

## OUR BASIS: HEALTH AS A CHRISTIAN DUTY

The focus of our work is to serve sick people. To promote health, to alleviate or heal disease, to promote quality of life in spite of serious illness or handicap – these are the health issues we stand for, locally and globally. According to our understanding, health and disease comprise more than just the physical condition. Therefore we look at the whole person, at his/her relations with him-/herself, with the environment and with God.

Our work is related to God's ministry to heal and to promote life for all. Based on the tradition of Christian health work DIFÄM's engagement in health care has always been aimed at the sick, the weak and the marginalized.

DIFÄM is the governing body of the hospital „Tropenlinik Paul-Lechler-Krankenhaus“ in Tübingen that is specialized in tropical and travel medicine, palliative care and geriatrics.



We are a member of "Diakonisches Werk", the Social Welfare Service of the Protestant Churches in Württemberg.

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Supporting health

for a better future



## GERMAN INSTITUTE FOR MEDICAL MISSION (DIFÄM)

Supporting Christian health services in resource-limited settings

As an organization for Christian health work world-wide, the German Institute for Medical Mission (DIFÄM) promotes justice in health care. It has been our aim for more than 100 years to provide access to quality health care services especially for poor and marginalized people.

## HEALTH – FOR A BETTER FUTURE

All around the world many people die because the next health post is too far away, because there is no qualified medical personnel, because essential medicines are not available or because they do not have enough money to pay medical treatment. Every year, about 290,000 women succumb to the consequences of pregnancy and childbirth. More than 6 million children die annually from diseases of which most can be prevented or cured. And only those who are healthy can work, feed their families, raise their children and be active members of their community.



## OUR MAIN TOPICS

### We promote

- Good health care services for all people
- Availability of essential medicines
- Education and further training for professionals in the health sector
- Health education

together with the local people.

So that people can have a full and healthy life in a fairer world.

### Improvement of health care

We advise and consult our partners in Germany and in southern countries in their health work and support some of their projects financially. Due to our long-standing experience and our expertise we are able to support the planning and implementation of health projects and to offer supervision and monitoring.

Our commitment improves the health of the disadvantaged, the poor and the vulnerable and aims at building up and strengthening local health systems, especially in remote areas. The active involvement of local people and the establishment of basic health care services are particularly important in our projects. Among our main areas is the improvement of mother-and-child health.

### Pharmaceutical Services

To this day, millions of people do not have reliable access to essential medicines. Our pharmaceutical services promote the establishment of local drug supply organizations in economically poor countries, so that medicines will be available – in time, regularly and reasonably priced. Whenever possible, medicines are bought from local production. We support regular quality controls of

medicines and advise our local partners and European development organizations when implementing their local drug supply structures.

### Knowledge for professionals

We facilitate qualified education and further training for local professionals in southern countries, such as birth attendants and pharmaceutical technical assistants.

In our courses in Tübingen we train medical professionals from various European countries for their work abroad. And we offer them individual counseling – before, during and after their assignment overseas.

The German Institute for Medical Mission is the organization responsible for the Academy for Global Health and Development. This academy offers specific preparation for an assignment abroad by tailor made courses and seminars. [www.agge-akademie.de](http://www.agge-akademie.de)

