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## End-of-year report 2022

#### Dear friends and supporters of Space Lama e.V.,

The end of 2022 marks the end of our third year as a registered association. The fact that we have made it this far despite all the circumstances fills us with great pride and allows us to look to the future with confidence.

Once again, this year, our dedicated members spared no effort and helped with great commitment in implementing our projects and events. These always pursue the goal of giving children in the Philippines the chance to develop freely - without any ifs and buts - but certainly never without you. Because without your support, dear members, we would not be where we are today, and for that we want to sincerely thank you.

Hamid Kamrani-Mehni

Vorstand Space Lama e.V.



### **Generating Donations**

The year 2022 was all about networking. Through constant exchange at events, we were able to bring our project to the attention of many people, which had previously not been so easy due to COVID. As expected, the commitment to child welfare enjoys broad social approval. This great enthusiasm is in no small part due to the tireless efforts of our great helpers, who have attracted people's attention almost magnetically - the number of memberships has risen to over 100 people in 2022. The annual planning for 2022 included the realization of some exciting projects, especially festivals.

We are especially proud to have participated in the famous Fusion Festival, where we introduced attendees to our association. In addition to excellent music, the people there also found the time to confront serious issues such as the precarious conditions in the Philippines. The high revenue generated there, the contacts made, and the exchange of ideas represent an important part of our work.

Moreover, we had an event at Ritter Butzke in Berlin in May at which we successfully ran a booth providing educational outreach, selling Space Lama merchandise, and recruiting new members. Our newly enlisted active Berlin members did a wonderful job here.



Illustration 1: Space Lama booths at "Renate" (left) and at "Ritter Butzke" (right) in Berlin.

In July, we then ran an information booth at the SNNTG festival. On the grounds of a railroad museum, we were able to achieve groundbreaking success and generated



profits that far exceeded our expectations. We also made many new acquaintances and by the end of the weekend almost every person there knew "Space Lama". Among other things, we drew attention to ourselves with our mango shot, which is produced from Philippine mangoes by Preda. Other booths also willingly displayed our merchandise - simply because our cause had convinced them. It was here that we sold a large part of the 300 socks we produced.

We also secured profits and some new supporters, especially in the circles of aspiring doctors, at the Medi-Meisterschaften ("medical championship") in September, where we took part in the "PFAND-RAISING" (vaguely "deposit collection") project. In several shifts and alongside other charitable associations, we collected tens of thousands of empty beverage cans and returnable bottles there. The proceeds of the collection were then divided among the associations according to the amount of time they spent working. On top of that, our chairman Hamid Kamrani was able to attract the attention of more young people here by giving a keynote speech.

Revenue is also generated by a current Netto (a German discounter) campaign allowing customers to donate directly to Space Lama at four locations in Homburg according to the motto "Round up, please".

Furthermore, we would like to thank Marius Müller for 1,000 Instagram followers and for advertising us on his soccer show "Mein FCK" broadcast on Südwestrundfunk.

Another milestone this year was completing our first promotional video, which allows our message to be accessed "on demand" from anywhere in the world.

#### Child welfare

Once again Space Lama succeeded in rescuing a number of minors in the Philippines this year. A girl named Hope was reportedly raped by her uncle when she was only eight years old. In April, in cooperation with PREDA, we were able to liberate Hope (16) from a resort associated with drug as well as sexual abuse. She had been picked up by her aunt after school, drugged against her will, and then raped by a stranger.



When she finally opened up to her boyfriend, they both turned to Hope's parents. On April 25, 2022, she was referred to PREDA Foundation by a social investigator. PREDA facilitated therapeutic sessions for the girl, and she was able to make some new acquaintances at the PREDA home for girls.

Chart 1: List of all "Lama children" financed by Space Lama e.V. in cooperation with PREDA Foundation.

Lama Children	Rescue dates	Care at PREDA	
Jamil	September 2020	1 - concluded	
Jeselin	September 2020	2 - concluded	
Stella	November 2020	3 - concluded	
Juanito	December 2020	4 - concluded	
Joy	March 2021	5 - concluded	
Marianne	March 2021	6 - concluded	
Sophia	November 2021	7 - concluded	
Gabrielle	November 2021	8 - concluded	
Jose	November 2021	9 - concluded	
Lucia	December 2021	10 - concluded	
Lyra	December 2021	11 - concluded	
Joana	December 2021	12 - concluded	
Jacky	December 2021	13 - concluded	
Mariella	December 2021	14 - concluded	
Daniel	December 2021	15 - concluded	
Hope	April 2022	16 - ongoing	
Keith	April 2022	17 - ongoing	
Jon	April 2022	18 - ongoing	
Kyle	April 2022	19 - ongoing	
Kris Ace	April 2022	20 - ongoing	

In addition, Space Lama e.V. is currently taking care of the rescue of a minor who experienced sexual abuse in the context of the Catholic Church in the Philippines.

At the beginning of the new year, we were able to release 14-year-old Daniel from a children's prison. Daniel suffered the same fate as many other young people, some of whom are locked up for long periods of time, either innocently or for minor crimes, in accommodation disguised as a youth home but with an atmosphere resembling that of a prison. You can read about his story on our website under "Rescue Reports".



We are proud to announce that this year six of our members have organized and undertaken a trip to the Philippines. On this trip, we were able to get first-hand impressions of the conditions of such a youth home, completely unexpectedly. We used the trip to get a more detailed, personal picture of the situation on site and to establish and maintain important contacts. The experiences we gathered there fully confirmed our previous work. The stories of the children and young people affected are deeply moving and once again highlight the importance and necessity of our association's purpose.

### Our trip to the Philippines

After a long delay due to the pandemic, we were finally able to fly to the Philippines in September 2022 to get a first-hand account of the situation on the ground. In a meeting with our chairman Hamid Kamrani and various experts on site, a decline in the commercial sexual exploitation of children in the Philippines was confirmed, among other things. However, a rapid growth was seen in the online trade with staged depictions of children and adolescents. This digital type of sexual exploitation of children is referred to as OSEC (Online Sexual Exploitation of Children). We are currently working on adapting our approach to this rapid development and will in future be working closely with initiatives in Germany dealing with this problem. For a total of 10 days we were allowed to visit the PREDA "Girls Home" and accompany the children as well as the staff in their everyday life.



Illustration 2: Visiting the PREDA facilities 09/2022



This included visiting PREDA children's homes, attending workshops, and accompanying children to court hearings.



Illustration 3: Staying with the PREDA foundation in the Philippines 09/2022

# Financial report

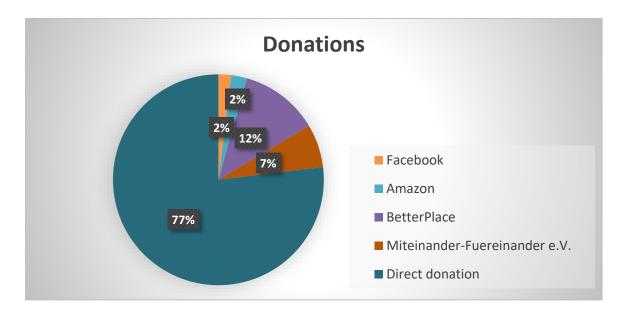
We are proud to report that our total income has more than doubled compared to last year! The contributions from our active and supporting members have more than tripled and now form a healthy foundation for our work. Last year we allocated almost EUR 20,000 to the PREDA foundation. Our expenses consist of the costs for production of Space Lama merchandise, festival equipment, various fees, software licenses, and promotional items (including flyers, banners, and posters). Chart 2 discloses our finances from 2022. Working as transparently as possible is very important to us in order to further strengthen the faith that has been invested in us. It is also worth highlighting the consistently high level of donations we received. The breakdown of donations is shown in illustration 3. Since donors often do not have a long-term relationship with the association or active members, preferring instead to spontaneously support our work, we feel particularly validated in our efforts by the direct donations.



Chart 2: Financial overview of the year 2022.

Year 2022	Bank account	Paypal	Cash	Total
Revenue	11.773,79€	823,66€	8.490,00€	21.087,45 €
Expenses	-18.857,05 €	-327,52€		-19.184,57 €
Online shop	544,95 €			
Donations	13.050,00€	2.061,31€		15.111,31 €
Membership fees	8.538,07€			8.538,07€
PREDA resources	-19.800,00€			-19.800,00€
Total expenses				-38.984,57 €
Total proceeds				44.736,83€
Balance				5.898,39€

The income from the "Pfandraising" initiative during the Medi-Meisterschaften is not included in the calculation, since the payment could not be arranged until 2023. We are excited about the growth of our structures and the willingness to participate in our work. However, this growth also requires more efficient work processes, clear responsibilities and a high sense of accountability. At this point we would like to encourage all those who feel they have something to contribute to get in touch with us! Our particular appreciation goes to Miteinander-Fuereinander e.V., a non-profit organization that has generously supported us in the process of establishing and developing our association.



 ${\it Illustration 4: Depiction of donation shares.}$ 



#### Outlook

We conducted several interviews with PREDA staff, including Father Shay Cullen (CEO and Chairman) and Francisco Bermido (Vice-President), among others. We also spoke with a social worker, therapist and with several children. You'll find excerpts of the collected images and video footage on our social media channels in the coming weeks and months. We were very moved by our encounters in the Philippines and we are incredibly grateful for these experiences. We are looking forward to deepen our communication and cooperation with PREDA in the future. Further medium-term goals of the association are:

- Sponsporshop for the PREDA foundation
  - Infrastructural support many renovations necessary
  - funding from UNHCR ceases, find new donors
- Cooperation with International Justice Mission (IJM)
  - Funding an investigative workshop to combat child abuse in the digital realm
  - Closer networking with local groups and organizations
- Public relations work in the field of child abuse within the Catholic Church
  - Transfer of selected cases from PREDA foundation to us
  - Networking with the organizations involved
  - Structuring and implementing public relations activities
- Research in the field of child pornography
  - Networking with (freelance) journalists working on relevant topics
  - Developing an overview and assessing the situation
- Events
  - Festivals
    - Fusion 2023 (still pending)
    - Medi-Meisterschaften including "Pfandraising" initiative
    - SNNTG Festival Hannover
  - Lectures at universities and schools
    - Voluntary year of social service and internship at PREDA: Reducing the workload of on-site social workers



- Educational work in the field of child abuse in the domestic environment
- Advertising for the association
- Structure and development
  - Revising the website
  - Establishment of a central association software
  - Adjustments to the Articles of Association

