

# annual report 2020

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**LVIA**

Solidarity and international cooperation association  
Associazione di solidarietà e cooperazione internazionale  
Association de Solidarité et Coopération Internationale  
Associação de solidariedade e cooperação internacional

## 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 2020 to meet the objectives of its mission statement LVIA operated with interventions of development and in response to the emergencies in 10 Countries of Sub-Saharan Africa and in Italy for the global citizenship education, the promotion of active citizenship and cross-cultural understanding and the social inclusion.

In 2020, the investment in cooperation projects and humanitarian aid amounted to 7,870,445 Euros - a quota equal to 84% of the expenditures that achieved factual results in improving life conditions for 560,908 people:

- **34,425 people** (19,592 women and 14,833 men) have better living conditions thanks to interventions in the **agricultural and pastoral sector**;
- **183,211 people** (119,662 women and 63,549 men) have better living conditions thanks to interventions in **water access and sanitation**;
- **64,983 people** (37,285 women and 27,698 men) have better living conditions thanks to interventions on **energy provision and the environment**. LVIA operated with local partners mainly on waste management and on facing climate crisis;
- **73,012 people** (50,465 women, 22,547 children) have better living conditions thanks to LVIA activities against **malnutrition**;
- **320,696 people** (155,888 women, 34,521 children and 130,287 men) have better living conditions thanks to **humanitarian interventions**;
- **52,358 people** (46,081 women, 1,340 children and 4,937 men) have better living conditions thanks to interventions of **social inclusion and democratic participation**. Decentralised cooperation between Italian and African communities is part of this category;

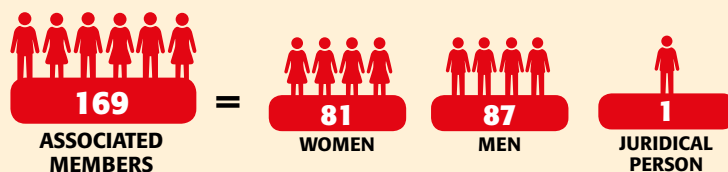
The resources for **development actions** have been equal to **68% of the investments** in the Countries and for **humanitarian interventions to 32%**. All interventions were carried out taking into account sustainability and permanent future benefits.

The investment in projects and actions in Italy amounts to **1,241,672 Euros** – equal to **13%** of expenditure, involving **131,794 people** with the purpose to gain attention and civil engagement to the themes of international solidarity, the inclusion of vulnerable groups and the promotion of an open and intercultural society. Thanks to **communication activities**, about 56,200 people have been involved through LVIA tools and hundreds of thousands of people through activities with mass-medias.

### THE ASSOCIATION

The LVIA, Lay Volunteers International Association, was established in 1966. LVIA is a non-profit membership organisation, seeking effective and innovative means of action, acknowledging the core values and the commitment to volunteerism in all its diversity

### ASSOCIATIVE BASE

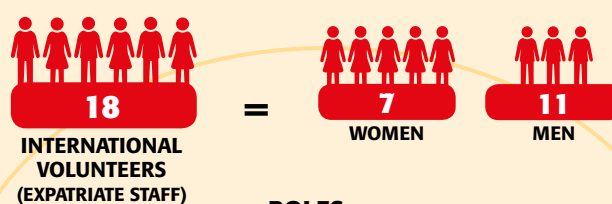


### STAFF

#### IN ITALY

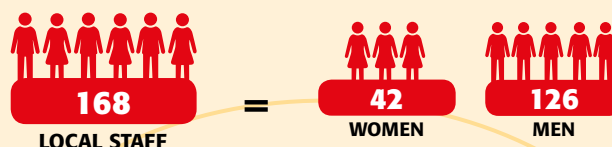


#### IN AFRICA



#### ROLES

REPRESENTANT/RESPONSABLE COUNTRY	8
PROJECT MANAGEMENT	10



#### ROLES

REPRESENTANT/RESPONSABLE COUNTRY *	2	TECHNICIAN	45
COORDINATION	11	LOGISTIC DUTIES	5
ADMINISTRATIVE	33	GUARDIAN/DRIVER/OTHER	55
COMMUNITY FACILITATOR	17		

\*The Representant Country, differently from the Responsible Country, in addition to technical/politics tasks, has also the role of representing the association.

## PARTNERS AND NETWORKS



### SENEGAL

#### INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

- 3 International NGOs

#### LOCAL PARTNERS

- 2 Municipalities
- 1 Network of migrants returned
- 1 National authority
- 2 Cultural associations
- 1 Local NGO

#### NETWORKS

- PFONGUE - European NGOs platform

### MALI

#### INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

- 1 International NGO

#### LOCAL PARTNERS

- 1 Local NGO
- 1 Regional authority

#### NETWORKS

- FONGIM - International NGOs forum

### BURKINA FASO

#### INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

- 5 International NGOs

#### LOCAL PARTNERS

- 2 Municipalities
- 1 Health district
- 1 Rural organisation

#### NETWORKS

- SPONG - NGO standing secretariat
- RE-SOURCES - for sustainable management of solid waste
- ALLIANCE FAS'EAU - water and hygiene for everybody

### ITALY

#### PARTNERS

- 24 NGOs
- 40 Companies
- 53 Associations and Cooperatives
- 4 Industry Associations
- 23 Local Authorities
- 2 Foundations
- 14 Coordinations and Consortiums
- 3 Religious Institutions
- 43 Educational Institutions and Training Centres
- 6 Universities and Research Institutes

#### NETWORKS

- FOCSIV, LINK 2007, COP, ONG 2.0 - NGOs networks
- GCAP - Coalition against Poverty
- Italian Water Movements Forum
- NON SOLO ASILO - network for the refugees
- Committee Turin against Racism

### GUINEA

#### INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

- 3 International NGOs

#### LOCAL PARTNERS

- 2 Local NGOs
- 3 National authorities
- 74 Local Authorities

### ETHIOPIA

#### INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

- 4 International NGOs

#### LOCAL PARTNERS

- 1 Rural organisation
- 2 Federated States

#### NETWORKS

- CCRDA - Associations for development

### GUINEA BISSAU

#### INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

- 1 International NGO

#### LOCAL PARTNERS

- 1 National authority
- 1 Cooperative society aggregating Centres of Rural Services
- 3 Local NGOs
- 1 Company

### BURUNDI

#### PARTNER INTERNAZIONALI

- 2 International NGOs

#### LOCAL PARTNERS

- 1 Local NGO
- 1 National authority

#### NETWORKS

- RESO - NGOs coordination

### TANZANIA

#### INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

- 1 International NGO and 1 NGOs network
- 1 University

#### LOCAL PARTNERS

- 1 Network of associations for water points management
- 1 Network to support agricultural cooperatives
- 4 Local Authorities
- 2 Universities
- 1 Vocational training centre
- 1 Religious institution

#### NETWORKS

- TAWASANET - Civil society for water, hygiene and health

### MOZAMBIQUE

#### INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

- 3 International NGOs

#### LOCAL PARTNERS

- 1 Local NGO
- 2 Cooperatives for waste management
- 1 Cooperative working in the water sector
- 1 Municipality
- 1 Local association
- 4 National authorities
- 1 Agricultural research centre

#### NETWORKS

- GONG - Italian NGOs platform

### KENYA

#### INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

- 1 Research centre for sustainable development
- 1 Company for water treatment and energy production
- 1 Foundation

#### LOCAL PARTNERS

- 1 Local NGO
- 3 National authorities

#### NETWORKS

- WESCOORD - Committee focusing on water, hygiene, and health
- COIKE - Coordination of Italian NGOs in Kenya


## FINANCING BODIES

### FOR ACTIVITIES IN ITALY AND AFRICA


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	<b>INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS</b>	4
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### OUR MAIN FINANCING BODIES

-  **INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS**
- EU
  - German Doctors
  - UNICEF
  - TEA-POP-PEU (DFID)

-  **GOVERNMENTAL AUTHORITIES AND PROGRAMMES**
- AICS - Italian Agency for Development Cooperation
  - Presidency of Ministers Council 8x1000 program
  - Ministry of Internal Affairs
  - ENABEL - Belgian Technical Cooperation
  - GIZ – German Cooperation

-  **LOCAL AND REGIONAL AUTHORITIES**
- Region of Emilia Romagna
  - Region of Piedmont
  - ATO 6
  - Municipality of Castelbuono
  - Mountain Union of Mugello Municipalities

-  **FOUNDATIONS**
- CRC Foundation
  - CRT Foundation
  - La Stampa Foundation - Specchio dei Tempi
  - Compagnia San Paolo
  - Social Enterprise with Children - Foundation with South
  - FGC - Fédération genevoise de coopération
  - Kinder In Not

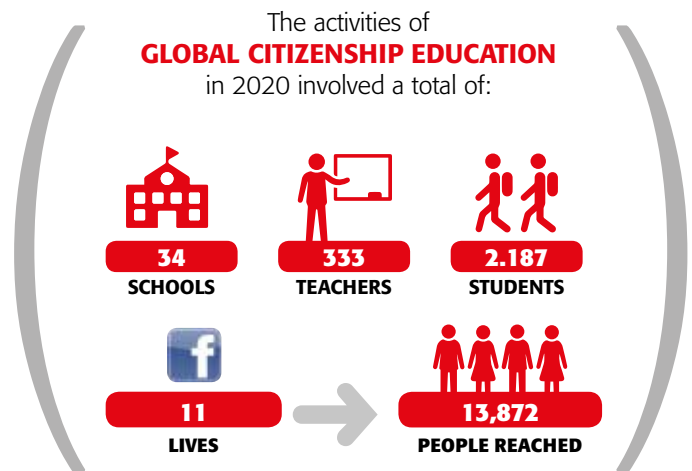
-  **RELIGIOUS BODIES**
- CEI - Italian Episcopal Conference
  - Waldensian Evangelical Church 8x1000

## ACTIVITIES IN ITALY

In Italy, in addition to the Social Inclusion and Cohesion activities, already included in the "Social inclusion and democratic participation" section, LVIA conducted activities in the following areas:

**GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION:** with young people to understand complex phenomena of our time (globalisation, climate change, migration...), understanding the interdependencies between distant areas of the planet. We work in schools of all levels, designing interdisciplinary educational paths with teachers to develop active citizenship, intercultural and critical thinking skills in teaching. In 2020, among others, we have developed initiatives on environmental education and circular economy, on hate speech in sport and on Educational Communities.

**ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP:** promoting the participation of citizens in their country's civic life. Participation is a path that is not always easy, but exciting and necessary to be able to "change things": equal opportunities, training and education to critical thinking are needed, as fundamental ingredients to enable to challenge one's own convictions and to act for the Common Good. In 2020 we have been involved in Service Learning across formal education and the third sector.



**INFORMATION AND RAISING AWARENESS** of people, civil society and institutions to sensitize on current issues and stimulate new approaches to action. The topics we deal with are: human rights, causes of poverty, commitment to change.

#### TOOLS:

- Website** (22,112 visitors),
- Facebook** (5,490 followers)
- Instagram** (1,099 followers)
- newsletter** (16,499 recipients)
- printed newsletter** (11,000 recipients).

## AGRO-PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT



Stefano Dal Pozzolo©

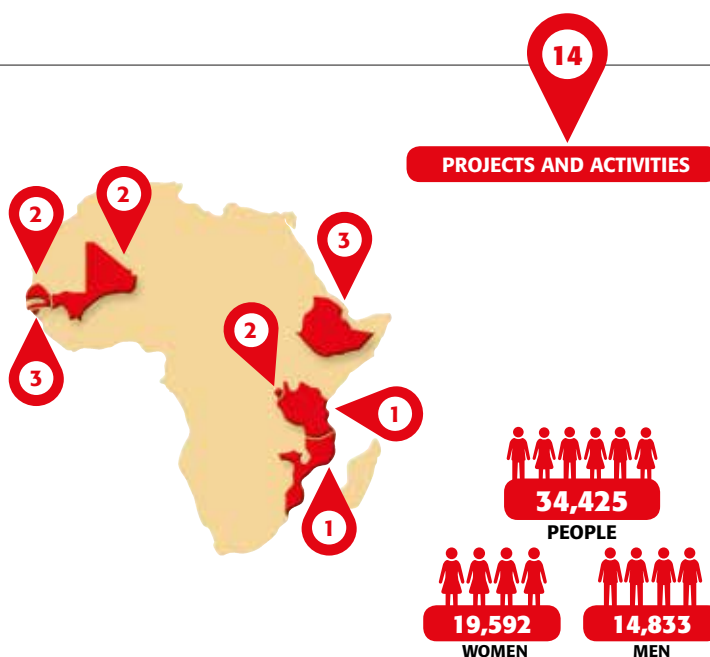
Sub-Saharan Africa is a fragile context, in which the global challenges of our time are amplified and exacerbated: climate change, demographic pressure, social and economic imbalances, human rights violations. **The majority of the population lives in rural areas and draws from agro-pastoral activity both resources for food security and income generation.** In 2020, even in rural Africa, access to a healthy and balanced diet deteriorated further, according to UN reports and the Global Hunger Index, even more so in a pandemic context. Decisive action is therefore needed to support healthy and sustainable food systems and this is why, in 2020, LVIA worked alongside **34,425 farmers and herders (19,592 women and 14,833 men) in 7 countries.**

The interventions carried out by LVIA support **Family Farming** and are part of a medium- to long-term vision that finds in **agroecology** a dimension capable of **improving the resilience and sustainability of food and agricultural systems**, while preserving **social integrity**. These are interventions that consider and address the environmental, socio-cultural, economic and political dimensions of the rural context. It is therefore necessary to intervene with a transforming vision for the promotion of agrobiodiversity and the enhancement of the cultural dimension of food, improving access to primary resources, the recognition of local knowledge systems and the support of local products, territorial markets and connections between rural and urban areas.

On the ground, examples of this are the actions carried out in Guinea Bissau in support of the **mangrove rice farming system** and the **work alongside informal and formal agricultural realities with a mutualistic vocation and communal governance** in all countries.

**Rural communities** are accompanied in the management of services supporting the production, conservation, processing and sale of agri-food products, including the provision of loans through micro-credit. The support to **short agricultural supply chains** and **territorial food systems** was the focus of the action in the highland areas of Ethiopia.

The **management of water resources** is a key axis, and in 2020, important hydraulic-agricultural works were carried out



in rice paddies, horticultural perimeters and reservoirs for watering livestock in Mali, Ethiopia, Guinea Bissau, Mozambique and Tanzania.

The construction of **infrastructures** and the provision of **equipment** are part of a process of regular **accompaniment** and continuous **training** of producers and of **information and awareness-raising** for the entire community, for sustainable agriculture, product quality and the processing of agricultural products (in Burundi, Senegal and Ethiopia) and better services provided by the producers' organisations themselves.

**Food education, stimulating the consumption of local products, sustainable management of resources** are the topics of **campaigns** and **policy actions**. To do this, LVIA supported the creation of a coalition of actors for agroecology, Azione Terrae, participating in the political dialogue in Italy and Europe with the referent Networks for a new model of development and cooperation between institutions and actors from development, research, civil society and business.

With a **continuous research** approach, during 2020, **studies and analyses on the native plant heritage** were carried out with producers and research bodies, in order to protect and enhance local biodiversity and strengthen the agricultural systems expression of the territory.

**In Guinea Bissau, the landa Guiné Arroz project addresses the future of mangrove rise farming throughout the country.**

“*Mangrove rice farming relies on highly sophisticated traditional practices for water and tidal management. Today, this farming system needs to be updated to cope with climate change and to be competitive with cheap rice imports.*”

Lassana Indiai – community facilitator of project  
Landa Guiné Arroz

## WATER AND SANITATION



Simone Migliaro©

Worldwide, 2.2 billion people do not have access to safe water services and 4.2 billion do not have adequate and available sanitary facilities in their homes. **With Covid-19**, which made proper hand hygiene more vital than ever, **the lack of soap and water in schools, homes and even health centres** is even more dramatic: **one year after the pandemic was declared, some 3 billion people worldwide do not have enough to wash their hands with soap and water** (Unicef 2021).

**In 2020, LVIA's interventions in sub-Saharan Africa brought access to water and sanitation services to 183,211 people in 5 countries.**

The priority was **to provide water and sanitation services mainly to schools and health centres**, as well as to **agro-pastoral communities** to allow livestock to be watered.

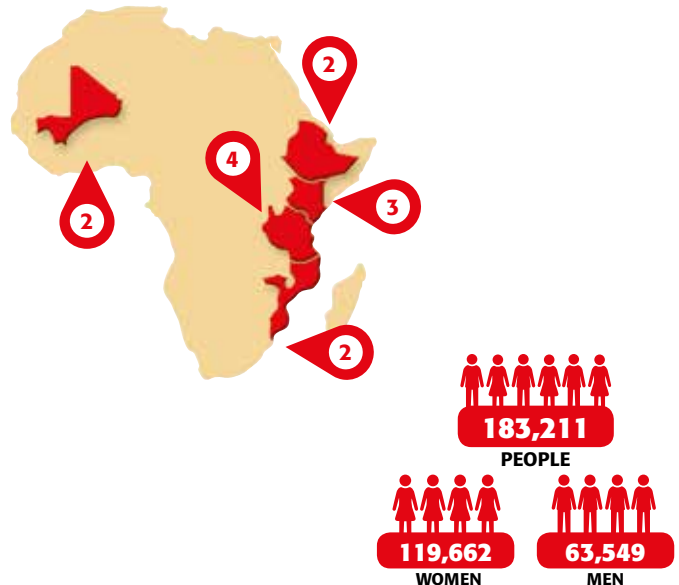
LVIA has carried out the drilling and rehabilitation of **wells, the protection of water sources** (especially for cases of flooding) by designing their supply both by hand and solar pumping, the construction of **rainwater harvesting systems** and **storage cisterns**, the **rehabilitation of pipelines** or their replacement and the installation of **chlorine dosing systems**.

**Training** remains one of the main pillars of LVIA's activities: several economic/management and technical/ hydraulic training sessions were carried out, as well as training sessions on operation and maintenance, monitoring and data collection, involving community leaders, district operators and members of Water Management Committees in order to ensure the **sustainability of the interventions**.

**Awareness-raising campaigns** on the use of soap, **distribution of hygiene materials** and **construction of hand-washing facilities** were carried out: prevention is now more important than ever. In this sense, the sensitisation of communities, schools and health centres has been particularly important for LVIA, through **CLTS (Community Led Total Sanitation)**, a participatory approach used mainly in developing countries to improve hygiene practices in a community by addressing the problem of open defecation and the construction of family latrines. **Study and research activities on water quality, drinking water** and its uses in relation to health and environmental indices continued, together with **accompaniment** and **technical assistance** to improve the management of rural water schemes.

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### PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES



A short testimonial of Mergetu Assefa, a 40 years old woman, married and mother of two children, living in the village of Baritii (Oromia, Ethiopia) where LVIA intervened with an emergency project financed by AICS, which ended in April 2020:

“ Before LVIA's intervention, collecting water for the family's needs was very time-consuming. I used to walk an hour to reach a water source in the river gorge and, in the rainy season, I had to look for water sources further away as the rivers flooded. Now, thanks to LVIA bringing water to our village, it takes me less than 10 minutes to collect the water I need for household chores and I have more time for my chores and my children.”

Mergetu also has a small business with which she supports her family. She prepares and sells local drinks known as tella and areki. Shortly before the water intervention, she had decided to stop the business, because the physical effort and time needed to get water on a daily basis did not allow her to manage both things.

“Now that I can save the time I have to spend looking for water, I have resumed my activity and expanded it.”

Mergetu Assefa

## ENVIRONMENT AND ENERGY



Emiliano Cesaretti©

The effects of climate change are particularly visible in Africa, where extreme weather phenomena, such as floods and droughts, make already fragile societies even more vulnerable through the loss of basic livelihoods, reduced availability of water and food, the destruction of thousands of homes, and forced migrations.

Energy is a key factor in environmental protection: the choice of using renewable energy instead of fossil fuels, both to improve basic services and to promote income-generating activities, helps mitigate climate change.

The issue of environmental protection, and the link with energy, is a cross-cutting theme in the projects promoted by LVIA.

**In 2020, LVIA reached a total of 64,983 people (of which 37,285 women) in 5 African countries through activities related to the environment and energy sector.**

In terms of environmentally friendly activities, LVIA promotes **green** entrepreneurship and jobs, showing the possibility of matching economic development with environmental sustainability. In this regard, agricultural, pastoral or waste collection and recovery enterprises are supported in various countries of intervention, contributing to their agro-ecological transition.

In relation to energy, the activities carried out in 2020 include the solar-powered electrification of two Rural Service Centres in Burundi for the storing products, aimed at improving the business of local agricultural cooperatives; the construction of a building for the future provision of a solar-powered **cooling hub** for a Kenyan women's cooperative engaged in the marketing of camel milk in Kenya.

LVIA's approach is to accompany the provision of materials and the construction of buildings with targeted trainings to ensure proper management by the beneficiaries and the optimal use of materials and equipment received independently, even beyond the duration of the projects. In this regard, in 2020 LVIA provided technical environmental trainings on the use of solar systems in Burundi, as well as on waste collection, GPS data mapping, planning, collection work and sweeping to waste collectors and municipal technicians in Mozambique. Parallel to the provision of services contributing to environmental protection, awareness-raising activities are essential to change the attitude of individuals towards the environment, as witnessed by environmental education campaigns in Guinea, Kenya, Mozambique and Senegal.



Walqabana is a Kenyan women's cooperative engaged in the conservation, processing and sale of camel milk and camel products. Thanks to a project financed by the English Cooperation and Emilia Romagna Region, LVIA is helping the cooperative to overcome some bottlenecks that currently limit the profitable and quality commercialization of camel milk and its by-products.

“ We have always had problems to transport milk: we don't have containers to contain it hygienically and it is not easy to find the right market to sell the raw material. We have no equipment to store the milk in a cool place. Thanks to the support of the LVIA Association, we have received containers for storing and transporting milk, buildings for our cooperative have been constructed and we have received training in marketing, management and hygiene. We will also have fully solar-powered refrigerators and pasteurisers, in an effort to protect the environment.”

*Halima Godana, president of the Walqabana Cooperative*

## FIGHT AGAINST MALNUTRITION

Erwan Rogard©

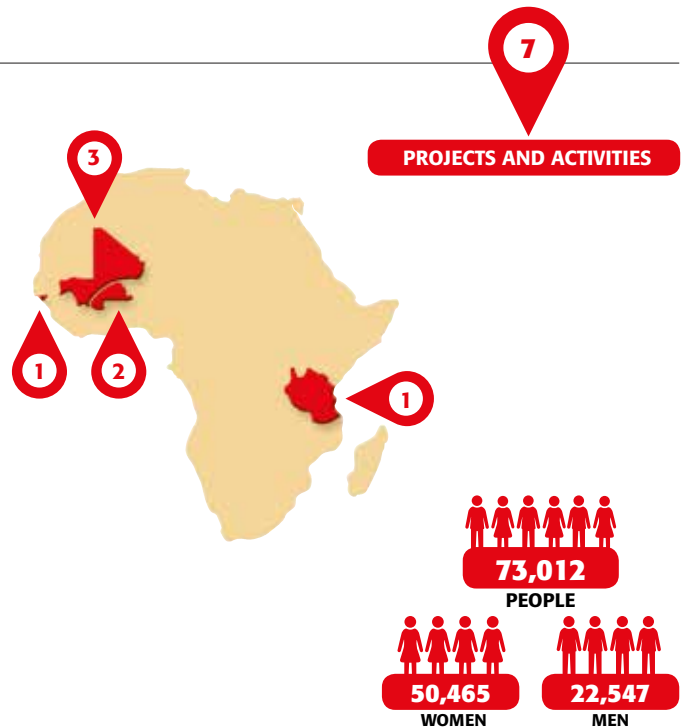


In 2020, malnutrition treatment and prevention activities benefited 73,012 people, of which 50,465 mothers and 22,547 children.

In Burkina Faso and Mali, it is mainly through **prevention activities** that LVIA intervenes to reduce child malnutrition rates. This mainly involves training pregnant women and mothers with children under the age of two, who are most at risk of developing **chronic malnutrition**. Although this form of malnutrition is not immediately life-threatening, it can cause permanent damage that compromises their development. Prevention is achieved mainly through **training mothers**, both in villages and at health centres, on **good nutritional practices** to adopt during pregnancy, breastfeeding and weaning. This is usually called the **“1,000-day Strategy”**, which corresponds to the 9 months of pregnancy plus the first 24 months of the child’s life. Special emphasis is given to **exclusive breastfeeding** of the infant for at least the first 6 months and to **dietary diversification** for pregnant and breastfeeding women and already weaned children. The training sessions are usually accompanied by **cooking demonstrations**, where the women are taught by community facilitators, themselves trained by nutritionists, **how to cook nutritious meals from only locally available food**. Very often the women are also provided with **kits to ensure hygiene** during the preparation of meals and, above all, the potability of the water, which, if contaminated, becomes the main source of disease and mortality for young children.

In 2020, also in Guinea Bissau, where the problem of malnutrition is always present, not so much because of the unavailability of food as because of the continuation of traditional practices harmful to the health of children, LVIA intervened in some nutritional recovery centres managed by Caritas with the **distribution of milk and hygiene kits**.

In Tanzania, in two districts, **health personnel were trained** in integrated malnutrition management and data collection techniques, and supervised, in collaboration with community agents, the reporting of acute malnutrition cases. This activity was carried out by CUAMM, a LVIA partner.



### IN BURKINA FASO, INTERNAL CONFLICTS DO NOT STOP FIGHTING CHILD MALNUTRITION ACTIVITIES

Due to continuous attacks by armed groups, there is a worsening climate of insecurity in the province of Oudalan, which hampers activities. The situation is dramatic but health workers continue to work to preserve the health of the most vulnerable people.

“ My name is Sanogo Issa and I am a nutritionist. I am in charge of planning and supervising the activities of the child malnutrition project and collecting data for monitoring reports. Although some roads have become very dangerous, we try to get health workers into even the most remote villages to ensure that everyone gets the medical care they need, especially children suffering from acute malnutrition. Many health centres have closed because of the conflicts, and the few that remain open are operating at low capacity and are under pressure from the presence of displaced people. Seeing the children recover and regain their smiles, and those of their parents, is what makes us persevere in our work.”

Sanogo Issa – LVIA Nutritionist



## HUMANITARIAN ACTION



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In 2020, LVIA responded to humanitarian crises in Burkina Faso, Mali, Kenya, Ethiopia, Mozambique, Guyana-Bissau and Italy, benefiting 320,696 people in distress and poverty.

In Burkina Faso and Mali, the **humanitarian crisis** continues to plague the populations, particularly in the cross-border regions of the north, with armed groups continuing to sow the seeds of terror, forcing thousands of families to flee their villages and find shelter in safer areas. **Hundreds of schools and health centres have been closed for years, with a serious impact on education and health, especially for children.**

In Burkina Faso, the intervention of LVIA and its partners has focused on maintaining the functionality of health centres that are still open, training and providing volunteer nurses, usually young locals, who are more motivated than government personnel to stay even in unsafe conditions. In villages which no longer have an open health centre in the vicinity, advanced health posts have been set up where community agents work, having received basic training and a stock of medicines. **Screening campaigns** have been carried out to identify children **suffering from the most severe forms of malnutrition**, particularly among displaced populations, so that they can be transferred promptly to equipped health facilities and receive **appropriate treatment**. In these unsafe conditions, ambulances are no longer in use, or have been stolen, and the patients are only transported by **motorised tricycles**, purchased by LVIA and delivered to the health districts, or by public transport (where these still circulate). **Food was also distributed to displaced people** in the city of Djibo.

In Mali, in the Gao region, a further **distribution of vouchers** was carried out before the rainy season **to the poorest families** to enable them to buy food and other basic necessities while waiting to enjoy the fruits of the agricultural season.

In Kenya, in the Isiolo area, products to purify water and to prevent waterlogging were distributed to cope with the chronic shortage of drinking water.

In Kenya, in the Isiolo area, **products to purify the water were distributed** to tackle the chronic shortage of drinking water and **soap was distributed to schools** to prevent diseases related to poor hygiene.



In Mozambique, a country that has recently been the victim of extremely serious natural disasters, **maps of the areas at greatest environmental risk** were drawn up in the districts of Mossuril, Nacala and Monapo, and the **capacities of operational committees and local emergency management committees** were strengthened.

Finally, **in response to the emergency caused by the Covid-19 pandemic**, protective kits (masks and gloves) and pedal-operated hydro-alcoholic gel dispensers were distributed in health centres in Burkina Faso. In Ethiopia, protective materials were distributed to 21,000 people in schools and health centres. In Guinea Bissau, in collaboration with Caritas, basic food items were distributed to the families most affected by the economic crisis due to the pandemic.

### LVIA'S RESPONSE TO THE EMERGENCY IN ITALY

In Piedmont, during the night between 2 and 3 October 2020, very heavy rains localised in a limited area caused rivers to overflow, mudslides and landslides within a few hours. LVIA, with the support of Fondazione CRC and Gruppo Intesa Sanpaolo, intervened in this emergency in an area to which it is so deeply attached and, just a few days after the flood, published the call for tenders 'Flood Emergency 2020', which enabled support to be given to the entities in the worst affected areas.

## SOCIAL INCLUSION AND DEMOCRATIC PARTICIPATION

Irina Makosi©



In 2020, activities for the inclusion of the most fragile people involved 52,358 people in 5 African countries and in Italy.

Overcoming extreme poverty requires removing the causes of economic inequality between and within countries. **Poverty and inequality are neither inevitable nor random: they are rather the consequence of precise political choices.** LVIA's interventions have focused on this again this year.

In Guinea, the **campaign for the "right to a name"** continued, thanks to which various workers and religious leaders were trained, together with mothers, on the importance of birth registration, to ensure the existence of the child even before the public administration and to guarantee respect for the right to life, health and education.

In Guinea, LVIA also worked on a local entrepreneurship project for young people, aimed at **creating employment**, trying to stem the phenomenon of illegal immigration.

**Accompaniment and training in business management** were also carried out in Senegal, with the involvement of numerous businesses, public institutions and returning migrants, with the dual purpose of facilitating the social and labour reintegration of the latter and accompanying the registration processes of new income-generating activities, sharing technical experiences in marketing and training young people. In Burkina Faso, **training activities were carried out for young people and municipal technicians** in the field of accompaniment to business creation, and two intervention plans were finalised to **strengthen municipal services for youth employment/entrepreneurship**.

**School support** continued in 2020 in Burkina Faso, Senegal and Tanzania, allowing children and adolescents to continue their studies. In Mali, 3 classrooms and latrines were built in a school in Gao, ensuring that the youngest children can attend school. In Tanzania, support continues to be given to the school canteen and the "J. Nyerere" hostel.

In Italy, the work of the **information desk has continued to improve housing, working and social conditions for families in difficulty**, as well as offering **psychological support** and discussion on **parenting** issues for mothers in fragile situations. In the Saluzzo area, LVIA contributed to the improvement of housing conditions for **seasonal workers** as well as to their social and work inclusion. In order to **tackle educational poverty and social exclusion**, study support continued through the strengthening of the team of educators to improve school-family relations and school learning, and the implementation of community animation events.



### MIGRA PROJECT - MIGRATION, EMPLOYMENT, YOUTH, RESILIENCE, SELF-ENTERPRISE.

The MIGRA project, a project financed by AICS, led by LVIA together with CISV and COSPE, has the objective of accompanying, guiding and supporting the reintegration of returning migrants both economically and psycho-socially, in Senegal, Guinea and Guinea Bissau.

Mambaye Diop spoke about his migration experience at one of the many events to raise awareness among young people.

“ I went to Italy in '98, I was 29 years old. The first six months were the hardest because I had to work as a street vendor, like many others, to pay my daily expenses. When I learned Italian better, I had other work experiences and became an intercultural mediator. After 14 years abroad, the desire to return to my country of origin was strong, so I left for Senegal with my wife Francesca and my son. Returning was not easy: I had to deal with the conflict with society and the misunderstandings with my family and all those who could not accept that I had changed. It took a lot of willpower but with time I found my place. The young people I talk to - often also graduates, but unemployed - already know all about the risks of the journey; what they don't know is that life in Europe is not what they expect and I tell them about it by sharing my experience as an intercultural mediator with the migrants I met in Italy. So I try to do my part.”

Mambaye Diop

## OUR NUMBERS

### INCOME

**€ 9,389,372**

PROJECTS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES	€	7,727,616
PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES IN ITALY	€	330,118
ITALY FLOOD EMERGENCY PROJECT	€	876,200
COMMUNICATION AND FUNDRAISING	€	442,214
GENERAL SUPPORT CHARGES	€	13,224

### EXPENDITURE

**€ 9,372,362**

PROJECTS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES	€	7,870,445
PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES IN ITALY	€	365,471
ITALY FLOOD EMERGENCY PROJECT	€	876,200
COMMUNICATION AND FUNDRAISING	€	135,280
GENERAL SUPPORT CHARGES	€	124,966

### SOURCES OF FUNDING

• European Union	€	4,283,565	48.3%
• AICS – Italian Agency for Development Cooperation	€	1,033,018	11.6%
• Italian Public Administrations	€	90,518	1%
• United Nations	€	84,848	1%
• Foreign Public Administrations	€	293,764	3.3%
• Private bodies	€	3,091,627	34.8%
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>8,877,341</b>	

### INVESTMENTS PER COUNTRY

● BURKINA FASO	€	1,991,062.09
● BURUNDI	€	573,940.43
● ETHIOPIA	€	1,206,850.15
● GUINEA BISSAU	€	1,395,382.78
● GUINEA	€	320,404.13
● KENYA	€	277,998.28
● MALÌ	€	815,032.92
● MOZAMBIQUE	€	248,039.58
● SENEGAL	€	325,044.13
● TANZANIA	€	415,005.64
● ITALY	€	1,241,671.61
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>8,810,431.74</b>

### INVESTMENTS PER SECTOR OF INTERVENTION

● WATER AND HYGIENE	10.6	%
● AGRO-PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT	31.9	%
● ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT	6.6	%
● SOCIAL INCLUSION	10.4	%
● FIGHT AGAINST MALNUTRITION	5.5	%
● EDUCATION FOR GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP	3.1	%
● HUMANITARIAN ACTION	31.9	%

### DIRECT BENEFICIARIES

● BURKINA FASO	209,567
● BURUNDI	21,141
● ETHIOPIA	63,700
● GUINEA BISSAU	17,261
● GUINEA	8,272
● KENYA	88,444
● MALÌ	26,467
● MOZAMBIQUE	119,126
● SENEGAL	411
● TANZANIA	6,519
● ITALY	131,794
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>692,702</b>

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*In the future, we will not be able to overcome the current pandemic without global, timely and simultaneous action across the planet. This is the challenge that awaits us in the near future, committing ourselves to do even better what we have done well until today.*

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