

■ Partner for Prevention, Security and Peace

Before, during and after a crisis we contribute to stability and human security. We support states and civil society in reducing the risk of natural disasters.

In precarious times, we analyse risks, counsel the security sector, provide refugee aid, support reconstruction, reduce disaster risks, strengthen peace alliances and promote the security of basic needs. We ensure sustainable impacts even under difficult circumstances.

Our strength lies in linking state institutions, civil society actors and international organisations across the conflict divide.

We stand up for human rights, even in war and conflict situations, for the strengthening of states' monopoly on the legitimate use of force under rule of law, and for the participation of the population in developing peaceful strategies for the future.



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Our Services



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■ What we stand for

Peace, security and the reduction of disaster risks are crucial for sustainable development. Violence and insecurity, the destruction of assets and infrastructure, as well as the general vulnerability of the population present increasing obstacles to development, especially since the number of states affected by internal conflicts is growing, and because the occurrence of severe natural disasters is also on the rise. All levels of state and civil society are affected.

Our interventions address these issues, increase human security and enhance stability. This applies to both violent conflicts as well as natural disasters. Together with our partners we work to overcome the causes and both the direct and indirect consequences of violence, insecurity and instability. The rehabilitation of the individual, institutional and physical conditions for sustainable development are at the centre of our work.

To reduce the vulnerability of a population to crises and disasters and to overcome their consequences, we emphasise capacity development, dialogue facilitation, networking and integration of the different actors, as well as strengthening of peace alliances, institutional development and risk analysis.

■ How we work

Crisis prevention, conflict transformation and disaster risk management are all focal areas of German development cooperation. Therefore we can offer specific methods and instruments to respond to crises and disasters as well as customised solutions for other sectors, such as education and economy.

In order to achieve the highest impact possible, we support the regional GTZ departments and advise the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). At the same time, we also work for other national and international clients. We cooperate and network with academic institutions as well as with strategic partners, such as regional development banks, international organisations (United Nations, Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development etc.) and with other national and regional institutions.



Our sectoral expertise comprises:

Crisis Prevention and Peace Building

Through our interventions we support our partners in mainstreaming crisis prevention and peace building in their country and sector programmes. We facilitate complex programmes for social, political and economic stabilisation and peace building. We strengthen methods and competencies for conflict management and we support peace education – especially for young adults. We provide advice to regional organisations on how better to achieve their goals of promoting democracy, civic participation and stabilisation.

Security Sector Reform

With our service package we aim to improve democratic control over the security sector, to increase the state's capacity to ensure public safety and to improve human security. For this we draw on our long experience in demobilisation and reintegration projects as well as justice reform. We are increasingly involved in police reform and small arms control projects, as well as the provision of conceptual advice to governments and regional organisations in the field of peace and security.

Development-oriented Emergency and Transitional Aid (including crisis and disaster preventive reconstruction)

Our customised activities achieve visible short-term results and contribute to the rapid alleviation of emergency situations. The measures are cross-sectoral and are intended to provide a basic minimum of social and economic infrastructure while improving the prevailing nutrition situation; they also support the reintegration of both refugees and excombatants. Our support interventions aim at physical and economical reconstruction and the promotion of and support for political and civil society actors. Our multisectoral approach is imple-

mented at local and regional levels. With the emphasis on participation, the population is encouraged to work together with state institutions (e.g. on the reconstruction of local infrastructure). The new responsibility and the positive outcomes bring a common sense of achievement through which the people learn to reunite.

Disaster Risk Management

We provide comprehensive service packages to reduce the vulnerability of state and society in the face of natural disasters. We devise ready-to-implement methods and concepts for disaster risk management and give advice for their application in partner countries and regions that are especially affected by natural disasters. We emphasise local participation and the strengthening of local structures. Local interventions are accompanied by national consulting and regional planning measures. Our main concern is to improve the self-help-capacity of the population, institutions, local authorities, state structures and the private sector to help prevent and overcome disasters. Since natural disasters are cross-border phenomenon, we facilitate regional and international cooperation.

Food Security in the Context of Conflicts and Disasters

Our multi-sectoral interventions support quick and effective answers to acute malnutrition and aim at reestablishing the conditions for sustainable development. They can be implemented at national, regional or house-hold level. Through the rehabilitation of productive infrastructure and the diversification of agricultural production, we contribute to larger and more stable crop yields. As a consequence, we contribute to the greater availability of food and reduce conflicts induced by scarce resources.