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Dear Friend of COOPI Suisse,

In 2019, the world became once again a theatre of serious humanitarian emergencies: from **conflicts to climate change, crises were numerous** and often affected countries already exposed and with very few resources.

COOPI Suisse, **thanks to your fundamental support**, has been able to intervene in various crises and support populations in serious difficulty: we have **tackled malnutrition in Niger**, we have **continued to bring children affected by the war in Iraq back to school**, we have made **water accessible in Sudan** and **supported rural development in Chad**.

Without your contribution all this would not have been possible. Year after year, many of you trust us and **support us regularly**: a fundamental help that **combines the value of the contribution itself with the irreplaceable value of continuity over time**. The same that some of our institutional partners are demonstrating to which we are also very grateful.

Thanks to this consistency we can plan the interventions by choosing to carry out even large-scale projects, which will produce lasting effects.

In doing so, we pay utmost attention to our work. Our seriousness and transparency in using the resources you have entrusted us with this year have also been recognized by the **Zewo Foundation**, which evaluates and monitors organisations that raise funds in Switzerland since 1936, and which has given us the opportunity to use its well-known brand mark, a guarantee for transparency and reliability

Therefore, the year 2019 was full of projects in countries that continue to face enormous difficulties and that will need **assistance in the near future**. Don't let us miss your precious contribution: once again, it is together that we can really ... change history!

Best wishes

Carla Ricci

President and Founding Member of COOPI Suisse

# Together with COOPI Suisse, history continued to change in 2019!



Foto: Simone Durante



THE FIGHT AGAINST  
MALNUTRITION:  
**2,200 children cured;**  
**3,300 people supported**



FOOD SECURITY:  
**2,300 people supported;**  
**2 veterinary centers constructed**



CHILD PROTECTION AND  
EDUCATION IN EMERGENCIES:  
**1,812 children have**  
**returned to school**



ACCESS TO WATER:  
**8,082 people have been supplied**  
**with clean water points**  
**3,144 students have appropriate**  
**hygiene and sanitary conditions**



Photo: Francesco Bellina

## CONTRASTING CHILD MALNUTRITION IN NIGER



**2,200 malnourished children** have been attended to in 16 centers supported by the project  
**3,300 people** Have access to drinking water and better hygiene and sanitary conditions

**In Niger acute malnutrition is an emergency and the growing fragility of the country increases the inability to cope with massive cases of severe acute malnutrition, extreme food insecurity and the needs of the many displaced people.**

In the **Tillabery** region, malnutrition among children under 5 years of age remains the main problem and gradually tends to become chronic as a result of exposure to repeated infections and precarious living conditions, limiting children's growth.



Photo: Trinidad Bronte

Here COOPI Suisse **combats malnutrition** by distributing **medicines to 16 health centers** in the districts of Tillabéry and Ayorou, thus reaching approximately **2,200 malnourished children** and **improving the conditions of hygiene and access to water** for approximately **3,300 people**, both at community level and directly in homes where children in care live. This project is coordinated with an articulated program of measures to combat malnutrition, strengthen the health system and increase community resilience implemented in the region by the COOPI Foundation and other international partners.

*“When I arrived, the operators welcomed me and after visiting the little girl they immediately told me that Maiva suffered severely from malnutrition, malaria and anaemia. They told me to go immediately to the Intensive Nutritional Recovery Center. I was shaken and disoriented by this news. Once I arrived at the Intensive Care Center, I found myself in a hospital environment that I never knew of. When I got there, my daughter was very weak, she couldn’t even hold her head up. The nurses immediately took care of her: they hospitalized her and gave me the indications that I had to follow to support her recovery. After only 7 days Maiva was much better. I was very worried about my daughter and didn’t know what to do. Now I hope that all children suffering from malnutrition can heal and survive.”*

- Mariama, Maiva’s mother, hospitalized at one of the health centers involved in the project -



To protect the identity of the protagonists we used fictional names and photos that do not match.

## EDUCATION IN EMERGENCIES IN IRAQ



**1,812 students**  
supported in resuming their education  
**3,144 students** have appropriate hygiene  
and sanitary conditions

**In a dramatic setting, such as that experienced in Iraq in recent years, the return to school is crucial. In the classroom, children and teenagers can resume their interrupted education, but school is also a place to gradually return to normality and stability in a safe environment, protected from violence. COOPI Suisse and the COOPI Foundation therefore continue their joint efforts in Iraq to bring as many children as possible back to school.**

In the sub-district of **Qayyarah**, south of Mosul, released by ISIS in October 2017, many children are still denied access to school. Most school buildings have been destroyed and those still existing are insufficient and lack most of the equipment and teaching material. In **2018**, COOPI Suisse supported here two **Emergency Education**

**projects** helping more than **300 children return to school**. In the **district of Mosul**, however, there are still many children who have been unable to resume their studies regularly. In **2019**, COOPI Suisse, also thanks to the contribution of a generous private donor, provided the **necessary school supplies for another 1,812 students** from **5 schools which were reopened or expanded** together with the COOPI Foundation in Qayyarah and the surrounding area: 3 container schools and 2 permanent schools reopened, where insufficient school spaces have been expanded with the construction of **4 additional classrooms**.

“Furthermore, in the western part of **Mosul**, **appropriate hygiene** and **sanitary conditions have been restored in 4 schools**, where COOPI Suisse provided **hygiene kits to 3,144 students**.”





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*We asked Samir, a 13-year-old student in one of the renovated schools in Qayyarah, what has changed thanks to COOPI's intervention and what he thinks of his new school. Here is what he replied:*

*“Before COOPI's intervention, the classes were overcrowded, when I entered, I could barely sit in a corner and I was never able to follow the lesson. Since the new classes have been built, every student has his own seat, can focus on lessons, we have access to water and toilets. I am happy in the new school and I am more peaceful in my new class.*

*- Samir, 13 years old -*



## WATER BASINS IN SUDAN



**2 hafir** with drinking water were put into operation

**More than 8,000 people** have clean water

**2 hafir management committees** have been established and trained

**Limited access to an adequate amount of clean water for domestic, agricultural and livestock use is one of the main causes of Sudan’s fragility.**

In particular, in **North Darfur** about 80% of the population depends on **agriculture** and **pastoralism** and the **progressive decrease in rainfall** has disastrous consequences for local livelihoods. To collect the little water available, in addition to the wells, there are **dams** and **artificial ponds** known as “hafir”. However, these are not enough and are often difficult to reach and, in many cases, require rehabilitation to be used in appropriate hygienic conditions.

Here, COOPI Suisse constructed two hafirs with clean water, available to the population, bringing a direct benefit to more than **1,300 families** and a positive impact for the entire population of the region.



In the locality of **Rahad Al Nabad**, a new 80x72 meter large, four meters deep hafir was built for the **750 families** of the neighbouring villages.

In **Um Keddada**, thanks also to the contribution of the **AIL (Aziende Industriali di Lugano)**, a hafir 150x58 meter large and four meters deep was **rehabilitated** for almost **600 families** from the 11 neighbouring villages and their **7,000**

**head of cattle** (cattle, goats, sheep and camels).

The projects also included the **creation and training of two hafir management committees** which included several women.

We thank  
for the support



*“During my field visit, I attended a meeting with the Um Keddada hafir management committee. We talked about the interventions still to be carried out, how to coordinate them, the need to take action quickly before the rainy season starts, the contribution of everyone; but we also talked of some first initiatives that the rehabilitation of the hafir would have made possible such as a nursery and a solar-powered water point. Talking to the committee members helped me to understand the population’s perception of the intervention and who will benefit from it long term: meeting the committee members was a precious opportunity to further mutual understanding and to find suitable solutions together with those who will live with these decisions day by day”.*

- Leonie Hipkins, COOPI Suisse Promotion and Development Operator -

## TOGETHER WITH ITS SHEPHERDS AND FARMERS, SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF CHAD



**More than 2,200 people** belonging to agro-pastoral groups involved, 30% of whom are women

**100 officials** from local administrative authorities trained

**10 local understanding committees** involved

**2 permanent veterinary centers** built

**COOPI Suisse has been active in Chad since 2013, supporting projects for the protection of children, the fight against malnutrition and in food security.**

The **Sila** region, in the eastern part of the country, is characterized by a **very fragile economy** based essentially on **agriculture** and **livestock production**. Here, **conflicts over land use between shepherds and farmers** are a recurring issue. Furthermore, most people do not know the local rules for land use. In this situation it is necessary to find agreements between the parties and, where they are lacking, to define rules to be respected, in order to then be able to deal “only” with fighting poverty and guaranteeing peace.

In the **districts of Kimiti and Djourfal Amar**, COOPI Suisse promotes two distinct, but allied, interventions to **improve local capacity for managing natural resources and to support the development of the livestock sector.**

Thanks to the contribution of the **Canton Ticino** in 2019, a **campaign for the dissemination of the regional legislation** was carried out and **local conventions were signed for the use of land**. Furthermore, **training cycles on conflict management** were carried out.

These interventions are part of a large three-year project for the promotion of a **concerted, sustainable and equitable management of the pastoral resources** of the area created together with the COOPI Foundation and various other local partners and institutions.

At the same time, on the zootechnical front, the construction of **two permanent veterinary centers** for the vaccination of livestock has started, which will allow the communities to **vaccinate 150 animals** at a time in **adequate hygienic and managerial conditions**, thus also limiting the widespread problem of epidemics among livestock.

We thank  for the support





Photo: Abdoulaye Barry

# COOPI SUISSE IN THE CANTON OF TICINO

## THE FILM FESTIVAL OF HUMAN RIGHTS: SPORT WITHOUT BARRIERS

**Khartoum Offside, by the Arabian director Marwa Zein, is a story of women's emancipation through football**



The documentary engages its audience in the protagonists' struggle for the right to play and train on the national team of Sudan, a country where religion, politics and traditions stifle women's dreams, wishes and desires.

The screening of the documentary on October 13<sup>th</sup> at the sixth edition of the Lugano Human Rights Film Festival was followed by an in-depth discussion with Beatrice Malasoma, COOPI project coordinator in Darfur, Simona Gennari, a former football player for Lugano Rapid and the Swiss national team, and the moderator, Natascia Bandecchi, a RSI journalist.



## WORLD PEACE FORUM: PEACE IN THE HEART OF HUMAN RIGHTS

**The links between the recognition of fundamental rights, access to resources and peace were at the center of the two workshops that COOPI Suisse carried out together with Amnesty International on November 11th at the "Villaggio della Pace 2019" at the Palazzo dei Congressi in Lugano..**

An intense educational day on matters of peace animated by organizations and professionals of the sector who have made their experience and know-how available, bringing to life 11 workshops on humanitarian issues, peace and respect for human beings, animals and nature within the IX World Peace Forum.



## TRASGUARDI - THE WORLD IN A PARK: RESOURCES AND FOOD SECURITY

**How many planets would it take if the world population consumed at the rate of the average Swiss citizen?**

This is one of the questions that COOPI Suisse's volunteers asked visitors during the 2019 edition of "The world in a park" (Un mondo al parco), an

intercultural event organized by FOSIT and the City of Lugano, held on Saturday September 21<sup>st</sup> at the Ciani park in Lugano.



This game, which included a series of questions and answers, allowed COOPI Suisse to help visitors reflect on the critical matter of food security.



## CONNECTED WORLDS: A ROUND TABLE AT SUPSI

**UNESCO describes global citizenship education as a practice that develops one's sense of belonging to a wider community and to common humanity by underlining the interdependencies between different countries and populations.**



The Department of Business Economics, Health and Social Services of SUPSI - University of Applied Sciences and Arts of Southern Switzerland, presented a cycle of two evenings open to the public on the theme of global citizenship, moderated by the contributions of significant guests.

COOPI Suisse participated together with four other NGOs from Ticino at the Round Table on December 3<sup>rd</sup> 2019, discussing the theme "Educating in the South of the world: good practices in the context of international cooperation", with the moderation of Fulvio Poletti.

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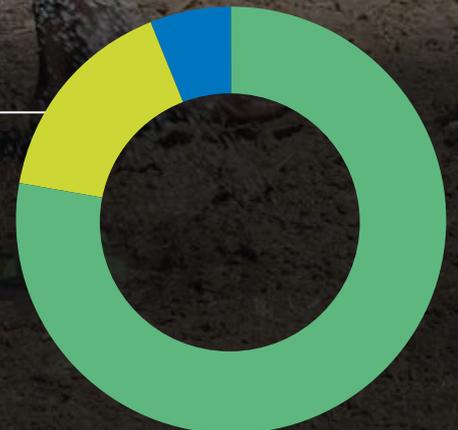
To receive the brochure on how to arrange a legacy and on COOPI Suisse's projects in the world, visit our webpage <http://suisse.cooi.org/en/lascito-testamentario/> or speak to Anna Bonaldi at (0) 91 9663472 or via email at [bonaldi@coopi.org](mailto:bonaldi@coopi.org).

# BALANCE SHEET AND GOVERNANCE

Foto: Marco De Casetano

## The organization's commitment in 2019

● Projects and provision	78%
● Fundraising	16%
● Administration	6%



# COOPI SUISSE'S RESOURCES

<b>BALANCE SHEET SUMMARY</b> (in CHF)	<b>2019</b>	<b>2018</b>
<b>ASSETS</b>		
Cash and banks	149,184,79	135,862,35
Prepayments and accrued assets	48,50	296,25
<b>Circulating assets</b>	<b>149,233,29</b>	<b>136,158,60</b>
Tangible assets	1,290,00	1,410,00
<b>Fixed assets</b>	<b>1,290,00</b>	<b>1,410,00</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>150,523,29</b>	<b>137,568,60</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
Supplies and services	792,88	3,081,37
Staff costs	287,20	381,61
Other short-term debts	-	5,744,00
Prepayments and accrued liabilities	900,00	900,00
<b>Short-term third party capital</b>	<b>1,980,08</b>	<b>10,106,98</b>
<b>Capital of tied funds</b>	<b>21,000,00</b>	<b>77,927,99</b>
Initial shared capital	250,00	250,00
Equity capital	49,283,63	42,372,74
Profit or loss	78,009,58	6,910,89
<b>Capital of the Organization</b>	<b>127,543,21</b>	<b>49,533,63</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>150,523,29</b>	<b>137,568,60</b>
<b>PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNTS</b> (in CHF)		
<b>PROFITS</b>		
<b>Contributions received</b>	<b>342,634,87</b>	<b>385,691,22</b>
which are tied	85,930,00	214,980,00
which are free	256,704,87	170,711,22
<b>Public grants</b>	-	-
<b>Income from supplies and services</b>	<b>1,240,91</b>	<b>959,69</b>
<b>OPERATIONAL PROFIT</b>	<b>343,875,78</b>	<b>386,650,91</b>
<b>COSTS</b>		
<b>Direct project costs</b>	<b>236,649,80</b>	<b>217,174,01</b>
<b>Staff expenses</b>	<b>53,084,72</b>	<b>54,161,38</b>
<b>General expenses</b>	<b>32,419,96</b>	<b>30,986,49</b>
<b>Depreciation</b>	-	-
<b>OPERATIONAL COSTS</b>	<b>322,154,48</b>	<b>302,321,88</b>
<b>OPERATIONAL PROFIT</b>	<b>21,721,30</b>	<b>84,329,03</b>
Financial result	-935,72	509,85
External result		
Extraordinary result		
<b>RESULT BEFORE THE VARIATION IN FUNDS</b>	<b>20,785,58</b>	<b>84,838,88</b>
Allocation of tied funds	-57,224,00	77,927,99
<b>RESULT FOR THE PERIOD</b>	<b>78,009,58</b>	<b>6,910,89</b>

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

To pursue its mission, COOPI Suisse relies above all on **private funds**. For the fourth consecutive year, in 2019 the direct dialogue campaign further increased significantly the volume of our fundraising activity and the number of regular donors. These contributions, together with some significant funds from companies, foundations and other institutional bodies, have enabled the Organization to finance an **increasing number of activities** in 2019 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.

Since its constitution, the annual balance sheets of COOPI Suisse are **audited externally**. In 2019, the organization's financial statement was controlled by REBEFID Sagl.

**This year COOPI Suisse obtained the Zewo certification** from the independent Zewo Foundation, committed since 1936 to evaluating and monitoring the organizations that raise funds in Switzerland: a further **guarantee of transparency and reliability** for the Organization's donors.



Your donation  
in good hands.

## INSTITUTIONAL BODIES

### General Assembly

Supreme body of the organization

### 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

**Promotion and Development Area:** Leonie Hipkins

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

**Project Manager\*:** Lorenzo Bianchi Carnevale

\*Staff employed at an international COOPI network level

**COOPI Suisse is** a non-religious and independent humanitarian non-profit organization located in Lugano and was founded on the 3<sup>rd</sup> of May, 2012. In accordance with the Swiss Civil Code, it was officially recognized as a public utility in December 2012. The organization 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.2.1).

**In Switzerland and in particular in the Canton of Ticino, COOPI Suisse is active** in raising awareness, promoting and teaching international 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 organization that since 1965 has helped over 100 million people, with 2,200 projects in 69 different countries, employing 4,500 expatriate operators and 60,000 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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