

Our guidelines emphasise that ...

Our work shall contribute to peace, reconciliation and respect for every person's sacredness and equal value. To eradicate poverty is to build peace.

- Our inspiration is love, justice, equality, community and mutual responsibility for sustainable development.
- Our work shall be conducted with respect for different ways and philosophies of life.
- We are convinced that there is that of God in everyone.

Bangladesh

The organisation SUS (Sabalambly Unnayan Samity – help for self-help) in northeast Bangladesh aims to create better living conditions for the ultra-poor by providing:

- basic education for young children
- income-generating projects for women
- training adolescents in human rights
- basic services for people with different kinds of impairment
- knowledge about health, sustainable agricultural methods and climate change.

This work is supported by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida).



Palestine

The Friends School in Ramallah, established in 1869 as a girl's school, now caters for all children, including those with some kind of impairment. Quaker Service Sweden supports the Learning Support Programme, which makes it possible for around 50 children with some kind of impairment to take part in ordinary schooling.

The Amari Play Centre, situated in the Amari Refugee Camp, has been supported by Quakers in different countries since 1974. It is a sign of hope for families who have lived in the Camp since 1949. Similar work is carried out in 13 preschools in Gaza. This work is overseen by Quaker Service Norway and includes support for children who have been traumatised by war.



Georgia

Quakers in Georgia are helping to lessen the tensions between different ethnic minority groups by offering different kinds of practical support.

Burundi

Ethnic conflicts are part of everyday life in Burundi. In the 1990s Swedish Quakers contributed to the building of peace schools.



Today, Quaker Service Sweden supports a food and farming project in which different ethnic groups work together for better harvests, good climatic effect and sustainability. The project is run by local Quakers.

Ethiopia

Quakers have always worked for better conditions for prisoners. Through SEFIR-S (Support for Ethiopian Former Inmates Rehabilitation – Sweden) support is given to Ethiopian children and youth who have been released from prison in the form of safe housing, education and help so that they do not reoffend.

Some Quaker quotes

A friend is a loving companion at all times, and a brother is born to share troubles

Proverbs 17:17 – 17

Our certainty that every person has something of the divine light within them means that our path must be the path of love.

Greta Langenskjöld 1970

One step at a time is enough. Light shall fall on the next step. The greater we are in number, the stronger the powers of peace in the world will be. We are not alone. Peace on Earth is close to God's heart...

Elsa Cedergren 1974

Live not for yourselves but for others. Work for an order of society which will allow men and women to develop their capacities and will foster their desire to serve

Britain Yearly Meeting, General Advices 1928

With peace as a benchmark

Since the Quaker movement began in England in the middle of the 1660s the Religious Society of Friends (Quakers) has worked for equality, simplicity, truth, a sense of community and peace.

The conviction that there is "that of God in every person" still inspires work in different parts of the world.

The theme of peace is often expressed through development work, where people are helped to improve their living conditions, claim their rights and create a sustainable future.

Quaker Service Sweden

Began with activities in Algeria in 1963. The work mainly consists of development collaborations – partly financed by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (Sida).

Quaker Service Sweden is run by a committee of volunteers within Sweden Yearly Meeting and its accounts are audited by a chartered accountant.



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"There can never be real peace while people are hungry and suffer"

Emilia Fogelklou, 1942



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