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Title
German Government and Federal States Programme III

Commissioned by
German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)

Financing arrangements (as of 07/2024)
BMZ contribution 14.340.000 EUR

The federal states contribute at least 40% of the financing for the individual measures.

Duration
May 2023 - April 2027

This project helps to achieve the following Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):



Sustainable development partnership between the German Government and federal states

The German Government and Federal States Programme (BLP) is based on cooperation between the German Government and the federal states and has implemented 72 development cooperation (DC) projects in two phases so far since 2015. The third phase of the programme began in May 2023.

Cooperation arrangements

The BLP links the German federal states with the German Government and partner countries to pool relevant skills and facilitate effective knowledge-sharing. The extensive expertise of the German federal states in areas such as regional economic development, vocational training and the creation of decentralised administrative structures is harnessed for development cooperation. The German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ) has commissioned the Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH to implement the BLP. Cooperation is based on a multi-actor approach that pools the combined expertise of administrative bodies, the scientific community and the private sector at the level of the German federal states. The aim is to strengthen strategic cooperation between the German Government and the federal states on specific issues so as to benefit the target groups in our partner countries.

Participation by various institutions, particularly at the federal state level, and the use of innovative development cooperation formats proved successful in the predecessor programme. These innovative formats included the Decentralised Development Lab and the

"Based on the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) set out in the 2030 Agenda, and following intensive consultations with the federal states, we devised the German Government and Federal States Programme so that together we can provide even better support for our partners on the ground as they move towards the goals of the 2030 Agenda, in the spirit of SDG 17."

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BLP network meeting in April 2022

creation of a serious game called "Gender – Next Level". During the current phase, the programme is planning innovative exchange formats with the German federal states that use agile methods with a view to solving current challenges in decentralised development cooperation.

What we are doing - and how

Steered by GIZ's Regional Office Germany-North, the BLP implements project proposals put forward by the German federal states in the partner countries. In addition to the 72 projects already implemented, another 29 projects are planned between 2023 and 2027 that are being implemented in close coordination with GIZ programmes in the relevant partner country. The German Government contributes no more than 60% of the project funding, and the federal states provide at least 40%. The contributions made by the federal states may be both financial and/or in kind. The partner countries benefit from the expertise of German authorities, specialist institutions, universities and companies. The federal states can thus contribute their expertise and extend networks on a sustainable basis.

The thematic focuses of the third BLP phase are geared towards the German Government's development policy objectives as part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the core areas specified by BMZ. Based on the expertise of the federal states, topics such as vocational training, climate and energy, as well as decentralisation and good governance are particularly relevant. Moreover, the projects in the third BLP phase are geared towards BMZ's feminist development policy, so they explicitly address the needs of women and other marginalised groups in the partner countries. Another new focus of the projects is on cooperation with Ukraine. These projects will be part of the following core areas: peaceful and inclusive societies, climate and energy, and sustainable economic development. These projects also devote particular attention to women and other marginalised groups and their needs, as they are particularly affected by armed conflicts and the difficulties associated with them.

Various formats are used during project implementation, including delegation and study trips, training sessions and research trips, consultancy, conferences and networking events. In addition to the individual measures, the BLP also regularly holds training sessions and networking events for the partners from the German federal states.

Useful links

- Further information on the BLP: https://www.giz.de/en/worldwide/132983.html
- Website and BLP platform: https://bund-laender-programm.de/en

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