

## Guidelines for the allocation of KED funding in the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bavaria

### Preamble

The Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bavaria aims to conduct development-related work so as to contribute to sustainable human development all over the world, combining the protection of natural systems and resources with the goal of overcoming poverty, establishing human rights and achieving social balance. Committed to the Gospel of Jesus Christ, the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bavaria acts in dialogue with its partner churches and in a spirit of ecumenical cooperation.

The KED Funds Allocation Committee (VA-KED) pursues this mission by subsidising development-based educational work in projects run by partner churches of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bavaria and ecumenical encounter programs.

- **Development-based educational work** requires active involvement in exercising international responsibility. It raises awareness of reciprocal global relations and interdependencies, as well as promoting global learning. The potential and problems of our ecumenical partners thus become a key element in all our deliberations and actions. In this way, development-based educational work arouses and strengthens the willingness to feel a sense of responsibility for our world and to act accordingly.
- **Projects run by partner churches** of the Evangelical Lutheran Church in Bavaria are geared towards encouraging those concerned to carry out measures on their own responsibility and in a self-determined manner so as to cope with emergencies and combat their causes, as well as initiate and maintain educational processes geared towards the desired development.
- **Ecumenical encounter programs** help strengthen a worldwide sense of community. For the sake of unity among Christians, as well as their responsibility for the world, it is vital for the life of the Church that there should be encounters between people of different countries. Support is mainly provided for trips to and from partner churches.