



Annual Report

2020



CO:OPERAID

Education for children in Africa and Asia

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FOREWORD

*Uncomplainingly
poor countries*

Dear Donors,

Corona, Corona, Corona! This is the chant we have been hearing non-stop for more than a year. The people of Switzerland and Europe are fed up and want to get back to the lives they used to lead as quickly as possible. That's understandable. The people in the CO-OPERAID project countries, on the other hand, do not have the option of becoming tired of Corona. The daily struggle for survival simply does not allow this. Government support is only available to very few and any possibility of vaccination is still a long way off.

Have you maybe also noticed that we rarely ever hear any complaints from these "underdeveloped" countries? Where are the crowds of people protesting en masse who wonder daily how they will feed themselves and their children in the wake of the Corona fallout? They try to cope with the difficult situation and keep the damage to a minimum. Certainly: this behaviour can also be explained by a harsh way of life in which social crises and personal tragedies are common. After all, there is far less security there than we enjoy here. But could such behaviour not also serve as an example to us?

Being patient and making the best of it has meant that CO-OPERAID's projects have continued even during the crisis, when and where the situation has allowed. This made it possible to achieve the most important goals in the year of Corona 2020. With an additional emergency aid project, we have temporarily ensured that the most affected people in our projects can be fed.

This pandemic gives no reason whatsoever to change the focus of CO-OPERAID's activities. On the contrary, we continue to be guided - with a wink - by Mark Twain who once said: "Having lost sight of our goals, we redouble our efforts". We have a clear goal, and education remains of central importance.

Our heartfelt gratitude and appreciation goes to all donors - both private individuals and organisations. Your support remained assured even in the crisis year of 2020 for CO-OPERAID. Your solidarity and the positive reactions from our partner countries encourage us every day to continue with our own efforts.

Zurich, May 2021



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COUNTRIES AND PROJECTS 2020



KENYA

Vocational training for youths and young adults with past experiences as street children in the town of Kitale.



UGANDA

Educational opportunities for children, youths and young adults from the rural population in the underdeveloped district of Zombo.



BANGLADESH

Educational opportunities for children and youths belonging to discriminated ethnic minorities in Bandarban District, Chittagong Hill Tracts. Vocational training project specifically for women and girls affected by violence.



CAMBODIA

Primary education in rural the district Teuk Phos. Vocational training for youths in the city of Kampong Chhnang.



LAOS

Educational opportunities for ethnic minority children in Atsaphone District. Project for women and girls, including victims of human trafficking, in the border town of Savannakhet.

CAMBODIA

Education also for the rural population



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Participation in the processes of society requires a population that has access to education. CO-OPERAID and SOFDEC are committed to raising the standard of education in rural state schools.

On the World Bank scale, Cambodia moved up to the “lower middle income” category of countries in 2015. The government’s aspiration is to achieve “upper middle income” status by 2030. Economic growth averaging at around 8% since 1998 has significantly raised living standards. The Vietnam War, the Khmer Rouge (approx. 1.5 million deaths) and the civil war appear to have been overcome (first elections in 1993). The increasingly authoritarian policies of the country’s long-ruling President Hun Sen nevertheless cast a shadow over the country’s future.

With their investment in education, CO-OPERAID and SOFDEC aim to strengthen the positive aspects of development. We have been supporting rural schools in Kampong Chhnang province since 2011. Better educa-

tion for the rural population makes a significant contribution to the overall level of education that a functioning society needs, while also paving the way for new life opportunities for children from farming families. Now that the Ministry of Education has been reformed, the project benefits from a fruitful cooperation with the authorities.

The “Vieng Vey” project concluded the 2018-2020 phase successfully at the end of 2020. With the approximately CHF 500,000 invested during this period, a great deal of progress was achieved at six schools. The school’s status, the active planning of the school management and teachers together with the parents’ committees, as well as the learning results in class are all aspects significantly strengthened at the end of the project. In combination with the improved infrastructure (school buildings, school grounds), a sustainable approach to development was handed over to the communities.

In 2019, a vocational training project

was also launched in the form of the “Tepkosal” project. In 2019 and 2020, the first vocational courses were run in cooperation with a youth centre and a secondary school, which provide young people with better qualifications, promote specialist knowledge and lead to jobs with better prospects.

PROJECTS

Vieng Vey

Primary Education

Tepkosal

Vocational Training

Project area

Kampong Chhnang Province,
District Teuk Phos

Partner organisation

SOFDEC

Funding 2020

CHF 60,000

BANGLADESH

Education and human rights



It is because of the refugees of the 1960s and 1970s that Switzerland is familiar with the situation in Tibet, where China is pursuing a systematic policy of oppression. A look at Tibet perfectly explains the situation in the Chittagong Hill Tracts (CHT) of Bangladesh - a situation about which hardly anyone knows.

The massacres of the Bengali army in villages inhabited by ethnic minorities are a thing of the past. The more contemporary methods include "tourism development", for example. (Once again, Tibet serves as a reference point - here, China is turning monasteries into amusement parks). Today, a five-star hotel with a theme park is threatening to devour the fertile land of six villages. The Mro families affected would become landless and internally displaced people, with nothing but the most abject poverty awaiting them. A school that CO-OPERAID and HF built is also affected. The commitment to education in the CHT is simultaneously a commitment to human rights. In cooperation with Humanitarian

Foundation, an NGO of indigenous people, the project "Rowa Kyang" enables the fulfilment of every child's right to education in village schools. In 2020, 10 schools joined the project, 9 of which were newly built. At present, the project involves 25 schools with around 950 schoolchildren. Additionally, the project partners run two hostels that allow around 70 young people to attend secondary school ("Upasshak" project) as well as a vocational school ("Alusama Froi" project). They train around 200 apprentices per year and subsequently help them into the labour market.

A separate project in the area of vocational training ("Dakkha Nari") specifically targeted victims of gender-based violence. Vocational courses have strengthened the economic independence of the girls and women being supported. The project has also raised awareness around violence against girls and women, with youth groups in the villages playing a leading role.

PROJECTS

Rowa Kyang

Primary Education

Upasshak

Secondary Education

Alusama Froi

Vocational Training

Dhakka Nari

Advancement of Women

Project area

Bandarban District,
Chittagong Hill Tracts

Partner organisations

Humanitarian Foundation; AKS

Funding 2020

CHF 377,000

LAOS

Catching up on education



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Compared to its neighbours Vietnam and Thailand, for example, Laos is lagging far behind in terms of development. CO-OPERAID's projects strengthen education and support exploited girls and women.

Recent Chinese investments in “communist” Laos, such as in hydropower, agriculture and transport (roads, a high-speed railway line), have brought momentum to the economy. However, the low level of education amongst the population means that the vast majority of people are only able to participate economically as poorly paid unskilled workers.

Throughout the country, there are still countless schools that more closely resemble wooden huts. The schools themselves are given as little consideration as the teaching. Here, it is often provided by teachers who have been trained for a few weeks and who, in extreme cases, do not even speak the language of the schoolchildren. Despite these striking shortcomings, however, there are some signs of a

new beginning. The young generation knows the value of a good education and strives towards it. Our partner aid organisation ARMI's project team perfectly represents this generation. “We want education to have the same quality and value throughout Laos, whether in rural or urban areas,” explains project coordinator Phonexay Senephimmachack.

The “Honghian Ban Hao” education project in the Atsaphone district is also progressing with great momentum. Around 40 teachers underwent further training in 2020 and now apply more child-friendly educational techniques, which include songs, stories and games. Initial repairs were made to the school buildings and the area surrounding the school was developed to include playground equipment chosen by the schoolchildren themselves (see photo).

In the city of Savannakhet, CO-OPERAID works alongside the Sengsavang women's programme (project “Okad Tisong”). It is dedicated to helping victims of human trafficking

and exploitation. Our support for the Sengsavang women's programme provides opportunities in basic education and vocational training for impacted women and girls, helping them to make a new start.

PROJECTS

Okad Tisong
Advancement of Women
Honghian Ban Hao
Primary Education

Project area

City of Savannakhet and Atsaphone District, Southern Laos

Partner organisations

Sengsavang; ARMI

Funding 2020

CHF 108,000

ASIA

Access to knowledge and skills for all



Since 2014, CO-OPERAID's scholarship programme has been helping to support gifted young people at college or university level whose families are unable to afford the costs of higher education.

The scholarship recipients are proposed by our partner organisations after careful assessment. In 2020, the project supported 44 students in total - 22 in Cambodia, 14 in Bangladesh and 8 in Laos. Just as in Switzerland, the lockdown interrupted the academic programmes and they were continued online later in the year.

The success and the impact that the project has had can be easily seen in the degrees. In Bangladesh, our programme supports students coming from ethnic minorities. This individual support also translates into increased expertise that becomes accessible to disadvantaged people. In 2019, Thui Nue Prue Marma, a very dedicated young woman, completed her studies to become a lawyer - she is one of the few female lawyers of her ethnic-

ity. In 2020, Mong Sing Swe Marma graduated as a doctor. He originally comes from the small market town of Thanchi, where CO-OPERAID also funds a vocational college. Health care in the village is very limited. This young doctor feels a sense of duty to his community. "Whenever he is in Thanchi, he visits the surrounding villages and offers people free medical advice," reports the partner organisation from Bangladesh.

In Cambodia, five young women and men completed their studies. They all come from farming families and were the first among their siblings to pursue higher education. The scholarship is their ticket into the service sector or leads to modern approaches in agriculture. "With his salary, he contributes to his brothers' school fees," notes the partner about Sophara Hum, and "she plans to further develop her parents' farming business" about Nith Bean. They are both graduates in Agriculture and Rural Development.

Since its launch in 2014, the project has been largely supported by a Swiss

company. On behalf of the students, we would like to express our sincere thanks for this outstanding contribution!

PROJECT

Talents

Scholarships for Tertiary Education

Project countries

Bangladesh, Cambodia, Laos

Partner organisations

HF (Bangladesh)
Bright Hope Institute (Cambodia)
Sengsavang (Laos)

Funding 2020

44 scholarships; CHF 28,000

Starting a new life



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The project in the town of Kitale succeeds in providing stability to marginalised young people and integrating them into society through vocational courses.

In developing countries, there are no government-run support programmes for marginalised people. These kinds of important social challenges depend wholly on private initiatives. In Kitale it is the aid organisation Child Rescue Kenya (CRK) that has initiated a social service for marginalised youth and in so doing has started to tackle the issue of social development. Many of them migrated from the countryside - where there were no prospects for them - to the city, with high hopes of a better future. For the young people supported by the "Ujuzi Kwa Vijana" project, their dreams ended on the streets - in petty crime, prostitution and drug addiction.

CRK has been supporting and assisting these young people successfully for many years. The aid organisation sets up self-help groups that provide a daily structure and social support. Once

they have a stable daily life, young people from the groups have the opportunity to take part in our joint aid project with CRK. They can follow a vocational training course, first at a vocational school and then as apprentices on placement. After successful completion, the project either supports them to become self-employed or arranges employment for them. This approach has been producing remarkable results since 2018. During a trial phase, 24 out of 25 participants completed their vocational course and 21 of them succeeded in entering the world of work.

Building on this foundation, a further 70 young people began training in mid-2019. Some 68 of them were still in the programme when the lockdown halted all activities in mid-March 2020. The group was nevertheless still able to complete their training and receive their diplomas in December. During the lockdown, we supported the young people with food (see page 10). In 2020, when the crisis hit, the CRK aid organisation itself also ran into difficulties. A proportion of the assistance

from abroad fell away due to the fact that the funds collected were raised through events that could no longer take place. CO-OPERAID stepped in and ensured that CRK could continue to pay its own costs.

PROJECT

Ujuzi Kwa Vijana

Vocational Training

Project area

Town of Kitale, Western Kenya

Partner organisation

Child Rescue Kenya (CRK)

Funding 2020

CHF 69,000

Supporting poor parents



Strengthening education in places where no one feels responsible - CO-OPERAID and CEFORD are making better education possible among the poor in Zombo.

“Poverty levels in Uganda are still very high, especially in hard-to-reach areas. It is only in some regions where the majority of the population is educated and has an income that it has been possible to build public schools, hospitals and other facilities for the people who can afford them”. This is how long-standing project leader and Member of Parliament since 2020 Lililian Papalu Obiale sums up the current situation in her home country.

CO-OPERAID is sometimes asked whether our projects are a substitute for government services. Strictly speaking this is of course what every development cooperation project does. In countries such as Uganda, however, the state tends to hand over to its citizens those things that are considered basic public services in more developed countries. Although there is a national framework in education that forms

around a central curricula and teaching materials, the operation of the educational institutions themselves is to a large extent financed by the parents. For this reason, those who have the necessary financial means prefer to turn to private schools. So, how are the poor farmers in the Zombo district, where CO-OPERAID has been active since 2010, supposed to support their childrens’ schools?

In 2020, CO-OPERAID and its donors again supported the people of Zombo. We have been doing our best to support the educational process at 12 partner schools (“Salongo Pi Somo” project). Our project brings about selective improvements, for example in the infrastructure and in the enrichment of lessons. At the same time, however, there is still a great need for investment in Zombo. It is essential that the poorest families continue to receive support in the form of school materials for their children and through income support. Our complementary approach promotes the training of young people in modern agricultural skills - the primary

source of income in Zombo - through the second project, “Aradu Pi Fur”. In 2020, a further 300 young people will have undergone the relevant vocational training.

PROJECTS

Salongo Pi Somo

Primary Education

Aradu Pi Fur

Vocational Training

Project area

Zombo District, West Nile Region

Partner organisation

CEFORD

Funding 2020

CHF 347,000

Through the crisis together



CO-OPERAID and its partner aid organisations have helped destitute families through the Corona crisis with food deliveries and economic aid.

Thankfully, the predicted health catastrophe in Bangladesh, Kenya and Uganda has not yet materialised, but there has certainly been a dramatic decline in economic activity. CO-OPERAID and its partners were able to act swiftly to respond to those in greatest need.

The indigenous farmers of Chittagong Hill Tracts in Bangladesh do not produce enough from their fields to sustain themselves (ongoing land loss through “land grabbing”). They have to work additionally as day labourers. When the lockdown hit in 2020, the markets closed and traffic came to a standstill. This income stream disappeared. CO-OPERAID and HF have established rice stores in the villages to help meet shortages in times of need, but this supply is insufficient to cope with an event like Corona. Famine was looming. Thanks to the rapid delivery

of 25-50kg of rice and other provisions per family, it was possible to secure the food supply needed by 1,600 families (around 8,000 people). In a second period starting in October, our emergency aid programme granted loans to former students of our vocational school who were facing the prospect of losing the small businesses they had set up themselves.

It was in the small town of Kitale, Kenya, that the young people who CO-OPERAID aims to help find a new perspective on life with its vocational training project are facing a difficult situation. Demand collapsed and the businesses they had opened, or the jobs they had found in the informal economy, generated virtually no income. Our partner CRK responded to this situation by delivering food to 265 families until October in a bid to prevent them from falling back into crisis.

A third, less extensive operation was launched in the Zombo district of Uganda, where farmers were no longer able to buy their seeds because of

the lockdown. The supply in seed has secured the continuation of agriculture and thereby also contributed to Uganda’s ability to maintain a high level of self-sufficiency in food.

CO-OPERAID expresses its heartfelt thanks to all the private individuals and organisations who have donated so quickly and with such solidarity to our relief efforts for those affected by Corona!

PROJECT

Corona Emergency Aid

Project countries

Bangladesh, Kenya, Uganda

Partner organisations

Humanitarian Foundation (HF)
Child Rescue Kenya (CRK)
CEFORD

Funding 2020

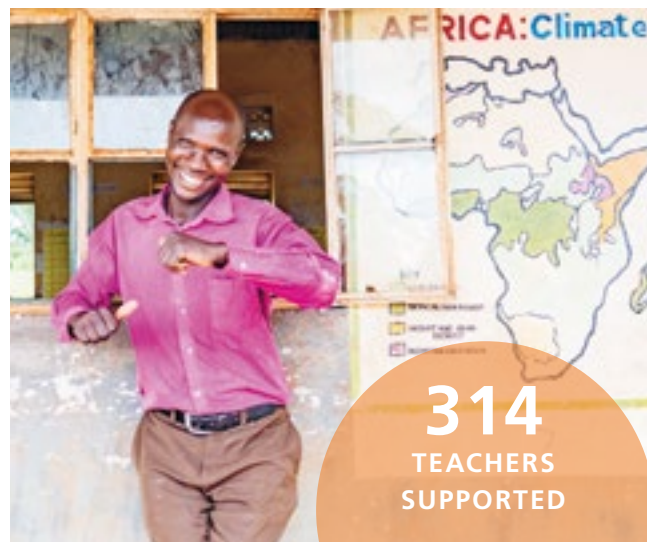
CHF 217,000

ACHIEVEMENTS & IMPACT 2020



89
PARTNER SCHOOLS
SUPPORTED

School development for buildings, equipment (e.g. library, computers, desks), sanitation or perimeter works (e.g. school garden, playground)



314
TEACHERS
SUPPORTED

Further training, educational visits, coaching, development parent-teacher committees, grants



9,166
CHILDREN AND
YOUNG PEOPLE IN
NURSERY, PRIMARY
OR SECONDARY
SCHOOL

Support with school supplies, school uniforms, bicycles or school fees



2,700
WOMEN AND GIRLS
SUPPORTED

Assistance in cases of gender-based violence, prevention & education, economic empowerment (vocational courses)



5,743
PARENTS
AND FAMILIES
DIRECTLY
SUPPORTED

Boosting family income, education & health, school initiatives, setting up parents' committees



634
YOUNG PEOPLE IN
VOCATIONAL TRAINING
OR AT UNIVERSITY

Running vocational courses, initial support with equipment or loans for start-ups, job placement, scholarships, etc.

OUR APPROACH

Education – Partnership – Development

CO-OPERAID's projects are based on a holistic approach to development. Our overarching goal is social progress through education. On the one hand, our projects aim to provide access to good quality primary education and, on the other hand, to equip people with skills that lead to work and income and in turn to a more secure quality of life. The aim is to realise these goals for disadvantaged groups in particular. Indeed, education must be accessible to all and not just a select elite. It is only general education ("education for all") that enables social participation, social dynamism and positive future prospects.

EDUCATION

SCHOOL, TEACHERS,
SCHOOL COMMITTEES,
EDUCATIONAL OFFER



PARTNERSHIP

AID ORGANISATIONS,
PUBLIC AUTHORITIES,
SOCIETY



DEVELOPMENT

PARENTS, FAMILIES,
SCHOOL COMMUNITIES



We support **underfunded educational institutions** in regions where the state education system is not sustainable. This is predominantly the case in rural areas. The governments in these places leave the "problem of education" to the resident population. **CO-OPERAID promotes development among its partner schools, supports school teams and the quality of teaching**, encourages parental involvement, facilitates access for the children of the most disadvantaged (school materials, bicycles) and initiates additional measures, e.g. with regard to vocational training or the establishment of nursery schools.

Our name "CO-OPERAID" (Cooperation & Aid) is our mission. **CO-OPERAID's aid projects are born out of cooperation.** The involvement and active participation of the "stakeholders" - locally based aid organisations, community representatives (especially parents), authorities - are key. Our collaboration with local aid organisations endeavours to achieve shared, equal decision-making, joint problem assessments and individually tailored, locally adapted solutions. The insights and experiences our partners bring to the table are vital.

In addition to education, CO-OPERAID's projects include **promoting social awareness (including gender), small-scale income-raising projects for the poorest families and health services.** Providing additional expertise and organising, e.g. in parent committees or savings groups, leads to empowerment among the communities. The overall effect of improved education (including vocational training with its economic impact) and strengthened communities creates multiple drivers for social development. A strong partnership with local aid organisations strengthens the representation of interests for the communities and consequently the role of civil society.

Educational opportunities for all!



THE CHILD'S RIGHT TO EDUCATION

CO-OPERAID's dedication to education is a commitment to the implementation of the international rights of children. Children's rights are based on the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child, adopted by the international community in 1989. Children's rights define the fundamental rights of every child in the world, including the right to education and training. The lives of countless children have been improved thanks to the guiding principles of this convention. Access to education has been achieved for millions. Yet, in order to secure the right to education for all children, further significant work is required. Marginalised communities are still excluded from education and the educational provisions are still far too often inadequate. The quality of education is insufficient, with little or no consideration given to the child's native language or to implementing child-oriented methods. As a result, the learning effect is correspondingly low.



AGENDA 2030 (SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS)

"Ensure inclusive, equitable and quality education and promote lifelong learning opportunities for all". This is Goal No. 4 of the UN's 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (Sustainable Development Goals, SDGs). The 17 goals focus on the economic, social and environmental aspects and consolidate poverty reduction and sustainable development. The aim is to achieve them on a global scale and across all UN member states by 2030. The Agenda calls on all states to work together to tackle the world's most pressing challenges.

CO-OPERAID'S CONTRIBUTION

- Establish **partnerships with domestic aid organisations**. The aim is the inclusive shaping of appropriate support services in the field of education, tailored to the relevant context. **Institutional strengthening of partners** as primary representations of civil society.
- Ongoing exchange with partners involved in project implementation. **Regular project visits and target review**.
- **Ensuring professional standards in project management**: Monitoring, evaluation, reporting communication and finances (incl. external audit).
- **Securing funding** through ongoing fundraising endeavours and communication with private and institutional funders in Switzerland.

PARTNER AID ORGANISATIONS 2020

BANGLADESH



HF, Humanitarian Foundation, Bandarban
 www.hf-cht.org

“School committees met regularly to ensure that school children attended classes. The teachers and project staff conducted many home visits. As a result, the attendance rate at school reached 88% despite Corona.”

Moung Moung Shing Marma, Director



AKS, Ananya Kallyan Songathon, Bandarban

“Young people can work profitably as volunteers for the good of their communities. The youth groups have helped to reduce violence against women in the villages. As volunteers, they have contributed to a peaceful coexistence.”

Naly Daw Nai Prue, Director

UGANDA



CEFORD, Community Empowerment For Rural Development, Arua

“Several schools are benefiting noticeably from their income projects and school gardens. This has made it possible for them to purchase needed materials, such as for a fence around the banana and coffee garden.”

Jean Christabel Asipkwe, Director

LAOS



 **Sengsavang, Savannakhet**
<https://sengsavang.org>

“Girls and young women in Laos continue to be threatened by all kinds of violence and exploitation. We have expanded our support programme to include scholarships. It is a positive trend that girls are increasingly pursuing higher education.”

Virith Khattignavong, Director



ARMI, Association for Rural Mobilisation and Improvement, Savannakhet

“38 teachers from the district were introduced to child-friendly approaches to teaching - learning with games, songs, stories, etc. According to our observation, they all adopted these new approaches.”

Amphone Souvannalath, Director

KENYA



 **CRK, Child Rescue Kenya, Kitale**
www.childrescuekenya.org

“This year we have concentrated on getting food to the young people so that they were not thrown off track. 68 young people who had dropped out of their vocational course in March were able to attend the graduation ceremony in December after all.”

Ian K. Wilson, Director

CAMBODIA



SOFDEC, Society for Community Development in Cambodia, Kampong Chhnang

“Over three years, the project has supported around 3,350 school children. The school teams and communities were involved in various activities, which generated local ‘ownership’ over the project.”

Dr. Khun Leang Hak, Director

CO:OPERAID Team 2021

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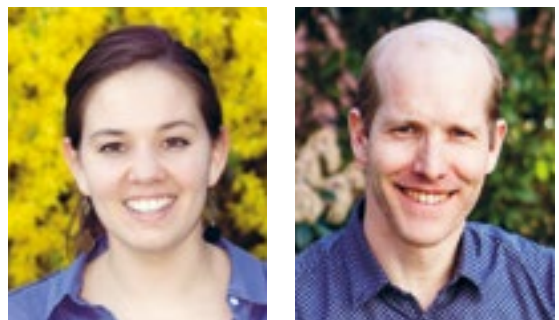
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Thank you for all your
voluntary work!

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Responsible for institutional
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management

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Responsible for public
fundraising



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institutional fundraising

Become a member by joining our association!

Join the CO-OPERAID association and express your solidarity with the CO-OPERAID aid organisation, a charity that has been providing real help for the socially disadvantaged for 40 years. Member contributions:

Individual CHF 50.

Families CHF 70.

Companies CHF 100.

(Note: "Membership Fee")

Due to Corona restrictions, the 2021 General Assembly was held virtually as in the previous year (formally on 11 May). As of the time of printing, the voting period had not yet expired. The results of the elections for the Presidency and the Board as well as the other association business will be communicated on the CO-OPERAID website.

COMMENT ON THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Thank you for your tremendous support!

2020 was a year marked by uncertainty and apprehension. The great solidarity shown by donors and contributors during this crisis situation has been remarkable. ZEW0 expects donations in Switzerland to reach a record level of around two billion francs. CO-OPERAID was also able to count on the generous support of its donors.

Total income of CHF 2,230,739 is close to the previous year (CHF 2,228,767). Around CHF 260,000 of this was allocated to our Corona emergency aid (see page 10). The success of CO-OPERAID's street campaign ("Friends") was again very similar to the previous year. The total 2020 donations from young "Friends" donors amounted to around CHF 54,000. The largest share is made up of contributions from foundations, totalling CHF 1,267,456.

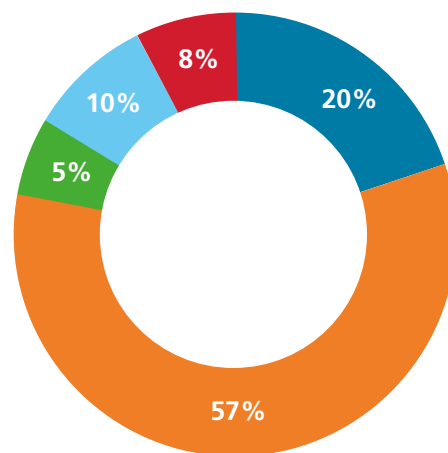
We continue to strive to work efficiently and cost-effectively, whilst at the same time working in a professional manner. Operations are overseen by four part-time employees, as well as volunteers. Unpaid work accounted for around 1,500 hours. They include work on the board, volunteer work in project management, graphics, administration and fundraising, as well as unpaid overtime. The office extends its heartfelt thanks to all those who assist CO-OPERAID and contribute to its success through their commitment and dedication!

The breakdown of costs in line with ZEW0 guidelines results in a ratio of 77% project expenses (CHF 1,371,986) to 23% fundraising, communication and administration (CHF 418,027). CO-OPERAID is therefore in the average range for our type of organisation.

Here again, it is worth taking a closer look at this cost accounting. The 23% share of costs in fundraising, communication and administration is an indispensable prerequisite for the realisation of our projects. This is the result of CO-OPERAID's own efforts and dedication. After all, without the provision of professional information to donors, contributors and the public, without the establishment and maintenance of a network and without a functioning administrative system (including compliance with ZEW0 guidelines on transparency and business management), no overseas projects would come to fruition.

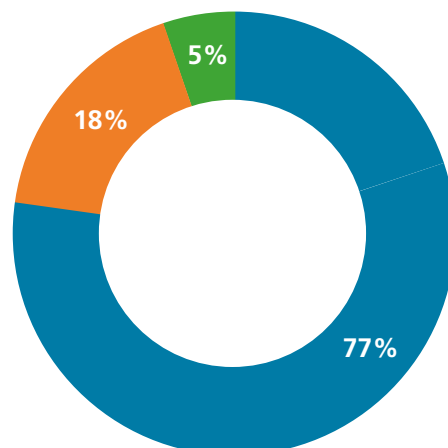
ORIGIN OF FUNDS

Public sector contributions	451,700
Contributions from foundations	1,267,456
Contributions from other institutions	110,968
Private donations	219,010
Sponsorship	179,214
Membership fees	2,390
TOTAL CHF	2,230,738



COST ALLOCATION, YEAR 2020

Project work	1,371,986
Fundraising & Information	327,376
Administration	90,651
TOTAL CHF	1,790,013

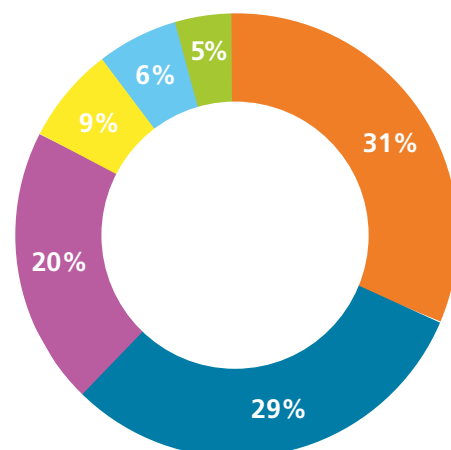


USE OF PROJECT FUNDS

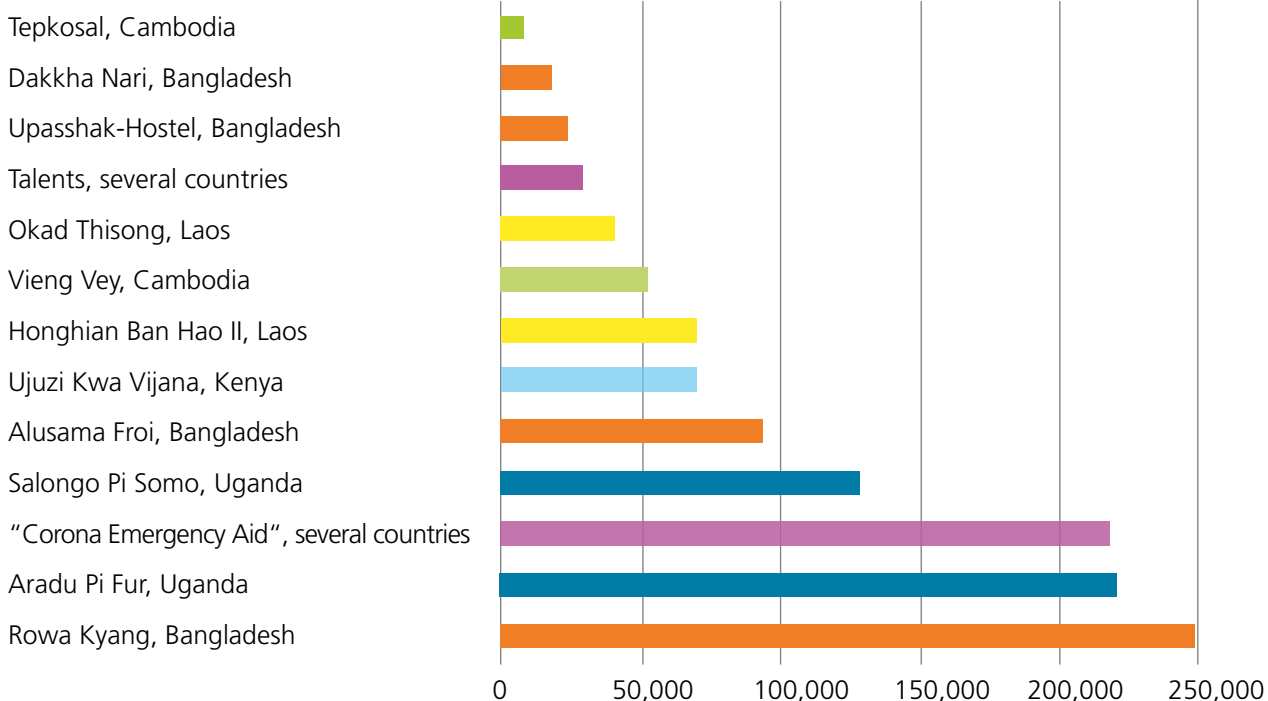
The graphics refer to funds transferred to the projects in the reporting year 2020. The use of funds in the respective project country and thus the actual project expenditure may deviate from this (funds transferred in another period).

USE BY COUNTRY

■	Bangladesh	377,312
■	Uganda	346,908
■	Transnational	245,006
■	Laos	108,010
■	Kenya	68,969
■	Cambodia	60,000



USE BY PROJECT



USE BY TOPIC

Primary education	519,197
Vocational training	385,452
Corona Emergency Aid	217,467
Women's and girls' advancement	56,550
Scholarships for tertiary education	27,539

USE AFRICA & ASIA

Asia (45%)	545,322
Africa (35%)	415,877
Transnational (20%)	245,006



BALANCE SHEET 31. DECEMBER (IN CHF)

	2020	2019
ASSETS		
Current Assets		
Liquid funds	1,900,167	1,512,095
Receivables	8,249	8,880
Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	7,394	13,934
	1,915,810	1,534,909
Capital Assets		
Fixed assets	11	988
	11	988
	1,915,821	1,535,897
LIABILITIES		
Short-term Liabilities		
Other liabilities	5,884	4,528
Deferred income	7,327	71,617
	13,211	76,145
Fund Capital		
Designated funds Africa	830,070	920,733
Designated funds Asia	739,581	257,858
Transnational funds	70,160	61,724
	1,639,811	1,240,315
<i>Total designated liability and fund capital</i>	<i>1,653,022</i>	<i>1,316,460</i>
Organisational Capital		
Accrued free capital	219,438	185,373
Annual profit / loss	43,362	34,065
	262,799	219,438
	1,915,821	1,535,897

AUDIT REPORT

The CO-OPERAID Annual Accounts 2020 were audited by BDO AG on 1 April 2021.

“During our audit, nothing came to our attention that caused us to believe that the financial statements do not convey a true and fair view of the financial position, the results of operations and the cash flows as required by Swiss GAAP FER or that they do not comply with the law and statutes”.



12 April 2021

FINANCIAL REPORTING

CO-OPERAID's accounts are managed in accordance with the Swiss GAAP Kern-FER framework and Swiss GAAP FER 21. These financial statements have not yet been approved at the annual CO-OPERAID general meeting. The entire, approved annual financial statements with notes on the financial reporting principles will be made available as a download on our homepage.

PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT 1.1 TO 31.12.2020 (IN CHF)

	2020	2019
REVENUE		
Specified Purpose		
Specified private donations	44,696	19,406
Sponsorship	179,214	198,730
Legacies and event donations	5,425	10,197
Public sector	451,700	439,600
Foundations	1,267,456	1,313,196
Institutions	110,968	101,181
Independent donations		
Private donations	168,889	142,687
Membership fees	2,390	3,770
	2,230,739	2,228,767
OPERATING EXPENSES		
Project costs		
Contributions to projects	-1,206,205	-1,004,470
Personnel costs	-146,941	-150,634
Travel and hospitality	-3,384	-7,610
Material costs	-12,690	-14,652
Maintenance costs	-2,376	-1,905
Depreciation	-391	-1,007
	-1,371,986	-1,180,280
Administrative expenses		
Personnel costs	-69,797	-49,120
Travel and hospitality	-549	-453
Material costs	-13,888	-15,308
Maintenance costs	-6,231	-1,462
Depreciation	-186	-329
	-90,651	-66,671
Fundraising and communication		
Personnel costs	-150,698	-128,452
Travel and hospitality	-2,794	-1,969
Fundraising campaigns / events	-158,040	-162,863
Material costs	-13,007	-12,423
Maintenance costs	-2,435	-1,615
Depreciation	-401	-854
	-327,376	-308,176
Result	440,725	673,640
Financial result		
Financial income	0	-265
Financial expenses	-5,868	-1,796
	-5,868	-2,061
Extraordinary, non-recurring or out-of-period income	8,000	0
Result before changes in designated funds	442,858	671,580
Change in fund capital		
Allocation	-1,904,501	-1,878,464
Utilisation	1,505,004	1,240,949
	-399,496	-637,515
Annual result before allocation of organisational capital	43,362	34,065
Free capital acquired	-43,362	-34,065

LEGAL FORM AND MANAGEMENT PRINCIPLES

CO-OPERAID ASSOCIATION

CO-OPERAID is a non-profit, politically and denominationally independent humanitarian organisation (according to ZGB Art.60-Art.79). It was founded in 1981 under the name InterAid Switzerland and renamed CO-OPERAID in 1996. The association is recognised by the Canton of Zurich as a non-profit organisation and is exempt from tax. The bodies of the association are the members, the board, the office and the auditors. This annual report is regarded as a performance report on the year 2020.

PURPOSE

The purpose of the association is the realisation of development cooperation projects and the procurement of funds for this purpose. Article 2.3 of the association's mission statement reads: "CO-OPERAID is committed to the implementation of children's rights, in particular the right to education and training".

OFFICE

In May 2021, the administrative office comprises four part-time positions with a total of 280 percent (in full-time

equivalent). We are geared towards modern management practices with team thinking and place a strong focus on expertise at the heart of everything we do. CO-OPERAID nurtures an organisational culture based on flat hierarchies. The difference between the highest and lowest salary of our office staff is 14%. Operations are carried out with the help of volunteers, with the objective being to make the activities profitable for both sides.

IMPACT ORIENTATION

It is CO-OPERAID's ambition to realise effective projects with measurable results. Project planning includes objectives that are monitored with the help of impact measurement. We undertake external project evaluations and endeavour to optimise the results on an ongoing basis (lessons learned). We are involved in professional exchanges in Switzerland (Reci, www.reseau-education). Since late 2019, we have been taking part in the "Education and Livelihoods" alliance formed from four aid organisations (Swiss Academy for Development, Menschen für Menschen, Usthi) and the University of Teacher Education in Zug.

FUNDRAISING AND COMMUNICATION

Fundraising and communication are an integral part of our work to successfully deliver aid projects. In doing so, we adhere to the ethical guidelines of Swissfundraising. CO-OPERAID reports transparently and publishes the annual report as well as extensive project information. Accounting follows the framework concept of Swiss GAAP Kern-FER and Swiss GAAP FER 21, which ensures transparency and financial comparability.



ZEW CERTIFICATION

Since 1998, CO-OPERAID has carried the seal of approval of the ZEW Foundation, the Swiss certification body for charitable, fundraising organisations.

This seal of approval stands for:

- purposeful, efficient and effective use of your donation
- transparent information and meaningful financial reporting
- independent and appropriate control structures
- honest communication and fair fundraising



THANK YOU VERY MUCH



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You + Us = our help

In 2021, CO-OPERAID will have been around for 40 years. The distance CO-OPERAID has been able to come with your support has been long. Your donations were the sturdy shoes, the rain jacket, the compass and the GPS navigation, all of which enabled CO-OPERAID to safely find its way through the sometimes difficult terrain.

Time and again, we were fortunate to be supported by loyal private donors. Even in the year of a global crisis, major donors and especially CO-OPERAID project sponsors remained our strong backbone. We thank all our donors for their trust and loyalty!

The appreciated donations made by various institutions have made it possible to implement all project plans in 2020 (as far as the Corona regulations of the respective countries have allowed). We are extremely delighted that such a large number of foundations, companies as well as public authorities are investing for education in underprivileged regions together with CO-OPERAID. Due to limited space, only organisations with a contribution of CHF 5,000 or more are listed. However, we would like to express our sincerest thanks to all donors. Continue to be a partner in our collective commitment to education. Our efforts are worthwhile!

FOUNDATIONS AND COMPANIES

Accordeos Stiftung - Büchi Foundation - Caritatis Stiftung - Clariant Foundation - Däster-Schild Stiftung - Domenica Pfenninger-Stiftung - Dorave-Stiftung - Dr. Ernst-Günther Brüder Stiftung - ESPERANZA kooperative Hilfe gegen Armut - Fondation Albert Amon - Fondation Gertrude Hirzel - Fondation Philanthropique Famille Sandoz - Fondazione aiuto alla cooperazione e allo sviluppo - Fondazione Fidinam - Gebauer Stiftung - Glencore International AG - Green Leaves Education Foundation - Hans Rüdüsühli Stiftung - Heliotis AG - Hirschmann-Stiftung - Jobst Willers Engineering AG - Josef Wiederkehr Stiftung - Kurt und Senta Herrmann-Stiftung - Leopold Bachmann Stiftung - Mare Communication and Care AG - Marinetri AG - Medicor Foundation - Mutter Bernarda Stiftung - Occident Group - Resurgens Foundation - Schroder Stiftung - Stiftung Corymbo - Stiftung Drittes Millennium - Stiftung FOKUS FRAUEN - Stiftung Temperatio - U.W. Linsi Stiftung - UTIL Stiftung

PUBLIC-SECTOR ORGANISATIONS

Cantons: Aargau - Appenzell Ausserrhoden - Basel-Stadt - Graubünden **Municipalities:** Binningen - Elgg - Küsnacht - Maur - Meilen - Muri - Riehen - Zollikon **Communities:** Adliswil - Aarau - Frauenfeld - Illnau-Effretikon - Lancy - Rapperswil-Jona - Zug - Zürich **Churches:** Röm.-kath. Pfarrei Guthirt Zürich - Ref. Kirche Kanton Zug

SUPPORT CO-OPERAID

Let's do it together!

Is your foundation, your company, your institution guided by values that consider the social dimension? If your answer is "yes", it's well worth us having an exchange. CO-OPERAID is looking for committed partners to co-finance our multi-year projects. By uniting forces, we can achieve a social gain that is not only desirable, but increasingly vital in ensuring a future worth living. Indeed, it will take all the intelligence and creativity available among us to reshape the way we live together in the modern world. These strengths are decisively furthered by good education. Big goals that we can patiently take small steps together to achieve!

What CO-OPERAID offers:

- 40 years of experience in the implementation of educational projects with social impact
- We are your bridge to civil society in the project countries: CO-OPERAID works directly at the grassroots level with partner aid organisations, parents, communities and school teams. CO-OPERAID projects are collaborative, development approaches
- CO-OPERAID is a small, personable aid organisation. Your questions and concerns are always welcome
- CO-OPERAID is a ZEW-certified organisation with tested structures and professional business processes



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Your compassion makes many things possible



The development of educational opportunities in underdeveloped regions is a major task. The local people supported by friends from the West will still have to invest decades to ensure "education for all". **With your legacy**, you strengthen the backbone of this work. Your commitment to education pays off. Every young person who is able to develop their knowledge and skills and who can educate themselves is an asset to their community.

YOUR LEGACY

By making a bequest, the portion of your assets that you specify will be donated to the cause that is close to your heart. In this way, you determine your legacy yourself. Your legacy of support for CO-OPERAID is a commitment to the right of children to receive an education. CO-OPERAID has been committed to helping children and young people in underdeveloped regions for 40 years. This will also remain the mission of our aid organisation in the future. Your legacy contributes to educational opportunities for young people and thus to social progress. CO-OPERAID thanks you for your valuable contribution!

Tom Hofer is at your disposal for all matters concerning this sort of financial bequest, sponsorship and donations: +41 44 363 57 87, hofer@co-operaid.ch



Projects to promote education must be implemented over several years in order to have a lasting effect. **Your project sponsorship or topic sponsorship** amounts to a contribution of CHF 1.60 per day. This facilitates the continuous, effective work we do for children in underdeveloped regions.



Every child in the world should be allowed to go to school. Thank you for supporting the right to education **with your donation**. Every donation counts.





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