

VENRO – activity examples

Deine Stimme gegen Armut (Your Voice against Poverty) is a joint campaign by VENRO, artist Herbert Grönemeyer and specialists they are friends with in the PR and media branch. It calls on the Federal Government to step up its engagement in realising the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs). This campaign is part of the civil society alliance Global Call to Action Against Poverty (GCAP) in more than 100 countries.

www.deine-stimme-gegen-armut.de

With the VENRO Project on the German EU Council Presidency 2007, German and African NGOs are supporting the presidency policy in a critical and constructive manner. In the manifesto **Prospects for Africa – Europe's Policies**, they call on the Federal Government to stand up for a poverty-oriented European development policy.

www.prospects-for-africa.de

NGO-IDEAs is an innovative co-operation project involving 14 VENRO members and 32 Indian partners in impact monitoring and the evaluation of savings and credit projects. www.ngo-ideas.net

In co-operation with the German Development Institute (GDI/DIE) and the European Association of Development Research and Training Institutes (EADI), VENRO is running a series of events, **Bonner Impulse**, on focal issues of European development policy. www.bonnerimpulse.de

With the project **Prospects for 2015** (Perspektive 2015), VENRO is running information and educational activities on the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and supporting the Federal Government's Programme of Action 2015 from a civil society angle. www.2015.venro.org

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**Association of German
Development Non-Govern-
mental Organisations**

VENRO unites diversity

VENRO unites and represents the diversity of German development non-governmental organisations (NGOs).

More than 100 members give VENRO a multifaceted profile. They are organisations active in private and church development co-operation, emergency relief and development education, public relations and lobbying activities.

VENRO concentrates forces, thus strengthening the voice of development NGOs. In doing so, as a federal association, VENRO supports its members' goals and activities.

VENRO stands for the concerted action of several forces in society to overcome poverty world-wide.

As a forum in which positions and opinions are developed within the German NGO scene, VENRO is the platform of development civil society.

Together with its members, VENRO contributes to developing quality standards and transparency in NGO activities.

VENRO acts as a multiplier and is simultaneously a contact as well as political watchdog.

VENRO interferes

VENRO represents the positions of its members in the political arena and sees to it that the diversity of perspectives among NGOs and their special competencies influence development policy.

As a neutral representative, VENRO stands up for a poverty-oriented development policy and humanitarian aid that is independent of state interests.

Here, VENRO above all pursues the goals of

- strengthening the awareness of the need for sustainable development and humanitarian aid in politics and society, and
- raising its political status and its acceptance in society.

As an independent observer, VENRO monitors and assesses changes and political processes in development and in policy fields relating to it such as foreign, economic, trade and education policy. Special attention is also given to the European level.

VENRO creates networks

VENRO addresses a wide public via strong alliances. Here, it not only relies on national co-operation but also pursues its goals in international alliances, thus contributing know-how and positions of German NGOs to European and global processes.

Among the VENRO members there are the 16 German One-World "Länder" Networks (Eine-Welt-Landesnetzwerke) via which around 2,000 local development initiatives and NGOs are represented in the association. In Germany, VENRO works together with civil society alliances as well, and it also co-operates with academic research institutions.

At European level, VENRO is the German member of CONCORD, the umbrella association of development NGOs in the European Union. CONCORD represents the interests of more than 1,800 European NGOs in European politics.

Internationally, VENRO is part of the G7 NGO Coalition, a network of development umbrella associations from the G7 states campaigning for a strengthening of combating poverty world-wide in the framework of the G7/G8 group of states.

