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in the service of life

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It is a member of the CONGDRM (NGDO Coordinator of the region of Murcia) as well as that of FAS (Aragón Federation of Solidarity) and FONGDCAM (NGDO Federation of the Community of Madrid).

Delwende in the Service of Life was founded in 1997 as an initiative of the Sisters of Our Lady of Consolation.

The name Delwende in the Service of Life, chosen to refer to our NGDO consists of two ideas that express our sense of identity: first, the word itself, **DELWENDE**, comes from a Mossi word, one of the languages spoken in Burkina Faso, and it means “**Supported in God**”. Having chosen this word to name our NGDO, we want to highlight our openness toward universality. We use a different language to mean that Delwende’s horizon is open to the plurality of the human cultures, to which our reality and our existence feel part of. Being “Supported in God” (first premise in our name) we want that our **Service to Life**, the second premise in our name, reach those in need. This call to serve life encourages us to be vehicles of humanization, to generate life, near and far and to contribute to human and environmental development in places where it would be almost impossible to move at the pace of the third millennium.

Out of the many existing NGDOs, **Delwende in the Service of Life**, characterizes itself for its simple structure, its limited claims, family context, ... that can do and in fact reaches to do great things. Delwende has an operating framework, a specific task and its **own identity** which is defined by its Vision, Mission, Values, Principles and Objectives explained below.

VISION

In a world of progress and triumphs, primarily in the field of science and technology, there is, however the great failure of a parallel humanity which being worthy by virtue of being human, does not even have the minimum requirements to develop their rights as human beings.

In the context of the defeated hope, the suffering and the loneliness that prevent millions of human beings from growing and developing with dignity, a group of people, who identify themselves with the Consolation charism, decide to belong to DELWENDE in order to be at the service of a more dignified human life.

DELWENDE is an NGDO which:

- Promotes social awareness on the values that define its mission at the service of a dignified life.
- Allocates its resources to projects focused on solidarity and development in which preferably Sisters of Consolation work.
- Disseminates its work as a means to achieving greater collaboration from people.

We believe in the importance and greatness of the action of consolation. Therefore, we provide people with that spiritual support on their different stages of life:

- On childhood and youth, bringing hope for the future through education.
- On adults of working age, favouring their personal and professional training and development to improve access to job opportunities and helping them to organize themselves and make more efficient use of their own resources.
- In adversity and in sickness, providing social and health services.

- On the socially excluded, especially women, helping them in their comprehensive development as individuals.
- In old age, with people who have given everything in life, providing them with warmth and affection in an environment of adequate material conditions.

In short, we wish for more on the human level, for and with those coming from unfavourable circumstances, whether by age, geography, resources, education or health. This is our spirit of Consolation.

MISSION

Our mission is to become a channel *“in the service of life”* so that the neediest individuals have full access to human rights, make progress in their development as a whole and participate in building a more humane world, with a more equitable future for all.

VALUES

Within the framework of the values that characterise NGDOs (solidarity, justice, peace, ...) we underline:

RESPONSIBILITY: in the integral and continuous development of individuals.

SIMPLICITY: in the way we are and act.

GENEROSITY: at work, in the spirit of service and commitment to others.

HONESTY AND TRANSPARENCY: in the information transmitted, in the economic sphere and in the decision-making processes.

UNIVERSALITY AND OPENNESS: both in our members and in our projects. The NGDO is open to participation and the needs that may arise from future demands.

PRINCIPLES

- **Aid reaches directly, without any intermediaries** from benefactor to beneficiary.
- Infrastructure costs are virtually non-existent. All those **people involved are volunteers**. Therefore, operating **costs are kept to a minimum**.
- Management criteria for our portfolio are based on the **viability, monitoring and supervision** of the **projects**.
- Work carried out has to **transmit solidarity** between our society and those undeveloped ones.
- The projects that have been launched will remain over time to ensure continuity of the work undertaken.

OBJECTIVES

- To assist and promote progress in the poorest countries through integral development of individuals, especially those most in need. This will be implemented through practical actions such as:
 - The construction and maintenance of infrastructures according (in each case) to the needs of the population.
 - The promotion of education for children, young people and adults, with special attention to women's needs.
 - Health care in geographical areas and health sectors where the need is greatest.
- To promote and enhance the dignity of people whatever their circumstances, even in the most extreme ones and specially with those who are the most neglected.
- To favour the culture of solidarity within the society, raising awareness in the face of injustice, especially in the areas where the

Sisters of Consolation work and to create an effective and affective network of involvement.

- To act as a channel for people whose spirit of solidarity takes them to assist and help those who need it most and who are looking for a practical, effective and transparent way of giving such support.
- To raise awareness, to the largest scale, on the work that has been done, so that more people can join in our Project through an active contribution and gratuitous involvement.
- To encourage people who have been trained or have been treated in Delwende centres to join in those same centers as volunteers.

DELWENDE'S HYMN

We don't have in our hands the answer to world's pain,
but facing to world's pain, we have our hands.
When the God of history comes
He will look our hands. (x2)
For a more human world
and a future for the poor (x2)

DELWENDE AT THE SERVICE OF THE LIFE (x2)

As a sign of the times today, DELWENDE,
as a solidarity instrument for you,
to offer the hand to the poorest
working together to grow their wealth.
Light a candle with us:
at the end of the life, only the Love will count.

DELWENDE AT THE SERVICE OF THE LIFE (x2)

It's a challenge for all to extend DELWENDE,
a new culture of love, solidarity and hope
To defend always life, sowing peace and justice,
unafraid to commitment to help people's lives
If consolation we are, serve the suffering people
should be today our choice.

DELWENDE AT THE SERVICE OF LIFE
DELWENDE AT THE SERVICE OF LIFE (x2)