

A word cloud on a teal background. The central focus is the text "Association of German Development Services" in a large, bold, yellow font. Surrounding this central text are smaller instances of the words "Association", "Development", "Services", and "German" in various sizes and orientations. The colors used for the smaller words include yellow, orange, and red. The overall shape of the word cloud is roughly rectangular, with the words arranged to form a cohesive graphic.



The Association of German Development Services (AGdD) is the umbrella association for the organisations in Germany that assign professionals to cooperation projects abroad, including those of the Civil Peace Service. This is done under the provisions of the Development Workers Act. The Act was adopted in 1969, and the German Government has been providing financial support for assignments ever since.

Fostering a sense of solidarity, numerous professionals make their expertise and personal skills available to partner organisations in the Global South for a period of at least two years. Their fields of work encompass all the areas and targets of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

The aim of this development service is to initiate learning processes and to bring about changes that benefit the partner organisations and their communities, and also to offer a learning experience for the professionals themselves and German society as a whole. AGdD works to strengthen the policies underpinning this commitment and increase societal recognition of the development workers' service.

Together with the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), AGdD is focusing on preserving the special features of the development service, while at the same time ensuring it remains relevant and fit for the future.

AGdD's Reintegration Programme supports professionals in their career development during and after their project assignments. AGdD provides the following services to assist with reintegration:

- One-to-one advisory services
- Seminars
- Financial support for advanced training
- Information on careers, the labour market and further education
- Contacts and networking opportunities

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AGdD's member organisations share the basic values and goals of the assignment of professionals and work together closely in many fields. The seven members are:

AGEH	The Association for Development Cooperation
BfdW	Bread for the World – Protestant Development Service
CFI	Christian Services International
EIRENE	International Christian Service for Peace
forumZFD	Forum Civil Peace Service
GIZ	Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit
WFD	Weltfriedensdienst (World Peace Service)

