

GERMAN GOVERNMENT AND FEDERAL STATES PROGRAMME

BUND-LÄNDER-PROGRAMM (BLP)



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Title

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German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)

Financing arrangements

BMZ contribution	EUR 14,140,000
Federal states contribution	EUR 5,529,017 incl. in-kind contributions

Duration

2019 to 2023

Responsible ministry

Varies from country to country

Joint Federal and State Government Development Cooperation

The German Government and Federal States Programme (German: Bund-Länder-Programm, BLP) provides a platform for the national government and federal states to join forces in international development cooperation. Since 2015 more than 70 projects have been implemented worldwide under the programme, which was piloted from 2015 to 2019.

Cooperation arrangements

Drawing on the expertise and individual profiles of the federal states, a wide range of human capacity development measures are being conducted under the programme. It links the international cooperation activities of the individual federal states with the technical cooperation projects funded by the German Government in the partner countries. In this way, the BLP promotes and coordinates stronger strategic and thematic collaboration between the German Government and the federal states in international development cooperation. Under the programme, German administrative bodies work closely with ministries in the participating partner countries. Actors from the academic

This programme helps to achieve the following Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):





Sustainable economic development



Governance



Environment, climate, energy



Pandemic resilience

The BLP develops and implements projects that address these priority areas.

and research community, civil society and/or the private sector are also involved in projects supported by the programme. The Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) GmbH is implementing the BLP on behalf of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). In addition to providing expertise, personnel, training places and many other services, the German federal states make financial contributions to the programme.

What we are doing – and how

The programme launches and coordinates projects that are implemented jointly by the German Government and the federal states. It advises and supports the actors involved in initiating and realising the cooperation measures. Projects are currently being carried out in a wide range of partner countries all over the world in three priority areas: sustainable economic development, governance, and environment, climate and energy. A fourth focus area – pandemic resilience – has been introduced in response to the global spread of COVID-19. In addition, the measures implemented under the BLP take the cross-cutting issues of gender equality and digitalisation into account.

Agile measures are being piloted to determine whether federal states and actors on decentral levels in partner countries can work together to address challenges of the future that cross national borders, such as climate change, digitalisation and global pandemics. To this end, the BLP is hosting the Decen-

tralised Development Lab (DDLab), a mainly virtual, agile format with participants from the federal states and partner countries to foster an open innovation process. Several international teams are currently applying innovative methods to address four challenges identified in the areas of electric mobility, rural female entrepreneurship, mangrove-friendly aquaculture and inclusive digitalisation.

In addition, the BLP encourages networking and knowledge-sharing among stakeholders from the German federal states. It offers participants specialised training in key aspects of German development cooperation, such as the German Government's gender approach.

Useful links

- Programme website and platform:
<https://bund-laender-programm.de/en>
- Information on the programme and projects:
<https://www.giz.de/en/worldwide/91262.html>
- Impressions from four years of the German Government and Federal States Pilot Programme:
<https://www.giz.de/en/worldwide/34949.html>
- Information on the Decentralised Development Lab (DDLab):
<https://bund-laender-programm.de/en/ddlab>

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