

Criteria for Humanitarian Aid

Principles for emergency projects

The field of intervention for humanitarian aid has to be described and restricted so the Pestalozzi Children's Foundation (PCF) can concentrate on its work and efficiently use its resources. For this reason, the following conditions must be fulfilled in order to start an emergency project:

- The area of an existing project of PCF is directly affected by a catastrophe.
- The implementation of an existing project is hampered and in danger.
- The target group of an existing project is directly affected
- The project partner takes over the responsibility for the planning and reporting of the emergency project. The implementation can be handed over to a specialised local NGO.

General framework for the initiation of an emergency project

The emergency project aims to facilitate access to education for children and youths in catastrophic and emergency situations and/or to strengthen the intercultural cohabitation. Measures undertaken to achieve this aim are directed at the community as a whole and can also include the provision of basic needs.

The emergency project is closely linked to the existing project and directly helps to secure it.

In order to be sustainable the emergency project must be part of a coordinated intervention of the national and international community.

A significant part of the emergency project must be carried by local resources.

The emergency project must have good prospects of financial support by "Swiss Solidarity" and/or SDC (humanitarian aid).

Procedure

In the case of a catastrophe and in agreement with the Country Coordination Office (CCO), the partner organisation carries out an on the spot assessment of the situation and - if necessary - makes a request for financial support to the programme director to be discussed in the Programme Team Abroad (PTA).

In case of a positive preliminary decision by the PTA, the partner organisation plans the emergency project with the support of the CCO and the programme director.

The PTA examines the project application and directly asks for the approval from the Board of Directors. In urgent cases, the programme director can directly ask for the approval from the Board of Directors.

The annual budget of PCF's own means for humanitarian aid amounts to at least 50'000 Swiss Francs. If not used, the special fund for humanitarian aid can accumulate to a maximum amount of 300'000 Swiss Francs.

For each emergency project a maximum of 150'000 Swiss Francs can be offered from the special fund. Of this amount only a maximum of 50'000 Swiss Francs is actually given by PCF. The additional amount of maximum 100'000 can only be used as preliminary financing or for a bridging loan on condition that it is credibly assured to be refinanced through marketing measures or contributions of third parties (SDC, "Swiss Solidarity" etc.).

The financial contribution of PCF towards an emergency project must not be higher than the annual contribution of PCF towards the existing project.