



## *What are the Schmitz Foundations?*

The Foundations were established in Germany and Switzerland by Werner Peter Schmitz-Hille as non-profit, legally independent foundations.

The two Schmitz Foundations have been fighting against deprivation and poverty among the most needy in our world for over twenty years.

It is the principal objective of the Schmitz Foundations to support local self-help projects in the field of sustainable food production, manual trades, vocational training, and the raising of income levels.

As well as co-operative development projects, we are also involved in charitable work, and - on a small scale - schemes to promote better understanding between peoples.

The core idea behind all our projects is help to self-help. Our aim is to strengthen the self-confidence of those we try to help and to support them in their attempts to seek ways out of the poverty in which they find themselves.

**Help to Self-Help**

## *What kind of people and projects do we support?*

The support provided by the Schmitz Foundations focuses mainly on small-scale projects whose aim is to directly improve agricultural, social and ecological conditions among poor and disadvantaged groups of the population in developing countries. Our particular attention is directed to street children, marginalised young people, those with physical disabilities, deprived families, and the elderly.

The projects we support set clearly defined objectives, which are to be implemented within a specified time-frame, with a maximum of local participation.

The aim is, that as the project goes on, the local people involved should assume greater and greater responsibility. This raises their level of self-confidence and equips them with the know-how to continue, by their own efforts, the improvements the project has brought after funding has come to an end.

**Effectiveness**

## *In which countries do the Schmitz Foundations operate?*

The Schmitz Foundations concentrate their activities on a limited number of regions so as to be able to take advantage of synergies and achieve the optimum targeted and effective use of their financial resources. These are the countries on which our support is concentrated:

- **South-East Asia**  
Indonesia, Cambodia, Laos, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Vietnam
- **South and Central America**  
Bolivia, Ecuador, Nicaragua, Peru
- **Eastern Europe**  
Moldavia, Romania, Russian Federation

The Schmitz Foundations participate in aid projects, co-operating with various other aid and non-profit organisations with similar aims, or provide direct support to local organisations, institutions and self-help groups.

**Sustainability**

## Who is Werner Peter Schmitz-Hille?



I very much appreciate your interest in my Foundations.

My life's motto has been: "Charity begins at home".

Let us take action and find the way together!

As someone born in 1914, I can, with gratitude for the good health I have enjoyed, look back over a lifetime that has spanned nearly a century.

I set up my Foundations to provide direct help to people in need. The crux of the matter for me is that we reduce hardship and poverty and, in the process, support poor people, give them hope, courage to face the future, and perspectives for themselves and their families.

I am especially concerned about the poor and the socially excluded. I am thinking of the forgotten people with disabilities, the old and the sick, the orphans, minorities deprived of their legal rights, and other disadvantaged people. Experience shows that genuine help to self-help is often the best form of assistance we can provide.

Of course we are not able to help everyone, everywhere. But together we can try to reach as many people as possible.

Your  
Werner Peter Schmitz-Hille

Our Founder

## How can a funding application be made?

You may apply for funding from the Schmitz Foundations at any time. There are no particular submission dates or waiting times.

Project applications can be made on our specially prepared application form which can be downloaded from the Foundation's website. Please fill it in and send it to our office, preferably by E-mail, for an initial assessment. Applications should be submitted in either the German or English language.

We would appreciate your support for the work of the Schmitz Foundations. Both the Schmitz Foundation in Germany and the Schmitz-Hille Foundation in Switzerland have official recognition as charitable organisations. On request, we will be happy to provide donors, for tax purposes, with confirmation of their donations.

### Bank Accounts for Donations:

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Acc.No.: 13 07 495  
Switzerland: Credit Suisse  
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Applications

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