkeiten im In- und Ausland suchen. *cinfo* berät und unterstützt Ausreisende, Ausgereiste und Rückkehrende und deren Begleitpersonen bei der Vorbereitung ihrer Ausreise sowie vor und nach der Rückkehr.

Als wichtigste Anforderungen für Personaleinsätze gelten: abgeschlossene Berufsausbildung, mehrere Jahre Berufserfahrung, gute Sprachkenntnisse, Kenntnis der Entwicklungsthematik. Falls jemand diese Bedingungen noch nicht erfüllt, sich aber für eine Erfahrung im In- und Ausland interessiert, hat *cinfo* für diesen Personenkreis Informationsdossiers bzw. Informationsblätter (z. B. Möglichkeiten und Alternativen für Jugendliche, Auslandseinsätze für ältere Personen) erarbeitet.

Tipp: *cinfo*Poste – Freie Stellen der internationalen Zusammenarbeit, erscheint zweimal monatlich,

Weitere Informationen: *cinfo*, Zentralstrasse 121, Postfach 7007, CH – 2500 Biel 7,

Internet: www.cinfo.ch, Email: info@cinfo.ch

DEZA - Direktion für Entwicklung und Zusammenarbeit

Die DEZA ist die schweizerische Agentur für internationale Zusammenarbeit. Sie gehört zum eid-genössischen Department für Auswärtige Angelegenheiten (EDA). Die DEZA führt eigene Programme durch, unterstützt Programme multilateraler Organisationen und beteiligt sich an der Finanzierung von Aktivitäten schweizerischer und internationaler Hilfswerke.

Die wichtigsten Aktionsbereiche sind:

- bilaterale und multilaterale Entwicklungszusammenarbeit
- humanitäre Hilfe, inklusive Schweizerisches Korps für humanitäre Hilfe (SKH)
- Zusammenarbeit mit Osteuropa.

Die DEZA sichert zudem die Gesamtkoordination der Entwicklungszusammenarbeit und der humanitären Hilfe mit anderen zuständigen Bundesämtern. Zur Bewältigung dieser Aufgaben arbeiten rund 1.450 Angestellte im In- und Ausland. 2004 beträgt das Jahresbudget 1.284 Millionen Franken (ca. 856 Mio. EUR). Direktor der DEZA ist Botschafter Walter Fust.

Tipp: Informationsmappe „DEZA-Berufsinformation – Chancen, Möglichkeiten, Anforderungen“.

Weitere Informationen: Direktion für Entwicklung und Zusammenarbeit, Eidg. Department für auswärtige Angelegenheiten, CH – 3003 Bern, Internet: www.deza.admin.ch , Email: info@deza.admin.ch

Liechtensteinischer Entwicklungsdienst (LED)

Der 1965 gegründete Liechtensteinische Entwicklungsdienst führt die öffentliche Entwicklungszusammenarbeit im Auftrag der Regierung Liechtensteins aus. Er setzt Schwerpunkte in den Bereichen Bildung, Gesundheit und ländliche Entwicklung. Dabei wird der Frauenförderung und der sozialen Gerechtigkeit in allen Aktivitäten ein Vorrang eingeräumt. Der LED finanziert Projekte und stellt über Fachkräfte fehlendes Know-how zur Verfügung. Außerdem leistet der LED auch entwicklungspolitische Bildungsarbeit, um die Solidarität der liechtensteinischen Bevölkerung für die Interessen und Standpunkte der Menschen in den Zielländern zu gewinnen.

Weitere Informationen: Liechtensteinischer Entwicklungsdienst, Zollstraße 3, FL-9490 Vaduz, Email: led@lol.li

seco - Staatssekretariat für Wirtschaft

Das seco gehört zum Eidgenössischen Volkswirtschaftsdepartment. Es ist das Kompetenzzentrum der Schweizer Wirtschaftspolitik. Das seco setzt die wirtschafts- und handelspolitischen Maßnahmen der Schweiz zugunsten der Entwicklungs- und Transitionsländer um. Hauptziel ist die Verminderung der Armut durch die bessere Integration dieser Länder in die Weltwirtschaft, die Förderung der Marktwirtschaft und die verstärkte Mobilisierung privater Ressourcen erreicht werden. Gemeinsam mit der DEZA trägt das seco die Verantwortung für die multilaterale Finanzhilfe. Die Wirtschaftliche Entwicklungszusammenarbeit beschäftigt 55 Personen und verfügt 2004 über ein Budget von 265 Millionen Franken (ca. 176 Mio. EUR).

Weitere Informationen: Staatssekretariat für Wirtschaft (seco), Eidg. Volkswirtschaftsdepartment (EVD), CH – 3003 Bern, Internet: www.seco-cooperation.ch , Email: info@seco-cooperation.ch

swisspeace – Schweizerische Friedensstiftung

swisspeace wurde 1988 mit dem Zweck gegründet, die schweizerische Friedens- und Sicherheitspolitik in Forschung, Konzeption und Kommunikation mitzugestalten. swisspeace zeichnet für verschiedene Projekte und Programme verantwortlich:

Im Afghan Civil Society Forum (ACSF) wird Menschen und Gruppen eine Stimme geliehen, die sonst im Wiederaufbauprozess ungehört blieben. FAST, das politische Frühwarnsystem, dient der DEZA dazu, Eskalationsprozesse in den Zielländern frühzeitig zu erkennen und hilft den Länderverantwortlichen bei der konfliktsensitiven Planung zukünftiger Projekte und Programme. Das Kompetenzzentrum Friedensförderung (KOFF) spielt bei der zivilen Konfliktbearbeitung eine wegweisende

Rolle. Für die Entwicklungen von Strategien im Umgang mit Ressourcenkonflikten ist der Teilbereich NCCR Nord Süd und für die Außenpolitikanalyse SIFOP (Swiss Integration and Foreign Policy) zuständig.

Weitere Informationen: swisspeace Schweizerische Friedensstiftung, Sonnenbergstrasse 17, CH-3000 Bern 7, www.swisspeace.org , Email: info@swisspeace.ch

Christlicher Friedensdienst - Feministische Friedenspolitik und Empowerment

Der Christliche Friedensdienst (cfd) ist eine feministische Friedensorganisation, aktiv in der inter-nationalen Zusammenarbeit, der Migrationspolitik und der Friedenspolitik. Ausgehend von einem weiten Friedensbegriff setzt er sich ein für Gleichberechtigung und Gleichstellung im Zugang zu Ressourcen und zum öffentlichen Raum sowie zu politischer und gesellschaftlicher Partizipation. Er analysiert aus feministischer Perspektive die Zusammenhänge von Kriegs- und Alltagsgewalt sowie von diskursiver Ausgrenzung und materiellem Ausschluss.

Der cfd entwickelt Konzepte, Politiken und Projekte (z.B. wisdonna – Migrantinnenwerkstatt) zur Überwindung von Herrschafts- und Gewaltverhältnissen und von Ideologien, die diese zementieren. Das Empowerment von Frauen ist als Methode und Ziel zentral. Seit Juni 2003 hat cfd eine dreijähriges Beratungsmandat „Gender und Friedensentwicklung“ für die Sektion Konfliktprävention und -transformation (Copret) der DEZA übernommen.

Weitere Informationen: Christlicher Friedensdienst, Postfach, CH - 3001 Bern, Internet: www.cfd-ch.org , Email: info@cf-d.ch.org

Interteam – Fachleute im Entwicklungseinsatz

Interteam ist eine christlich orientierte Organisation, die seit 1964 besteht. Sie vermittelt engagierte Fachleute für Einsätze in der Entwicklungszusammenarbeit im Süden, namentlich in Lateinamerika, Afrika und im Südpazifik. In der Schweiz fördert Interteam das Verständnis für Menschen und Kulturen des Südens. Es ermutigt zu solidarischem Handeln mit benachteiligten Völkern und Bevölkerungsgruppen.

Die Einsatzdauer beträgt 3 Jahre. Programmschwerpunkte sind Land- und Forstwirtschaft, Bildung und Sozialwesen, Gesundheitswesen, Handwerk und Bauwesen sowie Frieden und Demokratie. 2004 werden ca. 50 Personen im Ausland tätig sein. 2004 ist für Interteam ein „Tauschjahr“ bei dem relativ viele Einsätze zu Ende gehen und entsprechend mehr Fachpersonen neu ausreisen.

Weitere Informationen: INTERTEAM, Unter Geissenstein 10/12, Postfach, CH-6000 Luzern 12, Internet: www.interteam.ch , Email: info@inter-team.ch

Medicus Mundi Schweiz

Die gemeinsame und verbindende Vision der 39 Mitgliedsorganisationen des Netzwerks Medicus Mundi Schweiz ist Gesundheit für alle: d.h. ein größtmögliches Maß an Gesundheit für alle Menschen, insbesondere für benachteiligte Bevölkerungen. Medicus Mundi Schweiz vernetzt die Organisationen der internationalen Gesundheitszusammenarbeit, fördert den Austausch von Wissen und Erfahrungen, vermittelt Impulse für die Weiterentwicklung ihrer Tätigkeit und macht ihre Tätigkeit einem weiteren Publikum bekannt.

Tipp: Symposium 2004 der schweizerischen Gesundheitszusammenarbeit: 3. 11. 2004 in Basel: Armut kann Ihre Gesundheit gefährden“ – Gegen Armut, die krank macht – gegen Krankheit, die arm macht.

Weitere Informationen: Medicus Mundi Schweiz, Murbacherstrasse 34, CH-4013 Basel, Internet: www.medicusmundi.ch , Email: info@medicusmundi.ch

Medair

Medair wurde 1988 gegründet und ist hauptsächlich im Bereich der humanitären Hilfe tätig. Bei Medair sind ethische Grundprinzipien die auf dem christlichen Glauben beruhen und ein 10-tägiger erfolgreich absolvierter Orientierungskurs Voraussetzung für die Mitarbeit.

40 Mitarbeiter/innen sind bei Medair in der Schweiz, in Deutschland, England, Frankreich und den Niederlanden beschäftigt und 110 Vollzeitmitarbeiter/innen werden im Ausland von ca. 900 lokalen Angestellten unterstützt. Die Einsatzzeit beträgt in der Regel 1 Jahr.

Weitere Informationen: Medair, Chemin du Croset 9, CH-1024 Ecublens, Internet: www.medair.org , Email: info@medair.org Medair in Deutschland: Postfach 203, 97645 Ostheim, Email: germany@medair.org

FREIWILLIGENDIENSTE

Swisscontact – Senior Expert Corps

Swisscontact wurde 1959 als unabhängige Stiftung gegründet. 260 Mitarbeiter/innen im Ausland und 30 Personen in der Schweiz engagieren sich bei Swisscontact. Zusätzlich leisten die Experten des Senior Expert Corps ehrenamtliche Beratungseinsätze. Swisscontact will in erster Linie durch Aus- und Weiterbildung erreichen, dass Menschen in den ärmsten Ländern ihre Lebensqualität eigenverantwortlich verbessern können.

Seit Gründung Senior Expert Corps im Jahr 1979 wurden 1.300 Beratungseinsätze durchgeführt, die Hälfte davon in den letzten fünf Jahren. Rund 600 pensionierte Fachpersonen sind beim Senior Expert Corps eingeschrieben. Für Projekte wurde im Jahre 2003 ca. 30 Millionen Franken (ca. 20 Mio. EUR) eingesetzt.

Weitere Informationen: Swisscontact, Döltschweg 39, Postfach, CH-8055 Zürich, Internet: www.swisscontact.org , Email: sc@swisscontact.ch

Intermundo – Schweizerischer Dachverband zur Förderung von Jugendaustausch

Intermundo ist der Schweizerische Dachverband nicht gewinnorientierter Jugendaustauschorganisationen. Er wurde 1987 gegründet und bezweckt, durch die Förderung von Jugendaustausch eine Verbesserung der interkulturellen Verständigung zu erreichen. Intermundo möchte eine breite Öffentlichkeit für die Wichtigkeit und den Nutzen von Jugendaustausch in der heutigen Gesellschaft sensibilisieren und dessen Bedeutung prägend mitgestalten. Zu den Mitgliedern zählen beispielsweise AFS Interkulturelle Programme, AIESEC in Switzerland, ICYE – Internationaler Jugend- und Kulturaustausch, Schweizer Komitee, Service Civil International.

Weitere Informationen: INTERMUNDO, Gerechtigkeitsgasse 12, Postfach, CH-3000 Bern 8, Internet: www.intermundo.ch , Email: info@intermundo.ch

Freiwilligeneinsätze bei Mission am Nil

Die Mission am Nil (MN) orientiert sich in ihrer Entwicklungszusammenarbeit an den Grundsätzen der Evangelischen Hilfswerke und Missionen (EHM). Die Mission am Nil arbeitet in einem komplexen sozio-kulturell-religiösen Umfeld. Neue Projekte werden bewusst in Gebieten angestrebt, in denen die lokale Bevölkerung unter besonders schwierigen Umständen lebt. Freiwillige aus Europa bekleiden Positionen mit meist komplexem Anforderungsprofil. Die Einsatzdauer beträgt mindestens 4 Jahre, in der Regel acht Jahre oder mehr. Kurzeinsätze von mindestens zwei Monaten sind bei Ausbilderqualifikation und Erfahrung in der Entwicklungszusammenarbeit in begrenztem Rahmen möglich. Praktika zur Abklärung eines längerfristigen Engagements sind auf Anfrage ebenfalls möglich.

Weitere Informationen: Mission am Nil, Postfach 52, CH-8934 Knonau

BILDUNGSARBEIT

Interportal.ch

Interportal.ch ermöglicht einem breiten Publikum einen raschen und übersichtlichen Zugang zu Informationen aus dem Bereich internationale Zusammenarbeit und Entwicklungspolitik. Es bietet täglich aktualisierte Nachrichten, Hintergrundberichte, Themendossiers und Veranstaltungshinweise. Interessierte und Fachleute finden eine Fülle von Links zur schweizerischen und zur internationalen entwicklungspolitischen Szene. Inhaltlich stützt sich Interportal.ch auf die Eigenleistungen seiner 37 Trägerorganisationen und deren Fachleute. Das Portal ist als Gemeinschaftsunternehmen selbsttragend.

Weitere Informationen: Internet: www.interportal.ch , Email: redaktion@interportal.ch ,
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Erklärung von Bern

Im Jahre 1968 formulierte eine Gruppe reformierter Theologen ein Manifest über „die Schweiz und die Entwicklungsländer“. Das von 1.000 Personen unterzeichnete Manifest erhielt die Bezeichnung „Erklärung von Bern“. Heute ist die Erklärung von Bern (EvB) eine parteipolitisch und konfessionell unabhängige Organisation (Vereinsgründung 1971) für solidarische Entwicklung. Sie ist ein gesamtschweizerischer Verein mit starker Verankerung in den drei Sprachzonen mit rund 19.000 Mitgliedern.

Die EvB informiert die Öffentlichkeit über ungleiche Beziehungen zwischen Süden und Norden. Die EvB nimmt Einfluss auf entwicklungspolitische Fragen in der Schweiz und interveniert mit Partnerorganisationen auf der ganzen Welt bei der Weltbank, beim Internationalen Währungsfonds, bei der OECD oder bei anderen Finanz- und Wirtschaftsinstitutionen. Die EvB organisiert Veranstaltungen, veröffentlicht Bücher, betreibt politische Lobbyarbeit und zeigt Alternativen und Handlungsmöglichkeiten auf.

Tipp: EvB-Dokumentation „Die verpfändete Welt - Eine Chronik zum 60-jährigen Bestehen von Weltbank und IWF“. Die Rolle der Weltbank und des IWF und deren Auswirkungen auf die Umwelt und die Entwicklungsländer. 2004, A5, 32 Seiten Fr. 6.- exkl. Versandkosten.

Weitere Informationen: Erklärung von Bern, Postfach, CH-8031 Zürich, Internet: www.evb.ch , Email: info@evb.ch

Arbeitsgemeinschaft Swissaid / Fastenopfer / Brot für alle / Helvetas / Caritas / Heks

Die Arbeitsgemeinschaft ist die gemeinsame entwicklungspolitische Lobbyorganisation der sechs großen Schweizer Hilfswerke mit Büros in Bern (Hauptsitz), Lausanne und Lugano. Sie will die Politik der Schweiz zugunsten der armen Länder und deren Bevölkerung beeinflussen durch eine aktive Lobbyarbeit gegenüber Politik, Verwaltung und Wirtschaft und eine intensive Öffentlichkeits-arbeit (Medienkonferenz, Tagungen, Publikationen). In Bern und Lausanne werden öffentliche Dokumentationszentren zu Nord-Süd-Fragen geführt. Die Bildungsstelle der Arbeitsgemeinschaft produziert Materialien für die entwicklungsbezogene Bildungsarbeit in den Schulen.

Tipp: Nach der Globalisierung. Entwicklungspolitik im 21. Jahrhundert. Eine Bilanz von 25 Jahren Globalisierungspolitik und 16 entwicklungspolitische Leitlinien für eine Kehrtwende. 140 Seiten, Fr. 18 (ca. 12.- EUR).

Weitere Informationen: Arbeitsgemeinschaft, Monbijoustr. 31, Postfach 6735, CH-3001 Bern, Internet: www.swisscoalition.ch , Email: mail@swisscoalition.ch
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