

DAHW German Leprosy and Tuberculosis Relief Association

Filling the Gap

- ▶ health
- ▶ inclusion
- ▶ research
- ▶ humanitarian aid





Fighting stigma and discrimination

The DAHW *German Leprosy and Tuberculosis Relief Association* is a non-profit organization internationally recognized as an authority in neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) and tuberculosis (TB), disability and social rehabilitation. DAHW implements effective, efficient and sustainable NTD and TB control strategies in cooperation with governmental and local institutions. Since its inception in 1957, DAHW and its extensive network of partners have supported millions of people affected by NTDs and TB.



Building local capacity

DAHW is committed to transparency, accountability and respect for cultural differences. The organization makes use of NTD and TB professionals, including medical doctors and public health experts, laboratory technicians, social and community workers as well as rehabilitation and training experts.

With substantial local expertise and well-established offices in Latin America, Africa and Asia, DAHW supports more then 165 projects worldwide. All DAHW offices in partner countries are managed by local staff cooperating with governmental health departments and local and international partners in the fields of health and social works.





Medical and social expertise

DAHW supports access to quality patient-centered care for the marginalized and disadvantaged. Its areas of expertise are NTDs and TB, particularly drug-resistant and childhood-TB. Through its long-term experience with leprosy, DAHW has become a specialist in the rehabilitation and empowerment of people with disabilities, often caused by NTDs. Cure and physical rehabilitation are combined with social inclusion and stigma reduction.



DAHW's services

- Diagnosis, treatment of NTDs in hospitals, primary health care centres and communities
- TB diagnosis, treatment and care services including management of drug-resistant cases
- Assistance to Comunity based Rehabilitation (CBR) and inclusion in leprosy centres and communities,
 e.g. through the support of self-help groups
- Active case-finding and routine outreach activities in marginalized communities using the DAHW's own infrastructure and networks in partner countries
- Training and education of local health-care and social workers in hospitals, primary health care centres and through regional and local workshops
- Health education and creation of public awareness in project countries together with Ministries of Health and other health organisations
- Support to clinical and operational research







Long-term experience

DAHW cooperates with institutional funders such as the European Union (EU), the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) and the Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria (GFATM). It is since many years an acknowledged and reliable partner for international implementing agencies where it provides medical and social services and a well-established infrastructure, e.g. in the areas of humanitarian aid. DAHW works at all levels of development co-operation – from policy advice and technical support to implementation. Financial management, cost control and accounting in line with international standards ensure the effective and efficient use of project resources.



Smart partnerships with the private sector

DAHW cooperates with the private sector engaged in Corporate Fundraising and Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) projects focusing on Corporate Citizenship initiatives. Over the years, DAHW has gained valuable expertise in national and international markets in the areas of Corporate Giving, Corporate Foundations, Know-How-Transfer-Programmes, Corporate Volunteering, Cause-Related-Marketing, Sponsoring. International CSR projects are managed locally by the DAHW staff, e.g. in India, Brazil and Pakistan.



► Partners & Networks







DAHW is part of various international networks for the control and eradication of NTDs and TB, such as the UNION, the Neglected Tropical Disease NGDO Network and IDDC.

Key partners are the World Health Organisation (WHO), European Union (EU), German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), UNICEF, The Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria, Caritas Luxemburg, Fondation Follereau Luxemburg, International Federation of Anti-Leprosy Associations (ILEP), Family Health International (FHI360), Misereor.

Global presence











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