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LED –  
transforming  
help into  
development



**The Liechtenstein  
Development Service  
(LED) ...**

- ... provides official development aid on behalf of Liechtenstein's government.
- ... works especially in rural regions in the fields of education, health and rural development.
- ... gives priority to gender issues, social justice and the environment in all respects.
- ... is a private-law foundation of the people and government of Liechtenstein.
- ... was founded in 1965.

**2010 strategy**

... or how the LED  
invests its resources

**International Humanitarian Cooperation  
and Development in Liechtenstein**

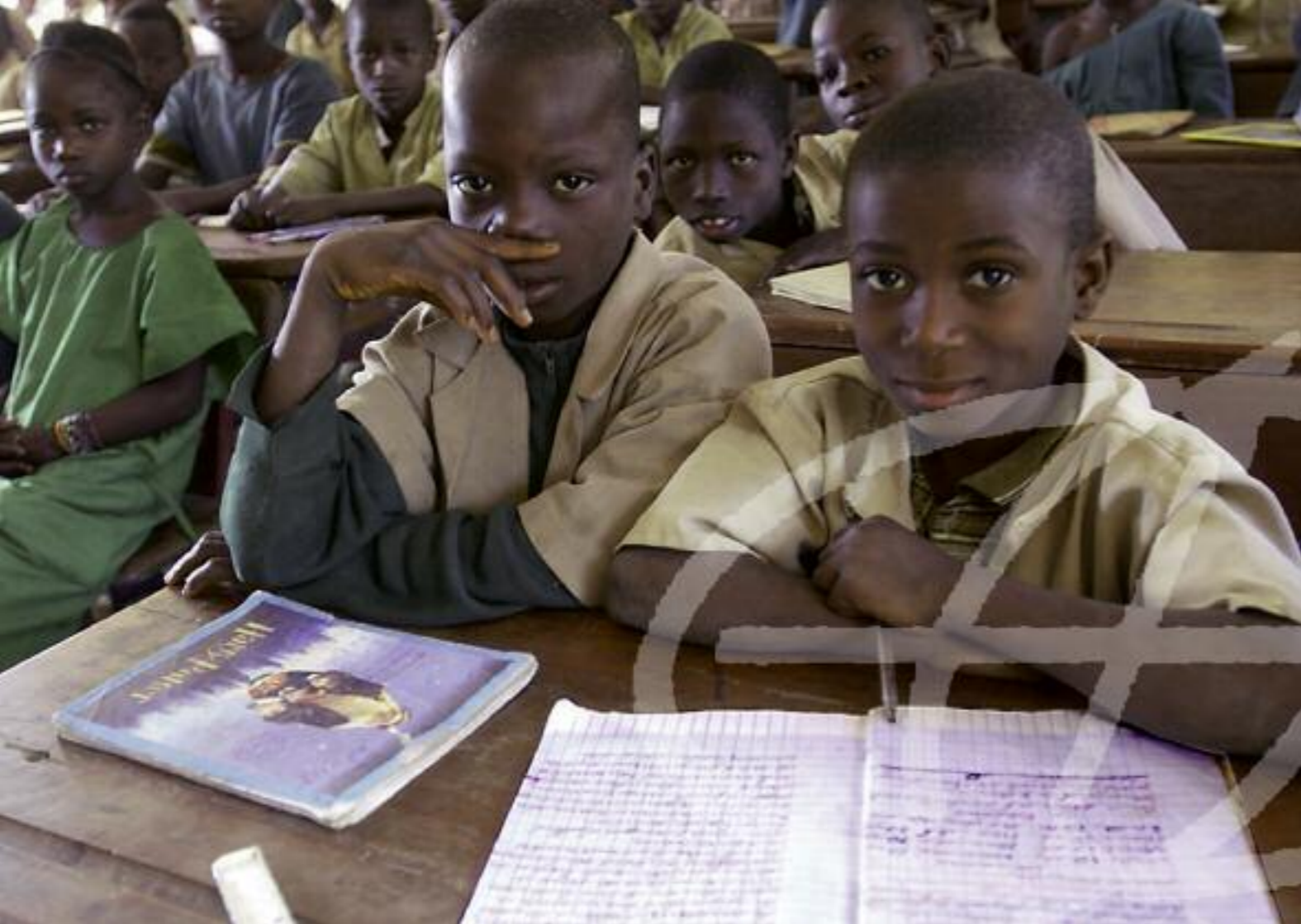
- emergency and reconstruction relief
- international refugee and migration relief
- bilateral development cooperation
- multilateral development cooperation
- international organisations

The LED is responsible for bilateral development cooperation. It accounts for 65% of public funding for international humanitarian cooperation and development.

**The LED's work is based on specific  
goals and principles**

- targeted action and ownership
- permanence and sustainability
- partnership and empathy
- trust and probity
- quality and professionalism
- exchange and networking
- innovation and constancy
- focusing and efficiency





**The LED is committed to a world where ...**

- ... women and men are able to take their fate into their own hands and where human rights apply to everybody.
- ... all people are able to satisfy their basic needs: food, safety, education and health.
- ... paying fair wages and prices is the rule.
- ... the natural resources are shared with future generations.
- ... conflicts are solved by peaceful means.
- ... cultural diversity is seen as an asset and cultivated accordingly.

**Fields of activity**

- 1 Project work in partner countries  
major projects, minor projects
- 2 Human resource deployments  
experts, trainees
- 3 PR work for a "Global Education"  
Information about development  
cooperation in Liechtenstein,  
promotion of Liechtenstein and  
LED image

**Major projects: key sectors**

- **Education:**  
primary and vocational education  
(incl. teacher training)
- **Health:**  
Basic health provision and  
HIV/AIDS prevention
- **Rural development:**  
production, organisation, marketing,  
irrigation, drinking water, energy

**Cross-sectoral themes**

**women**  
**poverty, social justice**  
**environment**

Key sectors of activity  
in our priority countries



**Central America**  
Education  
Distance learning

**Bolivia, Peru**  
Education  
Bilingual and  
Intercultural  
Education  
Rural  
Development

Liechtenstein

**Moldova**  
Education  
Vocational Training,  
disadvantaged  
groups

**Kyrgyzstan**  
Education

**Afghanistan**  
Education

**Senegal**  
**Mali**  
Rural  
Development

**Zambia**  
Rural  
Development  
Health

**Zimbabwe**  
Rural  
Development  
Food Security

**Burkina Faso**  
**Niger**  
Education  
Rural  
Development

**Mozambique**  
Health  
Basic Health,  
HIV/Aids

## The LED wants to ...

- ... give assistance and hope to disadvantaged people in countries with weak economies by financing specific projects.
- ... cooperate with project partners from Europe and the target countries on a long-term basis and with a sense of commitment.
- ... provide much needed know-how through experts.
- ... further the exchange between rich and poor countries and among poor countries.
- ... stand for the interests and points of view of the people from the target countries in Liechtenstein.
- ... increase the solidarity of Liechtenstein's population and make it visible at home and abroad.

### Radio schools

- LED is a particularly competent partner in the radio schools sector by virtue of its long standing cooperation with Costa Rica. Support for promising projects can also be given outside the priority countries.

### Microfinance Initiative Liechtenstein (MIL)

- As a member of the Microfinance Initiative Liechtenstein (MIL), LED also supports projects in the fields of technical assistance and applied research, independently of the definitive priority countries.

### LED project partners

- LED regards itself as part of the NGO community. Nevertheless it always tries to coordinate its work with government agencies wherever possible.
- Cooperation with the same international partner is restricted to a maximum of two countries.
- In order to boost its visibility, LED establishes very close and substantial





### LED attaches great importance to ...

- ... partners with a clear-cut profile that meets the needs of the target groups and corresponds to one's own competencies.
- ... long-term relations based on trust, responsibility and reliability.
- ... honest communication unafraid of addressing strengths and weaknesses tactfully.
- ... a small administration working in an efficient and predictable way.
- ... economical and correct handling of funds. The LED lets itself be reviewed voluntarily and regularly by the National Audit Office of Liechtenstein.

working relationships with only a few partners.

In Latin America, Zimbabwe, Zambia and Moldova LED tends to work with local partners. It maintains close structures on the ground in order to be in close contact with the implementing organization.

#### **Experts: people providing added value**

Development means exchange and mutual learning. LED is convinced that as bearers of expertise and people from a different culture, experts can generate added value in development work on the ground and in Liechtenstein. LED experts are professionals with a sound educational background, a good knowledge and experience of the world,

and a willingness to learn. Their role is to deliver skills needed on the ground and provide assistance for local development efforts. In their host country, experts act as role models, exemplifying the solidarity of our society. In their private and social environment in Liechtenstein they are 'ambassadors' of their host country and for cooperation and development.