



# ROMUALD BURKARD FOUNDATION PROJECTS 2013

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## PROJECT STATUS MARCH 2014

Sika enhances social and economic progress in all countries and communities the company operates in. Through the Romuald Burkard Foundation Sika is actively supporting social projects in local communities. As a member of the UN Global Compact Sika is committed to global sustainable development.

Sika does not compromise on integrity and applies high ethical standards to its work. Sika's "Code of Conduct" defines the standards and rules of behavior for the company and all its employees.

Photograph: Social project in Indonesia. Since 2008 Sika has been improving for 1,500 people annually the environmental conditions in their living environment.

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# ROMUALD BURKARD FOUNDATION – WORLDWIDE ACTIVITIES, LOCAL FOCUS, INDIVIDUAL SUPPORT

**MORE THAN 30 PROJECTS IN 17 COUNTRIES SUPPORTED**

**ABOUT 15% OF ALL SIKA SUBSIDIARIES ARE RUNNING LOCAL COMMUNITY PROJECTS**

**FIELDS OF ACTIVITIES: COMMUNITY SUPPORT, BUILDINGS AND INFRASTRUCTURE FOR SOCIAL PROJECTS, TECHNOLOGICAL EDUCATION AND RELIEF IN THE AFTERMATH OF CATASTROPHIES**

## SIKA TECHNOLOGY – YES COURSES

**GOAL**  
Supporting international sustainability trainings.

**DESCRIPTION**  
In the year 2000 the Alliance for Global Sustainability (a unique university partnership between MIT Boston, University of Tokyo, ETH Zurich and Chalmers University) started an initiative under the title Youth Encounter on Sustainability (YES) to realize intensive two-week summer courses in a small mountain village in Switzerland.

The aim was to bring together students from all over the world to discuss and debate, share diverse cultural and disciplinary experiences, plan their own strategies and visions towards a sustainable world and define their roles as future academics and scientists in the process of sustainable development. To date, more than 1,400 students from over 130 different countries have been trained in the YES courses.

The Youth Encounter on Sustainability is an intensive and experimental course with a focus on communication and knowledge sharing in an international, intercultural, and multi-disciplinary context. The core purpose of the course is to act as an academy to develop knowledge, core skills and a moral and ethical framework to foster the capabilities of tomorrow's decision makers to address global challenges.

**RESULTS**  
With the support of Sika, in 2013 again more than 100 students were able to participate at the YES courses. In April, 26 students visited Sika Japan. They were attending the course at Hosei University, Tokyo. The students had the opportunity to get insights into Sika and how the company is involved in sustainable development as a global company in the Japanese market.

Another course held in Bremerhaven, Germany, focused on smart, renewable energy systems. During the course, the participants could hear from a Sika expert how Sika adhesives contribute to a better performance of wind turbines.



YES course in Japan





# SIKA TECHNOLOGY – HOME FOR ORPHANS AND DISABLED PEOPLE, INDIA

## GOAL

Giving a new home for orphans and people with handicap.

## DESCRIPTION

Sika supports “Karunalaya” (House of mercy), the home for orphans and disabled people in the state of Andhra Pradesh in India, 20 km south of the capital, Hyderabad. The home was founded in 2004 by Joseph Vattaparambil. Currently, 45 orphans, 40 mentally and physically disabled people and 25 employees live there.

People of all faiths: About 80% of the residents are Hindu, 15% Muslim and 5% Christian and other. In “Karunalaya” street children, mentally and physically disabled and dying people are welcome. These people are often malnourished, sick, neglected and can neither read nor write. The projects will be supported by Sika via the Swiss citizen Brigitte Born, who manages her projects in “Karunalaya” since 2007 and spends every third month on-site working there.

## RESULTS

Construction of a water tower: The water supply in “Karunalaya” has been difficult for years. Now the construction of a 30,000 liter water tower has begun and will be finished in 2014.

School building and playground: In 2013 started the construction of a school building. It is located in the immediate vicinity of the home in the community “Cherlapally” and is dedicated to the children of “Karunalaya” and to children hailing from poor families. The construction works for the school building will be finished in May 2014. Besides the building, the children should be able to use some plot of land in order to play and gather outside. This project is supported by Sika as well.



Projects supported by Sika in 2013/2014: Construction of a school building, a playground and of a water tank.



# SIKA FRANCE – COMMUNITY IN ANDRANOVORY, MADAGASCAR

## GOAL

Renovation and expansion of school buildings and empowerment of poor families to send their children to a school.

## DESCRIPTION

Sika France supports a school in Andranovory, Madagascar, that is built up by a small, international congregation, with the name Mission and Adoration Sisters of the Holy Family.

The community in Andranovory was founded in 2005. Meanwhile, about 500 students attend this school, from nursery school up to and middle school (collège). In August 2012, the congregation, based in Kriens, Switzerland, visited Andranovory and realized that the rehabilitation and expansion of the school building had necessarily to be tackled. Since 2013 Sika has been involved in supporting the school.

A visit of two sites has been made in December 2013 by the manager of Sika la Réunion. The objective of the visit was to make a diagnosis of the situation regarding the existing buildings and to evaluate the needs for further renovation.

## RESULTS

In 2013, the foundation was laid for two floors, the building has now been enlarged. Instead of eight small rooms on the ground floor, there are now four large rooms on each of the two floors. There are also two small rooms for offices. Sister Annemarie Buhler, Mother Superior: "We thank Sika for the valuable support of our cosisters in Madagascar, who are committed to the well-being of the cheerful children, their families and to the recovery of the sick."



About 500 children attend the school of the community in Andranovory, Madagascar.



# SWITZERLAND, COLOMBIA, MEXICO, PHILIPPINES, INDIA – LITER OF LIGHT

## GOAL

Illumination for homes in underprivileged areas with recycled plastic bottles.

## DESCRIPTION

Liter of Light: That's bringing light to homes in underprivileged areas with recycled plastic bottles. The project aims to provide an ecologically and economically sustainable source of light to underprivileged households that do not have access to electricity or simply cannot afford electricity. The source of light is astonishingly simple and consists only of a plastic bottle filled with water and bleach.

Tightly sealed the bottle gets glued into the roof of a house. The solar bottle harnesses the light from the sun, capturing and diffracting the light to all parts of the room, shining as bright as a 55 wats bulb. The easy installation requires only

simple technology and accessible and affordable materials. The impact of such a solar bottle goes beyond the immediate benefit of providing light. It is the start of a better quality life for many families, creating new working opportunities, and it will reduce the carbon dioxide footprint along the way.

## RESULTS

Sika supports the Liter of Light projects with technical support, products and know-how. Hundreds of huts in slums gained access to light, without having to use expensive or unsafe electricity. Sika is supporting projects in Bangladesh, Colombia, India, Mexico, Nicaragua, Philippines and in other countries. Furthermore, Sika products were delivered for the World Resources Forum, Davos, in order to enable the Liter of Light organization to present themselves to the public.





# SIKA INDONESIA – YAYASAN TIRTA LESTARI (YTL)

## GOAL

Yayasan Tirta Lestari (YTL): Improving people's lives by supporting optimized water, sanitation and waste conditions.

## DESCRIPTION

Yayasan Tirta Lestari (YTL): Formerly called YE Water Program. The YTL was officially established in Jakarta on 11 February 2009 as a local not-for-profit social service organization. YTL works with less fortunate community members to teach practical ways to contribute and construct improvements for their well-being and that of the environment. YTL's eleven full-time local staff implements the following four programs:

- Public Health Promotion Program: Develops awareness of practical means to improve water, sanitation and waste conditions.

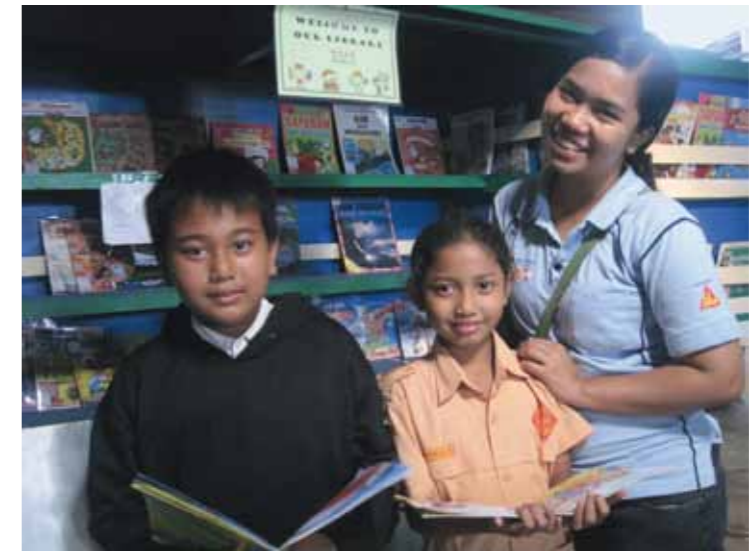
- Clean Water Program: Facilitates access to clean water and introduces new household drinking treatments.
- Solid Waste Management Program: Promotes the use of waste as a resource and proper solid waste management practices.
- Improved Sanitation Program: Improves and develops latrines and drainage and infiltration methods.

## RESULTS

Through the generous support of Sika's Romuald Burkard Foundation, YTL has helped each year 1,500 Indonesians to improve their ecological conditions.



Improved Sanitation Program: Through the generous support of Sika's Romuald Burkard Foundation, Yayasan Tirta Lestari (YTL) has helped thousands of Indonesians improve their ecological conditions.



"In 2008 Sika became a primary sponsor allowing us to develop our programs even further with the addition of the Improved Sanitation and Solid Waste Management Programs." Sri Lienau, Co-founder of Yayasan Tirta Lestari (YTL).





# SIKA PERU – PRO LECHE AYACUCHO

## GOAL

The vision of Pro Leche Ayacucho is to improve the income of more than 600 farming families in the region Ayacucho (Peru).

## DESCRIPTION

In the region Ayacucho (Peru) on an altitude of over 3,500 meters above sea level (11,500 feet) agriculture is very risky due to the danger of frost and hail. Transferring the milk production from the coast to the Sierra allows the cattle to graze and reduces the milk production costs.

To improve the efficiency of dairy farming Pro Leche Ayacucho offers professional support and jointly finances the projects with the local farmers. Careful water management, appropriate fertilizing, the use of fences and conservation of pasture increase the quality and efficiency of the food for the cattle.

## RESULTS

The construction of simple barns with roofs for the cows and calves as well as milking places led to better health of the animals and an increased milk yield. The quality management of the milk is achieved by improved hygiene, control and education. The crossing and breeding of specific cattle further improves the milk yield.

The construction of multiple dairy factories allowed to produce various dairy products such as cheese which are sold on a regional and national level. Therewith, the milk is used most efficiently leading to an increased income of the farming families. To further improve and enlarge the projects of Pro Leche Ayacucho, Sika participates the second time with a major contribution.

Among several producers of low income and few resources the project meet its long-term production goals; with the improvement in feeding and two milking cows a day, the beneficiaries obtaining 10 kg of milk/cow a day in 280 lactation days, only through improved handling. One hectare of perennial grass and one more of oat fed well three cows and calves daily, this practice increase milk production to 30 kg/ha or 120 kg with 4 hectares.



Beneficiaria del proyecto

VILMA JULCA GAITAN



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# SIKA UK – SUPPORT OF THE YOUTH PROJECT PRESTON YOUTH ZONE

## GOAL

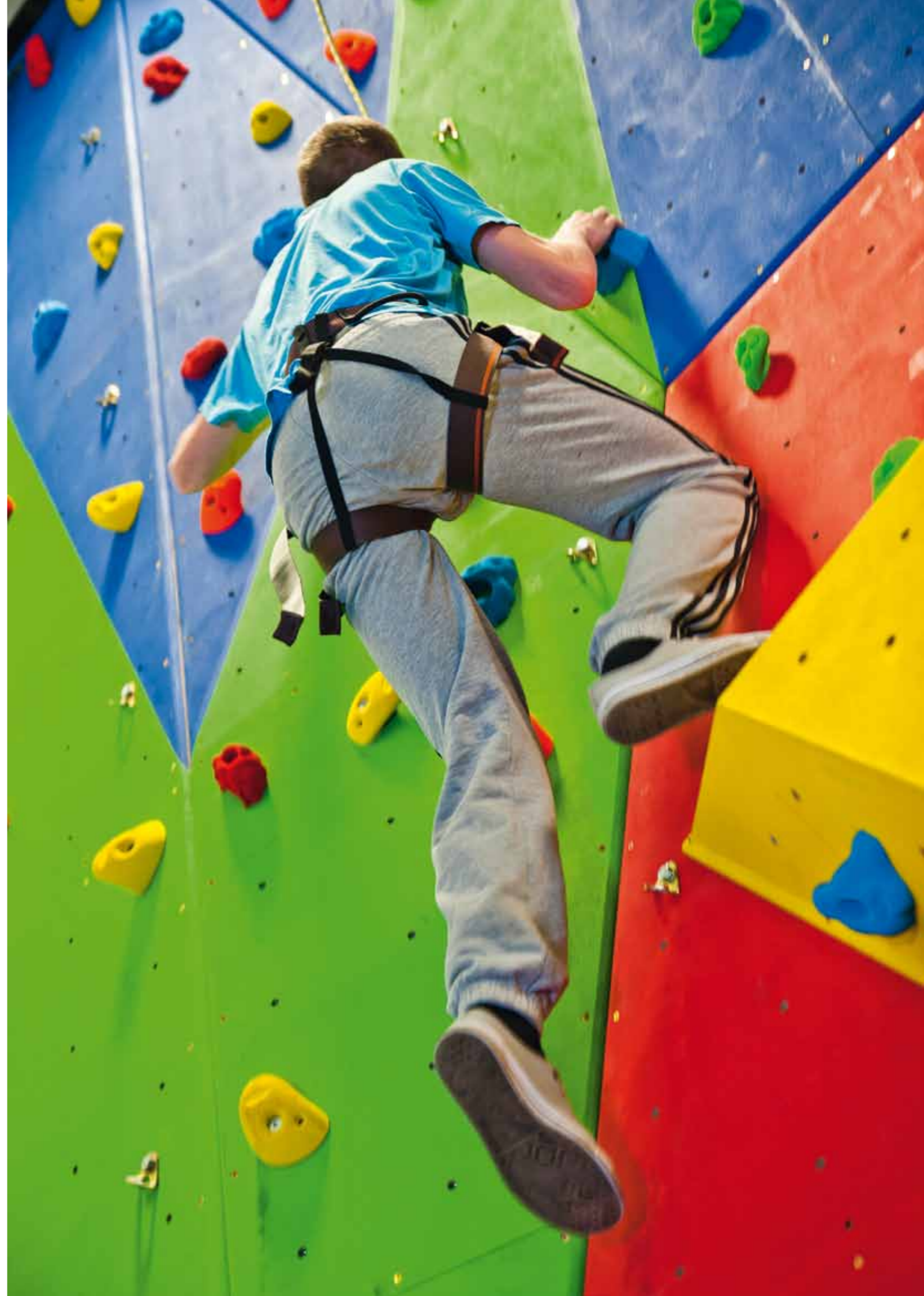
Preston Youth Zone (PYZ) is an ambitious private-sector-led youth project to provide a new, purpose-built modern sports, arts, health and well-being center for disadvantaged young people aged 8 to 21 and disabled young people up to 25.

## DESCRIPTION

Preston Youth Zone: Sika United Kingdom has become a Founder Patron of Preston Youth Zone. Besides that Sika sponsors the project with free of charge Sika products during the construction stage.

## RESULTS

The new PYZ opens in 2014 and is specifically located within Preston to fill identified sporting and creative facility gaps and targeted provision needs; to address low levels of participation and poor health profiles among Preston's city center youth population. The project will serve Preston's growing youth population, particularly young people from ethnic minority backgrounds.





# SIKA CHILE – PROJECT COANIL

## GOAL

To rebuild a children's home and to assist the children via the construction of a greenhouse for therapeutic purposes.

## DESCRIPTION

The beginning of this story did not have a good start, but like in fairy tales, every cloud has a silver lining. Thus after the earthquake of February 27, 2010, tragedy, where facilities of Hogar Juan XXIII of Fundación Coanil were seriously damaged, Sika Chile and the Romuald Burkard Foundation assisted the children of that institution. In 2013 Sika supported Coanil mainly with the construction of a greenhouse.

"When performing the diagnosis, we realized that main lack corresponded to the house. So, we decided at a first stage to reconstruct rooms in modules. In a second stage, we re-stored the school and in a third stage, we developed a permanent activity that will allow children to be in contact with nature related with sustainability and ecology," highlighted Mr. Francisco Jiménez, General Manager of Sika Chile.

## RESULTS

After the launching of new premises of Hogar Juan XXIII, the construction of a greenhouse began. "Children's tutors told us that harvesting and gardening had therapeutic effects and that this greenhouse was a dream come true," Mr. Danilo León added.

The greenhouse became a seedbed of hopes for these children who after all their difficulties along their lives today have a place that may be literally called "home." However, that task has not ended; the bond created may not be broken.



New greenhouse for the "Juan XXIII" children's home, run by the nonprofit organization Coanil.



# SIKA MEXICO – MINISTERIOS PAN DE VIDA

## GOAL

Support of the orphanage Ministerios Pan de Vida in order to give children and young people the chance to live a better life.

## DESCRIPTION

The projects that Sika Mexicana is sponsoring into the orphanage Ministerios Pan de Vida with the Romuald Burkard support are:

- Football field: The construction of a dressing room, bleachers, bathrooms and a football field for the Bufalos team were concluded.
- Construction of the boys house: The housing capacity was expanded and thus improved the life quality of 36 boys.
- New scholarship program: Teenagers are given an opportunity to pursue higher studies that offer access to better job prospectives.

## RESULTS

- Football field: Construction of the bleachers, dressing room, bathroom, and cafeteria.
- Scholarship program: Three scholarships were granted in 2013.
- Dental care program: Once a month children visit a dentist to receive dental treatment or dental cleaning in each case. In 2013 dental support was given to 80 kids.
- Construction of boys house: License of property because that was a requirement of the local government to initiate a construction in that field until March 2013.



Sika improves the life quality of more than 80 children at the Pan de Vida orphanage. Here: Pan de Vida soccer team.



Construction of the boys house



Dental care for children.



# SIKA VIETNAM – OPERATION SMILE VIETNAM

## GOAL

To help children with cleft deformities and to improve their lives.

## DESCRIPTION

Vietnam has one of the highest incidence of clefts in the world – estimated at one in every 500 babies born, or approximately 3,000 newborn every year – having either a cleft lip or a cleft palate or both.

While nobody dies of cleft deformity, the impact of this birth defect on a child's life is limiting if not devastating. Children with cleft deformities suffer a multitude of medical problems including chronic ear infections, malnutrition, respiratory ailments, dental problems and difficulties with speech development. The emotional and psychological effects can be devastating to children and their families. Children with cleft deformities are often ridiculed because of their deformity, and often stop going to school. They grow up with neither the social nor the work skills to find gainful employment in adulthood.

Hoping to help these unfortunate children find a new smile, a brighter future as well as a prospect of full and normal life – thereby becoming productive members of society –, Opera-

tion Smile Vietnam and Sika have cooperated to provide free reconstructive treatments for disfigured Vietnamese kids with cleft deformities through Operation Smile's surgical missions and by well-skilled and credentialed Operation Smile medical volunteers.

Operation Smile Vietnam (OSV) is an NGO set up in 1989, as part of Operation Smile International dedicated to providing free treatment to children and adults suffering from cleft lips and cleft palates. Up to now, OSV have provided free surgeries for more than 15,000 children and free dental treatment for more than 18,000 children. They have as well trained local medical teams with the aim of bringing down the treatment cost to accommodate more patients.

## RESULTS

Following the years of meaningful donation, Sika Vietnam continues to support Operation Smile Vietnam for 2013. In 2013, four missions were organized in Hanoi, Nghê An, Binh Dinh and Ho Chi Minh City with 440 patients screened and 294 operated patients. In addition to the financial support, Sika staff volunteered during all missions in order to assist Operation Smile Vietnam and its medical teams in coordinating logistic works for the conducted missions.



Operation Smile's surgical missions rely on the work of medical volunteers.



# SIKA ROMANIA – CONSTRUCTION OF A GUESTHOUSE



## GOAL

The construction of a guesthouse in order to create jobs for orphans.

## DESCRIPTION

Most of the funds will be used to complete the structural construction, for building finishes, tiling, painting, plastering, cleaning, woodwork, paneling inside and outside residual main building, sanitary water heating plants, sewage treatment plants with tank, etc.

About 20 years ago Cornelia Fischer, a trained nurse from Erlenbach, Switzerland, went on a world tour and found her life task in Pănătău, Romania. In this small farming village she built a home for 20 orphans, which she directed since then with a lot of commitment.

Cornelia Fischer was first confronted in 1991 with the tragic fate of abandoned children in Romania. Without hesitation she accompanied the construction of the children's home in Pănătău, which was initiated by Amurtel, a charity organization registered in Romania. With the arrival of the first children in 1995, Cornelia took over the management of the children's home. Before she took the children in the orphanage, they lived in a state children's home or in hospitals. Many of them are traumatized, have sleep or behavior disorders.

The children are all-round encouraged. For the first time in their lives they experienced love and security. They are supported in their academic and personal development. Their education and training is ensured, thus creating the basis for a better future. Each child has its own caregiver among the employees. Today they are young people that have the hope of a good future. The team is working and available around the clock. A total of 9 employees ensure operation 24 hours a day and 365 days a year. The labor market in Romania is generally very difficult. It is a great challenge to find a job, especially for children in care. This prompted Cornelia Fischer to build a guesthouse where the young adults will find a job.

## RESULTS

Successful start-up of the guesthouse: The guesthouse is located in the Eastern Carpathians near the main traffic artery between the cities of Braşov and Buzău. Twelve double rooms and a restaurant with 40 seats develop on a rural plot of land.

The Higher Vocational School of Tourism HFT Luzern supported and accompanied the tourism concept as well as the training of future employees from the very beginning. In order that the company meets the tourism market demands at any time, this cooperation will continue after the start-up of the guesthouse, as well.



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The guesthouse where young adults from the orphanage get an excellent education in the tourism sector.



# ROMUALD BURKARD FOUNDATION

In remembrance of Romuald Burkard, who represented the third generation of Sika's founder family Winkler, the Romuald Burkard Foundation was created in 2005. Through this foundation country organizations support social projects to promote self-help locally. The projects focus on the following areas:

- Buildings and infrastructure that serve a social purpose,
- Technological training in construction professions and trades,
- Water projects with ecological and social objectives.

The objective is to promote self-help locally. The local Sika companies are required to put forward specific aid applications and, working with local partners, supervise the projects on site up to completion.

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