

New prospects for people in need.

Knorr-Bremse Global Care e. V.
Annual Report 2015



At a Glance

KNORR-BREMSE GLOBAL CARE E.V.		2011	2012	2013	2014	2015
Total expenditure	TEUR	1,730	1,609	1,849	1,801	2,071
Number of beneficiaries	in thousands	65	52	88	117	121
Number of projects supported	Number	42	46	51	50	59
Expenditure in the field of social infrastructure	TEUR	646	1,287	1,123	982	1,102
Expenditure in the field of education and training	TEUR	298	214	442	533	679
Expenditure in the field of emergency aid	TEUR	753	64	230	274	276
Expenditure on projects in Africa	TEUR	442	643	930	645	489
Expenditure on projects in Asia	TEUR	901	208	488	561	712
Expenditure on projects in Europe	TEUR	280	468	258	253	506
Expenditure on projects in North, Central, and South America	TEUR	74	246	119	330	350

Company profile

► Knorr-Bremse is the world's leading manufacturer of braking systems for rail and commercial vehicles. As a technology leader, the company has been driving the development, production, sale, and servicing of state-of-the-art braking systems for more than 110 years. With its products Knorr-Bremse makes a crucial contribution to improving safety by road and rail all over the globe. Every day, more than a billion people around the world put their trust in systems made by Knorr-Bremse.

10 YEARS GLOBAL CARE 2005 - 2015

2005

First Global Care project 2005.

Reconstruction funding for fishermen in Sri Lanka who lost their boats in the 2004 tsunami.



2008

Volunteer work by Knorr-Bremse employees.

Since 2008 Knorr-Bremse employees have been involved in the 'Healthy Breakfast' project at the Hanselmannschule in Munich-Milbertshofen, eating with the pupils before the start of each teaching day.

2009

Involvement in countries with Knorr-Bremse sites.

Since 2009 Global Care has been supporting the Masifunde charitable organization in South Africa, which is working to improve the education situation in a township in Port Elizabeth.

2006

SZ advent calendar.

Knorr-Bremse Global Care has supported the charitable Süddeutsche Zeitung newspaper advent calendar since 2006. Julia Thiele-Schürhoff, Chair of the organization's Executive Board, presents the check.

2007

Project supervision.

Every member of Knorr-Bremse Global Care operates as a project supervisor and maintains contact with the relevant partner organization. Global Care member Mario Beinert at the opening ceremony for an elementary school in Ethiopia.

2011

Emergency aid.

From the very outset the organization has provided emergency aid in the aftermath of natural disasters. An example was 2011 in Japan, when a devastating earthquake and subsequent tsunami nearly caused a nuclear catastrophe. The Knorr-Bremse Group responded by doubling its funding for a package of comprehensive emergency aid.

2012

Volunteer work and visits to projects worldwide. Executive Board member Dr. Sigurd Dahrendorf attends the opening ceremony for a school in Rwanda.

2015

Helping Poland.

The organization is also involved in Europe. Last year saw Executive Board member Nadia Thiele open a newly renovated and equipped pediatric ward in a Polish hospital.



2010

Focus on vocational training.

In India young men undergo vocational training in a number of occupations. Since 2010 Global Care has been funding the equipment of the training facilities and also the construction of hostels for the trainees.

2013

Clean water saves lives.

Since 2013 Knorr-Bremse Global Care has intensified its funding for WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene) projects.

2014

Working together.

Local Care and Global Care often work hand-in-hand in countries where Knorr-Bremse operates sites. In China, Group employees were heavily involved in a Global Care-funded project to renovate a rehabilitation center.

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Foreword.

Dear Reader,

2015 was an eventful year for us. In January, Knorr-Bremse Global Care celebrated its tenth anniversary – a milestone that offered a good opportunity not just to look back and celebrate past achievements but also to set our course for the future.

It had been a special year for our organization. Ten years earlier, in the wake of the tsunami in Southeast Asia in December 2004, we had decided to establish a charitable organization under the name of Knorr-Bremse Global Care. Almost exactly a decade later, on January 21, 2015, we found ourselves celebrating our tenth birthday with a small celebration attended by people who had supported us over the years through their personal involvement as volunteers, sponsors or project partners.

The last ten years would not have been possible without the steadfast support of the entire Knorr-Bremse workforce. Annual donations from the two divisions of Knorr-Bremse AG – Rail Vehicle Systems and Commercial Vehicle Systems – have enabled us to fund projects that have created new prospects for more than 625,000 people in 52 countries since 2005.

Even in our anniversary year we did not rest on our laurels: 59 different projects enabled us, for example, to ensure

that 98,320 people now have access to clean drinking water, 2,425 children can receive pedagogical and social support, and 1,070 children can attend a school (for more details of the results of our work, see page 10). To achieve this, we spent more than EUR 2 million on projects – an unprecedented sum in the organization's history.

We are particularly pleased that 2015 also saw an increase in the number of Knorr-Bremse sites becoming involved in Global Care projects. Working closely with site managers and Knorr-Bremse employees we were able to launch new projects in South Africa, Mexico, China, the USA, Russia, India, and Brazil. We were also able to identify and support long-term reconstruction projects in the wake of major environmental disasters in other countries such as the Philippines or Bosnia-Herzegovina, following the destructive floods of 2014.

On the pages that follow you will find a summary of our activities during the past year and examples of nine projects.

I hope you will enjoy reading this report and feel inspired – if you have not done so already – to sign up as a friend, promoter or perhaps even future partner for the work of Knorr-Bremse Global Care.

Best wishes,

Julia Thiele-Schürhoff

Chair of the Executive Board of Knorr-Bremse Global Care e. V.

History and structure of the organization.

History

Knorr-Bremse Global Care was set up as a non-profit organization by Knorr-Bremse employees on January 18, 2005 in the wake of the tsunami disaster of December 26, 2004 in Southeast Asia. The aim was to provide carefully targeted, effective help to the victims.

After a successful completion of the first projects, it was decided to continue and further develop the work of Knorr-Bremse Global Care. Today the organization has three employees: Sylvia Bytow-Weissheimer, Anne Reiner, and Patrick Ruppenthal. The members come together every six weeks to discuss current projects, applications for funding, and internal matters. The Executive Board also holds additional meetings on selected issues.



Eva Seifert, Dr. Sigurd Dahrendorf (Executive Board members)

Julia Thiele-Schürhoff (Chair of the Executive Board), **Nadia Thiele** (Executive Board member)

Christoph Günter (Deputy Chair of the Executive Board), **Alexandra Rappl, Mario Beinert** (l. to r.).

Once a year, a two-day workshop is held at which members review the work of the previous twelve months, analyze processes and strategy, and set goals for the coming year.

The organization is mainly funded by the Knorr-Bremse Group and from individual employee donations, but it lives from the involvement of its members and Group employees.

We see ourselves as a learning organization that is determined to respond as best it can to societal challenges by adopting appropriate strategies and activities.

A professional, entrepreneurial approach and resolute action are important principles underpinning the work of Knorr-Bremse Global Care.

Motivation and guiding principles.

Our mission is to improve the lives of people who are in need through no fault of their own, and to give them a chance to determine their own lives independently. We always operate on the principle of helping people to help themselves. At the same time we want to raise awareness among Knorr-Bremse employees of the need for greater social involvement and encourage them to become active themselves. In this way they can operate as multipliers and communicate to the public in general the idea of making a personal contribution. Involvement of Knorr-Bremse sites and their employees all over the world is one of the central objectives of our work and helps us to plan, manage, and implement projects at a local level.

We will continue to encourage local sites and their employees to become involved, both in the field of vocational training – one of our main focuses – and in other projects as well.

We see ourselves as partners who can provide not only financial resources but also time, expertise and experience for our projects. The technical expertise, of our partner organizations, combined with close supervision and entrepreneurial project management and monitoring by our own organization, is the key to our success and enables our joint activities to have a lasting impact. That is what differentiates Knorr-Bremse Global Care's approach from that of many other aid organizations.

Guiding principles

Projects are carefully selected according to clearly defined, transparent criteria that are described in greater detail in the next section. All projects supported by the organization must meet these criteria.

Knorr-Bremse Global Care successfully operates a system of project sponsorship, with members of the organization taking on personal responsibility for actively supervising each individual project. Project management and monitoring are particularly important in this context: The project supervisors maintain close contact with partner organizations, working with them to draw up a project plan and a budget. They then monitor progress and review the project documentation and bookkeeping together with colleagues within the organization.

The role of project supervisor is not only taken by members of Knorr-Bremse Global Care, but also by committed

employees of the Knorr-Bremse Group. These include, for example, members of a Group-wide training program for young managers. This helps to integrate the work of Global Care more closely into the Company and at the same time offers young management recruits an opportunity to contribute their experience in international project management.

Monitoring outcomes and following up projects are integral parts of the project management process. Regular reporting on all funded activities is one of the preconditions for receiving financial support from Knorr-Bremse Global Care. We are interested in the long-term impact of our work, and intend to evaluate this even more professionally and in greater depth in future.

All projects are also visited by the member of staff responsible or by selected Knorr-Bremse employees.



CONGRATULATIONS!
The Chairman of the Supervisory Board of Knorr-Bremse AG, Heinz Hermann Thiele,
congratulates Julia Thiele-Schürhoff, Chair of the Global Care Executive Board,
on the organization's tenth birthday.

10 YEARS
GLOBAL CARE
2005 - 2015

Project work and selection criteria.

Before Knorr-Bremse Global Care decides to support a project, the underlying concept is subjected to close scrutiny to see whether it fulfills our central goal of promoting the independence and self-determination of disadvantaged people. Only this type of support can result in far-reaching structural change, open up new prospects for the people concerned, and have a lasting impact on their lives. In line with this objective, Knorr-Bremse Global Care does not work with individuals who require support.

A further important selection criterion is that there must be an independent source of long-term funding available for the project. Knorr-Bremse Global Care does not cover running costs in order to avoid creating dependency for those involved in the project.

To ensure that the best possible use is made of the funding available, the organization bases its selection of projects on the following criteria:

Project type

- Helping the disadvantaged to help themselves
- Helping people in need
- Supporting groups and communities
- Ensured long-term project funding
- Involving Knorr-Bremse colleagues

Main focus

- Education and training
- Social infrastructure
- Emergency aid

Project supervision by Global Care

- Active project management
- Lead sponsor
- Collaboration with local Knorr-Bremse sites

Project management by local partner organization

- Reliable and competent local partner to lead project
- Effective and efficient project implementation
- Detailed and transparent project documentation

Consideration of potential risks

- Acceptable political risks
- Manageable economic risks
- Reliable overall framework



Main focus

In 2013 we defined two main focuses for our project work within the overarching themes of education and training and social infrastructure. Since that date we have concentrated on two areas – vocational training and WASH (water, sanitation, and hygiene) – which we regard as the key to improving the lives of people in need.

Vocational training

This area will continue to be an important focus for us over the next years, and projects will be partly realized in collaboration with Knorr-Bremse sites where there are employees at local level whose networks and expertise the organization can depend on. Ideally, vocational training projects should be in line with the needs of the local economy, with the trainees acquiring skills that will give them a chance of finding employment.

In many developing countries, financial and also socio-cultural factors prevent young people from acquiring recognized vocational qualifications. Few countries have state-run vocational training structures that combine theoretical and practical instruction, for example like the 'dual' system in Germany. With its support for vocational training programs, Global Care hopes to give young people a better chance to find work and earn a wage that enables them to lead an independent life in the long term. This includes making affordable accommodation available at the location of their training.

Water, sanitation, and hygiene

The decision to focus on water-related projects is based on the fact that the issue of water is a common thread running through all the UN Millennium Development Goals. Improvements in drinking water, sanitation, and hygiene can not only help to reduce child mortality and improve maternal health but also strengthen gender equality. Despite international efforts in recent years, 663 million people around the world still do not have access to clean drinking water, and 2.4 billion have inadequate sanitation.



America

EUR 349,517 expenditure

9 projects

5 countries

4,870 people

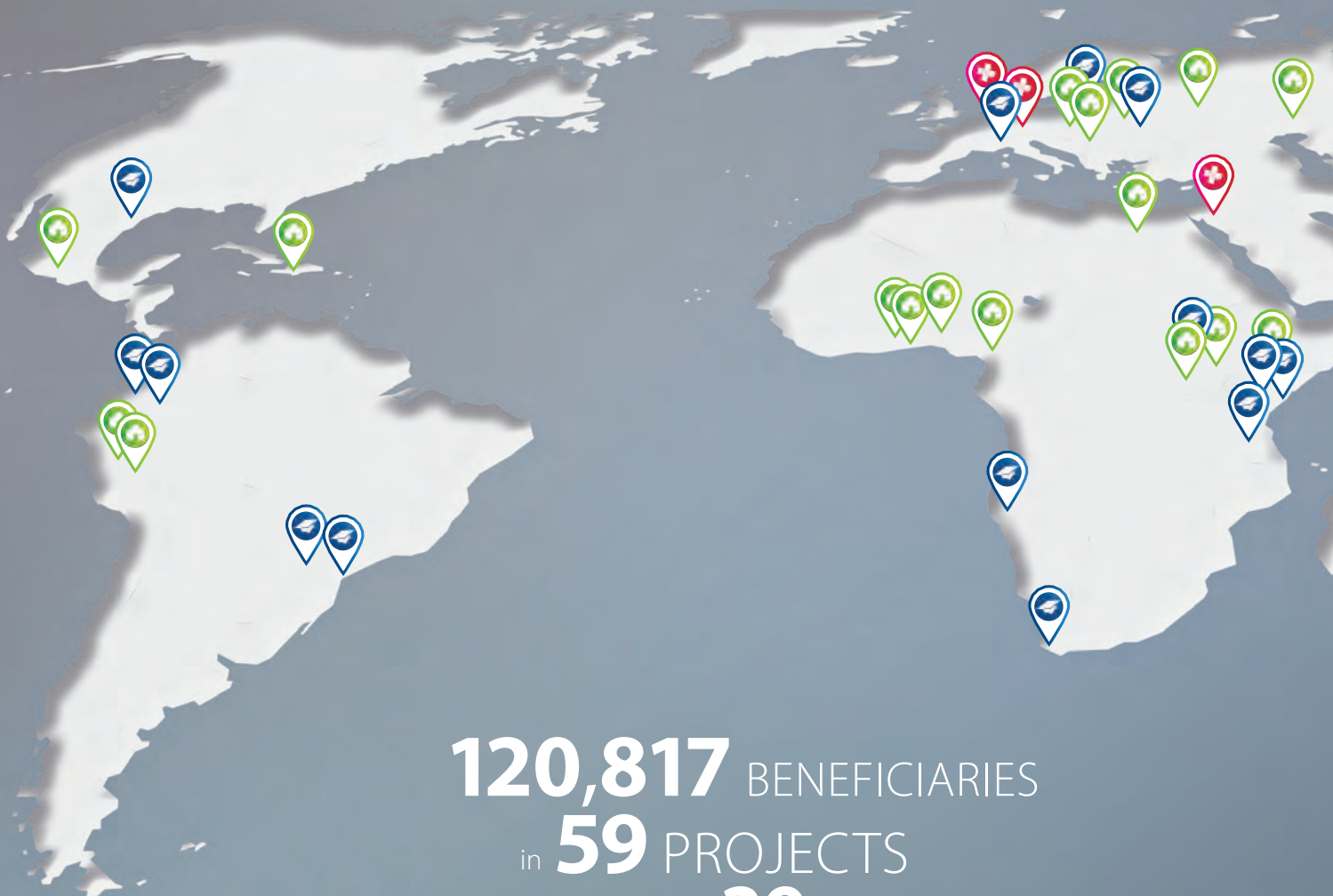
Europe

EUR 506,211 expenditure

14 projects

6 countries

2,529 people



120,817 BENEFICIARIES
in **59** PROJECTS
in **29** COUNTRIES
with an expenditure of
EUR 2.057 MILLION.

Africa

EUR 489,382 expenditure
18 projects
9 countries
55,862 people

Asia

EUR 711,930 expenditure
18 projects
9 countries
57,556 people

Projects worldwide 2015



Social infrastructure



Education and training



Emergency aid



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Education and training



Education and training projects enabled

874 PEOPLE
to receive initial or further vocational training.

2,425 CHILDREN
received pedagogical and social support and

1,070 CHILDREN
were able to attend school.

Social infrastructure



Projects in the field of WASH (water, sanitation, and hygiene) gave

98,320 PEOPLE
access to clean drinking water and
29,596 PEOPLE
access to improved sanitation;

19,301 PEOPLE
received health and hygiene training.

Agricultural projects enabled

3,587 SMALL FARMERS
to achieve higher yields by using improved irrigation methods.

1,372 PEOPLE gained access
to home-grown, cheaper, and better-quality food.

Renovation and equipping of medical facilities ensured reliable medical care for

2,120 PEOPLE.

RESULTS OF OUR WORK IN 2015

Emergency aid



3,075 PEOPLE

received aid and medical treatment
in the immediate aftermath of disasters.

In order to ensure effective use of resources, every project supported by Knorr-Bremse Global Care is subject to documentation requirements for the partner organizations that make it possible to establish the number of people benefiting from the funding.

This means we can monitor and evaluate the projects and their outputs. These outputs are the direct results of the activities funded by Knorr-Bremse Global Care and carried out by partner organizations.

During the year under review, a total of some 121,000 people benefited from the activities we funded. In the diagram this figure is broken down according to categories. There can be some overlap of data – for example, an individual who has received access to drinking water may also have taken part in a hygiene training session.



Technical training for young people.

Free university places are very rare in Brazil. Many school leavers who are not lucky enough to be offered a place and who cannot afford to go to an expensive private university are denied access to a university education. Unfortunately, this often means they miss out on the chance of a qualified profession.

There is no dual education system in Brazil like the German one that combines a theoretical qualification with on-the-job training. The national industrial training center SENAI (Serviço Nacional de Aprendizagem Industrial) ensures a minimum number of qualified skilled workers in the industrial sector. Like the German Chambers of Industry and Commerce, it is financed via its members and offers certified technical courses and advanced training. Across Brazil, SENAI offers 3,000 courses through over 800 workshops and training centers and trains skilled workers in 28 industrial sectors.

Together with the Knorr-Bremse site in Brazil, Knorr-Bremse Global Care is supporting young people from low-income families. They can complete a technical training course while they are still at school, thereby improving both their career prospects and their chances of being offered a university place: sixteen young people, selected by the human resource department at the Knorr-Bremse site in Itupeva, are given practical lessons at the Knorr-Bremse plant four afternoons a week for one academic year.

They are trained in maintenance of machine tools and acquire a basic knowledge in technical disciplines. In addition, the young people, who all live in the vicinity of the Knorr-Bremse plant, also get to know the Company. They are taught by Knorr-Bremse staff and also spend time with them over lunch in the works canteen. This leads to a lively exchange of views, and the pupils can gather valuable practical experience in addition to a recognized qualification, which will significantly improve their career development prospects.

PROJECT INFORMATION

PLACE	Itupeva, Brazil
NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES	16 young people per year receiving training
BUDGET	EUR 45,000 for course fees, teachers, materials, and meals
GLOBAL CARE PROJECT SUPERVISOR	Dr. Rudolf Gerich (Knorr-Bremse Global Care Brazil), Julia Thiele-Schürhoff
PARTNER ORGANIZATION	Serviço Nacional de Aprendizagem Industrial (SENAI) Knorr-Bremse Global Care Brazil
LOCAL COORDINATOR	Dr. Rudolf Gerich, Knorr-Bremse Global Care Brazil, Itupeva, Brazil Vanessa Gama, Knorr-Bremse Brazil, Itupeva, Brazil
DURATION	September 2015 – April 2016



Education and training Brazil

In the afternoons after school, 16 young people from socially deprived families are given the opportunity to learn about mechatronics at Knorr-Bremse in Brazil.

Hong K



Brazil

Education and training
Hong Kong

Kenia

Children from socially deprived families with special educational needs can take part in speech and music therapy. Knorr-Bremse staff members in Hong Kong organize trips and parties for the children and their parents.



Therapy for children with special needs.

The Watchdog Early Education Center in Hong Kong has been offering a range of therapies for preschool children since 1983. As one of two public early-years therapy centers in Hong Kong, it plays a key role in the healthcare provision of this special administrative region and the seven million people who live there. There are a number of services on offer, from speech and music therapy and physiotherapy for the children to psychological counseling for the parents. Involving the parents in their children's therapy is an important part of the approach. Not only can they follow their children's treatment directly on screens, but they are also involved in drawing up treatment plans.

However, because of the high demand for the center's services and the good reputation it enjoys in Hong Kong, many children have to wait a very long time for a place. In some cases, children cannot take advantage of special recommended treatments, like music and speech therapy, and

low-income families in particular cannot afford to pay for treatment. Knorr-Bremse Global Care supported the project by providing funds that were used to expand the facilities at the center and to provide special therapy options for children from socially disadvantaged families.

Knorr-Bremse Asia-Pacific (Holding) Ltd., the Knorr-Bremse site in Hong Kong, has already successfully completed another Global Care project in the area of education and training, which focused on the social reintegration of young offenders to prevent youth from indulging in anti-social acts. The Watchdog project also involved more than twenty (or every one out of five) Knorr-Bremse Hong Kong employees in various activities at the therapy center. They provided practical assistance during renovation work, took part in therapy meetings, and organized a summer end-of-term party and a Christmas party for the children and their parents, with dancing, singing, and lots of laughter.



PROJECT INFORMATION	
PLACE	Hong Kong, China
NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES	85 children having been given access to special therapy and more than 450 children having benefited from upgrading the center's resources
BUDGET	EUR 27,000 for therapeutic measures, equipment, and corporate volunteering activities
GLOBAL CARE PROJECT SUPERVISOR	Julia Thiele-Schürhoff
PARTNER ORGANIZATION	Watchdog Early Education Center
LOCAL COORDINATOR	Local Care Team, Knorr-Bremse Asia Pacific (Holding) Ltd., Hong Kong
DURATION	May 2015 – June 2016

Kong

Education and training Kenya

Poland

Young adults can complete a vocational training course at the Skills Center. Many women attend courses in tailoring and hair styling.





Expanding a skills center.

Vocational training gives young people the chance to live independent lives and improves their opportunities in the job market. In Nairobi, Kenya's rapidly growing capital city with a population of over three million, job opportunities for young people with little or no education are particularly limited. Few people can afford to go to university as it is so expensive. As a result there is a yawning gap in the education system. Together with Promoting Africa, a charitable association, Knorr-Bremse Global Care is involved in expanding training institutions that improve career prospects for young people.

Since 2012, the Skills Center in the village of Malaa, 40 km east of Nairobi, has been offering young people with a secondary school qualification the chance to attend specialist practical courses in the following areas: electrical and solar engineering, carpentry/joinery, tailoring, vehicle mechanics, and hair styling. All participants also attend IT lessons. The large number of courses on offer is a sign of the center's rapid growth – a result of the quality of the courses and the high demand among young people. Whereas the Skills Center had just nine students when courses started in 2012, it

currently has 90. In 2015, 79 students proudly received their final certificate, which is officially recognized by the Kenyan authorities. Another 90 students took their final exams in December 2015.

Throughout the project, experts from Kenya and Germany share their skills with the young people to help improve their chances of finding work. The center's students are selected from the slums and the local area, and their newly acquired skills also boost their self-esteem.

Knorr-Bremse Global Care has accompanied and supported the initiative right from the start. In 2012 it provided funds to expand the dormitories and buy furnishings. In the following year, it approved funding for teaching materials. Because of the project's positive development and the excellent collaboration with those responsible for it in Germany, and following a personal visit to the Skills Center by a Global Care member in early 2014, the decision was taken to finance two additional classrooms in 2015. This will continue to support the Skills Center as it grows, and the additional capacity will enable it to cope with rising student numbers.



PROJECT INFORMATION	
PLACE	Malaa (Nairobi), Kenya
NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES	Some 100 pupils, teachers, and other staff using the classrooms every school year
BUDGET	EUR 42,000 for the construction of two additional classrooms
GLOBAL CARE PROJECT SUPERVISOR	Dr. Sigurd Dahrendorf
PARTNER ORGANIZATION	Promoting Africa e. V.
LOCAL COORDINATOR	Ruth Paulig and Thomas Hamaus, Promoting Africa e. V.
DURATION	August 2014 – October 2015

Kenya

Social infrastructure Poland

Ghana

The pediatric ward at Zeromski Hospital in Krakow was renovated and received new equipment.





Renovating and equipping a pediatric ward.

Knorr-Bremse Global Care is involved in many countries around the world where there is a real need for development. At the same time, the organization wants to give Knorr-Bremse Group employees the chance to suggest and carry out their own projects.

Often in these cases, the Knorr-Bremse site's existing community projects go hand in hand with Global Care projects and Knorr-Bremse employees take on the day-to-day supervision of the implementation. At the beginning of 2014, Knorr-Bremse employees in Krakow suggested supporting the local Zeromski Hospital, since it does not receive much public funding for large-scale renovation projects and high-quality equipment. Some of the beds, medical devices, and sanitary equipment dated back to the 1990s and this was making it difficult for the hospital, which sees more than 40,000 patients a year, to provide modern medical treatment.

The pediatric ward was particularly affected. It had not been refurbished for a long time and was in need of additional medical equipment, including another ultrasound scanner.

Following a personal visit by Nadia Thiele, a Knorr-Bremse Global Care Executive Board member, an assessment of the situation, and discussions with those who would be responsible for implementing the project, the organization decided to make funds available for the renovation work.

As a result, it was possible to renovate all the bathrooms in the pediatric department, as well as the walls, floors, ceilings, windows, doors and heating systems throughout the department. New beds and bedside tables were also purchased for the ward. Today, the hospital is able to provide better care for 2,000 children and premature babies each year – and their parents can sleep more easily.

The entire renovation work was supervised by the Knorr-Bremse site in Krakow. Staff regularly visited the hospital with a construction expert and kept track of progress. The freshly renovated department was officially inaugurated in September 2015 by representatives of the Knorr-Bremse site in Poland and Knorr-Bremse Global Care.



PROJECT INFORMATION

PLACE	Krakow, Poland
NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES	2,000 children being treated at the clinic every year
BUDGET	EUR 152,000 for renovation work and beds with bedside tables
GLOBAL CARE PROJECT SUPERVISOR	Nadia Thiele
PARTNER ORGANIZATION	Zeromski Hospital Krakow
LOCAL COORDINATOR	Beata Struminska and Ewa Piwowar-Szpytma, Knorr-Bremse Systemy dla Kolejowych Środków Locomocji PL Sp. z o. o., Krakow
DURATION	July 2014 – August 2015



Drinking water, sanitation, and hygiene training.

Despite an increase in development cooperation efforts around the world linked to the Millennium Development Goals and some successes in recent years, over 660 million people around the world still do not have access to clean drinking water. And more than 2.4 billion people do not have access to improved sanitation. Knorr-Bremse Global Care has therefore been focusing since 2013 on WASH (water, sanitation, and hygiene) projects, particularly in Asia and Africa.

Because of its economic stability and democratic development, Ghana is seen as a model African state. Despite the progress though, there are still many people – particularly in rural areas – who fetch their water from natural sources and have to accept both the health risks and the social consequences: It is often women and children who are responsible for the laborious work of fetching water and it is not uncommon for children to miss school as a result, and for women not to have enough time to earn an income. In Krachi East, a district in the northwest Volta Region, more than 120,000 people live from subsistence farming in small village communities.

World Vision, an aid organization, has been working closely with the local communities, traditional political leaders, and committees in the area since 2004 as part of a regional development program. Knorr-Bremse Global Care helped World Vision finance the construction of 20 additional boreholes for drinking water, five primary school bathrooms suitable for the disabled, and 20 facilities for washing clothes next to the new boreholes. It also paid for hygiene training for school children, where the children learn in fun ways about the need to wash their hands and pass on their knowledge to other children, e.g. through drama sketches.

In addition to all the construction activities, the villagers are taught to carry out simple repairs themselves. In order to finance repairs over the long term, each community has also set up its own water committee that collects user fees and manages the money to pay for maintenance and future upgrades. This means that the entire village community is in a position to manage its own drinking water access in the long run.



PROJECT INFORMATION	
PLACE	Krachi East Region, Ghana
NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES	18,450 people having better access to drinking water
BUDGET	EUR 169,231 for boreholes, constructing sanitary facilities and clothes washing facilities, and provision of hygiene training
GLOBAL CARE PROJECT SUPERVISOR	Julia Thiele-Schürhoff
PARTNER ORGANIZATION	World Vision Deutschland e.V. and World Vision Ghana
LOCAL COORDINATOR	Edward Owulah, World Vision Ghana
DURATION	October 2013 – March 2015

land

Social infrastructure

Ghana

Peru

The construction of 20 boreholes has improved access to drinking water for more than 18,000 people in Krachi East.



Social infrastructure

Ghana

Peru

Mexico

More sustainable crop-growing options
for 1,311 families in the Junín Region.





Adapting agriculture to climate change.

Peru is a land of contrasts. At the southern border of its Pacific coast lies Atacama, the driest desert in the world, while the eastern part of the country is dominated by the tropical climate of the Amazon Basin. But it is not just the country's climate that displays striking contrasts – there are also dramatic differences within society, for instance when it comes to income distribution.

In Peru, poverty is concentrated primarily in rural areas such as the upper Andes. The population here is largely indigenous and dependent on agriculture. It is a region that has always suffered from a lack of water. The increasing number of extreme weather events, such as droughts and heavy rainfall, brought about by climate change is exacerbating the situation. In recent years, a temperature rise of almost two degrees Celsius and a 15% percent drop in rainfall have led to a significant reduction in agricultural yields and to a drastic worsening of the food situation. As a result, the risk of falling into poverty for small farmers – who were already on a low income – has increased still further.

Knorr-Bremse Global Care therefore supported CARE, an aid organization, in its efforts to reduce the vulnerability of the region's small farmers and inhabitants through comprehen-

sive adaptation measures in the area of water management and agriculture. The project follows two objectives: to strengthen the economic power of the local population, particularly of the indigenous communities living below the poverty line, and to increase the resilience of the regional ecosystem.

The funds provided financed the reforestation of ten hectares of forest with tree seedlings. New irrigation systems, hydrants, pipelines, and a water catchment basin have created 24 hectares of new and more productive crop land. In addition, all the communities served by the irrigation systems have been trained in how they work, how to repair them, and their sustainable use. Water committees involving all the key decision-makers have been set up to ensure fair water distribution.

Following a personal visit to the project by the Global Care project supervisor, our positive impressions of the activities carried out to date, and intensive discussions with CARE, Knorr-Bremse Global Care has decided to finance the continuation and expansion of the activities to the neighboring communities over the next two years.



PROJECT INFORMATION

PLACE	Junín Region, Peru
NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES	1,311 families from eight village communities
BUDGET	EUR 113,000 for building irrigation systems, reforestation measures, and training in sustainable operation and irrigation methods
GLOBAL CARE PROJECT SUPERVISOR	Christoph Günter
PARTNER ORGANIZATION	CARE Deutschland-Luxemburg e. V. and CARE Peru
LOCAL COORDINATOR	Sandra Isola, CARE Peru
DURATION	June 2013 – August 2015



Increasing self-sufficiency in a children's village.

The organization *nph*, *nuestros pequeños hermanos* (Our little brothers and sisters), in Mexico runs a hostel for school children, a student hostel and two children's villages that provide a home for orphans. One of the children's villages is in Miacatlán, around 120 kilometers south of Mexico City. It is the oldest *nph* institution in Mexico and consists of a boys' house, a girls' house, a nursery, school and workshops, residences for volunteers and staff, and a medical center that provides dental and psychological treatment.

For the 517 children and young people who live here, the children's village is an ideal environment in which to grow up and go to school. Including the 150 pupils from the nearby hostel in Cuernavaca, who are preparing for their *bachillerato*, there are 667 pupils and orphans who need to be fed every day, a task that requires over a tonne of vegetables every week. With rising food costs, this results in expenditure of over EUR 68,000 per year – a large sum for a social institution. *nph* plans to counter the problem by growing its own food and becoming more self-sufficient.

With support from Knorr-Bremse Global Care, *nph* Mexico was able to purchase and start using another greenhouse. This brings significant advantages: The children's village now has more growing space available, which increases the number of harvests and enables it to cultivate more vegetable varieties. In line with *nph*'s philosophy, the children also take part in agricultural courses on afternoons when there is no school, and they help with weeding, irrigating the fields, and harvesting. In addition, Global Care helped the children's village buy a tractor, since their old one was constantly in need of repair.

As a result of the measures financed by Knorr-Bremse Global Care, the children's village is able to increase its self-sufficiency in the area of vegetable production to 60% of its total requirement. This means that it can save money in the long term – money that can be used for other urgent requirements, such as buying teaching materials or expanding the facility so that more orphans can be given a new home.



PROJECT INFORMATION	
PLACE	Miacatlán, Mexico
NUMBER OF BENEFICIARIES	667 children and young people benefiting directly from increased self-sufficiency
BUDGET	EUR 42,310 for constructing a greenhouse and purchasing a tractor
GLOBAL CARE PROJECT SUPERVISOR	Eva Seifert
PARTNER ORGANIZATION	Nuestros pequeños hermanos (nph) Germany and nph Mexico
LOCAL COORDINATOR	Maria Gutierrez, Bendix Commercial Vehicle Systems LL C, Elyria, Ohio/ USA Dr. Julio Morales, farm director, nph Mexico
DURATION	July 2015 – March 2016

Social infrastructure

Peru

Mexico

Jordan

Fresh, home-grown vegetables:
The nph children's village in Miacatlán
is now able to grow a large proportion
of its own vegetables.



Emergency relief

Jordan & Germany

Nep

As part of its emergency relief activities, Knorr-Bremse Global Care provided funds to purchase winter clothing for Syrian refugee families in Jordan.





Supporting refugees in Jordan and Germany.

More people have fled their countries since the end of 2013 than at any time since the Second World War. Many are escaping war and violence, some are leaving for economic reasons. In response to the current refugee situation, Knorr-Bremse Global Care has been supporting emergency relief measures for refugees fleeing the fighting in Syria, as well as several small projects designed to improve the integration of refugees in Germany.

By January 2016, over four million people had left Syria as a result of the war that has been raging there since 2011. More than six-and-a-half million people are fleeing the fighting within Syria itself and over 630,000 have taken refuge in neighboring Jordan. Knorr-Bremse Global Care donated EUR 75,000 to support the work of Save the Children, which is helping Syrian refugees survive the winter. The activities here include providing construction and insulation materials to keep out the cold, as well as heating fuel and winter clothing.

In Germany too, many social institutions are reaching the limits of their capacity because of the large influx of refugees,

and are in urgent need of assistance. Knorr-Bremse Global Care has therefore been involved in integration projects for refugees. Through the aid organization Don Bosco Mondo it is supporting various projects in sports clubs and cultural associations aimed specifically at young refugees. For instance, it pays the membership subscriptions for young people who want to join sports clubs, provides materials and equipment for art and music workshops, and funds group trips to museums and cities. At a Don Bosco center in Trier where young people – primarily unaccompanied minors who have been granted asylum – can obtain school qualifications, Global Care is funding a teacher to provide additional German classes for young people during their vocational preparation year.

In addition, Knorr-Bremse Global Care provided a minibus for Initiative für Münchner Mädchen (IMMA), a Munich-based girls' project. The vehicle makes it easier to do shopping, to help people move house, and to take people on day trips. It is used primarily for young refugee women and their children living in housing projects sponsored by IMMA.



PROJECT INFORMATION / JORDAN

PLACE	Refugee camp in Jordan
BUDGET	EUR 75,000 for the winterization of a refugee camp in Jordan
PARTNER ORGANIZATION	Save the Children Deutschland e.V. and Save the Children Jordan
DURATION	Since November 2015

PROJECT INFORMATION / GERMANY

PLACE	Trier, Munich, and various locations in Bavaria
BUDGET	EUR 76,300 for integration projects in Germany
PARTNER ORGANIZATION	Don Bosco Mondo, Initiative für Münchner Mädchen (IMMA) e.V.
DURATION	Since November 2015



Medical assistance for earthquake victims.

On April 25 and May 12, 2015, Nepal suffered one of the worst earthquake disasters in its history. More than 9,000 people died in the devastating earthquakes and aftershocks. Over 17,000 people, including large numbers of children, were injured and around 3.2 million people became homeless overnight. Around 750,000 houses were destroyed or damaged, including many schools and hospitals. The health care system collapsed and there was severe lack of food, drinking water, blankets, and medicines in the affected regions.

Immediately after the first powerful earthquake, Knorr-Bremse Global Care donated EUR 50,000 to Save the Children Germany, which has over 90 years' experience of providing emergency relief and has been working in Nepal since 1976. Within a short time after the earthquake, around 500 Save the Children employees were in Nepal helping children and families in the affected region. The disaster response also included sending medical experts like

surgeons, paramedics, and orthopedists to treat the injured. Medicines, hospital tents, and other medical equipment were also provided.

The sum donated by Knorr-Bremse Global Care enabled Save the Children to equip 420 district nurses with medical supplies, to set up 112 mother-and-child areas in temporary emergency facilities, and to distribute supplies to 22 health clinics to combat malnutrition. Independently of Knorr-Bremse Global Care's involvement, staff at the Knorr-Bremse Technology Center in India also sent donations to an Indian welfare organization that is helping the earthquake victims.

Despite huge international attention and numerous donations, more than 2.8 million people are still in need of humanitarian aid. Most houses have not yet been rebuilt and there is still a threat of disease because it has not been possible to secure drinking water supplies.



PROJECT INFORMATION

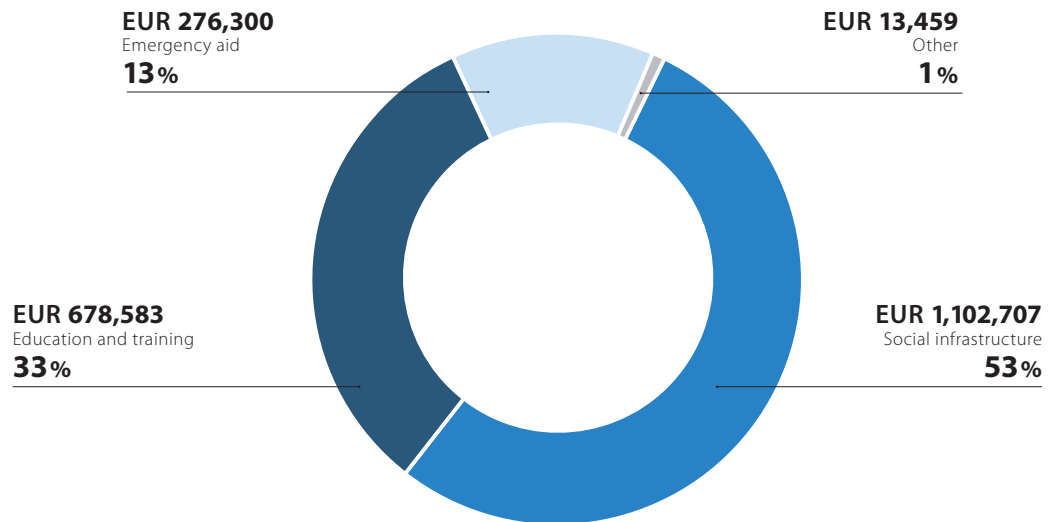
PLACE	Nepal (country-wide)
BUDGET	EUR 50,000
PARTNER ORGANIZATION	Save the Children Deutschland e. V. and Save the Children Nepal
DURATION	May 2015 – October 2015



Jordan

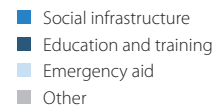
Emergency relief
Nepal

Medical assistance for the victims
of the earthquake in Nepal.



Main areas of focus

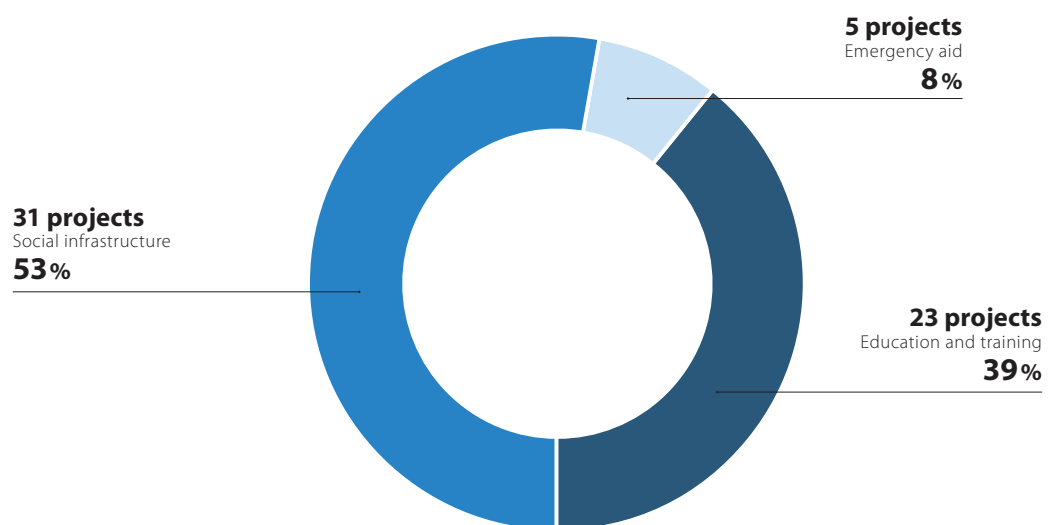
As in previous years, most of the funding in 2015 (53%) went to social infrastructure projects. This category covers a wide range of different activities, including large-scale infrastructure projects such as the construction of water supplies and sanitary facilities, but also the renovation and equipping of existing facilities in the medical sector.



Evaluation.

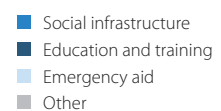
In 2015 a total of 59 projects in 29 different countries received funding totaling EUR 2 million. The projects benefited some 121,000 people.

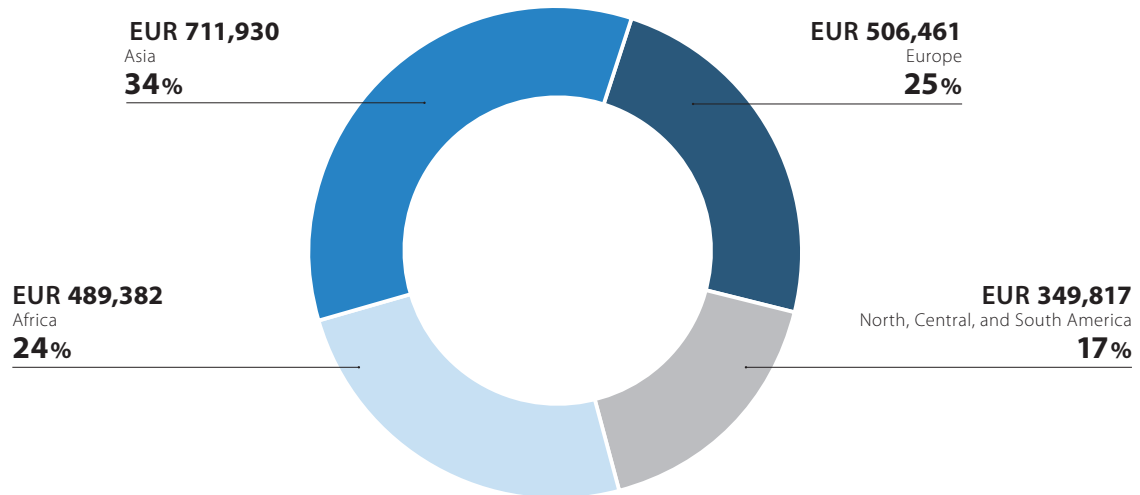
AREAS OF FOCUS



Number of projects according to main focus

The majority of projects funded were in the field of social infrastructure, followed by education and training. From the very outset Knorr-Bremse Global Care has focused on creating long-term prospects for the beneficiaries, so the amount of emergency aid provided in the immediate aftermath of disasters is limited. During the year under review three of the five emergency aid projects supported refugees in Germany and Jordan.



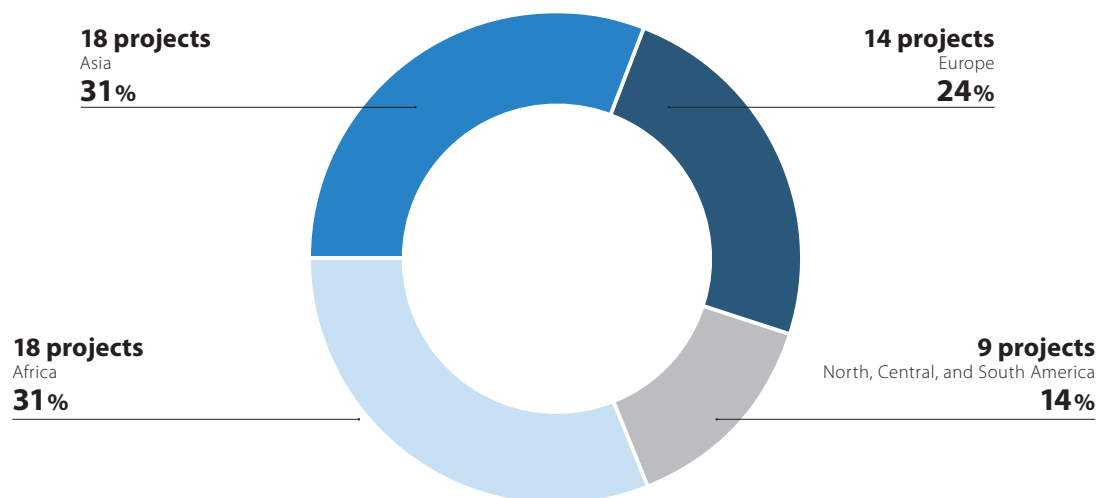


ACCORDING TO REGIONS

During the year under review the biggest proportion of funding went to Asia for the first time in five years. This is mainly because of large-scale infrastructure projects in India, China, and Cambodia but also emergency aid to Nepal and Jordan. In the case of projects in Europe, expenditure was twice as high as the previous year (2014: EUR 203,000). There was an increase in activities involving local Knorr-Bremse sites, for example in Poland, Russia, and Germany.

- Asia
- Europe
- Africa
- North, Central, and South America

REGIONS



Number of projects according to regions

During the year under review, Knorr-Bremse Global Care funded an equal number of projects in Asia and Africa. As in 2014, the lowest number of projects (6 in 2014) was in North, Central, and South America.

- Asia
- Europe
- Africa
- North, Central, and South America

Outlook.

After an eventful year in 2015, in which we not only celebrated our tenth anniversary but also spent more on projects than ever before (over EUR 2 million), we have decided to give our activities a stronger focus in the future.

2015 was a memorable year for Knorr-Bremse Global Care – a year in which we used the opportunity not only to thank all those who had supported our work but also to review our achievements over the past ten years. The figures speak for themselves: We have spent more than EUR 14.3 million on helping over 625,000 people through 194 projects in 52 different countries.

These are figures which we can be proud of, but which at the same time are an encouragement to think hard about how we can improve the work of our organization and ensure that the money we make available is used even more effectively.

For this reason, the members of Knorr-Bremse Global Care decided at the annual strategy workshop towards the end of 2015 that the key to greater effectiveness for our work was a more precise focus for our activities. This means that

from 2016 onwards we will concentrate on a smaller number of countries. Obviously this includes all the 30 countries in which the Knorr-Bremse Group operates sites, where we will continue to offer employees opportunities to become involved in charitable work and help implement projects. But we will also focus on ten other countries in which we have been heavily involved since 2005: Cambodia, Colombia, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Myanmar, Peru, Sri Lanka, Tanzania, and Ukraine.

In terms of project types we will concentrate mainly on education and WASH (water, sanitation, and hygiene), as we have done for the last two years. We regard these areas as important ways to make a lasting improvement in people's lives.

In 2016 we aim to implement these activities and focus our commitment more effectively, thus ensuring that Knorr-Bremse Global Care is well prepared for the future.

We would like to thank everyone who supports and promotes the work of Knorr-Bremse Global Care and for the trust and confidence you have placed in us.



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