



Financial report 2020



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Report of the statutory auditor on the consolidated financial statements

to the general meeting of

Solidar Suisse, Zurich

Report of the statutory auditor on the consolidated financial statements

As statutory auditor, we have audited the accompanying consolidated financial statements of Solidar Suisse, which comprise the balance sheet, statement of operations, cash flow statement, statement of changes in capital and notes for the year ended 31 December 2020. In accordance with Swiss GAAP FER 21 the specifications in the performance report are not subject to the audit requirement of the statutory auditors.

Association Board's Responsibility

The association Board is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in accordance with Swiss GAAP FER and the requirements of Swiss law. This responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining an internal control system relevant to the preparation and fair presentation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. The association Board is further responsible for selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these consolidated financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Swiss law and Swiss Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the consolidated financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the consolidated financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the consolidated financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers the internal control system relevant to the entity's preparation and fair presentation of the consolidated financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control system. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of the accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates made, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the consolidated financial statements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

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Opinion

In our opinion, the consolidated financial statements for the year ended 31 December 2020 give a true and fair view of the financial position, the results of operations and the cash flows in accordance with Swiss GAAP FER and comply with Swiss law.

Report on Other Legal Requirements

We confirm that we meet the legal requirements on licensing according to the Auditor Oversight Act (AOA) and independence (article 728 CO and article 11 AOA) and that there are no circumstances incompatible with our independence.

In accordance with article 728a paragraph 1 item 3 CO and Swiss Auditing Standard 890, we confirm that an internal control system exists, which has been designed for the preparation of consolidated financial statements according to the instructions of the Board of Directors.

We recommend that the consolidated financial statements submitted to you be approved.

Zurich, 30 April 2021

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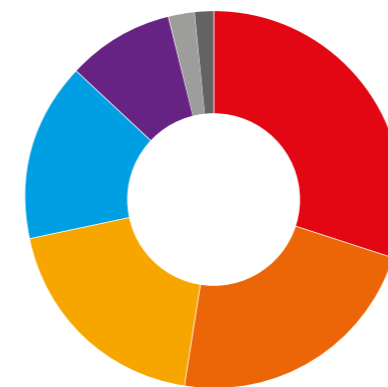
Since 1947 Solidar Suisse/SLA has enjoyed the approval of the ZEWO label.

Consolidated Balance sheet

	Notes	31/12/2020 CHF	31/12/2019 CHF
Assets			
Current assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	1.1	4,956,807	6,486,889
Accounts receivable on deliveries and services		24,545	24,689
Other short-term accounts receivable	1.2	311,580	781,179
Net assets in programme countries		1,142,714	957,784
Accrued income and pre-paid expenses	1.3	2,406,409	299,125
Total		8,842,054	8,549,666
Fixed assets			
Financial assets	1.4	140,792	140,792
Tangible fixed assets	1.5	467,295	259,143
Real estate property	1.6	7,311,501	4,535,037
Intangible assets	1.7	235,266	210,573
Total		8,154,854	5,145,545
Total assets		16,996,909	13,695,211
Liabilities			
Short-term liabilities			
Liabilities on deliveries and services		530,416	841,568
Other short-term liabilities	2.1	303,757	362,582
Pre-payments	2.2	3,879,760	2,405,812
Accrued expenses and deferred income	2.3	398,891	157,204
Total		5,112,825	3,767,167
Long-term liabilities			
Long-term interest-bearing liabilities (mortgages)		3,150,000	1,000,000
Total		3,150,000	1,000,000
Total liabilities		8,262,825	4,767,167
Fund capital	2.4	4,247,612	4,502,957
Total liabilities and fund capital		12,510,437	9,270,123
Capital of the organisation			
Paid-up capital		100,000	100,000
Restricted capital – Foreign-exchange offset reserve		304,152	334,641
– Real estate renovation reserve		1,018,585	1,018,585
– Collective agreement (CLA) reserve		60,000	60,000
Solidar Suisse unrestricted capital		3,000,003	2,908,586
Solidar Suisse Genève unrestricted capital		3,732	3,276
Total		4,486,471	4,425,088
Total liabilities		16,996,909	13,695,211

Consolidated Statement of operations

	Notes	2020 CHF	2019 CHF
Income			
Income from donations			
Unrestricted donations and legacies		3,489,134	3,128,422
Restricted donations and legacies		418,773	875,605
Project contributions	3.1	2,675,677	2,733,175
Project contributions, Liechtenstein Development Service LED		650,000	650,000
Membership fees and supporter contributions		394,740	401,226
Total		7,628,324	7,788,428
Income from service provided			
Swiss Federal funding	3.2	5,268,029	4,988,445
Funding from various organisations	3.3	4,277,617	3,496,855
Total		9,545,646	8,485,300
Other operating income	3.4	253,238	476,754
Total operational income		17,427,208	16,750,482

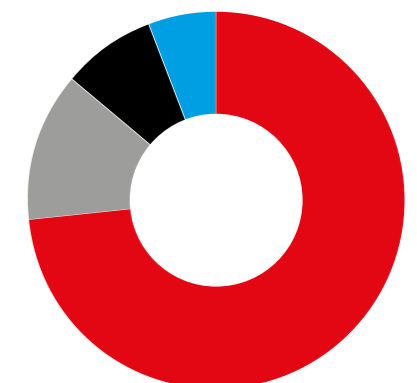


Use of operational funds

- International programme **73,5%**
- Fundraising and advertising **12,7%**
- Administration costs **8,1%**
- Swiss programme – Information and awareness raising **5,7%**

Origin of operational funds

- Swiss Federal funding **30,2%**
- Donations and legacies **22,4%**
- Contributions from cantons, municipalities and institutions **19,1%**
- Swiss Solidarity contributions **15,5%**
- Contributions from various organisations **9%**
- Membership fees and supporter contributions **2,3%**
- Other operating income **1,5%**



Consolidated Statement of operations

	Notes	2020 CHF	2019 CHF
Expenses			
International programme	4.1		
Africa		3,693,671	3,448,259
Asia		3,064,391	2,717,483
Latin America		3,740,911	3,331,033
South-eastern Europe and Middle East		749,583	957,454
Programme coordination and support	4.2	1,723,670	1,661,917
Total		12,972,226	12,116,146
Swiss programme - Information and awareness raising	4.3	1,001,320	1,120,023
Head Office	4.4		
Administration costs		1,435,107	1,457,319
Fundraising and advertising		2,232,297	2,313,120
Total		3,667,403	3,770,439
Total operational expenditure		17,640,949	17,006,608
Operating result		-213,741	-256,126
Financial result	4.5	-98,332	-31,852
Real estate property result	4.6	121,283	164,095
Other result	4.7	-3,171	4,192
Result before fund movements		-193,961	-119,691
Movements in funds	4.8	255,344	283,543
Allocations		3,744,450	4,258,780
Use		-3,999,795	-4,542,323
Annual result before allocations to the capital of the organisation		61,383	163,852
Allocations			
to unrestricted capital		-91,873	-192,665
to restricted capital			
Foreign-exchange offset reserve		30,489	50,269
Real estate renovation reserve			-21,456
Annual result after allocations		0	0

Consolidated Cash flow statement

	2020 CHF	2019 CHF
Operational activities		
Annual result before allocations to the capital of the organisation	61,383	163,852
Change in fund capital	-255,344	-283,543
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	98,297	114,465
Depreciation of real estate property	46,632	46,632
Amortisation of intangible assets	33,501	6,876
Change in accounts receivable	284,813	-1,170,073
Change in accrued income and prepaid expenses	-2,107,284	248,528
Change in short-term liabilities	-369,976	640,378
Change in pre-payments	1,473,948	655,608
Change in accrued expenses and deferred income	241,687	-174,076
Cash flow from operational activities	-492,343	248,646
Investment activities		
Change in financial assets	0	6,395
Investments in tangible fixed assets	-306,449	-188,766
Divestments of tangible fixed assets	0	1
Investments in real estate property	-2,823,096	-1,865,575
Investments in intangible assets	-58,194	-91,864
Cash flow from investment activities	-3,187,739	-2,139,809
Financing activities		
Change in long-term interest-bearing liabilities	2,150,000	0
Cash flow from financing activities	2,150,000	0
Total Cash flow fund capital, cash and cash equivalents	-1,530,082	-1,891,163
Change in cash and cash equivalents	-1,530,082	-1,891,163
Cash and cash equivalents on 01 January	6,486,889	8,378,052
Cash and cash equivalents on 31 December	4,956,807	6,486,889
Verification of change in cash and cash equivalents	-1,530,082	-1,891,163

Statement of changes in consolidated capital

	Positions as of 01/01/2020 CHF	Allocation	Internal fund transfer	Use	Positions as of 31/12/2020 CHF
2020					
Capital of the organisation					
Paid-up capital	100,000				100,000
Restricted capital					
Foreign-exchange offset reserve ¹	334,641		– 30,489		304,152
Collective agreement (CLA) reserve ²	60,000				60,000
Real estate renovation reserve ³	1,018,585				1,018,585
Solidar Suisse unrestricted capital	2,908,586		91,417		3,000,003
Solidar Suisse Genève unrestricted capital	3,276		456		3,732
Annual result		61,383	– 61,383		
Capital of the organisation	4,425,088	61,383	0	0	4,486,471
Fund capital					
Poverty and integration fund	1,602,951	260,343		– 296,913	1,566,380
Decent work fund	99	14,338		– 10,184	4,253
International cooperation funds ⁴	1,071,311	3,372,499		– 3,419,160	1,024,651
Humanitarian Aid funds ⁴	1,828,595	97,270		– 273,537	1,652,329
Fund capital	4,502,957	3,744,450	0	– 3,999,795	4,247,612

	Positions as of 01/01/2019 CHF	Allocation	Internal fund transfer	Use	Positions as of 31/12/2019 CHF
2019					
Capital of the organisation					
Paid-up capital	100,000				100,000
Restricted capital					
Foreign-exchange offset reserve ¹	384,910		– 50,269		334,641
Collective agreement (CLA) reserve ²	60,000				60,000
Real estate renovation reserve ³	997,129		21,456		1,018,585
Solidar Suisse unrestricted capital	2,715,476		193,111		2,908,586
Solidar Suisse Genève unrestricted capital	3,722		– 446		3,276
Annual result		163,852	– 163,852		
Capital of the organisation	4,261,236	163,852	0	0	4,425,088
Fund capital					
Poverty and integration fund	1,650,436	268,140		– 315,625	1,602,951
Decent work fund	23,945	18,990		– 42,835	99
International cooperation funds ⁴	1,193,511	3,289,433	– 323,580	– 3,088,053	1,071,311
Humanitarian Aid funds ⁴	1,918,608	682,218	323,580	– 1,095,810	1,828,595
Fund capital	4,786,499	4,258,780	0	– 4,542,323	4,502,957

¹ This reserve is to cover foreign exchange risks relating to International programme.

² This reserve was made in the context of CLA renewal (Collective Labour Agreement), Section 9.1.2.

³ This reserve is used to finance value-preserving maintenance work and renovations to the real estate property.

The Board of Directors decides annually on an allocation in the amount of 0.5 % of the building insurance value (Quellenhof).

⁴ Internal fund transfer 2019: the donations from the emergency aid collection for the victims of cyclone Idai in Mozambique were transferred from the country-specific fund for long-term international cooperation to a disaster-specific humanitarian aid fund.

Principles of financial reporting

Solidar Suisse is based in Zurich. Under Article 60 of the Swiss Civil Code, it has the legal form of an association. Financial reporting by Solidar Suisse has been prepared in accordance with Swiss accounting and reporting recommendations on the presentation of accounts, Swiss GAAP FER, as well as the Swiss Code of Obligations and the ZEWO foundation guidelines. The annual accounts give a true and fair view of the assets, financial position and earnings.

Changes in accounting policies

Compared with the previous year's report, the commitment in Bosnia, which was previously included in the Serbia programme, is now reported separately in the notes to the income statement. The previous year has been adjusted accordingly.

Consolidated companies

The association Solidar Suisse Genève is consolidated. Solidar Suisse has no further subsidiaries or partner institutions over which it exerts a controlling influence.

Close organisations / persons

Solidar Suisse is an associate member of Alliance Sud (Swiss Alliance of Development Organisations), a member of the European Solidar network and is represented on the board of the Solifonds foundation. Furthermore, members of the Board of Directors and Management of Solidar Suisse are considered as close persons as well as close members of their families or households.

Accounting and valuation principles

The accounts are prepared in Swiss Francs. Usually, the principle of acquisition or manufacturing costs applies to the annual accounts. This is based on the principle of the individual valuation of assets and liabilities. Unless otherwise indicated, balance sheet items are valued according to the nominal value on the reporting date.

Income

Income from donations is recognised as revenue upon receipt of unrestricted cash. Income from service provided is reported as deferred income and recognised as revenue as the associated expense is incurred.

Foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are converted at the closing rate of the Swiss Federal tax authorities as of the balance sheet date. Operations in foreign currencies are converted at the annual average rate.

Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash holdings and balances on postal, bank and deposit accounts.

Accounts receivable

Accounts receivable are valued at nominal value, taking into account appropriate allowances for doubtful repayments.

- Accounts receivable on deliveries and services

This item includes short-term accounts receivable on deliveries and services as well as various debtors.

- *Other short-term accounts receivable*
This item includes advance payments, receivables from the real-estate account, refundable anticipatory tax credits and accounts receivable based on favourable funding decisions by public authorities and foundations/institutions (voluntary project contributions).

Net assets in programme countries

This item includes cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable and short-term liabilities of the local coordination offices in the programme countries.

Accrued income and pre-paid expenses

This item includes assets resulting from material and temporal accrual. Primarily performance-based project funding that has not yet been paid is accrued.

Financial assets

This item primarily includes shares of Texaid and Claro held long-term. The non-quoted shares are booked at par value in the balance sheet.

Tangible fixed assets / IT equipment

This item includes all acquisition costs (Swiss and local coordination offices) necessary for administration and to provide services. Recording is at cost less scheduled amortisation. Amortisation is linear over the estimated period of use. This period is of 3 years for IT equipment and 5 years for tangible fixed assets/furnishings. The capitalisation limit is CHF 3,000.–. Acquisitions in foreign currency are valued once at the average rate of the year of their acquisition.

Real estate property

Real estate property is recorded at acquisition cost, less linear scheduled amortisation based on a useful lifespan of 75 years.

Prepayments and buildings under construction relate to the renovation and reconstruction of buildings at the Quellenstrasse, Zurich.

Intangible assets

This item includes specialised software. Recording is at cost less scheduled amortisation. Amortisation is linear over the estimated period of use. This period is of 5 years for specialised software. The capitalisation limit is CHF 3,000.–. The set-up of a specific IT cloud environment is under development.

Liabilities

- *Liabilities on deliveries and services*
This item includes short-term liabilities on deliveries and services.

- Other short-term liabilities

This item includes the share of SLA regional associations in the annual real estate account, liabilities from the real estate renovation, as well as liabilities from employee pension plans and towards withholding tax.

Pre-payments

In this item, contractual project-funding payments for project services not yet provided are accrued.

Accrued expenses and deferred income

This item includes liabilities resulting from material and temporal accrual. They are mostly accruals of staff over-time and accrued vacation.

Principles of financial reporting

Long-term interest-bearing liabilities

This item includes mortgages amounting to 3.15 million Swiss Francs (previous year: 1 million Swiss Francs) with the following maturities:

- Due within 5 years:
CHF 1 million (previous year: CHF 1 million)
- Due after 5 years:
CHF 2.15 million (previous year: CHF 0).

Fund capital

This item includes funds from donations and voluntary contributions, whose use is restricted. The fund capital comprises funds for specific themes (Poverty and integration, Decent work), as well as funds for specific countries, that are gathered in the International cooperation fund. The Humanitarian Aid fund includes diverse funds opened after specific humanitarian disasters.

Capital of the organisation

The capital of the organisation comprises paid-up capital as well as accumulated restricted and unrestricted capital. The Board of Directors decides on allocation and use of capital of the organisation.

Cash flow statement

The cash flow statement shows the change in cash and cash equivalents according to operational, investment and financing activities. It is established using the indirect method.

Method of calculating cost of administration, fundraising and advertising

Administration costs cover the basic functioning of Solidar Suisse. Fundraising and advertising costs represent the entirety of fund procurement costs. Solidar Suisse applies the method of the ZEWO foundation to separate cost for programme services from cost for fund procurement and administration. Functional cost attribution follows an appropriate formula.

Other information

Financial compensation of Board of Directors and Management Board Solidar Suisse

The chairman receives a monthly financial compensation of CHF 1,250.– (previous year: CHF 1,250.–). No attendance fees are paid. All other Board Members work on an honorary basis.

Wage costs (including employer's contributions) for the five members of the Management Board amounted to CHF 691,105.– in 2020 (previous year: CHF 678,261.–).

Transactions with close organisations / persons

In 2020, contributions to close organisations without controlling influence amounted to CHF 72,153.– (previous year: CHF 68,492.–).

Gratuitous benefits

Outside the work of the Board of Directors, no unpaid voluntary work is performed.

Full-time jobs

As of 31.12.2020, the number of full-time positions in Switzerland was 28.5 (previous year: 27.4).

Auditor fees

In 2020, the fees for the audit of the annual financial statements amounted to CHF 19,224.– (previous year: CHF 23,269.–); CHF 12,709.– was paid for additional audit services in 2020 (previous year: CHF 6,785.–).

Long-term rental liabilities

As of 31.12.2020 there are no long-term rental liabilities.

Pledging of assets as security for own liabilities

Real estate property with a book value of 2.384 million Swiss Francs (previous year: 2.431 million Swiss Francs) serves as a security for the mortgages of 3.15 million Swiss Francs (previous year: 1 million Swiss Francs) (see long-term interest-bearing liabilities).

Contingent liabilities

As per the balance sheet date, Solidar Suisse has no contingent liabilities.

Pension Fund

The employees of Solidar Suisse are insured with the City of Zurich Pension Fund. As per the balance sheet date Solidar Suisse has liabilities towards the City of Zurich Pension Fund in the amount of CHF 54,952.– (previous year: CHF 52,845.–). The pension plan is based on the defined contribution principle. In 2020, employer contributions to the pension fund amounted to CHF 419,129.– (previous year: CHF 388,842.–).

As per 31.12.2020, the City of Zurich Pension Fund shows a coverage rate of 116.9 % (previous year: 116.3 %).

Risk assessment

The Board of Directors carries out an annual risk assessment and decides on measures to eliminate prioritized residual risks.

Events after the balance sheet date

The annual financial statement was approved by the finance committee of the Board of Directors on 19 March 2021. It also requires the approval for publication by the Board of Directors on 27 April 2021 and by the Annual General Meeting of Solidar Suisse on 25 May 2021.

No event occurred between 31 December 2020 and the date of the approval of the present financial statement that would require a modification of the accounts per 31 December 2020 or would need to be disclosed here.

The original version of the annual financial statement in German is legally binding.

Notes on the consolidated balance sheet

Assets

	31/12/2020	31/12/2019				
	CHF	CHF				
1.1 Cash and cash equivalents						
Cash on hand	726	695				
Post and bank accounts	4,956,081	6,486,194				
Total	4,956,807	6,486,889				
1.2 Other short-term accounts receivable						
Accounts receivable from public authorities	37,050	40,692				
Advance payments	71,149	640,577				
Other short-term accounts receivable	203,380	99,910				
Total	311,580	781,179				
1.3 Accrued income and pre-paid expenses						
Accrued income and pre-paid expenses, SDC projects	1,897,550	15,433				
Accrued income and pre-paid expenses, other donor projects	506,674	282,484				
Other accrued income and pre-paid expenses	2,185	1,208				
Total	2,406,409	299,125				
1.4 Financial assets						
Texaid	126,652	126,652				
Claro	12,640	12,640				
Rent guarantee accounts and security deposits	1,500	1,500				
Total	140,792	140,792				
1.5 Schedule of fixed assets						
	IT equipment		Other fixed assets		Total tangible fixed assets	
	31/12/2020	31/12/2019	31/12/2020	31/12/2019	31/12/2020	31/12/2019
	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF
Positions as of 01 January	84,009	48,131	565,860	460,982	649,869	509,113
Additions	29,059	47,805	277,390	140,961	306,449	188,766
Disposals			–34,434	–29,338	–34,434	–29,338
Elimination	–10,336	–11,927	–17,021	–6,745	–27,356	–18,672
Positions as of 31 December	102,732	84,009	791,795	565,860	894,528	649,869
Accumulated depreciation						
Positions as of 01 January	30,977	24,233	359,749	300,038	390,726	324,271
Depreciation	31,334	18,672	66,963	95,793	98,297	114,465
Disposals			–34,434	–29,337	–34,434	–29,337
Elimination	–10,336	–11,927	–17,021	–6,745	–27,356	–18,672
Positions as of 31 December	51,975	30,977	375,258	359,749	427,233	390,726
Net positions as of 31 Dec	50,757	53,032	416,538	206,111	467,295	259,143
Fire insurance value					550,000	550,000

Notes on the consolidated balance sheet

Assets

1.6 Real estate property	Land & buildings		Prepayments & buildings under construction		Total real estate property	
	31/12/2020	31/12/2019	31/12/2020	31/12/2019	31/12/2020	31/12/2019
	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF
Positions as of 01 January	3,835,838	3,835,838	2,104,519	238,944	5,940,357	4,074,782
Additions			2,823,096	1,865,575	2,823,096	1,865,575
Disposals						
Elimination						
Positions as of 31 December	3,835,838	3,835,838	4,927,614	2,104,519	8,763,453	5,940,357
Accumulated depreciation						
Positions as of 01 January	1,405,319	1,358,688	0	0	1,405,319	1,358,688
Depreciation	46,632	46,632			46,632	46,632
Disposals						
Elimination						
Positions as of 31 December	1,451,951	1,405,319	0	0	1,451,951	1,405,319
Net positions as of 31 Dec	2,383,887	2,430,519	4,927,614	2,104,519	7,311,501	4,535,037
Insurance value					8,686,800	8,686,800

1.7 Schedule of intangible assets	Specialised software		Software under development		Total intangible assets	
	31/12/2020	31/12/2019	31/12/2020	31/12/2019	31/12/2020	31/12/2019
	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF
Positions as of 01 January	167,505	7,754	50,848	118,735	218,353	126,489
Additions			58,194	91,864	58,194	91,864
Disposals						
Elimination						
Reclassification		159,751		-159,751		
Positions as of 31 December	167,505	167,505	109,042	50,848	276,548	218,353
Accumulated amortisation						
Positions as of 01 January	7,781	905	0	0	7,781	905
Amortisation	33,501	6,876			33,501	6,876
Disposals						
Elimination						
Positions as of 31 December	41,282	7,781	0	0	41,282	7,781
Net positions as of 31 Dec	126,224	159,725	109,042	50,848	235,266	210,573

Liabilities

	31/12/2020	31/12/2019
	CHF	CHF
2.1 Other short-term liabilities		
Accounts payable, SLA regional associations	121,283	142,639
Other short-term liabilities	182,474	219,943
Total	303,757	362,582
2.2 Pre-payments		
Pre-payments, SDC projects	1,908,749	488,876
Pre-payments, other donor projects	1,971,011	1,916,936
Total	3,879,760	2,405,812
2.3 Accrued expenses and deferred income		
Overtime / holidays / training	95,714	110,167
Other accrued expenses and deferred income	303,177	47,038
Total	398,891	157,204
2.4 The development of fund capital is shown in the statement of changes in capital.		

Notes on the consolidated statement of operations

Income

	2020	2019
	CHF	CHF
3.1 Project contributions		
Contributions from institutions / foundations	1,389,610	1,604,688
Contributions from cantons / municipalities	934,185	750,700
Contributions from FEDEVACO (Fédération vaudoise de coopération)	199,391	184,322
Contributions from FGC (Fédération genevoise de coopération)	152,491	193,465
Total	2,675,677	2,733,175
3.2 Swiss Federal funding		
SDC programme contribution	3,603,100	3,795,100
SDC mandates	1,471,929	1,093,345
SDC project contributions	193,000	100,000
Total	5,268,029	4,988,445
3.3 Funding from various organisations		
Swiss Solidarity contributions	2,696,779	2,065,782
European Commission contributions	333,721	248,700
Contributions from various organisations	1,247,117	1,182,373
Total	4,277,617	3,496,855
3.4 Other operating income		
Earnings from services provided	23,323	40,510
Proportion of Texaid proceeds ¹	200,000	360,000
Reimbursements and various earnings	29,916	76,244
Total	253,238	476,754

¹ Solidar Suisse, Swiss Red Cross, Caritas Switzerland, Swiss Church Aid HEKS, Winter Aid and Kolping Switzerland together form the Texaid partnership, whose purpose it is to collect, sort and recycle used textiles including shoes and household textiles.

Expenditure by area and country

	2020		2019	
	CHF	%	CHF	%
4.1 International programme				
Development Cooperation				
Africa	2,588,483	23	2,397,253	23
Burkina Faso	1,957,420	17	1,717,495	16
Southern Africa	631,064	6	679,759	7
Asia	986,206	9	1,010,654	10
Bangladesh	43,711	0	19,544	0
Cambodia	307,599	3	295,330	3
China	103,580	1	182,234	2
Pakistan	210,174	2	319,259	3
Regional Programme Decent Work	321,142	3	194,287	2
Latin America	3,725,558	33	3,331,033	32
Bolivia	2,426,654	22	1,956,910	19
El Salvador	613,172	5	604,389	6
Nicaragua	685,731	6	769,733	7
South-eastern Europe	716,351	6	603,185	6
Bosnia-Herzegovina	130,319	1	85,702	1
Kosovo	249,881	2	259,035	2
Serbia	336,151	3	258,448	2
Total Development Cooperation	8,016,599	71	7,342,124	70
Humanitarian Aid				
Africa	1,105,187	10	1,051,006	10
Burkina Faso	261,337	2	0	0
Southern Africa	843,851	8	1,051,006	10
Asia	2,078,185	18	1,706,829	16
Bangladesh	1,062,653	9	481,658	5
Indonesia	1,015,532	9	706,538	7
Nepal	0	0	525,825	5
Pakistan	0	0	-7,192	0
Latin America	15,352	0	0	0
El Salvador	15,352	0	0	0
South-eastern Europe and Middle East	33,232	0	354,269	3
Bosnia-Herzegovina	33,232	0	0	0
Syria/Lebanon	0	0	354,269	3
Total Humanitarian Aid	3,231,957	29	3,112,104	30
Total	11,248,556	100	10,454,229	100

Notes on the consolidated statement of operations

Expenditures after costs

	2020	2019
	CHF	CHF
4.1 International programme		
Allocations and contributions paid (material project cost)	8,744,428	7,712,676
Personnel	2,091,261	2,229,181
Depreciation	53,323	89,506
Other expenditures	359,544	422,866
Total	11,248,556	10,454,229
4.2 Programme coordination and support		
Allocations and contributions paid	12,041	12,365
Personnel	1,508,721	1,422,121
Depreciation	15,789	9,110
Other expenditures	187,119	218,321
Total	1,723,670	1,661,917
4.3 Swiss programme		
Allocations and contributions paid (material project cost)	404,275	506,459
Personnel	559,213	566,734
Depreciation	6,754	3,787
Other expenditures	31,078	43,043
Total	1,001,320	1,120,023
4.4 Head Office		
Allocations and contributions paid	97,239	85,558
Personnel	1,943,340	1,931,124
Depreciation	55,932	18,938
Fundraising costs	1,144,928	1,329,572
Other expenditures	425,964	405,247
Total	3,667,403	3,770,439

Expenses

	2020	2019
	CHF	CHF
4.5 Financial result		
Financial return	4,278	34,335
Interest on bank and postal accounts	3,697	8,409
Other financial income	581	25,925
Financial expenses	-102,611	-66,187
Bank and postal account charges	-25,757	-12,642
Net foreign assets adjustment	-76,854	-53,544
Total	-98,332	-31,852
4.6 Real estate property result		
Earnings from real estate property	643,418	581,168
Real estate property expenses	-328,219	-203,502
Interest expenses on mortgage	-26,000	-24,300
Depreciation of real estate property	-46,632	-46,632
Share of result from real estate property, SLA regional associations	-121,283	-142,639
Total	121,283	164,095
4.7 Other result		
Extraordinary result		
Non-periodic result	-3,171	4,192
Total	-3,171	4,192
Personnel cost and depreciation		
Personnel cost	6,102,535	6,149,161
Depreciation	178,430	167,973
Total	6,280,964	6,317,134
4.8 Fund result: see statement of changes in capital.		

Performance and situation report 2020

Please consult the full version of the 2020 Solidar Suisse annual report for additional information. It can be obtained from our head office or downloaded from our website as a PDF file.

Activities

Solidar Suisse is dedicated to helping disadvantaged, persecuted and oppressed people. We are committed to social justice and the fight against exclusion. No commercial aims are followed and we do not attempt to make a profit. Solidar promotes the capability of people and organisations to exercise their social and political rights and supports them in attaining economic independence. With these measures, Solidar contributes actively to the fight against poverty and extreme inequality. In our focus countries, we engage in development cooperation. After natural disasters, we also provide humanitarian aid in collaboration with other Swiss NGOs and partners from the European Solidar network.

In Switzerland, Solidar Suisse is active in awareness raising and campaign work. Based on the experience gained from our development projects, we inform the Swiss population about matters of development policy, the role played by Switzerland, and the causes of poverty and exclusion.

Environment

The coronavirus crisis undid many of the advances made in the fight against poverty within just a few months. The World Bank calculates that between 88 and 115 million people fell into extreme poverty in 2020 as a result of the pandemic; this figure is expected to rise to 150 million by late 2021. This would mean that nearly ten percent of the world's population was living in extreme poverty, i.e. with an income of less than 1.9 US dollars per day. If one sets the threshold for poverty at a more realistic 5.5 dollars per day, then nearly half of the world's population will soon be living in poverty. Meanwhile, the assets of the richest people in the world rose by five trillion dollars last year.

Figures from the OECD reveal that Switzerland spent only 0.44 percent of its gross national income (GNI) on official development assistance (ODA) in 2020. Thus Switzerland provided barely any extra funding to the poorest countries during the coronavirus crisis. It continues to be far from achieving the international target of investing 0.7 percent of GNI in official development assistance. In 2011, the Swiss Parliament set itself the goal of increasing ODA spending to 0.5 percent.

2020 was a year unlike any other. Against a background of continuing violent conflict, increasing hunger and the effects of the climate emergency, the coronavirus pandemic hit the entire global community. Its impact affected countries which were less well prepared and with higher levels of poverty disproportionately worse than those in the prosperous north. Since the health, social and economic consequences of Covid-19 serve to intensify the repercussions of other disasters, humanitarian aid must be expanded and re-imagined if the pandemic is to be fought on a broad front. When it comes to the global advances made in vaccination, we are witnessing the same inequality as with the distribution of wealth and income: rich countries are taking a huge leap forward while their impoverished counterparts are left behind, with current forecasts predicting that they will be unable to inoculate their people for years to come.

In many countries, the work of NGOs is also hampered by repressive governments, for example in China, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Cambodia and Nicaragua. NGOs are a thorn in the side of many governments because they support civil society and give a voice to disenfranchised people.

Impact

The annual report illustrates some of the most important examples of the impact our projects have had on our target groups. These examples show that its financial resources enabled Solidar Suisse to achieve many of its goals in 2020 and to change for the better the lives of hundreds of thousands of people in need and poverty.

Outlook

The outbreak of the coronavirus pandemic will continue to have a profound effect on the work of Solidar Suisse. Complex, multidimensional crises, such as the climate emergency, armed conflict, poverty, migration, hunger, etc. have been exacerbated and require a supportive, courageous response on the part of prosperous countries such as Switzerland. Solidar Suisse will make its own contribution to this and fight actively for greater financial support in the areas of humanitarian aid and development cooperation. The topic of global fairness is more relevant and urgent than ever.

Bodies and committees

Solidar Suisse Board of Directors

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

Carlo Sommaruga – since 2018 (chairman)

President Internationales Ausbildungszentrum für Menschenrechte und Friedenserziehung (CIFEDHOP), Swissaid foundation board member, Secretary of ASLOCA, President Schweizerischer Mieterverband (SMV/ASLOCA Schweiz), Secretary general of Fédération romande des locataires (ASLOCA Romande), Chairman of the Committee «Schluss mit den Immobilienbetrügereien», Foundation board member of Istituto Svizzero di Roma (ISR)

Sabin Bieri – since 2020

International Programme committee of the feminist peace organisation cfd

Dieter Bolliger – since 2014

Head of finance and administration at syndicom, Board member of the personnel pension fund foundation of the Communication Union, Board member of the Erich von Däniken foundation

Judith Bucher – since 1999

Secretary general of the vpod union, Board member of SUVA, Board member of the Schweizerische Interpreten-Genossenschaft SIG, Board member of Movendo, Member of the administration of Reka

Mario Carera – since 2012

Socio-economist, Swissaid foundation board member, SP delegate to the Party of European Socialists, Board member of Solifonds

Tamara Funicello – since 2020

National councillor, Co-President of SP women, SP Vice President, President of the relief organisation JuBria

Pepo Hofstetter – since 2018

National Secretary of Unia, Member of the Cockpit of The Responsible Business Initiative, Member of the advisory group for the National Action Plan implementing the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights

Joachim Merz – since 2015 (personnel representative)

Coordinator Southern Africa and Bolivia Solidar Suisse

Reto Wyss – since 2020

EFTA Consultative Committee, Board of Directors of SERV, Board of Directors of Reka, Federal Commission of housing, Federal Office of Housing, Commission for Federal Statistics, Expert group for social statistics and Expert group for economic statistics of the Swiss Federal Statistical Office, Board member of PinkCross, Member of the managing committee of the regional SP Bern-Mittelland, Board member of SP Köniz

Advisory Role

Barbara Burri Sharani – since 2017

Co-director of Solidar Suisse, Foundation board member of Dora Aeschbach Foundation, Board member of Parandalo (until June)

Felix Gnehm – since 2017

Co-director of Solidar Suisse, Foundation board member of Swiss Solidarity

Management Board of Solidar Suisse

Barbara Burri Sharani and Felix Gnehm, Co-direction (until June)
Felix Gnehm, Managing director (since July)

Barbara Burri Sharani, Head of Quality Management (until August)
Paulien van der Lugt, Head Quality and Impact (since October)
Marco Eichenberger, Head of Fundraising (until June)
Eva Geel, Head of Communication (until July)
Benjamin Gross, Marketing and Communication (since July)
Felix Gnehm, Head of International Programme (until June)
Klaus Thieme, Head of International Programme (since July)
Beatrice Herter, Head of Finances and Services

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Barbara Dietrich
Martin Fässler
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Joint committee

Beat Gsell, president

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