

Working Together for a Homeland Worth Living in and for Future through Education Worldwide

KETAAKETI – a consistent model of
partnership-based development cooperation

A homeland worth living in and a future through education worldwide – these are the aims of KETAAKETI, a new model of consistently partnership-based development cooperation. Founded and conceived in 2007 by Anneli-Sofia Raecker, KETAAKETI supports the sustainable livelihood of families and the school attendance of children in poorest countries on the basis of global networking. **Self-determination, independence, dignity and sustainability** are the consistently implemented guiding principles of the cooperation model. On the basis of the "world family" model of thinking and a self-evident sense of sharing, the concept has been sustainably successful for nearly 13 years now.

KETAAKETI initiates and supports country's own, self-determined NGOs in the poorest countries, with which the organisation then works together on eye-level: together, families are enabled to set up their own businesses through **interest-free micro-financing** – on condition and with the aim that the children's **school attendance is secured**. The successful and quick repayment of the microfinance enables it to be passed on to the next family. Without any further assistance from Germany, a unique, small stimulus ensures that village after village and generation after generation benefit. School and **health support** in regionally and culturally different forms accompany the model.

Consistently in the hands of the respective country – autonomous and on own initiative, culture-specific and aware of its own value – education and the chance of a self-determined existence are supported and sustainably stabilised. The cooperation does not create any new dependency between rich and poor; on the contrary, a one-off, small start-up support reaches more and more people without further action – a self-running system that is spreading. KETAAKETI sees itself right from the start as a sustainable and effective prevention model against continued poverty, labour migration and child abuse. The implementation of the model on the basis of exclusively country-own commitment and country-specific work concepts represents a **paradigm shift** in development cooperation, which is proving to be extremely successful in more and more poorest countries:

A constantly growing number of school and microfinance projects are being implemented in Nepal, Sierra Leone, Burundi and South Sudan: a project with 20 supported children in 2007 has grown to over 70 projects in May 2020 with **much more than 16,000 children** (school support) and **about 2,000 families supported by microfinance**. Until now the number of newly initiated partner organisations of KETAAKETI in four countries has grown to six.

100 percent of all donations go to the partner projects in the respective country – in line with the model of global responsibility and solidarity. The confidence of the donors gained through this is shown by the constantly expanding support network in Germany.

KETAAKETI is supported by many loyal members and donors and works as a cooperation partner with numerous schools in Germany. The interest of the media in the work of KETAAKETI is great in Germany as well as in the partner countries (ZDF, Radio Bremen, Radio Cosmo, Sueddeutsche Zeitung, Weser Kurier, Nordwest-Zeitung, Geo Lino, Kulturaustausch and many others). Jacobs University Bremen is providing scientific support for the model of partnership-based development cooperation in view of its sociological and economic significance.

The organisation, which has been successful for more than 13 years, was awarded for its sustainable model of partnership-based development cooperation in 2008 by UNESCO and repeatedly by high-ranking political representatives of the partner countries. The initiator, Anneli-Sofia Raecker, was awarded the Order of Merit of the Federal Republic of Germany by Federal President Frank-Walter Steinmeier in December 2019 for the development and implementation of her model.

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