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Report on the reality of German development policy

Germany needs a national development agenda 2030

Aid organisations demand a re-think by the Federal Government in the course of the refugee debate

Bonn / Osnabrück, 12.11.2015. In September, with Agenda 2030, the international community agreed new goals for the sustainable development of the planet. Among these is not only the final elimination of hunger and poverty but also sustainable economic growth with changed consumption and production patterns. “The newly formulated development goals are, for the first time, a joint commitment for industrial and developing countries. Now we need a national development agenda, with which we will meet our responsibilities. For this, the Federal Government must formulate a clear mechanism for how it will implement the agenda in Germany”, says Till Wahnbaeck, Secretary General of Welthungerhilfe, on the occasion of the presentation of this year’s report on the reality of development policy.

The Federal Government must commit to a concrete and impact-oriented catalogue of measures for Germany. This requires a binding and coherent timetable, showing which roles Germany will take on in the combating of conflicts, forced migration, hunger and poverty, unchecked climate change and growing social inequality.

The continuing flow of refugees into Germany and Europe requires a far-reaching process of change in dealing with migration and integration. “We welcome the fact that, with the new development agenda, a look is being taken at the necessary changes in our own country. International responsibility means a commitment to financial help for the fight against poverty and hunger, but also a change in the production and consumption patterns in our own country“, said Albert Recknagel, Director of Programmes at terre des hommes. “For German politics, it also means recognising the acceptance and integration of

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refugees as a long-term task that Germany will have to manage in the next few years and for which even further political and financial efforts will be required“.

More information and downloads at: <http://www.welthungerhilfe.de/bericht-wirklichkeit-entwicklungspolitik.html>

The report “The Reality of Development Policy“ (Die Wirklichkeit der Entwicklungspolitik“) is conceived as a shadow report to the official figures of the Development Assistance Committee (DAC) of the Organisation for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD). It examines the quantity and quality of German and international development aid.

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