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Preface

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

There was a time when Space Lama was only a logo on a t-shirt and all profits were donated to save one child at a time. This is now three years in the past and today we are an organisation with over 100 members. Several authorities and organisations are involved in projects funded by us that rescue many children. Thousands know and support us. We have already freed more than 20 children and there are many more to come. Our work proves that when it comes to freedom, everyone feels the need to take action far beyond the borders of their own home country.

There are many things that aren't right in our world today, and if you read the news, it is easy to become discouraged. But if you have watched the growth of Space Lama e.V., you will notice that there is progress. So please take the time and let yourselves be inspired by our achievements of 2023.

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Vorstand Space Lama e.V.



Child's welfare in the Philippines

Our highest priority – and this will never change – is the protection and liberation of children from conditions of sexual exploitation and abuse. Thanks to your donations it was possible for us to accommodate five more children who will be renamed in the following for their own safety.

Ruby is 14 years old and came in contact with people who call themselves “mama-sans” (a common term for madams throughout Asia) through acquaintances. She began working in a bar where she was offered customers for sex in exchange for money. In October 2023, she along with two other minors were taken to an arranged meeting by their madams, the “mama-sans”. One of the children was able to flee the location and the authorities were called. The children found a new home at PREDA (People's Recovery, Empowerment and Development Assistance Foundation). The madams are currently in the process of being sued.

In November 2023, 12-year-old Dianne opened up about cases of sexual abuse and rape through her father to a teacher. Her 15-year-old sister April also reported being abused by their father. The teacher immediately alerted the authorities and both girls as well as their 7-year-old sister Jill were admitted at the PREDA girls' home. An indictment against the father is currently being prepared. You can find updates on this on our social media channels soon.


Visiting PREDA in the Philippines

At the beginning of the year, one of our dedicated members visited the PREDA homes in the Philippines to discuss the use of subsidies. The result of this was that we and PREDA will use the funds specifically for building renovations, new furniture, school materials and toys.

Furthermore, another Space Lama e.V. member completed a three-week voluntary service at PREDA and taught the children their meditation practices.

Publicity and Festivals





2023 has been a successful year for us, filled with many events and festivals. Whether young or old – child protection concerns everyone and so we were able to get in touch with you in many different ways, inform you about our work and raise funds. Especially with temperatures getting colder, our popular Space Lama socks helped keep many of you nice and warm. Many thanks to the tireless efforts of our committed members and all other helpers. Without you, such a strong season would not have been possible.

We started with the MediMeisterschaften June 8-11 – many festival-goers came to our stand and listened to Hamid speaking. This time we were also able to participate in a postcard initiative where every sent postcard equalled a €1 donation to us by Marburger Bund. The overall donations collected at the end of the festival totalled €1,640 – an impressive demonstration of our impact. Additionally, we supported the festival in its yearly #NurPfand initiative (collecting empty bottles and cans to recycle for a deposit) and were able to collect a larger four-figure amount that has yet to be calculated due to the broad scope of the campaign. We got our hands dirty for a good cause, when we participated in the Mudraise of the NGO International Justice Mission on June 17. Over 150 people competed and donated to IJM. Thanks to your donations we were able to raise more than €1,000 to end modern slavery.

Of course, we wouldn't have missed the SNNTG Festival near Hannover at the end of June. Here, we were able to canvass for our association, generate donations and come into contact with all of you through our campaign. Everybody who wanted to was able to craft their own festival totem to take home at our stand.

The International Justice Mission (IJM) is a nonprofit organisation that has inscribed itself to help victims of the worst human rights abuse worldwide for years now. We are proud to announce our cooperation with IJM as of this year. You can find informative posts about their work in the Philippines on our social media channels.

On August 4, we attended the Keep Yourself Festival. Amidst the Thuringian Forest we were able to campaign and sell our merchandise. Despite the loud music and the bustle of the festival, people found the time to address more serious topics.



From August 10-12, 20 of our members visited the Rocco del Schlacko festival and volunteered to hand out coins. In return, the festival's operators generously paid for the therapy and aftercare of another child.

On August 26, we walked the streets of Berlin as part of the Zug der Liebe. This is a yearly event that highlights social/caring associations and increases their reach. We cooperated with the collectives of Less Talking, More Dancing and BOCK.ICK to drive through the capital on a converted truck with loud music and good vibes. This was made possible through your donations that we were able to collect through a Betterplace campaign.

Thanks to your fantastic support, we were able to make a clear statement all across Germany in the fight against child prostitution in the Philippines or anywhere else in the world.

Finances

The amount of donations collected has continued to develop positively in parallel with the structural and practical situation. The finances are summarised in Table 1 and briefly explained below.


Tabelle 1: Übersicht der Finanzen aus 2023

Year 2023	Bank Account	PayPal	Cash	Total
Turnovers	1.220,20	2.300,27	5.606,56	9.127,03
Expenses	-14.444,21	-1.749,76		-16.193,97
Online Shop	239,79			239,79
Donations	26.478,04	895,00		27.373,04
Membership Fees	11.978,00			11.978,00
IJM Means	-15.000,00			-15.000,00
PREDA Means	-6.800,00			-6.800,00
Sums	3.671,82	1.445,51	5.606,56	10.723,89
Total expenses including PREDA & IJM donations				-37.993,97
Total Revenue				48.717,86
Balance				10.723,89

Revenue:

The association generated a total revenue of € 48,717.86 in 2023. This is mainly





made up of membership fees (€ 11,978.00), donations (€ 27,373.04), revenue from merchandise sales (€ 9,127.03) and income from the online store (€ 239.79).

Expenses:

The association's total expenditure, including the transferred funds, amounted to € 37,993.97. This includes general operating expenses (€ 16,193.97) as well as specific uses of funds such as IJM (€ 15,000.00) and PREDA (€ 6,800.00). The operating expenses are made up of costs for the production of Space Lama merchandise, festival equipment, various fees, software licences and promotional items (such as flyers, banners and posters) and miscellaneous expenses.

Financial Balance

The association reports a positive balance of € 10,723.89, which has already been budgeted for future projects in 2024. This positive difference is the result of the association's solid income structure and efficient financial management.

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- Spende des Lions Hilfe Saar Nied e.V.,
- betterplace.org Zug der Liebe Truck,
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All of YOU are an amazing help, thanks a bunch!

Conclusion:

We are very pleased about the growth of our structures and the increasing willingness to participate in our work. However, this growth requires more efficient work processes, clear responsibilities and a high level of accountability. Therefore, we would like to encourage anyone who feels they can contribute to get in touch with us!



Outlook

The year 2023 was shaped by our desire to facilitate bigger projects by generating donations and to break new ground.

While our new partners in the Philippines worked tirelessly to train authorities and to rescue children, our old partners focused on mentoring and taking care of minors who had fallen victim to domestic sexual violence. Our research has shown that one or two children in every classroom could be affected by sexual violence – in Germany and possibly worldwide! Step by step, we will address this topic as an association. We will initiate educational work in German schools, explaining the situation in the Philippines and encouraging students to volunteer with PREDA. In the long-run, we want to educate them on the signs of sexual abuse as this topic seems to be even more taboo in Germany than it is in the Philippines – we refuse to accept this as the norm!

PREDA has suggested a pilot project visiting schools in their own district educating teachers, students and parents how to recognise sexual abuse and how to take action against it. This initiative is supposed to be brought to the classrooms of Zambales by a social worker, a child psychologist and a girl who was affected by sexual violence herself. For this purpose, we have received almost € 8,000 from the Saarland Ministry for Development Cooperation, as well as a further € 2,000 for the procurement of materials for educational work in Germany. The result of the 2024 education project in the Philippines is intended to serve as a blueprint for a similar education project in Germany.

Furthermore, more than 10 members of Space Lama e.V. will fly to the Philippines at the beginning of 2024 to get an overview of further possibilities. Of course, meetings are planned with our local partners, but also with investigating authorities with whom we have had no contact to date. The aim of this trip is to support and network people who want to liberate children.

The funds raised in 2023 should bear fruit in the coming year! Of course, we will continue to work on expanding to reach even more people and free children.



Knitting, serving cocktails, or bringing people together on distant islands – whatever is needed.

We will leave no stone unturned!

Please also take a look at our newsletter in the appendix, where you will find pictures and even more details on selected campaigns. Table 2 on the next page summarises the current status of the Lama Children at the end of 2023. Table 2: Situation of the Lama Children at PREDA December 2022.

Tabelle 2: Situation der Lama Children bei PREDA zum Dezember 2022

Lama Child	Date of Rescue	Status of care	Reason for admission to PREDA
Jamil	Jan 20	concluded	Unlawful incarceration
Jeselin	Sep 20	concluded	Force prostitution through family
Stella	Mar 20	concluded	Force prostitution through family
Juanito	Dec 20	concluded	Unlawful incarceration
Joy	Mar 21	concluded	Domestic abuse
Marianne	Mar 21	concluded	Domestic abuse
Sophia	Jul 21	concluded	Forced prostitution
Gabrielle	Nov 21	concluded	Forced prostitution
José	Nov 21	concluded	Unlawful incarceration
Lucia	Dec 21	concluded	Forced prostitution
Lyra	Dec 21	concluded	Forced prostitution
Joana	Dec 21	concluded	Forced prostitution
Jacky	Dec 21	concluded	Forced prostitution
Mariella	Dec 21	concluded	Forced prostitution
Rens	Dec 21	concluded	Child at Risk
Hope	Apr 22	concluded	Forced prostitution through family
Keith	Apr 22	ongoing	OSEC
Jon	Apr 22	ongoing	OSEC
Kyle	Apr 22	ongoing	OSEC
Kris Ace	Apr 22	ongoing	OSEC
Ruby	Oct 23	ongoing	Forced prostitution
Angel	Oct 23	ongoing	Forced prostitution
Dianne	Nov 23	ongoing	Domestic abuse
April	Nov 23	ongoing	Domestic abuse
Jill	Nov 23	ongoing	Domestic abuse
Saya	Apr 24	ongoing	Domestic abuse

Additionally, 28 children from the AIW training are currently under PREDA care.

