ANNUAL REPORT 2024

Editorial

Dear readers,
Dear supporters,

Empowering adolescents in slums in the Global South to free themselves from poverty - this is how the aim of our work can be summarised. We do not do this locally ourselves, but support our partners in the Korogocho slum in Nairobi/Kenya, in the Katutura township in Windhoek/Namibia and in Kathmandu/Nepal by co-financing their programmes and by exchanging views on how to design their programmes in a meaningful way.

We have selected partners who use the concept of "Sport for Social Development and Peace" to inspire children and young people not only for fair sport, but also for school education and health care through sport. In most cases, the children are eager to go to school and live healthier lives, but they often have no opportunity to do so. The partners are also doing their best to make education and health possible.

This annual report also provides information on how the partners are endeavouring to achieve these goals and how our association supports them in doing so. We deliberately only provide "help for self-help" because this mobilises the partners' own strengths more than imposed "development aid".

This was only possible because our circle of private and institutional supporters is constantly growing. This is certainly mainly due to the fact that the trustworthiness, transparency and sustainability of our work is confirmed time and again. These include Our acceptance as a member of the "Initiative Transparente Zivilgesellschaft" and the "Deutscher Spendenrat e.V."(DSR), the approval of funding from the BMZ and, finally, the presentation of the DSR's donation certificate in May of this year following an audit by independent auditors.

On behalf of our partners, we would like to thank you for the increasing support of our work, not least through the growing number of our members. We hope that this annual report will convince you that the children in slums need even more support for a better future and that our purely voluntary work contributes to this.

With best regards and good wishes

Heribert Scharrenbroich
Chairman

Welcome message

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Prof. Dr. Rita Süssmuth
President ret. of German Parliament

Dear readers,

In view of the many natural disasters and wars and the very regrettable cuts in funding for development cooperation, it is important that civil society does not forget children and young people in slums. I would therefore like to thank "Zukunft für Kinder in Slums e.V." for mobilising support for children and young people in the slums of Nairobi, Windhoek and Kathmandu so that they can attend schools and even universities.

This annual report provides information on how the organisation's partners are using this support to implement the "Sport for Social Development and Peace" concept to achieve these goals. This exciting concept inspires and empowers children and young people in the slums to develop their personalities through sport, adherence to rules and, above all, through education, and to enable them to overcome their poverty. I recognise the importance of promoting education, not least from my almost thirty years of voluntary work as President of the International Adult Education Association. That's why I think it's great how pupils from the Alleestrasse secondary school in Siegburg have been supporting the Ayiera Initiative in the Korogocho/Nairobi slum through the association for years. I would also like to thank the Georg Kraus Foundation from Hagen for making it possible for 450 slum children to attend school last year, and the Deutsche Post Code Lottery for continuing to provide the same level of support. The organisation and its partners in the slums need these additional supporters.

The organisation's membership of the "Initiative Transparente Zivilgesellschaft" (Transparent Civil Society Initiative) and its now certified membership of the "Deutscher Spendenrat e.V." (German Donations Council) also testify to the organisation's trustworthiness and transparency in the use of funds. I see this as an important encouragement to members and donors to continue supporting the organisation's purely voluntary work in favour of adolescents in slums - or to become sponsors.

With a heartfelt thank you to all supporters, "All the best!"

Rita Süssmuth
President ret. of German Parliament

The work of the Ayiera Initiative

Hamilton Ayiera Nyanga started his initiative from a tin shack. In 2006, he had just returned from South Africa to Korogocho, the third largest slum in the Kenyan capital Nairobi.

In Cape Town, he was part of the Kenyan national team at the Homeless World Cup. During the tournament, he scored the winning goal in the final of the Dignitary Cup, one of the competition's trophies, helping Kenya to win the title. This experience was life-changing for Ayiera. After returning to the slum, he founded the Ayiera Initiative in 2007. It uses sport, especially football, to offer children and young people educational and development opportunities His participation in the Homeless World Cup and his decisive goal in the final were therefore not only significant in sporting terms. It also marked the beginning of his commitment to social change in his community. Today, the Ayiera Centre is an important point of contact for the residents of the slum.

The photo above shows a meeting with parents whose children are supported by the Ayiera Initiative.

in Korogocho

The figures are impressive. Since the Ayiera Initiative was founded in 2007, over 5,000 children and young people have taken part in its programmes. The initiative has enabled over 3,000 children to attend school - be it primary or secondary school.

The reach of the initiative has grown enormously over the years. The Ayiera Initiative's programmes and services now reach 85% of the population. These are impressive figures that the "Slum Changers", as the initiative also calls itself, have achieved.

Finding and promoting talent

With the idea of supporting children and young adults, the Ayiera Initiative started with talent scouting from the very beginning. In other words, "talent development" was defined as a separate discipline.

Just as talent scouts in the world of football try to find the best and most capable minds (and feet), the initiative does the same in the slums. It tries to find the best in the fields of sport, music, dance, poetry, drama, maths and other subjects.

The most important thing, as the Ayiera Initiative explains, is that it guides the young people so that they can become decent personalities and lead a better life - for themselves and for their families.

Learning life skills

This also includes a programme called "Life Skills". This is about nothing less than learning life skills. In an environment like the slum, this is a challenging endeavour. Tensions between different ethnic groups, violence and drug-related crime, very early pregnancies for girls or the absence of a parent in the family - these are all realities in Korogocho.

Added to this is the lack of infrastructure: living in tin huts, no sewerage system or constantly failing electricity. Many of the roads are barely passable due to holes or cracks. This makes it all the more important that the Ayiera Initiative helps to give children a perspective in this environment with programmes and projects.

Projects of the Ayiera Initiative

Medical care

The German Doctors have been working at the Ayiera Education Centre since mid-2023. They operate a medical base station there. The opening of the so-called Health Clinic breaks new ground. For the first time ever, the slum residents have the opportunity to see a doctor there - from Monday to Friday. The clinic is the continuation of the monthly "serial examinations", also at the Ayiera Centre. These were initiated by us and financed to around 50%, primarily through the support of the Alleestraße secondary school in Siegburg.

Trauma counselling

Children and young people receive psychological and moral support in group or individual counselling sessions. Counselling sessions are also offered for parents or guardians in their homes. We have been funding two social workers for several years and are thus able to help the many children traumatised by the living conditions in the slum to cope better with their traumas.

Tutor lessons

On Saturdays and Sundays, the classrooms in the lower level of the Ayiera centre are full. Children and young people meet there to receive a kind of "extra tuition". For those who are not doing well at school or those whose family circumstances are such that learning at home is simply not possible. Teachers are available here to help them.

Maths, Swahili, English and other subjects are supported here. This also helps those who have a harder time than their classmates or friends.

Conflict prevention

Also at the weekend, the Ayiera Initiative offers support for living together in the slum. The focus is on the possible tensions that different ethnic groups can have with each other. It still plays a major role which ethnic group you belong to. The Kenyan constitution recognises 45 ethnic groups.

The meetings at the Ayiera Centre teach the importance of peaceful coexistence and mutual respect. This is also put into practice. From the very beginning, the Ayiera Initiative has made sure that football teams are made up of players from different ethnic groups.

Supporters of our work

Last year, the large CARE/BMZ project came to an end. Our aim was to enable poor children and young people to continue attending school. The aim was to prevent them from returning to the large rubbish dump and being forced to search for recycled goods or even food.

The **Georg Kraus Foundation** from Hagen once again generously helped us with 60,000 euros. With this support, it enabled 400 primary and 50 secondary school pupils to pay their school fees. We were then able to persuade the **Deutsche Post Code Lottery** to continue this programme on the same scale from 1 January 2025.

The crowning glory of our educational support programme is that we have been able to persuade the **Gymnasium Alleestrasse in Siegburg** to enable some young people from Korogocho to study at university since 2023. This gives young people with a particularly good secondary school leaving certificate the opportunity to study. This would otherwise not have been possible due to the poverty of their families. So far, a total of nine students from the slum have been able to obtain a university degree.

The grammar school has also invited students to Siegburg over the past two years. This was made possible by the generous sponsorship of the flight costs by the school's support association. During their one-week stay, the young people from Korogocho live with families of teachers or parents from the school.

The collaboration with the Gymnasium has been in place since 2017. Once a year, pupils, parents and teachers collect money on the "**Day for Korogocho**", always more than10,000 euros, last year as much as 16,500 euros. In addition to the university scholarships, the high school currently also supports the Ayiera Initiative's tutoring programme at weekends.

Without this triangular alliance, **Gymnasium Alleestraße - Future for Children in Slums - Ayiera Initiative**, there would be no school and university scholarships and no German Doctors day clinic at the Ayiera Centre. All of these initiatives started with funds from the Day for Korogocho and a contribution from our foundation or association.

Tillen Queenton, the silent hero

He received early support from the Ayiera Initiative

Many slum dwellers still go to church on Sunday mornings. They don't realise what is happening on the Ayiera Initiative football pitch. But it would be really worthwhile to pay a visit. Sixty or seventy children are there. All between the ages of six and maybe ten. Girls and boys from different ethnic groups, which still play an important role here.

Tillen is already a mentor

Anyone who has experienced what happens there even once is impressed. Especially by Tillen Queenton. He is just 17 years old - and for the children he is already a hero, a role model, a teacher. They have a word for all of this here, which they use for people like him: He is their mentor. And the "silent hero". That's what they call people like Tillen, who you hardly hear or see when they're doing their work.

He has been in contact with the Ayiera Initiative since he was a child. His mother brought him and his sister up alone. His father simply "absconded" one day. Now he has been the male head of the family for a long time. A task that is not so easy when you are just ten or eleven years old. But he has grown into this role, which he fulfils more and more confidently with each passing year.

He would do anything for his mum. The bracelets that many people wear here usually feature the Kenyan flag. His bracelet says "Mum" on it. She is his "better half", he says. With a grin. He means it that way too. He would be "nothing" without her, he says.

Tillen Queenton about himself and the girls

Yes, I really enjoy doing this. Giving back to the children something of what I have experienced through the Ayiera Initiative is a matter of course for me. After all, I was just such a little boy when I first received help and support - and so did my whole family.

Of course, I like playing football myself, as a goalkeeper, and I'm pretty good. I now play for "Unbeaten FC" from Ngomongo, our village here in Korogocho. I've been able to save us from defeat more than once. It's nice to play in this team and to be the youngest. Despite my young age, I'm respected. The older players don't just see me as Tillen, the youngster. I'm a real team-mate for them - just like they are for me, of course. That's a strong bond. This feeling was mainly created by the Mashinani League, which was founded by an 18-year-old from Korogocho just last year. That shows me that young people can really make a difference.

"Mashinani" - this Swahili word means "grassroots", in other words something that comes from the very bottom and somehow strives upwards. That's what we all want here. We want to make something of the slum. After all, everyone can contribute to changing our lives here, and that's what I'm trying to do with the children. To be honest, I'm mainly concerned with the girls. They still have a harder time than the boys, and not just in football.

Of course, it doesn't really matter whether they're boys or girls. But I believe that through our meetings on Sundays, in addition to all the fun and sport we do together, one thing is particularly important: to give the girls a strong sense of self-worth. If they develop that here, it will also make them stronger for the future when they become women. I'm really happy to help with that.

Basketball Artists School in Namibia

We have been supporting the Basketball Artists School (BAS) in the centre of the Namibian township of Katutura in Windhoek since 2019. In 2024, we significantly increased our support: initially, as in the previous year, we provided € 10,000, primarily for the purchase of food, to support good quality nutrition for the children and activists at BAS.

A special project

The highlight of our cooperation last year was that we enabled BAS to contribute to improving the quality of sports lessons at six schools in the township with a special programme. In addition to the socio-educational improvement of sports lessons in line with BAS values, the pupils at these schools were able to take part in special programmes organised by BAS, in which enthusiasm for sport was awakened and this in turn was used to promote some of the UN's sustainability goals.

For the first time, we were authorised to apply for funding from the German Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). On the recommendation of the Schmitz Foundation, the BMZ allocated €35,000 of the project volume to

from Düsseldorf, and we raised the obligatory own contribution of €8,500 for such projects from donations entrusted to us. In order to ensure the sustainability of the project, we have provided a further €5,000 for the work in 2025 in addition to the budget for this project.
(More about the project in the box opposite.)

Further support for BAS agreed

Apart from this special project, we want to continue to support BAS to the best of our ability. Because this purely Namibian foundation not only offers many children in the township a "save space" and joy in the dreary environment of the township, but also promotes "life skills" (personality development, life skills) with after-school support lessons, workshops and the community sport of basketball, and thus also ways to overcome poverty through their own efforts.

Changing Mindsets Community Project 2024
Changing mindsets in education and sport for sustainable development

Our partner's Changing Mindsets Community Project 2024 promotes children and young people holistically in line with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) SDGs 3 (health), 4 (education) and 5 (gender equality) under the motto "Education first - sport afterwards".

The project reached more than 3,500 children through school sports lessons, tournaments, after-school clubs, holiday camps and a daily nutrition programme. Particular highlights included ten BASTivals with over 500 participants each, 15 tournaments with 232 external players and the "Battle of the Brave" final. In addition, 20 young volunteers were trained and involved on a long-term basis. Prominent support came from Olympian Beatrice Masilingi at the Holiday Olympics Camp, among others.

Even after the end of the project, some of the programmes at the schools will be continued by the schools themselves and BAS with funding from us. The project sustainably strengthens the health, education, resilience and social skills of children in disadvantaged life situations - through the powerful combination of learning, play and sport.

Nepal Youth Programme

Thanks to dedicated management, an expansion of the team of carers and a growing network of supporters in Germany, which includes our association, NYP has expanded its activities considerably in the last two years: Following the establishment of a second location in the capital Kathmandu in 2023, preparations for activities among the Chitwangs in the interior of the country are well underway.

Programme improvements have further increased the number of young participants and trainees. Cooperation with schools and the involvement of parents in NYP's programmes has further improved the educational component and personal development of the children and young people taking part. Not only the remarkable level of football training for young and old, boys and girls, but also by inviting other sections of society into its work, NYP has further enhanced its reputation.

The information in our Annual Report 2023 About Early Childhood Development (ECD), Kick &Learn and Ball for Fun programmes were successfully continued, but now with more children at the two NYP locations in Kathmandu.

These programmes
programmes motivate children and parents alike in a fun way to develop an attitude of continuous learning, adapt to new experiences and improve the life skills of children and young people. Above all, the involvement of parents in its work
NYP has increased the involvement of parents in its work to promote sustainability.

The Youth Empowerment programme invites adolescents to workshops on personal growth, self-confidence, public speaking, self-care, leadership skills and healthy lifestyles. The "Sport for Social Development and Peace" concept also includes NYP's Ball for Environment programme. The initiative encourages young people to take an active role in their communities by organising events and campaigns to promote environmentally friendly practices.
NYP's remarkable progress prompted us to invite its founder and director, Mr Radjiv Nepali, to Germany to discuss NYP's current and future work. We also gave him the opportunity to speak to other supporters in Germany. We believe it is important that our partners have different supporters and are not dependent on us. One of the results of our discussions was that we want to jointly prepare an application to the Schmitz Foundations and the BMZ for the coming year to strengthen NYP's work with the Chitwang ethnic group.

How you can help

Please remain loyal to us. Thank you very much for your support of our work so far. We were only able to become a member of the "Initiative Transparente Zivilgesellschaft" and the "Deutscher Spendenrat e.V." (DSR) because we were able to prove the transparency and trustworthiness of our work. In May 2025, we received the DSR's donation certificate. The DSR writes about the significance of the certificate:

"The donation certificate is the only audit procedure in Germany in which external auditors perform the quality control of the donation certificate. It therefore stands for transparency and trustworthiness in particular. The members of the Donations Council must undergo the certification process every three years."

Please recommend the work of our charitable organisation to your friends and acquaintances. There are many possible occasions for this: for example, when it comes to gifts for special birthdays or when a form of attention is sought on the occasion of a funeral. You can find text suggestions on our homepage: t1p.de/zukunft-spenden.

You can give a gift for the future after your death **through legacies or bequests**. Every euro you leave behind will be invested directly in projects, in the future for poor children and young people. In this way, you start an avalanche, because these young people can then in turn support others. If you would like your donation to support projects for an unlimited period of time, you can also make a donation to our "Foundation Future for Children in Slums" of the same name. - Initial suggestions can be found in our "Small guide" to donating in a will: t1p.de/zukunfts-testament. If you would like further advice, simply give us a call or send us an email.

Every euro donated reaches our partners. Because: We only work on a voluntary basis. We do not pay salaries or expense allowances. The small administrative costs that are still incurred (e.g. for printing and mailing the annual report) are paid by board members.

You will find the addresses and account number of the organisation on page 20.

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Zukunft für Kinder in Slums e.V.

Jahresabschluß 2024

Einnahmen / Ausgabenrechnung

	2024	2023
Einnahmen		
Mitgliedsbeiträge	6.310,00 €	1.510,00 €
Spenden allgemein	41.053,54 €	32.744,17 €
Spende Gymnasium Siegburg Alleestraße	15.500,00 €	10.320,34 €
Nachlass		20.000,00 €
Projektzuschuss Schmitz Stiftungen für BAS Namiba Projekt	25.000,00 €	
Projektzuschuss Georg Kraus Stiftung für Ayieria Initiative 2024	30.000,00 €	30.000,00 €
Projektzuschuss Deutsche Postcode Lotterie für Ayieria Initiative 2025	30.000,00 €	
Weiterleitung Spenden CARE Deutschland e.V.	38.335,47 €	
Weiterleitung Spenden "Stiftung Zukunft für Kinder in Slums"	- €	2.500,00 €
Zinserträge	360,56 €	
Summe der Einnahmen	**186.559,57 €**	**97.074,51 €**
Ausgaben		
Projektförderung		
- Ayiera Initiative (C.B.O.) Korogocho	126.419,44 €	32.962,21 €
- Basketball Artists School Foundation Namibia - Projekt Schmitz Stftungen	32.348,45 €	
- Basketball Artists School Foundation Namibia	10.021,01 €	12.022,50 €
- Nepal Youth Programme	10.818,19 €	8.021,00 €
	179.607,09 €	**53.005,71 €**
Sonstiges		
- Kontoführungsgebühren, Gebühren Deutsches Spendensiegel	435,53 €	55,20 €
- Druck und Versand Jahresbericht	1.093,27 €	1.344,58 €
Summe der Ausgaben	**181.135,89 €**	**54.405,49 €**
Ergebnis, Überschuss zur Verwendung im Folgejahr	**5.423,68 €**	**42.669,02 €**

Nebenrechnung Rücklagen
Rücklagen zum 31.12.2023 gemäß Einnahmen - Ausgabenrechnung 2023
Betriebsergebnis 2024 zur Verwendung im Haushaltsjahr 2025
Rücklagen zum 31.12.2024 zur Verwendung in Folgejahren
(beinhalted € 30.000.- Spende der Deutschen Post Code Lotterie für Schulstipendienprogramm Ayiera Kenia)

Stiftung Zukunft für Kinder in Slums

Jahresabschluß 2024

Einnahmen / Ausgabenrechnung

	2024	2023
Einnahmen		
- Spenden	1.970,00 €	1.030,00 €
- Einnahmen Vermögensverwaltung	2.602,41 €	1.623,02 €
Summe der Einnahmen	**4.572,41 €**	**2.653,02 €**
Ausgaben		
- Verwaltungskosten x)	450,00 €	265,00 €
- Projekt "Ayiera Initiative - Sports for Social Change"	- €	2.500,00 €
- Ausgaben Vermögensverwaltung	100,38 €	244,15 €
Summe der Ausgaben	**550,38 €**	**3.009,15 €**
Ergebnis - Zuführung/Auflösung aus der Projektrücklage	**4.022,03 €**	**356,13 €**

x) Verwaltungskostenpauschale der Deutschen CARE Stiftung

Stiftungsvermögen	**130.000,00 €**	**130.000,00 €**
Zweckgebundene Rücklage	**7.914,72 €**	**3.892,69 €**

About us

Our association supports organisations that help children and young people in poor areas of the Global South to improve their starting conditions for a life without poverty. The most important goal of our partners must be to promote school and university education as well as healthcare for children and young people. We see this as the most important prerequisite for reducing poverty through our own efforts.

Until 2020, we worked as the "Foundation Future for Children in Slums" trust. However, as the radius of action of a trust foundation is limited, all members of the foundation board also founded our registered association (e.V.) with the same name in 2020. The foundation continues to exist and helps to finance the work of the association. The cooperation is very close, as all members of the board of our non-profit organisation are either members of the foundation council or the foundation board.

Soon after our non-profit status was recognised in 2021, our association opened up to other members. This gives supporters the opportunity to have a say in the use of donations at general meetings, especially when deciding on the annual budget. Detailed information on this can be found on our homepage at zukunft-slum-kinder.de/membership.

Our aid is financed by private donations, membership fees and grants from institutions, other NGOs and the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). The integrity, sustainability and transparency of our work is underpinned by our membership of the Transparent Civil Society Initiative and, since 2024, our membership of the German Donations Council. In May 2025, the German Donations Council finally awarded us the donation certificate following a review by independent auditors.

Patron and Board of Directors

Dr Michael Vesper Patron
Former Deputy Prime Minister and retired Chairman of the DOSB Executive Board

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(*in the sense of the Civil Code BGB)

Above all, we promote sport for social development and peace.

The goal	Self-liberation from poverty
The way	Education and health
The method	Helping people to help themselves
The motivation	Sport for development

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