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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 2014, 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 2014, the investment in cooperation projects amounted to Euros 4,642,436 - a quota equal to 88% of the expenditures that achieved factual results in improving life conditions for 222,200 people:

- 11,700 people (6,000 men and 5,700 women) 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.
- 65,000 people (28,000 men and 37,000 women) 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.
- 69,000 people (32,500 men and 36,500 women) have better living conditions thanks to interventions on energy provision and the environment: LVIA operated with local partners on waste management and disposal and on the electrification of rural areas.

- 5,800 people (2,100 men and 3,700 women) 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 socially disadvantaged women, promotion of active citizenship of the young and local policies of social inclusion, with the participation of and agreed with civil society.
- 70,700 people (8,800 men, 15,500 women and 46,400 children) have better living conditions thanks to LVIA emergency interventions to face up to the humanitarian crisis in Burkina Faso, in the north of Mali and in Kenya.

The investment in active citizenship actions in Italy amounts to Euros 173,710 - a quota equal to 3.3% of expenditure.

Thanks to awareness raising campaigns, development projects and the activities of the territorial groups, 30,300 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. Eleven Italian (the region of Piedmont) and Burkinabè municipalities have kept stable relations and have realized new projects with the support and assistance of LVIA.

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 2014, LVIA was able to count on an associative base composed of 142 members, of which 77 men, 64 women and 1 juridical person.

The first African associative group is active in Burkina Faso.

STAFF

In 2014, the LVIA staff in Italy was composed of 18 units, of which 5 men and 13 women. There were 25 expatriates, of which 12 women and 13 men: 10 persons covered the position of Country Representatives and 15 were employed

in development projects. 92% of the expatriated personnel had a university degree. The local personnel was composed of 187 units, of which 40 employed as animators, 37 with a technical role, 10 with logistic duties, 27 with an administrative role, 71 had roles as keepers and drivers, 2 in roles of coordination.

Altogether, the domestic personnel were composed of 147 men, 40 women and of which 30% with a university degree and 28% with a diploma.

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



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.

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.

THE EXTERNAL STAKEHOLDERS

The local communities in Africa, Albania and Italy are the main external stakeholders; the relationship with the peoples, the institutions and civil society is fundamental for the effectiveness of all actions and efficient use of all the resources.

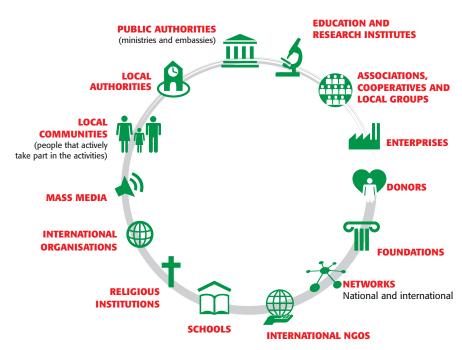
The membership to national and international networks allows to share strategies and to promote actions of counselling; the rapports between the voluntary associations, regions and local authorities go from shared decision making to negotiated strategies and allow setting up competent partnerships in local settings.

The educational institutions and institutes of research are stakeholders of LVIA for the innovative technical contributions in the projects whilst schools and universities are stakeholders for the awareness raising campaigns and training/formation.

The corporate bodies and agencies of Christian inspiration are important stakeholders linked to the inspiring values of the Association.

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

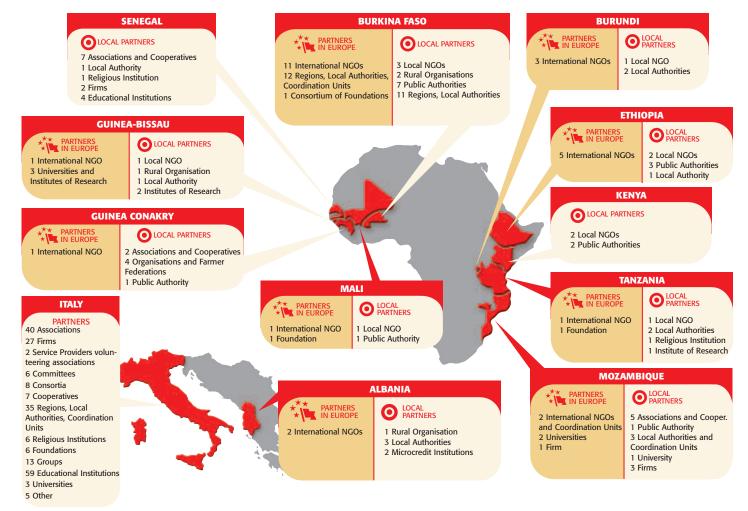
The communication network consists in the relationship with the mass media, an important stakeholder to enhance the impact of the activities in terms of information to the public.



FINANCING BODIES BUSINESS FIRMS INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS 57 **ASSOCIATIONS AND INTERNATIONAL NGOS** 10 **COOPERATIVES** LOCAL AUTHORITIES AND STATE INTERVENTION PROGR. **SCHOOLS** 10 15 **REGIONS AND LOCAL AUTHORITIES** 23 **MICROCREDIT INSTITUTIONS RELIGIOUS INSTITUTIONS CONSORTIA AND FEDERATIONS IN ITALY FOUNDATIONS AND CONSORTIA OF FOUNDATIONS OTHER**

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 are divided in European partners and local partners.



27 International NGOs, Coordination Units, Associations, Foundations

CELIM, Comunità Papa Giovanni XXIII (Albania) · ACRA, CEFEPRADE, CESPI, CIAI, Comunità Sant'Egidio, ETC TERRA, Foundations FOR AFRICA BURKINA FASO, GEVA-LOR, MMI, OXFAM Italia, Slow Food (Burkina Faso) · GVC, OXFAM Intermon, OXFAM Novib (Burundi) · ACF, AMREF, GOAL, Save the Children, VSF Germany (Ethiopia) Manitese (Guinea-Bissau) · CISV (Guinea Conakry, Burkina Faso, Mali) · Kinder in Not (Mali, Tanzania) · CIES, GONG - Italian consortia of NGOs in Mozambique (Mozambique) · Ongawa (Tanzania)

12 Local Authorities and Coordination Units

Municipality of Turin · ENNDAM Network – Municipalities of Piossasco, Orbassano, Avigliana, Villarbasse, Airasca, Pinerolo, Trana, Roletto, Frossasco, Cantalupa and None (Burkina Faso)

• 5 Universities and Institutes of Research

Parco Tecnologico Padano, University Bicocca of Milan, University of Florence (Guinea-Bissau), University La Sapienza of Rome, University of Padua (Mozambique)

ASSOCOMAPLAST - national association of constructors of machines and presses for plastic and rubber materials (Senegal)

LOCAL PARTNERS

HCCS, SSHA (Ethiopia) · MID-P, Reconcile (Kenya) · CAMOJO, EAA, UFC (Burkina Faso) · CAPAD Municipalities of Kallmet, Gruemire, Vau Dejes (Albania) · (Burundi) · ADIM (Guinea-Bissau) · Manden Agri-Service, FMG (Guinea Conakry) · Tassaght (Mali) · AMPCM, AVVI, COMSOL, Kuwuka JDA, MDM (Mozambique) · ASAN, ASC ASS, ASC Bount Depot, ASC EBJJ, Esprit Tous Ensemble, GPF of Ngass and Diama (Senegal) · UFUNDIKO (Tanzania)

8 Rural Organisations

KVVVSH - Consortium of North Albania Wines (Albania) · ASK, CRUS (Burkina Faso) · AJAM (Guinea-Bissau) · CNOP-G, FUCPIS, FUMA, FUPRORIZ (Guinea Conakry)

• 15 Public Authorities and Programmes

Regional Directions of the Central Plateau for Agriculture and of Centre-Ouest for Health Service; Direction of Health Service of Nanoro, Réo, Koudogou, Léo and Sapouy (Burkina Faso) · Direction of the Public Water Resource Management, State of Oromia, Direction of Agriculture of the State of Oromia and SNNPRS (Ethiopia) · National Health Service Direction (Guinea Conakry) · National Water Resource Management and Drought Management Authorities (Kenya) · Regional Direction of Water Management of Gao (Mali) · The Ministry for the Coordination of Environmental Affairs (Mozambique)

• 25 NGOs, Local Associations and Cooperatives • 25 Regions, Local Authorities and Coordination Units

Centre, Sahel, North, Hauts-Bassins Regions, Municipalities of Ouagadougou, Ziniaré, Gorom-Gorom, Pouytenga, Absoya, Gourcy, Oursi (Burkina Faso) · Direction of the Provinces and Breeding Programmes of Ruyigi and Rutana (Burundi) · Siraro Water Board (Ethiopia) · Municipality of Bissau (Guinea-Bissau) · Municipality of Ratoma (Guinea Conakry) · Municipality of Maputo, Associations of Mozambican Municipalities, the FEIMA Craft, Food and Flowers Fair (Mozambique) - Municipality of Thiès (Senegal) · Districts of Kongwa and Chamwino (Tanzania)

2 Religious Institutions

CARITAS Kaolack (Senegal), CARITAS Dodoma (Tanzania)

• 2 Microcredit Institutions

Fondi BESA, MAG-2 (Albanie)

4 Universities and Institutes of Research

IBAP, INPA (Guinea-Bissau) · University of E. Mondlane (Mozambique) · MoCU (Tanzania)

• 5 Firms

FACOBOL, RECIPLASTICO, ACSEL (Mozambique)

PROPLAST Srl, UTRAPLAST Srl (Senegal)

4 Educational Bodies

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

our numbers



PROJECTS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES	€ 4	4,633,398
ACTIVITIES IN ITALY	€	156,462 🛑
COMMUNICATION ACTIONS AND FUND RAISING	€	353,514
GENERAL SUPPORT CHARGES	€	124,936

PROJECTS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES	€ 4	1,642,436
ACTIVITIES IN ITALY	€	173,710
COMMUNICATION ACTIONS AND FUND RAISING	€	204,347
GENERAL SUPPORT CHARGES	€	246,156

SOURCES OF FUNDING

European Union	€ 1,962,168.06	37.2%
 Ministry of Foreign Affairs of Italy 	€ 719,084.20	13.6%
 Italian Public Administrations 	€ 169,284.73	3.2%
 Foreign Public Administrations 	€ 203,544.73	3.9%
United Nations	€ 21,724.27	0.4%
Consortia with other Assoc.	€ 747,646.52	14.2%
Private Corporate bodies	€ 812,845.86	15.4%
LVIA (funds lined to projects)	€ 120,000.00	2.3%
Private People	€ 486,137.02	9.2%
Various contributions	€ 25 874 62	0.5%

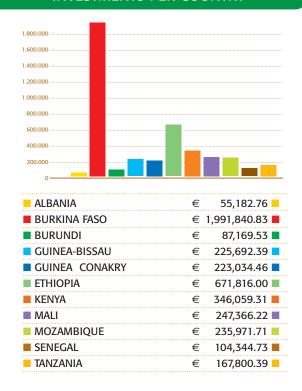
INVESTMENTS PER SECTOR OF INTERVENTION



WATER AND HYGIENE	23.90 %
 AGRO-PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT 	20.40 % 🔵
ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT	10.50 % 🛑
SOCIAL INCLUSION AND DEMOCRATIC PARTICIPATION	8.50 % 🛑
HUMANITARIAN ACTIONS	36.70 % 🛑

The complete 2014 balance sheet is available on the LVIA website **www.lvia.it**

INVESTMENTS PER COUNTRY



DIRECT BENEFICIARIES

- Albania	170 💻
BURKINA FASO	77,400
GUINEA-BISSAU	4,600
GUINEA CONAKRY	55,000
■ ETHIOPIA	42,000
■ KENYA	1,350
MALI	18,100
MOZAMBICO	20,600
■ SENEGAL	2,200
■ TANZANIA	780 🗖
■ ITALY	30,300

PROJECTS

PROJEC

The United Nations declared 2014 the International Year of Family Farming (IYFF). All over the world, more than 500 million agricultural firms produce food to feed billions of human beings. In many countries, family-run agricultural businesses represent 80% of the agricultural firms. Nevertheless, more than 70% of the people who suffer from the lack of food safety live in rural areas of Africa, Asia and Latin America. At the same time, these are small producers with limited access to natural resources, decision-making policies, credit and technology. Statistics show that the farmers may rapidly reach their productive potential and better their life conditions if sustained by appropriate agricultural policies.

In 2014, LVIA supported 11,700 farmers in 8 countries: Albania, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Ethiopia, Guinea-Bissau, Guinea Conakry, Senegal, and Tanzania.

BUILDING OF INFRASTRUCTURES AND PROVISION

OF EQUIPMENT

TANZANIA

✓ currently building 3 centres to produce honey with the furnishing
of a press and three filtering machines

6.000

GUINEA-BISSAU

✓ purchase of a thresher and a motor pump for 2 Centres of Agricultural Services

ETHIOPIA

✓ built 2 warehouses to stock agricultural products

BURKINA FASO

- ✓ built 4 warehouses to set up the Warrantage System for farmers
- ✓ built a production unit for composting (organic waste recycling)



SENEGAL

✓ 2 communal vegetable gardens run by the Village Groups that take care of the multifunctional platforms (GPF)

✓ built 2 irrigation systems with solar pumps managed by the GPF



ALBANIA

✓ distributed 67,550 vine plants

GUINEA-BISSAU

- ✓ distributed 1.31 tonnes of rice, peanut and sesame seeds
- ✓ distributed 1.4 tonnes of fertilisers

SENEGAL

distributed 2 kits of tomato, eggplant, cabbage, carrot, lettuce, chilli pepper, and gumbo seeds

BURKINA FASO

✓ distributed 762 kilos of millet seeds, 3.7 tonnes of soya seeds, 2.45 tonnes of peanut seeds

✓ distributed 6.25 tonnes of phosphate fertilizer and 125 kits for the production of compost



GUINEA-BISSAU

✓ 15 endowment funds to 10 Rural Service Centres



GUINEA-BISSAU

✓ 10 radio broadcasts to promote the Rural Service Centres and local producers of seeds

SENEGAL

v 18 days of animation and 4 radio broadcasts on the use of enriched flour for children nutrition



ALBANIA

✓ 49 interventions of technical assistance for wine growers

v participation in 4 food and wine fairs for the promotion of Kalmett Wine

GUINEA-BISSAU

✓ accompaniment in the building of a representational platform of the producers that manage 15 Rural Service Centres

- ✓ 2 agricultural fairs were organised with the presentation of local products
- ✓ a Festival of Agriculture was organised to expound on shared propositions

GUINEA CONAKRY

✓ coaching on business management for the agricultural cooperative MAS

SENEGAL

4 promotional days were organised for the sale of high nutritional flours produced by GPF groups

TANZANIA

✓ technical and managerial accompaniment to groups of apiarists



PUBLICATIONS

ALBANIA

✓ a publication on Kalmett Wine in Albanese, Italian and English

STUDIES AND

2 scientific publications on soil variety and mangrove rice seeds

BURUNDI

a survey and a study on the farmer organisations and the production chains of rice and horticulture

BURKINA FASO

✓ a study on the transformation of soya



ALBANIA

✓ entrepreneurial training in marketing and oenology for 92 vine growers and operators of the world of wine

5 social training programmes for 13 people in conditions of social unrest

GUINEA-BISSAU

✓ on-the-job training on management and business plans for 7 groups of rice seed producers and for 15 cooperatives that manage 15 Rural Service Centres

GUINEA CONAKRY

20 training cycles (training of trainers) on growing techniques of rice, onions and yams

✓ 3 training courses on institutional and organisational strengthening for 3 farmer federations

SENEGAL

√ 5 training courses on vegetable production, production of enriched flour (of high nutritional value), business administration and marketing for 2 GPF

■ TANZANIA

✓ 6 training courses of beehive caring, honey processing and associative strengthening for 100 apiarists

✓ a visit to the Chikola Apiculture Centre for 18 apiarists

BURKINA FASO

20 training courses on composting techniques and production and preservation for 749 apiarists

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water and hygiene

The World Water Day 2014 was dedicated to the theme "Water and Energy". Another step further in respect to previous themes such as Water and Food Safety (2012) and Water Cooperation (2013). The United Nations highlight the interdependence between access to water and sustainable management of water resources with the various aspects of social and economic development of a community and of a country. The World Days will continue to be dedicated to such themes as Water for

Development in 2015. It is in the sector of water and hygiene that LVIA operates with a multi-tiered approach and, in 2014, LVIA projects have bettered the life conditions for 65,000 people living in the poorest areas of Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Kenya and Tanzania.













TANZANIA

✓ technical accompaniment for technical and economic management of the water distribution system of Huzi ✓ technical and managerial accompaniment for 12 water distribution systems



' 2 seminars in the school of Waso and the community of Kiwanja on the management of the water works

TANZANIA

✓ a session of business administration training for the water management committee of the village of Huzi

2 training courses on water chemical analysis for 7 district technicians and the staff of the local NGOs Ufundiko and LVIA

- 2 training courses on the building of latrines and 3 administration training courses for 180 artisans
- ✓ 3 business administration and water legislation training courses for 195 members of the water committees, service providers, technicians and village
- a seminar on the national policies for the management of water distribution points for 8 people - people in charge of the districts of Kongwa and Chamwino, people from the University of MoCU and LVIA staff
- a training course on training methodologies, realisation of sanitation products and entrepreneurship for 6 trainers of trainers
- ✓ 1 training course on monitoring and assessment for 22 district technicians

ETHIOPIA

- ✓ 1 technical training course on hydraulics for 9 workers at water distribution points (public fountains) on the pumping system of a rural aqueduct

 1 business administration training for 9 members of the management
- committee of an aqueduct

BURKINA FASO

✓ 30 sessions of training on the use of fertilizers obtained from EcoSan type latrines in agriculture



WATER WELL

REHABILITATION

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ETHIOPIA

✓ a 3,500 metre extension of an aqueduct in gravity and the building

✓ a generator, a pump, a public fountain and 3 inspection pits were

of a reservoir and 2 public fountains (water distribution points)

✓ repaired a water distribution system in the village of Huzi

- ✓ built 3,203 PIT type latrines to benefit the same number of families built 2 blocks of 6 latrines with enhanced ventilation in a school and
- 2 blocks of 6 latrines in a dispensary

BURKINA FASO

✓ built 2,414 Ecosan type latrines



✓ built 2 rainwater harvesting and water sanitation systems in the school of Waso

ETHIOPIA

✓ built 2 water systems for public primary schools

built 2 water systems for 2 dispensaries



TANZANIA

✓ 83 moulds for latrine plate fabrication were distributed to artisans

in the district of Kongwa

✓ 250 hygiene kits were distributed to 2,500 women

AWARENESS RAISING CAMPAIGNS

ETHIOPIE

✓ an awareness raising campaign on correct sanitation practices was organised in proximity of the villages to sensitise 6,200 families selected for the building of latrines

✓ in occasion of the Global Handwashing Day (GHD), a day event was organised in schools to sensitise the students on correct sanitation practices

v a cycle of awareness raising activities on themes on sanitation and use of sanitation products was organised for 87 village leaders, 87 health committees and 22 district technicians

✓ 1,689 home visits to sensitise on hygienic-sanitation issues



a study on the needs and criticalities in the water and hygiene sector and future interventions in the area of

a study conducted by a researcher at Turin Polytechnic (Italy) on the feasibility of installing solar panels for water

TANZANIA

- ✓ a study to monitor the management systems for 195 members of the water committees, municipal administration bodies, service providers, technicians and village leaders
- ✓ 2 hydrogeological investigations in 4 villages
- ✓ a technical investigation on the Nkwenda plant
- ✓ a catalogue on the building and selling of hygiene and sanitation products

✓ a study on the development of a database of water resources, water systems and aquifers

BURKINA FASO

- ✓ a study on the effects of the interventions on hygiene
- ✓ 1,000 publications and a video, 'A Latrine for every Family', to capitalise

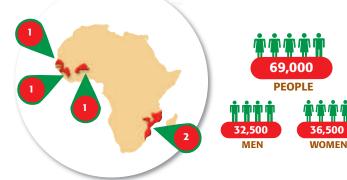


LVIA projects in the environmental sector attain processes of socio-economic development, social inclusion and education through activities of sustainable management of waste and, in a lesser way, working for access to energy in rural villages in a sustainable way in respect to the social context.

In 2014, the projects have bettered the life conditions of 69,000 people in Burkina Faso, Guinea Conakry, Mozambique and Senegal.

Some aspects to emphasise: in Mozambique, the activities to ameliorate the management of solid urban waste in the capital of Maputo and the interventions of social inclusion of the 'catadores' - informal self-designed garbage collectors - have continued; in Conakry, the plastic recycling plant is now working and is run by the Coguiplast company, composed of small and medium enterprises and cooperatives.

The organisation of a workshop in Senegal has allowed LVIA to exercise its 20-year experience in the energy sector on waste management; LVIA has furnished technical accompaniment to the management committees of the multifunctional platforms, which provide electrical energy to the villages.



BUILDING OF INFRASTRUCTURES AND PROVISION OF EQUIPMENT

GUINEA CONAKRY

the plastic recycling plant was equipped with a mill, a washer and dryer

MOZAMBIQUE

✓ an Ecopunto was installed for the collection of recyclable waste in Maputo

purchase of equipment for the cooperative COMSOL, which is involved in waste recycling in Maputo



GUINEA CONAKRY

v 10 environmental education activities in the schools of Conakry

✓ 20 environmental education events in the quarters
✓ the production of a television spot on waste recycling

MOZAMBIQUE

✓ a campaign to promote environmental health and hygiene in Maputo
✓ 2 awareness raising events organised in Maputo for the World Recycling Day and
the World Environment Day

√ 7 projections of the spot 'Reciclando Realidades' on screens put up in the main road routes of Maputo



GUINEA CONAKRY

✓ technical accompaniment for 4 EIGs (economic interest groups) and SMEs, agent for waste collection in Conakry, to legalise the cooperative company COGUIPLAST for plastic waste management

MOZAMBIQUE

✓ 14 participations at fairs to promote cooperatives and waste management

✓ technical and managerial accompaniment for 2 cooperatives that run the waste recycling centres Recicla and Fertiliza

✓ technical accompaniment for the set-up of the cooperative COMSOL for the collection, selection and commercialisation of recyclable solid waste

SENEGAL

v technical accompaniment for 12 management committees of multifunctional platforms

✓ organisation of the LVIA Forum 'Management and Recycling of Plastic Waste in Sub-Saharan Africa' to capitalise new activities and launch new action strategies

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 CONAKRY

a training course on the selection of the various types of plastic for 29 environmental operators

a managerial training course for 3 employees of the plastic waste recycling centre of Conakry

a training visit to Proplast Centre in Senegal for 3 employees of the Centre of Plastic Waste Management of Conakry and the President of the Guinean firm COGUIPLAST

✓ participation of the local NGO FMG at the workshop on plastic waste

management organised by LVIA in Senegal

a training visit to the Senegalese cities of Thiès, Joal Fadiouth and

Kaolack on urban solid waste management for 2 representatives of the

municipality of Ratoma

MOZAMBIQUE

✓ a basic training course and 19 managerial training for the cooperative COMSOL

✓ a training course on waste management and recycling for 10 technicians and environmental operators

✓ a training course on urban solid waste management for 38 technicians and officials of the Ministry for the Coordination of Environmental Affairs ✓ a seminar on the management of POPs, mercury and other residuals



PUBLICATIONS

MOZAMBIQUE

✓ a handbook on cooperativism for waste collectors

a website of the National Association of Municipalities of Mozambique on town environmental policies

v an article published in the magazine Autarquias on urban solid waste management

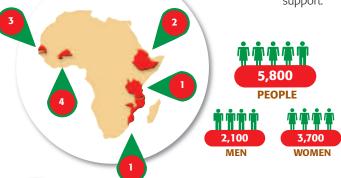


social inclusion and democratic participation

A prerogative of LVIA's mission is aimed at supporting the weaker members of society which, in the countries where LVIA operates, because of social and economic conditions, live in poverty and social unrest. The actions of social inclusion and democratic participation are aimed at contrasting discrimination and promoting the role of the vulnerable social components and the participation of citizens

In 2014, the activities achieved with a focus on the weaker members of society and their social inclusion have benefitted 5,800 people in Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Mozambique, Senegal and Tanzania.

Among these, in Ethiopia, LVIA has continued the accompaniment of the women of Sisters' Self Help Association in Addis Abeba and in Mozambique the actions for social inclusion and employment of the 'catadores' (self-designated waste collectors). Work with the young for active citizenship and democratic participation has continued in Burkina and has started in Senegal and many families in Italy have continued to give their backing to children and young people through long-distance





- ✓ support to 3 school canteens with the provision of food and support to the organisation
- ✓ set-up of 2 school orchards ✓ school support for 144 children

ETHIOPIA

✓ school and health support per 10 orphans

- ✓ built a school of the second school level attended by 350 students and installed an electrical plant run on solar panels with batteries and led in the 4 classes and 2 offices (activities of the LVIA group in Sangano)
- ✓ long-distance support for a school in Gorom-Gorum (3 classrooms and 140

✓ paid the school fees for 50 female students through long-distance support

AWARENESS RAISING **CAMPAIGNS**

- ✓ a seminar on community social protection schemes
- ✓ a session, in occasion of the World Labour Day, 1st May, on social inclusion of the 'catadores'

SENEGAL

✓ 6 events of awareness raising on plastic waste recycling and 3 days of sensitising on AIDS organised by the youth associations of Thiès

✓ 1 day of sensitising and 1 day of buying plastic waste in Louga ✓ reclaimed a public garden by the youth associations, which had become an informal dumpsite in the city of Thiès



MOZAMBIQUE

a study on the 'catadores' (self-designed garbage collectors) in the city of Maputo



MOZAMBIQUE

- ✓ technical accompaniment for work inclusion for 11 'catadores' (self-designed garbage collectors) and 4 activists of the local association Kuwula
- ✓ 5 consultations and home visits with the families of the 'catadores' to start the process of social inclusion

ETHIOPIA

- ✓ home assistance for 431 people with HIV/AIDS through the Sisters' Self Help Association
- ✓ prevention and health assistance of HIV/AIDS for 30 socially vulnerable women through the Sisters' Self Help Association
- ✓ counselling for 1,189 socially vulnerable women through the Sisters' Self Help Association

BURKINA FASO

- ✓ technical accompaniment for 4 Regional Councils in projects of decentralised cooperation North-South and South-North for institutional
- ✓ a seminar on youth participation and structured dialogue between young people and politicians to elaborate on local developmental policies
- technical accompaniment for the municipalities of Piedmont, Italy, for decentralised cooperation with the municipality of Gorum-Gorum to build a primary school in the village of Timboulel with 3 classrooms and a block of latrines and to set-up a farmhouse school

SENEGAL

- ✓ organised exchange meetings between the youth associations of Thiès ✓ technical accompaniment for the realisation of CAPE – consultation frame-
- work of the youth associations engaged in environmental protection ✓ organised exchanges between CAPE and 10 youth associations of Louga engaged in environmental protection



MOZAMBIOUE

a training on the set-up of entrepreneurial activities for 10 'catadores' (self-designed garbage collectors)

ETHIOPIA

- 3 training courses on the management of the work activities run by vulnerable women
- ✓ 5 peer-to-peer training courses on the prevention of HIV for 10 women of the Sisters' Self Help Association of Addis Abeba

SENEGAL

- ✓ a training course on IT for the youth associations of zone 5b of Thiès ✓ a training course on the environment and a guided visit to the Plastic Waste Recycling Plant Proplast for 5 youth associations of Thiès
- ✓ a peer-to-peer training course held by the youth associations of Thiès to the young people of Louga on issues concerning environmental protection and plastic waste recycling

humanitarian action

Even in 2014, LVIA has worked towards limiting various humanitarian emergencies with an approach which, thanks to its knowledge of the social background, have developed sustainable systems and which have been able to generate positive impacts also after the emergencies.

BURKINA FASO



Fight against severe acute malnutrition

- ✓ built/repaired 11 water wells at health centres and established the management committees
- ✓ rehabilitated a paediatric ward in a hospital
- ✓ distributed 20 hygiene kits to 11 local authorities for the prevention of Ebola
- monitoring of 131,550 children between 6 and 59 months of age with 4 screening campaigns to identify cases of malnutrition
- ✓ treatment of 32,385 children with severe acute malnutrition
- distributed 6.1 tonnes of high nutritional flour to 7,262 malnourished children
- ✓ training for 39 health operators for the treatment of malnourished children
- sustained the hospital expenses for 1,288 children with severe acute malnutrition and for their mothers (medicines, visits, hospitalisation, and accompaniment)
- Realised a study on the factors associated to mortality in children suffering from severe acute malnutrition in hospitals

Emergency and resilience in Sahel

- ✓ rehabilitation of 4 waters wells used by 5,440 people and their livestock
- ✓ 300 people trained on the rehabilitation of degraded and semi-desert land
- 1,322 women trained on the production of more nutrient meals with the use of local products
- ✓ distributed 100 basic hygiene kits to 600 families
- ✓ distributed 300 small ruminants to 600 families
- ✓ distributed 15 kits for agricultural production to 300 people
- ✓ rehabilitated 102 hectares of degraded land for 270 people (cash-for-work)



6,700WOMEN

4,000

41,100 CHILDREN

GUINEA-BISSAU



Ebola emergency

✓ a study was carried out to identify the health centres in need of water and chloride to avert Ebola contagion from the bordering Guinea Conakry

LVIA has been active in response to the food crisis in **Burkina Faso** since 2012; it is now in its fourth 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 2014, the performance indicators showed a rate of recovery greater than 90%. Moreover, in 2014, LVIA started a new vast emergency programme in the Sahel region thanks to the funding of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, Cooperazione Monegasca and Tavola Valdese implementing, with the collaboration of the farmers' organisation CRUS, activities of resilience, that is, with the aim to aid the most vulnerable populations in 'resisting' to the now cyclic droughts (more or less 1 every 3 years).

MALI





Fight against severe acute malnutrition

- treated 2,500 malnourished children at Health Centres identified through the screening campaigns in 25 villages of the district of Bourem
- ✓ taken into care 1,250 mothers accompanying their malnourished children at the Health Centres
- distributed 100 kits for agricultural production and 100 pairs of goats to evacuated families

Water emergency

- ✓ realised an information campaign, which reached 6,000 people to prevent cholera outbreaks
- ✓ distributed 1,200 hygiene kits to 12,000 people
- ✓ 33 artisans trained for the management of the water wells
- technical assistance for 45 management committees of the water distribution points
- ✓ a study was carried out to ascertain the knowledge, behaviours and customs of the people in the context of sanitation and hygiene

TOTAL
18,100
DIRECT
BENEFICIARIES

8,500 WOMEN

4,300 MEN 5,300 CHILDREN

KENYA



Water emergency

✓ rehabilitation of a water well in the market of Kiwanja, equipped with a hand pump and a drinking trough for livestock, used by 800 people and their livestock

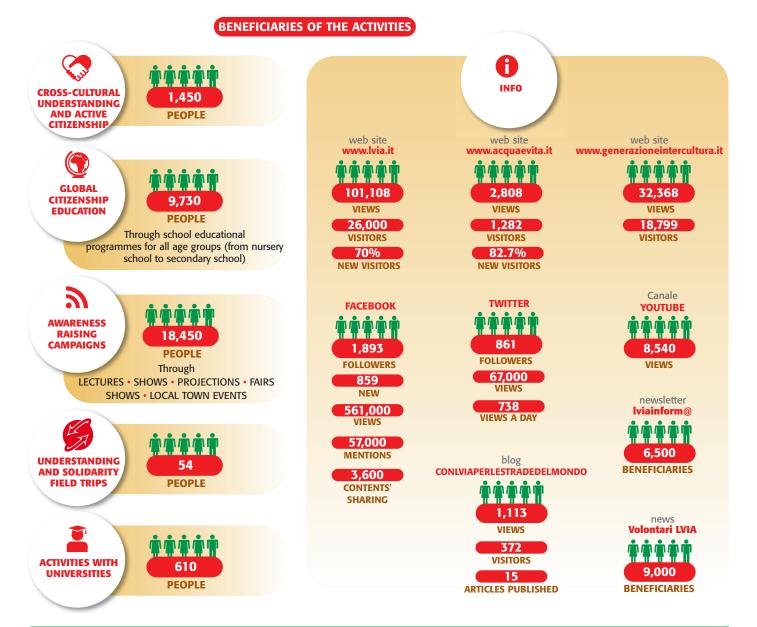


300 WOMEN 500 MEN

In Mali, together with the local NGO Tassaght, CISV and with the support of ECHO, LVIA intervened in response to the severe water crisis following the outbreak of the civil war in the north of the country in late 2012. In 2014, together with other 5 international organisations (UNICEF, OXFAM, ACF, Solidarité and AVSF), LVIA has undertaken a new initiative, again funded by ECHO, to rehabilitate other water wells, to sustain maintenance of the local technical services and to enhance advocacy for the reform of the management scheme of the water resources of the country. At the same time, LVIA has accomplished activities to fight severe acute malnutrition, a phenomenon which has worsened after the conflict.

In Kenya, in collaboration with the Water Resources Management Agency and with the financing of OCHA and CARITAS, LVIA, after the severe drought that afflicted the County of Isiolo, an area in which only 18% of families have access to drinking water, has intervened with its activities.

activities in Italy





'One human family, food for all – it's our duty' is the world campaign promoted by Caritas Internationalis and launched in 2013 by Pope Francis with a strong request to remove the causes of hunger and all sources of social inequality, which is getting worse; to put a stop to the deviances of a financial system out of control; to answer to a request for justice and the need to pursue common wellbeing.

The Italian division of the campaign was established in February 2014 and promoted by Caritas Italiana and FOCSIV (Italian Federation of NGOs and Volunteer Organisations of Christian inspiration) with 16 subjects and 6 media partners.

The educational, information and advocacy activities achieved during the campaign had the aim to promote change starting from the lifestyles of

everyone with the commitment – which must also have an impact on a political level – for healthy, nutrient food, produced and distributed equally for everyone. Food produced following criteria based on environmental sustainability and justice – guaranteed above all by the application of the model of family farming – in respect of the dignity of people.

LVIA was immediately active in the Italian campaign and in 2014 it sought to give its support in the Campaign also to Africa. Above all, continuing supporting family-run farms, strengthening the farmer networks, participating in coalitions for the right to food sovereignty and that contrast land grabbing.

Next, LVIA has been planning together with Caritas Senegal information activities that will give impulse to a change in eating habits, promoting, thanks to animation in villages and in the quarters of Thiès, the introduction of local products in daily eating habits.

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I firmly believe that LVIA has attained important objectives in these fifty years because it has always been able to make daring decisions, some of which prophetic. I do not only refer to our founder and his undeniable endowment but also to our work and activity and the ability to see beyond the end of our nose and to stake everything on our objectives, which have turned out to be successful. I like to think that our association will not lose this ability to see further and will continue to make decisions which will continue to keep us hoping that a world more just is possible because it is for this that we are working for.

Our real mission is not that of making good projects - to dig a well or guarantee better life conditions - but to give our contribution to build a more equal society through those actions which we have been good at accomplishing.

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