

## Our Vision

Through our work we want to help people change their life for better. We give them a chance to get out of poverty and provide for themselves. That's what we're already doing in a number of villages and cities, and we would like to extend our activities to other parts of the country.

An important aspect is, in our opinion, life in the community. For that reason we cooperate with municipalities, schools, local churches and initiatives. With an eye to the public welfare, we encourage the willingness to support all those in need, even outside traditional family structures.

## Project sponsorship

To keep our projects running, we rely on your donations – for food and medication, rent, vehicles and our local staff.

You can help us

- **Become a project sponsor:** Your regular donation will be a valuable contribution to have a sound foundation for our running expenses. In the long term, 20, 30 or 50 Euro per month already will have a great effect!

- **Keep up-to-date** with our latest news on [www.diakonia.al](http://www.diakonia.al), or our publications

- **Gain direct insights** as participant or fellow traveller on our mission trips. You can find further information online, or call our office.

## DA and CHW

The Diakonia Albania foundation is a non-profit organization committed to helping people in need. It goes back to the longstanding work of the German Christian Relief Association Wismar e.V. (CHW) which drove it's first aid transport to Pogradec in 1992.

Diakonia Albania, founded in 2012, carries out relief operations and social projects from offices in Pogradec and Tirana. We work with local communities, government agencies, other aid organizations, and with many volunteers from Albania, Germany and other countries.



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## SOCIAL PROJECTS

*Practical help for poor people living in Albania*

**In Albania, poverty has caused miserable conditions for many families, especially in rural areas. With our social projects, we provide for people in need and also help to bring long lasting improvement of living conditions.**

## Assistance is required

Albania's policies and the economical advances of the last years could not reach the rural areas. There are hardly any chances to get employment over there, and the government doesn't have the means to build up streets, schools, medical care etc.

For more than 25 years we have been active in the Mokra region in eastern Albania, in recent years also in the cities of Pogradec, Librazhd, Lezhë and Tirana. Our social projects help children, people with disabilities and families in need. Even more, they are a clear sign that the people there are not left alone.

## Dormitory Bishnica

In our dormitory children of poor, remote villages receive the opportunity to get a school education. They live with us Monday to Friday and attend Bishnica's public school; our staff give them additional tutoring, music and creative courses, and foreign language teaching. This way we want to give them a sound foundation for their lives.

Furthermore, in our dormitory children from broken homes live, which we accommodate on behalf of the local social office.

Our services for all those children include: food, leisure activities, clothes, school material, hygienic and medical care, visits to the dentist, psychological accompaniment etc. At present, 10 employees are looking after 25 children.



Food, accommodation and education for one child: 150 € / month

## Community services

The health system in the Mokra area is severely underdeveloped. Our male nurse Bashkim Lilo travels to the villages most days of the week to currently treat 40 patients, including physiotherapy, treatments of diabetes patients and other people with chronic illnesses. That means high travel expenses, but also regular expenses for medical and hygienic supplies.

Weekly visits to a person or family: 50 € / month

Medical and hygienic supplies: 20 – 30 € / month



## Emergency aid

Within the scope of our possibilities we also help families in need, e.g. because their house has burnt down or they have become victims of a flood, because of sickness or unemployment of their parents. Beside family care parcels and other donations we also organise medical care.



Food parcel (bought on location): 60 € each  
Parcel with clothes: 25 €  
Logistics: 700 €