

# GUIDING PRINCIPLES OF TWOWINGS

## **The world of thought of TwoWings**

*The world of humanity possesses two wings the male and the female. As long as these two wings are not equally strong, the bird will not fly.*

*Regard man as a mine rich in gems of inestimable value. Education can, alone, cause it to reveal its treasures, and enable mankind to benefit therefrom.*

*"For man two wings are necessary. One wing is physical power and material civilization; the other is spiritual power and divine civilization. With one wing only, flight is impossible. Two wings are essential. Therefore, no matter how much material civilization advances, it cannot attain to perfection except through the uplift of spiritual civilization."*

## **Equivalent partners**

In development cooperation the Southern hemisphere and their disadvantaged population stratum are not regarded merely as passive recipients, solicitants or almsmen. The cooperation with the local partners is characterized by effective consultation and mutual respect.

## **Avoid preconceived solutions**

Development should not be a process of imitation of the so-called developed countries. A project should not apply prefabricated plans; rather the goals and their implementation must be reached with flexibility and concepts that are adapted over and over again. No ready solutions may be offered to the problems rather the projects should support the participants to find and to apply solutions.

## **Releasing potential**

The selected projects don't place their main focus on the deficits that need to be overcome, rather on the potentials and resources that can be promoted and developed.

## **Sustainability**

When selecting a project, the sustainability of the project and its effect and impact on the participants as well as the concerned population group are in the foreground. Development processes - and no straw fires are launched.

## **Openness as device**

TwoWings is nonpartisan and nondenominational. The promoted projects are open to people of all races, ethnics and religions and no restrictions exist concerning this matter.

## **Certified efficiency**

TwoWings attaches great importance to voluntary work. Cost-increasing bureaucracy is being avoided in every field of activity. Many volunteers and competent co-workers enable an effective handling of donations. So that this can also be documented, TwoWings is being audited by the SOT Süd-Ost Treuhand GmbH, an audit firm and tax consulting company.