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Editorial

Dear Readers,

Economic growth is indispensable for a successful poverty reduction in developing countries. But how can the risks especially for rural households be reduced, access to markets be realized in a sustainable and socially acceptable manner, jobs be created and food production really be increased? How to design value chains which create secure sources of income for poor people in production, processing and marketing? It is only together that private economy, politics and civil society will be able to find an answer to these questions. One of our intentions is to stimulate the dialogue necessary for this.

The EDP participants in India for example could experience how CSR measures can enrich the vocational education system. In addition to vocational alternatives, people need a minimum of social protection which represents a great challenge especially in the informal

sector, as another EDP in India revealed. Other exiting programmes dealt with the complex problems of migration and integration in Ukraine, and the committed HIV-AIDS work of the Churches in South Africa.

We appreciate the fact that even the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD) based its Rural Poverty Report 2011 on concrete personal testimonies (see text-box). Inductive learning and reflection based on personal experiences, despite scientific deficiency, was and still is a decisive element for man's judgement. This is why especially "decision makers" should not fail to seek and to make own experiences. Exposure und Dialog invites to do this. First-hand experiences cannot and do not pretend to be representative, but they motivate to take an alternative view. For our partners and host families this is an oppor-

tunity to contribute to form the participants' ideas of reality and thus to have an influence on their acting (D. Hume). So please support us in motivating suited participants for our future programmes. We are looking forward to receiving your replies and recommendations.

Your EDP-Team



Dialogue phase India 2010

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Don Bosco dialogue phase 2010

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"The problem today is that no matter how hard you work, it will never be enough to support your family..."
"It has not rained for about a year or even more....this is why the people suffer..."
"Without education you can do nothing..."
"The men left the village to work somewhere else. The most important workers here are women...."
(IFAD, Rural Poverty Report 2011)

Agricultural development

Change of perspectives in agriculture - Uganda

The strengthening of rural areas is being rediscovered as key element of poverty reduction.

The participants in this planned EDP will have the opportunity to get to know and to discuss different con-

cepts to increase productivity and to improve the access to markets from the perspective of small farmers and rural workers.

Cooperating partners of EDP e.V. are, among others, the International Country Peo-

ple Service, Justice and Peace and the Hanns R. Neumann Foundation.

The EDP will take place from 16 to 24 July 2011.



EDP Uganda 2005
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Small entrepreneurs as cooperation partners - Philippines

The intention of this EDP in the Philippines is to show how entrepreneurial development cooperation can stimulate the eradication of poverty and how social market economy principles can contribute to strengthen the community if different instruments of development policy work together. In the focus of attention will be people and their living conditions which both

depend on the food sector value chain - from cultivation to processing and marketing - in the rural and semi-urban area. The intention is to reveal the importance of an amalgamation of self-organisation of small entrepreneurs, microfinance, adequate vocational education and counselling services as well as political lobbying. The EDP will be realized in

cooperation with the AFOS Foundation of the Federation of Catholic Entrepreneurs, the Hanns Seidel Foundation and the Schmitz Foundations which have been very active in this field for many years.

The EDP will take place from 11 to 19 November 2011.



Philippines 2010
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Social impulses through cotton trade - Malawi

The "Competitive African Cotton Initiative"(COMPACI) programme enables 265,000 cotton farmers in six African countries to produce and to market cotton according to the criteria of the Cotton made in Africa Initiative (CmiA).

Education, financing and organisation development are

the central aspects. COMPACI is financed by the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation and BMZ.

With the support of the German Investment and Development Company (DEG), EDP e.V. is preparing an Exposure and Dialogue Programme in the South of Malawi with the Great Lakes

Cotton Company. The participants will gain an insight into the cotton farmers' production methods and their way of living.

The EDP will take place from 3 to 11 December 2011.



Cotton harvest
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Should you be interested in participating in one of the a.m. EDPs, please send your reply to our office via mail edp@exposure-dialog.de or telephone ++49 (0)228 103 337.

Migration and Development - Ukraine

Migration with its social and economic causes represents a challenge also to the pastoral and social work of the Churches. In the EDP organized in cooperation with Renovabis from 17 to 26 September 2010 in Western Ukraine, the participants – many of whom contact persons of Renovabis in the German dioceses – learned how

the migration commission of the Greek-Catholic Church in Ukraine and the Caritas services of the dioceses of Sambir-Drohobych and Ivano-Frankivsk take up these challenges. The stays with the families allowed to get an idea of the complexity of problems related to migration: problems of homecomers to reintegrate, so-called “Care Drain” and

“Brain-Drain” effects of the migration of well-trained skilled workers and nursing staff, and difficulties within the families including massive alcohol and drug problems. The experiences reflected in the dialogue phase showed the necessity for efforts to promote better chances of work and education even east of the EU borders.



Mobility
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Vulnerability and Social Security - India

The development and expansion of efficient social security systems in developing as well as in newly industrialized countries and the integration of all sections of the population in a net of social security will essentially contribute to reduce poverty.

This is what the participants became aware of in the EDP organized in October 2010 in

cooperation with the KfW development bank and SEWA (Self Employed Women Association). They had the opportunity to identify what makes the life of people working in the informal economy so vulnerable and what kind of solutions are possible. SEWA gave a deep insight into its organizational structure and the functioning

of its insurance service benefits for its members. This successful model illustrated that the trust of the members in their own organization is decisive for the working of insurance services in the informal sector. The EDP also allowed to study the functioning of public mechanisms to provide basic social security.



Walter Riestler (retired minister) working in the fields
© Stefan Bannach

HIV/AIDS – Socio-political challenge and Christian responsibility - South Africa

Dealing with the HIV/AIDS pandemic was the focus of this programme initiated and organised by the Central Committee of German Catholics (ZdK) together with EDP e.V. The spread of HIV/AIDS in South Africa meanwhile has reached an almost unthinkable dimension. More than 5.5 million of the nearly 50 million South Africans are infected with HIV, in the Townships almost every second person is HIV-infected. Sharing the life and

work of people active in HIV/AIDS work, the participants experienced that the strength of the church’s AIDS work derives from its rootedness in the parish, which sends members to visit and speak to infected people, which accompanies, gives basic and further training to people involved in home based care. Despite adverse living conditions, they face the problems of HIV and poverty, as well as structural problems, with courage,

strength and Christian hope. The following dialogue showed, among other things, the importance of reliable financial supports in the long run for a lasting and ensured access to antiretroviral therapy and assistance to HIV-positive people. ZdK wants to introduce the results of these experiences into the dialogue in the church and society and has adopted an action plan to fight HIV/AIDS during its plenary assembly held in May 2011. (<http://tinyurl.com/3hpd398>)



Memory Box
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Vocational training - India

The EDP in December 2010 in Mumbai focused on “entrepreneurial responsibility for a sustainable development (CSR) – vocational training as field of action”. The participants were able to witness the efforts undertaken by trainees and their parents in India in order to improve career prospects and they could learn about the assistance provided by Don

Bosco. At the centre of the vocational training offered by Don Bosco’s partners is the integral imparting of knowledge and of abilities. The dialogue with representatives of Don Bosco India and the meeting with representatives of public vocational training institutions emphasized the importance of the private sector for a further development of voca-

tional training systems.

A workshop conversation with Indian industry’s top representatives manifested the demand for Public-Private-Partnership projects which require a national platform to develop curricula and the recognition of this form of cooperation. Also needed is the recognition of certificates of training.



Don Bosco training centre
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Facilitating Social Cohesion - France / Paris

“Intercultural and interreligious diversity – a chance and challenge of social cohesion”. The participants in this EDP carried out by the Conference of European Justice and Peace Commissions from 1 to 10 May 2011 in the “banlieues” of Paris came from Albania, Lithuania, Ukraine, Italy and Germany. High youth unemployment, failure at school, and violence are main problems in the “Cités”. Social stigmatization aggravates these

problems because to reside at Quartier 91 or 93 dramatically reduces prospects to get a job. The diocese of Evry responded with a participatory approach and changed the „Pastoral des Migrants“ into a „Pastoral de la Cité“. The first and second generation migrants play an active and responsible role in divine services, bible sharing, children’s play groups or open local meetings. A profound experience of the universal

church on the spot! In the dialogue phase, bishops and politicians harshly criticised the open or latent racism and nationalism, as well as the stigmatization of Islam. They underlined the need for courageous politicians, which do not rely on the stupidity but rather on the intelligence of people: “We all need migrants”.



Banlieue Paris © Le Monde



Action Catholique des Enfants
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News

- ◆ **General Meeting** - As new members of EDPe.V. for the term of office 2011-2014 we welcome Dr. Gerhard Albert (managing director of Renovabis), Mrs. Karin Kortmann (ZdK vice-president), Reverend Simon Rapp (BDKJ chairman), Msgr. Prof. Dr. Peter Schallenberg (director of KSZ) and Dr. Hubert Wissing (head of the work group ‘church and society’, ZdK).
- ◆ **Board of Directors** - In March 2011, Michael Steeb was elected president and auxiliary bishop Matthias König was elected vice-president of EDP e.V.. Other members of the board of directors are Mrs. Karin Kortmann (retired parliamentary secretary), Prälat Bernd Klaschka, Ulrich Pöner and Dr. Bernd Bornhorst.
- ◆ **Insights** – Impressions and experiences of EDP participants

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