

## 2020 Annual report



HELPING AND
EMPOWERING
PEOPLE TO
SUSTAINABLY SHAPE
AND DETERMINE
THEIR LIVES
IN DIGNITY AND
INDEPENDENCE

### **NEHEMIAH GATEWAY**

## 2020 - A YEAR LIKE NO OTHER

Dear donors, supporters and friends of the NG family,

The year 2020 will go down in history as a major crisis year. The Corona pandemic took us all by surprise, threw planning into disarray and presented everyone with major challenges.

Crises are nothing new for Nehemiah Gateway, quite the opposite. NG was created in response to a crisis in the first place, back almost 30 years ago in Albania. Reconstruction after the fall of the Iron Curtain, armed unrest a little later, refugee crisis, natural disasters and now a pandemic .... major crises that threatened our very existence, in which we saw our mission as bringing help and hope, and which have shaped us as an organization. We don't complain!

Crises bring out the best in us, that's how we put it in our NG Guiding Principles, and this was confirmed anew in 2020.

However, it was anything but easy. In addition to the challenges we had already anticipated, the year placed much greater and absolutely unexpected demands on the NG Team. Whether at NG Albania, Hotel Lindenhof, which was severely affected by the lockdown, Mohab GmbH, the University or our many partner organizations.

Our donors and friends did not let us down and in combination with governmental Corona aid in Germany and a flexible and motivated staff we managed the almost impossible: we stayed almost exactly on budget! We feel this as a great blessing and we see it as a confirmation of the overall line of our work.

Not only did we try, as always, to use donations and contributions responsibly, but also the staff participated. Their donations covered a complete monthly salary for all teachers at Bethany School in Tanzania, a long term partner of NG. This was a special joy and encouragement for me. We have managed, on top of our own challenges, to help others through the crisis, in line with the principle of sowing and reaping. Another NG working principle has been proven: by giving we are blessed.

Many thanks for all the help, support and encouragement during this difficult year 2020!

Arnold Geiger
Managing Director

#### Herolinda Shkullaku

was one of the first graduates of NG
University. The dual study program
allowed her to study parallel to her job.
Since 2012, she has been managing the
overall work of the Nehemiah Gateway
Albania Foundation in her role as
Executive Director.

"From a young age, my goal was to make my contribution to my country and especially to my hometown. This has been realized through my work at NG Albania.

NG Albania's important programs in the social and educational sectors, built up sustainably in 30 years, are aimed at the actual needs in my country. Therefore, my daily work and the management of a dedicated team of professionals motivates me day after day.

We have had a difficult 2020, faced similar problems as the rest of the world. However, one thing has proven itself once again: by facing challenges, we use our full potential. Challenges help us to rethink our basic direction and to set priorities - and thus come even closer to fulfilling our mission."

# ALBANIA IS WHERE NEHEMIAH GATEWAY HAS ITS ROOTS

### NEHEMIAH GATEWAY SERVICES (NGS) AND THE NG TEAM

From aid projects in Albania at the beginning of the nineties, Nehemiah Gateway developed into a group of organizations among which Nehemiah Gateway Services gGmbH (non-profit limited company) holds an important position by providing finances and overall coordination tasks.

NGS supports non-profit and charitable work of the NG Team, primarily in Albania, and assists project partners in various countries. With the hotel Lindenhof Resort & Events GmbH near Nuremberg and the minihouse production company Mohab GmbH, NGS operates two companies that generate long-term income for charitable and humanitarian work.

NG Albania with the associated NG University is the main project partner for NGS.

NG USA and NG Switzerland contribute to the overall work with fundraising, donor care and project support.

#### NG INI AIRANIA

Since 1992, today's Nehemiah Gateway Albania Foundation (NG Albania) has been carrying out a variety of projects and activities to improve the living conditions of poor and disadvantaged people, to open up new perspectives for individuals and enterprises and to positively influence society. The focus has always been on people.

NG Albania is under Albanian management. 134 committed employees make the foundation not only an exemplary organization and best practice model in the region, they also support the whole NG Team and contribute with a lot of professional expertise to the overall work.

Nehemiah Gateway Albania (NG Albania) Located in Buçimas/Pogradec, Albania Founded in 1992 (Foundation Nehemia Albania)

(NGU)
An educational project of NG Alban
Located in Buçimas/Pogradec, Alban

The following pages provide an overview of NGS-funded activities in Albania in 2020.





## **SOCIAL & MEDICAL IMPROVEMENT**

From daily bread to medical care and therapy - for a life in dignity

The Amaro Tan program goes far beyond the well-known school for at-risk children (see p. 9). It also includes scholarships for Nehemiah School and University and a wealth of additional services. NG Albania provides social and medical services for vulnerable and needy people, as well as for people with disabilities, at all its locations.

#### Children Learning Center for children with special needs (mental and/or physical impairments)

1,025 speech therapy sessions with a total number of 29 patients

Plus: summer camp

#### Amaro Tan Summer Camp

30 children attended ummer camp for three weeks in August

#### Physiotherapy

2,292 physical therapy sessions for 246 patients, both on campus and in their homes

#### Nurse's Office

provided medical treatment to 378 patients on campus in Bucimas

Firewood and tood arcels distributed to 224 families in the Pogradec area

Relief Aid

#### Partner support

Earthquake recovery projects with Swiss Foundation Internation and ProFamilja Albania.

#### Partner support

for GlowbalAct/ Switzerland and Kitepride in Tel Aviv/Israel

#### Partner support

Construction of a dormitory and agricultural training at Tanzania Orphans Mission with public funding from Germany (BMZ)

#### Amaro Tan Soup Kitchen Pogradec

17,775 warm meals
plus 1,339 food parcels for
soup kitchen clients,
families of pupils,
and families in need

#### Amaro Tan Soup Kitchen Gjirokastër

9,166 warm meals plus distribution of firewood and food parcels to 242 families



## NG SCHOOL & EDUCATION

Support and future prospects for young people from all social groups - with a special focus on children at risk

#### Amaro Tan After-school program

34 children received special support in extracurricular

#### Amaro Tan Kindergarten & School 137 at-risk children attend

Amaro Tan school

#### Amaro Tan Craft shop

The craft shop at Amaro Tan trained 16 pupils in wood and paper crafting.

#### Amaro Tan Gjirokastër After-school program

O at-risk children enrolled in after-school care with homework assistance and a daily meal.

#### Nehemia School from kindergarten to high school with 462 students enrolled,

22 of them received scholarships and financial support (Amaro Tan program)

#### Nehemia School Social projects

Students assisted NG Social Services with home visits an distribution of food and humanitarian aid.

#### Nehemia School Road safety training

A total of 324 students from 7 different schools participated in the road safet training at the Bucimas campus.

#### Partner support

12 children from Tanzani Orphans Mission near Mbeya/Tanzania received scholarships.



## **NG UNIVERSITY**

Higher education for excellent international career prospects

- an incubator for social and societal engagement and sustainable development

NG University Bachelor's Program "Economy and Businesses"

work-integrated (dual) study course

NG University Master's Program
"Leadership in Education" with 24 students enrolled

NG University International Students

Scholarships for 10 Bachelor's students and Greece

Language Courses
A total of 81 students participated in language courses

Partner Project

Placement of apprenticeship in Germany by GmbH for graduates

## STRUCTURE

## NEHEMIAH GATEWAY SERVICES gGmbH (non-profit limited company)

Kontumazgarten 3, D-90429 Nuremberg, Branch office in Berlin, Pariser Platz 6a, Registered at the local court Nuremberg, HRB 31502

#### **FUNCTION**

Nehemiah Gateway Services gGmbH (NGS), based in Nuremberg, supports the organizations within the NG Team with competence centers in the areas of marketing, human resources, legal matters, and a variety of coordination tasks. NGS supplements income from donations with funds generated by the management of its own assets and business operations, and fully covers all overhead and administrative costs.

An office in Berlin is our best-practice model in the German capital and makes the work known to politicians, business, representatives of project countries and multipliers and invites them to participate and emulate.

#### **CO-WORKERS**

NGS has 13 full-time and part-time employees (Dec. 2020). More than 20 supporters regularly volunteer their time and talent in various projects and fields of work. The Nuremberg office also coordinates internships and assignments abroad.

#### **COOPERATION & NETWORKING**

NG is a member of DAW (German-Albanian Economic Association), the Bürgerbewegung für Menschenwürde in Mittelfranken e.V (Civil movement for human dignity) and takes part in the Network - Future Needs Values in the metropolitan Nuremberg region.



#### **PARTNERS**

Arnold Geiger (Managing Director) Gerd Seitz Helmut Hauser Kai Uellendahl









#### **ADVISORY BOARD**

The NG Advisory Board advises the management with regard to content orientation. The Advisory Board works as a team of advisors and is committed to the welfare of the organization. They make suggestions for steps that are important or advisable for the operational and economic development of the non-profit organization and associated institutions.

Members are experts from various areas of society and fields of expertise, with varying professional experience, ensuring a broad and professionally profound support of the organization. They work in an honorary function without remuneration, only expenses like travel, meals, and lodging for board meetings being reimbursed on request within the usual limits.



Chair

Anke Neuzerling, M.A.

lournalist



Prof. Dr. Dr. hc em.
Ulli Arnold
Professor and lecturer



Dr. Jonathan Daniel Bank executive



Jürgen Feldmeier Legal consultant



Roman Fertinger
Police commissioner



Barbara Freifrau von Schnurbein, M.A Publicist



Dr. Andreas Metzge Orthopedist



Prof. Dr. Goran Rafajlovsl Professor and lecturer



Johannes Selle Member of the German Parliament



Prof. Dr. Harald Seubert Philosopher, professor and lecturer



Prot. Dr. em. Mantred Spreng Neurophysiologist

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## **TRANSPARENCY**

Transparency is important to NG. Supporters entrust us with their donations and invest energy and know-how. They share our passion for helping people and opening up future perspectives. This trust motivates us to handle finances professionally, to work efficiently and dedicated to always keep within legal bounds. A compilation of standards and guidelines for the organizations within NG Team ensures a conscientious use of the means and funds entrusted to us.

#### **INTERNAL AUDIT**

Nehemiah Gateway's staff is committed to handling the organization's means and funds responsibly. Payment release is regulated hierarchically. Payments are made by an authorized co-worker for banking matters and are subject to regular controlling. Budget planning undergoes several decision-making stages and has to be approved by the shareholders' Board of Partners. Budget managers can keep track and react on developments through monthly target-actual comparison.

Nehemiah Gateway annually organizes the internal audit of related NG Team organizations abroad, assigning certified public accountants (CPA) in addition to the observance of legally required audit and reporting routines within the respective countries.

#### PROJECT PARTNERS

Basis for the cooperation with international project partners are partnership agreements supplemented by detailed project agreements. Detailed standards regulate project management, cost planning and budgeting as well as regular reporting (financial and case reports). Regular communication allows monitoring and support of the projects' development and growth. NG co-workers and delegates can evaluate the supported projects at any time and check the respective financial accounting.

#### **POLICIES**

#### CHILD PROTECTION

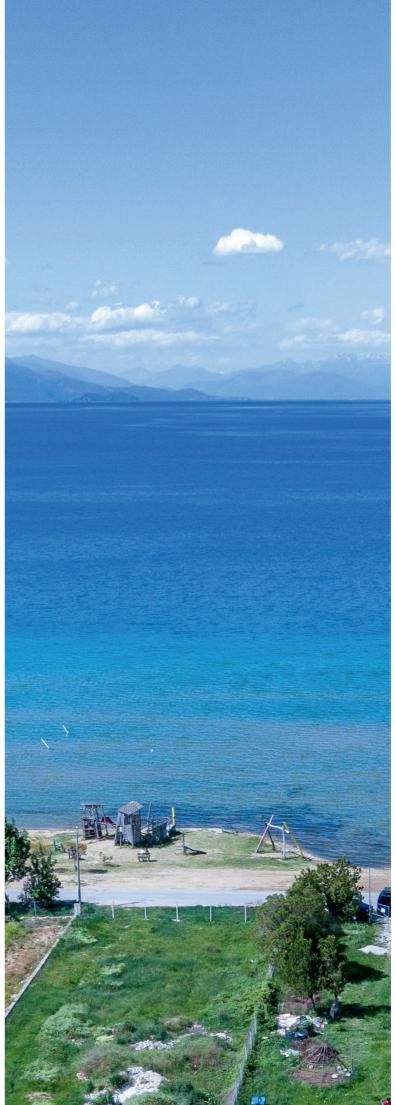
Protection of children has priority for NG. Co-workers working with children or young people are committed to explicitly observe Child Protection Procedures, verifying their commitment by signing the document accordingly. They take care of the children's well-being and protect them from exploitation, sexual, emotional, or physical abuse and neglect.

#### DATA PROTECTION

NGS Nehemiah Gateway handles data responsibly. Requirements of the EU-data-protection regulation (DS-GVO) are implemented and data protection routines for partners in project countries updated accordingly.

#### EQUAL OPPORTUNITY

The German Equal Opportunity Act (Allgemeines Gleichbehandlungsgesetz) applies to all job applications within the NG Team



## **OUTLOOK**

The Corona crisis taught us many things as NG Team, things that will continue to shape our work in the future.

For example in the field of education. We recognized blended learning, i.e., the combination of online and face-to-face instruction, as the future of learning early on and have done quite a bit over the years to implement online learning, especially in higher education. However, it didn't really get off the ground. Then the pandemic left us with no other choice. Online instruction was suddenly mandatory not only in higher education, but also for the children in our schools. So we were able to draw on our existing digital infrastructure and knowhow and build our online programs on top of that.

Today, we can take the lessons from that development and further optimize our teaching concept for the future. Pupils and students have learned to be more independent learners, so teachers, instructors, and trainers are increasingly growing into the role of mentors and coaches.

Our good contacts with donors have proven their worth during the crisis, as have the various pillars of financing, i.e. the mix of donations, income from asset management and companies, and subsidies from public funds. If one of the pillars gives way, the other pillars can compensate. This gives us a measure of security for the future.

We look to the future with confidence but also with respect. We are hopeful that the challenges of the past will take us a step further. This will help us to face upcoming challenges - which are quite certain to come- in the same way: effective cooperation, with the support of friends and with God blessing.

### **FINANCES**

#### FINANCES AT NGS

Donations are an important pillar for NGS' charitable and non-profit work all over the world. In addition, Nehemiah Gateway Services gGmbH itself generates profit, which is invested 100% in the non-profit, charitable work of the NG Team organizations. This includes the management of own assets from a legacy as well as the operation of the training and business enterprises Lindenhof Resort & Events GmbH and Mohab GmbH. This, as well as income from statutory services such as school and tuition fees (where socially acceptable) in the project countries, makes it possible to cover all administrative costs and, in addition, to cover many scholarships and support aid projects.

In asset management, NGS pursues a broadly diversified investment strategy. Fluctuations in the markets may result in annual shortfalls or surpluses. Shortfalls are charged to our own asset positions. Excess cover benefits our projects in the long term.

#### THE CORONA YEAR 2020

The year 2020 was particularly challenging due to the global pandemic. Even though NGS received support by government aid programs in Germany, our activities were severely affected by the global lockdown.

Through rigorous cost management, successful asset management and a welcome increase in donations, we ended the year within our financial projections.

Thus, despite the pandemic, NGS was able to support all programs almost completely to the extent of the planned framework and was also able to provide increased emergency aid.

## LEGAL STATUS: GEMEINNÜTZIGE GMBH (gGmbH)

The German term "gemeinnützige GmbH" means a non-profit private limited company. Generated income is invested solely for the achievement of the company's non-profit goals. The non-profit limited company is exempt from corporate and business tax. The current exemption certificate (Freistellungsbescheid) was issued by the Nuremberg tax authority on 21 January 2019.

In order to increase efficiency and optimize administrative services, the NG Team has agreed that essential administrative tasks for NG Team organizations will receive support from Nehemiah Gateway Services in Nuremberg and Berlin, in particular in the areas of higher education, human resources and legal affairs.

Nehemiah Gateway Services gGmbH's annual financial statements are published online in the German Federal Gazette "Bundesanzeiger" (www.bundesanzeiger.de).

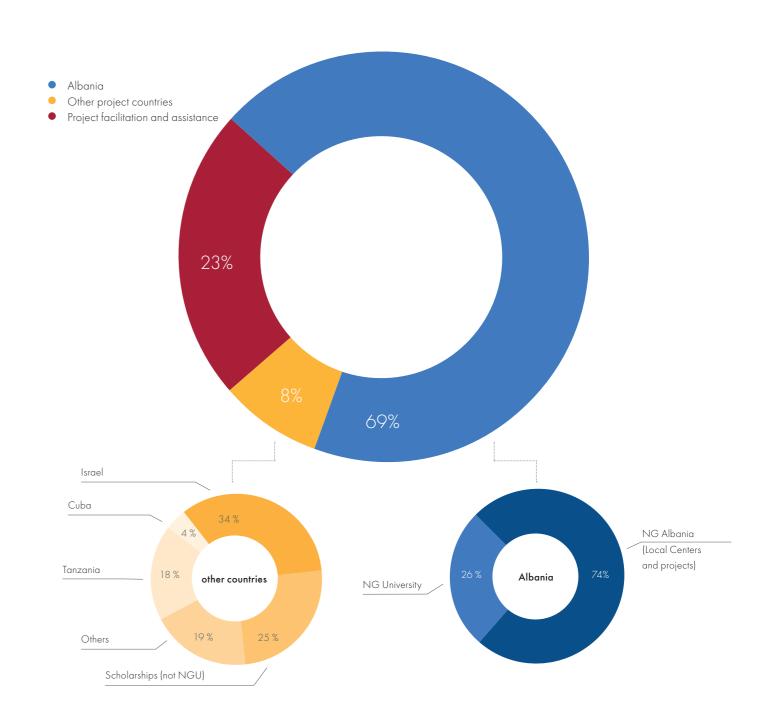
#### DONATIONS

Due to NGS's non-profit status, every donation is tax-deducible in Germany. Donation receipts are mailed at the beginning of each calendar year. Donations are supplemented by own income from asset management and business operations and thus are used for the benefit of the designated project without any deductions.

#### GRANTS AND SUBSIDIES

In 2020, NGS as a private German executing agency completed a project with funding from the German Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ). In the orphan village of NG project partner Tanzania Orphans Mission a dormitory was built and agricultural training provided.

## **OVERVIEW PROJECT SUPPORT 2020**



## STATEMENT OF FINANCIAL POSITIONS AS OF 31 DECEMBER 2020

## STATEMENT OF ACTIVITIES FOR THE YEAR 2020

#### **ACTIVA**

TOTAL

	CTIVA	EUR	EUR
I.	Intangible assets		
	Concessions acquired against		
	payment, trademarks and simi-		
	lar rights and assets, licenses		
	to such rights and assets		459.78
II.	Tangible assets		
	Land, land rights and buildings		
	incl. buildings on other land	12,392,232.80	
	Other assets, operating		
	and office equipment	156,779.50	12,549,012.30
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## LIABILITIES AND SHAREHOLDERS EQUITY

I. Contributed Capital		30,000.00
II. Capital reserve		25,118,821.82
III. Withdrawal capital reserve		- 1,071,415,73
RESERVES AND ACCRUED L		
Other reserves		24,200.00
Trade accounts payable		
2. Other liabilities	771,836.44	839,861.43

#### INCOME

INCOME				
Donations	127,922 €			
Income from asset management	1,297,610 €			
Other operating income	4 852 €			

TOTAL INCOME 1,430,384 €

#### **APPLICATION OF FUNDS**

.508€	
5,291 €	
PENDITURE	2,501,799€
	1,071,415€

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IV. YEAR-END RESULT



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