In our One World, people’s lives are interconnected in manifold ways. Learning from each other, seeking joint solutions and following the same paths together – these are the imperatives of our age for promoting sustainable global development. Your decisions and your engagement in your municipality affect the lives of people elsewhere. When you become involved in development work, your social, ecological and economic future will be able to unfold in ways that are not only more diverse and inventive, but also more successful.

Would you like to keep pace with the global challenges, and at the same time help create conditions in other parts of the world that make people’s lives worth living?

Sharpen the international profile of your municipality. Gain intercultural expertise. Join us and get involved.

The Service Agency Communities in One World is a partner that can support you with all aspects of local work for development. We stand for expertise, professionalism, successful projects, sustainable results and comprehensive information.

We are
a division of Engagement Global gGmbH, and:
• a competence centre and service provider for municipalities in Germany with an interest in development issues
• a partner for municipal development cooperation geared to achieving international development goals and sustainable and participatory urban development – here and among our partners in the South
• a promoter of the exchange of international expertise with local authority experts in developing countries and emerging economies
• experts in professionalising municipal project partnerships and twinning arrangements
• consultants for effective information and education work performed by German municipalities.

We work
on behalf of the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development, to address the themes of the future for municipalities:
• This is why we help build municipal partnerships with developing countries and emerging economies – currently focusing on climate change, participatory budgeting and sustainable urban development.
• It is also why we support the networking of actors in the field of migration and development at the local level, and strengthen local development work by involving migrants.
• It is why we promote fair procurement as a municipal contribution toward expanding fair trade.
• And it is why we advise municipalities on mainstreaming local development and sustainability policy as part of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

We offer
• events such as workshops, congresses and conferences
• facilitation and support of theme-based networks
• the ‘capital city of fair trade’ and ‘municipality moves the world’ competitions
• human and financial resources to support partnership projects
• personal consultation free of charge, also provided locally within your municipality
• an online advisory service on financing
• extensive series of publications, studies and research on current topics in development-related areas of municipal activity
• an extensive website – www.service-eine-welt.de – and internet portals such as our website for participatory budgeting www.buergerhaushalt.org
• our monthly ‘One World Newsletter’ (only available in German)
• advice for municipalities on the services offered by Engagement Global gGmbH.

Do you have some ideas? We’ll help you put them into practice. Are you looking for solutions? We’ll act as your partner to help you achieve your goal.

Municipal engagement for development means helping shape the future of our One World responsibly and sustainably. Be a part of it!
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