



INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION PROJECTS 2025



**GENERAL DIRECTORATE FOR TERRITORIAL AND EUROPEAN
STRATEGIES, PROGRAMMING, INNOVATION AND ORGANIZATION**
**European Policies, Cohesion, European
and International Cooperation Sector**

Sector Manager

Daniela Ferrara

Head of European Planning, International Cooperation and Strategic
Project Management

Veronica Lenzi

Specific responsibility for International Cooperation

Mirella Orlandi

Brochure edited by Giulia Giorgini

Graphic design by Andrea Tarozzi - Regional Press Center

We thank the local authorities, associations and leading the projects for
the photos used inside this booklet

For further information: <https://politicheterritoriali.regione.emilia-romagna.it/coop-internazionale>

For project details: <https://wwwservizi.regione.emilia-romagna.it/progetticooperazioneinternazionale>

Summary

Presentation.....	4
Southern Mediterranean Basin: Morocco, Tunisia, Lebanon	7
Sub-Saharan Africa: Cameroon, Ivory Coast, Ethiopia, Kenya, Mozambique.....	15
Saharan Refugee Camps.....	58
Emergency projects in the Palestinian Territories	63
Emergency projects in Ukraine	68
Projects funded by Italian cooperation.....	76

INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION PROJECTS 2025

International Cooperation in Emilia-Romagna Region is ruled by Regional Law No. 12/2002, *“Regional Interventions for Cooperation with Developing Countries and Countries in transition, International Solidarity, and the Promotion of a Culture of Peace.”*

Within the framework of regional funding programming, the ordinary call for proposals was launched in 2025. This call identified Africa as the main priority area and designated the following eligible countries and territories: **Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Sahrawi Refugee Camps and Liberated Territories, Ivory Coast, Ethiopia, Kenya, Lebanon, Morocco, Mozambique, and Tunisia.** A total of 33 projects were approved.

The Sustainable Development Goals most pursued were Goal No. 2, *“Zero Hunger”*, Goal No. 3, *“Good Health and Well-being”*, and Goal No. 4, *“Quality Education.”* The maximum contribution was set at 70%, in order to ensure the leveraging of financial resources from other entities (including donations, fundraising initiatives, sponsorships, and contributions from lead partners) and to promote a systemic and coordinated approach to project design, thereby preventing the fragmentation into multiple small-scale individual interventions. The projects primarily focused on support for employment, health, food sovereignty, protection of natural habitats, diversification of productive activities and biodiversity, as well as on human rights and the reinforcement of democratic peace-building processes.

A specific call for proposals concerning emergency **projects** was approved to provide humanitarian aid in the **Palestinian Territories and the Gaza Strip**, as well as in **Ukraine**.

In the **Palestinian Territories and the Gaza Strip**, two projects were approved. These initiatives provided educational and psychosocial support

for displaced minors in the Gaza Strip, as well as first aid, education, rehabilitation, shelter, and emergency psychosocial support for vulnerable communities in the West Bank.

In **Ukraine**, six projects were approved in the territories of Khmelnytskyi, Kharkiv, Ivano-Frankivsk, Vysokopillya, Odessa, Mykolaiv, Chernivtsi, and Vinnytsia. These projects targeted persons with disabilities by providing tailored educational and rehabilitation programmes for children with psychophysical disabilities; they delivered food and health assistance through the establishment of a fully equipped “mobile pizzeria,” designed to foster opportunities for positive social interaction while distributing hot meals as well as medical and school supplies; and they organized a summer camp for children, with the aim of contributing to the improvement of living conditions for the most vulnerable segments of the Ukrainian population.

The **EmiliaRomagna Region** has endeavoured to continue and further strengthen its role in the field of international cooperation by reaffirming the need for shared development and for forms of cooperation capable of transcending national borders and barriers. In this context, it is essential to adopt a renewed vision that enables the identification of appropriate responses to complex and crosscutting challenges affecting all sectors, including health, economic and social development, as well as fundamental values.

At the national level, the Emilia-Romagna Region acts as the coordinator of development cooperation activities within the Conference of the Regions. Its participation in the international event Codeway in May 2025, within the collective space dedicated to the Regions, enabled the organization of several panel discussions, including “Innovating with Territories – Between Multi-Actor Participation and Decentralized Development Cooperation,” “Innovative Actions in Third Countries: Libya and Ukraine,” and “Together for Palestine.”

As a final point, two international cooperation projects were launched in 2025: **PAS-Burundi** and **SI-Climat**, with the Emilia-Romagna Region acting as lead partner and funded by the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation. These two strategic projects address policy areas of primary importance for the Region, namely environmental and agricultural policy, and are aimed at promoting sustainable development. The projects will be implemented over a three-year period 2025–2028 and are characterized by a multi-stakeholder partnership involving local authorities, universities, companies, and non-governmental organizations.



INTERNATIONAL
COOPERATION
PROJECTS
2025



**SOUTHERN MEDITERRANEAN BASIN:
MOROCCO, TUNISIA, LEBANON**

Title LAST - WORK AND START-UPS IN MOROCCO

SDG **Goal 8 - Decent Work and Economic Growth**

Country Morocco

Project leader CEFA COMITATO EUROPEO PER LA FORMAZIONE E
L'AGRICOLTURA ETS

Morocco, despite economic progress in recent decades, continues to face one of the most serious challenges to its sustainable development: high youth unemployment, especially among women. Cultural barriers, lack of adequate training, and gender discrimination hinder access to decent jobs, fueling poverty and economic dependence. The situation of young ex-prisoners is even more marginalized.

According to some local NGOs, over 70% of young ex-prisoners remain unemployed within the first two years after release. Inclusive policies that promote technical training, youth entrepreneurship, and hiring incentives, working with local communities, businesses, and prison institutions are required to address these challenges. The project therefore, aims at encouraging the creation of startups to provide employment to vulnerable groups in Moroccan companies, such as women and prisoners released from prison (over 90% of women are convicted of adultery). Targeted training



Project MORE EDUCATION - Ethiopia

in financial literacy will equip beneficiaries with the tools needed to enter the labor market. Both target groups will have the opportunity to develop their skills through coaching. This will then allow each individual beneficiary to be guided toward the creation of potential startups, including financial guidance for raising start-up funds, or placement, through an internship, in local manufacturing companies that require trained professionals.

CHEMS - PATHS OF EXPERIENCE IN THE MEMORY OF THE SOUTH

SDG Goal 8 - Decent Work and Economic Growth

Country Tunisia

Project leader CEFA COMITATO EUROPEO PER LA FORMAZIONE E L'AGRICOLTURA ETS

CHEMS aims to foster income-generating and decent employment opportunities for women - especially rural women - and young people in the Tataouine region by leveraging tangible and intangible cultural heritage. The project strengthens existing experiences in the promotion and marketing of typical products, little shops, artisanal and creative proposals and brings them together in an «experiential tourism» path to be offered to visitors of the region, through the involvement of tourism operators and the promotional activities carried out by the Tunisian diaspora in Emilia-Romagna.

In this manner, it will significantly contribute to reshaping the tourism landscape and to changing the dominant tourism model in the area, currently based on quick group visits organized by agencies outside the region. It will promote instead a slower approach to tourism, respectful of the environment and local culture, aimed at building human connections and generating income for the local population.

The involvement of women's Agricultural Development Groups (ADFs) in a training program to create and implement experiences for visitors will increase women's incomes and let young intercultural mediators be offered employment opportunities.

incrementeranno i redditi delle donne e si offriranno occasioni di impiego ai giovani mediatori interculturali.

INES II PHASE - ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL INCLUSION OF NEETS IN TUNISIA, SECOND PHASE

SDG	Goal 8 - Decent Work and Economic Growth
Country	Tunisia
Project leader	CEFA COMITATO EUROPEO PER LA FORMAZIONE E L'AGRICOLTURA ETS

In Tunisia, a third of the population is between 15 and 30 years old, therefore youth access to employment is one of the most pressing challenges. In the governorates of Bizerte, Jendouba, and Beja, many young people find themselves excluded from education and professional networks, often without real opportunities for social and economic inclusion. The project precisely aims to address this issue, promoting the inclusion of NEETs (young people neither in education, employment, nor training) through an integrated program of support toward independence and employment, enhancing their personal skills and abilities. The project includes the organization of specific training courses dedicated to business creation and management,

as a concrete tool for economic empowerment and active participation in local development. During these courses, participants can acquire technical and practical skills, develop a project idea, develop a business plan, and prepare to face the challenges of starting a microbusiness. The project also offers concrete support in business ideas implementation, by direct financing 27 selected microenterprises. These initiatives, which span diverse economic sectors, are chosen for their sustainability, consistency with the local context, and potential positive impact in terms of employment and development. The program is complemented by personalized mentoring and technical support throughout the microenterprise start-up and consolidation phases. Young entrepreneurs are supported by professionals and local operators who can provide guidance, practical advice, and useful tools to help them navigate their entrepreneurial journey with greater confidence. Through this combination of actions, the project aims to a lasting impact on the economic and social fabric of the three participating governorates.

REGENERATION – CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION ACTIONS IN TUNISIA

SDG **Goal 13 – Take urgent action to combat climate change and its impacts**

Country Tunisia

Project leader NEXUS SOLIDARIETA' INTERNAZIONALE
EMILIA-ROMAGNA

The project aims to strengthen climate resilience and to promote sustainable development in Tunisia, focusing mainly on coastal and rural areas. Addressing climate change through concrete, participatory, and multidimensional interventions, promoting development models that combine environmental protection, social cohesion, and a green economy are also a pivotal point of development of the project. It also aims to promote sustainable management of agroforestry resources and agricultural practices in vulnerable areas, supporting a just ecological transition that

sectors, through technological modernization.

The initiative includes upgrading the center's teaching equipment, with particular attention to accessibility for students with disabilities, thereby ensuring more modern, inclusive, and high-quality education for all learners. At the same time, the link between training and the local business sector is being strengthened through collaboration with the Tunis Chamber of Commerce and Industry (CTICI). This partnership will foster structured dialogue between the training center and businesses, with the aim of identifying the most relevant technologies to be integrated into educational programs.

The sustainability of the project is ensured through the direct involvement of ATFP (Agence Tunisienne de la Formation Professionnelle), a public body under the supervision of the Tunisian Ministry of Labor and responsible for the national network of Vocational Training Centers (CFP), including the one in Kairouan, which is the focus of the project. ATFP's active participation ensures that the equipment provided is fully integrated into the public training system and continues to be used beyond the project's conclusion. As a result, the center will consolidate its role as a regional reference hub for high-quality technical training and the inclusion of persons with disabilities, contributing in the long term to the strengthening and modernization of the Tunisian education system.

RINASCE - REVIVAL OF AGRICULTURAL ACTIVITIES AND HEALTH SERVICES IN SOUTHERN LEBANON

SDG **Goal 2 - Zero Hunger**

Country Libano

Project leader COMUNE DI FORLÌ

The principal aim of this project is to provide support to the population of the southern regions of the country, which have been severely impacted



Project MORE EDUCATION - Ethiopia

by the armed conflict between Israel and Hezbollah. The intervention is structured around two main pillars: the revitalization of agriculture and the strengthening of the health and civil protection systems, within an integrated approach to community resilience and local development.

In the agricultural sector, AVSI Foundation leads activities in the Marjayoun Plain, focusing on the rehabilitation of 15 km of irrigation canals damaged by the conflict, and on the distribution of agricultural kits to members of the Dardara Cooperative (80 families), reaching a total of approximately 400 direct beneficiaries. The project partner Crossing Together also implements support actions in the village of Ain Ebel, where the population - particularly many young people - is reorganizing in an effort to resume daily life under extremely difficult conditions. The planned activities include the distribution of agricultural kits and livestock. These interventions aim to restore minimum livelihoods for rural communities, reduce dependence on external aid, and counteract forced migration.

In parallel, the project includes an integrated package of health and civil protection actions in response to the urgent needs identified on the ground. In the village of Ain Ebel, where no health facilities currently exist, the project contributes to a broader initiative to establish a pharmaceutical dispensary. In addition, support is provided to the Red Cross of Tyre, the

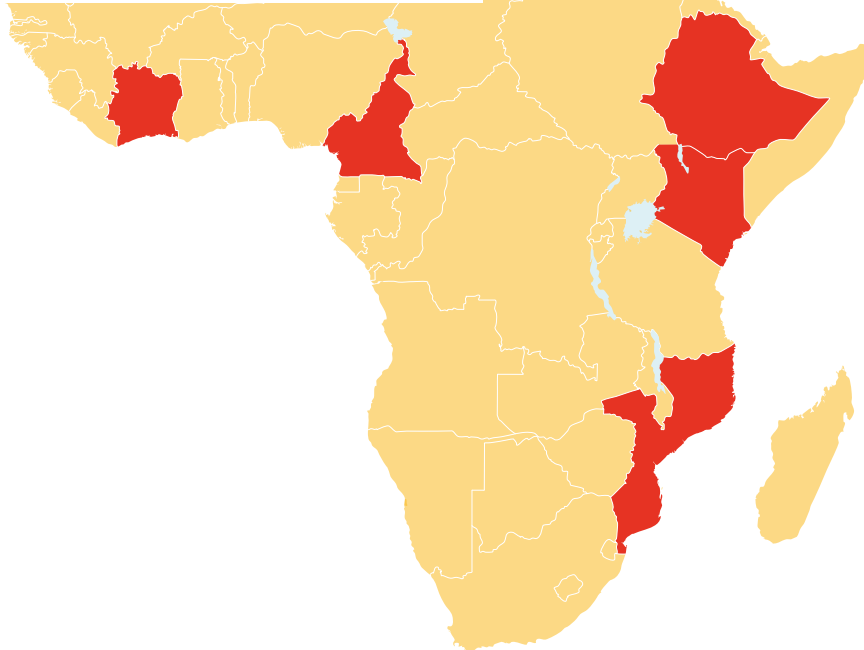
INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION PROJECTS 2025

only entity authorized to carry out rescue operations in conflict-affected areas, through the provision of specialized equipment for the recovery of people trapped under rubble and of human remains, a neonatal incubator for emergency transport, and medicines for the treatment of chronic diseases. To promote a sustainable and long-term recovery, the project also provides training support for all local actors involved, both in the field of emergency management and civil protection (ISTRID) and in the promotion of the values of peace and coexistence, with the aim of fostering genuine intercommunity understanding and social cohesion.

Project SAN KISITO - Cameroon



**SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA: CAMEROON,
IVORY COAST, ETHIOPIA, KENYA,
MOZAMBIQUE**



SAN KISITO - THE FUTURE OF CAMEROON

SDG **Goal 4 Quality Education**

Country Cameroon

Project leader ASSOCIAZIONE INIZIATIVE SOCIALI SEGUIMI ETS

This proposal aims to provide educational and psychological support to 100 children aged between 6 and 10 who are experiencing conditions of particular social, economic, and educational vulnerability in the central region of Cameroon, with a specific focus on the capital city, Yaoundé. The

city is marked by deep social inequalities: the rapid process of urbanization has not been matched by adequate development of basic services, leaving large segments of the population in precarious living conditions. In response to these challenges, the Casa Saint Kisito was established in 1997 in the Nkolbisson district.

The center welcomes children in vulnerable situations, providing them with a safe environment and concrete support. It is primarily dedicated



Project SAN KISITO - Cameroon

to abandoned children, minors without legal identity, or children born to mothers facing severe economic hardship, ensuring them access to education and essential services. This initiative seeks to intervene within this context by offering an integrated programme of academic support and psychological assistance to 100 children selected from Casa Saint Kisito and other schools located in the peripheral neighbourhoods of Yaoundé. The project aims to strengthen academic skills, promote psychological well-being, and foster social inclusion, thereby contributing to the reduction



Project SAN KISITO - Cameroon

of inequalities and the prevention of school dropout. Through educational activities, psycho-educational workshops, and the active involvement of families, the project seeks to create an environment conducive to children's holistic development, equipping them with practical tools to address daily challenges.

The intervention also includes training for teachers and local staff, with the objective of strengthening local capacities and ensuring the long-term sustainability of the project's actions.

FEEL - VOCATIONAL TRAINING, EMPOWERMENT AND INCLUSIVE WORK FOR PERSONS WITH DISABILITIES, WOMEN AND YOUTH IN THE CENTRE REGION OF CAMEROON

SDG **Goal 4 Quality Education**

Country Cameroon

Project leader EDUCAID

“FEEL” in its 12 months of implementation aims to increase inclusive and gender-equal opportunities for secondary and vocational education, with a view to facilitating access to the labour market, with specific attention to youth, women, and persons with disabilities in the Centre Region of Cameroon.

The project is promoted by EducAid, which has been active in the country for several years through initiatives focused on the inclusion and protection of persons with disabilities and individuals at risk of marginalisation. The intervention is implemented in partnership with the Department of Education Sciences of the University of Bologna, ANOPHAC – the National Association of Organisations for Persons with Disabilities in Cameroon, and the Association Camerounaise de Lutte contre les Violences faites aux Femmes (ACLVF). The initiative also engages representatives of the Cameroonian diaspora based in Emilia-Romagna, as well as the Municipalities of Ravenna and Rimini.

The project is articulated along three main pillars:

1. Strengthening inclusive education processes to ensure equal access to secondary and vocational education as a key pathway to labour market integration. This component includes training activities delivered by local trainers to the teaching staff of five selected technical secondary schools, with the aim of enhancing their competencies in inclusive educational practices and in effectively engaging the most vulnerable learners, with a specific focus on employability.
2. Promoting a career guidance and vocational training service in the

capital city of Yaoundé, aimed at fostering the social inclusion of the most vulnerable groups: youth, women, and in particular persons with disabilities. This action includes the capacity building of local staff through a Training of Trainers (ToT) approach, led by experts from the University of Bologna.

3. Promoting vocational training and women's empowerment, with the objective of strengthening both social and economic autonomy for women in the city of Okola, in the Centre Region.

AIDE - SUPPORT FOR EMPLOYMENT PLACEMENT AND EDUCATIONAL DEVELOPMENT OF VULNERABLE YOUTH IN THE CITY OF YAOUNDÉ

SDG **Goal 4 - Quality Education**

Country Cameroon

Project leader FONDAZIONE AVSI

Cameroon is an Equatorial African country where a significant number of children and young people live on the streets. To address this phenomenon, AVSI aims to promote the socio-professional integration of street-connected youth by facilitating access to education and vocational training, as well as their integration into the labour market.

The first specific goal of the project is to enable at least 93 children and street-connected youth to develop a personalised educational pathway tailored to their individual needs and level of education. To achieve this objective, two key activities are planned in collaboration with the local partner Centro Edimar. These activities will support the enrolment of children and adolescents in public schools, provide literacy programmes, and offer remedial and catch-up education courses.

The second specific goal of the project focuses on the labour market integration of 13 street-connected youth through vocational training and structured mentoring support. In addition to receiving professional training, the young participants will be accompanied throughout their pathway and will benefit from a starter kit to launch their income-generating activities,

as well as from the continuous guidance of a dedicated tutor. Beneficiaries will be selected by the local partner from among the street-connected youth who seek support from, or are referred to, Centro Edimar. The project partners are organisations with proven experience in implementing interventions in Cameroon or in conducting awareness-raising activities in the Italian cities of Parma, Ravenna, and Forlì-Cesena.

L.O.C.O. - CAMEROON - WORK - OPPORTUNITIES – GUIDANCE

SDG **Goal 8 - Decent Work and Economic Growth**

Country Cameroon

Project leader IL TERZO MONDO ODV

The Cameroonian context is marked by ongoing conflicts, resulting in an increase in violence, the spread of diseases, and a growing number of internally displaced people. The project seeks to address these impacts through integrated pathways of social and labour inclusion, as well as by providing services and opportunities to support the reconstruction of sustainable

Project L.O.C.O. - Cameroon





Project L.O.C.O. - Cameroon

life trajectories. In particular, the project envisages the development of basic vocational training programmes aimed at labour market integration in fields such as tailoring, textile dyeing, and soap production. In addition, the intervention includes guidance and information on access to basic healthcare services, psychological support, support to the functioning of facilities and educational projects of orphanages in Douala, and assistance for women in critical situations who are unable to cover medical expenses related to childbirth. The project also foresees the construction of a new pig farming facility to create additional income-generating opportunities, as well as the drilling of a water well in the Bertoua area - specifically in the village of Betaré Oya - located near northern Cameroon, where the devastating effects of climate change are particularly evident. Overall, the project adopts a multi-sectoral approach aimed at promoting well-being and providing support to vulnerable populations across Cameroon

SAGE - SUSTAINABLE AGRI-FOOD DEVELOPMENT FOR WOMEN AND YOUTH IN THE DENGUÉLÉ DISTRICT

SDG **Goal 2 - Zero Hunger**

Country Ivory Coast

Project leader CENTRO STUDI COOPERAZIONE INTERNAZIONALE E
MIGRAZIONE SOCIETA' COOPERATIVA SOCIALE ONLUS

The project aims to promote socially, economically, and environmentally sustainable development of the agri-food sector in the Denguélé District, with the overarching goal of addressing food and nutritional insecurity among the rural communities of Kahanso and Minignan. To this end, the project foresees a system of integrated and coordinated actions designed to enhance skills and strengthen the resilience of local small-scale producers to climate change, including through improved water supply systems and more efficient water management. Planned activities include water resource management initiatives, the construction and rehabilitation of wells and irrigation systems, training in permaculture practices, and the establishment of a school garden. Further interventions include training in agri-food processing and nutrition, the piloting of small-scale catering initiatives, and awareness-raising activities on regular migration pathways and local income-generating opportunities.

A cross-cutting component of the project is the empowerment of women and young people in conditions of socio-economic vulnerability, who represent the primary beneficiaries of the planned training activities. These actions will strengthen their competencies in agricultural techniques, agri-food processing, and nutritional principles. This approach will be further supported through the launch of an income-generating activity, namely a pilot small-scale catering initiative aimed at enhancing the school canteen service of the primary school in the rural community of Kahanso.

The project also addresses irregular migration affecting the north-western area of Ivory Coast through targeted community meetings with youth



INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION PROJECTS 2025

associations. These encounters aim to promote accurate information on regular migration channels and on opportunities to establish local income-generating activities, particularly within the agri-food sector.

A final awareness-raising day will be organised and extended to the broader community and to local authorities in Kahanso (Kabadougou Region) and Minignan (Folon Region). This initiative will both amplify the impact of the project's actions and strengthen the exchange of good practices and experiences between the two regions that together form the Denguélé District.



Project SAGE - Ivory Coast





Project SAGE - Ivory Coast

CACAO EQUO E SOSTENIBILE - PROMOTING A FAIR AND SUSTAINABLE MODEL OF COCOA PRODUCTION, PROCESSING AND CONSUMPTION IN IVORY COAST

SDG Goal 2 – Zero Hunger

Country Ivory coast

Project leader MANI TESE ETS

The project aims to promote fair, resilient, and sustainable management of the cocoa value chain in Ivory coast, specifically in the South Comoé

Project SAGE - Ivory Coast



Region, Grand-Bassam Department. It further seeks to address sector-specific challenges through the introduction of innovative and sustainable agricultural practices based on agroecology and agroforestry, with the objective of significantly improving cocoa quality while preserving soil health and local biodiversity. Emphasis is placed on the training of local trainers and producers through theoretical and practical capacity-building activities.

The project foresees the establishment of a demonstration field dedicated to the application of sustainable cultivation techniques, as well as a model laboratory for small-scale, household-level cocoa processing into value-added products, such as cocoa spread. An additional important goal is to promote local consumption of cocoa and its derivatives, thereby contributing to healthier and more nutritious diets within local communities, with direct benefits particularly for pregnant women, children, and young people.

MIGRACI - STRENGTHENING THE RIGHTS OF MIGRANTS IN IVORY COAST

SDG **Goal 10 – Reduced Inequalities**

Country Ivory coast

Project leader NEXUS SOLIDARIETA' INTERNAZIONALE
EMILIA ROMAGNA

The project supports the implementation of activities aimed at achieving Sustainable Development Goal (SDG) No. 10, with reference to Target 10.2, which seeks to promote the social, economic, and political inclusion of all individuals, regardless of age, sex, disability, race, ethnicity, origin, religion, economic status, or other characteristics. This goal is pursued through the promotion of an international cooperation strategy focused on recognising and enhancing the role of migrants in the social, economic, and cultural development of the countries they connect, within the framework of circular migration.

The project addresses the increasingly complex and multifaceted phenomenon of migration through a circular perspective - encompassing migration flows towards foreign countries followed by return to the country of origin - by actively promoting the mobilisation of strategic actors such as trade unions, civil society organisations, and international networks engaged in advocacy on migration-related issues. This approach aims to contribute to the identification and implementation of effective and long-term solutions.

ROOTS – RESILIENCE THROUGH OUTREACH, OPPORTUNITY, TREATMENT AND SUPPORT. AN INTEGRATED APPROACH TO MENTAL HEALTH, REHABILITATION OF CHILDREN WITH DISABILITY, NUTRITION AND WOMEN'S RIGHTS IN ETHIOPIA

SDG **Goal 3 – Good health and well-being**

Country Ethiopia

Project leader CITTADINANZA ONLUS

This integrated intervention is implemented in the Southwest Shewa zone of Ethiopia, aimed at improving the physical and psychosocial well-being and safeguarding the fundamental rights of women, children, and vulnerable groups through coordinated actions in the fields of mental health, disability, nutrition, and gender-based violence.

The project is built on a well-established partnership involving Cittadinanza Onlus, Medici con l’Africa – Modena Reggio Emilia ONLUS, AUSL Romagna, the Municipality of Ravenna, St. Luke Catholic Hospital, and the Vision Community Based Rehabilitation Association (VCBRA).

The intervention is primarily carried out in the Southwest Shewa area, where access to mental health services and rehabilitation for children with disabilities remains limited. It seeks to strengthen the local health system through a multi-level approach based on collaboration among hospitals, health centres, and communities. Furthermore, in line with the goal of strengthening professional networks and fostering interregional collaboration in the fields of mental health and disability, the project includes opportunities for exchange and dialogue with healthcare professionals from the Guraghe area working in health centres coordinated by the Eparchy of Emdibir.

The objectives are to improve access to and the quality of hospital-based and community health services for mental health and disability care in

Wolisso and surrounding rural areas; to strengthen the protection of women's rights through integrated services for the management of gender-based violence cases and through training for healthcare personnel and community workers; and to address child malnutrition through prevention, screening, and treatment at the hospital level.

The planned actions aim to develop an integrated hospital-community model for the rehabilitation of children with disabilities, as well as to support the services of St. Luke Hospital in the treatment and prevention of severe acute malnutrition.



RAFILIERA - RAFFORZARE LE FILIERE AGRICOLE PER UNA CRESCITA ECONOMICA DURATURA, INCLUSIVA E SOSTENIBILE NELLA REGIONE OROMIA

SDG Goal 2 – Zero Hunger

Country Ethiopia

Project leader LVIA ETS – Associazione Internazionale Volontari Laici

The project aims to contribute to the improvement of food security and economic resilience of rural communities in the Tyio woreda, Oromia Region, through the sustainable strengthening of small-scale agricultural and livestock activities.

The initiative seeks to promote environmentally friendly, low-impact agricultural practices capable of regenerating soils, optimising the use of natural resources, and sustainably increasing productivity. Among these practices, particular emphasis is placed on the introduction of vermicomposting, a biological composting technique that uses earthworms to transform organic waste - both human and animal - into a nutrient-rich natural fertiliser that is easily replicable at household level.

In parallel, the project envisages the implementation of anaerobic digestion systems to produce biogas, using organic waste and animal manure. Biogas can be used for cooking and other domestic activities, thereby reducing the consumption of firewood, contributing to the fight against deforestation, and improving household hygienic and sanitary conditions. The by-product of the process can be used as organic fertiliser, generating a virtuous cycle linking agriculture, energy, and environmental sustainability.

To further enhance agricultural practices, the project supports farming households, producer groups, and local agricultural cooperatives through the installation of a solar-powered irrigation system covering four hectares of farmland. This system ensures a reliable and sustainable supply of water for irrigation. The use of solar energy reduces operational costs and limits environmental impact, thereby contributing to the sustainability of

horticultural production and to the food security of local communities. These actions are complemented by technical training, material support, and ongoing assistance in managing productive activities, with particular attention to women's participation.

Through an integrated approach combining agriculture, environment, energy, and food security, the project seeks to promote a resilient, replicable, and sustainable rural development model capable of effectively addressing both food security challenges and the impacts of climate change.

GRAIN MIND - GRAINS FOR REGENERATION, AGRICULTURE, INCLUSION AND NUTRITION – MENTAL HEALTH INTEGRATED FOR NEW DEVELOPMENT

SDG **Goal 2 - Zero Hunger**

Country Ethiopia

Project leader MONINGA ODV

The project is implemented in the town of Robe, in the Bale region (Oromia, Ethiopia), where rapid population growth, the degradation of agricultural soils, and limited access to healthcare services pose urgent environmental, social, and economic challenges. The initiative aims to promote an integrated and resilient development model by combining regenerative agriculture, the circular economy, and support for the local healthcare system.

The project's main objectives are to improve food security through the production of high-quality organic flours, regenerate degraded agricultural land through agroecological practices, establish a local food-processing value chain through a community-owned mill, and support the Araara Neuropsychiatric Hospital with the profits generated.

Specifically, 25 farming families will receive organic Ethiopian traditional seeds and financial incentives to support the transition toward regenerative agricultural practices. They will participate in training courses designed to



enhance productivity and sustainability. Their harvests will be purchased at fair prices and reinvested in the agricultural cooperative, which will collectively manage the production and sale of grain.

The community mill will be completed through the purchase of a second millstone, the construction of a storage facility for grain and flour, and the establishment of a direct sales point for the distribution of locally produced flours. A portion of the profits from flour sales will be reinvested to ensure free medical care for psychiatric patients at the Araara Hospital.

To promote inclusive employment, eight local workers (four women and four men) will be hired to manage the mill and the retail outlet, fostering gender equality and women's empowerment. Educational activities will also be organized in Robe's schools to raise students' awareness of the importance of regenerative agriculture, mental health, and international cooperation.

Project GRAIN MIND - Ethiopia





Project GRAIN MIND - Ethiopia

MORE EDUCATION - MORE EDUCATION FOR FUTURE GENERATIONS –STRENGTHENING ACCESS TO QUALITY EDUCATION, SCHOOL READINESS, AND THE SOCIO-ECONOMIC INCLUSION OF YOUNG PEOPLE IN VULNERABLE SITUATIONS IN THE HADIYA AND WEST HARARGHE AREAS

SDG **Goal 4 - Quality Education**

Country Ethiopia

Project leader PARMA PER GLI ALTRI - ODV

Ethiopia, with a population of over 128 million and a life expectancy of 67 years, faces severe socioeconomic challenges, particularly in rural areas such as Hadiya and West Hararghe. The country is affected by widespread

poverty, environmental crises, and conflicts, which have led to pervasive malnutrition, increased youth migration from rural areas, and significant levels of school exclusion.

Parma per gli Altri and CISP, operating respectively in the Hadiya and West Hararghe areas - both rural regions in southern Ethiopia - intend to intervene to improve the living conditions of the targeted youth population. The specific goal addressed by the project is to ensure equal opportunities to access to and pursue education for students in conditions of economic and social vulnerability, contributing to a reduction in school dropout rates and an increase in educational achievement. In addition, the project seeks to enhance the socio-economic inclusion of young people in the Hadiya and West Hararghe areas and to improve access to secondary and higher education in the rural districts of Shallala and Maldo.

The expected results include: an increase in school completion rates and learning outcomes for male and female students in Grade 8 in the schools of the kebeles of Shallala, Maldo, and Gortha; improved digital skills among students in the same schools; increased youth employment opportunities through the activation of initial vocational pathways in the agricultural and carpentry sectors, targeting students from the kebeles of Shallala, Maldo, and Gortha; and enhanced school retention for 30 vulnerable female students enrolled in the upper secondary school of Shallala, achieved through the provision of scholarships that remove economic and social barriers to education.

The project also foresees the organization of multilevel meetings and educational exchange activities among institutions and schools, thereby contributing overall to improved academic performance, school attendance, and vocational training opportunities for girls and boys in the town of Chiro.



VETBOJIN - QUALITY, EQUITABLE, AND INCLUSIVE EDUCATION AS A KEY INSTRUMENT FOR PROMOTING FOOD SECURITY, ECONOMIC GROWTH, WOMEN'S EMPOWERMENT, AND PEACE: THE ROLE OF VETERINARY SCIENCE

SDG **Goal 4 - Quality Education**

Country Ethiopia

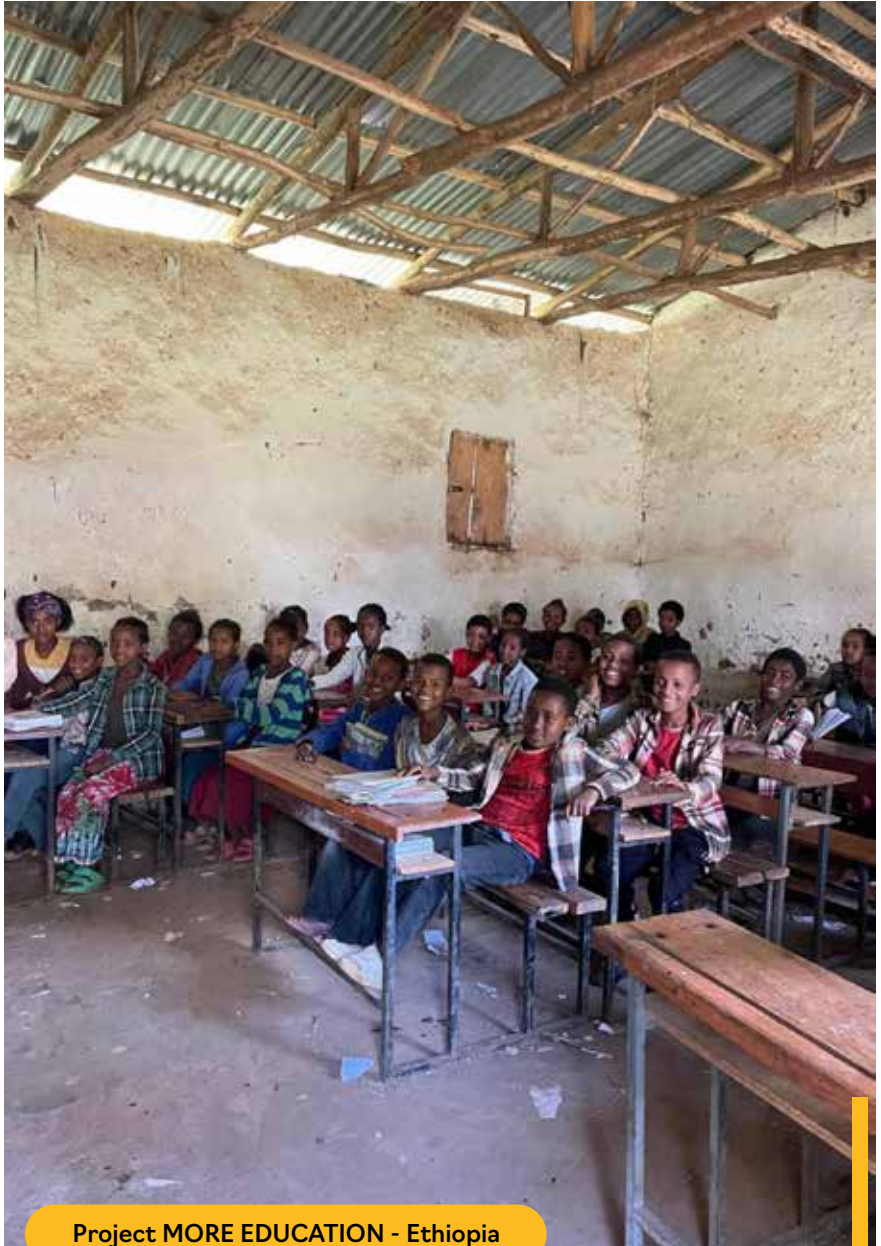
Project leader CIRCOLO ACLI – VET FOR AFRICA

The project focuses on high-level training activities aimed at improving food security by increasing the availability of animal-based products and enhancing their quality, safety, and nutritional value. At the same time, it seeks to increase household income by enabling families to raise healthier, more productive animals within a more sustainable agro-livestock system.

The initiative also contributes to support women's empowerment in the entrepreneurial sector, through the strengthening of business skills and decision-making autonomy, and by reinforcing peacebuilding policies through shared and inclusive actions that promote ethnic cohesion.

The training actions are implemented across several strands of activity, including the improvement of genetic value, animal health, and productivity of dairy cattle, with significant positive impacts on overall livestock production potential. In addition, the project envisages the activation of the CVMAS aquaculture facility and the development of the local fisheries value chain. By facilitating the operation of a "modern" aquaculture system, this intervention will provide good practice models for numerous small-scale fish farmers in the surrounding area.

The project also provides the renovation and operationalization of the CVMAS teaching and diagnostic laboratory, which will be available both to students for educational purposes and to local livestock keepers for diagnostic services in support of local veterinarians. Furthermore, the initiative promotes women's empowerment, professional training, and



Project MORE EDUCATION - Ethiopia

female entrepreneurship in the agri-food sector through targeted support to female veterinary students and the launch of micro-enterprises for 40 women. These women will be provided with essential assets (such as dairy goats, poultry, and feed) as well as training and technical knowledge to establish small-scale livestock businesses.

The project adopts a cross-cutting approach that includes structured training activities tailored to the different beneficiary groups. Overall, the initiative will directly involve 1,255 individuals, including livestock breeders, fish farmers, teachers, veterinary technicians, male and female students, and women from rural communities.

TRA GLI ANGELI DI WAJIR 2 - INTEGRATION OF SERVICES BETWEEN THE “ANNALENA TONELLI” REHABILITATION CENTER AND THE PUBLIC HEALTH SYSTEM

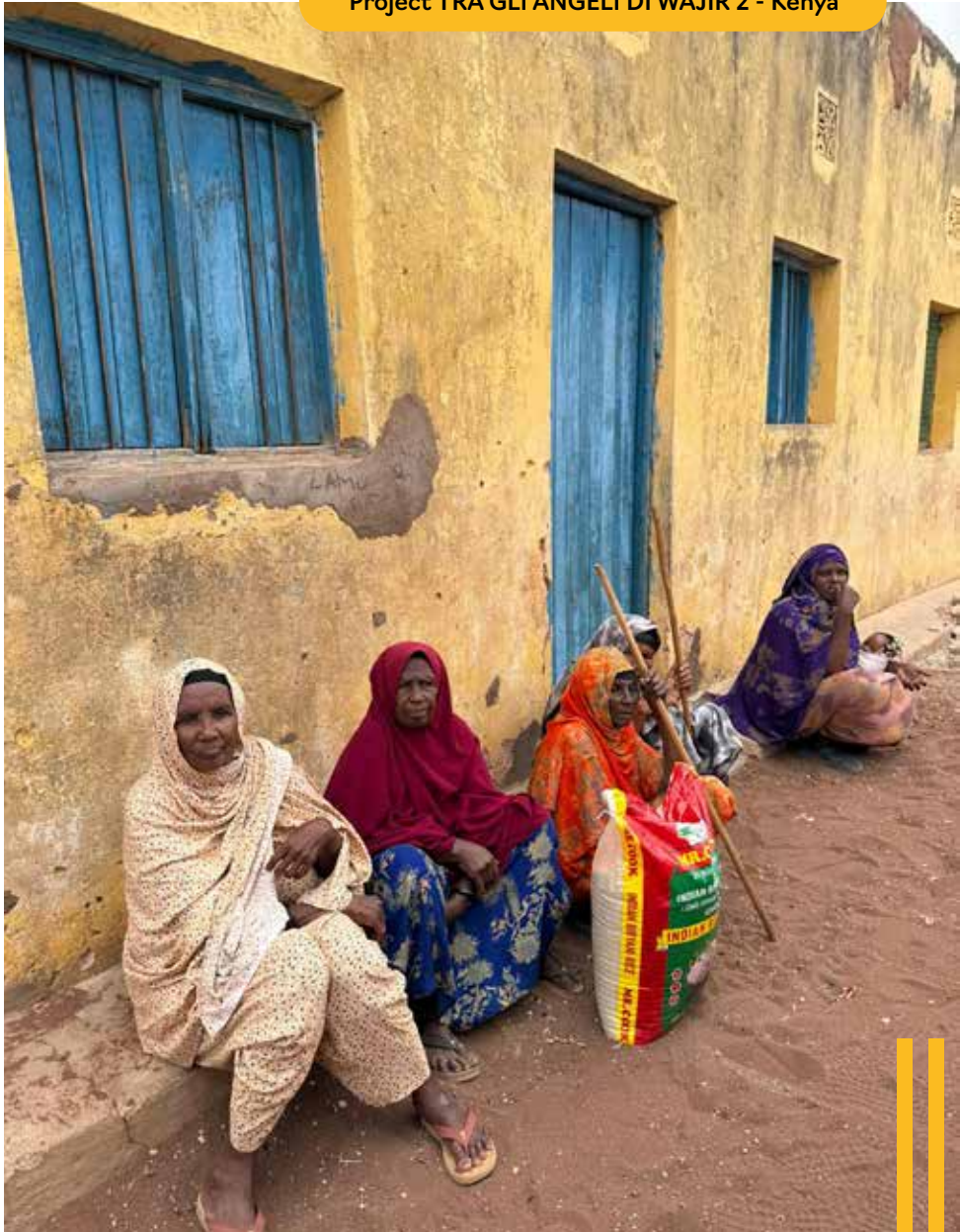
SDG **Goal 3 – Healthcare and Well-being**

Country Kenya

Project leader VOLONTARIA ODV

In 2019, the associations operating in Wajir decided to establish a Diocesan Coordination Committee, with the Bishop of Forlì serving as its guarantor. Among the project leaders and most active organizations there are VolontariA, the Committee for the Fight Against World Hunger, and the Diocesan Missionary Centre. The Municipality of Forlì supports the Coordination’s activities, which led, among other initiatives, to the implementation of the project “Tra gli Angeli di Wajir - Among the Angels of Wajir”, funded by the Regional Authority. The second edition of the project aims to integrate the services provided by the Rehabilitation Centre into those offered by the government hospital, strengthen the existing health and social services in Wajir County, and enhance physical rehabilitation services for children with disabilities. Particular emphasis will be placed on

Project TRA GLI ANGELI DI WAJIR 2 - Kenya



strengthening and decentralizing the services of the Centre through the training of Community Health Volunteers, who will operate directly within the villages.

Through collaboration with the local office of the Ministry of Health, the project will also support existing public services focused on awareness-raising and prevention activities in villages located farthest from the urban centre. In addition, dedicated activities will be implemented to build community capacity and raise awareness - through the networks established by the project - on issues of disability inclusion and gender equality. Mothers of children with disabilities will be trained and engaged as Community Health Workers, actively promoting these themes alongside other staff specifically selected and trained for this purpose.



Project TRA GLI ANGELI DI WAJIR 2 - Kenya

SCUOLA AFRICANA, CUORE ITALIANO - MAENDELEO YA SHULE, I GROW THROUGH SCHOOL

SDG **Goal 4 - Quality Education**

Country Kenya

Project leader CASTEL MERLINO APS

The project was developed through a collaboration between Castel Merlino and Comprehensive Institute No. 13 of Bologna, with the aim of promoting quality, equitable, and inclusive education in line with Sustainable Development Goal 4 of the 2030 Agenda, at the Watamu Primary and Secondary School in Kenya. Located in an area with a strong Italian tourist presence, the school serves more than 600 students who, despite limited resources, demonstrate strong motivation to learn. In this context, knowledge of the Italian language represents a concrete opportunity for students' prospects.

At the same time, the school has recently been equipped with a computer laboratory, established with the support of the Rotary Club and completed through the project; however, it currently lacks adequately trained staff to ensure the effective educational use of digital technologies. The project is structured around three main areas of intervention:

Language and digital training for students.

Two student cohorts (aged 10–11 and 13–15) have begun structured Italian language learning pathways, complemented by modules aimed at developing digital skills. The educational materials previously provided (tablets, headphones, video projector, 3D printer) enable students to engage actively and creatively with technology, strengthening both motivation and transversal skills.

Professional development for teachers. The project includes targeted training and mentoring initiatives for the teaching staff of Watamu School, with a specific focus on two key areas: Italian language teaching - also supported by the free Akelius platform developed by UNICEF - and the integration of digital tools into daily teaching practices, in order to transform the computer lab into a dynamic learning environment. This





component addresses a concrete need of the school, which is equipped with technological resources but lacks the necessary competencies to fully leverage them.

Global citizenship education and school partnerships. Classes from Comprehensive Institute No. 13 of Bologna will take part in an educational exchange with students in Watamu through letter exchange, video calls, shared learning materials, and joint activities. This experience fosters intercultural dialogue, awareness of solidarity, and a deeper understanding of global rights and responsibilities.

The project adopts an integrated approach that combines language learning and technology within a single educational framework, aiming to strengthen students' core linguistic and digital skills, enhance the professional autonomy of local teachers, promote inclusive schooling, and nurture a shared sense of global citizenship.

BRIDGES - ENSURING ACCESS TO QUALITY HEALTH, EDUCATION AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT FOR VULNERABLE WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN NAIROBI

SDG **Goal 3 – Health and Well-being**

Country Kenya

Project leader CITTADINANZA ONLUS

The project contributes to the promotion of the right to health and education, as well as to the creation of a safe and supportive family environment for child development in Kenya, with a particular focus on the peripheral areas of Nairobi, specifically in the sub-counties of Kibera, Dagoretti South, Roysambu, and Kasarani.

The primary target groups of the intervention are children aged 2-16, families - with a particular emphasis on women - and professionals engaged in caregiving and support roles. On one hand, the project will implement actions directly addressing children in vulnerable situations, including children with disabilities and those who live, or have lived, on the streets, by promoting access to healthcare services, nutritional programs, and educational opportunities. On the other hand, the intervention also focuses on the child's broader developmental environment, fostering the mental well-being of families and of professionals involved in caregiving and support activities.

The project will benefit at least 120 children with disabilities, who will gain access to a comprehensive support program including nutritional assistance, speech therapy, medical care, medication, home visits, and assistive devices aimed at enhancing their autonomy and social participation. One hundred caregivers, primarily women, will receive training on topics related to nutrition and maternal and child health.

Furthermore, through the establishment of a community library, the project will reach approximately 450 children and young people from the local community. Six hundred children living on the street will be involved in

recreational and play-based activities designed to encourage socialization and motivation toward learning, while 480 students from public schools will be reached through school-based workshops. In addition, 130 women and/or caregivers will benefit from the intervention through individual counseling sessions, therapeutic workshops, and the distribution of kits containing essential goods to support their psychosocial well-being. Finally, the project will engage 30 professionals working in caregiving and support roles through on-site and remote supervision activities, with the aim of preventing burnout.

SISCA - DEVELOPING WATER INFRASTRUCTURE AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION PRACTICES FOR THE GAS COMMUNITY

SDG **Goal 13 – Climate Action**

Country Kenya

Project leader CONDIVISIONE FRA I POPOLI

The project aims to strengthen the climate and social resilience of rural communities in Gas, Marsabit County, one of the most vulnerable areas of northern Kenya. The intervention was designed to respond to the ongoing water crisis and the progressive soil erosion that threaten public health and food security for local populations. The initiative is structured around an integrated set of actions combining sustainable technology, community participation, and the strengthening of local capacities.

At the heart of the project is the introduction of a solar-powered reverse osmosis system, which will provide the population with stable and safe access to drinking water that is currently contaminated by infiltration and sediment. This technology will be accompanied by targeted training programs for local operators, aimed at building widespread capacity for system management and monitoring.

In parallel, the project includes low-impact interventions for soil



conservation and rainwater management - such as half-moons, sand dams, and tree planting - to reduce the risk of land degradation and improve environmental stability. Two community committees will be established: one for water management and one for coordinating environmental activities. These committees will have a representative composition and a significant participation of women, fostering equity and inclusion.

Community meetings, training sessions, and capacity-building activities will further strengthen local ownership and promote a culture of collective responsibility. The project is expected to have a direct impact on approximately 13,000 people.

In line with the 2030 Agenda, SISCA directly contributes to the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 13, by promoting climate adaptation in fragile rural contexts through energy-sustainable solutions. The project also contributes, in part, to SDG 3 (Good Health and Well-being) by improving access to safe water, and SDG 5 (Gender Equality) by enhancing the role of women in local governance.

Project SISCA - Kenya





Project SISCA - Kenya

NEW FEED - FORAGE CONSERVATION TO ENHANCE LIVESTOCK PRODUCTIVITY AND FOOD RESILIENCE

SDG Goal 2 - Zero Hunger

Country Kenya

Project leader ORGANIZZAZIONE OVERSEAS PER LO SVILUPPO
GLOBALE DI COMUNITÀ IN PAESI EXTRAEUROPEI ETS

The main project goal is improving food security and the socio-economic conditions of livestock farmers in Baringo County, Kenya, through the introduction of systems for forage conservation and optimization, leading to increased livestock productivity. The initiative envisages the launch of a pilot system for the production and preservation of silage, a technique that allows the nutritional properties of fresh forage to be maintained over long periods, ensuring its availability during seasons of scarcity.

The project aims to introduce and consolidate technical and managerial skills within local communities through a participatory and capacity-building approach. The local partner, KAPLUK, will be responsible for the operational

management and on-the-ground implementation of the project, while CRPA (Centro Ricerche Produzioni Animali) will provide high-level technical and scientific support. CRPA will conduct analyses of locally available forage, formulate balanced nutritional mixtures, test silage techniques best suited to the local environmental conditions, and deliver on-site training to farmers and local technicians.

A key added value of the project is the promotion of knowledge exchange and the transfer of best practices. In Kenya, this will take place through workshops and community meetings, while in Italy two technicians from Kenyan institutions will participate in a training mission hosted by CRPA. This exchange will help strengthen dialogue between the Global North and South and enrich mutual expertise in the agrolivestock sector.

The expected impacts are multiple and strategic: an estimated increase of up to 50% in milk and meat production as a result of more consistent and efficient animal nutrition; strengthened local capacities in livestock and agri-food practices; the creation of a replicable forage conservation model adaptable to other arid areas of the country; and, ultimately, a tangible contribution to improved food security and resilience of pastoral communities in Baringo County.

CORESI - BUILDING DROUGHT RESILIENCE IN ISIOLO COUNTY

SDG **Goal 2 - Zero Hunger**

Country Kenya

Project leader LVIA ETS - ASSOCIAZIONE INTERNAZIONALE
VOLONTARI LAICI

The project aims to strengthen the resilience of agropastoral communities in Isiolo County, Kenya, through a set of integrated, schoolbased interventions, with the objective of improving food security, access to water, and environmental education, in line with the relevant Sustainable Development Goals.

The main activities include the establishment of agroecological school gardens in four schools, combined with structured environmental and nutritional education programs. In addition, one school will be selected as a pilot site for improving hygiene and sanitation conditions through the construction of an integrated system comprising ventilated pit latrines (VIP latrines) and a biogas production facility using organic waste. On one hand, this system will enable safer and more environmentally sustainable waste management and on the other hand will also generate renewable energy and organic fertilizer to be used in the school gardens.

The project also foresees the rehabilitation of three water supply points, which are essential to ensuring access to safe water for both human consumption and livestock, thereby contributing to the overall health, food security, and resilience of the target communities.

CLINIC - COMMUNITY-BASED CHILD CARE: NETWORKS FOR INCLUSION AND SOCIAL COHESION

SDG **Goal 3 – Health and Well-being**

Country Kenya

Project leader AMICI DEI POPOLI ETS

The project was developed in response to the health and social needs identified in Kajiado County, with the aim of contributing to the improvement of the health and well-being of children and adolescents hosted at Shelter Children's Home (SCH), as well as of the wider Kibiko community, with particular attention to the condition of women. The initiative is aligned with Sustainable Development Goal 3 (Good Health and Well-being) and integrates, as a cross-cutting priority, SDG 5 (Gender Equality), promoting gender equality, the protection of rights, and the strengthening of women's roles within the community.

The project is structured around two main components: the equipping and activation of the internal clinic at Shelter Children's Home, and the

implementation of community-based information and awareness-raising pathways in Kenya. On one hand, the initiative seeks to strengthen the provision of diagnostic and therapeutic healthcare services through the establishment of an on-site clinic equipped with essential medical devices, basic pharmaceutical supplies, and qualified healthcare staff. On the other hand, it aims to promote a preventive approach to health through community meetings, primarily targeting parents of children and students at SCH, while remaining open to the entire local population.

R.E.M.A.R - RESTORATION OF MARINE ECOSYSTEMS AND RESILIENT AREAS

SDG **Goal 13 - Climate Action**

Country Mozambique

Project leader ISCOS EMILIA-ROMAGNA ETS

This initiative contributes to the sustainable economic and social development of coastal communities in the districts of Ibo, Metuge, and Mecufi, within a context marked by high unemployment, political instability, and increasing poverty. A core focus is the strengthening of the economic and social role of women who are traditionally engaged in the harvesting and processing of marine products.

Following an initial phase of training, the project will support women's groups in the legal formalization of their associations, enabling them to access financing opportunities, markets, and decision-making processes.





Project R.E.M.A.R. - Mozambique

Alongside this action, dedicated spaces for the processing and sale of fishery products will be established, improving product quality and strengthening commercialization channels.

At the same time, the project promotes more sustainable use of marine resources. Selective and regulated fishing techniques - particularly for lobster harvesting - will be introduced to reduce environmental impact and ensure species conservation. In addition, pilot experiences in small-scale aquaculture, such as oyster and seaweed farming, will be launched with the direct involvement of women and young people from the communities.

To further diversify sources of income, the project will also promote coffee cultivation in inland areas, building on local potential and integrating agriculture and fisheries within a circular economy approach. Conservation actions for marine turtles will be implemented through the monitoring of nesting areas and awareness-raising activities targeting local communities. Furthermore, mangrove reforestation initiatives will be carried out, recognizing the critical role of mangroves in coastal protection and biodiversity conservation.

Finally, a technical and scientific assessment will be conducted to evaluate the potential of mangrove ecosystems for future blue carbon projects - environmental compensation mechanisms based on the ability of mangroves to absorb and store CO₂.



Progetto R.E.M.A.R. in Mozambico

RESICOM - ENHANCING FOOD SECURITY AND COMMUNITY RESILIENCE IN NAMPULA REGION, MOZAMBIQUE

SDG **Goal 2 - Zero Hunger**

Country Mozambique

Project leader LVIA ETS - ASSOCIAZIONE INTERNAZIONALE
VOLONTARI LAICI

The project seeks to improve the resilience of vulnerable communities affected by extreme climatic events by strengthening food security through an innovative and socially inclusive approach. It aims to address the challenges related to the promotion of sustainable, inclusive, and participatory local development, as well as to improve the condition of women, by focusing efforts on strengthening the role of the Okhalassana Women's Cooperative in raising community awareness on the proper management of natural resources.

Moreover, the project promotes training activities in Nampula Province, Mozambique, with a focus on rural development and the social inclusion of vulnerable groups. The project's beneficiaries include both local communities and internally displaced people who have arrived in Nampula Province from Cabo Delgado as a result of the armed conflict ongoing since late 2017, carried out by groups of Islamist origin. This conflict has left more than one million people in urgent need of humanitarian assistance and protection, extending the emergency to the nearby provinces of Niassa and Nampula. The continuous increase in internal displacement has led to heightened competition for access to basic services. Furthermore, in Nampula Province, extreme climatic events have severely affected the population by destroying infrastructure and livelihoods. In particular, the loss of agricultural land and productive assets has reduced productivity, resulting in decreased food availability and a worsening state of food insecurity.



Project R.E.M.A.R. - Mozambique

QUELIMANE CIRCOLARE – QUELIMANE CIRCULAR APPROACH

SDG Goal 13 – Climate Action

Country Mozambique

Project leader MANI TESE ETS

The Quelimane Circolare Project operates in the city of Quelimane, Mozambique, with the objective of promoting sustainable management of plastic waste to address climate change and reduce the environmental impact of human activities. The proposed actions are aligned with local and regional climate adaptation and mitigation strategies, contributing to the development of more resilient communities facing the increasingly evident effects of the climate crisis, such as rising temperatures, the intensification of extreme weather events, and sea-level rise affecting coastal cities like Quelimane.

The project's core activities include community awareness-raising, technical training for young people, the construction of infrastructure for separate waste collection, and the exchange of experiences between EmiliaRomagna and Mozambique. By intervening along the entire waste value chain - from prevention and collection to reuse and recycling - the project seeks to reduce greenhouse gas emissions generated by still widespread polluting practices, such as open burning, namely the uncontrolled combustion of waste, which represents one of the main sources of harmful emissions in urban areas.

Educational initiatives will be implemented to counter harmful practices that remain common in Quelimane, engaging students, families, teachers, and local communities. At the same time, the project foresees the establishment of a youth association that will receive targeted training and

technical equipment to manage the collection, shredding, and recycling of plastic waste, thereby creating a concrete and replicable model of circular economy.

To ensure tangible outcomes, 20 waste collection bins will be installed at strategic locations, and three dedicated areas will be set up for the preliminary treatment of collected plastic. The project will also include exchange missions, training and education workshops on the circular economy, and a public event in Italy aimed at sharing best practices in reuse and recycling.

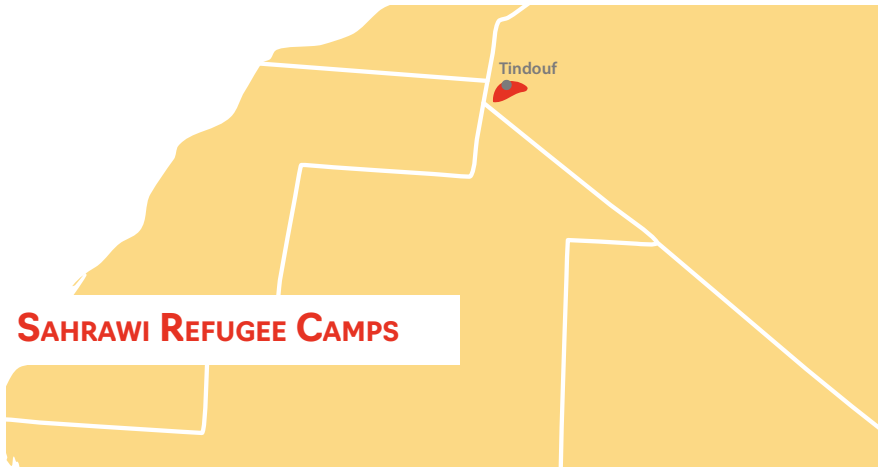
INSALUTE - INCLUSION AND THE RIGHT TO HEALTH: A CHALLENGE IN THE FIGHT AGAINST CHRONIC DISEASES IN MOZAMBIQUE

SDG	Goal 3 – Health and well-being
Country	Mozambique
Project leader	AIFO - ASSOCIAZIONE ITALIANA AMICI DI RAOUL FOLLEREAU ETS

Through an innovative and inclusive approach, the project addresses one of Mozambique's major health challenges: the rising prevalence of non-communicable diseases (NCDs), such as diabetes, hypertension, and cervical cancer, which account for more than one third of all deaths in the country. The initiative aims to improve universal access to high-quality healthcare services in remote rural areas of Zambézia Province, with particular attention to persons with disabilities and women.

Through the deployment of integrated mobile health teams, awareness-raising campaigns, training of healthcare personnel, and the provision of rehabilitation equipment, the project ensures early, sustainable, and comprehensive care for people living with NCDs. Specific focus is placed on the prevention of cervical cancer through targeted screening for young women and women in situations of vulnerability.

The intervention is designed to be fully accessible to all individuals, including persons with disabilities, who in Mozambique continue to face significant physical, cultural, and communication barriers in accessing healthcare services.



IN-MA HANDS 2 - INFANT-MATERNAL HEALTH AND SCHOOL INTERACTION IN THE SAHRAWI REFUGEE CAMPS - SECOND EDITION

SDG

Goal 3 – Health and Well-being

Country

Saharawi Refugee Camps

Project leader ASSOCIAZIONE KABARA LAGDAF ODV

Project activities are carried out through the work of the School Health Commission (SHC) and the Gynaecological Commission. Through the provision of financial, technical, and material resources, the SHC will implement prevention and diagnostic activities by delivering specialist medical examinations (general, ophthalmological, dental, ultrasound, and urological) targeting children attending schools and educational centres for children with disabilities in the five wilayat of the Saharawi refugee camps. Moreover, the SHC will compile a personal health booklet for each child undergoing screening and will transmit the collected data to the Saharawi Ministry of Health, highlighting cases requiring further medical treatment.

The SHC will also conduct awarenessraising campaigns for teachers, families, and children to promote the adoption of proper hygiene and health practices, in line with the specific health programme developed by the Ministry. The purchase of a vehicle is planned to support the mobility of the SHC across the five wilayat of the Sahrawi camps.

Regarding reproductive and maternal health, the deployment of a Gynaecological Commission will enable the implementation of training activities for gynaecologists, midwives, and students of the nursing school, as well as the development of awarenessraising initiatives on specific health topics. In addition to routine medical visits, the Commission will assess cases of women who have experienced intrapartum complications with longterm outcomes, in response to requests from local health authorities.

Finally, a mission by the Paediatric Surgery Commission (PSC) will be carried out to provide treatment and perform surgical interventions for cases identified during the screening activities.

EDUSAH - INCLUSIVE EDUCATION FOR THE NEW GENERATIONS OF THE SAHRAWI PEOPLE

SDG **Goal 4 - Quality Education**

Country Saharawi Refugee Camps

Project leader COMITATO INTERNAZIONALE PER LO SVILUPPO
DEI POPOLI - CISP

The project aims to support inclusive education for the most vulnerable children and adolescents who are at risk of school dropout or who have already left the education system, including newly displaced individuals from Western Sahara, for a total of approximately 3,400 beneficiaries. Planned activities include the provision of basic school supplies to schools with the highest concentration of atrisk students; targeted educational support for children facing vulnerabilities and a high risk of dropout; communitybased protection support for children who are currently out of school; and support for extracurricular activities in secondary schools.

Finally, the project also foresees support for the most vulnerable groups, including newly displaced persons, and health prevention, with specific actions targeting schools.

These actions include strengthening health prevention activities in schools, supporting healthcare staff, and providing basic hygiene and sanitation supplies to vulnerable families, including newly displaced households.

The overall number of beneficiaries of these actions is estimated at approximately 3,600 people.

PROGETTO FARMACIA - SUPPORT TO THE PHARMACEUTICAL PRODUCTION LABORATORY IN THE SAHRAWI REFUGEE CAMPS, ALGERIA

SDG **Goal 3 – Health and well-being**

Country Saharawi Refugee Camps

Project leader MUNICIPALITY OF ALBINEA

The project's main goal is to improve the living conditions of the refugee population. The intervention seeks to help meet the demand for essential medicines in the Sahrawi refugee camps. In the absence of externally sourced raw materials and equipment, the production laboratory is unable to ensure an adequate supply of medicines particularly during periods of crisis and emergency, which have occurred with increasing frequency in recent years.

The procurement of raw materials, equipment, and medical supplies is carried out based on priorities identified by the production laboratory and agreed upon with the Minister of Public Health. The support of Italian technical experts is essential in this process, as they are responsible for liaising with suppliers and purchasing products and equipment on the European market, thereby ensuring higher quality standards and, consequently, the effectiveness of locally produced medicines. All supplied goods are duly certified, stored appropriately, and subsequently shipped to Algeria.

On several occasions, the Minister of Public Health has emphasized the need to motivate laboratory staff to reduce the risk of experienced personnel leaving their positions voluntarily and to prevent the loss of valuable expertise developed over time. For this reason, the project also aims to improve the working conditions of laboratory personnel through financial incentives, thereby strengthening staff retention and ensuring the continuity of pharmaceutical production activities.

DIAMANTI - DONNE, INCLUSIONE, AUTONOMIA E MIGLIORAMENTO DELLE CONDIZIONI DI VITA NEI CAMPI PROFUGHI SAHARAWI

SDG

Goal 2 - Zero Hunger

Country

Saharawi Refugee Camps

Project leader

NEXUS SOLIDARIETA' INTERNAZIONALE
EMILIA-ROMAGNA

The project seeks to contribute to the improvement of living conditions in the Sahrawi refugee camps through an integrated approach that combines women's empowerment, occupational health and safety, and the strengthening of veterinary health services. It builds on a longstanding network operating in the Sahrawi camps, composed of three local partners (UGTsario and the Ministries of Public Health and Cooperation) and eleven Italian partners supporting Nexus ER (lead applicant) and Auser ER (coapplicant).

The project includes targeted actions to increase Sahrawi women's household income by supporting training activities and promoting income-generating initiatives, with the aim of strengthening women's economic and social autonomy and ensuring food security. It also seeks to improve occupational health and safety in the domestic environment—particularly for women—through dedicated training activities and awareness-raising campaigns. In addition, the project will strengthen local veterinary services through specialized and continuous training of personnel, thereby contributing to

overall public health in the camps.

The main project activities include support for the socioeconomic empowerment of eight women's groups through training, the provision of equipment, assistance with product marketing, and the opening of a new retail outlet managed directly by the women. Furthermore, training and awarenessraising activities on health and safety in the domestic environment will be delivered to 24 women and approximately 500 Sahrawi citizens. Finally, the project will provide training to 10 veterinary assistants, 4 veterinarians, and 1 laboratory technician in order to improve the quality and effectiveness of veterinary services in the refugee camps.



SEMI DI SPERANZA: EDUCATIONAL AND PSYCHOSOCIAL ASSISTANCE FOR DISPLACED CHILDREN IN THE GAZA STRIP

SDG **Goal 4 - Quality Education**

Project Leader EDUCAID

The project, proposed by EducAid in partnership with COSPE and the local organizations Theatre Day Productions (TDP) and Independent Living Centre (ILC), is framed within the worsening humanitarian crisis currently affecting the Gaza Strip following the military escalation that began on 7 October 2023. The initiative stems from a needs assessment carried out on the ground in April 2025 and aims to respond in a targeted manner to the educational and psychosocial needs of displaced children, with and without disabilities, through an approach focused on strengthening existing communitybased initiatives.

The project's primary goal is to promote access to education in emergencies and to support the psychosocial wellbeing of displaced children in the Gaza Strip. In particular, the initiative seeks to ensure that these children can access inclusive, nonformal educational services capable of addressing their cognitive, emotional, and relational needs in safe and protective environments.

The project intervenes in three Temporary Learning Spaces (TLS) already established by local communities in the areas of Gaza City, the Middle Area,

and Khan Younis, equipping them with learning materials, hygiene kits, psychosocial support services, and recreational activities.

At the same time, the project strengthens the educational and relational capacities of 60 teachers through theatrebased and training workshops, while supporting trauma processing for 200 children through narrative and artistic workshops. Moreover, 100 children with disabilities will receive personalized technical assistance to help restore functional autonomy and enable their full participation in educational activities.

The project is grounded in an inclusive, participatory, and rightsbased approach, promoting community resilience, social cohesion, and continuity of learning in a protracted emergency context.



Project FIRAS in Palestine



Project FIRAS in Palestine

FIRAS - FIRST AID, EDUCATION, REHABILITATION, RECEPTION, AND PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT IN EMERGENCIES FOR VULNERABLE COMMUNITIES IN THE WEST BANK

SDG **Goal 4 - Quality Education**

Project Leader FONDAZIONE AVSI

The project aims to address the immediate and complex needs of vulnerable communities in the West Bank, specifically in the areas of Nablus, Jenin, and Bethlehem, by responding to the post-October 2023 crisis through an integrated approach. Through a synergistic collaboration between Fondazione AVSIETS, Volontari nel Mondo RTM, and the local partners Greek Catholic Patriarchate School Peter Nettekoven Beit Sahour (PGC) and Bethlehem Arab Society for Rehabilitation (BASR), the initiative focuses on ensuring unhindered access to fundamental rights such as quality education and essential services - including food, medicines, assistive devices, and psychosocial support - for the most vulnerable groups affected by movement restrictions and ongoing conflict, with particular attention to children and persons with disabilities.

The intervention is structured around three main areas of activity. The first involves psychosocial and socioeducational support provided by AVSI to 150 children in Nablus, 11 local staff members, and 60 families, including



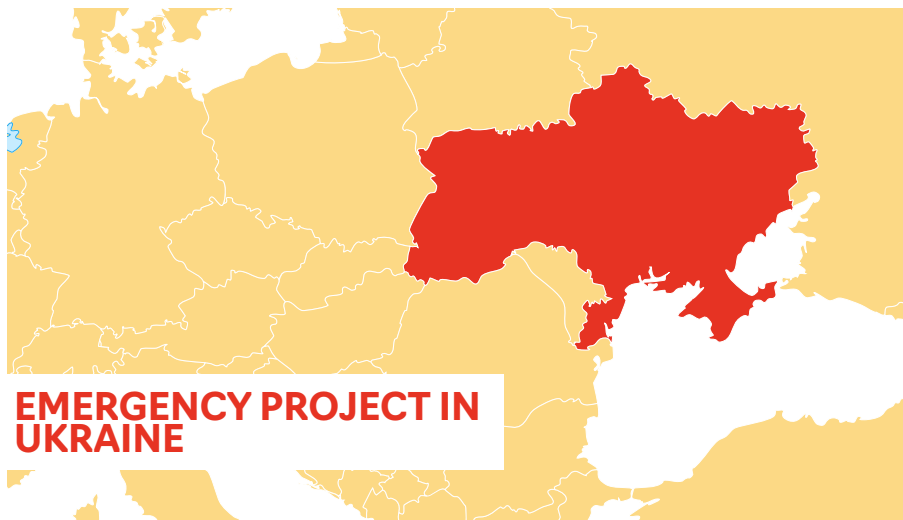
some originating from the Jenin refugee camps. The second focuses on the provision of educational materials and educational and psychosocial support to 1,000 children in the Bethlehem community, implemented by Volontari nel Mondo RTM in partnership with the Peter Nettekoven School (PGC). The third component ensures the provision of assistive materials and services to 100 persons with disabilities in Jenin, implemented by BASR. Overall, the project seeks to deliver materials and services for direct assistance to a wide range of beneficiaries, including 1,000 children attending the Peter Nettekoven School in Beit Sahour (Bethlehem), people with disabilities and internally displaced individuals in Jenin, and children attending the “Rawdat alBasma” kindergarten in the Askar refugee camp in Nablus. Activities include psychosocial support, distribution of educational kits, and homebased medical visits.

At the kindergarten level, 150 children from various neighboring conflict-affected areas receive psychosocial support through targeted activities aimed at mitigating stress caused by the conflict. These activities are delivered by 11 locally based staff members trained in psychosocial approaches and selfcare by a senior AVSI expert. In addition, PGC, under the supervision of RTM, organizes summer camps, remedial courses, and extracurricular activities. BASR conducts home visits and rehabilitation sessions for persons with disabilities in Jenin, ensuring the provision of assistive devices, medicines, medical kits, and improved access to educational and medical services.

Through these combined actions, the project seeks to meet the immediate material and psychological needs of the target population while also promoting longterm resilience, wellbeing, social inclusion, and individual empowerment within affected communities.

Project FIRAS in Palestine





AFI - AGAPE FOR INCLUSION: PLAY AND GROWTH FOR EVERY CHILD

SDG

Goal 4 - Quality Education

Project Leader SAN GAETANO SOCIETÀ COOPERATIVA SOCIALE

The intervention is aligned with the priorities identified by the Regional Country Working Group (Tavolo Paese) for Ukraine, which has recognized support for facilities and services dedicated to disability and physical rehabilitation as a priority area of action. The project's main goal is to improve the quality of life of children with disabilities and their families through educational and rehabilitative interventions in an emergency context.

Within this framework, the NGO Agape, operating in the city of Khmelnytskyi, provides personalized educational and rehabilitative pathways for children with physical and psychosocial disabilities in a region currently affected by tensions and deprivation resulting from the ongoing armed conflict. The project is structured around two main actions.

The first action consists of a summer camp, an educational and rehabilitative program held in June and July, involving 119 children and adolescents with

disabilities. The camp offers a safe and stimulating environment, with outdoor educational activities focused on the development of personal autonomy and psychosocial well-being. Furthermore, Agape will deliver specialized training courses for its staff and volunteers, with the objective of strengthening educational and rehabilitative skills

The second action foresees the creation of an inclusive playground, through the redevelopment of a green area into an accessible play space. The playground will be equipped with multifunctional structures and shock-absorbing flooring, and it will be accessible to 170 children supported by Agape, their families, and other children and families living in the surrounding neighbourhoods. This space is designed to promote interaction, free play, and rehabilitation in an open-air environment. Specific training will also be provided on the educational use of the equipment, targeting 10 members of Agape's staff and 12 volunteers.

The expected results of the project include increased autonomy, enhanced social inclusion, improved emotional well-being, and strengthened educational and rehabilitative competencies.

UNA PIZZA PER SPERARE - A MOBILE PIZZERIA SUPPORTING COMMUNITIES AFFECTED BY THE WAR IN THE KHARKIV AND IVANOFRANKIVSK REGIONS

SDG **Goal 3 – Health and well-being**

Project Leader COMUNE DI FORLÌ

The project will provide a rapid and integrated response to the food, health, safety, and psychosocial needs of populations affected by the war, with particular attention to the Kharkiv region - one of the most exposed areas to the conflict - and the IvanoFrankivsk region, which has become a refuge for a large number of internally displaced people.

At the heart of the intervention there is the creation of a fully equipped mobile pizzeria, designed to foster moments of positive social interaction while distributing hot meals (more than 28,000 slices of pizza) together



Project UNA PIZZA PER SPERARE - Ukraine

with health supplies, essential goods, psychosocial support, recreational activities, and culinary workshops. The Pizza Truck serves as a practical and symbolic tool through which food security, psychological support, and health-related interventions are integrated and delivered in a targeted manner to those most in need.

Each outreach activity is led by three professionals who are consistently present: a chef, a psychologist, and a safety trainer, supported by local facilitators and volunteers. Special attention is given to the involvement of particularly vulnerable groups, including children, women, and young people with disabilities. The entire initiative is implemented in close collaboration with local organizations, valuing pizza as a symbol of international solidarity within a participatory process that combines direct assistance, awarenessraising, training, and the strengthening of community networks. The mission of the Pizza Truck will continue beyond the end of the project thanks to the ongoing commitment of the Misericordia Foundation, which has been operating for years in these areas in support of the most vulnerable populations. The project also includes the equipping of a recently renovated airraid shelter located beneath the Kharkiv Cathedral with technological equipment and school furniture, transforming it into a "safe classroom" to ensure continuity of learning for children in the area.



Project UNA PIZZA PER SPERARE - Ukraine

#AIDUKRAINIAN25 - MULTISECTORAL ASSISTANCE TO THE UKRAINIAN POPULATION IN THE REGIONS OF KHARKIV, MYKOLAIV, ODESSA, CHERNIVTSI E VINNYTSIA

SDG **Goal 4 - Quality Education**

Project Leader IBO ITALIA - ODV-ETS

The project's main goal is to contribute to the improvement of living conditions for the most vulnerable segments of the Ukrainian population—particularly children, women, and displaced or otherwise vulnerable families—in five oblasts of Ukraine (Kharkiv, Odesa, Mykolaiv, Chernivtsi, and Vinnytsia), through integrated psychosocial, educational, and material support interventions.

The project's specific objectives are to: improve the material living conditions of 235 children and 200 displaced or vulnerable women in Kharkiv and Vinnytsia; strengthen the psychosocial well-being and resilience of 635 children and 20 vulnerable young people in Chernivtsi, Odesa, and Mykolaiv; and support the educational and protective role of 70 mothers and caregivers in Odesa. Over a six-month period, the project will reach

a total of 1,160 direct beneficiaries, including 870 children (at least 14 of whom have disabilities), 270 women (mothers and caregivers), and 20 young adults—predominantly women—from traumaaffected contexts.

The project is structured around a set of coordinated activities. Emergency assistance will be provided in Kharkiv through the distribution of vouchers for the purchase of essential goods to 400 displaced women and children. In Vinnytsia, furniture and basic furnishings will be supplied to 35 orphaned and displaced children living in an orphanage. Psychosocial support for children will be delivered through the organization of summer camps for 330 children in Chernivtsi and Mykolaiv, as well as extracurricular activities for 100 children in Odesa and 205 children in Chernivtsi. Psychosocial support for young people and women caregivers will include a residential camp for 20 vulnerable young adults from Mykolaiv and a cycle of group sessions in Odesa for 70 women and caregivers, focusing on stress management and psychoeducational support.

Expected results include the provision of voucherbased assistance to 400 displaced women and children in Kharkiv; improved wellbeing for 35 orphaned and displaced children in Vinnytsia through the provision of essential furnishings; expanded access to nonformal educational activities and psychosocial support for 635 children, including children with disabilities, in Chernivtsi, Mykolaiv, and Odesa; and strengthened psychosocial wellbeing for 70 women in Odesa and 20 young people in Mykolaiv.

PROTECT KHARKIV- INTEGRATED HUMANITARIAN RESPONSE FOR THE PROTECTION OF WOMEN AND CHILDREN IN CONFLICTAFFECTED AREAS OF THE KHARKIV REGION

SDG **Goal 5 – Gender Equality**

Project Leader FONDAZIONE WE WORLD - G.V.C.

The overall objective of the project is to ensure a rapid response to the basic needs of the most vulnerable civilian population - displaced or returning - in

conflict-affected areas of eastern Ukraine, by providing access to protection services and essential goods and services. Energy infrastructure in Kharkiv Oblast and in the regional capital has been, and continues to be, targeted by bombings and artillery attacks. As a result, the civilian population is increasingly under threat and often directly targeted, suffering significant damage and being forced - particularly women and children - to flee toward the city of Kharkiv or to districts of the region that have recently returned under the control of the Ukrainian government.

Rural areas that have previously experienced direct clashes between opposing forces and have since been liberated are heavily contaminated with landmines and unexploded ordnance, exposing civilians - especially children - to potentially lethal risks. In this context, the project aims to provide mental health and psychosocial support to women and children, distribute personal hygiene kits (with a particular focus on menstrual hygiene management - MHM), and implement an information campaign on landmine risk awareness.

The partner organization PHK delivers psychosocial support through mobile units and a call center, and organizes activities in safe spaces for women and children, in coordination with local authorities and community structures. A multidisciplinary team provides individual psychological support services and group activities in institutional settings such as schools and social protection departments. The project plans to deliver psychosocial support to approximately 4,500 women and children.

Through PHK's mobile teams and volunteer network, the project will also identify and support 900 of the most vulnerable individuals - including older people, people with disabilities, and women - by distributing personal hygiene kits tailored to their specific needs. In addition, a gender-based violence awareness campaign will be conducted both online and in person, with the aim of reaching more than 1,500 people, as well as a larger number of indirect beneficiaries through posters and informational materials displayed in institutional buildings, shops, markets, and other public spaces.

RISE - EDUCATION SHELTERS FOR SAFETY AND EDUCATIONAL CONTINUITY IN CONFLICTAFFECTED AREAS OF KHARKIV OBLAST

SDG

Goal 4 – Education quality

Project Leader FONDAZIONE AVSI

The project stems from the collaboration between the lead applicant, Fondazione AVSI, the coapplicant Municipality of Bologna, and the local partner Protibni Tut NGO, and builds on the experience gained through support, cooperation, and emergency response activities carried out in the Kharkiv region over the past ten years. The project's Sustainable Development Goal is to improve the accessibility, quality, and safety of educational services for children and adolescents living in areas close to the front line and in regions most affected by ongoing shelling, with particular focus on the city of Kharkiv and the community centre of Vysokopillya, located approximately 70 km from Kharkiv.

The initiative ensures the provision of equipment to 10 schools in Kharkiv and Vysokopillya - attended by a total of approximately 6,000 children - and the training of teaching staff in these institutions, involving around 200 teachers.

Goods and equipment will be supplied for airraid shelters within educational facilities or community centres in Kharkiv and Vysokopillya. In addition, teachers at the Vysokopillya community centre will be trained and equipped (with a projector, screen, and other necessary tools) for the proper and safe management of children in shelters, in order to provide support and ensure continuity of teaching activities even during attacks or airraid alerts.

The project also represents an opportunity to strengthen cooperation and institutional relations between the coapplicant Municipality of Bologna and the Municipality of Kharkiv, two cities linked by a longstanding twinning agreement dating back to 1966.

S.C.U.S.A. - SUMMER CAMP UKRAINE SOLIDARITY AND PARTNERSHIP

SDG **Goal 4 – Education quality**

Project Leader FONDAZIONE AIUTIAMOLI A VIVERE -
COMITATO REGIONALE EMILIA-ROMAGNA

The project was created to offer 60 Ukrainian children from Kharkiv - one of the areas most severely affected by the conflict - an educational and recreational experience in a safe and welcoming environment, while promoting the development of skills and values related to global citizenship, peace, and sustainability. Two monthly Summer Camp sessions, held in July and August at a facility made available by the Municipality of Yasinia (Transcarpathia Region), involve groups of 30 children each, accompanied by two chaperones and two facilitators. The camps provide recreational and educational activities, psychological support, and basic healthcare services. The project aims to strengthen children's relational and social skills, improve their psychophysical wellbeing, foster an inclusive and intercultural learning environment, and disseminate good practices that can be replicated in other educational and humanitarian contexts.

The lead organization, Fondazione Aiutiamoli a Vivere – EmiliaRomagna Regional Committee, is responsible for overall coordination, selection of beneficiaries and educational staff, organization of the camps, monitoring, and final reporting. In collaboration with the Yasinia Hospital, it also ensures health supervision and psychological support for the children. The Municipality of Yasinia provides the hosting facility, manages meal services, contributes to the selection of participant groups, and ensures institutional coordination at the local level. The coapplicant, Pubblica Assistenza di Alfonsine, manages the logistics of material shipments and supports the promotion of the project in Italy. The sports association "Gioco e Vita" Polisportiva of Argenta designs the recreational and motor activities and provides technical and training support to the Summer Camp facilitators. The project is designed to leave a lasting educational and relational legacy, grounded in cooperation, inclusion, and peace.



PAS BURUNDI – SUSTAINABLE FOOD POLICIES IN BURUNDI

SDG **Goal 2 – Zero Hunger**

Country Burundi

The PAS Initiative - Sustainable Food Policies in Burundi contributes to guaranteeing access to healthy, nutritious and sufficient food for all those residing in some municipalities of the provinces of Bujumbura, Burunga and Buhumuza, through the improvement of the local food production system. The general objective of PAS is in line with SDG 2 of the 2030 Agenda, and more specifically with target 2.1 ("By 2030, end hunger and ensure access by all people, in particular the poor and people in vulnerable situations including infants, to safe, nutritious and sufficient food all year round"), proposing to intervene on the possibility of access to food through the structural improvement of the food production system at local level, via the promotion of the effective use of natural and material resources, process and technological innovation, and circular economy. The specific objective, in line with OSS 2.4, is to improve the productiveness of the primary food production systems by reinforcing their climate change adaptation capacity. By making the production systems more resilient and adapted

to climate change (climate variability, climate shock, soil exhaustion, water scarcity, etc.), PAS contributes to guarantee the resilience of the primary production. The beneficiaries of the project, i.e. the small farmers and small breeders of some municipalities of Bujumbura Province, Burunga Province and Buhumuza Province, will see their production capacity maintained and increased, with a significant improvement in access to food and therefore a reduction in food security. Actions on the resilience and resistance of primary productions to climate change also guarantee the sustainability of future use of land and water and contribute to mitigating the effects of climate change by reducing gas emissions from agri-food production plants. In order to support and facilitate the adoption and dissemination of the proposed climate-smart production practices, the structuring of an enabling environment is foreseen by the project, with the creation of mechanisms of public-private collaboration (multi-stakeholder Roundtables) for planning and managing the territorial climate-smart, sustainable and resilient food production systems; the result of the work of the multi-stakeholder Roundtables will be the definition of Territorial strategies on the topic.

SI-CLIMAT – INNOVATIVE SENEGAL FOR A SUSTAINABLE FUTURE

SDG **Goal 11 – Sustainable cities and communities**

Country Senegal

SI-CLIMAT intervenes with a composite and multidisciplinary partnership in three regions of Senegal, to support participatory and integrated institutional processes aimed at the development of Local climate change Adaptation Plans and the execution of concrete adaptation actions. The initiative is based on the territorial partnership between the local administrations of the project target territories (Ville de Thiès, Ville de Pikine and Commune de Toubacouta) and the Emilia-Romagna Region and the partner territorial authorities (Liguria Region, Abruzzo Region, Municipality of Parma), which finds concrete application in the exchange of good practices, in the transfer of experiences and in the accompaniment of the Senegalese partners by

the Italian partners in the identification of endogenous solutions suitable for the territory for the planning of adaptation to climate change. With the ultimate objective of contributing to the general improvement of planning and management mechanisms related to climate change in the Senegalese cities of Pikine, Thiès and Toubacouta (SDG 13.b), SI-CLIMAT focuses on strengthening participatory, democratic and sustainable processes of territorial planning of climate adaptation measures in the target territories (SDG 11.3). It promotes the establishment of multi-actor Consultation Tables that define in a participatory manner and in an integrated and sustainable perspective the climate change adaptation planning tools that each territory needs, based on the path already undertaken. Therefore, the Ville de Thiès is supported in drafting the Local climate change Adaptation Plan, and the Municipality of Toubacouta in the formulation of projects (technical sheets) that implement the strategies of its Local Adaptation Plan; the Ville de Pikine, already equipped with a Local Adaptation Plan complete with concrete projects, is supported in the implementation of an action envisaged by the Plan. In all these actions, the initiative offers strong attention to the valorisation of the natural areas present in the territories: in Pikine, the action of the Plan implemented will be the reforestation of the peri-urban forest of Mbao, while in Toubacouta it will be valorised in the projects linked to the Plan, as well as with specific support actions on the topic of biodiversity protection, the presence in the territory of the Bamboung Community Marine Protected Area. To ensure the endogeneity of the actions in each territory, SI-CLIMAT offers the administrative and technical staff of the targeted administrations a structured training program, created and managed by the Italian and Senegalese partner Universities and also including job-shadowing experiences with Italian institutional partners. SI-CLIMAT focuses on the effective participation of civil society in the target territories in the process of defining the planning tools for adaptation to climate change, with specific attention to the involvement of women and girls, and the groups most vulnerable to the effects of climate change. In fact, thanks to the collaboration of Emilia- Romagna and local CSOs, the initiative proposes in each target territory paths for activating the various expressions of organized civil society and processes for strengthening the capacity of CSOs to act as intermediaries between the public administration and citizens on the topic of adaptation to climate change.

