

PRESS RELEASE



Welthungerhilfe Elects a new Supervisory Board: Marlehn Thieme Confirmed as President

Berlin, 2020-11-26 The General Assembly of Welthungerhilfe has elected a new honorary Supervisory Board. Marlehn Thieme was confirmed once again as President, and Prof. Joachim von Braun, Director at the Center for Development Research (ZEF) at the University of Bonn was confirmed as Vice-President.

“The effects of the COVID-19 pandemic pose new challenges for our work and our staff worldwide. Welthungerhilfe has shown over recent months that it is well prepared to reduce hunger and poverty around the world, and to improve many people’s lives”, says Marlehn Thieme.

Two new members of the seven-person committee were also elected: Dr Annette Niederfranke, director of the German branch of the International Labour Organisation, and Carl-Albrecht Bartmer, Chair of the supervisory board of the German Agricultural Society (DLG). Dr Bernd Widera remains as chair of the Finance Committee of Welthungerhilfe. Amadou Diallo, CEO of DHL Global Forwarding Middle East & Africa, and Prof. Conrad Justus Schetter from the research institute Bonn International Center for Conversion (BICC) are continuing their work on the Supervisory Board.

Rita Lanius-Heck and Dr Tobias Schulz-Isenbeck left the Supervisory Board, and were thanked for their many years of service. Lanius-Heck represented the Rural Women’s Association, which has been financing concrete projects to support women in rural areas for many years. Schulz-Isenbeck diligently applied his expertise in the area of marketing and finance on the Supervisory Board for 16 years.

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Welthungerhilfe is one of the largest private aid organisations in Germany; politically independent and non-denominational. It is fighting for “Zero Hunger by 2030”. Since it was founded in 1962, more than 9,830 overseas projects in 70 countries have been supported with 3.95 billion euros. Welthungerhilfe works on the principle of help for self-help: from fast disaster relief to reconstruction and long-term development cooperation projects with national and international partner organisations.

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