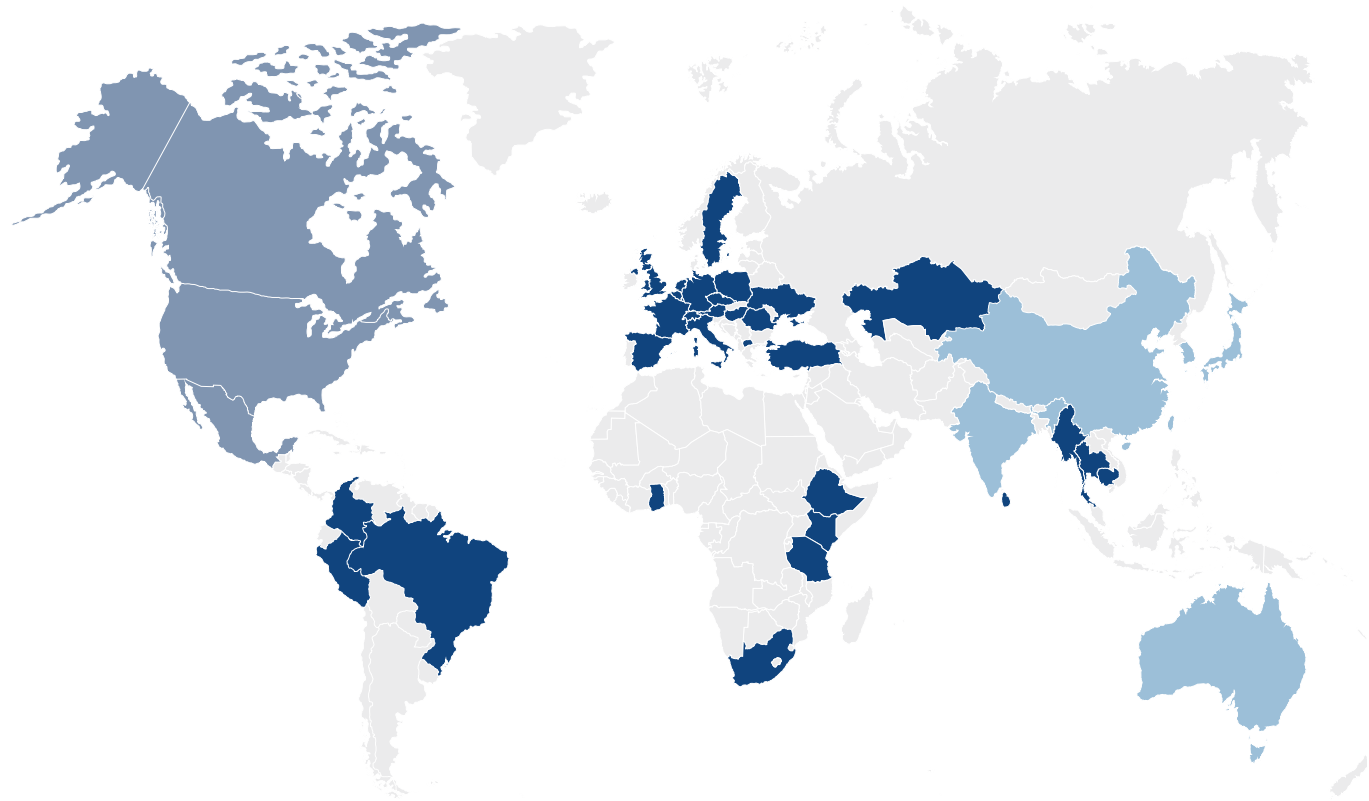


A young girl with braided hair is smiling broadly while sitting at a desk with a laptop. In the background, another child is visible, also smiling. The scene is set in a classroom with a blue wall.

**OUR CONTRIBUTION
TO PEOPLE IN NEED**



KNORR-BREMSE
global care



About Knorr-Bremse Global Care

Knorr-Bremse Global Care is a global non-profit organization which was set up by Knorr-Bremse employees in 2005 following the devastating tsunami in South-East Asia. We ensure our work is firmly anchored in the local communities through our three regional organizations: Knorr-Bremse Global Care North America Inc., Knorr-Bremse Global Care Asia Pacific Ltd., and Knorr-Bremse Global Care e. V.

- **Knorr-Bremse Global Care e.V.**
- **Knorr-Bremse Global Care North America Inc.**
- **Knorr-Bremse Global Care Asia Pacific Ltd.**

» We can only overcome global challenges if we take action and collaborate. Knorr-Bremse Global Care supports underprivileged people on their way to a healthy, self-reliant, and economically independent life. «



Julia Thiele-Schürhoff

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

New prospects for people in need

Our focal areas

Knorr-Bremse Global Care supports impact-oriented projects to offer new prospects for people in need. In our work, we focus on two areas: **Education** and **WASH** (water, sanitation, and hygiene). We are convinced that education is a universal right and the key to a better future. We regard vocational training in particular as an important factor to help people become more self-reliant and achieve greater independence.

Our WASH projects aim to improve people's health by reducing waterborne diseases such as cholera, typhoid, or diarrhea. For this reason, we provide access to clean drinking water, improve sanitation infrastructure, and promote hygiene measures.

Our contribution to the Sustainable Development Goals

In 2015, the United Nations adopted the 2030 Agenda with 17 Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs). These global SDGs highlight the tremendous challenges that humanity is facing and provide orientation, showing the changes that must take place to preserve the world for future generations.

Like the Knorr-Bremse Group, Knorr-Bremse Global Care is determined to contribute to the SDGs. In the light of our key focus areas, we support projects under **SDG 4** "Quality education" and **SDG 6** "Clean water and sanitation".



Students from the Tech+ program get access to equal opportunities and a bright future, thanks to the cooperation between Knorr-Bremse Brazil, Knorr-Bremse Global Care Brazil and SENAI (National Service for Industrial Training).



The SDGs are seventeen interlinked objectives designed to enhance peace and prosperity for people and the planet.



EDUCATION



WASH





Vocational training for hearing-impaired students

Project location	Bangkok, Thailand
Target group	203 students
Input/ intervention	Equipping of studio room
Impact	Job placement of hearing-impaired students
Partner organization	Don Bosco Technological College



Only two percent of people with disabilities complete secondary education in Thailand. This reflects the barriers facing these students in the education system, making it difficult for them to find good jobs.

The Don Bosco Technological College offers orphaned, poor students, and those with disabilities a free and inclusive education in computer graphics. By providing vocational training, the institute creates the basis for employment in the printing business. The college runs self-sufficiently and uses the income from its products to pay the tuition fees for the students from the last three college grades. Over 200 students, 63 of whom are hearing-impaired, benefitted from the provision of a newly equipped studio room. Through this cooperation, Knorr-Bremse Global Care Asia Pacific and its partner Don Bosco not only contribute toward fighting youth unemployment but also promote public awareness of equalization of vocational education for hearing-impaired students and of their participation in society.



Project location	Ohio, USA
Target group	124 at-risk young people
Input/ intervention	Provide practical technical skills for young people
Impact	Increased access to vocational training in technical occupations
Partner organizations	Motogo & Boys Hope Girls Hope



Provision of career pathways to young people

In the US state of Ohio, almost 15 percent of the population live on an income below the poverty line. This impacts children and teens from ethnic minorities twice as often as others. At the same time, manufacturing companies struggle to fill the many open positions for skilled production jobs that require technical education. An empty garage in a city in northeastern Ohio, and a nonprofit initiative launched by hobby mechanics, are doing something about both these situations.

The “Kickstart for Hope” program is the fruit of a joint effort of two local nonprofit organizations – Motogo, and Boys Hope Girls Hope, with the goal of offering training courses for 124 young people. The program helps teens learn practical technical skills by working on motorcycles under supervision. The purpose of this partnership between the NGOs and Knorr-Bremse Global Care North America is to provide career pathways to young people and help them achieve their full potential. They gain an introduction to the technical world through practical training on engine technology, maintenance, and occupational protection. A Bendix employee serves as “Project Champion”, regularly reviewing the progress of the project and participating in workshops. These provide vocational orientation and continued training.

Reduction of waterborne diseases



Project location	District Nkwanta South, Region Oti, Ghana
Target group	13,000 people living in the region
Input/ intervention	Provide access to clean water and sanitation facilities and improve hygiene practices
Impact	Reduction of waterborne diseases
Partner organization	World Vision Deutschland e.V.

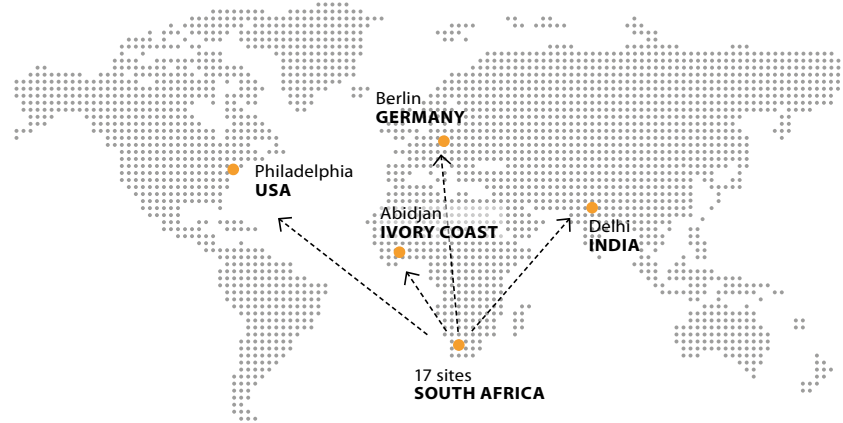
One quarter of the population of Ghana's Nkwanta South district lacks access to safe drinking water, which means that a lot of people fetch water from streams and rivers. 47.7 percent of households do not have access to sanitation facilities. Additionally, most schools and health facilities do not have a basic water supply, clean toilets, or hand-washing facilities. As a result, waterborne diseases, such as schistosomiasis and diarrhea, are prevalent in the communities.

The project operates at multiple levels to reduce waterborne diseases through a holistic approach. Water systems are being constructed to provide clean water and sanitation facilities such as latrines to two health facilities and two schools. We also provide training to improve hygiene practices among the population, and especially among staff in health facilities, through workshops and training sessions.

The project is co-financed by Knorr-Bremse Global Care and the Merck KGaA Health Institute. These two partners are stronger together and learn from each other throughout the implementation phase.

» We are convinced of the impact of Safe-Hubs and aim at driving their development in the proximity of Knorr-Bremse sites. This way, we bring long-term and sustainable improvements to the communities the company is part of. «

Julia Thiele-Schürhoff Chairperson of the Executive Board, Knorr-Bremse Global Care e. V.



Young people in poor urban districts face a cycle of poverty, unemployment, and inequality. To provide them with new perspectives, Safe-Hubs use the power of sport combined with a holistic education approach. A Safe-Hub is an emotionally and physically safe space for them. It consists of a sports ground, a training academy, a digital lab, basic healthcare facilities, and multi-purpose office spaces for social entrepreneurs.

The Safe-Hub approach has achieved huge successes in the areas of violence prevention, education, and employment in South Africa. In 2021, AMANDLA Social Enterprises and Knorr-Bremse Global Care established Safe-Hub Global to roll out the proven impacts worldwide. We have launched initial programs in Berlin (Germany) and Philadelphia (USA), and are starting programs in India. Our driving force is the vision of a world with equal opportunities for youth regardless of their background.



Strong partnership to scale the impact of Safe-Hubs

Impacts of projects funded by Knorr-Bremse Global Care



Reducing crime rates

Through the holistic Safe-Hub programs of AMANDLA, the crime rate in proximity to the Safe-Hub Khayelitsha in South Africa was reduced by 45 percent.

Creating employment for unemployed

Over 80 percent of Life Choices IT Academy Alumni in South Africa are employed or in enrolled in higher education.



Reducing waterborne diseases

The people in the Nkwanta South communities in Ghana face significantly less waterborne disease due to the training of 9,652 people in the use of water, soap, and other means for treatment of wounds and infections with support from World Vision.



Creating jobs through vocational training

Knorr-Bremse Brazil employs 78 percent of a total of 111 trained young people after graduating from the project Tech+ with support from the SENAI institute in Itupeva.

Integrating migrants into the labor market

59 percent of graduates from the gastronomy academy of the German organization "Über den Tellerrand" have found a job in the hospitality sector.



Improving hygiene at schools

Hygiene at schools improved significantly at 80 German schools because of the "Toilets Making the Grade" competition implemented by the German Toilet Organization.

Empowering women and girls

Together with our Indian partner organization, we have managed to increase the school attendance rates and dignity of 30,000 underprivileged girls and women through the provision of 320,000 sanitary napkin packs over the last 12 months in the Faridabad district in India.





Corporate volunteering

» **Filling my time with a sense of purpose. Giving attention, knowledge, and companionship to disadvantaged students during online tutoring. «**

Michaela Beck Knorr-Bremse Commercial Vehicle Systems, when asked what corporate volunteering means to her.

Knorr-Bremse promotes social impact in multiple ways. It expresses its social commitment in particular through Local Care and Global Care. Local Care contributes through donations and specific corporate volunteering activities. Additionally, Knorr-Bremse employees can apply for financial support for a social project in which they are actively involved. The topics covered by Local Care include Environment, Health, Social Cohesion, and Education.

Global Care, on the other hand, promotes projects in the context of international development cooperation. We are funding sustainable projects and long-term partnerships to support disadvantaged people. Wherever possible, opportunities for social engagement and corporate volunteering are combined with Global Care projects on site.

During the pandemic, for example, Knorr-Bremse employees in Germany provided tutoring and mentoring to students from underprivileged families to help them pass their final exams in times of homeschooling.

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