



We help children in need

LACHEN
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Initiative
of German soldiers and
police officers in aid of children
in theatres of war and conflict



How did Lachen Helfen originate?

In early 1996, German soldiers deployed to Croatia and Bosnia were shocked to witness the trauma and fate suffered by children lost or left by their parents. They acted fast and without bureaucracy to come to their aid! This was the fundamental idea of organizing private humanitarian aid in a theatre of conflict.

What are Lachen Helfen's objectives?

Our mission: To render immediate and effective aid to children and their families in theatres of war and conflict where German soldiers and police officers are in commission.

- We complement the support provided by extant humanitarian organizations on location.
- Since we believe in good education for shaping our future, we focus on kindergarten and school construction projects.
- We also fund outpatient treatment and health care centres for expectant mothers and children in rural communities.

Soldiers and police working hand in hand

In 2009, policemen and policewomen joined our humanitarian association. Alongside Bundeswehr soldiers, members of the German police force have long taken up duties in trouble areas too, in contribution to humanitarian missions.



How are donations coordinated by Lachen Helfen?

Our team consists of numerous volunteers – thus avoiding costs of administration. We usually channel support operations and aid projects through German Armed Forces Operational Command and, with their consent, managed and performed by soldiers and police officers on location. Thus, we ensure high quality and control for the way the money takes: donations reach their target un-deflected, precisely, without loss, and tailored to discrete local needs.

Does Lachen Helfen's commitment yield fruit?

To date, we have been able to support countless children in the most effective and sustainable way. Furthermore, we have established ourselves as the caring partner alongside the Forces abroad with a keen sense of the needs of the suffering children, thus strengthening public reputation and acceptance of our soldiers and police officers with the local people and authorities.

How you can support Lachen Helfen

Any kind of help is welcome! Whether you share information about us, visit or organize charity events with us, raise donations on private occasions for us – every effort and every penny counts. If you have ideas, contact us! We will be more than happy to help you coordinate your plans.



You want to join the Lachen Helfen team?

We welcome anyone interested in sharing our mission and becoming part of our team. We may show you how to volunteer and join our activities, or take on tasks in our organization. Feel free to contact us and we will name you partners in your vicinity.

You just want to fund Lachen Helfen?

We welcome contributing members, who do not wish to become involved in daily working routines within our humanitarian association. Your annual membership fee is an excellent way of supporting us, too. We will keep you informed by our regular news service. A membership form is included here for your convenience, if you are ready – or simply go to www.lachen-helfen.de.

Lachen Helfen e.V. is a registered non-profit association and authorized to issue official receipts for tax-deductible donations.



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We try to make children in theatres of war and conflict laugh again. We care! And Your donation will arrive where need is:

- Because the soldiers and police staff initiate aid efforts on location. Their presence ensures proper evaluation of the situation in each and every individual case.
- Because the commissioned soldiers and police staff are close at hand, when money is spent, and keep track and record of how the funded project proceeds. They escort their projects throughout their assignment.
- Because without a giant administrative overhead *Lachen Helfen* manages to channel an exceptional lot of the donations straight into its supporting campaigns – truly reaching the children in need.



Lachen Helfen e.V. is a non-profit humanitarian association registered at the Local Court of Essen/Ruhr (VR 3989) in Germany

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