



40 years North Sea Lions – a success story of international cooperation

In 1980 districts from England and the Netherlands founded the international network North Sea Lions. Later districts from Germany and Denmark joined. The aim was and is to develop and implement projects in developing countries. As of now three German (111N, 111NB, 111NW), three Dutch (110AZ, 110BN, 110CW), one Danish (106C) and one British (105CW) districts are members. Every district along the North Sea can apply for membership.

Until today over 40 international projects have been accomplished. Planned and executed by Lions Clubs from and partially financed by member districts. The total value of those projects should well exceed over 4 Million Euro. More important, with every project, the lives and living conditions of thousands in Africa, South-America, Asia and East- and Southern Europe have been improved up to today.

The principle of North Sea Lions is very simple. Every member district pays a contribution of € 80 per Club per year. With the 8 member districts at the moment it adds up to €50.000. Clubs from the member districts can propose a project which can be financed by up to 100% (not exceeding the €50.000 mentioned). Those proposals are presented by the clubs at the yearly NSL conference in September and then discussed by the NSL officers (one from each district). Once a project has been supported by the majority, the



funds can be paid to the club/district by the end of the same year to start the project. The criteria for a support of a project are similar to LCIF criteria with the difference that up to 100% can be financed. But most projects are on a bigger scale with support from LCIF, Clubs, Districts or national Government. Thus NSL can move much more than what it looks at first sight.

At the moment our latest project is the construction of a new male ward in a hospital in Tanzania by district 106C – Danmark.

At the yearly meeting we also receive reports from the past projects. For example this year we received the report from the almost finished construction of a secondary school in Blantyre/Malawi – a project by 110CO, Netherland. It's an obligation of the club/district to secure the completion of the project as planned and to give regular reports about the process until the final report.

We care. We share. We cooperate – we are North Sea Lions.



Solar panels for a hospital in Zambia. A project by 110BN – Netherland.



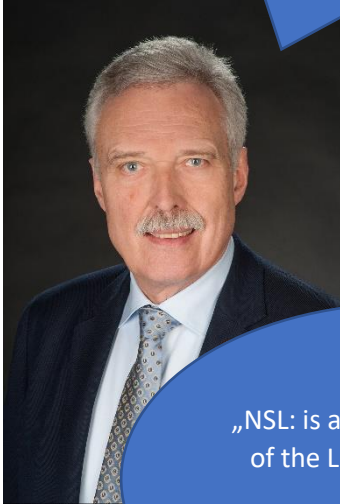
Construction of an orphanage in Lithuania with the help from clubs from Nothern Germany, LCIF and NSL. A project by 111NB, Germany.



Construction of a secondary school in Malawi. A project by 110CW – Netherland.

„NSL: that are highly successful
Lions projects across borders in
developing countries with a sense
of unity.

Dr. Wolf Rieh, 111NB



„NSL: is an indispensable part
of the Lions organization.“

Ton Ophof, 110BN, Holland



„I love NSL because the good we
do in the developing world“

Claire de Jonge, 105CW, UK

