



STUDIENFÖRDERUNG PASSO FUNDO E.V.



SPONSORING EDUCATION IN BRAZIL AND AFRICA

DIE STUDIENFÖRDERUNG PASSO FUNDO E.V.

Passo Fundo e.V. is a registered charity which has been promoting and sponsoring education since 1988. We are funded solely through private donations and active in Brazil, Kenya and Malawi. All of our members are volunteers, including those of our partner organisations in Brazil and Africa.

Administration costs are covered by members' contributions and grants. All donations therefore are used in their entirety for the beneficiaries and their social enterprises.



MANAGEMENT
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*From left to right:
Prof. Dr. Werner Wittkowski,
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Dr. Arnold Freund.*

*“There are many aspects to poverty
and lack of knowledge is one of them.”*

Our Concept: In many developing and emerging countries only a minority of the population can afford a well recognised, quality education. Knowledge and training are however key to the development and future of any country. Business ideas, entrepreneurship, jobs and ultimately prosperity for many originate from education.

What we do: We currently support young, talented students in need of financial support in Brazil, Kenya and Malawi. We help students to achieve better grades at school, gaining an apprenticeship or completing university education in their home countries.

What we expect from our students:

- Good school and university results
- The establishment of student groups to develop friendships and mutual support
- To take part in community projects
- A commitment to fairer living conditions
- Regular reports on the activities in both university and community projects and wherever possible,
- The repayment of the scholarships after the completion of studies so other young people have the chance to enjoy an education.

Our Aim: We want our students to build on the experiences gained through their studies and involvement in community projects and become a driving force for social justice and equality. These influences serve to steer their path through work and life.

BRAILIEN

PASSO FUNDO IN BRAZIL

Completely inadequate welfare policies in Brazil mean the country is experiencing a deep-rooted divide between "rich" and "poor". Only very few can afford school qualifications and even fewer, a university education.

At the time of establishing our scholarships in 1988 this problem was significantly worse than it is today. In recent decades Brazil has become a more developed country and is one of the five BRICS countries (Brazil, Russia, India, China and South Africa) with major emerging national economies.

Extensive investment has been made in education. Scholarship programmes have been developed making university education possible for even the poorest of the citizens.



- location of partner organizations with groups of students
- big cities for orientation

BRAZIL IN A TIME OF SOCIAL CHANGE

*Huts in a slum
of Sao Luis*



*A scholarship
holder teaching
young students
in a course of
preparation for
university entrance
exam*



Brazil is currently fighting economic recession resulting in significant deterioration in the areas of education and social welfare. Nevertheless our partner charities have successfully managed to raise their own resources and are even financing local students.

30 YEARS OF SPONSORING EDUCATION

*Our motto is
“sponsor and challenge”*

During the course of the last 3 decades we have enabled approximately 250 Brazilian students in six different locations to graduate from university. We have founded associations in each of these areas, which select and support the students.

The alumni remain in contact with one other via a network and remain closely involved in the work of their association. Former students have gone on to fulfill leading roles within the charity.

*Alumni of
Studienförderung
engaged in the board
of partner organization
Porto Alegre (left) and
Sao Luis (right)*



ADRIANO IS GIVEN THE CHANCE OF A LIFETIME THROUGH PASSO FUNDO

Prof. José Facion, founder of the partner organization in São João del Rei together with two students from this university; Adriano (see text) on the right, and Rodolfo on the left.



Adriano is one of the 250 students for whom Passo Fundo has facilitated a university education.

His scholarship is in mechanical engineering with our partner organisation ABADS in São João del Rei. Adriano comes from a poor family meaning he could only attend a sub-standard comprehensive school. Exam results from such schools are not adequate to pass the entrance exams for university.

He was fortunate that his physics teacher spotted his talent and funded 6 months of a private tuition course himself in order to allow Adriano the opportunity to take the university entrance examination. Adriano qualified for a place to study mechanical engineering. His teacher continued to support him until he gained his scholarship. Since then, with his abilities and enthusiasm, he has contributed as a mathematics teacher to the ABADS preparation course for deprived young people.

In 2014 he successfully applied for a grant from the Brazilian government to study for a year in Germany. After a language course he studied for 2 semesters at the Technische Hochschule (Technical College) in Zwickau and by the beginning of 2016 had completed an industry apprenticeship, which took several months.

AFRICA

PASSO FUNDO IN AFRICA

The improving conditions relating to education in Brazil and the growing autonomy of our Brazilian friends afforded us the opportunity to begin new sustainable and innovative education projects on the African continent.

We have formed robust relationships with partner charities, those being the Nchima Trust in Malawi and the Jesuit-orientated Christian Life Community in Kenya.

Since 2014 the scholarships have supported 30 students in Blantyre and Zomba in Malawi and Nairobi in Kenya. With the help of these 2 organisations the aim is to increase numbers of beneficiaries on an annual basis.

Our engagement in Africa offers the opportunity to improve living conditions and prospects of our students against a backdrop of economic migration.



OUR STUDENTS' PROJECT WORK

Alongside the best possible vocational qualifications for our scholars, our sponsorship seeks to raise awareness of the social issues in each country. This is achieved through the engagement of the students in their own community projects:

- *Teaching and support of children and young people*
- *Specific to Brazil: Preparatory courses for university entrance examinations*
- *Guidance on hygiene, nutrition, education and health*

Examples of the projects

Photo left:

*A student undertaking
welfare work in a Kin-
dergarten for children
living with HIV.*

Photo right:

*Coaching/Tutoring in
Nairobi (Kenya)*



2 STUDENTS INTRODUCE THEMSELVES

Leah Achieng
KENIA



Leah was born in 1998 and comes from a family of 4 children. After her parents died from AIDS she was separated from her 3 brothers and despite these adverse conditions was able to complete her primary education. Because of her good grades, the Jesuits granted her a place in the St Aloisius Secondary School, Nairobi. After leaving school, again with very good grades, and a six-month social internship, she has begun her Bachelors degree in Public Health.

Mphatso Ulanga
MALAWI



Mphatso was born in Malawi, the youngest of eleven children in 1993. Because his mother couldn't afford school fees, he applied for a grant from a Non Governmental Organisation (NGO). After successfully gaining his secondary school qualifications, he was selected to study a degree in Transport Engineering.

"Unfortunately during the second year of my studies my grant was stopped due to financial problems within the NGO. Thanks to the support of Passo Fundo the only thing I now have to focus on is achieving good grades...(later) I would like to participate in the development of my beautiful country. I would like to establish a charity, which cares for children who can't complete their education due to financial problems. It is also my dream to set up a construction company one day so as to improve the infrastructure of Malawi and create new jobs."

YOU CAN HELP US...

We welcome your support for our students in Brazil, Kenya and Malawi in order to improve the living conditions and prospects of these talented young people and in so doing actively incentivise against economic migration.

You can do so by:

- Individual donations
- Regular donations via direct debit
- Support for specific projects or
- Through your active participation

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