



Guidelines – DIAKAID

What is DIAKAID?

As DIAKONIA Weltbund e.V. we are committed to the Gospel. As 1 Peter 4:10 says, „Each of you should use whatever gift you have received to serve others, as faithful stewards of God’s grace in its various forms.“, we want to contribute our own gifts and support one another. We try to work together in a spirit of trust, respect and solidarity.

Even before DIAKAID began, DIAKONIA supported diaconal communities and projects financially. In 1970, it became "DIAKAID" to coordinate this work. Since then, DIAKAID has been accepting applications every year, deciding on funding and providing support.

Who can be supported?

Only projects carried out by DIAKONIA member organisations or their members can be supported. The project can also be led by another church, diaconal community or external non-profit organisation, but a DIAKONIA member organisation must be significantly involved.

Member organizations that have not paid their membership fees for an extended period without a valid reason may be excluded from funding.

Which projects can be supported?

Funding is provided in particular for projects that help those in need, activities that enable people to help themselves or organise their own help and programmes that support and train diaconal employees. This primarily includes seminars, training programmes and scholarships. In addition, equipment, accessories and aids required to carry out this diaconal work can also be supported. In cases of doubt, the Executive Board decides whether to approve an application.

The financial support provided is intended exclusively for the purposes described in the application and may not be used for any other purpose. Furthermore, it is prohibited to use the funds for purposes that do not correspond to the purpose of the organisation and its principles. It is also not permitted to use the funds as a capital investment. DIAKONIA reserves the right to reclaim the funds granted if the project is not realised or used outside these guidelines. By signing the application form, the applicant agrees to these conditions.

In emergencies such as natural disasters and other unforeseen situations, member organisations have the option of submitting separate requests. In such cases, requests must be addressed directly to the regional president. They will discuss the individual request with the Executive Board and the Committee in order to discuss and decide on appropriate steps.

How much and for how long is the financial support?

Projects may be carried out over a maximum period of one year. A new application is required for projects that last longer. A member organisation may receive funding for the same or a similar project no more than twice. The maximum amount of funding per DIAKONIA member organisation is 1000€ per year. If a member organisation submits several project applications, the funding must be divided between the different projects.

How can an application for funding be made?

In March/April, the secretary sends out the information and application forms to the member organisations. The regional committee members are available to answer any questions. The completed application forms must be sent to the Representative for Financial and Laws Support (RFL in Neuendettelsau) by the end of April, who will confirm receipt. A committee consisting of representatives from the three regions, who are nominated by the Executive Board, and the Representative for Financial and Laws Support (RFL in Neuendettelsau) will then meet. They check the applications and prepare a proposal for the Executive Board in a timely manner. If applications are not submitted directly by the contact persons of the DIAKONIA member organisations, they are also informed of the receipt and possible funding. If everyone agrees to the funding, the applicants will receive feedback and the approved amount by the end of August at the latest. Applicants are required to inform DIAKONIA of the receipt of the funding, provide regular updates and send a final report using the official form at the end. This must be received no later than one year after the application has been approved. All reports must be submitted in full before a new application can be approved. Before a member organization's new application can be approved, all reports must be fully submitted.

If member organizations do not comply with the funding guidelines, this may result in their exclusion from other funding opportunities (e.g., grants from the travel fund).