

How to apply for support

Organisations with projects that meet the above criteria may apply for funding through HAMU. HAMU is currently working on developing an application form and application guidelines. These will be posted on our website as soon as they are available.



Humanism in Practice

The request for help by far exceeds donations from Norwegian humanists. Your help and donation is required. Humanism is to act. Your contribution is transferred in full to the needy. The Norwegian Humanist Association covers all administrative costs.

How to Contribute

If you want to support our work you may use your local or internet bank and transfer your contribution to:

Bank: Roerosbanken
Swift Code: DNBAOKK
IBAN Account: NO9242800530002

More about HAMU

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Humanist Action for Human Rights



Short presentation of HAMU

HAMU is a non-governmental organisation, which operates on the basis of humanist values. HAMU is part of the Norwegian Humanist Association and has been functioning since 1994.

HAMU aims to promote human rights for the oppressed and to aid fellow humans to a dignified life.

HAMU operates by supporting local secular, non-profit and non-governmental organisations in the South.

Local aid organisations work to help the abused or the oppressed by providing protection, education or vocational training as well as influencing attitudes in local societies.

Human dignity, diversity of visions, pluralism and democracy are values guiding this work.

Short presentation of our projects

Ongoing projects are outlined below.

Rehabilitation of Religious Prostitutes

The purpose is to rehabilitate Jogini women and promote social reform leading to the abolishment of this tradition.

Joginis are young girls dedicated to local goddesses in the name of tradition to protect the families and communities from epidemics, deaths, famines, etc. These women are exploited by the villagers and converted into prostitutes available to one and all.

Funding is used to give Jogini women the opportunity for a new life through education, work, housing and agricultural land. So far an estimated 2.200 Joginis have been rehabilitated.

The project started in 1983 and is located in Nizamabad and Medak, Andhra Pradesh, India. The operating partner is SAMSKAR.

A HAMU supported project since 1994.

Tribal Girls' School

The purpose is to provide education for tribal girls in a low level literacy area - < 10%. The project funds 5 classes including teaching staff and a hostel providing free food and clothes.

The project is located in Gandhari, Andhra Pradesh, India and the operating partner is SAMSKAR.

A HAMU supported project since 1996.



Women's Shelter and Development

The shelter provides short stay shelter for young girls and women in crisis. It provides accommodation, food, clothing, medical and legal aid. The women are also offered training programmes and psychological counselling to build up self confidence and courage.

The project started in 1985 and is located in Vijayawada, Andhra Pradesh, India and the operating partner is Vasavya Mahila Mandali. A HAMU supported project since 1997.

Criminal Reform & Social Integration

The purpose is to reform the noted criminal "tribe" that resides in settlements made by the British and branded as criminals.

Support is used to fund the purchase of agricultural land, loans for petty trades and literacy campaigns.

More than 80 % of the criminals who have been in touch with the project have been rehabilitated.

The project started in 1974 and is located in Stuartpuram, Andhra Pradesh, India and the operating partner is SAMSKAR.

A HAMU supported project since 1995.

Mobile Health Clinics

The purpose is to provide physical examination and treatment of torture victims on an ambulatory basis through mobile clinics. Victims who need further treatment or psychosocial support are given referral to CVICT centres.

The project is located in Nepal. Operating partner is The Centre for Victims of Torture - CVICT.

HAMU has supported this project in cooperation with the Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation (NORAD) since 2004.

Selection Criteria

HAMU selects operating partners which are:

- secular, non-profit and non-governmental organisation
- operating in accordance with the values of HAMU.

HAMU selects projects which:

- secure rights and expand capabilities for women and children who suffer abuse or oppression due to religion or tradition
- oppose social degradation resulting from cultural prejudice, lack of education or superstition
- targets the weakest groups in society
- provide lasting and sustainable solutions.