



**volkshilfe.**

**INTERNATIONAL  
COOPERATION**

# WHAT DRIVES US

Since 1951, Volkshilfe has been working internationally for a world of solidarity. Our international work focuses on social justice, helping people to help themselves and empowering the disadvantaged.

Together with local and international partner organisations, we provide humanitarian aid in acute crises or disasters.

We are committed to complying with international quality standards for **humanitarian aid** (SPHERE, Core Humanitarian Standard, Do No Harm approach, etc.).

We sustainably reduce differences in socio-economic development and general living conditions through **development cooperation**. In doing so, we are guided by the United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), especially eradicating poverty, creating better working conditions, good healthcare and quality education for all, reducing inequalities and promoting gender equality. We have implemented numerous projects and programmes in around 30 countries as part of these international cooperations.

Volkshilfe sees itself as a mouthpiece for disadvantaged people. Please read below to find out which voices are especially important to us.





## CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

Volkshilfe protects, promotes, and strengthens children and young people in many areas and is thus actively fighting child poverty. Our most essential issues are fair access to education and health care, food security, equal rights, and protection against violence.

With our international projects, we contribute, for example, to improving access to **education** in places with no school infrastructure and where many girls drop out of school prematurely due to traditional gender roles. In addition, educating them about their rights based on international and national legislation further empowers them.

In **health**, our projects range from psychosocial support for children and parents to mobile medical care in war and crisis zones.

## WOMEN

Education, vocational qualification, **gender equality** and protection against violence are also the focus of our projects for the advancement of women. In addition, for many years, we have been active in maternal and infant health and other areas of **sexual and reproductive health and rights**.

With **training and employment measures**, we reduce poverty and foster the long-term integration of women into the labour market in economically disadvantaged areas.

This targeted empowerment of women increases their employability, and small female entrepreneurs can generate an independent income.



## PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES

We have been running a mobile clinic in refugee areas in Lebanon for several years. In the refugee camps, medical care for persons with disabilities is inadequate. The nearest health facility is far away, and money for medication or therapies is not at hand.

Through our projects, we improve **access to primary health care** and rehabilitation.

To achieve **inclusive societies**, we are also active in raising awareness about the realities and needs of people with disabilities. We are committed to ensuring their equal access to education, work, and rights.

## PEOPLE AFFECTED BY DISASTERS

We provide **rapid on-site assistance** in acute crises and disasters with partner organisations in humanitarian aid. Due to the climate crisis, natural disasters have increased and will continue to grow. In many crisis regions, disasters such as drought, cyclones, floods, pandemics and armed conflicts add to an ongoing complex crisis and force those affected to adopt drastic coping strategies.

In addition to the acute provision of food, medicine, clothing, or emergency shelters, we support **rehabilitation, reconstruction, and disaster risk reduction** projects. One principle is always at the heart of our work: helping people to help themselves.



## REFUGEES AND DISPLACED PERSONS

There are currently 80 million refugees worldwide. Forty-five million are fleeing persecution within their own countries. Our refugee projects focus on the **most vulnerable groups** among them - women, children, the elderly, and persons with disabilities.

In addition to humanitarian aid and **health care**, the focus is also on empowerment through **education and training**. For example, we support children on the run with emergency aid packages and literacy courses.

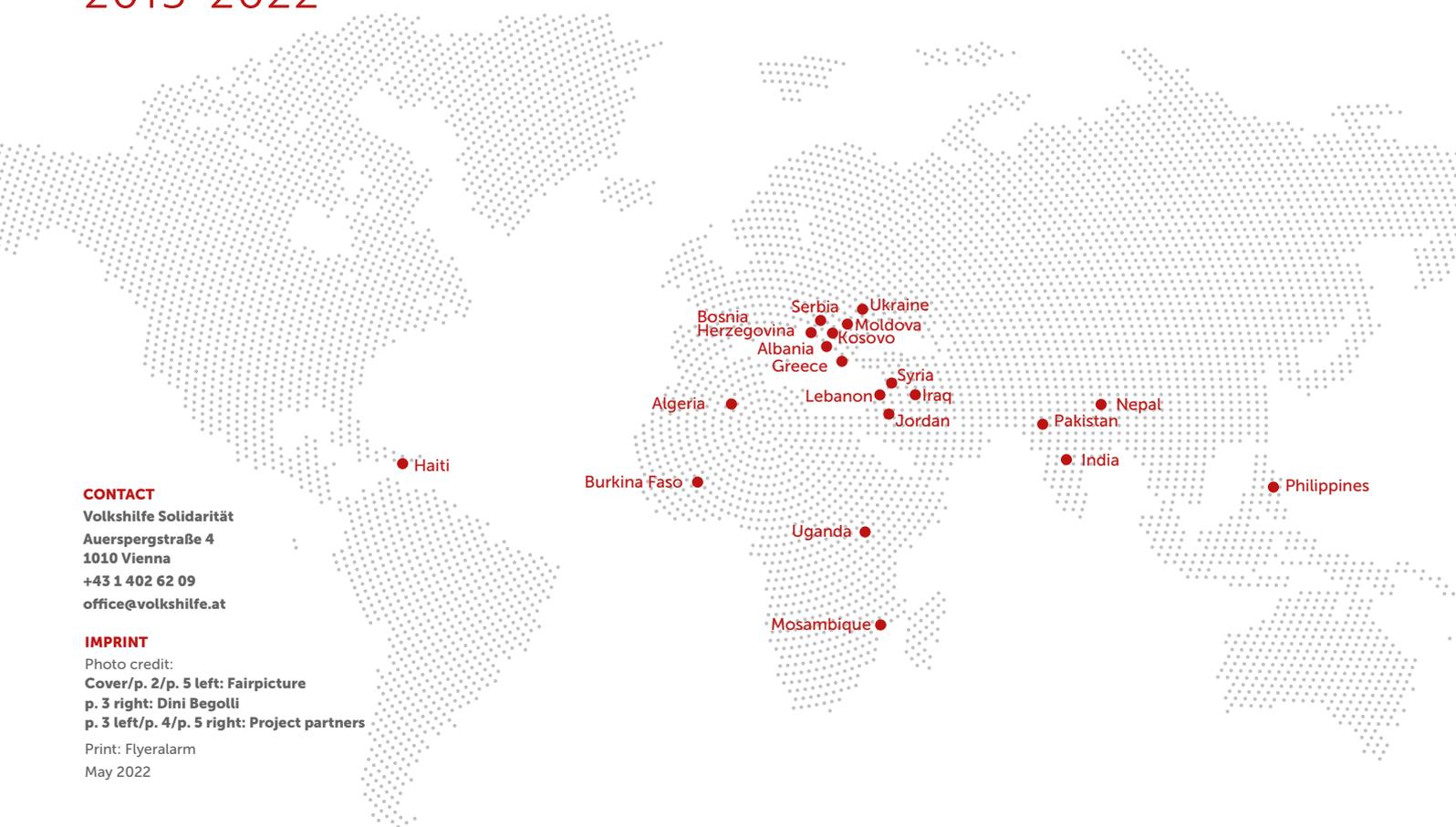
## ELDERLY PEOPLE

Disasters and crises often affect older people the most. For this reason, and due to a lack of public services, they need targeted support. Unfortunately, many senior persons live below the poverty line, and available aid measures often do not meet their specific needs.

Therefore, we support the elderly in various projects, such as **rebuilding their homes** in war and crisis areas or through **mobile care and support services** in urban and rural areas.

# WHERE WE WORK

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