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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.

Mission LVIA

In 2021, to meet the objectives of its mission statement, LVIA operated with development and emergency response interventions in 10 Sub-Saharan African Countries and Italy, working on global citizenship education, the promotion of active citizenship, intercultural understanding and social inclusion.

In 2021, investment in cooperation projects and humanitarian aid amounted to EUR 7,264,615.20 - a share equal to 92.8% of the expenditure that achieved factual results in improving the living conditions of 469,656 people:

- **11,867 people** (6,635 women and 5,232 men) have better living conditions thanks to interventions in the **agricultural and pastoral sectors**;
- **37,418 people** (15,838 women and 15,458 men, 6,122 children) have better living conditions thanks to interventions in access to **water and sanitation**;
- **106,093 people** (52,625 women, 46,045 men and 7,403 children) have better living conditions thanks to interventions on **energy supply and the environment**;
- **25,099 people** (24,370 pregnant women and 729 children) have improved living conditions thanks to LVIA **activities against malnutrition**;
- **218,901 people** (72,986 women, 37,488 men and 108,427 children under 5) have better living conditions thanks to **humanitarian interventions**;
- **43,049 people** (28,393 women, 10,323 men and 4,333 children) have better living conditions thanks to **social inclusion interventions and democratic participation**;
- **27,958 people** (13,392 women, 13,717 men and 120 children) have better living conditions thanks to awareness-raising **activities on global citizenship education**.

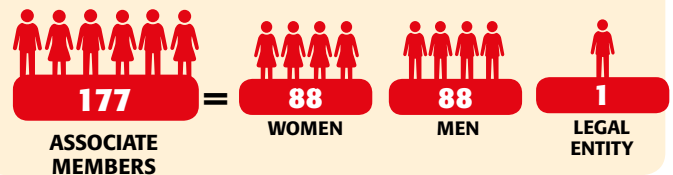
The resources for **development actions** were equivalent to **82.5% of the investments** in the countries and, in the **case of humanitarian interventions**, **17.5%**. All the interventions were carried out taking into account sustainability and permanent future benefits.

The investment in projects and actions in Italy amounts to EUR 651,693.19 - equivalent to **8.9% of the expenditure**, involving **30,016 people** with the aim of gaining attention and involvement of civil society for the themes of international solidarity, the inclusion of vulnerable groups and the promotion of an open and intercultural society. Thanks to **communication activities**, 75,425 people were involved through LVIA tools and platforms and hundreds of thousands of people through mass media activities.

THE ASSOCIATION

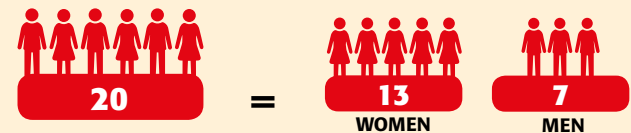
LVIA, the Lay Volunteers International Association, was established in 1966. LVIA is a not-for-profit organisation that seeks effective and innovative means of action, recognising the fundamental values and commitment of volunteering in all its diversity.

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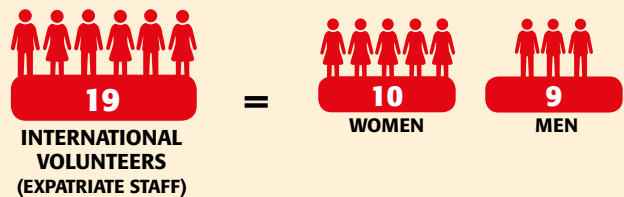


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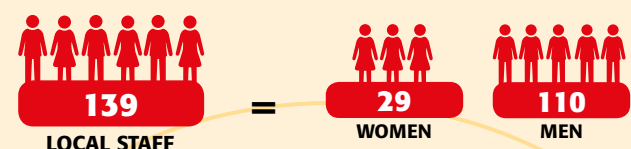


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PARTNERS AND NETWORKS



SENEGAL

INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

- 3 International NGOs

LOCAL PARTNERS

- 3 Local Authorities
- 1 Government Authority
- 2 Associations/Cooperatives
- 2 Companies

NETWORKS

- PFONGUE - European NGO Platform

MALI

INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

- 2 International NGOs

LOCAL PARTNERS

- 1 Local NGO
- 1 Government Authority

NETWORKS

- FONGIM - International Forum of NGOs

BURKINA FASO

INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

- 6 International NGOs

LOCAL PARTNERS

- 1 Local NGO
- 5 Local Authorities
- 2 Government Authorities
- 6 Associations/Cooperatives
- 2 Educational Institutions and Training Centres
- 1 Company

NETWORKS

- SPONG - permanent NGO secretariat
- RE-SOURCES - towards sustainable solid waste management
- ALLIANCE FAS'EAU - water and hygiene for all

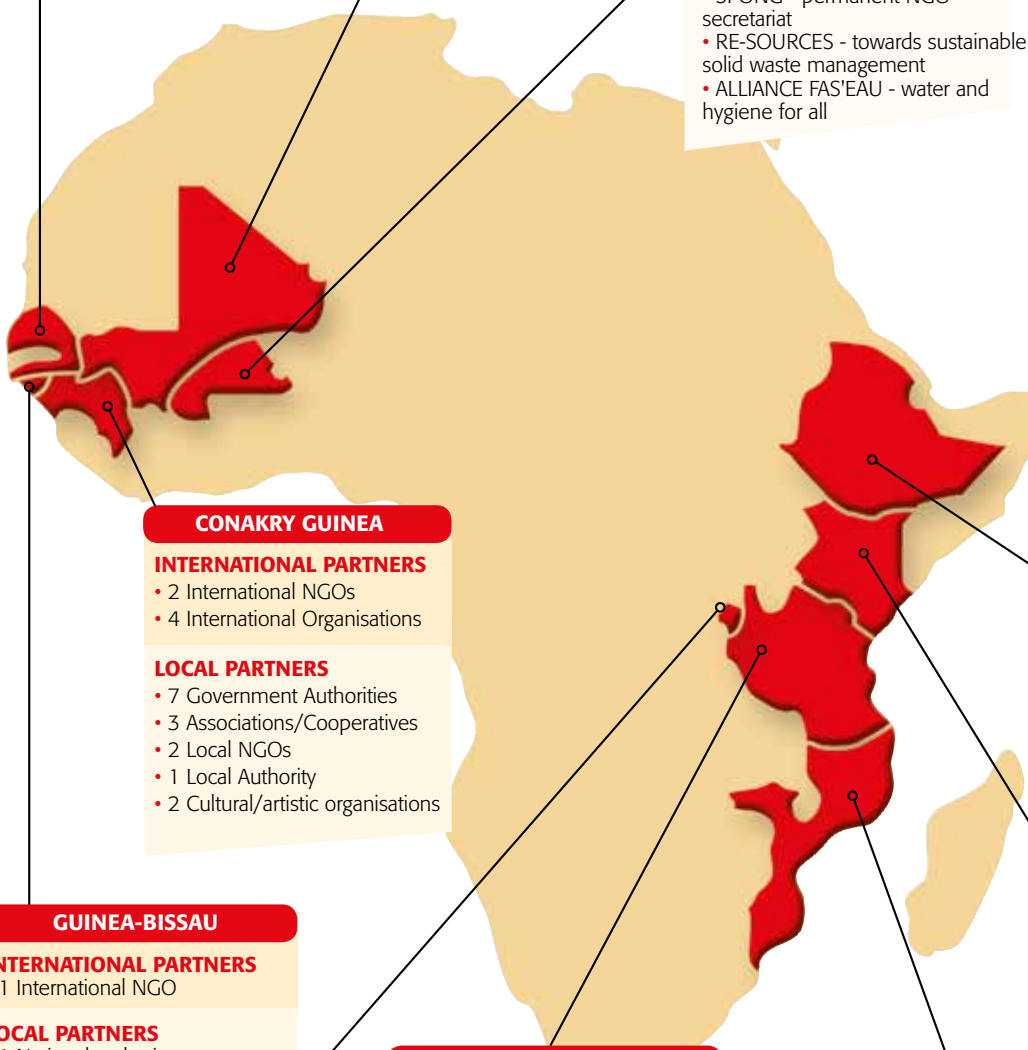
ITALY

PARTNERS

- 11 NGOs
- 44 Companies
- 98 Associations and Cooperatives
- 8 Industry associations
- 23 Local Authorities
- 4 Foundations
- 12 Coordinations and Consortia
- 12 Religious Institutions
- 64 Educational Institutions and Training Centres
- 6 Universities and Research Institutes

NETWORKS

- FOCSIV, LINK 2007, COP Piedmont NGOs Network
- GCAP - Coalition against Poverty
- IMPACT SILLS
- Italian Forum of Water Movements
- NOT ONLY ASYLUM - network for refugees
- Turin Committee against Racism



CONAKRY GUINEA

INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

- 2 International NGOs
- 4 International Organisations

LOCAL PARTNERS

- 7 Government Authorities
- 3 Associations/Cooperatives
- 2 Local NGOs
- 1 Local Authority
- 2 Cultural/artistic organisations

ETHIOPIA

INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

- 2 International NGOs

LOCAL PARTNERS

- 1 Rural organisation
- 1 Local company
- 1 University/Research Institute

NETWORKS

- CCRDA - Associations for Development

GUINEA-BISSAU

INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

- 1 International NGO

LOCAL PARTNERS

- 1 National authority
- 1 Associations/Cooperatives
- 2 Local NGOs
- 2 Companies

KENYA

INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

- 1 Foundation

LOCAL PARTNERS

- 1 Local NGO
- 3 National authorities
- 1 University/Research Institute
- 1 Company

NETWORKS

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

TANZANIA

INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

- 1 International NGO

LOCAL PARTNERS

- 2 Local Authorities
- 2 Universities/Research Institutes
- 2 Coordination/Councils
- 1 Religious Institution

NETWORKS

- TAWASANET - Civil Society for Water, Hygiene and Health

MOZAMBIQUE

INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

- 1 International NGO

LOCAL PARTNERS

- 6 Associations/Cooperatives
- 2 Local Authorities
- 2 Universities/Research Institutes
- 2 Government Authorities
- 1 Coordination/Council

NETWORKS

- GONG - Italian platform of NGOs

BURUNDI

INTERNATIONAL PARTNERS

- 2 International NGOs

LOCAL PARTNERS

- 1 Local NGO
- 2 National authorities

NETWORKS

- RESO - Coordination of NGOs

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OUR MAIN FUNDING BODIES

INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

- PAM
- UNICEF

GOVERNMENT AUTHORITIES AND PROGRAMMES

- AICS - Italian Agency for Development Cooperation
- 8x1000 Programme of the Presidency of the Council of Ministers
- Presidency of the Council of Ministers - Family Department
- EU - European Union (Development, World Citizenship Education)
- EU - ECHO (Emergency)
- Ministry of labour and social policies
- Ministry of Home Affairs
- ENABEL - Belgian Technical Cooperation
- GIZ - German Cooperation
- DFID - Cooperation English
- AFD - French Cooperation

LOCAL AND REGIONAL AUTHORITIES

- Emilia Romagna region
- Piedmont region
- District 8 City of Turin
- Municipalities of Airasca, Cantalupa, Frossasco, Giaveno, Orbassano, Pinerolo, Piossasco, Roletto, Trana, Villarbasse

FOUNDATIONS

- CRC Foundation
- CRT Foundation
- CARIPLO Foundation
- La Stampa Foundation - Specchio dei Tempi
- Compagnia San Paolo
- Social Enterprise with Children - Foundation with the South
- Foundation Cassa dei Risparmi di Forlì
- Cassa di Risparmio di Saluzzo Foundation
- De Mari Foundation
- CDF Foundation - Climate and Development
- Kinder In Not

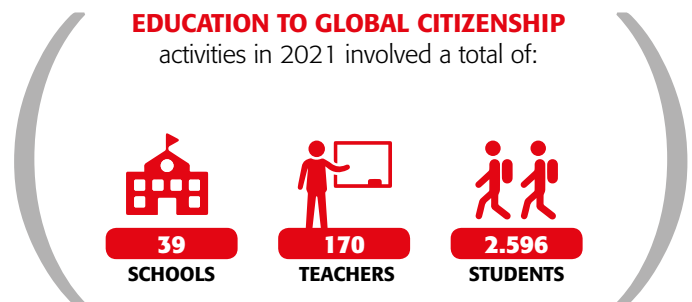
RELIGIOUS BODIES

- CEI - Italian Bishops' Conference
- Evangelical Church Waldensiana 8x1000

ACTIVITIES IN ITALY

In Italy, in addition to the Social Inclusion and Cohesion activities already included in the section "Social Inclusion and Democratic Participation", LVIA carried out activities in the following areas:

EDUCATION TO GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP: with young people to understand complex phenomena of our time (globalisation, climate change, migration...), and the interdependencies between distant areas of the planet. LVIA works in the schools at all levels, designing interdisciplinary educational pathways with teachers to develop active, intercultural and critical thinking citizenship in education.



ACTIVE CITIZENSHIP: LVIA promotes the participation of citizens in the civic life of their Country. Participation is a path that is not always easy, but it is exciting and necessary in order to be able to "change things": equal opportunities, training and education for critical thinking are necessary as fundamental ingredients to enable one to challenge one's own convictions and act for the Common Good.

SOCIAL INCLUSION AND COHESION: LVIA operates in some urban suburbs and socially difficult territories. The commitment to combat Educational Poverty among minors who leave school early.

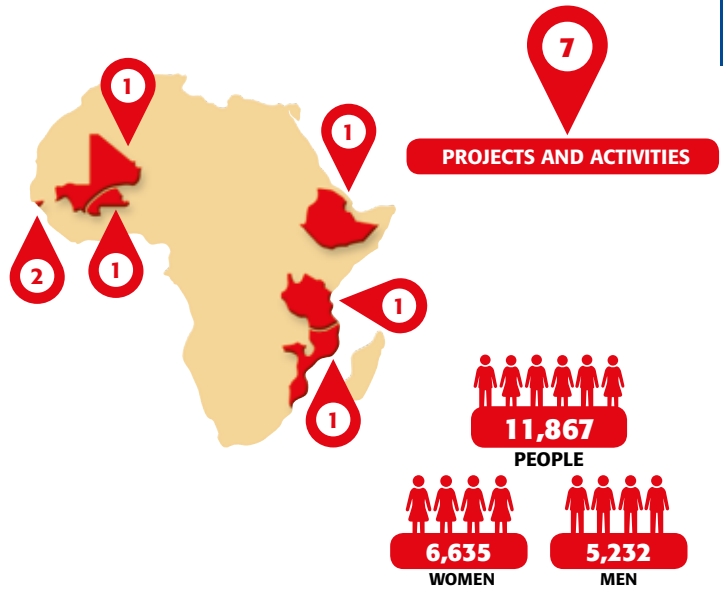
INFORMATION AND AWARENESS of people, civil society and institutions to raise awareness on current issues and stimulate new approaches to action. The topics addressed are: human rights, causes of poverty, commitment to change. In 2021, with the continuation of the pandemic, digital communication continued to be the main channel for raising awareness and disseminating projects.

TOOLS:

Website (59,512 visitors),
Facebook (12,828 followers),
Instagram (1,195 followers),
newsletter (16,583 recipients)
printed newsletter (11,000 recipients)



Simone Migliaro©



Sustainable Development Goal No. 2 **“Ending hunger, achieving food security and improved nutrition and promoting sustainable agriculture”** of the 2030 Agenda poses complex challenges that require decisive action. 2021, the second year since the pandemic began, has been an accelerator of the food crisis, but the biggest impact of Covid-19 on the different dimensions of food security has been access to food rather than food availability, as was initially feared. Thus, not a global famine, but a further worsening of the situation, especially in territories and for population groups already affected by food insecurity, even in rural areas of sub-Saharan Africa, mainly due to the deteriorating economic situation caused by Covid-19 and persistent conditions of economic and social inequality.

This is also the reason why **in 2021 LVIA worked with 11,867 farmers (6,635 women and 5,232 men) in 5 countries**, supporting healthy and sustainable food systems; along with food availability, food quality and healthy and diverse diets were at the core of the interventions.

The interventions support **family farming** and are part of a medium and long-term vision that finds in **agroecology** a dimension capable of improving the resilience and sustainability of food and farming systems while preserving social integrity. These are interventions that consider and address the environmental, socio-cultural, economic and political dimensions of rural contexts.

The most significant investment is the one carried out in Guinea-Bissau to support the **mangrove agricultural system**, where hydraulic-agricultural systems were implemented in over 3,600 hectares of rice fields and rural engineering works such as rural tracks to improve access and transport for agricultural vehicles and goods.

Support for short agricultural supply chains and food systems such as beekeeping, horticulture, fruit farming and sweet potato cultivation has been the focus of action in Burkina Faso, Mali, Ethiopia and Mozambique, both by stimulating agricultural entrepreneurship and working alongside informal and formal farms with a mutualistic vocation and community governance.

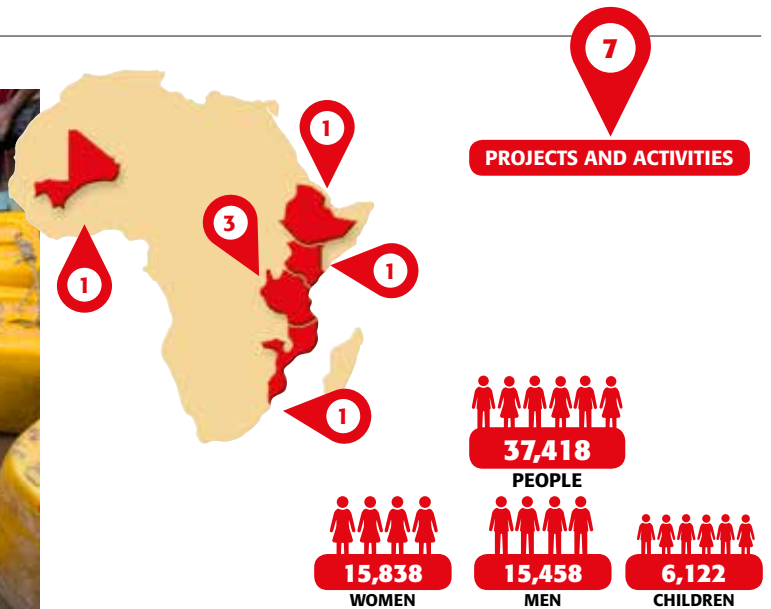
LVIA's methodological approach is that both producers and rural communities are trained and accompanied in all segments of the supply chain through direct, regular and permanent technical assistance; an example of this is the work with rice seed multipliers in Guinea Bissau, beekeepers in Burkina, and fruit and vegetable producers in Ethiopia.

Food education, encouraging the consumption of local foods and products, sustainable management of resources are the topics of training, local awareness campaigns and political actions. To do so, in addition to action on the ground in Africa, LVIA takes part in political dialogue in Italy and Europe with reference networks for new forms of development and cooperation.

In terms of applied research, carried out in conjunction with producers, public bodies and freelancers, during 2021, a study was finalised on the stock of native mangrove rice plants and on the management of water resources.

WATER AND SANITATION

Fabio Caciotti©



Worldwide, 2.2 billion people do not have access to clean water services and 4.2 billion people do not have adequate sanitation available in their homes. With Covid-19 making proper hand hygiene more vital than ever, **the absence of water and soap in schools, homes and even health centres** are even more dramatic: one year after the pandemic was declared, nearly 3 billion people worldwide lack the necessary soap and water to wash their hands (UNICEF 2021).

In recent decades, great progress has been made in ensuring access to safe water and sanitation: between 1990 and 2015 more than 2.6 billion people gained access to safe water, of which 1.9 billion directly to their homes through the water supply network. Yet 663 million people were left without it: one in ten. There is still much to be done.

Access to water and sanitation is an objective of the Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda.

By 2021, LVIA interventions in sub-Saharan Africa had provided access to water and sanitation for 37,418 people in five countries. LVIA provided water and sanitation services mainly to schools and health centres, as well as to agro-pastoralist communities to enable livestock watering.

Again this year, LVIA has carried out **the drilling and rehabilitation of wells, the protection of water sources** (especially for flooding and supply with hand and solar pumping), **the construction of rainwater collection systems and tanks for storage, the rehabilitation of pipelines or their replacement and the installation of chlorine dosing systems.**

Training remains one of the key pillars of LVIA's activities: several training sessions have been held on economic-managerial and technical-hydraulic issues, as well as on operation and maintenance, monitoring and data collection for community leaders, district operators and members of the Water Management Committees, to ensure that local communities and institutions "own" the interventions, a necessary condition to ensure their sustainability.

All water interventions were accompanied by awareness raising campaigns on the use of soap, the distribution of hygiene materials and the construction of hand washing facilities: now more than ever, it is important to prevent not only diseases caused using unsafe drinking water and improper hygiene behaviours, but also the Covid-19 pandemic. In this sense, of particular importance for LVIA is awareness raising in communities, schools and health centres: several Health Committees and School Health and Hygiene Committees were involved in the activities, allowing the multiplier effect also thanks to the use of the Peer Education methodology. Special attention was given to CLTS (Community Led Total Sanitation), a participatory approach used to improve hygiene practices in a community, addressing the problem of open defecation and the construction of household latrines.

Finally, **study and research activities** on water quality, drinking water and its uses in relation to health and environmental indices continued, together with monitoring and technical assistance to improve the management of rural water schemes.

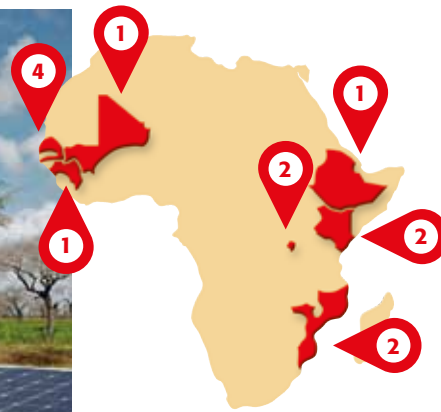
Through the Community Based Water Supply Organisation (CBWSO), LVIA provided training in financial management, operation and maintenance of water schemes, reporting and communication, business and tariff planning.

“*The training was very useful to improve water service delivery, to better manage the administrative and accounting aspects, to set an appropriate water tariff and to mobilise and empower the community in water service. Thus, it was possible to obtain more resources, including external resources, to finance the maintenance and extension of water services to reach more people in our village. Before the formation and registration of CBWSO the monthly revenue collection in our village did not exceed 750,000 Tanzanian shillings: now our monthly collection has increased dramatically to 3,500,000 Tanzanian shillings per month.*”

Batholomeo Chisonjela, Hogoro-Kongwa Village CBWSO Manager



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PROJECTS AND ACTIVITIES



In line with what has been observed and experienced in previous years, also in 2021 the communities LVIA works with have had to deal with great difficulty in coping with the effects of climate change, as extreme weather events such as floods and droughts have occurred with high frequency and intensity, having already had a profound impact on vulnerable people, families and societies. Basic livelihoods, the availability of water and food, the homes of thousands of people have been severely tested and have contributed to forced migration to urban centres and abroad, with detrimental consequences for the social and economic fabric of rural areas.

The adoption and diffusion of renewable energies for families in production processes and at the level of basic services (schools, health centres) is considered a decisive factor for environmental protection, helping to mitigate the climate change underway.

That is why environmental protection and the nexus with energy sector is a key cross-cutting theme in projects that LVIA promotes in the countries where it operates.

In 2021 LVIA directly reached a total of 106,093 people (52,625 women and 7,403 children) in 7 African countries through activities in the environment and energy sector.

In the environmental sector, LVIA gives an active contribution to the agro-ecological transition in the countries where it operates, promoting entrepreneurship and green jobs and demonstrating **the possibility of reconciling economic development and environmental sustainability.**

In this regard, agricultural, pastoral or waste collection and waste recovery is supported and monitored in different contexts where LVIA operates.

In Guinea, as part of the SANITA project in the municipality of Ratomà, in the city of Conakry, LVIA and the local organisation CARP carries out community outreach activities in 25 neighbourhoods. 14 small and medium enterprises are accompanied in the sorting and transit of waste, involving 186 people. In addition, the municipality is supported in the implementation of waste management plans.

In the field of energy, activities in 2021 include the purchase of over 1.000 solar home kits to supply the same number of rural households, the solar electrification of 10 Rural Service Centres to store products, and the supply of 3 solar motor pumps to irrigate 9 hectares of field land in Burundi; the completion of 2 buildings and the purchase of a refrigerated truck for the Walqabana women's cooperative, essential equipment to enable camel milk processing activities in Kenya; the installation of solar panels and refrigerators for 3 health centres, and solar panels, computers and printers for 6 schools in Senegal.

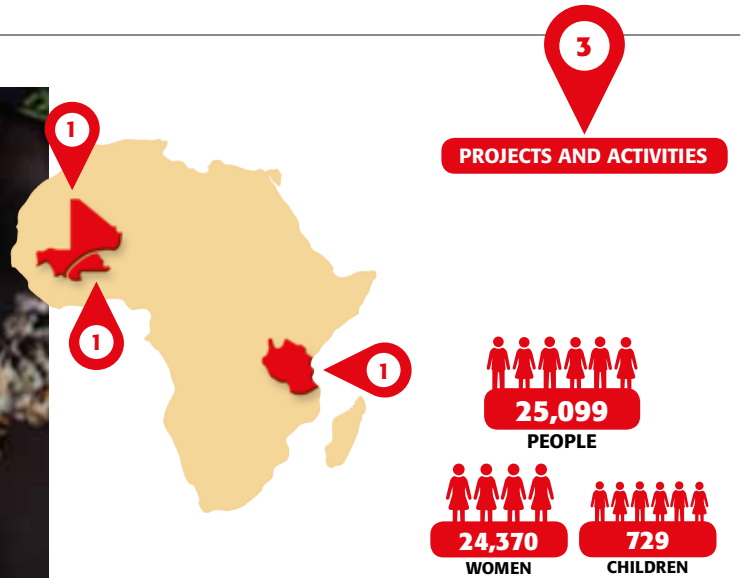
LVIA accompanied the supply of equipment and construction with specific training to ensure the correct and autonomous use and management by the beneficiaries, even beyond the sustainability of the individual initiatives. In addition, several awareness raising actions related to renewable energies were carried out, with the participation of the beneficiary communities, to create greater awareness and knowledge of its advantages and opportunities.

In this regard, in 2021 LVIA in Burundi has strengthened the skills of women selling solar kits; in Senegal LVIA has involved and sensitised young people on the principles of circular economy and waste recycling, also producing a mapping of Senegalese circular economy actors.

In Mozambique, LVIA produced radio programmes and sensitised local communities on environmental education issues. In Ethiopia, LVIA trained unemployed youth in the installation and maintenance of photovoltaic systems. Finally, in Mali LVIA trained producers and local leaders on sustainable agriculture and natural resource management.

FIGHT AGAINST MALNUTRITION

Olympia De Maismont©



In 2021, LVIA focused its interventions on the prevention of chronic and acute malnutrition in northern Burkina Faso (Central West and Sahel regions) and Mali (Gao region) through activities targeting mainly women and in particular **24,370 pregnant and lactating women and those with children under 2 years of age.**

Training and awareness raising activities on good practices in terms of feeding, breastfeeding and weaning have been carried out with the aim of abandoning all bad habits - such as not immediately attaching the baby to the breast by not giving it colostrum, or starting weaning too early, which can create the conditions for the emergence of more or less severe forms of malnutrition and thus compromise the child's health and proper development.

To this end, in collaboration with local associations, awareness-raising days are organised in the villages, in which women are invited to participate divided into groups according to their status (pregnant, breastfeeding and with children under 2 years old).

These days are led by community animators with the support of previously trained Community Health Workers provided with teaching materials in the local language, and under the supervision of LVIA nutritionists. During these days, **the principles of good nutrition** are explained in an elementary way and "cooking demonstrations" are held to teach women how to prepare nutritious and diverse dishes using exclusively local produce, depending on the season. On average, three awareness-raising days are held per month in each village, one for each group of women.

These days are also an opportunity to monitor the nutritional status of children by measuring their brachial perimeter, height and weight, as well as observing specific symptoms (such as bilateral oedemas or yellowing of the hair). In cases where there is a suspicion that a child is suffering from malnutrition, the Community Health Worker arranges for the child to be examined at a health centre or, in the most serious cases, directly at a hospital or nutritional rehabilitation centre.

All these community activities are accompanied by awareness programmes broadcast on local radio stations.

APDPK is the Association for the Promotion of Local Development Kog-Lyan, active in the province of Boulkiemdé, Burkina Faso, where LVIA works with an AICS-funded project for the prevention of chronic malnutrition. APDPK and other 4 local associations involved in the project ensured the organization and animation of awareness raising days in the villages during the 3 years of the project.

“ Just this morning I was talking to a nurse at the Nanoro health centre. She was telling me that lately we are seeing fewer cases of child malnutrition and that if this awareness work could continue for another three years, there would be no more cases. In fact, there has been a participation of women which has been much higher than we had expected, because even those theoretically not supposed to participate in the awareness days and to cooking demonstrations, they came and showed a great desire to learn!”

Emmanuel Kaboré - APDPK Animator

Macaire Nana, medical doctor, head of the Nanoro health district in Burkina Faso. He works with LVIA on the project to fight child malnutrition, by conducting training for women's groups called 'GASPA'.

“ Before this project, there was no time for information and discussion. We formed groups to give theoretical and practical training to women on the topics of food, nutrition and child hygiene. Let us specifically take the case of the village of Semtenga: before the creation of GASPA we had several cases of chronic malnutrition. Thanks to the trainings, people started to change their eating and hygiene habits. Even just washing your hands well can make a difference. Since we started the trainings, we have seen a decrease in cases of malnutrition among babies and young children.”

Macaire Nana, doctor



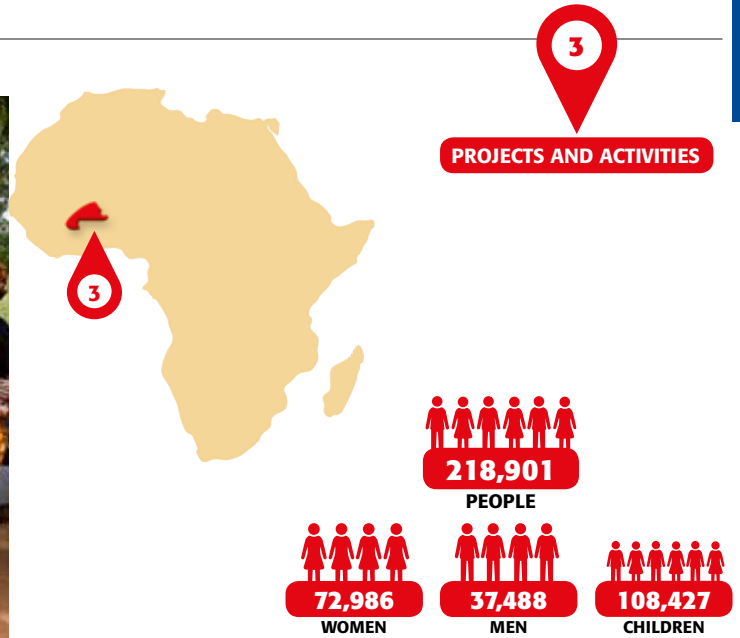
Luca Pistone©

In 2021 LVIA responded to the humanitarian crisis in Burkina Faso by providing basic medical care to 218,901 vulnerable people, including 108,427 children under the age of five.

In Burkina Faso, as in neighbouring Sahelian countries, the humanitarian crisis gives no respite to the populations, particularly in the northern cross-border regions, with armed groups continuing to sow terror, forcing tens of thousands of families to leave their villages to find shelter in safer areas. As of 31 December 2021, there were almost 513,000 internally displaced people in the Sahel, the northern region of the country (and over 1.5 million nationwide). Hundreds of schools and dozens of health centres have now been closed for years with a very serious impact on education and health, especially for children.

As in 2020, in Burkina Faso LVIA's and its partners intervention are focused on maintaining functionality of health centres still open in Oudalan provinces of Loroum and Yatenga, training and providing volunteer health workers, usually local youth, who are more motivated to stay even in insecure conditions than state personnel. In villages that no longer have a functional health centre nearby, the advanced health posts activated in previous years continued to be supported. Here - after receiving basic training, small equipment and a stock of essential and generic medicines - they engage community-based health workers who provide primary care to their community and, if necessary, refer more serious cases to the nearest health centre. 110 village midwives have also been trained and equipped to assist women giving birth (natural and uncomplicated births). LVIA has also supported the paediatrics at Gorom-Gorom hospital, the only one in the whole province, by providing a nurse and training new health staff.

During 2021, in the province of Oudalan, thanks to the contribution of UNICEF, 10 additional PSA have been activated and two campaigns for the recovery of vaccination and screening of child malnutrition among displaced populations were implemented. In order to respond to emergencies, in the absence of ambulances (now all stolen or out of use), a collaboration with the health district has been activated, creating a system of taking patients in the form of reimbursement of evacuation and hospitalization costs.



In addition, when a child is hospitalized, the mother or the person accompanying the child is hospitalized as well during the entire period, receiving free meals and a personal hygiene kit.

Finally, a stock of medicines and other pharmaceutical products for the Gorom-Gorom and Titao Health Districts has been delivered, to be used in case of need in the health centres supported by the LVIA and its partners.

By the end of 2021, in Oudalan province, 19 out of the 26 existing health centres were closed (7 more than at the beginning of the year) due to the presence of armed groups and the absence of health staff, forced to leave because of the risk of attacks and reprisals. In certain areas, particularly those closest to the borders with Mali and Niger, most of the population has now fled.

“ The situation is only getting worse year by year; moreover, by 2021 the crop year was in deficit. If you also consider the recent increase in cereal prices and the closure of many local markets, we must expect a very serious humanitarian crisis in 2022.

What LVIA and CRUS are doing, supporting the health centres still open and providing medical and food assistance to isolated communities is vitally important for thousands of families who would otherwise be left completely behind, completely abandoned to themselves.”

Boubacar Cissé - - Director CRUS

SOCIAL INCLUSION AND DEMOCRATIC PARTICIPATION

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In 2021, activities for the inclusion of the most vulnerable involved 43,049 individuals in 6 African countries and Italy.

The United Nations has established that by 2030, extreme poverty (i.e., those living on less than \$1.25 a day) in all its forms must disappear and aims to halve each country's relative poverty level. The road is still a long way ahead, especially if we consider that the socio-economic effects resulting from Covid-19 have inevitably halted and reversed the positive trend of hard-won progress in fighting poverty and narrowing the gap between countries. World Bank President Jim Yong Kim argues that "if we are to achieve the goal, we need much more investment, particularly in human capital, to promote inclusive growth and reach people who are still living in poverty".

The economic crisis provoked by the pandemic has deprived, even in Africa, millions of informal workers of their sole source of income due to repeated lockdowns and the economic slowdown. Remittances also fell by a fifth.

All this has also led to a worsening of inequalities between men and women, as well as a decrease in access to basic services and infrastructure.

In Burkina Faso, Guinea and Senegal LVIA interventions in 2021 focused on vocational training and business management coaching, to facilitate job placement and start-ups, to promote youth entrepreneurship as a tool to combat unemployment and support economic growth.

In Senegal, activities continued for psycho-social and employment support for returning migrants, with their involvement in both reflection on public employment policies and focus groups sharing between migrants and young trainees involved in job creation projects in the agro-industrial sector. In addition, technical follow-up continued for the elaboration of the business plan and economic support for business expansion and the strengthening of small and medium-sized local enterprises. In Burkina Faso, an exchange workshop between representatives of the community and local institutions, NGOs, start-ups, training centres and staff from the Piedmont and Tuscany regions to promote youth entrepreneurship and North-South cooperation. In Guinea, kits were distributed to start-ups and small and medium enterprises and the creation of a participatory network of local civil society organisation was supported. Moreover, also, awareness raising activities on birth registration continued in collaboration with the Community of Sant'Egidio and two local associations (CARP and FMG) through theatre performances, radio broadcasts, events to inform schools, health centres, rural communities both in the capital and in Labé region.



Finally, the North-South Exchange between local authorities, young people and associations in the municipalities of Moncalieri and Ratomia continued, as well as the support to the reading point through seminars for children and courses in Italian language and culture.

Awareness-raising activities were also planned and implemented, especially on the topic of migration and youth employment: in Senegal, concerts, radio programmes and events were held to raise awareness about migration and local opportunities, promoting the consumption of local products and the opening of information points for young people.

In Mozambique, training courses were implemented to strengthen the skills and capacities of youth associations on land rights, gender equality, inter-religious dialogue, conflict management, active citizenship and democratic participation, with a view to creating a structured dialogue framework with local institutions to promote participatory natural resources management and peoples' right to self-determination.

School support continued in Senegal, along with the distribution of food to primary schools, which enabled children and adolescents to continue their studies. In Mali, a supply of desks, chairs and cupboards was assured. In Tanzania, the support to the school canteen and the 'J. Nyerere' hostel continued.

In Italy, both study support activities and educational laboratories were reintroduced, to improve school learning for children at risk of educational poverty. To facilitate and strengthen the school/family relationship, Italian training sessions were planned for mothers with migratory background, during which a babysitting service was organised. Several community animation events were proposed to improve an intergenerational relationship, addressing the phenomenon of social exclusion. Furthermore, in three municipalities of the metropolitan city of Turin, focus groups were set up to identify the needs of women with migratory background and meetings of the territorial network were organised to ensure an adequate response to the needs identified. In Saluzzo, to raise awareness on the issue of rights in seasonal farming, several materials were produced (brochures, videos, roll-ups, social campaign) and distributed during various culinary and cultural events. A feasibility study was carried out for the creation of an ethical farming cooperative.

INCOME

€ 7,841,558

PROJECTS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, ECG AND ACTIVITIES IN ITALY	€ 7,454,994
COMMUNICATION AND FUNDRAISING	€ 382,452
GENERAL SUPPORT FEES	€ 4,112

EXPENDITURE

€ 7,827,28

PROJECTS IN DEVELOPING COUNTRIES, ECG AND ACTIVITIES IN ITALY	€ 7,605,282
COMMUNICATION AND FUNDRAISING	€ 98,915
GENERAL SUPPORT FEES	€ 123,093

FUNDING SOURCES

• AICS - Italian Agency for Development Cooperation	€ 1,590,900.79	22%
• European Union:	€ 3,161,193.96	44%
• Italian General Government:	€ 287,470.97	4%
• United Nations	€ 181,137.17	2%
• Foreign public administrations:	€ 361,915.70	5%
• Private organisations:	€ 1,712,092.04	23%

INVESTMENTS BY COUNTRY

● BURKINA FASO	€ 1,364,485.97
● BURUNDI	€ 947,655.20
● ETHIOPIA	€ 349,735.03
● GUINEA BISSAU	€ 1,718,765.73
● GUINEA CONAKRY	€ 489,001.84
● KENYA	€ 236,282.39
● MALI	€ 326,759.09
● MOZAMBIQUE	€ 193,521.49
● SENEGAL	€ 805,862.71
● TANZANIA	€ 180,852.56
● ITALY	€ 651,693.19
TOTAL	€ 7,264,615.20

INVESTMENT BY SECTOR OF INTERVENTION

● WATER AND HYGIENE	4 %
● AGRO-PASTORAL DEVELOPMENT	34.9 %
● ENERGY AND ENVIRONMENT	16.3 %
● SOCIAL INCLUSION	22 %
● FIGHT AGAINST MALNUTRITION	4.7 %
● EDUCATION FOR GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP	5.3 %
● HUMANITARIAN ACTION	12.8 %

DIRECT BENEFICIARIES

● BURKINA FASO	237,415
● BURUNDI	72,624
● ETHIOPIA	556
● GUINEA BISSAU	9,041
● GUINEA CONAKRY	37,892
● KENYA	20,489
● MALI	23,681
● MOZAMBIQUE	20,559
● SENEGAL	12,530
● TANZANIA	4,853
● ITALY	30,016
TOTAL	469,656

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Despite the difficult situation due to the consequences of Covid19, LVIA's activities in Italy and abroad did not decrease in intensity and effectiveness. We certainly had to face many logistical and organisational difficulties, sometimes redefining objectives and redirecting some activities, but we were never forced to suspend our presence and decrease our commitment to support weak and marginalised groups."

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