Organisation: Helping Hands Academy e.V.
Registered Office: 24799 Königshügel
Reporting Period: 15 June 2025 – 31 December 2025

1. Purpose and Focus of the Association

In accordance with its statutes, Helping Hands Academy e.V. pursues the promotion of development cooperation, youth welfare, as well as general and vocational education. The regional focus of our work is The Gambia.

2. Activities During the Reporting Year

The **2025** financial year was characterised by the successful establishment of the association and strategic project planning:

- **Verification and Recognition:** In addition to being recognised as a non-profit organisation by the Kiel Tax Office, the association was successfully registered as a non-profit organisation with **Google, PayPal** and **Facebook**. These verifications provide us with access to specialised fundraising tools and IT resources.
- **Project Development "Sanyang Health Hub":** Development of a detailed concept for revitalising regional healthcare services in Sanyang. The focus is on reducing infant mortality through the renovation of the maternity centre in accordance with WASH standards and the restoration of emergency logistics (ambulance).
- **Project Planning "St. Francis School":** Development of a renovation concept for the sanitation facilities at St. Francis Lower Basic School in Kunkujang Mariama, with the aim of providing 571 children with safe access to hygiene and education.
- **Public Relations & Infrastructure:** Development of the organisation's digital presence and preparation of professional concepts for fundraising from institutional donors (including preparations for applications to the German Postcode Lottery, Bingo Environmental Lottery and the Schmitz Foundations).

3. Summary and Outlook

Despite being in its founding phase, Helping Hands Academy e.V. was already able to develop high-quality project plans and establish itself internationally as a verified and trusted partner. Thanks to voluntary engagement, the administrative cost ratio remained minimal at approximately 6.5%.

In **2026**, the focus is on the operational implementation of the WASH components within the Sanyang Health Hub and the expansion of local partnerships in The Gambia, supported by project funds generated in the previous year.

At the same time, the **organisational and professional development of the Helping Hands Academy** is a key priority. This includes the targeted expansion of the team, the further development of existing and new project approaches, and the professionalisation of the organisation's external presence. In particular, this includes the development of a consistent corporate design, the revision of the logo, the creation of a new website and the systematic development of the social media channels. The aim is to present the work of the Helping Hands Academy more transparently in the future, increase its reach and create a reliable foundation for new partnerships and funding opportunities.

Place, Date: Königshügel, 24 January 2026

Michael Lascheit Treasurer & Board Member