



"HELP TO CONNECT!" – WATER, ENERGY, EDUCATION

10 Years “Help to connect!” – the TOOLS FOR LIFE Foundation is celebrating its birthday

The TOOLS FOR LIFE Foundation is looking back on 10 years of successful foundation work. The lives of many people have been sustainably improved by the completed projects. So, we express our heartfelt thanks to you, our supporters. The TOOLS FOR LIFE Foundation couldn't have done it without you. Thank you!

Since its formation in 2008, the TOOLS FOR LIFE Foundation has been active in supplying people with water, electricity and training. A total of **37 projects** have been successfully funded, **45,000 people helped across the world**, **680,000€ of donations collected** and deployed directly, and **11 partner organisations** gained. The projects over the past ten years have been carried out true to the guiding principle “Helping people to help themselves” and “Helping to connect”. The TOOLS FOR LIFE Foundation places sustainable projects with long-term effects at the focus.

We also carried out great projects in 2018. This activity report gives you an insight into the multi-faceted activity of our foundation. Amongst other things, TOOLS FOR LIFE has, for example, funded a hydro power-plant in the Democratic Republic of Congo, the construction of a drinking water supply for several villages in Bangladesh and the construction of a school in Kenya. Added to that are other projects in the fields of water, electricity and training in Africa and Asia and South America. The “Integration no Separation” campaign, founded in 2018, will be continued and extended. We would be happy if you will continue to support our work.



Dr. Helmut Rothenberger
Founder



Dr. Sandra Rothenberger
1st President

Who we are

Clean drinking water and a functioning electricity supply still cannot be taken for granted in many parts of the world. Without functioning supply pipes and electricity cables, which, like arteries in the human body, bring water and energy to people, it is not possible to live decently. Education and training, as keys to development, are not accessible to everyone. But the prosperity of future generations can only be created with education.

Against this background, Dr. Helmut Rothenberger set up the TOOLS FOR LIFE Foundation in 2008, which today is active in the tradition of its founder for sustainable communal benefit. The projects funded are designed to bring about a sustainable improvement to the conditions of life and decency. The projects are implemented, supported after completion and maintained with the network of partners built up over years.

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“Help to connect!” – Our three focus areas



Water

72% of the Earth’s surface is covered by water. However, only 2.7% of that is fresh water and only 0.3% suitable for drinking. According to reports by the United Nations and World Health Organisation, 844 million people still did not have any basic water supply in 2017. 2.3 billion people did not have basic sanitary supply. The TOOLS FOR LIFE Foundation has been funding projects to connecting people to water since its founding.



One of the projects which was completed in 2018 with a focus on water is the drinking water supply of several villages in the subdistrict of Dacope in south-west Bangladesh. About 920 inhabitants got direct access to clean drinking water through funding from the TOOLS FOR LIFE Foundation. The project primarily supports women and children, since the physical burden and the time needed and the risks involved in daily collection of drinking water (caused by factors such as bad weather, storm floods) are greatly reduced. Defective low-tech water preparation installations (sand filters) were also brought back into operability by our project partner ASCEND. Inhabitants in the villages were trained in operation, repair and maintenance of the installation. The financial resources required for servicing and maintenance will come from the population in the long term. This will guarantee the long-term sustainability of the project for the coastal region.

Energy



Electricity is the life force of modern societiesub Sahara. Contemporary society is hard to imagine without electricity. Many people, particularly in south-east Asia and sub-Saharan Africa still do not have access to electricity. TOOLS FOR LIFE is involved here and funds projects which provide people with electricity.



An energy project carried out in 2018 by TOOLS FOR LIFE together with Engineers Without Borders is the construction of a small-scale hydro-electric power station with an output capacity of 120 kilowatts in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC). The inhabitants of the island of Idjwi in Lake Kivu (East Congo) suffer from scarcity of resources and poor infrastructure. Despite having 300,000 inhabitants, Idjwi is not connected to the state electricity network. The manufacturing sector, health and education systems are severely limited due to lack of energy supply. A small industrial park is operated in the north of the island with the energy from the hydro power plant. The public installations are also supplied with electricity. 5000 inhabitants benefit from electricity supply to 38 factories, 14 schools, 1 medical centre and the public radio.



Education

Education is regarded as the key to economic development and prosperity in development collaborations. Therefore, it is all the more important to give all people the opportunity to be educated. Over 262 million children of ages 6–17 were not able to go to school in 2017. One reason is a lack of schools, especially in sub-Saharan Africa. Existing schools are often in a poor state of repair and only half supplied with electricity and clean drinking water.



Together with PROBONO School Partnership for on World and the Anna-Schmidt-School in Frankfurt am Main, TOOLS FOR LIFE has completed an education project in the south of Kenya. The region near Mt. Kilimanjaro, mainly populated by the Masai tribe, is characterised by great poverty. Ilmissigiyo Primary School offers an educational opportunity, and thus a route to a better life to 400 pupils. However, a shortage of teachers means that schools cannot be run. Teacher accommodation has been built by the project funded by TOOLS FOR LIFE to make the school more attractive to teachers. This is a tried and tested means for linking good teachers to schools in eastern Africa. The living conditions in schools are often better than in the villages, as they in many cases offer access to water and electricity. The increased quality of teaching thus achieved will improve the future prospects of the pupils.

HERO Prize Award

Three representatives of the Jagori Rural Charitable Trusts were invited to Kelkheim, the headquarters of the foundation on 23rd July 2018. Dr. Sandra Rothenberger, 1st President of the TOOLS FOR LIFE Foundation, and Philipp Kannengießer, president of ROTHENBERGER AG handed Abha Bhaiya the cheque for the HERO Prize Award 2017.



Abha Bhaiya is co-founder of the women's rights organization Jagori Rural Charitable Trust, which is being recognized for its social engagement. The prize money of 12,000€ is welcome funding for financing, training projects for young people in the rural state of Himachal Pradesh in north India.



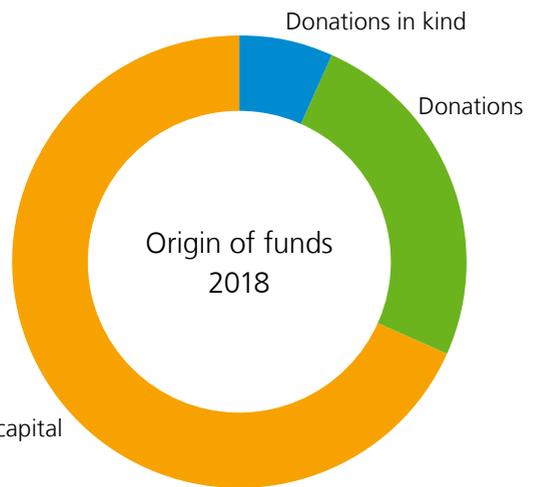
Around 60 men and women teach young people in 150 villages in the mountainous region. 25,000 young people have already benefitted from this training.



Our “Key Social Indicators” (KSI)

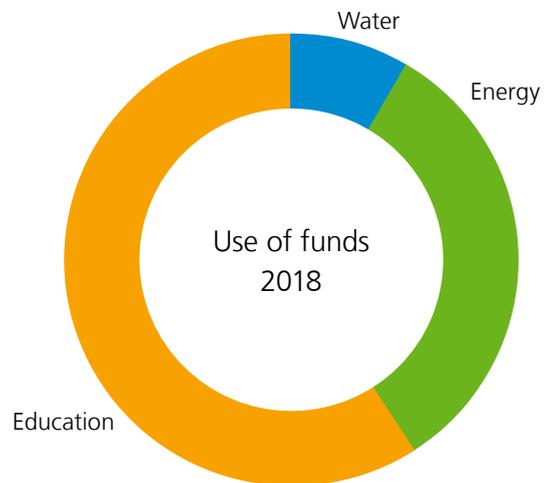
Origin of funds 2018

Donations	36,533.78 €
Donations in kind	10,000.00 €
Foundation capital	100,000.00 €
Total	146,533.78 €



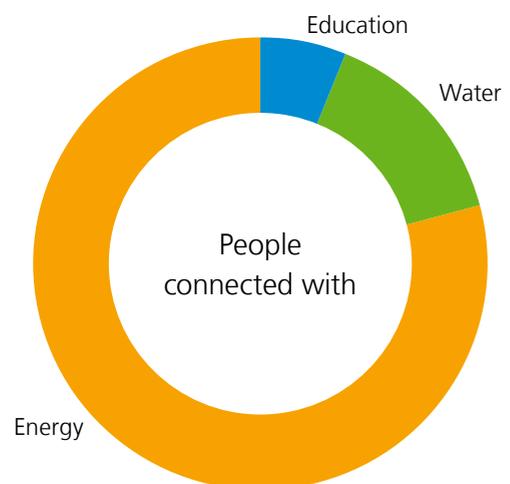
Use of funds 2018

Water projects	3,940.87 €
Energy projects	15,000.00 €
Education projects	27,320.00 €
Administrative costs	0 € <small>(we guarantee this!)</small>
Total	46,260.87 €



Our successes in 2018*

- 920 people provided with drinking water!
- 5,000 people provided with electricity!
- 400 children and adults given access to education!
- Active in 5 countries!
- 5 projects funded and completed!
- 2 colleagues sent on missions!



Our reliability and transparency

The TOOLS FOR LIFE Foundation is subject to an annual audit inspection by the Sanftenberg & Kaul tax advisory society. The audit of the annual report did not give rise to any objections. The annual report complies with the specifications of the articles of association and the legal regulations for charitable law in Germany. Donations to the TOOLS FOR LIFE Foundation are tax deductible.

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