

Projects

„**Deine Stimme gegen Armut**“ (Your voice against poverty) is a joint campaign by VENRO, Herbert Grönemeyer and PR and media expert partners. Together they demand the German government to do more in order for the Millennium Development Goals (MDG) to be implemented until 2015.

www.deine-stimme-gegen-armut.de

VENRO's project „**Perspektive 2015 – Armutsbekämpfung braucht Beteiligung**“ (Prospects 2015 – Fighting Poverty needs Participation) informs and teaches about the MDG. This project takes part in the German federal government's campaign “Aktionsprogramm 2015” from the perspective of civil society.

www.2015.venro.org

The project „**Afrikas Perspektive – Europas Politik**“ (Prospects for Africa – Europe's Policies) aims at strengthening the partnership between Africa and Europe. At the EU-Africa summit in Lisbon at the end of 2007 African and European heads of state decided on a joint strategy. VENRO is part of this ongoing process in which civil society plays an important part.

www.prospects-for-africa.de

„**NGO-Ideas**“ is a co-operation project that monitors the effects and evaluates projects related to poverty. A total of 13 VENRO member organisations plus 27 partners from India, the Philip-pines and Eastern Africa take part. This project aims at enhancing the efficiency of NGO projects by raising the ability to evaluate the outcomes.

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Who we are

VENRO is the umbrella organisation of development non-governmental organisations (NGOs) in Germany. The organisation was founded in 1995 and consists of around 120 organisations. Their backgrounds lie in independent and church-related development co-operation, humanitarian aid as well as development education, public relations and advocacy.

16 one-world networks are part of VENRO. These represent about 2000 local development initiatives and NGOs. VENRO is a member of the European umbrella organisation CONCORD.

VENRO's central goal is to construct a just globalisation, with a special emphasis on eradicating global poverty. The organisation is committed to implementing human rights and conserving natural resources.

VENRO represents the interests of NGOs vis-à-vis the federal government. The organisation represents the variety of development organisations and acts as a forum where positions and opinions can be developed. It engages in lobbying and watches and comments on state policies concerning developing countries. It is a sought-after dialogue partner for decision makers in politics and society.

Topics

Globally, extreme poverty affects over one billion people and poverty two billion. VENRO is committed to a development policy oriented at fighting poverty by especially protecting vulnerable groups like women, children, the elderly and disabled people.

Many factors make fighting poverty difficult. These include the spread of infectious diseases like HIV/ AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis, bad governance, violent conflicts, fights over resources or climate change. VENRO deals with different challenges posed to development and together with its members tries to develop possible solutions.

Fighting poverty is one of the fields the organisation is active in, focussing on the Millennium Development Goals (MDG), financing development, the consequences of globalisation and gender justice, as well as on understanding the interdependence of environmental issues and poverty. It emphasises the need to reform German and European development co-operation, focuses on European development policy and humanitarian aid and engages in advocating and educating development policy in Germany.

Trade, migration and diaspora, as well as the environment and development, are other important topics for VENRO.

How we work

The working groups, made up of the organisation's members, are an important part of VENRO. Here, development processes are assessed and symposia are organised.

Jointly developed positions are published, constituting the basis for the organisation's political lobbying. To inform the public on these issues, VENRO produces publications and engages in public relations.

The organisation seeks synergies with other organisations and looks to build alliances on specific issues. It also aims at a stronger co-operation with partners from the South. VENRO coordinates the discussion on quality assurance and monitoring of results and offers training for its members.

Two underlying codes are also very important for VENRO's work: A dedication to development-oriented public relations and VENRO's code of conduct for transparency, leadership and control. Both these codes are binding guidelines for the work of the organisations from civil society.

The criteria for becoming a member of the organisation can be found here: www.venro.org