

# Social commitment

- Clear criteria for social commitment
- Donations and contributions of CHF 8.8 million in 2004–2006
- Anti-corruption measures strengthened

Geberit wishes to promote quality of life through innovative products. Innovation and quality of life are therefore also of central importance for the company's social commitment. For Geberit, high ethical standards are a matter of course.

## **Focus on innovation and access to basic plumbing facilities**

Geberit made donations and contributions totaling CHF 8.8 million in 2004 to 2006. In addition, facilities for handicapped persons and the long-term unemployed were awarded orders (simple assembly and packing work) of around CHF 8 million. Donations of CHF 1.9 million were made in 2006, amongst other things for maintaining Switzerland's innovative strength through contributions to the ETH Zurich Foundation. In Rapperswil-Jona (CH), the company's headquarters, a substantial contribution was paid towards expansion of the indoor ice arena. The aim of this involvement is to promote up-and-coming sporting talent.

At Geberit, there is a tradition of financial, material and direct support of local initiatives as well as of associations and projects at the locations. When it comes to major international aid projects, Geberit attaches importance above all to ensuring that the combination of financial support, donations of material and the transfer of know-how guarantees a sustained effect with the maximum benefit for those concerned. Examples of this are:

- reconstruction of a school for 400 orphaned children in Banda Aceh, Indonesia, destroyed by the Tsunami
- free material for the production of simple but effective water filters for the population in Vietnam
- building of accommodation for around 400 female clothing-factory employees in Cambodia: planning of the entire plumbing facilities, financing, supply of material and training

For many years, Geberit has also been working with the German environmental organization BUND (Federal Section Baden-Württemberg) for responsible handling of water ([www.ja-zum-wasser.de](http://www.ja-zum-wasser.de)). Through all of these commitments,