

SPENDENBERICHT GESCHÄFTSJAHR 2022



Thank you

for deciding to buy exquisite products from NOAN this year. With your purchase you have made a valuable contribution towards supporting educational projects for socially disadvantaged children and young people.

NOAN will have been in existence for 15 years in 2023, and from the very beginning we have always believed that education is the key to a sustainably better future. For this reason we donate the profit we make every year to projects that are devoted entirely to the education of children and young people. This year we have already been able to provide support for a total of fourteen projects in eight different countries.

Therefore we would like to express our heartfelt thanks to all our loyal NOAN customers. With your help, in 2022, another difficult year marked by crises, we were nevertheless able to make donations to several outstanding projects, extending help to those who are always particularly badly affected – our children.

*Sincerely,
Margit & Richard Schweger*

DONATION REPORT

HARVEST YEAR 2022

NOAN made donations to the following projects in 2022:

PROSA – Schule für ALLE!	<i>Austria</i>	5,700
Kinder haben Zukunft	<i>Austria</i>	5,500
FREI.Spiel	<i>Austria</i>	5,700
IPA Gewalt:Freiheit	<i>Austria</i>	400
Schulsporthilfe	<i>Austria</i>	200
Light of Love	<i>India</i>	6,500
Schule am Pilion	<i>Greece</i>	3,800
Chancen Stiftung	<i>Germany</i>	1,000
Rock Your Life!	<i>Germany</i>	1,000
Die gelbe Villa	<i>Germany</i>	2,600
Yabonga	<i>South Africa</i>	2,500
Matematikcenter	<i>Denmark</i>	500
Pestalozzi Stiftung	<i>Switzerland</i>	600
Nepal Trust	<i>Nepal</i>	1,000
Total in Euros		37,000

Despite the fact that 2022 was the third consecutive year of the pandemic, and was marked by price increases and by crisis situations that are unfortunately still unresolved, NOAN was able to donate the substantial sum of €37,000 to educational projects for deprived children and young people.

The year 2022, like the previous years, was characterized by economic challenges. Price increases were compounded by delivery bottlenecks; however, these were quickly and successfully tackled and resolved.

In spite of the prevailing conditions, NOAN has remained true to its company credo, producing and selling high-quality oil and vinegar to provide educational opportunities for children in need. Given the circumstances, NOAN is all the more pleased that it was able to generate the considerable sum of €37,000 to be donated. True to its motto “Feel Good. Do Good,” NOAN was able to donate funds to fourteen educational projects for socially disadvantaged children and young people. A long-term approach in our co-operation with the various children's projects is essential for their continued existence, and is particularly important to NOAN.

The educational projects selected for support are spread all over the world, from Austria to Greece to India and South Asia. At least 50 per cent of the donations remain in the geographic area in which they were generated. The rest is distributed supraregionally in countries in which NOAN is not yet economically active.

A detailed account of the distribution of the donations, as well as information about the projects themselves, is set out below.

PROSA – SCHULE FÜR ALLE!, AUSTRIA – €5,700



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The Vienna-based project **PROSA – Schule für Alle!** (PROSA – School for Everyone!; www.prosa-schule.org) offers basic education and secondary school courses for young people and young adults with a refugee or migrant background. It is the only initiative of its kind in Austria. Access to education can be particularly difficult for young people in an ongoing asylum process in Austria. NOAN is supporting this initiative with a donation of €5,700, enabling refugees and asylum seekers not only to obtain a certificate of compulsory education, but also to take part in workshops, sports, dance, theatre projects, and much more.

In the 2021/2022 winter semester, 13 young people passed their exams and obtained their Austrian school-leaving certificate. 25 young people were able to pass at least some of their exams and will sit the rest next year. In addition to school education, PROSA offers a number of extracurricular activities such as ice-skating, or visits to museums and parks or trade fairs. In the summer semester, students had the opportunity to take a writing workshop in which they worked hard to put together the second instalment of "PROSA für Welt" ("Prose for World"), a compilation of their own writing and poetry.

FREI.SPIEL – FREIWILLIGE FÜR KINDER, AUSTRIA – €5,700



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A donation of €5,700 goes to the association **FREI.Spiel – Freiwillige für Kinder** (FREI.Spiel –Volunteers for Children; www.freispielwien.at). This association caters for more than 1,000 children in 34 after-school care centres and 21 elementary schools in Vienna and Lower Austria. The aim is to create fair educational opportunities. Over 100 volunteers provide learning assistance for students who are at a disadvantage in regular classes due to understanding difficulties and language barriers. Quality assurance and a comprehensive pedagogical concept are key elements of the initiative. There is a huge demand from schools and after-school care centres for the services of the FREI.Spiel volunteers. FREI.Spiel provided approximately 6,000 hours of support, free of charge, in the academic year 2021/2022.

The children are not just coached in subjects relevant for their school education; using a playful approach, every child is encouraged individually to develop a positive attitude towards school and learning. FREI.Spiel sets great store by an atmosphere of dependability and safety, in which every child receives individual attention.

KINDER HABEN ZUKUNFT, AUSTRIA – €5,500



The project **Kinder haben Zukunft** (Children have a Future; www.kinder-haben-zukunft.at) in the province of Salzburg is the recipient of a donation of €5,500. This association helps children and young people from Salzburg in difficult situations to lead an active social life. The funds are also used to finance evening classes, tutoring, language courses and other further educational opportunities. Donations are also put towards free afternoon care at school, allowing the children's educational progress to be supported and guaranteed. The pandemic led to a marked increase in the level of support provided by the association, and it became evident that many children and young people were in need of psychotherapeutic support.

The association also offers its services to Ukrainian refugees in the Salzburg area who no longer qualify for state support.

**IPA INTERNATIONAL POLICE ASSOCIATION - GEWALT:FREIHEIT,
AUSTRIA - €400**



This year the **International Police Association** (www.ipa.at) was supported with a donation of €400. The IPA is the largest international association of police officers in almost 100 countries, and has set itself the task, through study trips and meetings, of educating its members and awakening understanding for the problems of others. Wherever possible the association is active in the social field, endeavouring to promote mutual tolerance and help people from different countries to understand each other better. Every year the Austrian chapter spends around €100,000 on helping people who are in need through no fault of their own, quickly and unbureaucratically.

The campaign *Gewalt:Freiheit* (Non:Violence) has published an educational brochure developed by practitioners who deal on a daily basis with victims of violence in all its forms. The brochure is provided free of charge in schools, violence counselling centres, medical practices, local and municipal authorities, and regional police stations. The information campaign is designed to increase awareness about violence, to provide guidelines, and to inform people in need where they can turn to for advice and assistance. Victims of violence – primarily women and children who experience violence in the private and family sphere – are often in dependent

relationships that make it subjectively impossible for them to seek help from others. Education and information are often the only way for victims to free themselves from their tormentors with the help of various organizations.

SCHULSPORTHILFE, AUSTRIA - €200



The **Österreichische Schulsporthilfe** (Austrian School Sports Aid; www.schulsporthilfe.at) is a source of supplementary budget funds with which Austrian schools and kindergartens can purchase equipment needed for sports, games and therapy.

NOAN's donation of €200 goes to the Zentrum für Inklusiv- und Sonderpädagogik (Centre for Inclusive and Special Education) in Vienna's tenth district. The Centre put in a request for therapeutic accessories such as longboards, giant balls, exercise balls and co-operative games. These are particularly relevant for the development of self-skills and social skills.

SCHOOL IN PELION, GREECE - €3,800

A donation of €3,800 has been given to the **school in Argalasti on the Pelion peninsula**. Greece, too, was badly affected by the pandemic, and this posed a particular challenge in a region which was already poor and in which families were socially disadvantaged.

NOAN's donation enabled the school to purchase educational media such as interactive smartboards, projectors, computers and printers. Thus children who would not have been able to afford their own computer were able to take part in online classes. Essential teaching materials – books, art supplies, instruments and physical education equipment – were also funded. Furthermore, a wooden workbench was provided to encourage children to learn to enjoy working with wood and other materials.

CHANCEN STIFTUNG, GERMANY – €1,000



For the first time, NOAN is supporting Chancenstiftung (Opportunity Foundation; www.chancenstiftung.de) in Frankfurt with a donation of €1,000. The foundation grants one-year scholarships to children and young people from less privileged families. Their vision is that every young person in Germany should receive the best possible support and encouragement, and should leave school with a certificate and a firm belief in his/her own future success – regardless of family background, income or his/her parents' education.

In May 2022, due to the ongoing crisis, the project #Chance4Ukraine was launched. The initiative operates throughout Germany and helps young people who have fled their country to learn the German language. The project provides a free welcome scholarship for children and young people who have fled from Ukraine or other countries.

ROCK YOUR LIFE!, GERMANY – €1,000



Another organization receiving a first-time donation of €1,000 from NOAN is ROCK YOUR LIFE! (www.rockyourlife.de). The organization was founded in 2008 by three dedicated students in Friedrichshafen on Lake Constance as an initiative to promote greater equality in education. Young people from difficult social backgrounds are assigned a student mentor who approaches them on an equal footing and assists in practical ways. To date, ROCK YOUR LIFE! mentoring has reached over 10,000 students in Germany and Europe, and more than 8,500 mentoring relationships have been initiated.

Far too many young people still fail at school, or in their pursuit of further education and professional training, simply because of their background. The mentoring programme offered by RYL! gives young people just the impetus and support they need to escape from difficult situations in which they find themselves through no fault of their own.

LIGHT OF LOVE, INDIA - €6,500



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NOAN was able to support the **Light of Love** project in northern India (www.charity-ashtangavienna.at/) with a donation of €6,500. The funds are designated for a school in Varanasi. At the beginning of the year the school was still closed because of the pandemic, and had to resort to online teaching. This turned out to be problematic, though, as many children had no access to the equipment they needed for online classes. From February onwards, classroom teaching was almost entirely resumed. Donations were put towards the renovation of all the classrooms, and particularly the floors. Furthermore, essential medicines, blankets and clothing were distributed to people who live in poverty in the vicinity of the school.

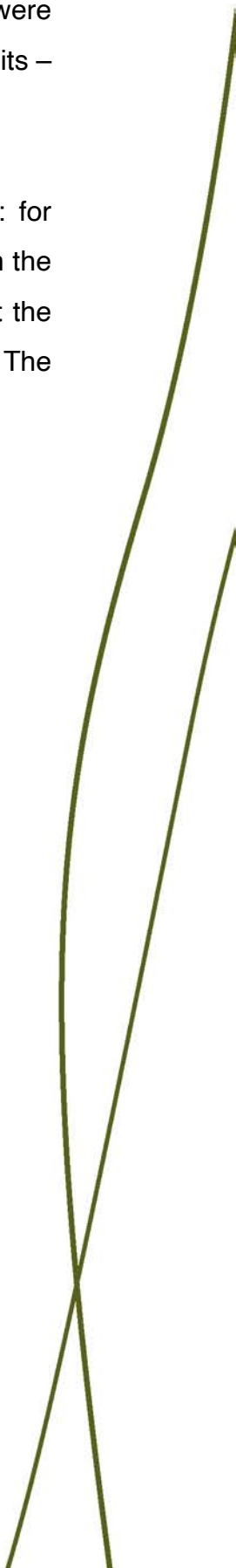
The students with special needs were given new school uniforms, and a school garden was set up and is tended by the students. The school's inclusive approach sets great store by unbiased interaction between children with and without special needs, both at school and in everyday life.

Likewise in 2022, efforts were made to allow even more children in the area to attend school. Lack of money and transport often prove to be an obstacle in this

regard. The new school bus has helped to overcome this problem, at least, providing transportation to school for a large number of children.

Furthermore, new computers were purchased, two new English teachers were hired, and winter clothing was provided for children with disabilities and for Dalits – the lowest caste of Hindu society.

However, education goes far beyond what can be learned from textbooks: for example, regular trips are made to the city of Varanasi, which lies 12 km from the school, or to other destinations. Many children, before they obtain a place at the school, have not even been to the banks of the river Ganges, just 2 km away. The gratitude felt by the children and their teachers is clearly noticeable.

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DIE GELBE VILLA, GERMANY - €2,600



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This creative and educational center for children and young people aged 6 to 16 in the heart of Berlin received the sum of €2,600. The aim of the **Gelbe Villa** project (Yellow Villa; www.die-gelbe-villa.de) is to promote children's creative abilities, regardless of their cultural, religious and social background. The focus is on developing motivation and greater self-confidence just as much as on personal initiative and a sense of responsibility.

Therapy dog Emma has been an integral part of the classroom since 2022 and is extremely popular with the children. Courses in art and handicrafts, as well as opportunities for sports, are easy to view and book online. The work of the Gelbe Villa is interdisciplinary and does not rely on a fixed curriculum that might limit the children's curiosity and creativity. The aim is to see school work from a new perspective and to gain new, exciting insights.

YABONGA, SOUTH AFRICA - €2,500



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The **Yabonga** project (www.yabonga.org) in South Africa is being supported by a donation of €2,500. The goal set by Yabonga is to combat the spread and the effects of HIV/AIDS in poor South African communities by offering education, information and support to those directly and indirectly affected. In 2022, 238,640 hot meals were distributed, as well as 1,048 food parcels and 69 hygiene packs. The number of children receiving support rose from 979 in 2021 to 1,264 in 2022. All the children supported by Yabonga received psychosocial care within the Community Mother programme. 71 of these children received additional help from the Respite unit.

Last year the number of Community Mothers rose from 30 to 39, and 44 mentors were hired to provide after-school care. The number of mothers and mentors in Khayelitsha and Weltevreden had to be increased because a far larger number of children in the community was in need of support.

MATEMATIKCENTER, DENMARK - €500



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A donation of €500 goes to the Danish **Matematikcenter** (www.matematikcenter.dk/). The Matematikcenter is a Danish non-profit organization that offers free tutoring in mathematics to students from 7th grade through university. The vision of the Matematikcenter is to improve students' mathematical skills and abilities by reinforcing them through positive experiences with maths in a safe environment.

In open-access "Maths Tutoring Cafés" in schools and libraries throughout Denmark, and via an online service platform, volunteers offer free maths tutoring. The free-of-charge website Webmatematik.dk hosts a digital open-source library with videos and illustrations designed to help and inspire. Via a live forum, students can ask questions and can practise solving mathematical problems. Every year, Matematikcenter volunteers help students to prepare for their maths exams. In 2022, 2,525 pupils were able to participate in local maths tutoring cafés, and 1,410 lessons were held via internet. With over 5 million hits, and more than one million users, the Danish Matematikcenter is a tremendous help for those who cannot manage to keep up with maths lessons in the state schooling system.

PESTALOZZI-STIFTUNG, SCHWEIZ - €600

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A donation of €600 has been allocated to the **Pestalozzi-Stiftung** (Pestalozzi Foundation; www.pestalozzi.ch) in Switzerland. The foundation is committed to promoting the training and further education of young people from mountainous and remote regions.

Donations are used to finance a subsidized kindergarten, special tutoring schools, and various youth welfare services. Funds are also allocated to training seminars for social workers and educators, supporting individual education and development in a systemically oriented way. The foundation also offers a variety of services for people with special needs. This includes the provision of assistance, vocational training and jobs in the foundation's own workshops as well as in regional firms. Donations also provide for individual housing and mobile care services.



© Nepal Trust Austria

We were able to allocate a donation of € 1,000 to **Nepal Trust Austria** (www.nepaltrust.at). The organization campaigns for a life lived in health and free of violence for people in South Asia. 2022 was marked by a series of ups and downs, ranging from moments of joy to hard times to tears of happiness. It was a year of solidarity and empathy, a year marked by learning, trust and a sense of cohesion. A year filled with courage and hope.

In the mother-and-child house, women and children who had suffered violence found a safe haven with professional guidance, solidarity and a sense of home.

Girls who had been cast out of their homes were allowed to return. Forced marriages and child marriages were dissolved, and demonstrations took place to demand better rights for women and children. Training in agricultural methods (e.g. the cultivation of mushrooms) laid the foundations for a livelihood with life-changing implications. Once again, special emphasis was placed on support for girls of school age. Boys were brought on board: in weekly study groups they expanded their knowledge in the spheres of law, economics and health and developed

practical competencies to enable them, as a group and with self-confidence, to turn their backs on misogynistic traditions and discrimination of women and children.

The initiative for the production of sanitary pads using old cast-off materials sent a strong signal. Broadcasts on women's radio served to consolidate acquired knowledge and share it with thousands of listeners, enabling the call for equal treatment and non-violence to find its way, even across pathless terrain, into the remotest Himalayan houses and cottages.

