

**The key purpose of the Peter-Hesse-Foundation is help for needy people – especially for children – in developing countries.**

After an initial learning phase in micro-projects in Haiti, Peter Hesse offered seminars in project-management to various self-help-initiatives in this poor country since 1981. After the formal creation of the Peter-Hesse-Foundation in Germany on 7 December 1983, the emphasis in Haiti turned to the needs of deprived children. Since 1986 this resulted in a yearly Montessori preschool-teacher-training program as well as in support for the opening of Montessori preschools for deprived children. Over 700 trained teachers and 50 preschools are the result after 20 years of this work. 65 % of those school-projects survived politically problematic years in Haiti. The best preschools continue growing in a self-sustaining way. In 2007 two preschool teacher-training manuals (to be used not only in Haiti) resulted from the training-program: "Atelier Montessori" in French and "Montessori Workshop" in English. Author of these books is the foundation's partner, Carol Guy-James Barratt, from Trinidad. Peter Hesse is also involved in various civil-society-initiatives for a "world in balance", for a peaceful and just new world-order, for a global "CEco-social market-system".

### **Foundation-policy / guidelines for work (6 out of 24)**

1.  
The foundation shall help the poorest of the poor to solve their own development problems. They must participate as partners in all planning and implementation.
2.  
Holistic mental, spiritual and physical as well as social, ecological, economic, cultural, technical and political development must be wanted, started and carried forward by the people themselves.
3.  
Help must be directed to the smallest possible self-help-structure.
4.  
Peoples' dignity, value-systems and culture, their spiritual and religious beliefs as well as their human relationships must always be respected.
5.  
Help to individuals or groups may only be given in a manner which avoids as much as possible social injustices towards those who do not receive help.
6.  
Help must be limited in time. The recipients' self-help capacity must grow to achieve self-sufficiency.

### **Basic positions and visions of life in and for "ONE world in diversity":**

#### **DEVELOPMENT**

naturally happens in all structures from micro- to macro-cosmos, in all aspects of nature. Consciousness, values, attitudes, skills and knowledge, spirit, mind and body of individuals, all groups, nations, states and ONE world develop permanently more or less fast and consciously. No one can BE developed – but solidarity is needed to help those who try to help themselves.

Conscious that ALL is interconnected through the inner nucleus of all that exists through an all encompassing divine SPIRIT, we human beings have the freedom and face a challenge to co-create a balance which 1.) protects and preserves the grown and further developing base of all that exists, i.e. nature, which 2.) enables peaceful loving togetherness of people, capable to lead a life in dignity in social structures, defined by the "golden rule", which 3.) allows all people to benefit from the fruits of research and creative productivity – according to their engagements and efforts – in an open, fair and efficient way. This requires a legally defined global CEco-social market-system.

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