



“HELP TO CONNECT!” – WATER, ENERGY, EDUCATION

The TOOLS FOR LIFE Foundation takes off

The TOOLS FOR LIFE Foundation had many improvements in 2019. A project manager was added to the team, the website was redesigned, and the foundation increased its activity on social media (Instagram, Facebook, and LinkedIn). To clarify the importance of transparency, the TOOLS FOR LIFE Foundation has been a supporter and signatory of the Civil Society Initiative for Transparency since December 2019. All of this was done in the interest of making the foundation's work more efficient. With our newly designed website (www.toolsforlife.de), newsletter, and social media presence, we want for you, our supporters and partners, to more effectively participate in the foundation work of TOOLS FOR LIFE, and for us to share the progress of our projects with you.

In 2019, we successfully funded and executed nine projects in eight countries with eight partner organizations. Through these projects, more than 65,000 people worldwide were given access to water, energy, and education. 95,818.29€ in donations were collected, 100% of which is invested in project funding. All projects are characterized by sustainable and long-term impact.

With this progress report, we want to give you insight into the multitude of projects we support. For example, TOOLS FOR LIFE has supported trainings on child protection and children's rights in Tanzania, a community center in South Africa, solar batteries for a school in Haiti, 30 wells for better hygiene, and trainings against female genital mutilation in Sierra Leone. There are also additional projects dealing with water, energy, and education in Africa and Asia. The "Integration no Separation" initiative was founded in 2018 and will continue to be expanded. We look forward to your continued support for our work.



Dr. Helmut Rothenberger
Founder



Dr. Sandra Rothenberger
Chair

Who we are

Clean drinking water and a functional energy supply are still not the norm in many parts of the world. However, a dignified life is not possible without working pipes and power lines to bring water and energy to people, much like the arteries in the human body. Education, the key to development, is not universally accessible, but only with education can prosperity be achieved for future generations. With this in mind, Dr. Helmut Rothenberger founded the TOOLS FOR LIFE foundation in 2008, which is committed today to the sustainable common good on behalf of its founder. The funded projects are designed to provide long-lasting improvements to living conditions and sustainability. With the partner network that has been built up over the years, our projects are executed and even followed up with after completion.

Director

Dr. Sandra Rothenberger

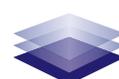
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“Help to connect!” – Our three focus areas



Water

Clean water has been recognized as a human right by the United Nations General Assembly since July 2010. In addition to drinking water, clean water is notably used for sanitary facilities and hygiene, eg. in hospital wards. TOOLS FOR LIFE supports WASH (Water, Sanitation, Hygiene) projects which are at the core of international aid.

Many regions of sub-Saharan Africa are severely affected by a lack of clean water due to extreme weather, such as long periods of drought.

In the Democratic Republic of Congo, the TOOLS FOR LIFE Foundation is supporting the construction of a water and sanitation system for the city of Tshikapa. Our project partner, Forum Afrika-Solidarität (Forum of African Solidarity), wants to train the residents of Tshikapa on the local water and sanitation committees in the management and maintenance of the facilities in order to guarantee the project's sustainability.



In Uganda, TOOLS FOR LIFE is supporting the 4th phase of the Iyolwa Project by our partner organization Engineers Without Borders. After the school was established with water and sanitation accommodations in the first three phases, the school's infirmary is being developed in the fourth phase.

In Senegal, TOOLS FOR LIFE is supporting the expansion of a medical center. With our long-time partner “Hilfe für Afrika – Wasser für Senegal” (Relief for Africa – Water for Senegal), a medical center for the residents of 10 surrounding villages is being expanded. In addition to medical care, a maternity ward will also be built. The project was 100% funded by INSPECTRON Inc.

For the first time, TOOLS FOR LIFE is supporting a project by PfefferminzGreen (Peppermint Green) in Sierra Leone. The project is aimed at combatting female genital mutilation. Women's rights are to be strengthened and better hygiene enabled. To this end, trainings and workshops are being held in the districts of Port Loko and Tonkolili. Additionally, 30 wells will be built to give women improved access to water and thus improved access to hygiene.

Energy



Haiti is classified as the poorest country in the Western hemisphere and continues to struggle with the aftermath of the 2010 earthquake. According to official sources, more than 316,000 people died in the earthquake, making it the worst earthquake worldwide in the 21st century. The state, weakened by political crises, has so far been unable to rebuild its infrastructure.

In Croix-des-Bouquets, TOOLS FOR LIFE is supporting a project by Don Bosco Mondo to maintain the energy supply for a boarding school for orphans. Due to the lack of infrastructure, the school was equipped with a solar energy system consisting of several panels and solar batteries. However, because the 72 solar batteries for the panels' operation are not working, not enough voltage can be built up during the daytime. Diesel engines are being used as a short-term solution. By restoring the batteries, the system should become functional again and restore the school with sustainable energy.





Education

Education is not only a human right, but also a key to development and prosperity. Millions of children and young people still do not have the opportunity to go to school. In the spirit of "helping people to help themselves," it is especially important to TOOLS FOR LIFE to open new pathways for people through education and training.



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This year, TOOLS FOR LIFE executed two projects with PROBONO Schulpartnerschaften für Eine Welt e.V. (PROBONO School Partnerships for One World). In Tanzania, a project to fortify children's rights is running until the end of April, 2020. It offers workshops on children's rights for teachers and parents, and a functioning assistance system is being developed with governmental agencies. Furthermore, children's rights clubs were created, where students themselves can debate on the topic of children's rights.

The second project with PROBONO involves the construction of a dormitory for 100 female students at a boarding school in Butende, Uganda. In Uganda, young women are traditionally heavily involved in their family's daily chores, thus leaving them no time for homework and learning. The possibility to reside at the school increases the likelihood that girls will be able to complete their education.

In South Africa, TOOLS FOR LIFE is supporting the first project with the Thusanang Association. Thusanang was founded by three architecture students from the Technical University of Darmstadt. The association is building a community center with an orphanage and elementary school in the currently unrecognized village of Venture in northern South Africa. The village was founded by displaced agricultural workers and is not connected to the public infrastructure as of yet.

In November 2019, Ingrid Gerber (ROTHENBERGER training officer and TOOLS FOR LIFE ambassador) visited our partner organization Jagori Grameen in North India for the fourth time. And for the first time, she accompanied Michael Schmidt, the workshop manager for motor vehicles. In India, they taught young women and men the basics of electricity, the use of tools, and a workshop on vehicle repair.



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HERO Prize Award



The registered association Miteinander leben in Kelkheim (Living Together in Kelkheim) is the HERO of 2019! The HERO Award from TOOLS FOR LIFE recognizes people and organizations who stand up against the grievances facing humanity in everyday life.

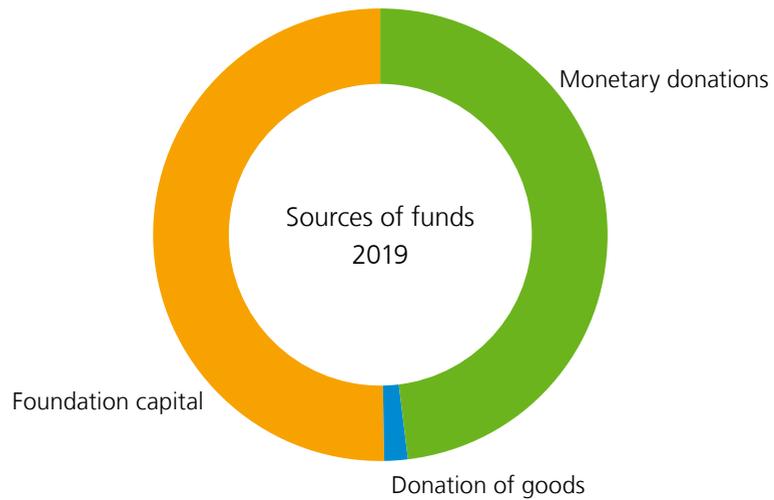


Miteinander leben in Kelkheim (Living Together in Kelkheim) is committed to integration across borders. Their work focuses on bringing together asylum seekers with established Kelkheim residents. Additionally, the organization hosts various events where Kelkheim people of different cultures and nationalities can exchange ideas and get to know one another.

Our “Key Social Indicators” (KSI)

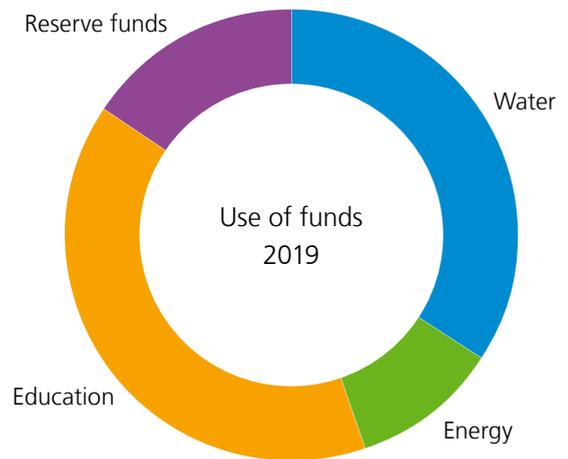
Sources of funds 2019

Monetary donations	95,818.29 €
Donation of goods	3,329.37 €
Foundation capital	100,000.00 €
Total	199,147.66 €



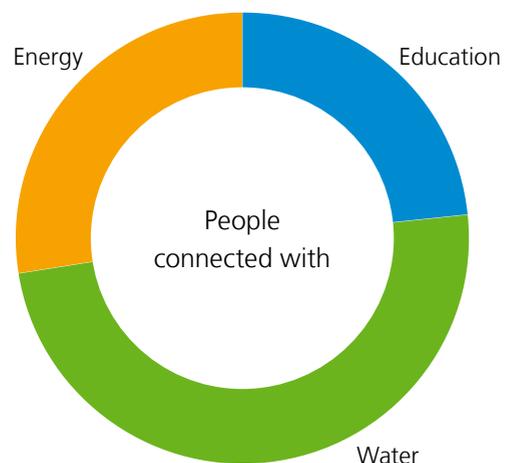
Use of funds 2019

Water projects	34,000.00 €
Energy projects	10,606.31 €
Education projects	39,157.61 €
Reserve funds	15,383.74 €
Administrative costs	0 € <small>(we guarantee this!)</small>
Total	99,147.66 €



Our successes in 2019*

- 1,250 people supplied with drinking water
- 700 people supplied with energy
- 600 people provided with access to education
- Active in 8 countries
- 9 projects funded
- 4 projects completed
- 2 TOOLS FOR LIFE ambassadors sent on missions



Our reliability and transparency

The TOOLS FOR LIFE Foundation undergoes an annual review by the Sanftenberg & Kaul tax consultant firm. The audit of our annual reports has not led to any filed complaints. The annual reports comply with the legal regulations as set by the non-profit tax code. Donations to the TOOLS FOR LIFE Foundation are tax deductible.

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Since December of 2019, the TOOLS FOR LIFE Foundation has been a signatory of the Civil Society Initiative for Transparency, thereby expressing its commitment to transparency towards its donors and supporters.



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