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Projects 2025



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Dear supporters of *Partner sein*,

When I wrote these words in August 2024, the war between Ukraine and Russia was in full force. Ukraine had just started a counter offensive toward Kursk. The



race for the presidency of the United States was intensively running. In the near East, tensions were more explosive than they had been for many years and China found itself dealing with major economic problems. In Brienz, in canton Berne, severe storms caused the worst flooding of the village in the last 20 years. Unfortunately, measures taken after previous flooding proved to be insufficient this time around.

When you read these lines, it is possible that things may have become worse.

Have you sometimes thought how nice it would be to only read about nice things?

Partner sein tries to work in accordance with the words of James, «goodness is the harvest that is produced from the seeds the peacemakers plant in peace» and create an environment where peace can prevail.



Partner sein built this kindergarten in Matin-ao.

In 2025, we will support 33 projects in the Philippines, DR Congo, Uganda, South Sudan, Tanzania and Zambia, some of which are long term projects. Our projects primarily cover education, healthcare and clean water supplies. Our local partners are people we know and trust, and with whom we have regular contact.

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Did you know that more than half of the people on this earth have no access to clean drinking water? In a small way we try to improve this, with for example, the tapping of freshwater springs on the Island of Idjwi and construction of boreholes in Uganda and South Sudan.

All these projects can only be realised with your support and generosity. In the name of the poor, we thank you for your support.

Raymond Dumont, President

Maxine Wildhaber, Anglican Church delegate to *Partner sein*



Commitment of *Partner sein* in the water supply in Kanoni, Uganda.

Planned spending 2025

DR Kongo	13 Projects	CHF	85'500.-
Philippines	10 Projects	CHF	48'600.-
Uganda	3 Projects	CHF	29'000.-
Tanzania	3 Projects	CHF	19'000.-
South Sudan	3 Projects	CHF	25'000.-
Zambia	1 Project	CHF	2'500.-
Disaster relief		CHF	8'000.-
Total	33 Projects	CHF	217'600.-



Philippines

Kindergarten in Candijay | P 03

Kindergarten, Bohol P 01–P 06 | CHF 38'000.–

On the island of Bohol, Iglesia Filipina Independiente / Independent Philippine Church – IFI, run a number of kindergartens in isolated villages. Children of poor families can thus, free of charge or for a small fee, attend kindergarten. Such attendance is a prerequisite to later attend primary school. In recent years, with the help of *Partner sein*, six kindergartens have been built or renovated. Currently, *Partner sein* assumes the running costs (salaries, uniforms, school materials and food).



Partner sein supports kindergartens in Biabas (left), Matin-ao (middle) and Catagdaan (right). | P 01 – P 06

Training of female theologians, Urdaneta

P 10 | CHF 2'500.–

In the seminary of Urdaneta, *Partner sein* supports the theological studies of five young women who are called to the priesthood within the Iglesia Filipina Independiente / Independent Philippine Church. Small renovations of the buildings are also being financed.

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Support for pig breeding programme,

Cagayan de Oro, Mindanao P 12 | CHF 1'500.–

As part of their development work, IFI organises courses for the ecological breeding of pigs. In order for such a breeding programme to be efficient, each church community of around 50 households needs at least three machines to prepare biological feed pellets.

Support for farmers, Catagdaan, Bohol P 13 | CHF 3'300.–

and Candijay, Bohol P 14 | CHF 3'300.–

Farmers in both parishes have few farming machines and tools. Both projects will help to increase production and give some 200 poor households the opportunity to raise their income. This would be to the betterment of the whole community.



Partner sein supports the kindergarten in Ubay. | P 06



Democratic Republic Congo

Therapy for traumatised and sexually exploited women in Bukavu | K 07

Cows for families, Bukavu region, South-Kivu

K 02 | CHF 2'000.-

Three poor families in the Bukavu region will each receive one cow plus building materials for a stable as well as veterinary support. A daily milk ration will relieve the undernourishment of the children. In addition, the cow dung will provide manure for vegetable plots. In case of need, further income may be generated by the sale of a calf. Families will also receive instruction in animal husbandry as well as information on healthy children's diets.



Partner sein constructed this school centre in Ciriri DR Congo. | K 04

School center Shaloom, Ciriri, Bukavu, South-Kivu

K 04 | CHF 20'000.-

The primary purpose of this school is to enable children in the Ciriri quarter of the town of Bukavu to read and write and combat the large-scale illiteracy in the area. The Shaloom school provides 550 primary and 250 secondary school pupils with a functional and weatherproof infrastructure. The school has been a success and is the pride of Ciriri. The number of pupils grows. The construction of two

further classrooms and a library is necessary and is projected to take place in 2024 – 2025.

Mental Health for all, Bukavu and South-Kivu

K 07 | CHF 15'000.-

Our former stipendiary, psychiatrist Dr. Amani Busane, has incorporated psychological treatment into the health services network of the Anglican Diocese of Bukavu. Treatment is many-sided. Emphasis is placed on the therapy of traumatised, sexually exploited children, young people and women as well as the mentally ill. People recovering from drug or alcohol addiction are supported in their efforts to return to normal life. Currently this programme supports 1'200 patients out of a population of 40'000.



Partner sein constructed this medical centre | K 14

Renovation of medical centres, Bukavu und South-Kivu

K 14 | CHF 6'000.-

The Anglican Diocese of Bukavu maintains a network of medical centres in many regions of the Province of South-Kivu, including on the island of Idjwi. Civil war and time have damaged the infrastructure. Since 2022 *Partner sein* has supported renovation work. Each year one roof will be repaired, and ten new hospital beds provided.

Tapping of fresh water springs, Island of Idjwi, South-Kivu

K 05 | CHF 5'000.-

The Anglican Diocese of Bukavu has been engaged for years in the provision of clean drinking water on the island of Idjwi, in the Lake of Kivu. However, there are still villages without access to clean drinking water. In addition, a number of existing springs need repair as a result of very strong rainy seasons. This project is one of the many success stories of *Partner sein* in the region.

Medical supplies, Island of Idjwi, South-Kivu

K 06 | CHF 2'000.-

Sick persons should have access to basic medical facilities and the necessary medicine. *Partner sein* supports the provision and dispensing of medicines on the island of Idjwi in the lake of Kivu. Especially for the treatment of diseases caused by poor quality drinking water such as cholera and typhus. The Anglican Diocese of Bukavu is our local partner.



Partner sein supports the social integration of these Pygmies. | K 17

Schooling of pygmy children, island of Idjwi, Süd-Kivu

K 17 | CHF 1'500.-

In Africa, the pygmies are considered to be the poorest of the poor. They live traditionally in and from the rain forest. Their traditional lifestyle is threatened by logging and by the activities of armed militias. The village of Bwange on the island of Idjwi, was founded by local pygmies. In 2022 *Partner sein* financed the tapping of a freshwater spring. To help the social integration of these people *Partner sein* will continue to provide school equipment for the children.

Support for orphans, Goma, North-Kivu

K 09 | CHF 10'000.-

Since many years, Goma has been home to many refugees, particularly, women and children have sought refuge there. The project «Tumaini» (future) supports and trains them so that they can achieve an independent life and a perspective for the future. Some 75 children are cared for in the Tumaini day-care centre. They receive food and clothing as well as psycho-social and educational support.

The mothers / responsible persons are supported with basic foodstuffs. The old building was replaced in 2024 by a new construction, which is already in use, but needs to be fully fitted out. This project is heavily supported by the local population who supply some of the financing and accommodation for the children.

Project of the ecumenical campaign (sehen-und-handeln.ch) and supported by the Old Catholic charity IAKDM



Waisenkinder erhalten regelmässig ihre Mahlzeiten. | K 09



Sewing atelier as therapy and source of income for traumatised girls and women. | K 18

Sewing machines help to secure the future, Goma, North-Kivu K 18 | CHF 2'000.-

Women in Africa are hard-working and take responsibility in order to improve their own lives. Within the premises of the Tumaini day care centre, young women can learn to become seamstresses and be able to sew for themselves and for third parties. At the conclusion of their training, they are given a mechanical sewing machine and help in purchasing a basic stock of material. This «help for self-help» will give these women opportunity to earn money to secure the future of themselves and their families. *Partner sein* will support the purchase of a further ten sewing machines.



The construction of this supporting wall was necessary to support the original foundations of the school in Ciriri | K 04

Training for wives of Ministers, Bunia, Ituri

K 11 | CHF 6'000.-

Ministers are trained at the theological college in Bunia. They are often accompanied by their wives and families who also live on the campus. The wives can attend bible courses and receive further education in practical activities such as sewing and knitting, in questions of basic health as well as in vegetable growing and animal husbandry. This knowledge can be passed on to other women in the community and help to improve life in the villages.

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Climate, environment and agriculture, Bunia, Ituri

K 13 | CHF 3'000.-

The Anglican university in Bunia is reforesting part of its 40 hectares of land with suitable trees as well as investing in crop and cattle farming. The university offers courses in farming and integrates the students into their in-house farm. Emphasis is being placed on sustainable farming methods to minimise the effects of climate change. Farm produce will provide a healthy diet for the students and their families.

Maintenance of the solar power supply, Bunia, Ituri K 16 | CHF 10'000.-

Assistance with the construction of the Anglican university in Bunia was the first development project of *Partner sein* in DR Congo. Water and electricity were installed, stipends paid, and equipment bought. The university has continuously widened its training programmes and endeavours to provide forward-looking training. The energy need of the students has increased and a reliable electricity supply is required. The national power grid is expensive and unreliable. In 2025 the first-generation solar electricity cells will be replaced and the number of solar cells increased.

Equipping of school children, Boga, Ituri K 12 | CHF 3'000.-

In the eastern part of DR Congo, villages are still being regularly attacked by armed rebel groups. Cattle are stolen and crops destroyed. The villages lose their livelihood and can no longer afford the school fees. In such circumstances the state waives the fees. We assume the cost of fitting out fifty children in the village of Boga with shoes, school uniforms, books, pens and pencils as well as school bags.



Uganda/Tanzania

Partner sein built this school in Kiwenda

Uganda

Schooling for aids orphans, Kanoni U 01 | CHF 14'000.–

We pay the annual school fees for 60-70 children and young people whose families cannot afford to send them to school. In addition to primary and secondary schooling we also finance courses at vocational colleges. Education increases their chances of being able to earn a living and live an independent life. Motivation is high and this is reflected in good school notes.

Agricultural household school, Bulyakamu U 11 | CHF 5'000.–

In recent years, *Partner sein* has supported various projects of the local charitable foundation «Mwebale Nnyo» founded by Regula Kamer, a Swiss citizen. The charity has constructed and runs a household school in the village of Bulyakamu. Courses include the production of herbs, ointments, clothes and shoes as well as in sustainable farming. A goat project for orphans who live in foster families, in which they raise a goat, should enable them to partly finance their own school fees through the sale of milk, meat and young animals as well as enable them to gain skills in animal husbandry.



A new borehole provides fresh drinking water for villagers in Uganda | U 09

Improving the fresh water supply, Kanoni

U 09 | CHF 10'000.–

A new borehole with water pump will be built in the village of Kammengo (Mikunyu). This will improve access to fresh drinking water for the villages and help to reduce waterborne diseases.

Tanzania

Training of CMM sisters , Sayuni

T 02 | CHF 5'000.–

The Anglican CMM sisters promote ongoing training of the sisters. Particularly the novices, who have often only attended primary school, need training for their future roles in the health system as midwives, epidemic nurses (malaria/HIV), laboratory assistants and administrators. Qualified staff from their own ranks ensures continuity, reduces cost and enables them to run self-supporting health centres in Sayuni and other locations

Replacement Jeep, Sayuni

T 09 | CHF 8'000.–

Apart from their medical centre, the CMM sisters run a big farm in and around Sayuni. The sisters need transport capability to reach their fields and to bring in their crops. Their existing Jeep is life expired and unreliable and must be replaced.

Girls Hostel, Masasi

T 07 | CHF 6'000.–

The girls hostel in Masasi, run by the CMM sisters for secondary school pupils, guarantees girls from the countryside safe accommodation in the town. It also enables them to gain knowledge in domestic and garden work as well as in nutrition and basic healthcare. Currently, 20 girls ranging in age from 12 to 18 live and work at the hostel. The water supply no longer functions as the groundwater level has sunk owing to lack of rain. A deeper borehole is required in order to reach the ground water.

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South Sudan/Zambia

Graduates of the builders programme in IBBA, South Sudan, receive a wheelbarrow and tools for the start in their new profession.

South Sudan

Vocational training for young people, Ibba Ss 01 | CHF 12'000.–

The diocesan training centre at Ibba offers various vocational training courses for teenagers and young adults. The number of courses offered is continually increasing. On the one hand, it aims to help young women who, through the disruption of civil war or early pregnancies were unable to finish their primary school education, to obtain a diploma in computer science, English and administration. On the other hand, courses are offered in carpentry and plastering, as well as in farming techniques and courses in tailoring. *Partner sein* supports the day to day running of the school as well as further education of the teaching staff.

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Construction of a borehole with water pump, Ibba Ss 02 | CHF 10'000.–

In the meantime, the school now consists of three buildings and has an increasing number of students. For students from far away villages accommodation has been built. For cost reasons, construction of a borehole with water pump, has been deferred several times. In 2025 this project will be completed and bring water to the school.

Supported by Stiftung Solidarität mit der Welt (sdw-sam.ch)

Microcredit for start-ups by women and girls, Yambio

Ss 03 | CHF 3'000.–

The diocese of Yambio wishes to help girls and women, especially those suffering from violence, death, destruction and displacement, with small amounts of start-up capital. These women have often lost their husbands and must look after their families without help. With guidance and a start-up capital of USD 200 the creation of a small business is possible.

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Zambia

School fees for girls, Kitwe S 01 | CHF 2'500.–

The Anglican church affiliated «Cecily's Fund» (cecilysfund.org) enables orphans to receive schooling. Since years, *Partner sein* has financed various project, mostly to enable girls aged 14–19 to obtain secondary education. Information on personal health and sexuality is given by former pupils, so-called «Peers Health Educators». In 2025, families will be included in projects to increase incomes. One new project is to grow bamboo which can be made into charcoal, the sale of which will generate income. Parallel to this, further «GROW» exchange groups will be founded for the people responsible for the schoolgirls. The idea is to assist them in obtaining the basics they will need to start a small business and provide for themselves in later life.

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Disaster relief

If anywhere in the world a catastrophe occurs, be it a major earthquake, a typhoon, an epidemic or other catastrophe, *Partner sein* can respond quickly with financial assistance..



Find out more about
our work and projects:
www.partner-sein.ch



Your donation helps

A donation of **CHF 50 will support** a girl for 6 months at the residential school in Masasi, Tanzania.

A donation of **CHF 60 will help** an orphan in Bulyakamu, Uganda, to purchase a goat.

A donation of **CHF 80 will pay** one semester fees for a school leaver training to be a midwife.

A donation of **CHF 110 makes it possible** for a child to attend a kindergarten in the Philippines for 1 year.

A donation of **CHF 200 will finance** a micro-credit in Yambio, South Sudan and support the establishment of a small business.

A donation of **CHF 300 will pay** for the tools of a newly qualified carpenter at the vocational training school in Ibba, South Sudan.

A donation of **CHF 500 will enable** a poor farming family in Bukavu, DR Congo, to purchase a cow.

A donation of **CHF 1'300 will finance** the tapping of a freshwater spring on the island of Idjwi, DR Congo and provide clean drinking water to hundreds of households.

Many thanks for your support, it is greatly appreciated.

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(James 3,18)

What is *Partner sein*?

Partner sein is the charitable arm of the Old Catholic Church, Switzerland. Since 1972 the Old Catholic Church has performed social welfare work outside of Switzerland through the work of *Partner sein*.

We bundle our resources

In its projects, *Partner sein* concentrates primarily on improving health, education, mitigating poverty and disaster relief. Where possible we strive to achieve long term solutions.

Integration of local partners

Successful development work needs reliable local partners. Together with local people long term improvements in standards of living can be achieved. Many of our projects are with the local Anglican church.

Find out more about our work and projects:
www.partner-sein.ch



How to donate?

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Legacy

Another possibility to support people in need through *Partner sein* is to establish a legacy. Details can be found under www.partner-sein.ch/en/partner-sein-legacy.

Partner sein supports the kindergarten in Carangi. | P 02

