

COMPLIANCE



MAMA AFRIKA

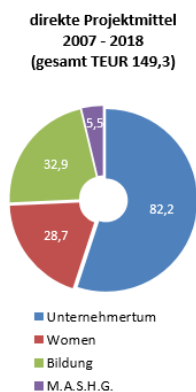
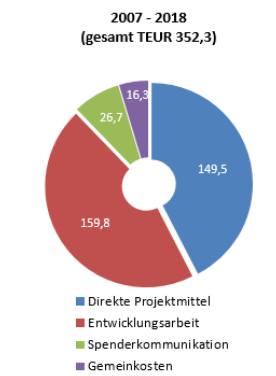
"For God's sake, please stop the help! It only finances huge bureaucracies, promotes corruption and complacency, and educates Africans to become indigent and beggars. "

The Kenyan economist James Shikwati has long been using dramatic words to claim responsibility for Africans (taken from an interview in the Spiegel 2005). We agree wholeheartedly!

At Mama Africa, we do not provide handouts. In order to receive support, precise preconditions have to be met by everyone. Only through this foundational framework are we able to establish a partnership, since both sides provide services.

The proper handling of donations is of utmost importance to donors. This is reflected in our central principles including transparency and the observance of the conditions. It is of great importance to us for everything to be done properly and diligently. We communicate this concern to our development partners and establish honesty and discipline as a basis for cooperation. Efficient control and compliance processes ensure this constantly.

The spending structure of Mama Africa:



We practice a four-eye principle. All expenses are released by two people; Cash flows are made directly to the recipients without intermediate partners. This eliminates the possibility of third parties to take a cut from the cash flow.

The internal and external testing strategies include:

- ICS (Internal Control System), in which there is a separation between order and transaction. The transaction releases are made by a board independent of the development work.
- Quarterly review of the electronic cash flow statement by a second board member
- At the end of a financial year (1.1.-31.12.), The conduct of an overall review, supported by a series of control invoices, is reviewed by the board.
- After that, a comprehensive audit of all regularities is carried out by the two auditors (according to the Austrian Association Law)
- Subsequently, the auditing of the accounts by a renowned auditing firm with regard to the conditions as a non-profit within the meaning of § 4a EStG shall apply.

We also practice the documentary obligations with our African partners.

The communication and the development work with the individual projects are structured according to the "Mama Africa 4 Phases Model". All steps are precisely documented to make traceability possible.

Since 26.5.2011, Mama Afrika fulfils the requirements for charitable organizations and is on the list of BMF (registration number SO 2146). See: https://service.bmf.gv.at/service/allg/spenden/show_mast.asp

Compliance is the key value for us! If we are not sure that everything is going right, then we lose our drive to operate Mama Africa.

By the end of 2015, we were close to ending Mama Africa because we lost that certainty. With our Mama Africa 3.0 strategy, we have established processes that ensure proper condition again.