

A photograph of three children in a classroom. In the foreground, a young boy in a blue t-shirt with a cloud graphic is smiling and making a peace sign with his right hand. Behind him, a girl in a white shirt is also smiling and making a peace sign. To the left, another girl in a pink shirt is looking down at a book. The background shows a chalkboard with some writing and other children in the background.

**Let's change history  
with COOPI Suisse**

REPORT 2018

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Dear Friend of COOPI Suisse,

2018 was a year of great disruption worldwide: **violence and wars, dramatic weather events and humanitarian crises** have affected many countries - which are often also the most vulnerable.

**Thanks to your fundamental support** we have been able to be present in some of these areas and strongly support exhausted populations. In Chad, for example, where **we fight against child malnutrition**; or in Iraq, where **we have managed to allow thousands of children to return to school**.

All this, of course, was only possible thanks to the contribution of all of you. More and more people are giving us confidence and, year after year, they confirm their **regular support** to our association: an invaluable aid **that combines the value of the contribution with the irreplaceable value of continuity over time**.

A continuity that, moreover, also characterizes several of our institutional donors. We are extremely grateful: it is only thanks to your lasting commitment, in fact, that we can plan interventions year after year, gradually obtaining more solid and wide-ranging results.

For our organization, 2018 was a year of development. In this report you can read about the many interventions that we have managed to achieve.

But much still remains to be done.

The situation in Iraq is still in emergency. **Malnutrition, food insecurity and water shortages continue to affect millions of people throughout Africa.**

For this reason, it is essential that you do not let us miss your precious support: do not leave us alone! Only together we can, once again... change history!

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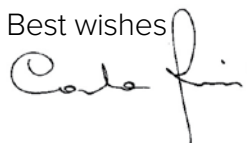
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Best wishes



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President and Founding member of COOPI Suisse



# Together with COOPI Suisse, history continues to change in 2018



FIGHT AGAINST  
MALNUTRITION:  
**13,000 children cured**



FOOD SECURITY:  
**6,350 people attended to,  
including 3,420 children**



CHILD PROTECTION AND  
EDUCATION IN EMERGENCIES:  
**4,110 children have  
returned to school**



ACCESS TO WATER:  
**18,720 people have been  
supplied with clean  
water points**



## CONTRAST OF CHILD MALNUTRITION IN CHAD

**13,000 children**  
have been attended to and cured  
**43 operators educated**  
on providing psycho-social support to vulnerable children



**Chad is one of the poorest countries in the world and for several years it has been going through one of the most serious humanitarian crises of our time: the acute malnutrition rate in the country is around 12%.**

Right here, in the Dagana Department (Hadjer-Lamis Region), where the rate of acute malnutrition in children between 6 months and 5 years reaches almost 20%, in 2018 COOPI Suisse supported a screening campaign of malnutrition cases with which we were able to monitor the health condition of 13,000 children in 375 villages by 80 community animators, who had been previously trained for this task.

The campaign included the identification of malnutrition cases, those who required a more thorough control were sent to one of the 8 health care centers in the area, who were called for subsequent checks over time to improve their health condition. Furthermore, awareness and training sessions on nutrition and correct sanitation practices were conducted, especially for women - who can continue producing positive results within their family and the community - followed by checks on the contribution of the adopted activities in the villages.

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*“The government is not present in these areas. We often have no medicines or vaccines. We do not have a hospital: if a child is seriously sick, the family must travel for 3 hours to take it to N’Djamena. NGOs like COOPI play an essential role: without them I can’t do anything here for these people. With basic means and adequate training, it is easy to contribute to preventing malnutrition: thanks to the work done by COOPI, now we will be able to help many children in turn ”*

- Dr. Albert, a young doctor from the Karal Health Center -



## Childhood protection in N'Djamena



**43 people**  
participated  
in 2 training sessions  
of 5 days each improving  
their child-caring skills

Children in Chad are extremely vulnerable and the country's capital, N'Djamena, has become a destination for children and young people from rural areas, all at risk of illegal trafficking and violations of their fundamental rights due to a very difficult socio-political situation. Unfortunately, the local structures lack the technical and financial capacity for the psycho-social care of children and do not receive any support from the State. In this context, COOPI Suisse supported a training course aimed at the staff of two childcare facilities belonging to UAPET, the Union of Child Protection Associations in Chad: **43 people participated in 2 training sessions of 5 days each, improving their abilities to take care of minors, both in terms of psychosocial support, management and administrative support.**

## Regular support makes a difference

During these years, COOPI Suisse has been able to count on the regular donation of a growing number of supporters from Ticino, **to date there are about one thousand people that make it possible to carry out the projects presented in this report.** Together with institutional donors, you are the ones who bring life and hope to thousands of children, women, men and entire communities, in countries ravaged by poverty and violence.

**Why are you so important, you regular donors?**

Because without the certainty of your donation, a regular choice, we could not plan our interventions over time.

An example for all: it is only **thanks to the certainty of the funds available that we have been able to carry out the project to fight child malnutrition in Chad for two years in a row (2017/2018).** We were thus able to monitor the children of an entire district not only once, but several times within two years, verifying their state of health regularly to make sure they were definitely out of danger.



**It took some time to do all this, to do it well and in such a way it would last, it took the security of the available funds and above all - it took our regular donors like you!**

## EDUCATION IN EMERGENCIES IN IRAQ

**4,110 students**  
supported in resuming their education



**Four years of civil war in Iraq have put an entire population to the test: more than 11 million people need some form of assistance, of which 3.5 million are school-age children.**

The return to school for children and teenagers is fundamental so that they can resume their interrupted education, but also because **in such a dramatic situation the school becomes a fundamental point of reference**: a place to gradually return to normality, protected from violence, from the risk of forced recruitment in armed groups and forced marriages. School depicts a concrete symbol of a new beginning.

In 2018, COOPI Suisse supported two Emergency Education projects in the Qayyarah district, South of Mosul, freed by ISIS in October 2017.

Between May and July 2018, COOPI Suisse supported 360 children between 6 and 13 years old in resuming their studies, hereby COOPI provided **5 temporary schools, equipped with necessary school kits, in the village of Aolo Azim.**

**The activities were also developed thanks to the valuable contributions of the Herrod Foundation and a generous private donor** who confirmed her commitment to the project also for the year 2019. Thanks to this support, COOPI Suisse is promoting the return to school for another 3,750 students, which will be supplied with prefabricated material, together with other tools and essential items in order to be fully able to take on the scholastic activities.

*We thank for  
the support*







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*“My family is originally from Mosul, but 5 years ago I, my brothers and my parents, ran away and came to live here in Sirit with my uncle, because to stay and live in Mosul was too dangerous. For two years I didn’t go to school, but finally, a year ago, I started to go to the new school here in Sirit.*

*Today I attend the first class of secondary school. [...] Before, I should have gone to school in Lazzagah but my parents didn’t have the money for the bus pass and going by foot was dangerous and too far. [...] When I saw the crane transport the classrooms of the new school, I was very happy, finally we would have had a school nearby! I really like the school because it’s new, safe and I and the other girls have been able to draw and paint on the walls of the classrooms. [...] I like drawing and colouring, I hope that in the future my family will allow me to attend a technical institute or a college to learn how to draw better and find work”.*

*- Shaima Hamad, 12 -*





### FOOD SECURITY IN NIGER



**768 people** were involved in the recovery of soil fertility, learning new agricultural techniques

**1,083 local officials** learned how to organize environmental campaigns for the community

**3,420 children and 1,079 women** were trained in food education and hygiene



**Niger is extremely vulnerable: droughts and floods seriously damage agricultural production and livestock and the country faces recurrent food crises.**



The Department of Dogondoutchi, in the Dosso region, is among the areas with the highest number of **adults and children exposed to food insecurity**, also due to its isolation and the limited resources of the populations in terms of agro-pastoral resources and skills.

In 2018, COOPI Suisse supported in Niger **three projects with a strong impact on safety, education, food hygiene and on the resilience of local communities.**



Involving local institutions, COOPI Suisse and COOPI Niger accompanied the community in recovering the degraded terrain: almost **800 people participated in the activities, making the land around their villages fertile again** and usable for pastures while also learning **effective farming techniques**. In an area of 2 hectares, priority areas were identified in which to intervene - the stretch of land which extends from Dodorja to Toudaunajak in the municipality of Dogonkiria and the Modaba plateau in the municipality of Soucoucoutane - and work was done applying the mechanism of “food for work” and the technique of the so-called “half-moon structures”: people were divided into teams of

3 to 5 and for each “half-moon” of worked land they received 5 kg bags of millet for themselves and their families. **More than 1,000 people**, including public officials and members of local committees, **have acquired the necessary skills** for the organization of environmental campaigns to be carried out in their communities.

In addition, 3,000 **children and 120 women** were involved in education and food hygiene campaigns, increasing their **knowledge of healthy and balanced nutrition habits and learning proper hygiene practices** for food management.



*“Many areas that were arid and where no vegetation whatsoever could grow, host different herbaceous species today.*

*This result, which was also achieved thanks to the commitment of the local population, gives hope to the communities, demonstrating them that there are effective measures to counteract the advancing desertification and the possibility of returning to have abundant agricultural production”.*

- Hassane Abdoulay, Mayor of the Municipality of Soucoucoutane -

## ACCESS TO WATER IN ETHIOPIA



**18,720 people** have a water point at a distance of max. 500m

**4 water points** constructed

**26,081 people** were educated in the surrounding countryside

**In Ethiopia, the population of the Liben area of the Somali Region depends up to 80% on pastoralism and for the remaining 20% on arid land cultivation, in an area seriously affected by drought.**

Here, in Dolo Ado, a woreda of about 145,000 inhabitants - which since 2011 also hosts thousands of refugees from Somalia - can consume only half of the water that is expected worldwide as the minimum daily requirement. To reach the water source means walking for hours sometimes. Most of the population uses ponds for domestic use; farming activities and many local health centers do not have their own clean water resources.

COOPI Suisse and the **AIL (Industrial Companies of Lugano)** have improved the access to drinking water and the sanitary practices of the local population by constructing **four water points** with relative pipe extensions: **two wells** for public use, thereby reducing the distance to be travelled by the population for the supply of water to no more than 500 m, **one point for rainwater collection** for the local health center, **one water point for the school**.

To ensure the correct maintenance and use of the water points, **4 management committees** have been set up, which have benefited from training sessions regarding the appropriate use of water resources and the relative hygienic practices.

We thank  
for the support









# COOPI SUISSE IN THE CANTON OF TICINO

THE FILM FESTIVAL  
OF HUMAN RIGHTS:  
TO BE A CHILD IN  
A WAR ZONE

**“The Distant Barking of Dogs”, an award-winning documentary by the Danish filmmaker Simon Lereng Wilmont, immerses the viewer in the daily life of a ten-year-old boy in a war zone.**



The projection at the fifth edition of the Film Festival of Human Rights in Lugano was the starting point to discuss this dramatic situation together with Marco Loiodice - Head of Education in Emergencies and Child Protection of the International COOPI network - and journalist Roberto Antonini and Emanuele Valenti.



WORLD PEACE FORUM:  
TOGETHER WITH THE  
STUDENTS OF TICINO FOR  
EDUCATION IN EMERGENCIES

**The focal points of the workshop led by COOPI Suisse at the 8<sup>th</sup> World Peace Forum regarded the protection of people and particularly education in war zones and emergency situations.**



This day, dedicated to raising awareness on themes of peace and solidarity every year, witnesses the participation of hundreds of students from Ticino. In 2018, we wanted to reflect together by linking their experience of students to that of the children of Mosul, in Iraq, which we recently helped to return to school after long, dramatic years of violence which affected their country because of ISIS.





## THE WORLD IN A PARK: INTERCULTURE AND MUTUAL KNOWLEDGE

Also, in 2018, the good weather and the Ciani park welcomed the event “The world in a Park”, a day of international and local solidarity promoted by the City of Lugano and the Federation of Swiss Italian NGOS (FOSIT).

COOPI Suisse participated together with dozens of other associations from Ticino, ready to witness the commitment to solidarity in the world and to offer visitors handicrafts, good food and moments of leisure. A special session of “face painting” was carried out for our smallest visitors.

## “MEETING THE OTHER” AT THE SECONDARY SCHOOL OF GRAVESANO

“Meeting the other” is an annual awareness-raising day organized by the secondary school of Gravesano in which lessons are replaced with testimony sessions and presentations by various guests working in the world of development cooperation.

On March 13, 2018, Andrea Mussi represented COOPI Suisse talking about Emergency Education and bringing children to reflect on this theme starting from their own experience as students.



## Look for me among the living



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

I decided to give part of my possessions to COOPI, to fight poverty in the world. And I feel happy, as if I had received the gift myself. I gave a future to the values I believe in, because I spread joy and hope and I will be present in a project that bears my signature. Look out and you will find me in the serenity of those who have seen their lives change; you will find me there, among the living.

### THINK ABOUT IT FOR YOURSELF

**Request a free brochure on testamentary bequests and donations in memory.**

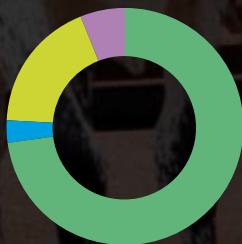
To receive the brochure on how to arrange a legacy and on the projects of COOPI Suisse in the world, visit our webpage <http://suisse.cooi.org/en/lascito-testamentario/> or speak to Anna Bonaldi at (0) 91 9663472 or via email at [bonaldi@coopi.org](mailto:bonaldi@coopi.org).



# BALANCE SHEET AND GOVERNANCE

## The association's commitment in 2018

● Project costs abroad	73%
● Local presence	3%
● Fundraising and communication	18%
● Management and administration	6%



## Destination of funds collected in Ticino

● Fundraising, communication and administration costs	6%
● Projects local and abroad	94%





# COOPI SUISSE'S RESOURCES

<b>BALANCE SHEET SUMMARY</b> (in CHF)	<b>2018</b>	<b>2017</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Liquidity	135,862,35	44,581,44
Inventory	1,410,00	1,780,00
Transitional assets	296,25	642,85
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>137,568,60</b>	<b>47,004,29</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Creditors	9,725,37	2,538,90
Short term debts	381,61	1,842,65
Restricted funds	77,927,99	-
Equity capital	49,533,63	42,622,74
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>137,568,60</b>	<b>47,004,29</b>
<b>PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNTS</b> (in CHF)		
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Membership fee	350,00	400,00
Unrestricted donations from private donors	1,014,00	18,474,11
From F2F Campaign	112,725,00	78,232,50
Donations from COOPI Foundation	56,622,22	43,228,61
Other revenues - sale of handicraft and education	959,69	76,00
Restricted revenues Project Foundation Altamane	-	15,000,00
Restricted revenues Project Water AIL	5,500,00	-
Restricted revenues Project AIL and Collina d'Oro		13,500,00
Restricted revenues Project Foundation Herrod	13,000,00	13,000,00
Restricted revenues Project Iraq (private USD)	196,480,00	-
Financial revenues	509,85	-
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>387,160,76</b>	<b>181,911,22</b>
<b>PROJECT COSTS</b>		
Direct project costs	217,174,01	87,667,50
Project funds	6,910,89	7,749,48
<b>OTHER COSTS</b>		
Staff costs	54,161,38	53,571,57
Infrastructure and logistic costs	7,573,45	9,524,95
Management costs	3,633,26	4,174,03
Costs for activities	19,779,78	19,223,72
<b>TOTAL COSTS</b>	<b>309,232,77</b>	<b>181,911,22</b>
Restricted funds for the Iraq project 2019	77,927,99	

The total revenues of 387,160,76 consists of 309,232,77 pertaining to 2018, equal to the total costs and 77,925,99 pertaining to 2019.

The full documentation can be found on our associative website [Suisse.coopi.org](http://Suisse.coopi.org)

Since its constitution, the annual balance sheets of COOPI Suisse are audited externally. In 2018, the association's balance sheet was controlled by REBEFiD which drafted the "2018 Revision Report", and can be consulted on the associative webpage [suisse.coopi.org](http://suisse.coopi.org).

To pursue its mission, COOPI Suisse relies above all on private funds. In 2018, the association conducted a direct dialogue campaign for the third consecutive year which, also this year, further increased significantly the volume of our fundraising activity and the number of regular donors. In 2018, COOPI Suisse also benefited from an important contribution from a generous private donor for the realization of the association's projects in Iraq. These contributions, together with some significant funds from companies, foundations and other institutional bodies, have enabled the Association to finance a growing number of activities in 2018 compared to the previous years.

Thanks to its membership in the international COOPI network, COOPI Suisse was also able to finance most of the management and promotional costs with the contribution it receives from the COOPI Foundation, allocating the result of the fundraising mainly to the activities of the various projects in the field.

## INSTITUTIONAL BODIES

### General Assembly

Supreme body of the association

### Committee

**President:** Carla Ricci

**Vice-President:** Anne Schweikert

**Treasurer:** Laura Francioli

**Member:** Ennio Miccoli

**Member:** Giulio Corbetta

### Operational structure

**Promotion and Development Manager:** Anna Bonaldi

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**Foundations and Corporate Manager\*:** Cecilia Cinelli

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*\*staff employed at an international COOPI network level*

**COOPI Suisse** is a non-religious and independent humanitarian non-profit association located in Lugano and was 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 cooperated and worked with COOPI in Italy, both through communication and fundraising activities, as well as in managing developmental and emergency projects in Africa and Latin America.

**COOPI Suisse implements** developmental cooperation and humanitarian aid projects in the most disadvantaged countries in 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.21.).

**In Switzerland and in particular in the Canton of Ticino,** COOPI Suisse is active in raising awareness, promoting and teaching development to create a culture of international solidarity and the value of cooperation.

**COOPI Suisse was founded 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 cooperative fashion, sharing a common mission which strengthens their intervention capacities.



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