



Sukha Help for India and Nepal e.V. Statute

§ 1 Name and Seat of the Association

1. The name of the association is **Sukha Help for India and Nepal e.V.**
2. The registered office of the association is: Heyestraße 67, 40625 Düsseldorf, it was entered in the register of associations of the Düsseldorf Local Court on 29.9.2021.

§ 2 Financial Year

The Association's financial year is the calendar year. The first short financial year ends on 31.12.2021.

§ 3 Non-profit Status; Purpose of the Association

1. The association pursues exclusively and directly charitable purposes within the meaning of §§ 51 ff. of the German Fiscal Code (AO). The purposes of the association are the promotion of disaster and hunger relief, youth welfare and education, assistance for the elderly, equality between men and women, public health care, cooperation in development and animal welfare. It does not primarily pursue its own economic purposes.
2. The association realizes its statutory purposes in particular through the establishment and maintenance of projects and facilities in Germany and abroad. It has set itself the following main objectives, which it will pursue within the scope of its activities:

Disaster and famine relief, aid for the elderly, healthcare, development cooperation

The promotion of aid in the event of natural disasters and emergencies, mainly in northern India and Nepal.

This support is provided through charitable donations to ease hardship in the regions of Varanasi (Uttar Pradesh, India) and Bodhgaya (Bihar, India), as well as Kathmandu (Nepal), particularly in the form of food for the starving population and the operation of soup kitchens.

Furthermore, the population in need is provided with medicines, medical masks and advice on hygiene measures in the current corona pandemic.

Once the corona pandemic is over, the association will support or initiate other emergency aid programs, especially in the area of care for the elderly; if necessary it can also support longer-term aid measures such as the operation of a retirement home or women's shelter.

Support for youth welfare and education

Funds are provided for children and young people for school purposes in the form of clothing and books and for the maintenance of school buildings. It is also possible to set up and run a school or children's home in Bodhgaya (Bihar, India) or in Nepal; sponsorships can be recruited and supervised.



Promoting equality between men and women

The promotion, support and care of single women and mothers

- is carried out in particular in cooperation with the Women Foundation, Nepal, which takes care of the requirements of women in the form of women's shelters, orphanages, legal assistance and help in emergency situations.
- The project focuses on the nuns of Tibetan Buddhism, who are often disadvantaged compared to the male clergy, partly in cooperation with the Nepali Nun Association, but also directly in the monasteries of Nepal.

Support for Animal Welfare

Caring for animals in need by helping local animal welfare organizations in North India and Nepal; global commitment to animal welfare is also possible.

3. The association may take all imaginable, lawful actions that are necessary to fulfill its tasks in accordance with paragraph 2. This expressly includes cooperation with other non-profit organizations. The association may also donate its own funds to other domestic and foreign organizations, provided that they exclusively and directly pursue tax-privileged purposes within the meaning of §§ 51 ff. AO and provided that the use of the funds for tax-privileged purposes is ensured. The association may donate some of its funds to another tax-privileged organization within the scope of § 58 no. 1 AO.
4. Since the association does not engage in any economic activity, it is considered an ideal association within the meaning of the German Civil Code.
5. Funds of the association may only be used for statutory purposes. Members shall not receive any benefits from the Association's funds. Excluded from this is the reimbursement of expenses and paid work for the association in accordance with the provisions of § 11 of these Articles of Association.

§ 4 Membership

1. The following may become members of the Association
 - a. natural persons and
 - b. legal entities.
2. The Executive Board shall decide on admission. Membership is acquired by written declaration of membership and subsequent acceptance by the Executive Board.
3. Membership of the Association shall end
 - a. by the death of natural persons,
 - b. by resignation,
 - c. by exclusion.
4. Resignation shall be effected by written declaration to the Board of Directors.



5. A member may be expelled if he or she has grossly violated the interests of the association or if his or her conduct damages or endangers the reputation or interests of the association. The General Assembly shall decide on the expulsion after hearing the member concerned.
6. The association may accept supporting members who have no voting rights at the general meeting.

§ 5 Membership Fees

1. An admission fee shall not be charged.
2. The levying of membership fees and their amount may be determined for the future by a majority resolution of a general meeting.

§ 6 General Meeting of Members

1. The general meeting is responsible in particular for
 1. The election of the Executive Board,
 2. The appointment of an auditor,
 3. Accepting the activity report of the Executive Board,
 4. The discharge of the Executive Board,
 5. Accepting the auditor's report on activities,
 6. Passing resolutions on amendments to the Articles of Association and the dissolution of the Association.
2. The ordinary general meeting is convened twice a year in writing by the Executive Board. The agenda is set by the Executive Board. If the e-mail address is known, the invitation can also be sent by electronic data transmission (e-mail).
3. Extraordinary General Meetings shall be held on the basis of a resolution of the Board of Directors or if at least 1/3 of all members of the Association request a meeting in writing, stating the purpose and reasons.
4. Motions from members that are to be dealt with at a general meeting must be submitted to the Executive Board at least one week before the meeting. The chairman of the meeting must add to the agenda accordingly at the beginning of the general meeting. Motions received late shall be postponed to the next General Meeting for resolution, unless the General Meeting decides otherwise.

§ 7 Resolutions of the General Meeting

1. Each member has one vote. Another member may be authorized in writing to exercise the voting right. The authorization must be issued separately for each General Meeting.



2. The General Meeting is chaired by the Chairman or, if he is unable to do so, by another member of the Board of Directors. A member appointed by the Board of Directors shall take the minutes.
3. Every General Meeting convened in accordance with the Articles of Association shall constitute a quorum irrespective of the number of members present or represented.
4. Resolutions are generally passed by a simple majority of the valid votes cast, subject to other majorities in the case of amendments to the Articles of Association in accordance with § 13 or dissolution of the Association in accordance with § 14. abstentions are not taken into account.
5. Minutes of the General Meeting must be recorded and signed by the secretary and a member of the Executive Board. In the case of amendments to the Articles of Association, the exact wording must be stated.
6. If it is not possible to convene a general meeting, resolutions may be passed by written or electronic means. The same voting ratios apply as in the General Meeting.

§ 8 Board of Directors

1. The Executive Board of the Association consists of three elected members:
 1. the Chairman,
 2. the deputy chairman,
 3. the treasurer.
2. The Executive Board represents the Association in and out of court. Each member of the Executive Board is authorized to represent the association individually.
3. The Executive Board is elected by the General Meeting for a period of 2 years from the date of election. However, it shall remain in office until a new Board of Directors is elected.
4. The Board of Directors is responsible for all matters relating to the Association. In particular, it is responsible for the following tasks:
 1. Preparing and convening the General Meeting, including drawing up the agenda,
 2. Implementing the resolutions of the General Meeting,
 3. The management of the association with proper administration and use of the association's assets
 4. The conclusion or termination of contracts of all kinds.

§ 9 Resolutions of the Executive Board

The Board of Directors generally passes its resolutions in Board meetings convened by the first Chairman.



§ 10 Auditors

The General Meeting elects an auditor for the same term as the Executive Board, who audits the annual financial statements, reports to the General Meeting and makes proposals for the discharge of the Executive Board. The auditor may not be a member of the Executive Board.

§ 11 Managing Director; Employees

1. The Executive Board may employ a managing director for the day-to-day business of the Association as well as other employees to support the managing director at appropriate remuneration. These persons may also be members of the Association or the Executive Board. In this respect, the Executive Board is exempt from the restrictions of § 181 BGB. The Management Board is entitled to grant and pay these persons appropriate remuneration for their activities. No person may benefit from expenses that are not in line with the purpose of the association or from disproportionately high compensation. In addition to compensation, only the reimbursement of reasonable travel expenses is permitted.
2. The duties of the Managing Director include in particular
 - Public relations work for the association
 - Designing the content of the association's homepage
 - Recruiting, maintaining and processing sponsorships
 - Management and organization of projects on site in India and Nepal
 - Fundraising and processing donations

§ 12 Expenses, management of the association's accounts, reserves

1. The activities of the Board of Directors and members of the Association for the Association are performed on a voluntary basis, unless they are employed in accordance with § 11 of these Articles of Association.
2. Necessary and proven expenses incurred in connection with voluntary work can be reimbursed on request.
3. The treasurer shall manage the association's accounts; he/she may be assisted in this by the association's managing director.
4. The commissioning of experts/companies with tasks such as tax advice, legal advice, etc. is permitted. The awarding of such contracts shall be jointly discussed and decided by the Executive Board.
5. The association may form appropriate reserves, provided that these funds are intended exclusively for non-profit projects and provided that these do not exclude the tax privileges of the association in accordance with § 51 ff. of the German Tax Code.



§ 13 Amendments to the Articles of Association

1. Amendments or additions to these Articles of Association require a 4/5 majority of the valid votes cast at the General Meeting.
2. Changes to the purpose or tasks of the association also require a 4/5 majority.

§ 14 Dissolution

The dissolution of the association can only be decided in a general meeting with a 4/5 majority of the valid votes cast. Unless the General Meeting decides otherwise, the members of the Executive Board are liquidators with sole power of representation.

In the event of the dissolution of the association or the discontinuation of tax-privileged purposes, its assets shall be transferred to a legal entity under public law or another tax-privileged corporation for use for charitable purposes within the meaning of Section 53 of the German Tax Code (AO).

The Executive Board shall propose the further use of the assets to the General Assembly. Resolutions on the future use of the assets may only be carried out with the approval of the tax office responsible for the association.

§ 15 Editorial Changes

The Executive Board is authorized to make any editorial changes to these Articles of Association on its own initiative at the request of the registration court or other competent authorities.

16 Entry into force

These Articles of Association were adopted by the General Assembly on 14.5.2021 and last amended on 27.07.2022 after consultation with the responsible tax authority: Finanzamt Düsseldorf Mitte, corrected.

They apply with immediate effect.

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