Expanding our help

In 2006, it was 15 years ago since the Soviet Union collapsed, leaving its former republics and their population with civil war, poverty, and a great need for outside assistance. A lot has changed since then. Today, iPods, designer clothes, and limousines are a common sight in Yerevan, the capital of Armenia, one of the places where Mission East works.

But less than one hour away children still die from poverty-related diseases that easily could have been prevented if their families were given proper medical care in time. Responding to their needs among others, Mission East started the organisation’s biggest development project in Armenia ever, “A Healthy Start”, in the beginning of 2006. The aim of the project is to ensure the effective rights of disabled children – including rights to healthcare and to inclusion as equal members of society. The impact is not only medical or social, but also gives a chance of a better future to a part of the population particularly vulnerable to poverty.

The support Mission East has received from the Armenian government and local authorities show our ability to not only provide the necessary assistance to individuals but also change attitudes at the top level of society.

Another republic of the former Soviet Union, Tajikistan, suffers greatly from natural disasters like earthquakes, and floods. While New Orleans in Florida was still recovering in 2006 after hurricane Katrina, villages along the River Yokshu in Tajikistan experience this kind of devastating floods every year. 2006 saw Mission East getting more involved in disaster preparedness programmes which ensure that villagers are equipped to protect themselves, their families and their livelihoods, and that they have adequate warning and training to react in time.

Our biggest programme in 2006 continued to be Afghanistan. While the news coverage of the country emphasises the security situation, which continues to be sensitive, the immense need for development assistance motivates us to continue to offer help in some of the most remote locations. Halfway between the turn of the millennium and 2015, as many people reflect on progress so far towards the UN Millennium Development Goals, we find our contribution to reducing child mortality in such places to be of continuing importance.

In May 2006 Managing Director Kim Hartzner visited our programmes in north-east Afghanistan. In the village of Payensar he was told that before Mission East helped the village to build clean water systems and provided hygiene education, 20 to 30 children used to die every year from preventable diseases. Now, such a horrendous level of child mortality is a thing of the past.

2006 was a year of looking forward and seeking new ways to expand our help to those most in need. Our assessment mission to Nepal showed that there are significant needs in the poor Karnali zone that Mission East has the potential to meet. We hope to find ourselves addressing these needs actively in 2007.

Mission East celebrated its 15th anniversary in 2006 having helped more than two million people in need since its founding. We look forward to another 15 years reaching out to the most vulnerable with your support. Thank you for your commitment over the past year.
Lailo has learned about handwashing from Mission East health promoters. Such simple skills can make a huge difference in protecting her and her family from illness.

On behalf of Mission East's board

Thomas Ploug
Chairman of the Board

Kim Hartzner
Managing Director
Our Mission Statement

Mission East is a Danish international relief and development organisation, which works to help the vulnerable through:

- humanitarian relief aid
- development assistance
- support to increasing capacity of communities to organize and assist themselves.

Our “Values in Action” are honesty, integrity, compassion, valuing the individual, and respect for all people.

Mission East works in response to community needs, primarily in the areas of public health, livelihoods improvement and food security.

As well as direct implementation, Mission East seeks to enhance the relevance, impact and sustainability of its programmes by co-operating with local and international partners.

About us

Mission East is a Danish international aid organisation. Our objective is to provide assistance to the poorest and most vulnerable in Eastern Europe and Asia. We carry out our work on successive levels:

• **Emergency aid**
  Countries in crisis require urgent humanitarian aid, simply to ease suffering and keep people alive. We focus on basic needs in the areas of food and public health - delivering timely assistance such as access to clean water, food, and improved hygiene for disease reduction, as well as shelter.

• **Reconstruction and development**
  Emergency aid alone is not enough to regenerate communities. Alongside and beyond crisis response, Mission East plans and implements projects designed to support longer term poverty alleviation. These projects may focus on public health, small-scale agriculture, disaster risk reduction, income generation, small-scale infrastructure and social issues.

• **Sustainable self help**
  Mission East seeks to transfer skills and to empower local communities and local partner organisations: to build their capacity to help themselves, and put the future back in their own hands. This includes supporting representatives of vulnerable groups to advocate effectively for their rights, training in organisational skills, and fostering community development based on the widest possible stakeholder groups.

In November 2006 Mission East celebrated its 15th anniversary. Over the years our organisation has grown rapidly. We have run projects in 14 countries and reached millions of people in need. In 2006 we assisted around 250,000 people in need.

Mission East has a Christian values base, and strives to offer assistance to the most vulnerable, making no racial, political, or religious distinction between those in need of our help.

Marine is one of the children from an extremely poor background in Armenia who are being helped by Mission East’s “A Healthy Start” project.
Poverty remains widespread in Afghanistan even as the Afghan people and government address their most basic needs with the international community. Mission East works in two provinces in Afghanistan’s far north, Takhar and Badakhshan. Projects are designed to tackle interlinked problems that affect people’s health and livelihoods.

By building clean drinking water systems and teaching people about good hygiene practices such as washing hands and drinking water uncontaminated by waste, Mission East improves family health. 9 villages gained access to new clean water supplies in 2006. This helped prevent illnesses, especially those affecting small children. In a country with one of the world’s highest levels of child mortality, villagers report that new water systems and hygiene classes have resulted in fewer children’s deaths.

By building access roads to rural villages, people gain easier routes to hospitals, markets, and schools. 56,000 men, women, and children in Takhar Province’s Mandara Valley used to travel by donkey or on foot along a narrow path to the nearest large town, taking up to two days each way. In 2006 Mission East started to build a 13 km road giving vehicles access to this remote rural area for the first time. Travel time for people and goods when the road is complete will be about four hours.

Mission East supported women in their local communities to improve nutrition and household income. With small agricultural projects like kitchen gardens and beekeeping, women can ensure food security for their families and sell extra goods to cover other household needs like medicine and school supplies. In 2006 Mission East helped 1,142 vulnerable women plant kitchen gardens.

Reconstruction of irrigation canals allowed farmers to produce reliable crop yields. Mission East also installed a reliable clean water system in the Faizabad hospital, repaired roads washed out by floods, and built latrines and hand-washing facilities in the largest girls’ school in Taloqan.

Villages are involved in the planning, design, and implementation of projects to ensure that they directly address community problems. Importantly, this involvement means that the villagers will continue to take care of the projects after Mission East finishes its work.

Northern Afghanistan, where Mission East works, differs from other regions of the country in having a less unpredictable security situation, a relatively good food security situation (depending on rainfall) and a good track record of community involvement in projects. At the same time, there are many villages lacking basic facilities such as a clean water supply. Mission East is planning to undertake long-term development projects to help communities take their well-being into their own hands, form self help groups, and improve their ability to work with the government to direct village improvements. At the same time, we will continue to address the basic needs of underserved villages by continuing water and sanitation work and improving access to clinics, schools, and markets.
Building roads has helped 56,000 villagers gain easier access to clinics, schools, and markets in 2006.
7-year-old Narine has learning difficulties. Before she started school she used to cry a lot and didn’t play with other children. Thanks to a Mission East project she can now have an education that suits her needs and is learning to interact with others.
2006 was an exciting year for Mission East in Armenia. Managing Director Kim Hartzner moved to Armenia for a year to head up the team there. In January we started our biggest ever development project in the country, supported by the Danish Government. “A Healthy Start – Promoting the Rights of Disabled Children in Armenia” has the aim of changing social attitudes and healthcare practices towards greater inclusiveness for disabled children. The project is being implemented by three local partners – Nairi Disabled Children’s Parents Association, Arabkir Institute of Child and Adolescent Health, and Bridge of Hope – with involvement of government representatives from Ministries of Health, Labour and Social Affairs, and Education. It is a strategic pilot project which aims to develop models of ‘joined up’ change that can be replicated in other regions of Armenia.

Uncovering disability
More than 500 families of disabled children in 11 communities of Armavir region were visited in 2006 by the project’s multidisciplinary team which consisted of volunteers, social workers, and medical experts. They collected data on the households’ living and health conditions which was used to carry out proper medical screening of the identified disabled children and to initiate community development activities. Currently there are about 850 disabled children who are benefitting from the “A Healthy Start” project.

A Disability Advocacy Group consisting of 5 NGO leaders was established to lobby the Government on improving the legal basis for equal opportunities. At the end of the year we held a month of disability awareness campaigns all over Armenia including films, posters, media events and other activities.

Special education curricula approved
In the education sector, we are very proud that the special education curricula developed with the support of Mission East as part of the “Towards Education for All” project have been approved as official national Armenian curricula for children with special needs and learning difficulties. More than 8,000 children with a variety of disabilities in special and inclusive schools will benefit from the delivery of the curricula, and get an education which responds to their needs and develops their individual potentials. Their families have also benefited from the disability rights campaigns which have been an integral part of our education and health projects. Parents are now active in 17 parent support groups in 10 schools and 7 community daycare centres. They work with the carers and the educators of their children and participate in trainings organized by Parents Advocacy Groups.

Looking forward
Many of the children identified through the ‘A Healthy Start’ project activities have received urgent medical care in the capital Yerevan since currently there are no facilities in Armavir region to provide long or short term treatment and rehabilitation. However, the project will establish a Child Development Rehabilitation Centre in the city of Armavir which will open in 2007. Mission East plans to consolidate the achievements of the ‘Towards Education for All’ project by strengthening the parents group network and overseeing training for national implementation of special curricula. Future programming aims to respond to more needs in the area of health, and also to begin development of inclusive vocational education.

Achievements 2006
- Special Education Curricula approved by the Ministry of Education
- More than 200 teachers trained on delivery of the new curricula
- More than 250 families of children with learning difficulties received social support
- 17 community level parents groups established/ supported for parents of disabled children
- 500 families of the disabled children visited
- 850 identified as direct beneficiaries of the project – many of them sent to Yerevan to receive urgent medical intervention
- 11 Community Support Groups established
- Awareness raising campaigns resulted in more than 120 interviews, publication, TV broadcasts, etc. on disability issues.
- Public education to raise disability awareness in 30 schools for 1560 students
- Comparative review of 47 Armenian Laws and 12 International Treaties in the area of disability – efforts initiated to lobby for modification of at least 8 laws.
In April 2006, after weeks of street protests, King Gyanendra was forced to hand over power to political parties and reinstate parliament. This followed on from a three-month state of emergency in February 2005 during which he sacked his government and assumed direct power. Shortly afterwards, the legislature took away his control over the army and declared Nepal a secular state.

In November 2006, the Nepalese government and the Maoist rebels signed a comprehensive peace accord that ended a decade-long revolt by the Maoists during which some 14,000 were killed.

As well as the uncertainty and violence of the armed conflict, other repercussions for the people of Nepal have been restrictions on mobility, a high increase in the cost of goods due to the constraints on transportation, a rise in the cost of petrol and new and heavier taxes. Additionally the Maoists have demanded their own “contributions” from merchants and individuals. As always, the poorest are the hardest hit.

**Loans improve livelihoods**
Mission East maintains its assistance to some of the most vulnerable of Nepal through our partner organisation NASSO (Nepali Avinash Social Services Organisation). Based in the Rupandehi district of south-west Nepal, during 2006 NASSO continued its support to the most vulnerable in the area by supporting people to help themselves. Assistance is provided through year-long small loans. These loans are often spent on livestock such as water buffaloes, goats, and pigs. Some loans are used to establish small business ventures such as tea houses or brick-casting workshops. Thanks to such income generating activities, people recover their hope, pride and have improved livelihoods. The loans are provided to individuals that would not have access to credit elsewhere, due to their belonging to a very low caste or simply being extremely poor.

In 2006, NASSO started a project providing loans for building latrines. This activity is leading to an improvement in the health and hygiene of the households that participate. The latrines are a great source of pride, and important for safety too, as a high incidence of snake bite is reported from people going to the toilet in the bushes. Each latrine is not only used by the families (with an average of seven family members per household) but also by the neighbours.

**Giving children hope for the future**
One of the main areas of activity for NASSO is care and education of children. In 2006 NASSO provided assistance to 10 children from very poor backgrounds (mainly girls), by supporting their education through paying for school fees, books and uniforms. Another core activity of NASSO is the Eternity Orphan Home, which provides shelter, education, food and health care for 33 children. All these children are very happy to live in the orphanage and proud to belong to this ‘family’. At Eternity Orphan Home they get the care and protection they need and have hope for the future.

**More direct assistance**
Initial needs assessments carried out at the end of 2006 indicate that there are significant needs that Mission East has the potential to meet, in the remote Mid-West region. The population there struggles with food insecurity and a high incidence of waterborne diseases. We hope to respond directly to these needs by new programmes in Nepal in 2007.

At the Eternity Orphan Home the children are able to go to school instead of working hard and living on the streets.
6-year-old Raoul Mezri lives with his mother and two brothers in a dilapidated two-room flat. Mission East’s partner Solia Speranței helps the family with food, medicine, advice, and psychological support.
Romania joined the European Union on January 1st 2007. Although 2006 was a year of preparation for entering the Union, there are still many issues that need to be tackled such as the high level of corruption and lack of social safety nets. While the efforts of the government are focused on political, judicial and economic areas, many of the poorest in society are being left behind.

Romania is one of Europe’s poorest nations and too many Romanians have limited access to basic services and welfare. They face a cost of living growing towards “European levels” while average income remains very low and unemployment high.

Issues such as health in rural areas are not a government priority. Many of Romania’s poor are unable to afford treatment, medicine or food in hospitals, or have to wait for months for urgent treatment or operations, including for very critical conditions such as cancer. Many families living in poverty find it impossible to make ends meet and have nowhere to turn for support.

In the midst of these difficult circumstances, Romania’s “Messenger of Hope” (“Solia Speranţei”), Mission East’s local partner organisation, provides material and social help to many groups of vulnerable people.

At the oncology, TBC and neurology hospitals, Solia Speranţei provide assistance to poor patients in the form of medicine, clothes, toys and food, focusing mainly on children. They also provide support via offering information about patient rights and access to social benefits for the most vulnerable. In addition to this assistance, they provide access to medical consultation, medicines and in some cases hospitalised medical care.

Help is also provided to poor families in the form of material support (clothes, food, school materials and household items), psychological and social assistance and advice on access to benefits. Solia Speranţei works in a sensitive way with people in difficult situations, showing care and compassion for the thousands of people they help, following up with visits to the families they assist, making sure that their beneficiaries are the most vulnerable in the area and encouraging people to have confidence in themselves. As a result, the people they support are able to see the assistance as a motivation to help improve their lives and not an encouragement of dependency.

In 2007 Solia Speranţei will continue to focus on the most marginalized groups in the Cluj-Napoca area, including the elderly, Roma population, single-headed households, and orphans.

Achievements 2006

- 2,580 poor, widows, elderly and sick people with serious diseases receive regular distributions of medicine, baby food, diapers, food, clothing, toiletries, toys, school materials, furniture, and seeds.
- Social advice on access to benefits, to circa 1,895 persons around Cluj and surrounding areas.
- Medical and material assistance at regular intervals through the year to circa 280 Roma families
- Distribution of medical equipment, medicines, nappies and Christmas boxes for patients to hospitals in and around Cluj
- 450-500 vulnerable families of Cluj, some other regions of Romania and Moldova were provided free medical consultation, medicines and Christmas parcels, and in some cases hospitalised medical care.
2006 has been a very busy year for Mission East in Tajikistan. As well as continued work in sectors of experience such as community development, agriculture, hygiene promotion, water and sanitation, this year saw Mission East Tajikistan get more involved in disaster risk reduction programmes. Tajikistan remains a poor country where many families struggle to earn a basic income and is also extremely prone to natural disasters, including floods and earthquakes. When disaster strikes, the poor suffer most and poverty exacerbates the problems of post-disaster recovery. So programming in 2006 included specific prevention and preparedness programmes related to floods and earthquakes.

What does all this mean in practice? Flood preparedness and prevention programmes included the establishment of early warning systems so that villages at risk have more time to react to the threat of approaching floods. Small-scale infrastructure works contributed to reducing the impact of floods. Training for communities and government representatives improved the ability to prepare for and react to floods, including communication, evacuation and rescue of affected people.

Preventing earthquakes is impossible, but training and awareness-raising can help people prepare for them as well. Simple survival measures are promoted, such as maintaining a supply of food and water, keeping key documents safe, and knowing where rescue teams will come from. The programme also trains masons and communities in safer construction practices to improve the resistance of buildings to earthquake shock.

Setting up community management structures
In its ongoing work helping rural populations improve their own livelihoods, Mission East set up or enhanced 60 community management structures that represent the populations of their villages and help manage local resources. 4 of these have been legally registered to operate as local NGOs, meaning that they can apply for funding from donors as independent organisations and they can better work for the benefit of their communities. 19 community organizations have received grants amounting to almost USD 95,000 to allow them to implement their own projects which will help them to improve their quality of life.

Improving food security
Small-scale farmers received help to improve food security. 62 agricultural extensionists were trained in relevant topics and a total of 2,331 farmers received training in a range of improved agricultural techniques and best practices. More than 5 tons of seeds were distributed and 95 farmers were educated in livestock care.

Reducing the risk of disaster for the poor
On 29 July 2006, the southern part of Tajikistan was struck by an earthquake. About 2,000 homes were damaged or destroyed. Mission East helped the local population to rebuild their homes.
Achievements 2006

- Improvement and rehabilitation of water supply system completed or ongoing in 22 villages
- Development and rehabilitation of latrines in 11 villages
- 38 garbage boxes constructed in 16 villages
- 718 meters of riverbank rehabilitated
- Raising awareness to mitigate flood impact to 2,350 households while training 9,609 children in flood preparedness
- Improvement of drainage canals, riverbank protection, tree planting, sediment basins carried out in 10 villages
- Early warning system provided to 17 villages with 45 villagers that are able to use and maintain the system.
- 17 new Community Mitigation and Preparedness Committees which will help coordinate an adequate response at a village level to a disaster.
- 4,570 household representatives attended demonstrations showing the impact of an earthquake inside a house while 1816 households attended demonstrations showing the impact of an earthquake on a house.
- 505 masons and construction workers received training in earthquake safer construction.

Mission East is teaching Tajik people how to react to natural disasters and how to build safer houses that will resist earthquakes better.

635 female-headed households in 33 villages received training and equipment for improved food processing – the resulting food preserves will both help nourish their families and provide additional income. 120 women were trained in making dairy products, with marketing of cream, yoghurt and cheese started in 3 villages.

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A Year of Making Connections

2006 was a year of making both new and closer connections with donors, partners, and beneficiaries. Head office teams took up the challenge of a new management structure, as our Managing Director, Kim Hartzner, moved back to the field for a year to head up the Armenia team and refresh the connection between the very top level of management and sharp end of work in the field.

Internet visitors experienced an improved and completely reworked website with details of all the projects we are currently running along with background stories from the field. A photo site was established to show a very large selection of up to date photos of our work and we now take online donations using PayPal as well as credit cards. Job applicants embraced our online recruitment system which has seen over 1,200 applications since we started using it two years ago.

Forging new partnerships and maintaining old ones

In Nepal, Mission East initiated a needs assessment for direct programming, including an assessment mission to the remote Mid-West region of the country, where levels of food insecurity and waterborne disease are extremely high. We hope that 2007 will find us actively responding to these needs by new programmes. Our contacts with other agencies strengthened with significant financial support for our Nepal assessment mission coming from a number of similar minded organisations from the Integral Alliance.

Alongside new programmes, we continue to reach out to the poorest with the help of our existing local partners. Our work in Bulgaria, for example, focused on ongoing partnership with the Church of God. Together we have been working to reach out to the socially vulnerable in a country which, even as it joins the EU, has large numbers of elderly, unemployed people, poor families and street children with nowhere to turn for help.

People Focus – on new and current staff

The Human Resources (HR) team has focused as much on laying strong foundations for future growth as it has on dealing with the ever increasing HR needs of a maturing organisation. A new guide has been designed for line managers which emphasises good practice and new ‘How-to’ information notes are available to all staff. Staff development has remained high on the agenda. A full overhaul of the staff appraisal system means that all staff will now undergo regular performance reviews which include emphasis on training and development needs. Additionally, regular monitoring and evaluation of key HR processes is now in place and we’re looking forward to using the data to chart ongoing improvements over the coming years.

The recruitment of another member of our HQ finance team has allowed us to move ahead with rearranging our systems, giving us faster financial reporting and better project budget control.

In 2006, Mission East connected with more members of the public than ever before. In early 2007 our number of supporters exceeded 7,000 and a new communications approach ensures outreach to an ever wider public in the year ahead.

Mission East carried out a needs assessment in Nepal in 2006 to the remote Mid-West region, where levels of food insecurity and waterborne diseases are extremely high.
## Finances 2006

### Statement of financial activity

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### Accounts for the year ended 31 December 2006

Mission East’s revenues and costs were considerably lower than in 2005, giving rise to a small positive net income and increase in reserves. The additional capacity taken on in 2005 should result in significant growth in 2007.

Income from private donations was lower than in 2005, owing to reduced donations for Afghanistan and Bulgaria as well as the impact of donations in support of Tsunami victims in 2005. Public income has also dropped in 2006 and was below forecast as a result of ending operations in Iraq combined with financing for upcoming projects taking longer to secure than expected.

Mission East’s headquarters costs have risen slightly above inflation in 2006, owing to the full year impact of the additional capacity taken on in 2005.

### Balance sheet at 31 December

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The information presented here is a summary of the information contained in the accounts of Mission East. This summary may not contain sufficient information to allow a full understanding of the financial affairs of Mission East. For further information the full accounts should be consulted. Copies can be obtained from Mission East’s registered head office.

The annual accounts were approved by the auditor, PJ Revision ApS without reservation on May 25th 2007. The accounts were presented to the annual general assembly of Mission East and were approved unanimously by the Board of Mission East. The accounts will be delivered to the Danish tax authorities.
Where did the money go?

- Afghanistan: 51.1%
- Armenia: 17.4%
- Iraq: 2.0%
- Nepal: 0.3%
- Romania: 0.3%
- Tajikistan: 28.9%
- Total: 100%

Where did the money come from?

- Private Donors: 12.4%
- Danish State: 56.4%
- ECHO / EU: 27.4%
- UN / IOM / GTZ / Other: 3.8%
- Total: 100%

What was the money spent on?

- Emergency aid: 42.4%
- Development aid: 37.5%
- Head Office staff: 13.6%
- Communications: 3.6%
- Administration: 2.9%
- Total: 100%
### Projects 2006

#### Afghanistan

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<td>Takhar Province, Afghanistan</td>
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<td>8 village water systems and digging of 10 wells completed. 1,305 family latrines complete and in use. 2,436 men and women representing 1,242 households received hygiene and sanitation education. Hygiene support kits (soaps, water collecting and storage vessels) distributed to 1,105 households.</td>
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<td><strong>AFG-GTZ-005</strong></td>
<td><strong>Construction of 135 mm new road to serve 18,500 people in Mandara Valley in progress.</strong></td>
<td>To improve livelihoods and the performance of the existing irrigation system, to empower the community, to create farming employment opportunities.</td>
<td>German Technical Cooperation (GTZ)</td>
<td><strong>EON 4305</strong></td>
<td>August 2005 – February 2006</td>
<td>Takhar Province, Afghanistan</td>
<td>Project completed</td>
<td>600 m of washed-out road rebuilt with flood protection. 200 m of irrigation channels serving 7000 families. (Co-funded with AFG-GTZ-005)</td>
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<td>German Technical Cooperation (GTZ)</td>
<td><strong>EON 4105</strong></td>
<td>November 2005 – December 2006</td>
<td>Badakhshan Province, Afghanistan</td>
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<td>4 latrines built for maternity unit. Municipal water department through Assistance to Empower the Community. (Co-funded with AFG-GTZ-008)</td>
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<td>German Technical Cooperation (GTZ)</td>
<td><strong>EON 4105</strong></td>
<td>December 2005 – November 2006</td>
<td>Takhar Province, Afghanistan</td>
<td>Project completed</td>
<td>Burst water pipes repaired and pressure valves installed to increase reliable flow and protect the system. 1000 liter permanent steel tank and connecting pipes installed on water tower. 4 latrines built for maternity unit. Municipal Water Department and Hospital Management participated in all stages of construction and in maintenance training.</td>
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<td>German Technical Cooperation (GTZ)</td>
<td><strong>EON 4105</strong></td>
<td>June 2005 – July 2006</td>
<td>Badakhshan Province, Afghanistan</td>
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<td>Rehabilitation of 35m length of canal and side intake for canal protection. Local workers received cash for their work on the project.</td>
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<td>International Organization for Migration (IOM)</td>
<td><strong>CSIFZD004</strong></td>
<td>June 2005 – July 2006</td>
<td>Badakhshan Province, Afghanistan</td>
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<td><strong>CSIFZD011</strong></td>
<td>July 2005 – November 2006</td>
<td>Badakhshan and Takhar Provinces, Afghanistan</td>
<td>Project completed</td>
<td>470m of canal bank and side intake rehabilitated. Local workers received cash for their work on the project.</td>
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**ME project code:** ARM-DMCDD-003
**Title:** Development of academic assessment tools in inclusive and special education

**Aim:** Provision of education for children with disabilities and special learning needs in Armenia is improved through proper assessment, adequate resourceing and recognised qualified staffing.

**Donor:** Danish Missionary Council Development Organisation

**Donor Code:** M-V-A 38
**Duration:** May 2006 – October 2007
**Location:** 4 regions of Armenia
**Status:** Project ongoing

**Outputs:** Technical input in the development, tailoring and standardization of academic assessment tools based on international standards and targeted advocacy messages raising parental awareness of disabled children's right to educational budgetary assistance.

**Partner:** Bridge of Hope

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**ME project code:** ARM-5M-018
**Title:** Towards Education for All – Supporting the Sustainable Development of Education for Children with Learning Difficulties in Armenia

**Aim:** To improve the personal hygiene of the students and the overall sanitation of Gavar Special School by ensuring showers with hot water are available as well as a place to clean clothes and personal items

**Donor:** Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs

**Donor Code:** 104.N.376.b.4
**Duration:** September 2006 – November 2006
**Location:** Gegharkunik Region, Armenia
**Status:** Project completed

**Outputs:** Rehabilitation of bathrooms and washing room at Gavar Special School

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**ME project code:** ARM-VSM-01
**Title:** Towards Education for All – Support for Gavar Special School of the Republic of Armenia

**Aim:** To contribute towards Armenia achieving education for all by supporting access and quality of education for children with learning difficulties in Armenia and by ensuring civil society participation in the long-term development of education for children with learning difficulties.

**Donor:** Y’s Minories Region Denmark

**Donor Code:** ARM-S9-008
**Duration:** September 2006 – September 2007
**Location:** 6 special boarding schools for children with learning difficulties in Yerevan, Armavir, Lori and Gegharkunik regions of Armenia and 7 inclusive schools in Yerevan
**Status:** Project completed

**Outputs:** Facilitation of specialist curriculum development and improvement of teacher training, capacity building of local partner organisations to ensure civil society input on policy, institutional set-up and activity, assistance in developments towards inclusive education and de-stigmatisation of children with learning difficulties, improvement of support to parents of children with learning difficulties and physical rehabilitation of classrooms and boarding schools.

**Partner:** Bridge of Hope

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**ME project code:** ARM-0NP-DG
**Title:** A Healthy Start - Promoting the Rights of Disabled Children in Armenia

**Aim:** Changing social attitudes and healthcare practices towards greater inclusiveness for disabled children and giving voice to those affected by the marginalisation of the disabled in Armenian society.

**Donor:** Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs

**Donor Code:** 104.N.376.b.5
**Duration:** November 2005 – November 2008
**Location:** Armavir Marz, Armenia
**Status:** Project ongoing

**Outputs:** Training and systems for improved identification and treatment of disability; community clubs for integration of disabled children; training of community based support groups to provide support networks and advocate for disability rights, support to parents of disabled children to know and access rights and benefits, public awareness raising with regards disability establishment of Disability Advocacy Group and Coordination Council.

**Partners:** Arabkir, Bridge of Hope and Nazir

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<td>To support schooling for children of poor families and to give the poorest in the Rupandehi district a chance or sustainable livelihood</td>
<td>Aalborghus Y’s Men’s Club, Denmark</td>
<td>December 2005 – November 2006</td>
<td>Rupandehi District, Nepal</td>
<td>Project completed</td>
<td>Support education for girls and provide funds for income generation activities (latrine manufacturing)</td>
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<td>NEP-DNA-01</td>
<td>Detailed Needs Assessment - Humla and Mugu VDCs, Mid West Nepal</td>
<td>1. Carry out a detailed assessment in December 2006 2. Use the detailed assessment to: 1) Identify possible projects and donors, 3) Identify possible local partners, 4) Begin the lengthy process of registering with the Nepalese government.</td>
<td>Mission East, Tear Fund Switzerland, Tear Fund New Zealand, World Relief US</td>
<td>6 months</td>
<td>Kamark zone, Nepal</td>
<td>Completed at end of March 2007</td>
<td>Support education for children, provide water buffaloes and latrine building</td>
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<td>Support household food security and health improvement through community action.</td>
<td>European Aid External Cooperation Office</td>
<td>December 2003 – December 2006</td>
<td>Dahana Jamoat, Kulyab Region</td>
<td>Project completed</td>
<td>23 village Community Organizations formed and functioning. Training and workshops provided to 32 agricultural extensionists and to a seed supplier. 97 demo plots completed by extensionist, 2,506 households received seeds and fertilizers to cultivate 6,477 sotek of land. 100 farmers trained on livestock health and production and use of veterinary services. 12 women groups (120 women) trained and equipped in food processing (dairy production) and 254 women in food preservation. 2 water supply systems developed and rehabilitated.</td>
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<td>Long-Term Food Security Through Community-Directed Development</td>
<td>Sustainable increase in food access and absorption in vulnerable households in Ziraki.</td>
<td>European Aid External Cooperation Office</td>
<td>September 2005 – August 2007</td>
<td>Zirak Jamoat, Khoolon Oblast</td>
<td>Project ongoing</td>
<td>18 village Community Organization formed and functioning. Training and workshops provided to 30 extensionists, 1,136 farmers trained by them, 2,781 households received seeds and fertilizers to cultivate 6,477 sotek of land. 100 farmers trained on livestock health and production and use of veterinary services. 12 women groups (120 women) trained and equipped in food processing (dairy production) and 254 women in food preservation. 2 water supply systems developed and rehabilitated.</td>
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<td>Danish Ministry of Foreign Affairs</td>
<td>December 2003 – December 2006</td>
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<td>Project completed</td>
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<td>Reduction of Flood Impact on Vulnerable Groups in the Yakhuro River Valley, Eastern Khatlon, Tajikistan</td>
<td>Reduce the impacted flooding in the Yakhuro River Valley by strengthening the capacity and preparedness of local governments and community, and use improved physical protection measures.</td>
<td>European Commission Directorate-General for Humanitarian Aid (ECHO)</td>
<td>September 2005 – December 2006</td>
<td>South-Eastern Khatlon Province, Vose and Kulyub District</td>
<td>Project completed</td>
<td>19 Village Emergency Committees operating in the Yakhuro river valley. 11 villages carried out small scale mitigation works. Local institution strengthened through training and capacity development. Early Warning System (through a HF and VHF radio system) developed and established in the project area. In total 3,265 households (approx. 22,286 individuals) are better prepared for flood.</td>
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<td>TAI-DIPECHO-002</td>
<td>Community Based Disaster Risk Reduction with Improved Materials and Earthquake Safer Construction Practices</td>
<td>To improve disaster preparedness in six regions of Tajikistan through local capacity building, preparedness training, and small-scale mitigation.</td>
<td>European Commission Directorate-General for Humanitarian Aid (ECHO)</td>
<td>February 2006 – January 2007</td>
<td>Khuzor, Khujand, Por, Khunjin, 8 Am with link to development programs in Khoolon Region, Kulyub and Kurgan-Tube</td>
<td>Project completed</td>
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