



PEM HUMANITARIAN COOPERATION

Below is summarized how the PEM network has by far cooperated in and what the PEM committee has discussed concerning humanitarian operations.

PEM Strategy:

- Holistic approach to all work

Background:

- Variety of approaches, organisations, and cultures within the network
- Some organization with long experience
- Some work in cooperation with the states and state funds
- Some have limited resources
- Some have little experience from humanitarian work
- Common: Value basis, will to cooperate, and often to partner with local churches in order to get the help effectively to those who need it.

Cooperation in Practice:

- PEM Offers a platform where the experiences can be shared
 - Also training can be made together if needed
- Joined projects:
 - With humanitarian crisis, a possibility is offered to donate and help, as described below:
 - Principle:
 - It will be looked at, who PEM members or Pentecostal partners have work in the area
 - The help will be channeled through them
 - The decision as to which channels are used
 - Presently: PEM Executive Group
- Steps:
 - Catastrophe
 - Assess the need
 - Map who has work there?
 - Decide the implementing organization/partner
 - PEM will be offered as a channel
 - The collected funds will be forwarded via the implementer
- In case PEM serves as a channel, the implementing organization is responsible to provide PEM with reports about the work
- In case some organization sends the financial support directly to the area/humanitarian project, they are asked to inform PEM office about the amount of their work.

Policy

- PEM has as its priority to work in cooperation primarily with Pentecostal churches, and secondly with other evangelical churches
- PEM Accepts the ICRC Code of Conduct as a general basis guidelines for humanitarian work
- Because we have committed ourselves to holistic approach, alongside of immediate humanitarian aid, the holistic action needs to be maintained.
- There are also situations, where direct help to church is needed and allowed (Gal 6:10). The right to do this, too, needs to be maintained.

Discussion about the theological background:

- About the theological basis for PEM strategy and cooperation