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The Hanns Seidel Foundation, founded in 1967, is a German political foundation, close to the Christian Social Union (CSU), providing political education “in the Service of Democracy, Peace and Development” in Germany and abroad. It has been named after the former Minister President of Bavaria and Party Chairman of the CSU, Dr. Hanns Seidel. Its specialist departments operate in the fields of **political consulting and education, scholarship programmes as well as international cooperation with a special focus on development cooperation.**

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# INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

Hanns Seidel Foundation worldwide





## THE INSTITUTE FOR INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION PRESENTS ITSELF

### MANDATE

For 40 years, the Hanns Seidel Foundation has been committed to international cooperation, with a special focus on development cooperation in currently more than 100 projects in around 65 countries worldwide. Our international activities are based on Christian-social ideals and seek to promote humane living conditions and to contribute to sustainable development by strengthening peace, democracy, rule of law and social market economy. In cooperation with our local partners we realise projects in the fields of policy consultancy and political education. Our partners' independency and ownership are of particular importance to us.

### DIALOGUE ON DEVELOPMENT POLICY

Since 2003 the Brussels office of the Hanns Seidel Foundation has promoted a dialogue on development policy with the decision makers of the European Union. European development policy is discussed in dialogue forums and conferences. The project seeks to create a platform in order to identify possible fields of cooperation and to shape European development cooperation. A key factor here is the sustainable networking between our project partners and experts from the EU. We continue the development policy dialogue with the public, politicians and the scientific community in Munich by publishing the series "Arguments and Materials of Development Cooperation" and carrying out the "Forum of Development Policy".

## FOCUS OF OUR WORK

- ▶ Strengthening of civil society and its organisations
- ▶ Decentralisation and civic participation
- ▶ Promotion of rule of law
- ▶ Advisory service to decision makers in politics, economy and administration
- ▶ Strengthening of state institutions
- ▶ Women empowerment
- ▶ Civic education and management training
- ▶ Bridging of social and ethnic gaps
- ▶ Strengthening of environmental awareness among the population
- ▶ Promoting the exchange on development policy in Germany

## PROJECT EXAMPLES

### Argentina

Promotion of political education and participation of young people and students

### DR Congo

Poverty alleviation by promoting agroforestry and political participation

### Israel/Palestinian Territories

Strengthening of civil society and promotion of the peace process in the region

### Korea

Support of the reconciliation process on the Korean Peninsula

### Maghreb

Contribution to democratic reforms, strengthening capabilities of mandate holders and the civil society

### Mongolia

Promotion of rule of law by modernising the judicial administration

### Myanmar

Promoting democratic and federal structures, Strengthening of the regional integration (ASEAN)

### Philippines

Promotion of human rights awareness among the police and military through dialogue forums with the civil society

### UPLA (Union of Latin American Parties)

Consolidation of an international network of conservative parties and party-affiliated research and training institutions

### Central Asia

Contribution to decentralisation by supporting governmental colleges of administration and training programmes



## IMPACT ASSESSMENT

Do we pursue the right aims? Do we pursue them in the right way?

These central questions regarding relevance and efficiency ensure the quality of our project work. They analyse the connection between our project activities in the field and long-term goals.

Therefore, our projects are supported by a continuous internal monitoring as well as regular independent external evaluations. We seek to measure the state of achievement of our objectives and validate the results' sustainability. The Evaluation division is responsible for coordinating the monitoring and evaluation measures.