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in "Canton Ticino"**

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*Dear friend
of COOPI Suisse,*

The year 2016 showed good results!

*Reading through the pages of this report,
you will see the projects that you have made
possible and above all, you will get to know
the people who we were able to reach and
help. Behind the words you are going to
read, you will see the faces of thousands of
beneficiaries: little school children from the
Central African Republic who can continue with
their education, protected and safe from militia
attacks; mothers and fathers who work as
farmers and that have obtained the best harvest
in years, allowing them and their families to
eat regularly, as well as store some of the crops
for supply; farmers that now know where to let
their herds, their only source of income, drink
and rest unendangered by droughts.*

***Yes, 2016 was a year of good results, thanks
to your continuous support and for making it
possible.***

*Thank you for having changed the story of so
many people who have freed themselves from
poverty and who can now lead a dignified life.*

*Our best wishes to you and we hope you will
enjoy the contents of the following pages.*



Carla Ricci

President and founder member

History changed in 2016



Malnutrition Goal
29.192 children
were helped in 2016



Protection Goal
4.534 children were
helped in 2016



Contribution of COOPI Suisse >
668 children in the Central African
Republic, started in 2016, funds
forwarded in 2017



Food security goal
40.800 people were helped
in Chad, Somalia and Ethiopia

Contribution of COOPI Suisse >
4.000 people in Chad with the
construction of a community warehouse



Water and hygiene Goal
40.693 people were helped
in Sudan and the Democratic
Republic of Congo



Contribution of COOPI Suisse > construction
of 6 agro-pastoral wells in Chad, for the benefit
of 145 villages, for a total of 132.963 people



Disaster and Risk Reduction
7.500 people were trained in
the Central African Republic



The crisis in the Lake Chad Basin



The Lake Chad Basin (LCB) is facing one of the world's greatest humanitarian crises of our time: approximately 17 million people are affected by this regional conflict.

Since 2009, an area involving four West African countries – Nigeria, Niger, Cameroon and Chad – has been affected by the violence perpetrated by the Nigerian extremist group Boko Haram.

In the past years, this group of rebels has been responsible for violent attacks against local populations, causing an unprecedented “crisis of protection”. Furthermore, chronic factors, related to decades of underinvestment and marginalization of communities by the government, have instigated the discontent of the population and the cycle of violence and poverty. **Today, 7 million people are at risk of starvation, 2.1 million people have left their homes and are living in extremely difficult conditions.**

The humanitarian community's response is growing, thanks to newly gained access to populations in

the region. But humanitarian engagement is always subordinated to the government's political and military decisions in the fight against Boko Haram.

Despite the many appeals made by the United Nations and the NGOs involved in the field, and a very real risk of famine for hundreds of thousands of people trapped in the conflict area, the magnitude of the crisis has always been underestimated by the international community and consistently under-funded.

In the 2017 Oslo Conference drew attention to the crisis in the Lake Chad Basin, from donors will be crucial in order to cover to ensure a timely response to the crisis. If this shouldn't be the case, the humanitarian community will fail to help millions of people risking death.

COOPI's regional response

Since 2014, COOPI has been responding to this complex crisis through a regional program, covering the four countries of the LCB. COOPI is committed to providing the most essential and urgent aid to the communities affected by violence, while promoting resilience in the most vulnerable communities. Despite the challenges of this complex environment, COOPI is extending its LCB operations with a multi-sector program which focuses on food security, nutrition, protection and education.

COOPI has developed an integrated approach of intervention capable of supporting 300.000 people including host communities, internally displaced people (IDPs) and refugees. In 2017, more and more emphasis was put on the effort to link first aid with reconstruction goals. COOPI adopts a method of intervention that foresees a direct management in accordance with local stakeholders and in partnership with NGOs and the United Nations system.

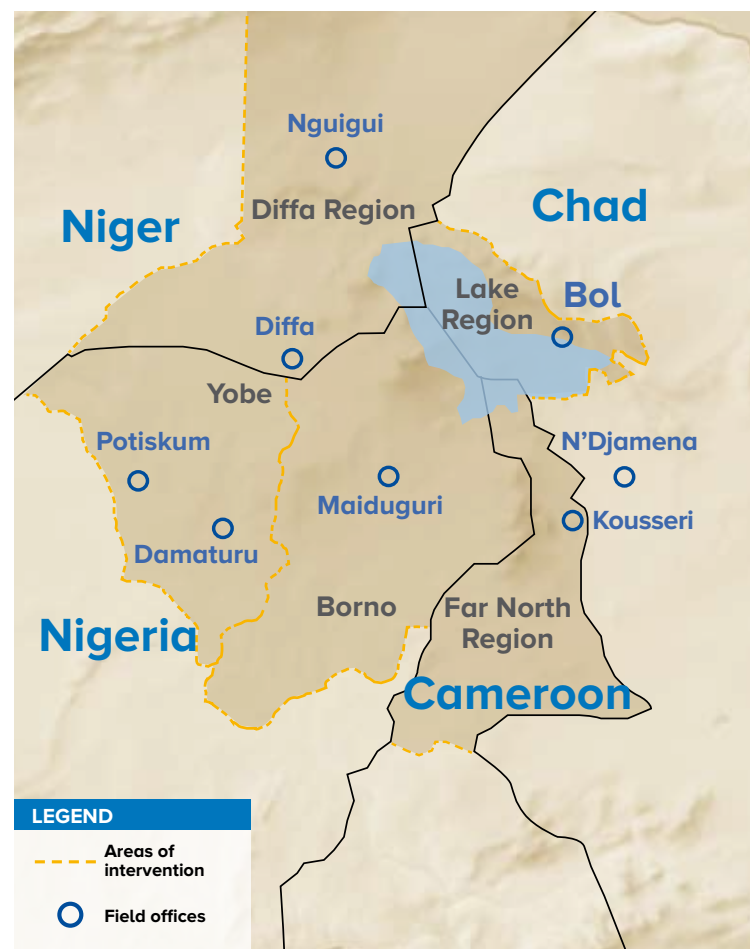
In this unsettled and erratic environment, it is necessary to expand humanitarian services and reach communities in areas as soon as they become accessible, such as in the states of Yobe and Borno (Nigeria), the Lake region (Chad), the Diffa region (Niger) and the North Far region (Cameroon).

Between the years 2014 and 2015, COOPI set up field offices in the following main operational areas: Potiskum and Damaturu (State of Yobe, Nigeria), Diffa (Diffa region, Niger) and Bol (lake region, Chad).

To ensure the close proximity of experienced staff to the new areas of intervention, the organization has opened new offices in Maiduguri and Kousseri. In order to ensure a greater level of coordination with the community of humanitarian aid workers at a regional level, COOPI is also present in Dakar (Senegal) by means of a regional office, for the support of operations in West Africa, which currently covers seven countries.

Among COOPI's main partners in response to the crisis of the Lake Chad Basin are the European Commission Humanitarian Aid Office (ECHO), the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS), UNICEF, United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR), the United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO), **the Swiss Cooperation (DSC)**, the United Nations Development Agency (USAID, offices OFDA and FFP).

COOPI intends to continue to explore new partnerships in the region of the Lake Chad Basin in order to maximize the responsiveness and impact of its programs.



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Ways to overcome hunger

COOPI's battle against malnutrition in Chad, and in particular in the department of Dagana, in the Hadjer Lamis region, continues every day: it's a daily challenge involving its inhabitants, both male and female, as well as local and international co-workers. This multi-year project of the international COOPI network, launched in 2014, aims to increase the resilience of Dagana's residents and to interrupt the cycle of malnutrition, making the local population able to respond autonomously to the need of improving food and nutrition security in a sustainable way. Two years later a lot has changed in Dagana, and more than 4.000 people have learned more efficient alimentary methods and habits: now they produce more food and know how to cultivate seeds and manage their stock supply correctly.

Whole families can finally access the indispensable minimum: enough food for adults and children, whose rates of malnutrition are noticeably lowered in the area.

Fieldwork tools, measuring instruments, utensils for the daily care of alimentary goods, community warehouses: these are the best accomplishments that COOPI and COOPI Suisse have brought about for the benefit of the local populations, as well as the commitment of training in order to create knowledgeable and capable people in handling the problems that malnutrition generates. Despite the fact that there continues to be a lot to be done, today more than 180 thousand men, women and children in Chad can live better than they did yesterday, able to build their future themselves.



IN 2016, COOPI SUISSE CONTRIBUTED TO THIS SUCCESS WITH THE CONSTRUCTION OF A COMMUNITY WAREHOUSE IN KAMERON.

There is no community storage system for the preservation of food in the above-mentioned areas. As a result, people conserve food at home. Stocking supplies is a major concern here, because if agricultural production can be increased thanks to external support - the COOPI project - then the problem lies in keeping the harvested seeds and products intact. Therefore, a community warehouse has not only the purpose of providing a common storage space, but also of enhancing the local market by promoting greater exchange and sale of products and seeds.

Water for life, water for peace

Maro, the department of Grande Sido, South Chad



Bomani picks his things up and heads to the same piece of land he has been cultivating for years. He walks for twenty minutes on the edge of a dusty road until he can see the field. He sees the same scenery every day: hectares of land, tired from the heat and drought, and in which planted seeds fight essentially to sprout and survive. Fortunately, they do succeed. Bomani's thoughts go immediately to his family, his wife and six children who need to eat every day.

Usutu looks at the horizon - he does not see anything except fields, bare trees and bushes. The last remaining water well - which he remembers from last year while bringing his flock of animals in transhumance - was dried out. Consequently, his animals could not drink for days. Usutu asks himself where he can find another source of water. The animals are tired, they need to stop and rest. For how many weeks has Usutu been missing from home? He can't even remember, and anyway, it's not important, it will take him months to return to his village. He only hopes that his wife and children are fine.



Bomani and Usutu: same problems, same difficulties, but living as enemies.

In fact, when Usutu looks for water for his flock, he passes through Bomani's field, ruining his crops and using the little water available. But both need that water to work, it is a matter of life and death for both of them.

One day, Bomani and Usutu see the village chief speaking with some gentlemen, there are also some locals from the village with them. In the following days, the whole village meets in the large square at the center of the community to talk to those gentlemen. After some time, their faces become familiar. They also come with other people: people from the prefecture, officials, veterinarians, agronomists and engineers.

There seems to be a solution to conflicts between farmers and shepherds such as Bomani and Usutu: the community and the farmers' representatives come together to define "pastoral corridors", that is, areas where herds and flocks can pass without destroying the crops. Additionally, six agro-pastoral wells have been built where the herds can drink without using village wells or springs for the irrigation of fields.

The symbolic figures of Bomani and Usutu were inspired by the testimonies of beneficiaries gathered on site.



The project foresees the construction of **6 agro-pastoral wells in Maro, Moyo, Danamadji**, community consultations regarding territorial developmental plans, including the definition of "pastoral corridors" and management committees of wells. This aims to support food security and to prevent conflicts between farmers and shepherds.

THREE WELLS WERE FUNDED BY THE LIONS OF MONTECENERI, THANKS TO THEIR CAMPAIGN "WATER IS LIFE", A PROJECT THAT BRINGS WATER - AND GIVES BIRTH - TO THOSE REGIONS IN THE WORLD THAT LACK THESE FACILITIES.

Balance sheet and Governance 2016

Since its foundation, COOPI Suisse's annual financial statements are audited externally. In 2016, the association's budget was overseen by REBEFID, which produced the "External Audit Report 2016", available on our webpage suisse.coopi.org.

ASSETS AND LIABILITIES (in CHF)	2016	2015
ASSETS		
Liquidity	34,686,91	15,244,59
Inventory	1,850,00	1,975,00
Transitional accounts	2,942,25	2,05
TOTAL ASSETS	39,479,16	17,221,64
LIABILITIES		
Creditors	1,745,60	5,217,00
Short term debts	2,860,30	0
Restricted funds	0	0
Equity capital	34,873,26	12,004,64
TOTAL LIABILITIES	39,479,16	17,221,64
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNTS (in CHF)		
REVENUES		
Member fee	400,00	450,00
Unrestricted donations from private donors	11,360,58	6,450,03
From f2f campaign	33,720,13	0
Donations from COOPI Foundation	53,827,79	53,316,50
Extra revenues	0	261,70
Other revenues - sale of handycraft	100,00	150,00
Restricted money for the project "Women in Chad"	12,506,42	0
Restricted money for the project "Water for life"	10,800,00	0
Financial revenues	0,50	0,45
TOTAL REVENUES	122,715,42	67,389,28
PROJECT COSTS		
Projects	23,306,42	4,000,00
Project Reserve	22,868,62	3,481,41
OTHER COSTS		
Personnel costs	49,374,45	48,151,65
Management costs	3,337,48	1,111,10
Office and logistic costs	9,837,74	5,862,20
Costs for activities	13,990,71	4,782,92
TOTAL COSTS	122,715,42	63,907,87

Full documentation is available on suisse.coopi.org

Thanks to being a member of the international COOPI network, COOPI Suisse has been able to fund most of its management and promotional costs with the contribution it receives from the COOPI Foundation. The aim is not to rely too heavily on the donations of the supporters in Ticino during this phase of start-up.

Thanks to COOPI's contribution, the result of raising funds in Ticino has mainly been devoted to activities in developing countries and awareness raising activities in Canton Ticino, thereby respecting the wishes of donors and ensuring optimal use of the donations received.

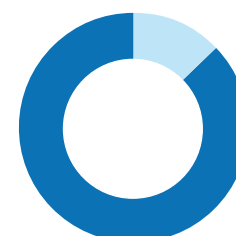
The association's commitment in 2016

● Project reserve	20%
● Chad project	19%
● Fundraising and communication	30%
● Activities in Ticino	10%
● Management and administration	21%

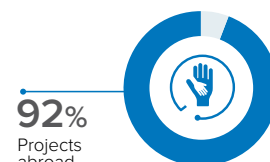
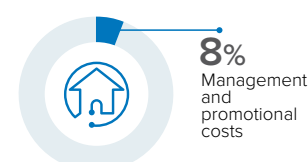


Destination of funds collected in Ticino

● Management and fundraising costs	13%
● Projects abroad and in Ticino	87%



COOPI Foundation's entire network data are as follows:



COOPI SUISSE & GOVERNANCE

COOPI Suisse is a non-religious, independent humanitarian association located in Lugano and founded on the 3rd of May 2012. In accordance with the Swiss Civil Code, it was officially recognized as a public utility in December 2012. The association is based on the initiative and determination of a few people resident in Ticino who have previously co-operated and worked with COOPI in Italy, both through fundraising and communication activities, as well as in managing developmental and emergency projects in Africa and Latin America.

COOPI Suisse conducts developmental cooperation and humanitarian aid projects in the most disadvantaged countries of the world. In order to *“contribute to a harmonious and integrated development of the communities with which it cooperates, COOPI Suisse and its members are aware that through the encounter and collaboration between people, ideals of equality and justice are pursued and a better global balance is attained.”* (Statute, Art.2. 1.).

In Switzerland and particularly in the Canton of Ticino, COOPI Suisse is active in raising awareness, promoting and teaching development to create a culture of international solidarity and cooperation. COOPI Suisse was born as part of the international network of the COOPI Foundation, an international association that since 1965 up until today has helped around 100 million people, with 1.600 projects in 63 different countries, employing 4.500 expatriate operators and 55.000 local operators.

COOPI Suisse coordinates with the COOPI Foundation in a collaborative and sharing fashion to reach the common mission - **to help reduce poverty and to support the development of the communities with which it cooperates in the world, so as to achieve a greater balance between the North and the South, between the rich and disadvantaged countries,** thereby enhancing the capacity for intervention.

FOUNDING BODIES

Assembly Members

Supreme Body of the Association

Committee

President: Carla Ricci

Deputy President: Anne Schweikert

Treasurer: Laura Francioli

Member: Ennio Miccoli

Member: Fabiana Zanotta

Operational structure

Promotion and Development

Manager: Anna Bonaldi

Promotion and Development

Area: Leonie Hipkins

Foundation Partnership

Manager*: Stefano Oltolini

Project Manager*: Barbara Nese

*Staff employed at an international COOPI network level








#letschangehistory Goals 2017

Just as last year, this year, in June 2017, the #letschangehistory campaign started, with the goal of meeting compassionate people ready to join our special “Child Projects Supporters” and “COOPI Suisse Friends”.

The goal is to improve life for an increasing number of children, men, women and communities in difficulty.

This year, the goals of the international network of COOPI, and to which COOPI Suisse and its supporters are willing to contribute, are:

	FIGHT AGAINST MALNUTRITION	100.000 CHILDREN
	PROVISION OF FOOD AND WATER	500.000 PEOPLE
	HELP DEFENDING ONESELF FROM NATURAL DISASTERS	160.000 PEOPLE
	ENSURE EDUCATION EVEN IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS	80.000 CHILDREN
	SUPPORT VICTIMS OF VIOLENCE	26.000 CHILDREN

Ongoing projects 2017

Thanks to the contribution of our #letschangehistory supporters and the support of our institutional donors, in 2017 COOPI Suisse wishes to dedicate itself to the following projects:



FIGHT AGAINST MALNUTRITION IN CHAD

Early malnutrition screening campaigns are held in 8 health centres in the districts of Massakory, covering 369 villages and approximately 17.689 children, regularly visited by COOPI staff. In cases of severe malnutrition, children and mothers are brought immediately to the hospital for emergency treatment.



CHILDHOOD PROTECTION DURING ARMED CONFLICTS IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC

Safeguarding the education of 668 children thanks to the reconstruction of an elementary school in the prefecture of Ngaoundaye. Despite the area being attacked by armed militias, children are ensured of the opportunity to continue studying and live in a protected place, watched over by adults.



ACCESS TO WATER IN ETHIOPIA

Restoration of three water wells in the Afar region in order to bring water to 1.500 people who have been overwhelmed by droughts caused by the weather phenomenon El Niño.

The project received its financial contribution from the AIL, Aziende Industriali Lugano SA, that support developmental projects in the water sector every year through their campaign «1 Cent for solidarity».



RESPONSE TO THE HUMANITARIAN CRISIS IN SOMALIA

Because of the drought and instability of the country, 5 Million Somalis need humanitarian assistance. The project aims to help 14.520 people affected by the crisis by distributing vouchers for the purchase of the most necessary items, vouchers for the purchase of water, as well as distributing tanks and pads for drinking water.

The project was financially supported by the HERROD Foundation of Montreaux, supporter of relief initiatives that ease the suffering of children or that improve their living conditions.



EDUCATION AND CULTURAL DEVELOPMENT IN HAITI

The project involves organizing the education of 32 students, 32 cultural organizations, 20 artists and craftspeople and 2 students which will be present during the Culture Weeks in Europe. The course is implemented by the State University of Haiti at the Campus Henri Christophe de Limonade (CHC-L). This is an academic and technical course that foresees, for the first time in Haiti, official recognition and certification at a state level.

The project was financially supported by the ALTA MANE Foundation of Geneva, whose purpose is mainly to work for the benefit of young people who live in conditions of pronounced social exclusion and extreme poverty, or that suffer from serious illnesses or disabilities, offering them access to artistic experiences.

COOPI Suisse in “Canton Ticino”

WHAT WE ARE DOING

USI Career Day

«I don't know yet how, but I want to become a professional who helps to improve the living conditions of poor people in the world».

This is what one of the students told us during the USI Career Day, an orientation day organized by the University of Italian Switzerland on 17th March, 2016, where COOPI participated with an information stand. We explained that many different professionals are needed in the countries where NGOs work, including veterinarians, agronomists, doctors, engineers, professionals specialized in developmental issues, administrative figures ... and especially motivated people with strong ideals just like him.



Festival of Human Rights

Similarly, on the occasion of the debate organized by COOPI Suisse for the schools of Lugano during the 4th edition of the Human Rights Film Festival, COOPI's area manager Massimo Salvadori was literally overwhelmed by the questions of the young people who wanted to know more about the profession of a humanitarian aid worker. The starting point of the debate commenced with a featured film regarding the dramatic situation in Mali, where a significant part of the Northern population of the country had to escape from ISIS associates. Human suffering, social injustice and the inadequacy of international policy interventions stir the hearts and minds of the new generations that are trying to understand beyond preconceived patterns.



TraSguardi

In September 2016, COOPI Suisse also participated at TraSguardi - The world in a park, an intercultural day organized by FOSIT (Federation of NGOs in Ticino, Italian Switzerland). On a pleasant Saturday in September, walking through the Ciani Park in Lugano, you can learn about the diversity and beauty of the different associations and organizations in Ticino; a row of colourful stands stretches along the paths, volunteers from different organizations make themselves available to give information about projects and countries with which they work, visitors can buy traditional and unique gifts.



Find me among the living



I made a testamentary bequest for COOPI. You will always find me where there is joy and hope and planning.

I have decided to give some of my belongings to COOPI to fight poverty in the world. And I am so happy, just as if I had received the gift myself. Because I gave a future to the values I believe in, because I spread joy and hope and I will continue to be present in a project that carries my signature. Look out for me: you will find me in serenity just as others who have seen their lives change: you will find me there, among the living.

Think about it. Request a free brochure.

To receive a brochure about COOPI Suisse's projects in the world and how to make a bequest, visit suisse.coopi.org/lasciti or speak to Anna Bonaldi on (+41) 091 966 34 72 or email us at bonaldi@coopi.org.





COOPI in the world
is present in **28** countries with
196 projects and **2.600.000** beneficiaries



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