



# HORIZONTE 04

Review and outlook 2020



# Editorial



## Dear Reader,

The Peter und Luise Hager Foundation is celebrating its tenth anniversary: a good reason to express our thanks to all of you! As sponsors of our projects, partners of organisations and employees of Hager Group, you have made it possible to initiate some great projects to make the world a slightly better place.

For all of us, the Corona pandemic has meant facing up to some particular challenges. Some of the projects and events that we support have had to be cancelled or postponed. As with every crisis, this one has also had its positive side. The forced shutdown of certain activities has given us the time to think about concepts for the future in a creative way and in a fresh light. We also owe this “fresh light” to Dr Udo Götschel, who took over from Oswald Bubel on the Foundation Board in mid-May.

You will find a review and outlook of our work in the following pages of this issue of Horizonte 04. Happy reading!

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## Close-up on six projects

All our projects are driven by the will to promote skills and training in every field. Art and culture reflect significant social changes and help to enhance quality of life. Nature and the environment build the foundations of our existence. Social projects are the very reason for our Foundation - its purpose. Education as well as science and research represent the cornerstones essential to the life of future generations. We select the projects to which we give our support based on these criteria.

Below you will find a brief presentation of six of these projects. For further information, visit our website at [hager-stiftung.de](https://www.hager-stiftung.de).



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### Australia

#### Reforestation of the Blue Mountains region close to Sydney

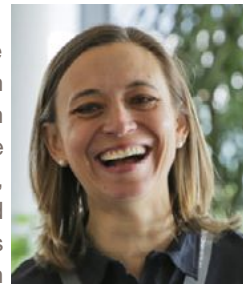
In September 2019 fire broke out and raged for several months, destroying more than 12 million hectares of forest, i.e. more than a third of the surface area of Germany.

Protecting the environment is one of the objectives of the Peter und Luise Hager Foundation, so we made the decision, at the beginning of 2020, to make a donation towards reforestation. During our research into finding an appropriate organisation, we were supported by Ross Magee, General Manager of Hager Pacific. Our donation helps the team at the Blue Mountains World Heritage Institute to assess and repair the damage caused to flora and fauna in the Blue Mountains region in New South Wales, where of a total of one million hectares, more than 800,000 hectares were devastated by the fires. The Greater Blue Mountains area is listed as a world heritage site.

### Colombia

#### Promotion of musical talents

The music programme of the “A la Rueda Rueda” foundation in Montería is aimed at children and youngsters who, because of their parents’ unemployment, difficult housing conditions and the lack of educational facilities in the region, would have an uncertain future without extracurricular support. This project aims to create a music group with up to 120 children and a repertoire ranging from classical to pop. Ana Maria Arteaga (see photo), a former Hager Group employee in Obernai, is our local project partner. She recently moved back to her home country, Colombia, and forms a link between the two foundations.



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## Germany

### Corona fund for students at the Saarland University of Fine Arts

Since 2012, the Peter und Luise Hager Foundation, in tandem with the Saarland University of Fine Arts (HBKsaar), has awarded prizes to the best students for their projects and artistic and creative development. As many students are in financial difficulties due to COVID-19, the usual endowment for applications has been modified this year. Together with the general students' committee at HBKsaar, our Foundation supports students in financial difficulty by reassigning part of the award money.

## Zimbabwe

### Africa Project Dr Schales

Dr Hans Schales, former senior physician at the Caritasklinikum St Josef in Dudweiler (Saarland), has been working in Zimbabwe since 2001, following the principle of Nelson Mandela: "Education and, with it, health are the most powerful weapons against poverty". His work focuses on St Luke's Hospital as well as the schools in the neighbourhood. The hospital project includes extension of the infrastructure and the training and employment of medical staff. Every year, 3,000 children are born there. The school project helps 15,000 children by offering them support for the cost of schooling and providing them with uniforms, food and, if necessary, health care.



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## Tanzania

### BlueFuture Project - A sustainable drinking water project



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With the BlueFuture Project, the young founders from the Saarland, Christoph Dillenburger and Tibor Sprick, create sustainable access to drinking water for communities in Tanzania. Their aim is to give the population the means to counter water poverty on their own. To this end, members of the community are equipped with a nanofilter to be used to clean contaminated water in an easy way, using sales stands called "water stations". Local "entrepreneurs" can now offer clean drinking water to their community at a fair price. Dr Askwar Hilonga (see photo), who designed the filter, and his team, ensure the sustainability of the filtration systems and water stations.

## France

### JALMALV Association, Strasbourg – Jusqu'à la mort accompagner la vie - "Accompanying life until death"

The aim of this association is to support the seriously ill and those who are confronted by the death of a loved one, by providing them grief counselling and company. Offering friends, family and caregivers the opportunity to talk and meet, supporting them in their time of grief and in their work.

With JALMALV, the Peter und Luise Hager Foundation supports a project in which more than 60 volunteers provide significant aid to people in need. Our support provides these volunteers with additional training in order to give the best possible support.



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## Who is Dr Udo Götschel?

**What attracted you to the position of Board member of the Peter und Luise Hager Foundation?**

The chance to combine social responsibility and entrepreneurial activity. And this in fields that interest me personally, as well as being important to society. I also find it fascinating how it breathes new life into traditional corporate values.

**What is your vision for the Foundation's future?**

To continue, alongside a committed team, the incredible work already done by the founders and those responsible, to perpetuate the creative spirit, to create a network between the Foundation on the Saar, the Blies and the Ill, to further heighten its profile, to promote valuable projects and to win over the employees of Hager Group.

**To get to know you better, a few more personal questions:**

**Tea or coffee?** Coffee. A good, really strong brew! Five cups a day are no rarity.

**Rock or pop?** Depends on my mood. I also like classical music and jazz. My favourites: Queen, Lindenberg, Nannini, but also Mendelssohn, Rachmaninov, French chansons and German songwriters.

**Car or bike?** Bike whenever possible. Followed by bus and train.

**Early or late riser?** I'm a morning person... With occasional exceptions at the weekend.

**Phone or email?** If possible, I prefer a phone call. It's faster, clearer, more flexible.

**Football or motor racing?** Football: in blue and black (Inter Milan) and blue and white (Karlsruher SC).

**Fine dining or home cooking?** Regional but refined cooking. I particularly enjoy Dibbelabbes and Gefillde (Saarland specialties).

**A final word to end on?**

I'm really looking forward to taking on this challenge and working with the entire team and our partners.



# Figures | Data | Facts

Total donations made by employees since the launch of the employee project "Rounding up the cents"\*

**37,710 €**

In Germany since 2014: 28,286 €

In France since 2016: 9,424 €

\*Within the framework of the project "Rounding up the cents" Hager Group's German and French employees may donate decimals of their monthly salary. At the end of each year, the Foundation doubles this amount and pays it on to food banks and other charitable organisations close to company sites.

Total amount of funding since 2011

**3,830,000 €**

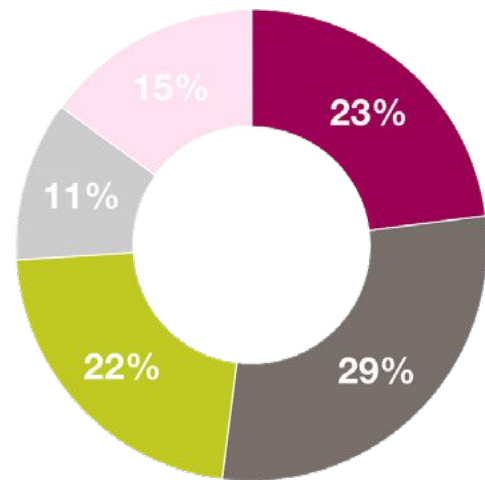
## Current projects: 38

In 2020, we supported 38 projects in the following countries:

Germany, France, the Netherlands, Poland, Portugal, Ukraine, Australia, the Central African Republic, China, Colombia, India, Tanzania and the United States

This financial support, which amounts to 580,340 € was distributed over the following five fields (see diagram):

- Education
- Art and culture
- Social activities
- Science and research
- Environment



## A big thank you to Oswald Bubel!



It is thanks largely to Oswald Bubel that the Foundation was set-up for the companies of Hager Group - Hager Electro GmbH & Co. KG, Hager Vertriebsgesellschaft mbH & Co. KG and Tehalit GmbH – ten years ago. Over this last decade, more than 50 projects with the most diverse objectives have been implemented.

Oswald Bubel retired in May 2020. Dr Udo Götschel now occupies his former position as deputy chairman of the Foundation Board.

We thank Oswald Bubel for his remarkable work and his commitment to the Foundation and wish him the very best.

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