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### **Beta Klinik's commitment to social projects**

The private Beta Klinik in Bonn has a claim it pursues; helping people. Not only does it do this with the treatment of their own patients but also and whenever possible, support other sick people and children in need. There are three projects which the Beta Klinik is actively supporting at the moment. "We want to use our experience and medical competence in the support of selected initiatives founded by our employees or those projects where our employees work voluntarily in order to help improve people's lives", explains Professor Dr. med. Thomas Gasser, Managing Director of the Beta Klinik on their social commitment.

The three social projects:

#### **Beta Humanitarian Help**

This humanitarian project was brought to life by Dr. Daniel Sattler, plastic surgeon at the Beta Klinik. The goal of the initiative is, together with a doctor and medical care team, to travel to developing nations where people urgently need medical help.

In local hospitals, as many sick people as is possible will be operated on and the local doctors will be trained in special operative techniques in order that they themselves can carry out these operations in their own hospital. The most common medical interventions which enable people to live normal lives again, include tumours, growths and burns.

The first involvement was carried out by Dr. Sattler and his care team in the Andes region, Peru in 2013. 120 patients were examined over the course of two weeks and 60 patients were operated on. From there, the members of Beta Humanitarian Help travelled to Sushma Koirala Memorial Hospital in Nepal. Over two weeks and working parallel in two operating theatres, they were able to help numerous people. Many of the injuries were results caused from the earthquakes in the spring of 2015.



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The most recent trip to date carried out by the Beta Humanitarian Help team was to Madagascar in the autumn of 2017 where they carried out 56 operations in just under two weeks. Amongst the patients comprising both adults and children in equal measure, were burn victims, patients with facial tumours, hand deformities, and patients with soft tissue defects.

Beta Humanitarian Help e.V. is a charitable organisation and is financed only by donations. For more information please go to: [www.beta-humanitarian-help.org](http://www.beta-humanitarian-help.org)

### **MediNetz – Help for the helpless**

The Beta Klinik supports the charity association MediNetz with medical competence and thus demonstrates solidarity with the weakest in society. The charity acts on the principle; “every person has the right to medical treatment”, and is a network for free anonymous psychological, medical and dental treatment for those refugees without papers or who have uncertain residency status. It enables those who are sick and who have no health insurance or money for medical care to have access to doctors who will treat them free of charge.

The Beta Klinik covers necessary medical treatment of those patients referred by MediNetz. This includes diagnostics with all relevant medical technology, medical treatment, any operations needed, and even the subsequent bed with competent medical care is made available.

MediNetz takes care of the related material costs and the Beta Klinik covers the rest of the costs.

### **Dental gold for a good cause**

To give children and sick people the chance of a better life is the goal of the Beta Dental Project “Dental gold for a good cause”, which Beta Klinik dentist Bernd Knoch, founded. In both of his dental practices in Bonn and Wesseling he collects dental gold and donates the proceeds of the sale of such evenly to:

“Save the Children”, an international aid organisation which looks after children in need around the globe, both in catastrophes and also long term projects.

“Heart’s Desire Shooting Stars”, a charitable organisation in Bonn which helps and supports the sick and needy, especially sick children and young people in fulfilling a special heart’s desire.



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Inlays, onlays and bridges all contain gold. For those patients in the dental practice it is a matter of a few grams of gold but for the children and those in need, these donations mean life and happy moments! Therefore, Bernd Knoch's team ask their patients to consider donating any gold arising from their treatment, to his project. The Beta Dental Practice takes care of the cleaning of the precious metals in the certified refineries of Heraeus Kulzer who support this good cause. They take over the associated costs as well as the sale and forwarding of the proceeds to both organisations.

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