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ANNUAL REPORT 2025

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to Ethiopia ...



... OR IN Bangladesh: taking a
very close look and providing
help where it has the greatest
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Dear Ladies and Gentlemen, Dear Friends of SONNE-International,

I am pleased to present our 2025
Annual Report to you.

The current upheavals in security policy,
which have ended the relatively stable
world order that, for decades, allowed
humanity to focus on peace and climate
initiatives, have led to a dramatic dete-
rioration in relations between nations
and societies.

These developments are extremely
worrying. International solidarity has
given way to military alliances governed
by the rule of the strongest.

The effects of these global and geopolit-
ical developments are most acutely felt
in the poorest countries of the Global
South — our SONNE priority countries.
The silent dismantling of social achieve-
ments has long since reached these
countries as well. As always, it is the
most vulnerable who suffer the most
under these circumstances, and the de-
humanisation of society is accelerating.

In a world undergoing such rapid
change, what can we, as an aid organi-
sation, do? A great deal. We remain true
to our motto: *Out of poverty through ed-
ucation – help one person and you help
the world.* By providing access to educa-

tion and healthcare and by supporting
families affected by poverty through a
wide range of projects, we continue to
help the most vulnerable in society!

As you will see on the following pages,
2025 was a very busy year for our
organisation, during which we provided
direct assistance to more people than
ever before.

Thanks to our highly motivated SONNE
team in Austria and in our partner coun-
tries, we were able to alleviate much
suffering and give young people good
prospects for the future. However, it is
not only our commitment that makes
this possible, but above all your financial
support, which constitutes the basis for
our activities.

**For this, I would like to thank each
and every one of you from the bot-
tom of my heart!**

Yours sincerely,

Erfried Malle
Chairman of SONNE International

Our organization at a glance



As an **Austrian aid organisation**, we enable disadvantaged people in the Global South to access education and healthcare facilities. In addition, we implement innovative supporting measures that promote holistic development. Alongside **education** and **health**, the **empowerment of women** is a central focus of our work.

Our priority countries are **Ethiopia, Bangladesh, India, Myanmar** and **Malawi**. We have held the Austrian Seal of Quality for Charities since 2005; donations made to us have been tax-deductible since 2009.



EDUCATION IS A HUMAN RIGHT, BUT IT REMAINS OUT OF REACH FOR MANY

The education goal of the Global Sustainable Development Agenda is: 'By 2030, ensure inclusive and equitable quality education for all and promote lifelong learning opportunities.' SONNE-International is committed to this goal. Through our comprehensive support programmes, we make an active contribution to the implementation of the Sustainable Development Goals SDG 1 (No Poverty), SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being), and SDG 4 (Quality Education).

EDUCATION IS A HUMAN RIGHT, HEALTHCARE IS A BASIC NECESSITY AND EMPOWERING WOMEN IS CRUCIAL

In 2025, we were able to reach thousands of people directly through our education, healthcare and women's empowerment programmes and provide them with long-term support. We gave marginalised children access to schooling and improved medical care in remote regions, and we strengthened their self-determination and economic independence of women and girls in our project areas.

Our motto is:

**TOGETHER
FOR A
BETTER
WORLD!**



The SONNE Year in Figures

Focus Area 1 – Education



1,946
children and adolescents

HAD ACCESS TO QUALITY EDUCATION

Operation of **27 SONNE schools**, day care centres and halls of residence, with **1,882 children** attending daily

402 schoolchildren supported through scholarships, tutoring and boarding facilities

850 young people and adults completed training in tailoring, weaving, computing, solar technology, or mobile phone repair

180 children received additional computer lessons

Focus Area 2 – HEALTH



100,633
medical treatments

CARRIED OUT

54 mobile and stationary health camps

15,000 home visits in Ethiopia by 218 health workers

Further training for 218 healthcare providers (including 100 wives and women extension workers)

2,539 medical emergencies treated

4,621 children vaccinated against common diseases



Focus Area 3 – EMPOWERING WOMEN



4,110
girls and women

SUPPORTED THROUGH TRAINING, HEALTH AND AWARENESS PROGRAMMES

355 girls took part in karate and self-defence courses in Bangladesh, India and Malawi

813 women in Ethiopia, Bangladesh, India and Myanmar completed training in tailoring, weaving, agriculture, or computing

In Ethiopia, **2,942 births** were medically attended and **2,472 antenatal and postnatal care visits** were carried out

2,000 pregnant women received iron-fortified food

Our SONNE teams at a glance

The SONNE teams around



Erfried Malle and the Austrian SONNE team

Austria

Founded in 2002
8 staff members in
the core team



Ethiopia

Since 2005,
124 project staff



Malawi

Since 2024,
3 project staff

the globe



ETHIOPIA/ AFAR REGION

Project Overview and Background

Life in the Afar Region remains an enormous challenge for many people

PROJECT COUNTRY

since 2005

BENEFICIARIES

approx. 150,000 people from the Afar ethnic group

OUR FOCUS AREAS

Mobile medical care (particularly for pregnant women and mother-and-child care), awareness-raising (hygiene, health, female genital mutilation, child marriage), emergency aid in crisis situations, agricultural training, women's cooperatives

PROJECT AREA

Afar Region



WITH THEIR BACKS AGAINST THE WALL

The semi-nomadic Afar pastoralists live in one of the hottest and driest regions on earth, where temperatures can rise to well over 50 degrees Celsius. In 2025, **prolonged periods of drought** caused water sources to dry up, resulting in many deaths from thirst. In addition, several **volcanic eruptions** and recurring earthquakes in the north of the Afar Region destroyed many homes and buildings.

These increasingly hostile conditions mean that herds are shrinking and the **food situation** is becoming increasingly **precarious**. This leads to chronic **malnutrition and undernourishment**. The weakened children often suffer stunted growth and impaired mental development and are susceptible to diseases typical of the region, such as cholera, diarrhoea, measles and whooping cough.

INSTABILITY AND CONFLICTS

The **Eli Da'ar** region (our most remote project area, located on the border with Eritrea) continues to be greatly affected

by the ongoing conflict between the Ethiopian government and the Tigrayan people.

In the district of **Gewa'ane**, bloody clashes frequently break out over grazing land and livestock between the Afar and the Issa, who are based in neighbouring Somalia.

WE STAND BY THE PEOPLE

Together with our trusted **partner organisation, APDA**, we respond immediately to **emergencies** by delivering **water**, supplementary **food** and **animal feed**. Our main goal, however, remains to **improve people's living conditions** in the long term. We focus on **mobile healthcare**, particularly for mothers and children, as well as **education** and **awareness-raising**, and the fight against **FGM** (female genital mutilation).

WE ARE CURRENTLY SEEKING DONORS TO ENABLE US TO CONTINUE OUR GROUNDBREAKING AGRICULTURAL PROJECT, WHICH AIMS TO IMPROVE FOOD SECURITY BY PROVIDING AGRICULTURAL TRAINING.

Cooperation partners 2025

 Bundesministerium Arbeit, Soziales, Gesundheit, Pflege und Konsumentenschutz

 Österreichische Entwicklungszusammenarbeit

 Else Kröner-Fresenius Stiftung

Survival in the desert — made possible by our healthcare team

For around 150,000 people living a semi-nomadic lifestyle, our 50 mobile healthcare workers, 36 women's advisers and 200 traditional midwives are often the only available support in medical emergencies.

THE SITUATION REMAINS DIRE

Our mobile teams face **great dangers** (water shortage, heat, rough terrain, roaming gangs, wild animals...) as they make their way to their work, often on foot. They carry medicines and medical equipment on their backs. The patients they encounter are often malnourished, weakened and susceptible to disease.

Together with our partner organisation APDA, we ensure that **babies** and **young children** receive **medical care and vaccinations**, that **young mothers** and **pregnant women** are looked after, and that **births** are attended. We also distribute supplementary food and water purification tablets.

AWARENESS-RAISING AND SHARING KNOWLEDGE ARE BREAKING DOWN TRADITIONAL STRUCTURES

All of our field staff, particularly our **women extension workers** (i.e. women's advisers), provide Afar women with advice on **nutrition, hygiene, women's rights**, and sensitive issues such as **female genital mutilation, forced marriage, and violence**. Our targeted awareness-raising initiatives aim to effect positive long-term change in patriarchal Afar society.

HOW MUCH LONGER CAN WE CONTINUE?

We are deeply grateful to the **Else Kröner-Fresenius Foundation (EKFS)** for its long-standing support of our projects in the Afar region – support which has unfortunately now come to an end. A transitional solution has been found until mid-2026. Funding from the **Austrian Ministry of Social Affairs** in the Gewa'ane district is also only guaranteed until October 2026.



WE ARE CURRENTLY SEARCHING INTENSIVELY FOR NEW FUNDING BODIES TO FINANCE THESE PROJECTS FROM AUTUMN 2026 ONWARDS. DISCONTINUING OUR MOBILE HEALTHCARE SERVICES WOULD BE DISASTROUS FOR COUNTLESS PEOPLE — AND IT WOULD BREAK OUR HEARTS!

Every year, Chairman Erfried Malle visits the projects on site



Our health workers often have to walk for several hours in order to provide care for people living in remote areas

No money for a better future?

Is the success story of our agricultural training centre coming to an end?

Where irrigation works, farming becomes possible



Stefan Bartusch and Ulla Sever are compiling basic data—an important task!

The video provides more information about this successful project (audiotrack in German):



SUSTAINABLE AID PAR EXCELLENCE

The Afar have always been **cattle breeders and herders**. Various factors, primarily climate change, are making this way of life increasingly difficult, if not impossible. **Food security has declined dramatically** in recent years due to prolonged periods of drought.

SONNE-International and its Ethiopian partner organisation, APDA, have tackled the problem at its root. At the **training centre in Uxxuxayto**, people were taught **agricultural skills** and then provided with the necessary resources to practise agriculture in their villages for the first time.

THE RESULTS ARE IMPRESSIVE

Funded by the Austrian Development Agency (ADA), the project ran from 2022 to 2025. In total, 27 rural communities in the Afar region were reached. The direct beneficiaries included 540 pastoralists (405 women and 135 men), as well as a further 100 volunteers from Logya and Samara (70 women and 30 men). They

were taught basic **vegetable-growing skills** in 60-day training courses. Tomatoes, onions, watermelons and bananas, amongst other crops, are now cultivated in the settlements.

The **shift in gender roles** is also noteworthy: women have taken on leadership roles in the newly founded local cooperatives and are increasingly recognised as experts. By marketing the goods they produce, they are contributing to their families' incomes for the first time.

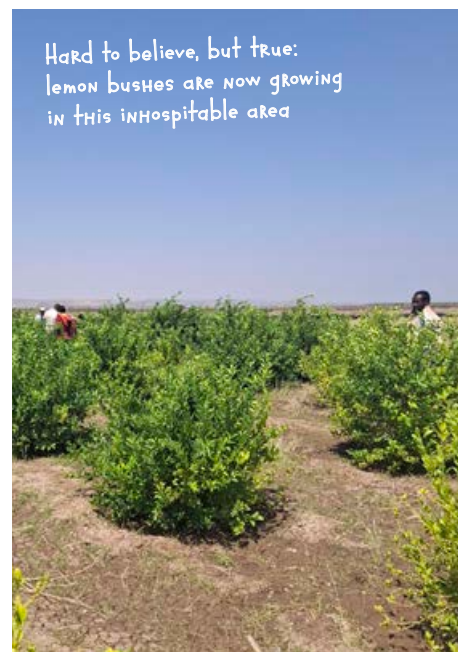
BETWEEN DISAPPOINTMENT AND HOPE

To our great disappointment, our application to continue the project was unsuccessful. For the time being, the centre and its agricultural land are being maintained in a makeshift way using local funds. Unfortunately, no further activities can be carried out at present.

AN INTENSIVE SEARCH IS UNDERWAY FOR FUNDING BODIES FOR THIS MEANINGFUL AND SUSTAINABLE PROJECT.

DISCONTINUING THE PROGRAMME WOULD MEAN THE END OF HOPE FOR MANY LOCAL PEOPLE!

Hard to believe, but true:
lemon bushes are now growing
in this inhospitable area



Our agricultural project under scrutiny

In autumn 2025, Sabine and Ulli travelled to the Afar region. To assess the **impact** of our income-generating projects **on Afar women's lives**, they conducted a **study involving over 40 women**.

Those who receive no support reported an irregular income, which depended on factors such as the health of the goat herd. Saving money is barely possible. Any cash the women have is carried on their person. When money is needed for food or medicine, a goat must be sold.

In contrast, **women who participate in our agricultural training programme** have a relatively **stable income**. With access to land, seedlings, seeds and



A regular income has a positive effect on health

knowledge, they are less dependent on the health of the herds or market prices. By selling vegetables and fruit, they generate additional income. This makes communities more **resilient to droughts and crises**.

GAINING A SAY IN DECISION-MAKING

Whilst in traditional structures men often make spending decisions alone, women who contribute to the household income are increasingly involved in decision-making.



BETTER HEALTH THROUGH EDUCATION AND NUTRITION

The study confirms that health and income cannot be viewed in isolation from one another. Women with their own income invest it in food and clothing, as well as in school fees and medicines for their families and goats. It also makes transport to the far-away health centre possible.

The figures show that structural challenges remain significant, but the combination of income generation, health measures and education is gradually reducing dependence on emergency aid.

THE FUTURE IS UNCERTAIN

This success is currently under serious threat, as funding for the agricultural project has been cut (see page 10).

PLEASE HELP WITH YOUR DONATION SO THAT THIS VITAL PROJECT CAN CONTINUE!

Sabine Ebner collecting data and stories from women in the Afar region



Traditional craftsmanship enables women to earn an income

PROJECT COUNTRY

since 2002

BENEFICIARIES

more than 1,000 pupils and students from recognised ethnic minority groups, as well as 250 adults; the residents of 16 villages

PROJECTS

18 primary schools,
2 secondary schools,
2 houses for school children,
1 student hostel,
2 weaving workshops,
3 tailoring workshops,
3 computer training centres,
1 repair workshop,
16 mobile health camps

PROJECT AREAS

Alikadam, Jhenaigati,
Ukhiya, Dhaka

Cooperation partners 2025

LAND KÄRNTEN



Unser holländischer Freund



Charlotte-Steppuhn-Stiftung
Kinderhilfswerk



BANGLADESH

Project overview and background



Education will greatly improve the lives of the Manta boat nomads

HOPE FOR BETTER TIMES

Elections were held in February 2026, resulting in a clear victory for the moderate centre-right party. The radical Islamist party came a distant second. Following a period of political unrest since the fall of Sheikh Hasina's long-standing government in August 2024, this gives rise to hope that stability will now return. SONNE-Bangladesh is expected to be able to continue its work for the benefit of underprivileged sections of the population without hindrance.

The economy continues to develop positively, with major infrastructure projects underway across the country. However, **inflation remains a huge problem**, particularly for the poorest in society, as well as for the work of SONNE-Inter-

national. It stood at 10% in 2025, with prices for staple foods rising even faster.

COUNTLESS PEOPLE REMAIN EXCLUDED FROM PROGRESS

Large sections of the population remain mired in grinding poverty, and many marginalised groups are suffering. Soaring **food prices, working conditions** that in many cases resemble forced labour and catastrophic **environmental pollution** make life a constant struggle for many.

WE ARE MAKING HEADWAY!

Whether the government will be prepared to take over our 20 schools, or at least some of them (as planned), remains to be seen. We expect to have to bear the full cost of running them (and therefore also the **staff costs**) for some time to come.

Thanks to our loyal partners and a generous private donor (see p.31), our projects in Bangladesh are currently **financially secure** despite rampant inflation and will continue in 2026. Furthermore, we intend to begin supporting the disenfranchised and impoverished **Manta boat nomads** with education and healthcare, so that they too have the chance to become part of mainstream society!



Our SONNE schools help to break the cycle of poverty

Progress for disadvantaged ethnic minorities

In two socially and economically severely disadvantaged regions of Bangladesh (Alikadam and Jhenagati), which are predominantly inhabited by recognised ethnic minorities, our SONNE schools (18 primary schools and 2 secondary schools) are the most important tool for preparing the next generation for the world of tomorrow.

With greater knowledge and understanding of modern technology, it will be easier for them to leave the abject poverty of their parents and grandparents behind. But adults also enjoy attending our afternoon classes. In just over 20 years, the **literacy rate** in our project areas **has risen from under 10% to over 84%!**



FUNDING FOR OUR SCHOOLS IS SECURE FOR THE TIME BEING

The children love going to school because they understand the value of education. The teachers are highly motivated, too: they belong to the same minority group, so they understand the children's language and the challenges they face. The **results** in the final state exams are usually **excellent!**

We are relieved that **funding** for the schools is currently **secure** thanks to our cooperation partners, particularly our long-standing sponsor **RED CHAIR-ity**, and a **private donor**. Additionally,



Bine's Cycle Challenge (see pp. 28–29) will make a valuable contribution to ensuring that we can carry out urgently needed **renovation work** in 2026 and pay the teachers a decent salary.

Furthermore, plans are underway for two additional educational facilities for the **Manta boat nomads**, a community living in extreme poverty with no land rights or legal status.



OUR KARATE CLASSES PROTECT AND EMPOWER GIRLS

The karate classes, which are funded by the **Province of Carinthia**, are very popular (125 participants, mainly girls), as they are fun, boost self-confidence, and teach the children how to defend themselves.

The SONNE schools are well-known and popular educational institutions for ethnic minorities

- 18 PRIMARY SCHOOLS,
- 2 SECONDARY-SCHOOLS,
- 3 COMPUTER TRAINING CENTRES,
- 3 TAILORING-WORKSHOPS,
- 16 MOBILE HEALTH CAMPS

Through education to a regular income



Our sponsored girls are delighted to have visitors from Austria

Income-generating initiatives have always been at the heart of SONNE-International's work, as they offer a way out of poverty. In 2025, 144 young people took part in **computer courses** at our three project sites in Bangladesh, while 279 young women completed a **tailoring course** and 41 completed a **weaving training** programme. In the Rohingya refugee camp, 48 young people completed courses in **solar technology** and **mobile phone repair**.

These skills-building courses, which are funded by the **City of Vienna** and specially designed to meet local needs, make it easier for young people to find their place in the local labour market. The **position of women** in particular **improves significantly** when they can support themselves or contribute to the household income.

OUR SONNE SPONSOR CHILDREN

All SONNE sponsor children are graduates of one of our **18 SONNE primary schools**, which provide children from ethnic minorities in remote villages with a way out of poverty and hardship. Highly gifted and motivated young people are ideally supported right through to the **completion of their degree**. This is made possible by **sponsors** who cover their living expenses and school and university fees.

Currently, 38 young people (28 girls and 10 boys) are benefiting from a SONNE sponsorship. In 2026, we plan to expand our girls' boarding house in Jhenaigati. This will enable us to accommodate 12 new girls in the near future!

Our sponsors give their sponsored students the chance to lead **self-determined lives**. Angelika Senitza from Carinthia is one of them:



„During a sponsors' trip to Bangladesh, I met my sponsor child Chomrung, a young woman whom I will help to realise her dream of becoming a nurse. It was a moving moment for both of us; her joy and gratitude were overwhelming!“ – Angelika Senitza

**If you are interested in sponsoring a child, please contact SONNE chairman
Erfried Malle directly:**

malle@sonne-international.org or on Phone: +43 699 194 560 52

Mobile health centres

our tried-and-tested solution to many problems

Most of the people we support live in remote areas of Bangladesh inhabited by ethnic minorities, where there is **no state-provided medical care** whatsoever. Getting to a doctor or a hospital quickly is difficult or impossible. Without the appropriate medication, illnesses that require regular treatment can deteriorate. Consequently, even illnesses that can be easily cured or treated with modern medicine can lead to **life-threatening conditions**.

WE PROVIDE ACCESS TO BASIC MEDICAL CARE

For many years, SONNE-International has had excellent results with mobile medical care in Ethiopia and Myanmar. That is why we have been using this system, which is extremely **cost-effective**, in Bangladesh for the past five years.

In our project areas of Alikadam, Ukhiya and Jhenaigati, we provide medical support at **16 locations**. Once a week, a **mobile health centre** is set up on the premises of the respective SONNE school. A team of six people (a doctor, a nurse, a pharmacist, a family planning and contraception specialist, and two assistants) treat patients **free of charge**



on site. Thanks to the SONNE Emergency Fund, we also find solutions in the event of **medical emergencies** (e.g. treatment in a hospital).

During a visit to the project, long-standing SONNE supporter Michael Loibl (iC-group) presents a starter pack to a young mother



OUR TEAMS DO A FANTASTIC JOB

In addition to general healthcare and dispensing medicines, our key priorities include deworming treatment, diabetes counselling and treatment, contraception and family planning, and awareness-raising on hygiene, nutrition and other health topics, etc. In 2025, a total of more than **64,000 treatments** were carried out!

We would like to thank the **Else Kröner-Fresenius Foundation** for its continued support of this programme, which is so immensely important for the people it reaches!

IN 2025, MORE THAN

64,000

TREATMENTS WERE PERFORMED.

INDIA/ BIHAR STATE

Project overview

PROJECT COUNTRY

since 2012

PROJECT DURATION

ongoing

BENEFICIARIES

340 schoolchildren,
six orphans,
over 100 women in
training and around
5,000 people from the
surrounding villages

PROGRAMME OBJECTIVE

To improve the living
conditions of disadvan-
taged children through
education and access to
healthcare; to empower
girls and women

Although India is rapidly developing into an industrialised nation and prosperity in the country is on the rise, the rural population has so far benefited very little from this. **Poverty** characterises the daily lives of many families, and **high inflation** is further aggravating the situation. Our project area, the state of Bihar, is one of the poorest regions in the country. In many villages, children have no opportunity to attend a state school. Access to medical care is severely limited.

SONNE-International has been running **two** formal **primary schools** for over ten years, where a total of 340 pupils were taught free of charge in 2025. In addition, our team looks after and cares for six orphans at one location.

Since 2014, we have been running weekly **self-defence courses** for around **100 girls** to protect them from sexual assault and boost their self-confidence. Our **computer and tailoring courses** empower women by giving them the chance to earn their own income.

REVIEW OF 2025

- Our computer training project for women continued successfully and was extended to another village
- The SONNE clinic remained in continuous operation and the SONNE emer-



gency fund enabled us to help many people

- Emergency relief following catastrophic flooding; installation of a new solar power system
- Our two primary schools were in continuous operation
- A tailoring project was successfully completed

OUTLOOK FOR 2026

- Continuation and expansion of all projects in the field of education and training
- Implementation of mobile health camps
- Training of healthcare personnel
- Renovation of existing infrastructure
- Organisation of teacher training courses
- Expansion of our educational activities (i.e. secondary school classes) through a building extension
- Our self-defence courses will be expanded
- Launch of a further tailoring training course for women



Cooperation partners 2025

LAND KÄRNTEN



Education and healthcare for the most vulnerable

SONNE schools create real prospects for the future

In the Indian state of Bihar, one of the poorest regions in South Asia, **access to education and medical care** remains virtually **impossible** for many people. State schools are few and far between, and often charge fees that most day-labourer families cannot afford. Furthermore, state schools and hospitals are often located far from where villagers live.

Through our SONNE schools in Bakrour and Basadhi, we provide **free education** to over 340 children – including learning materials and school uniforms. More than half of the pupils are girls. For them, education means far more than just knowledge: it opens up opportunities to participate in the labour market and thus to live with **dignity** and **self-determination**.



Our schools are located close to the internationally renowned pilgrimage site of Bodhgaya. Despite this geographical proximity to a popular tourist destination, the local population lives in **extreme poverty**, mostly as day labourers or small-scale farmers. Without the support of SONNE-International, many families would not be able to afford to send their children to school.

THE SONNE MEDICAL CENTRE – A LIFELINE FOR THE VILLAGE COMMUNITY

Until 2023, the people of Basadhi had virtually no access to medical care. The nearest hospital is a long way away, and



even basic healthcare facilities were non-existent in the village.

We therefore run our own medical centre in Basadhi, right next to our SONNE School, which provides **free medical care** to the local population. Villagers can go there regularly to be examined and treated by a gynaecologist and a paediatrician. A qualified nurse is also on hand to provide reliable first aid for acute ailments.

In addition, several first-aid courses were held for the village community in 2023 to **strengthen local health knowledge** in the long term.



our SONNE pupils really enjoy their lessons



Free dispensing of medicines at our SONNE Medical Centre

Our SONNE staff members also took part in one of our first-aid courses. At the end, they were provided with a first-aid kit.

WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT with SONNE

SONNE projects in India are making a difference



In 2025, Alisa Buchinger and Armin Möisinger (project initiator) were made honorary citizens of the village of Basadhi in recognition of their long-standing commitment



Moritz Schäffer (CEO of Ontime Logistics), Alisa Buchinger and Armin Möisinger with karate students

10 years working together to combat violence against girls and women

Sexual assault poses a real threat to many Indian girls and women. To counter this, since 2014, SONNE International has been offering weekly **self-defence courses** at SONNE schools in India for around 100 girls, who take part with great enthusiasm and have already won several medals in national competitions. An important milestone was the 10th anniversary of our partnership with our

project patron **Alisa Buchinger** (2016 Karate World Champion). In 2025, she travelled to India for the fourth time to train and motivate the girls in person. In October 2025, this special commitment was celebrated as part of a major sports festival, which also marked the launch of the project partnership with corporate partner **Ontime Logistics**.



Women become knowledge brokers – our computer training is successful and popular

In June 2025, a two-year training project for women came to a close. A total of **134 participants** completed a six-month course. As well as learning basic computer skills, the women learnt how to use the internet effectively to acquire

relevant knowledge. This will strengthen their role within the community in the long term.

In August 2025, a **new computer course** for women was launched in another village.

Tailoring training creates concrete income opportunities

Between June 2024 and November 2025, women in financial need gained economic independence through a six-month **tailoring course**. A total of 192 women took part, with **177 success-**

fully graduating. Thanks to their newly acquired skills, more than half of the participants are now earning additional income.

Experience authentic India

a fascinating project trip with SONNE

In October 2025, a group of SONNE friends, sponsors and project partners travelled to the Indian state of Bihar to **see the SONNE projects for themselves**. The itinerary included visits to our schools, the health centre and various supporting projects, as well as cultural festivals.

The trip was organised by our Indian SONNE team and accompanied by project manager Armin Möisinger. In addition to the project visits, the trip aimed to **foster a genuine understanding of the realities** of life for the local population and of Indian culture.

For SONNE-International, such project trips are a tangible **expression of transparency**, offering supporters the opportunity to gain **authentic insights** into the impact of the projects they fund. This strengthens trust, understanding and shared responsibility for sustainable development work.

A particular highlight was taking part in the traditional **Chhath Puja Festival**. Dressed in traditional local attire, the group immersed themselves in the spiritual atmosphere of this festival, well off the usual tourist routes. The atmospherically illuminated riverbanks, the rituals at sunrise and sunset, and the devotion of the people left a lasting impression.

During home visits in the villages, the guests gained an **authentic insight** into the daily lives of families whose children benefit from the SONNE projects.

Due to the overwhelmingly positive feedback, SONNE-International will in future offer a **project trip to India every autumn** to give committed supporters and interested parties an **insight into our projects** whilst also introducing them to India's cultural diversity. First-hand, up close and completely unfiltered!



Interested?

Anyone wishing to see our projects with their own eyes and experience India off the beaten track can contact Armin Möisinger directly:
moesinger@sonne-international.org

This YouTube video provides a review of the trip:



Project visit to Malawi with
our partner organisation and
the traditional village chiefs

MALAWI

Project overview

PROJECT COUNTRY

since 2024

PROJECT AREAS

Blantyre and
Ntcheu districts

PROJECT DURATION

ongoing

BENEFICIARIES

>300 pupils;
21 children in the
scholarship programme

PROGRAMME OBJECTIVE

Improving the living
conditions of disad-
vantaged children by
promoting education
and empowering them
through sports and
self-defence

Cooperation
partner 2025

 Bundesministerium
Wohnen, Kunst, Kultur,
Medien und Sport



Malawi, a small landlocked country in south-eastern Africa known as the 'Warm Heart of Africa', is now experiencing regular periods of **extreme weather**. Droughts are often followed by floods. This has devastating consequences for the local population: when the harvest is destroyed, there is nothing to eat and **hardly any income**. This situation is further compounded by **rapid inflation**. In Malawi, a kilogram of sugar now costs more than it does in Austria. For families surviving on an irregular income of around one euro a day, school fees are simply unaffordable.

This poverty disproportionately **affects girls**. If they do not attend school, they are more likely to become financially dependent, marry early, or become pregnant unintentionally. To break this cycle, we provide targeted support, especially for girls who have experienced **child marriage or violence**.

Our goal for 2025 was to **build sports grounds** at our two partner schools, with the aim of **offering inclusive sports** and **self-defence classes**. However, due to rampant inflation, the prices of building materials and fuel skyrocketed. Nevertheless, we completed the construction of the sports ground at one of the schools in summer 2025. The result was well worth the effort: the chil-



dren use the sports ground with great enthusiasm, and the weekly PE lessons are a highlight of their timetable.

Unfortunately, we have had to **postpone** the construction of the **second sports ground** for the time being. As government funding does not cover the additional inflation-related costs, we have to **rely on private donations** for this project. Every contribution brings us closer to realising the second sports ground and giving even more children — especially girls — the opportunity to gain self-confidence through sport.

OUTLOOK FOR 2026

- Construction of the second sports field
- Expansion of our scholarship programme
- Continuation of sports and self-defence courses
- Expansion of the range of workshops on reproductive rights, health, and income generation

As there are not enough classrooms,
lessons often take place outdoors



Support measures for a successful educational journey

Committed to the right to education

SONNE SPONSORS COVER SCHOOL FEES

For many families in Malawi, school fees are unaffordable. We are therefore all the more pleased to announce that, thanks to our sponsors, SONNE-International has been able to launch a **scholarship programme** in Malawi, which enables us to help those children who need it most and who would otherwise have no chance of receiving a basic education. We have now taken **21 children** into our care. We not only cover their school fees, but also provide them with school uniforms, learning materials, rucksacks and shoes.



SPORT AND EMPOWERMENT

Our second focus is on building self-confidence through sport. Our goal for 2025 was to **build sports facilities** at two schools. We were successful at our partner school in Ntcheu, completing the construction of the sports ground in the summer of 2025 despite the difficult circumstances.

Today, **over 300 pupils** participate in the **wide range of activities** on offer. As well as football and netball, which are very popular in Malawi, there are now also chess and table tennis clubs. One of SONNE's flagship projects is



its **self-defence courses**. Here, girls learn defensive techniques and, more importantly, how to conduct themselves with confidence, set boundaries and say 'no'. Professional trainers from our local partner, the **"Save the Poor Foundation" (SAPOF)**, support them in this.

Unfortunately, inflation has forced us to postpone construction of the second planned sports field at the other school. **However, our firm aim is to complete this field by 2026.**



We would like to thank all SONNE sponsors who support our Malawi project.

If you are interested in becoming a SONNE sponsor too, please get in touch!



"I used to be scared on my way to school. But since I've been attending the self-defence course, I walk that route with confidence because I know I can defend myself."
SONNE pupil

MYANMAR

Project overview

PROJECT COUNTRY

since 2008

PROJECT AREA

Yangon and the surrounding area

BENEFICIARIES

Around 350 children and young people, as well as their families

PROJECT OBJECTIVE

To provide comprehensive support for vulnerable children and young people through education, tutoring, vocational training, healthcare, nutrition and family support

The year 2025 presented the people of Myanmar with enormous challenges.

Political instability persists, whilst **rising prices** for food and everyday essentials are pushing more and more people to subsistence level.

Particularly in the slums of Yangon and in refugee camps, many basic necessities are severely lacking: people have **no income, medical care is barely available and prospects for the future are limited**. Many children are forced to work to help their families survive, making regular school attendance and any prospect of a self-determined life out of reach. The devastating earthquake in March 2025 further exacerbated an already tense situation.

Together with our sister organisation, **SONNE Social Organisation (SSO)**, we are addressing these issues. Our team of 29 dedicated local SONNE staff members is implementing targeted **education, training, health and support programmes**.

SONNE project manager Armin Möisinger is regularly on site to oversee our projects



Fund, numerous medical emergencies were treated promptly and unbureaucratically – in slums, orphanages and refugee camps

- Over 100 women successfully completed a tailoring course and numerous young people completed a six-month computer course with a certificate
- 100 houses for earthquake victims were rebuilt
- 37 mobile clinics were implemented in 2025

OUTLOOK FOR 2026

- Continuation of all ongoing projects
- Expansion of our mobile healthcare services to further locations
- Targeted training for our local SONNE staff
- Strengthening our partnerships and collaborations with further local NGOs
- Establishment of an additional day care centre



REVIEW OF 2025

- In 2025, the SONNE support centre in Yangon looked after around 100 vulnerable children and young people every day
- Three SONNE day care centres for 120 street children were open all year round
- Aid packages and hygiene items were distributed to families in need through several campaigns
- Thanks to our SONNE Emergency



Cooperation partners 2025

RED CHAIRity
Wir helfen Menschen

EXO
FOUNDATION

Stiftung
Südostasienhilfe
Dr. Dietrich und Gundis v. Quire-Stiftungsfonds

APOTHEKER OHNE GRENZEN ÖSTERREICH

Learning instead of collecting waste

Our three SONNE day care centres offer hope and security to 120 children in the slums of Yangon

DESPITE THE ONGOING CRISIS AND UNCERTAINTY, EDUCATION REMAINS OUR MOST EFFECTIVE TOOL

The political and economic situation in Myanmar remains extremely tense. Families in the slums of Yangon, in particular, face daily struggles to survive. Many children have to work to contribute to the family income, so regular school attendance is often out of the question for them.

This is where SONNE-International comes in: since 2015, with the support of RED CHAIRity, we have been running **three SONNE day care centres** in the poorest neighbourhoods of Yangon. Every day, our social workers support around 120 street children by providing **hot meals**, **basic medical care** and access to **education**. To give the children the prospect of a dignified life, we aim to gradually **integrate them into the national education system**.



SCHOOL INTEGRATION AND TARGETED LEARNING SUPPORT

Many of the children in our care do **not have birth certificates**. Our teams support families in overcoming bureaucratic hurdles and provide the necessary **learning materials**. In addition, over 100 external pupils receive **free daily tutoring** at the day care centres to reduce the high school dropout rate among children affected by poverty.



MOBILE MEDICAL ASSISTANCE - IN THE SLUMS AND IN REFUGEE CAMPS

For many families, our health camps are their only opportunity to receive medical care. In the slums of Yangon, our mobile health team carries out regular **check-ups** and provides **basic first aid** at various locations.

In the camps for internally displaced persons, where people live in extremely precarious conditions, we provide **basic medical care** and regularly distribute **food to families in need**.

In 2025, we held a total of **37 mobile health clinics**, during which **1,513 people** were examined and treated. Additionally, we arranged **hospital treatment for 108 people** with serious conditions.

37
MOBILE HEALTH CLINICS,

1,513
PEOPLE WERE EXAMINED
AND TREATED

Our SONNE Support Centre in Yangon

Creating opportunities, shaping the future



Jochen Meissner lives in Myanmar and supports all our projects with great passion

Our Support Centre is located in the heart of a disadvantaged neighbourhood in Yangon. As well as being a place of learning, it serves as a hub for our local sister organisation, SONNE Social Organisation (SSO), and as a safe space for vulnerable children and young people. In an environment characterised by poverty and a lack of prospects, over 100 young people experience stability, support, and reliable guidance here every day.

Holistic support

In two support classes, more than 50 children from the surrounding slums are taken care of free of charge by dedicated social workers and have access to **structured education**. In addition to regular lessons, the children receive two hot meals a day, as well as basic **medical and hygiene care**. While the younger children are gently prepared for entering school, our team supports the older children in their transition to further education or **vocational training** programmes.



Free tutoring: the key to educational success

Social disadvantage and a lack of learning support often lead to children from low-income families dropping out of school. Through our **free tutoring sessions**, we support **around 40 pupils**

every day on their educational journey, thereby significantly increasing their chances of successfully completing their education at a state school.



Career prospects for young people

In the face of high youth unemployment, SONNE consciously focuses on **practical skills training**. Our tailoring and computer courses have a lasting impact: in 2025, over 200 young people completed their training with an official certificate. These qualifications provide them with realistic **income opportunities** and strengthen their economic independence. Demand for training places remains consistently high.



Every day, the SONNE Support Centre in Yangon becomes a place where real opportunities for the future are created.

Earthquake in Myanmar – rapid assistance through our SONNE Emergency Fund

Our SONNE Emergency Fund in Myanmar ensures **rapid assistance in crisis situations** – for children and families in need, for medical treatment, income support and disaster relief. In 2025, quick and flexible action was essential to provide immediate support to those affected.

HELP WHEN EVERYTHING FALLS APART: SOLIDARITY AFTER THE EARTHQUAKE

In March 2025, Myanmar was struck by **the strongest earthquake in over 100 years**. Thousands lost their lives, tens of thousands were injured, and buildings, roads, bridges and healthcare infra-



Jochen Meissner and the SONNE team dispensing relief supplies



structure were destroyed. People who were already living from hand to mouth lost everything.

Our local SONNE team was at the epicentre of the disaster in no time. Thanks to our emergency fund, we were able to **react immediately** and provide



urgently needed aid – including clean water, food, hygiene items and relief parcels.

100 NEW HOMES AND NEW HOPE

Thanks to an impressive wave of solidarity, we were able to rebuild a total of **100 homes**, purchase **11 boats** to help people regain their livelihoods, and **support 1,800 people** – quickly, without red tape, and in cooperation with the local community.

EVERY LIFE MATTERS: DAW NAN MYAING – A NEW HOME FOR A RESILIENT MOTHER

The earthquake left Daw Nan Myaing with virtually nothing. **Her house collapsed** and she and her three children had to seek refuge in an overcrowded monastery. It was clear to us: she and her children needed a roof over their heads. A few weeks later, they were able to move into one of the houses we had newly built.

This disaster has once again demonstrated how crucial strong local partnerships and flexible aid structures are.

Without the commitment of our local team, as well as of our supporters and donors, this rapid response would not have been possible.

Many lost all their belongings



Daw Nan Myaing's house: before and after



Austria

Overview



SONNE- INTERNATIONAL HEADQUARTER

Vienna, 3rd District,
since 2002

OUR TEAM

8 staff members,
20 volunteers



We look forward to seeing you at
the SONNE office!

WHAT ACTUALLY GOES ON AT OUR VIENNA OFFICE?

In the heart of Vienna sits our small, unassuming SONNE headquarters – the organisational hub of SONNE-International. What happens here? More than you might expect.

ORGANISATIONAL MANAGEMENT AND ADMINISTRATION

This is where everything comes together: strategic decisions, financial management, bookkeeping, human resources, and the entire internal organisation. This ensures that our projects, teams, partnerships and collaborations run smoothly and efficiently.

PROJECT COORDINATION AND QUALITY ASSURANCE

We are in constant communication with our local teams, providing them with technical and organisational support. We closely monitor schedules and budgets, and regularly travel to project countries to develop new ideas and solutions.

PROJECT FINANCING AND FUNDRAISING

No projects without financing – which is why we work intensively on funding applications, foundation enquiries, donation campaigns and the development of partnerships here in Austria

and elsewhere. The entire financial process is handled by Vienna – from applications, coordination of incoming donations and transactions to annual financial statements.

REPORTING AND COMMUNICATION

We act as the link between funding organisations, donors, and our project teams. One of our core activities is reporting, which is essential to ensure transparency. Moreover, we highlight areas where support is needed and launch donation appeals so that we can respond quickly in emergency situations.

STORYTELLING AND AWARENESS-RAISING

Taking a close look is the first step towards change. We use social media, photography, films and presentations to draw attention to grievances and to raise awareness.

MARKETING AND EVENTS

We seize every opportunity to strengthen and expand our SONNE community. Whether through our website or smaller events, such as our annual bike challenge, we do everything in our power to foster team spirit and provide opportunities to contribute to our mission and make the world a better place for as many people as possible.



Two individuals, one vision

In 2025, Edda Hauke and Armin Möisinger both celebrated their 15th anniversary with SONNE-International. They asked each other a few questions:

A: Dear Edda, what have your areas of responsibility been at SONNE over the past 15 years?

E: Fifteen years ago, I was the 'girl Friday' in the office: databases, printed materials, donor relations and much more. Now, as Deputy Chair, I focus on internal organisation and the further development of our structures, banking matters, ensuring legal compliance with official documents, and so on. What about you, dear Armin?



Armin as a volunteer on his first project trip to India (2012)

A: I started as a volunteer jack-of-all-trades. Now I am the project manager for India and Myanmar, with responsibility for SONNE projects and local staff, and helping to shape the future of our organisation as deputy managing director.

What are your fondest memories, Edda?

E: There are so many of them! One wonderful memory is my first project trip to Myanmar in 2014, where I was able to see the positive impact of our work with my own eyes for the very first time. Meeting my sponsored child, Laung



Edda and Armin at a networking event in 2014

Mro, whom I supported until he finished school, was also very moving. And what moments do you particularly enjoy looking back on, Armin?

A: It's the quiet, unspectacular moments that touch me the most, such as when a former SONNE student from India proudly presents his first SONNE project to me as project coordinator. Or when I'm there in person and realise just how many people we're helping in the long term. In Austria, I'm inspired when our SONNE community springs into action immediately in crisis situations, enabling us to provide rapid assistance through donations.

What inspires you, Edda?

E: Primarily, it's the conviction that I can make a difference through my work at SONNE. I also really enjoy meeting donors, supporters and sponsors at SONNE events in Vienna, most of whom I've known for 15 years. What motivates you in particular, Armin?

A: The belief that everyone has the right to live with dignity. I was fortunate enough to grow up in Austria in peace and with a wealth of opportunities. I want to share that privilege!



Edda on her first project visit to Myanmar (2014)

Bine's Cycling Challenge 2025 – Exercise that makes ...



“This challenge is more than just a sporting event. It is hope in action. Thanks to everyone who was part of it.” – Sabine (Bine) Braun, initiator

In 2025, Bine's Cycling Challenge once again demonstrated what can be achieved when lots of people **get on their bikes for a good cause**, as the collective efforts of the SONNE community always result in concrete aid initiatives in the countries where we operate. Last year, the kilometres we cycled together created **educational opportunities for children** who would otherwise have had little or no prospects for the future.

The 2025 Challenge focused on our **20 SONNE schools** in Bangladesh. The campaign aimed to ensure that children from extremely poor backgrounds could continue to attend one of these schools, as it would be impossible for us to keep them all running without secure funding. Thanks to the participants' enthusiasm, perseverance and solidarity, an incredible amount was raised again in 2025 – an impressive demonstration of what people can achieve together!

In October, during a project trip to Bangladesh, the campaign's initiator, **Sabine ('Bine') Braun**, personally presented the **donation cheque** at one of the SONNE schools – to the children's rapturous cheers. It was a very moving moment for everyone who was there, not least for our 'Bine'!

“Handing over the donation cheque really brought home to me what the Cycle Challenge and every single ride stand for. Namely, that disadvantaged children can also be given a fair chance in life through education.”

It was a particular highlight that the main sponsor, Michael Loibl from IC Group, was also present at the ceremony in Bangladesh, where he witnessed the impact of his commitment first-hand. ('Bine' Braun)

FULL SPEED AHEAD FOR A GOOD CAUSE: PHILIPP KAIDER AT THE RACE ACROSS AMERICA

Austrian **ultra-cyclist Philipp Kaider** provided a sporting highlight: he **dedicated his remarkable victory in the Race Across America (RAAM) to Bine's Cycling Challenge**. The RAAM is one of the toughest cycling races in the world, covering a total distance of 4,932.64 kilometres. Philipp cycled from the west to the east coast of the USA, completing the route in just 8 days, 22 hours and 32 minutes! **His race kilometres were converted into donations by sponsors.**

CORPORATE CHALLENGE: TEAM SPIRIT WITH A DOUBLE IMPACT

The **iC Group's corporate challenge** was another real highlight in 2025. With fantastic team spirit, sporting ambition, plenty of heart and additional fellow cyclists, the corporate team brought a real boost to the challenge. When colleagues clock up kilometres together, it fosters not only physical activity, but also team spirit and motivation in everyday working life.

A SUMMER PARTY FULL OF SONNE: A CLOSING CEREMONY WITH A SENSE OF COMMUNITY

The **traditional SONNE summer party** on 3 July provided a fitting end to the event. Many **cyclists, supporters and friends** of the SONNE community came together to celebrate what they had achieved together, enjoying each other's company, music and the satisfaction of being **part of something meaningful**. It was particularly gratifying that Philipp Kaider was also a guest at the summer party, where he talked about his adventure in the USA. In doing so, he gave the many fellow cyclists an extra boost of motivation for the next SONNE Cycling Challenge.

Team SONNE on Tour

... education possible



The children from Bangladesh send a huge thank you



Cheque presentation in Bangladesh with Michael Loibl (IC Group), Sabine Braun (SONNE-International Vienna) and Md. al Mamun (SONNE Bangladesh)



Honour where honour is due: Michael Loibl (left) accepts the coveted trophy on behalf of the 'ic' Group team

Bine's Cycling Challenge 2025

465
cyclists

151,240
kilometres cycled

€90.500
in donations

Main sponsors (excerpt):
BRAINS AND GAMES, ic Group,
GERIN Druck, BDO

Winner of the women's category:
Monika Ebner

Winner of the men's category:
(once again)
Fritz Weissensteiner

Here you can find a look back
at the 2025 summer party



Taking on social responsibility as a SONNE corporate partner



ADVANTAGES FOR YOUR BUSINESS THROUGH BENE- FIT PACKAGES TAILORED TO YOUR NEEDS

- **Staff retention and motivation:**
Boost your employees' sense of identification with your company by fostering meaningful engagement.
- **Employer branding:**
Position your company as a responsible employer.
- **Increased brand awareness:**
Use professionally produced content for your social media channels.
- **Tax benefits:**
Donations to SONNE-International are tax-deductible in Austria.

Your customised CSR programme in partnership with SONNE-International

Social responsibility and genuine commitment have never mattered more. SONNE-International offers your company tailor-made opportunities to combine these values with effective, sustainable aid projects.

Since 2002, we have been providing disadvantaged children and young people in India, Bangladesh, Myanmar, Malawi and Ethiopia with a brighter future through education, healthcare and women's empowerment.

YOUR COMMITMENT GOES BEYOND DONATIONS

We will collaborate with you to develop a CSR concept that genuinely reflects your corporate values while delivering tangible results. Furthermore, we build connections that go beyond purely financial support.

SUCCESSFUL PARTNERSHIPS

We have already worked with numerous

companies to implement sustainable projects in India, Bangladesh, Myanmar and Ethiopia. You can find detailed information about our partnerships and their success stories on our website. The logos of our current corporate partners can be found on the last page of this annual report.

Start your successful and sustain- able corporate partnership with SONNE-International NOW!

SONNE-Chairman Erfried Malle looks forward to exchanging ideas with you. You can contact him at malle@sonne-international.org or on Phone: +43 699 194 560 52



SONNE corporate partner Moritz Schöffner, CEO of Ontime Logistics, was impressed by our projects in the Indian state of Bihar

Your SONNE Sponsorship – shaping the future together

REGULAR SUPPORT HAS A LASTING IMPACT

We are deeply grateful for every single donation, and we do everything we can to ensure funds reach our beneficiaries as effectively as possible. **Regular contributions**, however, are particularly valuable to us. We call our most reliable supporters **SONNE Sponsors**.

Through their consistent and often long-standing support, our sponsors have played a vital role in ensuring that our education and health projects can continue to run smoothly for over twenty years.

Monthly **standing orders** provide a stable foundation for **long-term planning** and **sustainable structures** on the ground. They provide security for our beneficiaries!

SPONSORSHIPS ENABLE PEOPLE TO HELP THEMSELVES

Many of our core programmes, such as running schools or providing basic medical care, cannot rely on long-term funding for their running costs. Our sponsors' contributions therefore help to **secure salaries for teachers, medical staff and social workers** even without external funding.

In this way they give children **access to education, empower women** through vocational training and **provide medical care** for disadvantaged families.

FLEXIBLE, TRANSPARENT AND EFFECTIVE

YOU determine the amount of your monthly contribution – with no long-term commitment. If you wish, you can dedicate your sponsorship to a specific priority country. Otherwise, the money will be used wherever our aid is most urgently needed. We are proud of our low administrative costs. **In Austria**, all contributions made to us are **tax-deductible**.



BECOME PART OF OUR SONNE COMMUNITY

As a SONNE sponsor, you will be kept constantly informed about our work. You will receive regular updates on progress and developments, enabling you to **take an active part in our projects**.

Become a SONNE sponsor now and help shape the future together:

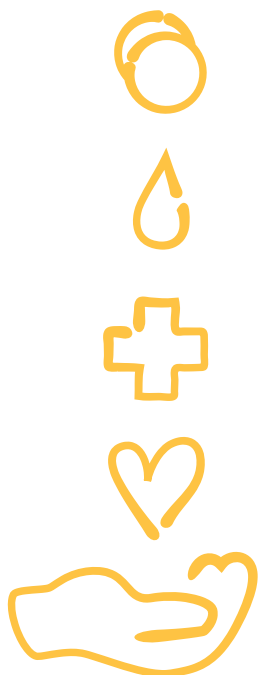
DONATE NOW FOR SONNE-INTERNATIONAL

www.sonne-international.org/sonne-patenschaft/



Scan the QR code and become a SONNE sponsor – it's quick and easy!

Philanthropy and foundations – entrusting my life's work to you



When I founded SONNE-International 25 years ago with like-minded people, I did so **out of a deep-seated conviction that every child deserves a chance.** That education changes lives. And that, if we are able to help, we also have a responsibility to do so.

What began as an initiative has, over the years, become my life's work. I have seen how hope turned into prospects and how children found their own way through education, regardless of where they were born or what religion they belong to. Yet, over the years, another question has grown within me: **what will remain when I am no longer around?**

For me, philanthropy means taking responsibility for the future beyond

my own lifetime. I know that many people, like me, ask themselves: **How can I preserve my values? How can I ensure that my commitment has a lasting impact? How do I leave behind something that will endure?**

THAT IS PRECISELY WHY I AM APPROACHING YOU

SONNE-International must live on beyond my own lifetime. The structures at home and abroad are in place, the projects are sustainable and firmly rooted in the local communities, and the partnerships on the ground have grown. However, **a lifetime's work requires individuals willing to share responsibility and continue the legacy.**

Perhaps you, too, are asking yourself how you can make a meaningful difference in the long term through your wealth, your experience or your commitment. Whether through a foundation, a long-term partnership or a bequest: you have the opportunity to consciously help shape the future.

I invite you to become part of this future. Not as a silent benefactor, but as a co-creator of an idea that gives children education, dignity and real opportunities – far beyond our own lifetimes.

My wish is to know that **SONNE-International is in reliable hands.** In the hands of people who not only want to help, but also want to stay. **If this resonates with you, then let's have a chat: malle@sonne-international.org.**

Because the responsible decisions we make today can change the lives of many children forever tomorrow.

Erfried Malle
Chairman of SONNE-International

A legacy that endures –

In conversation with SONNE bequest donor Peter Voss

At some point, we all ask ourselves what will remain of us. A bequest is one way of making a positive impact beyond one's own lifetime. Just as Peter Voss has chosen to do.

In an interview with Sabine 'Bine' Braun, he explains how **his experiences on a trip to SONNE's projects** in Bangladesh influenced his decision to set up a bequest in favour of SONNE International.

Bine: Peter, how did you come across us?

Peter Voss: I was doing some online research and when I found your website, I was immediately drawn in. SONNE works in the very same countries to which I have close ties and where I already support small projects.

B: What happened next?

PV: I got in touch, Erfried and Armin visited me at home right away, and I learnt more about the fantastic projects. When I had the chance to travel to Bangladesh with Erfried in autumn 2025, I seized the opportunity. That's where I got the very best impression. It's fantastic how well you manage your projects!

B: Was that the deciding factor for you in leaving SONNE such a generous bequest?

PV: Through my sixteen humanitarian projects and my 'SONNE' Foundation, I want to do good in the long term, long after I'm gone. Always look for the real need on the ground! I've been very lucky in my life. Through my legacy, I want to give children who haven't been so lucky a fair chance – through education. SONNE-International works precisely where help is lacking and provides lasting prospects.



B: What message would you like to share with people?

PV: The scale of global suffering is immense. Everyone who is better off should give something back to show solidarity with the plight of those who haven't been so fortunate!

B: Dear Peter, thank you for the conversation and your vital commitment to SONNE-International and the goals we are working towards together!

If you are interested in leaving a legacy, we would be happy to provide you with further information in a confidential discussion:

sabine.ebner@sonne-international.org
or by telephone:
+43 664 3012099

Transparency, quality assurance and impact assessment at SONNE-International

Erfried Malle accepts the certificate for SONNE on its 20th anniversary as a recipient of the Austrian donation seal of approval.



of developments in our project countries and can quickly communicate any changes or challenges to our donors. We disclose all partnerships and funding sources online and in the annual report, ensuring that donors can see exactly where their support is going.

QUALITY ASSURANCE AT SONNE-INTERNATIONAL

means professional, long-term project work with experienced teams.

Many of our colleagues have worked with SONNE for a very long time – the majority for over ten years, both in Vienna and in the project countries. This fosters trust, expertise and a sound institutional memory.

Our project managers regularly travel to our priority countries to visit ongoing projects, maintain and build personal contacts, and develop new project ideas together. All activities are continuously evaluated. This helps ensure that our work remains effective and sustainable, and allows us to learn from experience.

TRANSPARENCY AT SONNE-INTERNATIONAL

We report on our work in an open and transparent manner.

Our annual report includes a detailed financial overview, which is audited by an independent chartered accountant. We provide regular project progress updates via our website, newsletters and social media.

Thanks to close collaboration with our local teams, we are promptly informed

IMPACT ASSESSMENT AT SONNE-INTERNATIONAL

We set clear project objectives and measure progress using specific indicators.

In doing so, we continuously incorporate feedback from the respective target groups and our local teams/partners. This feedback helps us to continually develop the projects and adapt them to current needs.

How your donations were used in 2025

SONNE-International's Finances – Transparency is our concern

SOURCE OF FUNDS – REVENUES 2025

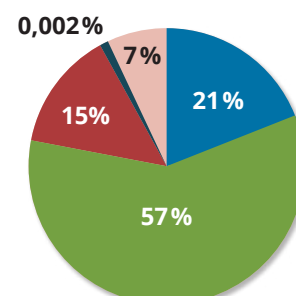
I. Donations		
a) Uncommitted donations	EUR	347,876.78
b) Earmarked donations	EUR	947,468.18
II. Membership fees	EUR	700.00
III. Public grants and subsidies	EUR	239,843.07
IV. Other income		
Asset management (interest)	EUR	3,253.31
V. Release of project reserves	EUR	111,227.38
Total	EUR	1,650,368.72

ALLOCATION OF FUNDS – EXPENSES 2025

I. Expenses for statutory purposes (project costs)	EUR	1,241,202.97
II. Fundraising	EUR	74,612.50
III. Administration costs	EUR	56,035.81
IV. Allocation to liability accounts for donations or grants not yet used for their intended purpose	EUR	278,517.44
Total	EUR	1,650,368.72

SOURCE OF FUNDS

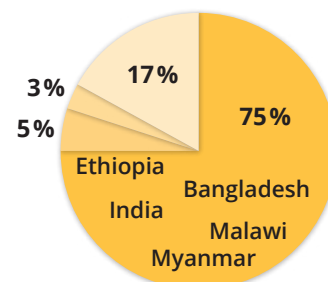
■ Uncommitted donations	21.00 %
■ Earmarked donations	57.00 %
Membership fees	0.0004 %
■ Public grants and subsidies	15.00 %
■ Other income	0.002 %
■ Release of reserves	7.00 %



ALLOCATION OF FUNDS

Distribution according to the specifications of the Austrian Seal of Approval for Donations

■ Expenses for statutory purposes	75.00 %
■ Fundraising	5.00 %
■ Administration costs	3.00 %
■ Allocation to project reserves	17.00 %



The percentage values given are rounded to simplify presentation in the diagrams.

THE BOARD OF SONNE-INTERNATIONAL

Mag. Erfried Malle, chairman; Mag. Edda Hauke, vice-chairwoman;
Mag. Barbara Richter, treasurer

RESPONSIBLE for the allocation of funds: Mag. Erfried Malle

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for a BETTER WORLD!

Sponsors and Partners 2025

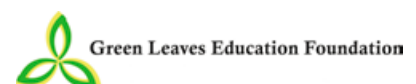
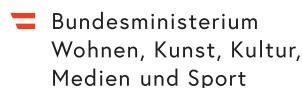
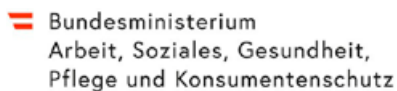


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