

IN THE WORLD OF TODAY SOLIDARITY AND HELP IS MORE NECESSARY THAN EVER!

1 In today's world, enormous wealth has been accumulated and extensive knowledge in science and technology, developed by hundreds of millions of competent and hands-on people. They enable a world without hunger, without war, oppression and misery in harmony with nature. In reality however, living basics are challenged and destroyed to an extent not known yet. A global environmental catastrophe is looming. War fire sources become more frequent. Escape and migration have become a mass phenomenon. Plundering of the world's resources, combined with inhuman exploitation and oppression are taking place worldwide on a daily basis. Unemployment, discrimination and violence against women, children and social minorities, mass poverty and human trafficking are a sad reality. The causes are based in the striving of multinational corporations for power and profit and exploitation of people and nature.

2 In the view of these prevailing conditions, the conflict among the masses of the population polarizes all over the world. On the one hand, awareness, protest and resistance and the search for social alternatives are growing. Especially the youth needs a future and do not want not to get lost sink in barbarism. On the other hand regressive, racist or even fascist slogans also may entangle.

3 In these troubled times, solidarity and help are more necessary than ever. Masses of people are willing to do so: they help, donate or volunteer. But their willingness often times is to be abused, e.g. by a dependency-promoting donation industry, in which vast sums of money drain away by administrative apparatuses or even by corruption.

THIS IS WHAT SOLIDARITY INTERNATIONAL (SI) STANDS FOR:

4 SI provides solidarity aid at eye level. It develops projects with partners and partner organizations in its own country and on all continents, which serve the self-help, self-organization and self-liberation of local people on-site. The work is organized mainly through continuing donations and fundraising campaigns. The range of topics is wide: Education, ecology, health, nutrition, equal rights for women women's rights, trade union work, economic independence, disaster relief, and political commitment.

5 SI wants to build bridges between peoples and people across national borders. Solidarity is not a one-way street. A large part of the problems in the world are closely interconnected and can only be solved together and across countries. What happens in other countries affects us here in Germany and vice versa. Often there is little knowledge about these interrelationships. SI promotes internationalism in broader circles of the population and supports international understanding by its language and translation work. The partnerships are strengthened through regular exchange of Information, opinions and experiences, joint actions, mutual greetings and visits and participation in meetings of participants from all over the world. Information campaigns and events accompany the fundraising campaigns. In this way, SI develops friendship between peoples, counters disinformation and division, especially by the mass media. The work also serves to find out the roots of the problems in the social conditions and to emphasize solutions instead of merely making the consequences of unjust conditions bearable or even build up new dependencies.



6 SI has principles: Open minded - above party lines - internationalistic - democratic - and financially independent: People of diverse worldview are welcome in SI in the whole range of projects from range of projects from "humanitarian to revolutionary". Fascism, racism, religious fanaticism, anti-Semitism and anti-communism have no place in SI. They are incompatible with the striving for self-determination, freedom and democracy.

