

Diakonie RWL – Impressions from a Partner across the Sea

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Lippe e.V. – Diakonie RWL**

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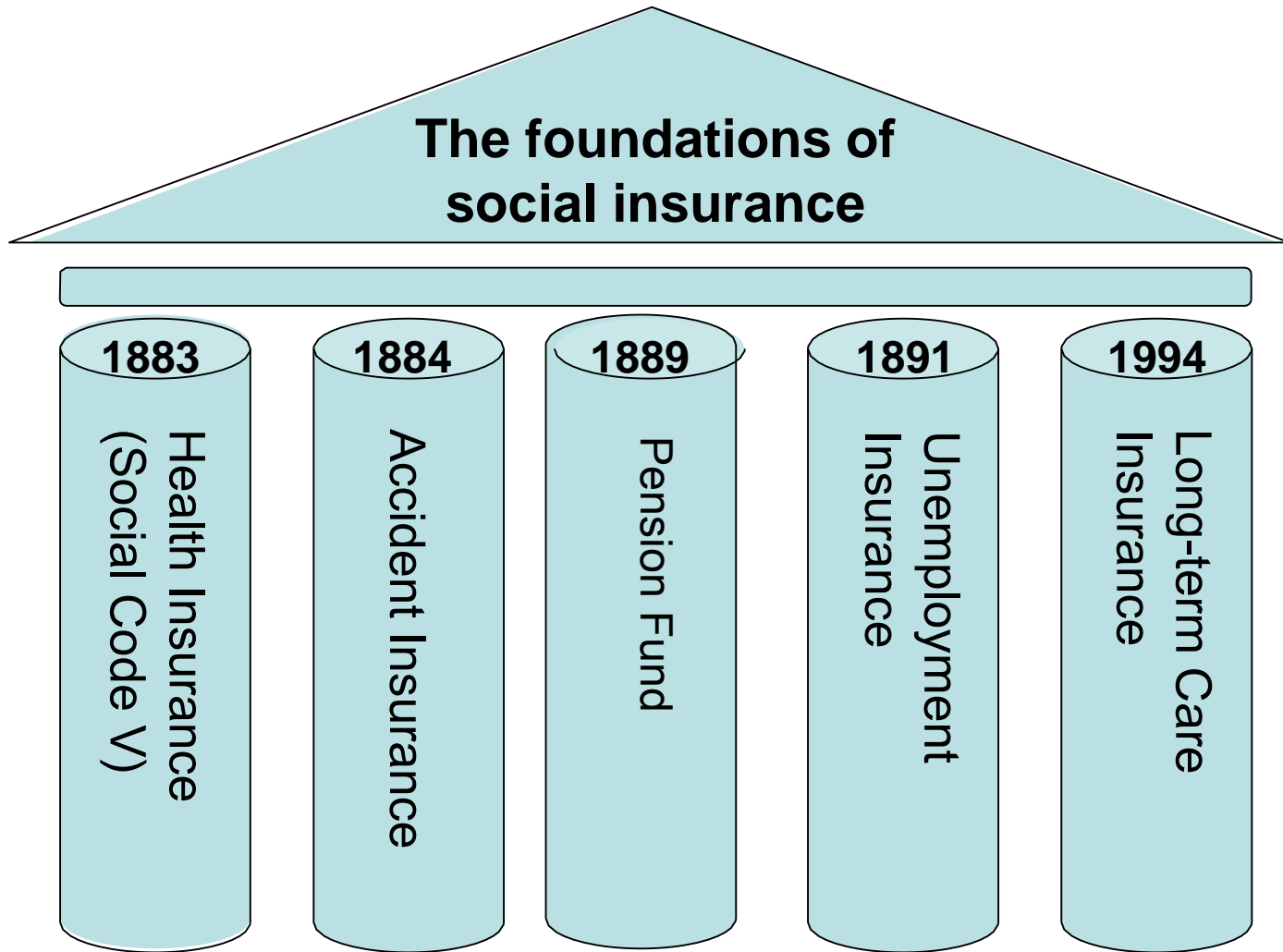
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Diakonie in Germany: Historical Background

- Mid-19th century: Founding of a social work organization by the Protestant church called **'Innere Mission'** ('Interior Mission').
- End of the Second World War: Founding of an additional aid organization (**'Hilfswerk'**) to address the specific needs of those suffering amidst destroyed post-war Germany.
- 1975: Merger of 'Innere Mission' with the Hilfswerk to form the 'Diakonisches Werk der EKD'.





Social Insurance System in Germany



Diakonie in Germany

We have **17 diakonia** associated to Regional Churches (Landeskirchliche Werke)

... with **31,000** facilities

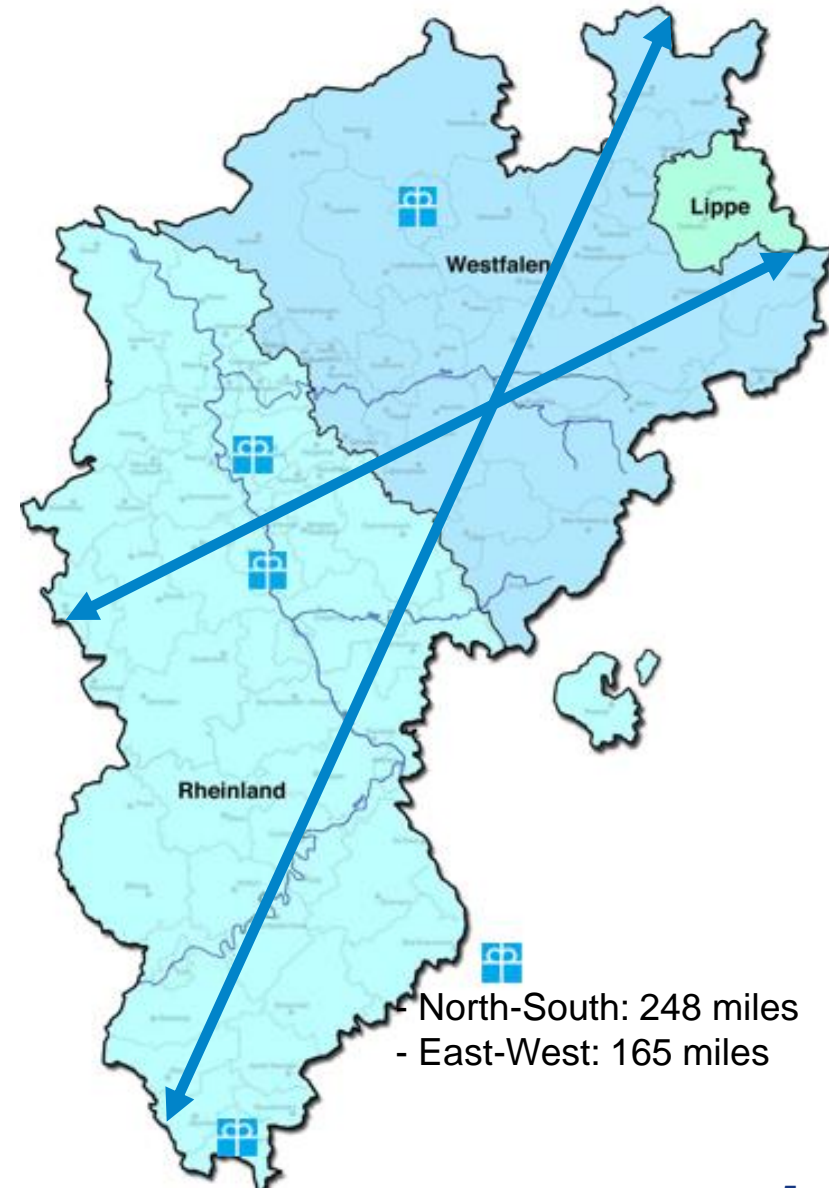
...offering **1.11 million** spaces in our services at any given point

... with **525,000** employees and **700,000** volunteers

... serving more than **11 million** clients every year.

Locations, Figures and Facts

- **2,700** member organizations
- **7,000** services offered at 4,900 locations
- **135,000** employees
- **200,000** volunteers

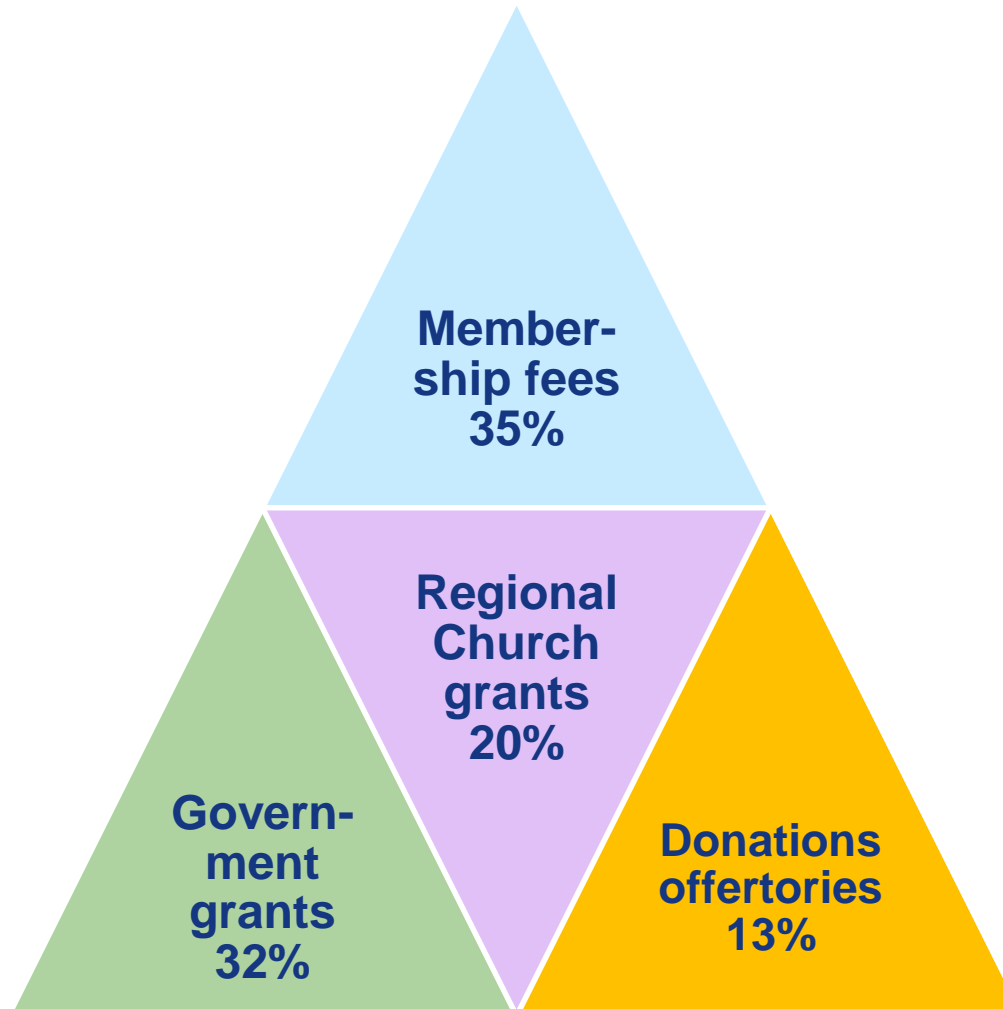


Our Services for Our Members

1. Providing information and networking opportunities for members.
2. Advising and supporting our members.
3. Committee work, advocacy and lobbying on their behalf.



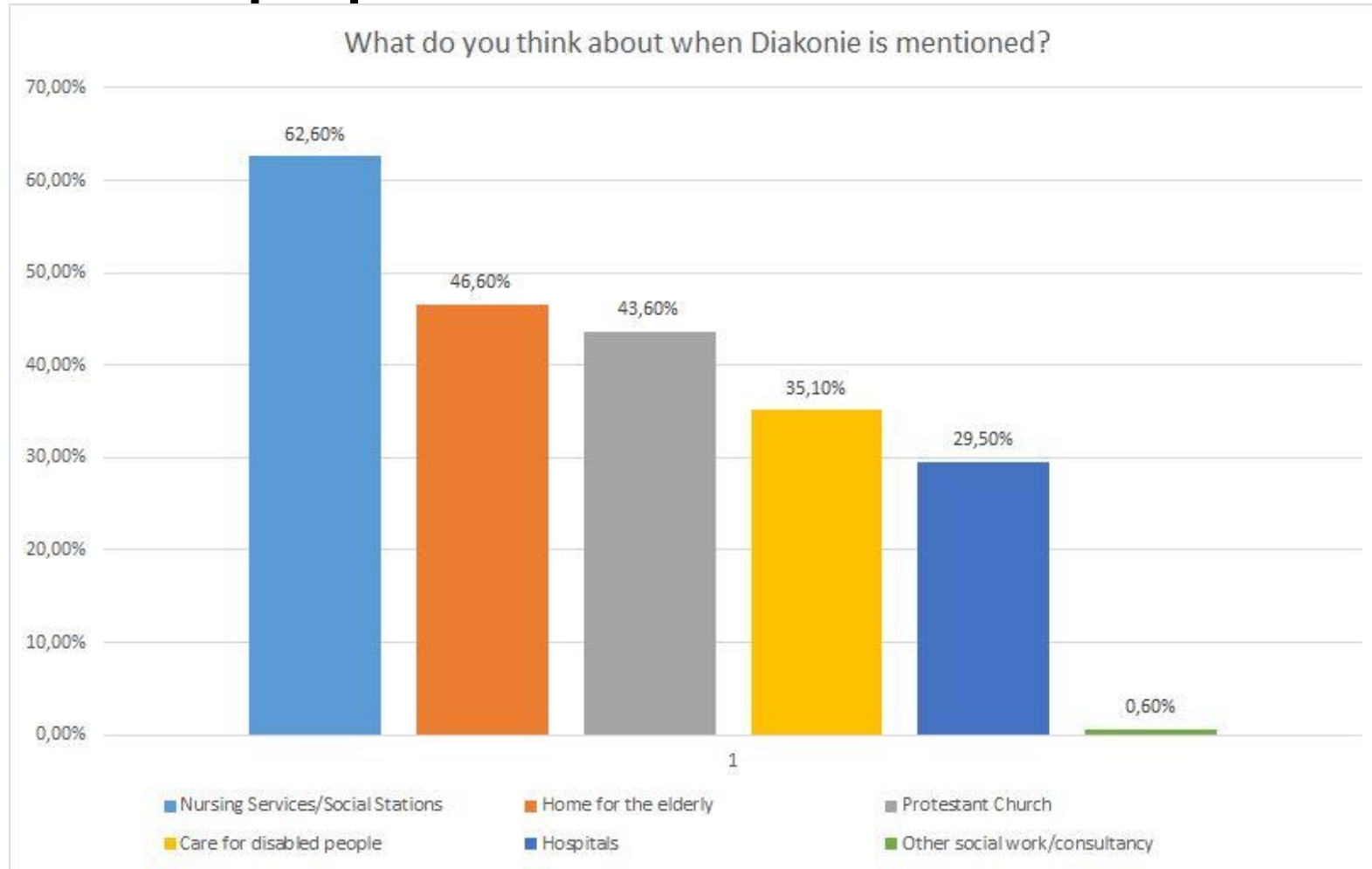
Finances of our association



Future Challenges for Diakonie and Social Work in Germany

- Aging population / demographic change
- Secularization: economic pressures vs. connection to the Church
- Skilled worker shortage
- Social gap / poverty
- Right-wing extremism / -populism
- Migration and integration
- ...

**“We are nurses and careworkers”:
What do people associate with Diakonie?**



Diakonie and Refugees – From Welcoming Culture to Right-Wing Populism



The Diakonie bracelet:
Showing support for
'Welcoming Culture'

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New Year's Eve Harassments: A Noticeable Shift in Public Opinion

Diakonie's Activities against Xenophobia and Right-Wing Populism



Telling positive stories:
The Temmes and 'their'
two unaccompanied
minors

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Celebrating volunteers
and saying thanks

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Diakonie booklet on debating bullet points:
Don't be afraid to take a stand against right-wing populists

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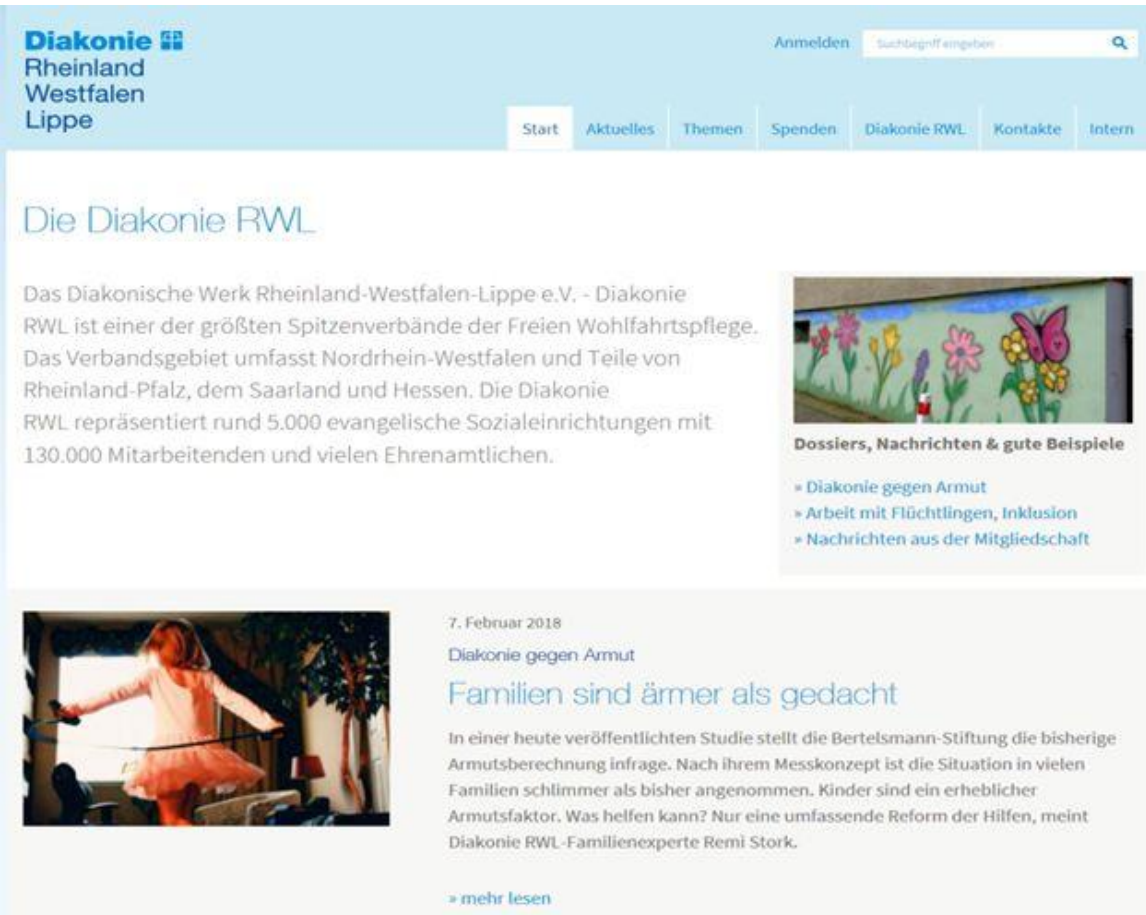
Firm message: Our CEO's position on right-wing populism


Against Poverty – Together with our Partners




Counselling homeless people: Increasing rents as a major challenge

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Diakonie 
Rheinland
Westfalen
Lippe

Anmelden 

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Die Diakonie RWL

Das Diakonische Werk Rheinland-Westfalen-Lippe e.V. - Diakonie RWL ist einer der größten Spitzenverbände der Freien Wohlfahrtspflege. Das Verbandsgebiet umfasst Nordrhein-Westfalen und Teile von Rheinland-Pfalz, dem Saarland und Hessen. Die Diakonie RWL repräsentiert rund 5.000 evangelische Sozialeinrichtungen mit 130.000 Mitarbeitenden und vielen Ehrenamtlichen.



Dossiers, Nachrichten & gute Beispiele


- » Diakonie gegen Armut
- » Arbeit mit Flüchtlingen, Inklusion
- » Nachrichten aus der Mitgliedschaft

7. Februar 2018
Diakonie gegen Armut

Familien sind ärmer als gedacht

In einer heute veröffentlichten Studie stellt die Bertelsmann-Stiftung die bisherige Armutsberechnung infrage. Nach ihrem Messkonzept ist die Situation in vielen Familien schlimmer als bisher angenommen. Kinder sind ein erheblicher Armutsfaktor. Was helfen kann? Nur eine umfassende Reform der Hilfen, meint Diakonie RWL-Familienexperte Remi Stork.

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Diakonie RWL website:
„Heart“ of our public
relation work

Visit our website:
www.diakonie-rwl.de

Against Poverty – Together with our Partners

**SAMMELABSCHIEBUNG NACH
AFGHANISTAN**

„Erst am Wochenende gab es wieder einen verheerenden Anschlag in Kabul. Ich bin sehr verwundert, dass die Abschiebung dennoch stattfindet.“

Dalia Höhne
Abschiebungsbeobachtung der
Diakonie RWL



Diakonie RWL on
Facebook: Brief
statement of our ‘refugee
deportation observer‘

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Current data on migration

2016: 18.6 million people (22.8% of the population) have a 'migration story'.

Most common countries of origin of migrants living in Germany in 2015: **Turkey** (16.7%), **Poland** (9.9%), **Russia** (7.1%), **Kazakhstan** (5.5%) and **Italy** (4.5%).

Asylum claims in Germany: 2017: 186,644

Administrative process duration: 3-4 months (*favoured claimants*), up to 3-7 years for others (*life in limbo*)

603,428 asylum claim decisions (2017): ~ 45% received a protection status.

Protection and participation: Our Activities

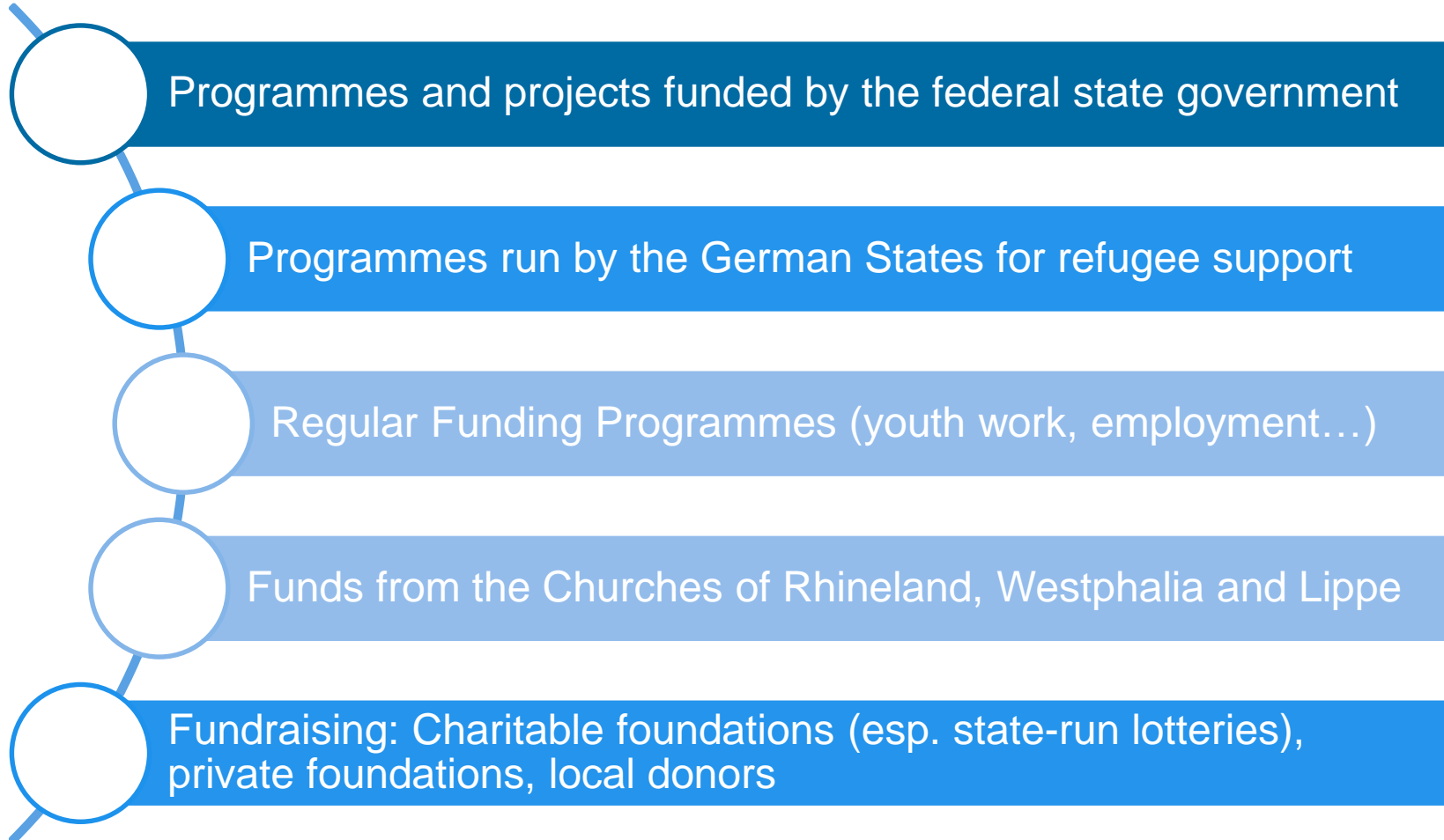
Diakonie RWL

- Information, Counselling and Training
- Administration of federal, state level and church funds
- Advocacy and Networking

Our members

- Counselling services
- Volunteer management
- Local Networking Agencies for creating better integration pathways
- Support for unaccompanied minors
- ...

How do we finance our work?



Ongoing challenges

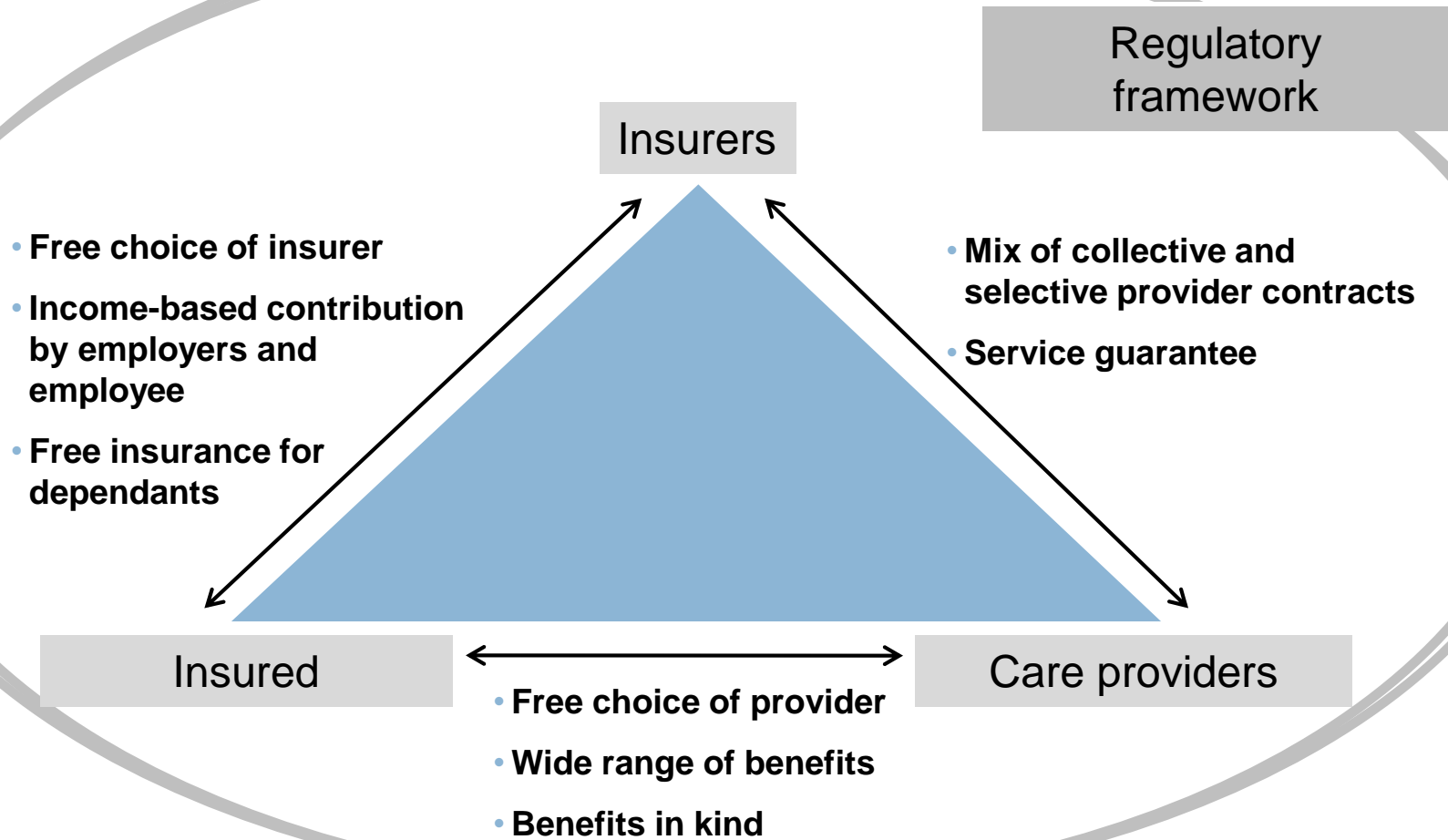
Integration and participation:

- Language skills
- Employment in a highly formalised system
- Children's needs, engaging youth, preparing kids for the future
- Dealing with trauma, disabilities and health problems
- Participation of migrants and refugees within society

Deportation and fortification:

- Demanding respect for the rights of refugees and their families
- Debate: How is involuntary return 'managed'?
- Frustration among volunteers, rise of right wing populism

The German Social Health Care Insurance (SHI) System



Attempt of a comparison 2016

Germany

11.3 %

Total health spending
in % of GDP

Health spending \$ / capita

5,551

4,695 (Government/compulsory)

856 (Voluntary)

17.2 %

USA

Total health spending
in % of GDP

9,892

4,890 (Government/compulsory)

5,032 (Voluntary)

Hospital beds total, per 1.000 population

8.2

2.8

Practising doctors per 1.000 population

4.1

2.6

OECD-
Database

Practising nurses per 1.000 population

13.3

11.3

Contemporary Challenges for Hospitals

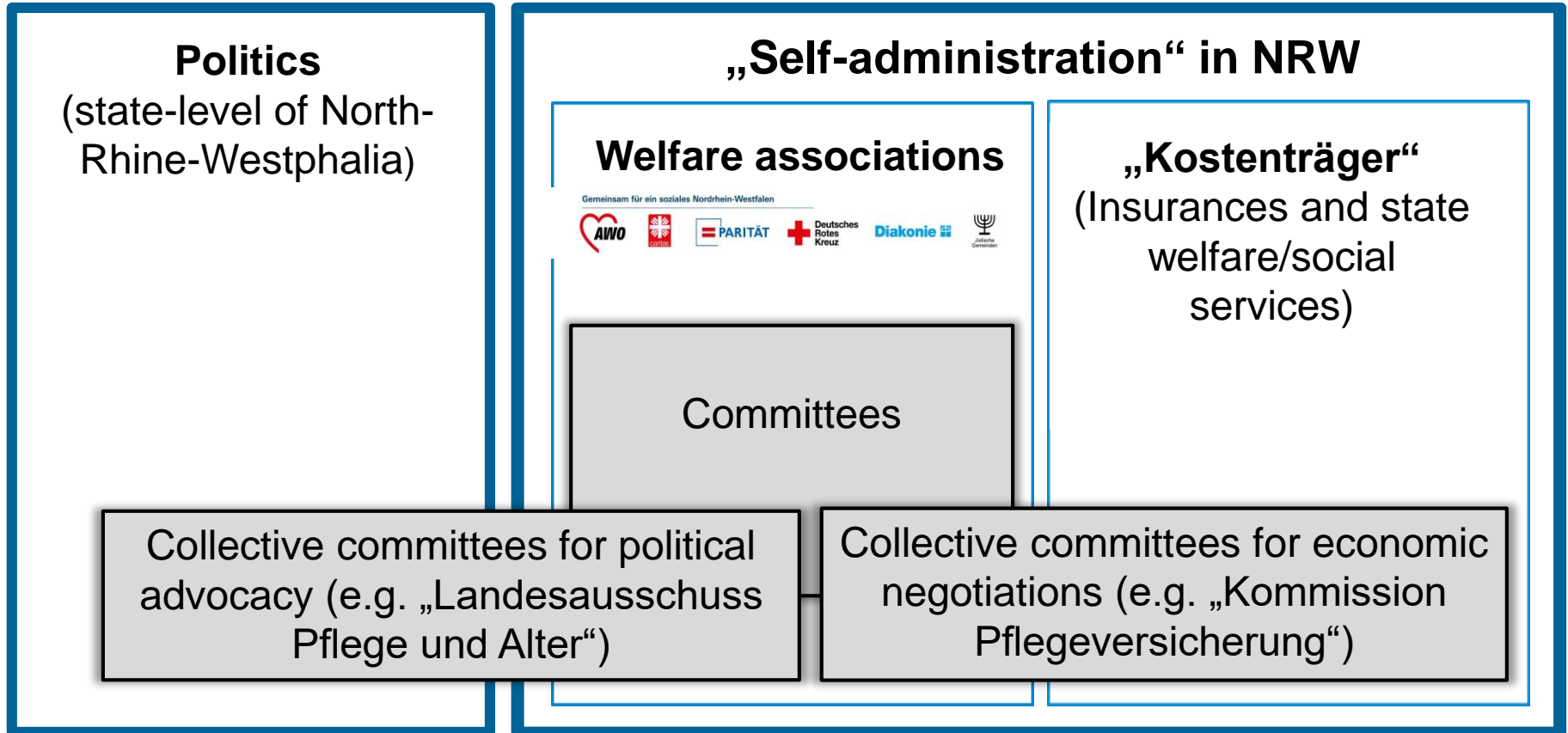
- Maintenance competitive edge
- Ability to invest
- Acquisition of health professionals and volunteers

Diakonie RWL for the Elderly

Our Members:

- 450 skilled nursing homes
- 33 short-term care
- 115 day care facilities
- 960 congregations working within communities for the elderly
- 250 home care services

Work in Committees



People in need of nursing care in Germany

2.9 mio. people in need of care

73% live at home

27% live in skilled nursing homes

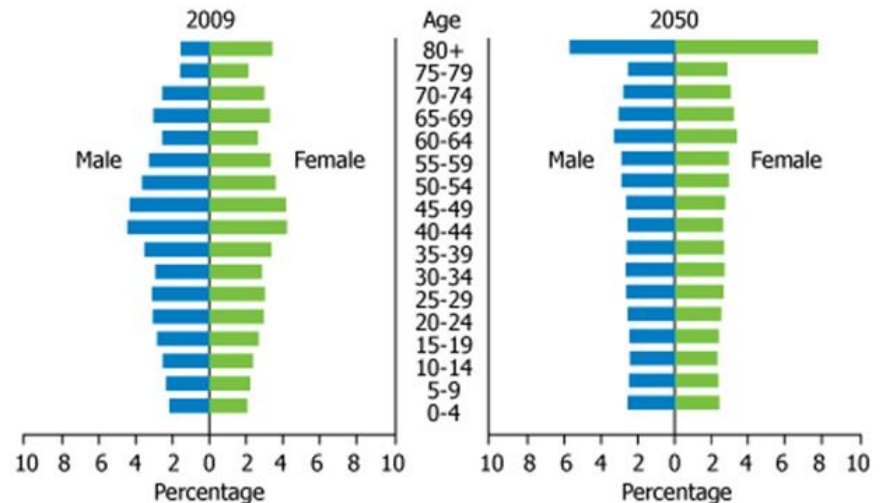
66% get help only by relatives

33% get additional or exclusive help by home care services

Contemporary Challenges

Demographic change

- Increase of elderly people in need of care
- Skilled worker shortage
- Increasing number of terminal ill people in skilled nursing facilities



Sources: For 2009: German Federal Statistical Office, Statistical Yearbook 2010. For 2050: United Nations Population Division, World Population Prospects: The 2010 Revision (2011). Available at: <http://www.prb.org/publications/datasheets/2011/world-population-data-sheet/germany.aspx>



CJD – die Chancengeber
Christliches Jugenddorfwerk Deutschlands e.V.
(Christian Association of Youth Villages of Germany)

Overview

Founded in 1947 (links to German YMCA)

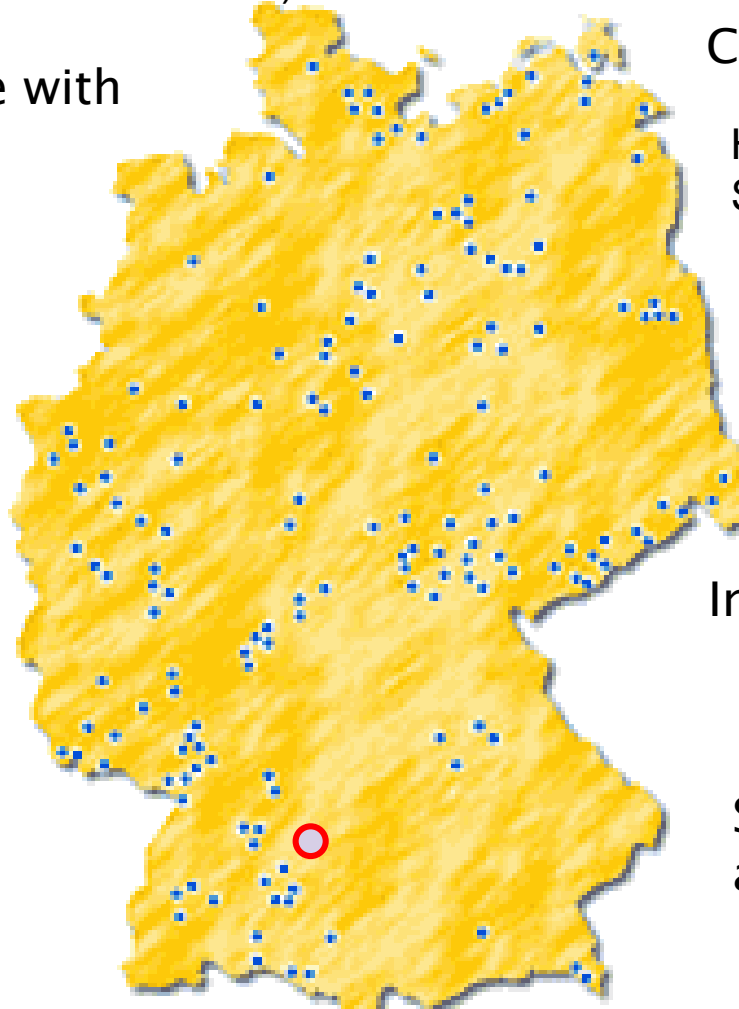
Support for People with Disabilities

Vocational Training/
Further Education

Migration/
Integration

Elementary
Pedagogy and
Family Education

Child and
Youth Services



Career Advancement

Housing and Care
Services

Health and Rehabilitation

Integration Assistance

Scholastic Education
and Advancement

17 regional units with 7 departments



1. Elementary education and family education
2. Child, youth and family assistance
3. Academic education
4. vocational training I

5. health and rehabilitation
6. work and activities
7. housing and care services

CJD is...

- ... one of the largest education organisations in Germany,
- ... providing advice to more than 150,000 adolescents and young adults per year.
- ... employing 10,000 plus many volunteers in >300 locations all over Germany who offer learning support, teach training skills and provide education.

4 Ways of Supporting Youth Development

RELIGIOUS EDUCATION

Values and content of the Christian message, support and orientation

ARTISTIC EDUCATION

Emotional and cultural education based on holistic pedagogical concept of Heart, Head and Hand.

POLITICAL EDUCATION

Upbringing toward democracy and taking responsibility

PHYSICAL AND HEALTH EDUCATION

Serves physical fitness, health and development of character.

Health Pedagogy: imparting basic knowledge on the human body and its treatment.

4 Elements of Educational Work in CJD





Thank you!