



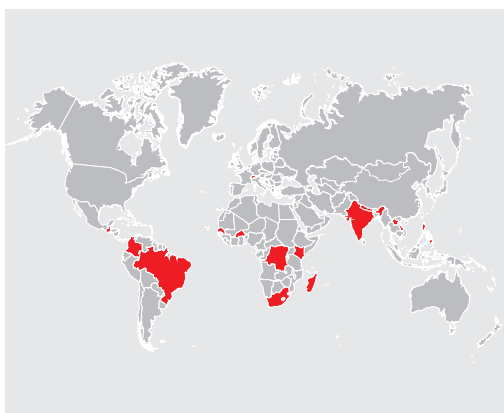
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Together for an agriculture
that secures our future



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A special year

A year ago, I wrote about the difficult task of coping with the impact of the pandemic. Because in worldwide lockdowns, *Fastenopfer* faces a lot of challenges. How can we maintain our contact with the partners in the global South? How can the projects be continued? Are hunger and poverty looming? How should the Lenten period be organised in Switzerland?

We've now reached the third wave of infection. The worries are still with us, but there is also a bit of pride mixed in. Because one of the most challenging years in *Fastenopfer*'s history is behind us, yet despite all the restrictions, we were able to implement 90 per cent of our projects worldwide. Our commitment to the Responsible Business Initiative triggered a popular vote of approval. Despite the Covid restrictions, the Ecumenical Campaign attracted a lot of attention. The spontaneous rose campaign in hospitals and retirement homes contributed to this. As a result, awareness of the campaign and communication measures in Switzerland has risen to over 40 per cent. For the first time, 10,000 people sent their donation directly to us – more than 50,000 people now support our work. We have concluded a new cooperation agreement with the SDC on food security in 14 countries. And finally, our staff in Switzerland and across the world have come through the pandemic in good health so far, with a few sad exceptions

With this tailwind and your great encouragement, *Fastenopfer* and the partners in the global South have embarked on the year 2021. A special moment, as we look back on 60 years of development and awareness-raising work. A turbulent time, in which we have always stood up for the concerns of the poorest, both in the church and in society. We will continue on this path – with your support.



With warmest thanks

Bernd Nilles

Bernd Nilles, Director *Fastenopfer*

Impact worldwide in 2020

Fastenopfer reaches and connects more than six million people worldwide. Solidarity, the commitment to fight against unjust structures, as well as cooperation in partnership in the global South alleviate need. The international programmes communicate and raise awareness and make sure that the voices of the people affected are heard both at the international and political level.

In 2020, *Fastenopfer* reached approximately 633,000 people directly with activities in the 14 country programmes and the three international programmes (IP). 57 per cent are women. The measures to alleviate the impact of the Covid-19 pandemic reached 352,000 people. Around 603,000 people improved their access to sufficient and healthy food. Indirectly, approximately 2.8 million people were able to positively change their living situation. If one adds the more than 3.5 million people in Switzerland who became aware of the information and campaigning work, then a total of 6.3 million people worldwide were reached. In Switzerland, our activities are centred on change at the personal, social, economic and political level, while in the country programmes, our priority is to improve access to food and basic rights, and to establish the local and global conditions necessary to achieve this.

In 2020, we implemented 331 projects, working with small farmers' networks, solidarity groups, church and civil-society organisations. They all focused on ensuring people's access to sufficient and healthy food and to reduce the risk of further impoverishment. Even in times of curfews and lockdowns, it was possible to maintain access to seeds, food or emergency loans for the majority of the target groups.

Reports of corruption, abuse or sexual harassment in the projects have not increased compared to the previous year and were systematically dealt with. However, travel and meeting restrictions due to the pandemic made personal contact to the partner organisations and target groups more difficult. With the publication of an anonymous complaint form in five languages, access to reports via the Internet was improved.

GUATEMALA

The communities reacted quickly to the difficult conditions of the pandemic. Since the markets were closed, trade and exchange of home-grown fruit and vegetables took place within the communities. This meant that incomes could still be generated.

HAITI

The partners responded promptly to the outbreak of Covid-19 and initiated awareness-raising and prevention measures to avoid the spread of the pandemic. Despite the difficult circumstances, 7443 people were able to improve their food situation.

COLOMBIA

Around 1400 men and 1850 women deepened their knowledge about sustainable farming practices and used them on their land. 1060 families were able to produce enough healthy food to be self-sufficient.

BRAZIL

The country programme was terminated. Thanks to good networking and facilitating contacts to other organisations, the funding of most of the partner organisations is secure.



For more information about our country programmes, go to www.fastenopfer.ch/laender

International Programmes (IP)

With the IP, *Fastenopfer* provides a voice for the people affected at the international level and thus strengthens the work of the country programmes.

Energy and climate justice

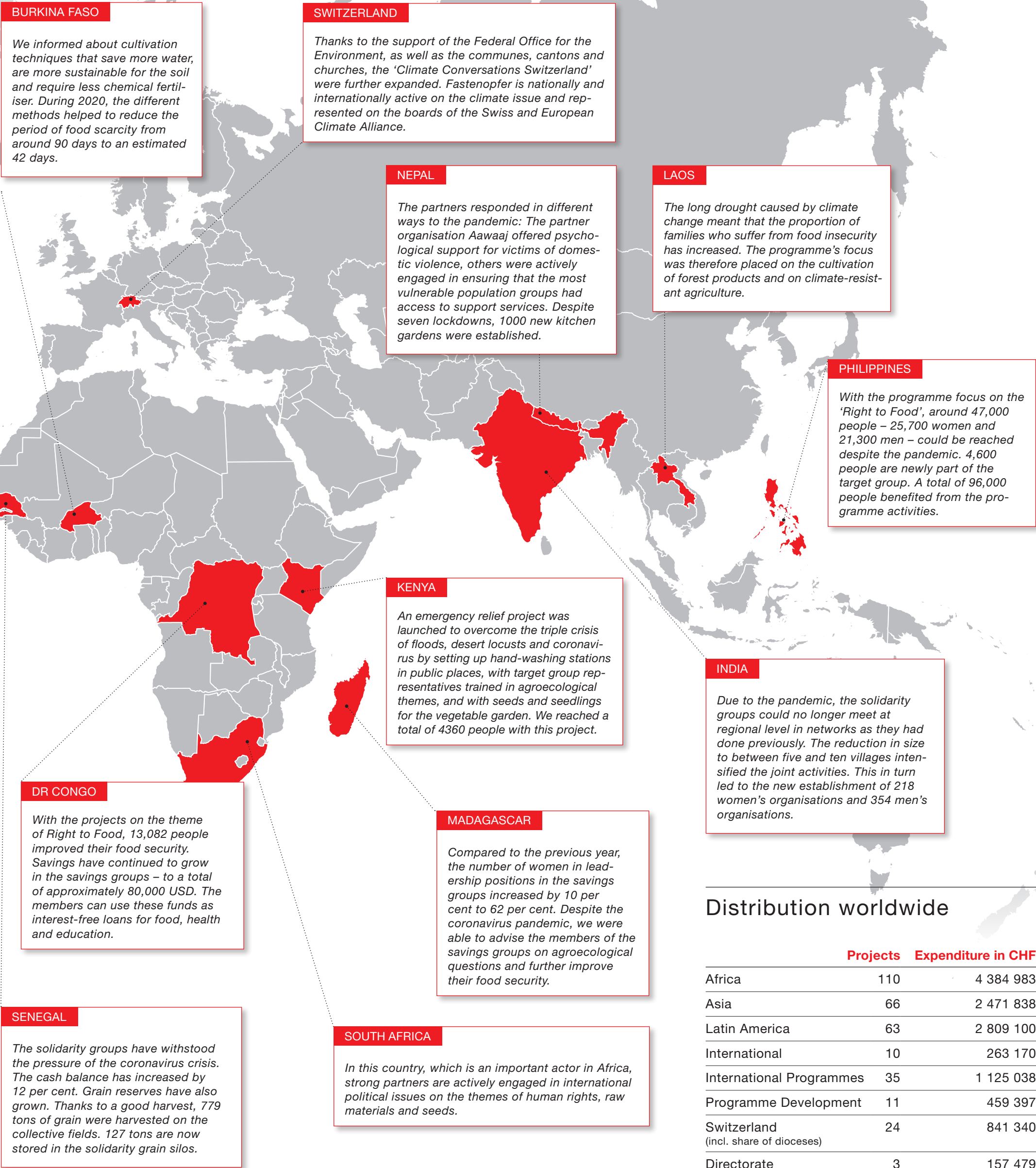
‘Climate justice’ means that energy is produced in a socially sustainable way. In Brazil and Colombia, *Fastenopfer* partners produced studies that examine the political environment for renewable energy.

Food justice

In this programme, our focus is on the implementation of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Peasants (UNDROP) in Switzerland and in the countries of the global South. With its participation in a study published in 2020, *Fastenopfer* acquired more in-depth knowledge about UNDROP. An exchange of views with our partners in Guatemala, the Philippines and South Africa has motivated them to also support UNDROP.

Mining and human rights

In many countries, the extraction of raw materials is linked to human rights violations and violence. The IP is active in South Africa, Colombia and Brazil. In 2020, the work around the Responsible Business Initiative was at the centre of activities.



Distribution worldwide

	Projects	Expenditure in CHF
Africa	110	4 384 983
Asia	66	2 471 838
Latin America	63	2 809 100
International	10	263 170
International Programmes	35	1 125 038
Programme Development	11	459 397
Switzerland (incl. share of dioceses)	24	841 340
Directorate	3	157 479
Awareness-raising		3 099 300
Total project expenditure		15 611 645

Covid-19 turned the campaign upside down

The ecumenical campaign ‘Together for an agriculture that will secure our future’ had a promising start, but everything changed overnight.

Shortly after the start of the ecumenical campaign at the end of February 2020, the coronavirus crisis paralysed public life in Switzerland from mid-March. Most of the planned soup days, church services and platforms had to be cancelled. The planned street sale of roses to mark the start of spring could not take place either. This meant that, at a stroke, *Fastenopfer* and *Bread for all* faced a shortfall of nearly half a million Swiss francs for their development cooperation work. The 80,000 roses that had already been ordered from Max Havelaar were given to residential homes and hospitals – a gesture that greatly touched and pleased many people and also found a great response in the media.

As an alternative for the congregations and parishes, the action ‘Small soup with a big impact’ was developed in a hurry. From mid-March 2020, people could order soup cartons online and have them delivered to their home. With great team spirit, unconventional alternatives were devised to carry on the spirit of the ecumenical campaign. At the time, no-one could predict how much the coronavirus crisis would affect the income from donations and how great the losses would be. But what became quickly obvious was the great wave of solidarity. The employees working at reception were inundated with phone calls from parishes, but also from private individuals, who kept asking the welcome question: ‘How can we help?’.

13.
APRIL

Letter action by farmers

The State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (Seco) has for some years been in negotiations with a number of countries about free trade agreements. These demand, among other things, a strict plant variety protection for seeds. Small farmers oppose this because it would drastically restrict their right to seeds. During the ecumenical campaign, Seco received around 1,300 protest letters from more than 2,300 farmers from Asia, Africa and Latin America – as well as numerous letters from Switzerland expressing solidarity. Seco responded with an official statement, acknowledged the concern about the right to seeds and declared itself willing to find alternative solutions with the partner countries.

8.
MAY



Swiss Overshoot Day

Starting from 8 May, ‘Swiss Overshoot Day’, Switzerland lived for more than seven months on credit, or more precisely, at the expense of the coming generations. If everyone were to live like the Swiss population, the resources of more than three earths would be needed. Many private individuals, as well as entrepreneurs and politicians, continue to rely on highly polluting food, means of transport or production and heating systems. It is up to us to rethink our consumption – and to stop the waste of resources. By comparison, the worldwide ‘Earth Overshoot Day’ was on 22 August.



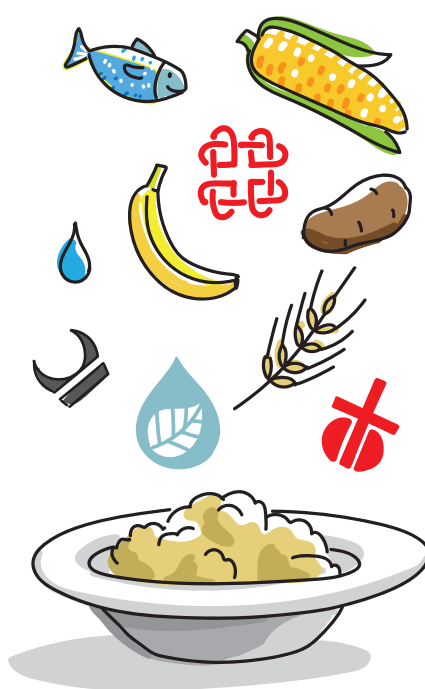
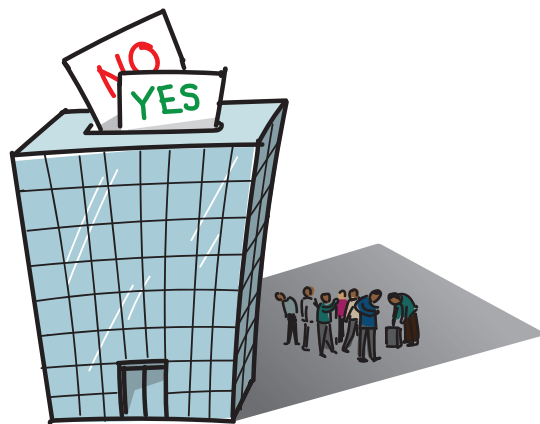


An example for many women

Having one's own land changes everything. That is why the partner organisation ADIF in Burkina Faso works to enable women to get access to their own land. One of them is Madame Bandini. Today, she owns 0,5 hectares of land that is registered in her name. But it was a long journey to get there. Because in Burkina Faso, the husbands 'lend' the land to their wives. It means that their circumstances remain very insecure. But Madame Bandini achieved her goal: She grows onions and has developed a trade. She also wants to set an example for young women and is proud to have achieved her goal.

The majority says yes, but the cantons decide against it

A popular majority of 50.7 per cent said yes, but the majority of the cantons decided against the Responsible Business Initiative (RBI). Despite this, a large part of the population wants Swiss corporations to take responsibility abroad, too. As a co-initiator of the RBI, *Fastenopfer* was disappointed about the No at the ballot box. Nevertheless, the campaign in recent years for human rights and protection of the environment was still worthwhile. The broad support from thousands of volunteers – both in the church environment and in civil society – shows that for the Swiss population, human rights and the protection of the environment are important.



Strong alliance

In 2019, *Fastenopfer* joined together with Aqua Alimentia, SKAT Foundation, Swissaid, VSF-Suisse and Vivamos Mejor to build the Alliance for Sustainable Food Systems and Empowered Communities (Sufosec Alliance). Together, the organisations developed a programme on food security with the objective of exploiting synergies and sharing professional knowledge in order to make the work in the project countries even more sustainable. The project was approved by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC). After a year of intensive preparations and strategic planning, the Alliance was officially launched on 1 December 2020.

A new record

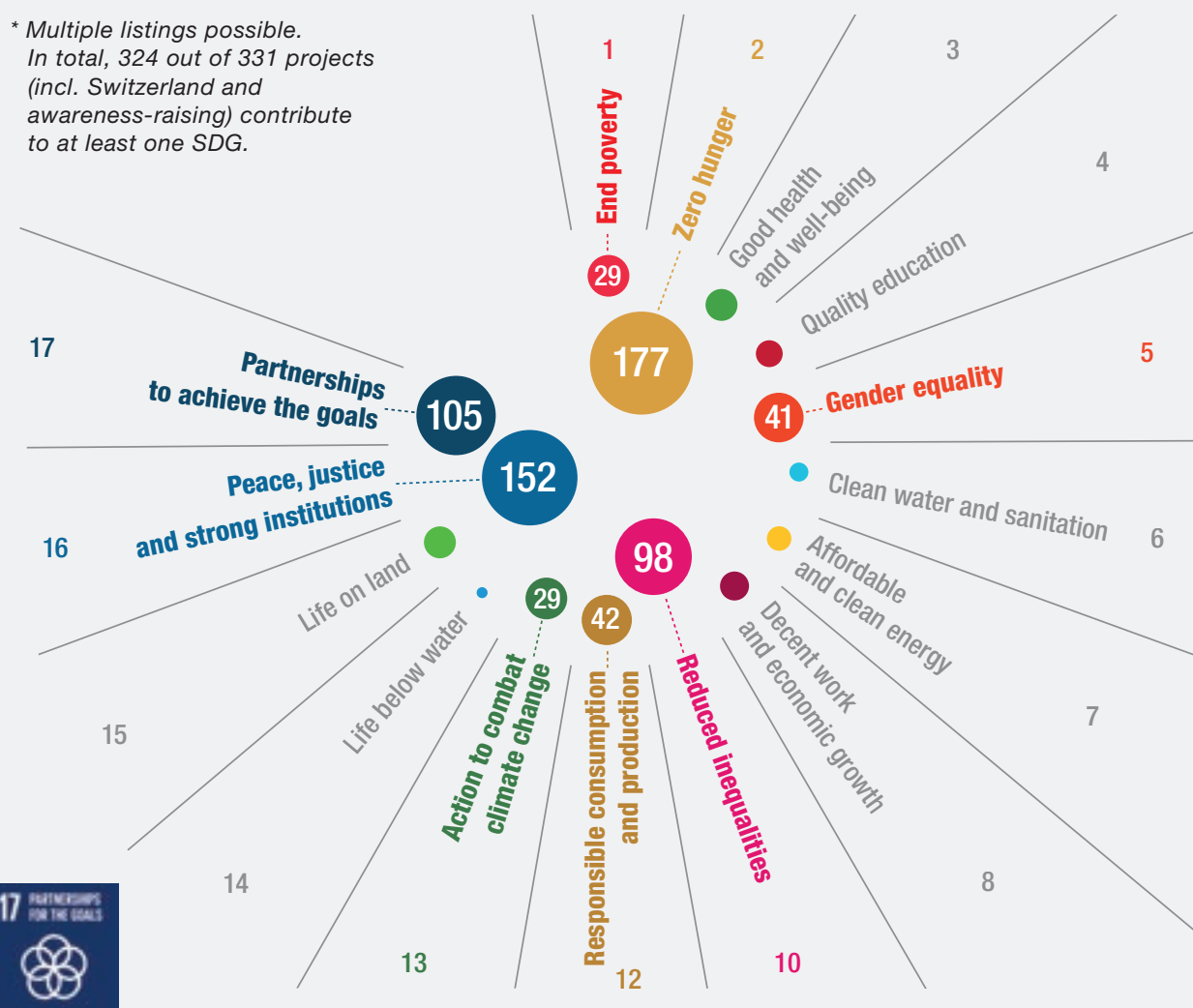
The coronavirus pandemic has brought much suffering, loss and destruction of livelihoods in Kenya. Many men had to return from the cities to their farms due to lack of work. For the first time, they saw all the work their women did. This includes hours of collecting wood to be able to light a fire and cook in dense smoke.

For the last seven years, energy-efficient cook stoves have been built to measure by trained stove builders. They regularly promote these self-built cook stoves in the villages. They need little wood to light a fire, and thanks to the special construction method, produce little smoke. If, because of the coronavirus pandemic in the last year, the men can see over a longer period how hard their wives work, and a stove builder is in the village informing the people there, this coincidence can have a positive effect. Thus, the craftsmen and women were able to build 4,975 stoves in 2020. This is three times as many as were built on average in the last six years.



Number of projects in line with SDGs*

* Multiple listings possible.
In total, 324 out of 331 projects (incl. Switzerland and awareness-raising) contribute to at least one SDG.



Warm thanks for your help and support.

Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)
The 2030 Agenda with its 17 goals for sustainable development was drafted after the expiry of the development process of the Millennium Development Goals (MDGs) and came into effect on 1 January 2016, for a period of 10 years (until 2030). They apply to all countries

Profit and Loss Statement

as at 31 December 2020



The detailed figures and the full annual report can be found at www.fastenopfer.ch/Jahresbericht

Revenue	2020 (CHF)	%	2019 (CHF)	%
General donations	8 084 457	37.4	7 638 770	35.3
Earmarked donations	4 836 188	22.4	5 645 049	26.1
Contribution from public funds	1 893 080	8.8	903 894	4.2
Federal contributions, SDC	6 118 192	28.3	6 070 000	28.1
Legacies	281 686	1.3	715 001	3.3
Additional third-party contributions for projects	263 600	1.2	458 469	2.1
Total donations and contributions	21 477 203	99.4	21 431 184	99.1
Trading profit	78 650	0.4	149 857	0.7
Income from services	47 771	0.2	44 061	0.2
Income from services to SDC	0	0.0	0	0.0
Other income	126 421	0.6	193 918	0.9
Total revenue	21 603 624	100.0	21 625 102	100.0

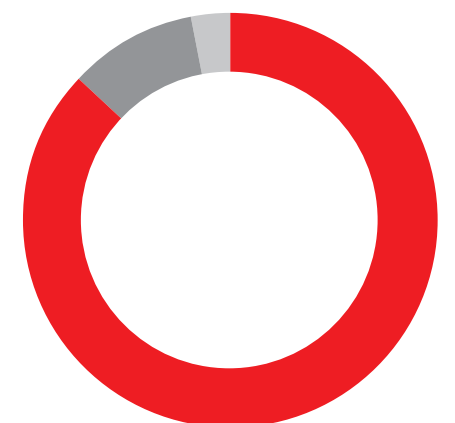
Expenditure	2020 (CHF)	%	2019 (CHF)	%
Country programmes	-9 929 091	48.2	-11 334 550	50.0
International programmes	-1 125 038	5.5	-1 137 708	5.0
Programme development	-459 397	2.2	-703 151	3.1
Projects in Switzerland (IMF FO-RKZ)	-441 340	2.1	-400 194	1.8
Pastoral contribution Switzerland				
Share of dioceses / Pastoral contribution dioceses	-400 000	1.9	-400 000	1.8
Directorate projects	-157 479	0.8	-136 968	0.6
Awareness-raising	-3 099 300	15.1	-3 427 408	15.1
Interim total	-15 611 645	75.8	-17 539 979	77.3
Project processing costs (esp. project planning, coordination and control)	-2 309 863	11.2	-2 578 174	11.4
Direct project expenditure	-17 921 509	87.0	-20 118 154	88.7
Administration	-620 937	3.0	-780 337	3.4
Fundraising	-2 047 263	9.9	-1 792 272	7.9
Administrative expenditure	-2 668 200	13.0	-2 572 609	11.3
Total operating expenses	-20 589 709	100.0	-22 690 763	100.0
Operating result	1 013 916		-1 065 660	

Return on real estate investment	488 917		493 986	
Real estate expenditure	-204 684		-228 485	
Real estate result	284 233		265 501	
Ordinary result	1 298 149		-800 159	
Financial income	280 307		847 954	
Financial expenses	-96 213		-73 817	
Financial result before change in exchange rate fluctuation reserve	184 094		774 137	
Extraordinary result	0		-30 817	
Tax payment	-23 165		-23 591	
Interim result before change in fund capital	1 459 078		-80 431	
Change in fund capital	-1 197 492		-584 002	
Interim result before change in organisation capital	261 587		-664 433	
Change in exchange rate fluctuation reserve	-8 603		-106 483	
Change in social fund personnel	32 950		16 206	
Change in internally generated free capital	13 076		27 587	
Change in approved project funds	-112 602		3 073 404	
Change in free resources	-186 409		-2 346 280	
Surplus/shortfall after allocations	0		0	

Fastenopfer in numbers

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Expenditure in 2020 (in CHF)



A lot can be planted

on a small piece of land

The Colombian Sabine Majil Manrique is a passionate farmer. Growing vegetables and fruit, working with people and protecting mother earth fills her with joy. But the widespread violence frightens her.

Sabina Majil Manrique's home is in the south-west of Colombia. The indigena is a passionate farmer and manages a programme for seniors on behalf of the partner organisation Atucsara in Vereda Río Sucio in the Department of Cauca. She says her door is always open, and children and adults often gather in her house or garden.

But she is worried about the continued widespread violence. Because five years after the peace agreement, which should have ended 50 years of civil war, people continue to be threatened by armed groups. However, the work of Atucsara offers support and prospects. It includes teaching agro-ecological cultivation methods, careful management of the environment and resources, but also awareness-raising and the assertion of citizens' rights and the promotion of gender equality.

A central element of indigenous culture is the protection of Mother Earth. Because Mother Earth gives, nourishes and protects life. In Vereda Río Sucio, which is situated 1,800 metres above sea level, agroecological agriculture is widespread, supported by the project work of Atucsara. Abundant vegetable and fruit gardens, banana and coffee plantations dominate the countryside.

'It's not important how big it is, because even on a small plot of land, many different types of vegetables and fruit can be planted.'

Sabine Majil Manrique

In addition to many different vegetables, Sabine Majil Manrique also cultivates fruit and herbs on her land. 'Since I was a child, I have always had a garden. I would find it difficult to live in the countryside and buy vegetables.' She adds 'healthy food, conservation and care of the natural resources promote harmony with the earth.' The farmer only uses organic fertiliser for cultivating her plants. 'That is very important, because what is sold in the town usually contains a lot of chemicals, and that's not healthy'. Thanks to the use of agro-ecological methods that are adapted to the changing climate, the quantity of produce grown in the gardens of Vereda Río Sucio is often more than people need for their own consumption. In normal times, surplus products are sold in the weekly markets, and people generate an income. Sabine Majil Manriques' greatest wish is that in future, everyone in the community has their own kitchen garden. 'It's not important how big it is, because even on a small plot of land, many different types of vegetables and fruit can be planted.'



For more information about Colombia go to www.fastenopfer.ch/Kolumbien



Sabine Majil Manrique grows coriander in her garden.



The landscape in the Departement of Cauca is green and lush.



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- to support the work of the church and projects of development organisations in favour of economically and socially disadvantaged people worldwide, with the priority on Africa, Asia and Latin America (pastoral and development cooperation);
- to provide resources in order to support, in cooperation with the Bishops Conference and the state church organisations, pastoral projects for the work of the church in Switzerland (national tasks);
- to help shape opinions and decisions on development policy;
- to promote the global solidarity of the Swiss people, through information and awareness-raising in ecumenical cooperation;
- to contribute to the Time of Lent by putting forward suggestions and providing educational resources.

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