

VOLONTARIATO INTERNAZIONALE  
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# INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERING FOR DEVELOPMENT



We are a Non-Governmental Organization (NGO) working in development cooperation and international solidarity besides being an educational agency promoting awareness raising activities, education, development and global citizenship training.

Established in 1986, we are inspired by the message of Don Giovanni Bosco and his preventive educational system, the key to human rights promotion and overcome injustice and inequality, still present today in Italy and in the world.

*“Together for a possible world”* voices our goal to improve the living conditions of vulnerable children, boys and girls, young people and their communities, creating partnerships and networks in Italy, in Europe and in the rest of the world, as we are convinced the fight against the root causes of extreme poverty is through education and training.

We are a civil society organization (CSO) accredited by the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS), with ECOSOC special consultative status at the United Nations Economic and Social Council, member of the European Fundamental Rights Platform, of the EU Civil Society Platform against Trafficking in Human Beings and partner of the European Commission Humanitarian Office – ECHO.

We are also members of Don Bosco Network – DBN, the international network of Salesian inspired NGOs, engaged in the promotion of sustainable development and human rights protection of the most vulnerable and poor young people, besides participating in numerous national and international networks active in cooperation such as the Coordinamento Italiano ONG Internazionali (CINI).

**Our vision** conceives a world where every person can fully enjoy his/her rights and participate with dignity and actively in the life of the community favouring his/her development.

**Our mission** is to promote the development and strengthen each person’s capabilities – as individual and as member of a community – with particular attention to the most disadvantaged and vulnerable young people, providing them with education, training and employment opportunities as well as tools for the promotion and protection of their rights.

# PROJECTS IN COUNTRIES OF THE SOUTH OF THE WORLD

We are active in many countries through **development, emergency, long-distance support** and **support to the Salesian missions' projects**. Our interventions are oriented towards the local community's development, mainly in favour of children and youth in poverty, disadvantage and discomfort.

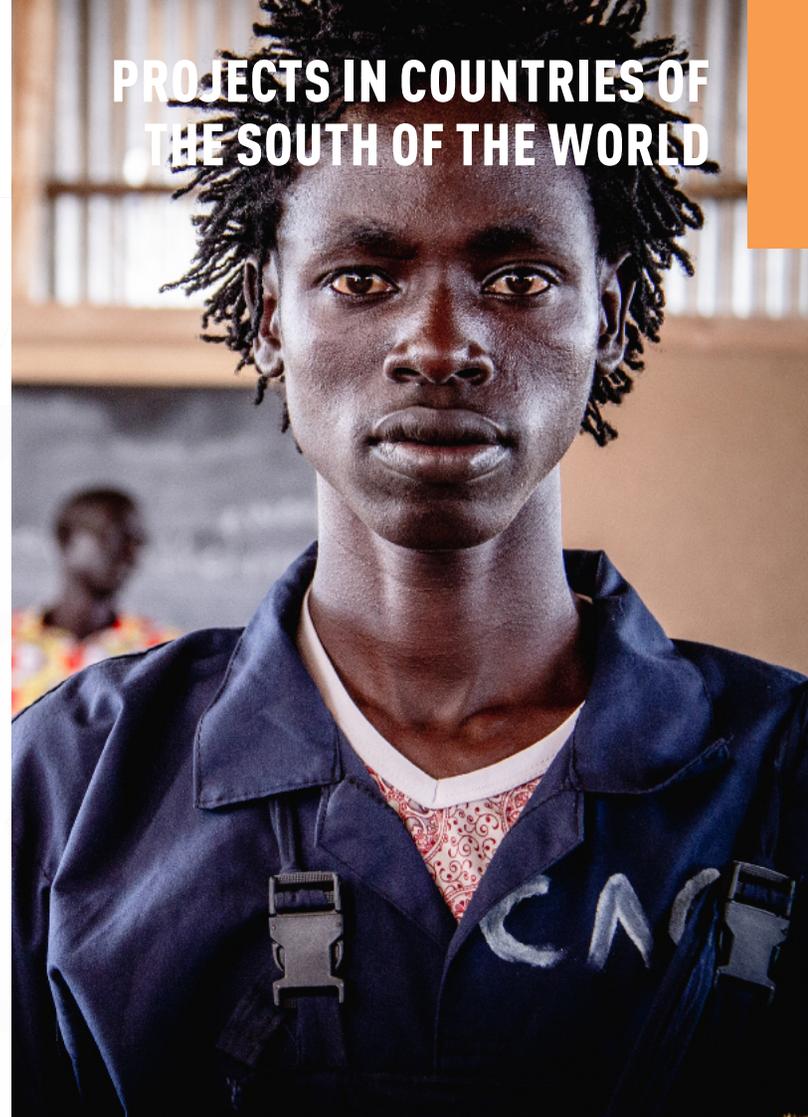
We operate in 40 countries around the world, focusing our engagement above all in Sub-Sahara Africa and in the countries bordering the Mediterranean Sea.

Intervention cross-cutting factors:

- HRBA – Human Rights Based Approach, applied in design, implementation and evaluation of interventions;
- capacity and institutional building activities with the aim of “capacitating and empowering” the actors and recipients involved in our initiatives.

Our projects are characterized by the presence of our expatriate experts and international volunteers, a structured collaboration built up with the local partners rooted in the contexts of intervention and the type of action beneficiaries and recipients, perceived as active subjects and rights holders. Our intervention is mainly based on education as a key factor for human development, a fundamental right *per se*, but also a means through which attain the other rights, with the aim of widening knowledge, possibilities, equal opportunities and exceed discrimination including gender.

Also, **long-distance support projects (SaD)** are included among our interventions. These have at their center the rights of the children and youth, characterized by the fact that they are not directed towards the single child but rather to the entire group of children or adolescents, sheltered and followed in centers and communities where they are all supported in the same way.



Main fields of intervention:



**Education, vocational training and labor access**



**Child Protection**



**Environment, water and health**



**Capacity building and upgrading of actors and local partners**



**Migration and development**



**Emergency and humanitarian aid**

The interventions are carried out thanks to the support of public institutions, such as the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation and the European Commission, or private entities, such as foundations, companies and individual citizens involved through fundraising activities.



Education and training are at the centre of our action also in activities implemented in Italy. We promote **Awareness-raising** and **Global Citizenship Education campaigns** targeted towards civil society in particular to schools, teachers and young people. Through advocacy and human rights we aim at influencing institutions to be always more oriented towards the promotion and protection of human rights. Through **twinning** with schools of the South of the World, innovative, multimedia and digital didactic proposals and local events we want students and citizens to become aware and responsible about the deep imbalances still existing today between the North and South of the world and within our same cities. These activities intend to spur a change in attitude, vision and lifestyles and orientate towards sustainability.

Our actions are implemented also thanks to the support of our Territorial Presidia, representing the commitment of our volunteers and supporters in the territory through education, awareness raising, reception and integration initiatives for migrants carried out with other Salesian organizations in different Italian regions.

Our education and training activities are also performed through our **Training Center for Human Development** offering online and in presence courses aimed at disseminating a culture of cooperation and international solidarity and providing professional skills to those who wish to work in this sector or desire to keep themselves up to date. The Centre avails itself of teachers from different universities, companies and institutions, applying a didactic methodology based on collaborative learning and shared knowledge construction. We also promote specialist training in the field of international cooperation by actively participating in various **Masters**, including the *Cooperation and Development Master* at the University of Pavia, with whom we have launched the international grid *Cooperation and Development Network* ([www.cooperationdevelopment.org](http://www.cooperationdevelopment.org)), associated with several universities in the South of the World: Palestine, Colombia, Kenya and Nepal.

## HOW TO SUPPORT US

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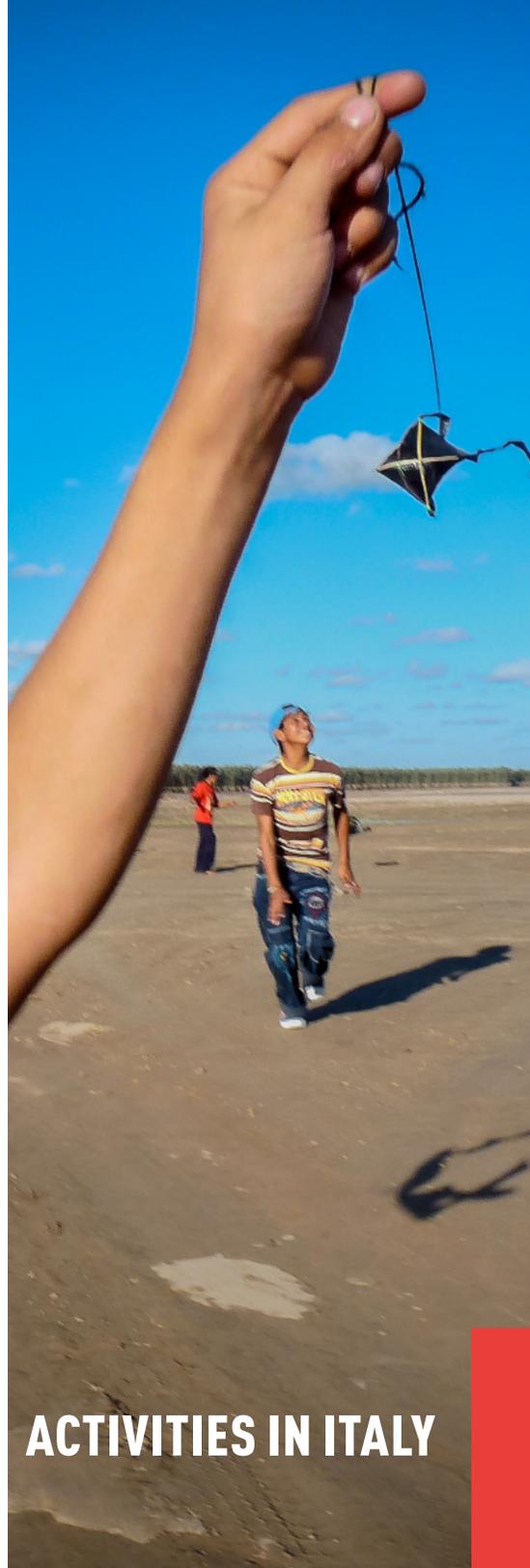
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## ACTIVITIES IN ITALY

### GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION

With projects aimed at young people, teachers and public opinion

### TRAINING

With courses aimed at whoever wants to work in the cooperation and non-profit domains

### AWARENESS-RAISING

Through campaigns on sustainable development, peace and social justice

### SOLIDARITY TWINNING

To facilitate the encounter between Italian schools and schools of the South of the world

### PRESENCE ON THE TERRITORY

Thanks to the volunteers of the Presidia who carry out initiatives and projects at the local level

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#### **INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION PROJECTS**

In about 40 countries in the world, with education and vocational training at the centre

#### **INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY**

To build up a global partnership in favor of the most vulnerable populations, in particular young people

#### **INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERING**

With young people who choose to dedicate a period of their lives to others

#### **HUMAN RIGHTS AND ADVOCACY**

On which all our activities are based, to give voice to the poorest and most vulnerable

#### **LONG DISTANCE SUPPORT**

Targeted to in vulnerability and poverty children communities

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