



Dare to encourage change

Foster global justice



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Make the cry of the poor heard



With the 2018 Lenten Campaign, *Bread for all*, *Fastenopfer* and *Partner sein* called for radical change, organised numerous workshops and a national conference on this theme. Why?

Our aim was to let people hear the cry of the earth and of the poor. Moreover, we wanted to make a new attempt to find answers to the enormous challenges faced by humanity: Whether it is the growth of individualism in a world where human beings need shared solutions. Or whether it is climate change, whose effects can be seen around the world, and which demands bold action instead of caution. Or the destruction of many ecosystems, the degradation of soils and the loss of biodiversity for which we humans are responsible. And not least, the many conflicts that render people homeless.

All this demands additional efforts from *Fastenopfer*, because it worsens the prospects of many people, particularly in the global South. That is why we in Switzerland cannot barricade ourselves, but rather we must strengthen our solidarity. We need to take a holistic approach to the global problems. And to have the courage to question many things that we cherish or take for granted. That is the approach taken by increasing numbers of people, including the millions of young people and schoolchildren who have started to actively campaign for a future that is worth living, and who also ask themselves: What can I do, what must be done by politicians? Young people who want a viable future not only for their grandchildren, but also for their children. That's why *Fastenopfer* speaks of change that must involve us, as well as the economy and society. The earth's resources are limited, and our Christian values ask us to share and to conserve creation.

And this change has started. It is alive in the many projects we promote across the world. It takes root in approaches such as agro-ecology or solidarity groups. It is carried by a vigorous civil society and the hope of a good life for all.

I hope you will get an exciting insight into our work with this Annual Report and look forward to your continuing support and our shared solidarity.

Bernd Nilles, Director *Fastenopfer*

Projects and programmes 2018

***Fastenopfer* cooperates in 14 countries of the global South with local partner organisations. The goal is always to strengthen people and communities, so they can improve their living conditions through their own efforts. The international programmes (IP) are also active in Switzerland and are leading to new ways of thinking.**

Combating poverty, raising awareness of the realities of life for the people in the global South, as well as influencing the regulatory environment to achieve decent living conditions for all – these are the core tasks of *Fastenopfer*. In 2018, we reached people in 14 countries with numerous projects, and were able to improve their living conditions and reduce the risk of further impoverishment. We did this by helping to set up solidarity groups, farmers' networks, and supporting church and other civil-society organisations. The work in the programmes is measured by the goals and concerns of the United Nations 2030 Agenda. This must be achieved in its entirety, and the indivisibility of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDG) must be consistently pursued.

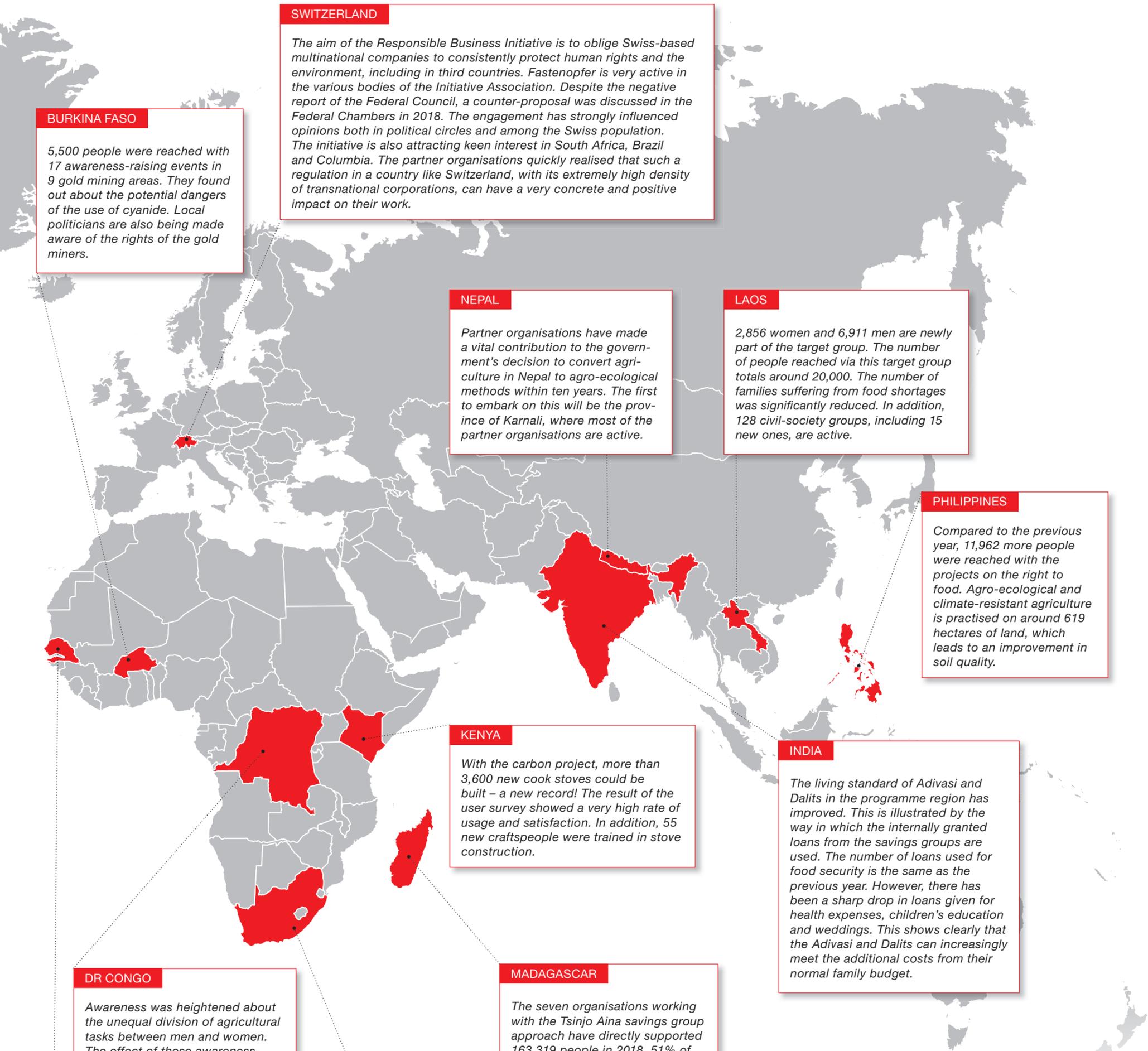
Approximately 715,000 people were reached directly with the activities in the country programmes. Indirectly, around 2.2 million people benefit from the various project activities.

If one adds to this the more than two million people who were reached in Switzerland with the information and campaigning work, *Fastenopfer* reached more than four million people. The aim of all activities is to drive transformation at the personal, social, economic and political level. The changes necessary to achieve this will lead to a sustainable lifestyle and create the general conditions that favour access to secure livelihoods for all.

The international programmes Raw Materials and Human Rights, Energy and Climate Justice, Livelihood Security in an Agribusiness Environment, as well as Alternative Business Practices, which have been operational since autumn 2017, are having an impact at the political level: Thus, we succeeded, in coalition with other aid organisations, in submitting a counter-proposal to parliament regarding the Responsible Business Initiative, and worked with the Climate Alliance to press the pension funds and the Swiss National Bank to disinvest from fossil fuels. Another important signal was sent with the statement from Coop that the retailer will in future restrain its use of palm oil.



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



BURKINA FASO

5,500 people were reached with 17 awareness-raising events in 9 gold mining areas. They found out about the potential dangers of the use of cyanide. Local politicians are also being made aware of the rights of the gold miners.

SWITZERLAND

The aim of the Responsible Business Initiative is to oblige Swiss-based multinational companies to consistently protect human rights and the environment, including in third countries. Fastenopfer is very active in the various bodies of the Initiative Association. Despite the negative report of the Federal Council, a counter-proposal was discussed in the Federal Chambers in 2018. The engagement has strongly influenced opinions both in political circles and among the Swiss population. The initiative is also attracting keen interest in South Africa, Brazil and Columbia. The partner organisations quickly realised that such a regulation in a country like Switzerland, with its extremely high density of transnational corporations, can have a very concrete and positive impact on their work.

NEPAL

Partner organisations have made a vital contribution to the government's decision to convert agriculture in Nepal to agro-ecological methods within ten years. The first to embark on this will be the province of Karnali, where most of the partner organisations are active.

LAOS

2,856 women and 6,911 men are newly part of the target group. The number of people reached via this target group totals around 20,000. The number of families suffering from food shortages was significantly reduced. In addition, 128 civil-society groups, including 15 new ones, are active.

PHILIPPINES

Compared to the previous year, 11,962 more people were reached with the projects on the right to food. Agro-ecological and climate-resistant agriculture is practised on around 619 hectares of land, which leads to an improvement in soil quality.

KENYA

With the carbon project, more than 3,600 new cook stoves could be built – a new record! The result of the user survey showed a very high rate of usage and satisfaction. In addition, 55 new craftspeople were trained in stove construction.

INDIA

The living standard of Adivasi and Dalits in the programme region has improved. This is illustrated by the way in which the internally granted loans from the savings groups are used. The number of loans used for food security is the same as the previous year. However, there has been a sharp drop in loans given for health expenses, children's education and weddings. This shows clearly that the Adivasi and Dalits can increasingly meet the additional costs from their normal family budget.

DR CONGO

Awareness was heightened about the unequal division of agricultural tasks between men and women. The effect of these awareness-raising measures is that men get more involved in household and agricultural tasks. This helps them to produce more as families.

MADAGASCAR

The seven organisations working with the Tsinjo Aina savings group approach have directly supported 163,319 people in 2018, 51% of them women. 1,281 new groups were founded, with 22,644 members.

SENEGAL

The joint assets of the now more than 1,000 calabash groups with 44,825 members increased by around 60 million FCFA (CHF 104,000) to around 267 million FCFA (CHF 451,017). This increase is huge and shows that the calabash groups have become economically relevant.

SOUTH AFRICA

After the first rainfalls, the fields and gardens left fallow in the previous year because of the drought were quickly brought into use again. With 3,710 cultivated domestic, community and school gardens, as well as more than 3,400 well-functioning small farming enterprises, the income figures of the indigenous population are quite a bit higher than in the previous years.

Distribution worldwide

	Projects	Expenditure in CHF
Africa	120	4 476 421
Asia	78	2 907 760
Latin America	69	3 133 628
International	8	285 534
International Programmes	39	1 138 651
Programme Development	13	597 410
Switzerland (incl. share of dioceses)	25	948 705
Directorate	3	54 909
Awareness-raising		3 720 376
Total project expenditure	355	17 263 394

Together for a world in which everyone has enough to live on

‘Become part of the change’ was the motto of the Ecumenical Campaign of the three development organisations *Bread for All*, *Fastenopfer* and *Partner sein*, which reaches more than two million people each year. A highlight was the ‘Day of Change’ on 22 February in Bern.

‘Change for the better is possible’. In his encyclical ‘*laudatio si*’, Pope Francis urgently appeals for a new dialogue about how, together, we should shape the future of planet Earth. This was the central question to which the ‘Day of Change’ was devoted. What can be done against the systemic crisis? While political measures, legal reforms and technical innovations are important and indispensable, they are not enough. This is because they are almost all linked to a model that is based on consumption instead of frugality, on competition instead of cooperation, on exploitation instead of respect. The activist and author Satish Kumar, the nun and professor of philosophy Sister Cécile Renouard and professor and former UN Special Representative for food, Olivier de Schutter, gave talks and invited discussion. Workshops around topics of transformation supplemented the meeting. More than 200 people from all over Switzerland came to Bern to share their views and jointly develop possible solutions. The Ecumenical Campaign ‘Become part of the change’ has motivated people throughout the country to give more thought to inner transformation and questions of lifestyle.

New Visions

A delegation from *Fastenopfer* participated once again in this year’s World Social Forum in Salvador de Bahia, Brazil. Representatives from across the world gathered under the motto ‘*Résister c’est créer, résister c’est transformer**’. Director Bernd Nilles commented: ‘We must be tireless in pointing out that another world is possible.’ Jointly with partners from across the world, *Fastenopfer* held a debate on the theme of ‘New visions for another world are possible’. Experiences in the field of sustainable energy systems, water management and agro-ecology were presented and discussed.

** Resisting is creating, resisting is transforming*



Lest we forget

At the session of the Human Rights Council, the UN Report about the repression and crimes committed in the Kasai region between 2016 and 2017 was discussed. On behalf of *Fastenopfer*, Franciscans International and the Congolese Bishops Conference ‘*Justitia et Pax*’, Sister Nathalie Kangaji read out a statement. In this region of the Democratic Republic of Congo, the violence perpetrated by rebel groups has caused a grave humanitarian crisis which forced more than 1.4 million people, including 700,000 children, to flee. This conflict, so long ignored by the world, also threatens the development cooperation with the partners.



Petition bears fruit

Partial victory for *Bread for All*, *Fastenopfer* and Pro Natura in the fight against land grabs and environmental destruction due to palm oil: Coop is restricting the use of the oil. With a petition signed by 12,500 people last autumn, the three organisations called on the large Swiss wholesaler to use less palm oil in their products. Coop has now taken this demand on board and announced that it will substitute palm oil with other oils in its own-label products. Where this is not possible, it intends to consistently develop a small farmers' supply chain with fair trade and organic palm oil and only use this.



Only one world

Swiss National Day, and at the same time 'Earth Overshoot Day'. The 'Earth Overshoot Day' shows the date when our earth's resources have been exhausted. Every year, it appears earlier in our calendar. At present, we humans use 1.7 earths. If the entire population on earth were to live as the Swiss people do, it would use up 3.3 earths.

120% victory

The community of Xolobeni in Pondoland in South Africa, represented by the Amadiba Crisis Committee, has won a landmark victory. The Amadiba Crisis Committee is a member of the *Fastenopfer* partner organisation AIDC (Alternative Information and Development Centre). The South African government had offered a mining concession for the region without prior consultation. The area bordering the Indian Ocean is thought to have large titanium deposits. But open-cast mining, as planned for the region by the Australian mining company Mineral Commodities Limited, would mean the destruction of a unique cultural landscape, the loss of homes, and the resettlement of hundreds of people. The community of Xolobeni, represented by the Amadiba Crisis Committee, launched a legal challenge. They successfully demanded to be consulted about the construction of a mine and the right to be able to withhold their consent.



Commitment is honoured

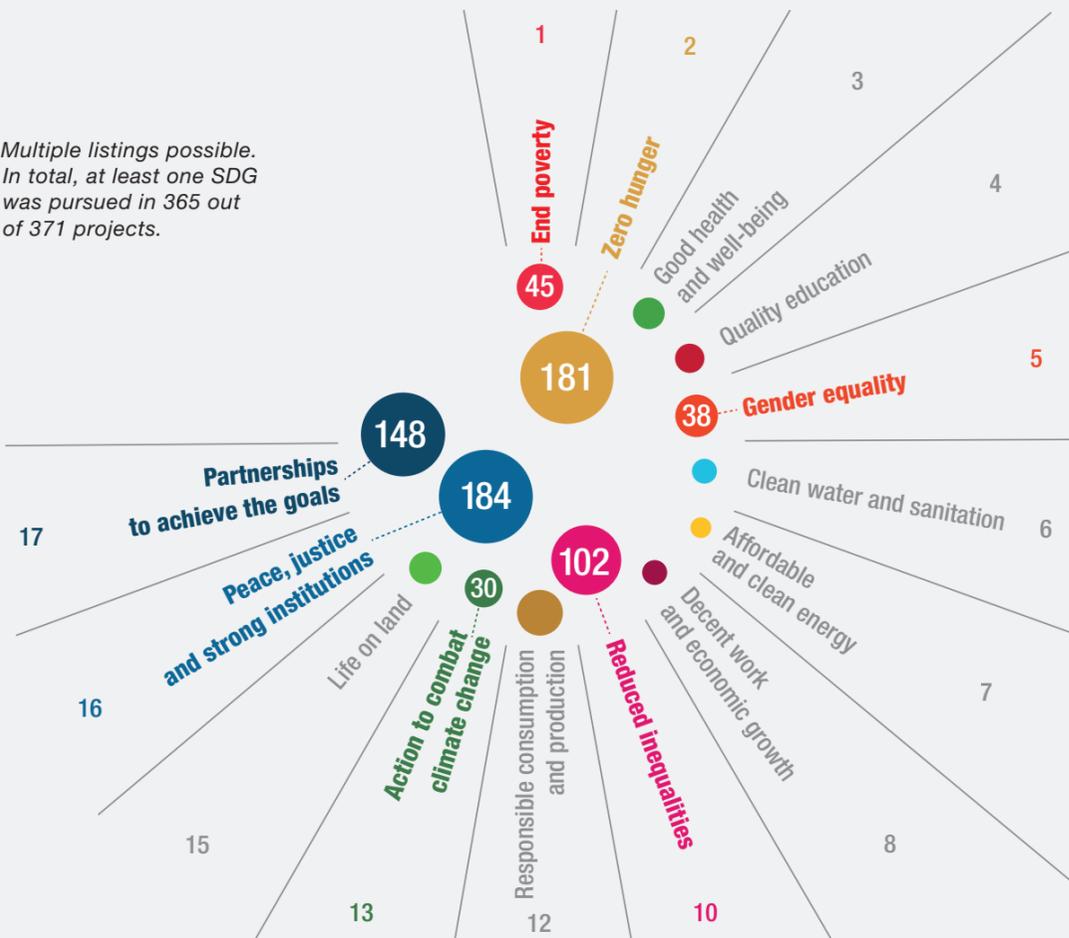
In 2007, the Comboni Missionaries started the campaign 'Justica nos Trilhos' (Justice on the rails) to defend the rights of the traditional inhabitants in the Carajas Corridor in the states of Para and Maranhao in Brazil. *Fastenopfer* is a partner of the organisation, which supports the communities along the Carajas railway line in protecting their rights. For its work, it was awarded the Business and Human Rights Award, created in 2018 by the centre of the same name. The lawyer Danilo Chammas accepted the prize in Geneva as the representative of the organisation.

Warm thanks for your help and support.



Number of projects in line with SDGs*

* Multiple listings possible. In total, at least one SDG was pursued in 365 out of 371 projects.



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 2018



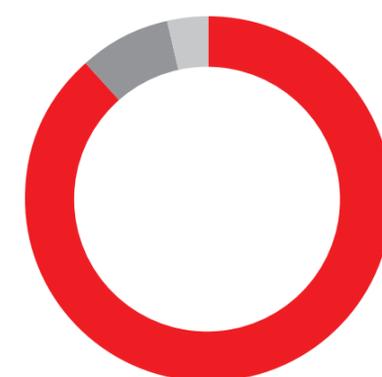
The detailed figures and the full annual report can be found at www.fastenopfer.ch/Jahresbericht

Revenue	2018 (CHF)	%	2017 (CHF)	%
General donations	8 048 866	36.8	7 916 695	36.3
Earmarked donations	5 672 302	25.9	6 428 585	29.4
Contribution from public funds	905 702	4.1	765 747	3.5
Federal contributions, SDC	5 135 220	23.5	5 049 149	23.1
Legacies	909 511	4.2	373 206	1.7
Additional third-party contributions for projects	148 735	0.7	235 766	1.1
Total donations and contributions	20 820 336	95.1	20 769 149	95.1
Trading profit	102 981	0.5	171 876	0.8
Income from services	31 830	0.1	27 696	0.1
Income from services to SDC	934 780	4.3	862 710	4.0
Other income	1 069 591	4.9	1 062 282	4.9
Total revenue	21 889 927	100.0	21 831 431	100.0
Expenditure	2018 (CHF)	%	2017 (CHF)	%
Country programmes	-10 803 343	47.8	-11 263 349	47.8
International programmes	-1 138 651	5.0	-984 630	4.2
Programme development	-597 410	2.6	-559 368	2.4
Projects in Switzerland (IMF FO-RKZ)	-548 705	2.4	-724 726	3.1
Pastoral contribution Switzerland				
Share of dioceses / Pastoral contribution dioceses	-400 000	1.8	-450 000	1.9
Directorate projects	-54 909	0.2	-24 504	0.1
Awareness-raising	-3 720 376	16.5	-4 223 013	17.9
Interim total	-17 263 394	76.4	-18 229 590	77.4
Project processing costs (esp. project planning, coordination and control)	-2 714 064	12.0	-2 709 073	11.5
Direct project expenditure	-19 977 458	88.4	-20 938 662	88.9
Administration	-779 535	3.5	-833 537	3.5
Fundraising	-1 830 500	8.1	-1 785 775	7.6
Administrative expenditure	-2 610 035	11.6	-2 619 313	11.1
Total operating expenses	-22 587 493	100.0	-23 557 975	100.0
Operating result	-697 566		-1 726 544	
Return on real estate investment	493 358		486 525	
Real estate expenditure	-212 291		-205 390	
Real estate result	281 067		281 135	
Ordinary result	-416 499		-1 445 409	
Financial income	154 776		694 879	
Financial expenses	-445 121		-79 567	
Financial result before change in exchange rate fluctuation reserve	-290 345		615 312	
Extraordinary result	-372 470		3 913	
Tax payment	-23 216		-36 625	
Interim result before change in fund capital	-1 102 530		-862 809	
Change in fund capital	-369 303		-937 945	
Interim result before change in organisation capital	-1 471 833		-1 800 754	
Change in exchange rate fluctuation reserve	224 439		43 249	
Change in internally generated free capital	9 644		42 369	
Change in approved project funds	-732 727		1 001 990	
Change in free resources	1 970 476		713 145	
Surplus/shortfall after allocations	0		0	

Fastenopfer in numbers

22,587,493

Expenditure 2018 in CHF



Direct project expenditure **88.4%**
Fundraising **8.1%**
Administration **3.5%**

Dynamic savings groups

drive development

Savings groups are very successful in Madagascar. They consist of people who get together and collect food or money at regular meetings in order to support each other in times of shortages. But a lot more can be achieved by these solidarity groups.



'Repair the canals in our village' – when the network of savings groups in Antaratasy met for the first time, the members quickly agreed which of their problems they wanted to tackle first. In recent years, the numerous tornadoes on the east coast of Madagascar had caused great damage to their irrigation system. The annual rice harvest had dropped to a fraction. Young people searching for work had moved away from the region, where 80 per cent of people live below the poverty threshold.

14.5 kilometres of canal – from the roughly 10 metre wide main canal to the small canals that lead to the individual fields – had to be cleared of weeds, driftwood and sand. The network asked Oddit, a local emergency aid organisation, for help in planning and carrying out the work. The work began at the end of 2017. Several network members, including Madame Paulette, were deployed as overseers. The 51-year-old is one of the leaders of the Fizai Group which was set up in Antaratasy as part of the 'Tsinjo Aina' project. The aim is to free themselves

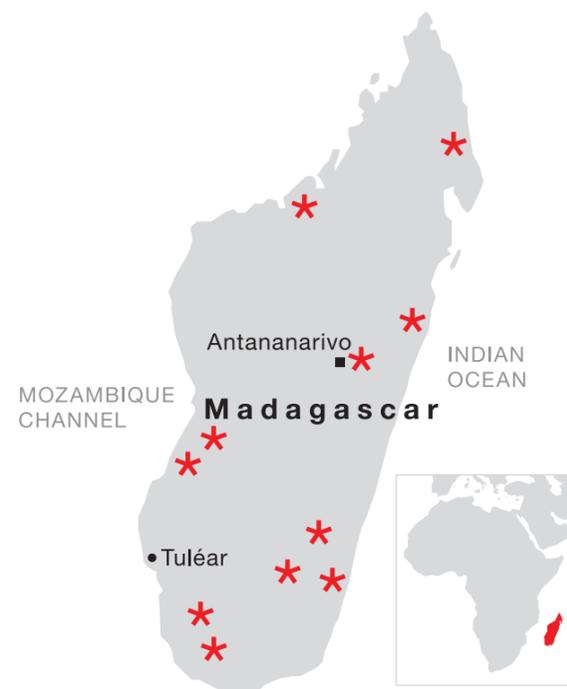
'Since the canal rehabilitation, the young people in our village have something to do so they can earn money. The parents are able to feed their families with fishing, canoeing and agriculture. And we, the women of the village, became dynamic actors for the protection of the Sahamare rice field'.

From the agreement read out by Mme Paulette

from indebtedness through communal savings. Thanks to the group, the members organise themselves and develop communal solutions to the problems.

Oddit succeeded in obtaining food from the World Food Programme. All workers were compensated with 2 kg rice and 300 g beans per day. Frequently, 800 people were working each day. In total, 96.25 tons of food products were 'paid' for the roughly 40,000 working days. Many young people returned specially to participate in the physically strenuous work. After the 2018 rainy season, on 19 May, the canal system was formally reopened at a festive event. 1,000 hectares of land had been made usable again. For once, it was not only government representatives who gave speeches. Madame Paulette

also took the microphone, but not just to rest on her laurels. She read out the agreement which the network had written and which had been signed by the whole village. In future, a committee will each year organise the necessary repair work with the population, so that the irrigation system cannot collapse again.



For more information about Madagascar go to www.fastenopfer.ch/Madagaskar



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Together for strong women.

Together for a better world.

#50StrongWomen



The purpose of the *Fastenopfer* Foundation is:

- to support projects and programmes in favour of economically and socially disadvantaged people in Africa, Asia and Latin America. The goal is to strengthen and support their self-determination. This is done in cooperation with organisations and groupings of civil society, churches and non-governmental organisations;
- to help shape opinions and decisions on development policy in order to influence the causes of poverty and the political and economic conditions and to point out alternatives;
- to promote the global solidarity of the Swiss people, through information and awareness-raising in ecumenical cooperation;
- to support supra-regional tasks and projects in cooperation with church-based organisations and associations;
- to contribute to the Time of Lent by putting forward suggestions and providing educational resources

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