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Kyrgyzstan Mountain Project

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Organisation – The Association for Intercultural Exchange and Development e.V. (Verein für kulturellen Austausch und Entwicklung e.V.) was founded in 1995 to support projects in developing countries, the Association is an NGO with charitable status. It's mission is “To care for intercultural exchange with people from developing countries and to combat poverty in close co-operation with multinational companies”. The first projects undertaken by the organisation were in Yemen and Azerbaijan and involved developing health systems.