

VOLONTARIATO INTERNAZIONALE  
PER LO SVILUPPO



# ACTIVITIES SUMMARY REPORT 2017







## 2017 KEY HIGHLIGHTS

- VIS statutory reform completed
- Strategic planning 2018-2020 document approved
- First National Coordination Plan (2017-2018) approved
- Establishment of the first four VIS offices in the territory
- Continuation of “Stop Human Trafficking! They’re Human Beings” campaign in partnership with Missioni Don Bosco. See [www.stoptratta.org](http://www.stoptratta.org)
- First Position Paper on “Human mobility and Development”
- Activation of the first peace corps volunteers - CCP

<b>MAIN OFFICES</b>	2 (Rome hq and operational office in Brescia)
<b>MEMBERS</b>	3
<b>VOLUNTEERS</b>	73 (6 of which new)
<b>VIS OFFICES IN THE TERRITORY</b>	4
<b>ACTIVE DONORS</b>	2.357 (137 new)
<b>DISTANCE SUPPORT DONORS</b>	322 (13 of which new)
<b>INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERS</b>	10
<b>DEVELOPMENT OPERATORS</b>	46
<b>CIVIL SERVICE VOLUNTEERS</b>	16
<b>PEACE CORPS VOLUNTEERS</b>	2
<b>PERMANENT EMPLOYEES</b>	19 (in total in the year)
<b>COLLABORATORS</b>	5



# 4

DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS <sup>1</sup>	46
EMERGENCY PROJECTS <sup>1</sup>	12
DEVELOPMENT/EMERGENCY PROJECT COUNTRIES <sup>2</sup>	23
COUNTRIES INVOLVED IN THE PROGRAMME FOR STRENGTHENING THE SALESIAN PLANNING AND DEVELOPMENT OFFICES (PDO)	36
ONLINE COURSE PARTICIPANTS	318
ADVANCED TRAINING COURSES PARTICIPANTS	149
SCHOOLS INVOLVED IN SOLIDARITY TWINNINGS	19
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>9.204,034 euros</b>

<sup>1</sup>The figure also includes the completed projects whose activities continued with residual funds and which, therefore, produced operating effects in 2017 as well. The projects are highlighted in the country sections.

<sup>2</sup>The figure also includes as 1 unit the PDO project involving 34 African countries, 1 Caribbean country and Italy.

# The identity of VIS





## AN OVERVIEW OF VIS

VIS - International Volunteer Service for Development is a non-governmental organization dealing with **international development cooperation and solidarity**. VIS is also an **educational agency that promotes and organizes awareness-raising, education, development training and global citizenship activities**.

From a juridical point of view, VIS is a recognized association, founded in 1986 under the auspices of the Centro Nazionale Opere Salesiane (CNOS), which has grown in the world thanks to the commitment and passion of international volunteers and development workers, who decide to leave to put their skill and dedication to the service of the institutional aims of the NGO.

Our operations and projects are **inspired by the teachings of Don Bosco**, a great man whose vision and modern and effective educational system were ahead of their time, and which he considered lynchpins for overcoming the injustices and inequalities of the historical period in which he lived, but which are still extraordinarily valid in Italy and worldwide today.

Our motto is *“Working together to build a possible world”*, which exemplifies our intention to build networks in Italy, in Europe and worldwide, to improve the living conditions of vulnerable young children and their communities, convinced as we are that training, and education can fight the root causes of extreme poverty.

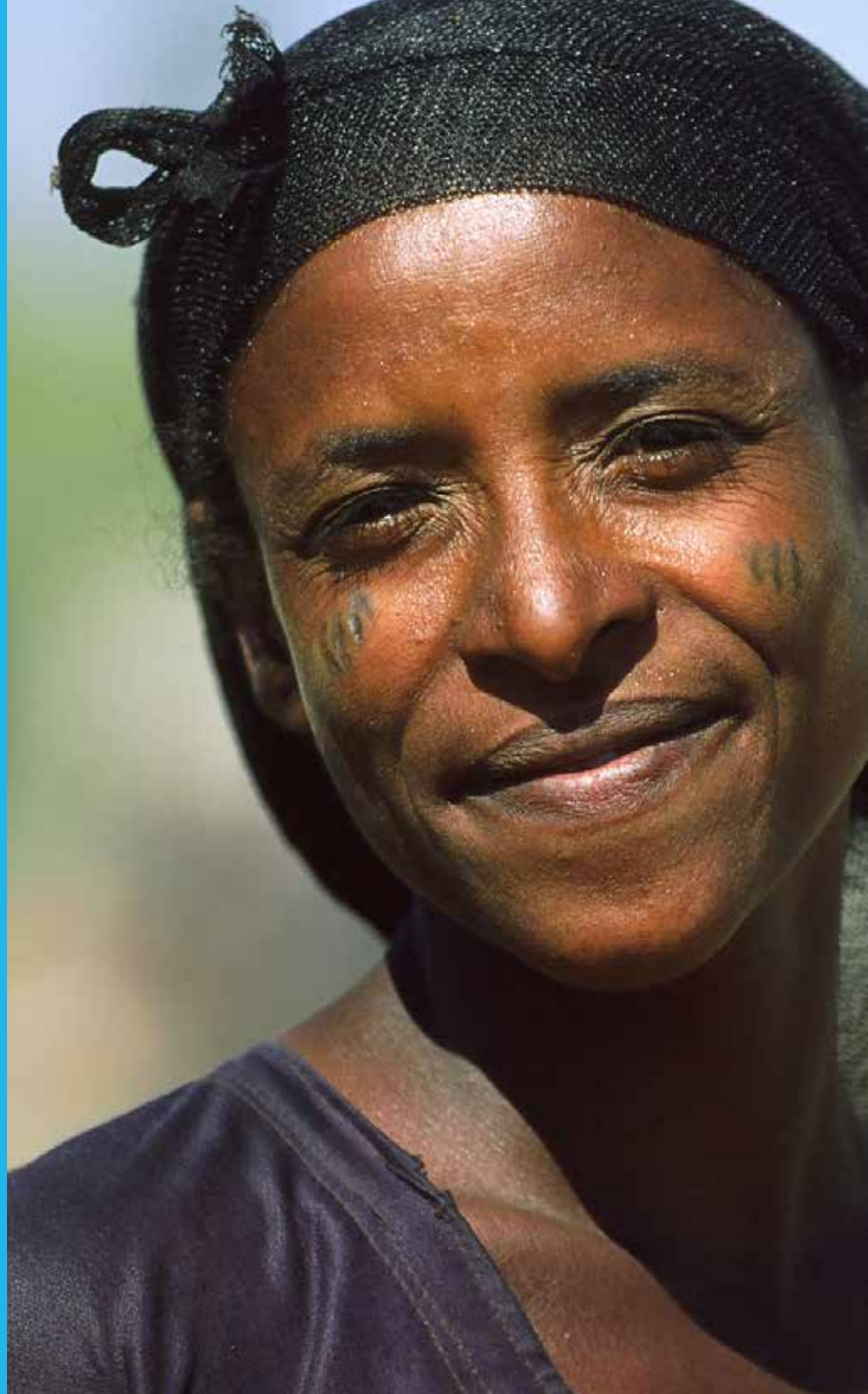
VIS is an NGO registered with the Civil Society Organisations register kept by the Italian Agency for Cooperation and Development, as well as the register of non-profit organizations kept by DR Lazio of the Internal Revenue Agency.

We have been granted consultative status by the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC) of the United Nations and participated since its establishment to the Fundamental Rights Platform (FRP) of the European Fundamental Rights Agency (FRA).



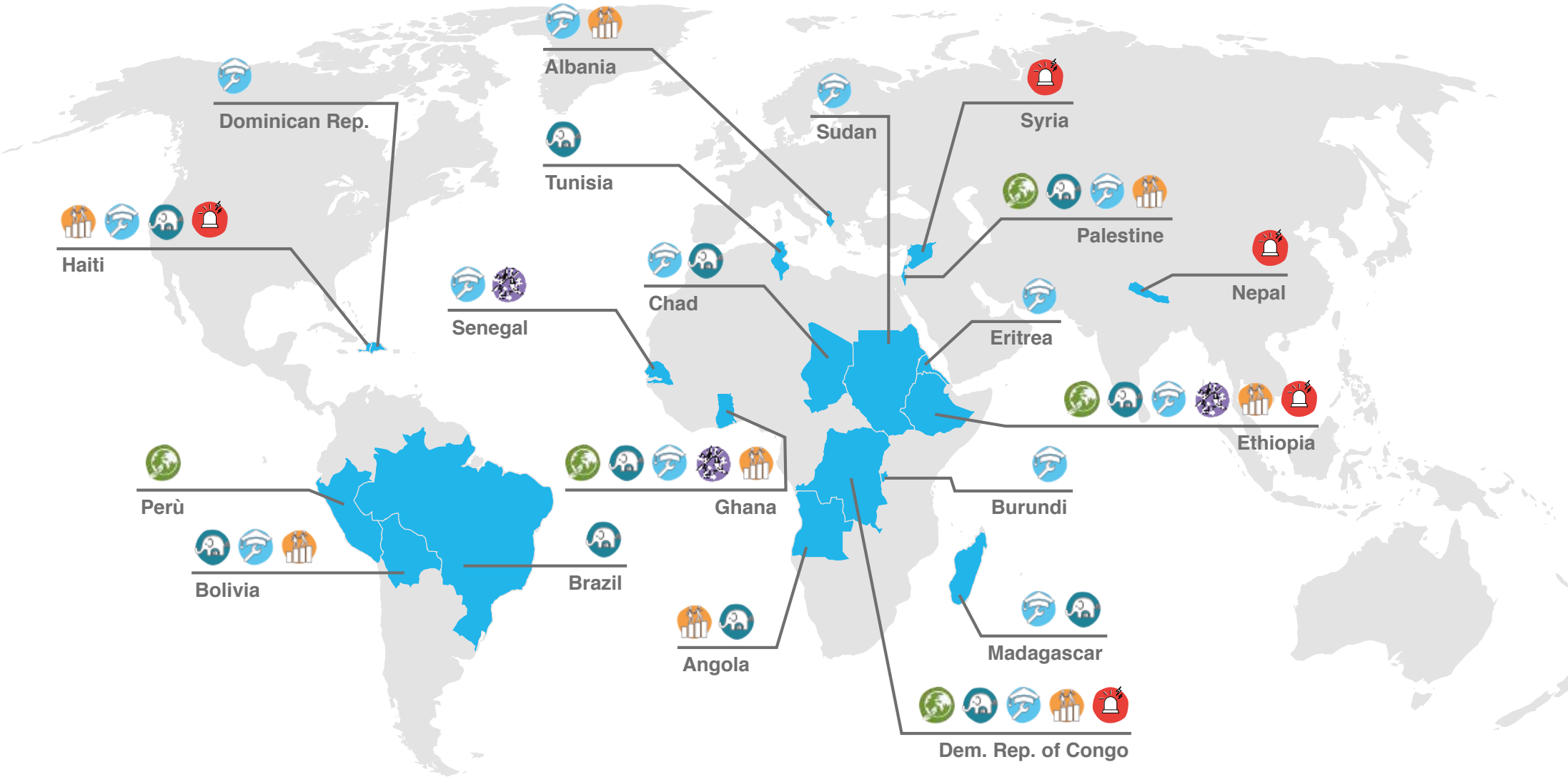
*Green VIS intende promuovere la valorizzazione delle potenzialità dell'ambiente nel contesto della cooperazione internazionale, in particolare adottando l'approccio trasversale dell'Environmental Mainstreaming o integrazione ambientale.*

# VIS action worldwide





# Development/emergency programme



Education, vocational training and socio-professional integration



Environment



Migration and development



Capacity building and strengthening local development players

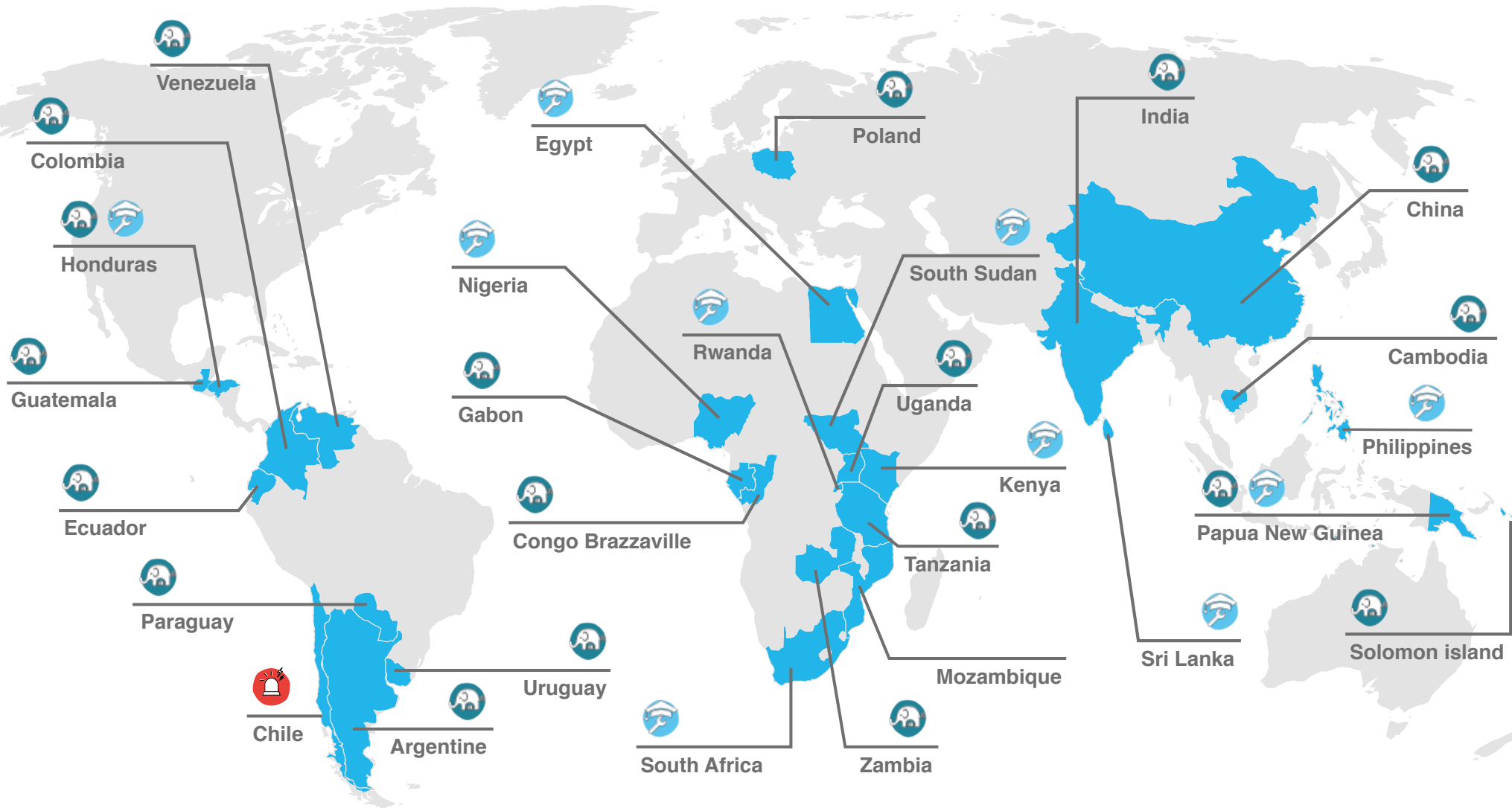


Child and Youth Protection



Emergency

# Salesians mission support



Education, vocational training and socio-professional integration



Environment



Migration and development



Capacity building and strengthening local development players



Child and Youth Protection



Emergency



**Africa**

# ANGOLA

**Capital:** Luanda

**Population:** 25,000,000 inhabitants

**Poverty rate:** 30.1%

**Human Development Index (HDI):** 0.533

(ranking 150th out of 188 Countries, UNDP 2016)

**Income per capita:** 6.291 \$

---

**Start of activities in the Country:** 1991

**Year of official recognition:** 2001

---

## IN 2017

**Expat operators:** 2

**Civil service Italian volunteers abroad:** 1

**Development projects funded by public entities:** 1

**Development projects funded by private entities:** 1

**Distance Support Projects:** 1

**Expenses incurred:** € 131.493

## VIS PROJECT AREAS IN THE COUNTRY



- *Child and Youth Protection*
- *Capacity building and strengthening local development players*





	Expenses incurred (in €)	Donors
<b>Development projects funded by public entities:</b>		
The Road to Life: from street people to responsible citizens	6.323	European Commission
<b>Development projects funded by private entities:</b>		
Social rehabilitation and launching of programmes for ensuring the independence of youths at risk	116.058	CEI 8x1000
<b>SAD Projects:</b>		
Shelter for street children "Casa Magone" and families "Casa Mama Margarida"	3.598	Private donors
<b>Other expenses incurred in the Country</b>	5.516	Private donors

During 2017 VIS focused mainly on the conclusion of the 2nd phase of the **“La Strada per la Vita!” program** launched in 2009 aimed at the recovery, support and social and family reintegration of children in street situation and/or the most vulnerable in Luanda. In this phase, carried out through a project financed by the CEI 8x1000, VIS commitment was mainly focused on two actions: the revision and improvement of the methodology of reinsertion and family support of former children in street situation, and support for the autonomous life of young people leaving the Salesian network for the protection of the rights of the child, including through strengthening their self-esteem and social responsibility.

In 2017, the process of family reintegration and accompaniment involved 50 young people and children: of these, 25 were permanently reintegrated with their families of origin, also benefiting from a scholarship, while for the other 25, reintegrated in previous years, for the first time a *follow-up* program was developed.

The commitment in the field of **prevention and fight against sexual abuse and harassment** continued, following the plan launched in previous years, with results in line with those of the previous year, which show a positive evolution, confirmed by the data gathered by the local psychological team.

The **actions of youthful protagonism of the “former children in street situation” have been intensified**: in 2017 they created various handicrafts, exhibited and sold at the Alliance Française as well as participated in a photographic project on the rights of the child from which an exhibition originated set up at the offices of the EU Delegation. In addition, the distribution of the “Manual of moral and civic education” for secondary schools continued.

In 2018 the **3rd phase of the program** will be launched,

thanks to the project **“Vamos Juntos”** funded by the European Commission, written and approved in 2017, which provides *capacity building* actions of **local institutions and civil society organizations (CSOs)**, to promote dialogue, participation and inclusion of the Angolan CSOs and right holders in the national policies and programs for the protection of children in street situation. Special attention will be given to **girls in street situation**.

In addition, a joint analysis and reflection with UNICEF is ongoing on possible actions to **support children in conflict with the law and/or awaiting trial** in the country. During the year, UNICEF entrusted a Salesian expert with the task of analysing and evaluating the Angolan situation; the report indicates the actions that could be, in 2018, translated into an ad hoc intervention.

Since 2014, Angola has also been one of the countries involved in the **Salesian PDO development program** and in 2017 it benefited from the support and capacity-building actions envisaged in it.

**Positive characteristics in all the interventions** were: permanent training, high number of trainees coming from 4 Universities and 2 Higher Institutes and effective collaboration with the local police. Some difficulties of local operators remain both in terms of their rotation of roles and/or new insertions and in terms of the capability to manage complex needs and phenomena. The **fundamental objective for future actions** will be strengthening the work of the Salesians, CSOs and local authorities for their full “taking charge” of actions, supporting the correct application of the laws and protocols by all duty bearers, increasing *networking* actions. The possibility of developing actions for children in conflict with the law and technical-professional training geared to the emerging needs of the labour market will be monitored.

# BURUNDI

**Capital:** Bujumbura

**Population:** 11,200,000 inhabitants

**Poverty rate:** 64.6%

**Human Development Index (HDI):** 0.404  
(184th out of 188 countries, UNDP 2016)

**Income per capita:** 691 \$

---

**Start of activities in the Country:** 2004

**Year of official recognition:** 2004

---

## IN 2017

**Expat operators:** 1

**Development projects funded by public entities:** 2

**Development projects funded by private entities:** 1

**Distance Support Projects:** 1

**Mission Support Projects:** 2

**Expenses incurred:** € 612.864

## VIS PROJECT AREAS IN THE COUNTRY



- *Education, vocational training and socio-professional integration*



	Expenses incurred (in €)	Donors
<b>Development projects funded by public entities:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Success <i>laboratories</i> - building the capacity to generate income and technical and entrepreneurial skills by young people including those who have dropped out of school in Burundi</li> </ul>	135.129	AFD
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Bâtir l'avenir</i> (Building the future) - strengthening the role of the civil society organizations in the TVET sector, through the establishment of a system of partnerships between public and private sectors</li> </ul>	247.795	European Commission
<b>Development projects funded by private entities:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Bâtir l'avenir</i> (Building the future) - strengthening the role of the civil society organizations in the TVET sector, through the establishment of a system of partnerships between public and private sectors</li> </ul>	68.575	Museke Foundation
<b>SaD Projects:</b>		
Project for the rehabilitation of street children Citè des Jeunes Don Bosco, Buterere, family shelter "Maison Béthanie"	3.278	Private donors
<b>Mission Support Projects:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Works for the construction of the Marian Educational Centre</li> </ul>	158.086	Private donors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support to the activities of the Marian Education Centre</li> </ul>		



The strength of VIS mission in Burundi stands in its capitalized and consolidated experience in the field of **vocational training and economic development**; in 2017 the commitment in the sectors continued through a development program consisting of two integrated projects.

The first - co-funded by AFD (French Development Agency) - is implemented in partnership with the Ministry of Education and the CHASAA (Chamber of Commerce for Art and Crafts) and aims **to train vulnerable young people in sectors in line with the needs of the local market** such as car mechanics, carpentry, sewing, agri-food and hydraulic transformation for civil homes, with the aim of increasing their job opportunities. The intervention was carried out in three provinces of the country, namely in the public training centers of Gihanga (province of Bubanza), Kinama (province of Bujumbura) and Muramvya (of the homonymous province). Some informal companies (located in urban areas) supported by a previously concluded TVET program were also involved and valued and further companies and facilities (located in rural areas) were identified for which a development plan was developed.

The second project is co-funded by the European Commission and aims to train vulnerable young people currently outside the formal school cycle in the construction sector. Attention is given to the **collaboration with local companies** to favour matching supply and demand, thus increasing employment opportunities; at the same time, attention will be given to start-ups and support to micro-enterprises, to encourage self-employment of vulnerable

young people. The project is developed in three provinces, Gitega, Kayanza and Bujumbura, and sees the participation and involvement of the Museke Foundation of Brescia, an Italian non-profit organization that is historically very active in the country.

VIS continued to consolidate its collaboration with private sector associations to **develop a public-private partnership in the field of vocational training** for the adaptation of training to the needs of the labour market and to **define procedures for the certification of the skills of professional centers. and craft enterprises**, especially in the construction sector, which is a priority for the country. In 2016 Vis has continued to support **Maison Béthanie Shelter for vulnerable girls**, operated by the Sisters of Charity of St. Vincenzo de' Paoli, within the framework of a partnership launched in 2011, and the **Marian Education Centre of Buterere** thanks to the Mission Support contributions.

Over the last year, therefore, despite the very difficult political, social and safety conditions in the country, projects could be implemented in a regular manner.

Thanks to the activities implemented, VIS continues to be a focal point in the country, for the local economic development, encouraged and fostered through vocational training, labour market integration and struggle against social and economic marginalisation of the most vulnerable young people. This commitment shall be maintained in the future, although it needs to be adapted to the weakness and instability of the local situation.



# ETHIOPIA

**Capital:** Addis Ababa  
**Population:** 99,400,000 inhabitants  
**Poverty rate:** 29.6%  
**Human Development Index (HDI):** 0.448  
 (174<sup>th</sup> out of 188 Countries, UNDP 2016)  
**Income per capita:** 1,523 \$

**Start of activities in the Country:** 1998  
**Year of official recognition:** 2005

## IN 2017

**Expat operators:** 7  
**Development projects funded by public entities:** 3  
**Development projects funded by private entities:** 4  
**Emergency projects funded by public entities:** 4  
**Emergency projects funded by private entities:** 1  
**Distance Support Projects:** 3  
**Mission Support Projects:** 4  
**Expenses incurred:** € 1.603.999

## VIS PROJECT AREAS IN THE COUNTRY



- Environment
- Child and Youth Protection
- Education, vocational training and socio-professional integration
- Migration and development
- Capacity building and strengthening local development players
- Emergency





	Expenses incurred (in €)	Donors
<b>Development projects funded by public entities:</b>		
• <i>Print your future!</i> Development in the graphics and printing sector in Ethiopia	416.483	AICS/MAECI
• Development and support: action for prevention of undocumented migration in Ethiopia	132.216	Ministry of Interior
• DEAL: Innovative schemes development labour oriented and marketing measure to offer working opportunities to young people and vulnerable women marketing at risk of undocumented migration in Tigray	6.200	European Commission
<b>Development projects funded by private entities:</b>		
• <i>Print your future!</i> Development in the graphics and printing sector in Ethiopia	83.708	CEI
• Integrated projects to upgrade water and food security for agri-pastoral communities in the Somali, Gambela and Tigray Regions	183.265	Private donors
• Social rehabilitation and reintegration of children in conflict with the law	33.399	Private donors
• Creation of job opportunities for potential migrants in Addis Abeba	1.479	Private donors

	Expenses incurred (in €)	Donors
<b>Emergency projects funded by public entities:</b>		
• Strategy and opportunity: integrated basic services and work promotion against undocumented migration Tigray Region	217.104	AICS/MAECI
• <i>Resilience over drought</i> – Integrated mechanisms for building resilience in the Somali Region	322.805	AICS/MAECI
• Emergency intervention for refugee children in Nguenyiel Camp and of the host communities of Pugnido and Gambella	36.963	AICS/MAECI
• Answer to the humanitarian crisis and strengthening of food security for the populations hit by famine in Somali Region	61.233	Agenzia Basca di Cooperazione
<b>Emergency projects funded by private entities:</b>		
Vocational training promotion and prevention of undocumented migration	160	Caritas Italiana



	Expenses incurred (in €)	Donors
<b>Mission Support Projects:</b>		
• Support to missionary activities in the Visitatoria Africa-Ethiopia Eritrea		
• Support to missionary activities in Gambela Diocese	49.214	Private donors
• Support to missionary activities in Addis Abeba - Don Bosco Children Center		
• Support to missionary activities in Addis Abeba - Cesare Bullo		
<b>Other expenses incurred in the Country</b>	19.271	Private donors



*The year 2017 was for VIS in Ethiopia a year of expansion. In addition to engagement in the priority sectors (education, vocational training and water and health), VIS has extended interventions to new target groups, potential migrants or young people at risk of undocumented migration.*



The year 2017 was for VIS in Ethiopia a year of expansion. In addition to engagement in the priority sectors (education, vocational training and water and health), VIS has **extended interventions to new target groups, potential migrants or young people at risk of undocumented migration, as well as return migrants and refugees**. In 2017 the political crisis has continued within the country due to the growing tensions within a society characterized by deep ethnic, political and economic divisions. Despite this crisis has generated a general situation of instability, VIS has continued its action thanks to the solid collaboration with partners rooted in the territory such as the Salesian Province, the Figlie di Maria Ausiliatrice (FMA), the Figlie della Carità, the NGO DGMDA (*Don Gianmaria Memorial Development Association*) and the Ethiopian Catholic Secretariat.

In 2017 the **“Print your future!”** project was completed, which saw the creation of technical/professional courses to improve the skills of Ethiopian workers and increase the chances of job placement for young people. 1,125 boys and girls took part in **training courses in graphic and typographic arts, tailoring, food preparation and catering, wood and bamboo processing, mechanics, leather goods, ITC and construction**. The courses were held in Salesian technical schools in the Tigrai region (Mekelle and Adwa), Gambela and Addis Ababa.

In the same year, two important new initiatives were started, as part of the SINCE program (Stemming Irregular Migration in Northern and Central Ethiopia) financed by the Italian Embassy in Addis Ababa with funds coming from the *EU Trust Fund*. These are two interventions, one in the Tigray region, and the other in Addis Ababa, target **vocational training and job start-up for potential migrants and Eritrean refugees**.

**VIS intervention in the emergency sector** has continued and has **expanded**. If an emergency project for the prevention of **undocumented migration** in the Tigray region was completed during the year, at the same time another two were launched, in the Somali and Gambela regions, financed by AICS. In Somali Region they are **interventions for water and food security**, while in Gambela VIS first intervention was started within a **refugee camp**, particularly for South Sudanese, for the vocational training of young people, in collaboration with Gambela Technical Don Bosco School.

As part of the **environmental** emergency, interventions **to access to water and food security** were continued, funded both by public entities and private donors, in the Somali, Tigray and Gambela regions.



Strength of VIS in Ethiopia stands in its **capability to operate in almost all the regions of the country, being able to count on a solid collaboration with the local partners and contexts strongly rooted in the territory**, capable to easily identify the needs of the relevant communities.

Weaknesses are related to the difficulties of directly implementing the interventions at community level. **Collaboration with local partners needs to be improved** foreseeing an increased involvement of VIS in the co-implementation of activities. A lot of work was been done on this in 2017 and consolidation is expected in 2018.

2018 priority objectives are:

- reinforcement of vocational training and **support for innovative supply chains with respect to market needs**
- the **fight against undocumented migration** through vocational training and economic development for potential migrants and returning migrants
- confirm the commitment in the **environmental field**, both in operational terms and presence in *clusters* at national and local level
- **support refugee communities**, particularly Eritreans in the Northern part of the country.



# DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO

**Capital:** Kinshasa

**Population:** 77,300,000 inhabitants

**Poverty rate:** 63.6%

**Human Development Index (HDI):** 0.435  
(176<sup>th</sup> out of 188 Countries, UNDP 2016)

**Income per capita:** 680 \$

---

**Start of activities in the Country:** 2002

**Year of official recognition:** 2010

---

## IN 2017

**Expat operators:** 5

**Development projects funded by public entities:** 2

**Development projects funded by private entities:** 2

**Distance Support Projects:** 3

**Mission Support Projects:** 5

**Expenses incurred:** € 643.479

## VIS PROJECT AREAS IN THE COUNTRY



- *Environment*
- *Child and Youth Protection*
- *Education, vocational training and socio-professional integration*
- *Capacity building and strengthening local development players*
- *Emergency*



	Expenses incurred (in €)	Donors
<b>Development projects funded by public entities:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Active and responsible participation of the Civil Society Organizations in the sustainable growth and development of the Province of North Kivu</li> </ul>	133.707	European Commission
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Upgrading of the quality of education and increasing the possibility of socio-economic inclusion of vulnerable young people of North Kivu</li> </ul>	3.060	AICS/MAECI
<b>Development projects funded by private entities:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Training and employment for a possible tomorrow! Fostering the social and economic development of vulnerable young people in the provinces of North Kivu and East Kasai</li> </ul>	112.746	CEI 8x1000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Promoting the right to education and medical and health care for marginalised children and youth attending the Don Bosco Center Muetu in Mbuji Mayi</li> </ul>	22.655	Private Donors
<b>SaD Projects:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support for children of the Centre des Jeunes Don Bosco Ngangi in Goma</li> </ul>	92.914	Private Donors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support for children of the Don Bosco Muetu Centre in Mbuji Mayi</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Support for children of the Don Bosco in Bukavu</li> </ul>		



	Expenses incurred (in €)	Donors
<b>Mission Support Projects:</b>		
• Support to the missionary activities of don Piero Gavioli		
• Support to the missionary activities of don J. M. Rubakare		
• Support to works for children and youth in street situation Lubumbashi Mission	276.817	Private Donors
• Support to activities of the polyvalent center of Kasumablesa (Mons. Gaston)		
• Support to activities of the Kinshasa Mission		
<b>Other expenses incurred in the Country</b>	1.582	Private Donors

VIS has been present in the Democratic Republic of the Congo since 2002, mainly **operating in the city of Goma**, in the locality of Shasha and in the locality of Nyangoma in South Kivu. These are **regions destabilized by the wars** that have occurred in recent decades and where the **emergencies** have been continuous in many ways: security, education, health, housing, water, food, electricity. The Salesian community of the *Centre des Jeunes* Don Bosco Ngangi in Goma, in collaboration with VIS, plays a leading role in the areas of education (literacy, elementary education, higher education and vocational training), reception/protection of children and vulnerable young people (children in street situation, associated with the armed forces, accused of witchcraft, in broken families, unaccompanied children, single mothers and victims of sexual violence, abandoned by their family, orphans, etc.), of support to families in economic difficulty (free medical assistance and microcredit activities), to rural development and socio-economic reintegration of girls, boys and women in situations of social marginalization, through short training courses in cutting and sewing, cooking, crafts and hairdressing.

In 2017, the activities of VIS focused on the technical support to the services provided at the centre, to the networking and partnership programmes with several CSOs, about rural development projects in the Salesian plantations of Shasha and Nyangoma, as well as *capacity-building* projects targeting the local staff and young people, through trainings in teaching, farming and child protection. Thanks to public and private funding, such as the Italian Conference of Bishops and the European Union, VIS operators and international volunteers of VIS have served in the following project areas:

- *Child and Youth Protection*: **sheltering children in situations of extreme vulnerability** and **training 20 social operators** recognized by the Ministry for Social Affairs;
- **Strengthening CSOs' role in developing the territory**, in the fields of agriculture, vocational training, child protection and human rights promotion and protection;
- Environment, **training of farmers** and elaboration of a needs assessment to evaluate and direct future intervention strategies;
- Education, training and **socio-professional integration for young people in North Kivu and East Kasai** through upgrading of labs, design of 3 curricula based on the competences approach.

Furthermore, the staff has also provided **support to the PDO**, proposing, coordinating and monitoring all project activities in North and South Kivu and the Ngangi Don Bosco Centre; in the central administration and in the training of the administrative staff and the management of human resources and logistics.





In 2017, the beneficiaries that VIS could reach through the partnership with the Ngangi Don Bosco Centre, the Muetu Don Bosco Center and through the projects managed directly are: 2.834 primary, secondary and vocational training school pupils, 320 remedial class pupils, 230 microcredit beneficiaries, 23 resident girls with their 15 children, 159 children in street situation, abused or abandoned and sheltered at the centre, aged above 5 years, 77 children (abandoned children, orphans or other children momentarily sheltered at the centre) aged between 0 and 5, 133 girls or women attending training programmes, 72 CSOs.

In 2018, VIS will continue supporting Ngangi Don Bosco Centre activities and the PDO of Goma. It will also start its **visibility route**. Regarding the rural sector, *ad hoc* trainings are foreseen to increase visibility and the training capability of the agricultural school of Shasha; the support to vocational training and child protection will continue through the projects of the European Commission and CEI.



## STORIES FROM THE CAMP: RDC

*“Who can there be  
in this immense world  
that is aware of me,  
who in world knows I exist?”*

My name is Safari that in Swahili means “journey”, I am **17 years old**, I was born in Kisangani, where I lived until I was 14 years old. My father abandoned me and my brothers when I was a child, I have no memory of him and today he has disappeared.

My mother, unable to be alone, decides to remarry and chooses a soldier. My stepfather’s battalion is destined for Bukavu in South Kivu, so the whole family moves to live there. Unfortunately, between me and the mother’s second husband there is not a good relation, we continue

to fight and nothing that I do is ok. Tired of all this, one day I decide to go away and I leave my family home. I go to Goma where, having no one, **I find myself living on the street with other children.**

In Goma, life becomes increasingly difficult, on the street, without food and no person to be with, and exposed to any form of danger, it is really hard. Six months pass and finally one day I meet a woman who works at the port as beverage vendor, she takes me under her protective wing, on one side I help her and on the other she protects me and takes care of me. While I live at the port **I come to know a man: he is very kind and shows interest for me;** we start dating and shortly after I get pregnant. The man seems at first available as if he will assume his responsibilities towards me and the baby I carry in my womb, but one day **runs away leaving me alone** and today I know absolutely



nothing about him. Alone, 6 months pregnant I return to live in the street with no hope of changing the course of my life and desperate for the life I carry in my womb.

And since there is no end to the worst, one day during an action “clean the streets of Goma street children” **I am arrested by some policemen and taken to Goma central prison.** Cruel and indiscriminate operation, the result of political manoeuvres that have caused the arrest of dozens of children. In the prison with men and women crammed together in premises that should only contain a third of us, my young age and my state make no difference. I cannot tell you how I lived those days, they were terrible, **the life conditions of the prison were inhumane, you had to live with men, women, children and rats.** If you did not have a relative, nobody brought you food and if you fell ill, your destiny was already marked.

One day, when despair no longer place such it was great, the doors opened, a guard told me to get up because someone came for me, really for me: “Who can it be in this infinite world that is aware of me, who in the world knows that I exist?” After dark days, enclosed and surrounded by dark walls dirty and filthy here is the light,

**the sun irradiates my face, the eyes tighten because I’m not used anymore because as in prison for most of the time also electricity was missing.** I find myself in front of a kind man who tells me that he has come to take me to a home where there are other girls in my situation.

Later I find out that an NGO called VIS and the Ngangi Don Bosco Center collaborate with the Juvenile Court of Goma to get the children out of the prison and among these children I was there too. VIS and the Center offer to take care of us, the boys go to a center called Gahinja instead I find myself at the Margherita Home, a house that welcomes the girls. I have been living here for a few months and on 18 August 2017 **my marvelous child was born.** I called him Baraka Moise (Baraka in Swahili means “blessing”).

Now we are both treated, cared for and supported, I am finally calm, the sense of fear and anxiety is slowly disappearing. Now take advantage of this time to think and concretely build my future. In fact, **not only did I resumed my interrupted studies, but I also follow a cooking class,** so the day I return to the world, I will be able to do something, and I can take care of my child.

# GHANA

**Capital:** Accra  
**Population:** 27.400.000 inhabitants  
**Poverty rate:** 24,2%  
**Human Development Index (HDI):** 0.579  
(139th out of 188 countries, UNDP 2016)  
**Income per capita:** 3.839 \$

---

**Start of activities in the Country:** 2015  
**Year of official recognition:** 2017

---

## IN 2017

**Expat operators:** 1  
**Civil service Italian volunteers abroad:** 2  
**Development projects funded by public entities:** 1  
**Mission Support Projects:** 1  
**Expenses incurred:** € 56.898

## VIS PROJECT AREAS IN THE COUNTRY



- *Environment*
- *Child and Youth Protection*
- *Education, vocational training and socio-professional integration*
- *Migration and development*
- *Capacity building and strengthening local development players*





	Expenses incurred (in €)	Donors
<b>Development projects funded by public entities:</b>		
Sustainable Living	19.548	Private donors
<b>Mission Support Projects:</b>		
Construction of wells and hostels for students of the Biological Agriculture courses	37.350	Private donors

In 2017 the project “*Co-partners in development*” funded by the European Commission saw its last activities take place involving the **PDO – Planning Development Office** of the West Africa Salesian Province. A real structural and programmatic revolution of the PDO has been completed. Thanks to the 3-year work, a **new organizational structure** has been built, new *Job Descriptions* and new departments such as *networking* and *advocacy*. These important innovations have allowed a more efficient way of working leading to redefining and considering the PDO no longer as a Province simple office, but as the *Provincial Development Organism*.

This change has also matched with the increase of work and collaboration between VIS and the PDO itself. Both have collaborated in the implementation of the **Stop Tratta campaign**, carrying out two awareness raising campaigns on the risks of irregular migration in Brong Ahafo Region, the Ghana central region, the one most affected by undocumented migration. The two campaigns have been carried out with various activities such as: radio debates, meetings in schools, parishes and youth centers. Many of these activities have always been implemented within the “*Co-partners in development*” project which involved awareness campaigns and the help of volunteers from the Catholic University of Milan and those in national civil service.

Our commitment to the fight against undocumented migration has also been carried out through the *Sustainable Living* project financed entirely by a private donor, the Salesian Mission Procure of Turin Missioni Don Bosco. The project saw the identification of 130 returning migrants and vulnerable young people from Brong Ahafo Region to integrate them into a **vocational training course in biological agriculture** with the possibility to access the labour market through a microcredit fund. Following the identification of three areas heavily affected by irregular migration (Sunyani, Berekum and Kranka), the first course for the first 30 beneficiaries was launched. This course lasted six months and ended positively with the promotion of all the young people who learned how to cultivate in a biological way in the open field, but above all also within *greenhouses*. This new agricultural tool allows the farmer to grow non-autochthonous plants, such as tomatoes or chilli, in a protected environment, which otherwise would require a strong use of pesticides and fertilizers if grown

in the open field, which would result in an excessively high investment price for many of them. In addition, the *greenhouse* is also a **tool for fighting climate change** as only cultivating within it, the cultivation *slash and burn* is no longer done which depletes the virgin forest and its biodiversity, contributing to the loss of oxygen and therefore to the increase in global temperature.

For 2018 VIS main actions will focus on launching the two remaining biological agriculture courses, with which we will reach the total number of beneficiaries of the project (130) and we will start to support with **microcredit** for the best projects presented by students. Some of them will see funding of *greenhouses*, which will gradually spread this new, sustainable and profitable agricultural methodology in Brong Ahafo Region.



## STORIES FROM THE CAMP: GHANA

*“Nobody gets up in the morning  
and goes to work without having eaten...  
and to be able to eat  
we need to cultivate our land!”*

My name is Justice Bae, I am 33 years old and I come from Drobo, a village in the Brong Ahafo region, on the border with the Ivory Coast. I am the third of six brothers. I attended the elementary school - up to sixth grade - but then I had to leave school to take care of my family. So, I moved with my uncle to the city of Sefwi, in the Western Region, to work and set aside money to take care of my other brothers.

Luckily, I was able to go back to school in 1999 and completed middle school at Yawamatwa D/C School in

Berekum. When I finished my studies, I decided to learn a trade and I started as a carpenter. For a year I was a carpenter apprentice and managed to save some money. But I did not see much of a future in Ghana, because **work was scarce, and I earned very little money as an apprentice.** Therefore, together with some friends, I decided to try my luck elsewhere and we left for **Libya.** From Berekum many young people leave for Libya through the desert and so we also did.

The experience in Libya was dramatic, I was **locked up in a detention center** for 4 months and 2 weeks, under conditions that I do not want to describe. I realized that in Libya I would have had no opportunity to work and earn money, so I decided to go back to Ghana. In the meantime, my mother was seriously ill and needed assistance.

Now **I live in Berekum with my wife and my three**

**children.** I have a cocoa plantation and I have been dealing with agriculture for some time now, but the product I get is just enough for me to support my family.

Last year I learned about the **sustainable agriculture and greenhouse cultivation course** organized by Don Bosco in Sunyani. I passed the selections and so I was able to join the first group of students of the course. At the beginning I found it very difficult, but the teachers and technicians followed us carefully for all the three months of the course. I loved the course and I found it very useful, I learned new techniques that I hope to be able to put into practice and pass on to my children. Above all, **I learned that agriculture must be valued more.**

In fact, my goal is to continue working in the agricultural sector and to be able to set up a small farm.



# SENEGAL

**Capital:** Dakar

**Population:** 15.100.000 inhabitants

**Poverty rate:** 38%

**Human Development Index (HDI):** 0.494  
(162nd out of 188 countries, UNDP 2016)

**Income per capita:** 2.250

---

**Start of activities in the Country:** 2016

**Year of official recognition:** 2017

---

## IN 2017

**Expat operators:** 3

**Development projects funded by public entities:** 1

**Distance Support Projects:** 3

**Mission Support Projects:** 1

**Expenses incurred:** € 314.657

## VIS PROJECT AREAS IN THE COUNTRY



- *Education, vocational training and socio-professional integration*
- *Migration and development*



	Expenses incurred (in €)	Donors
<b>Development projects funded by public entities:</b>		
Action for contrasting undocumented migration through the support to local development in the Tambacounda Region	282.771	AICS/MAECI
<b>SaD Projects:</b>		
Support to Talibè children and their social inclusion	3.200	Private donors
<b>Mission Support Projects:</b>		
Construction of a vocational school in Dakar and equipment for the labs of the Don Bosco Center in Thiès	28.609	Private donors
<b>Other expenses incurred in the Country</b>	77	Private donors

VIS presence in Senegal dates to 2016 initially to support the Salesian Province of West Africa (AFO) and within the “Stop Tratta” program launched in collaboration with Missioni Don Bosco.

From a sectoral point of view, it is a country that is particularly relevant for **migration and development** issues as well as for **vocational-technical training**.

In fact, **vocational training and the reduction of irregular migration flows are the main areas of intervention on which our activities have been focused in 2017**. The goal was to create a link between vocational training and migration issues. This process of integrating training dynamics and socio-employment promotion within the programs of development and reduction of undocumented migration represents an innovative element in the management of migratory dynamics.



Our commitment to **fight against undocumented migration** and to the promotion of local development has been carried out mainly through the project “ Action for contrasting undocumented migration through the support to local development in the Tambacounda Region.” financed by AICS of Dakar.

The project has helped initiating processes for start-ups or for the self-employment of young people and women as a conscious and credible alternative to irregular migration, through the creation of knowledge, professional skills and start-up incentives. 232 young returning migrants or possible candidates for migration coming from the municipalities of Tambacounda, Goudiry, Macakoulibantan and Missirah were recipients of vocational training, specifically repairing photovoltaic systems, electro mechanics, school-driving, computer software and hardware repair. 41% of these have been included in a craft business, as apprentice or have started an independent activity.

In Goudiry District, groups of young people and women were supported in the start-up of micro-enterprises belonging to the entire chain of agricultural, forest and pastoral supply chains, enhancing agrobiodiversity and climate compatibility. 61 young people were trained and assisted in the creation of six agro-silvo-pastoral micro-enterprises. Over 120 women have started processing and marketing agricultural products aimed at increasing their income.

In the rural communities of the municipalities of Tambacounda, Goudiry, Macakoulibantan and Missirah a neighbourhood campaign was carried out through animation and awareness raising activities. Specifically, four musical events and twenty-two theater-forum events were held which reached an audience of 8,100 people. Five radio broadcasts were broadcasted in the form of talk-shows lasting 30 minutes each from two different radio stations of Tambacounda and Goudiry between May and August 2017. Three educational spots lasting 2 to 4 minutes were broadcasted from four local radio stations from April until the end of the project in August, with a great success. At the same time, 61 community meetings were held, 318 door-to-door meetings and 15 in first and second level schools that involved 10.400 to 12.400 people.

In 2018 VIS will continue and **expand the work undertaken in the country through the new development project financed by AICS** “Vivre et réussir chez moi!” With this new intervention we will continue to support the vocational-technical skills of potential young people and women migrants and returning migrants in relation to the local and national labour market demand, as well as youth and women’s employment through support to the development of income-generating activities and towards sustainable development.



**Latin America**



# BOLIVIA

**Capital:** La Paz

**Population:** 10,700,000 inhabitants

**Poverty rate:** 38.6%

**Human Development Index (HDI):** 0.674  
(118<sup>th</sup> out of 188 Countries, UNDP 2016)

**Income per capita:** 6.155 \$

---

**Start of activities in the Country:** 2003

**Year of official recognition:** 2013

---

## IN 2017

**Expat operators:** 3

**Civil service Italian volunteers abroad:** 6

**Peace corps volunteers:** 2

**Development projects funded by private entities:** 2

**Distance Support Projects:** 1

**Mission Support Projects:** 2

**Expenses incurred:** € 315.123

## VIS PROJECT AREAS IN THE COUNTRY



- *Child and Youth Protection*
- *Education, vocational training and socio-professional integration*
- *Capacity building and strengthening local development players*



	Expenses incurred (in €)	Donors
<b>Development projects funded by private entities:</b>		
• D.A.I. Bolivia - Childhood Rights in Bolivia	23.436	CEI 8x1000
• Strengthening IT teaching programmes	1.095	Private donors
<b>SaD Projects:</b>		
Don Bosco Santa Cruz de la Sierra project	6.788	Private donors
<b>Mission Support Projects:</b>		
• Salesian Mission of Cochabamba Indipendencia Fr. Tomás Mamani		Private donors
• Salesian Mission of Cochabamba - Kami Fr. Serafino Chiesta	253.045	
• Support to children of the San Josè Center in Montero		
<b>Other expenses incurred in the Country</b>	30.759	Private donors



The main field of intervention of VIS in Bolivia is *Child and Youth Protection*. It could not be any other way: **31% of the population is under 16**, half of the Bolivian youth are victims of violence, the only form of protection is the automatic and prolonged recourse to reception centers, with little chance of returning to the family, be it the one of origin, expanded (uncles, grandparents, etc.) or adoptive. When they reach the age of 18, these young people must leave the protection system to “stay on their own”. All our interventions support the Salesian mission of educating the youth living in conditions of social hardship and poverty. In 2017 VIS intervened through the “D.A.I. Bolivia – Child Rights in Bolivia”, co-funded by the CEI 8x1000. Thanks to the project, just during 2017 over 1,300 adolescents belonging to the Salesian network of schools called “Escuelas Populares de Don Bosco” participated in a training program for **student leaders**. They were at the center of 42 educational initiatives conceived and managed by the adolescents themselves, realized within the educational units of origin. The projects dealt with issues such as: assertive communication, conflict management, violence prevention, the right to a healthy environment, youth participation, quality education. In addition, thirteen teenagers belonging to the “Network against sexual violence against children and adolescents” of Cochabamba have carried out educational activities aimed at preventing sexual violence in favour of 50 students, while a school in Santa Cruz has developed a prevention plan for violence

in schools with the participation of 350 people among students, teachers and parents.

The project ended with two seminars to present a handwritten publication entitled: “Don Bosco’s Preventive System and Human Rights in Bolivia. Lessons learned through the D.A.I. Bolivia: where we are going”.

A noteworthy project was launched in October thanks to the co-funding granted by UNICEF Bolivia and AICS/MAECI La Paz to our local partner OFPROBOL - Oficina de Proyectos para Bolivia. Together with OFPROBOL, UNICEF Bolivia and Caritas we are promoting the right of the child to live in a family through training processes for social workers, family reintegration measures for children and the social and working reintegration of young people living in public and private reception centers.

In 2017 the intervention to support the Don Bosco Santa Cruz Project, a network of shelters for children in street situation, victims of violence or abandoned, continued thanks to a strong presence of VIS expats: an educator, six boys in civil service, to which an intervention to prevent violence and to manage conflicts by the civil peace corps was added. The IT education project for adolescents in this Salesian establishment was also continued, an initiative co-funded by the STMicronics Foundation.

The second sector of intervention is “educational and training”. Together with the Salesian-Bolivian NGO OFPROBOL, at the Salesian University, the National Network for the Protection of the Rights of Children and



***The main field of intervention of VIS in Bolivia is Child and Youth Protection. It could not be any other way: 31% of the population is under 16, half of the Bolivian youth are victims of violence, the only form of protection is the automatic and prolonged recourse to reception centers.***

Adolescents in street situation and UNICEF Bolivia, we managed a master's degree for fifty street educators.

The third field of intervention translates into the accompaniment carried out by VIS in favour of the Salesian Congregation, of OFPROBOL, of Escuelas Populares de Don Bosco and of the Salesian University in their respective processes of strategic planning. In this context, VIS and the Salesian Youth Ministry are promoting youth volunteer work thanks to funding from Missioni Don Bosco of Turin. Thanks to these interventions, today the Salesians in Bolivia have strategic plans based on which they can guide and evaluate their government decisions, have access to new funders, have started a difficult work connected online with the public social services and other civil society actors. OFPROBOL project interventions are based on a human rights approach in favor of vulnerable population targets.

In 2018 we aim at strengthening our presence in these three sectors of intervention. Nel 2017 il VIS ha realizzato interventi di *Child and Youth Protection*, inserimento socio-professionale e emergenza. I destinatari prioritari per il VIS sono i bambini/e, adolescenti e giovani vulnerabili, marginalizzati e/o a rischio di devianza, ma l'approccio che si promuove considera il minore/giovane come membro di una famiglia/comunità e quindi le azioni spesso si rivolgono alle famiglie/comunità per ottenere un maggior impatto in termini di capacità di protezione.

# HAITI

**Capital:** Port au Prince

**Population:** 10,700,000 inhabitants

**Poverty rate:** 58.5%

**Human Development Index (HDI):** 0,493  
(163th out of 188 Countries, UNDP 2016)

**Income per capita:** 1,657 \$

---

**Start of activities in the Country:** 2010

---

## IN 2017

**Expat operators:** 2

**Development projects funded by private entities:** 5

**Emergency projects funded by private entities:** 3

**Mission Support Projects:** 1

**Expenses incurred:** € 412.202

## VIS PROJECT AREAS IN THE COUNTRY



- *Child and Youth Protection*
- *Education, vocational training and socio-professional integration*
- *Capacity building and strengthening local development players*
- *Emergency*



	Expenses incurred (in €)	Donors
<b>Development projects funded by private entities:</b>		
• Accompaniment to socio-professional reintegration of youth in street situation in Port au Prince	47.936	CEI 8x1000
• <i>DWA POU YOUN DEMEN MIYO!</i> Intervention for the protection of children and youth in street situation and at risk in Port-au-Prince	88.265	Caritas Italiana
• Lakou Atelier - Port-Au-Prince reconstruction project	89.561	Caritas Italiana
• Technical supervision of the construction works of the select enterprise of the Petite Soeurs de l'Évangile di Père de Foucauld	2.368	Caritas Italiana
• Other development interventions	597	Private Donors
<b>Emergency projects funded by private entities:</b>		
• <i>M'alez laKay mwèn</i> - My home is safe - Housing rehabilitation project and vulnerability reduction to environmental disasters	126.501	Caritas Italiana
• <i>STAND – UP!</i> - Reconstruction and support actions in favour of the population stricken by the earthquake to facilitate a gradual return to normal life conditions	5.100	Caritas Italiana
• <i>Leve Kampe!</i> Poverty reduction intervention in favour of the most vulnerable families of Carrefour, Port-au-Prince	2.535	Caritas Italiana
<b>Mission Support Projects:</b>		
Sostegno alle missioni	49.339	Private Donors

In 2017 VIS has implemented interventions for *Child and Youth Protection, Socio-vocational insertion and Emergency*. For VIS primary beneficiaries are vulnerable children, adolescents and youth, marginalized and/or at risk of deviance. But the approach promoted, considers the young people as members of a family/community, and therefore, actions often are directed to the families/communities to obtain a major impact in terms of capacity of protection.

VIS has consolidated the partnership with IBESR thanks to the presence in the GTPE (Working Group on child protection) and the Faculty of Human Sciences of the State University through the Fondazione Rinaldi which has signed two partnership protocols with these two entities. We continue to support the COTESR (Coordination of organizations active in favour of children in street situation) which is gradually structuring up.

Actions carried out in the year have been centered on:

- **Child and Youth Protection:** in December the project for protection of young people in street situation was concluded. It has strengthened socio-economic and family reintegration interventions for 40 young people and their families. An équipe was trained (17 operators), sensitized 150 families and settled in independent autonomous housing 8 young people who were in a conflict situation with the family with the accompaniment of educators and psychologists.
- **Education, training and socio-vocational insertion:** in July the first phase for the reconstruction of the vocational training centre at Lakou for children in street situation (about 250 beneficiaries) and in November the second phase of reconstruction was started. The

collaboration with the section for the “reduction of community violence” of the MNUSTAH (UN Mission for Haiti Stabilisation) which has allowed to consolidate the strategy of intervention for the vocational insertion based on training on how to search work, entrepreneurship, internships in companies and self-employment for 108 young people.

In November a new project started which will allow to consolidate and strengthen the intervention already under implementation. A first action in this



direction has been the integration of training modules experimented in 2015 and 2016 on strengthening the competences of young people in regard of work searching. In addition, within the Lakay-Lakou structure the theoretical-practical educational guide has been distributed for educators active in the accompaniment of young people in street situation and specific training has been carried out for the operators of Port au Prince.

- **Teacher training.** We implemented the fifth session of training and refresher courses for the teachers of two primary schools at Cité Soleil, involving 22 teachers and staff members. We also achieved the goal of qualifying the entire teaching staff, which is now fully qualified for teaching.
- **Poverty reduction.** We continued the “LEVE, KANPE!” project for vulnerable families in Cité Soleil, implementing Income Generating Activities thanks to a rotating fund mechanism associated with the reimbursement of the loans paid out over the previous two years. Globally, at Cité Soleil, we granted 171 micro-credit loans, through a team of 2 operators coordinated by a VIS expat worker.

In the field of training, we produced a theoretical and practical guide targeting teachers involved in helping children in street situations and continued our collaboration with the Little Sisters of Jesus engaged in the technical supervision of the youth centre.

- **Emergency:** in October the emergency interventions for after the hurricane Matthew (2016) were concluded in the South department which involved structural rehabilitation interventions and vulnerability reduction to environmental disasters involving 1.115 beneficiaries. 4 houses have been rebuilt and 196 repaired, while 149 carpenters have been trained through *workshops* based on a guide *ad hoc* realized.

In 2016, moreover, we continued the activities associated with the “*Co-partners in development*” project financed by the European Commission, the most important result of which is the general development of the strategic plan of the Rinaldi Foundation. Established in 2009 by the Salesian congregation of Haiti, the Foundation acts as a planning and development office for the Salesians in the Country.

- **Strengthening of CSOs and other development actors:** in 2017 the project “*Co-partners in development*” funded by the European Commission ended. The most significant output concerned completing the general setting of the strategic plan of the Fondazione Rinaldi. Established in 2009 by the Salesian Congregation in Haiti, the Fondazione operate as the PDO of the Salesians in the country.

In 2018, the vocational training school in Lakou is expected to be completed together with monitoring and strengthening the present strategy for the socio-professional integration and the development of self-employment, support the legitimation process of COTESR, widen partnerships for a broader inclusion of the beneficiaries: girls under 14 years old. In addition, continue the accompaniment of the Rinaldi Foundation in the field of construction and strengthening the capacities and evaluate costs and profits deriving from the juridical recognition of VIS in loco.





## STORIES FROM THE CAMP: HAITI

*“I am Jude.  
I have a dream.  
It’s called life”*

My name is Jude, I’m 22 and I live in Port au Prince, the capital of Haiti. I never met my father because, at my birth, he abandoned me and my mother. I grew up on the street, with my mother who had mental problems in a very poor neighbourhood in the outskirts of Port au Prince. When I became a little older, as a teenager, I began to spend my days on the street with other friends, we spent our time washing the windows of the cars to earn some money. It is here that I met and made friends with an educator from Lakou-Don Bosco who proposed to me to go to the Salesian gathering center where I could study, play, eat and rest away from the violence and insecurity of the road.

I agreed to go and stay in the center, but I continued to meet my mother regularly, my desire was to someday take care of her. From the center of aggregation I then moved to the housing community called Lakay (in Creole means “house”) where I learned to read and write, I attended elementary school up to the seventh class and I learned a trade: today I am a carpenter.

The Lakay educators helped me to find a host family where I could stay for about 2 years continuing to attend Lakay and after the vocational training the Lakay instructors helped me to find a working internship in a carpentry workshop for a 3 months period.

Unfortunately, during this period my mother died. Now I live in an apartment that the Lakay housing community has rented for me for a period of two years, where I am semi-autonomous and the psychologists and educators of Lakay come to visit me regularly.

Thanks to the internship I was able to show my skills and the owner of the laboratory decided to hire me. So today I have a salary that allows me to live and think about my future, because I have a dream. It’s called **life**.



# PERÙ

**Capital:** Lima

**Population:** 31,400,000 inhabitants

**Poverty rate:** 21.8%

**Human Development Index (HDI):** 0.740  
(87<sup>th</sup> out of 188 Countries, UNDP 2016)

**Income per capita:** 11.295 \$

---

**Start of activities in the Country:** 2006

**Year of official recognition:** 2012

---

## IN 2017

**Expat operators:** 1

**Development projects funded by private entities:** 1

**Mission support projects:** 1

**Expenses incurred:** € 138.548

## VIS PROJECT AREAS IN THE COUNTRY



- *Environment*

	Expenses incurred (in €)	Donors
<b>Development projects financed by private entities:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Indigenous communities and natural resources in the Amazon region: strengthening the organised farmers working in the Achuar <i>Shakaim</i> cooperative as an example of human and sustainable development for the marginalised peoples of the Peruvian rainforest</li> </ul>	93.547	CEI 8x1000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Other development interventions</li> </ul>	15.000	Private donors
<b>Other expenses incurred in the Country</b>	6.069	Private donors

The main field of intervention of VIS in Peru is the **protection of the environment** through a **rural development project in support of an indigenous population of the Peruvian Amazon**. In fact, in 2017 the intervention launched in 2010 continued to benefit the families of indigenous Achuar producers - gathered in the Shakaim cooperative - who live in the Amazon forest, through the promotion of production chains based on the enhancement of local natural resources.

This project is integrated with the pastoral work that Salesian missionaries carry out in the area and is realized through a partnership with the Don Bosco Peru Foundation. In this context, in 2017 the three-year project co-financed by CEI 8xmille continued, aimed at **consolidating the Shakaim cooperative at associative, manufacturing and commercial level**. Through this project it was possible to strengthen the production chain of sacha inchi and cocoa (agricultural production) and to resume the production of unguahui oil (forest production).

A photograph of the entrance to the Misión Salesiana Amazónica. The entrance is a concrete path leading to a blue building with a dark brown door. Above the door is a wooden sign with the text 'MISIÓN SALESIANA AMAZÓNICA' in bold, black, sans-serif capital letters. The sign is supported by two wooden posts. Above the sign is a thatched roof made of dried palm fronds. The entrance is flanked by a fence made of vertical wooden poles. There are some plants and trees around the building, including a large tree with green leaves and some red flowers on the left. The ground is a mix of concrete and dirt.

**MISIÓN SALESIANA AMAZÓNICA**



In 2017, the intervention was carried out among **19 Achuar communities**, involving 144 sachas inchi, cacao and ungurahui producers, with the aim of increasing and improving the quality of production thanks to:

- frequent **assistance missions** on behalf of the coordinator and of the project technicians to the producers, who were staying far from the base - the village of S. Lorenzo located in the Amazon province of the Datem del Marañon - almost 7 days of fluvial navigation towards the border with Ecuador;
- **use of organic manure and fertilizers** for restoring the productivity of impoverished soils due to intense cultivation and combat diseases affecting the plants;
- **improvements in harvesting, drying and storage techniques**;
- **purchase of equipment and construction of lodging** for the achuar partner producers next to the cooperative collection and transformation center, located in S. Lorenzo.

The sound and effective management of the project activities has allowed to build a relationship based on trust with the producers, who are at one and the same time the beneficiaries and builders of their own development, grouped in the Shakaim Cooperative.

The work technique implemented has been the one based on the **“Campesino to Campesino”** approach, which entails a horizontal transmission of knowledge and experience (promoter-producer, both Achuar, the first beneficiaries of *ad hoc* training), to **encourage participation and the taking of responsibility**. This way it has been possible to renew and intensify the enthusiasm of the beneficiaries participating in the training seminars and who are integrating into the organisation and management of the cooperative.

Regarding the sale of the products, enormous improvements have been recorded, thanks to the conclusion of a commercial agreement with a local undertaking, ensuring a minimum guaranteed price for the sachas inchi.

The work technique implemented has been the one based on the **“Campesino to Campesino”** approach, which entails a horizontal transmission of knowledge and experience (promoter-producer, both Achuar, the first beneficiaries of *ad hoc* training), to **encourage participation and the taking of responsibility**. This way it has been possible to renew and intensify the enthusiasm of the beneficiaries participating in the training seminars and who are integrating into the organisation and management of the cooperative.

In May 2017, the remains of **Don Luigi Bolla**, the first Italian Salesian missionary with whom VIS began the project described here, were brought back to the achuar territory, accompanied by celebrations and feasts. Currently his beatification cause is underway. Known as *Yankuam Juntia*, which means “walk of twilight”, the priest worked for over 50 years in the Peruvian Amazon jungle to evangelize and accompany the development of the Achuar people respecting and enhancing the beauty of their culture. Regarding the sale of the products, enormous improvements have been recorded, thanks to the conclusion of a commercial agreement with a local undertaking, ensuring a minimum guaranteed price for the sachas inchi.

For 2018, we intend to: intensify the *institutional building* of the Achuar Cooperative, broaden and diversify marketing channels, improve the quality and quantity of the output of the three production spinnerets.



**Middle East**

# PALESTINE

**Capital:** East Jerusalem and Ramallah

**Population:** 4,700,000 inhabitants

**Poverty rate:** 25.8%

**Human Development Index (HDI):** 0.684

(114<sup>th</sup> out of 188 Countries, UNDP 2016)

**Income per capita:** 5.256 \$

---

**Start of activities in the Country:** 1986

**Year of official recognition:** 2010 in Palestine, 2009 in Israel

---

## IN 2017

**Expat operators:** 3

**Civil service Italian volunteers abroad:** 4

**Development projects funded by public entities:** 3

**Development projects funded by private entities:** 2

**Distance Support Projects:** 2

**Expenses incurred:** € 802.520

## VIS PROJECT AREAS IN THE COUNTRY



- *Environment*
- *Child and Youth Protection*
- *Education, vocational training and socio-professional integration*
- *Capacity building and strengthening local development players*



	Expenses incurred (in €)	Donors
<b>Development projects funded by public entities:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N.O.I. Young People in Palestine - New integration and employment opportunities for vulnerable Palestinian young people</li> </ul>	552.391	AICS/MAECI
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N.O.I. Young People in Palestine - New integration and employment opportunities for vulnerable Palestinian young people</li> </ul>	44.294	Autonomous Province of Trento
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>G.re.en Palestine: Promoting economic development in Palestine through diffusion of renewable energy</li> </ul>	81.000	Lombardia Region
<b>Development projects funded by private entities:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Organizzazione e avvio del master in <i>Governance e amministrazione del settore pubblico</i> - MGAPS - presso l'Università di Betlemme</li> </ul>	51.566	CEI 8x1000
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>N.O.I. Giovani in Palestina Nuove Opportunità di Integrazione e di Impiego per giovani vulnerabili palestinesi</li> </ul>	59.278	Private donors
<b>Distance Support Projects:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project for supporting the Salesian technical school</li> </ul>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Project for supporting the Salesian Art Centre in Bethlehem</li> </ul>	592	Private donors
<b>Other expenses incurred in the Country</b>	13.400	Private donors





During 2017, VIS consolidated **its presence in Palestine** thanks to the implementation of a multi-sector initiative that involved all the staff on site and part of the staff of the headquarters. The project, co-funded by AICS in 2016, also obtained support from the autonomous province of Trento and the Region Lombardia.

The objectives of the intervention are:

- improve psychosocial support practices for children suffering from post-traumatic stress caused by the socio-political situation;
- make the Palestinian public and private vocational training system more efficient and extend it to new disciplines that are aware of environmental protection;
- improve income and the quality of life of the *target* communities.

During the second year of the project, the activities continued being implemented together with the local partner Guidance and Training center (GTC) through training courses for the staff of 11 government schools and the Salesian technical school in Bethlehem (STS). Training of school staff aims at transferring techniques and skills for the identification and analysis of children with emotional difficulties in behaviour and learning. During 2017, 60 teachers and 11 social workers were trained for the 12

schools. At the same time, psychosocial support therapies continued for 125 minors through individual treatment plans (ITPs) and group therapies. 35 meetings were held with school managers to monitor and evaluate progress achieved by children with ITP; finally, 33 scholarships were awarded to the students under treatment for the courses of mechanics, electronics, mechatronics, carpentry, olive wood, mother of pearl and ceramics in STS.

Two photovoltaic plants have been successfully installed in two schools, with respectively 77.5 KW for the STS and 30 KW for the industrial school of Deir Dibwan - Ramallah (DDISIS).

VIS, through the training carried out and the direct collaboration with the industrial school of Deir Dibwan, has also participated in the actions for the definition of the training curriculum in the field of renewable energies at the national level.

Regarding the higher training projects **coordinated by VIS at the University of Bethlehem**, in 2017, 24 students completed their master's degree in *International Cooperation and Development* (MICAD) and 23 new students started it. In addition, VIS presence at the University of Bethlehem was strengthened: 19 students successfully completed in February 2017 the first edition of the *"Specialized Program in Governance and Administration in the Public Sector"*.

In July 2017, VIS, in collaboration with ARCO and the University of Bethlehem, organized the “*Monitoring & Evaluation and Impact Evaluation*” Summer School with the participation of 40 students, both local and international. In August 2017, VIS and the University of Bethlehem signed a partnership agreement with Prof. **Mohammad Yunus** (2006 Nobel Peace Prize) to open a **Yunus Social Business Center** in Bethlehem to promote new approaches of local economic development. Furthermore, in collaboration with the AICS office in Jerusalem, an in-depth feasibility study was conducted to support 4 schools in the Masafer Yatta area, one of the poorest and most heavily penalized areas due to the Israeli occupation.

In 2018, focus will be on the implementation of the activities envisaged by the AICS, PAT and the Lombardia region, with emphasis on the development of renewable energy and formalizing the results obtained in the psychosocial development sector through the realization of an intervention manual. New projects could develop in the context of *social business* and local community development, as well as in *Child and Youth Protection* and *Inclusive Education* sectors.





## STORIES FROM THE CAMP: PALESTINE

*“VIS, the University of Bethlehem and MICAD have taught me that only the sky is our limit”*

Life is not a journey to find ourselves, but rather a factory to reinvent and realize ourselves. If we use the right amount of ingredients and keep ourselves focused while we work hard, we will end up having the best production possible regardless of those conditions that by their nature are irrefutable.

For me, education is the fundamental ingredient for the development of every person and knowledge is the magical tool of support. If we could grasp these two elements from ideal resources, our product would shine bright in the sky. I made the best choice of my life considering MICAD as the crown of my educational path, and I also believe that my

qualities could not emerge without the help of VIS and the University of Bethlehem, which I consider as a house of infinite knowledge which opened my way to success from the first day I entered, until today.

In July 2008, I began my degree course in accounting at this extraordinary university, which provided me with all the opportunities to refine my intellectual abilities and orient myself towards the future. In July 2012 I obtained my bachelor's degree and immediately the following month I applied to enroll for the **master's degree in international development cooperation (MICAD)**. At that moment I thought that attending MICAD would have greatly increased and improved my personal and professional skills and would have been useful for me to find a job in the future.

My professional life began as an accountant at a local Bethlehem company, before being promoted to head of

the accounting department. This experience ended when I decided to go in search of something that was closer to achieving my personal ambitions.

My following occupation was within the “Yes Theater” association, where I still work, and where I run a social enterprise, with its related theatrical activities of puppets, education and community. The *Puppets for Kids* program offers personalized psychosocial support interventions for local communities and in addition contributes to the empowerment and multiplication of the skills of teachers and students. The **main challenge** I faced in this new profession was **to reach beneficiaries in the most vulnerable areas of the West Bank**, where Palestinian families are deprived daily of their basic human rights and have no access to education and leisure. I worked closely with my working group to create a mobile theater that would enable the highest percentage of people living in these marginalized Palestinian areas to be reached.

Addressing the inevitable ups and downs of entrepreneurship can be a difficult challenge. So, to help myself and my group create the right mindset for success, I was strongly influenced by what I had learned at MICAD. Managing a business in Palestine, despite all the difficulties that surround it, is a truly unique experience especially for

the presence of a special group like the one I work with and a parent organization dedicated to managing every little detail. I really appreciate the fact that education and entrepreneurial and development knowledge do not stop in the classroom but continue throughout life. I feel that attending MICAD left me a lot, managing to balance the acquisition of a theoretical baggage with practical experience in the real world, thanks to the lessons of teachers with great intelligence and concrete experiences, and finally thanks to very good and passionate colleagues.

**Slowly and carefully, I am building my future, step by step.**

I am working hard to transform what I am today to become an effective change agent for my society, a source of inspiration for young Palestinians and a sensitizer for the future Palestinian government, for a Palestinian Parliament, for youth NGOs, for donors and local communities, to create a serious global cooperation to develop and help Palestinian youth. **VIS, the University of Bethlehem and MICAD have taught me that only the sky is our limit.** Initially I thought that attending this course of studies could give me a winning card to play in my life, but in the end, I discovered that it was the secret way to achieve excellence.



Europe

## ALBANIA

**Capital:** Tirana

**Population:** 2,900,000 inhabitants

**Poverty rate:** 7,2%

**Human Development Index (HDI):** 0.764 (75<sup>th</sup> out of 188 Countries, UNDP 2016)

**Income per capita:** 10.252 \$

---

**Start of activities in the Country:** 1994

**Year of official recognition:** 2002

---

### IN 2017

**Expat operators:** 3

**Development projects funded by public entities:** 4

**Development projects funded by private entities:** 2

**Expenses incurred:** € 355.060

### VIS PROJECT AREAS IN THE COUNTRY



- Education, socio-vocational training and integration
- Capacity building and strengthening local development players





	Expenses incurred (in €)	Funders
<b>Development projects funded by public entities:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• <i>Bukë, kripë e zemër</i>: food, tradition and culture. Co-development processes in culture. Co-development processes in marginal areas of Northern and Southern Albania</li> </ul>	262.731	AICS/MAECI
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• ESSEDRA - Environmentally Sustainable Socio-Economic Development of Rural Areas</li> </ul>	5.965	European Commission
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Model of sustainable rural development</li> </ul>	6.932	Government of Albania
<b>Development projects funded by private entities:</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support to development of local communities of Malesi and Madhe</li> </ul>	21.724	Private donors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Shkrel Youth Music Project and the Rehabilitation of Health Centres</li> </ul>	79.379	Private donors
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Support to Breglumasi, Tirana - “Lulet e Jetes” kindergarten and “Dallendyshet” day centre</li> </ul>	264	Private donors
<b>Other expenses incurred in the Country</b>	8.337	Private donors

2017 was a year of transition and confirmation for VIS in Albania, with the conclusion of an important project in North and South of the country and the commitment of the entire staff in the preparation of new proposals. New collaboration dynamics were created with AICS office in Tirana, thanks to the establishment of a coordination table for the Italian NGOs to foster the exchange of information and the organization of common proposals on the main areas of intervention: rural development, vocational training, environment and social economy. In addition to this, there has been the renewed commitment of the Albanian Government regarding the support to the development of the rural and most marginalized areas. The VIS has therefore been at the forefront regarding both governmental and Italian cooperation priorities and has affirmed its leading role in integrated rural development, with particular reference to the concrete application of the LEADER (*Liaison entre actions de développement de l'économie rurale - Collegamento tra azioni volte allo sviluppo delle economie rurali*) approach. This role took the form of the following actions:

**A. Project *Bukë, Kripë and Zemër***

In the first half of the year 2017 the intervention has continued with the aim of upgrading the socio-economic conditions of the population of Malesi and Madhe districts. The following was realized:

- 1. Disbursement of microcredit:** 254 credits in the north mainly in the agricultural, livestock, pastoral and tourist sectors (the activity also continued at the end of the project thanks to an agreement on the reuse of the revolving credit fund);
- 2. Provision of mini-grants** to support the start-up of small economic activities: 5 *mini-grants* approved and disbursed in the North;
- 3. Support to community activities** such as the completion of the reconstruction of a health center and a primary school, as well as support for tourism infrastructures in the Malesi and Madhe areas;
- 4. Realization of a participatory self-evaluation**
- 5. Organization of a final conference**

**B. Project *Rural Sustainable Development Model***

In 2017 the **construction of the fruit and vegetable collection center** of the municipality of Cerrik (center of Albania), inaugurated in May, and the training activities of local farmers and the **establishment of the local association** continued.

**C. Project *Involve me and learn***

This project presented some procedural difficulties related to the inexperience of the project executing body (the Malesi and Madhe municipality), which has forced VIS to anticipate the financial resources related to local and personal transportation. Despite this, the **reconstruction of the Koplík high school** began, which will end by the first half of the year 2018.



**D. Creation and coordination**

of the ***Forum of the CSOs in Malesi and Madhe***

With the support of the Technical Assistance Office to the CSOs offered by the European Union, a first Forum of the CSOs of the rural context for Albania was created, of which VIS Albania is coordinator.

**E. Participation in the *First Rural Parliament of Albania***

**F. Awareness raising for the establishment**

of the **Local Action Group (LAG) of Malesi and Madhe**

The staff carried out community meetings to launch awareness raising actions for the establishment of a LAG, thus formalizing a methodology already applied in practice in the area in previous years.

**G. *Visibility and territory promotion activities***

The participatory and exchange methodologies among the stakeholders continue to be innovative and produce a strong sense of belonging to the interventions proposed by VIS in Albania, which has tried to maintain constant its presence on the territory.

Weakness in 2017 was the mismatch between the considerable commitment required on behalf of VIS staff in Albania by the various institutions and donors and the effective financial availability to keep the structure at full capacity, due to the conclusion of the project *Bukë, Kripë and Zemër*. In 2017, three new proposals were designed and presented to AICS and EU delegation in Albania, all approved and will start in 2018 in the areas of rural development, strengthening local actors and environmental protection.



## Project for strengthening the salesian local development offices - PDOs

Geographical area: ACP Countries - Africa - Caribbean - Pacific

**36** Countries involved: **2** Caribbean Countries (Dominican Republic and Haiti) and **34** African Countries: Senegal, Guinea-Bissau, Burkina Faso, Ivory Coast, Benin, Togo, Central African Republic, Chad, Gabon, Cameroon, Congo - Brazzaville, Burundi, Rwanda, Uganda, Tanzania, Kenya, Sierra Leone, Ghana, Liberia, Nigeria, South Africa, Lesotho, Swaziland, Sudan, Zambia, Malawi, Namibia, Zimbabwe, Madagascar, Angola, Mozambique, Ethiopia, DR of Congo, Mauritius.

<b><i>Start date</i></b>	<b><i>2014</i></b>
<b><i>Duration of project</i></b>	<b><i>4 years</i></b>
<b><i>Expat operators</i></b>	<b><i>3</i></b>
<b><i>Expenses incurred</i></b>	<b><i>€ 490.204</i></b>

### VIS PROJECT FIELDS IN THE COUNTRIES:

- *Capacity Building* and strengthening of local actors and partners
- Education and Child protection
- Vocational training and work integration
- Promotion and protection of human rights

	Expenses incurred (in €)	Financial backers
<b>Development projects funded by public entities:</b>		
<i>Co-partners in development: building up and enhancing multi-actor partnerships [...] addressed to vulnerable youth in 35 ACP Countries</i>	455.608	European Commission
<b>Development projects funded by private entities:</b>		
<i>Co-partners in development: building up and enhancing multi-actor partnerships [...] addressed to vulnerable youth in 35 ACP Countries</i>	34.596	Private donors

The “*Co-partners in development*” project aims to contribute to the achievement of the goal set by the Salesian Family (2015 Roadmap) for the development and/or strengthening of the *planning and development offices* (PDOs) of the Salesians in 36 African and Caribbean Countries. Many times the Salesians have stated that the PDOs shall play a key role in each Province, with a view to implementing the Salesian educational and vocational training strategies (POI and PEPS), aimed at reducing poverty and primarily targeting the most marginalised young people. These strategies must be grounded on the effectiveness of development (transparency, *accountability, networking*), according to a holistic approach based on human rights and striving to ensure the full and significant participation of the beneficiaries in the development processes.

Although the project is implemented by VIS, right from the early stages it has involved all the members of Don

Bosco Network, the Salesian partners in the 14 Provinces concerned and, above all, the General Councillors of the Congregation interested in the programme. Therefore, the project represents a concrete tool made available for the Salesian Family by VIS, for achieving the ambitious purpose, established at the 2011 international meeting held in Hyderabad, to develop the PDOs and transform them into agents for the integral development and a basic element of the Salesian animation and government structure as requested by the relevant Province.

The intervention is foreseen to be completed in 2018 through important international events and the production of materials and documents (guide lines, tools, etc.) that will constitute the synthesis of this pluriannual experience. In the forthcoming Activities Summary Report 2019, the final outputs of the programme and its perspectives will be indicated.

# Financial report





## FINANCIAL REPORT

This section of the social report provides the highlights of VIS income statement for 2017, compared to the previous year.

The figures have been extracted from the 2017 financial statements, as audited by *BDO Italia* and the Board of Statutory Auditors, in relation to their ordinary activities envisaged in the bylaws.

For further information on the financial statements and notes to the accounts it is possible to consult the institutional website at the following address <http://www.volint.it/vis/bilancio>.

It is evidenced that, unlike the data presented in the previous sections “VIS methods and instruments of action” and “VIS action in the world”, the following economic information has been extrapolated from the financial statements for the year ending 31/12/2017, drawn up according to the principle of competence.

During the 2017 financial year, a different system of accounting for expenditures and income referring to “typical activities” and “promotional and fund-raising activities” has been adopted. Maintaining the principle of correlation between expenditures incurred and corresponding income, we proceeded to create specific equity funds, proceeding to the reversal of the “passive deferment” items, created

in the previous year; these items, starting this year, show in the balance sheet section liabilities for projects and donations. As a result of this system for the recognition of the aforementioned items, the income statement includes two new items for each section of activity, relating to the funds for projects and donations: the “provision” cost item, through which it is recorded to send to the accrued fund the realized income, and the item “use of funds”, item of income with which the sum necessary to cover the costs incurred is taken from the fund.

In relation to this, the highlighted data relating to the aforementioned income is not immediately comparable with that of the previous year and must be reclassified. Starting from the year 2018, in the presence of exercises with homogeneous data, this comparability will be possible again. This change, of an exclusively accounting nature, was made by way of derogation from the provisions of art. 2423 bis C.C. and OIC principle n. 11; it will allow a better readability of the financial statement document, as well as allowing better management control during the year and has not in any case affected the economic-financial situation of the institution.

## OVERVIEW

In 2017, VIS recorded a total income of € 9.204.034, achieving a substantial budget balance. As mentioned in the introduction to this document, these figures are not comparable with the data for the previous year, having adopted a different accounting system, which does not make the data homogeneous. It will be possible to make this comparison again starting from the financial year 2018, comparing them to the data of the 2017 financial statements.

The following table contains an overview of the financial data broken down by areas of operation:



**Budget**

<b>Core management</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
Income core activities	7.197.057	6.568.796
Expenditures core activities	- 8.091.808	- 8.185.021
Property funds income	7.434.108	
Funds provision	- 6.582.764	
<b>Balance core management</b>	<b>- 43.407</b>	<b>- 1.616.225</b>
Income from promotional & fundraising activities	2.407.188	2.793.447
Expenditures from promotional & fundraising activities	- 252.424	- 515.729
Property funds income	69.630	-
Funds provision	- 1.674.284	-
<b>Balance promotional &amp; fundraising activities</b>	<b>550.109</b>	<b>2.277.718</b>
<b>BALANCE CORE MANAGEMENT</b>	<b>506.702</b>	<b>661.493</b>

<b>Management ancillary activities</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
Income ancillary activities	259.830	243.978
Expenditures ancillary activities	- 330.740	- 330.491
Property funds income	26.031	
Funds provision	- 34.200	
<b>Balance ancillary activities</b>	<b>- 79.079</b>	<b>- 86.513</b>
<b>Financial activities</b>		
Income financial activities	5.990	6.898
Expenditures financial activities	- 16.730	- 25.515
<b>Balance financial management</b>	<b>- 10.741</b>	<b>- 18.617</b>





<b>Extraordinary management</b>	<b>2017</b>	<b>2016</b>
Extraordinary income	95.449	80.723
Extraordinary expenditures	- 19.844	14.248
<b>Balance extraordinary management</b>	<b>75.605</b>	<b>- 94.470</b>
<b>GENERAL SUPPORT EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>- 459.437</b>	<b>- 500.354</b>
<b>OPERATING TAXES</b>	<b>- 33.051</b>	<b>- 38.431</b>
<b>OPERATING RESULT</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>3.329</b>



In the **core management** both income and expenditures are highlighted of the institutional activities, the core and promotional/fundraising operations. While the former ones are directly related to the pursuit of the organization's mission, as enshrined in the bylaws, the latter are carried out for collecting the necessary resources for performing the core operations. The core operations include development projects, emergency interventions, development education activities, etc. Among the promotional and fundraising operations, besides those of a specific nature (e.g., campaigns), also income deriving from Distance Support (SaD) and Mission Support (SaM) has been included. This because, while income from public and private institutions is recorded among the "core operations", based on their source and management procedures, income from SaD and SaM comes exclusively from individuals and is given for a specific purpose. Overall, the **core management highlights a positive result of € 506.702**, in decrease compared to the previous year by **€ 154.791**.

In the case of **ancillary operations**, the key income/expense items are related to the volunteer management, based on the agreement entered with Caritas Italiana. Other consistent expenditures must be ascribed for € 45.002 to membership fees paid in relation to the various networks in which VIS participates, AGIRE, CINI and DBN.

This year, the balance of **financial operations** is negative for € 10.741, with a decrease of € 7.876 compared to the previous year, primarily as a result of the currency exchange difference resulting from the on transfers of funds abroad and bank commissions on them.

On the other hand, the **extraordinary operations** have a positive balance of € 75.605 with an increase compared to 2016 of € 89.853. Income from extraordinary operations totals € 95.449, primarily comprising the waiver of the allowance by several members of the Executive Committee, totalling € 60.000, while the difference can be ascribed to the final closure of a previous debt never extinguished towards a telephone company.

Regarding extraordinary expenditures, which total € 19.844, the amount of € 9.265 is due mainly to accounting transactions to realign balances of the management of a bequest and for € 6.475 for back utilities unpaid requested by the managing body of the district where VIS is located.

The **general support expenses totalling € 459.437** are slightly decreased. They primarily include the items for service costs (rentals, consultant fees and telephone bills) totalling € 172.181, for the operation of the governance bodies, totalling € 125.605, and for the management of the head office, including the administrative personnel, totalling € 247.793.

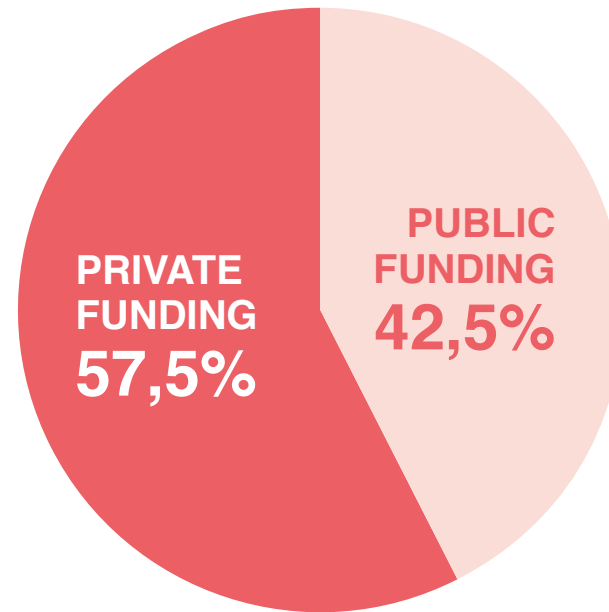
Lastly, the IRAP tax on labour costs weighed for € 32.262.



## INCOME SOURCES

As it can be seen by the following picture, income from private sources continues to prevail over that from public sources, also in 2017.

Income from core, promotional & fundarising activities



The *trend* in main institutional donors, in 2017, indicates it as a transition year during which some important interventions have been realized and/or completed, while numerous new programmes have been approved but will be in force from an economic point of view starting 2018 and following years.

- Proceeds from the Italian Development Cooperation Agency have slightly increased, because of the continuation and conclusion of the three large-scale projects (Albania, Ethiopia and Palestine) and emergency interventions financed through local funds. An increase in funding is expected in the next financial period from this donor, due to the initiation of new programmes in Albania, Ethiopia, Senegal and Palestine, funded through the headquarters and the in loco offices of the Agency;
- proceeds from the European Commission in 2017 have increased because of the implementation of two projects in Burundi and Democratic Republic of Congo and of the backstopping of the PDOs in the ACP countries. In 2018 two new interventions will start in Angola and Albania;
- slightly diminished is the flow of proceeds from other public entities (in particular decentralized cooperation) and from the 8x1000 of tax payers;
- the contribution from international organizations and other development agencies has increased in response to the continuation of a project funded by AFD in Burundi and interventions in Albania and Eritrea.

Regarding proceeds from the private sector, in 2017 an absolute decrease in the total funds must be highlighted. In particular:

- decrease in funds received and utilized of the 8x1000 of the Conference of Italian Bishops deriving from the conclusion of some interventions implemented in the previous years. For 2018 an increase from this source is expected as new programmes have been approved in Western Africa and Haiti;
- a decline in income from private foundations, contracts and agreements with partners and others because closure of specific initiatives;
- donations from fundraising operations, received from corporations, individuals and social groups have decreased for the depletion of funds ascribable to the “channel” established by VIS-Lombardia, which was caused by the decision of the Province Lombardo Emiliana of establishing its own foundation and to direct fundraising promoted by the office in Milan to this structure and no more to VIS. Funds collected directly by Rome Office have been generally characterized by a generalized stability. To this, resources deriving from the partnership established between VIS and Missioni Don Bosco must be added which is part of wider collaboration oriented towards the Salesian missions;
- in 2017 proceeds from ancillary operations have remained stable.



Income sources	2017	2016	Variations compared to 2016	
<b>PUBLIC SOURCES (core activities):</b>				
• AICS - Agenzia italiana per la cooperazione allo sviluppo	2.469.533	2.323.002	146.530	6,3%
• European Commission	965.658	744.621	221.036	29,7%
• Presidency of the Council of Ministers and other ministries	157.436	65.347	92.088	100,0%
• Different public entities (decentralized cooperation)	125.294	142.667	- 17.373	- 12,2%
• International organizations and development agencies of other States	191.481	78.348	113.133	144,4%
<b>A) Total public sources</b>	<b>3.909.401</b>	<b>3.353.986</b>	<b>555.415</b>	<b>16,6%</b>

Income sources	2017	2016	Variations compared to 2016	
<b>PRIVATE SOURCES (core, promotional, fundraising, financial and extraordinary activities):</b>				
• 8x1000 Conferenza Episcopale Italiana	730.287	917.930	- 187.643	- 20,4%
• Caritas Italiana	392.090	248.268	143.822	57,9%
• Different private donors (foundations, <i>network</i> , etc.), contracts and agreements	759.459	1.622.145	- 862.687	- 53,2%
• Donations from private individuals	3.060.223	3.220.212	- 159.989	- 5,0%
• Volunteers and operators support in developing countries for activities of other entities	251.136	243.679	7.457	3,1%
• Financial and extraordinary income	101.439	87.620	13.819	15,8%
<b>B) Total private sources</b>	<b>5.294.633</b>	<b>6.339.855</b>	<b>- 1.045.221</b>	<b>-16,5%</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>9.204.034</b>	<b>9.693.840</b>	<b>- 489.806</b>	<b>-5,1%</b>



# RESOURCE ALLOCATION

## Expenditures per core operations by geographical area

Regarding the expenditures per core operations, the following table provides an overview of the costs incurred by geographical area and type of operation.

Area	Incurred expenditures 2017	% on total 2017	% variation compared to 2016	No. countries 2017
<b>Expenditures per core operations</b>	<b>- 8.091.808</b>	<b>100,0%</b>	<b>- 1,1%</b>	
• Africa	- 4.496.272	55,6%	3,4%	23
• Latin America	- 1.167.655	14,4%	9,9%	15
• Asia and Oceania	- 252.729	3,1%	84,5%	10
• Middle East	- 859.350	10,6%	55,0%	4
• Europe + Activities in Italy	- 1.315.801	16,3%	- 36,8%	2
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>- 8.091.808</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>- 1,1%</b>	<b>54</b>

## Expenditures per core operations by type

Type of Action	Incurred expenditures 2017	2017 % on total year	Incurred expenditures 2016	2016 % on total year
<b>Programs:</b>				
• Development projects (from public and private entities)	- 4.410.808	54,5%	- 4.200.806	51,3%
• Other development interventions (from fundraising)	- 635.172	7,8%	- 1.230.156	15,0%
• Emergency, rehabilitation and reconstruction (from public and private entities)	- 449.744	5,6%	- 399.298	4,9%
• Emergency, rehabilitation and reconstruction (from fundraising)	- 815	0,0%	- 57.845	0,7%
• Distance Support	- 241.817	3,0%	- 419.011	5,1%
• Missions Support	- 1.581.672	19,5%	- 1.009.396	12,3%
<b>Other programs</b>	- 771.780	9,5%	- 868.508	10,6%
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>- 8.091.808</b>	<b>100%</b>	<b>- 8.185.021</b>	<b>100%</b>





In 2017, the contributions received through the **5x1000**, referred to the choices made in 2015 totalled 133.912 euros, thanks to the support received from 2.644 taxpayers (decreased compared to 2016 – referring to the choices made in 2014 – when the amount totalled 156.457 euros and 3.1528 taxpayers). The following table provides an overview of the use of the funds:

Description	Amount 2017
Support to 2 expatriate experts in Albania, for continuation of interventions in the North and Cerrik and identification and formulation of new programs	9.319
Operating costs in Albania (local staff, mobility, utilities, materials, etc.)	22.284
Support to 2 expatriate experts in Bolivia employed in operational and administrative coordination and project management in Cochabamba, La Paz and Santa Cruz de la Sierra	8.147
Support to 4 expatriate experts in the Democratic Republic of Congo employed in child protection programs, strengthening of local partners and rural development	22.444
Support to 2 expatriate operators for the management of the regional administrative and planning co-ordination of the Latin America area	10.200
Support to 2 expatriate experts in Ethiopia employed in education, TVET and WASH programs	7.395
Emoluments for advocacy activities, representation at national and international network policy tables	16.884
Fees for feasibility and identification studies and for the formulation of EU projects and other institutional donors to be implemented in developing countries	22.017
Emoluments for selection, training and supervision of teams included in projects in developing countries and for evaluation activities of psycho-social actions oriented towards vulnerable groups	15.221
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURES</b>	<b>133.912</b>

# GLOSSARY

<b>ACP</b>	Organizzazione internazionale formata da un gruppo di Stati dell'Africa, dei Caraibi e del Pacifico <i>Africa, Caribbean and Pacific group of States</i>
<b>AGIDAE</b>	Associazione Gestori Istituti Dipendenti dall'Autorità Ecclesiastica <i>Association of the Operators of Institutions Depending on the Ecclesiastical Authorities</i>
<b>AGIRE</b>	Agenzia Italiana Risposta Emergenze - <i>Italian Emergency Response Agency</i>
<b>AICS</b>	Agenzia Italiana Cooperazione allo Sviluppo - <i>Italian Development Cooperation Agency</i>
<b>CEI</b>	Conferenza Episcopale Italiana - <i>Conference of Italian Bishops</i>
<b>CERD</b>	Comitato per l'Eliminazione delle Discriminazioni Razziali - <i>Committee on the Elimination of Racial Discrimination</i>
<b>CFP</b>	Centro di Formazione Professionale - <i>Vocational Training Centre</i>
<b>CINI</b>	Coordinamento Italiano Network Internazionali - <i>Italian Coordination of International Networks</i>
<b>CNOS</b>	Centro Nazionale Opere Salesiane - <i>National Centre of Salesian Works</i>
<b>DBI</b>	Don Bosco International
<b>DBN</b>	Don Bosco Network
<b>DD.UU.</b>	Diritti Umani - <i>Human Rights</i>
<b>ECHO</b>	European Commission's Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection Department
<b>ECG</b>	Educazione alla Cittadinanza Globale - <i>Global Citizenship Education GCE</i>
<b>FAP</b>	Formazione e Aggiornamento Professionale - <i>Technical Vocational education and training TVET</i>
<b>FPA</b>	Framework Partnership Agreement
<b>FMA</b>	Figlie di Maria Ausiliatrice - <i>Daughters of Mary Auxiliatrix</i>
<b>FRA</b>	Fundamental Rights Agency
<b>HRBA</b>	Human Rights Based Approach
<b>IECD</b>	Institut Européen de Cooopération et de Développement
<b>ISU</b>	Indice dello Sviluppo Umano - <i>Human Development Index</i>
<b>MAE</b>	Ministero degli Affari Esteri (denominazione precedente) <i>(former name of the Italian) Ministry of Foreign Affairs</i>
<b>MAECI</b>	Ministero degli Affari Esteri e della Cooperazione Internazionale (denominazione attuale) <i>(present name of the Italian) Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation</i>
<b>MSNA</b>	Minori Stranieri Non Accompagnati
<b>ONG</b>	Organizzazione Non Governativa - <i>Non-Governmental Organization</i>
<b>ONLUS</b>	Organizzazione Non Lucrativa di Utilità Sociale - <i>Non-profit organization</i>
<b>ONU</b>	Organizzazione delle Nazioni Unite - <i>United Nations Organization</i>
<b>OO.II.</b>	Organizzazioni Internazionali - <i>International Organizations</i>
<b>OSC</b>	Organizzazione della Società Civile - <i>Civil Society Organizations</i>
<b>PAT</b>	Provincia Autonoma di Trento - <i>Autonomous Province of Trento</i>
<b>PDO</b>	Planning/Project and Development Office



<b>PEPS</b>	Progetto Educativo Pastorale Salesiano <i>Salesian Educational and Pastoral Project</i>
<b>PVS</b>	Paesi in Via di Sviluppo - <i>Developing Countries (DC)</i>
<b>SaD</b>	Sostegno a Distanza - <i>(Long) Distance Support</i>
<b>SaM</b>	Sostegno alle Missioni - <i>Mission Support</i>
<b>SCS</b>	Salesiani per il Sociale - <i>Salesians for Social Matters</i>
<b>TVET</b>	Technical Vocational Education and Training
<b>UE</b>	Unione Europea - <i>European Union (EU)</i>
<b>UNDP</b>	United Nations Development Programme
<b>UNESCO</b>	United Nations Educational Scientific and Cultural Organizations
<b>UNHCR</b>	United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees
<b>UPR</b>	Universal Periodic Review
<b>UTL</b>	Unità Tecnica Locale - <i>Local Technical Unit</i>

## CONTACTS

## FOR DONATIONS

**VIS - Volontariato Internazionale per lo Sviluppo**

Via Appia Antica 126, 00179 Rome (Italy)

Tel. +39 06.51.629.1

Fax +39 06.51.629.299

vis@volint.it - www.volint.it

**[www.volint.it/vis/donazioni](http://www.volint.it/vis/donazioni)****Banca Popolare Etica**

VIS - Volontariato Internazionale per lo Sviluppo

IBAN IT5920501803200000015588551

**Post Office Account**

VIS - Volontariato Internazionale per lo Sviluppo

Nr. 88182001

IBAN IT1620760103200000088182001

