



Volkshilfe.

History – Activities– Facts

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Volkshilfe Austria

Founded in 1947 with the aim of helping people to overcome the impacts of World War II Volkshilfe nowadays is one of the biggest social welfare organisations in Austria.

It is a confederation of nine federal member organisations with its head office in Vienna. Over 9.200 employees and more then 3.000 volunteers are responsible for the success of Volkshilfe.

Volkshilfe is a non-profit, non-governmental and secular Organisation.

President: MEP, Josef Weidenholzer

Executive Director: Erich Fenninger



First challenges

During the post war period the population suffered from famine, a lack of healthcare in combination with a high unemployment rate.

To counteract this conditions Volkshilfe dispensed warm meals for children and families suffering from extrem poverty.



Situation today

Since the 1950ies Volkshilfe also built Kindergartens, takes care of people in need of care, offers legal advices and refugee relief.

We live solidarity and organize help within our 4 core areas:

- Social services
- Humanitarian and Development Aid (in Austria and abroad)
- Movement of social change and advocacy
- Fund raising



Social Services

Volkshilfe is a professional social service provider in the fields of healthcare, social services and education. Our core interest within our non-profit social facilities is laid on people .

Our high standard is attained by our highly qualified and committed staff.

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Humanitarian and Development Aid

Volkshilfe provides humanitarian and development aid since 1951. Volkshilfe has no field offices or branches in countries it is active in, but is cooperating with local partner organisations.

Currently we are running 20 projects in 11 countries. Focus is laid on Eastern and South East Europe.

Volkshilfe is a member of solidar – a European network of 60 NGOs active in over 90 countries working to advance social justice in Europe and worldwide.

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The Fundraising Organization

Through fundraising and donations from people and sponsoring partners Volkshilfe is able to realize projects in Austria and abroad. Donations are used in a transparent and responsible way for our projects.

Since 2004 Volkshilfe is a registered charity organization (Spendengütesiegel) and voluntarily comply with audits of independent auditors. Donations are tax deductible.

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Movement of social change and advocacy

Volkshilfe and its employees, donors, members and its officials are part of civil society and represents the interests of people who are affected by poverty, unemployment, in the need of care, disabled or deprived – people who have no lobby.



Volkshilfe, the film (german)



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