

Our Profile

Working together worldwide

GIZ provides services in the fields of international cooperation for sustainable development and international education, working around the world to shape a future worth living. We have over 50 years of experience in a wide variety of areas, including economic development and employment, energy and the environment, and peace and security. The diverse expertise of our federal enterprise is in demand around the globe, with the German Government, European Union institutions, the United Nations, the private sector and governments of other countries all benefiting from our services. We work with companies, civil society actors and research institutions, fostering successful interaction between development policy and other key areas. Our main commissioning party is the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ).

All of our commissioning parties and partners trust us to work closely with them to generate ideas for political, social and economic change, turn these into concrete plans and implement the envisaged change processes. Since we are a public-benefit federal enterprise, German and European values are central to our activities. Together with our partners in governments across the world, and also with our partners from the private sector, the academic and research community and civil society, we focus on delivering flexible and effective solutions that offer people better prospects and sustainably improve their living conditions.

The registered offices of GIZ are in Bonn and Eschborn. In 2016 our business volume was around EUR 2.4 billion. Of our 18,260 staff in around 120 countries, almost 70 per cent are national personnel working in the field. In our capacity as a recognised sending organisation, we currently have 643 development workers in action in partner countries. In addition, the Centre for International Migration and Development (CIM), which is jointly run by GIZ and the Federal Employment Agency, placed 847 integrated and returning experts with local employers abroad in 2016 while providing them with financial support and advisory services.*

* Figures as at 31 December 2016