

ANNUAL REPORT

WELTWEIT - SOCIETY FOR THE
PROMOTION OF LOCAL INITIATIVES

2022





Dear members, partners, and supporters,

I would like to start our review back in 2022 with a short personal anecdote.

At the age of 27, my first job made my throat close. My boss was wonderful, and my colleagues were totally nice but I couldn't identify with the industry. So I decided to leave a promising office job and work as an arborist instead. My mind was made up, but I had absolutely no idea how to go about it.

I told a friend on the phone about my plan. He advised me to talk to an acquaintance of a mutual friend who ran a small tree care company. I did, and 15 years later I am still working with this arborist.

Isn't it fantastic how easy it is to help someone, and to do so decisively with long-term effect?! Sometimes all it takes is 10 minutes of undivided attention. My friend gave me this on the phone. He heard my problem, thought it through, and gave me a name from his network. He made his social capital available and it cost him nothing.

Weltweit e.V. grew again last year. We initiated new projects, gave courses, and enlarged our network. We have caused people to gain hope and improve their living conditions. Many people worked hard on this, but in many cases, it was only possible because someone gave us 10 minutes of active attention.

The annual review is, as always, a summary of what has been achieved and a thank you to those who have done it. This time it is also a call for genuine listening and a brief reflection.

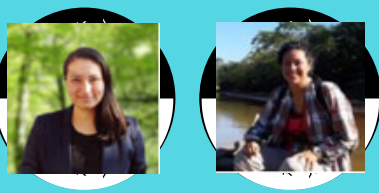
We hope you enjoy reading it.





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ANALOGUE FORESTRY IN SANTO DOMINGO, PERU

In September, Maria Luisa Vasquez Coda and Andrea Vera, two TU Dresden alumnae, started their partner project with CEARE in Peru with a pilot grant from the Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit. CEARE is a non-profit organization that focuses on forest conservation and rural development in the central Amazon region of Peru. It supports the indigenous Yanesha communities in restoring their forests by introducing analogue forestry. This is a low-cost and small-scale technique that increases biodiversity and productivity through modelled imitation of natural forests.



Combined with the traditional knowledge of the local communities, the project aims to (1) raise awareness of climate change, forest conservation and ecosystem services, (2) teach some basic concepts of landscape restoration and analogous forestry, and (3) establish pilot plots of economically and ecologically important species for the communities. So far, during their field visit, Malu and Andrea have been able to train 28 families and establish a tree nursery from which plants are cultivated on 5 hectares of devastated land according to a planting map created by the Yanesha themselves. The cooperation with CEARE and the Yanesha community was very successful and Malu and Andrea would like to continue this with new partners in March.



- Malu Vasquez & Andrea Vera -





SUSTAINABILITY WEEK PAKISTAN

In partnership with Weltweit, Sustainability Week Pakistan successfully implemented its Olive Growing and Refining project in Dherai village in Lower Dir district of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa Pakistan. The project duration was set from January 2022 to December 2022. During the one-year project, various activities were successfully implemented with the support of Pakistan Red Crescent Society, local administration of Dir district and local agriculture and forestry department. The project is now a good example of effective use of local resources for local economic growth and reducing climate impacts on local farmers. However, there is still scope and need in the region for scaling up the pilot project activities to other vulnerable communities.

Project activities were:

- Establishment of two community-based organizations (CBOs).
- Establishment of a hybrid olive nursery in the village as a source of hybrid olive crop production, olive grafting and employment generation.
- Three technical trainings on olive cultivation, grafting and oil extraction for 80 local farmers.
- A large-scale planting campaign in the village together with the local administration of the district, local farmers, youth and students.
- Purchase of three thousand hybrid plants.
- Planting of three thousand hybrid plants.
- Grafting of three thousand wild olive trees.



Within the framework of COP 27, we have received funds from a Loss and Damage Fund from the UK, which we would like to use to continue and hopefully expand the project. We are in dialogue with Corovita, a producer, importer and distributor of organic olive oil based in Bad Soden, to explore whether we can build sustainable funding through the distribution of olive oil from the project region.

START N'LIGHT - RURAL ELECTRIFICATION IN SIERRA LEONE

Start N'Light's project sites are located in Karene District, a newly created district in the Republic of Sierra Leone and the most underdeveloped of the now sixteen districts. Karene is made up of 13 chiefdoms, with Start N Light operating in the Sella Limba chiefdom. The district headquarters is in Kamakwie town with a population of 87,000. The youth in the district lack modern technical skills and the ability to be self-sufficient. Unemployment is very high and young people are migrating to bigger cities in search of jobs. Those who cannot go to the cities often engage in dangerous logging jobs where they suffer accidents with broken limbs or even fall from trucks and trees and die.

The young girls who are in the cities as a result of pull and push migration factors are there in search of shelter and food, which usually worsens their personal hygiene as well as their health. They sell nuts, charcoal, and raw fish in the city to earn a living. Some enter into abusive and unhealthy relationships just to survive, but those left behind are also subject to unwanted early marriages and childbirth. The number of school dropouts among girls is increasing. This leads to dependency and strong pressure on the head of the family, as there are up to 10 dependent persons to take care of in an independent household.



The challenge, therefore, is to prepare them for the modern labour market, because Start N'Light believes that the number of vulnerable youth in Karene District will continue to increase if those affected do not receive skilled training. Therefore, we have set ourselves the goal of establishing a training centre where young people of both sexes can learn modern skills that will enable them to live independently.

Construction of the first IT, electrical, and electronics technology center in Kabomboh village is underway. Four classrooms are planned on the ground floor and others on the second floor. Each classroom will have space for 20 to 25 trainees for 12 course hours per week. In the short and medium term, a crash course is planned for those who have little experience with solar and electrical systems to improve their qualifications for a job.



The year 2022 was the most difficult and important for Start N'Light. The village electrification projects have been a bit slow in mobilising local resources due to some political unrest and economic difficulties in the districts where we operate. We are still facing construction challenges as the cost of materials has tripled in the last few months/years. As a result, sourcing construction materials and other labour has become very expensive and difficult. We are in the process of mobilising local resources to obtain funds and labour from families, friends and partners. However, 2022 was also the most important year because we received our friends from Germany for the first time at the end of November, together with new potential future partners from Kassel from the cdw Foundation, who visited our project site and saw the strengths and weaknesses of Start N'Light with their own eyes.



Start N Light thanks all friends, donors and partners and asks them to continue supporting this project so that it can be successful and beneficial for everyone in the region.

- Mohamed Jah -





SOIL SALINISATION OF MAPUTO'S VEGETABLE GARDENS, MOZAMBIQUE

For the SaliHort project in Mozambique, 2022 turned out to be the most eventful and exciting year so far since the project started. In addition to continuing our participatory field trials to assess the effectiveness of various soil improvement interventions under conditions of soil salinity at the project site in Maputo, the project team had the opportunity to participate in wide-ranging training, field trips and networking events thanks to robust funding from The Conservation Food and Health Foundation, Development Cooperation of the State of Hesse and Stiftung Ursula Merz. Preliminary project results were presented at two international scientific conferences, the Global Symposium on Soils for Nutrition (GSOIL4N) and Tropentag. Five production sites affected by soil salinisation in southern Mozambique were visited for study and networking purposes.



This year's stakeholder workshop strengthened the exchange with other important national actors in the field of applied research on agronomic salt management, including the International Potato Center (CIP) and the RESADE project. Another highlight was the intensive exchange with The Salt Doctors, a Dutch social enterprise, which visited us for a training and project evaluation mission in Mozambique in November; the exchange of experiences and knowledge gain was enormous.

As in previous years, we relied heavily on the active cooperation of farmer representatives and university students. A total of 5 bachelor students from the University of Eduardo Mondlane completed their theses as part of the project.



In addition to four agricultural science students, who took over the scientific supervision of the field trials, a student from the geography department completed the team this year. With his help, we were able to decisively advance our ongoing efforts to improve salinity mapping and monitoring in Maputo's agricultural green belt. With the year 2022, the initial pilot phase of the SaliHort project formally comes to an end. However, a continuation, and presumably an expansion, of our efforts to promote knowledge and practice on the sustainable management of soil salinization in Mozambique is already envisaged, supported by new financial partnerships. In any case, the project team will still be busy with the continuous processing of the scientific data; the publication of a small compendium compiling the project results in Portuguese is planned for the following year.

- Jakob Herrmann -



COMMUNAL SEED HOUSE, BORNEO

Since 2021, Weltweit has been working with its partner the Borneo Insitut to preserve the culture, land rights and traditional agriculture of the indigenous people (Dayak) of Borneo. In 2022, the collection of local seeds previously stored in the seed house built in 2021/22 comprised 90 accessions of 40 seed varieties from 14 farmers. Specifically, these are 19 varieties of vegetables, 1 variety of fruit, 13 varieties of rice and 7 varieties of glutinous rice. In the middle of this year we received the good news that we can get support from the Crop Trust for seed processing and send the local seed to the international seed bank in Svalbard, Norway. We have calculated that there must be at least 200 accessions for rice and 50 accessions for maize, cowpea and aubergine in Central Kalimantan.



We have started collecting seeds from farmers for long-term storage not only in the local seed house but also in the global seed vault in Svalbard, Norway. For this, we have received support to set up a small laboratory in Palangka Raya at the Borneo Institute office.

In order to expand and internationalize our capacity in traditional seed conservation, we also conducted a training for a total of 100 farmers with a composition of 80% women and 20% men. The training focused on the following topics:

- Seed cleaning
- Seed storage and processing
- Seed reduplication
- Organic farming
- Exchange of problems between farmers.



At the end of 2022, we started to develop <borneologi.com> to provide information about local seeds or plant species in the project area and to provide a platform for anyone who has the same concern as we do in this project. It also allows farmers to record the location and boundaries of their plots, as well as the trees on their plots.

Read the report of our monitoring visit in January 2023 [here](#).



- Standy Christianto -

BEES AND TREES FOR SMALLHOLDER FARMERS IN KIBAHA, TANZANIA

Tanzania is the second largest honey producer in Africa after Ethiopia and the tenth largest in the world, making it one of the largest honey suppliers to the EU. However, beekeeping is perceived by the population more as a "hobby" or "sideline".

Globally, Environmental Conservation Action assisted in promoting beekeeping in Kibaha district by training and supporting groups of beginners and experienced beekeepers. Due to the growing demand for beekeeping training in Kibaha, the coastal region and Tanzania in general, Weltweit e.V. has been trying to expand its support by establishing a beekeeping training center in Kibaha since last year.



For its preparation, we had received support from Sensory Mind in the amount of 5,000 euros, of which 2400 euros have already been transferred to the project. Sensory Mind is an IT company from Offenbach, one of whose co-founders is also a beekeeper. The money was used to set up a new, country-wide NGO and to prepare their training center for beekeeping training not only for the Kibaha district and the coastal region, but for the whole of Tanzania. Our previous organization, Environmental Conservation Action, was limited to Kibaha district only. The main costs included consultancy services for registration, fees, transport and opening a bank account.

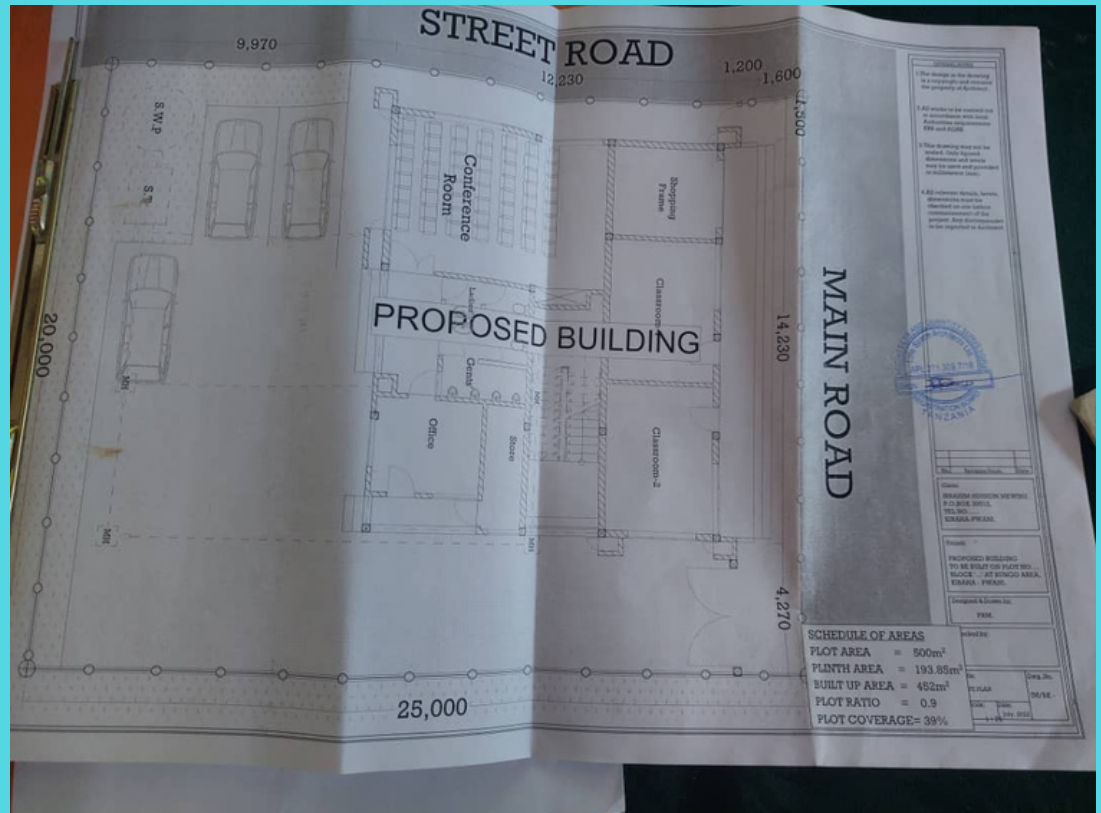
The support was also used to develop a construction plan for the beekeeping training center on the plot of land owned by the family of Ibrahim the project leader. The plot is located in Kibaha (Kwamathias, Bungo Street) in the coastal region. A construction plan was drawn up in cooperation with a recognized engineer after the land was transferred from Ibrahim to the Tanzania Environmental Conservation Initiative.

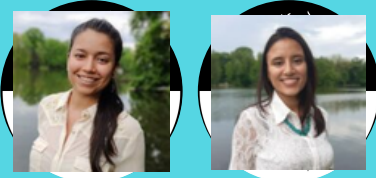


Ibrahim has also made his 3 hectares of land available for the beekeeping demonstration at the Beekeeper Training Centre. However, the land is located in the rural area of Kibaha called Ruvu Kwadosa. With the support of Sensory Mind, the land was increased by acquiring the adjacent piece of land for the beekeeping demonstration area.



Tanzania is a country of bureaucracy. Germany is a developing country in comparison. You need forms, stamps, even more forms, and signatures from authorities in the capital Dodoma. This causes costs and is unfortunately also the reason why many local initiatives cannot grow into recognized organizations. Thanks to the generous support of Sensory Mind, Ibrahim's initiative has become viable. Now that all the official documents are ready, we can apply for funding from the BMZ (German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development) Small Project Fund. This will allow us to start building the training center, set up the demonstration area and run the first beekeeping courses. With the remaining Sensory funds, we can cover part of the 25% third-party funding of the total costs of the project. This is always a prerequisite for funding from the German government.





CARBONOLocal+ , Colombia

Carbono Local+ (CL+) is an initiative that emerged from a project management workshop organized by Weltweit. The first project took place in early 2022, after which the original business idea evolved significantly through continuous coaching from various experts. CL+ is now a legally constituted company that provides advisory services to climate projects to obtain climate finance through carbon credits.



The training provided by Weltweit and the funding provided of approximately €9,000 at the end of 2021 enabled us to carry out our pilot project in Colombia. Its aim was to enable industrial livestock farmers in Colombia to transition to more sustainable livestock farming financed by carbon credits. It was an intensive and continuous learning process, but ultimately the initiative could not continue with local farmers due to a lack of willingness to plan for the long term and the minimum size of the total land area on the ground.

However, the project experience gained led us to our current project with Sosty, a new local partner, and in December 2022 our first regenerative livestock project was successfully registered in VERRA-VCS (one of the intern. recognised carbon standards).

Our climate project loosens the soil structure, improves the nutrient and microfaunal cycles and absorbs large amounts of carbon, more than the animals emit in methane. We are now working with 25 farmers who have been carrying out regeneration activities for three years, whose activities are monitored by satellite and have been shown to increase soil organic carbon content. In addition, we have 4 clients to whom we provide extension services and through which we enable the profitability of our business.

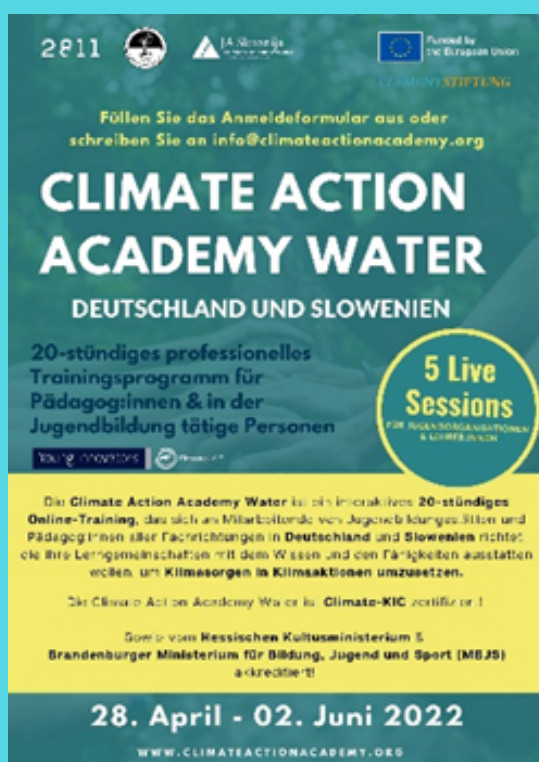
We appreciate Weltweit's work in recognizing the potential of ideas that are just emerging and hope that this work will be honored even more in society. We are sure that Weltweit's concept will develop into an accelerator of climate ideas - with high social impact and international cooperation.





CLIMATE ACTION ACADEMY WATER, SLOVENIA & GERMANY

Water is the source of life, but also a medium that particularly highlights the effects of climate change. Almost daily we receive new reports on climate extremes, floods, heat waves and droughts. The Climate Action Academy Water addressed this issue and its solutions. It was organised by three organisations: 2811, JA Slovenija and the Weltweit e. V. and prepared and facilitated by Sandra Busch, Remy Rupp, Eva Štraser and Dr Maša Kovič Dine. The online workshop was aimed at staff of youth education centres and educators of all disciplines from Slovenia and Germany. A kick-off workshop and a professional training programme divided into five modules were organised.

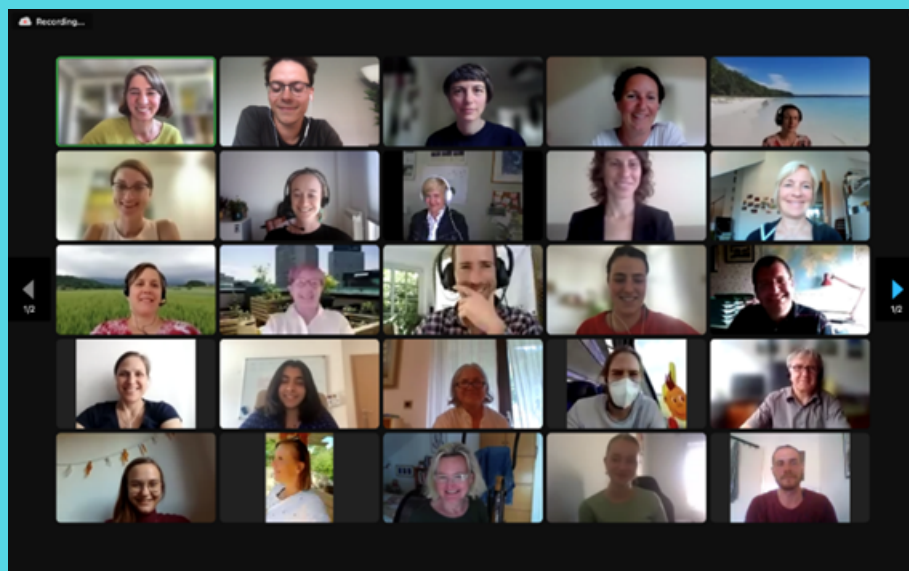


In this context, the participants dealt intensively with topics such as climate change, water management, and climate justice, but also with innovative strategies and methods, in order to subsequently empower young people to develop solutions on their own and to take concrete measures to translate their climate concerns into climate action. Around 30 people from 19 different organizations took part in the transnational event.

We would like to thank the sponsors who made this project possible: the Erasmus+ programme of the European Union and the Clément Foundation.

In order to continue the exchange, the participants of the Climate Action Academy Water were invited to the Action Network Worldwide Platform. The platform was created by Weltweit e.V. to connect people and institutions that are committed to implementing the SDGs. For example, they can discuss projects and issues, exchange knowledge, offer workshops and find project partners.

- Isabelle Barth -





MTAE WATER PROJECT

In spring 2022, Luis Ensinger from the Frankfurt University of Applied Science travelled to Tanzania to write his Bachelor's research dissertation as part of our project in Mtae. Arriving in Dar, he was met by Ibrahim Hussein and taken to Lushoto, where he was supervised at Mabughai College for the following weeks. Luis conducted interviews with the members of the Mtae Water User Association, analysed GIS data, and involved students and teachers from the college's community development department in the project so that they could familiarise themselves with the problems of water allocation in Mtae, establish contacts with decision-makers from local politics and gain a better understanding of the relationship structure within the Water User Association.



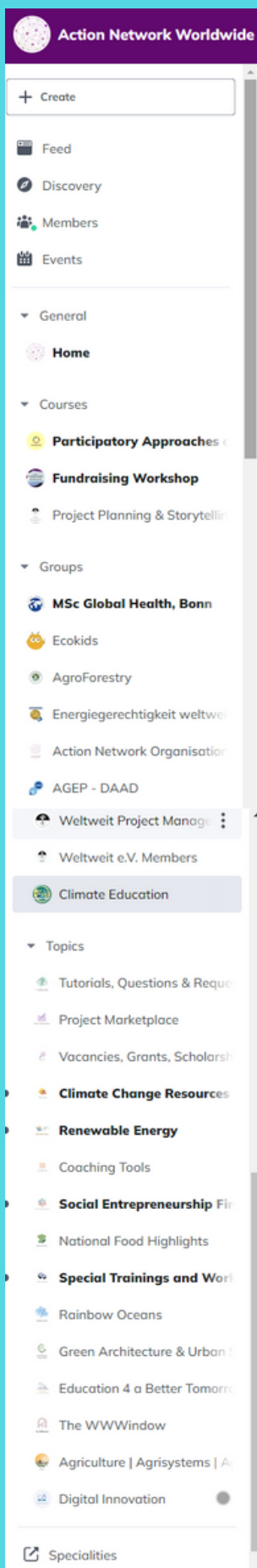
Back in Germany, Luis agreed to take over the project management from Weltweit. The local partner of choice for the continuation of the project is Mabughai College. With the college staff, he is working out a plan of action for the next steps, which aims to understand the socio-economic situation in the villages even better and to move back from the watershed approach, which encompasses the whole Mtae division, to a more regionally limited region, so that success can be achieved in small steps.

Ibrahim Hussein, who previously managed the project, was very happy about Luis' active support, because regular trips to the distant Usambara Mountains were no longer possible for him, and because he himself does not have the close contact with Mabughai College that Luis now maintains.

- Luis Ensinger -

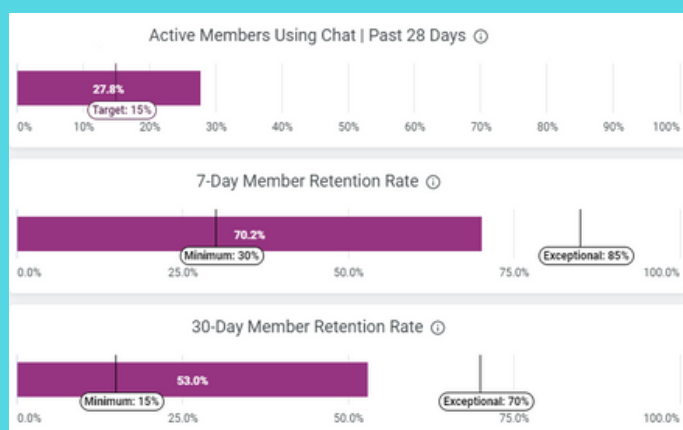
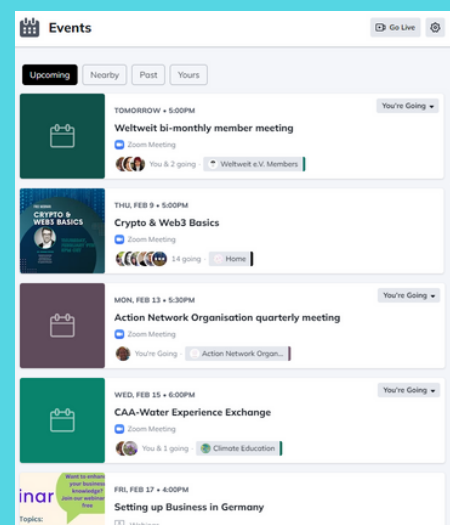


ACTION NETWORK WORLDWIDE



At the end of 2021, Weltweit e.V. received funding from the Sonnencent programme of the EWS Schönauf for the establishment of a network platform. We wanted to create a place where we can bring together our contacts with sustainability experts and change-makers. After some teething problems, we started to gradually build up this platform, which runs on the software of the provider Mighty Networks. In September we had a big onboarding event and afterwards we gave a workshop on fundraising via the integrated learning platform.

We now have around 350 members and are working to make the platform and our service as administrators and community managers so attractive that the universities of the 42 development-oriented degree programmes accept our invitation and use also this platform for their alumni work. Weltweit e.V. supports local initiatives, it trains students and alumni and helps them fundraise for their projects. The development of this digital network is Weltweit's first "project" of its own.



Apart from a slight time delay, we have been able to reach all our milestones so far, but anyone who thinks that building a digital community and getting it active is easy with today's possibilities is cordially invited to be proven wrong as a community manager at our Action Network Worldwide.

Which does not exclude the fact that we have also experienced many happy and exciting moments with our motivated members. Our advantage is also that we run this platform together with our partner organizations of the Action Network and thus we distribute the work of "empowering" the members among many.

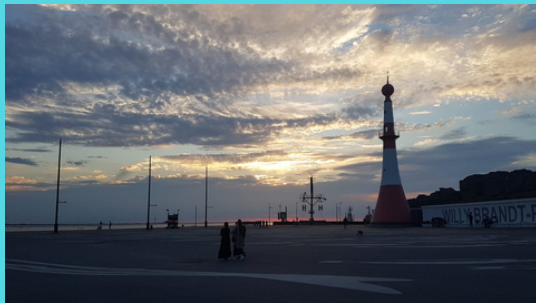


- Kaj Stelter -



WORKSHOPS

We organized three seminars last year. One on Partnership Management in Bremerhaven, which served an end in itself as well as providing further training for international students. In this first face-to-face workshop since 2020, we formalized the merger of several organisations with which we have been working in partnership over the past few years and drew up a Memorandum of Understanding between us. We would like to thank Esther Philips from BEA e.V. and Edith Etiende-Lawani from GAaNF e.V. for their excellent input as speakers.



Afterward, 2811 UG held its popular Social Finance and Impact Investing course with us in tow. Over 40 participants took the opportunity to learn about the basics of sustainable financing of social projects and enterprises. 2811 continues to set a very high standard when it comes to delivering online courses.



We tried to get to this with our first Fundraising for Social Projects course, which ran from 6 September to 13 December.

We would like to thank the German Academic Exchange Service for reliably funding the three workshops.

**FINANCES**

We have always published an unblackened income - surplus account in our annual report since the association was founded in 2014. This offered maximum transparency. Last year, due to the numerous projects, there were so many transactions on our association's account that we are forced to provide a summary of them here.

Account balance as of 1.1.2022 with Project funds and contributions from the previous year	40536,48 €	
	Received in 2022	Spent in 2022
Project-tied funds in 2022 from foundations, institutions, companies	176500,15 €	198981,18 €
Membership fees and Donations	8088,97 €	
Cost sharing of shared software by Partner organizations	320,22 €	
Amazon Smile	29,70 €	
Administrative expenses for Website, insurance, bank, tax advice		3452,24 €
Domestic/foreign travel expenses		748,96 €
Project funding from own funds (Tanzania, ANW)		918,00 €
<u>Balance</u>	225475,52 €	204100,38 €
Account balance as of 31.12.	21375,14 €	



Acknowledgments

Our annual report differs from the previous ones in that it does not come from a maximum of two pens, but from many. The managers were asked to summarise the highlights of their projects last year in their own words. Therefore, the writing style is not uniform and we hope the readers will forgive us for this. Spreading responsibility across many heads is the common challenge of non-profit organizations, which are almost entirely made up of volunteers. Considering climate change, it could also be emblematic of our times. We thank the authors for taking on this responsibility without asking for their personal gain.

We cannot afford to let potential go unused. The year 2022 has seen floods, droughts, and storms with deaths and displaced people, and those who can deny accelerated climate change now are almost to be envied. We are laying waste on our earth, and it is only the beginning. Hope lies in the younger generation to clear the rubble or prevent the catastrophe from happening in the first place. Our projects show that they exist and that they can do it, if only we give them the opportunity.

Many thanks to all partners and supporters.

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