



## THE ASSOCIATION OF GERMAN DEVELOPMENT SERVICES (AGdD) ...

... is the umbrella association of seven organisations that implement 'development service' according to the German Development Workers Act (1969). 'Development service' is based on solidarity and focuses on the assignment of professionals to work in projects and partner organisations in the Global South. As an umbrella association we work to strengthen the policies underpinning this service and aim at responding to ever changing global challenges. Furthermore, we are a point of contact for the parliament, government and political parties on all issues relating to 'development service'.

### Our member organisations



[www.agiamondo.de/en](http://www.agiamondo.de/en)



[www.coworkers.de/en](http://www.coworkers.de/en)



[www.brot-fuer-die-welt.de/en](http://www.brot-fuer-die-welt.de/en)



[www.eirene.org/en](http://www.eirene.org/en)



[www.forumzfd.de/en](http://www.forumzfd.de/en)



[www.giz.de/en](http://www.giz.de/en)



[www.wfd.de/en](http://www.wfd.de/en)

## VOLUNTEERING OF EXPERTS IN ACCORDANCE WITH THE GERMAN DEVELOPMENT WORKERS ACT

Development service is an expression of solidarity through service for a limited period of time. Professionals put their knowledge and experience to use where people work together to overcome poverty, to advocate for political reforms or promote peace. Engagements last at least one year to up to two or three years on average. Programmes and projects are designed and implemented by partner organisations and development service agencies. They encompass work in all the fields of development, including human rights, civil conflict management, the distribution of resources, climate change, migration and food security. Peace and social justice are the guiding principles which govern all development service.

Since 1999, civil peace service experts are deployed subject to the same statutory conditions. Development workers work in more than 80 countries worldwide.

### DEVELOPMENT SERVICE ...

... is grounded in solidarity

... is undertaken for a limited length of time

... requires people who are qualified and open-minded

... strengthens international partnerships

... contributes to the attainment of the sustainable development goals (SDGs) of the United Nations

Read more:  
Professional Development Workers Guiding Principles



## PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

**We have more than 50 years of experience. And our knowledge and understanding of global partnerships continue to grow during all this time.**

'Our own understanding – and that of our partners – of practical solidarity and global interconnections has changed dramatically over time. Development service today is a learning experience with the exchange of knowledge and experience as a crucial requisite, and fruitful in itself. Over the course of five decades, it has thus been possible to establish a large network of people and organisations who are now contributing, each in their own way, to the implementation of the SDGs.'

Source: AGdD mission statement (2019): 'Development Service Partnerships for the SDGs'

[www.agdd.de/en/during/partnerships-for-the-sdgs](http://www.agdd.de/en/during/partnerships-for-the-sdgs)

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## PROVISION OF SERVICES FOR RETURNING EXPERTS FROM DEVELOPMENT SERVICE

AGdD runs a 'Reintegration Programme' which provides an exclusive service for professionals returning from development service. The programme is funded by the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development.

### Our services include

- an information service for returning development workers
- advisory services and career coaching
- tips on how to find a job, writing a CV, applying for a job, and preparing for job interviews
- a ProfilPASS which helps professionals to identify their competencies (includes a workbook and coaching)
- seminars and online events which provide time and space for exchange, reflection, and learning
- contacts and networking



*'It needs people with both heart and mind who are motivated and have the courage to go and undertake development or peace work in all parts of the world.'*

Federal Chancellor Angela Merkel at the jubilee celebration, '50 Years of the Development Workers Act', in 2019

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