

# annual report 2013

## concise



# identity and mission

*LVIA seeks to promote responsible citizenship based on the principles of solidarity, to act effectively to promote change, to sustain dialogue and mutual understanding among peoples for building a more just and united world.*

*A global society in which the dignity of every person is safeguarded and promoted, in which each individual person may enjoy fundamental liberties, have access to resources and services, have the possibility to live in a healthy environment and improve the quality of life in all aspects; a global society in which every single individual and all communities have the right of self-determination consistent with the cultural rights of other peoples and every man and woman on earth.*

In 2013, to meet the objectives of its mission statement, LVIA operated in Albania, in 10 Countries of Sub-Saharan Africa (with interventions of development and in response to the emergencies in Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Guinea-Bissau, Guinea Conakry, Kenya, Mali, Mozambique, Senegal, Tanzania and with an action of policy planning and assistance in Burundi) and in Italy for the promotion of active citizenship and cross-cultural understanding.

**In 2013, the investment in cooperation projects amounted to Euros 4,293,448 - a quota equal to 88.28% of the expenditures that achieved factual results in improving life conditions for 215,700 people:**

- **35,900 people have better living conditions thanks to developmental interventions in the rural and pastoral sector:** LVIA operated with local partners for food security and food sovereignty.
- **130,000 people have better living conditions thanks to interventions in water access and sanitation:** LVIA operated with local communities for the provision of safe water and sanitation facilities for the villages through development actions, answering the emergency needs and promoting sustainable management of water resources.
- **11,300 people have better living conditions thanks to interventions on energy provision and the environment:** LVIA operated with local partners on waste management and disposal and the electrification of rural areas.

- **6,000 people have better living conditions thanks to interventions of social inclusion and democratic participation:** LVIA, together with local partners, operated with actions of school support, work and social inclusion of disadvantaged women, promotion of active citizenship of the young and local policies of social inclusion, with the participation of and agreed with civil society.
- **32,500 people have better living conditions thanks to interventions in response to the emergencies** of food crisis and malnutrition in Burkina Faso and to the water crisis after the conflict in northern Mali.

The investment in active citizenship actions in Italy amounts to Euros 140,418 - a quota equal to 2.89% of expenditure.

**Thanks to awareness raising campaigns, development projects and the activities of the territorial groups, 34,600 people were involved in Italy with the purpose to garner attention and civil engagement to themes of international solidarity, the promotion of an open and intercultural society and direct participation in the dynamics of socio-economic change.**

Nine French, Italian, Burkinabe and Senegalese regions accomplished activities of decentralised cooperation with the aid of LVIA on plans of local development in Burkina Faso. Twelve Italian municipalities (of the region of Piedmont) and Burkinabe municipalities sustained dialogue in the prospect of operating development-aimed strategies. LVIA endorsed its engagement in support of the continuity of such relationships.

## THE ASSOCIATION

The LVIA, Lay Volunteers International Association, was established in 1966. LVIA is a non-profit membership organisation characterised by an effectual style, seeking effective and innovative means of action, acknowledging the core values and the commitment to volunteerism in all its diversity, working in the spirit of collaboration and solidarity as a belief in professionalism understood as exercise of social responsibility, competence, respect and active civil involvement.

## ASSOCIATIVE BASE

In 2013, LVIA was able to count on an associative base composed of 142 members, of which 78 men, 63 women and 1 juridical person, plus 1 honorary and 12 supporting members. The first African associative group is active in Burkina Faso.

## STAFF

In 2013, the LVIA staff in Italy was composed of 17 units, of which 5 men and 12 women. There were 20 expatriates, of which 10 women and 10 men: 8 per-

sons covered the position of Country Representatives and 12 were employed in development projects. 90% of the expatriated personnel had a university degree. The local personnel was composed of 156 units, of which 32 employed as animators, 27 with a technical role, 6 with logistic duties, 27 with an administrative role, 53 had roles as keepers and drivers, 11 in roles of coordination. Altogether, the domestic personnel were composed of 121 men, 35 women and of which 23% with a university degree and 24% with a diploma.

# LVIA stakeholders:

The actual players who perform the mission activities of the association

## Shared and participated actions enrich the Association

The LVIA stakeholders are people, groups or corporate bodies with a vested interest in the activities of the Association and which are involved in its mission and in the good outcomes of the activities.

### INTERNAL STAKEHOLDERS

#### THE ORGANS OF THE ASSOCIATION:

The General Meeting; The Board of the Association; The Presidency; The President; The Board of Arbitrators; The Board of Auditors  
It is important to highlight the role of the Board of the Association as the seat of strategic deliberations inherent to the association's mission.



#### HUMAN RESOURCES

Employees and collaborators, volunteers and members in Italy, Africa and Albania.



#### TERRITORIAL GROUPS IN ITALY AND BRANCHES IN AFRICA AND ALBANIA

Branches and Territorial Groups are involved in the sharing of ideas, involvement of new members and action planning.

### EXTERNAL STAKEHOLDERS

The main external stakeholders are **the people**, the partakers of the activities: from planning to realisation, the relationship with the local communities is fundamental for the effectiveness of the actions and the efficient use of resources. The collaboration with and participation in **national and international networks** is important to share strategies and to broaden the impact of the interventions; the relationship with the **associative world** allows to activate competent partnerships in local contexts; the collaboration with **Regions and Local Authorities** ranges from setting objectives to actual strategic collaborative actions.

The **educational institutions and institutes of research** are stakeholders of LVIA for the innovative technical contributions in the projects.

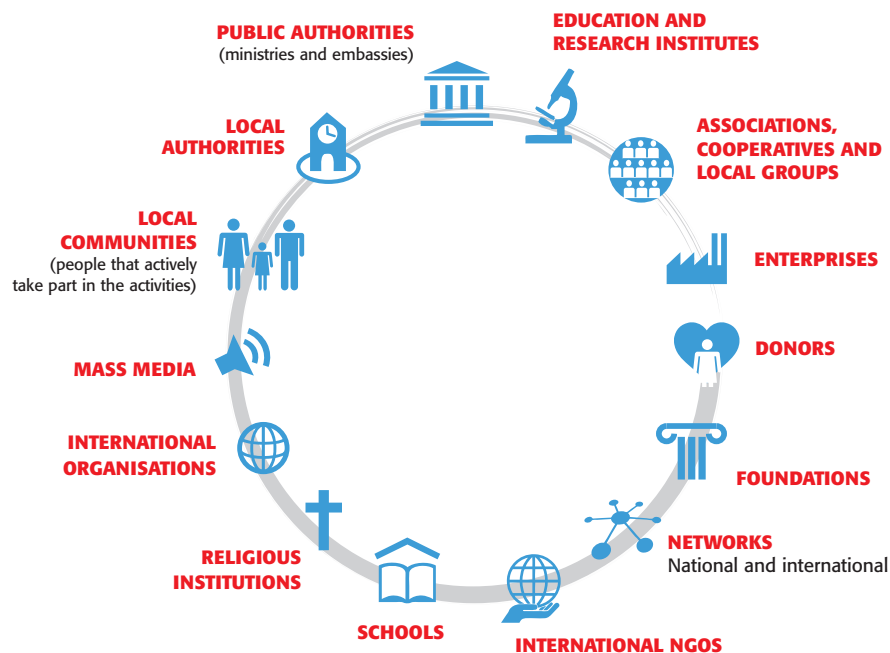
The **schools and universities** are stakeholders for the realisation of educational modalities of cross-cultural understanding and for furnishing opportunities of training courses.

The **corporate bodies and agencies of Christian inspiration** are important stakeholders linked to the inspiring values of the Association; the Charities are, among these, important partners in cooperation projects.

The donors, foundations, business firms, ministries, embassies and international organisations represent the **economic network** of the stakeholders.

The participatory relationship is developed both with the timely financing of actions and with the elaboration of long-term intervention strategies.

Lastly, the **communication network** consists in the relationship with the mass media, an important stakeholder to enhance the impact of the activities in terms of information to the public.

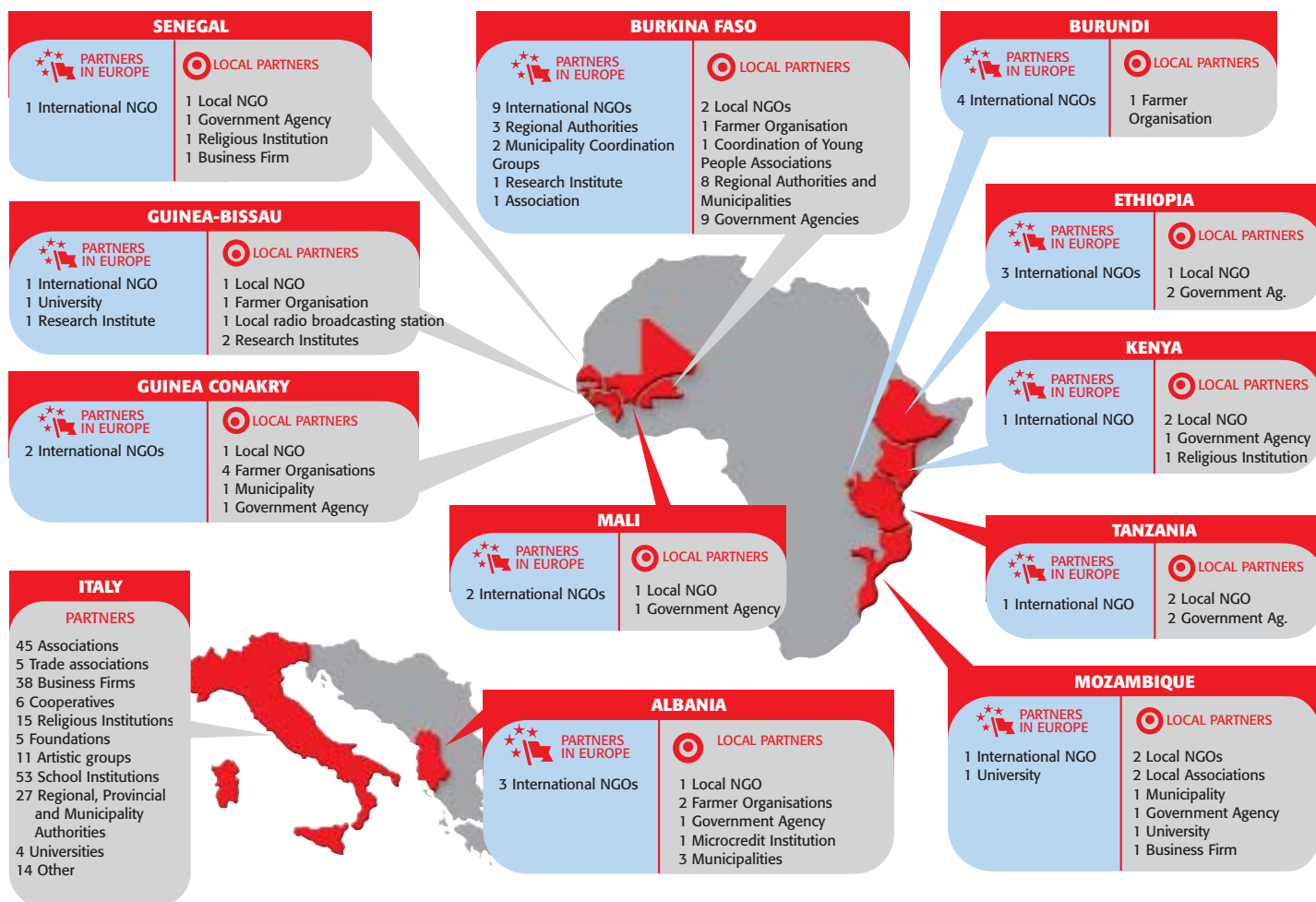


### FINANCING BODIES

	INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS	7
	ASSOCIATIONS	1
	GOVERNMENT AGENCIES	3
	REGIONS AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES	9
	FOUNDATIONS	7
	RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS	5
	BUSINESS FIRMS	58
	COOPERATIVES	4
	SCHOOLS	15
	OTHER	3
TOTAL		112

## OUR PARTNERS

Among the external stakeholders, some are partners of the projects



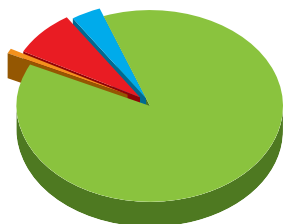
## INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

The LVIA partners of the intervention projects in Africa and Albania, excluding the purely institutional partners and the corporate bodies that intervene exclusively as funders, are divided in European partners and local partners.



# our numbers

## INCOME 2013 · € 4,867,311

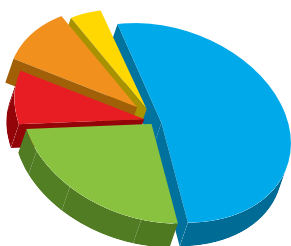


PROJECTS IN EMERGING COUNTRIES	€ 4,299,474	88.33%
ACTIVITIES IN ITALY	€ 70,909	1.46%
PROMOTIONAL AND FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES	€ 372,692	7.66%
GENERAL SUPPORT CHARGES	€ 124,236	2.55%

## SOURCES OF FUNDING

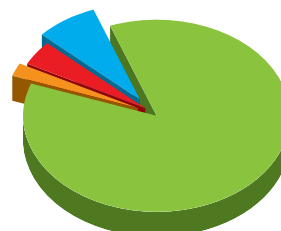
European Union	€ 2,510,853	52%
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Italy	€ 389,633	8%
Italian Public Administrations	€ 350,108	7%
Foreign Public Administrations	€ 255,913	5%
U.N. Agencies	€ 85,876	2%
Partnerships with other Assoc.	€ 199,972	4%
Private Corporate bodies	€ 476,747	10%
Private People	€ 557,009	11%
Various contributions	€ 41,200	1%

## PROJECTS: INVESTMENTS PER SECTOR OF INTERVENTION



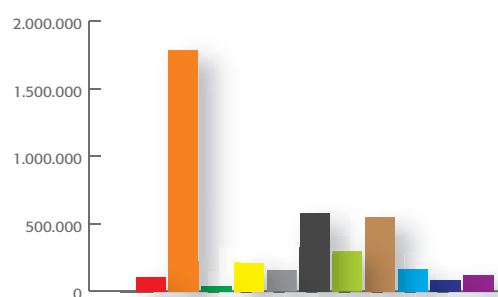
WATER AND HYGIENE	52.2%
AGRO-PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT	24.2%
ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT	9.2%
SOCIAL INCLUSION AND DEMOCRATIC PARTICIPATION	10.0%
COOPERATION AMONG COMMUNITIES	4.4%

## EXPENDITURES 2013 · € 4,863,699



PROJECTS IN EMERGING COUNTRIES	€ 4,293,448	88.28%
ACTIVITIES IN ITALY	€ 140,418	2.89%
PROMOTIONAL AND FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES	€ 197,390	4.06%
GENERAL SUPPORT CHARGES	€ 232,443	4.78%

## PROJECTS: INVESTMENTS PER COUNTRY



ALBANIA	€ 105,242.00
BURKINA FASO	€ 1,790,007.00
BURUNDI	€ 5,742.25
GUINEA-BISSAU	€ 210,357.52
GUINEA CONAKRY	€ 157,908.10
ETHIOPIA	€ 579,961.72
KENYA	€ 297,786.60
MALI	€ 547,253.89
MOZAMBIQUE	€ 164,558.25
SENEGAL	€ 81,663.48
TANZANIA	€ 120,051.20

## DIRECT BENEFICIARIES

ALBANIA	100	KENYA	30,700
BURKINA FASO	41,500	MALI	20,400
ETHIOPIA	70,400	MOZAMBIQUE	3,000
GUINEA-BISSAU	4,800	SENEGAL	7,200
GUINEA CONAKRY	32,600	TANZANIA	5,000
		ITALY	34,600

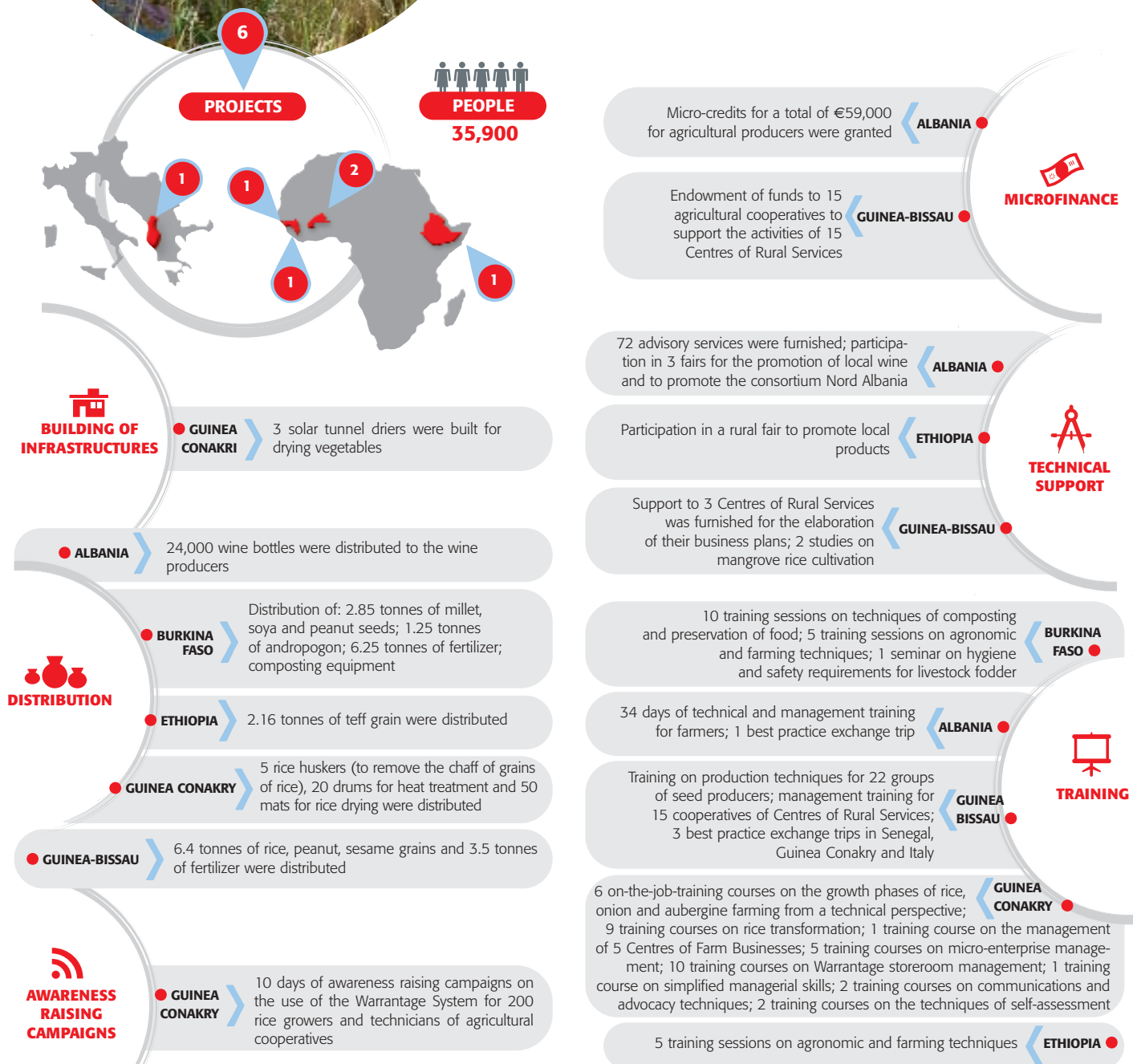
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# agro-pastoral development



Between 2011 and 2013, there were 842 million people suffering from malnutrition in the world. One third of the food produced is wasted and unsustainable development models are degrading the natural environment, threatening ecosystems and the biodiversity needed "to feed" the planet. These were the issues debated at the World Food Day 2013 (Sustainable Food Systems for Food Security and Nutrition) and which reflect LVIA's commitment as player in bringing about a change in the south and in the north of the world.

**In 2013, LVIA sustained 35,900 farmers and producers in Albania, Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Guinea-Bissau and Guinea Conakry to enhance local food systems in a sustainable and long-lasting way, in respect of the environment.** This is a dutiful action in respect for the environment and natural resources as the dire consequences of climate change have led to an increase in droughts, famines, desertification and flooding in particular in the countries of the south of the world.



# water and hygiene



The year 2013 was designated as the UN International Year of Water Cooperation to highlight the importance of freshwater in sustainable development processes including the elimination of poverty and hunger. The UNO has expressed its worry for the millions of people who are without access to safe water (more than 760 million) and basic hygiene services (2.5 billion). The data collected by various UN agencies foresee that almost two billion people will live in areas of high water stress within 2025. Whilst in Europe the consumption of water is between 200 and 250 litres of water per capita per day, in sub-Saharan Africa it barely reaches 20 litres.

**130,000 people from the poorest areas of Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Kenya and Tanzania have better life conditions thanks to the projects promoted and accomplished by LVIA in 2013.**

The infrastructures built and rehabilitated because of the attention drawn to the integration of these in local management systems, have brought real benefits to the most vulnerable people.

## CONSTRUCTION AND REHABILITATION OF WELLS

- ETHIOPIA** 4 hand-dug wells with installation of hand pumps were constructed; 1 rehabilitation of a deep well (forage)
- BURKINA FASO** 4 deep pastoral wells (forage) were rehabilitated with the replacement of hand pumps
- KENYA** 3 hand-dug wells were constructed with installation of hand pumps; 2 deep wells were rehabilitated with replacement of pumps and construction of surrounding walls
- TANZANIA** 1 deep well (forage) was rehabilitated with engine and pump repaired

## AQUEDUCT EXTENSION

- ETHIOPIA** 2 aqueducts were extended for 500 metres; 1 aqueduct was extended for 5.8 kilometres with the building of a reservoir and 5 water distribution points (public fountains)
- KENYA** 1 aqueduct was extended for 9 kilometres with the construction of purification tanks, two reservoirs – one holding fifty cubic metres and the other 5 cubic metres – and 12 water distribution points (public fountains)
- TANZANIA** 1 aqueduct was extended for 4 kilometres and a distribution line was rehabilitated with a reservoir holding 75 cubic metres, 5 public fountains and 3 animal drinking troughs

## CONSTRUCTION OF LATRINES

- BURKINA FASO** 2,414 ECOSAN type latrines were built to benefit the same number of families
- ETHIOPIA** 5,984 PIT type latrines were built to benefit as many families; 14 blocks of VIP type school latrines were built to benefit 14 schools
- KENYA** 12 blocks of school latrines for 6 schools were built

## RAINWATER-HARVESTING SYSTEMS

- ETHIOPIA** 14 rainwater-harvesting systems were installed in 14 schools
- KENYA** 8 rainwater-harvesting systems were installed in 8 schools

222 days of awareness raising activities in villages, 17 theatrical performances and forums, 6,969 home visits and 10 community sessions on the proper use of water and education on sanitation and hygiene services for animators, teachers and village committees

**BURKINA FASO**

3 awareness raising campaigns and 6 community sessions on the proper use of water, risk prevention and education on sanitation and hygiene services

**ETHIOPIA**

## AWARENESS RAISING CAMPAIGNS

110 T-shirts were produced and distributed for awareness raising campaigns

**KENYA**

1 forum on water was organised

**TANZANIA**

4 training sessions on building techniques of ECOSAN latrines; 4 well management committees for 4 wells were trained; 4 sessions on hygiene and health national policies

**BURKINA FASO**

4 hydraulic and technical training sessions; 4 sessions on the management of aqueducts

**ETHIOPIA**

## TRAINING

4 training sessions on the management of water distribution points and the production of an instructional and informative manual, distributed in 300 copies

**KENYA**

6 management committees and 1 technician for the maintenance of water distribution points were trained

**TANZANIA**

2 enquiries on hygiene and health practices were conducted

**ETHIOPIA**

## TECHNICAL SUPPORT

1 research on the management of water resources was published

**TANZANIA**

2 Water Analysis Testing Kits were distributed to the local technical services; 250 hygiene kits were distributed

**ETHIOPIA**

## DISTRIBUTION

Water PUR kits for water purification were distributed in 13 villages

**KENYA**

# energy and the environment

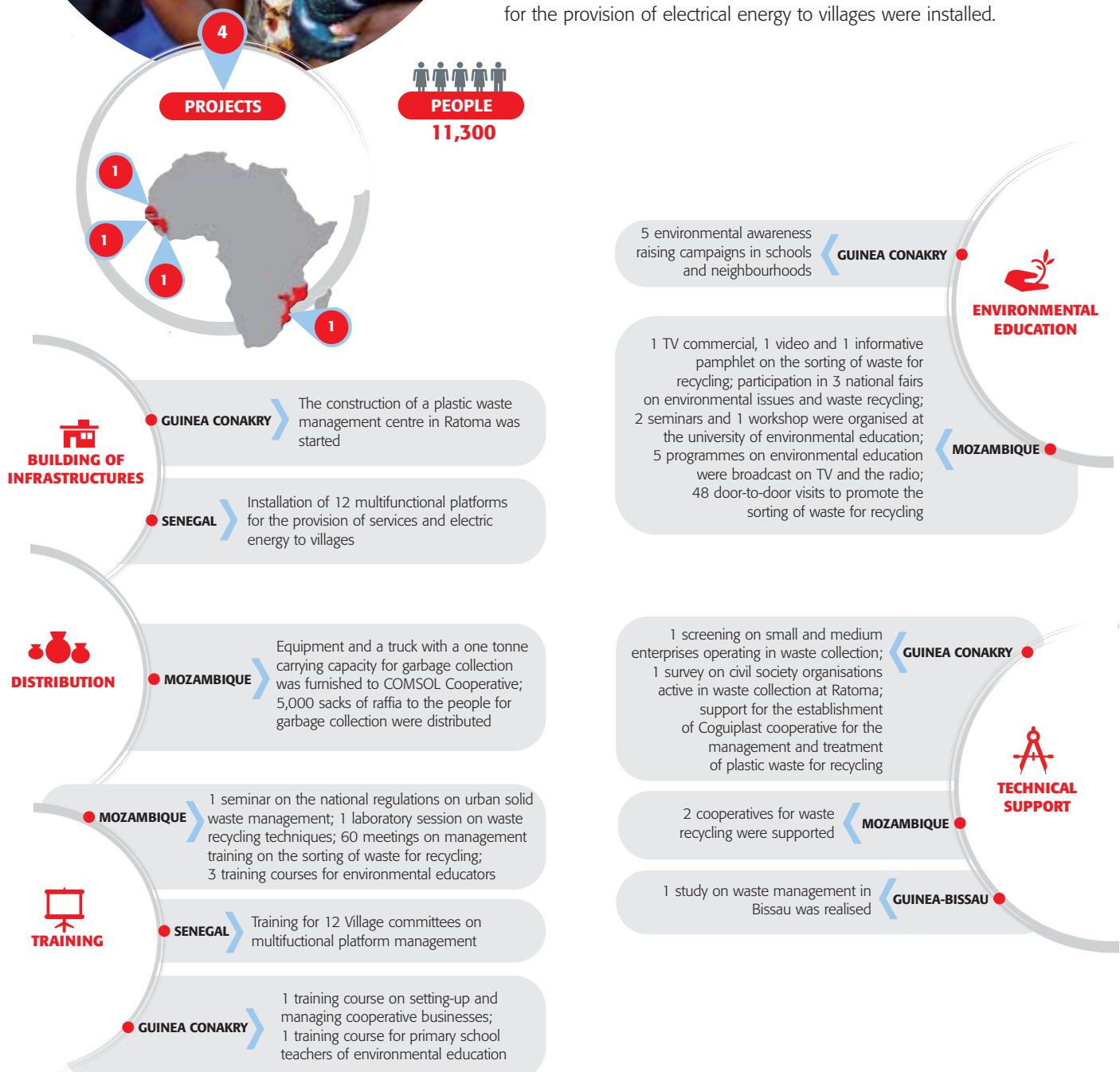


The projects of LVIA in the environmental sector put forward an approach that promote processes of social inclusion, development and struggle against poverty through means that safeguard the environment in the sectors of renewable energy and waste management in African cities.

At the same time, in the energy sector, LVIA has promoted access to sources of energy with particular attention dedicated to the preservation of the environment and the social setting it operates in.

**11,300 people in Guinea Conakry, Mozambique, Senegal have better life conditions thanks to the projects in 2013.**

Just a few specific examples: in Guinea Conakry, a new Plastic Recycling Centre was realised and in Guinea-Bissau LVIA realised a study to evaluate how to face the problems of waste in the capital. In Mozambique a cooperative was founded composed of former 'catadores', unofficial collectors of waste at the open air rubbish dumps of Maputo: the cooperative purchases paper, glass, tin and plastic waste, cleanses these and sells them to private firms. In Senegal 12 multifunctional platforms with engines and generators for the provision of electrical energy to villages were installed.



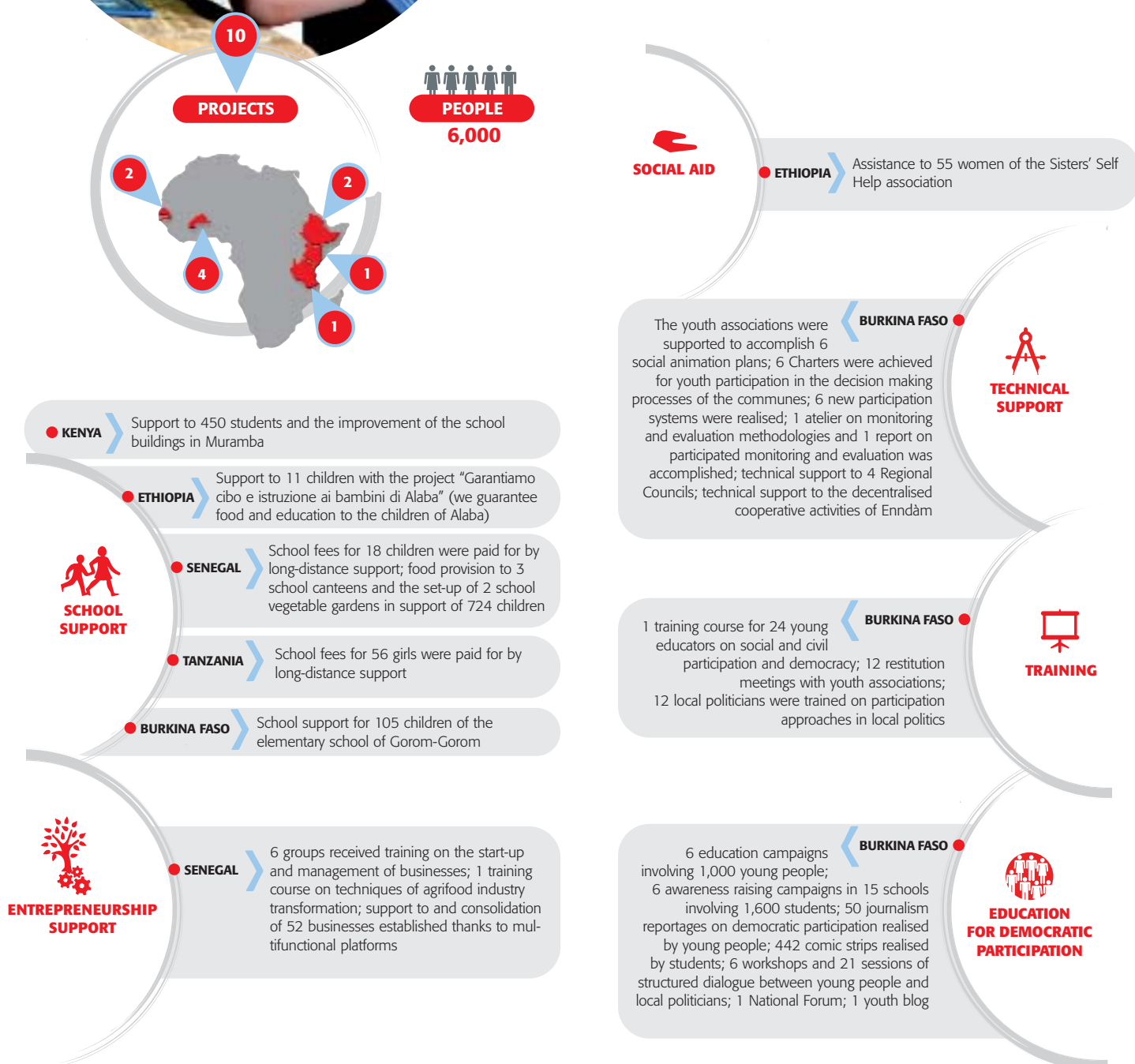
# social inclusion and democratic participation



The activities accomplished by LVIA are aimed at supporting the weaker members of society that, because of social and economic conditions, are living on the margins of society. Such attention is a prerogative of LVIA's mission and it is a component present in all the projects.

**In 2013, the activities accomplished with a focus on the weaker members of society living on the margins of society and their social inclusion involved 6,000 people, mainly children, women and young people in Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Kenya, Senegal and Tanzania.**

Just a few specific examples: support to the women of the association Sisters' Self Help in Addis Ababa, composed of former prostitutes. Support to women of Senegalese villages for the start-up of economic enterprises. School support for children and young girls. Activities with the young in Burkina Faso on participation and active citizenship as tools of democracy and social inclusion. Assistance to Local Authorities to enhance and develop governance in an inclusive and democratic way.



# in response to emergencies

## BURKINA FASO

COMBATING CHILD  
MALNUTRITION

VISITED **246,000** CHILDREN (0-5 years old)

TREATED **9,900** CHILDREN suffering from acute  
severe malnutrition  
(70% of identified cases)

EQUIPPED **130** HEALTH CENTRES

TRAINED **2,260** NURSES AND HEALTH  
TECHNICIANS

REIMBURSEMENT OF **HOSPITAL CARE COSTS** FOR 1,360  
CHILDREN SUFFERING FROM ACUTE SEVERE MALNUTRITION

## MALI

WATER EMERGENCY  
AFTER THE CONFLICT

REHABILITATION  
OF **45**

**WELLS** of which 34 wide diameter  
wells and 11 deep wells with the  
installation of hand pumps  
benefitting 20,000 people.

DISTRIBUTED **5,875**

**KITS:** 3,400 20-litre canisters,  
1,125 filters, 1,350 hygiene kits for  
the conservation, boiling and filtering  
of water, for 20,400 people

TRAINED **45**

**COMMITTEES** for community  
management of water distribution  
points

TRAINED **45**

**HEALTH EDUCATION ANIMATORS**  
in the villages

ACCOMPLISHED **AN AWARENESS CAMPAIGN** ALONG THE RIVER  
NIGER FOR THE PREVENTION OF CHOLERA OUTBREAKS

In 2013, LVIA was committed to responding to the humanitarian emergencies that had hit the peoples of Mali and Burkina Faso. It was not only an emergency response measure but based on activities that generated a positive impact, even after the emergency itself, allowing the best use of economic resources.

## BURKINA FASO

The treatment and prevention of child malnutrition has been one of the main activities accomplished by LVIA in collaboration with the association Medicus Mundi Italia and with funding from the European Commission's Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection department (ECHO).

In 2013, three campaigns in the villages of the Centre-Ouest region (all the five health districts) were carried out to single out malnourished children. 246,000 children up to five years of age - the most critical age group - were visited and 9,900 were treated, i.e. 70% of the children suffering from severe acute malnutrition, reimbursing hospitalisation costs for the most serious cases.

The actions were entirely part of and planned with the local health care service. 130 Health Community Centres (the closest health care providers to the villages) were equipped with adequate facilities; 2,260 nurses and health technicians were trained to identify, monitor and immediately treat cases of severe acute malnutrition in the villages.

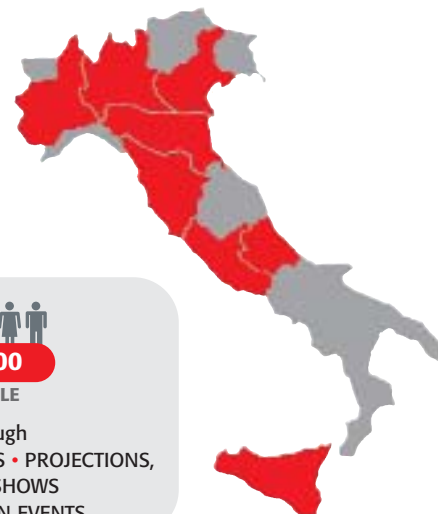
## MALI

In June 2013, LVIA went back to Gao despite tensions in northern Mali. Together with the local NGOs, Tassaght and CISV, and with the support of the European Commission's Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection department (ECHO), interventions were carried out in response to the critical water crisis: in the course of war, more than 50% of water distribution points were damaged in the districts of Gao and Bourem.

LVIA animators intervened in those areas among sand dunes: 34 wide diameter wells and 11 deep wells with the installation of hand pumps were rehabilitated benefitting 20,000 people. 45 committees for community management of water distribution points and 45 animators, who worked in villages informing the populations on hygiene practices for the proper use of water as in that region it is not always of appropriate quality (distributing 3,400 canisters, 1,125 filters and 1,350 hygiene kits), were trained and formed.

A vast awareness raising campaign was realised with a theatrical group moving from one village to another on a pirogue along the river to inform the local populations, which make use of the river water when there are no other water sources, on cholera risks and prevention measures.

# activities in Italy



## ADDRESSEES OF THE ACTIVITIES

### GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION

14,500  
PEOPLE

Through school educational programmes for all age groups (from nursery school to secondary school).

### AWARENESS RAISING CAMPAIGNS

18,500  
PEOPLE

Through LECTURES • SHOWS • PROJECTIONS, FAIRS • SHOWS LOCAL TOWN EVENTS.

### ACTIVITIES WITH UNIVERSITIES

370  
PEOPLE

### CROSS-CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING AND ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP

1,200  
PEOPLE

### UNDERSTANDING AND SOLIDARITY FIELD TRIPS

51  
PEOPLE

## INFO

web site  
**www.lvია.it**  
26,879  
VISITORS  
135,785  
VIEWS

web site  
**www.acquaevita.it**  
1,280  
VISITORS  
5,399  
VIEWS

**FACEBOOK**  
1,340  
FOLLOWERS  
347,644  
VISITS

Canale  
**YOUTUBE**  
26,635  
VIEWS  
main countries - United States, India, Italy, Indonesia, Japan.  
90% from mobile devices

**TWITTER**  
177  
FOLLOWERS

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1,113  
VIEWS

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4,000  
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**Volontari LVIA**  
9,000  
BENEFICIARIES

## CAMPAIGN

**acqua e vita**  
WATER IS LIFE

The **Water is Life** campaign is now in its tenth year: it was launched in 2003 - the International Year of Freshwater - to sum up 40 years of LVIA's history of activity on access to freshwater sources and to respond to appeals from the international community to work for and guarantee the right and access to safe drinking water and basic sanitation. Water is life is the informative and fundraising campaign that supports a culture of solidarity in response to the unwarranted drama lived by people limited by extreme poverty and excessive distances from safe water sources. Thus, in these first 10 years of campaign activities, the right has become a reality for one million people in African countries. We can state that we have contributed in meeting the seventh goal of the millennium, helping to lower from 1.4 billion to 870 million the number of people who have no access to drinking water. In 2013, thanks to LVIA projects a further 130,000 people in sub-Saharan Africa have now access to water and hygiene.

## CAMPAIGN

**FAMINE IS NOT A DIET**



In January 2013, LVIA promoted the Campaign '**Famine is not a Diet**' to respond to the food crisis in Sahel. The activities carried out, thanks to the funds raised, assured treatment for 1,500 children suffering from malnutrition and helped 500 families to start a new agricultural campaign. The campaign was sustained by the RAI Social Secretariat (Segretariato Sociale Rai) from 14 to 20 January and by the television broadcasting networks LA7 and LA7D from 14 to 28 January. Through the telephone number 45599, provided by the Vodafone Foundation, it was possible to donate via text messages and home telephone.

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**"** The world is going through the worst crisis it has had over the last seventy years, a crisis that is not only of an economic or financial kind but also of values and social models. Our association has begun to consider the contribution it can give to build a better world based on new interactions between man and earth through the implementation of new developmental models that focus on people and their dignity instead of GDP and profits at all costs. Thus, starting from our almost fifty year-old competences, in 2013 we thought upon which elements of operative strategies we could concentrate on in order to be a constant, active and efficient player in the promotion of that change. A change more than necessary, that underlies the building of a society based on solidarity and goodwill and not on egoism and individualism.

*Alessandro Bobba - President LVIA*



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