



NACHBARINNEN IN WIEN



SOCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR REFUGEE AND MIGRANT FAMILIES

THE IDEA

Project idea and pilot phase kicked off 2009 to 2012 with Renate Schnee and Dr. Christine Scholten.

In October 2012 the non-profit association „NACHBARINNEN in Wien“ was founded.



IMPLEMENTATION

The project started with a 5-months course to train the applicants.

Contents of the course were:

- Communication
- Health
- Financial security
- Parenting
- Education



WHO ARE NACHBARINNEN?

NACHBARINNEN are women who do outreach work.

NACHBARINNEN support about 300 families annually.



INNOVATIVE SOCIAL ASSISTANCE WORK

In order to reach the families in need of support, two important factors are crucial:

- the social work outreach
- mother-tongue accompaniment



FUNDING

The financing of the project comes 40% from public funds (federal government, province of Vienna) and 60% from private donations.



GOALS OF THE EMPOWERMENT PROGRAM



- Change the patriarchal and traditional structures
- Strengthening women's self-determination
- Strengthening parenting skills
- Ensuring the education of children
- Participation in the social and economic life of society
- Integration into the labor market

EMPOWERMENT

Testing new strengths and competencies

- Weekly "agreements" between NACHBARIN and family
- Steps toward integration



PROGRAMS

- Parent education workshops
- Meetings about parenting (called Eltern.tische)
- Education breakfasts (called Bildungsfrühstücke)
- Learning assistance at home
- Children and women culture programs (like city excursions)



LEARNING ASSISTANCE AT HOME

This program is enabling educational opportunities for children. Tutors enrolled and supervised by the organization NACHBARINNEN.

A learning assistance contract is signed with the family in which learning goals, child's performance and supporting activities of the parents are negotiated.



SEWING AS A PART OF INTEGRATION

Employment is a high integration factor.

Refugee and migrant women often face high barriers regarding the paid work.



The NACHBARINNEN therefore founded their own business, in which on the one hand refugee women find permanent employment (currently 7) and others are taken on as interns for several months.

In the sewing workshop, recycled materials are re-sewn.



IMPACT OF THE PROJECT

Since the beginning of the project NACHBARINNEN has been evaluated.

An SROI analysis by the NPO Institute of the Vienna University of Economics and Business Administration is also available; the NACHBARINNEN project received an exceptionally good SROI index of 1:4.6

In addition, the NACHBARINNEN carry out annual self-evaluations.



CURRENT STAFF



OUTCOME OF THE PROJECT

- Self-empowerment for women
 - More educated girls
 - Participation in the society
 - Better knowledge of German
 - Finding work
- ... and many more



A DAY WITH A NACHBARIN





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