# Financial report 2024



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# **Consolidated Balance Sheet**

# Assets (CHF)

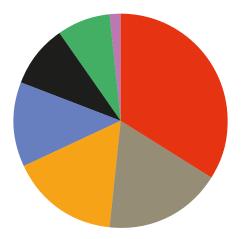
	Notes	31.12.2024	31.12.2023
Current Assets			
Cash and cash equivalents	1.1	6,220,902	11,641,421
Accounts receivable on deliveries and services		20,517	22,747
Other short-term accounts receivable	1.2	1,043,174	2,322,002
Net assets in programme countries		675,088	637,974
Accrued income and pre-paid expenses	1.3	1,501,331	1,397,173
Total		9,461,012	16,021,317
Fixed Assets			
Financial Assets	1.4	4,971,957	4,153,515
Tangible fixed assets	1.5	345,050	310,549
Real estate property	1.6	7,526,217	7,651,648
Intangible assets	1.7	502,954	391,061
Total		13,346,179	12,506,773
Total Assets		22,807,190	28,528,090
Liabilities (CHF)			
Short-term liabilities			
Liabilities on deliveries and services		167,224	185,774
Other short-term liabilities	2.1	918,877	922,352
Pre-payments	2.2	5,008,062	8,303,170
Accrued expenses and deferred income	2.3	242,432	397,569
Total		6,336,595	9,808,865
Long-term liabilities			
Long-term interest-bearing liabilities (mortgages)		2,150,000	2,150,000
Other long-term liabilities		335,672	575,813
Total		2,485,672	2,725,813
Total liabilities		8,822,267	12,534,677
Fund capital	2.4	4,842,398	5,921,136
Total liabilities and fund capital		13,664,665	18,455,814
Capital of the organisation			
Paid-up capital		100,000	100,000
Restricted capital – Foreign-exchange offset reserve		304,152	304,152
- Real estate renovation reserve		940,468	990,391
- Collective agreement (CLA) reserve		60,000	60,000
Solidar Suisse unrestricted capital		7,725,827	8,602,264
Solidar Suisse Genève unrestricted capital		12,079	15,470
Total		9,142,525	10,072,276
Total liabilities		22,807,190	28,528,090

# **Consolidated Statement of operations**

# Income (CHF)

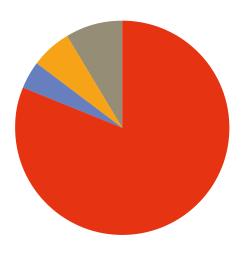
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	Notes	2024	2023
Income from donations			
Unrestricted donations and legacies		3,002,510	3,368,747
Restricted donations and legacies		359,873	901,897
Project contributions (restricted)	3.1	2,747,549	2,617,530
Project contributions, Liechtenstein Development Service LED (restricted)		550,000	550,000
Membership fees and supporter contributions (unrestricted)		386,896	310,941
Total		7,046,828	7,749,115
Income from service provided (restricted)			
Swiss Federal funding	3.2	5,124,052	6,509,143
Funding from various organisations	3.3	16,390,483	15,114,378
Total		21,514,535	21,623,521
Other operating income	3.4	436,607	368,794
Total operational income		28,997,971	29,741,431

# Origin of operational funds



- International institutions 34.1%
- Swiss Federal Funding 17.7%
- Swiss Solidarity 16.4%
- Donations and Legacies 12.9 %
- Cantons, municipalities and foundations 9.4%
- International organisations 8%
- Other operating income 1.5%

# Use of operational funds



- International programme 81.3 %
- Campaigns 4.1%
- Administration costs 6.1%
- Fundraising 8.5%

# Expenses (CHF)

Notes	2024	2023
International programme 4.1		
Africa	10,381,426	10,576,578
Asia	4,202,165	3,373,116
Latin America	2,445,994	3,787,320
Eastern Europe and Middle East	5,865,955	5,179,517
Programme coordination and support 4.2	2,453,799	2,420,803
Total	25,349,339	25,337,334
Swiss programme - Information and awareness raising 4.3	1,286,721	1,220,636
Head Office 4.4		
Administration costs	1,892,321	1,814,594
Fundraising and advertising	2,655,942	2,313,347
Total	4,548,263	4,127,941
Total operational expenditure	31,184,323	30,685,911
Operating result	-2,186,353	-944,481
Financial result 4.5	-8,518	5,136,701
Real estate property result 4.6	172,773	493,291
Other result 4.7	13,609	0
Result before fund movements	-2,008,489	4,685,512
Movements in funds 4.8	1,078,738	-28,329
Allocations	-3,657,422	-4,139,957
Use	4,736,161	4,111,628
Annual result before allocations to the capital of the organisation	-929,751	4,657,183
Allocations		
To unrestricted capital	879,828	-4,657,183
To restricted capital — Foreign-exchange offset reserve	0	0
- Real estate renovation reserve	49,923	0
Annual result after allocations	0	0

# **Consolidated Cash flow statement**

(CHF)	2024	2023
Operational activities		
Annual result before allocations to the capital of the organisation	-929,751	4,657,183
Change in fund capital	-1,078,738	28,329
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	169,695	162,057
Depreciation of real estate property	125,430	125,430
Amortisation of intangible assets	48,608	54,579
Other income non affecting the fund	-336,000	-143,953
Profit from fixed assets disposals	-51,611	-5,310,424
Change in accounts receivable on deliveries and services	2,230	-1,482
Change in other short-term accounts receivable and accrued income and pre-paid expenses	-518,193	-1,142,803
Change in short-term liabilities on deliveries and services	-18,550	-285,235
Change in other short-term liabilities, pre-payments and accrued expenses and deferred income	-3,357,860	1,888,028
Cash flow from operational activities	-5,944,741	31,710
Investment activities		
Investments in tangible fixed assets	-204,196	-68,650
Disposals of tangible fixed assets	51,611	0
Investments in real estate property	0	-175,393
Disposals of real estate property	0	1,206,000
Investments in financial assets	-1,395	0
Disposals of financial assets	838,703	2,483,625
Investments in intangible assets	-160,501	-228,513
Cash flow from investment activities	524,222	3,217,068
Financing activities		
Change in long-term interest-bearing liabilities	0	0
Change in other long-term liabilities	0	0
Cash flow from financing activities	0	0
Total Cash flow fund capital, cash and cash equivalents	-5,420,519	3,248,778
Change in cash and cash equivalents	-5,420,519	3,248,778
Cash and cash equivalents on 01 January	11,641,421	8,392,643
Cash and cash equivalents on 31 December	6,220,902	11,641,421
Verification of change in cash and cash equivalents	-5,420,519	3,248,778

# Statement of changes in consolidated capital

2024 (CHF)

	Positions as of 01.01.2024	Allocation	Internal fund transfer	Use	Positions as of 31.12.2024
Capital of the organisation					
Paid-up capital	100,000	0	0	0	100,000
Restricted capital	0	0	0	0	0
Foreign-exchange offset reserve 1)	304,152	0	0	0	304,152
Collective agreement (CLA) reserve 2)	60,000	0	0	0	60,000
Real estate renovation reserve 3)	990,391	0	-49,923	0	940,468
Solidar Suisse unrestricted capital	8,602,264	0	-876,438	0	7,725,827
Solidar Suisse Genève unrestricted capital	15,470	0	-3,390	0	12,079
Annual result	0	-929,751	929,751	0	0
Total	10,072,276	-929,751	0	0	9,142,525
Fund capital					
Poverty and integration fund	1,639,086	252,325	0	-638,141	1,253,270
Decent work fund	20,201	0	0	0	20,201
International cooperation funds 4)	1,066,236	3,012,339	0	-3,123,542	955,033
Humanitarian Aid funds 4)	3,195,613	392,759	0	-974,477	2,613,895
Total	5,921,136	3,657,422	0	-4,736,161	4,842,398

# 2023 (CHF)

	Positions as of 01.01.2023	Allocation	Internal fund transfer	Use	Positions as of 31.12.2023
Capital of the organisation					
Paid-up capital	100,000	0	0	0	100,000
Restricted capital:					
Foreign-exchange offset reserve 1)	304,152	0	0	0	304,152
Collective agreement (CLA) reserve 2)	60,000	0	0	0	60,000
Real estate renovation reserve 3)	990,391	0	0	0	990,391
Solidar Suisse unrestricted capital	3,933,647	0	4,668,618	0	8,602,264
Solidar Suisse Genève unrestricted capital	26,904	0	-11,435	0	15,470
Annual result	0	4,657,183	-4,657,183	0	0
Total	5,415,093	4,657,183	0	0	10,072,276
Fund capital					
Poverty and integration fund	1,812,190	150,363	0	-323,467	1,639,086
Decent work fund	20,201	0	0	0	20,201
International cooperation funds 4)	1,239,549	2,883,823	0	-3,057,136	1,066,236
Humanitarian Aid funds 4)	2,820,868	1,105,770	0	-731,025	3,195,613
Total	5,892,807	4,139,957	0	-4,111,628	5,921,136

This reserve is to cover foreign exchange risks relating to International programme.
 This reserve was made in the context of CLA renewal (Collective Labour Agreement), Section 9.1.2.
 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).

<sup>4)</sup> Internal fund transfer: In 2023 and 2024 no internal fund tansfer was made.

# 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.

#### **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 exchange rate or, on a case-by-case basis, by local currency financing at the rate quoted by the Swiss Federal tax authorities.

# 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, short-term receivables from the sale of the Texaid participation, 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- and long-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 mainly includes long-term receivables from the sale of Texaid participation in 2023 and the shares held in Claro. The Texaid shares were sold partly in exchange for cash and cash equivalents and by recognising short-term and long-term receivables.

# 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.

# 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.

A new CRM database and new BI software for overall operational data management are currently under development. The development of the automated accounts payable workflow was completed by the end of 2024.

#### 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 overtime and accrued vacation.

# Long-term interest-bearing liabilities

This item includes mortgages amounting to 2.15 million Swiss Francs (previous year: 2.15 million Swiss Francs) with the following maturities:

- Due within 5 years:
   CHF 1 million (previous year: CHF 1 million)
- Due after 5 years: CHF 1.15 million (previous year: CHF 1.15 million).

# 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. In the reporting year, the structure of some items in the cash flow statement was adjusted. The previous year's figures were also adjusted accordingly.

# 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: CHF1,250.—). No attendance fees are paid. All other Board Members work on an honorary basis.

Wage costs (including employers contributions) for the five members of the Management Board amounted to CHF 790,322.- in 2024 (previous year: CHF 799,629.-).

# Transactions with close organisations/persons

In 2024, contributions to close organisations without controlling influence amounted to CHF 243,297.- (previous year CHF 243,885.-).

#### **Gratuitous benefits**

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

# **Full-time jobs**

As of 31.12.2024, the number of full-time positions in Switzerland was 36,6 (previous year: 35,2).

# **Auditor fees**

In 2024, the fees for the audit of the annual financial statements amounted to CHF 18'425.- previous year: CHF 15,986.-); CHF 8'860.- was paid for additional audit services in 2024 (previous year: CHF 6,591.-).

# Long-term rental and operating leasing liabilities

There is a rental agreement for the office premises in Lausanne with the term until 31.10.2027. The annual net rental amount is CHF 13,800.-. The total rent still to be paid as the 31.12.2024 amounts to CHF 39,100.- (previous year: CHF 11,500.-). There is a leasing contract for the printer in the Lausanne office with a term until 30.11.2027. The annual leasing instalment is CHF 2,520.-. The total of the leasing instalments still to be paid as at 31.12.2024 amounts to CHF 7,350.- (previous year CHF 9,870.-).

# Pledging of assets as security for own liabilities

Real estate property with a book value of 7.526 million Swiss Francs (previous year: 7.652 million Swiss Francs) serves as a security for the mortgages of 2.15 million Swiss Francs (previous year: 2.15 million Swiss Francs) (see long-term interest-bearing liabilities).

# **Contingent liabilities**

Contingent liabilities as of 31.12.2024 and as of 31.12.2023 result from the employees, option under the CLA to apply for a bridging allowance in the event of early or partial retirement. The decision on granting a bridging allowance in the event of early retirement is the responsibility of the Board of Directors.

#### **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 73,946.- (previous year: CHF 140,071.-). The pension plan is based on the defined contribution principle. In 2024, employer contributions to the pension fund amounted to CHF 548,235.- (previous year CHF 536,111.-).

As of 31.12.2024 (status as of 31.12.2023), the City of Zurich Pension Fund shows a coverage rate of 119.4% (previous year: 114.3%).

#### 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 March 13, 2025. It also requires the approval for publication by the Board of Directors and by the Annual General Meeting of Solidar Suisse on May 21, 2025.

No event occurred between December 31, 2024 and the date of the approval of the present financial statement that would require a modification of the accounts per December 31, 2024 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 (CHF)

		31.12.2024	31.12.2023
1.1	Cash and cash equivalents		
	Cash on hand	2,253	1,642
	Post and bank accounts	6,218,649	11,639,779
	Total	6,220,902	11,641,421
1.2	Other short-term accounts receivable		
	Accounts receivable from public authorities	6,000	0
	Advance payments	869,800	370,592
	Other short-term accounts receivable	167,374	1,951,410
	Total	1,043,174	2,322,002
1.3	Accrued income and pre-paid expenses		
	Accrued income and pre-paid expenses, SDC projects	0	76,972
	Accrued income and pre-paid expenses, other donor projects	1,501,331	1,320,176
	Other accrued income and pre-paid expenses	0	25
	Total	1,501,331	1,397,173
1.4	Financial assets		
	Texaid 1)	4,956,421	4,139,375
	Claro	12,640	12,640
	Rent guarantee accounts and security deposits	2,895	1,500
	Total	4,971,957	4,153,515

Tangible fixed assets	IT equipment Other fixed assets Total t			Other fixed assets		fixed assets
	31.12.2024	31.12.2023	31.12.2024	31.12.2023	31.12.2024	31.12.2023
Positions as of 01 January	114,269	90,041	897,215	862,476	1,011,484	952,517
Additions	23,563	24,228	180,633	44,423	204,196	68,650
Disposals	0	0	-90,457	-9,684	-90,457	-9,684
Elimination	0	0	-22,324	0	-22,324	0
Positions as of 31 December	137,833	114,269	965,066	897,215	1,102,899	1,011,484
Accumulated depreciation						
as of 01 January	80,317	54,843	620,619	493,719	700,936	548,563
Depreciation	24,198	25,473	145,496	136,583	169,695	162,057
Disposals	0	0	-90,457	-9,684	-90,457	-9,684
Elimination	0	0	-22,324	0	-22,324	0
Positions as of 31 December	104,515	80,317	653,334	620,619	757,849	700,936
Net positions as of 31 December	33,317	33,952	311,733	276,596	345,050	310,549
Fire insurance value					644,500	644,500

<sup>1)</sup> The participation in Texaid Textilverwertungs-AG was sold on 31 October 2023. Receivables from the sale due > 12 months are recognised under financial assets, those due within 12 months are recognised under other receivables.

# Assets (CHF)

		31.12.2024	31.12.2023	31.12.2024	31.12.2023	31.12.2024	31.12.2023
6	Real estate property	Land and build	lings	Prepayments of under construction	•	Total real estate propert	ty
	Positions as of 01 January	9,407,282	10,184,282	0	0	9,407,282	10,184,282
	Additions	0	175,393	0	0	0	175,393
	Disposals	0	-952,393	0	0	0	-952,393
	Elimination	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Reclassification	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Positions as of 31 December	9,407,282	9,407,282	0	0	9,407,282	9,407,282
	Accumulated depreciation						
	as of 01 January	1,755,634	1,630,204	0	0	1,755,634	1,630,204
	Depreciation	125,430	125,430	0	0	125,430	125,430
	Disposals	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Elimination	0	0	0	0	0	0
	Positions as of 31 December	1,881,065	1,755,634	0	0	1,881,065	1,755,634
	Net positions as of 31 December	7,526,217	7,651,648	0	0	7,526,217	7,651,648
	Insurance value					11,109,386	10,569,821

			Software unde	r	Total	
Intangible assets	Specialised so	Specialised software			intangible asse	ets
Positions as of 01 January	277,420	277,420	316,806	88,293	0	365,713
Additions	0	0	160,501	228,513	160,501	228,513
Disposals	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elimination	-167,505	0	0	0	-167,505	0
Reclassification	24,808	0	-24,808	0	0	0
Positions as of 31 December	134,722	277,420	452,500	316,806	587,222	594,226
Accumulated amortisation						
Positions as of 01 January	203,165	148,585	0	0	203,165	148,585
Amortisation	48,608	54,579	0	0	48,608	54,579
Disposals	0	0	0	0	0	0
Elimination	-167,505	0	0	0	-167,505	0
Reclassification	0	0	0	0	0	0
Positions as of 31 December	84,268	203,165	0	0	84,268	203,165
Net positions as of 31 December	50,455	74,255	452,500	316,806	502,954	391,061

# Liabilities (CHF)

		31.12.2024	31.12.2023
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2.1	Other short-term liabilities		
	Accounts payable, SLA regional associations	232,084	232,953
	Other short-term liabilities	686,794	689,400
	Total	918,877	922,352
2.2	Pre-Payments		
	Pre-payments,SDC projects	254,544	0
	Pre-payments, other donor projects	4,753,518	8,303,170
	Total	5,008,062	8,303,170
2.3	Accrued expenses and deferred income		
	Overtime / holidays / training	147,012	152,452
	Other accrued expenses and deferred income	95,420	245,117
	Total	242,432	397,569
2.4	The development of fund capital is shown in the statement of changes in capital.		

# Notes on the consolidated statement of operations

# Income (CHF)

		2024	2023
3.1	Droinet contributions		
3.1	Project contributions  Contributions from institutions / foundations	1,438,499	1,311,363
	Contributions from cantons / municipalities	887,500	834,700
	Contributions from Fédération vaudoise de coopération (FEDEVACO - canton and municipalities)	163,013	177,850
	Contributions from Fédération genevoise de coopération (FGC - canton and municipalities)	258,537	293,617
	Total	2,747,549	2,617,530
3.2	Swiss Federal funding		
	SDC programme contribution	5,027,500	5,027,500
	SDC mandates	14,292	1,173,064
	SDC project contributions	82,260	308,579
	Total	5,124,052	6,509,143
3.3	Funding from various organisations		
	Swiss Solidarity contributions	4,746,501	3,812,552
	European Commission contributions	325,127	196,181
	Contributions from various organisations	11,318,855	11,105,645
	Total	16,390,483	15,114,378
3.4	Other operating income		
	Earnings from services provided	59,261	8,450
	Proportion of Texaid proceeds 1)	350,000	350,000
	Reimbursements and various earnings	27,346	10,344
	Total	436,607	368,794

<sup>1)</sup> Solidar Suisse is part of the Texaid partnership, whose purpose it is to collect, sort and recycle used textiles.

# Expenditure by area and country

		2024		202
	CHF	in %	CHF	in
International programme				
Development Cooperation				
Africa	5,989,405	26	5,758,085	
Burkina Faso	4,598,869	20	4,626,771	
Southern Africa	1,390,536	6	1,131,314	
Asia	3,116,985	14	2,631,895	
Bangladesh	565,723	2	246,695	
Cambodia	368,264	2	425,429	
Pakistan	197,664	1	173,236	
Regional Programme Decent Work	1,985,333	9	1,786,536	
Latin America	2,445,994	11	3,787,320	
Bolivia	1,375,442	6	2,708,540	
El Salvador	999,054	4	983,383	
Nicaragua	71,499	0	95,396	
Eastern Europe and Middle East	573,122	3	471,547	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	117,548	1	49,082	
Kosovo	455,575	2	422,465	
Total Development Cooperation	12,125,506	53	12,648,847	5
Humanitarian Aid				
Africa	4,392,021	20	4,818,493	:
Burkina Faso	4,260,863	19	3,793,293	
Mozambique	131,158	1	1,025,200	
Asia	1,085,180	5	741,221	
Bangladesh	0	0	63,085	
Indonesia	0	0	10,034	
Nepal	50,000	0	0	
Pakistan	1,035,180	5	668,102	
Eastern Europe and Middle East	5,292,833	22	4,707,970	
Bosnia and Herzegovina	0	0	345,707	
Turkey/Syria	2,404,765	11	1,453,722	
Ukraine	2,888,067	12	2,908,541	
Total Humanitarian Aid	10,770,034	47%	10,267,684	4

# **Expenditure by costs** (CHF)

		2024	2023
4.1	International programme		
	Allocations and contributions paid (material project cost)	18,927,226	19,186,069
	Personnel	3,303,007	3,077,387
	Depreciation	91,819	82,513
	Other expenditures	573,487	570,562
	Total	22,895,540	22,916,531
4.2	Programme coordination and support		
	Allocations and contributions paid	6,382	6,505
	Personnel	2,158,566	1,977,614
	Depreciation	40,942	40,694
	Other expenditures	247,909	395,990
	Total	2,453,799	2,420,803
4.3	Swiss programme		
	Allocations and contributions paid (material project cost)	685,199	570,818
	Personnel	544,371	591,379
	Depreciation	10,984	12,765
	Other expenditures	46,167	45,674
	Total	1,286,721	1,220,636
4.4	Head Office		
	Allocations and contributions paid	65,587	54,053
	Personnel	2,304,851	2,297,672
	Depreciation	74,557	80,664
	Fundraising costs	1,546,823	1,138,426
	Other expenditures	556,445	557,125
	Total	4,548,263	4,127,941
	Total operational expenditure		
	Allocations and contributions paid	19,684,394	19,817,445
	Personnel	8,310,795	7,944,053
	Depreciation	218,303	216,636
	Fundraising costs	1,546,823	1,138,426
	Other expenditures	1,424,008	1,569,352
	Total	31,184,323	30,685,911

# Expenditure (CHF)

	2024	2023
It		
rn	24,543	5,331,586
nk and postal accounts	24,141	24,236
ecurities	0	250,000
n sale of Texaid participation	0	5,056,817
Il income	402	533
enses	-33,060	-194,884
tal account charges	-25,837	-19,382
sets adjustment	-7,222	-175,171
Il expenses	-1	-331
	-8,518	5,136,701
operty result		
real estate property	696,384	705,502
sal	0	253,607
operty expenses	-145,352	-86,746
ses on mortgage	-20,745	-20,688
of real estate property	-125,430	-125,430
t from real estate property, SLA regional asscociations	-232,084	-232,953
	172,773	493,291
result		
result - from restored depreciation	13,609	0
	13,609	0
el cost and depreciation		
el cost	8,310,795	7,944,053
ition	343,733	342,066
	8,654,528	8,286,119
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# Performance and situation report 2024

For further details about the information provided below, I refer you to the more comprehensive 2024 Annual Report of Solidar Suisse.

# **Activities**

Solidar Suisse advocates for disadvantaged, persecuted and oppressed people. We do not pursue commercial goals, nor do we strive to make a profit. Solidar helps people and organisations to exercise their social and political rights by drawing on their own skills, and supports them in their pursuit of economic independence. In this way, we make an active contribution towards overcoming poverty and fighting extreme inequality. In the countries in which we operate, we work together with local partner organisations in the field of international cooperation and assist them in setting up humanitarian programmes in the wake of disasters. We do so in collaboration with other Swiss and international NGOs and partner organisations from the European network of Solidar. At home, Solidar Suisse highlights the problems of exploitation, inequality, human rights violations and poverty to our own citizens through awareness-raising work and campaigns, with particular emphasis on Switzerland's role in this area. Solidar Suisse currently has a global workforce of about 137 staff. 47 of these work in Switzerland: the equivalent of 36.6 full-time personnel.

# **Background**

Russia's war of aggression against Ukraine entered its third year and continued unabated. This affected Solidar Suisse in a number of ways. On the one hand, our humanitarian programmes contribute to the alleviation of suffering, while on the other, the war is having an impact in the political sphere, both in Switzerland and in Europe as a whole. Public funding for international cooperation has come under intense pressure, because considerable resources have been channelled into Ukraine, and much more will need to be earmarked for reconstruction.

Reconstruction following the devastating earthquake in Turkey and northern Syria continued throughout the year. Together with partner organizations Solidar Suisse providing humanitarian support also in this crisis.

Numerous acute crisis hotspots continued to exist in 2024 and affected our work in the respective countries. Of particular note was the Sahel region of Burkina Faso, which is suffering especially acutely from armed conflicts. Here, we are still having great difficulty in accessing our projects.

# **Impact**

Our annual report highlights some of the most striking examples of how our projects have benefited their target groups. They demonstrate that once again, Solidar Suisse largely achieved (and sometimes even exceeded) the strategic and operational goals it had set itself with the financial resources it invested in 2024 – thus helping to change for the better the lives of hundreds of thousands of people living in need and poverty.

Thanks to our projects, tens of thousands of people now enjoy better protection of their labour rights and social security. In addition, our humanitarian projects have provided emergency support to ensure the survival of a large number of people, for example by supporting them with safe housing or water supplies.

# **Outlook**

Solidar Suisse adopted its new Strategy 2025–2028 at the end of 2024, including corresponding national and regional strategies. These continue to be centred around both strong partnerships with civil society in the affected countries and efforts to raise awareness in Switzerland of the need for action.

We will continue to highlight the impact of Swiss trading, tax and economic policies and the possible negative repercussions which the activities of Swiss companies can have in the regions where we work. We will put pressure on politicians, authorities, businesses and consumers to take their responsibilities seriously, and to ensure just and equitable working conditions for workers in the countries where their products are manufactured and as part of the procurement process.

We raise funds for our projects from private and public sources. Together with other Swiss development organisations, we advocate for Switzerland's involvement in close international cooperation. We are committed to ensuring that, despite the current abrupt cuts in government funding for international cooperation, as much as possible continues to be invested in poorer regions of the world, especially the Least Developed Countries (LDC).

# **Bodies and committees**

# Solidar Suisse Board of Trustees

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

# Carlo Sommaruga – since 2018 (chairman)

President of Internationales Ausbildungszentrum für Menschenrechte und Friedenserziehung (CIFEDHOP), Foundation board member of Swissaid, Secretary of ASLOCA, President of Schweizerischer Mieterverband (SMV/ASLOCA Schweiz), Secretary general of Fédération romande des locataires (ASLOCA Romande), Secretary general of Editions de l'ASLOCA, 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 Frieda, Foundation Board Swisscontact, Delegate of the Global Caucus to the Coalition Council of the International Land Coalition, Member of the Advisory Commission for International Cooperation, Member of the Strategic Advisory Council of the Sustainability Network Solothurn, Strategic committee Engaged UniBe

# 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

#### Martine Docourt - since 2024

Association des Ami·e·s de La Plage (des Six Pompes), Board of Trustees of SP Women, Pedestrian Mobility Switzerland, Swiss Festival of Children's and Youth Choirs Neuchâtel, Board of Trustees of SSR Neuchâtel, OSEO Neuchâtel, Board of Trustees of USS

# Tamara Funiciello – since 2020

National councillor, Board member of Lesbenorganisation Schweiz LOS, Co-President of SP women, Board member of Swiss Trade Union Federation Canton of Bern, Member of the Central Board of Unia

# Pepo Hofstetter – since 2018

National Secretary of Unia, Foundation board member of Solifonds

# Fabio Höhener – since 2022

Secretary general for education, human resources, and organizational development of the vpod union, Board

member of movendo, Foundation board member of Trade Union School Switzerland

# Joachim Merz – since 2015 (personnel representative)

Coordinator Southern Africa and Bolivia of Solidar Suisse

# Reto Wyss - since 2020

Secretary general of economy of the Swiss federation of trade unions SGB, EFTA Consultative Committee, Board of Trustees of SERV, Board of Trustees of Reka, Federal Commission of housing, Commission for Federal Statistics, Member of the managing committee of the regional SP Bern-Mittelland, Board member of SP Köniz

# **Advisory Role**

#### Felix Gnehm - since 2017

Co-director of Solidar Suisse, Foundation board member of Swiss Solidarity, Foundation board member of Dora Aeschbach Stiftung, Board member of Alliance Sud

# **Management Board of Solidar Suisse**

# Felix Gnehm

Managing director

# Paulien van der Lugt

Head Quality and Impact

## **Benjamin Gross**

**Head Marketing and Communication** 

# **Klaus Thieme**

Head International Programme

#### Franziska Kristensen

Head Finances

# **Auditor**

#### **Balmer-Etienne AG**

Bederstrasse 66, CH-8002 Zurich

# Joint committee

#### **Beat Gsell**

President

Employer and employee representation is defined according to needs.



# Statutory Auditor's Report

to the General Meeting of

Solidar Suisse, Zurich

Report on the audit of the consolidated financial statements

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# Opinion

We have audited the consolidated financial statements of Solidar Suisse, which comprise the consolidated balance sheet as at 31 December 2024, the consolidated statement of income, the consolidated statement of changes in equity and the consolidated statement of cash flows for the year then ended, and notes to the consolidated financial statements. In accordance with Swiss GAAP FER 21 the specifications in the performance report are not subject to the audit requirement of the statutory auditors.

In our opinion, the accompanying consolidated financial statements give a true and fair view of the consolidated financial position of Solidar Suisse as at 31 December 2024 and of its consolidated financial performance and its consolidated cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with Swiss GAAP FER and comply with Swiss law.

# Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with Swiss law and Swiss Standards on Auditing (SA-CH). Our responsibilities under those provisions and standards are further described in the "Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Consolidated Financial Statements" section of our report. We are independent of Solidar Suisse in accordance with the provisions of Swiss law and the requirements of the Swiss audit profession, and we have fulfilled our other ethical responsibilities in accordance with these requirements.

We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

# Responsibility of the association Board for the consolidated financial statements

The association Board is responsible for the preparation of the consolidated financial statements, which give a true and fair view in accordance with Swiss GAAP FER and the provisions of Swiss law, and for such internal control as the association Board determines is necessary to enable the preparation of consolidated financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the consolidated financial statements, the association Board is responsible for assessing the ability of Solidar Suisse to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern, and using the going concern basis of accounting unless the association Board either intends to liquidate Solidar Suisse to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.



Auditor's Responsibilities for the auditing of the consolidated financial statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the consolidated financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with Swiss law and SA-CH will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these consolidated financial statements.

A further description of our responsibilities for the audit of the consolidated financial statements is located at the website of EXPERTsuisse: <a href="http://www.expertsuisse.ch/en/auditreport-for-public-companies">http://www.expertsuisse.ch/en/auditreport-for-public-companies</a>. This description forms part of our auditor's report.

# Report on other legal and statutory requirements

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 association Board.

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

Zurich, 11 April 2025 (replaces report from 9 April 2025)

Balmer-Etienne AG

Tu'uyen Maria Lang Licensed audit expert (Auditor in charge)

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Licensed audit expert

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