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
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 save 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

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