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with COOPI Suisse**

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Dear Friend of COOPI Suisse,

whether you are a new and therefore a precious support for the children and communities that we help, or you have already been an important patron for some time, **today we can be happy together, seeing what has been achieved over the past year.**

As president of COOPI Suisse, I want to congratulate you and all the other friends who support us because **the number of people that have been helped, as shown by the figures in this report, are increasing significantly!**

In 2017, we were able to implement five **projects and for many of these interventions your help made the difference between life and death.** I am thinking of projects that fight malnutrition in Chad, of interventions concerning the protection of minors in the Central African Republic, of the prompt response to the humanitarian crisis in Somalia caused by drought, by distributing water and food. And in other cases, your help has brought sustainable and lasting development: water sources in Ethiopia and professional training in Haiti.

A sincere thank you because, step by step, you are helping us to change the lives of thousands of people!

Due to the many sociopolitical crises, we see that world poverty is still reaching unacceptable figures; the number of refugees, displaced people and asylum seekers continues to increase. Many children and youngsters cannot go to school anymore.

For these reasons, it is important to renew our commitment also for the year 2018. We are determined to bring support to other communities, to give them hope, so they can still see the smile on their children's faces. Only in this way can we hope for a better world.

With best wishes,



Carla Ricci

President and founder member of COOPI Suisse

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In 2017, history continued to change with COOPI Suisse!



Chad



COOPI Suisse for the fight against malnutrition

> 17,689 children cured

as part of the global COOPI program:
98,992 malnourished children taken into care

Somalia



COOPI Suisse for the promotion of food safety

> 14,520 people supported

As part of the global COOPI program:
639,255 people supported

Haiti



COOPI Suisse for the promotion of fair development in the Caribbean
> 32 aspiring cultural entrepreneurs in Haiti received professional training

and have seen their arts and crafts activities promoted in Europe

Central African Republic



COOPI Suisse for the protection of children and education in emergencies

> 668 children returned to school

As part of the global COOPI program: 20,538 single children supported and 18,531 children involved in projects of Education in Emergencies

Ethiopia



COOPI Suisse for access to drinking water

> 1,500 people equipped with 3 wells

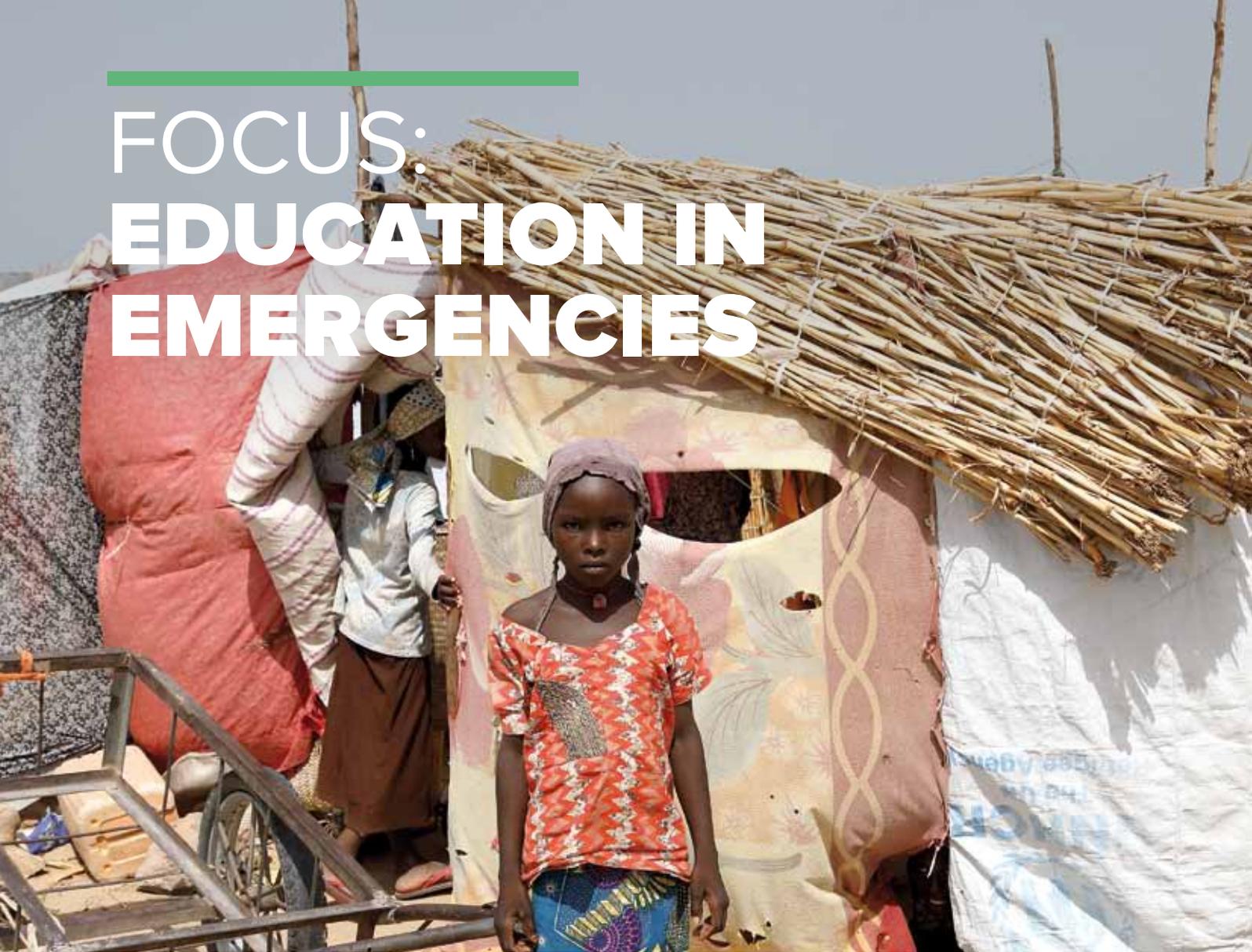
As part of the global COOPI program:
drinking water for 301,862 people

World



As part of the global COOPI program on disaster risk reduction
> 140,800 people have benefited from the activities of COOPI

FOCUS: EDUCATION IN EMERGENCIES



Education is a crucial element for the protection and proper development of children affected by a crisis: ensuring emergency education means saving lives and providing protection for children and young people.

School protects children from violence and the risk of forced recruitment by armed groups, helping them to regain a sense of normality and security in their daily lives. It makes them self-sufficient, helps them to be heard and understood and is the best way to invest in their long-term future.

There are around 75 million children in the world of primary and secondary school age who do not go to school because of a war or another emergency situation.

The girls who live in these contexts are particularly vulnerable: more exposed to the risk of having to leave their education from a young age compared to their male peers. They are also more exposed to the risk of sexual violence, forced marriages and early pregnancies.

In 2017, in West and Central Africa more than 8 million children between the ages of 3 and 17 required emergency education, but funds were sufficient to meet the needs of only 3.4 million of these children.

The armed conflicts in Iraq, Syria and Yemen have also caused the end or prolonged interruption of the education of over 15 million children. In fact, “emergency” situations often turn into long periods of stay in camps and temporary structures: almost 90% of refugees and displaced people in the world have lived far away from their community for over 10 years. Growing up without regular education, millions of children risk becoming adults without certainties or skills, without cultural or professional landmarks.

During these emergency situations, schools are safe places where other basic needs such as protection, water, hygiene and food can be met in

addition to education. For a child who lives in a war zone or in a country devastated by a humanitarian crisis, a normal activity such as going to school can mean crossing minefields, challenging snipers and risking being kidnapped by irregular groups who want to recruit child soldiers. Or, again, suffer the reprisals of those who think that Western education is a sin and contrary to a fanatical religious belief.

A child who studies under these conditions can rightfully be called a warrior, a brave fighter for his own future. He deserves to be guided and supported in his battle day by day.

Friends of little warriors and emergency education projects

In 2017 COOPI Suisse promoted the “Friends of Little Warriors”

In alliance with the new “**Help a Warrior**” campaign of COOPI, “Friends of Little Warriors” aims to make the public opinion more sensitive to the importance of children and young people affected by war or humanitarian emergencies resuming their schooling as soon as possible. The funds raised by COOPI Suisse are aimed to carry out emergency education projects.

Also thanks to the movement of the Friends of Little Warriors, COOPI Suisse, together with COOPI, is currently carrying out **two projects of Education in Emergencies in Iraq**. The projects include the installation of school tents and numerous actions to support school activities, such as the distribution of kits with educational material for the most vulnerable children.



Thanks to these projects, thousands of children from the areas of South Mosul, fully liberated by ISIS as recently as October 2017, can return to school after 4 years of war.

2017 PROJECTS



DRINKING WATER IN ETHIOPIA



3 refurbished wells in Ethiopia for 1,500 people, 300 families

In 2017, in Ethiopia, COOPI Suisse refurbished 3 wells, equipping them with hand pumps.

The Erebti area, in the northeast of Ethiopia, is one of the most remote and poor areas of the country and has been facing a serious food, health and water crisis for the past 3 years. Due to the meteorological phenomenon of the Niño, drought alternated by flooding outside of the traditional seasonal cycles has reduced crop productivity, killing livestock and causing malnutrition problems across the country.

COOPI Suisse, together with the much valued support of the **Aziende Industriali of Lugano and the Municipality of Collina d'Oro**, has rebuilt three wells that will restore drinking water and ease the water shortage problem, restoring levels sufficient

for family life and the survival of livestock. This will, moreover, reduce the necessary commitment to find water as well as the water related health problems of the population, which has been already burdened for about two years by this crisis. This is part of a complex program of COOPI's interventions in the area of food safety, nutrition, water and hygiene.

The direct beneficiaries of COOPI Suisse's project are 300 families living near the wells, about 1,500 people, to whom are added another 7,500 people living in the surrounding areas and who can use these water points.



“Today I see with my own eyes how important our help is. And how urgent it is. By building wells and channels to carry water we can save many lives!”

- Federico Capurro, COOPI Head of Mission in Ethiopia -



THE RETURN TO SCHOOL IN THE CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC



One school reconstructed and 668 children back in class

In 2016-17 COOPI Suisse reconstructed a primary school in the CAR and 668 children were able to resume their studies.

The reopening of the primary school meant that 337 boys and 331 girls between the ages of 6 and 11 were able to access educational services again in the sub-prefecture of Ngaoundaye.

The reopening of the school also responded to the need to guarantee children physical protection and psychosocial support. In a situation of conflict, where children are the most vulnerable group, often subject to violence and recruitment by armed

groups, education helps to reduce the negative impact of the dramatic situation by giving a sense of stability and security and a sense of hope for the future; it also becomes an effective means of protecting children from immediate violence and exploitation.

The project is part of a program of interventions carried out together with COOPI to support the population in a very serious humanitarian emergency with an integrated and multi-sector approach. Thanks to this project, the association of the students' parents has also been strengthened and will play an important role to ensure continuity in the organization of the school and its activities.

“I live in the city of Ngaoundaye, in the district of Gbakaloki and I go to the mixed school No. 1. The day I returned to school and saw my friends was amazing. The new school is big and very beautiful! There are many students and 10 teachers who teach every day. The things I like the most at school are calculations and playtime. Now it's the rainy season and we're on vacation, but I cannot wait to start again in September and learn a lot of new things and play with my friends.”

- Arna, 10 years -

IMMEDIATE HELP FOR THE MOST VULNERABLE FAMILIES IN SOMALIA

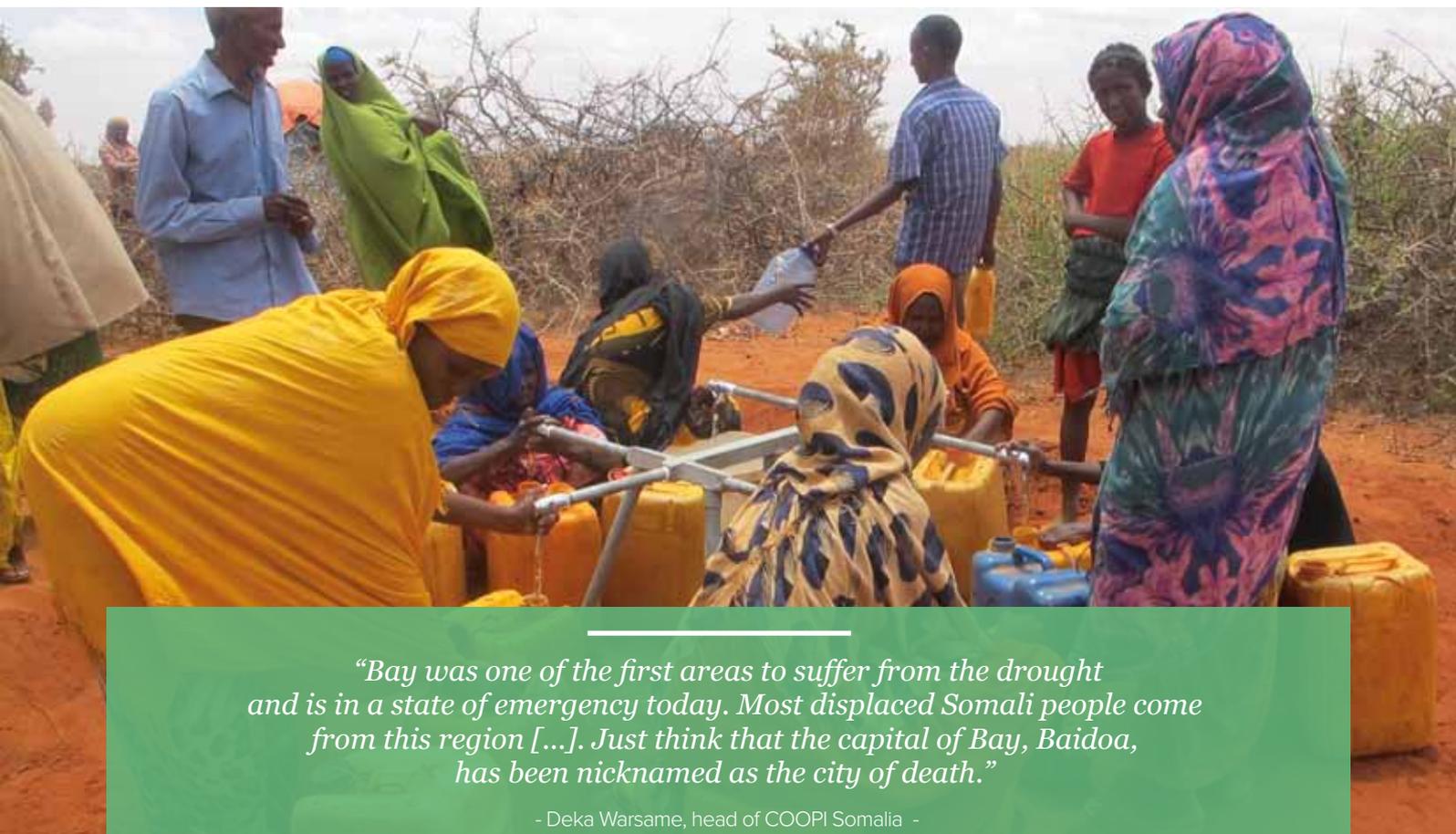


14,520 people supported with drinking water, food and basic necessities

In 2017, in Somalia, COOPI Suisse and the Herrod Foundation guaranteed drinking water, food and basic necessities for 14,520 vulnerable people in a country which has suffered extremely for more than twenty years due to the civil war and the drought that regularly affects the country as a consequence of the Niño. About 2,400 families in the central southern part of Somalia, more precisely in the regions of Bay and Gedo, in the villages of Baidoa, Dollow and Luuq, have received tanks for drinking water and thousands of vouchers, coupons that beneficiary families can bring to traders in the area and receive in return drinking water, basic alimentary products for a correct nutritional intake (such as sorghum, vegetable oil, sugar and water) or other elementary necessities (such as kerosene, firewood and soap).

This COOPI Suisse project is part of a complex program of interventions that COOPI has been pursuing for years in the country. The distribution of water and food has been accompanied by an intense awareness of good practices to prevent child malnutrition and diseases, especially those transmitted from contaminated water.

The beneficiary families of the intervention were selected with the help of the most vulnerable village committees and with this intervention **COOPI Suisse has also reached 8,000 children, 4,000 of whom are under 5 years old.** Finally, the project offered support for the sustenance of livestock, the only source of income for these families.



“Bay was one of the first areas to suffer from the drought and is in a state of emergency today. Most displaced Somali people come from this region [...]. Just think that the capital of Bay, Baidoa, has been nicknamed as the city of death.”

- Deka Warsame, head of COOPI Somalia -



FIGHTING MALNUTRITION IN CHAD

17,689 children examined to discover malnutrition promptly



In 2017, COOPISuisse helped to fight malnutrition in Chad by undergoing 300 screenings for the early identification of malnutrition cases.

Campaigns for the screening of malnourished children are essential to combat malnutrition: health checks and encouraging correct eating habits from early childhood can really contribute to reducing child mortality and help to raise healthy children, who in turn will follow correct eating and sanitary habits when they become adults and parents. The screening campaigns carried out also included data sharing with the nearest health centers and led to the creation of a network of workers who were taught how to carry out screenings in their respective communities and make referrals to local health centers. The creation of a local network of workers trained

to perform screenings and referents in health centers will allow the campaigns to be repeated periodically, even after the end of the project.

Chad is one of the poorest countries in the world, which for years has been affected by one of the most extensive humanitarian crisis of our time; in order to survive, families are still heavily dependent on agriculture and livestock, carried out according to modalities of pure subsistence in a region periodically affected by droughts and heavy floods. COOPI and COOPI Suisse have been implementing a three-year intervention program with an integrated and multi-sectoral approach in the Department of Dagana, in the Hadjer-Lamis region, one of the areas in the country where severe acute malnutrition is above the threshold of emergency.

“The project allowed me to improve my knowledge on health and nutrition. Thanks to the courses I followed I could then show other mothers how to improve their eating habits using alimentary products available on our land and promote the exclusive breastfeeding of newborns for the first 6 months of life. I am happy also because mothers have now understood that it is important to visit the health center and fewer children die.”

- Fanné Abali, married, mother of 5 children and active in her community for taking charge of malnutrition -

A NEW GENERATION OF CULTURAL WORKERS IN HAITI



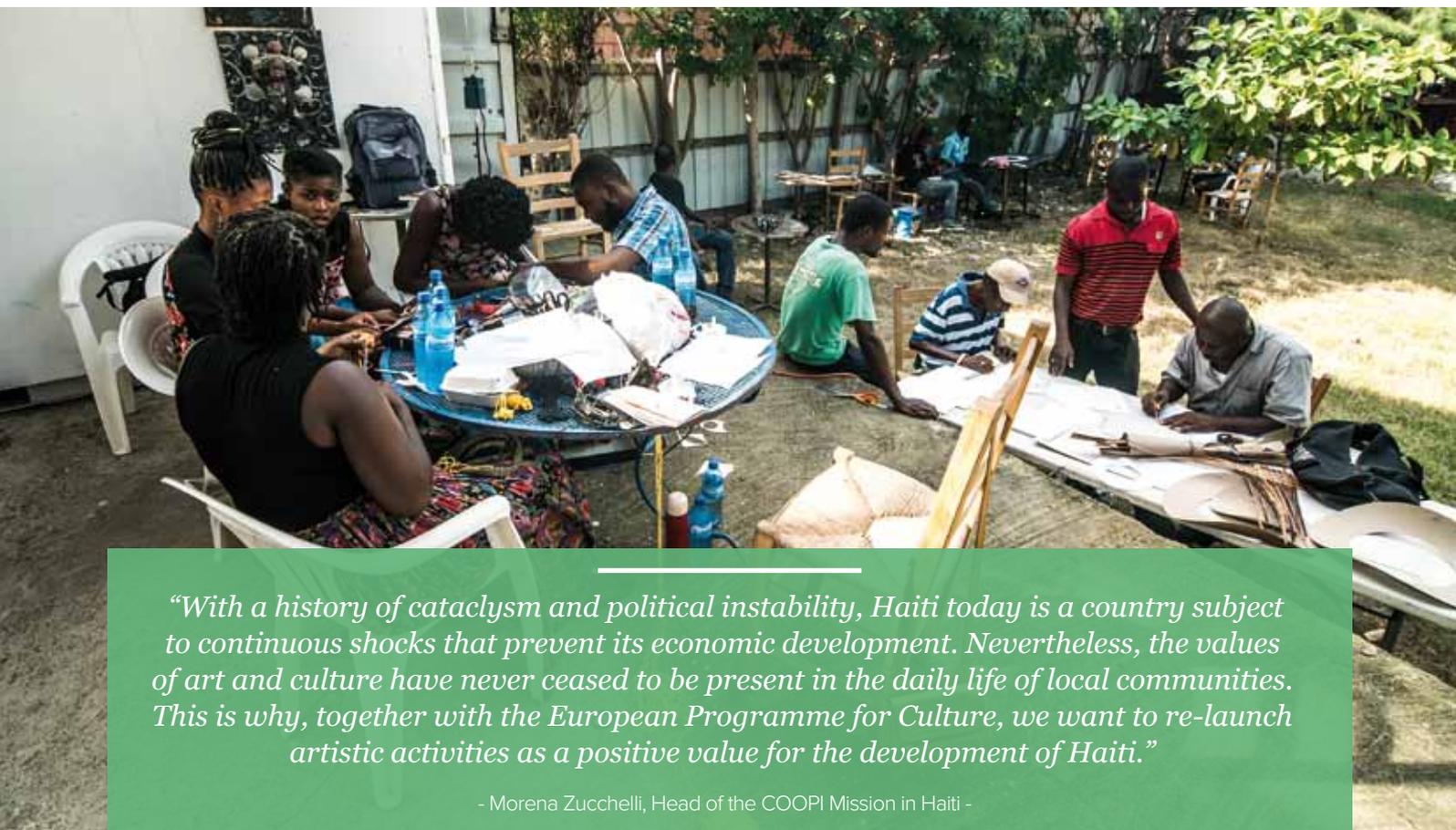
32 trained cultural workers 3 weeks of promoting Haitian culture in Europe

Music, painting, dancing, craftsmanship, papier-mâché work, sculpturing and iron beating are just a few examples of the activities carried out in Haiti by numerous small organizations led mostly by young self-taught people with great creative skills, but insufficient technical and managerial training.

In 2017, COOPI Suisse and the Foundation Alta Mane gave 32 young people from the North of the country, with scarce economic resources, the possibility to undergo professional training: a 6 month course and 450 hours of training at the State University of Haiti, followed by 1 month and a half of internships in a cultural institution, which transformed them into cultural operators by 360°.

The participatory teaching method provided theoretical courses and practical work, crossing the academic experience with that of recognized cultural professionals. **Thanks to a tour and the organization of three weeks of Haitian Culture, the project also promoted the activities of the participants in 3 European cities:** Milan (Italy), Rennes (France) and Brussels (Belgium).

The project is part of a broad cultural developmental program with which COOPI intends to strengthen the operational capabilities of small cultural organizations in 10 departments and 14 cities.



“With a history of cataclysm and political instability, Haiti today is a country subject to continuous shocks that prevent its economic development. Nevertheless, the values of art and culture have never ceased to be present in the daily life of local communities. This is why, together with the European Programme for Culture, we want to re-launch artistic activities as a positive value for the development of Haiti.”

- Morena Zucchelli, Head of the COOPI Mission in Haiti -

COOPI SUISSE IN THE CANTON OF TICINO

FILM FESTIVAL OF HUMAN RIGHTS: THE CHALLENGE OF FREEDOM IN THE GAZA STRIP



The screening of the film “Gaza Surf Club” and the encounter with Palestinian activist Mohammed Matter spoke straight to the heart of the audience, an appointment promoted by COOPI Suisse at the IV Edition of the Film Festival of Human Rights in Lugano.

The Festival, which aims to raise awareness among the public of Ticino, primarily aimed at young people and students, has given COOPI Suisse the opportunity to share the stories of young Palestinians as the protagonists of the documentary and to hear personally the words of Mohammed Matter. Despite all, these irreducible surfers, who have been arrested more than fifty times and attempted to escape the Gaza Strip several times, are the living symbol that even in the Gaza Strip, “the largest open-air prison in the world”, the spirit can be free.



WORLD PEACE FORUM: WITH THE STUDENTS FROM TICINO AGAINST THE USE OF CHILD SOLDIERS

The tragedy of child soldiers was at the center of the workshop promoted by COOPI Suisse during the 7th World Peace Forum, a day to raise awareness on the issues of peace and solidarity that every year sees the participation of hundreds of students from the schools in Ticino.

In addition to being introduced to the dramatic reality of child soldiers, during the workshop the students were able to give their active contribution to the “Red Hand Campaign”: hundreds of thousands of sheets of paper with the imprint of a red hand are given to authorities all over the world every year held on the occasion of the International Day against the Use of Child Soldiers, on the 12th of February, demanding that this aberrant practice is definitively abolished.



As a result, together with the participating students, we were able to collect 150 “red hands” which were then handed over to the Federal Councilor Ignazio Cassis: a way of exercising the right to peacefully disagree and to engage with the lights and shadows, advantages and disadvantages, of being part of a global and interconnected world.



USI CAREER NIGHT: A WHITE NIGHT FOR A FUTURE OF COOPERATION

COOPI Suisse actively participated at the **Notte Bianca delle Carriere**, an event organized by the Career Service of the University of Italian Switzerland (USI) that allows students and graduates of Swiss universities to spend an evening focusing on their professional future and meeting potential employers.

COOPI Suisse answered the students' questions in one-to-one sessions and led an orientation workshop on communication in the humanitarian field together with the photo journalist Alessandro Gandolfi.

TRASGUARDI: INTERCULTURALITY AND MUTUAL UNDERSTANDING

In 2017, **COOPI Suisse** participated at **TraSguardi**, an intercultural day promoted annually by the Integration and Social Information Department (DIIS) and the Federation of NGOs in Italian Switzerland (FOSIT).

Approximately fifty associations and non-governmental organizations present in 4 continents promoted the event "Il Mondo Al Parco", an opportunity for the inhabitants of the Canton of Ticino to learn about activities and projects, experience sounds and flavors and to meet different cultures in the name of solidarity and mutual knowledge in the beautiful autumn setting of the Ciani Park in Lugano.



With a testamentary bequest I want to give continuity to my values



"I have taught English for 37 years and I am particularly sensitive to the educational aspect and for this reason I decided to allocate my legacy to the children, so that their primary education is guaranteed [...]. With this bequest I want to give continuity to my values, to pass on the one thing in which I believe and in which I have always believed: education as the basis of the development of every person and of every population. "

- Giovanna, with COOPI since the Nineties -

THINK ABOUT IT. Request a free brochure on testamentary bequests and donations in memory. To receive a brochure on how to place a bequest and of COOPI Suisse's projects in the world, visit the website suisse.coopi.org/lasciti or talk to Anna Bonaldi at (0) 91 9663472 or via email at bonaldi@coopi.org

BALANCE SHEET AND GOVERNANCE



The association's commitment for the year 2017

- Costs of foreign projects **54%**
- Local presence **6%**
- Fundraising and communication **27%**
- Management and Administration **13%**



Destination of funds collected in Ticino

- Costs of fundraising, communication and administration **21%**
- Foreign and local projects **79%**



COOPI SUISSE'S RESOURCES

BALANCE SHEET SUMMARY (in CHF)	2017	2016
ASSETS		
Liquidity	44,581,44	34,686,91
Inventory	1,780,00	1,850,00
Transitional assets	642,85	2,942,25
TOTAL ASSETS	47,004,29	39,479,16
LIABILITIES		
Creditors	2,538,90	1,745,60
Short term debts	1,842,65	2,860,30
Restricted funds	-	-
Equity capital	42,622,74	34,873,26
TOTAL LIABILITIES	47,004,29	39,479,16
PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNTS (in CHF)		
REVENUES		
Membership fee	400,00	400,00
Unrestricted donations from private donors	18,474,11	11,360,58
From F2F Campaign	78,232,50	33,720,13
Donations from COOPI Foundation	43,228,61	53,827,79
Other revenues - sale of handicraft	76,00	100,00
Restricted revenues for the project "Women in Chad"	-	12,506,42
Restricted revenues for the project with Altamane	15,000,00	-
Restricted revenues for the project "Water for life"	-	10,800,00
Restricted revenues for the project with AIL and the Municipality of Collina d'Oro	13,500,00	-
Restricted revenues for the project with the Herrod Foundation	13,000,00	-
Financial revenues	-	0,50
TOTAL REVENUES	181,911,22	122,715,42
PROJECT COSTS		
Direct project costs	87,667,50	23,306,42
Project funds	7,749,48	22,868,62
OTHER COSTS		
Staff costs	53,571,57	49,374,45
Infrastructure and logistics costs	9,524,95	9,837,74
Management costs	4,174,03	3,337,48
Costs for activities	19,223,72	13,990,71
TOTAL COSTS	181,911,22	122,715,42

The full documentation can be found on the associative website suisse.coopi.org

Since its foundation, COOPI Suisse's annual financial statements are subject to external review.

In 2017, the association's budget was overseen by REBEFID, which produced the "External Audit Report 2017", available on the associative website 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, thereby allocating the result of the fundraising campaigns mainly to field activities.

In 2017, for the second year, the Association organized a face-to-face campaign that significantly increased private fund-raising and the number of regular donors. This, together with funding from companies, foundations and other institutional bodies, has put the Association in a position to implement an increasing number of projects.

FOUNDING 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 (2018)

Operational structure

Promotion and Development Manager: Anna Bonaldi

Promotion and Development Area: Leonie Hipkins

Foundations and Corporate Manager*: Stefano Oltolini

Project Manager*: Barbara Nese

**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.2.1).

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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