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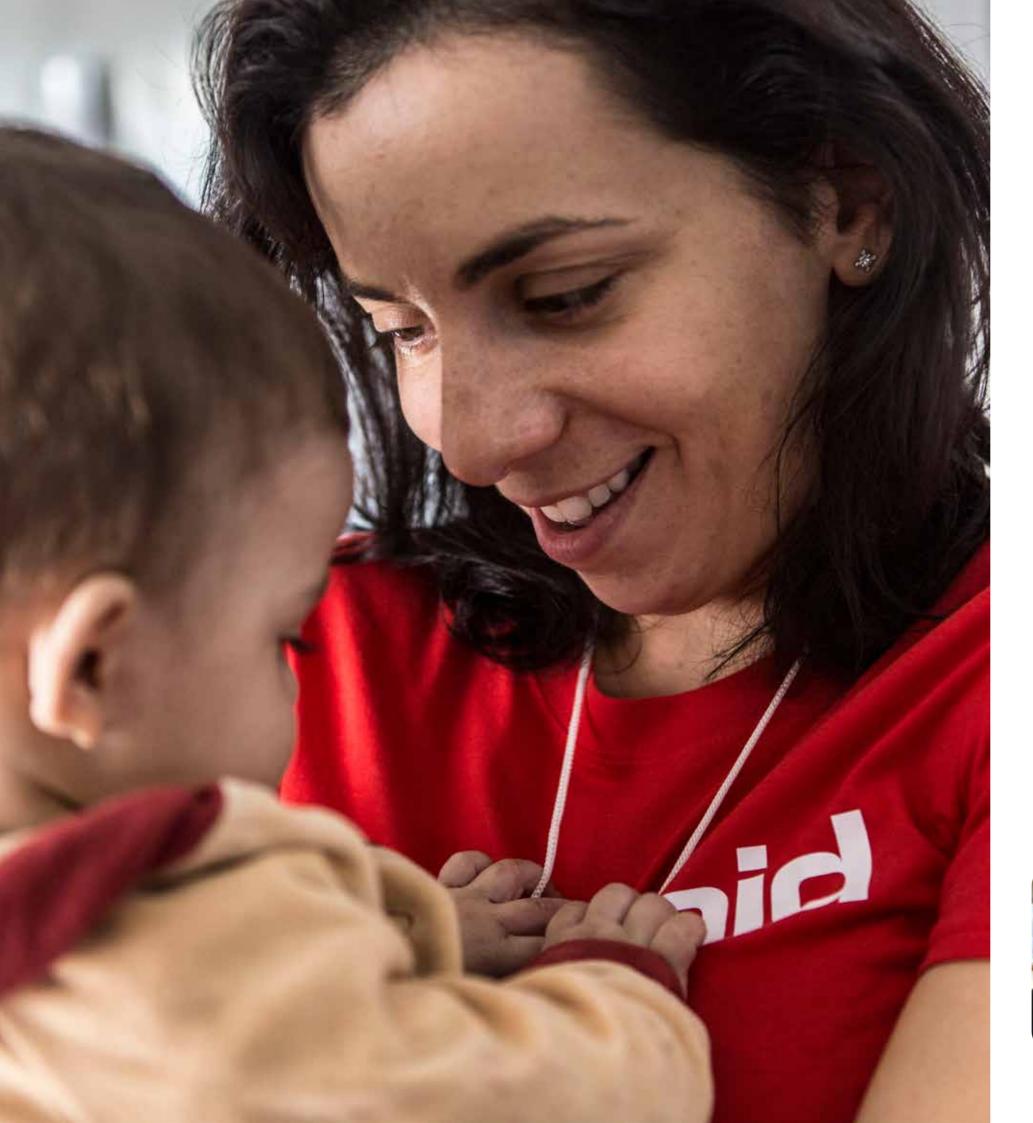
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A constant dialogue

In 2019, we confirmed our presence in 48 countries around the world, continuing the values and battles that distinguish us in our constant dialogue with the local realities in which we operate. A dialogue comprising small daily actions that contribute to a tangible and visible change in communities and people's lives. Our work in every part of the world, as well as in Switzerland, is based on the firm belief that every person should have access to their rights in order to redeem themselves from situations of poverty, injustice and discrimination.

In 2019, we were increasingly committed to the issue of women's and girls' rights and the fight against violence against women, because we believe that, without an end to gender inequalities, we will never really achieve tangible results in the fight against poverty. In India, for example, we have given a voice to the mobilisation of young women and, together, we have achieved an increase in state subsidies for single women. In Sierra Leone, we have supported activists who fight against gender-based violence and early pregnancy, bringing their stories to Parliament and contributing to the passing of the 2019 Sexual Offences Act, which issues very severe penalties to sex offenders. In the **UK**, we sponsored the #MyBodyIsMine campaign alongside young women's rights activists, getting a law passed to make the crime of Upskirting - the practice of taking photos under a person's skirt without their consent - illegal.

In Switzerland, our awareness-raising campaigns have mobilised citizens around the Fight For Women slogan. Crucial to our intervention was the dialogue specifically initiated with certain Foundations, in addition to the Swiss national institutions. Our commitment and that of our supporters results in tangible actions in the communities in which we operate by supporting women's leadership models, collaborating with local women's associations, mobilising empowerment processes so that women can claim their rights and access equal social and economic opportunities. Even in emergency situations we promote a local, inclusive and women-led response. Women being the most affected and the most forgotten members of society in the event of natural and humanitarian disasters.

Supported by the great results of the past year, which we shall have the pleasure to present in the pages that follow, we are every year more determined to continue our battles. Thanks to the continuous and lasting support of our supporters, we will be able to face the new major challenges that will arise, always remaining alongside the many people and civil society movements that work with us, in Switzerland, as well as in the rest of the world.



Giulio Gianetti



Chapter 1

About us

Our commitment worldwide

We were founded in 1972 from the intention of an English businessman named Cecil Jackson Cole, to allow 88 children in India and Kenya to go to school. We are now a Federation present in 43 member countries in Africa, the Americas, Asia and Europe; in 5 other countries (including Switzerland), activities are carried out in line with ActionAid mission and with the support of the Federation itself and/or another member country. Our headquarters are located in Johannesburg, South Africa, and we have organisational bases in Bangkok, London, Nairobi, Rio de Janeiro and Brussels.

We aspire to a just, fair and sustainable world in which every person can enjoy the right to a dignified life free from poverty and all forms of oppression. To this end, we mobilise, organise and work for and with communities living in poverty and exclusion, organisations, women's movements, networks and charity groups in order to understand, address and overcome the structural and systemic causes of poverty and injustice. We place women and their leadership at the centre of our work. We support them in asserting their rights and challenging all forms of violence.

We believe that change is possible for communities - particularly women - who live in poverty and exclusion. Our action, inspired by respect for human rights, supports communities fighting against unequal power relations. We oppose the patriarchal system which invisibly oppresses and discriminates against women and girls worldwide.

Our commitment in the world is to combat the structural causes of violence against women, to promote economic justice, civil participation and the greater responsibility of states to ensure quality and gender-sensitive public services. We also work to ensure climate justice and to support women's response to emergencies.

Where we are in the world

The International Federation of ActionAid divides the countries in which we operate into three categories, according to the level of affiliation and accompanies each country on its path to membership; in addition to the member countries, there are special presences that have not yet embarked on the path of membership within the Federation or that represent actions managed directly by a country that is already a member of the Federation. The ultimate goal is to have all full members (affiliates), able to contribute equally and fully to the programmatic, strategic and financial guidelines of the Federation.

Chart 1 - ActionAid in the world

a delegated affiliate.

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Alianza por la solaridad

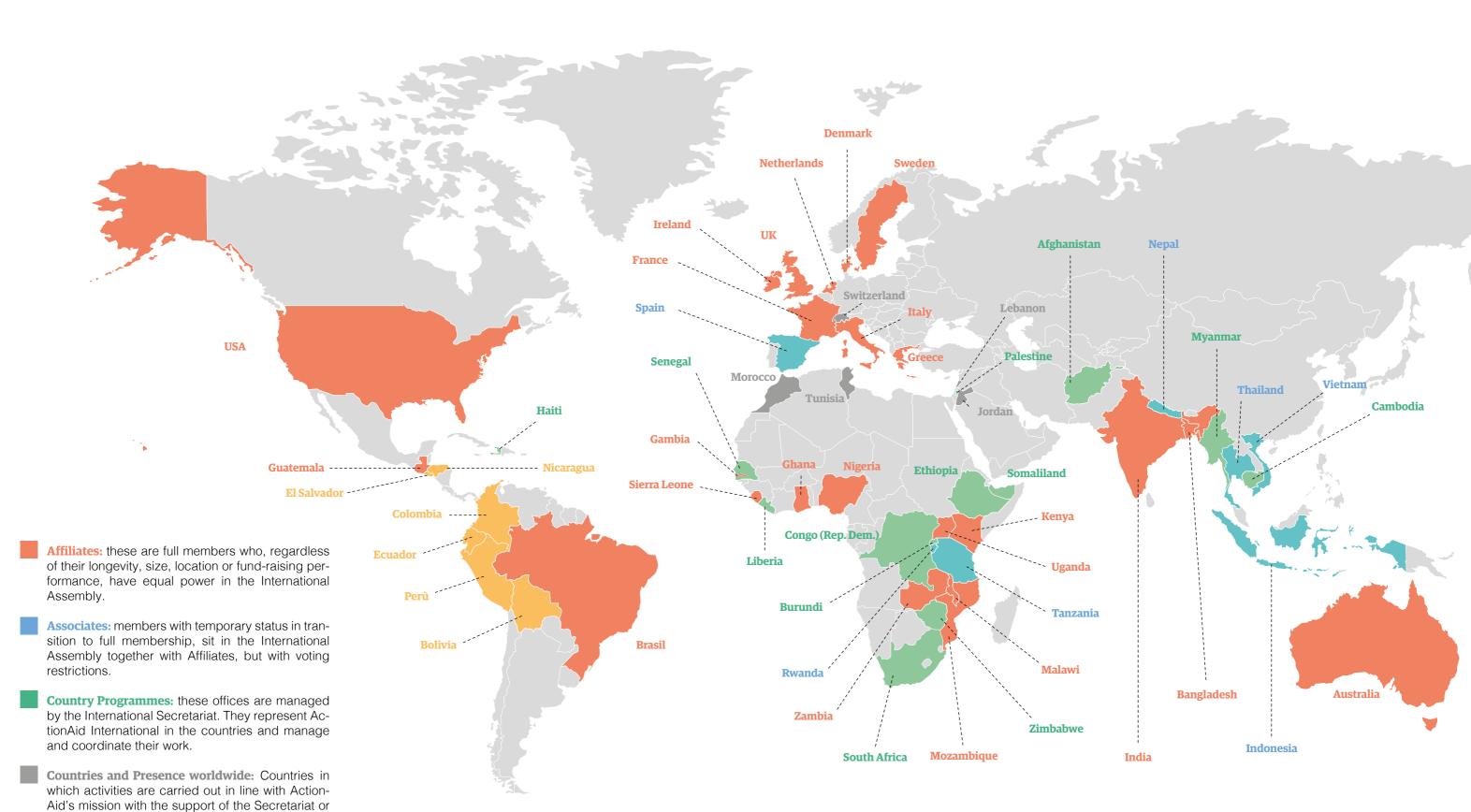


Chart 2 - Our numbers in Africa

Chart 3 - Our numbers in Asia, Oceania and Middle East

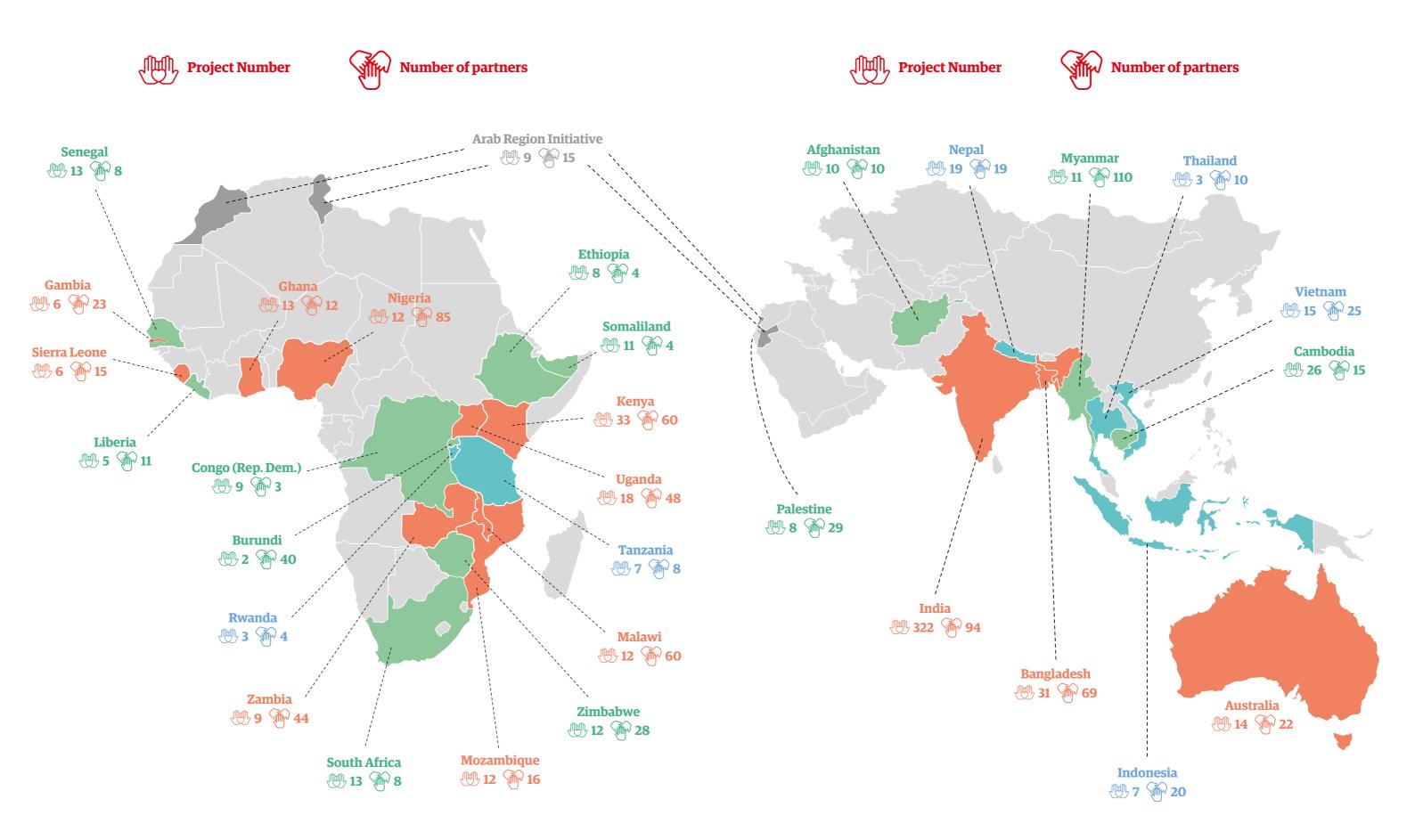


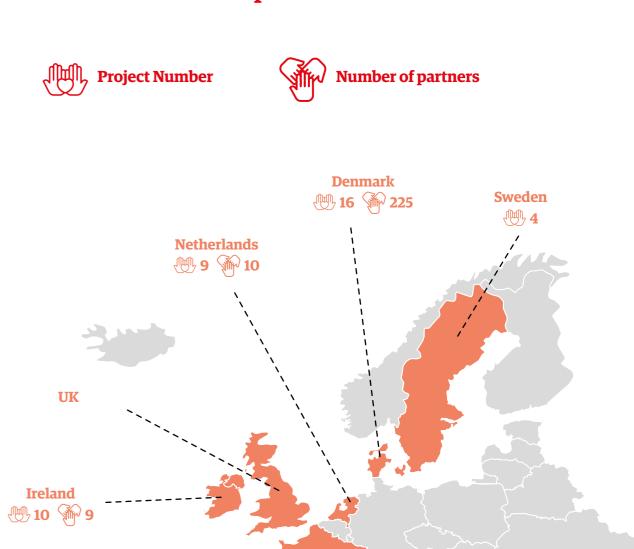
Chart 4 - Our numbers in Center and South America



Chart 5 - Our numbers in Europe

France 1

Spain 38 **51**



Switzerland

Italy 25 68

Greece 22 22

Our presence in Switzerland

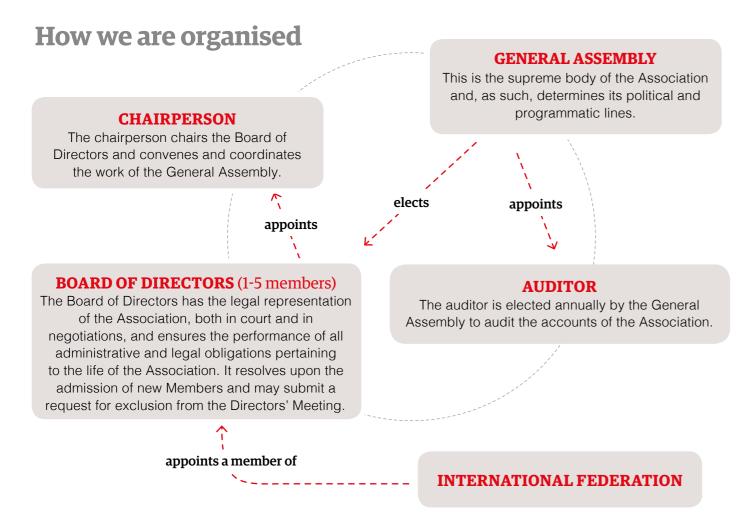
We started operating in Switzerland on 18 February 2013. We started in Canton Ticino, where the first awareness campaigns on the subjects of poverty and social exclusion were carried out to bring the population closer to the Federation's objectives. As of 2014, we have also been mobilising people and resources in the Canton of Zurich and the other German-speaking cantons. In 2016, thanks to the enthusiasm and strong support we received in the area, we conducted educational activities within primary, junior and high schools in the Canton of Ticino on the importance of the right to food worldwide, the fight against food waste and the need to support gender equality rights.

Since 2017, our commitment to women's rights has been a cross-cutting theme in all our interventions. In 2018 and 2019, we were active in raising the awareness of Swiss civil society about women's rights around the world and in implementing women's empowerment projects. The aim of our projects is to help ensure greater gender equality through the recognition, protection and promotion of the rights of all women.

An extensive effort has been made to build a network on the territory, committed to pursuing the change of society together with us. Over the past year, we have specifically intensified the development of institutional relations, especially with the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) of the Federal Department of Foreign Affairs, but also with foundations and potential major donors, to finance our worldwide programmes.

ActionAid's presence in Switzerland is specifically supported by ActionAid Italy¹, which is delegated to managing the brand and, in general, to supporting the development of new countries within the Federation.

1 ActionAid Italia is recognised as an NGO (Non-Governmental Organisation) by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation under Legislative Decree. 125/14 and as an NPO (non-profit organisation) pursuant to Legislative Decree. 460/97. The Association has also completed the statutory passages provided for by Legislative Decree no. 117/2017, the so-called Third Sector Code, in order to mature the full compliance with the qualification of Third Sector Body and proceed with the registration to the RUNTS at the end of the transitional period.



Body Function General Assembly This is the supreme body of the Association and, as such, determines its political and programmatic lines. » It elects the members of the Board of Directors and appoints the Auditor of Accounts. » It identifies the general guidelines and objectives deemed necessary to achieve the statutory purposes and resolves upon on the proposals for amendments to the Articles of Association. » It meets at least once a year (and each time a reasoned request is made) to approve the final and draft financial statements. It also approves the Auditor's report. » It resolves liability actions against the members of the Board of Directors and on the exclusion of Members. » The General Assembly is called with the presence of at least half plus one of the Members and resolves with the majority of the votes of those present. Each member is entitled to one vote. » The chairperson is appointed by the Board of Directors itself, from amongst Chairperson its members, for a term of three years and can always be re-elected. The chairperson chairs the Board of Directors and convenes and coordinates the work of the General Assembly. **Board of Directors** » The Board of Directors has the legal representation of the Association, both in (1-5 members) court and in negotiations, and ensures the performance of all administrative and legal obligations pertaining to the life of the Association. » The Board of Directors may, if necessary, refer the representation to the Chairman or other members. It resolves upon the admission of new Members and may submit a request for exclusion from the General Assembly. » It must comprise a minimum of one to a maximum of five members, who shall remain in office for 3 years and are always eligible for re-election. In accordance with ActionAid International's Governance Manual, a representative of the International Federation is also a member of the Board of Directors. By Articles of the Association, the Board of Directors meets at least once every 6 months following a call by the Chairperson or the majority of its mem-**Auditor** » The auditor is elected annually by the General Assembly to audit the ac-

counts of the Association.

FER 21 accounting standards.

» The auditor audits the accounts at least once a year.

» Since 2016, Siron AG has been entrusted with auditing the financial state-

ments to ensure that it issues an opinion on compliance with the Swiss GAAP

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Vision, mission and principles



A just, fair and sustainable world in which every person has the right to a dignified life, free from poverty and oppression.



To achieve social justice and equality, to fight poverty by working for and with people living in marginalised and excluded conditions, as well as with organisations, social movements and

We mobilise people and communities by making them protagonists of change and we act so that states and institutions recognise human rights without discrimination and guarantee their full respect. The aim is to promote the leadership of women and young people. The denial of their rights is in fact a serious injustice and one of the main causes of poverty worldwide. To this end, we create platforms for collective action and solidarity that contribute to the struggles for social justice of citizens, supporters, staff and volunteers.

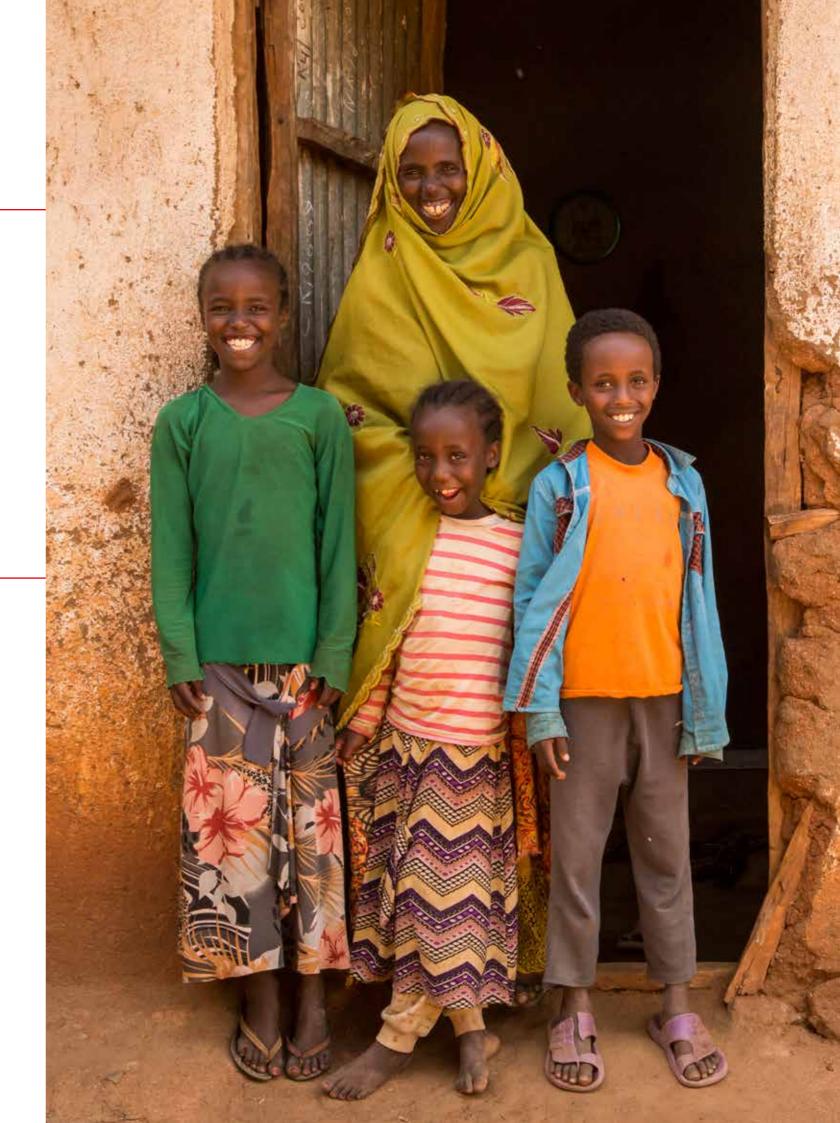
We are rooted in the communities with which we work and act transparently towards people living in poverty and exclusion.



THE VALUES that inspire and guide our ambitious battles are:

- » Mutual respect: we believe in the equal dignity of all men and women and the value of diversity;
- » Equality and justice: we want to accomplish our mission for all and everyone, beyond sexual orientation and gender identity, ethnicity, social class, health status and religion;
- » Integrity: we are an honest, transparent and accountable* organisation at all levels to ensure the effectiveness of our actions and the efficient and transparent use of our re-
- » Solidarity: we recognise solidarity as an essential pillar in the fight against poverty, injustice and gender inequality;
- » Courage: we proceed with courage in carrying out our convictions and, at the same time, we act creatively. We are bold and innovative in tackling the causes of poverty, injustice and gender inequality;
- » Independence: we intend to remain independent from political, religious or other affiliations;
- » Humility: we are a willing interlocutor, aware that we are part of a larger alliance of forces with the common goal of defeating poverty

* Accountability means "being accountable" for one's conduct towards all stakeholders that revolve around ActionAid.



Chapter 2

The change ActionAid strives for

The 2018-2028 strategy: *Action for Global Justice*

Action For Global Justice is the latest innovation in ActionAid's international strategy. The Strategy has a ten-year term (2018-2028) and defines our global commitment to social justice, the fight against poverty and the promotion of gender equality. We work with the most vulnerable and marginalised communities to become protagonists of change and to implement participatory actions alongside organisations, activists, social movements and supporters.

Our strategy is based on three pillars:

Redistribution Rights States must be democratic, pro-Access to resources is crucial for communities tect people's rights and enand individuals. As an organisation, we are sure justice. ActionAid supmobilising ourselves so that even the most vulnerable people, especially women, can ports civil society groups and organisations against exercise control over productive resources discrimination and the and so that a fairer sharing of opportubreach of rights. nities and respect for workers' rights is guaranteed. Resilience

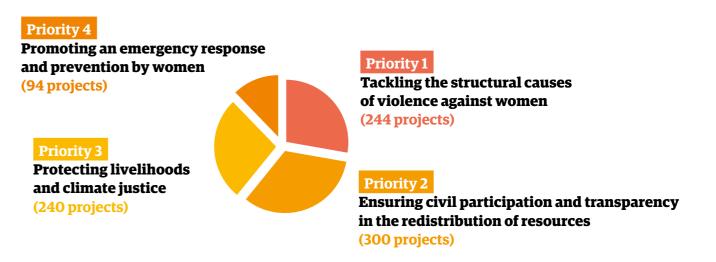
Faced with increased conflict and catastrophic natural events, people and communities need to increase their resilience to counter and reduce their vulnerability. As ActionAid, we support the training of people who are at the forefront of emergency responses.

These pillars are closely interlinked and mutually supportive: rights cannot be fulfilled without the redistribution of power and shall continue to be threatened unless the resilience of communities and people is strengthened.

ActionAid results around the world

Our commitment in 2019 is reflected in four programmatic priorities

totalling **926 projects**, distributed as follows::



We have worked worldwide with the support of almost **1,400 partner**





In the countries in which we operate, we have

intervened to deal with **37 emergencies** and we have reached **880,010 people**



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Programmatic priorities

The programmatic priorities pursued by the Organisation are embodied in the projects we carry out worldwide, thanks to the contribution of our supporters in Switzerland and other countries.



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Tackling the structural causes of violence against women

Violence against women throughout the world is a complex and difficult phenomenon to eradicate. Every day, women are forced to suffer different types of violence: physical, economic, psychological and urban violence.

To deal with such a vast and complex phenomenon, our approach is on several fronts: we offer shelter to women who suffer from violence and accompany them on the path to regain their economic and social freedom. We break down the structural barriers that limit women in the exercise of their rights: specifically, we fight to improve inadequate socio-economic policies, such as the absence of standards for social assistance and the protection of women's work. Our commitment is to obtain fairer remuneration for unpaid care work carried out by women, as we are aware that this unfair burden limits women's access to full rights. We also combat discriminatory practices against women through the creation of women's groups and committees in the communities in which we operate.



A COMMITMENT TO WOMEN: FIGHT FOR WOMEN

Combating the structural causes of violence against women is a particularly important policy priority for ActionAid Switzerland, which has been raising awareness of women's and girls' rights on the ground for several years.

With the Fight for Women support formula, ActionAid builds a bridge between Switzerland and women worldwide and is committed, with its many supporters, to combating all forms of violence and discrimination through awareness-raising, fundraising, specific projects and advocacy for a world in which women can have their own rights.

In 2019, our commitment extended beyond the families and communities with whom we work, reaching out to politics and involving a wider audience in the debate on these issues..

Country Box: INDIA

In **India**, one of the most dangerous countries in the world for women, a recent survey found that the risk of suffering from violence and sexual harassment, falling into human trafficking and being trafficked into forced labour, sexual slavery or domestic servitude, is amongst the highest in the world. Indian women are calling strongly for change and we have supported them by launching projects to combat gender stereotypes and promote equality. An example of this is the growing



group of women taxi drivers, created to protect the safety of other women in the city of Bangalore. The city now boasts three taxi companies, *Taxshe*, *Go Pink* and *WomenCabs*, which offer women-only drivers. The search for a female workforce to meet the demand for this service is constantly increasing.

"I can't find the words to express how the training course made me see the world through a different lens", says Jayamani. "In addition to learning how to drive, we have taken courses on gender equality and now I am able to understand the extent of the injustices that happen to me and no longer accept them."

* https://poll2018.trust.org





Country Box: BANGLADESH, GHANA and RWANDA

In **Bangladesh**, **Ghana** and **Rwanda** women have started to organise themselves into groups to report violence and abuse and to fight the impunity of those who commit crimes against them.

Specifically, in Rwanda, a computer system has been created through which victims can report violence and access the psychological support they need, whilst preserving their identity to prevent retaliation.

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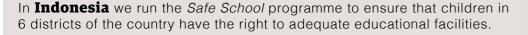
Ensuring civil participation and transparency in the redistribution of resources

As a Federation, we work together with our partners, allies and movements to expand the space for the active civil participation of women and young people in the construction of a fairer state, which guarantees progressively and adequately funded public services. Through our actions, we are calling for greater attention to inclusion, responsibility and gender sensitivity on the part of public services, particularly in the field of education and civil and urban services.

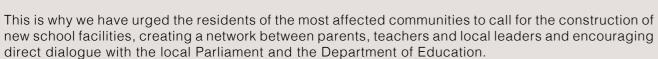
In 2019, we collaborated with the Centre for Applied Human Rights and the University of York in the creation of audio-visual projects in support of those engaged in the defence of human rights and social movements that operate in contexts of strong limitation of civil and democratic spaces in 9 countries in the world: Bangladesh, France, Guatemala, Kenya, South Africa, Spain, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe. The aim of the project is to facilitate the knowledge of these realities, so as to strengthen support for human rights defenders on a local, national and international level².

2 The materials produced have been published on the ActionAid International website https://ActionAid.org/stories/2019/celebrating-power-human-rights-defendent

Country Box: INDONESIA



Indonesia's educational infrastructure is crumbling. Since 2015, 5 children have been killed and 84 injured due to collapses in school buildings. In addition, schools are often difficult to access for children living in rural communities, who are not even guaranteed public transport services.



These efforts have prompted the government to provide land for the construction of new institutions, which will also be used to promote literacy for women who have never received an education.

Thanks to our work and the increased budget for school infrastructure obtained by local communities, the number of damaged schools in the Bogor district has fallen substantially.

Country Box: NIGERIA

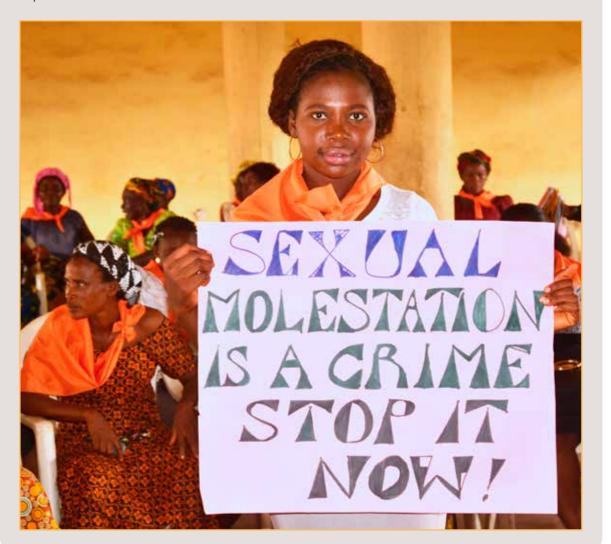
In Nigeria cases of sexual violence against women are widespread. In this context, ActionAid is engaged with the Activista Nigeria project.

When Mariam came into contact with our project, a group of young people who support ActionAid and work to combat all forms of social injustice, immediately wanted to take part in the initiative.

"What convinced me to participate was the campaigns that the young people have been running on college campuses about sexual abuse.

The first campaign I took part in was Safe Cities for Women, with which we called for more safety measures for girls, such as the installation of lighting in the campuses and streets. We got what we were asking for and, in addition, that security staff monitor the streets in the evening hours.

This has helped to drastically reduce the number of attempts at violence suffered by girls and has made us all feel so grateful and satisfied for having been able to have a positive impact on the lives of these women".





Protecting livelihoods and climate justice

Climate change threatens the rights of women and children and undermines efforts to combat poverty and inequality. We, as ActionAid, support women farmers in Africa, Asia and Latin America and social movements dealing with agroecology, land rights and climate justice. We unite these different worlds and create time for discussion and mobilisation to achieve sustainable change together.

In 2019, we produced a series of publications, such as the *CSO Equity Report on Loss & Damage*, which helped to fuel the debate on these issues in civil society. Together with the Alliance for Convention for Biodiversity, we asked to include the recognition and protection, also in a gender-oriented perspective, of those who defend human rights related to the environment, as well as the approval of a sustainable model of agriculture and agroecology amongst the guidelines of the new *Post 2020 Global Framework for Biodiversity*.

Country Box: Cambodia

In 2019, in **Cambodia**, we carried out a campaign to raise funds and plant 100,000 mangroves in the Kampot area to protect the ecosystem and combat climate change.



To increase the awareness of the communities in Kampot regarding the consequences of deforestation, we have been organising training courses since 2005 to improve climate-resilient farming techniques and to facilitate farmers' access to the market.

Thanks to our intervention, the farmers involved in the project now sell their organic products regularly to the local market, have learned new climate-resilient farming techniques which they use to grow products that meet the needs of consumers throughout the year and are able to have a regular salary with which they can provide for the needs of their families.

The testimony of Chea Noeun

"With my little basic knowledge, I didn't think I could ever do anything but fish and take care of household chores," says Chea Noeun, a resident of Poh Robang village in the Pursat Province.



Noeun left school very early due to the extreme poverty in which her family was living. Every day, she goes to the river with her husband to catch the fish she needs to feed her two children. Like her, the women of her village have been used to thinking of themselves as solely responsible for caring for their house and children. This condition is normal for

With the *Gender Responsive Alternative to Climate Change* project, **ActionAid Cambodia** and its local partners promote the idea of female leadership that can count and be heard in decision-making processes related to emergency management. Noeun, together with 5 other women from her village, was invited to participate in the project and was able to develop some valuable knowledge about women's rights, women's leadership and community management of necessary goods such as water. Thanks to a greater confidence in herself and her resources, Noeun is currently involved in various development activities and regularly participates in meetings of her community, where she gives a voice to the basic needs of women.

"One should not think that participating in the life of one's community is a waste of time. The changes brought about by this commitment are tangible and every family in the village benefits from them. I will continue on this path, striving to help my community and to raise my family.



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Promoting an emergency response and prevention by women

Increasingly more people are currently affected by disasters, crises and prolonged conflicts. As a Federation, we work to support a more inclusive global humanitarian response, bringing affected women and communities closer to the heart of the decision-making process. We choose to place women of local communities at the forefront. These women are profoundly aware of the context in which they operate and can therefore provide an effective and inclusive response. Our work continues once the emergency is over. We prepare communities for possible future emergencies by building community resilience with them and including women through empowerment pathways so that they can lead their communities in dealing with future emergencies.

In 2019, we responded, with the help of our local partners (more than 60% of which are women's organisations), to 27 new emergencies in Africa, Asia and the Middle East, reaching around 251,808 people. The main emergencies faced were the Idai Cyclone in South East Africa and drought in the southernmost part of Africa, floods in South Asia, the Syrian refugee crisis in Lebanon and Jordan and the cholera and Ebola epidemic in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

We also continue to play a key role in the *Feminist Humanitarian Network*³, a global network of women who hold roles of great responsibility and who want to raise the awareness of local women on the global humanitarian system.

3 https://www.feministhumanitariannetwork.org/

The testimony of Balkumari

One of our most important initiatives in Nepal has been the creation of 22 *Community Child Care Centres* (CCCC) in 6 districts of the country.

The presence of the CCCCs has lightened the burden of local women caring for their children, giving them valuable time to devote to learning new skills and tasks. The importance of such initiatives is evident in the testimony of Balkumari, who resides in the district of Bardiya:

"When my husband and I came home after a long day at work, we discovered our baby was gone. The fear that something might have happened to him only subsided when a relative of ours, who had found him playing alone in the village, brought him home. The incident traumatised us so much that we couldn't even imagine leaving our son home alone again.

Thanks to the Community Child Care Centre, founded by ActionAid Nepal, we can now go to work knowing that our child is in safe hands".



Country Box: **NEPAL**

In **Nepal**, we sponsored a pilot project to build 45 model schools. Immediately after the earthquake events of 2015, when most schools, including the BaniBilas Secondary School in Chapagaun, were destroyed, we took action by providing technical and financial support for their reconstruction.



We immediately set ourselves the goal of rebuilding genuine, 100% earthquake-proof model schools, which would be a safe and effective environment for learning.

In recent years, we have also supported the setting up of school committees that have made a commitment towards monitoring the reconstruction work, so that it will be carried out in accordance with principles of transparency and responsibility, as well as on schedule.

We are pleased to say that we made it: the BaniBilas Secondary School in Chapagaun was inaugurated on 26 April 2019 by the Honourable Member Nawa Raj Silwa and is now attended by 599 students (306 girls and 293 boys).



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Chapter 3

The resources of ActionAid Switzerland

ActionAid Switzerland raised funds in 2019 through the Fight for Women campaign, with a financial support formula named after the campaign itself. These resources were collected mainly through direct dialogue activities and development and care of the supporting base.

The funds raised go to support programmes and projects in all the countries in which ActionAid operates, with a particular focus on initiatives to combat violence against women, young girls and children.

Funds raised in 2019

In 2019, ActionAid Switzerland generated total proceeds of CHF 1,280,000 from donations from individual benefactors.

As at 31 December 2019, ActionAid Switzerland had the support of 7,189 donors, the regulars of which:

- » 71.05% of donors chose to donate through the Amico di ActionAid (Friend of ActionAid) formula, which supports the Organisation's entire mission in all the countries of the Federation;
- **»** 26.65% of donors chose to donate through the *Fight for Women* formula, in support of projects to combat violence against women;
- **»** the remaining 2.3% opted for a more substantial annual donation through *Azione Donna* (Action for Women) to support projects aimed at women in four specific countries (Brazil, Cambodia, Kenya and India).

Chart 6 - Supporters
(data as at 31/12/2019)

7,189 regular
donors

5,108 supporters for
Amico projects

1,916 supporters for
Fight for Women
projects

165 supporters for
Azione Donna projects

Chart 7 - Total Proceeds

(data as at 31/12/2019)

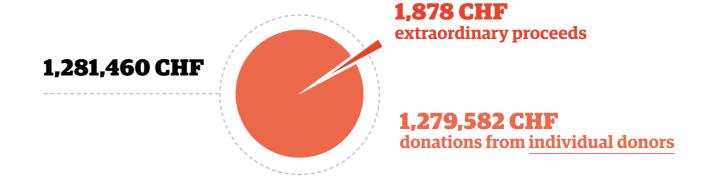


Chart 8 - Supporters by age group

(data as at 31/12/2019)

	under 19	19-25	26-35	36-45	over 45
ń	0.75%	11.31%	10.05%	4.91%	14.85%
Å	0.97%	13.25%	10.40%	7.46%	26.05%

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Chart 10 - **Annual accounts**

(data as at 31/12/2019, in CHF)

The use of resources

In 2019, ActionAid Switzerland allocated 100% of the resources acquired, both from individual donors and partner associations, to the implementation of institutional activities as described below:

- » Projects and awareness-raising: 69% of the annual budget was allocated to the International Federation of ActionAid's programmes worldwide and also includes the share linked to women's support projects in Brazil, Cambodia, Kenya and India, as well as awareness-raising, communication and positioning activities in Switzerland aimed at creating awareness of ActionAid's programme themes in the country and expanding the Association's network of partners.
- » Fundraising: these costs are representative of the expenses incurred to increase the number of supporters of the Association, mainly through direct dialogue expenses;
- » Support, financial and extraordinary costs: support costs (CHF 74,000) refer to the expenses needed for the functioning of the Association, including administrative advisory for bookkeeping, auditing, IT support, taxes and duties. The financial and extraordinary expenses comprise of bank charges for automatic charges to current accounts and credit cards for CHF 3,000.

The financial statements closed with a positive result for the year of CHF 42,121 (equal to 3% of the resources collected). This profit will be reinvested to finance the Association's institutional activity.

Chart 9 - The use of resources



1,239,339 CHF



Statement of assets and liabilities

	2019	2018
ASSETS	976.238	656.483
FIXED ASSETS	1.188	1.567
CURRENT ASSETS	0	8.406
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	975.050	646.510
Postfinance Account	431.450	337.214
State Bank Account	541.421	307.117
PayPal Account	2.178	2.179
LIABILITIES	934.117	517.428
PAYABLES	98.449	137.330
SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY	139.154	100
Membership fees	100	100
Result for previous years	139.054	
FUNDS ALLOCATED TO PROGRAMMES AND PROJECTS	696.514	379.998
Tied-share projects fund	52.090	67.276
Untied-share projects fund	644.424	312.722
OPERATING RESULT FOR THE YEAR	42.121	139.054

Profit and loss account

2019	<i>2018</i>
1.281.460	1.618.294
1.279.582	1.212.609
0	405.682
1.878	3
542.825	1.099.243
83.562	101.225
383.134	892.121
73.609	102.529
2.520	3.367
738.635	519.052
696.514	379.998
52.090	67.276
644.424	312.722
42.121	139.054
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Conclusions

A year full of challenges has come to an end, as we, at ActionAid Switzerland, have reaffirmed our support for those who are denied their fundamental rights on a daily basis around the world. Day after day, we have been able to reach out to so many people with the aim of ensuring their safety and providing them with the opportunity to build their lives in dignity. This has also been made possible thanks to the support and trust of more than 7,100 Swiss donors who have joined us in calling for a fairer world and achieving sustainable and lasting change.

2020 presents itself as a year full of unexpected challenges and new issues. Action-Aid will address these thanks to its long and solid experience and the cooperation of local partners. At the time of writing this Annual Report, the Coronavirus pandemic has affected many of the communities in which we operate, all over the world: our emergency response teams, thanks to ActionAid's decades of management experience, were immediately activated to provide assistance to the most vulnerable people. We are focusing on a specific response to this crisis, through targeted infection prevention activities and assistance to the local population and we are working to ensure the continuity of existing projects, as it is precisely in the most difficult situations that our commitment alongside women, children and communities becomes even more necessary.

In Switzerland, we will continue our awareness-raising activities on the ground, with particular attention to the issue of women's and girls' rights. We also intend to intensify our dialogue with foundations, institutions, companies and major donors in order to implement increasingly ambitious projects in the countries in which we operate.

We reaffirm our aspiration to achieve global, sustainable and inclusive change by ensuring that everyone's rights are recognised and by ensuring the fair redistribution of resources, aimed at the resilience of the many communities we work with.

Today, more than ever, the future looks uncertain and we are facing new and demanding challenges. However, thanks to the trust of our many supporters and the determination that has always accompanied us, we will face them with passion, conviction and professionalism to guarantee a decent life and a future with new and better possibilities to an increasing number of individuals.

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