

SOCIAL REPORT 2015





INTRODUCTION

2015 has been a very difficult year for the Italian Cooperation: the delays in the implementation of the new law have created a kind of stalemate, which has radicalized powers antithetical to the objectives of the same law. The lack of the Deputy Minister has aggravated an already deep void.

By contrast, the international context has been marked by huge challenges, which require a revision of the role of the policy, including the one relating to international cooperation.

Since a couple of years, COSV has undertaken a very innovative path, even though as all the new things, not without risks. Besides, to the current professionals, keen observers of international politics, the idea of proceeding on consolidated pathways, devoid of incentives and objectives that respond more directly to the major challenges that the current environment requires us, is totally inadequate and unsatisfactory.

For this reason, we have gradually "left" the emergency field. Last year it was the turn of Somalia, then even more slowly, Sudan, both North and South. Many Italian and international NGOs are currently working in those countries, so we do not feel like "abandoning" territories without aid.

We are increasingly focusing, through co-operation interventions, on areas where we've been operating for years (the Mediterranean, the Balkans and Southern Africa) and of which we have achieved a valuable experience, to follow the paths of our partners who are deeply rooted and committed to their territories. This position is giving tangible and gratifying results. The projects are certainly complex and require the creation of fiduciary relationships with both old and new donors.

The relationship with Universities, companies, cooperatives, international experts both Italian and local, creates a network which may be difficult to manage, but which is at the same time fundamental to understand the actual needs of realities which are intertwined with our own. These "programs" consisting of a myriad of "projects", large and small, aim to build a common path with local partners, consisting in turn of profit and non-

profit, public and private actors.

We would like also to implement pilot actions to push us forward towards the opening to new areas and new forms of project planning.

We are implementing such a test in Mozambique through a "program", in the environmental field, which count on many players involved with the intention to experiment (in a very depressed area) new relationships and new perspectives for the population.

Of course, the journey is not without risks. This year our final balance sheet has been further reduced. In fact, we are going through that period from the final conclusion of projects in which we are no longer able to identify ourselves, and the pending approval of a large number of already submitted projects, many of which have already passed the first step of approval and are awaiting for the final assessment.

This trend, which we should increase during 2016, seems to proof that, even bound to the often long timing of the donors, we have launched a realistic path, which certainly still requires sacrifices and great attention, but which will re-shape COSV into a scenario even closer to our ever solid ideals.




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WHO WE ARE

COSV is a non-profit association with legal personality, founded in 1968, which operates in international cooperation and humanitarian aid. The association, which since 1972 has the recognition by the General Directorate for Development Cooperation of the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, has now been included in the list at the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation provided for the Article 26 of the new law 125 of 2014.

Since the '80s, COSV works with the leading agencies of the United Nations and its numerous offices as well as with funds from the European Commission.

According to the Italian legislation it is also a Non-Profit Organization (NPO) and it regularly collaborates with various Public and Local Institutions that support and complement its projects with decentralized cooperation initiatives.

COSV operates completely independently from other organizations, political parties, governments or state apparatuses, and operates in accordance with the

objectives of solidarity, respect for fundamental human rights, the promotion of partnership and of the local reality, expressed in the statute, rejecting those behavior that compromise their decision-making autonomy or which do not represent the reality of the project countries in a correct and respectful way, also of the dignity of persons.

In addition to operating in accordance with the Articles of Association, the organization carries out its activities in all its areas of expertise, according to the principles of its Code of Conduct; Ethics Charter of the Association of Italian NGOs (AOI); the "Elewitt Chart" of European development NGOs; the CODE OF CONDUCT for the International Movement of Red Cross and Red Crescent for rescue operations in case of disaster.

As for the donors policies according to the relevant regulations, COSV collaborates to audits and controls. Furthermore it annually certifies its budget by an external body.





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MISSION

COSV intervenes on issues such as peace, defense of the environment and fundamental human rights (life, health, justice ...) for sustainable and fair social-economic development.

The approach used for the projects aims:

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To promote lasting and sustainable local development, making its contribution to achieving the SDGs

To support local partners (public or private) and create multi-stakeholder networks, based on partnerships collaboration and trust



To encourage the participation of local communities towards the achievement of goals of peace and dialogue, respect for individual rights

To improve the living conditions of the most vulnerable groups. Enhancing skills and local cultures, respecting the political, cultural and religious dialogue



To create the conditions for the intervention, after the project completion, to be supported by the local community in a responsible way

VALUES & IDENTITY



INDEPENDENCE AND NETWORK

COSV belongs to itself: it is not tied to political parties or interest groups and it is partner of numerous networks and national and international coordination committee.

COOPERATION, NOT CHARITY

We believe in the "culture of cooperation" understood as solidarity between communities and combat against mechanisms that create inequality.

NEITHER RAMBO NOR MARTYRS

But professionals, solid in their motivations and oriented to the development of their skills, in order to improve effectiveness and efficiency.

IMPARTIALITY

Squeezed between conflicting interests, our role is to be "third part." We are on the civil society side and its values, which we also uphold before Italian and European institutions.

STRATEGY

IDENTIFY AND DEVELOP THE POTENTIAL OF BENEFICIARIES AND PARTNERS, EVEN IN SEARCH FOR NEW SECTORS

IDENTIFY SIGNIFICANT STAKEHOLDERS WITH WHOM TO CREATE NETWORKS TO EXCHANGE INFORMATION AND CONTENT AND DEFINING STRATEGIC PARTNERSHIPS

PARTICIPATION TO NETWORK IN WHICH TO BE PROMOTERS OF STRATEGIES

DEVELOP MULTIFACTORIAL ANALYSIS SKILLS FOR MAPPING THE REAL NEEDS

STRENGTHENING IDENTITY, REPUTATION AND CREDIBILITY OF COSV

CONSTANTLY MAPPING POSSIBLE DONORS

ENSURE THE CONSTANT INFORMATION FLOW WITH THE FIELD THROUGH DISCUSSIONS AND STRATEGIES PLANNING (FIELD - ITALY)

Since several years, the analysis COSV has been running, pushes more and more towards a necessary **diversification of interventions**, tools and methodologies with which to operate. A complex path, but in our opinion essential, in order not to fail in our mission. To overcome die-hard prejudices, leave comfortable known paths and old-established routes, it will turn out to be crucial. But only a true innovation can lead to a long-term perspective. Concretely, **COSV strategy is shaping itself especially in the relationship with its partners and with new actors of cooperation, understood in a broader sense.**

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IN NETWORK



MEDITERRANEAN AND
MIDDLE
EAST PLATFORM



COLOMBA

GONG
MOZAMBIQUE



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FOUNDATION



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FOR DEVELOPMENT
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ITALIAN DEVELOPMENT
COOPERATION AGENCY
WORKING GROUP

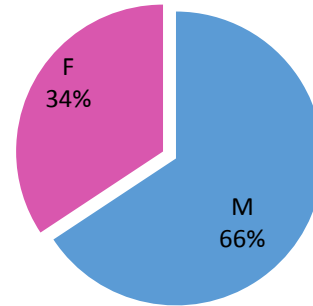


HUMAN RESOURCES

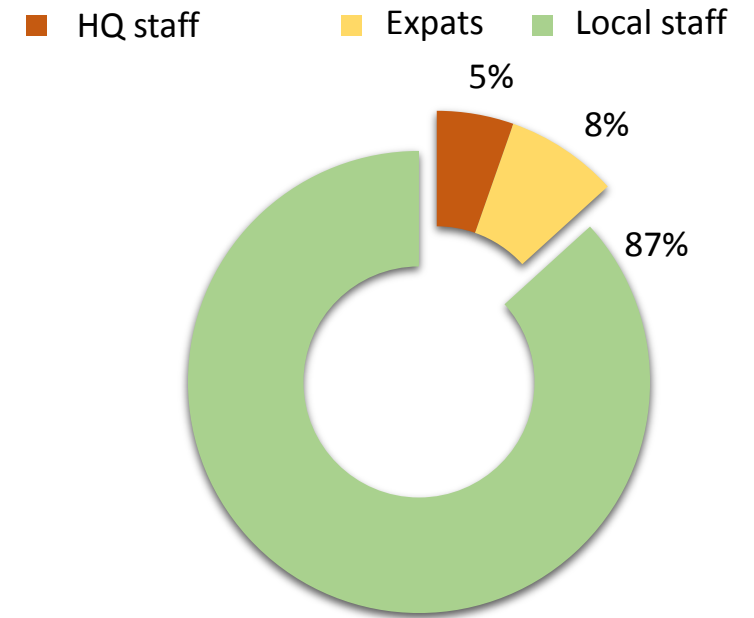
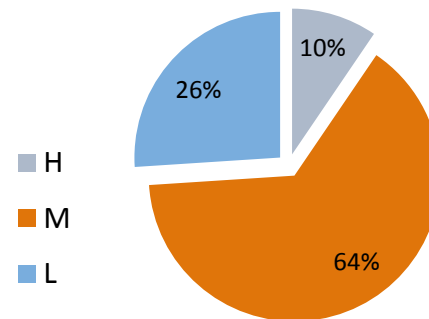
COSV counts 279 employee, variously engaged in the management of projects and activities. In 2015 in the Italian offices have worked 15 employees, 1 collaborator, 2 interns and 2 High School interns. The expatriates were 22, 12 men and 10 women. On the field, 242 people were employed: the figures seem lower than the average of the previous years, but the takeover of local partners in the direct management of many activities has passed them a relevant responsibility.

Nevertheless, the percentage of high-profile staff has increased, coherently with **our tendency to give more responsibility to people belonging to the civil society of the countries where we work**. In this way we contribute to the training of local managers able also to manage complex tasks and relationships.

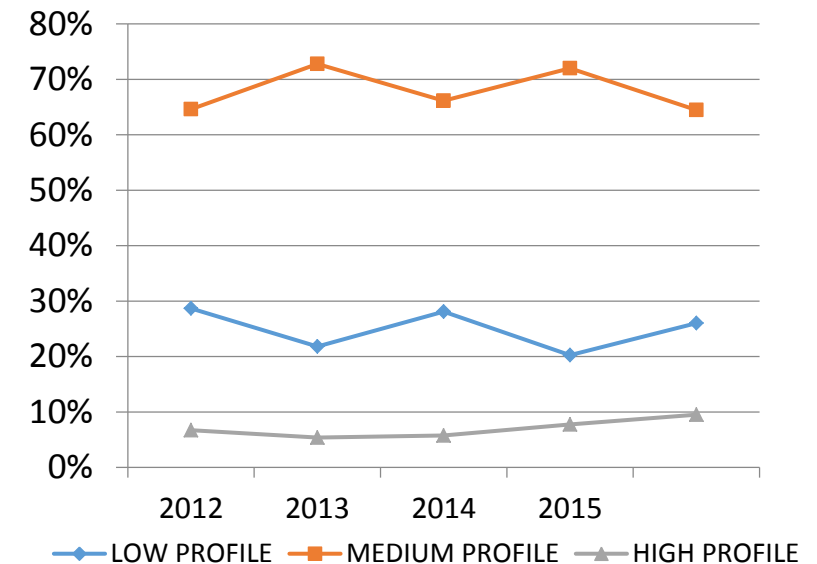
Local staff - gender



Local staff - level of qualification



Qualifications since 2012



PARTNER

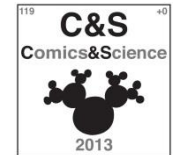
Increasingly, with the internal ongoing process of the organization, COSV "lives" on the relations with its partners, increasingly seen as agents of change in their own countries and less as mere beneficiaries of the projects.

The substantial aspect focuses on the need for a real and effective sharing of goals and activities aimed at a more sustainable development, endorsed by the community.

As a result it is becoming more urgent the need for the local partners to count on their own managers, coordinators and assistants, even with the potential education training and organizational support from international NGOs.

In Italy COSV remains open to discuss and compare theses and arguments in support of local partners, with which to develop concrete strategies and projects to overcome poverty, injustice, war and environmental degradation.

Here are just a few of our partners side!



COMMUNICATION

Our commitment to the international cooperation finds the expression of our values and approach in the external communication that we put at the forefront of the implementation of our projects and programs. Communicate to us means giving a voice to the people we work with, to give space to the thoughts and opinions of those who are crushed by mainstream information and to offer a different perspective to understand contexts and situations.

In the creation of the annual communication strategy, which is structured in articles on our website, post on social channels, press releases and events, we firstly put the attempt to tell the contexts in which we work, the meaning of our work, the people we work with and the voices of beneficiaries. The push toward a change for the people we meet in the countries where we work in is the heart of our message, which want to highlight the vision of a possible future, starting from the people who are building the future step by step.



DOOMED TO HOPE

In Syria, as it comes in the chronicles of our media, very often faces and voices of citizens, that in every region of the country keep struggling to reassert civil life, the possibility of a future of peace and the end of the conflict, are missing. **"Doomed to hope" is the name of the event we organized to be presented in the occasion of "Fa la cosa giusta! 2015". The idea was to offer voices and perspectives of the youth representatives of the Syrian civil society, to learn with them the everyday life of those who are striving for a future that ultimately affects us more than we can imagine.** "Doomed to hope" was an experience of encounter, photo exhibition, living library and events in the square.

PHOTO EXPOSURE

From Aleppo, the city considered as the most dangerous place in the world, to Idleb that since three years has been living in the strongest violence, and ghouta of Damascus, once fertile area and now shelter for people living under siege and starving. These towns are the

home-town of Jalal Almamo, Mohammed Abdullah (Artino) and Ghazal Alrehawi, three young photographers who, with their phones or their cameras, are writing the history of their own country. With their shots Jalal, Artino and Ghazal have wanted to put in the spotlight those people in the midst of poverty, in the 4 years that Syria has experienced the revolution, crisis, war and ISIS, but has not given up hope and still wants to live.



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Promoting knowledge, overcoming the stereotypes beyond the unidirectional story that the media tell us. And make it through **the stories of people who, like books, open to narration of stories that intertwine personal and collective episodes in current contexts.**

With the support of Eva Ziedan, Iman Al Ameri, Rabe Bana and Sohaib Al Zoubi, young members of the Syrian civil society, "Doomed to hope" has become a Living Library with 12 stories to listen to.

A Living Library works like any library: there are books to borrow, the catalogue of available titles, the librarian, a reading room and the readers. The books, however, are people of flesh and bones to whom titles have been assigned and that every reader can reserve, choosing from the catalogue for a conversation of about half an hour, during which the "books" tell their own life experience responding to questions from readers.



SYRIA: THE CIVIL SOCIETY DOES NOT GIVE UP

MILAN – CENTRO SAN FEDELE

ROME – CENTRO ASTALLI

PERUGIA – FESTIVAL DEL LIBRO INDIPENDENTE

LUCCA – LUCCA COMINCS AND GAMES

In 2015 we chose to support a path of awareness of Syrian civil society that is resisting to violence and extremism, by supporting the organization of events in Italy with the presence of young members of an active network for the promotion of the dialogue processes and peace.

The events were organized in collaboration with reality as our own that believe in the possibility of peace, far away from all forms of repression and extremism: the Centro San Fedele in Milan, Social Updates, Astalli center of Rome, Lucca Comics and Games and Comics and Science. Journalists like Lorenzo Trombetta and public figures like Andrea Plazzi have supported and contributed to the success of these events.



evento promosso da: **aggiornamenti sociali** grazie per il sostegno a: **COSV**



Evento promosso da: **centro astalli** grazie per il sostegno a: **MAGIS** **COSV**



ZIMBABWE: MUSIC AND VIDEOS AGAINST HIV

The communication of reproductive health and HIV project in Zimbabwe has given wide space for representation to youth who have participated in the activities. In line with the methodology of intervention, which involved students of primary and secondary schools in the poetry contest, music and videos making in favor of a public awareness campaign against HIV, the communication has seen the children protagonists of the events.

The award ceremony of the contest winners was held on May 7th 2015, to the presence of the Archbishop of the Archdiocese of Harare, the Zimbabwean EU Ambassador, the schools, the local authorities, the country directors of CRS, NAC, IYD, CCJP, Mbira Centre, Invision Studios and the representatives of COSV staff. In his speech, the Archbishop stressed **the importance of the project in supporting young people to complete their studies, to address the daily challenges and develop everyone talent.**

December, COSV has been invited to participate, together with the **Association Say What** and the **Coalition of Women for Zimbabwe**, at the panel discussion of ICASA 2015, the International Conference on AIDS and STDs in Africa. The event was important for the chance to bring issues such as the empowerment of women and girls, exchange information with young people on gender violence and reproductive health, gender equality and power dynamics, before a large public.



MACEDONIA: ROOM FOR EXCHANGES AND PARTNERSHIP

The Balkans have been protagonists of our communication in 2015, in particular Macedonia with whom we have organized events for exchange of experiences and good practices, supported the participation of our partners in conferences and laid the foundation for effective partnerships between profit and non-profit.

Within the project "Innovative Practices in Environmental Protection" an exchange visit was organized between Macedonians and Albanians producers at the plant nursery Zenzi in Ferrara. This occasion was important for the possibility of a face-to-face discussion between producers, and to learn about different mechanisms for management and marketing of products.



Milena Dimitrovska, director of PREDA (Regional Development Agency of Pelagonia), one of our partner attended, on behalf of Link 2007, to the seminar "Agricultural Biodiversity for Healthy Soils and People". The event was organized by the Permanent Mission of the UN, FAO and Biodiversity International in Italy.

in Skopje, Roberto Mannai - COSV Area Manager for the Balkans and Filippo Unterhofer - legal representative of the company Indigo Hydro Macedonia, signed a collaboration agreement to jointly work on projects in support of the local community. With Indigo Hydro Macedonia, who works for the production of energy from renewable sources, we soon found similarities in wanting to support the environmental and social development of the Markova River area and this is a first step towards concrete action for the environment and the community!



EUROPEAN UNION

Working in Europe with civil society actors means for us to keep alive the exchange of expertise, opinions and methodologies implemented in projects and jointly **promote a critical awareness of the interrelationship between countries - European and non-EU - and situations.**

The collaboration within the project "We are all digital natives", funded by the Erasmus+ Program in cooperation with **German, Spanish, English, Danish and Icelandic associations**, has allowed us to realize in 2015 a process of sharing best practices in the use of the digital methodologies for lifelong learning and social change.

The good practices implemented in our projects have become part of a common heritage with the project partners, as well as the experiences

brought to the group by the different actors have found space in projects abroad. **The importance of maintaining an open channel between our activities has resulted in the involvement of third partner in this project:** representatives of On the bridge side, Comics & Games, Lettera27 and Slow Food Macedonia were invited to meetings in Milan and Vigo (Spain). Moreover, among the best practices presented, we presented digital components implemented with InVision Studios Zimbabwe and Creative Commons Asia-Pacific and South Africa.

Synergies born during this year of the project have laid the foundations for new projects, which see us more and more present with proposals in European Union countries.



THE BALKANS: MACEDONIA, MONTENEGRO, ALBANIA

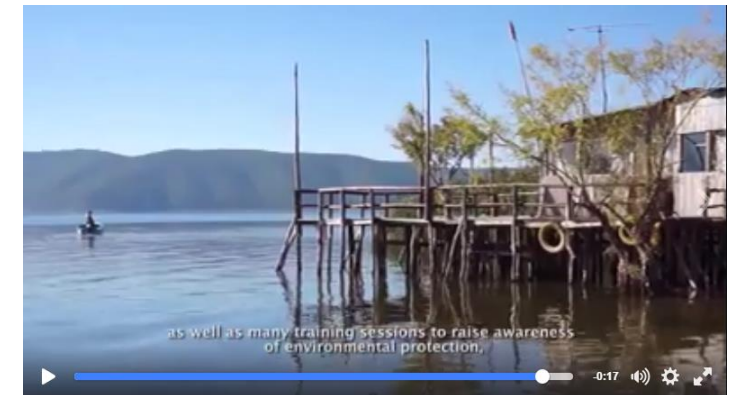
In 2015 our strategy in the Balkans has seen a renewed impetus with the introduction of a new organizational model. The structure we have chosen in order to boost our presence is founded on the introduction of a new figure able to **maintain connections between the activities in the Balkans and Italy**, to meet the increasing demand of our partners to work in synergy with the European counterparts. **Aware and strong of consolidated local teams** and of extensive planning and management skills, with **the introduction of the new Strategic Developer** we have given new energy and vision to our intervention. By strengthening the partnership, involving different actors in new projects such as social cooperatives and the nonprofit sector, our presence in the Balkans marks **a new scenario where the social enterprise development and the innovation in the agri-food are among the main addressed sectors**.



At the same time, our intervention in **support of minorities and civil society keeps going on**, with the closure in 2015 of a two-year project to support the schooling of Roma children in Macedonia and the approval of a new project for inter-ethnic integration in the identification of development plans and urban management.

With regard to **cross-border and multi-country planning**, which has always characterized our work in the Balkans, 2015 brought to an end the project involving Macedonians and Albanians producers in the introduction of innovative agricultural practices and new projects have been developed with approaches that **foster exchanges and collaboration between parties from different countries**.

[Watch the video of the project](#)



MIDDLE EAST

Two are the main strands of our intervention in the Middle East and the Mediterranean: the first one concerns the **support to civil society through participatory paths to democracy, governance even in the relationship with Local Authorities**. The concrete outline of the different activities varies from the Syrian crisis, the situation in Lebanon and in some ways to the Turkish one. The other strand, which is connected to the first, but with its own specific nature, regards the **economic, inclusive, sustainable and social development, with the aim of fostering relationships between public and private, profit and no-profit, where all actors are essential**. With this regard, significantly to us, was the launch at the end of 2015 of the trust fund MADAD, which by covering the whole region, it focuses on the neighboring areas of Syria.

On the two set of issues it is essential the approach we take with due respect to the partnership, which entails an identification process with them and to be working with partners that are very different from each other, such as structured organizations or informal

groups, representatives of civil society, but also of local administrations. At any rate, it is local actors with whom to develop **relationships towards the sharing of strategies and principles**, that the implementation of activities which, while having an intrinsic value, also act as "instrument" for the growth of relations.

Relationships that we have developed especially working on the Syrian crisis: we have tried to identify local and international partners with whom to delineate and extend a strategy, launched in 2011, which aim to strengthen all those actors who, as a part of the civil society, are seeking a way out of the conflict, with all the differences that each person can have and can continue to maintain, but sharing the principles of social and civil coexistence. In this way the construction of the partnership is meant to support all those actors who locally work in this direction.

The support may be of various types, by providing resources, training, dissemination of the activities, so to make these realities known to a larger audit, to be able to **build bridges,**

connections and sustainability. In particular, to convey the message that within the Syrian conflict there are people and groups belonging to various parties, who are trying to work in spite of the hostile environment, it will demonstrate that there are possibilities for peace, thanks to local resources they are working in that direction, while silence can condemn them to disappear and make them lose engagement with their communities.

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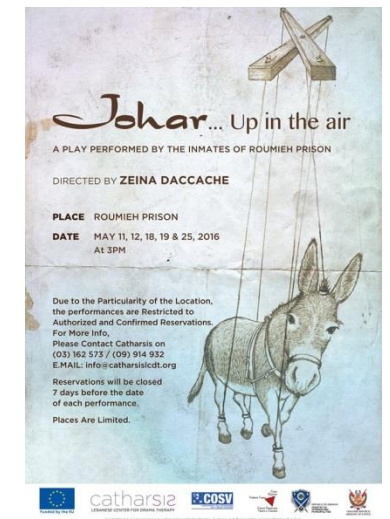
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Just to give some concrete examples of the many activities carried out: *The untold story of the Lebanese detainees, an action in defense of human rights of prisoners and mentally-ill persons*. Our intervention was aimed to spread knowledge and encourage a pro-active movement within the public and policy makers that **promotes respect for mentally-ill persons in order to ensure fair treatment especially for those who have committed crimes**.

Living conditions inside the Lebanese prisons are harsh and the most forgotten people are those who suffer from a mental illness. In addition to this, the articles of the Penal Code dealing with mental illness presents many shortcomings.

Within the fabric of the complex activities required by the project, both mentally ill prisoners and those who are serving life sentences, are involved in drama therapy that allow beneficiaries to express themselves; **performance**

produced are focused on the life inside the prison with its challenges and difficulties. In addition to the practical activities with the prisoners, an important aspect of this project is the focus and the lobby on the political aspects on the matter. Panel discussions and meetings are organized to support the dialogue between the main actors (including judges, lawyers, ministers) and to draft a new bill to be submitted to the Parliament. Finally, of crucial importance is the visibility of the project that allow to raise the attention of a large number of citizens. Through theatrical performances in and out of prisons and distribution of information materials, the community may enter into contact with this sensitive issue.



MIDDLE EAST

Another area in which we are very committed in broader terms and particularly in Lebanon is the **development of clean energy technologies and innovative environmental solutions**. Lebanon's electricity sector is in the midst of a deep crisis, still not able to provide the minimum power needed for houses, offices and industries. Since 1990, after the end of the civil war, the electricity production began to soar and energy needs are met primarily (87%) with imports of oil products. Despite improvements in the distribution networks, the system suffers from serious imbalances due to the consistent demands coming from the center of Beirut, and in poor and remote areas electricity blackouts are still an everyday issue. If in the capital city the energy coverage is 21 hours a day, out of the city it falls between 12 and 18 hours a day. The enormous funding that the sector requires, does involve sacrifice in education, infrastructure and health, thus jeopardizing the macroeconomic stability of the whole country.

In the Baalbek region, we are implementing a pilot project for the promotion of renewable energy through the construction of a biogas plant and the restoration of a historic building with energy saving technologies. The development of renewable energy resources in Lebanon may lead to a diversification of resources: by increasing domestic production and reducing external dependence, it may open the way for a major socio-economic growth of the country. In fact, greater accessibility of energy services helps to improve education and health care in many rural areas. The introduction of renewable energy technologies will also open to new employment opportunities for the production, distribution, operation and maintenance of the facilities. The CleanEnerTec project consists of 4 components: BIOGAS: a biogas digester, built and connected to a waste disposal site in the city of Baalbek, for the production of electrical energy necessary to maintain the entire system; ECO-BUILDING: demonstration prototype of eco-

construction, the renovation of an old "serail" of Baalbek; LAW: support of integrated energy policies into national planning cycle; AWARENESS: awareness campaigns on issues such as renewable energy, energy efficiency and Bio-building to engage as much as possible the population on the importance of renewable resources.



AFRICA/MOZAMBIQUE

Since 2008, our commitment in the north of Mozambique, in the province of Zambezia, continues with the involvement of 14 resident communities of the outlying area of the Gilè National Reserve. The relationship of the communities with the Reserve, the only one in the country not to be inhabited on the inside, it is complex: on one hand the Reserve has always been a source of resources for survival, on the other hand the protection of biodiversity must require changes in habits to reduce the human pressure on the protected area. Environmental protection and rural development must find a compromise, to allow the protection of the ecosystem of the very fragile Reserve and at the same time to secure a sustainable lifestyle for the communities in the area.

Our projects in the area are going exactly in this direction, to ***accompany the communities and the Reserve managers in a path which is closer to the environment and to people, which can live together for a positive sustainable development.***

To contribute to the conservation of natural resources and biodiversity of the Gilè National Reserve, we are strengthening the management model we have already put in place during the previous projects, improving communications and synergies between institutional partners and local

communities. Together with the communities we also implement alternative sustainable activities in opposition to the use of inadequate resources, such as conservative agriculture, the development of cash crops, the local seed production, storage and processing of food, the farming community. Furthermore, with the approval of a new project, which will officially start in 2016, we will introduce mechanisms of financial sustainability, as elements of marketing, eco-tourism and the use of improved stoves with reduced carbon emissions. New partners, even profit, will be introduced to a process that will make the population of Zambezia increasingly resilient.

Our intervention includes also the areas of Upper Zambezia - Malucue and Gurue - where we completed a program to increase access to agricultural inputs such as seeds, fertilizer and post-harvest insecticide, through a voucher system.



AFRICA/ ZIMBABWE

In 2015 Zimbabwe launched the third phase of the National Strategic Plan to Fight AIDS, which set the goal of reducing by 50% the incidence of HIV among young people and adolescents by 2018. The plan adopts the vision of the "Towards Zero New Infections, Zero stigma and discrimination and Zero AIDS related Deaths" with the ambition to completely eliminate AIDS by 2030. Our project, involving schools and students of the Mashonaland West Province for a wider awareness on sexual and reproductive health inside and outside the school, is aligned with the national strategy.

In this two years of operation we have established a network of schools and clinics, to provide integrated services, awareness-raising initiatives and social protection. At the core of the program there are 3,308 pupils in 5 major network schools of the Archdiocese of Harare and 35,000 students in 50 satellites schools. Inside the schools the program was guided by teachers, who have involved the boys in provincial music contest, dance, poetry and video to create awareness campaigns.

Supporting the creativity of young Zimbabweans through art and culture, has fostered a process of awareness and a beginning of change. Through art and culture, the embedded message extends its effects to an intellectual, emotional, moral and social development - all fundamental

aspects to enable young people to deal with problems and opportunities in an innovative way.

Particularly, for the youngest already exposed to HIV, the involvement in edutainment activities allowed them to acquire more in-depth information and works as an input for continuous attention to the issue. For older children, this approach has given space to the comparison with real situations of risk of exposure to HIV / AIDS and strengthened them in decision-making on prevention.



AFRICA/ SUDAN & SOUTH SUDAN

The new COSV strategy, as we have seen, requires the closure, in due time and manner, of activities in countries where major emergency responses are needed, albeit repeated over the years. There are many international and local organizations actively working in the two regions, especially with health, food security, water supply, and education programs. Since 2004, COSV has developed several projects in these sectors with the aim to bring relief to populations, exhausted by famine and protracted crisis and conflicts.

Regretfully, during 2015 we have gradually completed almost the majority of the ongoing projects, aware that our impact to these countries was running out.

We leave partners and staff with whom we shared a lot battles, a lot of risks, but also successes to be proud of.

AFRICA/ SOUTH SUDAN

The conflict which has begun in December 2013 in South Sudan has caused enormous displacement of populations and the resulting re-settlement of internally displaced people in areas not able to accommodate a large number of people. The country's health situation has suffered from an immediate collapse especially the Jonglei State. The County of Ayod found itself divided between two forces (SPLA and SPLA-IO), and this has made the access to the area and the consequent support to the displaced very difficult for a long time. In time, we were able to get the permission to resume the provision of primary goods only in some parts of the county: in villages where our health centers are in operation and airstrips used. The displaced people and communities of the south have moved to the north of the county and they have settled in Jiech fields, Mogok, Pagil and Canal.

The projects we have been running during 2015 mainly concerned the nutrition and health

emergency response to cope with the crisis that hit the community of Ayod county. We essentially intervened with **the aim of reducing the mortality and the morbidity due to malnutrition** through the provision of nutritional services and emergency medical care, with a multi-sectoral approach with a focus on health, food assistance and wash soft interventions.

The awareness campaigns to inform about the proper nutritional practices, health and sanitation have had much importance.

The development of the awareness on the importance of health remains one among the key activities of medical units and clinics, which provide information on health, reproductive health, the Kala-Azar and how to prevent malaria.

Thanks to our projects we are committed, to

support basic health care and emergency services through the provision of equipment, medicines and medical supplies - transported from Juba by plane or helicopter. **In collaboration with UNFPA, UNICEF and the Ministry of Health South Sudanese** it has been possible to find the health kits, including vaccines, stored in medical facilities before the start of the rainy season.

Our intervention strategy focuses on continuous diagnostic services at the health unit and on a daily support to the medical staff of the units to ensure the quality of the service and the proper storage of medicines. With the restoration of the cold chain in Jiech, we were able to bring forward also the routine vaccination campaigns.

AFRICA / REPUBLIC OF SUDAN

A major project has seen us engaged in the strengthening of institutions to endorse **the rights of street children in Khartoum**. It is estimated that at least 2,250 children live on the street: the condition has arisen from the long conflict, widespread poverty and social exclusion. Minors alone suffer from the lack of basic services (such as health and education) and are continually exposed to violence, addictions and crimes.

Despite to a widespread and functioning system of social protection for vulnerable children, there is an urgent need for technical education, especially in human rights issues and psycho-social support to street children and adolescents in conflict with the law. Furthermore, the demand for services is greater than the current capabilities are able to cover and basically there's not a level of public awareness on the issue of street children.

The project has intervened in this context, by strengthening the skills of public and private institutions that work with them, by **improving access to social protection services and increasing social awareness about their rights, through a stronger network of the civil society and advocacy activities**.

Another target on which we have continued to work concerns **women in West Darfur** where we have been working since 2004. The gender inequality in Darfur is still a serious matter: women are responsible for family support and for the children, they work in the fields, they collect water and also deal with heavier activities such as the construction of houses and cutting and transporting timber. Moreover, the Sudanese patriarchal social structure, which makes women vulnerable to abuse and violence such as rape, abortion, and complications in pregnancy.

Reproductive health remains a problem to be solved: women generally give birth at home and consequently the assistance must be a primary and local service. Despite some social care is provided at the level of public facilities, and for free, for consultations are still expected charges such as for the purchase of drugs, diagnostic tests and investigative procedures.

There is also a problem related to birth complications, due to the lack of awareness about transportation and services. In addition to this, the area is suffering from a continuous turnover of medical staff, given the difficulty of finding doctors willing to stay for a long

time in a such an isolated area.

Our interventions, besides providing basic health services for the entire population, did focus on the **health of children under five years and the right to health and education for women, in addition to psychological support in cases of gender violence and of harmful traditional practices**. The involvement of teachers, religious and community leaders has been useful in creating awareness and motivation in the population.

We helped to strengthen local communities (69.360 beneficiaries) through their direct participation, thus ensuring the sustainability of the action and accountability of the same community, raising awareness and knowledge of gender violence processes, prevention and treatment of HIV / AIDS, reproductive health and early marriage and improving the capacity of local authorities, non-governmental organizations and the Ministry of Health of Sudan to manage and provide services for maternal and child care.

LATIN AMERICA

For many years we have been working in Latin America, particularly in Ecuador, with environmental interventions.

In order to ensure a better quality of life for the population of La Concordia, with an important project -Integral management of solid waste in the canton La Concordia and implementation of a Clean Development Mechanism to access carbon credit. Low Emissions Certificates of Protocol Kyoto-launched in 2015 and which will continue in 2016, we have contributed to the improvement of the management and operations of the Department of Environmental Management of the town hall in order to implement an integrated management of municipal waste, towards a reduction of waste destined for landfill.

The activities were many: **an awareness campaign to promote responsible consumption and recycling; the construction of a waste recovery plant and selection in order to recover the inorganic material destined to recycling companies; training of personnel recovery and the provision of adequate means.**

For the achievement of the objectives was also necessary to undertake a sustainable and technically correct organization.



BALANCE SHEET

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financial standing 2015			
	31/12/2015	31/12/2014	differences
assets	9.429.781,28	8.555.326,41	874.454,87
A) Credits with members for payment of shares			0,00
B) Immobilizations	170.007,80	139.371,76	30.636,04
<i>I - Intangible assets</i>	1.839,76	3.745,02	-1.905,26
1) Establishment and enlargement costs	1.839,76	3.745,02	-1.905,26
2) Leasehold improvements		0,00	0,00
4) Concessions, licences, marks and alike rights		0,00	0,00
7) Software			0,00
<i>II - Tangible assets</i>	139.058,52	116.563,95	22.494,57
3) Other goods			0,00
- furniture, machinery and plants	50.713,90	86.308,25	-35.594,35
- (amortization fund)	-49.633,08	-84.100,60	34.467,52
- motor vehicles	118.355,88	96.883,05	21.472,83
- (amortization fund)	-85.378,81	-87.527,38	2.148,57
- Movable	105.000,63	105.000,63	0,00
4) Current immobilizations and advances			0,00
<i>III - Investments</i>	29.109,52	19.062,79	10.046,73
- beyond the financial period	29.109,52	19.062,79	10.046,73
1) Holdings			0,00
2) Credits	24.138,12	16.046,39	8.091,73
3) Other shares	4.971,40	3.016,40	1.955,00
C) Current assets	9.259.773,48	8.415.954,65	843.818,83
<i>I - Stocks:</i>	0,00	0,00	0,00
<i>II - Debtors:</i>	8.415.058,19	8.094.464,55	320.593,64
1) Partners	18.823,21	3.511,22	15.311,99
a) Amounts owed by partner to be reported	18.823,21	3.511,22	15.311,99
2) Donors	8.386.492,98	8.087.803,19	298.689,79
- other co-financing donors	8.386.492,98	5.147.755,21	3.238.737,77
3) Amounts owed by Others		2.940.047,98	-2.940.047,98
b) Others	9.742,00	3.150,14	6.591,86
<i>III - Financial assets</i>			0,00
<i>IV - Liquid availabilities</i>	844.715,29	321.490,10	523.225,19
1) Banking and postal deposits	559.156,68	63.920,73	495.235,95
2) Cheques			0,00
3) Cash money and values	753,26	1.763,07	-1.009,81
4) Banking deposits and cash values local units	284.805,35	225.469,46	59.335,89
5) Field money transfer (to be reported)		30.336,84	-30.336,84
6) Money transfer to local unit received following year			0,00
D) Prepayments and accrued income			0,00

BALANCE SHEET

financial standing 2015			
	31/12/2015	31/12/2014	differences
liabilities	9.429.781,28	8.555.326,41	874.454,87
A) Net patrimony			0,00
I - Available capital share	328.986,23	318.574,56	10.411,67
1) Result for the financial year	10.411,67	2.526,50	7.885,17
2) Results for the previous financial years	318.574,56	316.048,06	2.526,50
3) Statutory reserves			0,00
II - Fund of the organization			0,00
B) Provision for liabilities and charges	237.544,24	237.544,24	0,00
1) Pensions and similar obligations			0,00
2) Others	237.544,24	237.544,24	0,00
a) Risk Fund	0,00	0,00	0,00
b) Donors Financing Risk Fund		237.544,24	-237.544,24
C) Retired pensions for dependents workers	18.860,63	185.706,75	-166.846,12
D) Creditors	8.844.390,18	7.813.500,86	1.030.889,32
2) Bank loans	1.728.043,35	930.308,28	797.735,07
3) Amounts owned to other donors	6.567.134,41	6.172.766,96	394.367,45
Partners	163.000,00		163.000,00
Donors	6.404.134,41	6.172.766,96	231.367,45
4) Payments received on account			0,00
5) Amounts owed to suppliers	237.965,99	409.287,71	-171.321,72
6) Tax debts	115.887,47	67.808,95	48.078,52
7) Taxation and social security	10.305,48	20.796,31	-10.490,83
8) Other creditors	185.053,48	212.532,65	-27.479,17
E) Accruals and deferred income	0,00	0,00	0,00

BALANCE SHEET

managerial statement - year 2015							
charges	31/12/2015	31/12/2014	difference	proceeds	31/12/2015	31/12/2014	difference
1) Charges from principal activities	3.605.329,78	5.150.568,39	- 1.545.238,61	1) Proceeds from principal activities	3.636.846,33	5.289.861,78	- 1.653.015,45
1.1) Project's expenses	3.605.329,78	5.150.568,39	- 1.545.238,61	1.1) From project contributions	3.356.513,88	5.000.992,05	- 1.644.478,17
1.2) Services				0 1.2) From contracts with public bodies			-
1.3) Possession of third parties' goods				0 1.3) Partners' contributions	280.332,45	288.869,73	- 8.537,28
1.4) Personnel				0			0
1.5) Amortization				0			0
1.6) Other management charges	-	-	-	0			0
3) Charges from secondary activities				0 3) Proceeds from secondary activities			0
3.1) Raw materials				0 3.1) From project contributions			0
3.2) Services				0 3.2) From contracts with public bodies			0
3.3) Possession of third parties' goods				0 3.3) From members and partners			0
3.4) Personnel				0 3.4) From non members			0
3.5) Amortization				0 3.5) Other proceeds			0
3.6) Other management charges				0			0
4) Financial and patrimonial charges	67.714,22	50.129,17	17.585,05	4) Financial and patrimonial proceeds	0,69	3,24	- 2,55
4.1) On banking loans	49.753,92	50.129,17	- 375,25	4.1) From banking deposits	0,69	3,24	- 2,55
4.2) On other loans				0 4.2) From other activities			-
4.3) From building property				0 4.3) From building property			0
4.4) From other patrimonial goods				0 4.4) From other patrimonial goods			0
4.5) Banking charges	17.960,30		17.960,30				0
5) Extraordinary charges	19.700,68	20.175,11	- 474,43	5) Extraordinary proceeds	81.080,37	109.664,36	- 28.583,99
5.1) From financial assets	19.700,68	20.175,11	- 474,43	5.1) From financial assets	80.943,24	109.018,21	- 28.074,97
5.2) From real assets				0 5.2) From real assets			0
5.3) From other assets			-	5.3) From others	137,13	646,15	- 509,02
6) General support charges	513.066,08	602.116,29	- 89.050,21	6) General support proceeds	498.295,04	425.986,08	72.308,96
6.2) Services	66.748,92	104.029,74	- 37.280,82	6.2) Private funds	210.151,04	116.610,43	93.540,61
6.3) Possession of third parties' goods	75.599,01	77.313,57	- 1.714,56	6.3) Other revenues	52.587,40	10.283,51	42.283,89
6.4) Personnel	346.690,84	382.130,06	- 35.439,22	6.4) HQ cost recovery	235.576,60	299.092,14	- 63.515,54
6.5) Amortization	4.728,00	5.960,82	- 1.232,82				0
6.6) Other management charges	19.299,31	32.682,10	- 13.382,79				0
7) Other charges	0,00	0,00	0,00	7) Other proceeds			0,00
7.1) Risk fund	-	-	-				0
TOTAL CHARGES	4.205.810,76	5.822.988,96	- 1.617.178,20	TOTAL PROCEEDS	4.216.222,43	5.825.515,46	- 1.609.293,03
Positive managerial account	10.411,67	2.526,50		Negative managerial account			0

