



AUMUND FOUNDATION

FOUNDATION REPORT

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FOREWORD

Ladies and gentlemen,
Dear friends and supporters,

More than a year has passed now since the death of our Founder Franz-Walter Aumund. The time seems to have flown by, as we have been working untiringly on fulfilling the Founder's objectives.

Organisational and structural adjustments of the Aumund Foundation characterised the year in 2023. Mid-way through 2024 these are still not completed, but we have already achieved a lot. At the same time we have been able to focus on the expansion of our project work around the world in fulfilment of our purpose, fully in the spirit of Franz-W. Aumund. Over the past months project trips to Kenya, Southeastern Europe and South Africa have led us to the people who work with untiring commitment for our funding partners to ensure that young people are able to lead self-determined lives, and that they can realise their full potential. We are sure that Franz-W. Aumund would have been proud of the success stories which we would like to share with you in this report.

It is a key responsibility for us to ensure that the Foundation funds are properly used where they are

urgently needed. This is why we work continuously on the quality assurance of our project work.

One example of this is the newly formed health committee which we will introduce to you in this report. With this activity report we would like to give you an insight into what we have been able to achieve so far with the considerable increase in our funding volume.

Incidentally, in May 2024 the Aumund Foundation celebrated five years of foundation activity since its official accreditation by the regional government, so this report will take the opportunity to offer a brief review of the first years of the Foundation's work.

We hope you enjoy reading and gaining insights into our success stories!

Dr. Silke Landwehrmann
Katja Jüngst
Executive Board of the Aumund Foundation



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DR. SILKE LANDWEHRMANN AND KATJA JÜNGST

“Project work takes centre stage”



The international network of our philanthropic commitment is growing consistently.

The Aumund Foundation has stepped into its role as sole shareholder of the Group of companies after the death of Franz-Walter Aumund. What are the consequences of this significant change?

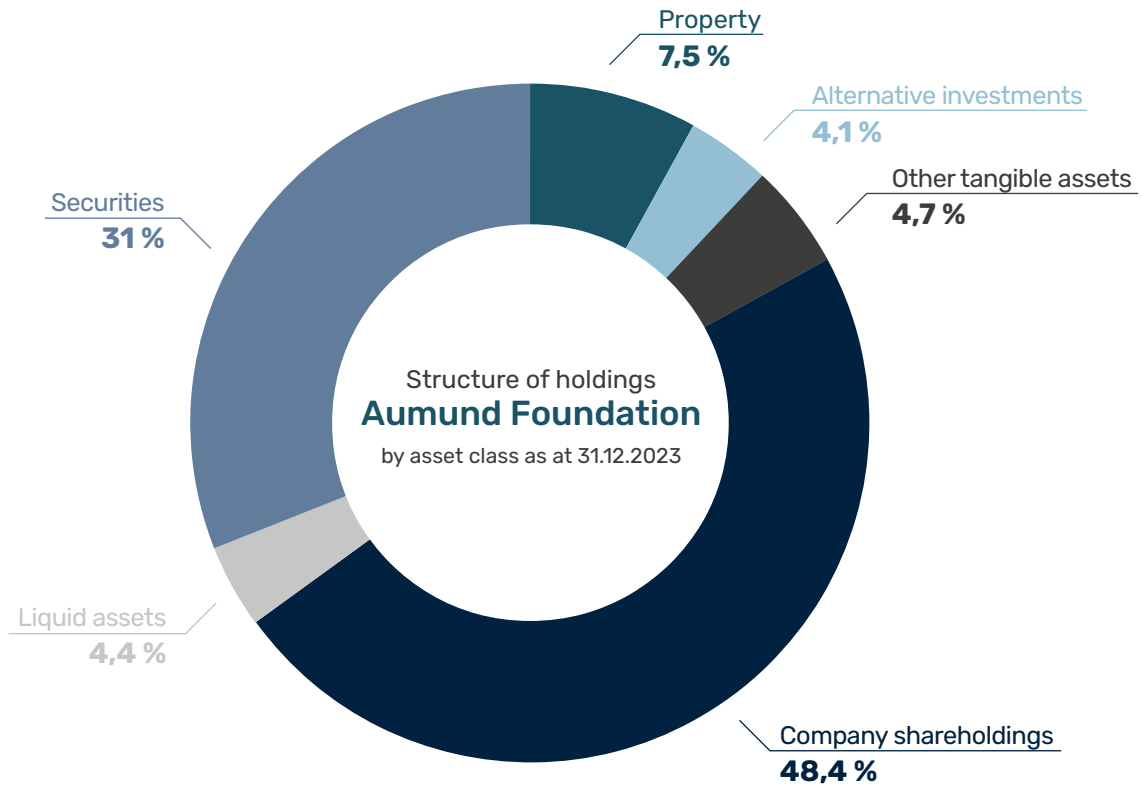
Silke Landwehrmann The Aumund Foundation has taken on a professional ownership role and created a governance structure independent of specific individuals. A supervisory board has been established as a monitoring and decision-making body for AUMUND Holding B.V. The members contribute significantly with their know-how to the strategic development of the Group of companies. I am Chair of the Supervisory Board.

How does the new role of the Aumund Foundation influence your work and the funding projects?

Katja Jüngst With the new structure the Aumund Foundation can focus fully on its project work. This has created the basis for a significantly increased funding volume. Over the past year we have expanded existing cooperation projects and established contacts to identify new project partners.

How does the Aumund Foundation finance its projects?

Silke Landwehrmann One source of financial resources for purpose fulfilment is dividends from the Group of companies. The dividends are distributions of part of the profits and they are used for project work. The remaining profits are retained



within the companies to finance business growth and strategic projects. Further income is generated from the liquid assets of the Foundation and from property management.

What was last year's funding volume and what plans do you have for 2024?

Katja Jüngst In 2023 the sum for project funding was around €1.9 million. In comparison in 2022 the amount of funding was only about €0.6 million. For the current year 2024 we are already planning a project expenditure of €4.0 million.

The sharp rise in funding volume has brought with it the expansion of quality control with respect to funding projects. One aspect of this is the professional guidance provided by the health committee (see page 6). Another is the active inclusion of the real estate department in connection with construction projects.

What long-term objectives does the Aumund Foundation have as proprietor of the Group of companies?

Silke Landwehrmann These are quite clear; the Aumund Foundation provides a long-term and stable basis for the future development of the Group of companies with a focus on profitable growth, sustainability and a value-orientated corporate culture.

How do the employees feel about the Aumund Foundation's projects, and how do they support the social commitment of the companies of the AUMUND Group?

Katja Jüngst It is very motivating to see the great interest the employees all over the world show in the projects of the Foundation.

In addition we are carrying on Franz-Walter Aumund's idea that the individual companies of the AUMUND Group should identify their "own" social projects and support them sustainably. The Foundation provides them with practical advice. It is exciting to see that the international network of our philanthropic commitment is growing consistently.

Strengthening of activities in healthcare

The rules of procedure issued by the Founder stipulate the consultation of specialist committees and involvement of appropriate experts to prepare for decision-making. The Aumund Foundation has now installed the health committee as a professional advisory body.

Three medical professionals, Prof. Dr. med. Heinz-Herbert Homann, Dr. med. Dr. med. dent. Helmut Sieber and Dr. Markus Stephan have been appointed to the committee which will support the Foundation Board in developing a coherent funding strategy in the areas of health and medical care, as well as give professional advice on the evaluation and selection of specific funding applications. They will bring their expertise to bear on such matters as definition of focus regions, scaling up of proven projects, consolidation of projects, and development of criteria for impact tracking.

These three medical professionals are specialists in their respective fields; plastic surgery/burn injuries, oral and maxillofacial surgery and ophthalmology, disciplines which represent key funding areas for the Aumund Foundation. They also all have comprehensive experience in international humanitarian health projects.

“With the combination of the specialist expertise of our committee members and the required field knowledge

they have gained on regular surgical assignments in developing countries, we consider ourselves well-supported in this area,” says Katja Jüngst.

The health committee also comprises Andrea Locker, Management Advisor at the German Foundation Centre, and Katja Jüngst, Executive Board Member of the Aumund Foundation, as Chair.

Now that the health committee is established, the aim is to promote closer interaction between health and education projects going forward. The primary objective of the Foundation’s healthcare purpose is to enable children and young people to have a self-determined life by establishing or restoring their physical integrity. Alongside the funding of preventive measures and medical operations the aim is to implement the concept of sustainability. Hence there is also a focus in the funding regions on supporting the training and further education of young people to become medical professionals.



FUNDING PROJECTS

Diospi Suyana e.V. (PERU)

- basic medical care, free of charge, for Quechua people
- *AF project*: funding of medical equipment

Chain of Hope UK (DEVELOPING COUNTRIES)

- building of cardiology centres, heart operations for children in the international network of hospitals
- *AF project*: funding of operations

DEVIEMED e.V. (VIETNAM)

- humanitarian medical aid for children with facial malformations
- *AF project*: funding of operations

Interplast e.V. Duisburg (KEY AREA ERITREA)

- burn injury care at Halibet Hospital, Asmara
- *AF project*: financial participation in operation assignments



Dr. med. Dr. med. dent. Helmut Sieber

A “non-retired” doctor, 73-year-old Helmut Sieber is the former Senior Consultant for oral and maxillofacial surgery at the Maltese Order of St. John Hospital in Duisburg-Homberg. Although he officially retired in September 2016, he remained in the services of his employer until the end of 2018. Together with an oral-maxillofacial surgeon who had settled in Wesel, he developed the association DEVIEMED e.V., founded over 30 years ago with the objective of providing humanitarian and medical aid for Vietnamese children with congenital facial malformations.

Helmut Sieber has been committed to the association as a board member since 1997. “Since then I have been to Vietnam once or twice every year to pass on my know-how to Vietnamese doctors,” says Helmut Sieber. One of the factors which makes the knowledge sharing challenging is that the qualification in both countries is very different. Oral-maxillofacial surgeons in Germany need to have studied not only medicine but also dentistry. However in Vietnam this combination of the two disciplines is an absolute exception.



Prof. Dr. med. Heinz-Herbert Homann

Over the course of his career, Senior Consultant for hand surgery, plastic surgery and head of the severe burns unit at the Trade Association Clinic in Duisburg, Heinz-Herbert Homann has fulfilled a dream that he had as a student. “I wanted a profession which I could carry out internationally,” he says, describing his motivation. Today he is head of the Duisburg section of the association Interplast e.V. and is committed to providing plastic surgery aid for patients in developing countries and zones of conflict, currently focusing on burn injuries in Asmara, Eritrea. Other assignments abroad have led him to places such as Myanmar and Yemen.

Our Founder Franz-W. Aumund visited the clinic in Duisburg just over four years ago. Photos on the walls of the clinic attracted his attention and led to discussions with Heinz-Herbert Homann in Rheinberg, and to the subsequent support of Interplast e.V.

“I was fascinated by the energy and the sense of mission with which he drove his ideas forward,” says Homann today describing his impressions when interacting with Franz-W. Aumund.

FUNDING PROJECTS

Mercy Ships e.V. (WEST AFRICA)

- further education and training of qualified staff
- *AF project*: funding of various measures

Mercy Ships e.V. (WEST AFRICA)

- coastal West African countries
- treatment and surgery for the population on board hospital ships (orthopaedics, OMS, General surgery)
- *AF project*: funding of operations for children

Deutsches Blindenhilfswerk e.V. (KENYA)

- aid for blind, partially sighted and people at risk of blindness with eye units, training of qualified staff and funding of school education for children with visual impairments
- *AF project*: scholarships for ophthalmic clinical officers, building of a support centre for blind and partially sighted children



Dr. med. Markus Stephan

Pro bono assignments for Westfälische Kinderdorf e.V. in the Westphalian Medical Center in Ghana, volunteering as a trainer of local skilled personnel for TanZanEye e.V. in Tanzania, surgeon and trainer of local ophthalmologists at the Takeo Eye Hospital in Cambodia, and various assignments to the Philippines, are some of the many aid interventions which Dr. Markus Stephan, Resident Specialist for ophthalmology and head of the Bergisch-Gladbach and Bensberg eye clinic, has carried out over the past two decades, principally in developing countries.

By our standards the equipment with devices would require renovation, and this presents Dr. Markus Stephan with particular challenges. He describes the situation as follows, "One example is that the techniques commonly used for cataract operations are no longer practiced in this way at all in Germany." He is very much looking forward to his planned visit to an Aumund Foundation project in Bangladesh, and excited to meet for the first time colleagues who examine and operate internationally in the ORBIS Flying Eye Hospital.

Dentists for Africa e.V. (KENYA)

- improvement of dental care (dental units), school scholarships and training of medical staff
- *AF project*: scholarships for medical assistants and students of dental medicine

Doctors for Mozambique (MOZAMBIQUE)

- training of medical personnel/improvement of medical care to reduce infant mortality
- *AF project*: scholarships for medical students



Andrea Locker

Andrea Locker from the Foundation Centre has been advising the Franz-W. Aumund-Stiftung since 2006, and now also the Aumund Foundation, in particular in programme development. Now she has been appointed to the health committee of the Foundation. She continues to be in close contact with Board Member Katja Jüngst. "The relationships of the Aumund Foundation with selected funding partners are based on mutual trust. This as well as the project visits on site are an excellent basis for sustainable project work," says Andrea Locker.

Since the beginning Andrea Locker has been carrying out effective and efficient project implementation. Her qualifications as a medical assistant and industrial associate as well as her degree in history and Russian stand her in good stead, and are an appropriate mix for the challenges of her occupation. Back in the 1990s she worked for Caritas in Ukraine and Bulgaria, where one of her achievements was the establishment of coordination offices.

In Andrea Locker's first position at the Foundation Centre she looked after key accounts, before becoming a team leader. Today she carries out a wide variety of tasks as Management Advisor.

Orbis UK (DEVELOPING AND EMERGING COUNTRIES)

- training and operation assignments of the Flying Eye Hospital and Vision Centres etc., in the countries
- *AF project*: financial participation in the FEH and REACH programmes in Nepal

The Voluntary Health Services (INDIA)

- medical care for all sections of the population, training of medical staff
- *AF project*: scholarships for the training of nurses



South Africa February 2024

BY KATJA JÜNGST

Getting to know as many project partners as possible and becoming familiar with conditions on the ground is part of the strategy and the perception of quality of our project work. Our objective for the coming years is not to fund according to the "watering can principle" but to do so sustainably and efficiently, which is why we define a manageable number of funding partners and focus regions.



A warm welcome from the team at **Rodean School**. The scholarship recipients listening spellbound to the stories about the late Founder.



BACKGROUND

A project close to the heart of our Founder

While the Founder was still alive South Africa had already emerged as a key region, partly due to the support of selected Round Square Schools. Since then three Round Square Schools and The Love Trust with its Nokuphila School have proved to be reliable funding partners, which made it very worthwhile to plan a visit to South Africa.

When preparing for the trip Project Coordinator Susanne Weiss and I found out that it would be a little different to others. Planning the logistics with our funding partners showed that because of high crime rates there was no way we would be able to cover even short distances in town on foot. "We don't do that here," was the comment. I must admit, not being able to take an evening walk after dinner in the

hotel in Johannesburg, because we were seriously warned against it, left me with feelings of disquiet. However, whatever the time of day there was always a representative from one of our project partners available to accompany us personally from A to B. We always felt safe and welcomed. As we already discovered during our trip to Kenya in autumn 2023, unplanned discussions are the icing on the cake of a fully synchronised project trip. Such as for example the conversation with the hotel driver who told us about his time in the slums and emphasised that he had never since experienced people sticking together like they did there.

Roedean School

Our first project visit led us to Roedean School, a renowned boarding school for girls in Johannesburg. Here we are now enabling five schoolgirls to benefit from the first-class education of a Round Square School, and we were looking forward to meeting them personally after having seen them previously many times on video calls. The ice was quickly broken in our



The Love Trust organisation

Reading competitions and technology projects enhance the school day. School attendance rate is almost 100 percent.



face to face meeting, and the atmosphere became increasingly relaxed at lunchtime. In particular we found the time with “our” girls most enjoyable. It was good to hear that they had been able to fit in quickly, and after a short warming-up period they had settled in well to the new situation. They are fully aware of the privilege it is to enjoy an education at a top school. They were very interested to hear more about our Founder and what made him want to support children on the other side of the world.

We especially appreciated the fact that our visit had been so meticulously prepared. People in charge of all relevant areas; the school management, teachers, supervisors and the contact for the financial administration of the scholarships, were all available for meetings with us. We were able to learn first-hand how the central concept of the Round Square philosophy, the “IDEALS”, are implemented at Roedeian School. In particular, projects which serve people from less privileged walks of life are a priority at Roedeian School. With their tutoring for local children with learning difficulties, distribution of food to the needy, blood drives etc., service to society has

already become a matter of course for these school-age girls.

The Love Trust organisation

A stark contrast awaited us on the following day, around 30 km further north in Thembisa, Gauteng Province. Thembisa was established around 70 years ago during apartheid, as a township, i.e. a state settlement for coloured South Africans. The city centres were reserved for the white population. A high rate of unemployment, malnutrition and a lack of electricity and water impact the everyday lives of about one million people here. The drive through the township was depressing. Overcrowded classrooms, which are not equipped for the number of students present, are the order of the day for township schoolchildren. A counterpoint to this has been set by the charitable organisation The Love Trust, which since 2009 literally gets children out of the township with its Nokuphila School. Nowadays every morning almost 400 children, from preschool age to year



Tiger Kloof Educational Institution

There are now 16 students who receive a scholarship from the Aumund Foundation. The first scholarship recipient Omolemo will graduate this year.



eight, are brought by bus to Nokuphila School. The translation of the name Nokuphila is "Place of Life," which is more than apt for this school, as it offers the children not only a holistic school education with the general school curriculum, including sport, art and culture, but also daily meals and medical check-ups are provided. Support from social workers, if necessary for the whole family, round off the programme of the school. The school attendance rate of 98 percent speaks for itself. We found out about this school from fundraiser Charmaine Gola who had previously been our contact at Roedean School. Currently we are funding scholarships at Nokuphila School for attending the first year of grade 8, as well as the social worker. The discussion with the Managing Director of The Love Trust about his dreams of expanding the campus to include a high school strengthened our resolve to further expand our cooperation. The wish of our Founder to open doors to education is filled with life every day at this school.

Tiger Kloof Educational Institution

From Johannesburg we took a domestic flight to Kimberly, where Louise Fouché was waiting for us at the airport. The Managing Director of Tiger Kloof Educational Institution did not want to miss the opportunity of picking us up herself. On the three-hour drive through barren landscape to our partner school we were given a good outline of the current situation on site, the history of the school, closure during apartheid and rebuilding by motivated Old Tigers. The living conditions of the majority of students also became crystal clear to us. Large families living in corrugated iron huts in informal settlements, and teenage pregnancies, are very common. Tiger Kloof has taken up the cause of not only providing a high-quality education to these children but also giving them the chance to develop their potential and personality by attending this boarding school. Our contacts have made it more than clear that they take this responsibility seriously. What unites us is the goal of changing the lives of young people sustainably for

the better, which is why we were very moved by the quote from a student who graduated last year, who said that his own table and bed at Tiger Kloof were the greatest gift he had ever received in his life. It was also impressive to see how proud and self-confident the students have become by the time they leave the school. Students from grade 11 and 12 had been given the task of taking us on a guided tour of the campus. They confidently explained the historical background of Tiger Kloof and emphasised how thankful they were to be provided with the tools for their future by such a school. Over the two days of our visit Susanne Weiss

together with School Business Manager Janis Christian that Bridge House has become the “model school” in the project. The Round Square IDEALS are implemented here as an absolute matter of course, as we were able to experience at the grade assemblies, live and in colour! The students learn from the beginning to give back to society, as they collect foodbank donations, prepare and distribute sandwiches at the neighbouring primary school, read with the primary school children in the afternoons and support local soup kitchens. Principal David Clark took us round the campus himself



My own table and my own bed are the greatest gift.



and I noted that the school is certainly lacking in some material respects, however there is absolutely no shortage of hospitality or cosmopolitan attitudes.

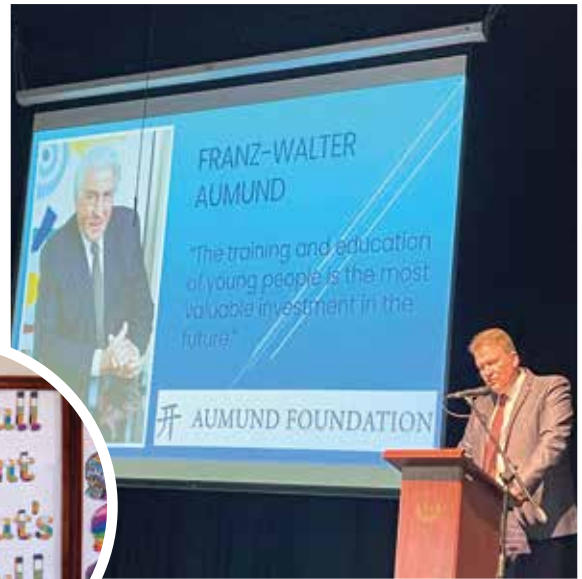
Bridge House School

The last stop on our trip was Bridge House School in Franschoek. The school is situated a good hour's drive from Cape Town in the valley of a wine region in an almost unimaginably beautiful setting. Similarly to Roedean School, it is mainly children from well-situated families whose parents are able to pay for their education, who go to school here.

Bridge House School is one of the first schools we partnered with in the Round Square scholarship programme, and we have been working so closely

and introduced us to our contacts, who were very happy to learn that we intend to expand the scholarship programme. When David officially welcomed us at the senior assembly and paid tribute to our late Founder and his life's work in a presentation, we were once again very moved.

As at Roedean School our scholarship recipients confirmed that they feel accepted and in good hands here, and they told us about their plans for the future. What a pleasant coincidence that on the same evening the summer party was taking place, an event which is used to raise money for the school's own scholarship fund.



Bridge House School

Principal David Clark showing us round the campus. At assembly he paid tribute to the life's work of Franz-Walter Aumund.



ROUND SQUARE SCHOOLS

German educationalist Kurt Hahn not only established the renowned Schloss Salem boarding school, but also Gordonstoun School in Scotland.

The old fortified village in the school grounds forms a circle of small square houses and gave its name to the Round Square Schools. These can be found today on all continents.

What they have in common is a commitment to altruistic responsibility, stated in the six IDEALS.

- I** - Internationality
- D** - Democracy
- E** - Environmentalism
- A** - Adventure
- L** - Leadership
- S** - Service

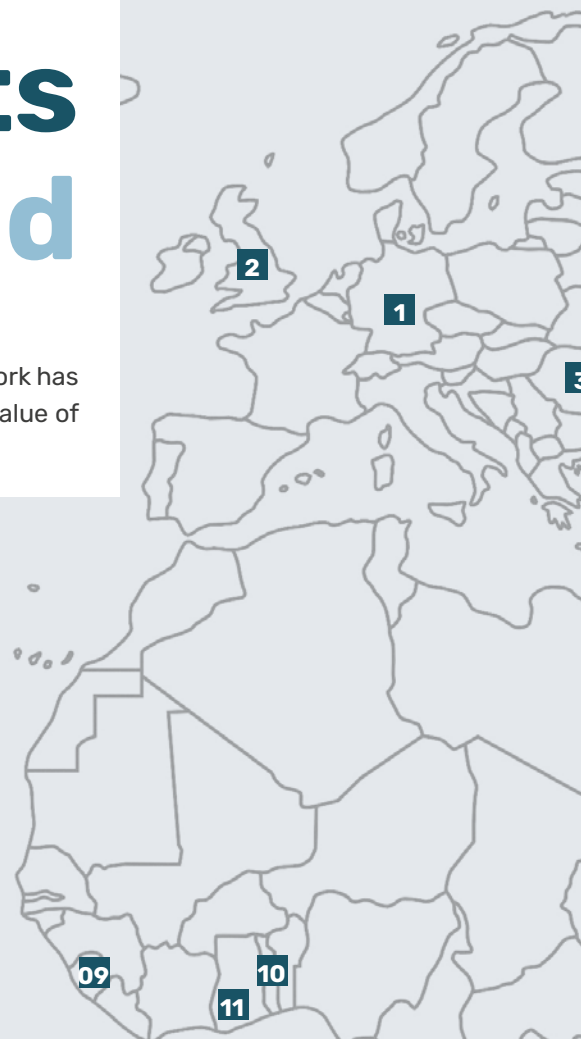
A PRIVATE WORD

On the trail of Mandela

We took time out on the last day to visit Robben Island where Nelson Mandela had been imprisoned for 18 years. The narrative of an ex-prisoner who had also been incarcerated during apartheid, and was still trying to come to terms with his past many years later by volunteering as a guide, was a worthy conclusion to our journey to a country which still today has its challenges.

Funding projects around the world

From the beginnings of the Aumund Foundation in 2019 an international network has grown, through which almost 30 projects in nearly 20 countries with a total value of approximately € 1,900,000 have been funded in 2023.



1. GERMANY
HTW University of Applied Sciences, Berlin
 • Endowed chair "Industrial Sensor Technology and Predictive Maintenance 4.0" (via Franz-W. Aumund-Stiftung) since 2022
 • Awarding of Prof. Heinrich Aumund Scholarships for the endowed chair, since 2023

Koblenz University of Applied Sciences
 Awarding of Franz-W. Aumund Scholarships, since 2024

Industrial Archives of Saxony
 (via Franz-W. Aumund-Stiftung)
 Research into industrialisation in Saxony, since 2021

2. UK
Round Square UK
 Funding of the Round Square International Conference, since 2022

3. ROMANIA
Concordia Social Projects "Edu Campus" in Ploiesti
 Training support through vocational school and hostel for apprentices

Fundatia Inocenti
 Funding of mental health programmes for young people, since 2024

4. BULGARIA
Concordia Social Projects
 Ongoing funding and expansion of the Malki Iskar Family Centre, since 2022

5. ERITREA
Archemed
 Funding of assignments for children's surgery, since 2024

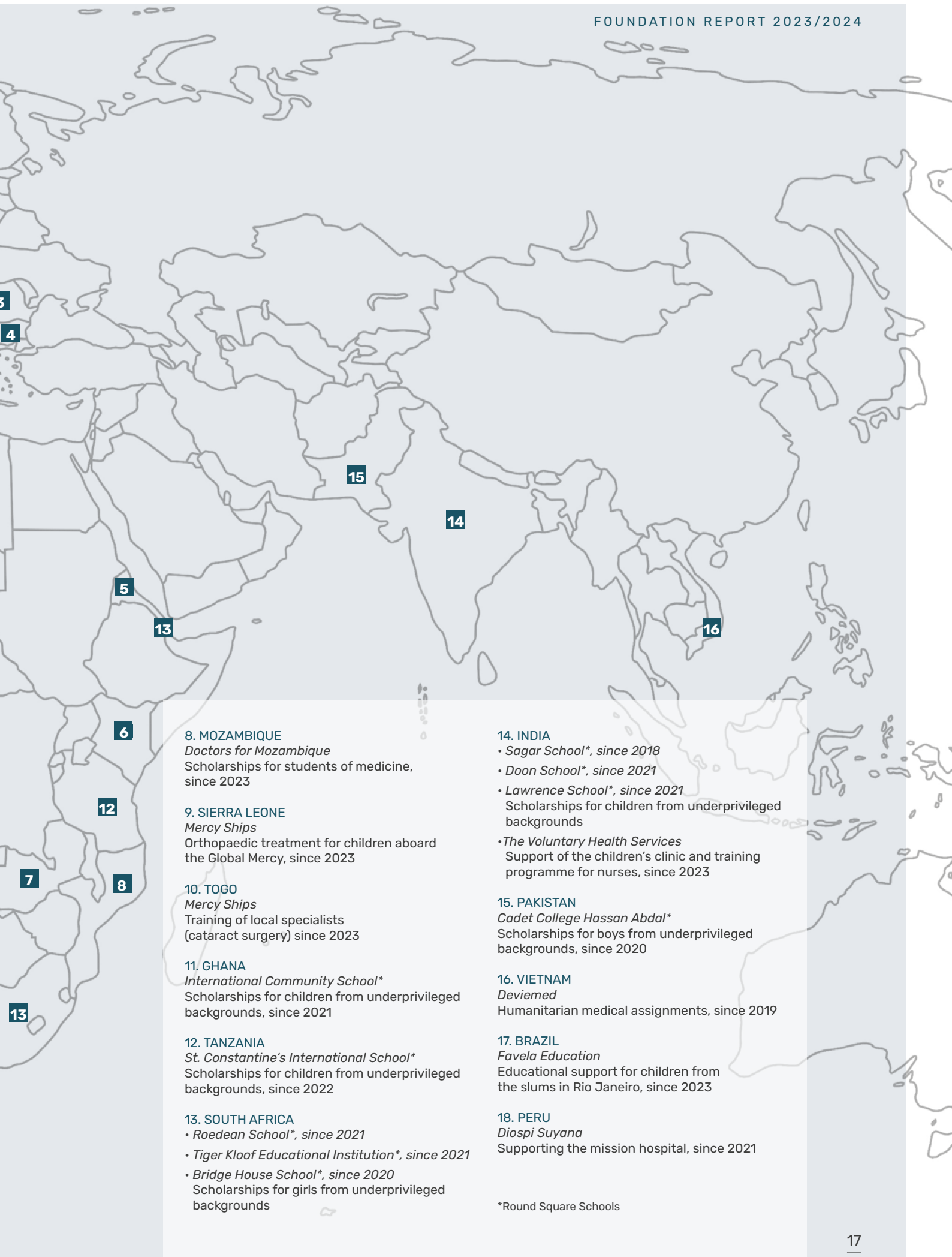
Interplast Germany
 Funding of assignments for children's surgery, since 2024

6. KENYA
Dentists for Africa
 • Rebuilding the St. Michael Preparatory and Orphanage School into a boarding school and funding of the boarding school
 • Access to school education for children in need, since 2020
 • Dental care scholarship for orphaned children, since 2020
 • Training of orphaned young people as medical assistants, since 2020

*Starehe Boys' Centre and School**
 Scholarships for boys from underprivileged backgrounds, since 2020

Deutsches Blindenhilfswerk
 Establishment of a support centre for blind and visually impaired children,
 Scholarships for Ophthalmic Clinical Officers, since 2024/2023

7. ZAMBIA
Orbis UK
 Financial support for the Flying Eye Hospital, 2023



8. MOZAMBIQUE

Doctors for Mozambique
Scholarships for students of medicine, since 2023

9. SIERRA LEONE

Mercy Ships
Orthopaedic treatment for children aboard the Global Mercy, since 2023

10. TOGO

Mercy Ships
Training of local specialists (cataract surgery) since 2023

11. GHANA

*International Community School**
Scholarships for children from underprivileged backgrounds, since 2021

12. TANZANIA

*St. Constantine's International School**
Scholarships for children from underprivileged backgrounds, since 2022

13. SOUTH AFRICA

- *Roedean School**, since 2021
- *Tiger Kloof Educational Institution**, since 2021
- *Bridge House School**, since 2020
Scholarships for girls from underprivileged backgrounds

14. INDIA

- *Sagar School**, since 2018
- *Doon School**, since 2021
- *Lawrence School**, since 2021
Scholarships for children from underprivileged backgrounds
- *The Voluntary Health Services*
Support of the children's clinic and training programme for nurses, since 2023

15. PAKISTAN

*Cadet College Hassan Abdal**
Scholarships for boys from underprivileged backgrounds, since 2020

16. VIETNAM

Deviemed
Humanitarian medical assignments, since 2019

17. BRAZIL

Favela Education
Educational support for children from the slums in Rio Janeiro, since 2023

18. PERU

Diospi Suyana
Supporting the mission hospital, since 2021

*Round Square Schools



DENTISTS FOR AFRICA

A better life for children in Kenya

By

Anne-Kristin Henker, Programme Manager, Dentists for Africa

DfA (Dentists for Africa) has been initiating and supervising social and dental projects with the aim of improving the living conditions of the local population in Western Kenya since 1999. More than 1,200 orphaned children have benefitted from educational support. A fund of contributions from graduates is currently enabling 29 more children to attend school. Since 2020 the Aumund Foundation has been supporting DfA by funding the training of several Kenyan orphans and dentistry students. The relationship is based on close cooperation and individual mentoring of the scholarship recipients.

“Kama si shule, kwetu tumeisha” – “Without education we are lost as a family,” says 14-year old Edwin (*photos on this page*) expressing what the chance of a school education means in Kenya, not only to individuals but for the whole family. Edwin’s father died so he lives with his mother and six siblings near Koliach, Homa Bay, a neglected region in the west of Kenya. Dentists for Africa works together with the Aumund Foundation here, to give children the opportunity to lead a self-determined life through education.

The project visit by the Aumund Foundation in autumn 2023 sparked the beginning of a joint initiative; the conversion to a boarding school of St. Michael



Preparatory and Orphanage School Koliach, originally built up by DfA and its partners from 2018 to 2021. For years DfA, its project partner and school operator, the Franciscan Sisters of St. Joseph Asumbi, the committed principal George Owidi, and a local women’s group, have dedicated themselves to

the education of underprivileged children.

Koliach is on the banks of Lake Victoria. The people there lead a hard life. Many work as fishermen, charcoal burners or farmers, and have hardly any prospects. Under a third of the population has access to basic sanitation, and only just



The family was overjoyed when Edwin was accepted into the DfA sponsorship programme in 2023, and into the boarding school in 2024 (photo page 18). After the go-ahead from the Aumund Foundation just before Christmas 2023, 80 girls and boys have been able to live and learn in the interim buildings on the school premises since January 2024. From 2025 there will be 148 boarders. The construction of sleeping quarters for girls and boys, a dining hall with kitchen, a staff building and a library, has been progressing so quickly since starting in January that the new buildings will be ready for use from the beginning of August. The construction and the operation of the boarding school are having a positive impact on the region, because primarily local materials are being used, and the project provides employment for local people.

For Edwin life has changed completely. He says, "I want to be a pilot, and now I know that I can do it! In the holidays I help at home, but during term-time I can concentrate on learning. At school I get three meals a day and

Project data

Construction of boarding school buildings for St. Michael Preparatory and Orphanage School Koliech in Homa Bay County, Kenya, and funding the living expenses for 80/148 children.

Project volume	€492,000
Duration	1.1.2024-31.12.2025

over half of the people have access to water. Teen pregnancy is at 23%. The region has an HIV/AIDS rate of approximately 20 percent. Many children are brought up by relatives because they are orphaned. Most parents or guardians, including Edwin's mother, are unable to pay school fees. Since the death of her husband she has been trying to provide for the family by doing odd jobs. Edwin helps out as "the man of the house," collects firewood (photo top-left, page 18) and looks after his siblings.

I have my own bed." Edwin and his fellow students can attend further education establishments and learn professions, which in turn will also help the region economically. They are role models for the people in the area. They show what education can achieve. This project embodies the core philosophy of DfA; to bring about sustainable change by helping others to help themselves.



Funding of university scholarships in the field of engineering

Franz-Walter Aumund initiated his agenda of professional educational support in 2009 with the establishment of the Franz-W. Aumund-Stiftung scholarship programme at **Koblenz University of Applied Sciences**. Since then more than 60 mechanical engineering, industrial engineering and mechatronics students have been able to graduate in Koblenz with our support, under the wing of former Head of Research and Development at AUMUND Fördertechnik, Prof. Detlev Borstell.

He not only acts as chairman of the selection committee but also mentors the scholarship recipients, organises field trips and overseas placements, and sometimes also has to give advice in challenging situations.

In 2013 Franz-Walter Aumund was appointed honorary senator of Koblenz University of Applied Sciences in recognition of his financial and ideological commitment.

In 2022, exactly 100 years after Prof. Heinrich Aumund founded the company, Prof. Rico Meier was

appointed to the endowed chair of Industrial Sensor Technology and Predictive Maintenance 4.0 at the **University of Applied Sciences in Berlin (HTW)**. Since 2023, in a logical progression to the professorship, he has been looking after the newly launched programme of Prof. Heinrich Aumund university scholarships. Every year the Aumund Foundation awards scholarships to students who, in addition to their outstanding academic achievements, devote themselves to social issues.



Koblenz University of Applied Sciences:
 More than 60 graduates in mechanical engineering,
 industrial engineering and mechatronics.

At the scholarship students meeting in November 2023, which the Aumund Foundation held in the Technology Centre at AUMUND Fördertechnik, the delegation from HTW Berlin took the opportunity to familiarise themselves with the company and its products and to connect with other scholarship students.

The President of the University, Prof. Annabella Rauscher-Scheibe,

also jumped at the chance to accompany the students to Rheinberg along with Prof. Rico Meier and his PhD student Christopher Bruce Konu. As a member of the selection committee it is very important to her to be involved with the development of the funded students and to keep in touch with the Aumund Foundation as sponsoring partner.





Family aid in Southeastern Europe

Our cooperation with CONCORDIA Social Projects started with the funding of projects in Romania, but we have also been supporting the organisation in Bulgaria since 2014. We have been supporting CONCORDIA via the Aumund Foundation since 2020.

In its social centres CONCORDIA offers low-threshold aid for the whole family. The Malki Iskar Family Centre in the rural region of Etropole, almost 100 km from Sofia, capital of **Bulgaria**, looks after extremely poor families from the area. The children receive learning support and help with their homework, and their personalities are strengthened with the aid of playful and creative activities. Their parents are advised on matters of education and health, and receive medical support.

When we visited the project in November 2023 we were surprised to see several young women swotting in the classroom. Having become pregnant at an early age they had not finished school, and had now been

given the opportunity by CONCORDIA to catch up on schoolwork and be role models for their children.

We received reports from the motivated project team of an urgent requirement for early childhood care for children between the ages of one and four years, which is not available in the current structure. Children, often from the Roma community, need professional teaching support at an early age, which will strengthen them in the long term.

Once again we realised that new project ideas often arise from personal discussions on site. The outcome this time is that the Aumund Foundation

CONCORDIA

Important aid in Southeastern Europe

CONCORDIA provides direct and immediate help on the ground to children, young people and families in need in Southeastern Europe. CONCORDIA's aim is to enable children from vulnerable backgrounds to remain with their families.



as sole sponsor is financing the development and implementation of "Early Development and Learning in the CONCORDIA Malki Iskar Family Centre." We are looking forward to the inauguration in 2025!

The current focus project in **Romania** is the EduCampus in Ploiesti, which is a good hour's drive from Bucharest, and comprises a primary school and a vocational school.

We would have loved to attend the campus opening ceremony in 2020, however Covid of course thwarted our plans. But in November 2023 during our trip to Southeastern Europe we were all the more impressed when we were able to see for ourselves the work being carried out. Whilst approximately

50% of the primary school students on the Edu-Campus are children from marginalised families, the vocational school is oriented almost exclusively towards youths and young adults from the "social protection system". For the nine-month duration of their apprenticeship the young people are not only trained to work in gastronomy, bakery and horticulture, but in the ancillary "school for life" they learn to overcome everyday challenges such as how to open a bank account and plan personal finances, how to arrive at work on time every day, and how to communicate with superiors. In 2024 the Aumund Foundation financed a whole class of apprentices qualifying as gastronomy specialists.



CEREMONY IN PLOIESTI

A tree in memory of the Founder

A moving surprise awaited us at the end of the campus tour. As a Christian organisation CONCORDIA has a tradition of planting a tree to commemorate deceased patrons. We were able to actively participate in the ceremony and witness the esteem in which our Founder was held.

FUNDING PROJECTS

ROUND-UP



ARCHEMED IN ERITREA

Humanitarian medical assignments for children

We support our new project partner Archemed with its assignments in children's surgery in Eritrea. Around 300 volunteers from Germany and neighbouring countries are committed to the medical care of children and the sustainable development of medical infrastructure. The project teams not only consist of highly qualified medical practitioners, but depending on the character of the project, architects, engineers and tradespeople also donate their time to the good cause.

In recent years Archemed has created and maintained valuable clinic infrastructure, including a surgical centre for children, Eritrea's first new-born intensive care unit, and a burns clinic, all of which bear witness to the valuable work of the organisation. We are looking forward to further project ideas which we can implement together to continue the expansion of medical care for children in need.

HALIBET HOSPITAL IN ASMARA, ERITREA

Medical aid in the burns unit

Interplast Germany was established in 1980 following the model of Interplast USA. Operating teams from 14 German sectors provide pro bono plastic surgery aid in developing countries. Patients with congenital or acquired disorders, for example disfigurements from accidents, burns or war injuries, receive aid on site. Interplast's work also includes training sessions for specialists in the areas of hygiene, anaesthetics and plastic and reconstructive surgery.

Since 2019 we have been supporting the Duisburg sector with its main project in Eritrea. Interplast carries out regular operations in the burns unit at the Halibet Hospital in Asmara. The voluntary commitment of these doctors gives their patients the chance to start a new life.



ROUND SQUARE SCHOLARSHIPS

Ohene's inspiring story



We were moved by a very special story right at the beginning of our cooperation with the International Community School in Ghana.

In general we support "our" Round Square children from an early age in order to accompany them for as many years of their school life as possible. But while we were selecting our first two regular scholarship recipients at the International Community School, the headmaster told us about the fate of a particular boy.

Ohene had always been an excellent scholar, and it was his overriding ambition to continue

his studies at university. Like so many other families however, his family also got into financial difficulties during Covid, so he had to leave school in 2020 two years before his A levels.

As well as achieving excellent marks at school he also participated enthusiastically in the Round Square activities of his school. We decided to support Ohene so that he could sit his A levels. He went back to school in 2021 and passed with the best results in his year. Today he is studying computer sciences with a full scholarship at the prestigious Tufts University in Massachusetts, USA.

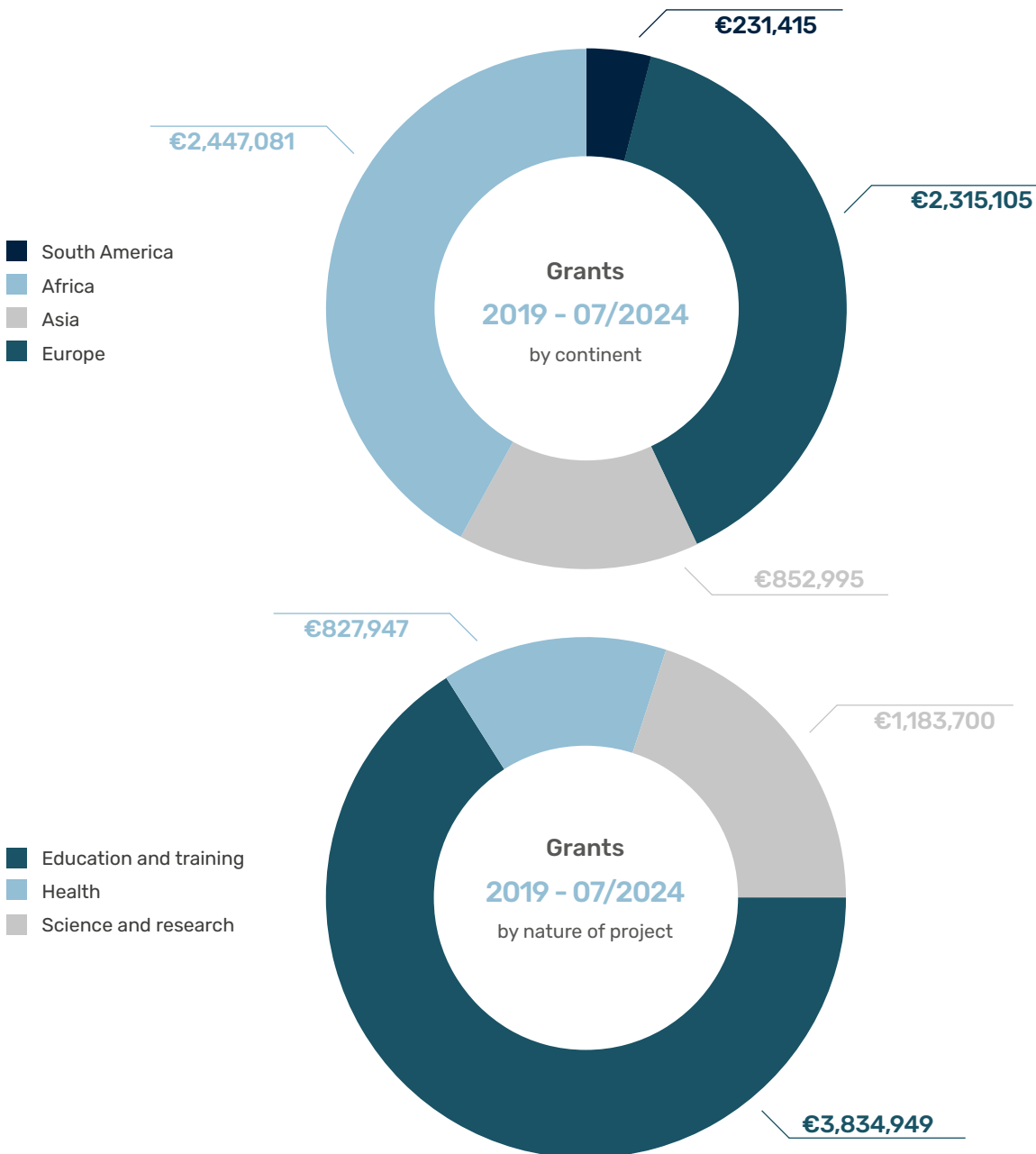
Ohene wrote this to us in April 2024

IT FILLS US WITH PRIDE TO SEE HOW OHENE HAS FOUND HIS WAY IN LIFE AND HAS USED THE OPPORTUNITY TO BE SUCCESSFUL AT UNIVERSITY. IT IS THE STORIES LIKE THIS WHICH ENCOURAGE US AND SHOW THE VALUE AND SIGNIFICANCE OF OUR WORK.

"I believe my being here would not have been possible if not for your scholarship that changed my life. (...) Now I am here, at Tufts being afforded many opportunities, just because your scholarship was a stepping stone for me to propel me into higher education. (...) I plan sharpen my skills through research opportunities and internships, that will pave the way for me to become a problem solver and impactful person in society. That way I too will be able to reach out and help others, just as you helped me."

FIVE YEARS OF AUMUND FOUNDATION

On 29.05.2019 the Aumund Foundation was accredited by the regional government in Düsseldorf as an independent charitable foundation. Over the past five years it has granted funding authorisations totalling almost € 6 million. The annual funding amounts are rising consistently. A summary.





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