

SUMMARY ACTIVITIES REPORT 2021



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ACRONYMS

ADAFO Antenne de développement de l'Afrique francophone occidentale

AGIDAE Associazione gestori istituti dipendenti dall'autorità ecclesiastica

AICS Agenzia italiana per la cooperazione allo sviluppo

ASVIS Alleanza italiana per lo sviluppo sostenibile

CEI Conferenza Episcopale Italiana (Italian Episcopal Conference)

CSS Children in street situations

CCP Peace corps volunteers

CIDU Comitato interministeriale diritti umani

CNOS FAP Centro nazionale opere salesiane - Formazione aggiornamento professionale

CRC Convention on the rights of the child

CSO Civil society organization

DAD Distance teaching

DBI Don Bosco International

DBN Don Bosco Network

D.Lgs. Legislative decree

DM Ministerial decree

DPCM Decreto del Presidente del Consiglio dei Ministri (Decree of the President of the Council of Ministers)

DPR Presidential decree

EC European Commission

ECHO European Commission humanitarian aid and civil protection department

ECOSOC Economic and social council

EF Financial Statement

ETS Third-sector body

EU European Union

EUAA European Union Agency for Asylum

FAMI Fondo asilo migrazione e integrazione (Asylum, Migration and Integration Fund)

FRA Fundamental Rights Agency

GCED Global Citizenship Education

IADSA Italian-Albanian debt for development swap agreement

IECD Institut européen de coopération et de développement

IUSVE Istituto universitario salesiano di Venezia

IMADR International movement against all forms of discrimination and racism

LAs Local authority

LDF Local development fund

LRRD Linking relief and rehabilitation to development

MAECI Ministero degli affari esteri e della cooperazione internazionale (Italian Foreign Ministry)

MIUR Ministero dell'istruzione, dell'università e della ricerca (vecchia denominazione) (Italian Education Ministry – old denomination)

MDB Missioni Don Bosco

MoU Memorandum of Understanding

NEET Neither in employment or in education or training

NGO Non governmental organization

OCDE/CAD Organização para a cooperação e desenvolvimento economico/Comité de ajuda ao desenvolvimento

OIC Organismo italiano di contabilità (Italian organization for accounting)

ONLUS no profit organisation under Italian law

PDO Planning/Project and development office

RVA Voluntary assisted country-reinsertion

SAD Long-distance support

SAM Mission support

SAV Support to volunteers

SDB Salesians of Don Bosco

UN United Nations

UNCTAD United Nations conference on trade and development

UNDP United Nations development programme

UNFPA United Nations population fund

UNHCR United Nations high commissioner for refugees

UPR Universal periodic review

UPS Università Pontificia Salesiana

INFORMATION AND DATA RELATED TO 2021

Main offices	3
	(Rome HQ, other main operational offices Brescia and Mestre -Venice)
MEMBERS	3
PARTICIPANT VOLUNTEERS	81 (73 physical persons)
VIS LOCAL PRESIDIA	7
DEVELOPMENT OPERATORS	40
INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERS	2
PEAEC CORPS VOLUNTEERS	12
PERMANENT EMPLOYEES (total in the year)	21
LOCAL STAFF WITH A VIS CONTRACT	227
ACTIVE DONORS	1.940
SAD DONORS	259
DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS ¹	79
EMERGENCY PROJECTS ¹	17
COUNTIES WHERE VIS IS ACTIVE (including Italy)	33
COUNTRIES WITH DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS	16
COUNTRIES WITH EMERGENCY PROJECTS	9
COUNTRIES INVOLVED IN SAD ACTIONS	12
COUNTRIES INVOLVED IN SAM ACTIONS	21
GECD/ITALY PROJECTS	2
ONLINE TRAINING COURSES PARTICIPANTS	340
ONLINE FREE TRAINING COURSE PARTICIPANTS	362
ADVANCED TRAINING COURSE PARTICIPANTS	30
TOTAL INCOME	9.249.807 €

¹ The figure also includes the completed projects whose activities continued with residual funds and which, therefore, produced operating effects in 2021 as well.

1. GENERAL INFORMATION ABOUT VIS

1.1 VIS AT GLANCE

VIS - *Volontariato Internazionale per lo Sviluppo (International Voluntary Service for Development)* is a recognised association established in 1986, a nongovernmental organization enrolled in the Civil Society Organisations (CSOs) register of the Italian Agency for Cooperation and Development (AICS), an “ONLUS” (no profit organisation under Italian law) enrolled in the register of the ONLUS (non-profit organizations) of the Direzione Regionale del Lazio of the Revenue Agency and is in the process of registering in the Registro Unico of the Third Sector, as soon as this will become operative in the section “Altri enti del terzo settore”.

VIS is engaged in development cooperation and international solidarity inspired by the charism of San Giovanni Bosco; an educational agency promoting and organizing awareness raising, education, training for development and global citizenship activities: it implements a consistent advocacy networking with other stakeholders to impact on those identified as *decision maker* and foster medium and long-range social change.

VIS holds special Consultative Status at the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) and is accredited by ECHO- Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations of the European Commission (*partnership* renewed in 2020 following an *ex-ante assessment* obtaining the *Certificate EU HUMANITARIAN PARTNERSHIP 2021-2027*).

VIS operates in Europe, Africa, Latin America, Middle East.

“Insieme, per un mondo possibile” indicates the intention of networking in Italy, in Europe and the rest of the world to improve the living conditions of girls, boys, young people in vulnerable situation and their communities, believing that the causes of extreme poverty can be tackled at their root through education and training.

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1.2 VALUES AND PURPOSE

VISION - “A world where every person can fully enjoy their rights and participate with dignity and actively in the life of the community, promoting its development”.

The Christian anthropological vision expressed in the social doctrine of the Church is combined, on the one hand, with the vision of the human being as a rights holder, anticipated in many ways by San Giovanni Bosco and expressed at international level in the conventions of the United Nations and, by other, with Amartya Sen’s, the Nobel Prize for Economics, vision of human development, where development is "of the people, through people and for people": a development that is such only if it is integral, universal and sustainable in the social, economic, political and environmental sense, as set by the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) of the United Nations 2030 Agenda.

In our vision of development both *empowerment* and *ownership*² are there in favour of those for whom and with whom we work.

The vision and fundamental values inspiring VIS action have brought the organization to adopt a methodological approach towards broadening the individual and social capabilities with the double

² The term empowerment indicates a growth process, both individual and of the group, based on increasing self-esteem, self-efficacy, and self-determination to bring out latent resources and lead the individual to consciously appropriate her/his own potential. Ownership refers to "feeling the results as one's own", as the result of one's own empowerment process and that of one's own group/country of origin.

perspective of contributing to building and strengthening *rights-holders* 'capacities to claim for their human rights enjoyment (*capacities for empowerment*), as well as the capabilities of the corresponding *duty bearers* in the fulfilment of their duties (*capacities for accountability*).

MISSION - "Foster the development and broadening of each person 's capacities of - as individual and member of a community - paying particular attention to the most disadvantaged and vulnerable girls, boys and young people, providing them with educational, training, and social-vocational insertion opportunities, as well as tools for the promotion and protection of their human rights".



1.3 CONTEXT OF REFERENCE

2021 has been characterized by a certain amount of instability due to periods new outbreaks of the SARS-CoV-2 pandemic, an event that has characterized every area of living in Italy and around the world and which, at the date of drafting this Activities Summary Report, has not yet ceased its social and economic consequences. By their very nature, the partner countries in VIS operates are particularly vulnerable to shocks and, therefore, the pandemic has had and is producing extremely high impacts not only from a health and humanitarian point of view, but also from a social and economic point of view.

The interconnections existing between all the phenomena that characterize the situation of generalized instability and further worsening of global imbalances on a global level cannot go unnoticed. The pandemic has accelerated some phenomena already underway all over the world: the increasing use of automation, the decline of some productive and service sectors and the emergence of others, the sharp deterioration in income distribution, the climate shocks they are causing economic and social crises. In developing countries, the pandemic has exposed the fragility and shortcomings of public health systems, but it has also highlighted a sharp increase in extreme poverty. From World Bank to UNCTAD it is estimated that between 130 and 160 million people will be pushed by the consequences deriving from the pandemic below the poverty line of 1.90 dollars a day. But perhaps the worst damage is happening in a sector very dear to us: education. Many are by now studies, from the International Labour Organization to independent research, underlaying the crisis of educational and the learning deficit that pandemic and closures have entailed in all countries of the world and in developing countries. All this has enormously increased the risk that many countries will "recoil" with respect to the results achieved in terms of primary and secondary education obtained by pursuing the 2000-2015 Millennium Goals.

During 2021, VIS together with its local and international Salesian partners continued to promote various initiatives both in Italy and in partner countries in the sectors of education, vocational training and labour,

local economic development, migration and finally the protection of the most vulnerable segments of the population. With respect to the latter area of intervention, it is recalled how war and instability in 2021 affected large areas of Africa and the Middle East and led to economic and social devastation, to which are often added those triggered by climate change. Just to name a few: the crises in Myanmar, Ethiopia and the Horn of Africa, Haiti, in Sael area countries and especially in Arab countries, such as Libya, Syria, Iraq and Palestine. Moreover, it is worth adding that at the time when this report is being drafted there is a serious conflict going on in Ukraine which in the first months of 2022 is causing a humanitarian catastrophe whose social and economic impact is not yet defined, but seems to have a serious effects also in the rest of Europe, hence, tripping down also on the fragile states that are likely to see resources to be reallocated in response to this catastrophe drained.

In fact, in the countries of our intervention a permanent emergency condition is increasingly occurring which imposes the need to save lives and guarantee the basic needs of the affected communities, but at the same time obliges us to ask ourselves again about the causes and means on which it is possible to act. Paradoxically, at least in some cases, it almost seems that the virtuous cycle (the contiguum) between Relief - Rehabilitation - Development has reversed and that one suddenly passes from conditions of stability to conflict and triggering of underdevelopment processes, eliminating in short time the progress achieved with so much effort over the years.

In this sense, while focusing on the typical and priority sectors and operational areas for its mission, VIS has started and will increasingly develop the identification and preparation of integrated and articulated programs, in partner countries, in favour of communities and the most vulnerable social groups.



The worldwide commitment of the Salesian Family to counter the consequences of the pandemic has been and will constitute in the long run for our NGO the fundamental reference framework for developing the meaning and impact of its humanitarian and cooperation action in response to an emergency that has taken on dimensions and characteristics never known since the end of the Second World War. In this sense, while focusing on the sectors and operational areas typical and prior for its mission, VIS has started and will increasingly develop the identification and preparation of integrated and articulated programs in its partner countries in favour of the most vulnerable communities, and social groups.

In 2021 the double-level trend of donors was confirmed:

- Programs financed by institutions, being supported by multi-year financial resources already allocated and contractually committed for their implementation, have not undergone cuts or postponements due to payments or disbursements being blocked. On the contrary, some donors (including AICS) have not only allowed the reshaping of operational schedules, a certain management flexibility and the adoption of specific measures to combat the spread of the pandemic but have also allocated additional funds for ongoing initiatives (for development and emergency) to cope with the higher costs incurred by the executing organizations and the reduction of resources from other donors destined for co-financing.
- On the other hand, at least in this phase, the definition of the projections for the effective commitment in the next few years by the same institutional donors remains uncertain, given that the priority

character in the political agendas is not yet identifiable in particular with regard to the public expenditure and investments that interventions and development cooperation programs in poor countries will enjoy;

- Resources donated by private donors for development cooperation and humanitarian aid have suffered a general decline due, on the one hand, to the economic crisis and the priority of addressing the national health and social emergency and, on the other hand, of the perpetuation of the consequences determined by the instrumental attacks on the NGO sector perpetrated in recent years.



2. OBJECTIVES AND ACTIVITIES

2.1 PRIORITIES, OBJECTIVES AND RESULTS

The main institutional purpose, which can be deduced from VIS Bylaws, remains the **promotion of a human and sustainable development and the growth of each person's and community capacities, placing a particular focus on the most disadvantaged and vulnerable children and young people.** The scope of the human and sustainable development is pursued setting some strategic objectives (defined through a human rights-based vision) and operating primarily in the context of six areas/sectors:

1. education;
2. training and socio-professional integration;
3. strengthening of local CSO actors (first of all of our partners);
4. child and youth protection in situations of vulnerability
5. programmatic enhancement of the link between migration and development;
6. environment safeguarding, as a cross-cutting theme of all VIS actions.

In 2021 the six-year strategic planning process (2022/2027) was also launched through a participatory consultation process involving various stakeholders and which led to the identification of six priority thematic sectors (migration, vocational training, local economic development, protection, empowerment of civil society organizations, global citizenship education) and two organizational ones (accountability and sustainability). This planning will be submitted for approval by the Members Assembly in June 2022.

Regarding **emergency interventions**, based as usual on an LRRD approach - Linking Relief and Rehabilitation to Development - the 2020 planning and its continuation in 2021 considered as priorities the areas of West and East Africa and Palestine to implement actions of livelihood support, strengthening of resilience and educational activities in emergency contexts, as well as activities to support refugee communities and to prevent undocumented migration.

The spread of the covid-19 pandemic worldwide and its consequences on the health and socio-economic level, as well as on international and national mobility, did not lead to substantial changes in the objectives and planned priority actions, but caused a redefinition of their implementation timing (with a generalized extension) and of the implementation methodologies (with widespread smart working, reduction of events and activities in presence, etc.), as well as the integration in the planned programs of specific activities aimed at the prevention and containment of contagion risks and the mitigation of socio-economic effects on the most vulnerable groups.



In partner countries, the final balance of activities implemented in 2021 is, net of the specific actions to fight the pandemic, in line not only with the Bylaws purposes and activities, but also with those predefined by the organization planning. Both the interventions carried out during the year and those presented and approved by the main public and private donors, in fact, are oriented and contribute to achieving the foreseen

objectives and results. Leaving the in-depth analysis of the specific records below listed, it appears here appropriate to highlight:

- relaunch of the development projects in Palestine and Albania with a specific focus on economic and social development, particularly in the rural and more marginal areas; implementation in Ghana and Senegal of the design expertise already gained in Albania through the establishment and operation of development funds for both individuals and communities;
- continuation of project actions related to the migration-development theme in West Africa (Senegal, Gambia, Ghana, Mali, Nigeria) and Horn of Africa (Ethiopia and Eritrea);
- development of psycho-social protection and support actions for both girls and boys in Angola and Palestine, and for vulnerable groups and communities in Ethiopia;
- planning of emergency response actions in the Tigray region of Ethiopia and in other neighbouring areas affected by the conflict.

Also, in 2021 the most significant changes to the operational strategies envisaged in the program mainly concerned the remedial activities and the project remodelling in an anti-pandemic key and the remodelling and/or holdup of activities in Tigray Region due to of the persistence of the situation of crisis and insecurity in the country. Finally, the process of closing the activities and related offices in Bolivia and Haiti was completed.

About the opening of new fields and/or the relaunch of new areas, although there have been no particular or strategic changes in the action of the partners, the activity to define the conditions for a future involvement with them continued in Syria. Also as regards the follow-up and development activities of the PDO strengthening program in Africa, the dialogue with the General Direction of the Salesian Congregation was resumed to foster the convergence on this process.

Here below a summary by countries listed by geographical region, where VIS has been active with development projects in 2021.

DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS	YEAR 2021		
	No. COUNTRIES	No. PROJECTS	EXPENDITURES
Africa	10	46	3.385.413
Latin America	2	3	19.954
Middle East	2	9	981.929
Europe and Italy	2	21	1.025.513
TOTAL COUNTRIES WITH ACTIVE DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS	16	79	5.412.810

Here below a summary by countries listed by geographical region, where VIS has been active with emergency, rehabilitation, and reconstruction projects in 2021.

EMERGENCY, REHABILITATION AND RECONSTRUCTION PROJECTS	YEAR 2021		
	No. COUNTRIES	No. PROJECTS	EXPENDITURES
Africa	4	11	1.204.331
Latin America	1	1	12.064
Middle East	2	3	149.542
Europe and Italy	2	2	490.532
TOTAL COUNTRIES WITH ACTIVE EMERGENCY PROJECTS	9	17	1.856.470

The **area Italy** in 2021 has oriented its programmatic objectives on two strategic tracks:

A. Educational support for teachers, trainers, and students as a response to the covid-19 emergency, especially through the activities planned and implemented with the project "The response of VIS, Salesiani per il Sociale Aps and CNOS FAP to the covid-19 emergency in Italy" funded through the NGO Salesian Missions of New Rochelle by the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID). The actions envisaged have been developed along three guidelines:

1. production of educational materials, in paper and digital format, as tools available for teachers and pupils to develop educational paths on sustainability, human rights and interculture issues, re-explained in the light of the pandemic;
2. proposal of an online training on the same topics, addressed to teachers but also to interested citizens, which envisages diversified and variable fruition formats (web talks, online courses, video conferences, etc.);
3. organization of an event on the territory, dissemination of the project and comparison with the various project partners, also as a sign of a return to normality.

B. Strengthening of the partnership with the other Salesian entities that act on the national territory in the social and solidarity sphere (at the territorial or international level). Also, thanks to the aforementioned project, concrete activities and initiatives were carried out with the CNOS FAP Centro nazionale opere salesiane, con i Salesiani per il Sociale (SXS) and with the Don Bosco 2000 association, a Participant association and VIS Presidium. In addition, the collaboration with Don Bosco Missions continued individual fundraising campaigns.

With reference to visibility actions, the communication initiatives were mainly focused on VIS response to the pandemic in Italy and in the partner countries, a strategy that has also contributed to the growth of its positioning. With the project "The response of VIS, Salesiani per il Sociale Aps and CNOS FAP to the covid-19 emergency in Italy" financed by USAID, a detailed description of the activities carried out in Italy and in other countries continued, a story that ended with the final event in Rome and which saw the participation of the Councillor for Economic Affairs of the US Embassy.

Thanks to the implementation of VIS new website, 2021 saw an expansion of the space dedicated to the voices of the recipients of the projects and media relations were strengthened, leading to a communication and press mission in Albania with two prominent publications (RAI 3 and Huffington Post).

2.2 TYPES OF INTERVENTION

The different types of intervention through which VIS operates are below indicated.

DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS

The main action through which VIS mission is carried out is represented by the development programs and projects implemented in the partner countries thanks to funding and contributions from various public donors (government agencies and ministerial bodies, international and community organizations) and private (foundations, institutions, companies, partners, social formations, families, and individuals).

Factors characterizing VIS involvement are the prevalent presence of its expat operators and volunteers, the structured collaboration with solid local partners rooted in the context of intervention, as well as the prevalent type of beneficiaries/recipients. International operators and volunteers are VIS essence and represent it in all the countries where it operates. Our partners are, in most cases, embodied by the Salesian missionary communities managing schools, reception centers, vocational training centers and labour market insertion. Project ideas are born from this synergy where the requests coming from the recipients, the institutions, and other local actors (both public and private partners) converge, as well as the results of the analysis and studies (needs assessment) carried out by the expat staff and partners.

Projects aim at producing long lasting results i.e. capable of generating changes in the fabric and morphology of local development, of continuing or giving rise to vital and sustainable mechanisms for local communities and target groups - which are mainly made up of children and young people in poverty and vulnerability condition. The approach that VIS strives to adopt towards the target groups of its interventions is not of welfare assistance but rather participatory, considering the individuals involved in the actions as main actors, active persons, holders of rights and not (only) of needs.

VIS engagement in 2021 is in line with strategic planning of the recent years, pending the elaboration and launch of the new programme (2022-2027), with a tendency to maintain the progressive sectoral and geographical concentration already started in the past. The priority target sectors, as defined in the previous paragraph, are also characterized by the following cross cutting factors:

- a) Human Rights Based Approach (HRBA), with special focus, depending on the intervention, also on gender and environmental mainstreaming;
- b) Capacity/institutional building, with the aim of “emancipate, enable and enhance” the actors and recipients involved in the initiatives, to open and interact with the target project realities with the most relevant external parties for their development, institutional and otherwise, through operational interaction and networking;
- c) Innovation, to design actions oriented towards change and capable to satisfy more effectively and in a sustainable way the needs identified.

The adoption of the above mentioned cross cutting factors is not free from critical issues that depend on external conditions (e.g. the tendency to self-referentiality of the partners and the orientation of donors, partners and recipients to favour to a greater extent actions aimed at satisfying direct and immediate needs rather than more complex and long-term processes), and on the fragility of VIS operational structure, which must improve its performance by strengthening and investing in the adoption and exercise of new methodologies and tools.

With reference to the priority target sectors, it should be noted that also in 2021 increasing attention was given to the phenomenon of migratory flows and related relations with cooperation and development and, at the same time, to the introduction of “integral ecology” vision into its own *modus operandi*.



EMERGENCY, REHABILITATION AND RECONSTRUCTION PROJECTS

VIS is a development NGO and this characterization, provided for by the Bylaws, has always been reasserted and affirmed by the Members Assembly and by the main stakeholders of the organization. However, in the countries where our local partners are rooted or where it is already operating, VIS has also promptly reacted to emerging or ongoing emergencies and crises. As specified in the previous paragraph, the organization sets up with its partners the lines of humanitarian action to be implemented establishing priorities, committing itself to help save lives and to lay - at the same time - the foundations for the start-up or restart of a new rehabilitation and development process according to the LRRD approach. This way, it guarantees its being there for many years next to the populations hit by natural disasters and conflicts, trying, thus, to ensure not only overcoming the crises and their effects, but also to restart the actions for the promotion and emancipation together with their sustainability. This is a peculiar feature of VIS commitment and constitutes its strength repeatedly recognized by the main actors (donors, experts, institutions) who deal with Emergency. It should be noted that, after signing the Framework Partnership Agreement (FPA) in 2018, VIS

obtained the EU Humanitarian Partnership Certificate 2021-2027 from ECHO – Directorate - General for European Civil Protection and Civil Aid Operations.

LONG DISTANCE SUPPORT

It is a type of intervention that allows to continuously support children, adolescents and young people who live in poverty and vulnerability condition thanks to periodic donations from donors who, although distant from the young recipients, take care of their needs and support them in their growth. VIS has chosen to propose SAD to its donors for the benefit of specific groups of recipients instead of the so-called “distance adoption” of single child or young person. The SAD donor embraces our philosophy of support, i.e. to care for a community or group, already accompanied and followed by our partners, the Salesians of Don Bosco, and by our operators, to offer additional services and opportunities, especially of an educational nature. With this approach, SAD becomes a community plan aimed at contrasting - through specific activities - the situations of poverty, exclusion and vulnerability that characterize the target group and the individual members, at the same time guaranteeing the utmost attention and care to the single child or young person, enhancing at the same time his/her family and community dimension, without exclusion or discrimination against other children.

SAD projects are often related and complementary to VIS development interventions funded by institutional donors and include basic care and assistance (through meals, clothing, medicines and other necessities, sanitation, health care, residential or semi-residential reception), educational and training action (insertion in schools, vocational training centers, recreational, artistic and sports activities, psycho-pedagogical accompaniment), as well as family, social and professional integration.

VIS takes on the operational and financial responsibility for the use of the funds raised for SAD projects, which are used directly for the activities in the partner countries, or for the total or partial coverage of costs related to the interventions (e.g. purchase of materials and equipment or support the operators involved in the projects). To cover general and indirect expenses (incurred in Italy and locally), VIS utilizes resources collected for SAD to varying degrees depending on the countries and projects and, in any case, never exceeding 15% of the contributions received in this regard.

MISSION SUPPORT

VIS supports the social and missionary commitment of the Salesians in the world not only with its volunteers and operators, development and / or emergency projects and SAD projects, but also through a dedicated tool, the Mission Support (SAM). These are donations received by VIS destined exclusively to a Salesian missionary community at the express request of the donor, based on a direct and trustworthy relationship between the donor himself and the final recipient (the individual missionary and/or the community in which he operates). In SAM, VIS therefore plays a role of "link" between donor and recipient, who remains the responsible contact person and guarantor of the performance of the activities to be implemented and the related results. The organization carries out the secretarial and administrative procedures necessary for forwarding such resources to the target countries, as well as a periodic monitoring of the uses, not withholding any portion for management costs except for any liberal contribution based on the advice of the donor or of the missionary.

SAM offerings are mainly used to cover the current costs of schools, vocational training centers, oratories and youth centers (e.g. expenses for local and operating staff), for reception, support and care activities of the recipients, as well as for the formative and pastoral activities conducted by the Salesians.

OTHER FORMS OF INTERVENTION

Support to volunteers (SAV): includes the resources used to support expat staff where they are not covered by the resources available from projects financed by institutional bodies or private donors. These resources come mainly from the partner Salesian Provinces or from support groups and associations in Italy.

Twinning: activities aimed at establishing structured relationships between schools in Italy and partner countries, often accompanied by free financial support paid by the former for the benefit of the twin classes, to contribute to the purchase of teaching materials.

2.3 INTERVENTIONS IN AFRICA

ANGOLA

Capital: Luanda

Population: 44.800.000 inhabitants

Human Development Index (HDI): 0,581 (148th out of 189 countries)

Income per capita: 6.104 \$

Year start up activities in the country: 1991

Year of official recognition: 2001

Expat operators in 2021: 5 (4 M, 1 F)

Civil service volunteers: 1 (F)

Expenses incurred in 2021: 621.069 euro



PROJECT AREAS

- Emergency
- Child and Youth Protection
- Strengthening of CSOs and other development actors

GOALS 2021
Continue to strengthen the experience in <i>Child and Youth Protection</i> for children and youth in situations of vulnerability, capitalizing on good practices and ongoing innovations, also in relation to the application of the GC ³ n. 21 of 2017 on children in street situation.
Strengthen the ways for collaborating with the SDBs.
Broaden collaboration/partnerships with local organizations also in view of VIS capacity building.

VIS IN ANGOLA

In 2009 VIS together with the Salesians launched the program “*La Strada per la Vita*” with the aim of recovery, support and social and family reintegration of children, adolescents, and young people in street situation and/or most vulnerable in Luanda.

In 2021 the 3rd phase of the program was continued thanks to the project “*Vamos Juntos*”, co-financed by the EC, including capacity building actions for local institutions and civil society organizations (CSOs), promoting dialogue, participation, and inclusion of Angolan CSOs and rights holders in national policies and programs for the protection of children in street situation.

The project is carried out in partnership with the Salesians of Don Bosco, the Institute of Religious Studies in Angola and the NGO SamuSocial International and foresees the involvement of 28 associated realities. A special attention is given to girls in street situation a highly innovative action for VIS and the Salesian counterpart. The program was further supported with resources provided by other donors: CEI, World Vision, ENI, and a private donor, in addition to the 8x1000 and SAD.

In 2021 the project “*O Futuro nas Nossas Mãos: nós jovens protagonistas do desenvolvimento de Angola*” for the active participation of young people in the country development co-funded by the EC continued. Direct partners of the project are the Salesians of Don Bosco and the Institute of Religious Sciences as well as 22 associated realities, including 3 youth associations. The project is implemented in Luanda and in 3 other provinces in the country. Also, this initiative is supported partially by the 8x1000 through the project “*Il futuro è nelle nostre mani*” (The future is in our hands).

In a development perspective and in response to the Covid-19 emergency, the project “*Todos para Todos*” was launched, co-funded by the EC in collaboration with the Salesians of Don Bosco, to mitigate the effects of the pandemic within the most vulnerable and exposed communities; the initiative is supported by the Portuguese cooperation through the Camões Institute.

³ The UN Committee on the Rights of the Child regularly issues its interpretation of the content of human rights norms in the form of General Comments (GC) on thematic issues.



INTERVENTIONS AND RESULTS

Emergency – Child and youth protection

175 children and adolescents aged 7 to 18 reached by street first aid and socio-educational support services. 39 children and adolescents aged 7 to 14 returned to their families and 39 new families accompanied by the family accompanying team.

80 girls in street situation aged 12 to 18 have had access to the various accompanying services.

200 adolescents and young people aged 14 to 21 participated in the listening forums for former children in street situation.

3.000 people sensitized in campaigns on Facebook and Instagram.

2.837 young people took part in the initiatives (debates, events, cinema cycles) and voluntary actions.

108 young people trained in volunteering.

13.508 children aged 0 to 5 in conditions of malnutrition assisted (medical visits and /or family consultations).

165 children and adolescents in street situation received health care.

4.373 people aware of covid-19 prevention measures.

453 young people participated in youth forums and active citizenship actions.

Strengthening of CSOs and other development actors

27 LA and 30 CSOs strengthened in child protection capacities through a capacity building action (strategic planning workshop) and 7 coordination meetings of the thematic group on child protection.

46 new social workers acquired socio-educational skills.

66 educators trained on community prevention measures for covid-19.

24 CSOs and LA involved in child protection took part in the thematic group "Children in street situation".

The CGFAF - Family Support Fund Management Committee continued to be active and 81 families were supported with training grants, food baskets and covid support.

DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS FUNDED BY PUBLIC DONORS	EXPENSES INCURRED (IN €)	DONORS
Vamos Juntos: Insieme! integrated participation and inclusion interventions of CSOs and right-holders in child promotion and protection policies in Angola	114.717	EC
O Futuro nas Nossas Mãos: the future is in our hands. Young protagonists of the development of Angola	174.537	EC
Todos para Todos! All for all: integrated socio-health action to prevent covid-19 for vulnerable children, young women, and local communities	123.131	EC

Todos para Todos! All for all: integrated socio-health action to prevent covid-19 for vulnerable children, young women, and local communities	4.692	Portuguese cooperation
DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS FUNDED BY PRIVATE DONORS		
Vamos Juntos: Insieme!	25.449	Private donors
Promozione della promozione sociale e reinserimento familiare dei bambini e bambine in situazione di strada in Angola	2.336	Private donors
Together we can! Insieme possiamo	84.302	Private donors
The future is in our hands! Integrated promotion and protection action for young people in Angola	89.342	CEI 8x1000
SAD PROJECTS		
A project for children in Luanda: from street to home!	2.891	Private donors
OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR COUNTRY MANAGEMENT		
	493	Private donors

Assessment

The final evaluation of the project co-financed by EC "Vamos Juntos" was carried out in the 2nd half of the year by an independent external consultant. The evaluation, based on the 5 OECD/CAD criteria (relevance, efficiency, effectiveness, impact, and sustainability), was concluded in October 2021. The initiative was positively evaluated despite the limitations arising from the pandemic. VIS is recommended in particular to: continue investing in training of psycho-social staff; reinforce coordination with public institutions; invest in strengthening actions in favour of girls and in gender issues; support the Government in regulating the reception centers and access criteria, boost programs of economic support for families, vocational training and the processes for accessing the labour market by negotiating with public and private institutions. The recommendations will be used for future country project design. To consult the document, see the section at <https://www.volint.it/vis-nel-mondo/angola>.

PROSPECTS 2022

- Increase the spaces for coordination with the Salesians at the Central level, consolidating operations in the provinces involved in the "The future is in our hands" project of Benguela, Cabinda and Luena.
- Support and consolidate the actions for the protection and promotion of young people, in relation to family reintegration within the network of CSOs and LAL that work for the protection of the rights of girls in street situation and consolidate relationships and partnerships with the relevant governmental institutions and main international players, such as UNDP and UNFPA.
- Include integral ecology and gender issues in planning, setting up relationships and partnerships with public institutions and reference CSOs.

BURUNDI

Capital: Gitega

Population: 15.800.000 inhabitants

Human Development Index (HDI): 0,433 (185th out of 189 countries)

Income per capita: 754 \$

Year start up activities in the country: 2004

Year of official recognition: 2005

Expenses incurred in 2021: 122.393 euro



PROJECTS AREAS

- Education, training and socio-professional integration
- Strengthening of CSOs and other development actors

GOALS 2021
Contribute to the improvement of the health conditions of the population of the Province of Bujumbura.
Upgrade skills of gynaecological/obstetrical staff.
Increase qualitative and quantitative access to prevention and diagnosis of cervical cancer.

VIS IN BURUNDI

The two health projects launched in 2020 thanks to the partnership with the Museke Foundation started in March 2021 when the Ministry of Health signed the relevant executing MoU. The two projects focus on mother-child health care and cervical cancer prevention as a pilot intervention (in collaboration with the local association Buraca). The first project is strengthening the capacity of 17 health centers located in Bujumbura suburbs through training of health staff in the field of mother-child health care to reduce morbidity and mortality linked to diseases, more frequent in the 0-5 age group and through the rehabilitation of the spaces reserved to maternity. The second intervention instead aims at contributing to the reduction of cervical cancer cases in the population of the Northern District of the Bujumbura Province by upgrading the skills of health workers. The intervention has a purely pilot character; in fact, the dissemination of the project outputs will serve to extend and possibly replicate the project, as well as to make the data known to the main donors and key players active in the country.

INTERVENTIONS AND RESULTS

Education, training, and socio-professional integration

One project on vocational training submitted to AICS/MAECI.

Strengthening of CSOs and other development actors

- 17 EHealth care centers identified for maternal-child support actions.
- 34 health workers and 5 district supervisors increased their expertise.
- 7 district supervisors trained on data collection and systematization.
- 12.000 brochures on mother / child health distributed in partner health facilities.
- 5 health facilities identified for the uterine cancer component.
- 10 trained health workers.
- 6 doctors trained in the use of colposcopy.
- Purchase and distribution of healthcare and colposcopy equipment.
- 624 women screened.
- 95 colposcopies, 15 biopsies and 10 examinations to evaluate cancerous lesions.



DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS FUNDED BY PRIVATE DONORS	EXPENSES INCURRED (IN €)	DONORS
Training intervention for the qualitative improvement of health services in mother-child healthcare in Burundi	97.307	Fondazione Museke
Awareness raising, prevention, diagnosis and first treatment of cervical cancer in Burundi		
SAM PROJECTS		
Works for the realization of the <i>Centro educativo Mariano</i> of Buterere	24.779	Private donors
OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR COUNTRY MANAGEMENT	229	Private donors

PROSPECTS 2022

- Strengthen the operative *partnership* with Fondazione Museke through the implementation of two studies, one for each project.
- Strengthen project design in the field of vocational training evaluating other project proposals and looking for new donors.
- Consolidate the work of promoting VIS placement in the country in the sectors of education, training, and socio-professional integration per to capitalize on experience.

CONGO (DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF)

Capital: Kinshasa

Population: 120.000.000 inhabitants

Human Development Index (HDI): 0,480 (175th out of 189 countries)

Income per capita: 1.063 \$

Year start up activities in the country: 2002

Year of official recognition: 2010

Expat operators in 2021: 1 (F)

Expenses incurred in 2020: 275.592 euro



PROJECTS AREAS

- *Child and Youth Protection*
- Education, training, and socio-professional integration
- Emergency
- Strengthening of CSOs and other development actors

GOALS 2021
Improve the living conditions of abandoned children, orphans, or children from extremely vulnerable contexts, guaranteeing them access to basic services and supporting strategies for reintegration into the family of origin or reception (foster care, adoption), in synergy with institutional actors, public and not, of the protection system of the Democratic Republic of Congo.
Strengthen capacity of young women in vulnerable situation, as right-holders to enter the socio-labour market. Foster community awareness about gender equality.
Strengthen the local system created in the course of 2021 for the promotion of the protection of girls in conditions of vulnerability and marginalization.
Create moments of space and expression through art for the young people of the city of Goma and the territory of Masisi.

VIS IN THE DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

VIS is present in the DRC since 2002, almost only in the Eastern regions – cities of Goma and Ngangi - and in 2010 it has obtained the recognition from the Ministère du Plan as organization eligible to operate in the social domain. VIS works thanks to private funds and the institutional support funds provided by – MAECI and EU – and collaborates mainly with the Salesians of Don Bosco and many other local CSOs

Since 2013 VIS has broadened its field of intervention also to Eastern Kasai, more precisely in Mbuji-Mayi, support of the local Salesian community in the Center *Don Bosco Muetu*.

Following the change of the entire AFC Provincial Council, a new Salesian Provincial was appointed whose mandate was the establishment of a Provincial Delegation in the east of the DRC. This is causing some structural changes, as the house where VIS is based will also be the seat of the new delegation. This process has allowed a dialogue with the new Salesian management components to build a structured and clear agreement with the Salesians, differently from before.

VIS has operated independently from the Salesians but has remained for Don Bosco an element of connection with other international and local organizations. Also, for the entire 2021 the staff was made up of local staff engaged in the development of new ideas and their implementation; their involvement in all phases of implementation of a project, even in the planning phase, has proved to be successful.

Throughout 2021, VIS has been present in the working tables of the education and protection clusters, but above all it promoted meetings between associations dealing with girls and has re-dynamized RECOPE (the Community Child Protection Networks).

Also, for 2021 VIS has been focused on short-term vocational training, especially for girls and women, and on-the-job training. Furthermore, through the project financed by CAI (International Adoptions Commission), it has returned to the protection sector, intervening in the reception structure (maison Ushindi) in the Don Bosco Center Muetu in Mbuji Mayi, with actions in favour of younger children (0-6 years).

With respect to the health crisis that has created serious consequences for low-income families who live off small businesses or with day jobs, VIS has proposed new saving methods by creating 4 savings and village credit associations (AVEC), two of which are in Goma, one in Rutshuru and one in Kinshasa.

The new activities for the management of trauma and the art of speech/SLAMM and CAPACITAR have been a real success, not only for the girls of the Mamma Margherita home, but also for the students of 18 high schools.

SAD has supported: the Don Bosco Ngangi Center of Goma and all its services in favour of children and young people in vulnerable situation; the Don Bosco Muetu educational center and the Don Bosco home-school in Mbuji Mayi, where orphaned, abandoned, malnourished and sick children are sheltered; the activities of the Don Bosco Center in Bukavu for children in street situation and children in conflict with the law.

Through SAM various missionary activities received support.

In May, a volcanic eruption occurred in Goma which required to modify some of the planned activities of the ongoing projects.

INTERVENTIONS AND RESULTS

Child and youth protection

59 young girls sheltered in Mamma Margherita home and 184 youth in the shelter homes of Don Bosco Ngangi and Don Bosco Muetu.

18 RECOPE (Reseaux Communnautaire de Protection de l'Enfance – Community groups for the child protection, referents to the Division of Social Affairs) strengthened and functioning.

9 associations of the child protection sector networking.

18.000 students of 18 different schools have been made aware about the gender violence issue.

500 Don Bosco Ngangi pupils have meet to discuss about human rights issues.

200 vademecum on girls' protection and care good practices printed.

1.900 copies of the collection of poems by students of the schools of Goma city printed.

Realization of a video clip on women/girl's human rights protection.

Education and socio-professional training

110 girls and women in situation of vulnerability aged 12 to 25 have accessed the vocational training services.

Materials supplied to Mamma Margherita and Anuarite's home.

Job placement kits provided.

4 AVEC (Association Villageoise d'Epargne et de Credit - Savings and village credit associations) trained.

DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS FUNDED BY PRIVATE DONORS	EXPENSES INCURRED (IN €)	DONORS
Ensure equal social and educational opportunities for young people and women in the city of Goma to help build a more equal and responsible society in the North Kivu region of DRC	1.617	CEI 8x1000
From our heart to that of Africa in Goma and Mbuji Mayi DRC	18.752	CEI
Contribute to the eradication of forms of violence against adolescent women, young people, and adults in situations of vulnerability and victims of the conflict in Goma	1.358	Private donors
Promotion of the elimination of inequalities and discrimination against women in vulnerable situation in the city of Goma	33.491	Private donors
<i>Hutabaki kamwe peke yako!</i> Protection in favour of children in street situation, children in conflict with the law and girls victims of violence and marginalized in the city of Goma	173.762	Private donors
Emergency in Goma (volcano Nyiragongo eruption)	118	Private donors
SAD PROJECTS		
DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS FUNDED BY PRIVATE DONORS	EXPENSES INCURRED (IN €)	DONORS

Support to children of <i>Centre des Jeunes Don Bosco Ngangi</i> in Goma Support to children of <i>Centro Don Bosco Muetu</i> in Mbuji Mayi	24.385	Private donors
SAM PROJECTS		
Support to missionary activities of don Piero Gavioli Support to missionary activities of don J.M. Rubakare	19.330	Private donors
OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR COUNTRY MANAGEMENT	2.780	Private donors

PROSPECTS 2022

- Continue with a positioning in the country oriented towards sustainable development.
- Continue VIS networking in Child and Youth Protection, especially with regard to children in situations of vulnerability (girls victims of violence and abuse, single mothers).
- Take care of the vocational training sector through the skills approach.
- Making family and socio-economic reintegration more effective.
- Improve the quality of life of the youngest children.
- Help young people manage their trauma (insecurity, violated rights, volcanic eruption) through art.
- Increase planning with public and private donors and expand the network of local donors.



ERITREA

Capital: Asmara

Population: 4.200.000 inhabitants

Human Development Index (HDI): 0,459 (180th out of 189 countries)

Income per capita: 2.793 \$

Year start up activities in the country: 2.000

Expenses incurred in 2021: 642.100 euro



PROJECT AREAS

- Environment
- Education, training, and socio-professional integration

GOALS 2021
Foster opportunities and favourable conditions for <i>lifelong learning</i> and for work for disadvantaged and in vulnerable situation youth.
Foster an educational environment oriented towards the human integral development.
Ensure access to water and improve sanitary conditions of the communities of the Debub region.

VIS IN ERITREA

During 2021 in Eritrea the joint planning with the Salesians started in 2018 has continued, after a long period of inactivity due to the socio-political conditions of the country. Although it is not yet possible to register as NGO, VIS has nevertheless managed to continue the planned activities and the partnership with the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation has proceeded with no interruptions.

In 2021 a first intervention was concluded and a second one focused on improving the quality of education also through updating teachers skills and direct support to the school of Dekhmere. However, it was not possible to send foreign teachers to organize the courses due to the restrictions in force in the country for the prevention of the covid-19 pandemic: the difficulty was overcome by employing local resources technically backstopped by VIS.

Moreover, in the vocational training sector, the "Development of professional skills in Eritrea" project was launched in 2021, funded by the Italian Episcopal Conference, with the aim of updating the technical and pedagogical skills of the teaching and non-teaching staff in the Salesian schools of Dekhmere. and Barentu, as well as some public schools that will indirectly benefit from the intervention.

Furthermore, the collaboration with the only other Italian NGOs active in the country (Nexus, Prosud and Iscos), attached to the Eritrean trade union (NCEW), has proceeded in a positive way, through the two projects "Dialogue, train, contract: work as a peace means" (funded by AICS with Nexus leader) and the project "Women's Councils: models, skills and voices for a just society in Eritrea", funded by the EU led by Iscos. The partnership is based on the synergy between different skills: VIS more oriented towards technical assistance focusing on adapting curricula to the skills required by the market and other NGOs more oriented towards job placement in the difficult context of the local labour market.

In addition, within the WASH sector, in 2021 the project "Improving access to water and sanitation conditions in the village of Asetah, Eritrea" was concluded and, bearing in mind the idea of continuation, the project "Improving the life conditions of the rural areas of the Debub region" was started: a water-sanitation integrated project for the communities in situation of vulnerability of Segheneiti", in partnership with the association Acqua per la Vita ONLUS with financial support of the Italian cooperation. Both projects are concentrated on villages near Dekhmere with the aim of improving the resilience of the local communities through the provision of safe water sources and involvement of the recipients from the start of the intervention.

The main lines of action common to all projects in the training sector carried out in Eritrea are support for the definition of curricula in line with market needs, teacher training as lifelong learning, improvement of the quality of education through the supply of materials and equipment in line with the most advanced technology, organization of trainings for students and the start of school-to-work transition pilot courses, despite the static context of the Eritrean labour market.



VIS strength points in Eritrea are the operational partnerships both with the Salesians of Don Bosco and with the local association of the trade unions, which allow to carry out timely and highly relevant interventions to the real needs of the population, focused on training and the increase of job opportunities to improve the conditions of vulnerability in which most of the young people belonging to the age group in which the recipients of our interventions fall (15-29 years).

INTERVENTIONS AND RESULTS

Environment

1.250 people (the community of the Asetah village) have access to a clean and safe water source.

Education, training, and socio-professional integration

200 students have completed their study path.

75 teachers trained in technical, management and pedagogic subjects at the Dekhmere school.

DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS FUNDED BY PUBLIC DONORS	EXPENSES INCURRED (IN €)	DONORS
Training on professional skills in Eritrea	451	Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation
Improvement of the education quality in Eritrea	201.674	Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation
DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS FUNDED BY PRIVATE DONORS		
Development of the professional skills in Eritrea	54.625	CEI 8x1000
Women's Councils: models, skills and voice for a just society in Eritrea	4.000	Private donors
Dialogue, train, contract, work as a peace means	1.200	Private donors
Development project in Eritrea	757	Private donors
EMERGENCY PROJECTS FUNDED BY PUBLIC DONORS		

Improvement of water access and sanitary conditions in the Asetah village	21.354	AICS/MAECI
SAM PROJECTS		
Support to missionary activities in Eritrea	349.872	Private donors
OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR COUNTRY MANAGEMENT	9.068	Private donors

PROSPECTS 2022

- Continue to enhance VIS projects in Eritrea in vocational training and access to labour market.
- Continue joint activities with Italian NGOs active in Eritrea in *partnership* with local trade unions with an exchange and integration approach of different competences, as per what concerns revision of teaching curricula and training of teachers and tutors.
- Enhance training activities extended to governmental schools with the aim of collaborating with the public structures of the Government.

ETHIOPIA

Capital: Addis Ababa

Population: 144.900.000 inhabitants

Human Development Index (HDI): 0,485 (173rd out of 189 countries)

Income per capita: 2.207 \$

Year start up activities in the country: 1998

Year of official recognition: 2005

Expat operators in 2020: 6 (4 M, 2 F)

Expenses incurred in 2020: 1.134.694 euro



PROJECTS AREAS

- Environment
- Education, training and socio-professional integration
- Emergency
- Migration and development
- Child and youth protection
- Strengthening of CSOs and other development actors

GOALS 2021
Foster favourable opportunities and conditions for lifelong learning and employment for disadvantaged and in situation of vulnerability young people.
Foster education and employment opportunities in situations of crisis and emergency for migrants and refugees.
Foster strengthening of partnerships and development of the capabilities of operators, CSOs and institutions.
Adequately answer and in line with our capabilities to the ongoing emergencies and getting ready to face the new ones.

VIS IN ETHIOPIA

2021 has been characterized by was characterized by a consolidation of ongoing projects, which slowed down due to the Covid-19 pandemic and by the start up of emergency interventions aimed at mitigating the effects of the war started in November 2020 in the northern part of the country in Tigray region. The conflict erupted between the regional forces and the central Government has determined a high number of internally displaced persons, an increase of food insecurity and a high level of vulnerability of the entire population, especially the most vulnerable segments of the population e.g. women and children.

The critical issues of the period delayed or prevented the implementation of projects already underway and of those in the start-up phase and approved throughout the Tigray region. The project "Improving productivity and decent employment for young people and women in the textile sector in Tigray" was suspended in July 2021 while other projects were subject to requests for changes that were submitted to the donors, to adapt them to the new context. The escalation of the conflict has meant that most of the planned activities have been suspended or slowed down; VIS presence in Tigray with a functioning regional office was however always guaranteed.

Apart from Tigray most of the activities foreseen in the historical areas of implementation of the interventions, i.e. Addis Ababa, Gambella, Somali Region, and in the region SNNP (Southern Nations, Nationalities and People) in which VIS started its activity in 2020, have continued in a quite regular way.

2021 also saw the conclusion of the emergency project "Improving the living conditions of South Sudanese refugees and resident communities: integrated interventions in the camps of the Gambella and Benishangul-Gumuz regional states in Gambella" and the SMART project "Integrated intervention on sanitation marketing, agriculture, rural development and transformation", again in the Gambella region.

From a thematic point of view, the main axis continues to be vocational training and job placement to help minimize the causes exposing to the risks of undocumented migration. At the base there is the re-evaluation of vocational training (meaning short courses in line with the market needs, immediately usable in companies or as self-employment) linked to job placement, declined in a different way according to specific local

characteristics: e.g. favour self-employment in rural contexts, rather than in-company employment (through public/private partnerships) in urban contexts.

Regarding the conflict in Tigray, VIS was immediately engaged with the Salesian communities present in the area - thanks to the support of Missioni Don Bosco in the first place - to respond to the very first emergency, through food distributions that began at the end of 2020.

Through SAD, VIS supports the Bosco Children Educational Center, sheltering children in street situation aged 10 and 16 in Addis Ababa and the activities of the Don Bosco Youth Center of Mekanissa; moreover, support to missions through SAM is also in force.



INTERVENTIONS AND RESULTS

Environment - Emergency

8 water schemes made.

1.974 persons have seen their access to water improved (in qualitative and quantitative terms).

Education, training, and socio-professional integration - Emergency

1.069 recipients trained through formal and non-formal vocational training courses.

Migration and development

370 potential migrants, return migrants and refugees inserted into the labour market in Tigray and Addis Ababa.

Child and youth protection

912 young people involved in sport and recreation activities.

DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS FUNDED BY PUBLIC DONORS	EXPENSES INCURRED (IN €)	DONORS
Improving productivity and decent employment for young people and women in the textile sector in Tigray	47.779	AICS/MAECI
Intervention to contrast water emergency in Afar region	16.715	Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri 8x1000
DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS FUNDED BY PRIVATE DONORS		
Print your future! Developing the graphic and typographic sector in Ethiopia	47.509	CEI 8x1000
S.M.A.R.T. - Integrated intervention on sanitation marketing, agriculture, rural development, and transformation in Gambella region	188.944	Private donors

Enhancing Job Opportunities and Employability for Youth and Women (ENJOY) Project	175.797	Private donors
Emergencies and support to the conflict areas of Tigray	9.196	Private donors
Stability and socio-economic development for vulnerable and marginalised communities in the Tigray region of Ethiopia	4.710	Private donors
Prevent, Promote, Inform: build alternatives to migration flows in eastern Tigray	56.322	Private donors
Building pastoralist's resilience on climate change	22.440	Private donors
University scholarship	1.343	Private donors
EMERGENCY PROJECTS FUNDED BY PUBLIC DONORS		
Resilience and integration of Eritrean refugees in Shire area	21.828	AICS/MAECI
EMERGENCY PROJECTS FUNDED BY PRIVATE DONORS		
Enhanced livelihood opportunities for refugees and host community in Gambella Region, Ethiopia	65.000	Finnish Refugee Council
Miglioramento delle condizioni di vita dei rifugiati sud sudanesi e delle comunità residenti: interventi integrati nei campi degli Stati regionali del Gambella e del Benishangul-Gumuz	180.223	Private donors
Emergency Tigray (Ethiopia, silent emergency)	3.715	Private donors
Un Pozzo per Andrea	71.924	Private donors
Bichito de Luz	4.738	Private donors
Emergency in refugees camp	25.991	Private donors
SAD PROJECTS		
Support to Ethiopia - generic Support to Ethiopia for Mekanissa	8.235	Private donors
SAM PROJECTS		
Support to missionary activities in Addis Ababa - Don Angelo Regazzo Bosco Children Support to missionary activities of the Diocese of Gambella - Don Filippo Perin Support to missionary activities in Addis Ababa - Cesare Bullo sdb	176.640	Private donors
OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR COUNTRY MANAGEMENT	5.645	Private donors

PROSPECTS 2022

- Consolidate the management capability of the local staff to improve the technical quality of interventions through tighter monitoring.
- Consolidate the collaboration strategy with the other organizations revolving around the main local partner, the Ethiopian Catholic Church (under which the Salesians operate), more specifically the International Caritas establishments for what concerns the management of complex interventions such as the *Trust Fund* and the realization of emergency interventions.
- Continue the promotion of innovative public/private *partnerships* aimed at improving the *governance* of the local economic development.
- Continue the promotion of innovative self-entrepreneurship and/or paid employment paths through school/work transition schemes to increase decent work opportunities for young people and women.
- Foster school inclusion.
- Continue the promotion of training and labour paths for young refugees and return migrants.
- Redraw the strategy and project in Tigray following the conflict which will be presumably orientated toward emergency and the long reconstruction phase.

GAMBIA

Capital: Banjul

Population: 3.200.000 inhabitants

Human Development Index (HDI): 0,496 (172nd out of 189 counties)

Income per capita: 2.168 \$

Year start up activities in the country: 2019

Year of official recognition: 2019

Expenses incurred in 2021: 38.692 euro



PROJECTS AREAS

- Education, training and socio-professional integration
- Migration and development

GOALS 2021

Foster opportunities and favourable *lifelong learning* conditions e work for disadvantaged and in vulnerable situation youth

VIS IN GAMBIA

VIS is present in Gambia since April 2019 thanks to the project funded by the CEI “*Liberi di partire, liberi di restare (Free to leave, free to remain)*”. The presence of the activities promoted by VIS in Gambia is justified by the high percentage of migration from this country. Through a better and increased offer in TVET and access to the labour market the hope is to make Gambia more attractive for the young people and therefore contribute to fighting undocumented migration. During 2021 focus was centred on the implementation of the activities that could not be implemented in 2020 due to the sanitary situation and a positive channel of communication has been establish with the new Salesian community present in the country, this has allowed to start a shared joint reflection on possible new strategies.

INTERVENTIONS AND RESULTS

Education, training, and socio-professional integration - Migrazioni e sviluppo

55 students, training and apprenticeship actions recipients.

2 offices for employment services in force.

DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS FUNDED BY PRIVATE DONORS	EXPENSES INCURRED (IN €)	DONORS
Free to leave, free to remain	38.692	CEI 8x1000

PROSPECTS 2022

- Carry out field missions to analyse the needs of the Salesian community and the intervention areas in collaboration with the Salesian PDO of the Province (ADAFO) for a joint definition of priorities.
- Through a more continuous presence of VIS coordination, create new partnership possibilities.

GHANA

Capital: Accra

Population: 37.800.000 inhabitants

Human Development Index (HDI): 0,611 (138th out of 189 countries)

Income per capita: 5.269 \$

Year start up activities in the country: 2015

Year of official recognition: 2016

Expat operators in: 4 (2 M, 2 F)

Civil service volunteers: 1 (F)

Tirocinanti: 2 (1 M e 1 F)

Volunteers: 2 (F)

Expenses incurred in 2021: 491.588 euro



PROJECTS AREAS

- Environment
- Education, training and socio-professional integration
- Migration and development

GOALS 2021
Foster opportunities and favourable conditions for <i>lifelong learning</i> and work for disadvantaged and in vulnerable situations youth.
Foster strengthening of partnerships and the development of skills.
Foster the concept of circular economy on the bases of 10 educational farms supported by VIS since 2019.

VIS IN GHANA

VIS Ghana is still in the process of expansion and consolidation. The 2 offices, located one in Sunyani Odumase, Bono Region and one in Ashaiman, Greater Accra, are fully operational. The focus of the projects remained on vocational training and job placement of young people in the most vulnerable situations, potential migrants and return migrants, through employment service offices and a development fund. The implementation of this fund has led to promising results, contributing to the increase of environmentally sustainable economic activities and CSOs engaged with LAs in promoting sustainable development.

At the end of October, with the launch of the project "Education is the passport to the future!", VIS extended its area of intervention to the Western Region.

Regarding the volunteers, VIS Ghana remains a very active hub for building experience for the volunteers and/or interns and for their future growth and eventual placement in VIS projects. This year, even if with the difficulties due to the pandemic, 2 young people volunteered at VIS Ghana.

INTERVENTIONS AND RESULTS

Environment – Migration and development - Education, training and socio-professional integration

11 schools of the network "Scuole Stop Tratta" in the former Brong Ahafo Region involved in awareness raising actions.

Implemented 28 meetings and involved 1.897 students in awareness raising activities about the risks of undocumented migration.

5 new educational farms in place.

Realized 19 Basic courses and 2 Advanced courses on organic agriculture for unemployed youth and persons in vulnerable situation (218 persons trained).

Training program for trainer on vocational training centers concluded.

1.360 women in vulnerable situation trained in the production of biological black soap and construction of a warehouse.

48 informal groups of women at decentralized community level aimed at promoting women associations.

Start-up of a revolving fund for local development and 74 projects funded (50 mini-grants, 6 community grants, 18 microcredit).

Implemented 2 Italian courses for 14 persons.

DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS FUNDED BY PUBLIC DONORS	EXPENSES INCURRED (IN €)	DONORS
LEEWYV - <i>Local Economic Empowerment for Women, Youth and Vulnerable groups through CSOs and LAs concerted action in Ghana</i>	190.728	EC
DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS FUNDED BY PRIVATE DONORS		
Ghana! Program to support the local development to fight against undocumented migration arriving from Western Africa	288.307	CEI 8x1000
Education the passport for the future!	9.596	Private donors
HOME - Ghana, Ivory Coast, Sierra Leone: a network to welcome and educate young people in situation of vulnerability	1.061	Private donors
OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR COUNTRY MANAGEMENT	1.895	Private donors

PROSPECTS 2022

- Consolidate the results obtained by the development fund FATOUD (Fund for Agriculture and Tourism Development), continuing to monitor the supported projects.
- Continue the promotion of a circular economy based on the model of 10 educational farms supported by VIS since 2019.
- Develop a specific project design for child protection and fight against child labour.



MALI

Capital: Bamako

Population: 27.100.000 inhabitants

Human Development Index (HDI): 0,434 (184th out of 189 countries)

Income per capita: 2.269 \$

Year start up activities in the country: 2018

Expenses incurred in el 2021: 56.128 euro



PROJECTS AREAS

- Education, training, and socio-professional integration
- Migration and development

GOALS 2021
Improve the offer of training services for the socio-professional re-inclusion.
Increase awareness of the population about topics connected with regular migration vis-à-vis the risks of undocumented migration.

VIS IN MALI

2021 has faced and increased political and social instability of the country. This situation of insecurity has had a strong impact on the activities implemented by the vocational training centers and on the monitoring activities of the actions carried out in 2020.

Notwithstanding the difficulties, the local counterpart ADAFO (Salesian PDO of the Province) could conclude the project making the greenhouses operational for agricultural entrepreneurship courses, an activity that was strongly hit by the health situation in 2020.

The motivation of VIS presence in the country remains strong due to the existing problems and hence the importance of interventions in the above-mentioned sectors (fight against undocumented migration, creation of opportunities for the most vulnerable in the rural areas, etc.), all this within the program “*Stop Tratta*”. In 2021 communication channels were established with Italian organizations present in the country to develop joint strategies and projects.

INTERVENTIONS AND RESULTS

Education, training, and socio-professional integration – Migration and development

The training offer in the technical and vocational sector has been enhanced and adapted for the benefit of people at risk of undocumented migration, migrants and returning migrants.

111 young people have participated in modular trainings in agriculture.

783 young people have participated in computer courses.

4 information centers have improved their structure and training offer.

17 trainers have benefitted of capacity building in arboriculture.

12 trainers have benefitted of capacity building in beekeeping.

10 trainers have benefitted of capacity building in agricultural entrepreneurship.

40 young people trained in business plan design.

DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS FUNDED BY PRIVATE DONORS	EXPENSES INCURRED (IN €)	DONORS
Free to leave, free to remain	56.128	CEI 8x1000

PROSPECTS 2022

- Start a joint plan for 2022 with the local counterpart to guarantee a continuation of the presence of actions for the future.
- Include the food security issue in the various training programs and job placement.

NIGERIA

Capital: Abuja

Population: 263.000.000 inhabitants

Human Development Index (HDI): 0,539 (161st out of 189 countries)

Income per capita: 4.910 \$

Year start up activities in the country: 2018

Expenses incurred in 2021: 136.209 euro



PROJECTS AREAS

- Education, training, and socio-professional integration
- Migration and development

GOALS 2021

Foster opportunities and favourable conditions for *lifelong learning* and work for disadvantaged and in vulnerable situation youth

Foster strengthening of partnerships and development of the capabilities of operators, CSOs and institutions

VIS IN NIGERIA

VIS has started working in Nigeria together with the Salesians in 2018 with the aim of fighting the undocumented migration flow, with the project *“Free to leave, free to remain”* funded by the CEI. In 2019 the project *UNO* was added, funded by the CEFA with funds of the Ministero degli Interni has been added to promote the socio-economic reintegration of voluntary return migrants in Nigeria and Senegal, for their permanent reintegration in society through the purchase of goods/services for their economic activities and/or support to their training. Since November 2020 the *FAMI* project started with the aim of providing a basic training to regular migrants who have requested family reunification

2021 has been still characterized by the COVID pandemic which has had a strong impact on the activities delaying them. However, during the year the CEI projects and the UNO project above mentioned have been concluded with success.

INTERVENTIONS AND RESULTS

Migration and development - Education, training, and socio-professional integration

833 young boys in vulnerable situation trained in the Don Bosco centers.

50 persons have been repatriated and reintegrated in their communities.

Strengthen the interaction skills of technical training institutes with business realities.

Strengthened 1 national employment office and 2 local employment offices.

DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS FUNDED BY PRIVATE DONORS	EXPENSES INCURRED (IN €)	DONORS
Free to leave, free to remain	150.613	CEI 8x1000
OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR COUNTRY MANAGEMENT	14.404	Private donors

PROSPECTS 2022

- Support the reintegration of return migrants within the FAMI project.
- Start Italian courses to train applicants for family reunification.
- Support strengthening action for vocational training and job placement started with the projects that ended in 2021.
- Strengthening of the PDO office also in consideration of the Salesian reorganization of the area which foresees the establishment of a new Province including Nigeria and Niger.

SENEGAL

Capital: Dakar

Population: 21.600.000 inhabitants

Human Development Index (HDI): 0,512 (168th out of 189 countries)

Income per capita: 3.309 \$

Year start up activities in the country: 2016

Year of official recognition: 2017

Expat operators in2020: 7 (2 M, 5 F)

Trainees: 1 (F)

Expenses incurred in 2021: 1.309.211 euro



PROJECTS AREAS

- Education, training, and socio-professional integration
- Migration and development
- Strengthening of CSOs and other development actors

GOALS 2021
Promote opportunities and favourable conditions for <i>lifelong learning</i> and work for disadvantaged and in vulnerable situation young people
Promote education and job opportunities in situations of crisis and emergency and for migrants and refugees
Promote strengthening of partnership and development of the capabilities of operators, CSOs and institutions

VIS IN SENEGAL

2021 saw the closure of the two projects funded by AICS that have allowed VIS a good positioning in Senegal in its intervention areas (migration, skills development, and socio-professional integration). Thanks to the activities developed and the positioning obtained, VIS also had the opportunity to accompany the Spanish cooperation and the General Directorate for the Support of Senegalese Abroad in the definition of the manual for the management of financing funds for income-generating activities envisaged within the project "Gouvernance, Migration et Développement" funded by the EU. This consultancy not only made it possible to strengthen VIS positioning in the socio-economic field, but also to weave a series of relationships with all the regional development agencies of the 14 regions of Senegal and to strengthen the dialogue with the Senegalese Ministry of Foreign Affairs. The level of knowledge of the local context, the political and institutional dynamics, and the institutions themselves has increased, making the relationship with the reference institutions more fruitful.

At the programmatic level, VIS continues to work in the areas of migration and development, as well as in those of technical-vocational training and job placement. The issue of undocumented migration remains central to most partner and donor strategies.

INTERVENTIONS AND RESULTS

Education, training, and socio-professional integration

916 recipients trained through formal and non-formal vocational courses.

1.512 young people supported in their income generating activities thanks to the funds received through the local development fund (LDF).

57 young people supported in the start-up of their income generating activities.

3 Training centers (Thies, Tambacounda, Kaolack) have improved their structures and/or training offer.

671 young people have participated in modular basic and continuous training in line with the needs of the companies of the Kaolack region.

172 young people trained in vocational pathways in Tambacounda region.

27 young people entered stage pathways in companies of the Tambacounda region.

Migration and development

6 migrants benefited of the RVA program.

17.091 young students (boys and girls) informed and aware of the risks of undocumented migration and on training opportunities in Senegal.

19.916 persons informed and aware of the risks of undocumented migration and on job opportunities in Senegal.

1.567 return migrants identified in Tambacounda and Kaolack regions.

25 persons received training in Italian language.

Strengthening of CSOs and other development actors

104 persons involved in capacity building pathways at LA.

DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS FUNDED BY PUBLIC DONORS	EXPENSES INCURRED (IN €)	DONORS
<i>Vivre et réussir chez moi</i> - Local development and territorialization of migration policies in Senegal	498.325	AICS/MAECI
Support to vocational training and work inclusion of in vulnerable situation youth and women in the regions of Kaolack and Tambacounda	12.259	Regione Lazio
DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS FUNDED BY PRIVATE DONORS		
<i>Free to leave, free to stay</i> Support to vocational training and work inclusion of in vulnerable situation youth and women in the regions of Kaolack and Tambacounda	132.117	CEI 8x1000
Support to Development Senegal	27.442	Private donors
EMERGENCY PROJECTS FUNDED BY PUBLIC DONORS		
<i>Invest on the Future</i> – protection, training and labour of return migrants, potential migrants and unaccompanied minor migrants Senegal, Gambia, and Guinea Bissau	635.678	AICS/MAECI
SAD PROJECTS		
Project Talibè	3.390	Private donors

Assessment

During the year, the independent consultancy firm STEM-ACR carried out the final evaluation of the first emergency project activated in Senegal in favour of refugees, migrants, and local populations in situation of vulnerability. The project was part of an emergency initiative which included 7 projects co-financed by the DGCS/AICS between Senegal, Mali, Guinea, and Guinea Bissau. The objective of the evaluation was to verify the relevance, coherence, efficiency and effectiveness, impact, sustainability, and visibility of the initiative, as well as identify good practices implemented among cross-border projects. It should be noted that, among the 7 NGOs involved in the initiative, VIS was the only NGO to receive positive judgments in every area of analysis. Among the best practices, the market study on vocational training carried out in VIS project was highlighted. To consult the document <https://www.volint.it/vis-nel-mondo/senegal>.

PROSPECTS 2022

- Include the topic integral ecology and ecological transition in the various migration, training, and job placement programs.
- Include the topic food security transition in the various migration, training, and job placement programs.
- Broaden the child protection activities above all through improving access to education and supporting informal education pathways.
- Foster girls and young women access to training pathways and economic independence.

2.4 INTERVENTION IN THE MIDDLE EAST

EGYPT

Capital: Cairo

Population: 120.800.000 inhabitants

Human Development Index (HDI): 0,707 (116th out of 189 countries)

Income per capita: 11.466 \$

Year start up activities in the country: 2009

Expat operators : 1 (M)

Trainees: 1 (M)

Expenses incurred in 2021: 94.051 euro



PROJECTS AREAS

- Education, training, and socio-professional integration
- Strengthening of CSOs and other development actors
- Migration and development

GOALS 2021
Continue to strengthen the area of pre-departure training for migrants.

VIS IN EGYPT

During 2021, notwithstanding the difficulties linked with the covid-19 pandemic, it has been possible to implement various training activities in the Salesian technical schools and vocational centers in Cairo and Alexandria. In addition, training pathways for teachers and educators have been organized to guarantee the continuous improvement of the training offer.

Secondly, courses in Italian language within the FAMI project were organized, directed to Egyptian citizens applying for family reunification with relatives in Italy.

Within the PDO VIS, through its expat operator (coordinator and focal point for the projects above indicated), has continued to provide support in attaining a development approach and strengthening of the capacity of designing and managing projects. This has permitted to continue exploring new opportunities to develop and define new project proposals in continuation of the action already implemented in the training and migration sectors. In addition, a consolidation process of the network of contacts with donors and partners (UNHCR, IECD, Caritas Alexandria) has been carried on.

INTERVENTIONS AND RESULTS

Education, training, and socio-professional integration

30 teachers through a pedagogical path, 5 in CNC mechanics and 2 in electronics.

Migration and development

The lack of family reunification applications with our diplomatic and consular authorities - due to the pandemic - was the main cause of the lack of results.

DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS FUNDED BY PRIVATE DONORS	EXPENSES INCURRED (IN €)	DONORS
<i>Youth employment promotion in Egypt through training, innovation, and synergy with the market</i>	85.537	Private donors
OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR COUNTRY MANAGEMENT	8.515	Private donors

PROSPECTS 2022

- Strengthen VIS presence through starting the procedures for registration in the country and a new organizational structure jointly with the PDO.
- Strengthening of the two technical-vocational schools in Cairo and Alexandria.
- Implementation of feasibility studies for new project proposals.



PALESTINE

Capital: East Jerusalem and Ramallah

Population: 4.900.000 inhabitants

Human Development Index (HDI): 0,690 (119th out of 189 countries)⁴

Income per capita: 5.314 \$

Year start up activities in the country: 1987

Year of official recognition: 2010 in Palestine, 2009 in Israel

Expat operators in 2021: 5 (3 M, 2 F)

Civil service volunteers: 1 (F)

Expenses incurred in 2021: 997.316 euro



PROJECTS AREAS

- Environment
- Education, training, and socio-professional integration
- Child and youth protection
- Strengthening of CSOs and other development actors

GOALS 2021
Increase the employability of low skilled Palestinian youth and women through strengthening of technical and vocational training and the introduction of “ <i>Start your business training</i> ” – and the offer of qualifying training course in the leading sectors of the local market.
Continue to encourage the development of new start-ups / commercial and social enterprises and increase the dissemination of social business through the offer of specific training, incubation and activation services.
Strengthen and promote the new master's degree in Governance and Administration in the public sector (MGAPS) co-managed by VIS and the University of Bethlehem.
Consolidate VIS action in area C through emergency interventions and in protracted crises in favour of the children in the situations of most vulnerability.
Promote the recovery of community green areas for the use of local families (Cremisan).
Strengthen the environmental/economic and social sustainability of the Governorate of Bethlehem.

VIS IN PALESTINE

VIS is present in Palestine since more than 30 years. During this long period which has been characterized by many changes in the political, social, economic, and institutional scenarios, VIS has grown a lot. It has adjusted its work to the changed needs of the Palestinian population, together with whom it has never stopped operating.

The sectors in which VIS presently is engaged are many: technical-vocational training and job start, local economic development, *capacity building* of Las and high-level training.

Projects are implemented together with different local partners, starting from the Salesians of Don Bosco first partner in the country, the University of Bethlehem, the local authorities, Italian and international NGOs, Italian Universities, and companies, etc. VIS is active in Palestine also through SAD to support socio-educational activities of the Salesians of Bethlehem.

INTERVENTIONS AND RESULTS

Environment

The incubation/activation process of 7 start-ups linked to the renewable energy sector and environmental sustainability ended with success.

Conducted a study on the agrobiodiversity of the Cremisan Valley together with the Natural History Museum of the University of Bethlehem.

Contribution to install another 50 kW of photovoltaic panels on the Bethlehem bus station.

⁴ UNDP 2019 data. 2020 data not available.

Contribution to disseminate and promote the new energy plan of the city of Bethlehem.
 Contribution to replace the public lighting devices on the two streets adjacent to Manger Square, by purchasing 48 new low-consumption LED lamps.
 Encourage the recovery of an important green area at the Cremisan Monastery.

Education, training, and socio-professional integration

700 young people, women and NEETs participated in events for the promotion and start-up of micro and small commercial and social enterprises.
 80 young NEETs reached by training.
 300 young people, women and NEETs benefited from targeted career guidance services by specialized staff.
 35.000 people reached by advocacy / campaign on social business.
 Launched the first edition of the master's degree in Public Administration Management (MGAPS).



Child and youth protection

Implementation of a new feasibility study for the design of the third phase of the program on education in emergency in favour of the schools that are in marginalized and at-risk areas.
 Elaboration and presentation to AICS of a new project proposal for the implementation of the third phase of the program on education in emergency.

Strengthening of CSOs and other development actors

A training course on social business has been created for 9 teachers of the Faculty of Business Administration of the University of Bethlehem aimed at strengthening the strategic plan of the Yunus Social Business Centre. Supported the development of three research projects on social enterprises and social business in Palestine in collaboration with the Universities of Florence and Bethlehem.
 Implemented with success the first year of a new project to promote the socio-economic integration of Christian minorities in the Holy Land through the protection of the artistic, gastronomic, and environmental heritage.

DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS FUNDED BY PUBLIC DONORS	EXPENSES INCURRED (IN €)	DONORS
NUR (<i>New Urban Resources</i>). Renewable energy for Bethlehem	42.182	Comune di Torino
Management and control system of the urban growth for the development of the heritage and life improvement of Bethlehem – 3D Bethlehem	2.256	Comune di Pavia
<i>Start Your Business!</i> Creation of <i>start-ups</i> , development of technical skills and socio-economic promotion of young people and women in situations of vulnerability in Palestine	500.051	AICS/MAECI
We young people in Palestine: new opportunities for integration and employment for young Palestinian people in situations of vulnerability	22.338	AICS/MAECI
Socio-economic integration of Christian minorities in the Holy Land through the safeguard of the local art, food and environmental heritage	294.247	AICS/MAECI

DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS FUNDED BY PRIVATE DONORS		
Organization and start of the MGAPS at the University of Palestine	32.208	CEI 8x1000
Promotion of the use of schools in the areas H2 as community centers out of school hours	1.900	Private donors
NUR project	1.212	Private donors
EMERGENCY PROJECTS FUNDED BY PUBLIC DONORS		
<i>Child Friendly Schools</i> : emergency project the protection of children of the vulnerable communities of the C area and H2 (West Bank), through the refurbishing and adjustment of school buildings and interventions of psycho-social support	59.485	AICS Gerusalemme
Child-friendly schools: integrated intervention to increase student resilience in Palestinian schools	34.824	AICS Gerusalemme
OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR COUNTRY MANAGEMENT		
	8.412	Private donors

PROSPECTS 2022

- Continue to strengthen the training offer of the Vocational Training Center of the Salesians of Bethlehem, always taking into due consideration new emerging needs and the integration of female students.
- Strengthen the positioning of VIS on gender mainstream and women economic empowerment.
- Continue to support local economic development/economic empowerment through the creation of traditional businesses and social businesses and ensuring a follow-up and support process for them for a further year.
- Launch the second officially accredited edition of the master's in governance & Administration in the Public Sector with the University of Bethlehem and ensure its more effective promotion.
- Renew and strengthen the MICAD (master's in development cooperation).
- Implement the third phase of the "Child Friendly Schools" a program in emergency education in favour of schools in marginalized areas.
- Conduct a feasibility study for the development of a new two-year project on the line of LRRD (Linking Relief Rehabilitation and Development) related to mental health and psycho-social support.

2.5 INTERVENTIONS IN EUROPE

ALBANIA

Capital: Tirana
Population: 2.800.000 inhabitants
Human Development Index (HDI): 0,795 (69th out of 189 countries)
Income per capita: 13.997 \$
Year start up activities in the country: 1994
Year of official recognition: 2002
Expat operators in 2021: 4 (2 M, 2 F)
Civil service volunteers: 4 (2 M, 2 F)
Trainees: 1 (F)
Expenses incurred in 2021: 531.580 euro



PROJECTS AREAS

- Environment
- Education, training, and socio-professional integration
- Emergency
- Strengthening of CSOs and other development actors

GOALS 2021
Broaden the promotion of opportunities and favourable conditions for the <i>lifelong learning and labour of disadvantaged and in situation of vulnerability youth</i>
Foster strengthening of partnerships and the development of the capabilities of operators, CSOs and institutions
Foster good practices in the environmental domain, stimulating the participation of the community and the private world in activating opportunities for the care of the environment also without the support of the public administration
Foster exchanges and education towards human and community development
Define eventual new topics to focus on connected with the strategic planning of the Salesians

IL VIS IN ALBANIA

VIS in Albania is active from 1994 and from 2009 is implementing development and support interventions for rural and mountain communities in the North. This engagement started since more than ten years, characterized by three important three-year projects funded by the Italian cooperation and two by the EU in the territory of Malësi e Madhe, contributed to affirming VIS as important referral in rural development and confirmed its geographic grounding in the North of the country. Such width of action has confirmed and broadened the collaboration and role within the national and international *networks*. In addition, thanks to the present ongoing intervention, *Zana e Maleve – Youth and territory*, VIS is expanding its focus also to young people and the social sector and to the services for the communities.

In 2021, what started in the previous year in the environmental protection sector has been further developed with 3 new projects dedicated to it and 2 other projects with a specific focus on Lake Scutari and the community of small fishermen; relations with Caritas Italia and Caritas Albania were consolidated in the implementation of a project for young people in Klos (rural area in the north-east of Albania) and the support action for families affected by the earthquake of end of November 2019.

INTERVENTIONS AND RESULTS

Environment

120 children involved in a circular economy and recycling school camp at the Primary School in Vraka (Malësi and Madhe).

1.000 families from Malësi and Madhe have received and use adequate tools for waste collection and sorting.

2 typical products included in the Albanian list of local geographical indications (Mishavine mountain cheese and wild blueberries from Kelmend).

4 support grants launched for associations active in the environmental field in the Scutari region.

3 technical assistance missions carried out by the University of Trento to assist the administrations of the protected areas in the correct long-term management of the natural heritage.

Strengthening of the young people and teachers of Klos awareness about the territorial enhancement and environmental protection.

Joint approval together with the Education Office in Klos, of a campaign for environmental protection and recycling with the local school (to be developed in 2022).

Education, training, and socio-professional integration

The first pilot course for local development agent with 15 participants who were eligible was concluded and the recognition process with the competent ministries was initiated.

27 disadvantaged young people have had access to the work grants.

36 tour operators certified for HACCP and 5 trained and supported in the compilation of the pertinent manual.

3 certified guides to offer a bird watching service in Lake Scutari.

30 children from Bubq improved their English skills thanks to a training course.

Slow Food Dairy Resistance Award ⁵ awarded to the producers of the presidium of Mishavine in Kelmend.

25 new beneficiaries of the Made with Italy ethical brand awarded and assisted in their marketing strategies.

Emergency

34 families heavily affected by the earthquake assisted with housing assistance and animation in the administrative unit of Bubq for a total of about 260 direct beneficiaries.

Strengthening of CSOs and other development actors

Strengthen the analysis and management skills of 15 local CSOs active in the environmental field.

330 economic operators had access to direct financial support mechanisms (303 microcredits, 27 mini-grants).

30 primary services activated from the start of the project following the consultations with local communities.

The visibility and promotion of the target territories improved (thanks also to the visit of the Italian economic partners and the Albanian diaspora to the producers and areas where VIS is active).

The process for registering with 217 territorial parcels in Gruemire (Malësi e Madhe) area was started.

DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS FUNDED BY PUBLIC DONORS	EXPENSES INCURRED (IN €)	DONORS
<i>Zana e Maleve</i> – Youth and territory: roots of a community moving towards the European integration	359.419	AICS/MAECI
E-MOTION: School mobilization for the eco-innovation of the Municipality of Klos	8.260	IADSA
Green CoAL-Ition- Eco-sustainable development of the natural capital of the mountainous areas of Albania	71.434	AICS Tirana
<i>FoRuM: Focussing on Rural Mobilisation in Malesi e Madhe</i>	2.000	EC
DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS FUNDED BY PRIVATE DONORS		
Blue CoAL-Ition- Eco-sustainable development of the natural capital of the coastal areas of Albania	4.055	Private donors

⁵ It is a recognition that Slow Food assigns, at each edition of Cheese, to those shepherds and artisan cheesemakers who reject the shortcuts of modernity and who stubbornly continue to produce cheeses and foods respecting naturalness, tradition, taste.

Green-AL. Strengthening the local CSOs for an innovative protection of the environment in Albania	12.042	Private donors
D.I.A.S.P.O.R.A. Development of Italian-Albanian synergies for the promotion of the local craft ship	28.119	Private donors
LILA - Sustainable strategy for the development of Lake Scutari through the involvement of the local communities	3.518	Private donors
Sustainable strategy for the development of Lake Scutari through the involvement of the local communities	756	Private donors
Project microcredit rural areas	31.740	Private donors
Project to support rural communities	2.853	Private donors
EMERGENCY PROJECTS FUNDED BY PRIVATE DONORS		
Post-earthquake support to the families of Bubq e Mallkuq (Municipality of Kruja)	6.871	Caritas italiana
OTHER EXPENDITURES FOR COUNTRY MANAGEMENT	103	Private donors

Assessment

The final evaluation of the project funded by AICS “Zana and Maleve - Youth and the territory” was started by an independent external consultant at the end of the project. The evaluation, based on the 5 OCDE / CAD criteria (relevance, efficiency, effectiveness, impact and sustainability), will end in the first months of the year 2022.

PROSPECTS 2022

- Strengthen VIS commitment in the social sector, taking care of the volunteer training of young Albanians and the collaboration born with the Caritas of Rreshen and the municipality of Klos.
- Strengthen awareness and participation in the Slow Food network for the northern Albania area.
- Start a collaboration with the Don Bosco Centre of Scutari and Lushnje.
- Start collaborations with new donors such as GIZ and strengthen existing relationships.
- Follow the ministerial recognition of the role of local development agent (ASL) and evaluate future project possibilities in this area with IUSVE and the Agricultural University of Tirana.
- Support the strengthening of the ASL community in Albania.
- Continue the support path for the regularization of land ownership for the Kastrat area.
- Support the planning of specific initiatives for the protected area of Lake Scutari and for the chestnut grove of Reç.
- Launch the scholarship initiative in memory of Pier Paolo Ambrosi.



ITALY – COVID EMERGENCY

Population: 59.000.000 inhabitants

Human Development Index (HDI): 0,892 (29th out of 189 countries)

Income per capita: 42.776 \$

Expenses incurred in 2021: 483.662 euro



PROJECTS AREAS

- Emergency

EMERGENCY PROJECTS FUNDED BY PUBLIC DONORS	EXPENSES INCURRED (IN €)	DONORS
VIS, Salesiani per il Sociale Aps and CNOS FAP response to the covid-19 emergency in Italy	483.662	USAID

CONTESTO OPERATIVO

Italy was one of the first countries hit by the Covid-19 pandemic. During 2021, with the following waves of contagion, the situation has continued to be extremely difficult from sanitary point of view and considering the number of persons who have lost their lives. Besides the seriousness of the health emergency, there are the consequences on an economic, social, and educational level that have generated a huge impact especially on the segments of the population in the most vulnerable situations. For this reason, the project “*The answer of VIS, the Salesiani per il Sociale Aps and CNOS FAP to the Covid-19 emergency in Italy*” was launched.

Thanks to an integrated strategy, the project has been able to reach some of the categories of people mostly hit by the consequences of the pandemic and in the most vulnerable situations and at the same time to foster the values of international cooperation, social cohesion, and solidarity among the States, in particular the USA toward Italy. 24.480 are the direct beneficiaries of the project including teachers, students, families, young people, children, migrants, and refugees with interventions involving 16 Italian regions for 15 months. The project foresaw **different training activities** aimed at supporting the period of distance learning that all Italian schools had to deal with and provide means for reflection and analysis of the socio-health situation and its consequences above all for the young people. The activities planned – *web talks*, online courses, digital devices, an educational kit, and a competition for the schools – have allowed students, teachers, and families to face the difficult moment with innovative and original educational tools aimed at facilitating the contextualization and understanding of the complex situation lived in.

GOALS 2021
Foster training, awareness raising and learning pathways for families and teachers
Foster digital learning pathways for students in vulnerable situations
Provide basic services for categories in vulnerable situations

INTERVENTIONS AND RESULTS

Emergency

1.000 educational kits distributed.

1.500 students benefit from training of trainers and new educational guidelines distributed.

44 people attended free online training courses and web talks.

5 recipients sheltered in the first reception center for migrants and refugees.

PROSPECTS 2022

- Continue, strengthen, and further enhance the collaboration and synergy with the various Salesian actors who have allowed this joint response to a crisis of such magnitude.

GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION AND CAMPAIGNING

GOALS 2021

Disseminate initiatives and campaigns aimed at promoting various VIS projects in the world, to raise awareness and educate young people, citizens and adults, and expand the catchment area reached so far.

In particular, the following campaigns were strengthened in 2021: Stop Tratta (linked to the issue of non-discrimination); Bread for Bethlehem and Wine Territories (linked to the activities carried out in Palestine); Emergency Tigray (connected to the internal conflict situation in Ethiopia); #restiamoactive (linked to the covid-19 pandemic in Italy).

GCE activities and campaigning also in 2021 have been strongly influenced by the pandemic.

The campaign resto@attivo, launched in 2020 to provide training opportunities to teachers, parents, young people, children about the relationships and interconnections at the local, national, and international level at the time of covid-19, in the form of digital and free educational tools and pathways, has evolved through the project "VIS, Salesiani per il Sociale Aps and CNOS FAP response to the covid-19 emergency in Italy", funded by USAID. Through this project the following activities have been implemented:

1. Production of an educational kit to help children and young people understand the new world scenario and above all to draw them nearer to issues such as discrimination and inclusion, educating them to think about listening and relating to others.
2. Launch of the #restiamoactive contest - educational proposals and food for thought in the era of the covid-19 emergency in Italy, aimed at primary and secondary schools of first and second grade levels.
3. Distance learning activities, 10 web talks, 4 online courses and 2 video lessons with American experts. The issues covered, from sustainable development to human rights, from international cooperation to intercultural education, were all addressed starting from the pandemic dimension.
4. Awareness raising campaign, using social networks and VIS website.

The role played by some of VIS Presidia in the project must be highlighted, by Nodo sulle Ali del Mondo in Genoa, by VIS Pangea in Salerno and by Don Bosco 2000 in Catania. The activities carried out by the three Presidia concerned both the educational and campaigning component, and others envisaged by the project (distribution of health kits, digital tools to deal with DAD, money cards, etc.).

Furthermore, this project has seen close collaboration with some of VIS main Salesian partners, including CNOS FAP and Salesians for Social (SXS).

Other campaigns

After a year of interruption of other initiatives in the area, in September, *Territori diVini* was re-proposed in Rome, the wine and solidarity awareness event with which VIS captures the attention to its most important projects for several years. The September edition was dedicated to the project in Albania "Zana and Maleve - Youth and territory: roots of a community on the way to integration with the European family", for which the results were presented, and Albanian products tasted together with the Palestinian wines from Cremisan and various Italian wineries. Also, the Bread for Bethlehem campaign continued during the year.

Un Mondo Possibile (A possible world)

VIS historical magazine, a report, education and communication tool in eco-paper and digital format, sent to about 13 thousand subscribers, was produced in three issues also for 2021 and dealt with integral ecology as its main theme.

Twinings

In 2021 there have been two twinning, one between the the schools Calderini Tuccimei of Acilia and the Ecole La sfida of Yaoundé in Camerun and the second one between the school Giuseppina Nicoli and the Shelter Home Doña Chucha in Santo Domingo.

INTERVENTIONS AND RESULTS

7.500 primary and secondary school students of first and second grade were reached through the activities foreseen by the USAID project.

300 teachers trained with the USAID project.

20.000 followers involved in the USAID project awareness campaign.

200 people sensitized with *Territori diVini*.

13 thousand magazine Un Mondo Possible readers.

2 twinnings active between schools in the north and south of the world.

PROGETTI IN CORSO	EXPENSES INCURRED (IN €)	DONORS
VIS, Salesiani per il Sociale Aps and CNOS FAP answer to the covid-19 emergency in Italy	82.000	USAID
Stop Trafficking – I don't discriminate	15.000	Banca d'Italia

PROSPECTS 2022

- Strengthen the coordination and activities among VIS Presidia, also resuming the awareness raising activities on the Italian territory.
- Launch the campaign on integral ecology.

SPECIALIZED AND UNIVERSITY TRAINING

The specialized and university training, in line with EU guidelines and UN standards, represents a tool to increase the effectiveness of project actions and, at the same time, to build a more peaceful, ethical, and supportive civil society. VIS has adopted an inclusive approach in its training, involving the various actors involved in the educational system, public and private, religious, and non-profit organizations, giving impetus to sharing different knowledge, skills, and resources. The contents of the training at any level focus on issues related to the world of cooperation, development, and human rights.

GOALS 2021
Broaden active presence within the university institutions.
Broaden and resume the structure of the training online offer.
Increase the number of users of the Scuola di Alta Formazione VIS through a training offer paid and pro bono.

INTERVENTIONS AND RESULTS

The active presence in the university institutions has been increased thanks to the new collaboration with the Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna of Pisa. In addition to this collaboration, VIS involvement with various universities continued :

- Master's in Cooperation and Development, Università di Pavia: coordination of curriculum, teaching the following modules "Project formulation and writing", "Cooperation challenges in external migration policies", "Orienteering";
- Master's in International Cooperation and Development, Bethlehem University: teaching the following modules "Project cycle management" and "Macroeconomics for development";
- Master's in International Cooperation – major of the master's in Project Management, LUISS Business School (Rome): module "Need assessment and project writing";
- Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna (Pisa), master's in Human Rights, Conflict management, Development cooperation: partnership agreement for carrying out internships in our countries of intervention;
- Università di Cagliari, course within the Master's in Management and monitoring of sustainable tourism: participation in yearly Steering Committee;
- Università di Reggio Calabria, Faculty of Architecture: seminars and tutoring for studies and researched on Architecture in developing countries in which we are present.

Provision of 23 online courses with 340 trained people.

Provision of 3 pro bono online courses within the USAID project with 362 trained people.

Delivery of 5 pro bono web talks within the USAID project with 236 people involved.

Provision of 2 pro bono online master's lessons within the USAID project with 51 people.

In total 30 people were involved in the higher education courses.



PROSPECTS 2022

- Introduction of innovative topics, new types of courses, planning English language in the teaching offer. Request the renewal of the MIUR accreditation for the school year 2022/2023.
- In terms of higher education, the aim is to strengthen VIS contribution to the master's of Pavia, to the LUISS Business School master's, to the master's Scuola Superiore Sant'Anna and to the Pontifical University of San Tommaso d'Aquino in terms of performance, supply and management of internships and strategic planning of teaching. Furthermore, the plan is to strengthen existing partnerships and extend them to other universities to widen the opportunities for exchange, innovation, and mutual growth with respect to the new directions of development cooperation.

During 2020 VIS awareness raising and *campaigning* actions have been mainly concentrated on the campaign *resto@attivo*. The other planned campaigns, ongoing since years, due to the pandemic have been suspended or have undergone a strong delay. Among these *Territori diVini* (events wine-solidarity to raise awareness on VIS activities in Palestine or on other relevant projects), *No Wall in Palestine* (on the issue of occupation in Palestine and on the separation wall) and *Stop Tratta* (on non-discrimination and fight against trafficking in human beings' issues) must be recalled.

The pandemic has not allowed any type of education initiative in the schools nor events in the territories. In 2020 a detailed and participated strategic planning however has been made to relaunch the coordination and the activities of VIS presidia on the national territory. Some of them have actively participated in *resto@ttivo* organizing *web talks* and *webinars*.

At strategic partnerships level related to the actions of this sector, a gradual strengthening of the *partnership* with some structures of the Salesian Family can be highlighted, more specifically with MDB and Don Bosco 2000. With MDB some coordinated fund raising campaigns have been implemented (Angola, Christmas), followed by – in November – the start-up of the process for designing the Tigray emergency campaign in Ethiopia. Together with Don Bosco 2000 two events have been held in Catania for awareness raising and launch of the brand “Beteyà”, a Sicilian *start up* specialized in textile production of garments and clothing accessories with the aim through an ambitious and responsible project to put forward social development and back lawfulness in the Sicilian territory. The events planned for 2020 together with Don Bosco 2000 had to be 5 but due to the pandemic it has been possible to organize only 2 in Catania, in which altogether around 300 persons participated.



COMMUNICATION

VIS communication aims to nurture the relationships with the various target audiences, increase the visibility, recognisability, reputation and transparency of the organization. This is implemented through the multi-channel and integrated online/offline narration of what VIS achieves through projects in foreign countries and in Italy with training, fundraising and GCED activities.

2021 was characterized by the partial rescheduling of activities after a year of strong emergency linked to the pandemic and ended with the Members and Participants Assemblies who appointed the new governance of the organization.

During the year the project "VIS, Salesiani per il Sociale Aps and CNOS FAP answer to the covid-19 emergency in Italy" has continued. The last part of the project which was completed in October has seen a strong communication component on the website where 22 news about the project with stories, updates and outputs were published, many of which were disseminated also through the social channels. The project was reported on various national media; a communication and press mission were organized in Sicily at the association VIS Presidium Don Bosco 2000; lastly, the final event was organized in Rome together with all the partners, involving institutions and journalists, during which the video with the story of the project was shown with stories and testimonies from the territories in which it was implemented.



The project abroad are at the heart of VIS communication: the structure of the new website facilitates this; it possible to enhance the stories of the individual recipients, with a high-impact image and an account in which the protagonists themselves tell their own story in first person: 9 stories were published in 2021, 4 of which about women, which were then disseminated through social channels and the newsletter including a call to donate.

In the "News" section of the website, 117 news were published with updates from projects abroad but also from the Presidia in Italy (Il Nodo sulle Ali del Mondo and VIS Pangea), as well as on institutional activities, advocacy, fundraising and training.

In 2021 a communication and press mission were carried out in Albania together with Huffington Post and RAI 3 (East West section of TG 3). 2021 also saw the continuation of the Ethiopia campaign, Silent Emergency.

The projects are at the center of the media relations (with issues in the national media) and of the communication on the social where, in addition to the historic #FalafelDiNotizie column, which for three years has been reporting on alternate Fridays the culture, traditions, socio-political situation and projects of Palestine, the #AllOmbraDiUnBaobab column on Senegal has been added. 2022 also saw the launch of a new editorial strategy on LinkedIn, to be developed in the coming months.

In November, an extensive institutional communication was implemented through a press release taken up by various national newspapers to inform the various target audiences about the change in VIS heads.

COMMUNICATION TOOLS AND CHANNELS	NUMBER OF USERS
Facebook	22.501 (+6,66%)
Twitter	4.130 (+1,37%)
Linkedin	3.841 (+58,91%)
Newsletter VIS	5.920
Visits to website www.volint.it/anno	90.000 users 180.000 visits
Registered to YouTube	360
Paper magazine Un Mondo Possibile	13.000
Digital magazine Un Mondo Possibile	352
Newsletter dedicated to training courses	10.022

PROSPECTS 2022

- Translation into English of the website.
- Ukraine Emergency Campaign.
- Communication and press mission in a priority country.
- Manual creation of the visual identity of the brand.
- Starting and testing a podcast to talk about projects.
- Opening and development of the official Instagram account strategy.

ADVOCACY

VIS implements advocacy actions directly and through networking with the aim of awareness raising and influencing the institutions that at various levels (national, European, and international) with their actions and decisions can impact on the following specific areas: quantity, quality and effectiveness of international cooperation and fight against poverty, promotion, and protection of the rights of children and quality of education.

Advocacy is carried out taking advantage of the cleavages offered to CSOs by the international systems (UN, Council of Europe, EU) to operate within the institutions to Foster and contribute to the political and social change at national and local levels. VIS, also to fulfil its commitment with its special consultative status ECOSOC with the United Nations, participates in conferences, fora, world summits, prepares supplementary reports to the UN Treaty with particular attention to the new mechanisms set up by the UN Human Rights Council including the UPR – *Universal Periodic Review*, the Agenda 2030 for sustainable development and the connected mechanisms, and the international campaigns.

GOALS 2021
Active participation and strengthening VIS engagement in the networks in which it is present
Strengthening the engagement in the drafting of national/international/Salesian Family documents
Drafting of VIS /Salesian Family internal <i>policy/position papers</i>

INTERVENTIONS AND RESULTS

INSTITUTIONS IN WHICH IT HAS OPERATED	RESULT / OUTPUT	RELAPSE
FRA (European Union Agency for Fundamental Rights)	Compilation of questionnaires on human rights and other international issues and participation in various processing meetings. Collaboration in the creation of questionnaires on migration.	Contributions merged into the creation of 6 FRA reports used at the level of European policies on Member States. ⁶
DBI (Don Bosco International)	Preparation of a policy document about contrasting hate speech, analysed during various meetings of the group of advocacy experts of the Salesian Family, still under review. Participation in the working group for the elaboration of joint Salesian Family actions (possible advocacy training, participation in events, policy papers, etc.). ⁷	Processing of inputs and information on European policies for action at EU level and coordination of related policies within the Salesian Family.
EU Civil Society Platform against Trafficking in Human Beings	Preparation of documents to contribute to the action of EU Directorate General X, in relation to the issues related to trafficking in human beings with reference to Italy.	Elaboration of a joint document of the Italian NGOs of the platform, of comments and observations with respect to the official document of the Italian government.
EUAA (European Union Agency for Asylum; ex EASO)	Preparation of a contribution on the Italy component, in partnership with the DU, SCS, Don Bosco 2000 Committee.	EASO official annual report (now EUAA) disseminated to EU member states. Influence

⁶ Unaccompanied children outside the child protection system – Case study: Pakistani children in Greece December 2021

Human rights cities in the EU: a framework for reinforcing rights locally October 2021

September 2021 update – NHRI accreditation status and mandates September 2021

Protecting civic space in the EU September 2021

Migration: Key fundamental rights concerns – Bulletin 2 – 2021 September 2021

Strong and effective national human rights institutions: challenges, promising practices, and opportunities - Summary January 2021

⁷ Ending states of emergency and restrictions on fundamental freedoms;

Equal access to health care: addressing marginalisation and vulnerability;

Reinforcing economic, social and labour rights, corporate accountability, the decent work agenda and social protection in the post-COVID world.

	EASO annual report (now EUAA) on the Italy component, presented with the participation of the European Commissioner for Home Affairs.	on the Italian Government by shares and change of legislation on the matter.
OHCHR (Office of the High Commissioner for Human Rights), Ginevra	Participation in a study on human rights and their effective and full enjoyment. Study presented to the UN Human Rights Council and included in an official document.	Contribution contained in the document of the UN Human Rights Council, HRC res. 41/19, par. 14.
UN ECOSOC	Drafting, signing and sending to the UN of a Joint Written Statement for the 60th session of the Commission for Social Development (CSocD60) to be held at the United Nations, New York, from 7 to 16 February 2022.	Taken in charge by the Commission for Social Development pending the session to be held in 2022.
Salesian Missions/VIS	Drafting, signing, and sending to the UN of a Joint Written Statement made in dialogue with the Salesian Family for the 60th session of the Commission for Social Development (CSocD60) to be held at the United Nations, New York, from 7 to 16 February 2022.	Taken in charge by the Commission for Social Development pending the session to be held in 2022.
IMADR & TB-Net NGO Network on UN Treaty Bodies	Participation with contribution to the webinar on the role of civil society in the election of the members of the UN Treaty Body. Creation of a joint policy document for the UN, signed by TB-Net NGO Network on UN Treaty Bodies. ⁸	Launch of the Joint Statement at the United Nations, Geneva.
Ministero degli affari esteri e della cooperazione internazionale - AICS	New guidelines published by MAECI (processing process started in 2019).	Adoption of new guidelines by the Government.
22 nd EU-NGO Human Rights Forum	Realization of the report with our input.	Report used for EU action on the matter with respect to Member States including Italy.
Catholic NGO Forum and international working group on human rights and working group Italy/FAO	Participation in the annual Catholic NGO Forum and preparation of specific materials for the various sessions. Report of the Forum of Catholic NGOs containing the results of the work.	Report of the Forum of Catholic NGOs contributing to the repetition by the Catholic Church of the requests drawn up by Catholic civil society.

PROSPECTS 2022

- Preparation of the CRC monitoring report, coordination of the Committee for the promotion and protection of human rights also at the light of the new monitoring report to be launched in anticipation of the next UPR Italy and participation in the reviews of the treaty bodies and UPR of the United Nations which consider Italy (monitoring the action of the Italian government with respect to the UN conventions ratified by Italy).
- Active participation in group networks for CRC, FRA, DBN, DBI, CIDU, ASVIS, EU Antitrafficking Civil Society Platform and EASO.
- Participation as advocacy and human rights experts at the Salesian Family and at the International Forum of Catholic NGOs and the related Italian group.



⁸ TB-Net NGO Network on UN Treaty Bodies: IMADR, CCPR (Center for Civil and Political Rights), Child Rights Connect. The Global Initiative, International Disability Alliance, IWRAP, OMCT (SOS-Torture Network)

UNDOCUMENTED MIGRATION PREVENTION AND MIGRANTS SOCIAL INTEGRATION

The migration issues have been at the center of VIS attention and planning for years, since 2015 when its positioning on migration came out jointly with other institutions belonging to the Salesian Family/Congregation. In countries particularly affected by migratory flows in sub-Saharan Africa, both at East and West and both as countries of origin and of transit, VIS and its partners are present to mitigate the causes of undocumented migration, such as hunger, poverty, lack of opportunities for realization in one's own country, and on the other hand, to offer concrete alternatives for training and work where people live. Another strand is that of pre-departure training for those who decide to leave and are already included in regular migration pathways.

Awareness raising, training, advocacy, research, support to LAs, initiatives to protect the environment are the main channels utilized for our projects

During 2021, in particular, VIS was engaged in the realization of a specific project on pre-departure training in various countries (Egypt, Ethiopia, Ghana, Mali, Nigeria, Senegal, Tunisia): a project financed by the FAMI fund "pre-departure training courses to promote the social and labour integration of regular migrants in Italy" which began in October 2020 and was designed with the aim of responding to the needs of foreign migrants headed to Italy by promoting their social integration and employment, so that the impact of migration would be as positive as possible for migrants and the host community. The spreading of the pandemic has greatly influenced the progress of the project in all the countries involved. The conflict in Ethiopia also influenced and effectively prevented the actions envisaged there from taking place. In 2021 there were attempts to implement possible actions to reach a minimum number of recipients, but unfortunately the external conditions linked to the pandemic have in fact forced to review the entire strategy and reduce the number of recipients requesting family reunification and significantly increase the number of study and internship visa for applicants involved in pre-departure training activities. Reshaping of the activities and budget plan was presented in November 2021 to the FAMI delegated authority and the response was not received by the end of the year. Therefore, up to 31 December the activities were carried out based on the original proposal.

The UNO project also continued in 2021, financed by the ECFA with funds from the Ministry of the Interior (FAMI), to promote RVA and the socio-economic reintegration of adherent return migrants to Nigeria and Senegal and their permanent reintegration into society through the purchase of goods/services for their economic activities and/or support of their training.

In the same context, the third part of the research on the migratory phenomenon in Senegal was finalized; it was carried out in collaboration with the Cirmib of the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart of Brescia, entitled "Investments of the Senegalese diaspora in Italy in the country of origin". Research report - Third research component within the project "Vivre et réussir chez moi - Local development and territorialization of migration policies in Senegal". Finally, an overall and summarizing final report of the three components of the research was drawn up entitled "Migration between training and work. Recommendations for Central and Territorial Institutions. Final report".

INTERVENTIONS AND RESULTS

Implementation of 8 A1 level Italian language courses for family reunification applicants of which: 4 in Senegal for 18 people, 3 in Egypt for 11 people and 1 in Ghana for 2 people.

Carried out 1 capacity building training for 16 job service officers of the vocational training centers in Egypt, Ghana, Mali, Senegal, and Nigeria aimed at the acquisition of specific skills.

Implementation of a survey on the labour market in Italy aimed at developing a training strategy in line with the profiles of the project recipients, with the training systems of the African recipient countries and above all with the demand from Italian companies within the macro-sectors identified.

DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS FUNDED BY PUBLIC DONORS	EXPENSES INCURRED (IN €)	DONORS
"Pre-departure training courses to promote the social and labour integration of regular migrants in Italy"	150.417	Ministero del lavoro AD FAMI
DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS FUNDED BY PRIVATE DONORS		
UNO - Una Nuova Opportunità (A new opportunity)	134.116	ECFA with funds of the Ministry of Interior (FAMI)

PROSPECTS 2022

- As part of the pre-departure training project, based on the remodelling presented, it is planned to carry out 13 Italian language courses for family reunification applicants, 10 professional technical training courses and 13 language training courses.
- The UNO project will end at the beginning of 2022 and now it is not expected that RVA activities will continue.
- The 2022-2027 strategic planning envisages that one of the objectives is dedicated to migration: this shows i.e. great importance given by VIS to the sector and the activities related to it.
- Strengthening of the activities already carried out and the evaluation of new fronts are expected, e.g. the study of climate change and migration.



3. ECONOMIC DIMENSION

In this chapter of the Activities Summary Report the most important elements that make up VIS Income statement and Management report for the year 2021 are provided compared with the previous year. The Financial Statement closed on 31/12/2021 consist of the Balance sheet, the Management report, and the Mission report. The economic and equity data derive from the general and analytical accounting and other information systems of the organization. The Financial Statement was prepared based on the provisions established by the DM of the Ministero del lavoro e delle politiche sociali no. 39 of March 5, 2020 (in implementation of Art. 13 of D.Lgs no. 117/2017, the so-called "Codice del terzo settore- third sector code") and by the accounting standard ETS OIC 35. VIS Financial Statement is subject to statutory audit, in accordance with the provisions of art. 31 of D. lgs. 117/2017, by an auditing company registered in the appropriate register: in this case, the audit is carried out by the company Crowe Bompani SpA, a member of Crowe Global.

3.1 OVERALL FRAMEWORK

The layouts adopted by the 2021 Financial Statement, as well as the drafting principles, are - as specified - those provided for by the Ministerial D. lgs no. 39/2020 and by the accounting standard ETS OIC 35.

Considering the powers associated with the accounting standard, the **Financial Statement and the data presented in this Activities Summary Report show the financial and economic results of the 2021 financial year only and without comparison with the previous one.** Furthermore, due to the prospective application selected by VIS in the preparation of the Financial Statement and due to the excessive cost deriving from the possible adoption hic et nunc of the fair value criterion, the Financial Statement does not estimate the transactions not synallagmatic according to this criterion postponing this calculation to the following exercises. In nutshell, during the financial year 2021, a total of income of € 9.249.807 was achieved and charges incurred for 9.254.439, resulting in a deficit of € 4.631.

COSTS AND CHARGES	2021	INCOME AND REVENUES	2021
A) Costs and charges from <u>general interest activities</u>	9.052.147	Revenues, annuities and income from <u>general interest activities</u>	8.655.110
<i>Surplus /Deficit from general interest activities (+/-)</i>			-397.036
B) Costs and charges from <u>different activities</u>	-	B) Revenues, annuities and income from <u>different activities</u>	-
<i>Surplus /Deficit from different activities (+/-)</i>			-
C) Costs and charges from <u>fundraising activities</u>	67.683	C) Revenues, annuities and income from <u>fundraising activities</u>	537.587
<i>Surplus /Deficit from fundraising activities (+/-)</i>			469.904
Costs and charges from <u>financial and patrimonial activities</u>	6.622	D) Revenues, annuities and income from <u>financial and patrimonial activities</u>	1.064
<i>Surplus /Deficit for financial and patrimonial activities (+/-)</i>			-5.558
E) Costs and charges of <u>general support</u>	84.473	E) Surplus from <u>general support</u>	56.045
Total costs and charges	9.210.926	Total income and revenues	9.249.807
<i>Surplus /Deficit for the year before taxation (+/-)</i>			38.882
Taxation			43.513
<i>Surplus /Deficit for the year (+/-)</i>			-4.631
<i>Figurative costs</i>	<i>2021</i>	<i>Figurative income</i>	<i>2021</i>
1) from general interest activities	-	1) from general interest activities	-
2) from different activities	-	2) from different activities	-

3.2 INCOME AND EXPENDITURES

The following table shows - for each section of income defined by the new income statement format - the composition of the income budget lines which in 2021 record changes determining the result for the year; the attribution to the various sections/budget lines is made on the basis of the relevance of the income made, or rather to the assessment of the activities to which they refer/are intended, of the sources of origin and their nature.

A) Revenues, annuities and income from <u>general interest activities</u>	8.655.110
1) Proceeds from memberships fees and contributions of founders	3.000
4) Liberal disbursements	1.293.184
5) 5 x 1000 income	135.168
6) Contributions from private entities	3.241.438
9) Proceeds from contracts with public bodies	3.874.954
10) Other revenues, income and income	107.366
C) Revenues, annuities and income from <u>fundraising activities</u>	537.587
1) Proceeds from regular fundraising	537.587
D) Revenues, annuities and income from <u>financial and patrimonial activities</u>	1.064
1) From bank accounts	15
5) Other income	1.049
E) Surplus from <u>general support</u>	56.045
2) Other income from general support	56.045
Grand Total	9.249.807

As can be seen, most of the income pertaining to the year, in accordance with the institutional mission of the organization, was registered the section of "Revenues, income and income from general interest activities", because the same income is directly connected to the activities considered as such by the VIS Bylaws.

The income budget lines more significant within this section are those referring to:

- "*Liberal disbursements*", made up of the year income which cannot be classified as fundraising proceeds as not determined by an activity of such nature, revenues deriving from private donors and patrons for the Mission Support (SaM) and from Salesian partners aimed at strategic co-programming and for joint interventions.
- "*Revenues from contracts with public entities*", include all income pertaining to the year from actors of the national administration (e.g. AICS-MAECI, territorial bodies, decentralized cooperation, Ministry of Interior or Labour for FAMI programs, etc.), EU (EuropeAid, ECHO, etc.) and international (international organization, agencies for cooperation of other states, Ministries of target countries, etc.) for the implementation of projects and development interventions, emergency, Global citizenship education (ECG) and other areas pertaining to VIS institutional mission.
- "*Contributions from private entities*", include all income pertaining to the year from initiatives connect to the institutional mission attributable to private institutions such as foundations, 8x1000 of the Catholic or other Church, non-profit private international actors, other NGOs/CSOs or other entities that can be considered as territorial entities as per the Third Sector Code as partners for initiatives and projects that are implemented jointly and funded by public, or private donors, companies, networks, etc.
- "*Other revenues, annuities and income*", the size of which is not comparable to the first items but which are significant as they are represented by the proceeds of the commercial/profit branch of VIS

Scuola di formazione (online and ordinary) and by other revenues linked to the implementation of general interest activities of the organization (e.g. networking or staff in partnership).

The following table shows - for each cost section defined by the new income statement format - the composition of only the items of the expenditures that in 2021 has recorded changes that contribute specifically to the Management report and the result for the year. The attribution to the various sections/budget lines is made on the basis of the relevance of the costs incurred, or rather the recognition of the activities to which they refer to and their nature

A) Costs and charges from <u>general interest activities</u>	9.052.147
2) Services	8.918.616
4) Staff	101.190
7) Different management costs	32.342
C) Costs and charges from <u>fundraising activities</u>	67.683
1) Expenditures for usual fundraising	40.416
3) Other expenditures	27.268
D) Costs and charges from <u>financial and patrimonial activities</u>	6.622
1) On banking reports	6.793
6) Other expenditures	-171
E) Costs and charges of <u>general support</u>	84.473
7) Other expenditures	84.473
Taxation	43.513
Taxes	43.513
Total costs and charges	9.254.439

As can easily be seen from the table, the charges for "Services" in area A) of the "Costs and charges of general interest activities" represent the main cost budget line (equivalent € 8.918.616), as this includes most of the expenditures incurred during the year for the implementation of all VIS institutional activities or general interest activities identified as such by its Bylaws, regardless of their possible commercial nature. We refer to projects and interventions in partner countries for development cooperation, emergency and reconstruction in support of vulnerable groups and Salesian missionary works, but also to actions implemented in Italy or in European partnerships for the GCED and awareness raising, advocacy and networking, summarizing everything that represents the commitment of our NGO compliant and consistent with its institutional mission. This connotation, coherent with the provisions of the Third Sector Code, is the foundation of the inclusion in this area also of the branch of commercial activity (not prevalent) carried out through by VIS training school, devoted precisely to training in the topics and in the various areas relevant to international development cooperation, humanitarian aid, the promotion and protection of human rights, development economics, GCED, etc.

Expenditures of area C) "*Costs and charges of fundraising activities*" total euro 67.683 and include VIS activities implemented to attain donations and financial contributions aimed at finding the financial resources necessary to guarantee and support, where necessary, the pursuit of institutional purposes.

3.3 SOURCE OF ORIGINE OF INCOME

To allow a more analytical and exhaustive analysis of the nature of the revenues procured by VIS, the aggregates of all the revenues reclassified by source of origin are shown in the following table.

INCOME FROM: A) GENERAL INTEREST ACTIVITIES: PUBLIC SOURCES	4.010.122
5) Income from 5 x 1000	135.168
Ministero del Lavoro e delle Politiche Sociali: 5 x 1000	135.168
9) Income from contracts with public entities	3.874.954
AICS - Agenzia Italiana per la Cooperazione allo Sviluppo	2.739.599
EU – European Union	652.301
Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri: 8 x 1000 governmental	16.715
Ministero dell'Interno and Ministero del Lavoro e delle Politiche Sociali: FAMI	169.208
Different public entities (territorial bodies, decentralized cooperation)	56.696
Cooperation agencies of other countries and international organizations	240.435
INCOME FROM: A) GENERAL INTEREST ACTIVITIES: PRIVATE SOURCES	4.644.988
1) Income from membership fees and other contribution from funders	3.000
Membership fees	3.000
4) Erogazioni liberali	1.293.184
Co-programmazione progetti di sviluppo ed emergenza con partner salesiani	490.402
Mission Support (SaM) activities in partner countries	802.782
6) Contributions from private entities	3.241.438
8 x 1000 of the Catholic Church: CEI	930.789
Caritas Italiana	74.168
Different private entities (foundations, networks, partners, other non-profit, companies)	2.071.584
Support to volunteers and cooperation operators in partner countries for activities of other entities	125.038
Insurance reimbursement	110
Contribution to Salesiani per il Sociale for Peace Corps Volunteers	39.749
10) Other revenues, annuities and proceeds	107.366
Networking	11.742
Scuola di Formazione – commercial activity	82.992
Contributions for seconded staff or in partnership	6.702
Reimbursements and contributions from Networks	5.930
INCOME FROM: C) FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES	537.587
1) Income from usual fundraising	537.587
Long Distance Support (SaD)	94.985
Emergency projects, rehabilitation and reconstruction	3.833
Development projects and micro-realizations	233.391
Support to volunteers and expat operators in partner countries for VIS activities	35.284
Other institutional activities in Italy and in partner countries	120.943
School twinnings	309
Fundraising campaigns for programmes	18.843
Corporate project	30.000
INCOME FROM: D+E) OTHER SOURCES	57.109
Financial and patrimonial activities	1.064

Bank accounts income	15
Other income	1.049
Other general support income	56.045
Real estate management income	8.531
Extraordinary income	47.514
TOTAL INCOME 2021	9.249.807

Some notes on the trend of the income with respect to the main sources are offered below:

- Proceeds from public sources in 2021, totalling euro 4.010.122, show a decrease in relation to the previous year as the previous income of such nature was of euro 5.139.025. This change was determined both by the phase of "programmatic transition" outlined above i.e. it was characterized by the end of important initiatives financed by public bodies and by the resulting need to reschedule and restart the processes aimed at approving new interventions, also there have been delaying consequences of the programs in progress caused by the effects of the Sars-Cov2 pandemic and by the conflicts affecting some of VIS target countries. The trend of this item - in the next financial year - will change depending on the actual evolution of the conditions relating to the countries where VIS operates and the outcome of the Calls for proposals in which the organizations participating. The total of proceed from private sources (from general interest activities, fundraising and other non-financial or extraordinary specific sources) have registered a light decrease trend having totalled in 2020 euro 5.288.788 vis-à-vis euro 5.182.575 in 2021 (from areas A + C).
- The result of income from other sources is substantially stable, standing at € 57.109 in 2021.

It must be noted that the contributions obtained from public donors all have specific destination and predefined employment and reporting obligations. In the case of some of the most important funding bodies (e.g. AICS and EU but also international organizations, international agencies and territorial bodies.), procedures also establish that each report is subject to audits carried out by external auditing firms for the purpose of recognizing eligibility of expenditures and greater transparency in the use of the funds received.

3.4 RESOURCE ALLOCATION

GEOGRAPHIC REGION	YEAR 2021		
	INCURRED EXPENDITURES 2021	% ON TOTAL 2021	N. PAESI 2021
Africa	5.296.440	58,51%	14
Latin America	173.358	1,92%	8
Asia	37.720	0,42%	3
Europe	2.398.029	26,49%	2
Middle East	1.146.600	12,67%	3
TOTAL	9.052.147	100,00%	30

3.5 5 X 1000

As per "5 x 1000 income", it must be noted that in 2021 two disbursements of this nature were utilized: the first of euro 71.989, set aside from the previous year, and that of 2021 totalling euro 63.179, for a grand total of euro 135.168.

YEAR	TOTAL IN €	AMOUNT OF PREFERENCES	NUMBER OF PREFERENCES	AVERAGE IN €
2019	71.988,71	69.847	1.490	46,88
2020	63.179,41	61.099	1.301	46,96

On this point, it is noted that the trend of the disbursements assigned to the organization in this capacity in recent years has been decreasing, above all because of the strong competition not only with the other non-profit actors benefiting from the 5 x 1000, but also with other entities belonging to the varied composition of the Salesian Family in Italy at national and local level.

Below is breakdown reporting the uses of the 5 x 1000 for the year 2021:

DESCRIPTION USE 5x1000: EXPENDITURES 01/01 – 30/06/2021	VALUE €
Part of the expenses incurred for an employee dedicated to the coordination of international volunteering activities: Peace Corps Service, CCP, stages, internships, etc.	12.619,53
Part of the expenses incurred for two employees assigned to administrative services and staff management	23.040,86
Costs for Head Office cleaning	7.320,00
Part of the costs for labour consultancy and payroll processing	4.131,33
Part of the fees for technical-IT assistance, IT equipment rental, photocopiers, system and telephone switchboard	21.396,99
Part of the costs for internet subscriptions	3.480,02
Total income/expenditure	71.988,71
DESCRIPTION USE 5x1000: EXPENDITURES 01/07 – 31/12/2021	VALUE €
Part of the expenses incurred for an employee dedicated to the coordination of international volunteering activities: Peace Corps Service, CCP, stages, internships, etc.	9.448,47
Part of the expenses incurred for two employees assigned to administrative services and staff management	19.092,95
Costs for Head Office cleaning	7.104,26
Part of the costs for labour consultancy and payroll processing	12.468,77
Part of the fees for technical-IT assistance, IT equipment rental, photocopiers, system and telephone switchboard	12.329,04
Part of the costs for internet subscriptions	2.735,92
Total income/expenditure	63.179,41

3.6 FUND RAISING: NEW CLASSIFICATION CRITERIA AND ECONOMIC RESULTS

As already specified, the Financial Statement was prepared based on the provisions established by the DM of the Ministry of Labour and Social Policies no. 39 of March 5, 2020 (in implementation of Art. 13 of D.Ls. no. 117/2017) and by the accounting standard ETS OIC 35. Based on the new criteria, the income that until last year was ascribed (by nature sources of origin and by managerial-organizational area of competence) to fundraising activities, was in 2021 reclassified under area A) of activities of general interest (as defined by the Codice del Terzo Settore and identified by VIS Bylaws) and area C), that of fundraising activities, including in the item "*Proceeds from regular fundraising*", all the revenues destined for SAD (both the generic one and that destined to target countries and specific programs), development and emergency interventions (both of significant size and micro-realizations), twinning between Italian schools and partner countries, support for the organisation's operators. Although these proceeds are mainly used in the activities of general interest provided for by the articles of association (and therefore cover the related charges), they are placed in the fundraising section/budget line because they can reasonably be considered as determined/solicited by the

effects of the activities carried out by VIS communication, fundraising and, above all, relationships with private donors and benefactors of various kinds.

REVENUES, ANNUITIES AND INCOME FROM FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES	Value as per 31/12/2021
Proceeds from regular fundraising	537.587
TOTAL REVENUES, ANNUITIES AND INCOME FROM FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES	537.587

The income strictly considered and determined by fundraising activities, equal to 537.587 euros, constitutes 6% of the total income of the organization, net of financial /equity and general support income, equal to 9.192.697 euros (i.e. A + C).

VIS fundraising activities and tools is contained in the Activities Summary Report.

It appears appropriate to note the existing correlation between the balance of the Costs and charges and the Income from general interest activities (area A) on one side and the balance of the Costs and charges and the Income from fundraising activities on the other:

A) COSTS AND CHARGES FOR GENERAL INTEREST ACTIVITIES	9.052.147
A) REVENUES, ANNUITIES AND INCOME FROM GENERAL INTEREST ACTIVITIES	8.655.110
SURPLUS/DEFICIT ACTIVITY A	- 397.036
Revenues, annuities and income from general interest activities	
C) COSTS AND CHARGES FOR FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES	67.683
C) REVENUES, ANNUITIES AND INCOME FROM FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES	537.587
SURPLUS/DEFICIT ACTIVITY C	+ 469.904

The comparison between income and expenditures relating to the same areas (A and C) of the Management Report shows a deficit of 397.036 euros in the first (general interest activities), while a surplus of 469.904 euros in the fundraising area. These findings first of all reveal that the surplus of resources found through fundraising (i.e. the surplus of C) is primarily intended for general interest activities (i.e. the charges of A) and, only to a lesser extent, it supports other costs.

This case contributes to determining the size of the section of general support charges (referred to in area E) equal to EUR 84.473. Therefore, the campaigns and permanent fundraising activities promoted by the organization have allowed to find additional resources with respect to the costs directly associated with their implementation and fundamental for the financing of activities of general interest and for the maintenance and operation of the entire structure.

Lastly it must be highlighted that Area A includes resources for general expenditures (equal to euro 409.841) for projects funded by institutional donors to which they correspond, by correlation on the side of charges, to costs of the same nature. This case contributes to determining the size of the section of general support charges (referred to in area E) equal to EUR 84.473.



4. ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

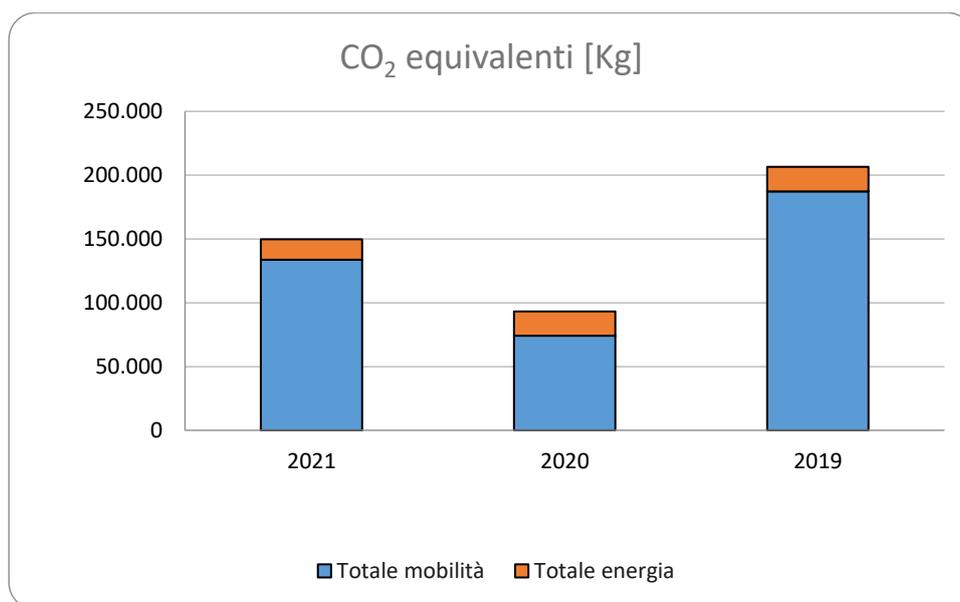
Relevance of the theme for VIS

Attention to the environment and environmental management, understood both as a concern for environmental sustainability and as an enhancement of natural capital and ecosystem services, is a theme that VIS defines as a priority, albeit in the process of maturing as a general policy. The approach adopted by the organization is now widely used by environmental mainstreaming, i.e. the cross-cutting integration of environmental aspects and impacts, which must characterize all types of projects and initiatives undertaken. The ethical background in which is incorporated VIS commitment to promoting environmental sustainability is integral ecology, an approach well described and urged by Pope Francis in the encyclical *Laudato si'*.

VIS educational mission, which aims to promote the economic and social well-being of peoples, the most disadvantaged, cannot therefore neglect the attention to the environmental dimension of development activities, which have a direct impact on the health of our "Common home" and on the quality of life of all human beings, with greater effects in developing countries.

Data on VIS environmental impact

VIS staff mobility and the consumption of electricity and heating are the elements that have the greatest impact on the environmental impact directly determined by VIS activities.



Overall, greenhouse gas emissions in 2021 amounted to 149.6 tons, with an increase of 60.4% compared to 2020 and a decrease of 27.5% compared to 2019.

Emissions related to mobility are increasing compared to 2020, a variation that reflects the resumption of many activities after the most critical period of the covid-19 pandemic, while compared to 2019 they are globally comparable (in the case of road transport) or lower (air mobility).

Regarding energy consumption, there was a global increase compared to both 2020 and 2019, also linked to the resumption of various activities, while a decrease in consumption was recorded only for Italy and Palestine.

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