

Our vision

Our aim is to provide people in need with education, psycho-social and humanitarian aid, or other services deemed necessary. We want to impact their life by helping them to get out of the poverty and provide for themselves.

We believe that community life, connection and friendship are very important factors, and we want to strengthen these values in the communities where we work. Therefore, we do also cooperate with local administration, schools, churches, civil society organizations and other local initiatives.

Project sponsorship

→ Be a project sponsor:

With a permanent donation, you can help to reliably cover the running costs – this is crucial for the successful planning and implementation of social projects. And every donation helps: In the long term, 20, 30 or 50 Euro per month will have a great effect!

→ **Remain up-to-date** with the latest information on www.chwev.de and facebook.com/chwev or our publications

→ **Gain direct insights** as a staff member or travelling companion during our field activities

You can find further information online, or call our office.



The work of Diakonia Albania and CHW

Albanian Foundation Diakonia Albania (DA) is a non-profit organization committed to helping people in need. It goes back to the longstanding work of the German Christian Relief Association Wismar e.V. (CHW) which drove its first aid transport to Pogradec back in 1992.

Diakonia Albania, founded in 2012, carries out relief operations and social projects from offices in Tirana and Pogradec. We work with local churches, administrations and other aid organizations, and with volunteers from Albania, Germany and other countries.

30 years of work have brought many blessings. And yet there is a lot to be done.



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Social projects in Albania

Humanitarian aid, children's center and community services: We help people in need with emergency aid as well as with long-term projects. Come and join us!

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Need for help

Despite considerable improvements during the last decades, there is still a lot of poverty in Albania – also in the cities, but especially in the rural areas. There are hardly any jobs there, and the state does not have the means to provide roads, schools etc. all over the country. For this reason, the authorities are very grateful to receive support from our social work.

For 30 years we have been engaged in the Mokra region of eastern Albania, over the last years also in the cities of Pogradec, Librazhd, Lezha and Tirana. Our social projects are aimed at those in real need of help: Children, sick and disabled persons and families in need. For them, any support, no matter how small, means a noticeable improvement.

Children's center Bishnica

At our center, children get a good start in life. Most of them live in the residential home during the week and attend the village school in Bishnica; they also receive individual learning support and additional courses from our staff. As a second tier, we care for children with special needs who live permanently at our center.

Next to education, the range of services includes: Food, leisure activities, clothing and school materials, hygienic and medical care, visits to the dentist, psycho-social counselling, etc.

Food, accommodation and education for one child:
150 € per month

 Project page
www.chwev.de/en/childrens-center



The pupils at our children's center are glad about their chance to go to school and learn

Community service

For over 15 years, nurse Bashkim Lilo has been caring for sick people and those in need of care from his base in Bishnica; he is joined by psycho-social support from our social worker. In this way, we offer assistance that the state healthcare system cannot provide. We would also like to employ an additional female nurse – the demand is there, but we need the finances.

 Project page
www.chwev.de/en/community-service

Weekly visits to a person or family: **50 € per month**
Medical and hygienic supplies:
20 – 30 € per month



Supporting and consulting poor families in villages near Velçan

Humanitarian aid

Our humanitarian aid includes a number of activities. In cooperation with the city of Pogradec and other municipalities, Diakonia Albania employees distribute food and family packages as well as hygiene and care products to elderly, sick and handicapped people with their families.

Our humanitarian aid also includes activities in crises and after disasters. Here, our network in Germany and Albania is just as important as Diakonia's infrastructure of staff and volunteers, vehicles and the warehouse at Pogradec.

Food parcel (bought on location): **60 € each**
Parcel with clothes: **25 €**
Pogradec and Wismar warehouses: **700 € per month**

 Project page
www.chwev.de/en/humanitarian-aid