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OF 'HEROES OF WAR',  
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**2015-2017**



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the way  
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**a world of  
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both natives and  
diaspora**

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**driving sustainable  
development in home  
and host countries  
& leaving no one  
behind as we  
go forward**

## A MESSAGE FROM OUR CHAIRMAN



CEO and Chairman of DOZ INTERNATIONAL E.V.  
Abdulaziz Ramadan (Picture: Franziska Gaube)

DOZ INTERNATIONAL E.V. was founded in Syria during the outbreak of the war - one of the most complex and enduring conflicts of our time. Since then, voluntary civil society engagement has been the driving force for all of us. In 2014, DOZ set up its headquarters in Leipzig and has since been operating in Germany as a registered non-governmental, non-profit organization. From here we support our local Syrian teams and civilians in various social centers and programs and seek to strengthen and permanently establish sector work in active conflict regions internationally: we want to give voice to the voiceless.

Focusing on daily developments, DOZ INTERNATIONAL E.V. responds to the daily challenges faced by local communities - including children, adolescents, women, internally displaced persons, and refugees - those exposed to extreme violence in their daily lives in both home and host countries. Between 2015 and 2017, around 66,500 residents and internally displaced persons in Syria and around 3,000 refugees in Germany profited from our projects and activities.

As a non-profit, non-governmental migrant organization, we have committed ourselves to the humanitarian principles - humanity, neutrality, impartiality and independence - in our work in the aid programs. In 2015, DOZ INTERNATIONAL E.V. was consulted for the pre-summit discussion for the very first WORLD HUMANITARIAN SUMMIT and officially invited to the summit in 2016 as a Diaspora representative. Since then, DOZ has committed itself to the UNITED NATIONS' AGENDA FOR HUMANITY and is providing progressive reports about its commitments each year.

Our work focuses on conflict-affected local communities in both home and host countries. DOZ implemented many programs dedicated to addressing and combating violent extremism. After the emergence of ISIS in Syria, our work became even more urgent and important. From the beginning, DOZ has been investing in a culture of peace and coexistence between different ethical and social groups in Syria. For this work, which DOZ activists and youth groups did on a local level, DOZ was honored by PAX FOR PEACE NETHERLANDS with the PEACE PRIZE in 2017.

We are very proud that you support our work as members, associate members, friends, partners, allies and donors. Regardless of the financial and technical challenges, we continue to support local communities in need and spread the culture of peace and coexistence. We continue. We leave no one behind.

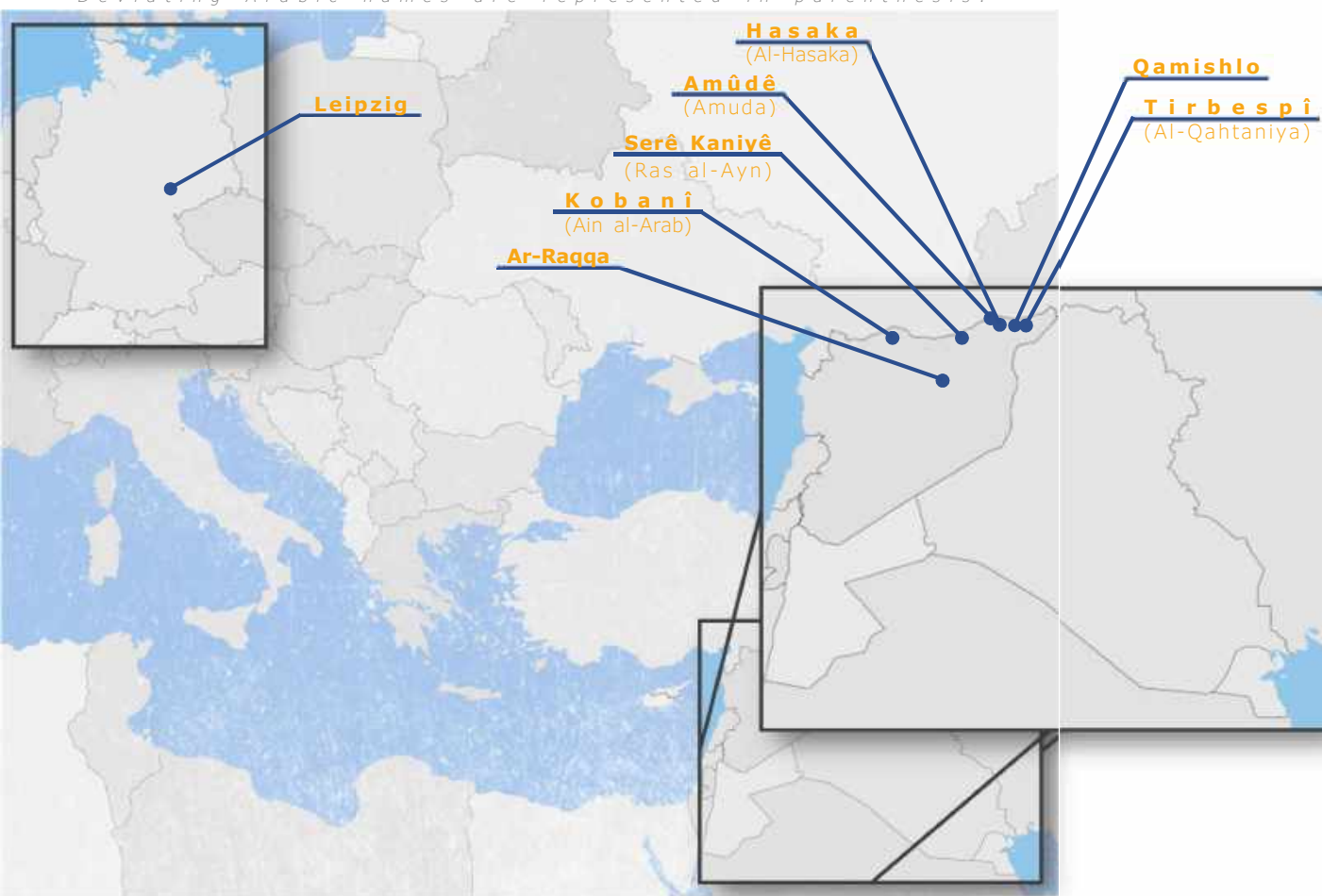
ABDULAZIZ RAMADAN  
CHAIRMAN OF DOZ INTERNATIONAL E.V.

# S O C I A L C E N T R E S

Founded in 2011 during the Syrian Revolution, DOZ INTERNATIONAL E.V. was carrying a different acronym: UKSSD, which translates to INDEPENDENT COMMITTEE FOR SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT AND SELF-ORGANIZED DEMOCRACY. In the years 2015 to 2017, DOZ's work took place in a total of 8 cities. In Syria the autonomous and self-organized teams manage the local social centers which are open to all people; including an extensive number of internally displaced people (IDPs). DOZ INTERNATIONAL E.V.'s headquarter is located in Leipzig. There, the organization is

established as a Diaspora organization, primarily working with refugees and migrants not only from Syria. In addition, the Leipzig-team supports the Syrian teams by means of public outreach and the acquisition of funding. Further, in Germany, transnational knowledge transfer is actuated and strengthened in order to facilitate better project management and stabilize water and food security on the ground. The local Syrian teams themselves are also well connected and participate in lively cooperation with each other as well as other regions and organizations.

*The map shows the cities with their common regional names. Deviating Arabic names are represented in parenthesis.*



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# 1 C O T K A R [ ' D ʒ O T K a : r ]



*A farmer at work, collecting a rich harvest of the organically grown vegetables in Kobanî*

**TIMELINE:** since MARCH 2016  
**SPONSOR:** LUSH GmbH Charity Pot  
**PROJECT PARTNER:** 15<sup>TH</sup> GARDEN (BASATEEN)  
**MANAGER:** Ahmed Shekho

## AGRICULTURE – KOBANÎ, SY

During the civil war in Syria, people in Kobanî have experienced a lot of violence and destruction. Virtually all of the economic and social sectors have been affected; including local agriculture.

Since the liberation of the region from ISIS, reconstruction took center stage for local inhabitants and IDPs alike. Apart from security and infrastructure, the local team's main focus lies on the establishment of an autonomous and ecologically sustainable agriculture. Despite the adverse political circumstances an autonomous agriculture is considered a means to secure food sovereignty for all of the population.

Cotkar [Kurdish - kurmanscî: "farmer"] is a project lead by young local activists. Thanks to the successful cooperation with the 15th Garden initiative it marks a first step towards a locally sustained ecological agriculture. 15th Garden describes themselves as "a bottom-up network of urban gardens in cities that have been bombed, besieged and blocked in Syria. The network includes family gardens, farmers in rural areas, and agriculture initiatives in refugee camps in neighboring states".



*Top: Training on and exchange of seed types provided in the project  
 Right (top to bottom): Preparation of planting, care and harvest of sustainably grown vegetables*



With the generous help of European activists and a donation from the LUSH Charity Pot the local Syrian activists and farmers succeeded to till an area of 2000 square meters with non-hybrid organic seeds.

The project thus aims to alleviate the burden and consequences of a cruel war. After the cultivation and harvest the vegetables are distributed among the local population. Furthermore, the different seeds are equally shared distributed for among the local farmers; thus enabling them to cultivate their own food again. All of this is part of the vision to ensure a financially independent and self-sufficient Kobanî.

Since the beginning of the project, it has been possible to sustainably and permanently till the area for three years in a row, to secure local seeds, and to motivate local farmers to invest in ecologically sustainable agriculture. What is more, the food autonomy of twenty families has been secured and the region saved from the use of genetically modified seeds.



A poor man would call it bread,  
 a rich man would call it caviar.  
 For me peace would be something edible,  
 a vegetable whose seeds I can plant  
 anywhere in the world in any fertile soil.

– a Syrian member in the network –



## 4 VALUES



**DOZ HAS COMMITTED TO A CLEAR CODE OF CONDUCT WHICH IS BINDING FOR ALL VOLUNTEERS AND EMPLOYEES. IN ADDITION, THERE IS A STRICT ZERO TOLERANCE RULE IN SENSITIVE AREAS**

At the heart of DOZ's mission lies our respect for the safety, well-being, and rights of the communities we want to support - regardless of whether they are in Germany, Syria or Iraq, and whatever humanitarian and developmental challenges we face. DOZ is fully committed to the highest values of the UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS, the UN-CONVENTION ON THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD, and the CORE HUMANITARIAN STANDARDS (see also [page 18](#)).

Our work must be conducted with full responsibility and respect of all involved. DOZ is responsible and accountable for its actions and decisions, especially towards the communities it serves, its donors, staff and volunteers, members, partner organizations and the general public.

Therefore, the following policies were drafted and ratified and are binding for all:

1. CODE OF CONDUCT
2. CODE OF ETHICS
3. BEHAVIOR AND CONFLICT RESOLUTION
4. ANTI-DISCRIMINATION
5. EQUAL OPPORTUNITY
6. CHILD PROTECTION
7. VULNERABLE PEOPLE
8. ANTI-HARASSMENT

9. COMMUNICATION STRATEGY
10. OPEN INFORMATION
11. ANNUAL PERFORMANCE EVALUATION
12. ANTI-FRAUD AND CORRUPTION
13. COMPLAINTS AND RESPONDS
14. FIXED ASSETS
15. PROCUREMENT
16. TRAVEL

## 5 LOCATIONS

### LEIPZIG

LEIPZIG is the largest city in SAXONY, Germany. Among the almost 600,000 inhabitants there are around 8,000 Syrians living in the city. Here, DOZ's headquarter was established by student activists, which also come from Germany but especially originate from the Syrian Diaspora. However, when founded in Syria at the beginning of the Syrian revolution in 2011 DOZ was named differently, carrying the acronym UKSSD.

### AR-RAQQA

AR-RAQQA is located approximately 100 miles east of ALEPPO, along the north-east shore of the EUPHRATES. The city, which has been inhabited since antiquity, witnessed a significant number of migratory movements by IDPs from Aleppo, Homs, and Idlib in the course of the war. Due to the ongoing conflict with ISIS our work there has been very restricted.

### QAMISHLO

QAMISHLO is a multi-ethnic city in the Al Hasakah government and is located by the river DSCHAGHDSCHAGH. Originally founded under the name of *Bet-Zalin* (House of Reed) by Assyrians who fled the genocide, today Arabs, Kurds, Assyrians and Armenians live here.

### AMÛDÊ

AMÛDÊ (Arabic: *Amuda*) is a city in the Al Hasakah government and is located west of QAMISHLO on the border with Turkey. Since the 19th century the city is inhabited mostly by Kurds and considerable minorities of Yazidis and Arabs.

### HASAKA

HASAKA (Arabic: *Al Hasakah*) is the capital of the government of AL HASAKAH. It is located in the Jazīra - a cultural landscape between the Euphrates and Tigris. The city is home to an ethnically diverse population of Kurds, Arabs, Assyrians and Armenians. Due to the ongoing conflict with ISIS in the surrounding regions, a high number of IDPs continue to live in the city and nearby refugee camps.

### KOBANÎ

KOBANÎ (Arabic: *Ain al-Arab*), a city in the Aleppo Government in Northeast Syria, is located right on the border with Turkey. The majority of the population is Kurdish. During the siege by the ISIS approx. 70% of the city was destroyed. Since the liberation, the local population has been steadily rebuilding.

### SERÊ KANIYÊ

SERÊ KANIYÊ (Arabic: *Ras al-Ayn*), a city in the Al Haskah government, is one of the oldest settlements of Mesopotamia and located on the border to Turkey. The city harbors Kurds, Arabs, Assyrians, Armenians and Chechens.

### TIRBESPÎ

TIRBESPÎ (Arabic: *Al-Qahtaniya*) is an originally Assyrian city in the Al Hasakah government and is located east of Qamishlo. Ever since its foundation mainly Assyrians and Kurds live here.

## 6 WE LOVE QAMISHLO



Visit to a Syrian Orthodox monastery: Among other things, the local DOZ team is committed to interfaith dialogue

**TIMELINE:** since October 2017  
**PROJECT PARTNER:** UN PONTE PER & IRAQI CIVIL SOCIETY SOLIDARITY INITIATIVE (ICSSI)  
**MANAGER:** Hana Ahmed

### PEACEBUILDING – QAMISHLO, SY

Qamishlo is a city in North-East Syria on the border to Turkey and is distinguished by its diverse population of Arabs, Kurds, Syrians, Assyrians, Armenians and many others. From this unique location, the youth initiative WE LOVE QAMISHLO was organized by DOZ and a group of young Syrians.



As part of DOZ's efforts to provide developmental perspectives to Syrian youth, Qamishlo volunteers have collaborated with other young people from the city over the past few months. A variety of activities were planned and implemented together, promoting peace as well as non-violence.

At the beginning, it was important to publicize the initiative. Visits were made to a number of civil society organizations, associations and radio stations. In addition, promotional leaflets were distributed to secure the support of other organizations and voluntary groups.

On September 21, 2017, on the occasion of the International Day of Peace, youths of the Qamishlo Project toured through various areas of the city - always with the hope and message that peace and harmony will soon prevail throughout Syria. Together with young activists from the IRAQI SOCIAL FORUM and the IRAQI CIVIL SOCIETY SOLIDARITY INITIATIVE and their partners in the Iraqi cities of Baghdad, Hīt, Kūt, Najaf, Amarah,

Falluja, Ramadi und Sulaymaniya they send letters to the world. They declared their rejection of war and violence and their belief in a non-violent alternative to conflict. They also expressed their solidarity with all the cities currently facing conflicts around the world and called for the consolidation of the principles of peaceful coexistence between all sections of society.

The campaign happens within the framework of the integrated program WAYS OF COEXISTENCE IN MESOPOTAMIA, which is supported by the Swiss FAI-FOUNDATION. The programme aims to promote peaceful coexistence in the cities along the Euphrates and Tigris rivers in Iraq, Syria and Turkey. The approach stems from the vision that these cities and their inhabitants are closely connected and intertwined by the rivers as lifelines.

In addition to the large-scale campaigns, various forms of activities were carried out to promote the city - and from there the region - socially and culturally. Among other things, this included clean-up actions on fallow land and small inner city parks. In addition, a "stay in school" event was held to playfully demonstrate to children and adolescents the potential of good education.

The end of the year was celebrated with a festival under the WE LOVE QAMISHLO campaign motto. For this purpose, further cooperation with other civil society organizations as well as adolescents and young adults of the city was established in advance.

Overall, WE LOVE QAMISHLO is promoting peacebuilding not just in the city, but throughout the region. Particular attention is paid to intercultural and interreligious understanding and the creation of conflict-free, non-violent and peaceful coexistence in the city.



From top to bottom: Self-designed logo by WE LOVE QAMISHLO; Peace message from the local DOZ team; Children support end-of-year festival; the local DOZ team in preparation for their outreach campaign

## 7 WORKSECTORS



### EDUCATION

Since most schools have been either destroyed or severely damaged, DOZ supplies children, students, and IDPs with courses and materials through their social centers. DOZ thereby provides the vital access to education, where it is absent for these families.



### WASH AND HEALTH

**WASH** stands for **W**ater, **S**anitation, and **H**ygien. In Syria, DOZ is aiming at securing affordable and sustainable access to water and sanitation for all. Further, the local teams offer workshops on topics such as water security und health issues and help find medical assistance and clinics.



### INTERNALLY DISPLACED PEOPLE

The support of IDPs is one of the main tasks of DOZ. Among the many local and internally displaced Syrian people live a significant number of Iraqi refugees who fled from the threat of ISIS. In addition to the care for those families in the region, the DOZ teams regularly visit the surrounding refugee camps.



### REFUGEES AND DIASPORA

Other main goals of DOZ are the address of root causes of migration, the facilitation of inclusion over integration of refugees and migrants not as victims but new citizens, and the promotion of the role of Diaspora in home and host countries.



### AGRICULTURE AND FOOD SECURITY

The ongoing conflict in Syria has led to a significant shortage of water and food. Therefore, specialized Teams of DOZ work closely together with local farmers to achieve sustainable and alternative agriculture. In addition, DOZ informs about the dangers of genetically modified seeds.



### PEACEBUILDING AND PREVENTION OF VIOLENCE AND EXTREMISM

The work in the different social centers is especially concentrated on the sharpening of civic consciousness for a peaceful coexistence and the prevention of violent conflict and extremists tendencies. For DOZ, peacebuilding efforts are essential to ensure sustainable economic, political, and social security and stability.



### CHILD PROTECTION & EMPOWERMENT

In Syria, DOZ monitors the living conditions of children in villages and refugee camps and addresses violence against children. Further, local teams visit families to promote non-violent parenting and orphaned and homeless children are supported and included in educational programs in the social centers.



### WOMEN PROTECTION & EMPOWERMENT

Women take an essential role in all societies. Therefore, DOZ is aiming to prevent further marginalization of women and to offer safe spaces and ongoing support for those in need. Further, DOZ actively supports and promotes the 50% female quota for all public offices in North East Syria.

## 8 EXTREMISM IN LEIPZIG? NO, THANKS!



*Outreach and dialogue with passers-by on Augustusplatz in Leipzig*

**TIMELINE:** 01.12.2016 – 30.11.2017

**SPONSOR:** BOSCH FOUNDATION

**MANAGER:** Julia Quaas

### PREVENTION OF EXTREMISM – LEIPZIG, GER

The project EXTREMISM IN LEIPZIG? NO THANKS! was funded by the ROBERT BOSCH FOUNDATION and united young activism and help for refugees with political education and intercultural work. Aside from the monthly conversational rounds of the young activists and a German-Syrian community encounter, the project focussed on workshops and discussion groups about different extremist societal phenomena, concepts, and discourses.

Highlights of the project were a workshop on modern Jihadism in Europe, poster campaign alongside the German general election, and in intercultural educational trip to Erfurt. During the workshop the topics and themes evolved mainly around fears and jihadist propaganda.

In the campaign, the focus lay on victims of right-wing violence and the fallacies of Islamophobic propaganda. The intercultural educational trip for young adults with and without experience of displacement took place under the motto *Remembering for the Future*. In addition to a guided visit to the old synagogue and a Stadtralley in Erfurt, the focus was on dealing with everyday personal and foreign experience of cultures, religion and discrimination.

In the course of the project, it became apparent that the confrontation with extremism cannot be detached from the everyday experience of the individual participants. Especially in the open discussions, problems in mutual understanding and cultural exchange came up repeatedly. Prohibitions, taboos, prejudices and suppression mechanisms within social structures were addressed as well as european, federal and local political issues.

# 9 A D V O C A C Y - W O R K

## A D V O C A C Y - W O R K A N D H U M A N I T A R I A N C O M M I T M E N T S

Humanitarian work is not only a response to, but always a reflection of, conflicts. The latter includes the transfer of knowledge between different actors and their networking. In this sense, DOZ sees itself as both a local and a global actor. In addition to the actual work on the ground, DOZ's core tasks therefore include the targeted representation of the interests of and advocacy for affected local communities, continuous organizational self-optimization and professionalization, and the obligation to uphold humanitarian standards.

In recent years, DOZ has had the opportunity to directly influence the development of international standards at the UN-level. DOZ attended many international meetings as one representative of Diaspora. Following the ratification of the SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS (SDGs), DOZ was consulted for the pre-summit discussions on the first World Humanitarian Summit. In 2016, DOZ took part in the summit itself and other UN forums. The following pages visualise the path DOZ was given the opportunity to pursue within the framework of the AGENDA FOR HUMANITY.

## 7<sup>TH</sup> G L O B A L F O R U M O F U N A O C

Shortly before the World Humanitarian Summit, DOZ participated in the 7th Global Forum of the UNITED NATIONS ALLIANCE OF CIVILIZATIONS (UNAOC). Under the motto *Living Together in Inclusive Societies: A Challenge and a Goal*, the alliance aimed to bring together and harness the diverse perspectives of various sectors in order to meet the challenge of an integrative life in increasingly diverse societies and to make progress. DOZ participated in the Forum's Youth Event as one of 150 selected Young Leaders. A highly diverse group discussed and

jointly identified their "stories of tomorrow" and envisioned their ideas of peaceful coexistence in inclusive societies.



Abdulaziz Ramadan (4th From the left) at the 7<sup>TH</sup> G L O B A L F O R U M O F U N A O C



## G L O B A L C O N S U L T A T I O N F O R T H E W O R L D H U M A N I T A R I A N S U M M I T

After a two-year consultation process with over 23,000 humanitarian actors and stakeholders, UN Secretary-General Ban Ki-moon invited to a global meeting in Geneva in preparation for the World Humanitarian Summit. The consultation identified five major areas for action - dignity, security, resilience, partnership and financing - and called for a vision of a world whose basic humanity must be unequivocally reaffirmed and restored.



Abdulaziz Ramadan giving a video statement at the WORLD HUMANITARIAN SUMMIT in 2016

## T H E 1<sup>ST</sup> W O R L D H U M A N I T A R I A N S U M M I T

In June 2016, DOZ attended the first World Humanitarian Summit by personal invitation. It was a worldwide appeal by the former Secretary-General of the United Nations, Ban Ki-moon, to revive and strengthen the commitment to humanity and the universality of humanitarian principles. The World Summit provided an opportunity to bring together actors from across the humanitarian spectrum to jointly identify better and more sustainable solutions for people in need.

During the open discussions, DOZ stressed the importance of taking initiatives to stop the deliberate dehumanization of civilians, especially vulnerable groups such as women, children, the elderly, people with disabilities, and ethnic and religious minorities. It is therefore incumbent on the international community not only to rely on isolated solutions that meet immediate humanitarian needs, but also to support programmes that promote a resilient, dynamic and free society.

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## BARCELONA CONFERENCE Towards a new paradigm, preventing violent extremism

In January 2017, NOVACT (International Institute for Nonviolent Action) and CMODH (Coordination Maghrébine des Organisations des Droits Humains), in collaboration with UNHRC (UN Human Rights Council) and UNDP (UN Development Programme), invited to the Barcelona Conference. Under the motto "Towards a New Paradigm, Preventing Violent Extremism", civil society organizations from the Euro-Mediterranean region (Europe, Maghreb and Mashreq) jointly formulated an action plan to combat and prevent all forms of violent extremism by better involving civil society actors. DOZ participated in the conference as an established partner from the Mashreq region. Among the goals developed are:

- THE STRENGTHENING OF VICTIMS
- THE STRENGTHENING OF YOUTH AS ACTORS FOR CHANGE
- THE CREATION OF ALTERNATIVE SPACES AND NARRATIVES THAT COUNTERACT VIOLENCE
- THE PROMOTION OF GENDER EQUALITY IN PREVENTION WORK

## REGIONAL FORUM ON Sustainable Development For the UNECE Region

As a local German civil society Diaspora organization, DOZ participated in the 2017 Regional Forum for Sustainable Development in the UNECE region (European Economic Union of the UN). The forum was devoted to the question of new strategies for building effective partnerships and cooperation between member states, UN agencies and civil society organizations.

The key issue was to improve the involvement of civil society actors. In talks with representatives of the member states and various UN authorities, DOZ stressed that the SDGs 2030 could not be reached in time if civil society organizations were further excluded from the process. In particular, local and regionally marginalized civilian actors, who have not yet been officially recognized by the UN, must be better integrated into established processes in order to permanently close existing gaps between international aid organizations and local populations. That way, the importance of civil commitment at the local level was emphasized again, as it had been at the Barcelona conference a few months before.



*The participation in the World Humanitarian Summit and networking with UNHCR actors have shaped self-image and the work of DOZ permanently and contributed to the positive development of recent years*

# COMMITMENTS

DOZ INTERNATIONAL E.V. is constantly striving to get better. This includes not only the organizational self-optimisation already mentioned, but also a number of other international standards. Among other things, these are composed of the key commitments of the World Humanitarian Summits, the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) as well as the Core Humanitarian Standards. In addition, DOZ

has established internal policies and guidelines to which all volunteers and employees commit themselves in their daily work. A complete list of policies can be found on **page 9**.

The three internationally binding standards, which can be seen as the basis of all of DOZ's action and work, are described below:



- PREVENT AND END CONFLICT
- RESPECT RULES OF LAW
- LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND
- WORKING DIFFERENTLY TO END NEED
- INVEST IN HUMANITY

Under the auspices of the United Nations, 17 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS 2030 (SDGs) were ratified by 193 countries in September 2015 as an overarching political framework secured under international law until 2030. All of them refer to the three spheres of human activity. They regard the economy as part of the society which in turn is embedded into the environment.



The CORE HUMANITARIAN STANDARD ON QUALITY AND ACCOUNTABILITY (CHS) contains nine commitments that enable organizations and individuals involved in humanitarian operations to improve the quality and effectiveness of the assistance they provide.

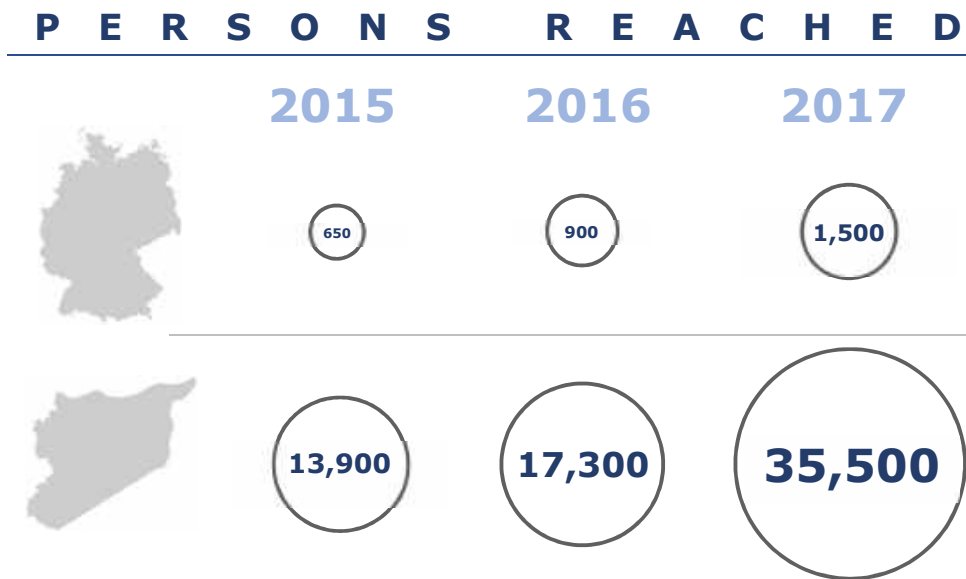


Upper row: Photos from the project WE LOVE QAMISHLO; Middle row from left to right: Photos of WATER TANKS FOR IDPs, PEACE ONE DAY and COTKAR

Bottom row from left to right: Photos of the team of HASAKA TAJM3NA, Children in the IDP-Camp in Al-Mahla (WATER TANKS FOR IDPs), detail of the flyer for the 2<sup>nd</sup> KURDISH FILM DAYS

# 10 PROJECTS AND EVENTS

DOZ strives to reach as many people as possible. This is not only true for Germany but in particular for Syria. The variety of projects and actual work enables DOZ to not only provide basic humanitarian aid but to further stabilize the region while aiming at sustainability. Following this principle, DOZ was reaching more people in more and more regions throughout Syria and Leipzig, Germany. Here, particularly noteworthy is the increase of 150% over the course of three years. Due to the tense situation and ongoing conflict in Raqqa and the surrounding areas, work there is still only possible to a certain extent. Correspondingly, data on the reach is either not available or only available to a very limited extent.

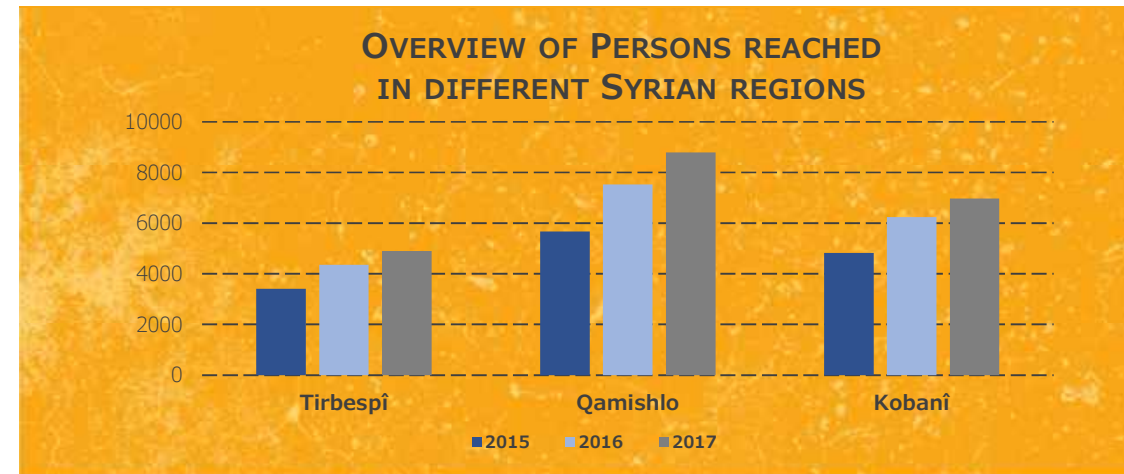


The increase in reach owes DOZ to the local teams in Syria. Through their successes in the respective projects more and more organizations and private donors have been won as supporters. In turn, this increased the reach from approximately 14,550 persons in 2015 to around 37,000 persons in 2017. This equates to an increase of 155% in only three years.

In addition, more and more projects were carried out steadily over the years. While it were only five projects in 2015, the number doubled to 10 in 2016 and increased to 11 in 2017. Accordingly, more regions and cities could be reached and incorporated in the existing network. While work was only concentrated in three cities in Syria in 2015 and 2016, DOZ was already active in six.

Not only the WE LOVE QAMISHLO campaign steadily helped to reach more people, but the teams in Kobani and Tirbespi were able to reach and support more and more locals through their engagement over time. The positive development of the previous years

has thus continued and consolidated. Although the work in these cities is not to be taken for granted – also because of often smoldering conflicts – all of the volunteers can already look back on a success story there.



In 2017, DOZ INTERNATIONAL E.V. was able to maintain steady work in three more cities. With the additional work in Hasaka, Amûdê and Serê Kaniyê, the reach and the impact of the work in Syria has significantly increased. Already in the first year, here the local teams showed high capability for quality work and sustainable improvement of the living conditions of the local population. Overall, both, the structural improvements of the team in the German headquarter and the previous experiences made and shared by other teams in Syria, have led to better internal networking and support.



WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
2015		
02/2015	SOLIDARITY CAFÉ in cooperation with student council of the <i>University of Leipzig</i>	LEIPZIG, GER
09/2015	RUN FOR PEACE – WORLD PEACE DAY funded by <i>PAX for Peace</i>	QAMSHLO, SY
	School-preparatory courses by volunteers	KOBANÎ, SY
	Campaign RETURN TO SCHOOL and INTERNATIONAL PEACE DAY funded by <i>PAX for Peace</i>	QAMISHLO & KOBANÎ, SY
	PEACE DAY FESTIVAL funded by <i>PAX for Peace</i>	QAMISHLO, SY
10/2015	Meet and Greet of IDPs	TIRBESPI, SY
	Poster Action protesting Pegida	NORDSYRIEN
	Trauma consultation for children	KOBANÎ, SY
11/2015	1 <sup>st</sup> KURDISH FILM DAYS at the CINEDING	LEIPZIG, GER
12/2015	200X10 CAMPAIGN FOR SUSTAINABLE ACTIVISM IN SYRIA Part I	KOBANÎ, SYRIEN.
	Construction of a playground for children in Newroz Camp funded by <i>PAX for Peace</i>	DERIK [AL-MALIKIYAH], SY
	Report on the educational process and the school curriculum in Kobanî funded by <i>PAX for Peace</i>	KOBANÎ, SY
2016		
01/2016	200X10 CAMPAIGN FOR SUSTAINABLE ACTIVISM IN SYRIA Part II	KOBANÎ, SY
02/2016	MATH OLYMPICS with ninth graders	TIRBESPI, SY
	Education project – protection for children and youth	KOBANÎ, SY
	Painting project for traumatized children	KOBANÎ, SY
	Workshops about child protection and prevention of violence	QAMISHLO, SY
	English classes for children	KOBANÎ, SY
03/2016	Start of the Youth project Kulluna Muwatunun funded by PAX	QAMISHLO & KOBANÎ, SY
	DAY OF KURDISH CLOTHING - KULLUNA MUWATUNUN funded by <i>PAX for Peace</i>	QAMISHLO, SY

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
03/2016	Start of the COTKAR project (ongoing at the time of preparation of the report and funded by <i>LUSH</i> )	QAMISHLO, SY
06/2016	Support for children protection project at the CIVIL SOCIETY CENTER	TIRBESPI, SY
09/2016	FOOTBALL LEAGUE FOR YOUTH funded by <i>PAX for Peace</i>	QAMISHLO, SY
	PEACE DAY FESTIVAL funded by <i>PAX for Peace</i>	KOBANÎ, SY
	PEACE WALK FOR YOUTH funded by <i>PAX for Peace</i>	QAMISHLO & TIRBESPI, SY
11/2016	2 <sup>nd</sup> KURDISH FILM DAYS	LEIPZIG, GER
12/2016	Start of the EXTREMISM IN LEIPZIG? No, THANKS! project funded by <i>Robert Bosch Foundation</i>	LEIPZIG, GER
2017		
01/2017	Event on education, child protection and youth development, protection of women, health awareness and peacebuilding	QAMISHLO, SY
	Event on empowerment of children through play	KOBANÎ, SY
	Start of monthly discussion and organisation rounds within the project EXTREMISM IN LEIPZIG? No, THANKS! (Duration of the events until 12/2017) funded by <i>Robert Bosch Foundation</i>	LEIPZIG, GER
02/2017	Dialogue rounds for women on hyperactivity in children	QAMISHLO, SY
	Mobility training, music, dance, and theatre for the psychological support of traumatized children	KOBANÎ, SY
03/2017	Events on education, child protection and youth development, women's protection, health awareness and peace work	HASAKA, AMOUDA & RAS AL-AYIN, SY
	أفيني قامشلو - WE LOVE QAMISHLO – Start of the project for the empowerment of youth, peacebuilding and PVE in communities in cooperation with <i>un Ponte per</i> and <i>ICSSI</i>	QAMISHLO, SY
04/2017	Workshop series on conflict prevention and peacebuilding funded by <i>PAX for Peace</i>	QAMISHLO, TIRBESPI, HASAKA & KOBANÎ, SY
07/2017	GERMAN-SYRIAN ENCOUNTERS in cooperation with community project <i>Dresdner 59</i>	LEIPZIG, GER

WHEN	WHAT	WHERE
07/2017	Bilingual workshop on JIHADISM IN EUROPE with support from the <i>Association of Binational Families and Partnerships</i> as part of the project <i>Extremism in Leipzig? No, thanks!</i> funded by <i>Robert Bosch Foundation</i>	LEIPZIG, GER
09/2017	Open interactions in a community park with sport and discussions	LEIPZIG, GER
	REMEMBERING FOR THE FUTURE – INTERCULTURAL EDUCATION TRIO with young adults with and without experience of displacement as part of the project <i>EXTREMISM IN LEIPZIG? NO, THANKS!</i> funded by <i>Robert Bosch Foundation</i>	ERFURT, GER
	A MESSAGE FOR PEACE – Public Activities on the international Peace Day and participation in the counter protest to LEGIDA	LEIPZIG, GER
	Outreach Activities with poster and flyer actions against racially motivated violence as part of the project <i>EXTREMISM IN LEIPZIG? NO, THANKS!</i> funded by <i>Robert Bosch Foundation</i>	LEIPZIG, GER
10/2017	Continuation of the youth project <i>Kulluna Muwaunun</i> funded by PAX (Duration until 01/2018)	HASAKA, SY
	Provision of 20 water tanks à 800 liters for IDPs	AL-MALHA, SY
11/2017	Start of the project <i>ALMANYA IN ARABIC – SEMINARS FOR REFUGEES ABOUT LIFE IN GERMANY</i> supervised by the <i>Association of German-Syrian Aid Organisations</i> and funded by the <i>German Ministry of Interior</i> (Duration until 07/2018)	LEIPZIG & DRESDEN, GER
	Workshop on the RISE OF THE EXTREME RIGHT as part of the project <i>EXTREMISM IN LEIPZIG? NO, THANKS!</i> funded by <i>Robert Bosch Foundation</i>	LEIPZIG, GER
	INTER-ACT-LIVE – trilingual theatre workshop in Arabic, German, and English as part of the project <i>EXTREMISM IN LEIPZIG? NO, THANKS!</i> funded by <i>Robert Bosch Foundation</i>	LEIPZIG, GER
	3 <sup>rd</sup> KURDISH FILM DAYS	LEIPZIG, GER
12/2017	WE LOVE QAMISHLO-FESTIVAL as part of the WE LOVE QAMISHLO Campaign in cooperation with <i>Un ponte per</i> and <i>ICSSI</i>	QAMISHLO, SY
	1 <sup>st</sup> & 2 <sup>nd</sup> Orientation seminar and excursion as well as an advanced seminar on the German school system as part of the project <i>ALMANYA IN ARABIC</i> funded by the <i>German Ministry of Interior</i>	LEIPZIG, GER

The list shown here is not a complete view of the projects and events carried out. It is merely a selection. For comprehensive coverage, we would like to refer you to the homepage [www.doz.international](http://www.doz.international). There you will find continuous reports on all projects and new events.

## 11 W A T E R T A N K S F O R I N T E R N A L L Y D I S P L A C E D P E O P L E



The water tanks, each holding 800 liters, are welcomed by the people living in the transition camp

**TIMELINE:** October 2017  
**MANAGER:** Welat Hesso

### HUMANITARIAN AID – AL-MALHA, SY

In the region between Hasakah and Deir-ez-Zor in North-East Syria, the situation for IDPs who had fled from the conflicts of the civil war and the threat of ISIS is still precarious.

According to the head operating officer, the Al-Malha transit camp - which international humanitarian actors have difficulties to reach due to the unstable security situation - as of October sheltered 27,000 people from Deir-ez-Zor, al Mayadin and Abu Kamal. Due to high numbers of arrival, the overall unstable security situation and the unsecure routes forward, the refugees there lack primary care, baby food, medicine, tents and clean water.

In order to alleviate the suffering, which is exacerbated locally by the extreme weather conditions and lack of hygiene, local teams of DOZ supplied the people in Al-Malha with 20 water tanks with a capacity of 800 liters. DOZ Regional Director ABDUL AL RAHMAN RAMADAN and Coordinator WELAT HESSO have emphasized that DOZ is committed to providing further basic care services.



## 12 PAX FOR PEACE PRIZE 2017

Every year during the DUTCH PEACE WEEK in September, PAX goes on tour to award several doves of peace. In doing so, PAX focuses on special peace initiatives that go largely unnoticed at a time of increasing violence, fear, and polarization. PAX strives to attract attention to Dutch and international peace initiatives and to give them due recognition. Whether people coordinate a local peace group in the Netherlands, a famous artist

is engaging in peace work, or people seek to engage in peaceful dialogue in South Sudan, Ukraine or Syria: small or big, all these steps inevitably lead to more peace.

With the Dove of Peace, PAX wishes to express its appreciation for special, influential initiatives that contribute to peace, whether large or small.



*The PAX for Peace DOVE OF PEACE is awarded to people who are fighting for peace in this world. In 2017, DOZ INTERNATIONAL E.V. received one the peace prizes*

### WHO IS PAX FOR PEACE?

PAX is the result of a partnership between the two largest peace movements in the Netherlands: the IKV FOUNDATION (founded in 1966) and PAX CHRISTI (founded in 1948).

PAX means peace. PAX brings together people who have the courage to stand up for peace. PAX works together with people in conflict areas and affected citizens around the world to build just and peaceful societies.

PAX works in Bosnia and Herzegovina, Colombia, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, Iraq, Israel, Kenya, Kosovo, Lebanon, the Netherlands, Palestine, South Sudan, Sudan, Syria, Uganda and Ukraine.

PAX's work focuses on supporting local peace and citizens' initiatives, advocacy work (e.g. at the United Nations in New York and the EU in Brussels) and public campaigns (e.g. against nuclear weapons and cluster munitions).

The cooperation of DOZ INTERNATIONAL E.V. and PAX FOR PEACE has been ongoing since 2015. PAX FOR PEACE remains to be one of the most important supporters of DOZ. In recent years, they funded a series of projects implemented by DOZ or cooperated in others. Accordingly, their insight into our work was profound; and we are all the more grateful that PAX has awarded us their peace prize in 2017. A number of projects that contributed to that decision will be presented below.

## 2015

### PEACE DAY CAMPAIGN 2015

05.09. – 10.10.2015  
QAMISHLO, TIRBESPI, KOBANI

Art action WALL OF PEACE, awareness actions in the streets with flyers, brochures and other public peace work, ONE DAY PEACE FESTIVAL with Syrian Orthodox, Kurdish and Arabic artists, processing of peace work since 2012, sponsorship program for internally displaced and resident families as well as the sports event PEACE RUN



*Part of the local DOZ-Team in front of the WALL OF PEACE, which was designed and painted as part of the PEACE DAY CAMPAIGN 2015*

### IMPROVING THE CULTURE OF PEACE AND PEACE-BUILDING IN NORTHEASTERN SYRIA

01.08. – 30.11.2015  
QAMISHLO, TIRBESPI

Workshops, visits of refugee and resident families, dialogue roundtables, film screenings, visits to various religious communities, activities for children, flyers, visit of the Newroz refugee camp and establishment of a playground on site

### SURVEY / ASSESSMENT OF THE EDUCATIONAL PROCESS WITHIN THE NEW CURRICULUM IN KOBANI

15.12. – 31.12.2015  
K O B A N I

Dialogues with families and schools, interviews with families, encounter and exchange of older and newly-trained teachers, interviews with children in all schools

2016

Children in Qamishlo form a circle during the football tournament to demonstrate solidarity



## PEACE DAY CAMPAIGN 2016

05.11. - 25.11.2016  
QAMISHLO, KOBANI

Action CITY OF DREAMS, PEACE FOOTBALL TOURNAMENT, and a PEACE DAY FESTIVAL on 21.09.2016

## IMPROVING THE CULTURE OF PEACE AND PEACE-BUILDING IN NORTHEASTERN SYRIA

05.03. - 30.06.2016  
QAMISHLO, TIRBESPI

Workshops, visiting of Internally Displaced People and resident families, dialogue rounds, flyers, activities for children, poetry lessons and rehabilitation of public parks

2017

## COEXISTENCE AND PEACE BUILDING IN THE GHOURAN NEIGHBORHOOD – HASAKA TAJMA3NA – HASAKA BRINGS US TOGETHER

10.08.2017 - 2018  
HASAKA

### SEMINARS:

4 comprehensive seminars on local conflicts and the peace process in the society of young adults with academic and professional backgrounds for civilians from different ethnic and religious backgrounds

### WORKSHOPS & DIALOGUE ROUNDS:

4 inclusive workshops and dialogue rounds for young women and men with different ethnic and religious backgrounds

### YOUTH CAMPAIGNS:

Organization and implementation of activities (garbage cleaning, paintball, graffiti) by the young adults in Arab and Kurdish neighborhoods in Hasaka



Top and bottom right: Peacebuilding activities in the social centre in Tirbespi; Middle right: Part of the local team in Kobani while creating the WALL OF PEACE; Bottom left: Flyer for the exhibition PEACE ONE DAY - featuring paintings of children from Syria - in cooperation of the city of Leipzig and the Institute for Psycho-social Wellbeing

DOZ are builders: They build places where young people can meet and work, places where people learn to build trust between each other and communities. They work for peace by practicing it daily. We have known DOZ for a long time and appreciate that they organize peace activities for the International Day of Peace in Syria every year. We know DOZ as an organization that persists. Regardless of all setbacks DOZ does not give up.

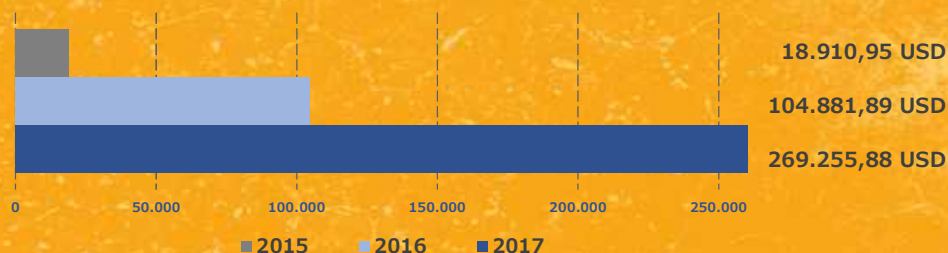
from PAX FOR PEACE's statement for the DOVE OF PEACE for DOZ International e.V.

# 13 FINANCIAL OVERVIEW

DOZ e.V. has set itself the task of using the provided resources with the greatest possible impact. Transparency is just as much a goal-oriented commitment for us. To ensure that all supporters know where their donations go, we have compiled the most important information on the following pages.

In recent years, donations have increased considerably. As major sponsors were added, the available finances to implement the steadily growing projects increased to approximately USD 270,000 in 2017.

REVENUE FROM 2015 TO 2017



In 2015, DOZ relied on a significant amount of donated goods to successfully handle the tasks and projects that were required. Although this meant a direct implementation of the donations without any friction losses, the flexibility and thus DOZ's ability to act was considerably reduced. To the detriment of board, the proportion of expenditure for management tasks was correspondingly low.

Elevated by the success of the local teams, the following years saw a steady increase in supporters and financial support by donors. The necessary human resources were then provided by a steadily growing number of volunteers. The growing revenue from international and national funding also enabled DOZ to promote networking with other civil society organizations. As a result of

the growing financial resources, the know-how of DOZ has steadily grown. Particularly noteworthy are the supporters who have helped DOZ through different phases in one way or another. In addition to the many volunteers, these include renowned organizations such as BASATEEN E.V. (formerly 15th GARDEN) and PAX FOR PEACE.

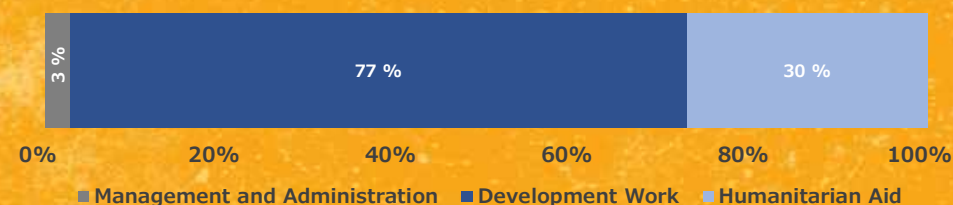
While DOZ was supported only by three aid organizations and NGOs in 2015 - both financially and through donations in kind - in 2016 there were already four and in 2017 seven large donors. We are grateful to all persons, donors, and NGOs who have supported us over the past years. Without their help work of DOZ and the constant expansion of tasks and project would not have been possible.

# FINANCES 2015

In 2015 DOZ was not yet established enough in Germany. Therefore, the rapid crisis response and aid for the people in Syria as well as the establishment of solid structures within the organization were the focus of DOZ's efforts. The activism of the mostly young members was expressed in campaigns, appeals, the participation in various demonstrations and solidary actions.

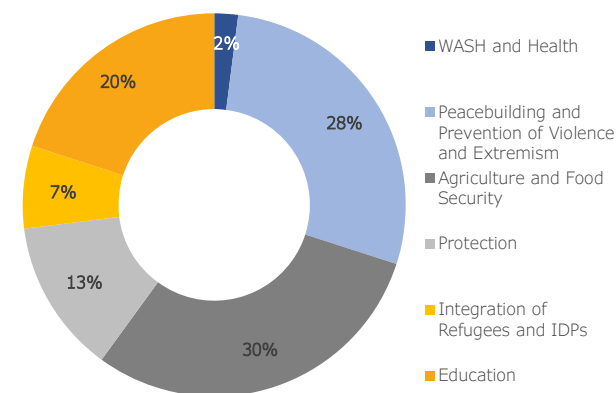
During this time, DOZ was committed to support efforts on the Syrian side through as non-bureaucratic transnational solidarity as possible. Through charity appeals, bottom-up networking, and campaign work, DOZ managed to get things moving in the right direction in Syria and Leipzig without substantial funding.

RELATIVE EXPENDITURE IN THE DIFFERENT TASK FIELDS



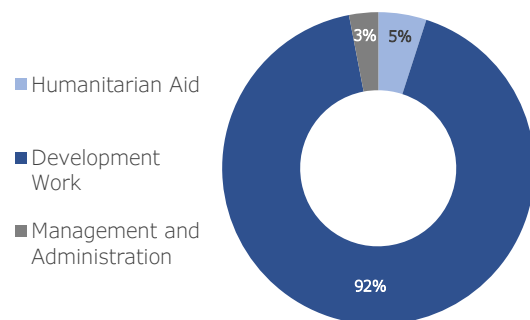
These first successes were thus made possible mainly by small and micro donations. However, those along with the commodity contributions for agriculture and food security still reached a significant amount of people.

The budget available in 2015 was largely invested in peacebuilding (28 %) and agricultural projects (30 %). At that time, the aim was already to stabilise peace in the northern Syrian regions and create a certain degree of food self-sufficiency. The other main points were the protection of vulnerable people (13 %) and education (20 %). At that time, internally displaced persons (7%) were supported mainly by donations in kind and health promotion (2%) was carried out subsequently.



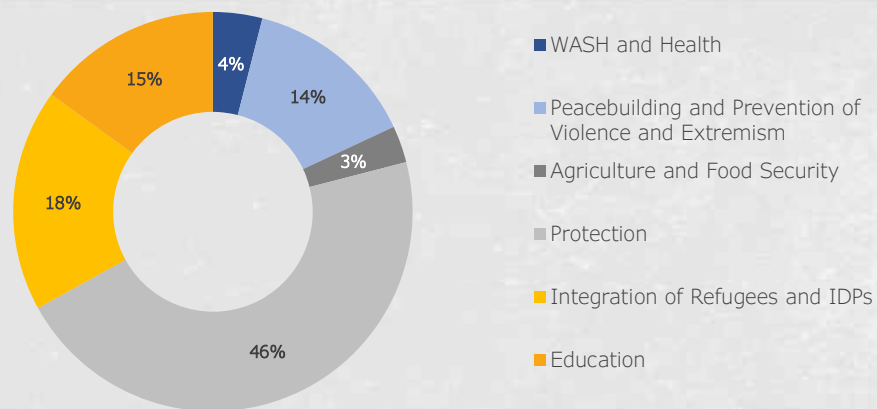
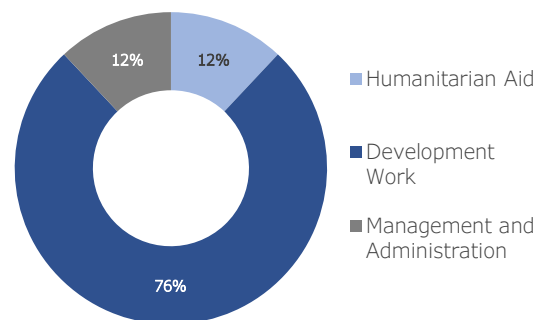
# FINANCES 2016

Many volunteers support DOZ in achieving the goal of low management and administrative shares. Due to the considerable share of volunteer work and donations of all kinds (e.g. also free provision of premises), the share for management, administration and networking work amounted to around 5 % of the total budget. In addition, development and promotion accounted for the majority of the content expenditure at 92 %. Humanitarian aid fell again to around 3 % in 2016. This can be explained in part by the changed situation at the sites, but also by the continuation of projects launched in 2015.



# FINANCES 2017

DOZ underwent a number of changes in 2017. Among others, three new social centres were established in Syria (SERÉ KANIYÉ, AMÛDE, HASAKA). This situation made it necessary to transform the previous voluntary management of our association into a full-time activity. At the same time, this was only made possible by the steadily increasing number of donations. These far-reaching changes in the structure of the association explain the significant increase in the share to be spent on management and administration (+7 %). At the same time, it also becomes clear that there was a renewed increase in needed humanitarian aid in 2017 (+9 %), while development work is still the biggest share at 76 %.



## WHAT CONSTITUTES HUMANITARIAN AID ?

In principle, the individual projects can be assigned to the work sectors and the work sectors to the higher-level categories (see pie charts above). Nevertheless, there are some overlaps or deviating assignments. In general, humanitarian aid includes projects in the fields of WASH, HEALTH, FOOD SECURITY. In terms of projects, this entails the provision of water tanks for IDPs (see [page 26](#)) as well as the Cotkar project (see [page 8](#)). What is more, all protection projects, especially for children and women, count as humanitarian aid work.

## WHAT CONSTITUTES DEVELOPMENT WORK ?

The COTKAR project as well as most protection projects (i.e. activities of the WE LOVE QAMISHLO campaign) are good examples of the afore mentioned overlaps. Due to its long-term nature, the COTKAR project counts both as direct humanitarian and developmental work. In addition, projects targeting other work sectors, such as peacebuilding and PVE, protection, and integration and education, also count as development work. The KURDISH FILM DAYS (see [page 8](#)), for example, also touch on several sectors within the field of development work.

Over the past three years, DOZ's openness and belief in transnational solidarity have laid the foundation for diverse and sustainable cooperation and networking. One of the first fruitful cooperation was with the bottom-up initiative 15<sup>th</sup> GARDEN (now BASATEEN E.V.). Ultimately, it was their unbureaucratic approach that enabled our local team in Kobanî, Syria to operate ecologically sustainable agriculture.

The partnerships and cooperation with UN PONTE PER and the IRAQI CIVIL SOCIETY SOLIDARITY INITIATIVE (ICSSI), which have existed since the meeting at the BARCELONA CONFERENCE in January 2017, demonstrate how important and productive transnational civil society engagement is for all of our work. UN PONTE PER is an Italian aid organization that specifically advocates the interests of local civil society in the Euro-Mediterranean area and transnational solidarity initiatives and networks individual actors with one another. ICSSI is an advocacy initiative that aims to build concrete solidarity relations between international civil society organizations and the growing Iraqi civil society. The cooperation with both partners made it possible for DOZ to support its own peaceful civilian youth initiatives even more specifically.

In Germany, DOZ's work was particularly enriched by new memberships in relevant umbrella organizations. These include the nationwide VERBAND DEUTSCH-SYRISCHER HILFSVEREINE e.V. (*Association of German Syrian Aid Organizations* [VDSH]) based in Berlin and the DACHVERBAND SÄCHSISCHER MIGRANTENORGANISATIONEN E.V. (*Umbrella*

*Association of Saxonian Migrant Organizations* [DSM]) based in Freital. Since then, DOZ's inclusion in these organizations has enabled it to achieve greater reach, better knowledge and information transfer, and cooperation with other Diaspora organizations in Germany.

At the international level, DOZ INTERNATIONAL E.V. not only works in liaison with the UNITED NATIONS OFFICE FOR THE COORDINATION OF HUMANITARIAN AFFAIRS (UNOCHA) but is also a participant in the DIASPORA EMERGENCY ACTION AND COORDINATION (DEMAC) programme, funded by the Directorate-General for EUROPEAN CIVIL PROTECTION AND HUMANITARIAN AID OPERATIONS (ECHO) and implemented by the AFRICAN FOUNDATION FOR DEVELOPMENT (AFFORD), the BERGHOF FOUNDATION and the DANISH REFUGEE COUNCIL. Within OCHA, DOZ is a member of the EDUCATION and PROTECTION clusters.

DOZ INTERNATIONAL E.V. is also a member of various international and transnational networks and coalitions. These include the ALLIANCE OF SYRIAN CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANIZATIONS WE EXIST, the #WITHREFUGEES CAMPAIGN and its coalition of the UNITED NATIONS HIGH COMMISSIONER FOR REFUGEES (UNHCR) and the COMPACT FOR YOUNG PEOPLE IN HUMANITARIAN ACTION OF THE UNITED NATIONS POPULATION FUND (UNFPA) and the INTERNATIONAL FEDERATION OF RED CROSS and RED CRESCENT SOCIETIES (IFRC). All of these networks in common are the belief in global *solidarity*, the effort to actually involve those affected in humanitarian work and the struggle for the maintenance of human dignity and human rights.



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### MEMBERSHIP FEE

Each member commits him-/her: self to pay a monthly fee. The fee is due monthly. How much do you want to support DOZ INTERNATIONAL E.V. with? (please tick the box)

\_\_\_\_\_ mth. 5 € (60 € per year) ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ mth. 10 € (120 € per year) ☐ \_\_\_\_\_ mth. 15 € (180 € per year) ☐

Please contact us separately if you are considering a sponsoring membership (200 € per year or more) and leave the field blank for now.

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Cancellation of membership must be made in writing (by post or e-mail) to the Executive Committee. The termination is possible monthly and has to take place within 14 days to the end of the month. Contributions already paid are principally not refundable.

### NOTICES

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Your data will not be passed on to third parties in any form. Your data can only be viewed by selected persons, who are specifically authorised within the framework of the association's guidelines. Only those persons will come into contact with your data who need it for the execution of the tasks assigned to them. Your details, if they are available in paper form, will be closed and kept inaccessible to unauthorised persons. Electronic data is stored on German servers. Sufficient technical measures are taken to guarantee data protection. Should you have any questions regarding data protection, please contact the Deputy Chairwoman Andrea Rutzen (andrea.rutzen@doz.international).

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Membership can also be withdrawn without notice due to serious violations of the guidelines adopted by the association. We ask you to deal with the adopted guidelines and the statutes of the association accordingly. You can view these online at [www.doz.international](http://www.doz.international). If you should not agree with individual points of the statute and guidelines or these in total, you are free to cancel the membership. Contributions already paid cannot be refunded.

Independently of this, you have a 14-day right of revocation. You can revoke your membership during this period without giving reasons. Contributions paid during this period will be refunded on request. In order to exercise your right of withdrawal, you must inform us of your decision to withdraw from this contract by means of a clear written declaration (by post or e-mail).



