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The Development Service of the Church

- Education
- Consulting
- Support
- Orientation



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Education is our mission

The Development Service of the Church (KED) of the regional Evangelical-Lutheran churches in Brunswick and of Hanover supports development education in parishes, church institutions and groups through consulting and financial support. This is coordinated by the KED-appointee for the Development Service of the Church. Furthermore, consulting, support and development education for students (especially from developing countries) are main objectives of the Development Service of the Church.

With our events we offer a place of encounter and learning for people with different cultural and national backgrounds.

The Development Service of the Church is a legally dependent institution of the regional Evangelical-Lutheran Church of Hanover with the following working fields:

- KED-appointee
- Development education
- Fair trade in parishes, church institutions and groups
- Regional committee for development education and journalism (ABP)
- Development Education Programme for Students from Africa, Asia and Latin America (STUBE)
- Counseling for international students (BaSt)
- Development education for students and former students with experiences abroad (EBS)

Addressing the public and political spheres

Development education seeks to demonstrate the connections between the lifestyle of people in our region and the living conditions of people in developing countries. This includes the task to promote the concerns of people in developing countries in the German public and political spheres through campaigning and lobbying discussions. In view of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the 2030 Agenda, it becomes increasingly important to support international students and their networks in Germany to discuss political, social and economic issues related to their countries of origin.

Exemplary topics include:

- Fairtrade
- Indebtedness of states/Jubilee movement
- Clean clothes
- Agenda 21/Sustainability
- Sustainable shopping
- Palm-oil plantations
- Indonesia
- Globalization
- Global trade and the international financial system
- Land grabbing

The scopes of action for individuals in everyday life as well as in national and international politics become apparent through campaigns.

Please refer to our website www.ked-niedersachsen.de for further information about our work, our offers and possibilities to cooperate.

Protestant profile

The name refers back to a memorandum of the Council of the Evangelical Church in Germany (EKD) with the title „The Development Service of the Church – a contribution to peace and justice in the world“ (1973). In this memorandum, the commitment in favor of distressed people in Africa, Latin America and Asia is substantiated on the basis of biblical tradition and advocated as an ongoing task. Although the form and content of global commitment may change, this memorandum remains the fundamental source of motivation for global commitment on a Protestant basis.

