

Statistical data on the deployment of professional development workers in 2024

Professional development workers deployed on 31.12.2024										
Agency	Average duration of contract (months)	On 31.12.2024	(of which) ZFD	Women	Men	divers	≤30 years	31-40 years	41-50 years	>50 years
AGIAMONDO	34,7	199	88	109	90	0	4	61	55	79
CFI	50	63	0	25	38	0	5	23	17	18
Dienste in Übersee (Service Overseas)	31,2	147	54	85	62	0	8	58	34	47
EIRENE	54	46	45	24	22	0	6	17	12	11
forumZFD	53	44	44	24	20	0	4	16	17	7
GIZ	37,8	224	94	127	97	0	23	76	59	66
World Peace Service	42	23	21	17	6	0	0	14	2	7
Total	38,7	746	346	411	335	0	50	265	196	235
Total (%)		100	46,4	55,1	44,9	0	6,7	35,5	26,3	31,5

On 31.12.2024, a total of 746 professional development workers were under contract, including 358 within the Civil Peace Service (ZFD). The number has fallen slightly in comparison with the previous year (830 professional development workers).

The proportion of professional development workers serving in the Civil Peace Service programme has risen slightly: It now stands at 46,4% (previous year 43%).

There were minor shifts with regard to the gender ratio, so that as of the reporting date more women than men (55 % to 45 %) were under contract. The previous overall picture that women and men are more or less equally involved in development service remains valid.



Breakdown according to total months of service

AGIAMONDO	2625 months
CFI	893 months
Service Overseas	1719 months
EIRENE	533 months
ForumZFD	521 months
GIZ	2945 months
World Peace Service	248 months

The results for the months of service show a certain dynamic. There are deviations from the previous year, with both increasing and decreasing figures per agency. All contract months for 2024 are included here, i.e. including employment contracts terminated during the year.

Regional breakdown

	Europe	Africa	America	Asia	Oceania	Total
AGIAMONDO	5	96	54	42	2	199
CFI	0	44	6	12	1	63
Dienste in Übersee (Service Overseas)	0	43	47	47	10	147
EIRENE	11	14	7	14		46
forumZFD	14	0	0	30		44
GIZ	2	146	18	58		224
1World Peace Service	0	13	4	6		23
Total	32	356	136	209	13	746
Total (%)	4,29	47,72	18,23	28,02	1,74	100

Since 2020, the regional allocation of the statistics has been based on the DAC country list (DAC stands for 'Development Assistance Committee' of the European Organization for Economic Co-Operation and Development (OECD)). Source: www.bmz.de

Professionals working in Israel and Taiwan (countries which are not on the DAC list) were counted as working in Asia.

Africa remains the main regional focus for the deployment of professionals with 47,7%, i.e. almost half of all professionals, followed by Asia (including the Middle East) with 28%. Professional development workers were serving in a total of 80 countries worldwide (in 2024 there were 86 countries. Details can be found in the country statistics.