

Transparent donation controlling



Cubeware analysis solution for World Vision based on non-profit guidelines

WORLD VISION Deutschland e.V. is a non-denominational Christian aid organization that has been operating out of Germany since 1979. In 2004 the organization managed 201 projects in 46 countries at a cost of over 60 million euros, with the focus on regional development projects based on sponsorship of children. A further focus is the provision of humanitarian aid to victims of natural disasters and refugees from war and starvation.

Special reports required for DZI

World Vision carries the seal of the Deutsches Zentralinstitut für soziale Fragen (DZI), which means the organization is required to have a transparent system of reporting that complies with the auditing principles of the DZI. The problem with this is that standard systems are not designed to deal with this particular kind of reporting, which is different from profit and loss accounting. Like many non-profit organizations, World Vision had to resort to developing its own software – but its complex report generator was unable to deliver the required analyses. The need to do something about this became acute at World Vision after a huge increase in the volumes of data the organization had to deal with in the aftermath of the tsunami in December 2004.

Flexible reporting with the Cubeware analysis system

World Vision decided to develop a new controlling solution for donations on the basis of the Cubeware analysis system. Consulting company up! consult was chosen to implement it. The decisive factor for World Vision was the flexibility with which Cubeware Cockpit can present the special reports required for the organization's accounts – with reporting, planning, analysis and simulation all based on the same technology with a single user interface.

Solution:

up! consult developed a custom reporting solution for World Vision, a non-profit organization. The Cubeware Analysis System is the flexible technology behind the solution, which enables efficient controlling of income and transfer costs.

up! consult's contribution:

- Coaching
- Conception
- Implementation
- Training

Technology:

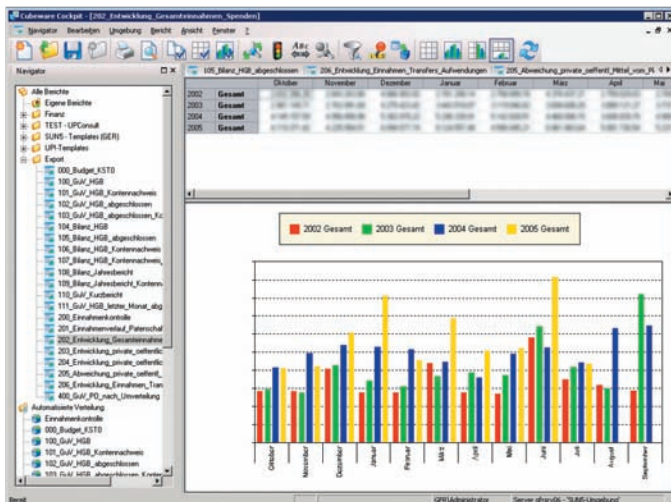
- SunSystems
- MIS Alea
- Cubeware Team Server
- Cubeware Importer
- Cubeware Cockpit

In collaboration with

Cubeware software delivers the right figures fast

Cubeware Analysis System the bridge to the organization's accounts

The accounting data is processed in the Cubeware Analysis System. Cubeware Importer transfers the figures from the operational SunSystems system to the OLAP database MIS Alea. The solution takes care of all cost allocations to other structures. End users use Cubeware Cockpit for data analysis and planning.



Monthly comparison of total revenue trends

The Cubeware platform acts as a bridge between the operational data and the specific requirements to be met by the organization's accounts. In the specific reports the profit and loss data is represented as direct and indirect expenditure in compliance with the DZI model. Individual activities on which World Vision focuses, like the income flow from child sponsorship, are presented in standard reports.

Automatic report distribution

All reports are exported automatically and distributed in the form of PDF documents. They are made available through a portal by means of an XML interface. The "internal customers" who use the reporting system include the organization's business managers, the managing board, the divisional heads and the finance department. Access is controlled centrally by means of the Cubeware Team Server access control system.

Implementation within 10 days

World Vision und up! consult implemented the Cubeware analysis system in only 10 days. For World Vision the IT department took responsibility for the project. The department attaches great importance to being able to act independently – so the process of transferring know-how to World Vision's experts began right from the day the project started. Today, they operate and develop the system totally autonomously.

Efficient controlling of income and transfer costs

The Cubeware Analysis System allows World Vision to ensure it has a transparent system of controlling income and transfer costs. The system delivers the required reports and analyses for the non-profit organization and saves a great deal of time and effort that would otherwise be required for the reporting process.

In addition to standard reporting, World Vision also benefits from the analysis and planning functionality. Flexible analyses of the aid projects or the balance sheet figures, for example, can be created for the managing board quickly and easily.

In Germany World Vision intends to continue to develop the reporting system itself, but up! consult is available in an advisory capacity for international development.

Soegiono Santoso, database and programming project manager at World Vision:

"The Cubeware Analysis System allows us to generate informative reports in just a few steps. Users can work with the system without any specialist database knowledge and create and modify reports easily."

