Dear Readers,

At first glance, this might seem a rather unspectacular picture. Somewhere in Africa, men are using pick-axes and spades to build a trail, at least, here in Europe, we would refer to it as a trail. For the workers, however, this is a “road”, their road. The trail is wide enough for a car, or even a truck or a bus to pass along. It is bordered on the left by a steep embankment, on the right, by bushes that look like they will take over this dirt road again before long. What you cannot see is the unusual story behind these people and their “road”.

In the last 10 years, half a million people have fled from the region between Goma and Masisi in eastern Congo. Ethnic conflicts and armed militia have made the region uninhabitable. The road between the two towns had already been neglected during the Mobutu era but continued to fall into a state of disrepair thereafter. Land erosion created deep potholes, bridges collapsed, the road became a narrow, barely passable trail through the jungle. Assaults on people still living in the area became increasingly frequent. Farming in the region came to a standstill.

With the support of German Agro Action / Deutsche Welthungerhilfe, these people have rebuilt 55 kilometres of road. On occasions, 14,000 people from completely different, previously hostile ethnic groups worked together on the project. In return for their work, they received food or a modest wage.

The result is fascinating: more and more refugees are returning to the region to re-build their houses, farm their fields and sell their produce at local markets. Since the road was improved, local markets have offered a far wider range of produce. Transportation has become much cheaper so that the price of everyday goods in these remote areas has dropped, while farmers earn more for the produce they sell. The once dilapidated road
has become a new lifeline: the economy in the region is looking up. The local administrative director calls the link between Goma and Masisi "Peace Street". Construction work is still underway. The road will soon connect the 200-kilometre distant town of Walikale. Hopefully, this will be another road that brings stability and peace. The Congo is bitterly in need of both.

Last year, we were able to see for ourselves that the work of German Agro Action, the biggest relief organisation in eastern Congo, really does make a difference: our presence and support give thousands of people renewed courage and the chance to make a new start. But making the most of this opportunity remains the task of the people themselves.

Our work in the Congo and in many other countries around the world would not have been possible again last year without the trust you have placed in us with your donations or without the trust of the providers of public grants, such as the Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), the Department of Foreign Affairs, the European Commission, the World Bank, the World Food Programme and USAID. We are particularly grateful for this support. We would also like to express our gratitude to the many voluntary helpers and our many, many other supporters. Special thanks are owed to German President Johannes Rau, our patron, who helped us once again last year in a multitude of ways.

Measured against available funds amounting to €25.36 million in donations and over €65 million in public grants, provided mainly by the European Union and the German government, German Agro Action recorded very good results again in 2003. As regards the effectiveness of our work, we can confidently claim that our efforts are far more than just a drop in the ocean. In many, many cases, we have been able to help people find a way of supporting themselves.

The following report accounts for the income and expenditure of German Agro Action in the previous year. It also informs friends and supporters of our organisation about the most important results of our work. Like the unusual story about the road from Goma to Masisi.
In many countries, farming continues to be the most important livelihood.

**Little Christine is afraid of the stethoscope.** The doctor speaks reassuringly to the child. The three-year-old is extremely undernourished, like most of the patients at the clinic in Farafangana on the island of Madagascar. The children are given special restorative food eight times a day. But the clinic can cater for only seven children, far too few. In Farafangana hundreds are suffering from acute malnutrition. Christine is not an isolated case. Far away from the focal points of world affairs, famine is commonplace.

The number of starving people in the world increased again in 2003 to 842 million. Famine leads to chronic malnutrition – an insidious, almost invisible process. While high-profile disasters and conflicts such as war, storm tides and tornadoes temporarily stir people into making donations, famine and malnutrition attract relatively little attention. And yet it is these quiet disasters that cause increasingly widespread poverty and starvation: prolonged droughts, barren soil, lack of arable land, flight and expulsion.

However important and vital prompt relief is in acute emergencies, starvation throughout the world cannot belastingly eradicated without long-term support. Children like Christine need new perspectives for the future in order to break through the vicious circle of poverty. This is why the work of German Agro Action concentrates on rural development. In 2003, financial support was significantly increased in this area.

**The need for personal responsibility**

Based on years of experience in small-scale farming and irrigation systems, we advise farmers about ways to improve crops and avoid environmental damage. We help them build new drinking-water wells to prevent disease and subsequent malnutrition. We support village groups, grass-roots organisations and farmers’ associations – partners who help sustain our development projects through long-term cooperation. By offering them professional training, our partners learn how to use improved seeds, to protect herds against livestock diseases and ultimately to carry out their own development work.

Helping people help themselves is a paramount principle in our work. When building a house, for example, we provide advice about the necessary materials and know-how: the people we support participate actively in the planning and implementation of activities and assume responsibility for “their project”. Poverty and famine can only be eradicated in the long term if the health situation as a whole improves. In many developing countries, HIV/AIDS, in particular, increases the consequences of famine. In turn, chronic malnutrition precipitates the outbreak of the fatal disease. The higher the number of farmers falling victim to the epidemic, the more seriously endangered the supply of food. The prevention and treatment of HIV/AIDS is therefore a focal point of our work.

To break the vicious circle of poverty, illness and political powerlessness, however, people in poor countries also need support on an international level. A reform of trade relations has still not been enforced to guarantee small-scale farmers in the South appropriate prices and access to markets in the North.

Simultaneously, it is the duty of governments in the South to honour their frequently made promise to implement just land reforms and improve loans for women and small-scale farmers. Not least of all, they must enable the poor people of the country to have a say in their future.
Mali:

Small-scale farmers fight the advance of the desert

The Dogon plateau in north-eastern Mali is subject to extreme erosion caused by wind and water. The area is also plagued by recurrent droughts which cause drastic crop failures. Millet, sorghum and vegetables grow on barren soil. For the poor rural population, vegetable-growing is the most important source of income. With the financial aid of the BMZ, German Agro Action supports the partner organisation Molibemo, an association of village groups in this region. To improve food supplies for some 60,000 people, numerous new paddy fields have been laid out. Agriculturally productive land is protected against erosion by terracing and lines of stones on the edge of fields. New improved silos particularly for millet have been introduced. The improved preservation of tomatoes and onions by drying also helps people survive times of food-shortage.

India:

Orphans find new home in the “Home of Love”

In Tamil Nadu in southern India, poverty is widespread. The school system and health service are inadequate and the illiteracy rate is high, particularly among women. The poorest of the poor - pushed to the fringes of society by the caste system and other traditions - are often unable to provide for their children. Demands for extensive dowries are often the financial ruin of families with daughters. It is still not uncommon for girls to be killed as soon as they are born or abandoned in clinics as orphans.

German Agro Action’s partner organisation “Reaching the Unreached (RTU)”, which is managed by Brother James Kimpton, focuses on supporting these children. Around 450 orphans, often severely traumatised street children and girls who have been abandoned by their parents, live in three children’s villages. With the support of German Agro Action, ten kindergarten have been set up for 300 children. The partner organisation also runs two primary and secondary schools for girls and boys.

Peru:

People who know their rights are in a better position to look after their families

In Peru, too, poverty is a female phenomenon. German Agro Action therefore supports advice centres in the Andean region of Ayacucho in cooperation with the organisation Movimiento Manuela Ramos. Women in this region live under very difficult conditions. They have health problems and domestic violence is very common. Ninety percent of households are classified as poor; 50 percent of the population is illiterate. The “Casa del Bienestar”, the “well-being house”, is a meeting point where women can obtain help and advice from twenty trained counsellors. These counsellors look after the women and mediate in cases of domestic conflict and sexual violence. Sixty percent of the cases are settled out of court or are referred to trial courts. Health counselling also teaches the women recommended methods of healthcare and contraception.
Rapid aid in wartime and during reconstruction

Since the end of the Cold War, the nature of armed conflicts has changed. Today, fighting is becoming increasingly common in villages and urban residential areas. The kind of people involved in these conflicts has also changed. Not only soldiers but rival militias and gangs are joining in the fighting. Or neighbours who belong to rival ethnic groups. In 2003 alone, there were 35 wars and violent disputes around the world, most of them between governments and rebel groups. The main sufferers are civilians, among them very many women and children.

The civil wars and massacres in Liberia and the Congo are just two of the most recent examples of how women suffer most severely as victims of these armed conflicts - whether as refugees, widows, or as AIDS sufferers. This is why a German Agro Action campaign entitled “Survival: a woman’s business” is concentrating on the many anonymous and unseen women who have been fighting for survival and working actively for peace in 2003 and 2004.

In view of these developments, relief organisations are having to confront new challenges. In countries ravaged by or recovering from war, the first priority is to relieve immediate distress and ensure survival. This is why we have had to strengthen our commitment to emergency aid. In rural areas, above all, food and seeds have to be distributed quickly during and immediately after armed conflicts. No less important is the provision of uncontaminated drinking-water, while houses and schools have to be rebuilt.

We provide help from one set of hands

At the same time, through development aid projects, by helping to keep the peace, and through lobby work, German Agro Action also provides long-term support for people in conflict regions worldwide. In many countries, in collaboration with local partner organisations, we are trying to make our contribution towards conflict prevention.

Thanks to many years of experience, we can provide help from one set of hands. Ideally, measures in the areas of emergency aid, reconstruction and development aid are provided in that order. In practice, the boundaries are not clear cut and what is needed is a flexible approach. Whenever possible, therefore, we provide comprehensive assistance to encourage people to envisage new horizons for themselves rather than merely repair the damage.

Without involving women in peacemaking and conflict-preventing activities, there can be no long-term solutions to conflicts. German Agro Action, in co-operation with the Department of Foreign Affairs, is therefore supporting, for example, peacemaking initiatives in Colombia which have been started by, or at least involve, women. Here, “round tables” are the new forms of organisation designed to forestall violence.

As an international relief organisation, and thus the advocate for the poorest and weakest, we try to help ensure that their interests are taken into account when new political and economic structures are being set up. It is during this still unstable period of reconstruction that questions of the distribution of power and influence in the post-war society become issues of such vital importance. Other important tasks are the conviction and sentencing of war criminals, the creation of new trust between hostile groups, and assisting people to lead self-determined lives.
German Agro Action supports war victims and peace activists

Rwanda:

War orphans forced to assume responsibility at early age

19-year-old Leoncie Nyiramsabima looks after her six younger siblings. During the 1994 massacre in Rwanda, her father was killed by Hutu militia, her mother died shortly after. To provide for her brothers and sisters, she is forced to use her limited knowledge and experience to grow maniok and beans on a small plot of land. She also tends her relatives’ cattle. The Fondation Barakabaho looks after war orphans like Leoncie with the financial support of German Agro Action: Leoncie is provided with seeds, fertilizer, a goat and agricultural advice.

Colombia:

Women peace promoters campaign for an end to violence

For decades, assaults, abductions and massacres have been part of everyday life in Colombia. Teresa Franco eventually decided she could no longer stand by and do nothing. In the early 90s, she trained to become a peace promoter with German Agro Action’s partner organisation, Ciudadania. In her capacity as town councillor of Antioquia, she also organises round-table discussions. The aim: to actively support the prevention of violence and to discourage young people, in particular, from joining guerrilla or paramilitary organisations simply because they have no other prospects for the future.

Sri Lanka:

Widows make a new life for themselves after repeated expulsion

Twenty years of civil war and expulsion have taken their toll on the everyday life of Tamil Sellamah Subramaniam. Since the provisional peace agreement in 2002, the 46-year-old war widow has been trying to make a new life for herself in northern Sri Lanka with the support of German Agro Action and its partner organisation Sewa Lanka. She has built a simple house with a roof that keeps out the rain. She grows vegetables and fruits on half an acre of land which she has been given by the government. The proceeds are not yet enough to live on so she supplements her income by working as a casual farm labourer. For many years, German Agro Action has received support for this project from the European Commission and the BMZ.

Survival: a women’s business


For more information, see www.welthungerhilfe.de
Our work in Germany: providing information and encouraging involvement

Year after year, many thousand private donors place their trust in German Agro Action. And rightly so: for once again in 2003, the Berlin-based Deutsche Zentralinstitut für soziale Fragen (German Central Institute for Social Issues, DZI) confirmed that our funds are used in accordance with our Charter, that our advertising and information are true, unambiguous and objective, and that our annual accounts are documented in comprehensible form. The DZI “seal of approval” is the best guarantee that a particular charity is serious and worthy of receiving donations. Without these private donations, German Agro Action would not be able to fulfil its responsibilities. In 2003, a total of €25.36 million was collected. Although slightly less than in the previous year, this is still a gratifying amount. In view of the Iraq war last spring, many donors demonstrated considerable generosity. Within a short time enough money – some half-million euro – was collected to rebuild six schools for boys and girls in the Basra region. The Live Gala on the ZDF television channel was also a success again, resulting in donations to the tune of €2.78 million. For the eighth time, entertainment celebrity Dieter Thomas Heck presented the “Super Hit Parade” on 19th October. Four-and-a-half million viewers watched the music show, which featured such popular stars and artists as Stefanie Hertel, PUR, Claudia Jung and Natalie Makoma. More than 70,000 viewers made use of the donations hotline. Before the Gala, Stefanie Hertel, known as the “queen of popular light music”, visited a home for girls in the town of Namaacha in Mozambique. She was greatly moved by her experiences there. In the singer’s own words: “No one who has seen the children’s distress could fail to help. My trip to Mozambique will only have been worthwhile if I can persuade lots of people here at home to contribute their donations.” Numerous other celebrities have supported the work of German Agro Action. Johannes B. Kerner, Tegla Loroupe, Frank Busemann and Dieter Thomas Heck appeared without pay in advertisements appealing for the personal commitment of the public in the fight against poverty and famine in the world.

“Help and Win” is the motto of the “Our World” lottery, which has been held once a month since last October. It is organised by the Stiftung für Umwelt und Entwicklung (Environment and Development Foundation), of which German Agro Action is one of the sponsors. Approximately 60 percent of the proceeds of the lottery, which is currently restricted to the federal state of North Rhine-Westphalia, are passed on to environmental and development projects worldwide.
Activities at a glance

"Together for Africa"
Representatives of 26 relief organisations, including German Agro Action, organised a series of activity days from 7th - 9th November 2003 according to the motto “Together for Africa”. After travelling through the Congo, Rwanda und Burundi and staging a benefit concert in Oberhausen, German rock star and campaign ambassador Herbert Grönemeyer was received by the German President Johannes Rau, who was patron of the Africa campaign, at Villa Hammerschmidt, the seat of the President in the former German capital of Bonn (see photo page 8).

German Agro Action Week
This year’s “German Agro Action Week” was officially opened on October 26th in Berlin’s “red” city hall with a literary and musical voyage entitled “Stop off in Africa”. The evening was accompanied by Sonja Kandels and Abdourahmane Diop who presented African-inspired jazz with musicians from six different countries. Hermann Schulz captivated the audience with a reading from his new book “Back to Kilimatinde”, and Marko Martin presented his essay “Days in Rwanda”. “Cultural Encounters” was the theme of the evening and forty other events organised during the “German Agro Action Week”.

Berlin marathon
German Agro Action was the official charity partner of the Berlin marathon for the second time in its 30-year history on 27th and 28th September 2003. Almost 31,000 runners, 1,500 inline skaters, 130 walkers and 84 wheelchair users – a new record – crossed the finishing line. Parallel to this sporting event, some 7,000 schoolchildren took part in the 15th mini marathon. A relay team of celebrity runners took part on behalf of German Agro Action: (from right to left) Willi Wülbeck, former 800 m world champion; Marc Kowalinski, runner-up in the 1500 m race at the German championships; Kofi Prah, who came fifth in long-jump at the 2000 Sydney Olympics; Tegla Loroupe, frequent female winner of the Berlin marathon; André Niklaus, who came eighth in the 2003 decathlon world championships; Joycee Moewius, triathlete and Dr. Hans-Joachim Preuss, Secretary-General of German Agro Action.

Live ZDF gala
The “Super Hit Parade” shown on ZDF was a great success: entertainment music celebrity, Dieter Thomas Heck, guided viewers through the live gala programme. Performing on stage at Offenburg’s Ortenauhalle were well-known stars and artists such Stefanie Hertel, PUR, Claudia Jung and Nathalie Makorna. Stefanie Hertel and partner Stefan Mross visited a project in Mozambique and presented a cheque for € 12,000 - the proceeds from the sale of their fan magazine and tickets for their Christmas concert.
“Running” an aid organisation can sometimes be taken literally – as was proven by the “Run for Life” campaign in which over 200 schools took part once again. Numerous children and young people had the opportunity to become involved with the work of German Agro Action. The participants enlist sponsors to pledge a certain amount of money for every kilometre they run. The Alleestrasse Grammar School in the town of Siegburg alone raised more than €25,000 in this way last year. German Agro Action was also one of the charity partners in the Berlin marathon, the world’s third-largest.

**Children’s WorldBreakfast**

Children and young people have also taken part in many other German Agro Action campaigns with great interest, for example the “WorldBreakfast” in Berlin, where some 2,000 schoolchildren looked into eating habits around the world as part of a project week.

“Together for Africa” - under this motto, German Agro Action and 25 other aid organisations staged numerous events throughout Germany from 7th to 9th November on behalf of the needy in Africa. Under the patronage of German President Johannes Rau, 79 prominent personalities lent their support to this campaign. The joint “ambassador” was rock star Herbert Grönemeyer, who visited aid projects in a number of African countries before giving a charity concert in the German city of Oberhausen on 6th November.

Africa was also the central theme of the “German Agro Action Week” from 26th October to 3rd November in Berlin. Under the motto “Cultural Encounters”, German Agro Action cooperated with numerous partners to organise over 40 campaigns nationwide, including forums on development policy as well as sporting and cultural events.

**Eye-witness reports**

Another campaign entitled “WorldStories” aims to encourage people to take a broader view of the world. The idea is to promote an understanding in the German public of the concerns and problems of those countries where German Agro Action is implementing projects. “Eye witnesses”, predominantly former on-the-spot foreign-aid workers and artists from southern countries, staged 100 literary and musical events attended by some 8,000 children, young people and adults. Where would German Agro Action be without its committed supporters? More than 5,000 voluntary workers organised 350 events in schools, town halls and market-places on behalf of German Agro Action. Fundraisings, raffles, tombolas, lotteries, charity concerts were among the activities.

Trustworthiness and reliability: these are the number-one qualities we need to present in our public-relations work. Not only donors, but schools, the media and politicians have a right to be given reliable information. For example, through meetings of experts, congresses and the publication of reports and press releases, as well as up-to-the-minute online services. Material such as wall-posters, maps of the world, and information folders are also very popular with schools and private donors, as is our newspaper “Weltmärchen” (“Food for the World”).

In the interests of our partners in the Third World, and at their express request, German Agro Action constantly takes a political stand, for example, in the annual “Report on the Reality of Development Aid”, which has been prepared for the eleventh time in collaboration with “terre des hommes”. Both organisations have criticized the German government’s failure to increase the funds it promised to pledge in 2003 for the fight against poverty. Another key issue in this Report was HIV/AIDS, which is considered to be a barrier to development work. Worldwide, more than 42 million people are infected. This deadly epidemic is threatening to wipe out the results of 50 years of cooperation on development and the war on poverty.

**Partner organisations are important**

In September, German Agro Action was one of the organisers of an international conference in Berlin on the subject of food aid. We emphatically endorsed the need for a long-term, development-oriented emergency aid programme. The war on poverty and hunger is only sustainable if emergency aid is embedded in longer-term measures.

To mark the world trade talks in the Mexican city of Cancún, German Agro Action published a statement demanding fair trading conditions, and above all a just agricultural agreement which would allow the poorest developing countries access to attractive markets. The breakdown of negotiations in Cancún was a disappointment particularly because long-overdue international agreements on the gradual elimination of farm export subsidies were postponed once again.

Every day 25,000 people, including more than 16,000 children, die as a result of hunger and malnutrition. But it is not just the industrialised countries that have a contribution to make in the war on poverty and hunger. The governments of the developing countries themselves also have a part to play: through investment in agriculture and rural development, through reforms in land allocation, and through the establishment of democratic structures. In order to support these processes, German Agro Action is also strengthening its collaboration with partner organisations in developing countries. If we are to achieve these goals, we need to attract attention to, and create confidence in, our work. And, of course, we need financial support.
In an increasingly unified Europe, many new opportunities and fields of action are presenting themselves to relief organisations. To be able to react more quickly to emergencies, to carry out projects jointly and to exert greater influence on lobby work, German Agro Action joined forces with other European relief organisations in the year 2000 to create Alliance2015.

We now work closely with our partner organisations Concern (Ireland), Hivos (Netherlands), Isis (Denmark) and CESVI (Italy). The Czech organisation People in Need also became a member in November 2003. Our common goal is to have a greater impact in the campaign to eliminate famine and poverty.

Collectively, Alliance2015 members work in a number of countries. Last year regional conferences to coordinate ongoing or planned projects took place in India, Nicaragua, Mozambique and Peru. With the support of the Italian organisation CESVI, German Agro Action provided prompt aid for refugees in the Iraq war and is currently helping to rebuild schools in Burma. Together with People in Need, GAA is also helping earthquake victims to rebuild houses in Iran.

The campaign against HIV/AIDS has become a major issue of the work of Alliance2015. All member organisations are involved in this field and efforts are being intensified to support AIDS victims and organise education campaigns about the disease, particularly in Mozambique. Member organisations are simultaneously campaigning on an EU level and in their home countries for an intensification of relief measures in the most severely affected regions of the world. Child labour is another key issue. The campaign entitled “Stop child labour – school is the best workplace!” is an EU-funded project jointly organised by Alliance2015, German Agro Action, Hivos and Concern. One of the goals of the campaign is to work against the widespread belief that poverty is the cause of child labour, when in fact child labour often leads directly to poverty.

Taking India as an example, it is shown that other causes such as poor schooling, persistent traditions and inappropriate infrastructure all intensify this phenomenon. The MV Foundation of Andhra Pradesh – a partner organisation of Alliance2015 – successfully tackles this issue in various Indian provinces.

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Activities at a glance

WorldBreakfast
Over 50 school classes with a total of around 2,000 students took part in the “WorldBreakfast” project week from 21st to 25th October 2003 in Berlin. Together with the Senator for Education, the German Development Service, the Consumer Advice Centre and the German Agriculture Museum, German Agro Action invited Berlin schools to participate in this project for the second time. During the German Agro Action week, students studied the breakfast cultures and eating habits of people from all over the world. To conclude the project week a final party was given at the Ufa Fabrik (former UFA film studios) on November 1st, where the author and singer Dr. Pranab Mazumdar performed an Indian harvest song together with the Berlin schoolchildren.

Lottery for a good cause
Since October 2003, WDR (West German TV Station) has been broadcasting the results of the new “Our World” lottery in North Rhine-Westphalia on the last Sunday of every month. One ticket costs €10. The organiser is the “Foundation for Environment and Development” which is sponsored by nine donor organisations: Bund, Greenpeace, Kindernothilfe, Miséricorde, NAFA, Terre des Hommes, UNICEF, German Agro Action and WWF. The patron is Klaus Töpfer, Executive Director of the UNEP Environment Programme and former German Environment Minister. The proceeds go to projects throughout the world. There are plans to extend the lottery to other federal states in Germany.

World Food Day
On the occasion of the World Food Day on 16th October, Ingeborg Schultheiss, Chairwoman of German Agro Action, German Minister of Consumer Protection, Food and Agriculture, Renate Künast and assistant director general of the Food and Agricultural Organisation of the UN (FAO), Prof. Hartwig de Haan, took part in a joint press conference in Berlin. Ms. Schultheiss called upon industrial and developing countries to intensify their efforts to eliminate famine.

Myanmar
- Rural reconstruction and drinking-water supply in Ka钦
North Korea
- Maintenance of repair workshops
- School meals in Pyongyang
- Vegetable cultivation and drinking-water programme
- Propagation of wheat seed
Philippines
- Rural development on Mindanao
- Improved animal husbandry and bamboo production
- Nutritional advice for small children
Sri Lanka
- Start-up aid for returning war refugees
- Food security and elimination of poverty
Tajikistan
- Drinking-water supply and irrigation
- Support of farmers’ associations
Uzbekistan
- Drinking-water supply and improvement of agricultural production

Central and Latin America
Bolivia
- Fruit and vegetable cultivation
- Agricultural and forestry training
- Support of vocational school for young people
Brazil
- Organic farming and marketing
- AIDS prevention
Colombia
- Marketing of agricultural products
- Peace training and conflict management
Costa Rica
- Enforcement of the rights of children and young people
Cuba
- Support of urban agriculture
- Water supply for small-scale farming businesses
- Emergency aid for victims of a tornado
Dominican Republic
- AIDS information campaign
- Rural development and environmental protection
- Food preservation
Ecuador
- Drinking-water supply facilities and irrigation management
- AIDS prevention
Haiti
- Irrigation systems and road construction
- Food security for families
Nicaragua
- Natural disaster prevention
- Irrigation farming
Peru
- Coffee cultivation and marketing

Simon Panek is co-founder of the partner organisation “People in Need” and longstanding companion of ex-president Václav Havel. Today, he heads the department of humanitarian aid. In his home country, he is still regarded as one of the leading figures in the Czech Republic’s democratic movement. “By working together, we want to benefit from the know-how of other organisations, especially in agriculture. At the same time, I hope other organisations will be able to benefit from our approach, particularly with regard to the processes of change in post-Communist states, human rights issues and the handling of transitional states.”
Africa

Angola
- Resettlement of refugees and former soldiers
- Agricultural training for returnees

Benin
- Training and education of street children in Parakou
- Support of self-help groups

Burkina Faso
- Promotion of vegetable cultivation
- Training and education of street children
- Aids fund for former prostitutes in Ouagadougou

Burundi
- Improvement of food and agricultural training
- Democratic Republic of the Congo
- Road maintenance
- Food aid and seed distribution among displaced persons
- Rural regional development

Ethiopia
- Food security and emergency aid for drought victims
- Development of agricultural irrigation and erosion prevention
- Drinking water supply and hygiene counselling

Ghana
- School education for street children
- Construction of drinking water wells

Kenya
- Eradication and prevention of HIV/AIDS
- Training centre for the deaf
- Sustained land usage and erosion protection

Lesotho
- School meals and distribution of relief goods among refugees

Mozambique
- Emergency aid for drought victims in Inhambane and Zambesia
- Nutritional and agricultural training
- Reintegration of street children in Maputo

Rwanda
- Support of war and Aids orphans
- Agricultural training in swamp areas
- School meals

Sierra Leone
- Food security for returnees and agricultural support

Somalia
- Improvement of arable land

Sudan
- Food aid and seed for civil war refugees
- Vaccination programmes against rinderpest

South Africa
- Support of AIDS patients
- Support of land reform projects in the province of KwaZulu-Natal
- Agricultural support of small-scale farmers

Tanzania
- Training and education of street children
- Training of agricultural organisations

Togo
- Support of local development organisations

Uganda
- Agricultural training in Rwenzori
- Support of agricultural self-help groups

Zimbabwe
- Aid for street children
- Drinking-water supply
- Support of small-scale irrigation farming

Projects in 2003
(altogether 240 projects)

Asia

Afghanistan
- Poverty elimination and agricultural training
- Drinking water supply and irrigation farming
- Reconstruction of girls’ schools

Bangladesh
- Agricultural training for small-scale farmers
- Food cultivation in domestic gardens

Cambodia
- Aid for street children and forced prostitutes

India
- Village development
- Support of the elderly
- Support of rural self-help groups
- Support of schools for the disabled and children’s homes
- Education of children

Iraq
- Reconstruction of schools for girls and boys in Basra

Kyrgyzstan
- Propagation of potato plants

Laos
- Agricultural training in Luang Prabang
- Food security

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The campaign against HIV/AIDS has become a major issue of the work of Alliance2015. All member organisations are involved in this field and efforts are being intensified to support AIDS victims and organise education campaigns about the disease, particularly in Mozambique. Member organisations are simultaneously campaigning on an EU level and in their home countries for an intensification of relief measures in the most severely affected regions of the world. Child labour is another key issue. The campaign entitled “Stop child labour – school is the best workplace” is an EU-funded project jointly organised by Alliance2015, German Agro Action, Hivos and Concern. One of the goals of the campaign is to work against the widespread belief that poverty is the cause of child labour, when in fact child labour often leads directly to poverty.

Taking India as an example, it is shown that other causes such as poor schooling, persistent traditions and inappropiate infrastructure all intensify this phenomenon. The MR Foundation of Andra Pradesh – a partner organisation of Alliance2015 – successfully tackles this issue in various Indian provinces.

Together, members of Alliance2015 are strong: they currently carry out over 1,700 projects in over 60 countries around the world with a financial volume of around €250 million – with an upward trend.

By working together, we want to benefit from the knowledge of other organisations, especially in agriculture. At the same time, I hope other organisations will be able to benefit from our approach, particularly with regard to the process of change in post-Communist states, human rights issues and the handling of totalitarian states.

Laying the foundation for hope – for future generations

One fundamental goal of German Agro Action is to help people take their lives into their own hands again on a sustainable basis. This needs patience and a long-term view, especially where the funding of our projects is concerned. For this reason, the Stiftung Deutsche Welthungerhilfe (German Agro Action Foundation) was established six years ago. For those who wish to make a further financial commitment, it provides additional opportunities to do so on a long-term and sustainable basis.

Alongside familiar forms of contribution such as endowments and bequests there are other ways of investing private capital in ongoing German Agro Action projects: supporters can open an endowment account in which every contribution is documented over a long period. Alternatively, a “donation loan” can be made available to the Foundation for a period of time at the lender’s discretion. Such a loan can be rescinded at short notice if the lender’s own financial situation becomes critical or he finds himself with priority obligations.

Last year the German Agro Action Foundation developed a new way of making donations. Since January 2004, the “foundation fund” offers a new possibility for donors. An interesting feature for those wishing to set up such a fund is that they can now specify the purpose of the fund themselves, and link it to their own name. The Foundation also received great support from newspaper publishers who reprinted in large numbers its charity advertisement concerning Non-independent Foundations: by the end of 2003, three new Non-independent Foundations had been set up by private individuals under the umbrella of the German Agro Action Foundation.

All in all, the focus of the Foundation’s work has broadened. At the suggestion of the Board of Trustees, a meeting was organised with press and public-relations representatives of the business associations affiliated to German Agro Action. This meeting resulted in further presentations of our work in Berlin in the context of the “Freedom and Responsibility” initiative which took place at the “Haus der deutschen Wirtschaft” and at the annual conference of the Confederation of German Employers’ Associations (BDA). We are also pleased to report that the Commerzbank Foundation based in Frankfurt am Main has increased its support. Since 2000, the Commerzbank Foundation has been making regular endowments, the proceeds of which go towards German Agro Action educational projects for young people. Last year, the Commerzbank Foundation for the first time made an endowment of €8,000. Its cumulative endowments to the German Agro Action Foundation now total €25,225.84.

A new form of cooperation has been developed with the BDO business consultants in Düsseldorf. Thomas R. Jorde, head of the department of business and estate successions, and Dr. Volker Hausmann, the Foundation’s managing director, addressed the ABN Amro Bank Düsseldorf (now Dellbrück & Co.) in Düsseldorf and the Credit Suisse Deutschland AG in Frankfurt. The results were not long in coming: a new Non-independent Foundation was set up soon after.

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Balance Sheet for the year ending 31st December 2003

Assets

A. Fixed Assets
   I. Intangible assets
      1. EDP programmes 399,684,46
      2. Payments on account 12,137,37
   II. Tangible assets
      1. Fittings and equipment 496,499,36
      2. Payments on account 0,00
   III. Financial assets
      1. Investments 256,054,97
      2. Loans to an enterprise 500,000,00

B. Current Assets
   I. Accounts receivable and other assets
      1. Receivables from donors on the basis of approved project allocation 57,453,129,82
      2. Receivables from investments in an enterprise 150,162,88
      3. Assets from gifts and legacies 106,363,52
      4. Other assets 1,360,623,39
   II. Securities
      1. Investments in an enterprise 150,162,88
      2. Loans to an enterprise 0,00
   III. Cash assets
      1. Fittings and equipment 496,499,36
      2. Payments on account 12,137,37
      3. EDP programmes 399,684,46

C. Accrued Income and Prepaid Expenses

Trust assets: € 8,284,56
Previous year: € 8,205,13

2003 Annual Statement of Account German Agro Action*

The rendering of accounts for the financial year 2003 was granted an unamended confirmatory certificate on 30th April 2003 by BDO Deutsche Warentreuhand AG, auditors, Düsseldorf.
This Balance Sheet, the Profit and Loss Accounts and Notes to the financial statements for the accounting year 2003 will be presented to the General Meeting on 25th November 2003 for approval.
Explanations pursuant to the Balance Sheet and Statement of Operating Results (excerpt from annex)

ASSETS

A. FIXED ASSETS
   I. Intangible assets
      These are computer programmes acquired and depreciated according to schedule.

II. Tangible assets
   The tangible assets chiefly relate to investments in office furnishings and equipment and computer hardware for domestic offices, which are depreciated according to schedule.
The tangible assets of the foreign project offices are funded according to project and schedule.

III. Financial assets
   This relates to investments in the Dritte-Welt-Shop Gesellschaft für Entwicklungs-förderung mbH Königswinter (DW Shop).

B. CURRENT ASSETS
   I. Accounts receivable and other assets
      1. Receivables from donors on the basis of approved projects:
         Accounts receivable as of the balance sheet date from donors on the basis of project approvals worth € 57,453,000 (previous year: € 49,282,000) mainly concern projects co-financed by the European Union (EU), the Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development, the United Nations and USAID.
         Assessment is based on the nominal amount according to the contracts of grant in the case of cash grants or on market prices in the case of in-kind allocations.
      2. Receivables from an enterprise in which shares are held:
         The receivables relate to a sponsoring fee and interest on a loan due in 2003.
      3. Assets from gifts and legacies:
         These primarily relate to two apartments resulting from a gift.

   II./III. Securities and cash assets
   During the implementation of a project, capital funds which are not yet required are invested in fixed-term deposits and fixed-interest bearing securities so that a reasonable market rate of interest can be obtained through risk-free forms of investment.
The funds are paid out in accordance with current requirements subject to due consideration of financing plans. Cash assets include special accounts set up for public donors where a strong inflow of capital can usually be expected towards the end of the year.

C. ACCRUED INCOME AND PREPAID EXPENSES
   This amount primarily contains the disagio of two investments under current assets, prepaid membership dues, insurance and maintenance fees. Assessment occurs at nominal value.

TRUST ASSETS AND TRUST LIABILITIES
   This relates to the management of project resources in a trust capacity within the framework of programmes for the promotion of children and young persons in developing countries.

LIABILITIES

A. RESERVES
   Reserves from bequests tie up funds which are available to the organisation in the longterm. Non-committed reserves are intended to help maintain the organisation’s efficiency in the long term and for other purposes in accordance with the Charter.

B. SEPARATE AMOUNTS FOR PROJECT FUNDS AND STRUCTURAL MEASURES
   Separate amounts consist of own funds which are set aside for projects that are co-financed by public donors, funds to improve the GAA’s external structures as well as self-implemented projects without public donations.
## Liabilities

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<th>A. Reserves</th>
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<td>I. Reserves from bequests</td>
<td>€8,548,687.25</td>
<td>€10,889,212.00</td>
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<td>II. Project resource reserves</td>
<td>€0,00</td>
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<td>I. Allocations from earmarked co-financed grants which have not yet been used</td>
<td>€41,167,351.36</td>
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<td>II. Project liabilities</td>
<td>€27,369,345.56</td>
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<td>III. Accounts payable for goods supplied and services rendered</td>
<td>€1,281,956.65</td>
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<td>IV. Other liabilities</td>
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<td>1. Donor loans</td>
<td>€54,196,93</td>
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<td>2. Liabilities assumed in connection with gifts and legacies</td>
<td>€82,037,00</td>
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<td>3. Other liabilities</td>
<td>€639,245,29</td>
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<td>Trust assets:</td>
<td>€8,248,56</td>
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<td>Donations and other contributions</td>
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<td>Income from participations and sponsoring</td>
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<td>Other income</td>
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<td>Other income essentially includes exchange-related earnings on foreign donations</td>
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<td>Income from participations arises from sponsoring fees and distribution of 2003 profit from the DW-Shop GmbH.</td>
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<td>Other interest and similar earnings</td>
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<td>Withdrawal from reserves</td>
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| Cost items | |
| Project funding | |
| This item relates to pledges for approved projects in developing countries on the basis of contractual and non-contractual obligations. | |
| Personnel costs | |
| Personnel costs cover the project and administrative sector in Germany and staff abroad who are appointed directly by the head office. Local project staff with a local contract of employment represent expenditure within the framework of project funding. | |
| Other expenses | |
| Other expenses relate to expenditure on materials and general expenditure for public relations work. Under Para. 3 of the Charter, German Agro Action has the task of encouraging society to share responsibility and increase willingness to help people in developing countries by drawing up and disseminating information to foster understanding of social and economic conditions in the Third World. In the context of its public relations work, German Agro Action therefore endeavours to raise funds and increase awareness of development policy. | |

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**C. RESERVES**

This chiefly relates to reserves for project obligations (balancing possible exchange-rate losses and severance payments to staff leaving the organisation provided for under foreign law), costs connected to the headquarters’ move to Bad Godesberg, personnel and final statement costs. Assessment occurs on the basis of anticipated use.

**D. LIABILITIES**

I. Allocations from earmarked co-financed grants which have not yet been used

This relates to public funds pledged for projects which the organisation is implementing itself. Assessment occurs according to the respective allocated amount or to the market prices in the case of in-kind allocations.

II. Project liabilities

The statement refers to liabilities for projects contractually agreed with other project sponsors having terms of up to four years. Assessment occurs according to the respective allocated amount or the market prices in the case of in-kind allocations.

III. Accounts payable for goods supplied and services rendered

Payables from goods supplied and services rendered primarily involve deliveries of materials for projects.

IV. Other liabilities

Other liabilities relate to donor loans which may be revoked within one week, the present value of an annuity life insurance according to actuarial valuation in connection with gifts and legacies, and other liabilities relating to headquarters services and liabilities from the staff division at the end of the year.

**E. ACCRUED EXPENSES:**

This relates to leasing payments from the administration of a decedent’s estate for 2003.
## Profit and Loss Accounts

for the period 1\textsuperscript{st} January to 31\textsuperscript{st} December 2003

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<th>1. Donations and other contributions</th>
<th>2003</th>
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<td>a) Donations, bequests and allocated fines</td>
<td>25.356.111,72</td>
<td>26.203.847,19</td>
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<td>b) Profit and loss transfer of the German Agro Action Foundation</td>
<td>236.011,83</td>
<td>578.716,09</td>
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<td>c) Grants from public institutions</td>
<td>48.733.935,41</td>
<td>52.417.262,93</td>
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<td>d) Food donations</td>
<td>16.832.507,36</td>
<td>15.460.264,28</td>
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<td><strong>Total</strong></td>
<td>91.158.566,32</td>
<td>94.660.090,49</td>
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| 2. Other income | 1.545.404,19 | 1.547.008,16 |
| 3. Project funding | -78.560.968,60 | -81.597.376,63 |
| 4. Personnel costs | | |
| a) Wages and salaries | | |
| Employees in Germany | -4.534.040,59 | -4.526.782,94 |
| Employees abroad | -5.223.751,88 | -4.943.959,78 |
| b) Social security and expenses for old-age pension and support | | |
| Employees in Germany | -1.185.599,20 | -1.069.506,02 |
| Employees abroad | -742.623,87 | -693.288,37 |
| for old-age pension: € 378.193,07 | | |
| (previous year: € 323.642,38) | | |

| 5. Depreciation | | |
| a) on intangible assets from fixed assets and tangible assets | -416.098,49 | -479.434,67 |
| b) on assets from gifts and legacies | -2.618,33 | -2.618,33 |

| 6. Other expenses | -7.296.129,07 | -6.949.999,91 |
| 7. Income from participations | 778.662,00 | 830.765,00 |
| 8. Other interest and similar earnings | 1.426.287,29 | 1.735.420,18 |
| 9. Depreciation on investments from current assets | -40.756,05 | -27.515,34 |
| 10. Interest and similar expenses | -258,47 | -984,96 |
| **Total** | -3.093.924,75 | -1.518.183,12 |

| 11. Result prior to transfer of reserves | 0,00 | 0,00 |
| 12. Transfer from separate amounts for project funds | 0,00 | 3.599.601,28 |
| 13. Transfer to reserves from legacies | 0,00 | -728.018,16 |
| 14. Transfer from reserves for legacies | 2.340.524,75 | 0,00 |
| 15. Transfer to non-specific reserves | 0,00 | -600.000,00 |
| 16. Transfer to project funds reserves | 0,00 | -753.400,00 |
| 17. Transfer from project fund reserves | 753.400,00 | 0,00 |

| 18. Result for the year | 0,00 | 0,00 |

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Bonn, 30\textsuperscript{th} April 2004

Ingeborg Schäuble
Chairwoman

Frithjof Leufen
Treasurer

We issued this Annual Statement of Account (Balance Sheet and Profit and Loss Accounts, Notes and Status Report 2003) with an unrestricted auditors’ examination certificate on 30\textsuperscript{th} April 2003.

Düsseldorf, 30\textsuperscript{th} April 2004

BDO
Deutsche Warentreuhand Aktiengesellschaft Wirtschaftsprüfungs­gesellschaft (External Auditor)

(Dr. Nehles)
Auditor

(Dr. Rolff)
Auditor
Public grants

A total of € 65.57 million in public funds was granted for projects in 2003.

In the wake of civil wars, natural disasters or the collapse of functioning political systems, relief organisations are forced to take on an increasing number of humanitarian tasks. The support of private donors alone is not sufficient. To be able to react quickly and efficiently to acute emergency situations and to rebuild destroyed infrastructures, we are also dependent on public grants.

The most important donor in the previous year was the Commission of the European Union followed by the Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development. Thanks to USAID and the World Food Programme, there was also a significant increase in funds for humanitarian aid.

Total amount

A total of € 84.5 million was available for projects in 2003.
Areas of support

137 new projects in 39 countries were approved in 2003. These can be divided into the following groups:

Geographical distribution

The newly approved projects are geographically distributed as follows:

Income
Total € 98,002,844,55

Expenditure
Total € 98,002,844,55
German Agro Action

Members

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Regional Project Committee for Africa:
Eberhard Baurer Stiftung Nord-Süd Brücken, Berlin
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Gerst Marmann German-Belgian-Luxembourg Chamber of Commerce, Cologne
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Prof. Walter Schug, University of Bonn, Institute for Agrarian Policy, Market Research and Economic Sociology
Prof. Michael Krawinkel, University of Giessen, Institute of Dietetics

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Prof. Brigitte Bahnk University of Kassel, Agriculture Department International Agricultural Development and Ecological Protection of the Environment
Lilli Lübbecke German Development Service, Bonn
Dr. Dirk Messmer German Institute for Development Policy, Duisburg
Dr. Günther Schmidt Society for Agricultural Projects, Hamburg

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Dr. Hans-Joachim Preuß

German Agro Action Project Committee

The German Agro Action Project Committee consists of 19 members: one chairperson and six members from each of the regional project committees for Africa, Asia and Latin America. The Project Committee examines each project application presented by the Board of Directors or the Secretary-General in terms of its eligibility for aid on the basis of the criteria laid down by the Board. It then submits recommendations to the Board of Directors for a final decision.
Our vision:
a world free of famine and poverty

German Agro Action was founded in 1962 as the national committee of the “Freedom from Hunger Campaign” set up by the United Nations’ Food and Agricultural Organisation (FAO). Today it is one of the largest non-governmental aid organisations in Germany. Non-profit-making, non-denominational and politically independent, the organisation is run by a board of honorary members under the patronage of the President of the Federal Republic of Germany. Its work is funded by private donations and public grants.

What we want

➔ German Agro Action campaigns worldwide for human rights, sustained development, a guaranteed food supply and conservation of the environment. We regard our work to be successful if people improve their living conditions to such an extent that they can enjoy a secure livelihood without outside aid.

➔ As citizens of a wealthy country, we bear a responsibility for ensuring that we do not merely pay lip-service to the idea of solidarity with the poorest members of the human race. For this reason, together with partners from schools, the media and the world of politics, we campaign for fairer cooperation with countries in the Third World.

➔ We use the funds entrusted to us economically and effectively. The work of our staff is characterised by commitment, experience and competence.

How we work

➔ We provide help from one set of hands by means of rapid humanitarian aid in situations in acute crisis regions. Where hunger and poverty are chronic problems, we cooperate closely with local partners on longterm projects.

➔ As part of this process we provide support for the landless, for small farmers, for women, children and young people; for people who need start-up aid in order to lead their lives in security and dignity.

➔ We fund our work from private donations and public grants. We have received the “seal of approval” from Germany’s Central Institute for Social Issues (DZI) for the economical and transparent way we use our funds.

Information under www.welthungerhilfe.de

Our website features the latest information, material and details about activities everyone can participate in and how to make donations online. You can also download press releases and information diagrams, such as this Annual Report.

Some 50 projects take you on a journey around the world. The website also lists current job vacancies with German Agro Action and its European Alliance2015 partners.
The task of German Agro Action is to work with independent local partners or – where that is not possible – with its own staff in order to contribute to an improvement in the nutrition and income situation of particularly poor population groups in countries of the Third World. In Germany we campaign with partners in schools, the media and the world of politics for fairer cooperation with these countries.

By the end of 2003, some € 1.33 billion had been spent in 70 countries for:
● 3.370 self-help projects
● 920 projects for children and young people
● 600 emergency-aid programmes

In 2003, we reached some four million people through our project activities. We supported the needy with goods and technical aid, and built up or repaired vital infrastructures, such as:

● 3,3 million plant and tree seedlings
● 268.000 tools for agriculture and craft trades
● 220.000 blankets, clothing, mosquito nets and household utensils
● 62.000 tons of food
● 32.200 tents, tarpaulins and houses
● 4.500 tons of seeds and fertilisers
● 836 wells
● 400 kilometres of roads
● 117 schools
● 78 health centres

In Germany, numerous people committed themselves to our work on behalf of the poorest people in the world including:
● 5.000 voluntary workers who organised 350 events with proceeds going to German Agro Action
● 2.000 schoolchildren at the WorldBreakfast and 200 schools in the “Run for Life” campaign
● 79 celebrities in the “Together for Africa” campaign.

Here is an overview of our work last year.

For the funding of our projects German Agro Action received
● € 25,36 million in private donations
● € 65,56 million in public grants

Administration accounted for 4.83 % of total expenditure.

The most important sources of public grants were:
● the Commission of the European Union with € 28,52 million
● the German Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development with € 17,51 million
● the World Food Programme with € 10,91 million
● tUSAID with € 5 million
● the German Foreign Ministry with € 988.763.

137 new projects in 39 countries were approved, including:
● 25 % for food security and agriculture
● 10 % for the reconstruction of civil society
● 13 % for improving opportunities for children and young people
● 36 % for emergency aid in crises, conflicts and disasters
● 6 % for preventive health care and the fight against HIV/AIDS
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