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FOREWORD



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Peace – the basis for a fulfilling life

Peace is more than the absence of war. In the past year, the attack on Ukraine has shown us that peace is not a given. There was major concern across the population which triggered one of the largest waves of solidarity in the history of Save the Children Switzerland. Read more about our programmes in Ukraine on [page 8](#).

426 million children worldwide live in conflict zones – they cannot do anything about this and yet suffer the most in the process. They experience physical violence, develop fears through their experiences or lose their homes when they have to flee. To bring peace a step closer, we are making every effort to ensure that children are protected from the effects of war; that children affected by extreme poverty survive and grow up healthy; and that children all over the world receive quality basic education. In Ukraine, for example, we have set up child-friendly bunkers so that the children can forget the war for a moment and just play. After the devastating floods in Pakistan, we distributed hygiene kits for young girls, and in Colombia, we enabled children to return to school with education kits after the COVID-19 pandemic. We talk about all of these projects on the following pages.

In our National Programmes, we regularly interact with parents who have fled violence with their

children and are now seeking protection in Switzerland. When we ask them what they want, we hear the same words again and again: Parents want their children to be able to go to school, receive medical care and grow up in safety.

Where states guarantee basic rights such as education, medical care and protection, it sounds peaceful. However, what about the injuries within, from experiences in the home country, when fleeing, or in the host country? This is exactly where we step in, when we carry out projects that focus on mental health. Children need to be able to process their experiences for healthy, liberated development. Inner peace is the breeding ground on which a fulfilling life can grow.

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OUR AMBITION FOR CHILDREN

Our vision is a world where every child survives, learns and is protected. To achieve our ambition, we have set ourselves three goals by 2030:



SURVIVE

No child dies of preventable causes before their fifth birthday



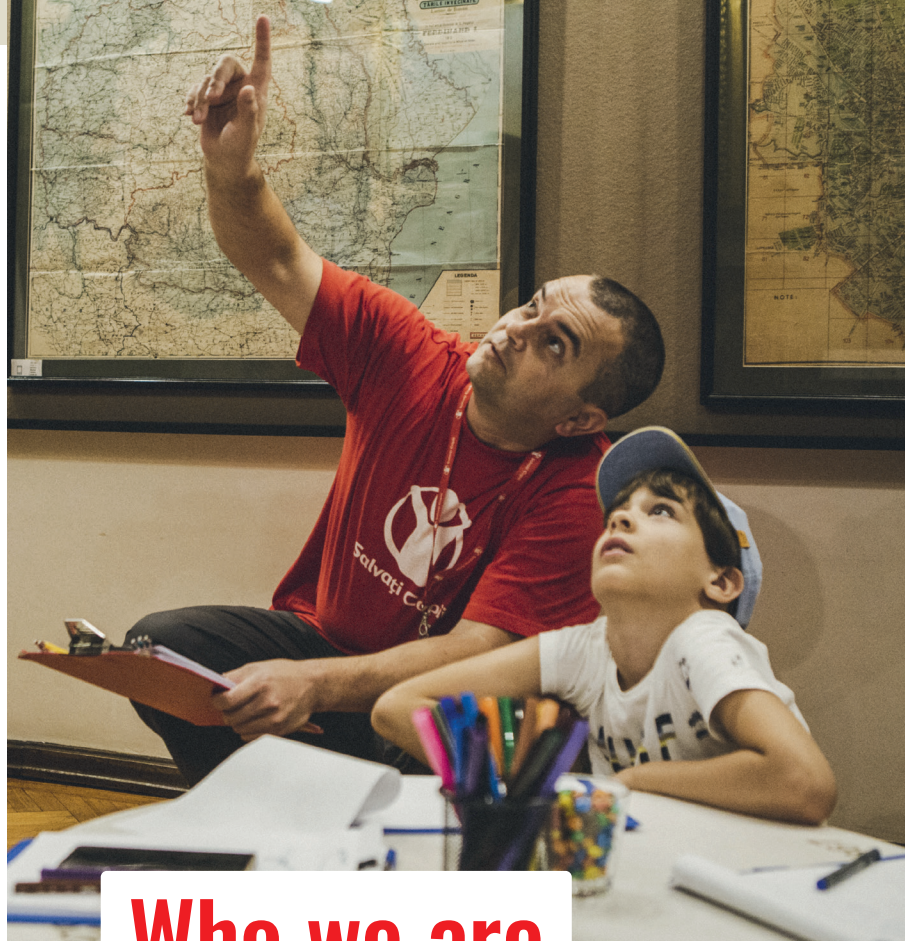
LEARN

All children learn from a quality basic education.



BE PROTECTED

Violence against children is no longer tolerated.



Who we are and what we do

Commitment to children worldwide

Every child deserves a future – whether in Switzerland or around the world. With this conviction, we advocate for children's rights. We improve the lives of children worldwide quickly and sustainably.

In doing so, we support children in the following situations:



Children **in emergencies**



Children **on the move**



Children **in slums**



FIGURES FOR 2022

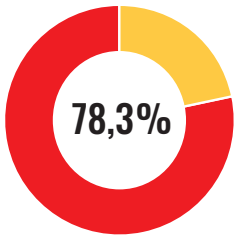


Over **20750 Guardian Angels** donated regularly for children.

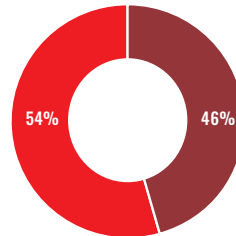


31,5 MIO. CHF

have we received in donations



Around **4 out of 5 Swiss francs** went to our projects for children.



From this, we used **54% of donations for emergency aid** and **46% for sustainable development.**

Our funds went to projects in the following areas:



25,0%

Children in poverty



20,5%

Health and nutrition



30,1%

Children's rights and child protection



24,4%

Education



Save the Children Switzerland supported projects in **34 countries** to protect children, ensure their survival and provide them with education.

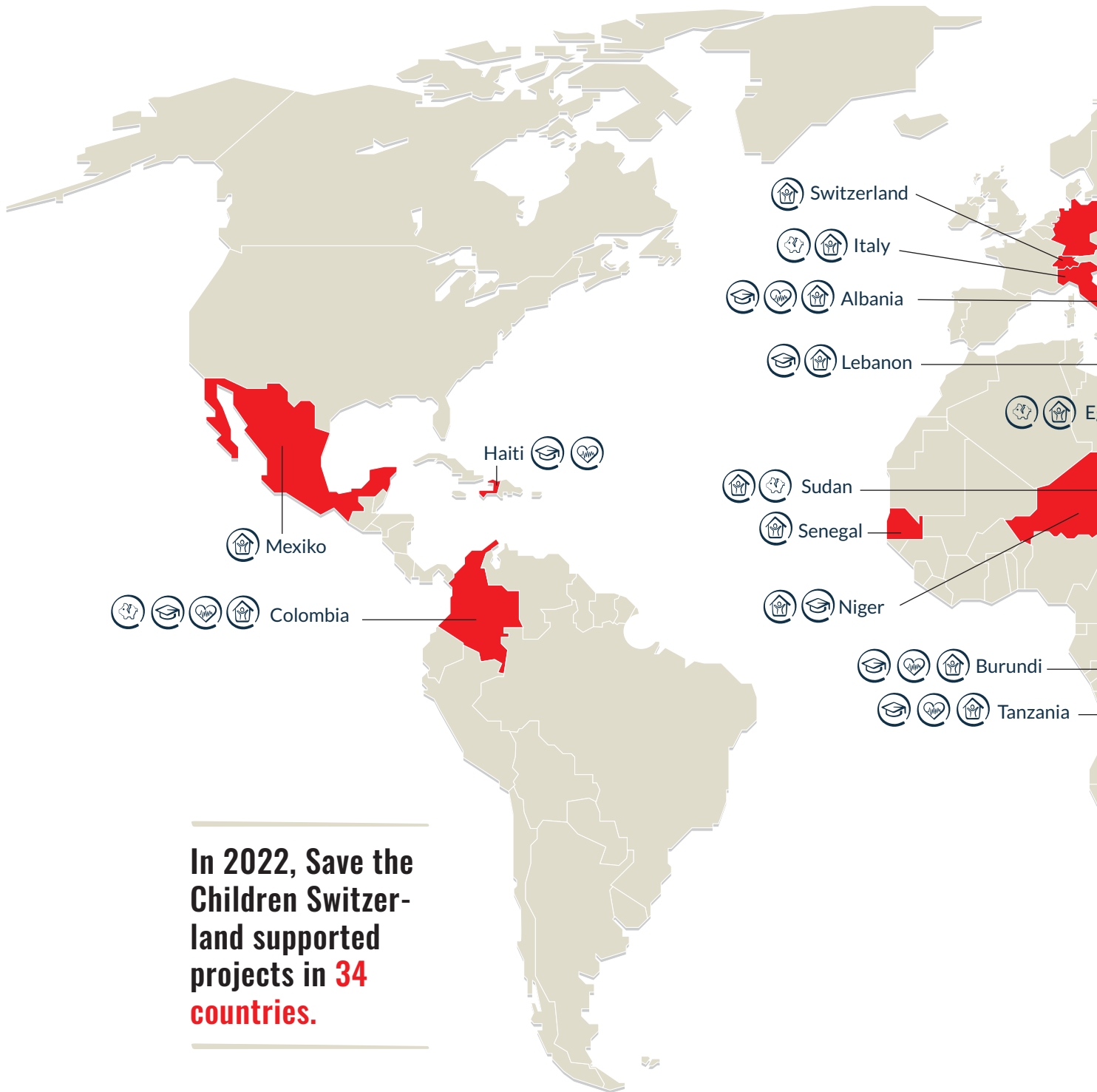


We supported **21 asylum shelters in German- and French-speaking Switzerland** in setting up child-friendly spaces and other services for children and families.

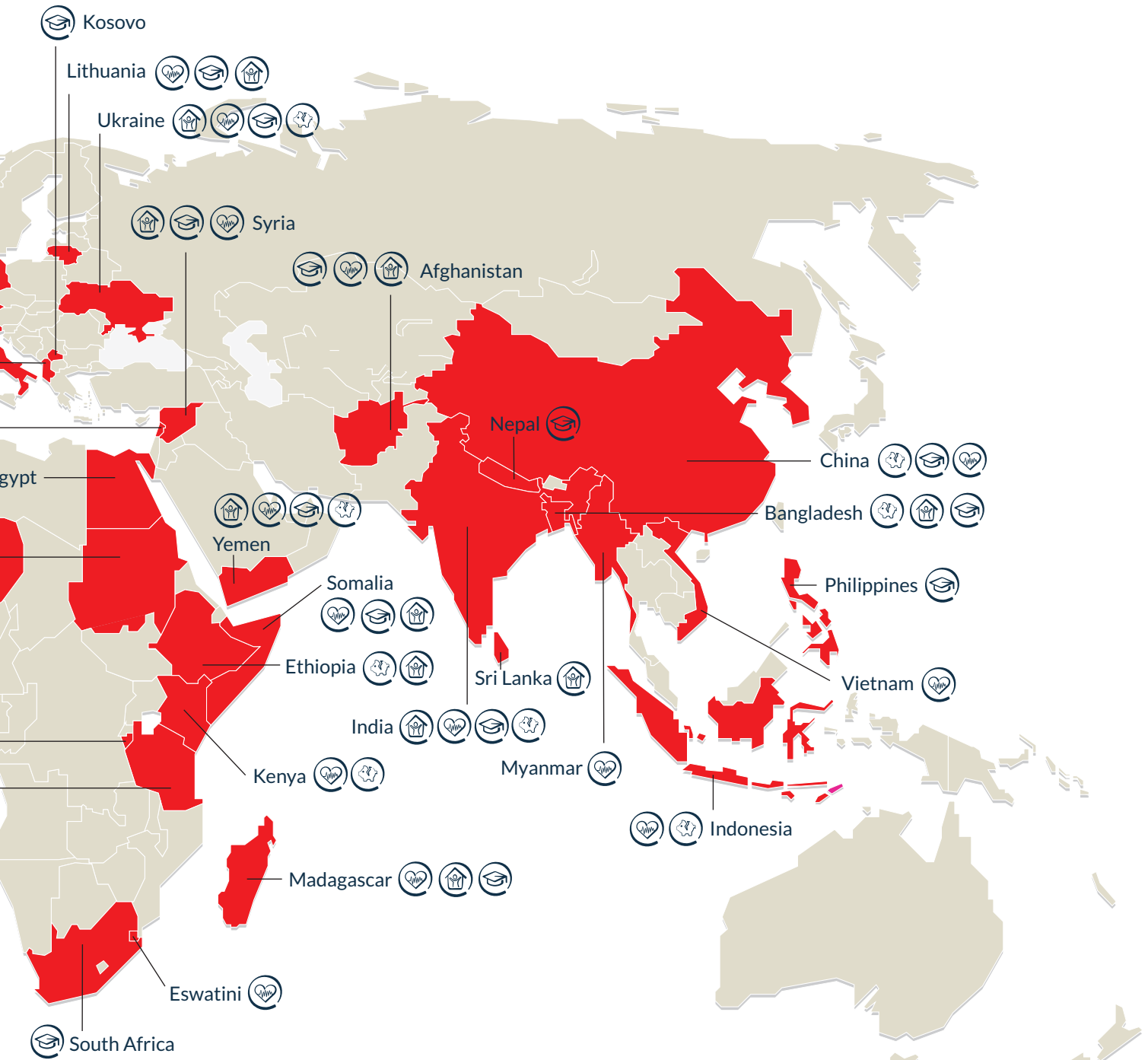






PROJECT OVERVIEW 2022

In 2022, Save the Children Switzerland quickly and sustainably supported children worldwide. We responded to emergencies such as the war in Ukraine and the floods in Pakistan. At the same time, we were committed to long-term development, such as improving access to education for children in Niger and providing comprehensive protection for refugee children in Switzerland.



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-  Children in poverty
-  Health and nutrition
-  Education
-  Gesundheit und Ernährung



What we achieved in 2022

In 2022 Save the Children Switzerland implemented **projects in 34 countries.** On the following pages you can find a selection of our projects worldwide.



Life-saving assistance for displaced children

Background

Ukraine is at war. As we have been working in the country since 2014, we were able to immediately expand our outreach with life-saving aid.

What we do

In total, we have reached more than 800,000 people in Ukraine – among them 436,500 children – with emergency aid within the first year. In addition to food and hygiene kits we also distribute heating materials and set up child-friendly spaces. In one of our projects in eastern Ukraine we financially support over 9000 displaced children and their families so that they can meet their basic needs.

Why the project is important

The conflict in Ukraine is forcing millions of people to leave their homes. Many have lost their homes and income and struggle with health problems. In this project, we respond to the basic needs of those affected.

Safe return to school

Background

During the COVID-19 pandemic, schools in Bangladesh were closed for over a year. In addition, families are struggling to regain their financial stability. This combination has put children at risk of dropping out of school and becoming engaged in child labour and child marriage.

What we do

So that children in slums can return to school, we support them with education kits and financial assistance. To catch up with their lost learnings, we provide extra tuition. We also provide training courses for teachers so that they can support children in their learning in the best way possible.

Why the project is important

The project counteracts the long-term consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic for education by allowing children to continue learning in a safe environment.



Access to education for children in crises

Background

In the Diffa region in Niger, the security situation is unstable. Under these circumstances, it is particularly challenging to provide high-quality education for children and to integrate internally displaced and vulnerable children.

What we do

We support local education and child protection actors as well as communities in improving access to quality education for children in Diffa. We show which tools are available to ensure that as many children as possible go to school and can learn in a safe environment in the best way possible.

Why the project is important

By empowering local authorities to use their own skills, children can go to school and learn safely despite volatile conditions.





ITALY

Support for children on the move

Background

A growing number of migrants arrive or transit through the Italian coastal town Ventimiglia. Many of them are children, some of whom are unaccompanied. In addition to the catastrophic living conditions and the limited access to food, clean water and sanitary facilities, unaccompanied children are at particular risk of becoming victims of human trafficking or smuggling.

What we do

We are on the ground and support particularly vulnerable families and unaccompanied children. We distribute hygiene and clothing kits and inform those affected of their rights. In our child-friendly spaces, children receive a hot meal, are looked after by specialists, and can play. In addition, our night shelter provides unaccompanied and separated minors with a safe place to sleep.



Why the project is important

When the children and youth arrive in Ventimiglia, they have already been on the move for four years on average. On their journey, they are exposed to numerous dangers. The project provides safe spaces and basic support to offer protection and dignity to children and their families.



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Protection and education for children

Background

In Colombia, the COVID-19 pandemic has hit marginalised populations the hardest. In particular, in communities that are hosting refugees from Venezuela the situation has worsened and violence has increased.

What we do

Schools are safe places that children can return to after the pandemic. To facilitate their return, we provide education kits and financial support. In addition, the prevention of sexual violence is an important component of the project. We increase parents' awareness and offer psychological support. We also improve hygiene conditions in schools to prevent the spread of COVID-19.

Why the project is important

This project enables all children to return to school and provides them with comprehensive protection.



Emergency aid after floods

Background

This year, Pakistan was hit by the heaviest rainfall in decades. 16 million children have been affected by the devastating floods and the risk of disease and hunger has sharply increased in the flooded regions.

What we do

We distribute food, hygiene and household kits in the province of Sindh, which was most heavily affected by the floods. Furthermore, we provide those affected with training courses on hand washing and the safe storage of water and carry out first aid sessions.

Why the project is important

The floods in Pakistan have caused a humanitarian crisis. We are helping those affected to mitigate the impact of the crisis and live a life of dignity.





Emergency aid for children in the hunger crisis

Background

In emergencies such as the floods in Pakistan, the deadly hunger crisis in East Africa or the war in Ukraine, immediate support is essential for survival. Since 2018, we have been able to provide affected children and their families with immediate support thanks to the Children's Emergency Fund.

What we do

Lack of rain, COVID-19 or conflicts impede access to food and lead to hunger crises. Malnutrition affects young children the most. We train volunteer health workers and empower parents in the early detection and treatment of malnutrition. We also provide financial support that allows families to meet their basic needs with dignity. The same applies in Kenya, where we improve care in health centres and treat children with acute malnutrition.

Why the Children's Emergency Fund is important

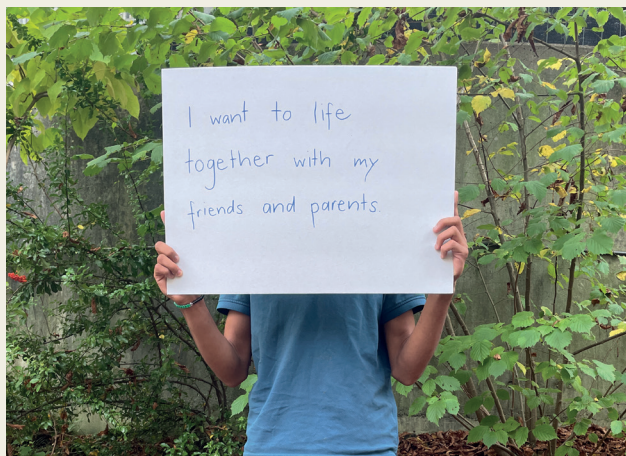
The fund supports families in emergencies that get little public coverage. In this way, we also help children in places where the world is not looking. Thanks to donations to the Children's Emergency Fund, we were able to respond to 18 emergencies in 15 countries worldwide in 2022, reaching almost 400,000 people with life-saving aid.



CHILDREN'S EMERGENCY FUND



SWITZERLAND



KIJUMA A magazine by young editors living in asylum centres

Background

Almost half of all applications for asylum in Switzerland come from children and young people. The proportion of young people who are fleeing alone has also sharply increased in the last year. Unaccompanied minors are particularly vulnerable and urgently need support in dealing with their current situation in Swiss asylum centres.

What we do

In a new project entitled «Kijuma – Children and youth magazine», young people living in asylum centres become editors and develop their own digital magazine during a project week. They discuss their experiences in the centres as well as their concerns, interests and wishes. The work on the magazine is supplemented with sports and creative activities.

Why the project is important

The right of children to participate¹ is seldom taken into account in the Swiss asylum system. Through the magazine, young people have the opportunity to present their views and the reality of their lives to a wide audience. In addition, they can formulate concerns directly to the asylum centres to bring about improvements in their everyday lives.



Information on other projects for children living in asylum centres in Switzerland: savethechildren.ch/switzerland

¹The right to participation is enshrined in Article 12 of the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child as one of 54 international standards for the welfare of children and young people.

COMMENT ON THE ANNUAL FINANCIAL STATEMENT



In 2022, the war in Ukraine led to a wave of solidarity and also financially affected our fiscal year: we received earmarked donations from individuals, funds and companies amounting to CHF 2,1 million for this purpose. Save the Children was already heavily involved in Ukraine before the outbreak of war this year, so we were able to allocate 90% of these donations to corresponding projects by the end of the year. Furthermore, we were able to raise a further CHF 4,4 million from institutional donors for specific projects in Ukraine. In total, we received contributions and earmarked donations amounting to CHF 22,0 million in 2022, 15% more than in the previous year.

In addition, we were generously supported by donations that were not earmarked. These increased by 32% over the previous year to CHF 9,4 million. This enables us to fund programmes that receive less public attention. They also help to cover the necessary ad-

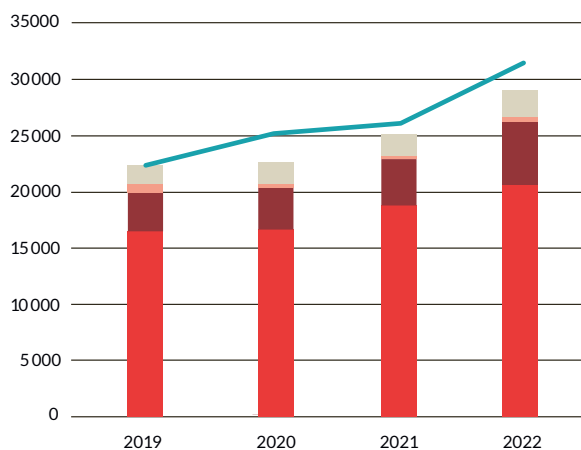
ministration and fundraising costs and to strengthen our reserves. These amount to approximately 2,5 months of spending at the end of 2022 and are indispensable for the financial resilience of our organisation, allowing us to respond quickly in emergencies and acute crises.

In the reporting year, we received more earmarked payments than funds went out to the projects. In accordance with regulations, the difference was allocated to the fund capital, which increased by CHF 2,5 million. With the fund capital we will cover future project expenses.

In total, 78,3% of our funds go to project work. This percentage is slightly below the previous year's figure of 81,5%. We expect this percentage to rise again in the future as the fund capital goes to projects.

Income, Expenses and Fund Changes

(in CHF thousand)



The 2022 financial statement complies with the provisions of Swiss GAAP Core FER and is printed as a summary on the following pages.

The audit was carried out by the BDO auditors in Zurich and received an unqualified audit opinion.

The audit report with the complete annual financial statement and appendix is published on our website: www.savethechildren.ch/en/annual-and-financial-report

- Fund changes
- Project expenditure
- Administrative expenses
- Total income
- Fundraising expenses



	31 December 2022	31 December 2021
Assets		
Liquid funds	15 362 373	11 451 890
Receivables from supplies and services	232 608	236 618
Other short-term receivables	2 569 020	1 925 947
Accrued income	1 042 644	1 057 202
Total current assets	19 206 645	14 671 657
Tangible assets	41 764	8 950
Intangible assets	77 858	46 309
Total fixed assets	119 622	55 259
TOTAL ASSETS	19 326 267	14 726 916
Liabilities		
Trade accounts payable	315 091	466 639
Other short-term liabilities	104 001	57 634
Deferred income	309 937	200 680
Total short-term liabilities	729 029	724 953
Earmarked funds	12 937 126	10 456 310
Total fund capital	12 937 126	10 456 310
Total loan capital and fund capital	13 666 155	11 181 263
Initial capital	18 751	18 751
Fixed capital	148 764	232 186
Free capital	5 492 597	3 294 716
Profit/loss carried forward	3 294 716	2 307 920
Annual result	2 197 881	986 796
Total organisational capital	5 660 112	3 545 653
TOTAL LIABILITIES	19 326 267	14 726 916



OPERATING STATEMENT (in Swiss francs)

	2022	2021
Donations without earmarking	9 360 807	7 099 457
Contributions and donations with earmarking	22 003 510	19 086 325
of which: public sector	10 226 402	10 901 290
of which: indirect project contributions	0	2 509 998
Proceeds from receivables	99 904	66 584
OPERATING INCOME	31 464 221	26 252 366
Contributions and grants paid abroad	-18 017 211	-16 220 126
of which: indirect project expenses	0	-2 509 998
Project expenditure on programmes in Switzerland	-57 488	-24 083
Project expenditure	-18 074 699	-16 244 209
Payroll expenses	-4 865 961	-4 771 123
of which: for programmes in Switzerland	-472 684	-365 787
Material expenses	-3 651 006	-1 987 987
Depreciation and amortisation	-61 533	-25 257
OPERATING EXPENSES	-26 653 199	-23 028 577
OPERATING RESULT	4 811 022	3 223 789
Financial result	-215 746	-215 161
Extraordinary result	0	125 814
RESULT BEFORE CHANGE IN FUND CAPITAL	4 595 276	3 134 442
Change in fund capital	-2 480 816	-2 165 460
NET INCOME BEFORE CHANGE IN ORGANISATIONAL CAPITAL	2 114 460	968 982
Allocations/Uses		
<i>Revolving fund for project pre-financing</i>	83 421	17 814
<i>Free capital</i>	-2 197 881	-986 796
BALANCE AFTER CHANGE IN ORGANISATIONAL CAPITAL	0	0

THANK YOU!

Our work for children would not be possible without the generous support of our donors. Whether as an individual, Guardian Angel, company, foundation, shared office, school class, club, volunteer or public

authority: People like you make the crucial difference for children. In Switzerland and around the world.

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THIS IS US

Save the Children Switzerland was founded in 2006 as an independent association and is politically, ideologically and denominationally independent. The Senior Leadership Team of Save the Children Switzerland is responsible for the implementation of the strategy and the operational management and comprises the Executive Director and three Leaders from the areas of Global Programmes, Philanthropy and Finance & Controlling as of 31 December 2022.

Adrian Förster CEO

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- Communication
- Quality & Compliance

Lea Bachmann Director Philanthropy

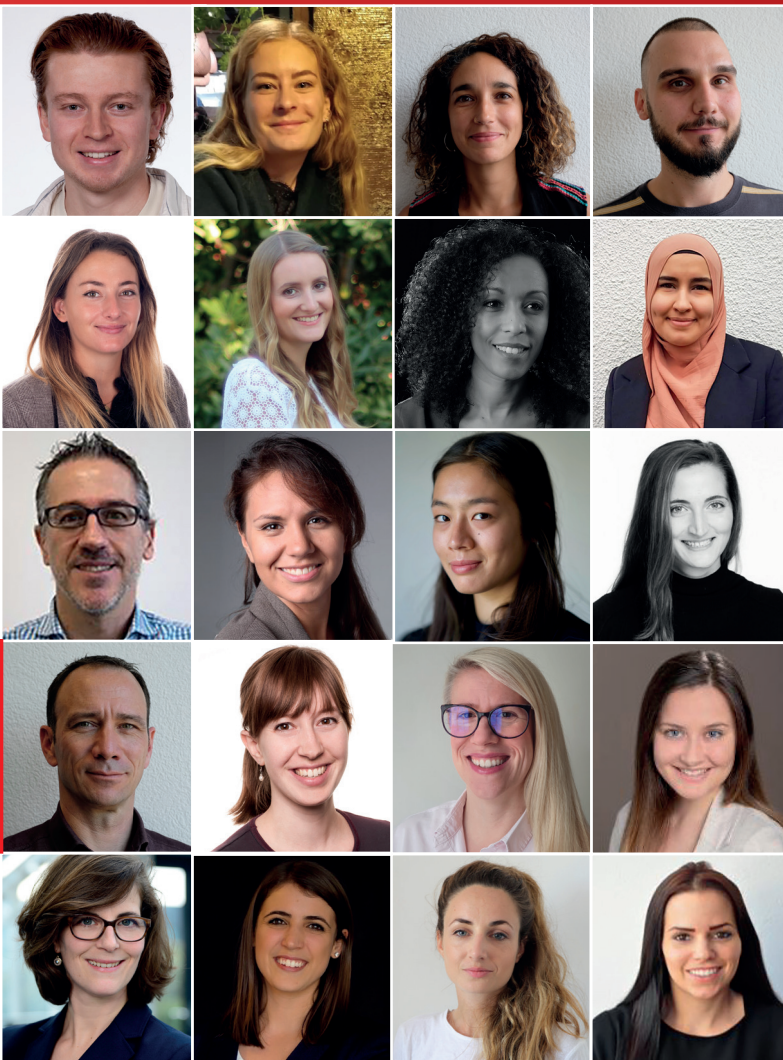
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- Data Analysis
- Content & Event Hub

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- International Programmes
- National Programmes

Andreas Brühle Director Finance and Controlling

- Finance
- IT-Service
- Project Controlling



Institutional networks and memberships

Save the Children Switzerland is a member or partner of the following networks: Alliance for the Rights of Migrant Children (ADEM), Child Rights Network Switzerland, Cinfo, Global Alliance – Cities 4 Children, Medicus Mundi Switzerland, ProFonds, Schutzfaktor M, Swiss Network for Education and International Cooperation (RECI), Swiss NGO Disaster Risk Reduction Platform, Swiss Solidarity, Swissfundraising, Verband für nachhaltiges Wirtschaften (öbu), ZEWO Foundation

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The board of Save the Children Switzerland is the supreme governing body and includes experts in humanitarian aid, healthcare, law, finance, marketing, compliance and business.

All interests of the members of the board that are relevant to Save the Children are disclosed in the Financial Report.

As of 31 December 2022, the board comprised the following persons:

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lic. iur., Lawyer, President of the Board, board member since 2006

Dr Wolfgang Wünsche

Consultant, Vice-President of the Board, board member since 2006

Dr Christian Huldi

Dr oec. HSG, Management Consultant, board member since 2006

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Solveig Rufenacht

lic. jur, MBA, ACFE, Managing Director, board member since 2018

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MBA, Management Consultant, board member since 2016

Images: The staff of Save the Children Switzerland at the end of 2022.

FOR CHILDREN. IN SWITZERLAND AND WORLDWIDE.



Save the Children



Every child deserves a future – whether in Switzerland or around the world. With this conviction, Save the Children Switzerland uncompromisingly and tirelessly supports the most disadvantaged children.



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