

Children in Conflicts



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“Inner peace is not a symbol of the absence of conflicts but a symbol of being able to overcome conflicts.”
(wisdom)

“Children are the wings of man.”
(Arabian proverb)



Children's every day's Conflicts

- ...a broken toy
- ...sweets taken away by sister or brother
- ...writing a class test
- ...fearing older classmates



photo: UNICEF

Children's serious Conflicts

- bad influence at home, difficult social environment, homeless, poverty, short education, child labor, unemployment, illness, alcoholism, drug abuse, prostitution
- pressure, trauma, psychic problems
- violence, child molestation, exploitation
- floods & droughts (climate change)
- war & civil war

Living on the Street



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THW

- Founded in 1950 as a **Federal** Agency
- Within the Federal Ministry of the Interior
- 80,000 Volunteers
- 1,200 full time only
- 700 Local Sections – 8,500 Vehicles
- Annual budget of 230 million EUR (2017)
= 900 million AED
- THW: “civilian engineers”

■ THW's Youth Project (Inland)

- 700 Youth Groups & Mini Groups
- Reasonable spare time activity
- Social Engagement
- Teach democracy within a small educational circle as a starting point
- Allows to make mistakes and learn from them in a safe surrounding
- Overcome obstacles within a team



THW's Children Projects (abroad)

- Sierra Leone (2003): school in Hastings
- Jordan, North Iraq (since 2012): refugee camps, school in Shekhan
- Ongoing planning: construction of further school buildings & child friendly spaces in camps



Escape...

- ...from far away home...



... Arrival

- ...to integration on our doorstep



Refugee Arrivals 2015 & 2016

- **60 % of refugees are children**
- Mediterranean Sea Arrivals:
 - 2015: 857,000 in Greece
154,000 in Italy
 - 2016: 173,000 in Greece
175,000 in Italy
- (Registered) Arrivals in **Germany**
 - 2015: 900,000 people
 - 2016: 290,000 people
 - **unaccompanied minors: 60,000**

THW & Integration

- Integration of refugees of all ages
- ... to grow the number of volunteers
- ... to strengthen cross-cultural competence
- ... to practice German language
- ... to offer a place for refugees to integrate and to find a new life
- Welcoming Culture







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