

## **Articles of Association**

### **§ 1 Name, Location**

1. The Association takes the name GinCo (Growth in Cooperation)
1. The Association is to be recorded in the Association Register, und carry the suffix “e. V.”.
2. The Association’s seat is in Osterby.

### **§ 2 Purpose**

1. The purpose of the association is the sponsorship of development aid. The Association supports the education of girls of different ethnicities in east Africa.

GinCo supports the “Final Run”, which assists girls in their 8th year of primary school to reach graduation. GinCo supports the girls for one year only (horizontal support), and in exceptional cases offers long-term sponsorship to individual girls. The sponsored girls receive grants for school uniforms, books and other school supplies, examination fees, meals, and menstrual hygiene supplies.

So far, the Association has cooperation partners in Kenya, Nairobi (Kibera), Meru und Wamba (Samburu).

Partners:

Kibera: Kibera Communication Network (KCCN), Mchanganyiko, Kibera, Nairobi.

Contact: Zena Abdallah

Meru: The Village Trust (TVT ), P.O Box 271-60602, Meru. Contact: Oliver Kirimi

Wamba: Catholic Church Mission Primary School (CCM Primary School), Wamba.

Contact: Barak Okoth

The cooperation partners see to the local use of money as stipulated in the Articles, and are legally accountable.

2. The Association shall solely and directly pursue charitable objectives according to the paragraph regarding “tax-deductible purposes” of the tax code. The Association is a not-for-profit organization; it does not exist primarily to pursue its own financial interests. The Association’s capital is to be used solely for purposes as stated by its Articles . The members do not receive benefits from the Association’s funds. No one may benefit through a payment, the purpose of which is foreign to the Association, or through excessively high remuneration.

### **§ 3 Membership**

1. Any natural person can become a member of the Association.
2. The board shall decide whether or not to accept a candidate after written application. For minors, the application must be made through a legal guardian.
3. Resignation from the Association is permitted at the end of the respective calendar year. A resignation must be submitted in writing to the Board.
4. A member may be expelled from the Association if his or her behavior violates the interests of the Association in a serious manner. The expulsion shall be decided at the General Meeting.
5. Membership otherwise ceases with the death of the member.
6. A member who resigns or is expelled has no right to the Association's funds
7. Members are to pay membership fees in the amount of at least 5 euros per month. The amount and due date of membership fees shall be established at the General Meeting.

### **§ 4 Board**

1. The Association's Board is comprised of the Chair, the Vice-Chair, the Treasurer, and the Secretary.
2. The management is comprised of the Chair and the Vice-Chair according to § 26 BGB. Each of them can individually represent the Association.
3. The Chair is to be elected at the General Meeting, to serve for a period of 2 years; he or she is remain in office until a successor is elected.

### **§ 5 General Meeting**

1. The General Meeting takes place annually. Moreover, a General Meeting is to be called additionally if the interest of the Association deems it necessary, or if at least 1/10th of the members demand it, stating the purpose and reason for it in writing.
2. General Meetings are to be called in writing by the Board, in compliance with a set invitation period of 2 weeks and including an expressed agenda.

3. The Meeting Chair shall be the Association's Chair, and in case of the Chair's hindrance, the Vice-Chair. If neither are able to be present, the Meeting Chair shall be elected by the General Meeting. If the Secretary is not present, this duty will also be fulfilled by a member chosen by the General Meeting.
4. The General Meeting is then considered a quorum, regardless of the number of members present.
5. All activities of the General Meetings shall be decided by the majority. However, a majority of % of valid votes is necessary for any changes made regarding the Articles or purpose of the Association.
6. A protocol shall be recorded regarding the decisions of the General Meeting, to be signed by the Meeting Chair and the Secretary.

## **§ 6 Dissolution, Seizure of Association Funds**

1. A 4/5 majority of valid votes is necessary for the Association's dissolution.
2. In the case of the Association's dissolution, revocation of legal capacity or cessation of tax-deductible purposes, Association's funds shall go to the organization "World Vision", which is to use the funds immediately and solely for charitable, benevolent or religious purposes, in particular for the education of girls in east Africa. (Notice of exemption: Finanzamt Bad Homburg, Tax Number 0325099188, from 4 January 2012).