



**“HELPING TO CONNECT!” -
WATER, ENERGY, EDUCATION
AND CLIMATE PROTECTION**

Dear friends of the TOOLS FOR LIFE Foundation,

After 2 years of the Corona pandemic, the invasion of Ukraine on 24 February was another break in all our lives and also in the Foundation's work. In the following weeks, the TOOLS FOR LIFE team collected donations in kind like so many other charitable organisations. On 30 March, one month after the beginning of the war, the time had come: together with 4 volunteers, TOOLS FOR LIFE set off in 3 minibuses to deliver the donations in kind to collection points on the Polish-Ukrainian border. The chaos, fear and desperation of the refugees was great. Many people wanted to flee further away to feel really safe. TOOLS FOR LIFE therefore took 17 Ukrainians aged between 3 and 73 with them on their way back to Kelkheim. Today, the 17 Ukrainians are well integrated and feel comfortable with us.

Ukraine Aid was the main focus of the Foundation's work in the first half of the year. However, we were also able to promote and support other projects. For example, projects were supported worldwide to provide people with clean water, access to sustainable energy sources and the opportunity for education and training. A special highlight this autumn was the project trip to Senegal. There, Mr. Zettl and Mr. Gottschlich were able to visit completed projects, see the current school project „Realschule Mbafaye“, which is being supported within the framework of the initiative „1000 Schools for our World“ together with the Main-Taunus-Kreis, and prepare future projects. We were also very pleased that two volunteer TOOLS FOR LIFE ambassadors travelled to India again to hold workshops in car mechanics and electrics for girls and boys. About a month later, four TOOLS FOR LIFE ambassadors set out to support our project

in South Africa with their know-how and physical commitment. In Venture they support the construction of a community centre with an integrated kindergarten. You can find a travel report on the mission on our website.

Of course, we do not want to hide a brief insight or outlook into our foundation's work in our anniversary year 2023 (15 years of TOOLS FOR LIFE). In the coming year, the Foundation will focus primarily on promoting crafts. This includes, among other things, vocational orientation at schools and honouring non-profit craft organisations, as well as supporting apprentices in developing countries through sponsorships.

In 2022, we were able to implement 17 projects in 16 countries and support them with a cumulative amount of 119,828 €. We thank you, our supporters, very much for your donations and trust. We and the entire team of the TOOLS FOR LIFE Foundation thank you for your contribution.



Dr. Helmut Rothenberger
Foundation Founder



Dr. Sandra Rothenberger
Managing Director

Who we are

The TOOLS FOR LIFE Foundation was established in 2008 by the Rothenberger family. With a partner network built up over years, the projects are implemented and also accompanied after their completion. The funded projects are designed for a sustainable improvement of living conditions and permanence. The motto „helping people to help themselves“ guides the foundation's work. „In addition to water scarcity, energy and education issues, the TOOLS FOR LIFE Foundation has recognised that

climate change is very real. It is happening right now and is the most urgent threat to our entire species. We need to work together on this and stop procrastinating. That's why we have to put this issue on our agenda!“ says foundation founder Dr Helmut Rothenberger, explaining the inclusion of climate protection in the foundation's purpose.

Our successes 2022

We helped

- 4,000 people in 16 countries (including Germany) with
- 17 projects
- people access to health care,
- access to fresh water created,
- educated about children's and women's rights,
- enabled children to go to school and
- people with sustainable energy.

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„Helping to connect!“ - our four focal points



In 2015, the United Nations General Assembly adopted the 2030 Agenda. The Agenda contains 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) for social, economic and environmentally sustainable development. The 17 goals are universal, i.e. they apply to all member states of the United Nations. They range from eliminating global hunger to strengthening sustainable consumption and production to climate protection measures.

All actors are called upon to contribute to the implementation of the goals. It is also important for the TOOLS FOR LIFE Foundation to make a contribution.

With our project work, we pursue sustainability line 4 (quality education), 6 (clean water and sanitation), 7 (renewable energy) and 13 (climate protection).

Below you will find a selection of the projects supported by TOOLS FOR LIFE, as well as further examples of our foundation's work. Detailed information on the individual projects and the foundation's work can be found at: www.toolsforlife.de

WA.S.H. (Water, Sanitation, Hygiene)



Access to clean water and sanitation are fundamental resources to meet the important basic human needs of health and hygiene. Billions of people will no longer have access to these basic resources in 2030 if progress does not quadruple. TOOLS FOR LIFE has therefore funded 6 W.A.SH projects in 2022 to help ensure more people have access to a clean water source and sanitation facilities.

In Kitui County, Kenya, a water kiosk was built by our partner organisation The Hardcore Help Foundation. This was to provide a sustainable drinking and sanitised water supply for 1,000 inhabitants living within a 3KM radius who previously shared a water point with livestock which led to pollution and triggered disease.

Haiti is often hit by natural disasters and has no real infrastructure. Together with the Development Future Haiti e.V., we have



built a well for the for the approximately 300 inhabitants of the community, so that the people have access to a clean water source.

Energy



Despite progress, over 700 million people worldwide still live in the dark. Although the use of renewable energies and energy efficiency have improved, progress is not fast enough to achieve Sustainable Development Goal No. 7. With our energy projects, we are making a contribution to counteracting these shortcomings.

Our Burning Hearts reflect our energy foundation purpose: „a light in the dark“. For every Burning Heart sold, we donate an additional one to one of our projects. The small LED lamps not only give light, but also hope. This



year, we were able to send over 200 of them to refugees from the Ukraine with an aid transport to Poland. We sent 10 Burning Hearts to our partner organisation Smile Foundation of Bali, which provides surgical and medical help for children with deformities of the skull and face.

100 Burning Hearts arrived at our partner organisation PfefferminzGreen in Sierra Leone, so that the local people also have a reliable and sustainable source of light.





Education

The COVID-19 outbreak has triggered a global education crisis. Most education systems around the world have been severely affected by disruptions in education and are facing unprecedented challenges. An estimated 147 million children have missed more than half of their classes in the last two years. This generation of children could lose a total value of \$17 trillion in lifetime earnings. Against this backdrop, the TOOLS FOR LIFE Foundation is trying to give more people access to education through the following projects.

In Zalewa, Mali, we support the training of welders and flash cutters together with our partner organisation FACE e.V.. There is high unemployment and many young people do not know what to do after school. The workshops give the youths and young adults a perspective for the future.

In Mbafaye, Senegal, we are supporting the construction of a new secondary school for about 700 pupils together with the Main-Tanus district and the initiative „1000 schools for our world“. The construction work has been partially completed and classes are already being held there. The new building will make life much easier for the pupils. Some of them had a daily walk of more than 10 km to the next school.



everyday life and the response was so great that many would like to continue their education in these areas.

The TOOLS FOR LIFE Foundation showed local commitment in cooperation with the kindergarten in Eppenhain. During a CleanUp campaign, the children were taught the importance of waste separation and the consequences of environmental pollution for our planet. In the future, we will expand such activities regionally, but also in our projects in Senegal, for example. In the coming year, „plastic fish“ will be set up there to collect plastic and recycle it into tubes.



Climate Protection



The increase in heatwaves, droughts and floods caused by climate change is destroying the planet and affecting the lives of billions of people worldwide. Despite the temporary reduction in CO₂ emissions in 2020, global energy-related CO₂ emissions increased by 6.0 per cent as demand for coal, oil and gas rose again in 2021 along with the economy. With our climate protection projects, we will do our part to reduce emissions in the future.

For this reason, we have launched the „sustained by“ initiative. In the ROTHENBERGER factory outlet, since October 2022, products that have been reprocessed or recycled have been provided with a sustainability certificate from us and brought back into the economic cycle. In this way, the customer recognises that he has made a contribution to climate protection with the purchase of the product.

For each product sold, the TOOLS FOR LIFE Foundation receives a donation that is used specifically for climate protection projects. In the coming year, for example, we are planning a forest reforestation in the Taunus region. The reprocessing, repair and recycling of materials conserves resources and the environment.

At Werkzeugstore24, the „sustained by“ certificates are used for B-Ware products and here too we receive a donation of 5€ per product sold.



More activities

Winner of the HERO Award 2022 – Family Mündelein

The HERO award, the award for our heroes, honours individuals and organisations who stand up for people and against their grievances in everyday life. Nominations for this award are provided by ROTHENBERGER Group employees with the foundations board of directors making the final decision. We are pleased to confirm that the winners of our HERO Award for 2022 is Mrs Regine Prumen-Mundelein and her husband Josef Mundelein.



Since 2008, aligned for the anniversary year of our TOOLS FOR LIFE Foundation, this couple have been in close contact with school and kindergarten directors, priests and a religious order committed to caring for people with disabilities in Western Uganda. They have offered support to both their educational and social needs. In June 2023 the couple will present their project as part of our "HERO Day".

Multitool – "A tool for life"

The TOOLS FOR LIFE Foundation has released a multitool in addition to the Burning Heart. The multi-function tool offers 21 practical functions and comes with a belt pouch and a bit set. Our multitool is not only practical, but also does good. For every tool sold, an additional one is donated to one of our projects, true to the motto "buy one, donate one"!



Aid convoy to the Ukrainian border

The TOOLS FOR LIFE Foundation has also been active during the Ukraine crisis and spontaneously organised an aid transport to Poland. An appeal was made for donations of money and goods, and the response was very positive. Three buses full of urgently needed relief supplies set off with two drivers each for the first stop in Kreisau, the Foundation for European Understanding. Here, the first relief supplies were unloaded for the refugees who were there and those who were still expected. Afterwards, the journey continued to Chelm, a large shelter for refugees. After unloading mainly baby food and nappies, the route led to Dorohusk, a collection point for refugees directly on the Ukrainian border. Helpers from all over the world were gathered there and happily accepted our relief supplies. Then we went on to Lublin, the first and larger contact point for the Ukrainian refugees.

About 40 people were living there in cramped conditions, mattress to mattress in a garage, without a shower and with only

a small toilet. After the rest of the relief supplies were unloaded, the first refugees boarded the buses - mainly mothers with small children and elderly people who could barely walk. At another „reception point“ in Lublin, even more people decided to leave for Germany. Via Warsaw, they headed back towards Germany and a new life.

So that the refugees could rest and recover as quickly as possible, the foundation's team had already arranged for flats and rooms with host families. TOOLS FOR LIFE also provided support together with the Bürgerstiftung Kelkheim also provided support in dealing with the authorities and with shopping vouchers. In the meantime, all the children attend either school or kindergarten. So that the adults find a job as quickly as possible, TOOLS FOR LIFE supports German courses in Kelkheim.



„Key Social Indicators“ (KSI)

In 2022, the TOOLS FOR LIFE Foundation was able to collect monetary donations amounting to 203.167,04 €. Other income, generated e.g. from the sale of Burning Hearts, amounted to 14.220,14 €.

Source of funds in 2022

Monetary donations	203.167,04 €
Other Income	14.220,14 €
Reserves from 2021	133.689,57 €
Total available funds	351.076,75 €

As part of the Ukraine emergency aid, numerous supporters donated goods (baby food, medicine, blankets and much more) to TOOLS FOR LIFE. A total of 3 vans were fully loaded.

Use of funds in 2022

Sustainability Goal 6 (WASH)	31.999,00 €
Sustainability Goal 4 (Education)	66.071,09 €
HERO award ceremony	10.000,00 €
Ukraine emergency aid	25.794,21 €
Administrative expenses	0 €
Total funds spent	133.991,29 €

Reliability and transparency

Every year, the TOOLS FOR LIFE Foundation undergoes an audit review by the Sanftenberg & Kaul Steuerberatersozietät. The audit of the annual financial statement did not lead to any objections. The annual financial statement complies with the requirements of the statutes as well as the legal regulations regarding non-profit tax law. Donations to the TOOLS FOR LIFE Foundation are tax-deductible.

Since December 2019, the TOOLS FOR LIFE Foundation has been a signatory of the Transparent Civil Society Initiative, thus expressing its commitment to transparency towards donors and

supporters. The TOOLS FOR LIFE Foundation has been a member of the Association of German Foundations since June 2021. As a member, the TOOLS FOR LIFE Foundation is committed to the principles of good foundation practice. The principles are intended to serve as orientation for foundation bodies. In particular, they are intended to raise the awareness of all those involved for the avoidance of conflicts of interest, for appropriate transparency in the realisation of the purpose and for the efficiency of the use of funds.

We thank our partners!



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