



PERSPECTIVES

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Editorial

Dear Readers,
The general meeting of EDP Association was reconstituted at the end of October 2007. Michael Steeb, director of AGEH, was elected President. He replaces Auxiliary Bishop Leo Schwarz who has successfully consolidated the financial basis of our association in the past years and has given important impetus to our work. We take this opportunity to thank him very much for his commitment, strength and valuable ideas.

Msgr. Matthias König, Auxiliary Bishop in Paderborn, was elected Vice President. For more details on the new Board of Directors, please read page 4. At the general meeting, the Managing Directors presented the strategies and perspectives for the working period until 2011. All EDPs are aimed to make decision-makers aware of integral development and to help governments and the Church in the fight against poverty. Ulrich Fechter-Escamilla

was appointed Deputy managing Director on 15 January. Please read page 4 for more details.



Bishop Em. Leo Schwarz, former President, at the 2007 summer party, © EDP Association

Water for Life - The UN Decade for Action on Water

The UN General Assembly declared the period from 2005 to 2015 the International Decade for Action „Water for Life“ in order to focus the attention at all levels on water-related problems and to advance the fulfilment of internationally agreed obligations on the water agenda, such as the Millennium Development Goals.

The second World Water Development Report „Water, a shared responsibility“, which was published in March 2006 revealed that, in spite of all efforts, 1.1 billion people remain without access to sufficiently clean drinking water and even 2.6 billion people have no access to hygienically safe sanitation facilities. This causes the death of 12 million people every year,

including 2 million children. In addition, climate change has an impact on water resources and living conditions which further stirs up existing water-related conflicts between states.

Integrated Water Resources Management (IWRM) offers a holistic approach which takes into account water rights as well as ecological functions and the cultural and emotional values of water. However, it is essential to strengthen the institutions in charge and to involve the people concerned in order to ensure responsible action and good governance. EDP Association has now put a focus on water. Self-management, good governance, decentralised conservation of resources, water management, and water consumption

were key issues of programmes carried out with WOTR in India in 2006 and in Tanzania in 2007 (p.2). The next EDP in India in 2008 will focus on sustainable sanitation systems (p. 3).



Bärbel Kofler, Adolf Kloke-Lesch, Klaus Kinkel, Board of Trustees meeting 2007 on poverty-oriented and self-managed water utilities, © EDP Association

Self-Managed Water Utilities - Tanzania

From 2 to 9 September 2007, representatives of BMZ, GTZ, KfW Development Bank and the German parliament were given the opportunity to meet water users and representatives of self-managed water utilities and to discuss the chances and limits of „poverty-oriented and efficient water management“ in Tanzania. This Exposure and Dialogue Programme, which was funded by KfW, was the first to involve high-ranking African decision-makers in the actual exposure

phase, such as Bishop Ruwa'ichi, the Presindet of the Tanzania Episcopal Conference (photo) and Mr. Mziray, a director at the Tanzanian Ministry of Water. It became clear that active involvement of the local people in water management was essentially for the benefit of the families concerned. Yet, there is a large gap between the action taken by the central administration and the local communities, which has a negative effect on the political awareness

and on national policies (not only as far as water is concerned). The most important learning result for the German participants was that development cooperation must increasingly focus on social interaction and that all its aspects must be embedded in the entire society.



Bishop Ruwa'ichi, (President of the Tanzania Episcopal Conference)
EDP Tanzania 2007
© Christa Dirksen

Autonomy Versus Subsidiarity - Bolivia

Autonomy and subsidiarity as well as mechanisms of indigenous or original decision-making at local level were central issues of an EDP in Bolivia from 22 to 30 September 2007. German participants included two representatives each of GTZ, KfW and BMZ (among them the head of the South America office), as well as 17 participants from Bolivia: young decision-makers from various provinces. The political debate in Bolivia is currently dominated

by three controversial subjects: the new constitution, the efforts of individual provinces towards gaining autonomy but also the conflict about the place of the capital. The debate is making slow progress due to grave deficiencies in intercultural dialogue between the various ethnic groups and international partners. The EDP was organised in cooperation with CEPROLAI and three Bolivian partner organisations as well as GTZ PADEP

(Programa de Apoyo a la Gestión Pública Descentralizada y Lucha contra la Pobreza). The latter took the opportunity to launch an intercultural dialogue platform involving the Bolivian participants. The dialogue phase was attended by the Vice Minister of the re-established Ministry for Planings.



Angela Orellana Camacho, host in Tiraque
EDP Bolivia 2007
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Migration and Poverty in Albania

Representatives of the Conference of European Justice and Peace Commissions set out to understand the situation of (internal) migrants in Albania and to review the principles of the papal Encyclical Populorum Progression (1967) and their relevance for the Church's activities in Western and Eastern Europe today. The EDP (12 to 20 October 2007) was organised in close cooperation with the archdiocese of Shkoder - and for the first time with the

Albanian Commission for Justice and Peace - and allowed the participants from nine European countries to experience the sincere hospitality of Albanian families, who integrated their guests like relatives in their daily lives. They talked about the ambivalent aspects of migration which is often the only way to give their children access to education and to ensure a decent living, even if families are torn apart, for a certain time at

least.

„Change: the new name for peace and development“. This was the guiding principle for dealing with the difficult heritage of communist isolation, which had cut Albania off from Europe and the world for 60 years. This transformation process must be supported - also by the Church.



Host family; neighbours...
Albania 2007
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Practiced Solidarity in Brazil

„Poverty and Exclusion in Salvador da Bahia - a challenge for Church and State“. This is the subject of an EDP which is jointly organized by Adveniat and Misereor and is scheduled for 12 to 20 April 2008. The idea is to explore and understand the complexity of the social, religious, economic, and cultural situation in Salvador da Bahia. The participants are supposed to learn and experience how the poor can advance their

development by their own efforts, in addition to practised solidarity and expert support. The subsequent dialogue on the future cooperation of Church, state, and economy will be based on these findings. The EDP intends to promote the cooperation between Church agencies on the one hand and political and business representatives on the other hand. This will also include pastoral services in the

narrower sense, such as proclamation of faith and promotion of community life or of interreligious dialogue. If the Church and state want to fulfil their responsibility for integral human development, they need to join social-pastoral and political action.



Favela in Salvador da Bahia
Brazil
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Microfinance business - Uganda

Following EDPs in 2005 and 2006, the third microfinance EDP in cooperation with *Bund Katholischer Unternehmer* and the Belgian *Incofin* social investment company is scheduled to take place from 7 to 15 June 2008. Partners include the dynamically growing *Uganda Microfinance Ltd.*, the Church-affiliated *Century Rural Development Bank* and - for the first time - also informal saving and credit

groups of the *Uganda Kolping Society*. The objective is to provide the representatives of financial institutions, politicians and representatives of development organisations with an insight into the „microfinance business“, which increasingly attracts private investors who wish to engage in sustainable programmes. The focus is on the human and entrepreneurial potential of

clients and members, who pursue various business strategies and „philosophies“. The meeting with borrowers and savers is intended to show how private investors „assume responsibility by making investments“ (ZdK statement) - e.g. for the development of local markets and the participation of poor groups of society in informal economic processes



Microentrepreneur
EDP Uganda 2006
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Sustainable sanitation systems - India

The United Nations General Assembly proclaimed 2008 the International Year of Sanitation in order to focus the attention on inadequate sanitation, water pollution, and related diseases. It is clear that conventional technologies alone are insufficient when it comes to meeting the water-related MDGs and that innovative ecological sanitation solutions (ecosan) are urgently needed. These new approaches to an ecologically, economically, and socially

sustainable sewage management are based on a holistic consideration of material flows in residential water management and have three objectives: Hygienically safe sanitation facilities, pollution control/water conservation, and optimised nutrient recovery from sewage, e.g. in agriculture. What are the criteria of success for a widespread implementation of sustainable local sanitation systems? How can the users be involved in

decision-making processes and how can the necessary legal framework be guaranteed? Participants will explore these and other questions during an EDP in India which is scheduled for 17 to 27 October 2008, making a contribution to the necessary paradigm change in sanitation.



Woman in front of a public lavatory, India
© Johannes Heeb, secon

News and Activities

- ◆ **New members and board of directors:** Michael Steeb (President) and Auxiliary Bishop Matthias König (Vice President) will be joined by Dr. Bernd Bornhorst (Misereor), Msgr. Bernd Klaschka (Adveniat), Ulrich Pöner (DBK) and Dr. Rolf Schumacher (ZdK) on the board of directors. EDP Association has appointed the following new members: Prof. DDr. Karl Gabriel, Auxiliary Bishop Matthias König, Canon Msgr. Dr. Klaus Krämer, Dr. Claudia Lücking-Michel, Rev. Andreas Mauritz and Dr. Simone Rappel. The complete organisation chart of the association can be downloaded at www.exposure-dialog.de/ueber_uns/werwirsind.
- ◆ **New Managing Director:** Ulrich Fechter-Escamilla is an agricultural engineer and has a Master's degree in economics with a special focus on „decentralisation and local development“. He held various positions in development cooperation in Tanzania, Mexico and Honduras. Highly qualified and experienced, he has been involved in One-World projects and development cooperation initiatives of the Church.
- ◆ To celebrate the 15th anniversary of its foundation, EDP Association had a **summer party** on 22 May 2007. Former and new EDP participants had the opportunity to get acquainted and to exchange ideas and experiences. Photos of the party are available at www.exposure-dialog.de/aktuelles.
- ◆ The **World Toilet Summit** and a meeting of the Sustainable Sanitation Alliance were held in New Delhi from 31 October to 4 November 2007. EDP Association used these forums to prepare the planned programme in support of the United Nations International Year of Sanitation. The Society for Community Organisation and Peoples Education (SCOPE), Ecosan Services Foundation and Navsarjan Trust, which campaigns for the rights of outcastes (Dalits) in India, committed themselves to be new partners for the realisation of the planned EDP.
- ◆ **New partnerships:** The most recent EDP in Tanzania helped to develop a major partnership with the Diocese of Mbulu Development Department (DMDD). Five Tanzanian water management unions (Uroki Boma N'gombe, Losaa-KIA, KAVIWASU, GYEWASU and ESIWASU) as well as agencies of the Church and public authorities were made familiar with EDPs as instruments for a poverty-oriented change of attitudes and dialogue promotion.
- ◆ **Alternative Nobel Prize 2007** is given to Grameen Shakti, a subsidiary organisation of Grameen Bank, which provides poor rural areas with solar systems at a reasonable price. www.gshakti.org/awards.html
- ◆ CEPROLAI invited all Bolivian families, which have served as EDP hosts since 2001, to take part in a meeting on 25/26 October 2007 to exchange their intercultural experiences.
- ◆ The website of EDP Association is now available in English language.

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Workshop 2008

In March 2008, there will be an internal workshop in cooperation with Prof. H. Weiland (Arnold Bergstraesser Institut/Freiburg) and Prof. Robert Chambers (Institute for Development Studies/Sussex, GB) which will focus on the development of monitoring tools in an attempt to measure the impacts of EDPs.

EDP Bolivia 2008

Another EDP in Bolivia in cooperation with CEPROLAI and Konrad-Adenauer-Stiftung is planned for 2008. It will explore the impact of the new constitution at local level. Municipal decision-makers from Germany and Bolivia will be invited to this programme.

EDP on agricultural trade 2009

An EDP on „agricultural trade and the right to food“ is planned to take place in Uganda and Zambia in March 2009, in cooperation with the German Commission for Justice and Peace and Katholische Landjugend- und Landvolkbewegungen.

EDP Summer School 2009

„What does integral human development mean?“ This will be the subject of the second summer school in Guatemala 2009. The programme will be organized in cooperation with Forum Hochschule und Kirche e.V. and Arbeitsgemeinschaft katholischer Hochschulgemeinden.

Forthcoming publication

Jörg Hilgers: “The Exposure and Dialogue Programme (EDP) Association“ (Mission and organisational profile of EDP Association) in the British PLA journal, published by the Institute of Development Studies in Brighton (Sussex), with more articles by Dr. h.c. Karl Osner and various providers of “exposure/immersion“ program-

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