

ANNUAL REPORT



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Sid Peruvemba

Christoph Bonsmann

Dear friends and supporters of action medeor,

2021 proved to be another special year for action medeor. The coronavirus pandemic still preoccupied our minds in the first six months, while shocking images emerged from places such as India and Nepal. Then, in summer, we were witnesses to unprecedented flooding in West Germany: a natural disaster such as our country has never seen before. And cause for action medeor, for the first time in its 60-year history, to provide active assistance in its own country.

From the vantage point of 2022, all this almost seems well in the past now. The war in Ukraine has radically changed our perspective and shown us once more how fragile the security we so often take for granted can be. For most of us, the magnitude of this violence, the flagrant breach of international law, and the resulting distress and displacement right here in Europe was, and still is, inconceivable.

And yet, we have to be honest enough to admit that none of these problems—infectious diseases, natural disasters and military violence—are new to us. The difference is that, lately, they have hit much closer to home. In other regions of the world, they have dominated people's lives for many years. The terrible war in Syria has been raging for more than a decade, driving people out of their homes and country. In Afghanistan, Venezuela and Burundi, people are fleeing hunger and violence, while Yemen's population remains trapped, unable even to flee the country's dire situation that has been ongoing for so long, largely out of the public's mind. Still more people in countries where there is no direct conflict continue to die in the millions of diseases such as

malaria, tuberculosis and HIV/Aids. It is them on whom we must continue to focus our principal attention.

Our duty, therefore, remains to direct our view not only to our own country and our own continent. Especially as the war in Ukraine will have an impact on the food situation worldwide. A lack of raw materials, supply bottlenecks and food shortages will barely make a dent in our abundance. Elsewhere, however, they will cost lives.

On the other side, this much is also true: There has rarely been a time when the support of one another has been greater. Both the flooding in West Germany in 2021 and the conflict in Ukraine in 2022 have shown that action medeor enjoys the confidence of a great many people whose donations have helped to support those in need. For this vote of confidence of our donors and sponsors we are truly grateful.

Stay connected!

Sid Peruvemba

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Tönisvorst, June 2022

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Executive Committee Member



Patricia Mokuwa Head of the School of Midwifery in Sierra Leone

Dear readers,

The partnership of action medeor with Caritas Bo and the School of Midwifery Bo in Sierra Leone is one example of a successful and very practical cooperation that is built on a foundation of mutual trust. Through 2021, we stayed the course in our fight against maternal mortality in Sierra Leone, despite the coronavirus pandemic and its catastrophic consequences across the world. Coaching, peer consulting, technical support, and the flow of resources continued without disruption. That is not something we can take for granted.

All through this time, we demonstrated resilience and responsiveness to new global health challenges. Our global solidarity and joint actions to strengthen the health systems are yet again a practical example of how collective change is possible through a partnership of trust. Thanks to this partnership, our school has gained visibility far beyond the borders of our region.

Our endeavor is to reduce the shortage of trained and qualified midwives. As always, the midwifery training and education projects continue to play a vital role in this. To date, the school has trained 149 professional midwives, in cooperation with the Sierra Leonean health ministry, Caritas Bo, action medeor and with funds provided by the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), the Else Kröner Fresenius Foundation (EKFS) as well as the Quandt family.

The tangible successes of this partnership are significant: Year after year, another 50 certified midwives join the midwifery workforce in the health sector. In addition, 60 practicing midwives are actively involved in mentoring the young graduates. This helps to ensure a high quality of training,

while women and children gain access to better obstetric care. This, in turn, contributes greatly to reducing the maternal mortality rate. What is more, we are working to improve the living conditions of midwives in the rural communities and to arrest the further drift from rural to urban areas.

We are very thankful that this partnership has enabled the School of Midwifery Bo to become a part of the success story of action medeor, its sponsors, donors and friends. We want this partnership to endure and to maintain the successes achieved in saving lives and improving the health systems for mothers and children in Sierra Leone. Thank you for supporting the people of Sierra Leone.

Patricia Mokuwa

Head of the School of Midwifery in Sierra Leone

Bo, June 2022

Our guidelines

Mission. medeor – I help, I heal

As a non-governmental medical aid organization and part of civil society, our foundation is our donors, volunteers, full-time staff, and our global partners.

We provide ...

people in need with access to medicines and ensure continuous medical care.

... support and promote

local health care structures.

... enable

our partners and local people to improve medical care for themselves and those around them and so help to build stronger local communities and stable structures.

... fight

worldwide against diseases due to poverty, HIV/Aids, malaria and tuberculosis, as well as neglected tropical diseases.

... help

in emergency and disaster situations, both promptly and over the long term.

... educate

and raise awareness of health issues to prevent diseases.

professional staff and help through transfer of knowledge to equip local partners with pharmaceutical and medical skills.

... campaign

for solidarity and support from the public highlighting the link between poverty and disease.

... change

opinions by educating people and by informing and sensitizing the public to health issues, but also with regard to common development objectives and sustainable living.

... pool

our resources with those of other organizations and networks in an effort to influence local, European and international policies on health and development issues.

Values. Our principles

Solidarity and charity are our driving force. We work to secure human rights and the right to health.

Independence and responsibility

We help others to help themselves and act responsibly both within our organization and outside.

Neutrality

We provide help and support, regardless of age, gender, ethnic origin, sexual orientation or political and religious

Respectful cooperation as equals

We respect the dignity and culture of our partners.

Transparency

We work on the basis of transparency and open communication in our organization and on the outside, and regularly give an account of our work.

Participation

We exemplify and promote participative cooperation both in our work with local partners and in our own organization. We believe that everyone stands to benefit.

Effectiveness and efficiency

Our actions and operational processes are focused on maximum effect at minimum cost.

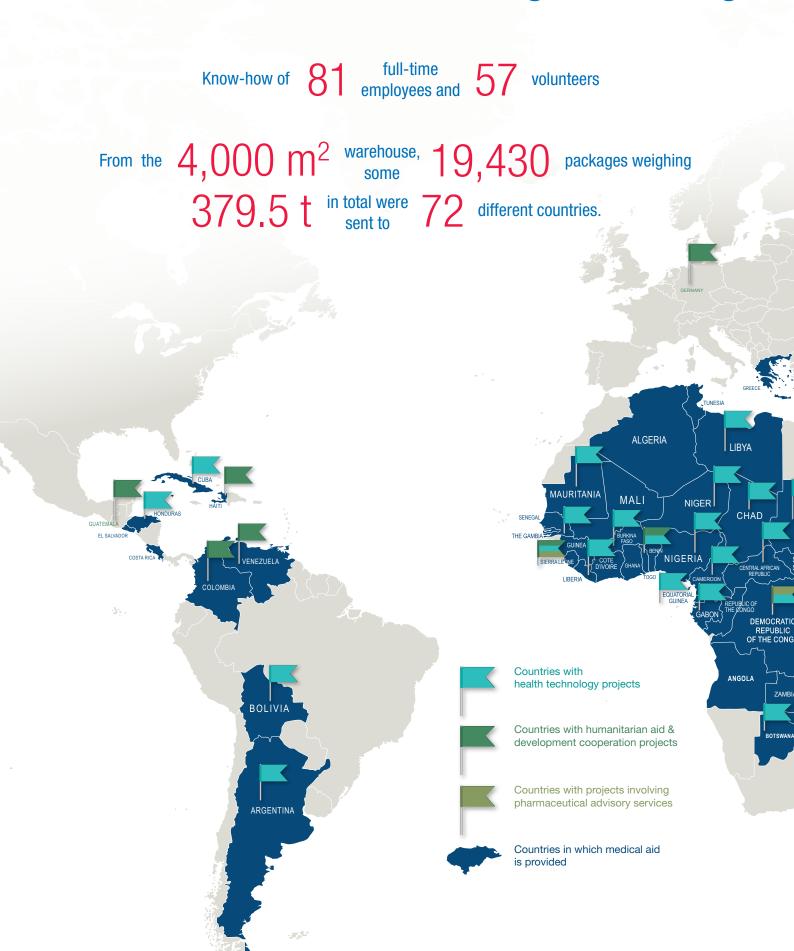
Protecting resources

Our structures and processes are constantly adapted in a continual improvement process to ensure sustainable operations. Our aim is to leave as small a carbon footprint as possible.

Staff

We believe in staff development to ensure our team is able to deal with the human and professional demands. We expect from them that they continuously improve their knowledge and skills.

The global emergence

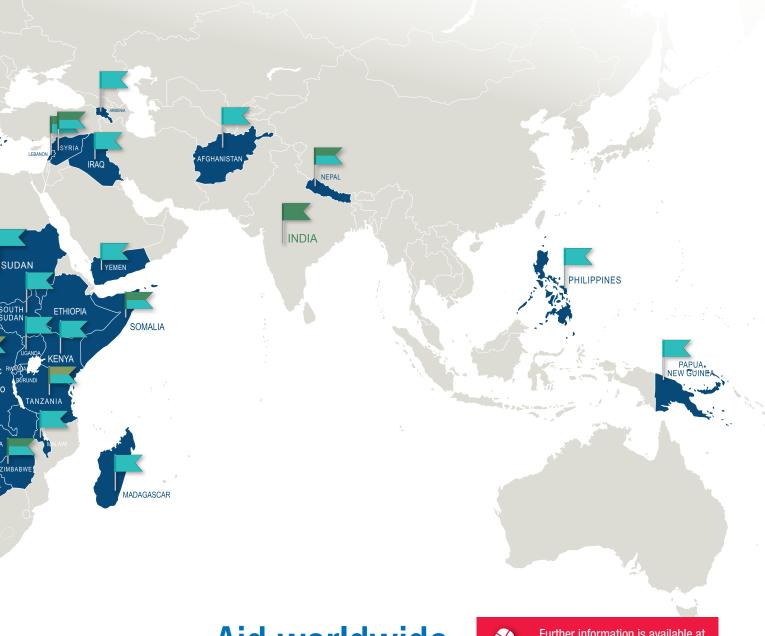


y dispensary in 2021

More than $3.5 \, \text{m}$ people benefited from the projects.

Receipt of 9,8 m euros of restricted & unrestricted monetary donations,

2.2 m euros of in-kind donations and 4.5 m euros of third-party funding



Aid worldwide



Flood relief in the Ahr Valley

In mid-July 2021, West Germany was hit by catastrophic floods of unprecedented magnitude. Days of heavy rainfall caused small streams such as the Ahr, Erft and Rur to burst their banks, turning streets into raging torrents that brought widespread devastation and cost more than 180 people their lives.

One of the worst affected areas was the Ahr Valley in the Federal state of Rhineland-Palatinate, where flash floods swept away cars, homes, factory buildings and trees, and in some places submerged whole streets. In view of the devastation, the decision was quickly made that action medeor would, for the first time in the history of our aid organization, provide active assistance in Germany. A watershed.

Once decided, everything quickly fell into place: Only days after the disaster, action medeor volunteers were already on the scene in the flood areas to distribute the first relief supplies. Not long after, a large aid shipment with more than 40 pallets worth over 100,000 euros was sent to the Ahr Valley to provide a temporary medical camp with water purification tablets, equipment and medical supplies. In addition, solarpowered street lights were installed in the villages of Dernau and Rech to restore a modicum of safety and security in the devastated communities.

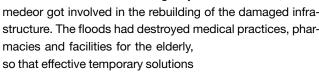
In tandem with the first emergency relief measures, action medeor got involved in the rebuilding of the damaged infrastructure. The floods had destroyed medical practices, pharmacies and facilities for the elderly,

had to be found, and fast, to deliver the required medical and pharmaceutical care.

In Kalenborn, a municipality in the Altenahr municipal association, action medeor joined with Pharmacists without Borders to set up a container unit housing a medical practice and a pharmacy from Altenahr. Both had originally been located on the banks of the Ahr River and had been destroyed by the floods. Their accommodation in the container unit meant that many thousands of people in the Ahr Valley quickly had access to medical and pharmaceutical services.

In the region between Dernau and Rech, action medeor and Pharmacists without Borders additionally set up a multifunctional container serving as a temporary prescription collection point for the surrounding pharmacies and a psychosocial care facility. It also accommodated the local crisis team and the Rech municipality whose administrative building had also fallen victim to the floods.

Despite all the help and support given the people in the Ahr Val-













ley, the second half of 2021 was a mixture of shock, grief and defiant rebuilding. Those able to work labored daily to breaking point. All at once, it was no longer a place for children and the elderly. They had practically lost their entire living environment; many were forced to move away, whole village communities and support systems were torn apart.

In response to this, action medeor developed several support programs aimed specifically at children and older people. Thus, for example, our organization supported afternoon events for the elderly, organized by the Maternus Nursing Care Service. Participants were senior citizens with or without care needs; transportation and catering were financed by action medeor.

In Hönningen, another municipality in the Ahr Valley, containers were installed as a temporary base for the Adenau-Altenahr community health center. Though many of the nurses at the community health center were themselves affected by the disaster, they took it upon themselves to care for the elderly in the difficult time after the flooding. Long commutes quickly became a problem, however, as the former field base of the community health center, along with several vehicles, had been ravaged by the floods. Not only did the new base in Hönningen reduce the commute, but action medeor also financed a new vehicle.

Lastly, action medeor sprang into action for the children of the Ahr Valley whose world had turned brown with mud and debris. A ray of light for them came in the form of Claudia Olef. The professional dance teacher joined with action me-

> deor to develop a program for children from the ages of four to twelve that encouraged them to use their imagination in a playful

and enjoyable setting and was designed to help them work through their traumatic experiences. The dance sessions allowed them, for example, to turn into little fairies that had the ability to make the brown color in the streets magically disappear. Aside from the fun, the program also helped restore the physical and mental stabilization of the children.

The flood relief efforts were funded entirely by donations, including the generosity of the German relief coalition Aktion Deutschland Hilft. In 2021 alone, the schemes planned and implemented by action medeor as part of these efforts came to around 1.5 million euros. The rebuilding measures in the Ahr Valley are projected to continue until 2023.

- 1. | Solar-powered street lights increase the safety and security at night.
- 2. | Neighborly help: The shooting fraternity Bürger Junggesellen Schützenbruderschaft 1564 Vorst transports the first relief supplies.
- 3. The scale of the flooding is devastating.
- 4. Dance courses help the children work through their experiences.
- 5. A container unit as a temporary solution for a pharmacy and medical practice.
- 6. A vehicle for the community health center transports the elderly who are no longer mobile.
- 7. | Briefing with CEO Sid Peruvemba in the Ahr Valley.

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The best part of the training is that I now know how the devices work. This knowledge will be helpful in my daily work. Before the training, I was always apprehensive about using these life-saving devices, as any error can be fatal.

Participant in the DeveloPPP.de project in Malawi

Medicines and medical supplies

In 2021 action medeor sent out goods weighing a total of 380 tons. Nearly 20,000 packages were delivered to 72 countries, primarily to conflict areas across the world. The transportation costs proved to be a challenge.

One country was back in focus for aid supplies in 2021: Afghanistan. Seven action medeor shipments containing medical aid were made to this country. One recipient was our partner organization Première Urgence Internationale, a French humanitarian organization that operates health programs in Afghanistan and was supported by action medeor with medicines and medical supplies. In the first half of the year, a delivery to a hospital in Kabul was made possible with the help of the German armed forces. Since the Taliban returned to power and sealed off Kabul's airport, however, the possibilities of foreign aid deliveries have decreased drastically—with dramatic consequences for the people of Afghanistan. Since then, action medeor has worked with old and new partners on making safe supply routes and transportation options available to ensure that aid shipments also find their way into this crisis-ridden country.

The challenges faced during transportation were immense last year—not only in Afghanistan, but in many other countries as well. Transportation options were lacking everywhere, partly because cargo flights were in short supply, but partly also because few, if any, ships or (cooling) containers were available. Not to mention the fact that a lack of transportation options means higher transportation costs. Over time, even cardboard boxes were in short supply and thus became more expensive. All this required a great deal of patience and improvisational skills on the part of action medeor, its partners and customers. And it is not letting up, even after 2021: the transportation costs are still higher than in pre-pandemic times, affecting the entire supply chain.

The economic impact of the global pandemic continued to be felt through 2021. In Malawi, the effects were particularly pronounced, as the landlocked country does not have its own seaport and



therefore is heavily dependent on imports. This meant that the hike in transportation and fuel costs has had especially detrimental consequences here. Even locally produced goods and food have become significantly more expensive, leaving the people here struggling to cope with the price hikes in their daily lives. This makes it all the more important for action medeor to help provide medical supplies and medicines at affordable prices.

Humanitarian Crisis in South Sudan

Since the peace agreement was signed in 2018, there has been little news coverage of the war-torn South Sudan. And yet, ongoing conflicts, extreme weather events and the coronavirus pandemic have left deep scars.

The people in South Sudan are facing the worst humanitarian crisis since the country became independent in July 2011. Two-thirds of the population lack secure access to food—including millions of internally displaced people. Hundreds of thousands of children are malnourished. The few medical workers still in the country lack the resources to provide proper care for the sick and injured.

The Human Development Index ranks the country in 185th place of 189 countries, making it one of the least developed countries in the world. This is due largely to the region's history, which has been dominated by war and violence for more than 60 years now—the ones that suffer the most are the people of South Sudan.

action medeor has not forgotten the people's plight and, as the global emergency dispensary, provides them with access to urgently needed medicines and medical equipment as the crises in the East African country continues. For many years now, action medeor has worked with trusted partners in South Sudan. Repeatedly, action medeor has sent large aid shipments with medicines and medical supplies to various Don Bosco health centers and hospitals across the country. The need is great, and stocks run out quickly. Other partners in South Sudan, such as the Diocese of Wau, also appreciate our regular support.

Without medicines and medical supplies, even the most easily treatable diseases can quickly turn deadly in South Sudan. Sickness and death are frequently caused by the dirty drinking water that is left behind after the increasingly severe droughts and flooding during monsoon season. Among those particularly at risk are the many hungry and malnourished children whose immune system is already compromised.

This makes it all the more important for action medeor to continue on in the fight against the humanitarian crisis in South Sudan.



In-kind donations: Effective and needs-based

action medeor is frequently offered in-kind donations from the pharmaceutical industry. These donations are accepted only if they meet strict quality requirements and suit the specific needs and uses of a partner.

One of those partners is the National Pediatric Epilepsy Center at the Arabkir Medical Center in Yerevan, Armenia. It currently treats 3,700 children aged 0 through 18 with different types of epilepsy. Epilepsy is a disorder where the brain or certain areas of it become overactive and send out too many signals that can trigger epileptic seizures.

Thanks to a donation in kind made to action medeor by the pharmaceutical company UCB Pharma GmbH, some 700 children in Yerevan can now receive treatment. The donation offers huge financial relief to often disadvantaged families who cannot afford the rather exorbitant costs of pharmaceuticals in Armenia.

Many pharmaceutical companies such as UCB, a global biopharma company focusing on neurology and immunology, seek to do good with their medicines and medical supplies, especially in emergencies and disasters.

action medeor has a global network of trustworthy partners that work hard to effectively improve healthcare in the poorest regions of the world and, in doing so, rely on support in the form of donations of medicines, medical supplies and health technology. In the past, this has made it possible for us to deliver them successfully and effectively to those in need of often lifesaving assistance.



- All donated drugs should appear on the WHO Model List of Essential Medicines or the national list of essential drugs of the recipient country and be obtained from a reliable source.
- All drugs should, at least, be labelled in English and indicate the International Nonproprietary Name.
- With a few exceptions, donated drugs should have a remaining shelf-life of at least 13 months upon arrival in the recipient country.
- All donations should be submitted with certificates of analysis and provide information on the registration/licensing status.
- No drugs should be donated that have been issued to patients and then returned to a pharmacy or elsewhere, or were given to health professionals as free samples.

develoPPP: Improvement of access to essential laboratory services

Within the developed program established by the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), action medeor's branches in Tanzania and Malawi have joined in a collaboration with the German investment and development company DEG to work toward developing essential diagnostic capacities in rural Tanzania and Malawi.

The program is designed to counter the shortage of properly trained biomedical engineers, laboratory technicians and health supply chain managers through the establishment and operation of two health technology training centres. In conjunction with this, a number of hospitals in Malawi and Tanzania are equipped with 26 laboratory devices including supplies. In a further step, the BMZ awarded action medeor Tanzania and Malawi 170,000 euros from a COVID-19 Response Fund to help mitigate the immediate health and economic consequences of the coronavirus pandemic.

In 2021, action medeor Tanzania was able to complete as many as three develoPPP projects aimed at strengthening the diagnostic capacities in health facilities and to ensure access to better medical care during the pandemic.

For action medeor Malawi, 2021 was a year of particular significance: The establishment of the new base in Blantyre in southern Malawi was completed successfully. Once the branch received the official licence to operate the medicine warehouse from the competent authority (PMRA), the warehouse was stocked with vital medicines and equipment. Along with the establishment of the medicines warehouse, action medeor Malawi implemented two more develoPPP projects in collaboration with the DEG, establishing a training center and donating blood analysis equipment.



January 2021, MALAWI: Installation of a solar system on the roof of the new Blantyre base.



March 2021, MALAWI: Funding from the COVID-19 Response Fund is used to donate **medicines**, **medical equipment and devices** to the St. Kizito hospital in Malawi.

January **2021**

February

May 2021, TANZANIA: **Upskilling** of the technicians on "Trainer Skills". March

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Establishment and operation of two health technology training centers

Kibaha, Tanzania and Blantyre, Malawi Project region:

Project period: October 2020 - September 2023

Total funding: 1,980,591 euros (54% DEG (BMZ), 46% action medeor)

Access to essential laboratory services

Project region: COVID-19-affected regions in Tanzania & Malawi

Project period: April 2021 - July 2022

375,581.50 euros (50% DEG (BMZ), 50% action medeor) **Total funding:**

Kibaha Technology Lab (KTL) Project

Project region: Kibaha, Tanzania

November 2021 - October 2024 Project period:

Total funding: 1,383,398 euros (50% DEG (BMZ), 50% action medeor)



Tanzania & Malawi



August 2021, TANZANIA:

The first health technology training course in cooperation with the Dar es Salaam Institute of Technology (DIT) was a success. In total, three training courses attracted 37 participants.



November 2021, TANZANIA: In the Vital Lab project, 31 blood analysis de-

vices were procured for donation to Malawi and Tanzania and installed. as here in Tanzania.

August

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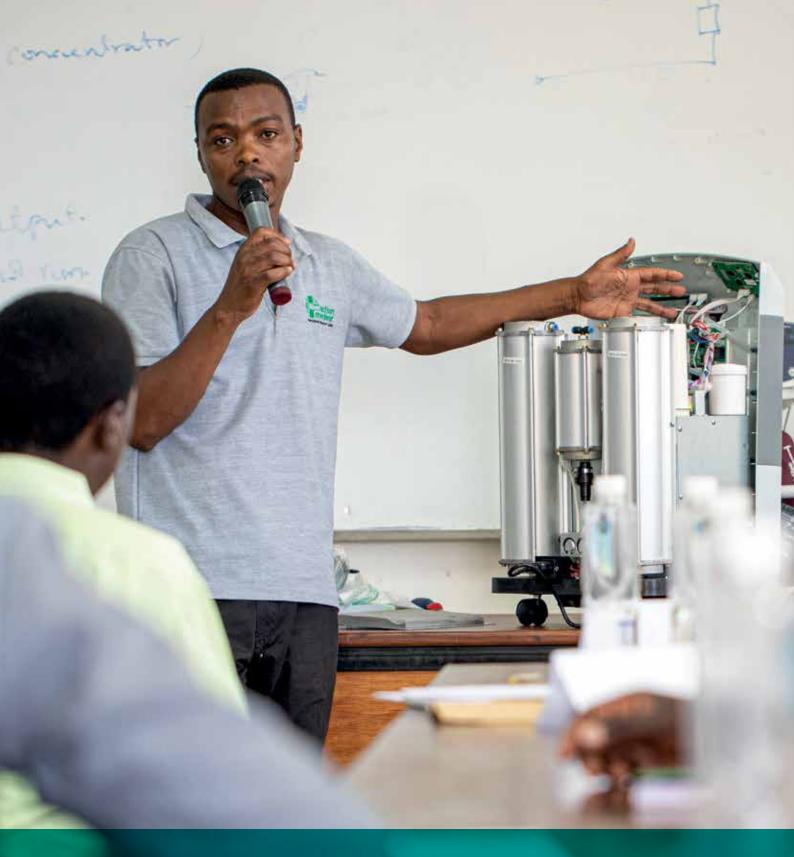
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September 2021, MALAWI:

The Health Supply Chain Management course was the first training program conducted in the new training room in Blantyre.



September 2021, TANZANIA: Introduction of the develoPPP program at the TCMA (Tanzanian Christian Medical Association) exhibition in Dodoma by the action medeor Tanzania team.



>>> Because the clinic team had no training in how to use and maintain the device, a hematology machine at their clinic in Haiti had been sitting around unused for a long time. I am delighted that I was able to help provide some technical training, so the device can at last be used for its intended purpose.

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Health technology

Rarely have we been more aware of the importance of medical devices than in the last two years. Never before were ventilators and respirators so important as during the coronavirus pandemic. This is true for us here in Germany as for the rest of the world. But even apart from the coronavirus pandemic, health workers worldwide cannot do without medical devices. They are necessary for the diagnosis and treatment of diseases. Whether caesarean section, bone fracture or appendectomy: medical equipment is just as vital for surgical procedures.

The mere availability of medical devices in health facilities, however, is not enough to improve healthcare in the long term. Many healthcare providers in countries with medium to low income levels lack the know-how to ensure optimal use and maintenance of health technologies, not to mention the financial resources. Even minor repairs of health technology equipment can quickly become prohibitive when faced with the steep charges of service technicians for labor and travel. What makes it even worse for health facilities in more remote rural areas is that these services are almost always restricted to larger cities.

In response to this, the experts of action medeor International Healthcare Tanzania have taken it upon themselves to provide hospital staff with on-the-job training. In addition, selected technicians are offered several three-day intensive health technology courses that allow them to upgrade their skills and knowledge and to pass on their training to others in the hospital.



The local action medeor teams in Malawi and Tanzania assist the health facilities with the installation of the devices and remain available for ongoing advice and support beyond the project-end. This ensures that the medical devices are kept in proper working order and patients can at all times be offered the necessary laboratory services.

Remote maintenance of medical devices using Augmented Reality in Tanzania

An efficient healthcare system requires not only health technology equipment, but also the know-how for its operation and maintenance. In Tanzania, knowledge is now shared very practically—using remote and digital media.

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In response to this, action medeor has set about ensuring better access to comprehensive servicing options for health technology equipment—through remote maintenance. Via a smartphone app, any device or application issues can now be transferred directly to action medeor technicians in Germany and Tanzania. In both countries, action medeor has trained health technology professionals available. The video and audio transmission from the smartphone of the person requesting assistance to the laptop of the biomedical engineer at action medeor allows for precise analysis of the problem at hand and ensures prompt assistance.

In Tanzania, a total of 20 health facilities have free access to a remote maintenance tool with live video and augmented reality that makes it possible to assist hospital technicians and users remotely with the maintenance, repair and operation of their health technology equipment. They receive instructions on how to use the application and are provided free smartphones with the appropriate data volume. The remote maintenance app enables precise remote maintenance assistance using features such as drawing and positioning in the smartphone's camera field. This allows the local hospital technicians to perform both standard maintenance work and critical repairs—without the need to bring in expensive service technicians from abroad.

Key project data:

Cooperation partner: action medeor International

Healthcare gGmbH Tanzania

Project period: November 2020 - June 2021

Total funding: 38,640.00 euros



From manager to senior expert for action medeor

Five years ago, the biologist Dr. Bernd Diener took early retirement. Since then, he has volunteered his services to action medeor. As a senior expert with focus on health technology, he helps partners at health facilities procure health technology equipment.

In 2015 Dr. Bernd Diener, then regional manager of specialty chemicals company Evonik, presented former action medeor President Heinz Gommans with the Evonik Eagle Award in recognition of his extraordinary volunteer work. In the process, he learnt more about action medeor and was inspired by the work of our "global emergency dispensary". After he took early retirement, he immediately delved deep into the subject of health technology and is now the go-to expert par excellence at action medeor, able to advise on everything from ultrasound devices to laboratory equipment.

Why is health technology so important with regard to global health?

A proper diagnosis is essential for the effective treatment of patients, and this requires health technology: x-rays for bone fractures, ultrasound examinations for internal injuries, and clinical blood counts for a variety of diseases.

What are the differences across the world in terms of availability and accessibility of health technology?

Our healthcare system in Germany is in no way comparable to that in disadvantaged regions. This is something I realized during a cancer treatment project in Tanzania. By way of an example, this country, with its more than 50 million inhabitants, only has three hospitals that can offer cancer patients

What are the main problems when it comes to the use of medical devices?

In 2018 I visited several hospitals in Tanzania on behalf of action medeor. More than a third of the laboratory equipment was out of service, either because the devices were defective or because the reagents needed for their operation were not available. Sadly, the number of well-trained medical technicians that can maintain and repair the devices is far from enough.

> Since taking early retirement, Dr. Bernd Diener has devoted his expertise as senior expert to action medeor.

How does action medeor approach these problems?

There are several aspects which must be borne in mind to ensure that health technology remains in proper working order. It is important to use devices that are robust enough to withstand the environmental challenges, such as high ambient temperatures and humidity, as well as voltage fluctuations and power cuts. Next, they must be easy to operate and maintain. In Tanzania and Malawi, action medeor has its own health technology teams that train healthcare workers in the operation and repair of the devices.

Is there a project that is especially dear to you?

The availability of essential laboratory reagents is often a limiting factor in the laboratory. Importing from other continents has become a real problem since the rise in transportation costs and the shortage of transportation capacities in the wake of the pandemic. In a funded project, action medeor has started building its own manufacturing plant in Tanzania that will help increase the availability and significantly reduce the costs. I am proud that action medeor is the first manufacturer of these essential reagents in the Sub-Saharan region.







Graduation day: 50 midwives in SIERRA **LEONE** can now provide a vital health service.

Successes in 2021

In **SOMALIA** two hospital pharmacies received essential supplies to ensure full and free healthcare, especially for children, pregnant women and mothers.



After three decades, the drinking water supply system for the around 5,000 people of Kenya, a village in DR KONGO, has now at last been restored to working order.





In BANGLADESH three health centers were given telemedicine equipment. Digital networking now helps alleviate the shortage of health workers.

Humanitarian aid & development cooperation

Worldwide, conflicts are growing in number and complexity. What makes this worse for the people in many of the conflict areas is that, on top of this, they are faced with the impacts not only of climate change, but of the COVID-19 pandemic as well. In 2021, the number of people in need of humanitarian assistance globally reached 235 million. It is estimated that this number will climb further in 2022 as a result of increasing conflicts, incipient droughts and rising hunger. In many cases, the people affected are left with no option but to migrate. Most seek refuge within their own countries or escape to those bordering theirs. Mostly in Syria, Venezuela and Afghanistan. Women and children continue to bear the brunt of these crises, as they are exposed particularly to the challenges and risks in transit, while often also having to look after family members.

action medeor is active in a number of conflict areas and their neighboring countries, including the DR Congo, Somalia, Colombia, Venezuela, Syria and Bangladesh. In cooperation with partner organizations, action medeor is committed to helping both the local population and those seeking refuge here. Focus is given to the support and empowerment of women and girls.

This commitment translates into numerous programs—among them support centers for victims of violence, the strengthening of female small-scale farmers, mother and child health centers, protection against female genital mutilation, and the training of midwives.

action medeor depends on its partners for the major tasks. These partners are primarily civil society organizations or church-run facilities in the project countries. They are the ones to implement the measures for the target groups as equals, with empathy, great dedication, local knowledge and expertise. In 2021 action medeor worked with 23 partners from 17 countries, offering some 500,000 people (including around 230,000 women and 260,000 refugees) direct support. Another 2 million people benefited indirectly from the work, for example through educational work on the radio.

In 2022 our focus will obviously be on the war in Ukraine and on housing and integrating the refugees in the neighboring countries, as well as on the impacts this war has on our project countries as a result of the rising food prices.

Burundi: Support of internally displaced people after flooding

In Burundi, natural disasters are one of the greatest risks for the already weakened population and the poverty-stricken people. As a result, many are often forced to flee within their own country, action medeor provides humanitarian aid to the people affected by or at risk from natural disasters.

Since 2015, the Gatumba region on the western side of Bujumbura has repeatedly been hit by flooding. Ever since January 2021, the rising waters of Lake Tanganyika and the Rusizi River bursting its banks have led to several incidents of severe flooding. As a result, more than 50,000 people have been internally displaced. The makeshift camps, designed to serve only as temporary shelter for some 18,600 displaced people, have now been operating for almost a year. The two health facilities constructed by the Burundi government to provide free healthcare to those affected are run-down. This is made worse by the shortage of medicines, leaving those internally displaced with little, if any, access to basic health services.

In an effort to improve the health services and hygiene conditions for those affected in the areas of the internally displaced population, action medeor joined forces with the grassroots organization SFBSP Burundi in October 2021 to implement a humanitarian aid response in cooperation with the local health authority. To this end, 25 health workers from the displacement camps and the health centers in the surrounding communities were trained in awareness

Key project data:

Project region: Gatumba, Bujumbura Province,

Burundi

Project periods: October 2021 – June 2022

Total funding: 40,000 euros

raising activities for the prevention of epidemic diseases, while 22 health professionals at the health facilities were strengthened in their knowledge of primary healthcare. The five health centers were also provided with essential medical supplies, 25 hand wash facilities and soap.

The successes in the first three project months give cause for hope: To date, all the sick among the disaster victims in the Gatumba and Maramvya displacement camps and in the three surrounding health centers have received free healthcare.



Venezuela: Healthcare and malaria prevention

In Venezuela, the supply crisis is felt most in remote areas—especially in terms of healthcare and nutrition. The largely indigenous people living here have little to no access to humanitarian aid. In response, action medeor is supporting an indigenous health network designed to improve the healthcare in the country's hard-to-reach south.

The lower Rio Caura (Caura River) in the south of Venezuela is home to 53 indigenous communities of the Yekuana and Sanema ethnic groups. In recent years, the influx of illegal gold miners into indigenous territories has been on the rise, with disastrous consequences for the local people. Rivers that provide a source of drinking water and food for the local communities are now polluted as a result of the illegal mining, while the stagnant water in the mining pits are breeding grounds for mosquitoes that carry malaria and dengue. This situation is made all the more precarious by the fact that malaria medication has become scarce and the impacts of the economic crisis have been further exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic.

The indigenous communities along the Río Caura have a good network of health centers and mobile health workers, but given the extreme shortage of fuel and medicines, these can no longer be provided with enough supplies. Worse still, some of the medical devices are no longer working efficiently. For 30 years now, our Venezuelan partner organization ACOANA has maintained a close contact with the indigenous communities of the Rio Caura Basin. As part

Key project data:

Río Caura - Bolívar, Venezuela Project region:

Project periods: September 2021 – December 2021

Total funding: 13,000 euros

of our cooperation project, two health posts were supplied with medicines, medical devices and laboratory equipment for malaria diagnosis, while the most vulnerable people with chronic diseases and disabilities were given the necessary drugs and aids, such as wheelchairs and walkers.

A further challenge in Venezuela is the lack of data on infectious and chronic diseases. For documentation of these diseases and identification of malaria outbreak areas, details were collected on the health status of 27 communities, and all malaria cases were displayed on an interactive map. This ensures targeted intervention responses in malaria hotspots and specific prevention campaigns.



Haiti: Earthquake relief efforts under extremely difficult conditions

On August 14, 2021, the southern peninsula of Haiti was struck by a devastating earthquake. This guake and a tropical storm caused widespread destruction: an estimated 52,000 families lost their homes. More than 2,000 people died, over 12,000 were injured. Many residential buildings, schools, health centers and latrines were reduced to rubble.

Our partners on the ground, OSAPO (Organisation Santé Popile) and FEJ (Fondation Enfant Jesus), were immediately on site, ready to provide emergency relief. Delivering aid to the people in the quake zone proved difficult, however, not only because key road sections were impassable or had been washed away. Since the assassination of Haiti's president, gang violence in the region has escalated, with armed gangs taking control of and blocking roads, kidnapping people for ransom and carrying out heinous attacks against civilians. "I am ashamed for my country, which is badly led by a powerless government and terrorized by criminal gangs. But we cannot abandon the destitute in the earthquake zone. We must help them-and: together we can do it!" This was the stance taken by Dr. Jean Gardy Marius, the coordinator of our relief efforts.

We have our partners in Haiti to thank for the prompt relief we were able to provide for the victims in the earthquake zone—especially in the face of these extremely difficult conditions. Not only was action medeor able to ship medicines instantly, but we also delivered food, drinking water, blankets

Key project data:

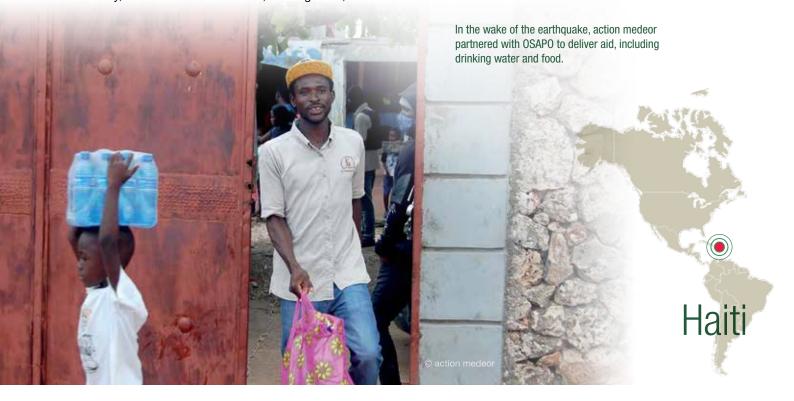
Plaisance du Sud, Barradères, and Project region:

others, Nippes region, Haiti

Project period: August 2021 - May 2022

132,600 euros Total funding:

and tents for 360 families. Single mothers and children were prioritized in the distribution. Since November 2021, women in the Plaisance du Sud and Barradères communes have received support in the form of water purification systems and hygiene measures as well as reconstruction aid. As well as this, 80 latrines are being rebuilt and the population is given hygiene education. A vital component in the prevention of a cholera outbreak. With a little extra effort, flexibility and great commitment, action medeor has managed to ensure a way out of the misery for the victims of the earthquake.



Togo: "NO" to violence against children and young people

In a project that involves a combination of awareness raising and the mobilization of stakeholders, action medeor is committed to strengthening the sexual and reproductive* rights of children and adolescents, sending a clear signal that these forms of violence will not be tolerated.

Sexuality is a taboo subject in Togo and means that children and adolescents have very limited understanding of their sexual and reproductive rights. Around 60 percent of the Togolese population are under 25 years old. Poverty and a lack of future prospects, especially in rural areas, forces more than 28 percent of the children to drop out of school as early as in their elementary years and to find a job. Many are even "sold" into domestic servitude or work as cheap labor in foreign countries. Young girls are particularly affected by this, as they are exposed to all forms of exploitation and sexual violence. Add to this the fact that a significant number of girls find themselves with unwanted pregnancies while still at school-some as young as elementary schoolage.

In a bid to take a firm stand against sexual violence, the project-with support from action medeor-organizes awareness raising events at schools where, for example, pupils are trained as contact points in matters related to sexual and reproductive rights. Additional measures include the installation of protection committees at community level, interactive radio programs or Girls Days. The latter gives young girls the opportunity to talk to women who have lived

Key project data:

Project region: 40 villages in the Kara, Plateaux

and Maritime regions, Togo

Project period: October 2019 – December 2022

391,286 euros Total funding:

through and survived terrible violence and have battled their way to becoming successful in jobs such as dressmakers.

These activities are carefully prepared and carried out by our partner organization Petite Soeur à Soeur (PSAS) and its Director Marie Ama Yawo-Akototse in cooperation with action medeor: "We must reach a broader audience in Togo if we want to eradicate problems such as sexual violence, sexual harassment in schools and sexual exploitation; or the alarming rate of early pregnancies because young girls know nothing about sexuality or contraception-we must do all we can to stop this!"

* Reproductive right means the right of women and girls to decide, free of coercion and violence, whether, when and with whom to be sexually active and have children.



Sierra Leone: Genital mutilation—a cultural practice on the threshold of change

Vanessa Hugo, Sierra Leone expert at action medeor, reports on her experiences and successes in cooperating with our partner organization WAVES in Sierra Leone.

I am at my desk in Tönisvorst. On my cell phone, I am currently talking to Hannah Yambasu in Sierra Leone, the founder and director of our partner organization WAVES. A woman and her organization who never ceases to amaze us with her courage, confidence and commitment.

She tells me about the case of a young woman who died of the consequences of female genital mutilation. Hannah has spent her Christmas break investigating the case. She is going to take a few days off now, she says, but without skipping a beat continues that, if necessary, she would go before the West African ECOWAS Court of Justice to get justice in this case. This is not just an empty promise—in 2017 she and a number of other organizations sued the state of Sierra Leone over a school ban for pregnant girls. In December 2019 the Court of Sierra Leone ordered the ban for pregnant girls lifted.

It is estimated that around 86 percent of the girls and women in Sierra Leone have undergone the procedure. Hannah had to go through this experience herself when she was ten years old. It is a deeply rooted cultural tradition and is not questioned. For girls, it has serious negative health consequences and goes hand in hand with duties such as mar-

Key project data:

Project region: Bo district, South province,

Sierra Leone

Project period: April 2021 – March 2022

Total funding: 32,000 euros

riage and sexual intercourse. In 2021 action medeor joined with WAVES to campaign against this ritual. Almost 1,300 people were educated about the negative consequences of this practice, parents were given advice, and girls and boys were encouraged in school clubs to advocate for the eradication of this practice. Local authorities publicized their support of the project. Public campaigns for the eradication of this practice were run by the target groups on International Girls Day. A change in thinking is taking place. Girls' and women's rights are increasingly respected, while the enthusiasm of members of one community inspires neighboring village communities to join the cause. Thus, Hannah's vision—that every girl and every woman in Sierra Leone can be safe and lead a life free of violence—has moved one step closer to becoming reality. In 2022 action medeor has plans to engage in a follow-up project with WAVES.



Colombia: Integration of Venezuelan refugees

At least 1.8 million people have migrated from Venezuela to Colombia in an effort to flee the ongoing political and humanitarian crisis in their country. For the two groups to live together in peace and to improve their living situation, they are supported with healthcare, food programs and the means to build a new life for themselves.

Unión de Dios is a hard-to-reach settlement on the fringes of the city of Cartagena. The land here was developed singlehandedly by people who had been displaced from the rural areas as a result of the 30-year civil war. To this day, this informal settlement is managed independently, without any government support or basic infrastructure. To this day, the residents here are not connected to the water supply or sewage system. However, after years of wrangling, they finally have electricity. Unión de Dios is home not only to internally displaced people, but also, in recent years, to Venezuelan refugees. They now share many of the daily problems facing the settlers here, not least of which is difficult access to the job market from this remote location.

In an effort to improve food diversity and to create a small income stream, this project-run in cooperation with our local partner organization PDP-focuses on developing innovative methods of cultivation and urban vegetable gardens. As a bonus, these joint activities foster a sense of community, boost the participants' confidence and build on the residents' own proactive efforts. Especially in these times

Key project data:

Project region: Cartagena, Colombia

Project period: September 2020 – December 2022

Total funding: 293,332 euros

where the COVID-19 pandemic has brought many incomegenerating activities to a standstill, food self-sufficiency has becomes even more essential for the protection of life and health of the people.

As the legal status of many of these refugees is unclear, they are denied access to essential primary care services. The focus, therefore, must also be on providing the healthcare they need. Urgent medical care is made available through mobile clinics and treatment drives. As well as this, PDP staff accompany the people to the authorities and offer advice to ensure that they are granted settled status and gain access to primary care.





The shortage of pharmacists at the Tanzanian health facilities has motivated me to study pharmacy. Building the classroom has improved our learning environment. I want to serve my community by working in the health sector, specifically in pharmacy.

Faudhi, 19 | Pharmacy student at the Mpanda College of Health and Participatory Science, Tanzania

Pharmaceutical advisory services

Pharmacy is the first profession that strikes the mind when thinking of pharmaceutical care. But it is a long process, one that involves several other professions, before pharmaceutical products of good and safe quality find their way into the local pharmacies.

The process starts with manufacturing. For the pharmaceuticals to obtain the required quality, the workers must be properly trained and all manufacturing equipment as well as the quality of the primary products must be optimal. To this end, pharmacists must work closely with engineers and other technical professions. Before the pharmaceuticals leave the factory, they are randomly subjected to a second stage—the chemical analysis. Here, chemists and laboratory technicians check whether the products meet all the quality standards required in their manufacture. These steps are conducted at the pharmaceutical manufacturers in compliance with national laws and protocols and under the scrutiny of the national regulatory and supervisory authorities. To ensure that the products retain their quality for sale by the pharmacies, all packaging, transportation and storage must conform to international standards. This requires a comprehensive supply chain management which is precisely tailored to the pharmaceuticals and, again, involves several professions under the supervision of pharmacists. The final professional step involves the medically correct dispensation of medication by properly trained medical and pharmaceutical professionals—doctors and pharmacists. Dispensing medication includes the provision of advice to ensure that the medication is stored as directed and taken by the patients as prescribed by their doctors.

The pharmaceutical advisory service team supports diverse projects and stakeholders involved in this process. In 2021 it provided seminars for manufacturers and regulatory authorities in Tanzania



on good manufacturing practice, trained pharmaceutical professionals in East Africa in supply chain management as part of their Master's study, and enhanced the pharmaceutical training through the support of students and pharmaceutical teaching staff. All projects are designed to ensure safety and quality assurance in pharmaceutical practice and, in the long run, to improve access to essential and safe medicines.

Knowledge sharing for pharmaceutical safety

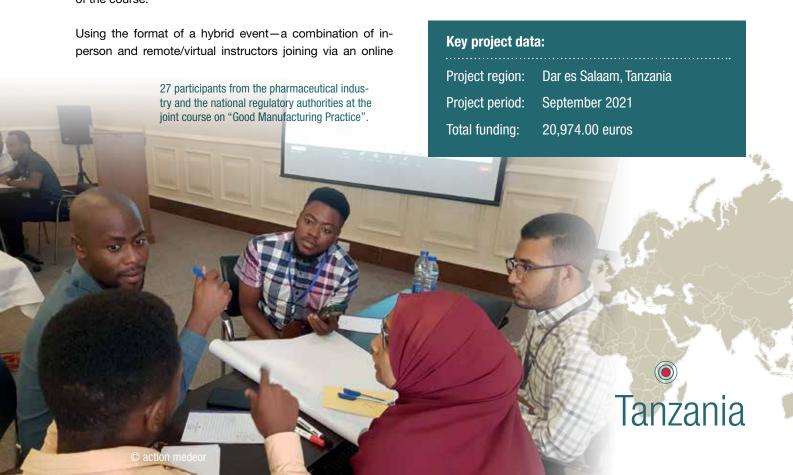
In recent years, many new pharmaceutical manufacturing facilities have sprung up in Tanzania. "Good manufacturing practice" is required here to ensure their products are consistently high in quality, action medeor organized a short course to share its expertise.

In cooperation with the Muhimbili University of Health and Allied Science (MUHAS) and the Tanzania Medicines and Medical Device Authority (TMDA), action medeor has, for a good many years now, provided training courses for the pharmaceutical manufacturers in Tanzania and its bordering countries. After a forced break of almost two years, this cooperation was resumed in the last year.

It took off with a course on good manufacturing practice in Dar es Salaam. 'Good Manufacturing Practice'—or GMP—is concerned with ensuring that products are consistently produced and controlled according to the highest standards of quality, safety and efficacy. These guidelines are becoming ever more important in Africa, where most of the local demand for pharmaceutical products can now be covered by local manufacturing facilities. The quality standards to be followed in the production of pharmaceuticals were the focus of the course.

streaming platform-27 participants came together for one week to learn how to implement, maintain or improve good manufacturing practice. The short course was geared toward staff in the pharmaceutical industry and the national regulatory authorities. The joint participation fostered the communication between practitioners and inspectors with the aim of developing a common understanding of quality and its implementation. With participants from Tanzania, Zanzibar, South Sudan and Rwanda, the course also provided the opportunity for successful and lively knowledge sharing beyond national borders.

In preparation for the workshop, action medeor organized the instructors, set up the program and contacted the participants. At the end of the course, the latter were excited about their new-found knowledge, which will help them implement higher quality standards in their organizations.



War on germs

Many infectious diseases are easy to treat. But what if the medicine no longer works? In Sierra Leone, action medeor supported a project designed to improve infection control in hospitals to protect patients from infection.

Infection diseases posed a threat to people's lives long before COVID-19. Hospital germs are particularly to blame here. Under the particular conditions found in hospitals, germs have to grow and multiply to survive-they mutate and develop resistances. This means that standard antibiotics for treating a disease may no longer work in these cases. In the worst case, this may result in the patient's death. In an effort to counter this scenario, action medeor has joined with its partners EPN (Ecumenical Pharmaceutical Network) and CHASL (Christian Health Association Sierra Leone) to support a program promoting the prevention of infections and strengthening hospital hygiene controls in Sierra Leone.

In six participating hospitals, a comprehensive set of measures was implemented, not only to improve general hospital hygiene, but also, very specifically, to prevent and contain the coronavirus pandemic. Hand wash units were installed, while medical and nursing staff were provided with specific protection equipment. Furthermore, special infection prevention and control committees were established that were given the necessary training and support in the implementation of these measures in their daily work. These committees have developed guidelines and information material to help

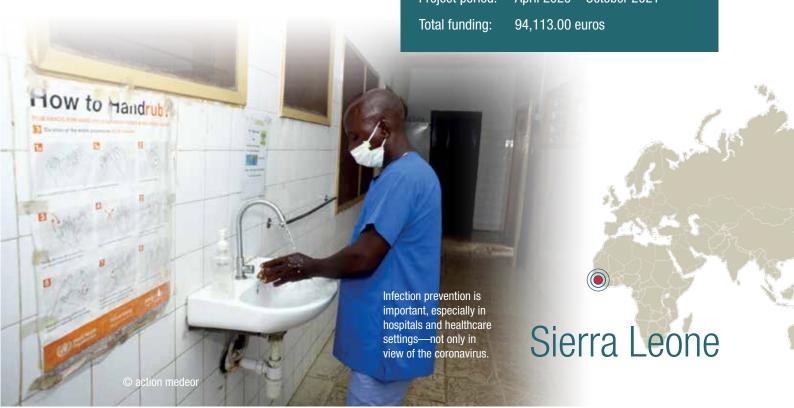
minimize infections in the daily hospital routine. The committee members acted as key contact points, but were also responsible for regular staff training.

Hygiene is influenced particularly by practices. Changing one's own practices and establishing new automatisms are an important yet taxing process that needs constant reminding and control. It has been possible in the six hospitals to integrate the measures and improved practices into the daily routine of hospital staff. A further success is the fact that the contact points and committees are now permanently established in the hospitals, as is the regular procurement of hygiene and protection equipment. Going forward, staff at the hospitals will receive ongoing support through online courses to ensure that the successes achieved through the project are maintained and that we can move forward in our war on germs.

Key project data:

Project region: Sierra Leone

April 2020 - October 2021 Project period:



Selection of projects in 2021

| | Continent | Country | Project focus | |
|-------------------------------------|-----------|--------------|--|--|
| Humanitarian Aid | Africa | DR Kongo | Healthcare, drinking water supply and sanitation for Burundian refugees and locals | |
| | | Somalia | Mother and child healthcare for particularly vulnerable groups in Banadir, Somalia | |
| | | Zimbabwe | Coronavirus pandemic emergency aid: Medicine and protection kits for health centers | |
| | Asia | Syria | Support of the radiology center in Idlib, Syria | |
| | | Nepal, India | COVID-19 emergency aid, South Asia | |
| | Europe | Germany | Emergency and transitional aid after flooding in the Ahrtal and Eifel regions | |
| | South | Haiti | Emergency aid and latrine construction after the August 2021 earthquake | |
| | America | Venezuela | Support for refugees from Venezuela (healthcare & food) | |
| Development Cooperation | Africa | DR Kongo | Malaria and malnutrition prevention, healthcare, obstetrics | |
| | | DR Kongo | Malaria and malnutrition prevention, food security | |
| | | DR Kongo | Health improvement for women and children through strengthening the peripheral health system in South Kivu | |
| | | Sierra Leone | Strengthening the practical midwifery training | |
| | | Sierra Leone | Prevention of female genital mutilation (FGM/C) | |
| | | Somalia | Food security and strengthening the resilience of women and children in Somalia | |
| | | Somalia | Food security and strengthening the resilience in the Hiraan region | |
| | | Togo | Prevention of gender-based violence and strengthening of children and youths | |
| | | Togo | Improvement of the living conditions and health of vulnerable girls and young women and their families | |
| | Asia | Nepal | Community and school development in rural Nepal | |
| | | Lebanon | Counseling of survivors of violence, support of women's shelters and emergency cash assistance | |
| | South | Guatemala | Construction of a counseling center for women and girls affected by violence in Totonicapán | |
| | America | Guatemala | SRHR and strengthening of local grassroots organizations | |
| | | Guatemala | Support of the counseling center for women and girls affected by violence in Chimaltenango | |
| | | Haiti | Health improvement for women and children through professional obstetrics and family planning | |
| | | Colombia | Integration of Venezuelan refugees on the outskirts of Cartagena | |
| | | Colombia | Strengthening the self-help skills and heath of internally displaced persons in Cauca and Valle del Cauca | |
| Pharmaceutical Advisory Services | Africa | East Africa | Master study courses on Health Supply Chain Management at the University of Rwanda | |
| | | Sierra Leone | Infection prevention and control | |
| | | Tanzania | Construction of a multi-purpose building in Kibaha (health technology training center and production facility for her reagents | |
| | | Tanzania | Multi-stakeholder partnership for better healthcare through more qualified pharmaceutical assistants and technicia the introduction of clinical pharmaceutics in hospitals in Tanzania | |
| | | Tanzania | Pharmaceutical training courses / GMP training Tanzania | |
| | | Tanzania | Improvement of the training of pharmaceutical assistants and technicians in Mpanda, Tanzania | |

| | Period | Project partners | Co-funding/funding providers | Total funding* 2021 (EUR) |
|------------------------------|--------------------------------|-------------------------|--|---------------------------|
| | July 2019 - June 2022 | AFPDE | AA, Fürsorge- und Bildungsstiftung | 1,404,644.50 |
| | March 2021 - December 2021 | WARDI | ADH, Bild hilft | 203,964.00 |
| | March 2021 - February 2022 | ZACH | AA, German Embassy in Zimbabwe | 99,193.94 |
| | June 2021 - December 2021 | Orient for Human Relief | ADH | 97,041.40 |
| | May 2021 - August 2021 | ECCA/ CMC | ADH | 56,743.72 |
| | July 2021 - April 2023 | - | ADH, Pharmacists without borders | 754,015.30 |
| | August 2021 - May 2022 | OSAPO and FEJ | ADH | 81,632.27 |
| | September 2021 - December 2021 | ACOANA | ADH | 24,763.49 |
| | July 2019 - September 2021 | AEO/CNA | EKFS | 184,067.69 |
| October 2019 - June 2022 | | AFPDE | BMZ | 127,278.67 |
| | November 2021 - May 2024 | AEO/CNA | BMZ | 31,261.26 |
| | October 2020 - September 2023 | Caritas Bo | BMZ, EKFS, Lappe-Verbrauchsstiftung | 349,369.47 |
| | April 2021 - March 2022 | WAVES | Own funds | 23,574.00 |
| | July 2019 - June 2021 | WARDI | SKala, own funds | 265,672.19 |
| | December 2018 - December 2023 | WARDI | BMZ, Fürsorge- und Bildungsstiftung | 449,887.97 |
| | October 2019 - December 2022 | PSAS | BMZ, Walter und Hannelore Lappe-Stiftung | 103,826.88 |
| | Oktober 2020- September 2023 | PSAS | BMZ | 173,810.40 |
| | October 2018 - December 2021 | ECCA I, ECCA II | BMZ | 149,362.69 |
| May 2021 - October 2021 | | ABAAD | ADH | 61,056.75 |
| | June 2019 - December 2022 | PIES de Occidente | BMZ | 184,971.03 |
| | October 2020 - September 2023 | ASECSA | BMZ | 190,384.25 |
| | October 2021 - September 2024 | ASOGEN | BMZ | 41,807.82 |
| | November 2019 - December 2022 | FEJ | BMZ | 183,650.14 |
| | September 2020 - December 2022 | PDP | BMZ | 123,400.74 |
| | June 2019 - April 2022 | Taller Abierto | BMZ | 241,412.27 |
| | May 2019 - May 2022 | RCE-VIHSCM | RCE, own funds | 35,103.40 |
| | April 2020 - October 2021 | EPN/CHASL | ADH | 41,178.20 |
| natology | June 2021 - July 2022 | action medeor Tanzania | Lappe Verbrauchsstiftung, Jungheinrich, Frau v. Kameke, own funds | 60,568.82 |
| ns and May 2021 - April 2024 | | CSSC, and others | BMZ, Boehringer, Bayer, Merck | 411,450.10 |
| | September 2021 | MUHAS | Own funds | 16,606.58 |
| | June 2021 - December 2021 | CSSC | Sartorius | 63,067.25 |



I have known action medeor since 2003 and have been involved in the important work ever since: This included benefit concerts with the Düsseldorf Symphony Orchestra, my participation in "Who Wants to Be a Millionaire?", and winning 50,000 euros at "LOL: Last One Laughing". On joint project trips, I experience how donations are implemented.

Communications, fundraising and education

Without monetary donations, many of the projects and medical aid initiatives of action medeor around the world would not be possible. Unfortunately, public funding only goes so far, and we need donations to make up the difference from our own resources. Our thanks, therefore, goes to the many private donors, companies, foundations and action groups that decided in the last year to support the work of action medeor with a donation. Whether a single donation or regular commitment. We are grateful to note that the support through restricted & unrestricted monetary donations rose still further in 2021, increasing from 9.6 million euros to 9.8 million euros.

Donations mean trust, and therefore, transparency is paramount at action medeor. Donors and sponsors want to know what their donations are used for and the effects they have, action medeor reports on the reasons behind current and urgent projects in its annual report and through press releases, social media, newsletters, letters to sponsors, events, and in face-toface conversations. In many cases, the project areas are not in the focus of public attention, but yet require our attention. At the same time, we need to report on our successes achieved in cooperation with local project partners. Because a donation to action medeor makes a difference—to the partners of action medeor and to the people in the project areas who benefit from improved healthcare.

The communication of action medeor aims to keep donors and sponsors informed and to respond to gueries they may have. At the same time, we seek to attract new or repeat donors, all the while raising the profile of the work of action medeor. Where possible, at no cost, using means such as free advertising in publications. But we also engage service providers to produce



donor letters in large quantities or to reach potential new donors through social media. In all, we were as careful as always to ensure a prudent and responsible use of the funds entrusted to us. Relative to the total budget, expenditures for communications, fundraising and educational activities made up a share of 12.4 percent in 2021 (2020: 11.1 percent). The share of spending on administration came to 8.4 percent (2020: 9.7 percent).

Funfair team and young soccer players donate to action medeor

Over the last several years, action medeor and the Grenzland Soccer Academy have maintained a loyal partnership. This has now extended to include the support of the funfair team from the Rhineland-Palatinate town of Wissen. The financial aid enabled action medeor to finance the training of biomedical equipment technicians in Malawi.

Soccer is a sport that is also popular in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Many of the children attending the Grenzland Soccer Academy during their school vacation therefore help the children on these continents when their parents decide to round up the camp fee by one euro in aid of action medeor. Every euro donated is subsequently matched by the Grenzland Soccer Academy. Further support of the campaign comes in the form of a donation made by sportswear supplier SanDe Teamsport. As a result, action medeor was presented with 5,000 euros in the last year. To let the children know where exactly their donation is going, action medeor staff member Norbert Vloet goes to visit the soccer camps to present to them the various aid projects they help fund. In doing so, the children often also come to understand the connection between consumption and the effects on the environment of people across the world.

Much to our delight, action medeor was also approached by the organizing team of the funfair run by the Catholic youth in Wissen, Rhineland-Palatinate. Every year, the Catholic youth organizes a market with stalls, activities and a program in Wissen's town center. The proceeds of over 70,000 euros are donated to a social cause. action medeor was able to use the money to promote the training of biomedical equipment technicians in Malawi. Local hospitals often lack the knowledge of how to operate, maintain and, where necessary, repair their medical devices. Thanks to the financial support from Wissen, the action medeor staff at our Malawi branch was able to train health professionals in the handling of x-ray devices, laboratory equipment surgical technology and dental units.



Successful online events

In 2021 the coronavirus pandemic continued to cause significant disruptions to the action medeor events calendar. Some events were outright canceled. But many others, short of canceling, were simply transposed to other formats. With great success.

For the second year in a row, the events of action medeor were an area that was hit particularly hard by the pandemic. The Christmas benefit gala in Krefeld's Seidenweberhaus was called off, while several speaking engagements at action medeor in Tönisvorst could not be hosted as planned.

But some events did go ahead in the end. The regular volunteer meetings, for example, were held as video conferences. This allowed the teams to share news and important information about the daily work of action medeor. Armed with the experiences collected during these video conferences, the first talks for donors and sponsors were held in May and July 2021. Central Africa expert Emmanuel Limi recounted to his online audience at the first event the picture that presented itself to him when he first met the Burundian refugees in the Democratic Republic (DR) of Congo six years ago: in flimsy shelters that seemed no more than piles of straw.

In the face of these conditions, action medeor and its local partner organization AFPDE (L'Association des Femmes pour la Promotion et le Développement Endogène) worked hard to provide much-improved living conditions for the refugees. Through a constant exchange of information with our local partners, Emmanuel Limi was able to report almost "live" on the current situation in DR Congo.

In another online event, project advisor Sarah Weiß described the specific coronavirus safety precautions put in place by our various local partner organizations up to that point. Our guests were also apprised of the latest situation of the people in Nepal, a country that has been hit particularly hard by the coronavirus wave. Sarah Weiß reported on aspects, such as the work of our Nepalese partner organization ECCA (Environmental Camps for Conservation Awareness) and its major challenges during the pandemic.



Corporate philanthropy delivers impact

A growing number of companies engage in social issues and opt to support causes focused on improving the health of people around the world. As a social partner, action medeor ensures the effective use of company donations in sustainable health projects. Often, single fundraisers develop into long-term cooperative action and partnerships of trust.

This year, action medeor and Jungheinrich celebrate ten years of a very special partnership. The Hamburg-based company actively sponsors action medeor with a number of initiatives. Every year, the "rest cent" initiative launched by a number of Jungheinrich employees goes toward supporting projects aimed at effectively improving the health of many people. The rest cent donation is a good example of how even small amounts can make a big difference: All cent amounts of the participating employees' monthly salaries go toward supporting our cause. The total raised is then doubled by Jungheinrich and donated in addition to the resulting tax benefit. Over the years, this initiative has raised more than 250,000 euros for action medeor. Every year, action medeor is also presented with a corporate donation from Jungheinrich AG. This gift was used in 2021 to help fund the emergency operations in Haiti and Afghanistan as well as train health workers in South Kivu, DR Congo. The generosity of Jungheinrich AG has enabled us to take

another step forward in improving mother and child health, malnutrition and obstetrics.

In addition, Jungheinrich's granddaughter Hanni von Kameke has been campaigning for better equipment for the hospitals in Tanzania for years. In 2021, this also included providing hygiene material to protect against Covid-19. In addition, Hanni von Kameke made a significant contribution to the fact that action medeor Tanzania was able to equip the new technology laboratory in Kibaha with equipment, consumables and furniture.

Over the last six years, action medeor has also enjoyed the tremendous support of the Göttingen-based Sartorius AG, a leading international partner of biopharmaceutical research and the industry. A Christmas donation of 100,000 euros made in 2021 went toward the midwifery school in Sierra Leone, contributing not just to the training of midwives, but to reducing the maternal mortality rates in the country.



The Lower Rhine Business Owners Initiative (UI) was a huge help in our efforts to fight the coronavirus in India in 2021. To mark its seventh birthday, the UI—an alliance of regional business owners-raised money for respirators and presented action medeor with an impressive total of 27,000 euros. Our longstanding and reliable partnership with the UI is a great asset to action medeor.

Sanofi Aventis is another example of corporate engagement. In 2021, the company funded yet another mobile dental unit, which action medeor shipped to a health facility in Tanzania. It ensures that people who would otherwise be left to suffer toothache for weeks or months on end can now be treated quickly and effectively.

In a joint effort, Bayer, Boehringer Ingelheim and Merck have supported a multi-stakeholder partnership project for better pharmaceutical training in Tanzania since 2017. Welcome results to date include revised curricula, further training for instructors and a comprehensive study on clinical pharmacy in hospitals.

action medeor was also very pleased and honored to be sponsored through the Christmas initiative "Donations in lieu of gifts" organized by the regional companies mediloxx from Korschenbroich, Laufenberg from Krefeld and MLM Medical Labs from Mönchengladbach. Foregoing gifts for customers and business contacts, all three companies opt instead to donate a generous amount to action medeor.

Fortunately, more and more companies are also implementing online fundraising campaigns on the action medeor homepage, such as Advia GmbH from Dortmund with their nice "Coal for the common good" campaign.

The examples of corporate philanthropy presented here are representative of the numerous big and small companies, both regional and national, that supported action medeor with many and diverse initiatives in 2021 and came together to fight for the human right to health!



Legacy donations to action medeor— Videos on basic inheritance laws

Many people do not give thought to whether or not they should make a will. Any yet it is worth thinking about, because if there is no will, the rules on legal succession automatically apply. This may not always reflect your own wishes.

Especially in today's unprecedented times, there seems to be a great need for more information about this topic. In 2021, many donors and sponsors again decided to find out more about leaving a charitable legacy to action medeor.

Three easy-to-understand introductory videos on our action medeor website provide insight into the subject of inheritance law. Developed as part of the "My legacy does good. The Apple Tree Principle" initiative, these videos offer basic information, tips and suggestions on how to write a will. action medeor is a member of this initiative.

For those who prefer a written guide, action medeor also offers a free information brochure, which is available for download or by mail.

Charitable legacies are an important component of consistent and dependable financing for action medeor. In 2021, action medeor received 410,009 euros from several legacies and bequests of deceased donors. Leaving this final gift to posterity has made it possible for action medeor to provide many people with significantly improved healthcare. action medeor is grateful for the tremendous vote of confidence in our work expressed through these final donations.

Full information is available at: www.medeor.de

A good heart lives on. A legacy allows you to leave something important to the world: health and hope to those in need.



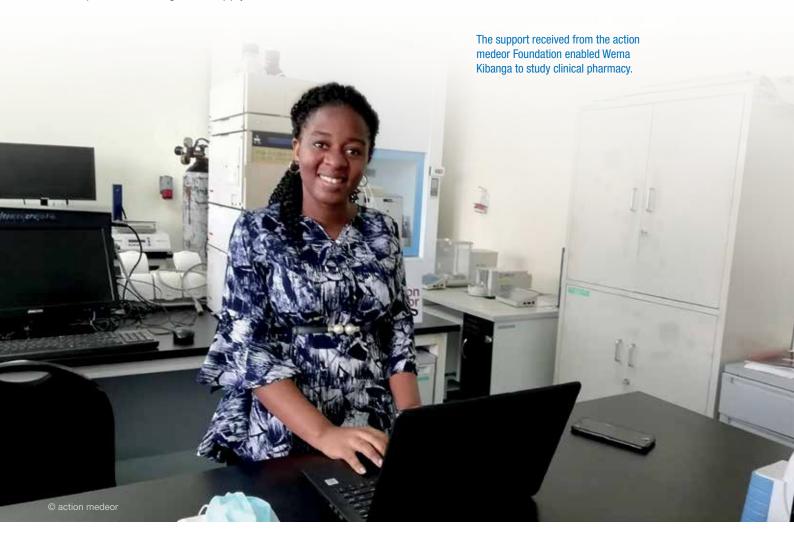
Master's student from Tanzania says thank you for scholarship

A big thank you from 25-year-old Wema Kibanga from Dar es Salam for supporting her Master's course goes to all endowment donors of the action medeor Foundation: "This support was a huge help for me. The scholarship saved me a lot of financial worries and stress, and enabled me to pursue my research at a high level. I decided to study clinical pharmacy because I believe there is great need in this area in our country. Clinical pharmacists deal particularly with the administration and dosing of medicines. There are far too few of them in Tanzania. Currently, every patient in hospital receives the same dose. We are still a long way from optimal treatment."

The young pharmacist successfully completed her studies with a Master's thesis on "Pregnancy and the risk of premature births". She hopes through her work to help ensure better care for pregnant women in Tanzania during high-risk pregnancies. Reflecting on her plans going forward, she is keen to continue teaching students, to upskill through further practical training and to apply for a doctorate.

The action medeor Foundation centers its focus on projects involving the training and development of medical and pharmaceutical professionals to help strengthen the health structures in poorer regions of the world in the long term. Along with offering scholarships to pharmacy students, it supports initiatives such as the training of pharmaceutical professionals in Tanzania and the training of midwives in Sierra Leone. Individual endowment funds and limited term trusts under the umbrella of the action medeor Foundation, meanwhile, help to fund health projects in Malawi or aid the expansion of health technology.

Foundation assets currently total 1.78 million euros plus two limited term trusts with a capital of 1 million euros. As of January 1, 2022, Dr. Angela Zeithammer is the new CEO of the action medeor Foundation, taking over from Bernd Pastors, who previously managed the affairs of the foundation for 20 years.



2021: Snapshots of the year



"Together for health" continued to be the slogan at Fortuna Düsseldorf in 2021. For the tenth year, the club advocated the work of action medeor with various charity events for its fans and members. The initiatives give club members an idea of the relief efforts of a medical aid organization and enable them to witness the operations at our warehouse in Tönisvorst. Even the Fortuna Düsseldorf race day and the Christmas market always include action medeor as a social partner.

In 2021 Xpad GmbH offered companies a new installment of its Team Experience under the theme of "Because your team knows no bounds". A contest with a difference, where the participants take on challenges for a good cause. In more than one way: As well as completing several professional team building exercises, the participants also support action medeor with a donation of 11,000 euros. A fantastic social program makes this corporate event a true highlight.





Social interaction despite lockdown—a familiar challenge we all faced also presented itself to the handball team of TV Vorst. Their solution: an online charity run to strengthen the team spirit. The run raised 1,834.10 euros, which was rounded up to 2,000 euros from the team funds. Half of it was earmarked for the trip of the handball youth team to the youth hostel in Xanten, the other half was a welcome donation to action medeor.

"Partnering together as an emergency dispensary"-Under this banner, the North Rhine Chamber of Pharmacists and action medeor have joined for the last eight years to campaign for the healthcare of people worldwide. With more than 220 pharmacies now participating, the funds raised in 2021 take the grand total to more than 85,000 euros. Regular reports in the Chamber's member magazine keep the pharmacists updated on the use of their donations.



Combining the love of the sport with a good causethe SORB Racing Team launched an online cycling fundraiser: for each kilometer notched up, one euro would be pledged to action medeor. The group of initially five ambitious cyclists has now grown into a whole community of enthusiasts. Those who prefer to donate without the exertion can do so at www.medeor.de.

"Who cares"-is the title of the podcast in which the German relief coalition Aktion Deutschland Hilft with its 23 relief organizations reports about humanitarian aid projects carried out worldwide. Actress Anke Engelke, the long-standing ambassador for our medical aid organization, relates in around 20 minutes why she is committed to the humanitarian aid projects run by action medeor and what she has experienced on her project trips: http://aktion-deutschland-hilft.de/podcast.



As every year in November, Holiday on Ice performed its latest show, "A NEW DAY", at the Grefrath Eis-Sport & EventPark-a great setting for a joint fundraiser by action medeor and the Grefrath EisSport & EventPark! On each show date, the audience had the opportunity to learn more about action medeor and to support our work with a contribution to the health of people in need as well as to our global coronavirus emergency relief efforts.

As in his professional life, so in his private capacity: Bernd Pastors remains actively involved in social causes, serving in several honorary positions. One year after the former action medeor executive spokesman Bernd Pastors took his much-deserved retirement, he was awarded the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany for his work with action medeor and Aktion Deutschland Hilft. Huge congratulations from all staff at action medeor!



Report of the Board of Trustees

As Board of Trustees, we are beholden to action medeor for demonstrating once more its remarkable flexibility and capacity as an aid organization in 2021. When the flooding in West Germany turned small streams into raging torrents, nobody could have imagined that we would ever experience a disaster of such proportions on our own doorstep. But without hesitation, our organization sprang into action to lend a hand. Our support was fast, focused and professional. As well as all-encompassing. From prompt emergency relief and temporary support solutions to permanent rebuilding measures, our aid is needs-based and close to the people. This requires courageous leadership and a dedicated team.

Taking the dedication of the entire team as the basis, 2021 was a good year. Obviously, the pandemic continued to be at the forefront of our minds. The images from India and Nepal in early summer of last year were troubling. But thanks to our new health technology area, we were able to deliver a great many oxygen concentrators to many parts of the world. At 6.7 million euros, our program unit was another instrumental force behind the success of action medeor in 2021. Examples here include the emergency aid provided in Venezuela, the relief for internally displaced refugees in Burundi, the midwifery school in Sierra Leone or our successful pharmaceutical training measures in Tanzania.

Our branches in Tanzania and Malawi continued to develop positively, with Tanzania in particular facing major challenges and exciting developments. In 2021 the foundations were laid for the first building of our new base in Kibaha. This signifies both physical and qualitative growth-enabling the region to train more people and to provide important reagents for health technology in Tanzania. It is also a major step toward the internationalization of our aid organization.

All this was possible only because of the hard work and dedication of our newly formed Executive Board and the whole team of action medeor, as well as the commitment of our many volunteers. Finally, and not least, it was the loyalty of our large group of sponsors and donors that carried action medeor through 2021. Private individuals, organizations and companies stood by action medeor to support our work-both in providing emergency flood relief in Germany and worldwide.

The many crises and disasters happening around the world have shown that the international work of action medeor is far from done. This goes for the current situation in Ukraine and continues to be the case in crises that are no longer the focus of media attention. No one, regardless of where they live, should die from treatable diseases. We are truly grateful to everyone who continued to support this goal through 2021.

Siegfried Thomaßen

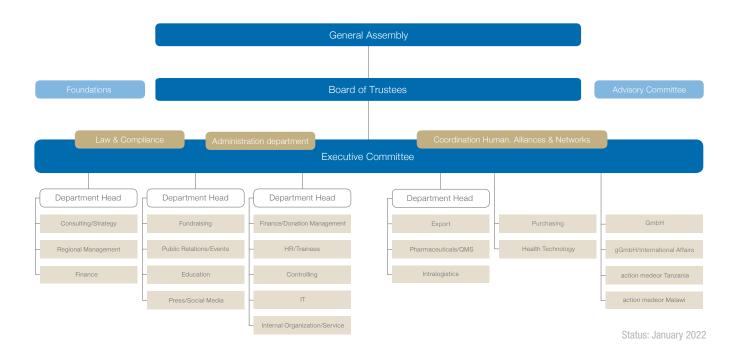
President

Tönisvorst, June 2022

Honorary Board of Trustees of action medeor: (left to right) Dr. Stefan Derix, Prof. Dr. Marlis Hochbruck, Siegfried Thomaßen (President), Dr. Ulrich Viefers and Dr. Thomas Mann (Vice President).



The General Assembly



The General Assembly

The General Assembly is the supreme organ of the organization and is responsible for aspects such as adoption of the annual accounts, discharge of the Board of Trustees and the Executive Committee, and election of the Board of Trustees. As of December 31, 2021 the General Assembly comprised 104 persons.

The Board of Trustees

Duties of the voluntary Board of Trustees include approval of the budget and the annual accounts. The Board of Trustees meets every two months. There are three committees appointed by the Board of Trustees, focused on human resources, finance and controlling, and medicines and pharmaceuticals. These committees act in an advisory capacity to the Board of Trustees. Members of the Board of Trustees include Siegried Thomassen (President), Dr. Thomas Menn (Vice President), Dr. Stefan Derix, Prof. Dr. Marlis Hochbruck and Dr. Ulrich Viefers.

The Advisory Committee

The Advisory Committee is elected by the Board of Trustees. It is made up of at least five and at most twelve members. Members are elected for a period of three years and appoint the chair from among their number. The Advisory Committee advises the Board of Trustees in the execution of its duties and responsibilities. Members of the Advisory Committee include: Dietmar Brockes, Dr. Ullrich Kindling, Dr. Bärbel Kofler, Dr. Manfred Körber (Deputy Chair), Dr. Marcus Optendrenk, Regina Risken, Udo Schiefner, Uwe Schummer, Dr. Ute Teichert (Chair) and Dr. Werner Weinholt.

The Executive Committee

Acting in a full-time capacity, the Executive Committee manages the organization on its own authority. It is appointed and dismissed by the Board of Trustees and reports to the Board of Trustees on all important matters. The CEO of the Executive Committee is Sid Peruvemba (Programs, Marketing and Communications, Finance, Human Resources, Controlling and Internal Organization, Organizational Development, Legal and Compliance, IT), who is joined on the board by Christoph Bonsmann (Pharmaceuticals, Intralogistics, Purchasing, Export).

The staff

In 2021, action medeor employed 81 full-time staff, with 57 volunteers supporting the work of the aid organization with diverse activities, in speaking engagements and as pharmaceutical and health technology experts.

New subsidiary in Germany

Based in Tönisvorst, action medeor labworks GmbH was established as the commercial subsidiary of the organization in early 2021.

Complementing traditional medical aid with health technology was a resounding success. It has resulted in improved access to essential laboratory services and greater diagnostic capacities of the health centers especially in the rural areas of Tanzania and Malawi. Many causes of death in lowincome countries are due to a lack of efficient health technology. The term 'health technology' refers to products such as laboratory equipment, imaging diagnostics, surgical and hospital technology. Health technology plays a critical role in the delivery of health services worldwide. Only when there is efficient health technology can diseases be prevented, diagnosed and treated more effectively at health facilities.

available to stakeholders: assured quality, reliable technologies, consulting and an optional all-round service with installation and maintenance for long-term effective healthcare. Based, of course, on the same values of our medical aid organization: Working together for the health of all people.

What action medeor labworks GmbH offers:

- Medicines and medical supplies
- Health and laboratory technology
- Registration services and pharmacovigilance services
- Installation, maintenance and training
- Procurement and warehouse services



Report of the Advisory Committee

Another challenging year in my capacity as chair of the Advisory Board lies behind us. We would have liked very much in our current report not to review a year that was again defined by COVID-19. Due to the pandemic, my work as head of the Academy of Public Health and as chair of the Federal Association of Physicians of German Public Health Departments bristled again with an intensity which I personally found almost incomparable.

Then there was the catastrophic flooding in Germany and the resulting challenges this brought to the health sector. A historic event-not least in the history of action medeor. Our decades of experience in delivering aid to disaster areas across the world came in extremely useful when, for the first time, our help was needed in Germany and we were able to deliver supplies and know-how with impressive speed.

This highlights once again the key role that action medeor plays in delivering healthcare to crisis areas and the urgency of raising awareness of the critical importance of global health.

I am pleased to report that we as the Advisory Board were able to come together in person in 2021. The meetings held in Berlin provided a platform for dialog and exchange that was once again very enriching given the range of expertise of our members and the diverse viewpoints that were brought to the table. The mix of people from politics, business, media, the church, the military, and the charitable sector provides just the right balance of skills and networks needed in our advisory capacity to help take action medeor forward into the future.

Full of motivation to continue our strong support of the work of action medeor in 2022, we intend to proceed in the direction discussed and look forward to our further cooperation.

Dr. Ute Teichert

Chair of the Advisory Committee Tönisvorst, February 2022

Control and transparency

action medeor is a member of the German Donations Council (Deutscher Spendenrat) and holder of the Donation Certificate. This certificate is issued as evidence of transparency and ethical stewardship of donations. It is the only audit process in Germany with external auditors conducting the quality audits required for the Donation Certificate.

As part of the Transparent Civil Society Initiative (Initiative Transparente Zivilgesellschaft) action medeor complies with the stipulated criteria of disclosing items/facts such as its constitution, the names of its key decision-makers and information about sources and application of funds as well as its personnel structure.

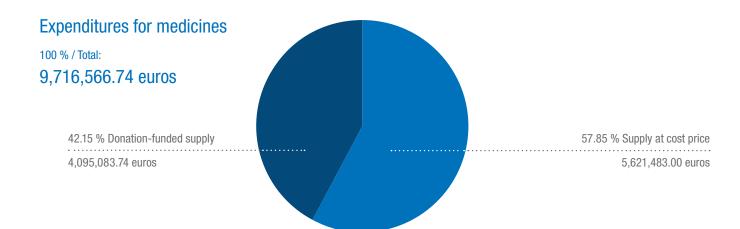
All action medeor staff are committed to upholding defined anti-corruption principles based on the guidelines of Transparency International for the prevention of corrupt practices in national and international work.

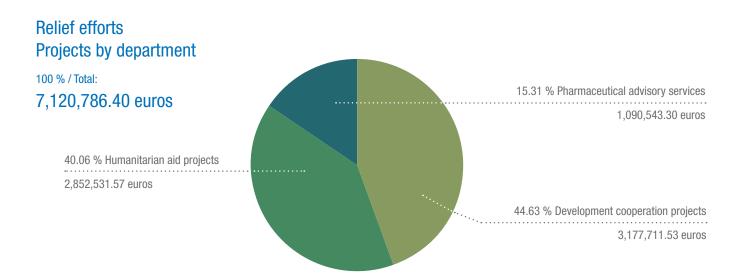
Dr. Anke Freckmann serves as ombudswoman for action medeor and can be contacted at anke.freckmann@gmx. de by anyone suspecting irregularities at action medeor, its partners or in projects supported by action medeor.





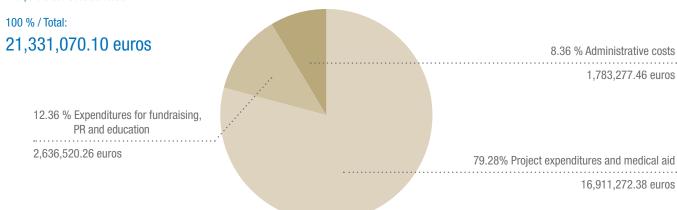


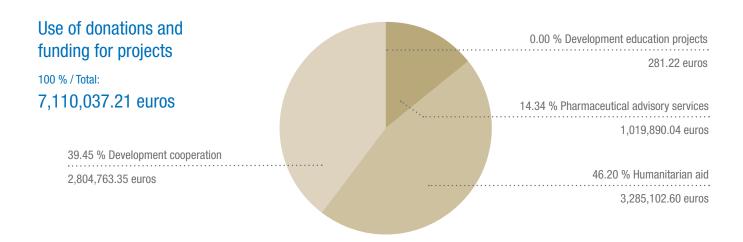


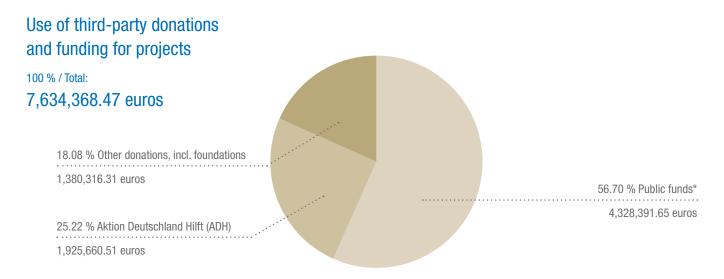


Total relief efforts









^{*} Funding providers: BMZ, AA, State Chancellery of North Rhine-Westphalia

Balance sheet as of December 31, 2021

Deutsches Medikamenten-Hilfswerk action medeor e.V.

| ASS | ETS (in EUR) | 2021 | 2021 | 2020 |
|------|--|--------------|---------------------------|------------------------------|
| Α | Fixed assets | | | |
| | I. Intangible assets | 291,309.78 | | 242,100.46 |
| | II. Tangible assets | 3,525,856.40 | | 3,547,145.91 |
| | III. Financial assets | 414,069.05 | 4,231,235.23 | 170,385.49 |
| В | Current assets | | | |
| | I. Stocks | | | |
| | 1. Goods | 3,413,252.67 | | 4,485,245.36 |
| | 2. Advance payments | 182,565.91 | 3,595,818.58 | 240,208.49 |
| | II. Accounts receivable and other assets | | | |
| | 1. Accounts receivable | 634,852.13 | | 722,344.48 |
| | 2. Due from affiliated companies | 1,260,107.49 | | 1,081,423.60 |
| | 3. Other assets | 315,092.33 | 2,210,051.95 | 414,666.27 |
| | Investments held as current assets | | 0.00 | 50,000.00 |
| | III. Cash in hand and at bank | | | |
| | 1. Cash in hand | 2,650.81 | | 1,839.00 |
| | 2. Cash at banks | 3,930,754.49 | 3,933,405.30 | 2,034,498.21 |
| С | Prepayments and accrued income | | 1,439.72 | 4,931.45 |
| LIAE | BILITIES (in EUR) | 2021 | 13,971,950.78 2021 | 12,994,788.72 2020 |
| Α | Net assets as of 1/1/2021 | 8,070,616.91 | | 8,407,190.30 |
| | Change in reserves: | | | 3, 101, 100100 |
| | Legacy funds | | | |
| | Reversal of reserves for charitable purposes | -300,000.00 | | -300,000.00 |
| | Receivable from legacy fund | -50,000.00 | | -50,000.00 |
| | Profit from objective-related operations | 93,932.36 | | -38,267.14 |
| | Profit from business operations | 34,838.46 | | 38,458.87 |
| | Profit from asset management | 17,387.86 | | 13,234.88 |
| | as of 12/31/2021 | | 7,866,775.59 | 8,070,616.91 |
| В | Special item—Donations for fixed assets | | 28,063.13 | 32,629.13 |
| С | Accrued liabilities | | | |
| | Other provisions | 273,910.65 | | 316,233.19 |
| | Provisions for taxation | 23,953.51 | 297,864.16 | 13,651.09 |
| D | Unused donations / project funds | | 3,588,834.04 | 2,783,941.96 |
| Е | Liabilities | | | |
| | 1. Due to banks | 1,430,683.28 | | _ |
| | 2. Advances received | 301,531.23 | | 554,316.67 |
| | 3. Accounts payable | 103,199.34 | | 514,348.81 |
| | 4. Due to affiliated companies | 666.00 | | - |
| | 5. Other liabilities | 352,001.01 | 2,188,080.86 | 706,717.96 |
| F | Deferred income | | 2,333.00 | 2,333.00 |
| | | | 13,971,950.78 | 12,994,788.72 |

Accounting and valuation methods

Headquartered in Tönisvorst, the German Medical Aid Organization action medeor e.V. is registered as a non-profit organization at the County Court in Krefeld, Germany, under register number VR 3516. The annual financial statements comprising the balance sheet and the profit and loss statement of our registered organization were drawn up in compliance with the generally accepted accounting principles with due regard to the legal provisions applicable to all commercial traders as laid down in Sections 242 ff and Sections 264 ff of the German Commercial Code (HGB).

The balance sheet is presented in account form and structured as prescribed in Section 266 HGB. It takes account of the particularities of the organization as a charitable donation entity in accordance with Section 265 HGB. The profit and loss statement is structured using the total cost method under Section 275 (1) HGB.

The annual financial statements have been audited by an independent auditor in accordance with the requirements of Sections 316 ff HGB. The audit was conducted as a voluntary audit under Section 12 (3)a of the action medeor Articles of Association applying the accounting standards for the "Audit of Societies" (IDW PS 750) and the IDW accounting practice statements for societies (IDW RS HFA 14) and for charitable donation organizations (IDW RS HFA 21).

Intangible assets are capitalized at acquisition cost and amortized on a straight-line basis over their expected useful life, typically three years, in accordance with Section 253 (3) HGB and Section 7 (1) sentence 1 of the German Income Tax Act (EStG).

Based on Section 255 (1) HGB, tangible assets are stated at acquisition cost less planned depreciation on a straightline basis in consideration of their average expected useful life. The depreciation rate for the building is 2 percent, 3.33 percent and 4 percent, respectively, and for the paved courtyard and grounds, between 5.26 percent and 10 percent per year.

Low-value assets worth not more than 800.00 euros were fully deducted as operating expenses in line with Section 6 (2) sentence 1 EStG.

Financial assets of the organization primarily include a 100 percent share in the non-profit action medeor International Healthcare gGmbH at 150,000.00 euros, a 100 percent share in action medeor labworks GmbH, which was founded in the reporting year, and a 100 percent share in the non-profit action medeor Medical Aid Organization Ltd. at 1,000 euros, as well as shares in the Ökumenische Entwicklungsgenossenschaft e.V. to the amount of 12,469.49 euros. Stocks of current assets are all stated at acquistion cost applying the lower of cost or market principle under Section 253 (4) HGB and divide into medicines, equipment, health technology, packaging material and handcraft.

Accounts receivable and other assets are reported at their nominal value and itemized.

Investments held as fixed assets are carried at acquisition cost applying the lower of cost or market principle under Section 253 (3) HGB. Cash in hand and at banks is stated at its nominal value.

In accordance with Section 250 (1) HGB, prepayments and accrued income include amounts paid before the balance sheet date to cover costs that will be charged against income after the balance sheet date.

Under Section 253 (1) sentence 2 HGB, accrued liabilities are stated at their expected settlement amount based on the principles of sound business judgment and take account of all recognizable risks and contingent liabilities.

Unused donations and project funds concern liabilities arising from monetary or in kind donations not yet disbursed. In accordance with Section 253 (1) sentence 2 HGB, the monetary liabilities (unrestricted and restricted donations) are carried as liabilities at their repayment amounts at the balance sheet date. In-kind donations not yet disbursed are stated at their fair value. Unrestricted monetary and in-kind donations are donations not restricted to a specified purpose. Unrestricted donations include incoming resources from legacies. Restricted donations are gifts for a specified purpose and donations received through "sponsorship

In bookkeeping terms, restricted donations are treated as used once the amounts are credited to the relevant receivables account of the recipient. These are shown at the balance sheet date as customer credit balance under other liabilities where not yet used in full for medicines and equipment supplies as of December 31, 2021.

Based on Section 250 (2) HGB, deferred income includes payments received for work performed only after the balance sheet date. Wages and salaries include the salaries of the governing bodies (two Executive Committee members and three department heads) to the amount of 623,582.82 euros.

Other disclosures:

The average number of employees during the fiscal year was 81 (2020: 82).

Profit and loss statement

for the year ended December 31, 2021

Deutsches Medikamenten-Hilfswerk action medeor e.V.

| (in EUR) | 2021 | 2021 | 2020 |
|---|---------------|---------------|----------------|
| 1. Sales revenues | 5,658,950.02 | | 6,855,229.86 |
| 2. Income from the use of donations | 8,684,869.81 | | 9,286,252.27 |
| 3. Income from third-party grants for projects | 7,110,037.21 | | 7,007,362.64 |
| 4. Other income | 71,885.04 | 21,525,742.08 | 71,945.98 |
| 5. Cost of raw materials and supplies | | -7,204,211.20 | -7,919,612.60 |
| 6. Gross profit/loss | | 14,321,530.88 | 15,301,178.15 |
| 7. Staff costs | | | |
| a. Wages and salaries | -3,337,808.22 | | -3,358,109.32 |
| b. Social security and other pension costs | -693,429.27 | | -701,194.63 |
| c. Voluntary social security costs | -25,516.61 | -4,056,754.10 | -26,814.90 |
| Depreciation of intangible assets and tangible assets | | -475,529.80 | -369,851.06 |
| 9. Other operating expenses | | -9,594,575.00 | -10,806,794.39 |
| 10. Operating income | | 194,671.98 | 38,413.85 |
| 11. Other interest and similar income | | 10,325.62 | 13,234.88 |
| 12. Interest and similar expenses | | -35,363.94 | -15,673.20 |
| 13. Financial result | | -25,038.32 | -2,438.32 |
| 14. Taxes on income | | -23,474.98 | -22,548.92 |
| 15. Earnings after taxes | | 146,158.68 | 13,426.61 |

Explanatory notes to the profit and loss statement

The profit and loss statement was prepared with due regard to the legal provisions applicable to all commercial traders as laid down in Sections 238 ff and Sections 264 ff of the German Commercial Code (HGB).

It is structured using the total cost method under Section 275 (1) HGB.

Sales revenues comprise the supply of medicines, equipment and health technology, as well as the provision of pharmaceutical advisory services at cost price.

Income from the use of donations is generated when costs financed by donations are treated as a reduction of "unused donations". These costs include the dispensing of medicines, equipment and health technology, the cost of public relations, project execution, pharmaceutical advisory services, and the management of donations. Other operating expenses include administrative costs and expenses related to the execution of development cooperation, humanitarian aid projects and pharmaceutical advisory services. The costs for the transportation of medicines, equipment and health technology to the destination countries amounted to 1,009,568.44 euros. The expenses for supplements and information material for fundraising campaigns totalled 576,604.34 euros. Based on preliminary calculations for the 2021 calendar year, the share of expenditures for administration and marketing will range at 20.72 percent (2020: 20.62 percent).

Interest and similar income primarily result from asset management operations.



Further information on our 2021 financial reporting: www.medeor.de/Jahresberichte

Balance sheet as of December 31, 2021

action medeor Foundation

| ASSETS (in EUR) | | 2021 | 2021 | 2020 |
|-----------------|--------------------------------|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| Α | Long-term restricted assets | | | |
| | 1. Financial assets | 800.00 | | 800.00 |
| | 2. Securities | 2,131,615.08 | 2,132,415.08 | 2,146,783.08 |
| В | Short-term restricted assets | | | |
| | 1. Cash at banks | 1,239,206.95 | | 586,921.47 |
| | 2. Other receivables | 1,972.48 | 1,241,179.43 | 3,198.73 |
| | | | 3,373,594.51 | 2,737,703.28 |
| LIAB | SILITIES (in EUR) | 2021 | 2021 | 2020 |
| Α | Net assets | | | |
| | 1. Endowment | | | |
| | Basic assets | 457,583.16 | | 457,583.16 |
| | Endowment contributions | 1,328,644.94 | 1,786,228.10 | 1,214,179.74 |
| | 2. Funds carried forward | | | |
| | from basic assets | 99,366.17 | | 97,723.95 |
| | from endowment contributions | 4,634.36 | 104,000.53 | 3,903.71 |
| | 3. Lappe Spend-down Foundation | | 900,000.00 | 450,000.00 |
| В | Accrued liabilities | | 2,832.20 | 2,832.20 |
| С | Other liabilities | | 580,533.68 | 511,480.52 |
| | | | 3,373,594.51 | 2,737,703.28 |

Profit and loss statement

for the year ended December 31, 2021

action medeor Foundation

| (in Euro) | 2021 | 2021 | 2020 |
|------------------------------------|-----------|------------|------------|
| Profit from disposal of securities | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| 2. Interest and similar income | 24,663.84 | 24,663.84 | 27,393.84 |
| 3. Bank charges | 1,513.55 | | 375.03 |
| Losses from disposals | 3,168.00 | | 13,225.13 |
| 5. Audit and consulting costs | 2,832.20 | | 4,545.80 |
| 6. Other expenses | 509.22 | | 303.60 |
| 7. Statutory expenditures | 14,268.00 | | 37,680.00 |
| 8. Other taxes | 0.00 | -22,290.97 | 0.00 |
| 9. Profit / loss for the year | | 2,372.87 | -28,735.72 |
| 10. Transfer to revenue reserves | | -2,372.87 | 28,735.72 |
| | | 0.00 | 0.00 |

The Foundation's Executive Committee comprises: Bernd Pastors (CEO), Dr. Ulrich Viefers, Dr. Thomas Menn, Elisabeth Bienbeck-Ketelhohn, Siegfried Thomaßen (Chairman) and Gregor Kathstede.



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Balance sheet as of December 31, 2021

action medeor labworks GmbH

| ASSETS (in EUR) | | 2021 | 2021 | 2020 |
|-----------------|--|-----------|------------|-----------|
| Α | Fixed assets | | | |
| | I. Intangible assets | - | | - |
| | II. Tangible assets | - | - | - |
| В | Current assets | | | |
| | I. Stocks | | | |
| | 1. Finished goods and merchandise | 23,267.33 | | - |
| | 2. Advance payments | 6,340.21 | 29,607.54 | - |
| | II. Accounts receivable and other assets | | | |
| | 1. Accounts receivable | 6,845.46 | | - |
| | 2. Due from affiliated companies | 666.00 | | - |
| | 3. Other assets | 2,617.96 | 10,129.42 | - |
| | III. Cash in hand and at banks | | 59,248.71 | 25,000.00 |
| С | Prepayments and accrued income | | 150.00 | - |
| | | | 99,135,.67 | 25,000.00 |
| LIAE | BILITIES (in EUR) | 2021 | 2021 | 2020 |
| Α | Capital stock | | | |
| | I. Subscribed capital | 25,000.00 | | 25,000.00 |
| | II. Capital reserve | 9,319.61 | 34,319.61 | - |
| В | Accrued liabilities | | 3,976.26 | - |
| С | Other liabilities | | | |
| | I. Due to affiliated companies | 55,366.25 | | - |
| | II. Other liabilities | 5,473.55 | 60,839.80 | - |
| | | | 99,135.67 | 25,000.00 |

Profit and loss statement

for the year ended December 31, 2021

action medeor labworks GmbH

| (in Euro) | 2021 | 2021 | 2020 |
|------------------------------------|------------|------------|------|
| 1. Sales revenues | 427,631.98 | | - |
| 2. Cost of materials | | | |
| a. Cost of purchased materials | 359,814.42 | | - |
| b. Cost of purchased services | 7,370.00 | 367,184.42 | - |
| 3. Other operating expenses | | 50,761.31 | - |
| Interest and similar expenses | | 366.64 | - |
| of which to affiliated companies | | 366.64 | _ |
| Profit/loss on ordinary activities | | 9,319.61 | _ |



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Balance sheet as of December 31, 2021

action medeor International Healthcare gGmbH

| ASSETS (in EUR) | | 2021 | 2021 | 2020 |
|-----------------|----------------------------------|------------|--------------|--------------|
| A Fixed as | sets | | | |
| I. Intanç | gible assets | 4,156.78 | | 1,319.34 |
| II. Tangil | ble assets | 222,121.68 | 226,278.46 | 222,757.98 |
| B Current a | assets | | | |
| I. Stock | S | | 443,481.86 | 407,698.15 |
| II. Accou | ints receivable and other assets | | | |
| 1. Acc | ounts receivable | 245,262.57 | | 300,221.33 |
| 2. Oth | er assets | 29,008.16 | 274,270.73 | 30,580.41 |
| III. Cash | in hand and at banks | | 510,246.41 | 237,110.98 |
| C Prepaym | ents and accrued income | | 10,991.06 | 12,135.66 |
| | | | 1,465,268.52 | 1,211,823.85 |
| LIABILITIES (in | EUR) | 2021 | 2021 | 2020 |
| A Capital s | tock | | | |
| I. Subsc | ribed capital | 150,000.00 | | 150,000.00 |
| II. Capita | l reserve | 0.00 | | 0.00 |
| III. Profit | / loss carried forward | -33,780.25 | | -35,808.62 |
| VI. Net in | come for the year | 15,880.11 | 132,099.86 | 2,028.37 |
| B Special i | tem – Donations for fixed assets | | 1,413.56 | 2,473.54 |
| C Accrued | liabilities | | | |
| I. Provis | ions for taxation | 7,200.23 | | 6,595.98 |
| II. Other | provisions | 32,777.30 | 39,977.53 | 46,287.81 |
| D Unused o | donations / project funds | | 446,075.02 | 238,656.05 |
| E Liabilitie | s | | | |
| I. Advan | ces received | 73,165.42 | | 66,331.79 |
| II. Accou | nts payable | 152,100.64 | | 212,926.04 |
| III. Due to | o affiliated companies | 569,675.38 | | 482,458.02 |
| IV. Other | liabilities | 50,761.11 | 845,702.55 | 39,874.87 |
| | | | 1,465,268.52 | 1,211,823.85 |

Profit and loss statement

for the year ended December 31, 2021

action medeor International Healthcare gGmbH

| (in EUR) | 2021 | 2021 | 2020 |
|--|--------------|--------------|--------------|
| 1. Sales revenues | 1,190,046.22 | | 1,074,158.37 |
| 2. Income from the use of donations | 213,147.94 | | 327,240.80 |
| 3. Other operating income | 76,659.85 | 1,329,854.01 | 85,464.42 |
| 4. Cost of materials | | | |
| a. Cost of purchased materials | -853,963.00 | | -767,106.21 |
| b. Cost of purchased services | -36,546.74 | -890,509.74 | -55,675.15 |
| 5. Staff costs | | | |
| a. Wages and salaries | -177,767.35 | | -322,840.82 |
| b. Social security and other pension costs | -113,393.46 | -291,160.81 | -91,026.48 |
| 6. Depreciation | | -8,641.50 | -12,092.40 |
| 7. Other operating expenses | | -266,634.31 | -228,220.46 |
| 8. Other interest and similar income | | 801.89 | 896.73 |
| 9. Interest and similar expenses | | -1,632.77 | -3,192.99 |
| 10. Taxes on income | | -6,196.66 | -5,577.44 |
| 11. Net income/loss for the year | | 15,880.11 | 2,028.37 |



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The balance sheet and the profit and loss statement of action medeor International Healthcare gGmbH are preliminary annual financial statements.

2021 Status report*

1. General environment and business activities

Deutsches Medikamentenhilfswerk action medeor e.V. is a German medical aid organization based in Tönisvorst whose statutory purpose is to promote development cooperation in healthcare, especially by

- > supplying medicines, medical devices and health technology for charitable actors in developing and emerging countries
- > implementing health projects and the provision of humanitarian aid in cases of emergency and disaster.

As in the previous year, the COVID-19 pandemic had a direct impact on the various activities of action medeor, affecting primarily developing and emerging countries. Their already weak health systems were visibly overwhelmed, price hikes and supply chain disruptions hit poorer countries harder than industrialized nations. Having enjoyed several years of improved medicine supply chains, many countries are now experiencing a change for the worse in the provision of essential medicines. Along with a rise in demand for medicines, action medeor saw an urgent need for health technology in response to the coronavirus measures.

As always, the framework for action with respect to health projects and humanitarian aid is guided by overarching trends. These include an ever-growing population in developing countries, the scarcity of natural resources, climate change, digitalization, as well as the vast numbers of refugees and migrants.

In 2021 action medeor had cause, for the first time in its history, to provide active assistance on a major scale in Germany, namely in the context of the flood disaster in the Ahr Valley. Those relief efforts will continue through 2022, but will not in any way change or modify the strategy and broad policy directions of our aid organization.

2. Business development and situation

2.1 Financial performance

The COVID-19 pandemic continued to impact on our various activities. As in the previous year, deliveries of medicines and medical devices were hampered by disruptions in supply and transportation chains as well as price increases. While our local partners were able to resume and increase their aid efforts in the project sector, some of the third-party funding anticipated could not be secured. Meanwhile, information and fundraising events hosted by action medeor were kept to a minimum. And yet, even in the face of these

challenges, action medeor held up well, reporting largely stable financial performance.

At around 21.5 million euros in 2021, total revenue was down by around 1.7 million euros on the previous year. Admittedly, however, demand in the previous year had seldom been greater.

Medicines, medical devices and health technology are supplied as part of our objective-related operations in the form of donations and sale at cost price. At around 5.6 million euros, revenue from objective-related operations in 2021 failed to match the prior-year figure by around 1.2 million euros and was just shy of the projected target of 5.8 million euros. The decrease in revenue from the sale of medicines by 1.6 million euros to 2.3 million euros confirmed our prior-year expectations. This trend could not be entirely offset by the considerable increase in revenue from the sale of health technology to 1.4 million euros (2020: 0.6 million euros). In support of our efforts to expand further into the health technology sector, we established action medeor labworks GmbH as a fully-owned subsidiary of our organization.

Revenue from donations in our objective-related operations (without in-kind donations) amounted to 1.4 million euros at year-end, almost matching the prior-year figure of 1.5 million euros. At 2.6 million euros, other non-material contributions, primarily donations in kind, improved marginally on the previous year (2.5 million euros).

Development cooperation and humanitarian aid projects (without pharmaceutical advisory services) came to around 6.0 million euros at year-end, which is down on the prior year (6.8 million euros) and around 0.2 million euros less than the projected target for 2021. The share of third-party funding (public funding sources, without Aktion Deutschland Hilft) in these projects was 4.0 million euros (without pharmaceutical advisory services), making the share of own donations and ADH 2.0 million euros.

Fundraising efforts yielded a total of 9.76 million euros, achieving yet another excellent result (2020: 9.58 million euros). This income is made up of unrestricted and restricted/direct donations to action medeor (6.82 million euros) as well as donations from the German relief coalition Aktion Deutschland Hilft (2.94 million euros). The direct donations made to action medeor include legacy donations in the amount of 0.48 million euros (2020: 1.80 million euros).

2.2 Expenses

The total expenditure in 2021 came to around 21.33 million euros and largely comprised onward transfers of funds to the project partners, purchases, transportation services, as well as HR and administrative costs. The latter amounted to around 5.84 million euros in 2021 (including 4.06 million euros in HR costs). On the whole, the 2021 financial year closed with net income for the year.

2.3 General assessment

Our financial position, cash flows and financial performance are, in our opinion, satisfactory, if not good. Revenue and project sizes proved to be good and stable. As projected, our "medicines core business" decreased significantly and could not be entirely offset by action medeor's comparatively young health technology unit.

Our cash position is considered healthy. The main challenge in our cash management is advances on goods and the prefinancing of development and humanitarian projects.

3. Forecast, opportunities and risks

action medeor is a well-established aid organization with an excellent reputation and specific focus on the three pillars of medical aid, program work, and fundraising.

Over the last few years, health technology has established itself as an innovation area and stabilizer of our objectiverelated operations. In view of the challenges in the medical aid area (increasing regulatory obstacles, high transportation costs, trend toward local sourcing), the warehousing of medicines for our objective-related operations may, however, no longer be economical. Immediate availability in disasters could be ensured through supply agreements with partners and wholesalers, thereby unlocking greater cost-efficiency.

In contrast, the sale of medicines at our subsidiaries in Tanzania and Malawi is expected to grow. The same is true for health technology, for which there is significant interest in developing and emerging markets.

Along with direct donations, the project sector hinges largely on funds made available by public authorities (the Ministry of Foreign Affairs (AA) and the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)). The Federal Draft Budget, however, appears more weighted toward cuts than increases. Moreover, there seems to be a growing trend toward large funding for large organizations, at the expense of smaller organizations. This poses a systemic financing risk for all projects, though this is not unusual in the sector.

Still, alongside the risks associated with this trend, there are many opportunities. For example, action medeor is able, in

this setting, to define niche benefits and to raise its profile as a partner-oriented, flexible health organization with special pharmaceutical expertise. Emergency aid and humanitarian aid are focal areas that action medeor intends to intensify. An example here is the Moldovia/Ukraine activities of our program area.

In our fundraising division, attracting new donors and changes in social value systems continue to pose persistent challenges that will need to be addressed, so we can further consolidate our impressive fundraising results in a saturated donor market.

In addition to this, new opportunities are arising for the organization as a whole. Greater public awareness of the healthcare sector as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic has positive effects for action medeor. As far as we can currently tell, the media attention during the Ukraine war has done much to raise our profile still further. However, it remains to be seen to what extent it will be possible to reproduce the effects for the organization permanently. The many impacts of the Ukraine war will not change the general strategy of action medeor.

Summary of the economic plan for 2022

| INCOME | in EUR |
|--|------------|
| Sales of medicines, equipment, health technology | 6,100.000 |
| Incoming funds (donations, subsidies, etc.) | 19,700.000 |
| Total | 25,800.000 |
| EXPENSES | |
| Cost of sales of medicines, equipment, health technology | 6,750.000 |
| Expenses for projects | 12,140.000 |
| Expenses for marketing, communications, and education | 1,750.000 |
| Expenses for internationalization | 700.000 |
| Expenses for administration | 4,460.000 |
| Total | 25,800.000 |

^{*} This is a summary of the status report prepared by action medeor in its report on the audit of the annual accounts as of December 31, 2021

Thank you!

The work of action medeor would not be possible without our many different sponsors and donors. On behalf of our team and all our local project partners, we at action medeor extend our deepest gratitude to you for your invaluable support in the last year!

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