

Dear Reader,



Hans-Jürg Fehr
President of Solidar Suisse

Esther Maurer has been running Solidar Suisse as its Director for a good five years now, during which time she has changed the face of the company. In the course of her tenure, we have defined our strategic profile more clearly, consolidated our financial stability, negotiated a new collective agreement, and markedly improved the management of our organisation. I would like to extend my warmest thanks to Esther Maurer for her outstanding commitment; it has been a great pleasure working with her. The Board has chosen an internal solution to the question of her successor, as Barbara Burri and Felix Gnehm, previous members of the management team, have made a convincing case for themselves to be appointed as co-directors. They promise to offer continuity, but also an innovative approach.

What has sadly not improved in recent years is the unfair distribution of wealth and welfare around the globe. The affluence of the richest few is nothing less than obscene when set against the destitution of the most impoverished many. That is why Solidar Suisse's attempts to combat this extreme social disparity are more important now than ever before. We are fighting doggedly for greater social fairness through our development cooperation projects (such as for employment rights in Cambodia), the emergency assistance we provide (e. g. for displaced Rohingya people in Bangladesh) and our awareness-raising campaigns in Switzerland (such as the 'Fair Toys' initiative). But we know – and will demonstrate as much on the next few pages – that our fight for global fairness is bearing fruit.

Yours,

Hans-Jürg Fehr

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Solidar Suisse fights for decent work, democratic participation, and social justice worldwide. With a new appearance we want to envision this further.

Solidar in 2017 – Holding on in there

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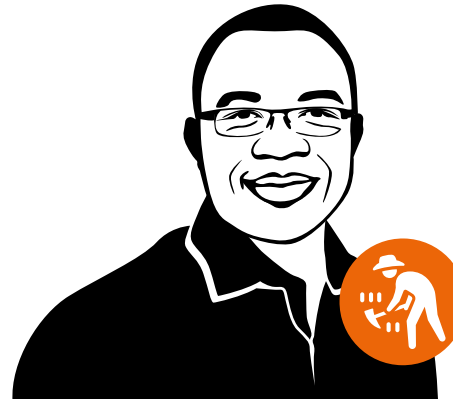
young people understand their sexual rights, and are passing on this knowledge to their peers. This is helping them to protect themselves more effectively against violence.

Yolanda Martínez
National Solidar coordinator
in El Salvador



‘In 2017, one woman was murdered every 18 hours in El Salvador, usually by a member of her family. This cold fact demonstrates how much contempt there is for the integrity, dignity and freedom of women. That is why I am fighting alongside Solidar Suisse to confront the impunity enjoyed by the perpetrators and the violation of women’s rights. For instance, I am involved in awareness-raising work, which helps reduce the level of violence.’

Dieudonné Zaongo
National Solidar coordinator
in Burkina Faso



‘When I first set foot in a goldmine in June 2016, I was shocked by the large number of children I saw working there under extremely hazardous conditions in an environment rife with drugs and prostitution. Solidar Suisse held out a different future for them by launching a project which last year sent 42 children and adolescents back to school or gave them the opportunity to train for a career.’

2,000

Syrian refugees received monthly cash payments which helped them to meet basic survival needs.

Nadine Weber
Programme manager
Humanitarian Aid



‘The outbreak of the Syrian crisis seven years ago drove millions from their homes. The welcome they initially received in Lebanon is now beginning to falter. Instead of transitioning from the provision of emergency aid to the integration of the refugees, new bureaucratic hurdles are increasingly being erected. At the same time, the refugees are using up the last of their savings and losing hope as the crisis continues. Solidar is keen to provide solutions, and is fighting to ensure the survival of Syrian refugees in southern Lebanon.’

Syzane Baja
National Solidar coordinator
in Kosovo



‘Solidar is working in Kosovo to ensure that vocational students acquire the practical skills the employment market is looking for. That may sound like simple common sense, but it took lots of hard work to encourage local decision-makers from businesses, schools and public bodies to make a joint commitment to this. However, it all proved worthwhile in the end: new practical training courses are underway, and a range of proposals has been developed to improve vocational training.’

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days of intensive training in companies prepare the students of vocational schools for the challenges of the job market.

Development cooperation

Solidar Suisse promotes the rights of migrant workers in the Mekong region

Around four million migrant workers from Cambodia and Myanmar live in Thailand, often without valid residence or work permits. They are part of the grey economy, enjoy no protection under employment legislation, and are often mercilessly exploited.

In southeast Asia, roughly seven million people migrate to other parts of the region in the search for work, and another thirteen million head for the Gulf states and eastern Asia. In the Mekong region (Cambodia, Laos, Myanmar, Thailand and Vietnam), most of the migrant workers head for Thailand: three million from Myanmar, and about a million from Cambodia. The reason for this is the great economic disparity which exists between the countries, and this migration will only increase as we experience demographic change and growing regional integration. In the past, most migrants have worked in sectors where the risk of exploitation and human trafficking is particularly high: domestic work, deep-sea fishing, agricul-

Image Frequent border crossing between Cambodia and Thailand at Poipet.



ture and construction. Here, migrant workers without a permit often fail to receive even the minimum wage, low as it is; they have to work unpaid overtime, receive no maternity protection or other social benefits, lack any job security whatsoever, and are often compelled to live in precarious conditions. In short, they are frequently the victims of modern slavery.

Making labour migration safer

Solidar Suisse is fighting to promote the rights of migrant workers in the Mekong region. Our partner organisation, the Cambodian Women's Crisis Center (CWCC), is working to curb human trafficking by informing potential migrant workers in the northwest of Cambodia about safe and legal channels of migration, and is making them aware of the potential risks and pitfalls of working in Thailand. In addition, migrant women who have been repatriated to Cambodia from Thailand are being helped to reintegrate. Many have been the victims of human trafficking; they are often traumatised and in need of psychological care. Emergency accommodation is provided for them.

In 2017, Solidar also launched a project with our partner organisation, the Mekong Migration Network, to support migrant workers in Thailand's grey economy, especially in the fishing and agricultural industries (e. g. on remote palm oil plantations). We are trying to

1,200

potential Cambodian migrant workers were informed of their rights by Solidar's partner organisation CWCC, and 600 repatriates were helped to reintegrate.

create a greater awareness of the problems suffered by migrant workers, both in their homelands and in Thailand itself. To this end, support is also being given to local organisations standing up for the rights of such workers, and lawyers are receiving specialist training in migrant issues.



Focus on asbestos

As in most Asian countries, the use of asbestos continues to be legal and widespread in India. Many people are likely to suffer from fatal lung diseases in the decades ahead as a result. That is why in 2017, Solidar Suisse supported the launch of a 'Stop Asbestos' network in India.

A pioneering forum in their countries of origin

In July, the Mekong Migration Network in Yangon, Myanmar, organised a high-level political forum on the role of the home countries in labour migration. It was attended by representatives from the governments of Cambodia and Myanmar, the International Organization for Migration (IOM), the International Labour Organization (ILO) and civil society organisations. As a result, concrete recommendations were made to the governments of the countries of origin on how to provide better support for their migrant workers. For instance, there could be less red tape involved for those seeking access to the documents required for legal migration; complaints centres could also be set up where people could report recruitment agencies employing underhand practices. These recommendations were based on interviews with 162 migrants. This informed approach led to a surprisingly open and constructive dialogue with the authorities. We shall monitor the extent to which the recommendations are implemented.

➤ **For more detailed information about these and other projects, visit solidar.ch/projects**

Humanitarian aid Protecting the lives of Rohingya people who have fled to Bangladesh



Solidar Suisse is providing emergency assistance for Rohingya people who have fled Myanmar. Sushant Sharma from the network partner AWO International describes the precarious situation in the camps, and how he is trying to protect those who have fled violence and human trafficking.



Images Boy in the refugee camp at Cox's Bazar (above). Sushant Sharma from Solidar Suisse's networking partner AWO.

Why have so many Rohingya fled to Bangladesh since last August?

The Rohingya have suffered discrimination in Myanmar since back in the 1980s, and have had to take flight on numerous occasions in the past. The violence escalated dramatically from 25 August 2017. Adults and children alike were massacred, women and girls raped, and villages torched. As a result, more than 830,000 people fled to neighbouring Bangladesh.

Solidar and the AWO have been working together to provide emergency assistance since September. What is the situation like on the ground?

Very problematic. **It was a great challenge to accomodate and feed hundreds of thousands**

of people within a few weeks in a remote and hardly developed region. The emergency accommodation made of bamboo and tarpaulins is at risk of ripping apart every time the wind blows, there is a serious risk of fire, and the hurricane season is approaching. Sanitary conditions are also alarming; springs are contaminated with faeces, and the toilets are overflowing.

What condition are the refugees in when they arrive?

Many have been crossing the hills for one or two weeks or even longer, including children and old people. They are suffering injuries after being shot or beaten. Many women have given birth along the way, **infants suffer from diarrhea and are dehydrated.** At first, food and drink were their most urgent requirements; now what they need are hygienic latrines, sewage disposal, robust accommodation and cooking facilities. By the end of the year, a total of 2,831 refugees had been supplied with the materials to build emergency shelters, and with household and cooking utensils. Further problems are sexual assaults against women and children, and the threatening spread of human trafficking and forced labour.

What has been the reaction of the local population to the refugees?

At first, the locals welcomed the refugees with open arms. But now they are actually being outnumbered by them in the region. Both communities need firewood for fuel and as a source of income, which is why the woods have practically been stripped. **Now the slopes are exposed to erosion, and especially during monsoon there is a great danger of landslides and inundations.** Aid organisations focus almost exclusively on the needs of the refugees; on top of that, the



Focus on networks

In order to respond quickly and efficiently with humanitarian aid, it is essential for Solidar Suisse to collaborate with network partners with a local presence. There is then a guarantee of expertise about the local context, networking, and operative structures in the locality, all of which are essential to improve the quality of assistance. That is why Solidar Suisse works closely with selected partners in the Solidar network and with Swiss NGOs.

locals are worried about rising prices and that the refugees could start cultivating their agricultural land. All of which may lead to growing tension **in a region where people are very poor.**

What are the greatest challenges?

The approaching monsoon and hurricanes. **In this season the access to the camp is extremely difficult because of the hilly landscape and the lack of sealed roads.** In the early days, emergency accommodation and toilets were built on steep slopes. They risk being washed away and flooding the camp with sewage, which could lead to the outbreak of diseases. That is why we are planning to carry out stabilisation work.

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days: the length of time it often takes refugees from Myanmar to reach the safety of the camp in Bangladesh.

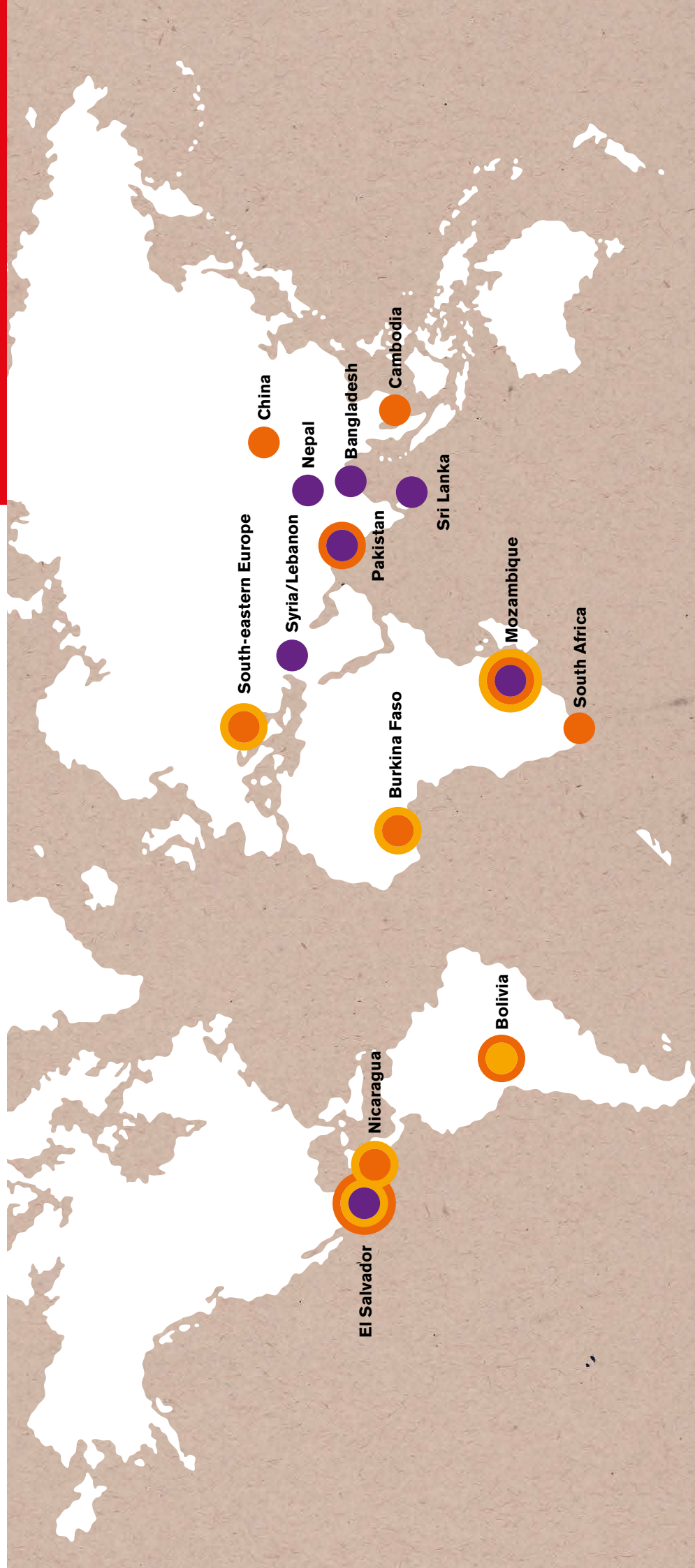
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Commitment around the globe

Areas where Solidar was actively involved in 2017

We fight for decent work, democratic participation, and social justice worldwide. On behalf of our donors, we put solidarity into action in over 60 projects in four continents. With foresight and ambition we eliminate social wrongs, and create possibilities and prospects for disadvantaged people.

11,533,207
Our global commitment
in CHF



Development cooperation



Decent work



Democracy and participation

In 2017, we developed our core area of 'decent work' and took it to the next level. This involved launching dozens of new projects to provide secure and dignified jobs worldwide, thereby liberating people from poverty. Our commitment has led to higher wages, safe and healthy workplaces, less exploitation, and more rights for those who occupy the weakest position at the bottom of the supply chain.

Total
CHF **7,166,349**

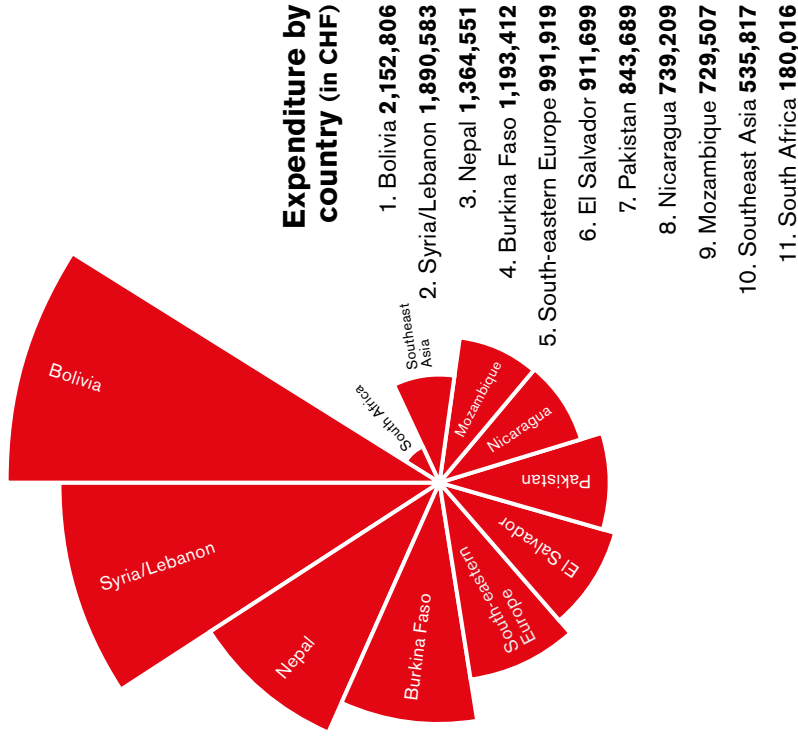
Humanitarian aid



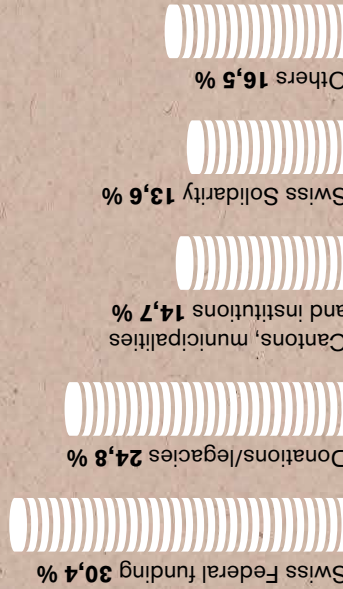
Humanitarian aid

Emergency help was given to Syrians in Lebanon and Rohingya in Bangladesh in 2017. More than 7,400 refugees received basic essentials, drinking water and emergency accommodation. In Nepal, 2,450 people were rehomed in permanent buildings, and 5,600 were given access to drinking water. In Pakistan and El Salvador, disaster prevention measures were taken in schools and local communities.

Total
CHF **4,366,858**



Origin of operational funds



Use of operational funds



* Development cooperation and Humanitarian aid including programme coordination and support

Campaigns

Solider Suisse adopts innovative campaigns to raise awareness amongst the Swiss population of the exploitative global economic system and problematic patterns of consumption. We are fighting for equitable public procurement, a fair World Cup process, and decent working conditions in global supply chains – for instance in the production of toys and cookware in China.



Working conditions in China's toy factories are abysmal. Solidar has been explaining to parents and children about the power they enjoy as consumers with its Fair Toys magazine. Because pressure can eventually bear fruit.

Image Solidar distributes the Fair Toys Magazine in Zurich and Lausanne.

Two thirds of all the toys sold in Switzerland originate in China. In 2017, undercover investigators from China Labor Watch and Solidar Suisse exposed serious failings in Chinese factories yet again: hazardous chemicals, up to 140 hours' work on the conveyor belt, and unhygienic conditions are the uncomfortable truths we prefer not to think about when we go Christmas shopping.

In the case of global supply chains, international brands such as Hasbro, Mattel and Disney prefer to shift responsibility for terrible working conditions onto the manufacturers in China. They demand their signatures on codes of conduct which are designed to prevent exploitation, but at the same time exert tremendous pressure on the Chinese factories to produce as cheaply and flexibly as possible. This pressure has a direct impact on the exploitation of workers. Because if material, manufacturing and transportation costs are fixed, then tightening the screw on wages and working hours is the only way in which targets can be met.

Public pressure works

Since 2015, Solidar Suisse has been working alongside China Labor Watch for better working conditions in the toy industry, and publishing a report every year to

coincide with the Christmas shopping rush. Although there is still room for improvement, advances have also been made thanks to public pressure and reports in the media: for instance, the regular working week has now been reduced from six days to five in all of the factories under scrutiny. This means higher wages, because an overtime rate now has to be paid for Saturday working.

Continuing to produce evidence of unacceptable conditions and consumer pressure have had a noticeable impact: the brand names are now taking the accusations seriously enough to visit the factories in question and report on their practices. If this is to be more than just a pro forma exercise, the companies must work alongside a manageable number of suppliers to introduce concrete improvements to working conditions.

Fair Toys magazine

In order to raise awareness among Swiss consumers, Solidar Suisse launched a Fair Toys magazine in 2017. This addresses parents and children directly, provides an unusual insight into the world of toys, and at the same time explains the conditions in which toys are manufactured. **We have distributed them in the street, leading to many interesting conversations and encounters.**

We would like to thank all donors and members for their support. We also want to express our gratitude to the public and private institutions that have co-financed our work in 2017.

Public sector

Basel City
Canton Graubünden
Canton Schaffhausen
Canton Schwyz
Evang.-ref. Kirchgemeinde Bülach
Fédération genevoise de Coopération FGC
Fédération vaudoise de Coopération FEDEVACO
Lausanne City
Liechtenstein Development Service LED
Lottery fund of Canton Glarus
Lottery fund of Canton Zurich
Municipality of Baar
Municipality of Rüschlikon
Municipality of Wallisellen
Rapperswil-Jona City
Ref. Kirchen Bern-Jura-Solothurn
Römisch-katholische Landeskirche des Kantons Schaffhausen
Solothurn City
Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)
Verband der stadtzürcherischen evang.-ref. Kirchgemeinden
Zug City
Zurich City

Private institutions

Anne Frank-Fonds
Büchi Foundation
Christa Foundation
Clariant Foundation
Corrado Stiftung
Crain-Zivy-Stiftung
Däster-Schild Stiftung
Dora Aeschbach Stiftung
Dr. Ernst-Günther Bröder Stiftung
Foundation for the Third Millennium
Green Leaves Education Foundation
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Stiftung Erika und Andres Gut
Stiftung Temperatio
Syndicom
Truus und Gerrit van Riemsdijk Stiftung
UBS Switzerland AG
Volkart Stiftung

Thank you!

Fighting side by side with Solidar

'Creating opportunities for a better life: Solidar Suisse is just as committed to our Foundation's objective as we are. We are delighted to be able to create better prospects for children and young people together with their dedicated staff on the ground.'

Dr. Ernst-Günther Bröder
Foundation

'Personally speaking, I find it hard to hide my distaste when charities turn up wanting to carry out "their" neo-colonialist agenda. But it's not like that with Solidar: it employs people from Burkina Faso who are keen to get stuck in and bring about change in their own country in areas where problems and injustices prevail.'

Kathrin Hönegger, SRF 3,
Jeder Rappen zählt ('Every penny counts' fundraising campaign)

'The projects it helps – promoting democratic participation in Mozambique and supporting the reinforcement of the social network by young people in Bolivia – and the awareness-raising work it carries out in Geneva make Solidar Suisse Genève one of our most active and dynamic partner organisations.'

Catherine Schümperli Younossian,
Fédération genevoise de Coopération

Comment on financial statements

Solidar Suisse can once again look back on a solid financial year, albeit at a lower level, as expected. In 2017, operating income and expenditure remained about 10 % below the previous year's level, primarily due to the conclusion of major service contracts in development cooperation and the termination of humanitarian activities in Sri Lanka and the Philippines.

In total, Solidar Suisse generated an operational income of CHF 17.85 million in 2017. While income from services provided remained 18 % below the previous year's level due to the scheduled completion of various contracts and programmes, income from donations increased by 4 % year-on-year. We thank our numerous donors and institutional contributors for their trust in our work and for their generous support for the people in our programme countries.

Operational expenditure amounted to CHF 17.58 million in 2017. Of this amount, around CHF 13.2 million was directed to international cooperation programmes. 62 % of the funds went to long-term development cooperation and 38 % to humanitarian aid. Solidar Suisse is now involved in Cambodia regarding labour rights and in Bangladesh to implement a humanitarian intervention in response to the expulsion of the Rohingyas from Myanmar. The expenditure for programme coordination and support in Switzerland amounted to CHF 1.7 million. Expenditure on the information and awareness-raising programme with campaigns on topics relevant for development policy amounted to around CHF 0.91 million. Measured in terms of operational expenditure, 80 % of the funds were spent on international programme work and development policy campaigns in Switzerland.

Administration costs in 2017 remained virtually unchanged from the previous year at CHF 1.34 million, and CHF 2.09 million was spent on fundraising. Due to lower operational performance compared to the previous year, the cost rates for administration at 7.6 % and for fundraising at 11.9 % are above last year's figures.

Total assets increased by 6.7 % year-on-year in 2017 to CHF 14.26 million as at 31.12.2017 (as compared to the previous year's CHF 13.36 million). The increase is particularly evident in cash and cash equivalents, partly due to an increase in current liabilities and a reduction in receivables.

Thanks to the good annual result, the capital base was further strengthened. As of 31.12.2017, the capital of the organisation amounted to CHF 4.03 million, which corresponds to a reserve ratio of 28.3 % measured against the balance sheet total (the previous year was 27.6 %).

Balance sheet

	31/12/2017	31/12/2016
	CHF	CHF
Assets		
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	9,206,056	7,700,466
Accounts receivable on deliveries and services	29,215	25,679
Other short-term accounts receivable	176,727	410,571
Net assets in programme countries	445,591	605,550
Accrued income and pre-paid expenses	1,533,154	1,678,107
Total	11,390,743	10,420,373
Fixed assets		
Financial assets	147,184	151,501
Tangible fixed assets	197,448	215,866
Real estate property	2,523,782	2,570,414
Total	2,868,414	2,937,781
Total assets	14,259,157	13,358,154
Liabilities		
Short-term liabilities		
Liabilities on deliveries and services	377,875	387,195
Other short-term liabilities	193,702	195,191
Pre-payments	2,742,387	2,288,976
Accrued expenses and deferred income	120,566	127,988
Total	3,434,530	2,999,351
Long-term liabilities		
Long-term interest-bearing liabilities (mortgages)	2,000,000	2,000,000
Total	2,000,000	2,000,000
Total liabilities	5,434,530	4,999,351
Fund capital	4,789,450	4,668,101
Total liabilities and fund capital	10,223,980	9,667,452
Capital of the organisation		
Paid-up capital	100,000	100,000
Restricted capital		
Foreign-exchange offset reserve	397,260	199,411
Real estate renovation reserve	955,679	988,998
Collective agreement (CLA) reserve	60,000	60,000
Unrestricted capital	2,518,763	2,333,443
Solidar Genève unrestricted capital	3,475	8,851
Total	4,035,177	3,690,702
Total liabilities	14,259,157	13,358,154

Statement of operations

	2017	2016
	CHF	CHF
Income		
Income from donations		
Unrestricted donations and legacies	3,804,711	3,209,697
Restricted donations and legacies	626,257	745,033
Project contributions	2,074,610	2,147,388
Project contributions, Liechtenstein Development Service LED	550,000	640,000
Membership fees and supporter contributions	441,113	460,358
Total	7,496,690	7,202,476
Income from service provided		
Swiss Federal funding	5,435,959	7,703,155
Foreign authorities' funding	64,505	554,249
Funding from various organisations	4,498,826	4,005,684
Total	9,999,290	12,263,088
Other operating income	360,550	287,045
Total operational income	17,856,530	19,752,608

	2017	2016
	CHF	CHF
Expenses		
International programme		
Latin America	3,803,715	5,036,947
Africa	2,102,935	2,546,449
South-eastern Europe and Middle East	2,882,502	2,438,544
Asia	2,744,056	3,510,878
Programme coordination and support	1,695,172	1,757,851
Total	13,228,380	15,290,670
Swiss programme – Information and awareness raising	912,885	1,002,730
Head Office		
Administration costs	1,342,983	1,358,243
Fundraising and advertising	2,094,396	1,912,986
Total	3,437,379	3,271,230
Total operational expenditure	17,578,643	19,564,630

Operating result	277,887	187,978
Financial result	37,951	– 31,869
Real estate property result	149,986	221,815
Result before fund movements	465,823	377,924
Movements in funds	– 121,349	– 77,579
Allocations	3,250,867	3,532,421
Use	–3,129,518	–3,454,842
Annual result before allocations to the capital of the organisation	344,475	300,345
Allocations		
to unrestricted capital	–179,945	– 259,089
to restricted capital		
Foreign-exchange offset reserve	–197,849	
Real estate renovation reserve	33,319	– 41,257

Solidar Suisse's financial statements are prepared in accordance with Swiss GAAP FER recommendations. This financial overview is an excerpt of the annual financial statements audited by BDO AG as part of its ordinary audit and found to be correct. The complete financial statements including the audit report and further details on Solidar Suisse's performance and situation report can be found in the Financial Report at www.solidar.ch/financialreport

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Advisory Role

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until Nov 2017



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from Dez 2017



Felix Gnehm
from Dez 2017



The president and other members of the committee are elected for a four-year term. They can be re-elected.

Interest commitment
Relevant vested interests and mandates of the board members are listed in the financial report:
www.solidar.ch/financialreport

Committees

International Programme committee
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Florian Meister

Joint committee
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Employer and employee representation is defined according.

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The Solidar-Team



Image Snapshot at the Solidar conference 2017 in Hölstein, with membres of the management, and the team in Switzerland and all priority countries.

Management Board
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Barbara Burri Sharani und Felix Gnehm, Co-direction (from Dez)

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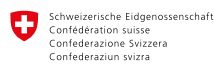
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Nikola Mikasinovic, Serbia

Collaborating Partners



The Humanitarian Aid Department of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) aims to save lives and alleviate suffering. As a partner in humanitarian aid and international cooperation, Solidar Suisse receives SDC funding. The core domains of intervention are prevention, emergency aid and survival assistance, and reconstruction.



Solidar Suisse is a member of Swiss Solidarity, the Swiss media's humanitarian aid fundraising platform. Swiss Solidarity supports many Solidar humanitarian aid projects.



The Principality of Liechtenstein's official development cooperation agency Liechtenstein Development Service LED is a Solidar Suisse partner in the Burkina Faso programme.



The European Union is the world's biggest donor of humanitarian aid co-ordinated by the European Community Humanitarian Office ECHO. Solidar Suisse has been an official ECHO partner since 2007.



Solidar Suisse is member of the Fédération vaudoise de Coopération. Through this alliance of NGOs the public authorities of the canton Vaud finance development projects.



Solidar Suisse is member of the Fédération genevoise de Coopération. Through this alliance of NGOs the public authorities of the canton Geneva finance development projects.



Solidar bears the Zewo-seal which distinguishes charities using donations economically, effectively and for the designated purpose.



Solidar is distinguished with the QaP Certificate (Quality as process) which guarantees effectiveness and quality of management in development cooperation.

Networks



The Swiss Federation of Trade Unions SGB and the Social Democratic Party of Switzerland SP are partners of Solidar Suisse. In 1936 they created Swiss Labour Assistance SLA, which in 2011 became Solidar Suisse.



SOLIDAR brings together 60 NGOs with the shared values of solidarity, equality and participation. Solidar Suisse is a member of this European network created to advance social justice in Europe and worldwide, primarily in the fields of education, humanitarian aid, social affairs and international cooperation.



Solidar Suisse belongs to the Swiss Worker's Aid Network. While Solidar Switzerland is mainly involved with foreign projects, the ten independent, regional Worker's Aid associations have various projects supporting migrants and the jobless.



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