

Guidelines of the Association for Overseas Pastoral Solidarity Switzerland



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The Guidelines are based on the statutes of the Association for Overseas Pastoral Solidarity Switzerland.

Aims

- Quick, direct support for pastors, pastors' families and church staff outside Europe in emergency situations.
- Support for pastors who work under difficult conditions.

This support can also be provided through contributions to the local fund of a partner organisation we cooperate with in Switzerland.

Support granted

- Cost of medical treatment and hospitalization (normally in the respective country) in the case of illness or accident
- Rebuilding and refurnishing of pastors' houses after disasters
- Financing of tools indispensable for pastoral work (e.g. computers, study bibles, bicycles, motorbikes, etc.)
- Micro projects that secure livelihoods (e.g. for retired people or widows)
- Support for/start-up financing of old age pension funds for pastors
- School fees in special cases (e.g. special schools)

Amount granted

- Individual aid up to CHF 5,000.—
- Decisions on the support for funds and collective projects are made at the discretion of the Managing Board, taking into account the project proposal.

Conditions

- The applications must be supported by a Church institution (church leadership and/or internationally recognized aid agency and/or pastors' association) that guarantees that the application is trustworthy.
- The applicants are required to mention bank connections.
- The beneficiary is required to report on and account for the use of the sum received.

Origin of the Funds

- Collections amongst the pastors of the Evangelical Reformed Churches in the German part of Switzerland
- Donations and membership fees by individuals
- Donations by Pastors' associations and Church congregations
- Legacies

Responsibilities

Applications are granted collectively by the board.

These guidelines were adopted by the Managing Board at their meeting of November 15, 2023.

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