

## Criteria for the granting of financial contributions to Aid Projects

- The majority of the beneficiaries of the Project must be orphans or half-orphans, girls and boys. In Africa, children with no father are considered to be orphans.
- The Board of Trustees only evaluates applications for contributions to Aid Projects to countries located in Africa.
- The Board of Trustees promotes Projects that follow the maxim of "help to self-help" and encourage beneficiaries to take individual responsibility.
- The project request has to state the objectives of the Project and has to specify at least approximately the range of the beneficiaries, as well as the number of beneficiaries.
- The Christa Foundation only grants contributions to Swiss based non-profit organizations or local organizations with Swiss connections which have been actively involved for several years in the development cooperation. Fundraising organisations are not supported.
- The Board of Trustees considers in the evaluation of each Project request in particular the following aspects:
  - (a) the development organization provides competent and professional support for the project;
  - (b) the achieved and expected results are clearly defined;
  - (c) the Project is ready to be carried out and the local population is involved;
  - (d) the beneficiaries of the Project and/or the local, regional or national authorities in the country concerned provide a quantifiable contribution in the form of work, material, or money;
  - (e) the total budget of the project is disclosed including contributions of all other donors;
  - (f) the contribution of the Christa Foundation enables and assures the carrying out of the Project;
  - (g) the organisation responsible for the Project periodically reports on results and use of donated funds;
  - (h) the Project accounts will be subject to regular audits through an independent authority.
- In the case of applications for financial contributions over a multi-year period, the Board of Trustees expects that the organisation will pursue a medium-term strategy, with the gradual handover of the project to local responsibility (sustainability).
- The Board of Trustees attaches importance in the evaluation of the projects on the effectiveness of aid and for a good cost-benefit ratio. As a rule, requests providing a transparent and comprehensive project budget have better chance of succeeding.

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