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1 Introduction

The Helping People Network is a non-profit organization, a worldwide group of people, with the intention to help the needing people to find the help they need.

Simply said: we go to the needing people, or they come to us, we discuss what help they need and will then try to find them the best possible help or solution to their problem. After we found someone to help, we will make sure and monitor that it is suitable and the problem is effectively solved.

2 First Q & A

2.1 Q 1: why a new organization?

We have discovered that although the number of helping organizations is growing by the day, the number of people needing help is even growing faster. **Much faster!**

So the question is: how can that be?

Well, first of all, the needing people do not know where to get the help. Secondly, the needing people have no access or don't know how to get access to help facilities for whatever reason.

Thirdly, most of those helping organizations are specialized in specific type of help and mostly do not have the intention to stay present in the area very long after finishing the "project".

2.2 Q 2: where will the organization do it's work?

We so not suffer of megalomania, but...

it is the long term intention to work **worldwide**. We will "roll-out" by language/dialect area since language is key factor to contact local people.

The organization's headquarters will be "on the Internet", through the Web Portal <http://www.helping-people.net>, which is currently under construction (Already accessible, although not up-to-date).

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2.3 Q 3: who will be helped?

Anybody with **non-commercial** needs and/or problems, not being able to find help him- or herself.

Any need/problem to be solved necessary to survive and to be able to sustain this condition for anyone without the means get this help him- or herself.

2.4 Q 4: mission statement?

The mission statement contains four main intended activities:

1. mediation between the needing and the helping people,
2. organizing projects combining multiple helping organizations / people,
3. defining/developing best-practice solutions for common problems/needs, organizing groups of specialists and the people in need themselves.
4. promoting peace and a positive social culture of helping people, each other in sustainable world.

2.5 Q 5: who can participate?

Well, this is a Network of People wishing to help other people the best they can in their spare time, without the desire and need for an extra income. People who want to see the problems of this world solved. People who want to see and promote peace. People who intend to finish a job they started. People who see that their own happiness and good circumstances can only exist when the world around them also enjoys these circumstances. People who are not afraid to get tired. People who see that helping other people will bring great joy and happiness.

Are You someone like that? Do You have some or more spare time, time to kill? Are You interested in helping the Network?

2.6 Q 6: What do participants do?

There are several tasks to be executed simultaneous, whereas in the startup phase, we have to do "home work" first:

1. Information gathering:
 - all helping organizations have to be identified, how they can be contacted, what they can do, where they operate, what they are interested in doing, etc., etc.
 - a participant may choose a geographical and/or specialism of focus and concentrate on finding purpose and best-practices.

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2. Mediation:

- Contacting the needing people and discuss their needs and/or problems and possible solutions.
- Processing requests for help and find the best possible helping people/organizations, discuss the way help can be given; if necessary, find the best-practice solution and discuss with both parties.
- Monitor the help/solution given and/or solving of the problem and discuss the outcome with the helped and helping people.
- Documenting request, progress, contact events, chosen solution, etc. into the Network's Database.
- Keep in contact with the helped/needing people about the circumstances.
- Contacting and searching for new initiatives and helping organizations to find new solutions for outstanding requests.

3. Promotion

- of the Helping People Network intentions and activities.
- presentations for interested people and organizations.

4. Administration

- Maintaining the Network's Database and Web Portal.
- Processing of paperwork/document management.
- Several IT-related maintenance tasks.

5. Operations Management & Development

- Conflict Management
- Quality Assurance
- IT-related development of the Network's Database & Web Portal.
- Development and research of best practices for common problems and documenting that knowledge into the Network's Database.
- Translation of Web Portal texts.

3 Plans

Start	Comple- tion	Prio- rity	Task
2005	2006	1a	Although the big picture is clear, many practical ideas are still on the drawing board. We envision a group of about 100 people to be helping working out those ideas, each individually and afterwards discussing together and making decisions. Please contact us if You are interested.
2006	2006	1b	Development of Network's Database & Web Portal.
2006	2006	2	Information gathering as mentioned above in 2.6.1
2006	...	3	Rollout into the world...