



Activity Report 2022

Drip by Drip e.V.

In 2022, the non-profit Drip by Drip, in accordance with its statutory purposes, carried out work in the following two areas of work: Educational Projects and Water Projects.

A) EDUCATIONAL PROJECTS

University workshops

In the area of educational projects, four virtual university workshops were again organized to bring the problem of water misuse in the textile industry closer to the future decision makers of tomorrow - namely students of textile and fashion design, development and management. Concrete options for action for their current and future everyday working life were conveyed. Five universities and a total of 113 students and teachers participated in the workshops. The expert network and contacts with universities were also expanded for the workshops.

School workshops

A concept for school workshops was developed, aimed at grades 8-12, and offered to various secondary schools in Berlin. Unfortunately, the test workshops planned for the 4th quarter had to be postponed to 2023 due to illness. In 2023, however, the concept will be further developed according to the feedback of the test workshop participants and established as a permanent offer of Drip by Drip.

Water Playbook

Our online tool, the Water Playbook (www.waterplaybook.com) was completely redesigned. The tool allows users to easily calculate the water footprint of their own closet and provides information on the links between textile consumption in the Global North and water scarcity in the Global South.

Exhibition

Fashion Week in March 2022 also featured the FLUID FASHION exhibition planned in 2021, which displayed the first three art installations created in collaboration with artist Armin Keplinger. A fourth installation was too large for the space and will be exhibited for the first time in 2023. Also exhibited for the first time as part of FLUID FASHION were photographs by Bangladeshi photographer Saikat Baran Shil, created as part of a photo documentary commissioned by Drip by Drip. The photographs, taken in communities around the capital city of Dhaka, illustrate how water pollution from the city's heavy textile industry, affects the daily lives of textile workers*.

Panel discussion

For the opening of the exhibitions, which was exhibited in the premises of 202030 - Berlin Summitt, a panel event was also implemented, for which the two prominent speakers Orsola de Castro and Marieke Eyskoot were invited. Limited by Corona.regulations at the time, the event was attended by 40 guests.



Roundtables

Three roundtables with different experts, around the topics of water pollution, textile economy, activism and workers' rights in the production countries were planned in the fourth quarter and organized for March 2023.

B) WATER PROJECTS

In the area of water projects, three new potential project countries were developed: Ethiopia, Pakistan and Kenya.

Ethiopia

In order to assess what the current status of the rapidly developing textile production in Ethiopia is and how we can respond to wastewater issues there at an early stage, two team members traveled to Ethiopia in June 2022 and held many expert meetings and visited production sites. This has resulted in a strong network of potential partners, which has not yet led to an active project, however, because the local industry is currently rather fallow due to many political influences. However, joint projects are definitely planned for the future.

Pakistan

In Pakistan, after a long search, a partner organization was found in the form of the Hisaar Foundation, with whom we have entered into a long-term partnership. A first pilot project in the area of WASH has been designed and is to be implemented in the 1st half of 2023. In Pakistan, we are focusing primarily on schools as project locations and, in addition to water filters, also on sanitary facilities and training of students on hygiene issues. Here too, however, we remain in regions that suffer greatly from wastewater from the textile industry.

Kenya

We have also found a new partner organization in Kenya, with whom we have directly implemented a first pilot project. Komb Green is working with volunteers to clear the waters in and around Nairobi of trash. Especially the Nairobi River has become a dumping ground for textile waste, mostly from second hand markets with goods from Europe. For the cleaning activities we have financed 40 safety suits and shoes to protect the volunteers from direct contact with sharp objects or chemicals. Further projects are being planned following this successful first pilot project.

Bangladesh

A lot also happened in Bangladesh in 2022. A total of 30 new biosand filters and deep tube wells were financed and installed from a major donation. Completion of all measures is planned for early 2023. In total, 19,420 people will have access to clean drinking water as a result. In addition, we were selected in 2022 for the 24 Good Deeds Calendar, whose donations will finance another 30 measures in 2023. In addition, the plastic recycling plant financed by us in 2021 was implemented and put into operation.



C) INTERNAL WORK

Internally, we expanded the team in 2022 with a new project manager and a long-term project assistant. The professionalization process initiated in 2021 was demonstrated in 2022. As a sub-project of this, the website was completely redesigned and set up in 2022. It is scheduled to be published in early 2023.