



"Doing good for others brings happiness."
Peter Schmitz-Hille, our Founder (1914 – 2008)

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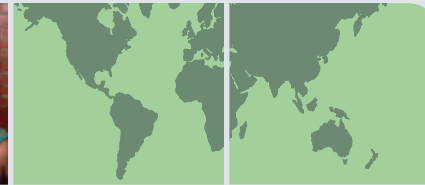
Giving those living in poverty fresh hope – Werner Peter Schmitz-Hille's mission statement has been an inspiration to many for more than 25 years.

Since 1985 we have funded and carried out more than 100 projects on three continents every year. With our work we support self-help capacity and local initiatives and thus make an effective contribution to the fight against poverty. Werner Peter Schmitz-Hille: „It fills me with profound satisfaction that my Foundations are able to give long-term help to orphaned children, the handicapped, the elderly, the sick, and dispossessed minorities.“

We appreciate your interest in our work and projects. Do get in touch with us. We look forward to talking to you.

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Michael Dirx
Executive of the Schmitz Foundations



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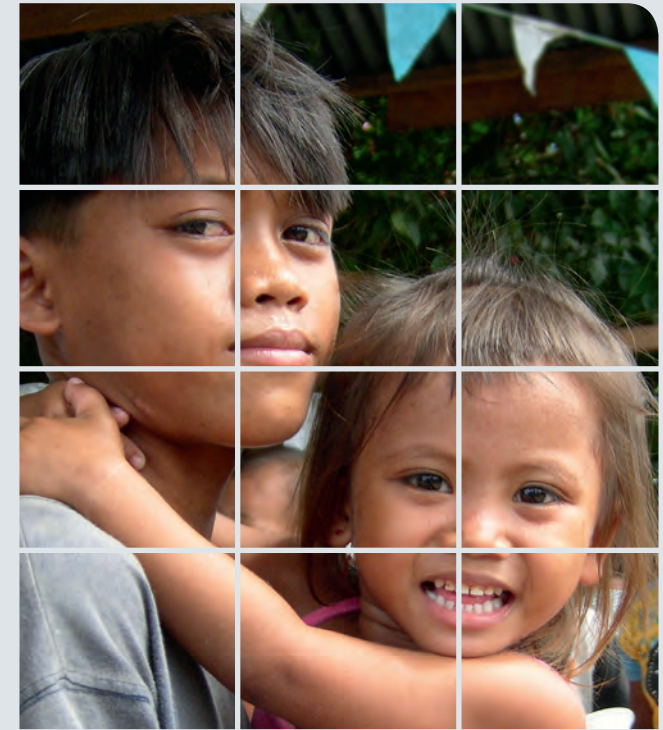
With people in mind – Worldwide

With a variety of projects in selected development areas of the world we provide effective help for self-help. We support minorities and we give young people the chance of a school education and job training



Any questions?
We look forward to hearing from you.

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**OUR WORK
OUR AIMS**
FOUNDATION FOR
SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT





We concentrate on disadvantaged regions with development potential in South America and South-East Asia.



Examples of our project work

Effective help for over 25 years

For over 25 years the Schmitz Foundations have been actively involved in helping disadvantaged people in selected development regions around the world. The main focus of our work is to strengthen local initiatives by supporting sustainable self-help projects within particular fields of work:

- Projects in basic and further education
- Projects to ensure minimum income levels as well as employment and small business promotion
- charitable projects

Create chances – promote local initiatives

We support local initiatives in the development areas and encourage independent action. Our projects contribute to a comprehensive and sustainable improvement of the living standards of the local population. Micro credits and investments open opportunities which were previously closed to them. We attach great importance to working together as partners. Those we help are not the objects of charity. Their active involvement gives a boost to their self-esteem and encourages greater responsibility and the development of their own initiative.

Needs-oriented projects and sustainable development

We adopt a long-term approach in all our projects. We provide practical, on-the-spot support until the projects have reached the stage where they can be carried on independently by the local population. These small-scale projects often act as models which can, with other projects in the area, grow together into a network and provide an impulse for regional development.

Partners of The Schmitz Foundations

We are members of The German Joint Welfare Association (DPWV), The Federal Association of German Foundations, The Federal Association of German NGOs (VENRO). We work locally with selected Aid Agencies and non-profit organisations from the region in question. In the course of our many years of activity many such trusting and productive partnerships have developed.

ECUADOR. In the Highlands of Ecuador polluted drinking water is often the cause of high infant mortality. Building portable water systems has brought about a significant improvement in the health of the population. Training courses in water management guarantee sustainability.

BOLIVIA. In the Province of Tarija we are supporting small farmers in the introduction and use of ecological methods of production. Our aim is to ensure the long-term health of farm land in the area as the basis of the farmers' existence.

THE PHILIPPINES. In the mountainous region of Canlaon we are supporting a project aimed at improving the housing and living conditions of poor farming families. By building modest houses we provide large families with a simple, solidly-constructed, home.

INDONESIA. In Surabaya we are working with our local partners to help street children. We give support with legal and health issues, ensure basic medical services, and provide school education and job training.