

annual report 2012

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 2012, to meet the objectives of its mission statement, LVIA operated in Albania, in 11 Countries of Sub-Saharan Africa (with interventions of development and struggle against poverty in Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Guinea-Bissau, Guinea Conakry, Kenya, Mali, Mozambique, Senegal, Tanzania and with an action of planning and assistance in Burundi) and in Italy for the promotion of active citizenship and cross-cultural understanding.

In 2012, the investment in cooperation projects amounts to Euros 3,367,989 - a quota equal to 86.13% of the expenditures that have achieved the real results of **improving the life conditions for over 122,000 people:**

- **28,600 people benefitted from rural development intervention in an agro-pastoral context:** LVIA operated with local partners for food security and food sovereignty;
- **35,000 people benefitted from interventions in water and sanitation:** LVIA operated with local communities for the provision of safe water and sanitation facilities to the villages through development actions, answering the emergency needs and promoting sustainable management of water resources;
- **2,000 people benefitted from interventions of support to education, social inclusion and entrepreneurial training:** LVIA operated with local partners with activities of animation;
- **40,600 people benefitted from interventions in Energy and environment:** LVIA operated with local partners on waste management and disposal, electrification of rural areas, renewable Energy;

- **16,100 people benefitted from emergency interventions** realised by LVIA to answer the tragic famine emergency which affected the Sahel Region.

The investment in **active citizenship actions in Italy** amounts to Euros 95,801 - a quota equal to 2.45 % of expenditure.

Thanks to awareness raising campaigns, education in development projects, the activity of the territorial groups, **35,000 people** were reached with the purpose to garner attention and civil engagement in themes of international solidarity, in the promotion of an open and intercultural society and in direct participation in the dynamics of socio-economic change.

Thanks to the **activities of communication**, LVIA informative activities reached more than **30,000 people**.

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. **Sixteen Italian municipalities (of the region of Piedmont) and Burkinabe and Senegalese municipalities** have sustained dialogue in the prospect of operating with new projects, currently of difficult realisation because of the imposed cuts and budget constraints to the Italian Communes. LVIA has endorsed its engagement in support of 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 2012 LVIA was able to count on an associative base composed by 142 members (+8% in comparison to 2011), of which 78 men, 62 women and 1 juridical person, plus 1 honorary and 12 supporting members.

The first associative group of LVIA was established in Burkina Faso, Africa; its members count six people: 5 effective members and 1 honorary member (the president of the ASK rural association).

STAFF

In 2012 the LVIA staff in Italy was composed of 18 units, of which 5 men and 13 women. There were 18 expatriates, of which 10 women and 8 men: 8 persons

covered the position of Country Representatives and 10 were employed in development projects. 89% of the expatriated personnel had a university degree. The local personnel was composed of 147 units, of which 22 employed as animators, 25 with a technical role, 5 with logistic duties, 27 with an administrative role, 57 had roles as keepers and drivers, 11 roles of coordination. Altogether, the domestic personnel were composed of 115 men, 32 women and of which 29% with a university degree.

VOLUNTEERING ACTIVITY IN ITALY

In 2012, 246 volunteers carried out volunteering activity with LVIA for a total amount of 10,781 hours.

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 and "the beneficiaries" 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.

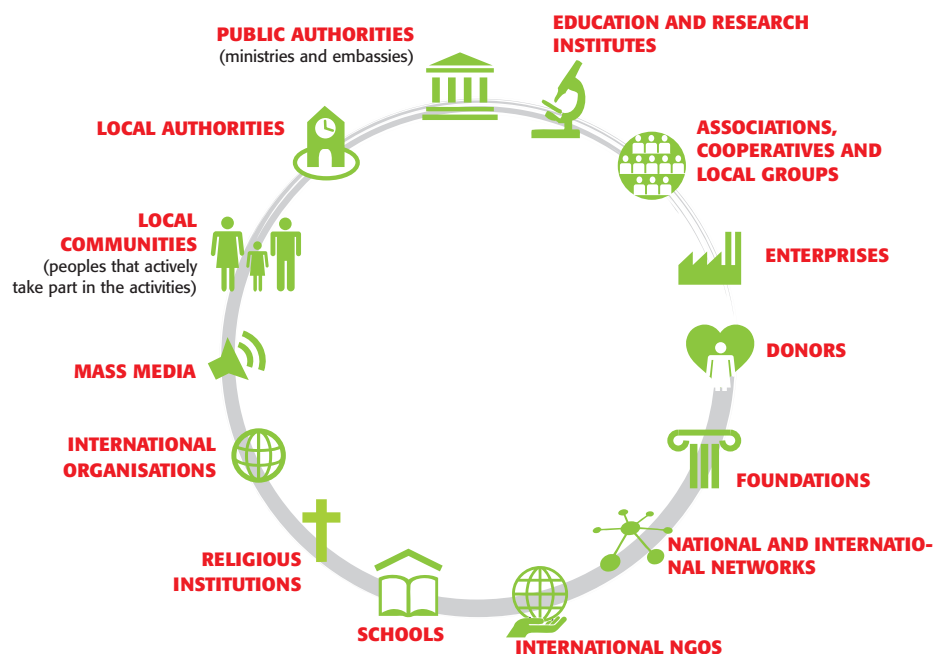
The **schools and universities** are stakeholders for the realisation of educational modalities of cross-cultural understanding and for furnishing opportunities of training courses.

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.

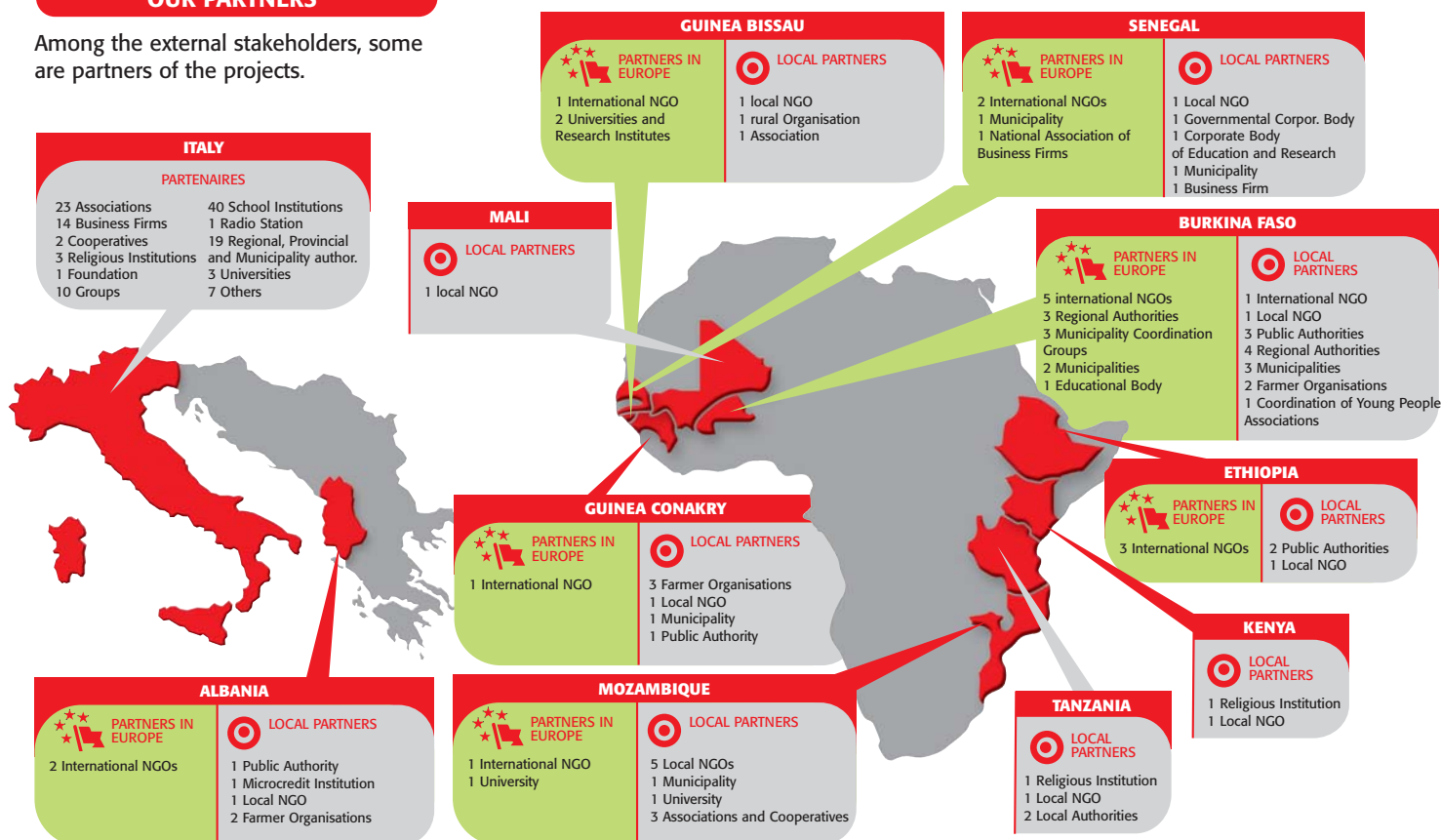


FINANCING BODIES

	INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS	3
	INTERNATIONAL NGOS	8
	PUBLIC AUTHORITIES, MINISTRIES, EMBASSIES	10
	REGIONS AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES	11
	ASSOCIATIONS	2
	BUSINESS FIRMS	53
	FOUNDATIONS	9
	SCHOOLS	20
	MICROCREDIT INSTITUTIONS	1
	RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS	4
	OTHERS	4
TOTAL		125

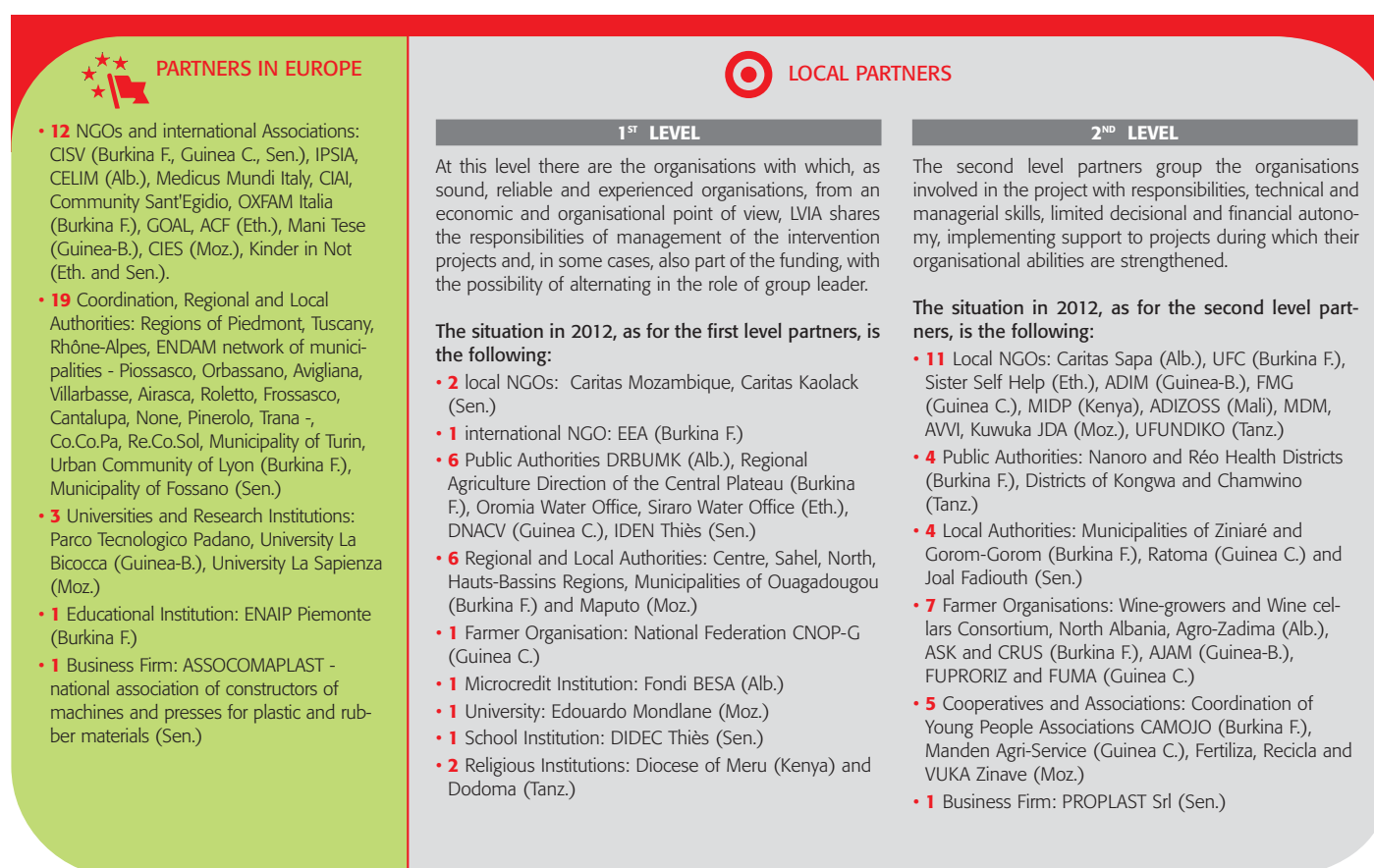
OUR PARTNERS

Among the external stakeholders, some are partners of the projects.



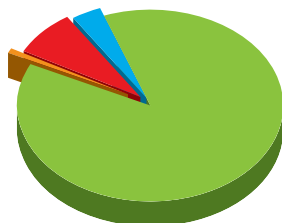
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

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: the European partners, the first level local partners and second level local partners.



our numbers

INCOME 2012 · € 3,909,820



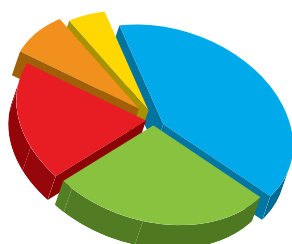
CONTRIBUTIONS FOR

PROGETS	€ 3,440,520	88.00%
ACTIVITIES IN ITALY	€ 27,538	0.70%
PROMOTIONAL AND FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES	€ 309,991	7.93%
STRUCTURE	€ 131,771	3.37%

SOURCES OF FUNDING

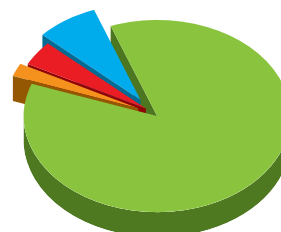
European Union	€ 1,495,159.00	38.2%
Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Italy	€ 466,410.00	11.9%
Italian Public Administrations	€ 214,439.00	5.5%
Foreign Public Administrations	€ 101,287.00	2.6%
U.N. Agencies	€ 99,288.00	2.5%
Partnerships with other Associat.	€ 193,234.00	4.9%
Private Corporate bodies	€ 890,380.00	22.8%
Private People	€ 418,085.00	10.7%
Various contributions	€ 31,538.00	0.8%
	€ 3,909,820.00	

PROJECTS: INVESTMENTS PER SECTOR OF INTERVENTION



WATER AND HYGIENE	40%
AGRO-PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT	28%
ENERGY AND THE ENVIRONMENT	19%
SOCIAL INCLUSION	8%
COOPERATION AMONG COMMUN.	5%

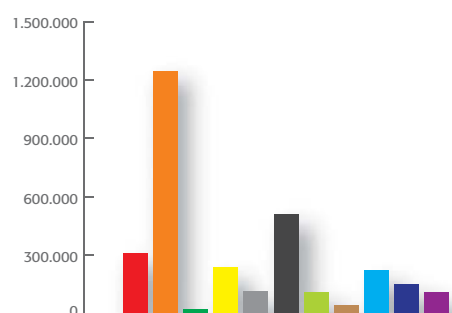
EXPENDITURES 2012 · € 3,910,206



COSTS FOR

PROGETS	€ 3,367,989	86.13%
ACTIVITIES IN ITALY	€ 95,801	2.45%
PROMOTIONAL AND FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES	€ 154,290	3.95%
STRUCTURE	€ 292,126	7.47%

PROJECTS: INVESTMENTS PER COUNTRY



ALBANIA	€ 311,302
BURKINA FASO	€ 1,245,710
BURUNDI	€ 25,484
GUINEA BISSAU	€ 236,455
GUINEA CONAKRY	€ 113,941
ETHIOPIA	€ 509,578
KENYA	€ 112,041
MALI	€ 44,145
MOZAMBIQUE	€ 221,627
SENEGAL	€ 153,510
TANZANIA	€ 109,013

DIRECT BENEFICIARIES

ALBANIA	200	KENYA	5,000
BURKINA FASO	35,100	MOZAMBIQUE	15,200
ETHIOPIA	11,300	SENEGAL	18,100
GUINEA BISSAU	4,800	TANZANIA	9,000
GUINEA CONAKRY	23,600	ITALY	35,100

The complete 2012 balance sheet is available on the www.lvia.it

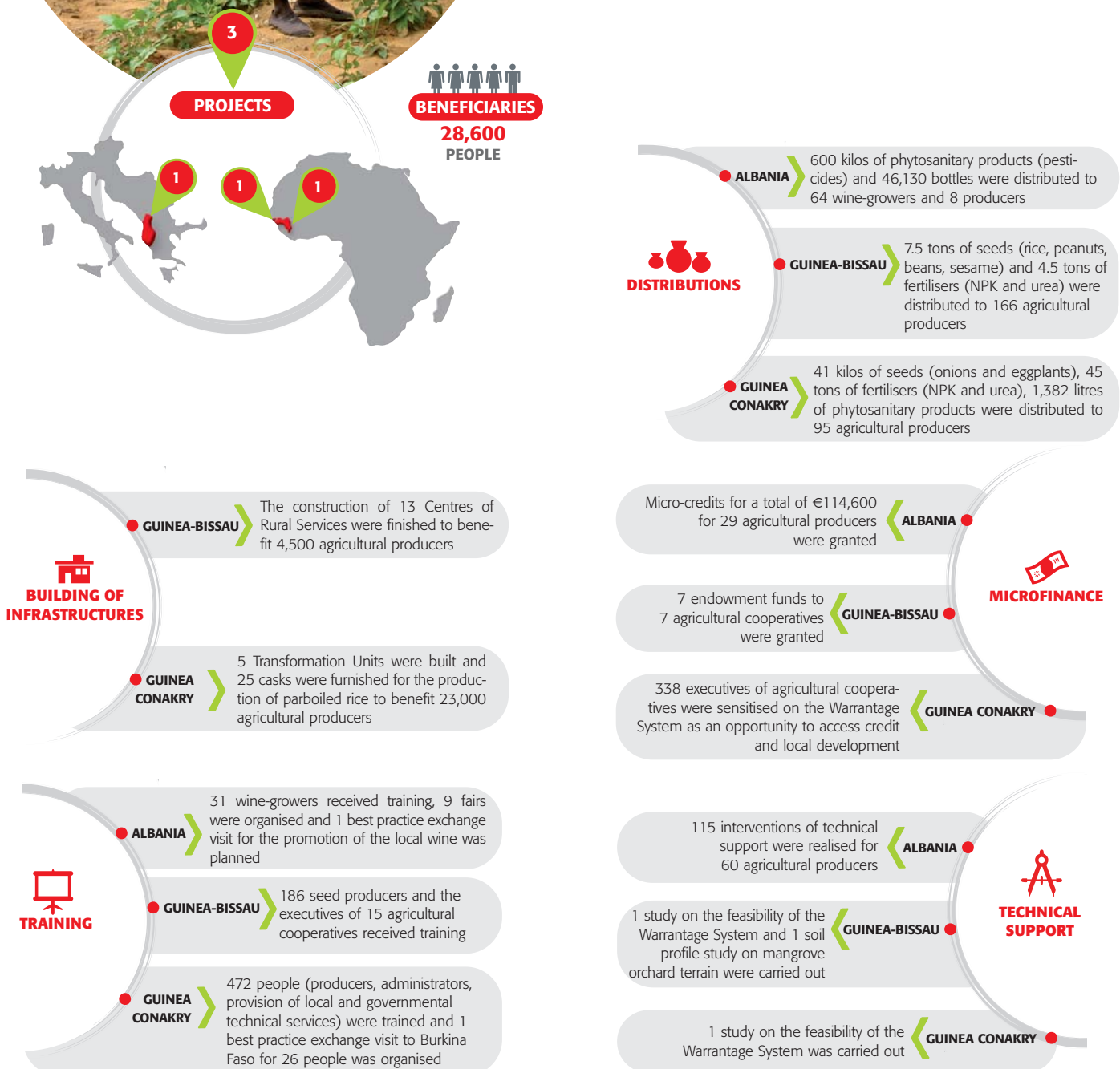
agro-pastoral development



One out of seven people in the world suffers from malnutrition, yet the means to defeat hunger are available. On 16 October 2012 the World Food Day was celebrated; FAO devoted the day to the theme '**agricultural cooperatives feed the world**' highlighting the necessity to sustain cooperatives and organisations of producers avowing that such institutions, more than the great companies, can contribute to food safety.

The work of LVIA in the agricultural and pastoral sector has the approach and the goal **to strengthen self-determination of the local communities and to produce some real benefits, income and sustainable local development for the territory: the aimed interventions are to support the small producers and family-run agriculture.** This is food sovereignty and it is the process that LVIA accomplishes and sustains with the rural communities.

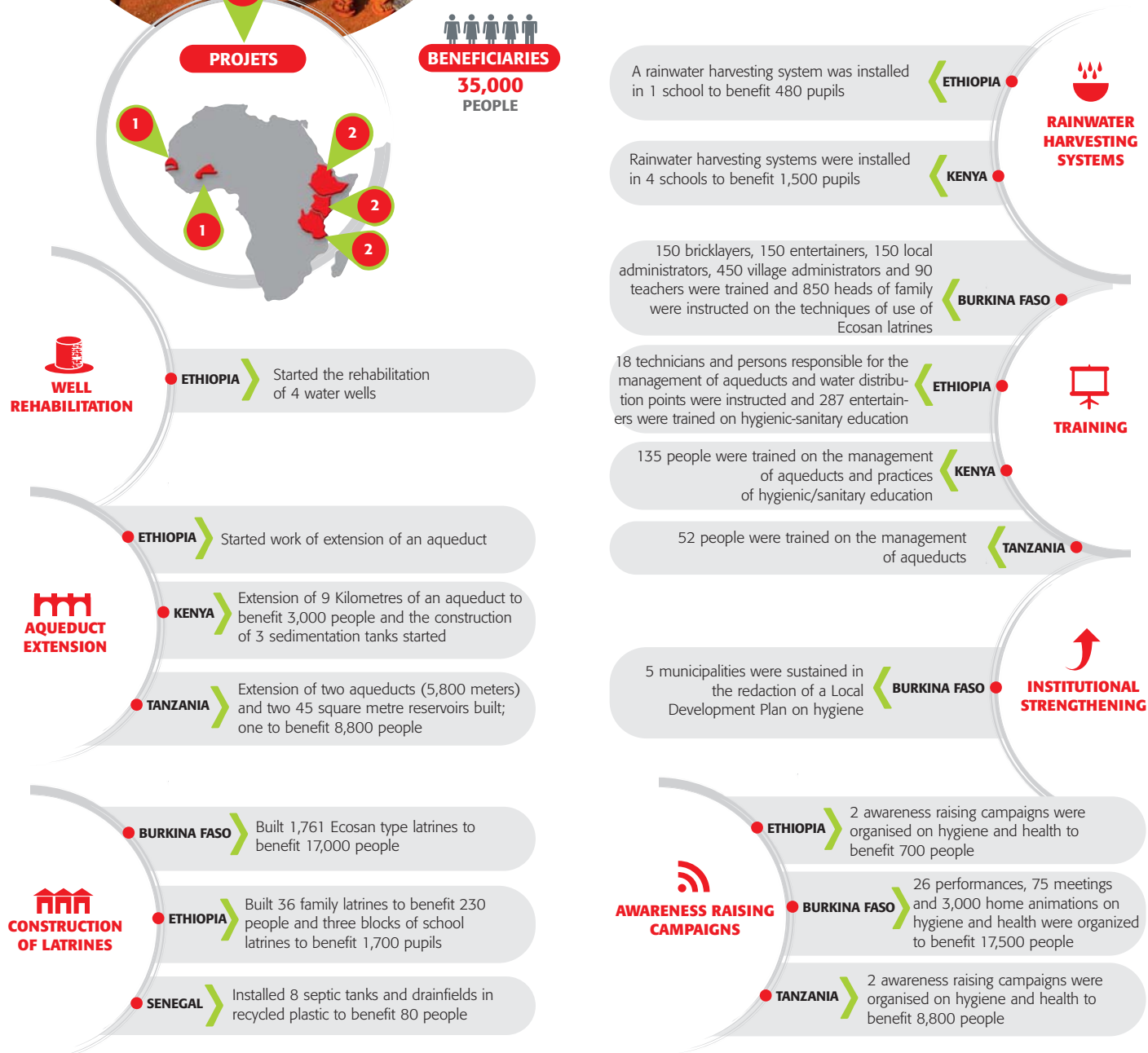
In 2012, the LVIA projects in this sector supported **28,600 people** in Guinea-Bissau, Guinea Conakry and Albania.



water and hygiene



The sixth World Water Forum was held in Marseille in March 2012. Among the associations taking part, LVIA elaborated, with the contribution of international and particularly African partners, a **strategic document on the principles and modalities of actions to improve access to water, sanitation and hygiene services (WSH) for the poorest and marginalised groups of the world population**. Within the NGO Butterfly Effect international coalition, LVIA drew attention to approaches, matured competences, and promoted appeals related to: • the respect of the local systems of water management; • the preservation of natural resources; • the participated management and responsibility in the governance of water resources, with the recognition of the traditional social institutions in water management; • the necessity of international involvement to provide sanitation and hygiene services still strongly needed in the poorest countries. It is because of these key points that LVIA has accomplished the projects in the water-sanitary sector that, in 2012, supported **35,000 people** in Ethiopia, Kenya, Tanzania, Burkina Faso and Senegal.

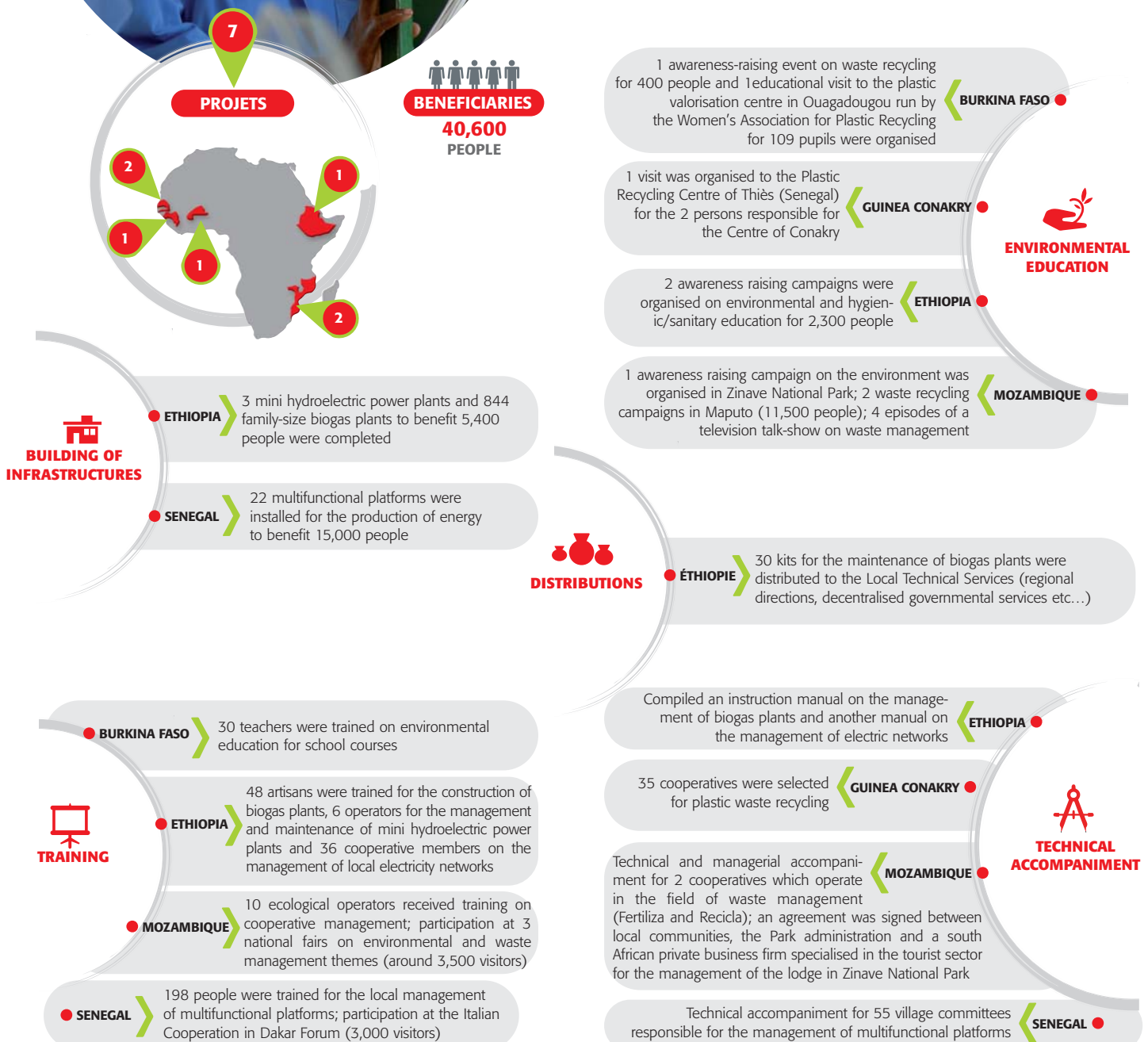


energy and the environment

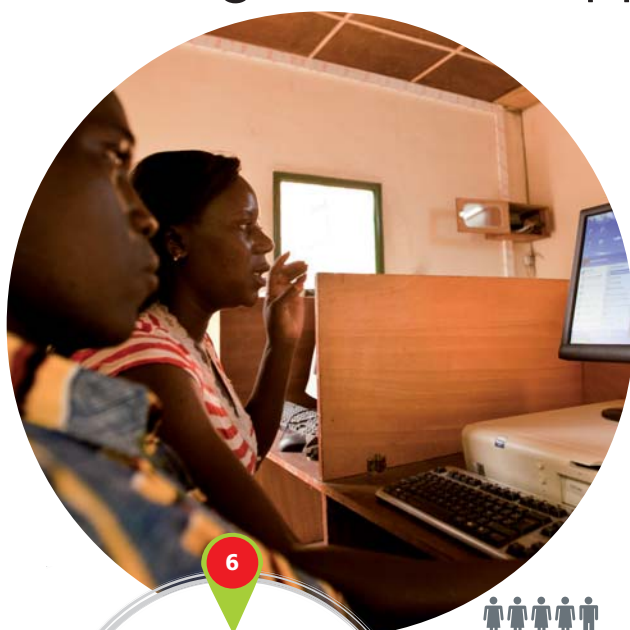


The green economy as an anti-crisis remedy: the theme for World Environment Day 2012 was **"Green Economy: Does it include you?"** The U.N.'s programme for the environment defines Green Economy 'as one that results in improved human well-being and social equity, while significantly reducing environmental risks and ecological scarcities. In its simplest expression, a green economy can be thought of as one which is low carbon, resource efficient and socially inclusive'.

On these lines, the projects of LVIA in the environmental sector propose an approach in order to **promote processes of inclusion, development and struggle against poverty through means that safeguard the environment in the sectors of renewable energy and waste management**. These interventions benefitted **40,600 people** in Ethiopia, Senegal, Burkina Faso, Mozambique and Guinea Conakry in 2012.



social inclusion, youth entrepreneurship and long-distance support



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

In this perspective, LVIA carried out specific **activities of animation and social insertion of children** and younger under risk situation that live in the poorest and marginalised districts of various African cities with activities to safeguard health and education support through long-distance support and the realisation of local projects. Other activities completed the intervention based on **support of women** in extreme marginalised position, such as former prostitutes and people affected by HIV/AIDS.

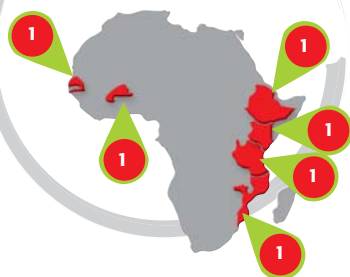
Finally, specific attention was dedicated to **young people** enhancing active citizenship by means of various developmental activities aimed at involving and empowering them to take an active role within the community life; LVIA also supported the setup of business and economic activities as well as social enterprises in the third sector. In 2012 the activities in this sector benefitted **2,000 people** in Kenya, Ethiopia, Mozambique, Senegal, Tanzania and Burkina Faso.



BENEFICIARIES

**2,000
PEOPLE**

PROJETS



● **KENYA**

School support for 450 pupils, school of Muramba (Meru)

● **ETHIOPIA**

School support for 20 children orphaned by HIV/AIDS in Addis Abeba and 32 children through the project "We guarantee food and education to the children of Alaba"

● **MOZAMBIQUE**

School support for 200 children of Hulene B nursery school (Maputo)

● **SENEGAL**

School support for 761 pupils of Thiès, support for 3 school canteens and the setup of 2 school vegetable gardens

● **TANZANIA**

School support for 56 girls of the hostel of Kongwa

● **BURKINA FASO**

School support for 97 children of the elementary school of Gorom-Gorom



**SCHOOL
SUPPORT**



**JOB TRAINING
AND YOUTH
ENTREPRENEURSHIP**

● **BURKINA FASO**

383 young people received training on micro-entrepreneurship managerial activities, social enterprises in the third sector and admission tests for public employment; 15 small-medium enterprises were set up

● **ETHIOPIA**

15 vulnerable women received training on micro-entrepreneurship managerial activities



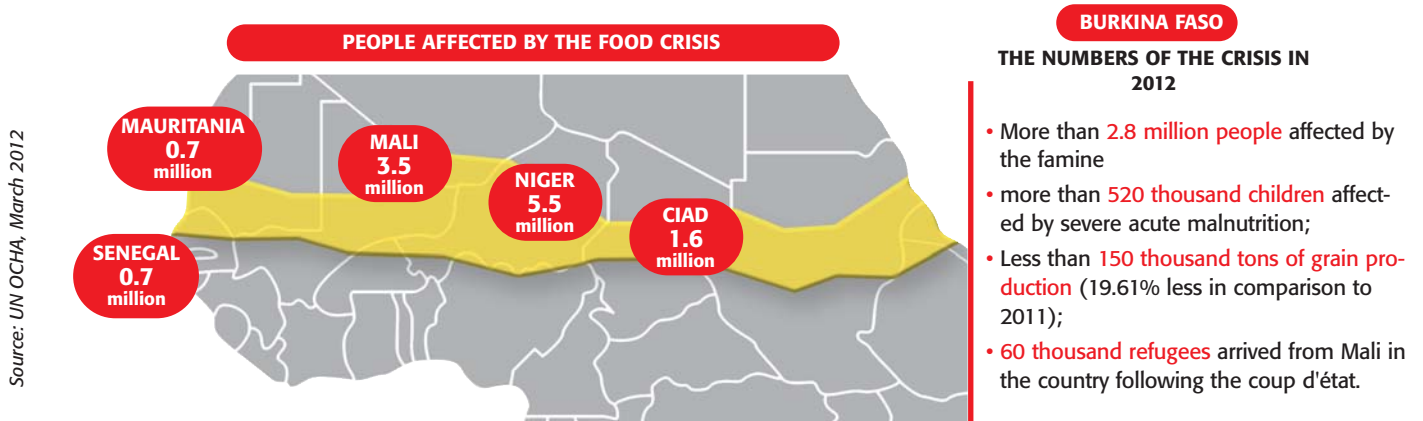
**AWARENESS
RAISING
CAMPAIGNS**

● **ETHIOPIA**

An awareness raising campaign on violence against women was organised and 18 women affected by HIV/AIDS were assisted

Sahel Emergency

In 2012, over 18 million people in the Sahel region of West Africa were affected by a severe food crisis. LVIA response to the emergency was immediate with food distribution and with the treatment of severe acute malnutrition in children up to 5 years of age in Burkina Faso, one among the most stricken countries of the Sahel region.



LVIA RESPONSE TO THE EMERGENCY IN BURKINA FASO

1. Treatment of children with severe acute malnutrition

In 2012, with the funding of ECHO, LVIA and Medicus Mundi Italy accomplished a project that allowed singling out 90% of malnourished children in the districts of Nanoro and Reo, in the Centre-Ouest Region of Burkina Faso. The actions were carried out in a very short time (10 months) given the emergency character of the intervention.

800 community health agents, under the supervision of the nurses of the health centres and the LVIA and Medicus Mundi teams, went to the villages every two months, from home to home, to check on around 100,000 children under 5 years of age and ascertain

risk of acute malnutrition. Almost 3,500 children (over 2/3 of the identified cases) recovered completely and were considered out of danger.

2. Food Distribution

114 tons of food provisions were distributed (sweet corn and millet) to 1,130 families among the most vulnerable in 5 municipalities of Centre-Nord, Burkina Faso (Gorom-Gorom, Yalgo, Tougouri, Nagbingou, Zitenga). The provisions were distributed in warehouses provided by the municipalities, parishes and social services. The list of the beneficiaries for each municipality was established by the state social services, jointly with the town services and the

parishes by taking into consideration the concept of "Vulnerability": poor or very poor people who have no support and without the necessary provisions for daily consumption.

3. Support for the agricultural campaign

The project, with the collaboration of the rural civil society association ASK, fostered the distribution of 3,320 Kilos of seeds of niébé and kapelga (local beans) and sweet corn to 500 farmers. The seeds were distributed by ASK to the producers at a social cost of CFA 1,000 (1.5 Euros).

ASK unites 68 organisations and more than 6,000 producers in the region of the Plateau Central of Burkina Faso.

cooperation between communities

The key elements of decentralised cooperation, which we prefer to call cooperation between communities, are:

TERRITORIALITY, PARTICIPATION, NETWORK

Focused on the territorial players, it involves local expertise in the North and the South of the world in an active participation in the prospect of broadening the collaboration 'network'.

RELATIONSHIP OF RECIPROCITY

The relationship between bodies of the North and the South of the world consists in partnerships, exchange and commitment between related actors willing to face common problems on a local level.

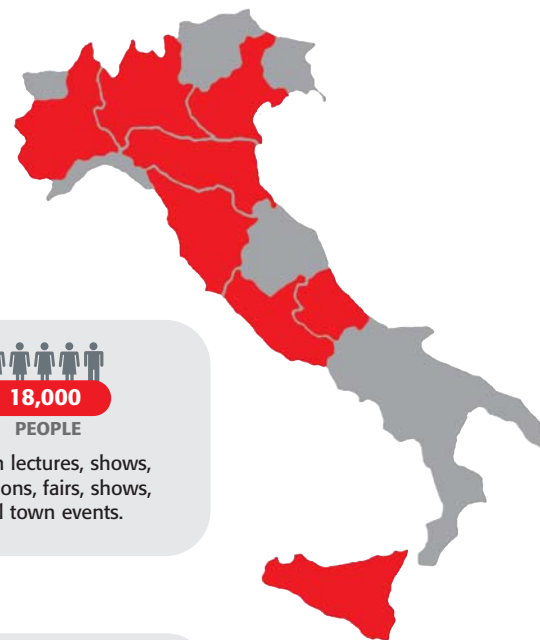
SUPPORT FOR DEMOCRATIC GOVERNANCE

Support for the territories in order to improve policies and local governance, the process of administrative decentralisation, intercultural dialogue and international reciprocity.

LVIA guides, in Italy and Africa, the protagonists of the processes of cooperation between communities (local bodies, associations, young people, etc.) offering technological expertise in terms of project management, know-how and competence, relationship skills and cultural mediation and integration capabilities acquired during its ten year presence in African territories. In addition, in 2012, the severe cuts of budget provision and expenditure imposed on the Italian Local and Regional Authorities brought a drastic reduction of the resources devoted to decentralised cooperation. LVIA maintains its involvement in support of the continuity of such relationships awaiting further funding: • **Enndâm Network: Municipalities of Piossasco, Orbassano, Avigliana, Villarbasse, Roletto, Airasca, Frossasco, Cantalupa, None, Trana, Pinerolo (Turin) - District Of Gorom-Gorom (Burkina Faso) • Municipality of Fossano - Municipality of Joal Fadiouth (Senegal) • City of Turin - City of Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso).**

Moreover, LVIA has managed the actions of the followings projects in Burkina Faso: • **Ambiente Piemonte & Sahel:** programme guided by the Region of Piedmont. LVIA supported the activities realised in Bogandè, Burkina Faso. • **'Territorial Antenna' Burkina Faso:** the Region of Piedmont conferred the coordination of the activities it promoted in Burkina Faso to LVIA. In 2012 LVIA achieved a diagnostic study on youth participation. • **'The regional territorial approach: an optimal space for the realisation of the principles of the effectiveness of Aid'.** Regional Authorities: Tuscany and Piedmont (Italy), Rhône Alpes (France), Sahel, North, Haut Bassins, Centre (Burkina Faso), Louga and Ziguinchor (Senegal).

activities in Italy



ADDRESSEES OF THE ACTIVITIES

GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION



16,000

STUDENTS

180 teachers in 49 schools
in 17 cities



AWARENESS RAISING CAMPAIGNS



18,000

PEOPLE

through lectures, shows,
projections, fairs, shows,
local town events.

ACTIVITIES WITH UNIVERSITIES



270

PEOPLE

in 4 cities.



UNDERSTANDING AND SOLIDARITY FIELD TRIPS



77

PEOPLE

through 6 field trips to Africa

INFORMATION



30,900

WEBSITE VISITORS
www.lvია.it



5,000

NEWSLETTER RECIPIENTS
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9,000

LVIA VOLUNTEERS
NEWS-BULLETIN RECIPIENTS
Volontari LVIA



MASS MEDIA

ACTIVITIES OF PRESS OFFICE
with local and national media



CROSS-CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING AND ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP



770

PEOPLE

150 young promoters of projects
with the involvement of

FUNDRAISING ACTIONS

WATER WEEK,
FOOD WEEK,
CHRISTMAS LOTTERY



12,000

PEOPLE

were involved
with the support of 53 business
firms and over 200 volunteers

CAMPAIGN

acqua e' vita

Water is life (Acqua è vita) is the informative and fundraising campaign that LVIA launched in 2003, the International Year of Freshwater, to sensitise civil society on the world water crisis and to guarantee the right and access to domestic/drinking water to African populations that are still deprived of it.

In 2012, LVIA was present at the World Water Forum in Marseille, which opened the doors for the first time to civil society participation.

LVIA also participated in the Alternative World Water Forum (AWWF) - in French, the Forum Alternatif Mondial de l'Eau (FAME) - supporting some initiatives of strong and compelling political content, such as a network and the launch of a European Citizens Initiative (ECI) on Water - water as a commons - to acknowledge the right to water in national Constitutions. The documentary film *The Well – The Voices of Water from Ethiopia* by the directors Paolo Barbieri and Riccardo Russo, produced in Ethiopia with the collaboration of LVIA, has won numerous prizes.

CAMPAIGN



LVIA has sustained the Campaign **I too am Italy (L'italia sono anch'io)** since 2011; the campaign was promoted on a national level by 22 civil society organisations to uphold a reform linked to the rights of citizenship for young people of foreign origin who were born or have grown up in Italy. In March 2012, around 220,000 signatures were deposited in Parliament: LVIA was active in 7 cities (Forlì, Florence, Palermo, Roma, Latina, Cuneo and Turin) participating in the local Committees and organising awareness raising events and collecting signatures for the petition.

" All this strengthens our conviction that we must continue with greater determination in reporting causes of injustice making use of actions necessary for building a more equitable world in which the dignity of an individual is the fundamental principle. How can this be achieved? Through personal, political and social commitment and engagement in a framework to which all who have collaborated are devoted in making our association what it has become today and what we can read in these pages.
Thanks therefore to all who over time have shared with us this commitment and to all who would like to continue along this difficult path which the more impervious and harder it is, the more significant and passionate it will be"

Alessandro Bobba - President LVIA



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