

annual report 2015

concise



Service
for peace
LVIA

Solidarity and international cooperation association

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.

LVIA MISSION

In 2015, 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, Burundi, Ethiopia, Guinea-Bissau, Guinea Conakry, Kenya, Mali, Mozambique, Senegal, Tanzania) and in Italy for the promotion of active citizenship and cross-cultural understanding.

In 2015, the investment in cooperation projects and humanitarian aid amounted to Euros 6,120,890 - a quota equal to 92% of the expenditures that achieved factual results in improving life conditions for 710,000 people, with a significant increase in respect to the people involved in 2014.

- **20,400 people (7,000 women and 13,400 men) have better living conditions thanks to development interventions in the rural and pastoral sector:** LVIA operated with local partners for food security and food sovereignty; nonetheless the rural population remains amongst the poorest in Africa;
- **366,000 people (165,800 women, 133,500 men and 66,700 children) 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;
- **22,200 people (11,500 women and 10,700 men) have better living conditions thanks to interventions on energy provision and the environment:** bad environmental conditions and the lack of energy resources are the causes of new forms of poverty, lack of effective hygiene facilities, impossibility to realise actions related to education and business. LVIA operated with local partners on waste management and access to energy resources;
- **6,000 people (2,900 women, 2,100 men and 1,000 children) have better living conditions thanks to interventions of social**

inclusion and democratic participation: LVIA has collaborated with local partners on school support activities, employment and social integration of marginalised women and other vulnerable groups such as the informal self-designed garbage collectors, the promotion of youth entrepreneurship, support for returned immigrants and the elaboration and development of better inclusive and participatory policies, negotiated with civil society;

- **296,600 people (3,300 women and 293,300 children) have better living conditions thanks to LVIA activities against severe acute malnutrition:** the interventions of LVIA, in collaboration with local partners, have focused on fighting against severe acute malnutrition, which continues to be a serious problem of the Sahel region of Africa, and food safety and nutrition education for women and mothers.
- All in all, the resources for development actions, equal to circa 54% of the investments in the countries, have benefitted 161,200 people; the resources for humanitarian interventions equal to circa 46% of the resources, have benefitted 548,800 people. **All interventions were carried out taking into account environmental sustainability principles with particular attention to permanent future benefits.**

The investment in active citizenship actions in Italy amounts to Euros 169,821 - a quota equal to 2.5% of expenditure.

Thanks to awareness raising campaigns, development projects and the activities of the territorial groups, 38,200 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.

11 Italian (the region of Piedmont) and Burkinabè municipalities have kept stable relations and have achieved new projects with the support and assistance of LVIA (decentralised cooperation programme ENNDAM).

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 2015, LVIA was able to count on an associative base composed of 144 members, of which 78 men, 65 women and 1 juridical person. The LVIA associative group in Burkina Faso was established in 2011 and is composed of 7 members. In 2015 the first Senegalese became a member of the association.














STAFF

In 2015, the LVIA staff in Italy was composed of 18 units, of which 5 men and 13 women. There were 24 expatriates, of

which 12 women and 12 men: 10 persons covered the position of Country Representatives and 14 were employed in development projects. 22 have a university degree. The local personnel were composed of 209 units, of which 37 employed as animators, 55 with a technical role, 5 with logistic duties, 33 with an administrative role, 72 had roles as keepers and drivers, 7 in roles of coordination. Altogether, the domestic personnel were composed of 170 men and 39 women, of which 64 with a university degree and 62 with a diploma.

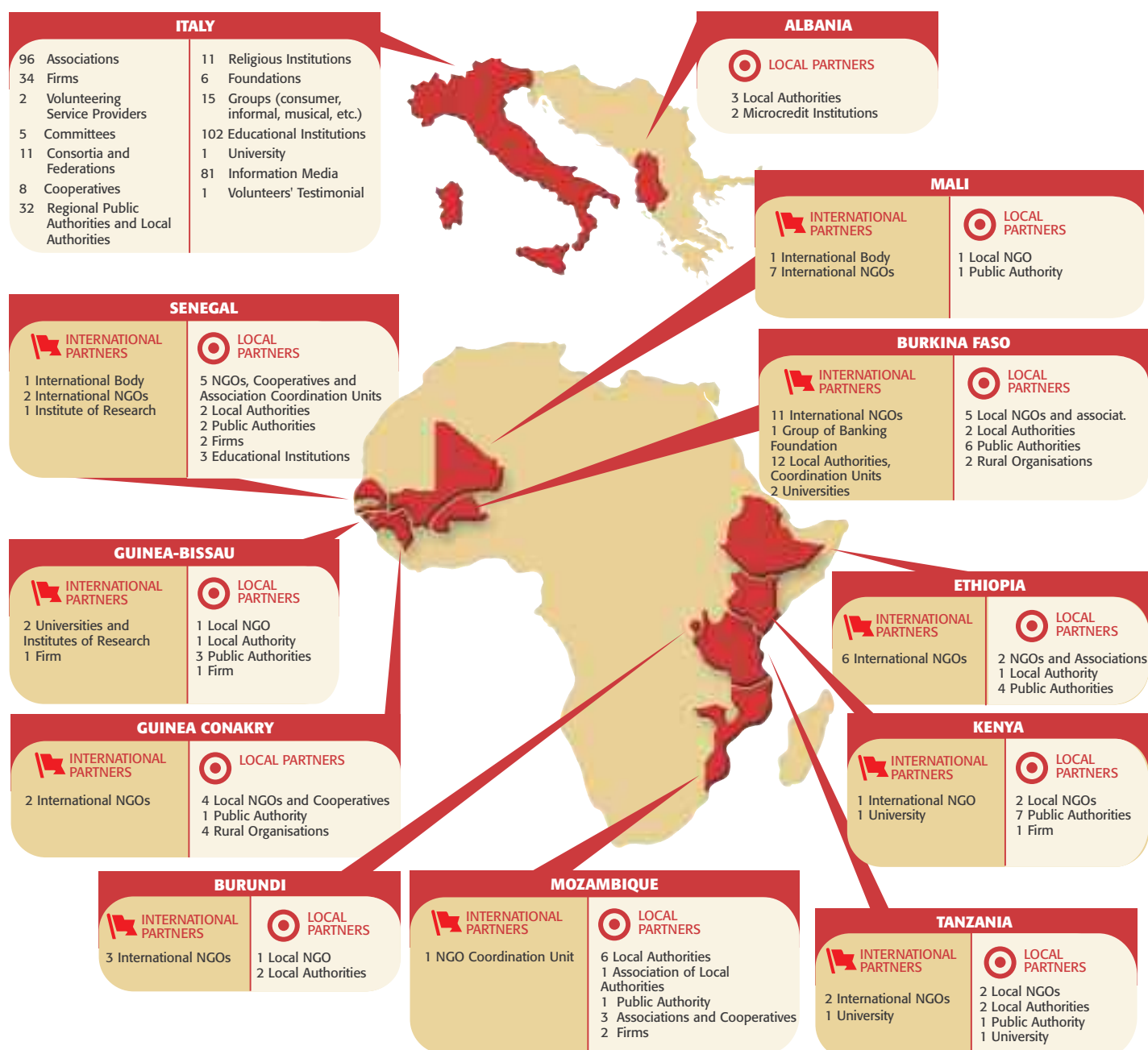
partners and financing bodies

FINANCING BODIES

 INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS	6	 COOPERATIVES AND LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS	8
 ASSOCIATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL NGOS	11	 SCHOOLS	15
 GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES AND STATE INTERVENTION PROGRAMMES	11	 UNIVERSITIES	1
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 RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS	5	 CONSORTIA AND FEDERATIONS IN ITALY	5
 FOUNDATIONS AND CONSORTIA OF FOUNDATIONS	10	 OTHER	2
 BUSINESS FIRMS	49		
			147

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 international partners and local partners.



INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

• 2 International Bodies

GIZ (Senegal), UNICEF (Mali)

• 30 International NGOs, Coordination Units, Associations, Foundations

MMI, ETC Terra, GTVD, GEVALOR, ACRA, Mani Tese, Slow Food, CESPI, ItalWatina, Fondazioni for Africa Burkina Faso (Burkina Faso); OXFAM Intermon, OXFAM Novib, GVC (Burundi); GOAL, Save the Children, VSF Germany, AMREF (Ethiopia); CLMC (Guinea Conakry); CCM (Kenya); Solidarité International, Handicap International, ISCOS (Mali); GONG – Italian consortia of NGOs in Mozambique (Mozambique); CEAS (Senegal); ONGAWA, Engineers Without Borders (Tanzania); CISV (Burkina Faso, Guinea Conakry, Mali, Senegal); ACF (Ethiopia, Mali); Acting for Life (Burkina Faso, Mali); OXFAM GB (Ethiopia, Mali)

• 12 Regions, Local Authorities and Coordination Units

CoCoPa – Coordination of Municipalities for Peace, Province of Turin; ENNDAM Network – Municipalities of Piosasco, Airasca, Trana, Cantalupa, Frossasco, Pinerolo, Roletto, Villarbasse, None, Orbassano, Avigliana (Burkina Faso).

• 7 Universities and Institutes of Research

University of Mauritius, University of Quisqueya (Burkina Faso); Deltares (Senegal); Parco Tecnologico Padano, University of Padua (Guinea-Bissau); Polytechnic of Milan (Kenya); University of Turin (Tanzania)

• 1 Firm

Sintesi (Guinea-Bissau)



LOCAL PARTNERS

• 26 NGOs, Local Associations and Cooperatives

ENPRO, ERA Camerun, Planète Contact, CEFREPADE, Beneere (Burkina Faso); CAPAD (Burundi); HCCS; Sisters' Self-Help Association (Ethiopia); Red Cross Society of Guinea-Bissau (Guinea-Bissau); FMG, CARP, Sabou Guinée, Manden Agri-Service (Guinea Conakry); MID-P, RECONCILE (Kenya); TASSAGHT (Mali); Mozambican Association for the Promotion of Modern Cooperatives, the Cooperatives COMSOL and RECICLA (Mozambique); Caritas Senegal, the Group for the promotion of Women's rights of the Keur Ibra Fall village, CAPE - youth associations engaged in environmental protection in Thiès, Plant RE-SOURCES, PFONGUE Coordination (Senegal); UFUNDIKO, TAWASANET (Tanzania);

• 6 Rural Organisations

CRUS, ASK (Burkina Faso); CNOP-G, FUPRORIZ, FUMA, FUCPIS (Guinea Conakry)

• 25 Public Authorities

Regional Direction of Centre-Ouest for Health Service; Directions of Health Service of Nanoro, Réo, Koudougou, Léo and Sapouy (Burkina Faso); State of Afar, Directions of Agriculture of the States of Oromia and SNNPRS, Direction of the Public Water Resource Management of Oromia (Ethiopia); IBAP, Department of Rural Engineering, Regional Health Directorate of Tombali (Guinea-Bissau); MASPFE (Guinea Conakry);

ICHID, WRMA, NDMA, VSD, MLD, MPTU, KFS (Kenya); The Ministry for the Coordination of Environmental Affairs (Mozambique); DEVP, PNB-SN (Senegal); Ministry of Water (Tanzania)

• 21 Local Authorities and Coordination Units

Municipalities of Kallmet, Gruemire, Vau Dejes (Albania); Municipalities of Gorom-Gorom and Oursi (Burkina Faso); Directions for Breeding Programmes of the Provinces of Ruyigi and Rutana (Burundi); Siraro Water Board (Ethiopia); Municipality of Bissau (Guinea-Bissau); Regional Directorate of Water Resources and Energy of Gao (Mali); Associations of Mozambican Municipalities, Municipalities of Maputo, Nacala, Quelimane, Tete, Inhambane, Chibuto (Mozambique); Municipalities of Ngor and Thiès Ovest (Senegal); District of Chamwino, Village of Nkwen-da (Tanzania)

• 2 Microcredit Institutions

Fondi Besa, MAG-2 (Albania)

• 1 University and Institute of Research

University of Dodoma

• 6 Firms

VALORYZA (Guinea-Bissau); KARA (Kenya); FACOBOL, RECIPLASTICO (Mozambique), PROPLASTSRL, UTRAPLAST-SRL (Senegal)

• 3 Educational Bodies

Schools of Keur Ibra Fall, Diass Palam, Soune (Senegal)

activities in Italy



CROSS-CULTURAL UNDERSTANDING AND ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP

2,170
PEOPLE



GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION

5,200
PEOPLE

Through educational programmes involving all school levels - from nursery to middle schools



AWARENESS RAISING CAMPAIGNS

30,300
PEOPLE

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



UNDERSTANDING AND SOLIDARITY FIELD TRIPS

29
PEOPLE



ACTIVITIES WITH UNIVERSITIES

500
PEOPLE



INFO

web site
www.lvvia.it
100,538
VIEWS
26,306
VISITORS
70%
NEW VISITORS

FACEBOOK
2,371
FAN
689
NEW
467,674
VIEWS
7,286
CONTENT SHARING

newsletter
lviainform@
12,500
BENEFICIARIES

BENEFICIARIES OF THE ACTIVITIES

web site
www.acquaeavita.it
3,011
VIEWS
1,510
VISITORS
87%
NEW VISITORS

blog
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896
VIEWS
491
VISITORS
5
ARTICLES PUBLISHED

news
Volontari LVIA
10,000
BENEFICIARIES

web site
www.generazioneinterculta.it
39,072
VIEWS
Canal
YOUTUBE
3,584
VIEWS

TWITTER
900
FOLLOWERS
1,762
TWEETS
75
VIEWS PER DAY
1,532
VIEWS PAGE PER DAY

agro-pastoral development

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PROJECTS AND ACTIONS

Today far less people in the world suffer from "hunger" than 25 years ago. According to the 2015 FAO data, there are 795 million people, that is 216 million less than in 1990-92. However, we must consider that this improvement has affected some regions but not others. Furthermore, social and economic disparities have increased even within the states in Africa that have experienced strong economic growth.

In 2015, the actions promoted by LVIA, working with the rural population of 7 African countries and Albania, have improved food safety and have bettered the life conditions for 20,400 people.

The key words of LVIA's interventions in 2015 are **family farming support**, the strengthening of the **supply chains**, **training**, **environmental protection**, **women's empowerment**, **vaccination of livestock** and **regulation of transhumance**, and **resilience**.

20,400
PEOPLE

13,400
MEN

7,000
WOMEN

BUILDING OF INFRASTRUCTURES AND PROVISION OF EQUIPMENT

- **BURKINA FASO** ✓ renovated and equipped 8 warehouses and 4 processing units (of which 1 promoted by LVIA Sangano) ✓ built 1 pastoral training school
- **BURUNDI** ✓ built and equipped 4 rural service centres
- **ETHIOPIA** ✓ built 4 storage warehouses
- **GUINEA-BISSAU** ✓ equipped 3 service centres
- **SENEGAL** ✓ equipped 5 rural service centres

HYDRO-AGRICULTURAL DEVELOPMENT

- **BURUNDI** ✓ built water wells to irrigate 10 hectares of vegetable gardens
- **ETHIOPIA** ✓ built anti-erosion works on 20 hectares of land and 120 facilities for composting
- **GUINEA-BISSAU** ✓ accomplished irrigation systems for rice cultivation in 20 hectares of land ✓ mangrove tree reforestation for 6.4 hectares of land
- **SENEGAL** ✓ produced a 2-hectare vegetable garden and installed an electric pump

VACCINATION CAMPAIGN

- **ETHIOPIA** ✓ 2 workshops on veterinary services and animal disease monitoring
- **KENYA** ✓ 2 vaccination campaigns and worming of 200,000 cattle, goats, donkeys and camels

MICROFINANCE

- **BURKINA FASO** ✓ 1 training course and peer to peer exchange on warrantage ✓ launched three start-up funds
- **ETHIOPIA** ✓ 2 training courses on the management of village revolving funds ✓ 1 meeting to implement a pilot activity of warrantage

AWARENESS RAISING CAMPAIGNS

- **BURKINA FASO** ✓ 15 awareness raising campaigns on prevention of conflicts related to the use of natural resources

DISTRIBUTIONS

- **ALBANIA** ✓ distributed 94,310 vine plants
- **BURKINA FASO** ✓ distributed 5.3 tonnes of soya seeds, 1.5 tonnes of NPK fertiliser, 20 litres of plant protection products, 2,000 sacks and 200 sieves; 60 pallets and 1,000 sacks for the warrantage warehouses; small ruminants for breeding to 180 families
- **BURUNDI** ✓ distributed 5.5 tonnes of seeds, 4.6 tonnes of fertilisers, 1.7 tonnes of plant protection products
- **ETHIOPIA** ✓ distributed 1.3 tonnes of seeds, 120 kits of agricultural tools, 45 litres of plant protection products and 6 threshing machines to agricultural cooperatives ✓ distributed 63,258 plants, 1.2 tonnes of seeds, 172 cubic meters of cover crops for conservation agriculture (380 hectares)
- **KENYA** ✓ distributed 4 kits for rubber and resin collection
- **SENEGAL** ✓ distributed 4 kits of agricultural tools

TECHNICAL ACCOMPANIMENT

- **ALBANIA** ✓ participation in 4 food and wine fairs ✓ 61 interventions of technical assistance for wine growers
- **BURKINA FASO** ✓ technical and institutional support for the management of cross-border transhumance ✓ 2 peer-to-peer meetings on agricultural campaigns and 23 meetings on the organisation of agricultural supply chains ✓ organised 1 agricultural fair ✓ design of 4 municipal plans of resilience, crisis management and conflict prevention
- **BURUNDI** ✓ 2 peer-to-peer meetings on agricultural techniques and cooperative management
- **ETHIOPIA** ✓ 8 peer-to-peer meetings on the management of grazing fields, natural resources and agricultural techniques
- **GUINEA-BISSAU** ✓ 1 visit to Italy and participation at EXPO 2015 ✓ accompaniment to 4 Rural Service Centres and to the second level platform of these centres
- **MALI** ✓ technical and institutional support for the management of cross-border transhumance
- **TANZANIA** ✓ 4 follow-up sessions to groups of apiarists

STUDIES AND PUBLICATIONS

- **BURKINA FASO** ✓ 3 diagnostic studies on soya processing units
- **GUINEA-BISSAU** ✓ 1 social and land study and a hydraulic and agricultural project for a mangrove rice cultivation field ✓ 1 sampling and storage of a pure line of 31 varieties of mangrove rice ✓ 1 analysis of the capacity of carbon stock of mangrove soils
- **KENYA** ✓ 1 baseline study to support planning ✓ 1 market analysis on honey, rubber and resin
- **ETHIOPIA** ✓ 1 study on food safety and socio-economic conditions in the intervention areas ✓ 1 study on anti-erosion systems ✓ 1 study on the feasibility of warrantage

TRAINING

- **ALBANIA** ✓ 4 entrepreneurial training in marketing and oenology
- **BURKINA FASO** ✓ 29 training courses on production techniques, storage and processing of soya products and business management ✓ 14 seminars on farmer associations and food education
- **BURUNDI** ✓ 10 agronomic and business and managerial training courses
- **ETHIOPIA** ✓ 24 training courses on production, harvesting and conservation techniques, cooperative management, regulations, accounting, and on "Disaster and Risk Reduction" ✓ 36 training courses on composting techniques and organic agriculture ✓ 33 training courses on seed harvest and post-harvest handling ✓ 2 training courses on "data collection" for agents for development and innovation ✓ 30 training courses on the use of plants for anti-erosion control
- **GUINEA-BISSAU** ✓ 2 training courses on rice-growing techniques and pest control
- **KENYA** ✓ 9 training courses on conflict mediation, processing of rubber and resin and protection of natural resources
- **SENEGAL** ✓ 2 training courses on horticultural techniques, processing of cassava and business management

water and hygiene

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ONE OF WHICH INVOLVES KENYA, ETHIOPIA AND TANZANIA SIMULTANEOUSLY

PROJECTS AND ACTIONS



366,000
PEOPLE

133,500
MEN

165,800
WOMEN

66,700
CHILDREN

WATER WELL BUILDING AND REHABILITATION

- **BURKINA FASO** ✓ rehabilitated 23 deep water wells
- **ETHIOPIA** ✓ built and rehabilitated 19 water wells for human use and livestock watering
- **GUINEA-BISSAU** ✓ rehabilitated and equipped the water wells of 16 Health Centres
- **KENYA** ✓ rehabilitated 6 water wells of which 1 with solar energy ✓ built an intake and 3 small dams to create water distribution points for the watering of livestock
- **MALI** ✓ rehabilitated 30 water wells and set up Hydro India pumps
- **TANZANIA** ✓ built and rehabilitated 7 water wells

AQUEDUCT EXTENSION

- **BURKINA FASO** ✓ 2 aqueducts were extended (actions of LVIA Sangano)
- **ETHIOPIA** ✓ 1 aqueduct was extended 8 kilometres and 3 public fountains (water distribution points) were installed
- **KENYA** ✓ 4 aqueducts were extended to serve 2 schools and 2 Health Centres ✓ 1 pump and 1 generator were installed in 2 villages
- **TANZANIA** ✓ 1 aqueduct was extended 2.9 kilometres and 4 domestic water distribution points were installed

RAINWATER HARVESTING SYSTEMS

- **ETHIOPIA** ✓ built 11 rainwater harvesting and water sanitation systems in 9 schools and 2 Health Centres
- **KENYA** ✓ built rainwater harvesting and water sanitation systems in 10 schools and 5 Health Centres

DISTRIBUTIONS

- **ETHIOPIA** ✓ distributed 800 hygiene kits for personal and home use to prevent epidemic outbreaks ✓ distributed 2 kits for the maintenance of the water systems
- **GUINEA-BISSAU** ✓ distributed 16 hygiene kits to prevent the transmission and spread of Ebola
- **KENYA** ✓ distributed 26 hygiene kits in 11 schools and 15 Health Centres, 233,298 kits of Water Pur for water purification and 1,279 kits for household use
- **MALI** ✓ distributed 1,700 hygiene kits for personal and household use

2.6 billion people have gained access to improved sources of drinking water since 1990. The climate crisis and the recurrent droughts, however, have had a negative effect on these results and even today 663 million inhabitants of the planet draw water from unhealthy and unimproved water sources. In addition, there are 2.4 billion people (four out of ten inhabitants of the planet) who live in hygienic conditions which are incompatible with health due to the lack of safe water and sanitation facilities. In 2015, the actions, both humanitarian (in response to emergencies) and interrelated to development, promoted by LVIA in Sub-Saharan Africa, have assured access to water and sanitation facilities for 366,000 people, of whom an estimated 165,800 are women, 133,500 men and 66,700 children.

The keywords of LVIA's intervention actions in 2015 are: infrastructures, education, hygiene and prevention, local and sustainable management of resources.

CONSTRUCTION OF LATRINES AND WASHING

- **ETHIOPIA** ✓ built 1 public centre with washing basin, 4 showers and water tanks ✓ built 601 PIT latrines and 13 VIP latrines (PIT latrines with improved ventilation) for 10 Health Centres and 3 schools
- **GUINEA-BISSAU** ✓ rehabilitation of the latrines of 16 Health Centres
- **KENYA** ✓ built 4 blocks of VIP latrines in 1 school and 1 Health Centre
- **TANZANIA** ✓ built 1,014 PIT latrines

TECHNICAL ACCOMPANIMENT

- **ETHIOPIA** ✓ set up 3 water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) clubs for the dissemination of hygienic practices in 3 schools ✓ 2 management committees set up in 2 Health Centres ✓ support to the establishment of early warning systems, monitoring and preparation of programmes in response to seasonal crises
- **GUINEA-BISSAU** ✓ set up an early warning system for epidemic prevention of Ebola
- **TANZANIA** ✓ established and registered 2 managing bodies of water distribution systems at the municipal level

TRAINING

- **BURKINA FASO** ✓ 18 technical training courses for the management committees of water distribution points
- **ETHIOPIA** ✓ 4 training sessions on aqueduct management, maintenance, environmental hygiene and sanitation ✓ 2 training courses on economic, managerial and environmental aspects ✓ 1 health training course on the prevention and diagnosis of water-related diseases ✓ 1 training course on the prevention of risks related to environmental and climatic conditions
- **GUINEA-BISSAU** ✓ 35 health training courses on epidemic prevention practices of Ebola
- **KENYA** ✓ 10 business administration training courses for 2 management committees of water works ✓ 535 sanitation and hygiene training courses in 15 Health Centres and 11 schools
- **MALI** ✓ 8 training sessions to 75 management committees of water distribution points, to the workers for the maintenance of the water works, to local governments for water management
- **TANZANIA** ✓ 1 training course and follow-up for latrine builders ✓ 1 entrepreneurial training in the sector of hygienic-sanitary facilities ✓ 6 managerial and bookkeeping training courses on water resource management ✓ 1 business administration and sanitation regulations training course

STUDIES AND PUBLICATIONS

- **ETHIOPIA** ✓ development of a database of the water resources and infrastructures ✓ study and mapping of potential aquifers
- **TANZANIA** ✓ 1 feasibility study for the setting up of 10 solar-powered water purifiers ✓ 1 university research on the management of the water systems at the district and village level

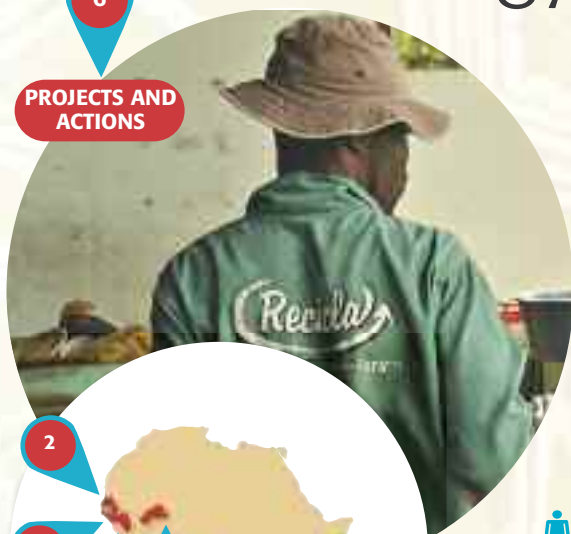
AWARENESS RAISING CAMPAIGNS

- **ETHIOPIA** ✓ 3 awareness raising campaigns on the diffusion of latrines ✓ 4 awareness raising campaigns and 2 meetings to sensitise on household and personal hygiene issues
- **GUINEA-BISSAU** ✓ 1 regional awareness raising campaign on the hygienic practices for Ebola virus prevention
- **MALI** ✓ 5 awareness raising campaigns on correct sanitation practices
- **TANZANIA** ✓ 1 awareness raising campaign on hygienic-sanitation issues in schools

energy and the environment

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PROJECTS AND ACTIONS



22,200

PEOPLE



10,700

MEN



11,500

WOMEN

LVIA projects in the environmental sector attain processes of socio-economic development, social inclusion and education through activities of sustainable management of waste and, in a lesser way, working for access to energy in rural villages in a sustainable way. The 2015 United Nations Climate Change Conference, held in Paris, France, from 30 November to 12 December 2015, has warned us about the dangers of Climate Change. In this light, a better waste management, including the promotion of "reduce - reuse - recycle", is seen as a fundamental part of a programme of sustainability and environmental preservation. **In 2015, the projects have bettered the life conditions of 22,200 people, of which 11,500 women and 10,700 men, in five African countries.** The keywords of LVIA's interventions in 2015 are **policies and active citizenship** in respect of **environmental sustainability, social inclusion of the informal waste collectors, local and international networks for the recycling and management of urban waste.**



ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

- **MOZAMBIQUE** ✓ organised awareness raising campaigns for the World Environment Day in Maputo ✓ **OPERAÇÃO CACO**: urban solid waste collection in Maputo ✓ 4 projections of the spot 'Reciclando Realidade' on the activities of the cooperative COMSOL in urban solid waste collection and recycling



TECHNICAL ACCOMPANIMENT

- **BURKINA FASO** ✓ technical and managerial accompaniment for the centre RE-SOURCES for the international coordination and the exchange of practises between bodies that operate in the field of urban waste management
- **GUINEA-BISSAU** ✓ a visit to Mozambique of the Bissau Municipality representatives to exchange experiences on urban solid waste management ✓ technical accompaniment to the city of Bissau for the preparation of the urban solid waste management plan ✓ carried out 10 meetings with the Inter-ministerial Commission for the identification of the site on which to build the solid waste disposal site in the city of Bissau
- **GUINEA CONAKRY** ✓ technical accompaniment for the cooperative company COGUIPLAST for plastic waste management in Conakry
- **MOZAMBIQUE** ✓ 4 monitorings of the implementation of urban solid waste management policies in the municipalities of Nacala, Lichinga, Catandica, Namaacha ✓ 3 diagnostic monitoring on urban solid waste management in the municipalities of Xai-Xai, Nampula, Tete ✓ 1 monitoring for the identification of an area for an official solid waste disposal site in the City of Beira ✓ 1 monitoring on the elaboration of a feasibility study on a solid waste disposal site in Lichinga ✓ technical and managerial accompaniment to the cooperative COMSOL



STUDIES AND PUBLICATIONS

- **GUINEA-BISSAU** ✓ distribution of 1,300 copies of a training handbook on waste management for teachers ✓ carried out two pre-feasibility studies for the construction of a waste site at Bissau ✓ carried out a study on the 'catadores' (self-designed garbage collectors) in Bissau
- **SENEGAL** ✓ a research, design and production of biogas from recycled plastic



AWARENESS RAISING CAMPAIGNS

- **GUINEA-BISSAU** ✓ 7 awareness raising campaigns in 10 districts on the management of Bissau waste (practices to reduce waste production, recycling etc.) ✓ 8,535 tons of waste removed during 13 days of awareness raising campaigns and citizen mobilization in 11 neighbourhoods of Bissau
- **MOZAMBIQUE** ✓ organised a Fair in Maputo on environmental issues ✓ organised a Fair in Manhica on environmental issues ✓ organised a Fair on environmental issues at the European Union Week



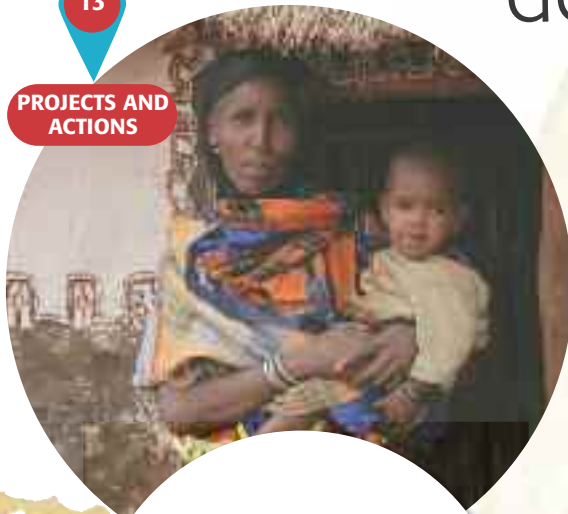
TRAINING

- **GUINEA-BISSAU** ✓ technical training to teachers and animators on urban solid waste management
- **MOZAMBIQUE** ✓ 1 seminar on the recycling of urban solid waste for the institutions, private sector, civil society, and universities ✓ 1 seminar for the safe disposal of solid waste for field operators ✓ 1 seminar on 'Climate Justice' for the institutions, private sector, and civil society ✓ 1 panel discussion on 'Pro-Environment' ✓ 1 seminar on the management of urban solid waste and the shared management of the solid waste disposal site in the municipality of Matlhamele ✓ 1 seminar for the presentation of climate financing mechanisms in the waste management sector ✓ 1 seminar on the dissemination of the mapping of the Civil Society ✓ 1 workshop on the three Rs (Reduce, Re-use, Recycle) ✓ 1 workshop on the activities carried out by the cooperative ComSol ✓ 1 workshop on the certifications and management standards and regulations of small and medium enterprises
- **SENEGAL** ✓ 1 international workshop organised in Thiès within the Re-Sources network on urban solid waste management

social inclusion and democratic participation

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PROJECTS AND ACTIONS



The attention of LVIA is aimed at improving the living conditions of people who live in conditions of strong social and economic disadvantage, in order that they can be socially active and have economic autonomy.

In 2015, the activities carried out with a focus on vulnerable groups and their social inclusion involved 6,000 people, of whom 2,900 women, 2,100 men and 1,000 children. LVIA has been working for the social inclusion of marginalised women and women with HIV/AIDS, the 'catadores' (self-designated waste collectors), people with mental fragility, and returning migrants.

LVIA has also been working for the empowerment of young people through entrepreneurship and ICT (Information and Communication Technologies) programmes and it has intervened with long-distance support of children to support them in primary school attendance. Moreover, LVIA has continued the technical accompaniment in decentralised cooperation relationships promoted by the Local Authorities of Piedmont and Burkina Faso with a focus on participation in the processes of globalisation.



6,000

PEOPLE



2,100

MEN



2,900

WOMEN



1,000

CHILDREN



SCHOOL SUPPORT

- **BURKINA FASO** ✓ 1 primary school built in the municipality of Timboulel (decentralised cooperation activity) ✓ 1 middle school supplied with electricity (LVIA Sangano activities) ✓ long-distance support for a school of Gorom-Gorom (106 students)

- **ETHIOPIA** ✓ school and health support to 30 orphans with long-distance support

- **SENEGAL** ✓ 1 international exchange workshop in Dakar between European and Senegalese schools on the theme of education for sustainable development ✓ support for 3 school canteens for 674 children

- **TANZANIA** ✓ paid the school fees for 54 female students



TECHNICAL ACCOMPANIMENT AND ASSISTANCE

- **BURKINA FASO AND ITALY** ✓ technical accompaniment to 11 towns of the Italian Region of Piedmont in the town twinning framework with the town of Gorom-Gorom in Burkina Faso (Enndâm Program, the town of Piossasco appointed as leader Municipality - decentralised cooperation activities) ✓ technical support for the rehabilitation of a water well for human and pastoral consumption with the installation of a manual pump and a superstructure (decentralised cooperation activities) ✓ technical training support to the management committees of the water distribution points (decentralised cooperation activities)

- **ALBANIA** ✓ 22 loans provided to 20 small women's businesses ✓ technical accompaniment and monitoring of 20 small businesses

- **ETHIOPIA** ✓ home care for 50 people living with HIV/AIDS ✓ support and care for HIV/AIDS prevention to 10 vulnerable women ✓ counselling services for vulnerable women

- **GUINEA CONAKRY** ✓ assistance to 3,145 patients with mental health problems ✓ vocational support and guidance for 70 unaccompanied immigrant minors ✓ health care to 514 prostitutes ✓ 1 workshop in support of the inter-ministerial committee on the elaboration of the National Social Protection Policy

- **SENEGAL** ✓ support for the establishment of the first Agri Tech Hub in Senegal – a community of young people engaged in the development and implementation of ICT solutions in agriculture

- **MALI** ✓ assistance to immigrants returning home and evacuees with the rehabilitation of 4 vegetable gardens for 240 women, food storage warehouses for 300 people, and training and psychological and social support for 10 teachers



VOCATIONAL AND ENTREPRENEURIAL TRAINING

- **ALBANIA** ✓ 1 training course on management and business plans for 20 small women's businesses

- **BURKINA FASO** ✓ micro-credit courses for 300 women (LVIA Sangano activities)

- **ETHIOPIA** ✓ 1 peer-to-peer training course on HIV prevention for 149 vulnerable women ✓ 1 training course on the economic management of income-generating activities run by vulnerable women

- **GUINEA CONAKRY** ✓ 1 training course for social workers on cash transfer devices employed for child social protection

- **TANZANIA** ✓ training course on management of small businesses to groups of women ✓ peer-to-peer training on HIV prevention for vulnerable women

fight against severe acute malnutrition

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PROJECTS AND ACTIONS



In 2015, LVIA acted to treat and prevent severe acute child malnutrition, the most severe form of malnutrition which, if suffered in childhood, will cause permanent damage compromising the physical and intellectual development of the child. Concomitantly, awareness-raising activities allowed for a better food and nutrition education through proper, healthy and nourishing use of local food and ingredients.

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296,600

PEOPLE



3,300

WOMEN



293,300

CHILDREN



FIGHT AGAINST SEVERE ACUTE CHILD MALNUTRITION

● **BURKINA FASO** ✓ 3 monitoring campaigns in the Centre-Ouest Region on the state of nutrition of children from 6 to 59 months of age, through brachial measurement. 287,400 children aged 6-59 months were monitored three times a year ✓ 11,400 children affected by severe acute malnutrition received appropriate care and distribution of Plumpy'Nut, a Ready-to-Use Therapeutic Food (RUTF) ✓ 2,000 children suffering from severe acute malnutrition received treatment in hospital ✓ 1 study was carried out on the factors associated with mortality in cases of severe acute malnutrition in hospitals



NUTRITION EDUCATION

● **BURKINA FASO** ✓ 180 nutrition awareness raising campaigns with cooking lessons and use of locally grown foods for 3,200 women from 180 families ✓ 1 meeting on educational evaluation on the activities related to nutrition education for 60 community animators

● **SENEGAL** ✓ 1 awareness raising day event to promote local consumption and food tasting of local foods produced by local community groups

BURKINA FASO

LVIA has been active in response to the food crisis in Burkina Faso since 2012; it is now in its fifth consecutive project funded by ECHO (European Community Humanitarian Office) to fight against severe acute malnutrition in children in the Centre-Ouest Region, in partnership with the NGO Medicus Mundi Italia and the Regional Direction of Health. In 2015, thanks to three follow-up campaigns from village to village, nearly 300,000 children within 5 years of age were monitored and their state of nutrition was assessed. 11,400 children were suffering from severe acute malnutrition: most of these were taken to the village Health Centres and were cared for and fed till they recuperated; 2,000 children in critical conditions were hospitalised.

The project, in addition to having covered all medical expenses, also covered the expenses to allow mothers to accompany and assist their child throughout all the period necessary for the treatment at the hospital or Health Centre.

Concurrently, with funding from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, as part of a project sponsored by the Network Fondazioni for Africa Burkina Faso, LVIA and the rural association ASK, work was undertaken to improve and promote the soya production chain. As for nutrition education, in 2015, 180 informative sessions were held that included cooking lessons and use of locally grown foods involving 3,200 women.

Soya is not part of the traditional Burkinabé cuisine but, as it is accessible locally and very rich from a nutritional point of view, it is an important food product in the fight and prevention of malnutrition in the country. Malnutrition is caused not only by the lack of food but also by lack of variety and poor nutritional intake. The cooking lessons had the aim of teaching mothers new delicious and nourishing recipes based on soya and that can be cooked for the household.

SENEGAL

In 2015, with funding from the Italian Region of Emilia Romagna, LVIA and local partners focused on the supply chain of cassava, another very nutritious food product which is not consumed as it should be by the Senegalese families. The project strengthened the capabilities of the producers of cassava and its production chain and, on the other hand, its nutritional component; the project established a network with the village school canteens and organised nutrition awareness raising events to promote local consumption and food-tastings of locally grown food products produced by the local community groups.

Furthermore, in 2015, LVIA acted to treat and prevent severe acute child malnutrition, the most severe form of malnutrition which, if suffered in childhood, will cause permanent damage compromising the physical and intellectual development of the child.

At the same time, nutrition awareness raising activities allowed for a better food and nutrition education through proper, healthy and nourishing use of locally grown foods and ingredients.

humanitarian actions



RELATIONSHIPS BETWEEN HUMANITARIAN ACTIONS AND DEVELOPMENT

INVESTMENTS



● DEVELOPMENT 3,095,726 53.8%
 ● HUMANITARIAN ACTIONS 2,658,948 46.2%
TOTAL EUROS 5,754,674

PEOPLE



● DEVELOPMENT 161,200 22.7%
 ● HUMANITARIAN ACTIONS 548,800 77.3%
TOTAL PEOPLE 710,000

BURKINA FASO



FIGHT AGAINST SEVERE ACUTE MALNUTRITION for children from 6 to 59 months of age

✓ see activities page 9

TOTAL
292,880
CHILDREN

GUINEA-BISSAU



Guinea-Bissau was not hit by the ebola outbreak but its neighbouring country, Guinea Conakry, was hit hard. In order to **prevent an outbreak of ebola** in Guinea-Bissau, in 2015 LVIA and local partners accomplished, with the help of ECHO, a program in the area bordering Guinea Conakry.

The activities in the safe water, sanitation and hygiene sectors had the aim to eradicate conditions for the transmission of the Ebola Virus Disease, through the rehabilitation of water wells, distribution of hygiene kits to the Health Centres and the many training courses on the health practices and hygienic measures needed to prevent the transmission of the virus, especially for the community animators, who, in turn, took this knowledge to their village communities, and to the health-care personnel.

TOTAL PEOPLE
113,000

30,500
WOMEN

26,000
MEN

56,500
CHILDREN

KENYA



In 2015 Northern Kenya suffered from **little precipitation** and consequently with the resulting health risks caused by water shortage. In this setting, the activities promoted by LVIA concerned the distribution of hygiene kits in schools and Health Centres and water purification hygiene kits for personal and household use as, especially during severe water shortages, people suffering thirst tend to drink dirty and unsafe water. Other activities regarded training on hygiene practices in schools and Health Centres.

TOTAL PEOPLE
41,000

25,000
WOMEN

12,000
MEN

4,000
CHILDREN

In 2015, LVIA stepped in with humanitarian aid in response to the emergencies that hit Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Guinea-Bissau, Kenya and Mali. LVIA acted with an approach which, thanks to its knowledge of the social background, had the aim to develop resilience, that is, sustainable systems able to generate positive impacts over time.

From this point of view, humanitarian interventions promoted by LVIA have some aspects in common with development actions, that is, having particular care in bringing lasting results that, in addition to pursuing the "priority of saving lives" in an emergency, focus on the future benefits.

Humanitarian emergencies in 2015 that put the lives of thousands of people who were already extremely vulnerable at risk were due to the following factors:

- ✓ The climate crisis, with the lack of rainfall and the increasing drought in Eastern Africa;
- ✓ The outbreak of ebola in West Africa;
- ✓ Severe acute child malnutrition in Burkina Faso;
- ✓ The post-war damages in Mali.

ETHIOPIA



The interventions were carried out with contributions from ECHO and the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs in the Afar Region of Ethiopia which, in 2015, was hit by a **severe drought caused by the fact that it did not rain for a whole year**. Cattle is the main source of livelihood for the population, which was put at risk by the shortage of drinking water and pastures for lack of rain.

LVIA intervened with the rehabilitation of water wells to provide water to people and their livestock and for sanitation activities, such as building latrines in schools and Health Centres and the distribution of hygiene kits. All interventions with the aim to prevent epidemic outbreaks, as may happen in critical conditions of hygiene and lack of water. Training courses were also held on managing risks of weather- and climate-related problems for the local authorities.

TOTAL PEOPLE
85,300

46,900
WOMEN

38,400
MEN

MALI



The north of Mali is an area at high risk of **desertification** and a territory that still has not entirely overcome the damage caused by the 2012-2013 conflict. After the occupation of the territory by Jihadist groups, and then their withdrawal, the territory suffered damage to the infrastructures with thousands of evacuees. Even the water wells, so precious in the desert, stopped working. As a result, the priorities of LVIA's interventions in the area were the rehabilitation of water wells and the training of the water management committees as well as the training of local authorities for the overall management of water resources.

LVIA also began assisting returnees to the country after being displaced by the conflict. Thus gardens, small agricultural infrastructures were rehabilitated and teachers were trained for the psychological support to these new pupils.

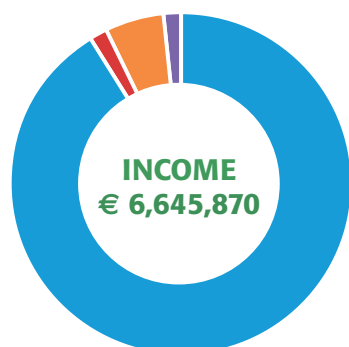
TOTAL PEOPLE
16,600

8,200
WOMEN

5,200
MEN

3,200
CHILDREN

our numbers



PROJECTS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES	€ 6,070,665
PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES IN ITALY	€ 110,867
COMMUNICATION ACTIONS AND FUNDRAISING	€ 354,160
GENERAL SUPPORT CHARGES	€ 110,178

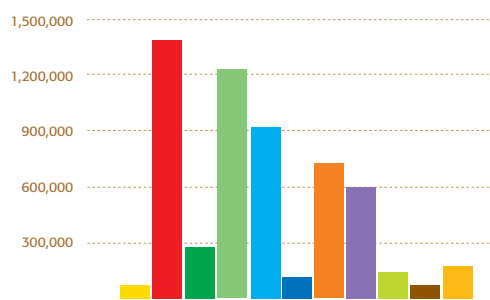


PROJECTS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES	€ 6,120,890
PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES IN ITALY	€ 169,821
COMMUNICATION ACTIONS AND FUNDRAISING	€ 180,501
GENERAL SUPPORT CHARGES	€ 174,052

SOURCES OF FUNDING

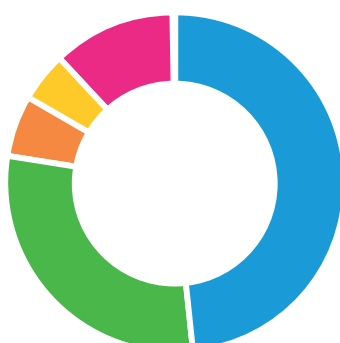
European Union	€ 2,487,743	37.4%
Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI)	€ 1,373,071	20.7%
Italian Public Administrations	€ 67,134	1.0%
Foreign Public Administrations	€ 13,098	0.2%
United Nations	€ 123,396	1.9%
Consortia with other Associations	€ 1,361,167	20.5%
Private Corporate bodies	€ 667,998	10.1%
LVIA (funds lined to projects)	€ 30,000	0.5%
Private People	€ 479,465	7.2%
Various contributions	€ 42,804	0.6%

INVESTMENTS PER COUNTRY



ALBANIA	€ 72,830
BURKINA FASO	€ 1,398,751
BURUNDI	€ 278,139
ETHIOPIA	€ 1,239,344
GUINEA-BISSAU	€ 927,165
GUINEA CONACRI	€ 115,231
KENYA	€ 730,918
MALI	€ 602,405
MOZAMBIQUE	€ 143,755
SENEGAL	€ 71,223
TANZANIA	€ 174,912
TOTAL	€ 5,754,674

INVESTMENTS PER SECTOR OF INTERVENTION



WATER AND HYGIENE	48.5%
AGRO-PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT	29.2%
ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT	5.9%
SOCIAL INCLUSION	4.6%
FIGHT AGAINST SEVERE ACUTE MALNUTRITION	11.9%

DIRECT BENEFICIARIES

ALBANIA	130
BURKINA FASO	310,000
BURUNDI	4,700
ETHIOPIA	144,800
GUINEA-BISSAU	126,300
GUINEA CONACRI	3,800
KENYA	86,100
MALI	16,600
MOZAMBIQUE	10,600
SENEGAL	1,200
TANZANIA	10,300
ITALY	38,200

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“The results given, and which are related to the project activities summarised according to the thematic points of our strategic plan, are very important and interesting as they highlight a notable increase in volume in all the activities we have undertaken. An increase which has obviously been measured in financial terms but, much more important for us, an increase in terms of people we have worked with, and therefore of villages, families, local businesses, and so forth. The results highlight a growth in relations and the geographic areas we intervened in. What we are interested in is not measuring and accounting for our contribution in terms of a rise in GDP, a monetary quantification from the point of view of the so-called formal economy, but in trying to expound on the increase of solidarity, of sustainability of life and work in marginal areas, the enforcement of the right to have access to safe water resources and to health facilities and sanitation.

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