

TAKE ACTION AND SPEAK OUT



EMMAUS
INTERNATIONAL



Emmaus International's member organisations take action in six priority areas: the right to water, healthcare and education, ethical finance, international migration and fighting human trafficking.

BACKGROUND

BEGINNINGS

From the very start, Emmaus aimed to speak out – 'To raise awareness and share struggles (...) until the cause of each ill is eliminated' – as stated in Emmaus's Universal Manifesto.

DEVELOPMENT

Gradually, as the movement came together, Emmaus organisations decided to draw on their experiences on the ground to develop a political stance and work together to come up with alternatives.

PRIORITY AREAS

The 2003 general assembly, held in Ouagadougou, identified three priority areas, which went up to six in 2012.

SIX PRIORITY AREAS

- Right to water
- International migration
- Healthcare
- Education
- Ethical finance
- Human trafficking

"It's not up to people to conform to the law. It's up to the law to change so it respects human rights."

ABBÉ PIERRE



OUR CHARACTERISTICS

- > The marginalised people we work with find their own solutions
- > They take ownership of their rights
- > Our credibility comes from our action on the ground
- > Proof that our alternatives work – they're implemented by our groups
- > We pool our efforts – stakeholders take action together at local, national, regional and international levels.

HOW WE DO IT



- > Issues affecting member organisations around the world highlight priority areas on which to take action and speak out
- > Together, the marginalised people with whom our organisations work, and stakeholders in and outside the movement develop a pilot project
- > The pilot project provides a basis for the whole movement's campaigning.