

# International cooperation projects 2024





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In 2024, the Emilia-Romagna Region focused on supporting regional entities through the annual cooperation call and addressing emergencies in Palestine and Ukraine.

The annual call prioritized Africa, with eligible countries including **Burundi, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Saharawi Refugee Camps and Liberated Territories, Ivory Coast, Ethiopia, Kenya, Lebanon, Morocco, Mozambique, Senegal, and Tunisia.**

A total of **36 projects** were approved, targeting mainly the following sustainable development goals: **SDG 2** Zero Hunger, **SDG 3** Good Health and Well-being, and **SDG 4** Quality Education. The maximum contribution granted was 70%, allowing the inclusion of funds from other sources and systematizing projects to avoid fragmentation.

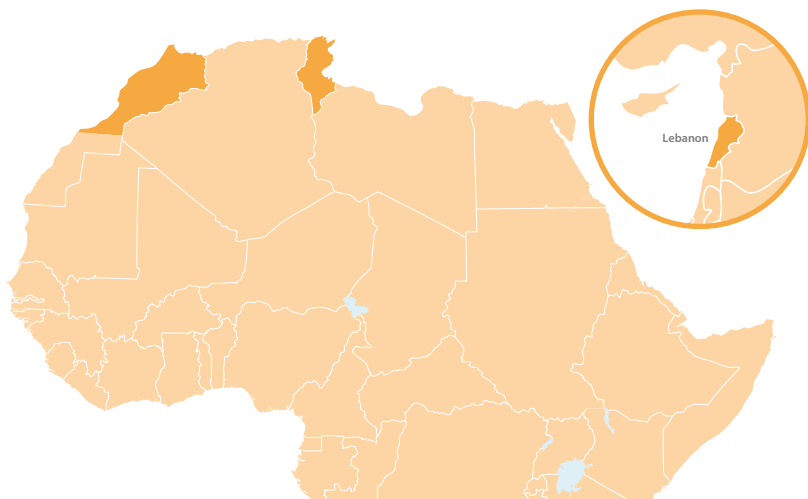
The projects aimed to support work, health, food sovereignty, protection of natural habitats, diversification of productive activities and biodiversity, rights, and democratic peace processes.

Activities in favor of **Ukraine** continued, addressing emergencies such as the purchase of food and essential goods, interventions for minors, securing shelters, provision of hygiene products, blankets, and appropriate clothing, support for the health system, physical rehabilitation services, training programs for women, mental health support for refugees and internally displaced persons, construction of wells and desalination plants, support for women and children, and prevention of anti-personnel mine risks. **9 projects** were approved in different Ukrainian territories.

Following the collaboration agreement signed in 2023 with the Kharkiv region and at the request of the Kharkiv Regional Council **36 children, 4 group leaders and 2 drivers** were welcomed, allowing the minors to spend two weeks engaging in sports and social activities, which was valuable due to their isolation at home.

The war in **Palestine** led to support **an emergency project** in the **Gaza Strip**, providing food aid, hygiene kits, blankets, and aids for people with disabilities.

Emilia-Romagna Region confirmed its commitment to rights, peace policies, and development, reaffirming its international solidarity vocation.



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

● **Promoting inclusive, equitable and quality education in Morocco**

**Goal** SDG 4. Quality Education

**Country** Morocco

**Lead Partner** Cospe - Cooperazione per lo sviluppo dei Paesi emergenti

The project aims to "Contribute to the promotion of quality inclusive education in Morocco" (GO) thanks to the consolidation of a multi-actor, participatory and inclusive territorial ecosystem in educational field, by training in 3 experimental hubs in the provinces of Marrakech, Fes and Casablanca. (SO). The proposed approach views the territories as real laboratories for action-research and social experimentation, aimed at developing new conceptions of inclusive educational and training spaces with a decolonization approach. The project focuses on marginal areas (urban peripheries, rural areas), aiming to experiment with new approaches and methods for the co-construction of school, training, and job orientation environments. These environments are adapted to each person peculiarities, regardless of their needs, disabilities, talents, origins, or living conditions. This work will be carried out by: providing support for the coordination of regional platforms and the implementation of

pilot participatory initiatives for awareness-raising and advocacy to ensure the strengthening of an eco-systemic approach; networking and valorizing good practices, knowledge, and endogenous resources of the territories to promote inclusive education and training; promoting training, information, and research activities; and disseminating reflections and good practices of inclusive pedagogy and incubation at the Mediterranean level. This will allow the experimentation of new approaches and methods for the co-construction of school and training environments adapted to the peculiarities of each person, regardless of their needs, disabilities, talents, origins, or living conditions.

● **Supporting the education and well-being of vulnerable children in Nabatiyeh Governorate**

**Goal**                      SDG 4. Quality Education

**Country**                Lebanon

**Lead Partner:**      Fondazione AVSI

The project will provide a non-formal CB-ECE education cycle for pre-school children, with a special focus on those with learning difficulties or disabilities. It will raise awareness among their parents and caregivers about the importance of education and their support for children during their school career to prevent school dropout. The project is part of a broader Lebanese coordination framework to address the needs and challenges in the field of education and protection of school-age children and minors. In addition to the Regional Refugee and Resilience Plan (3RP), the initiative is aligned with the Lebanon Crisis Response Plan (LCRP) in the Education sector, in line with outcomes 1 and 2. It contributes to greater equity in access, participation, and completion of education for all school-age children in Lebanon, with a special focus on the most vulnerable, through improved quality of educational services.

### ● **Artihub plus - implementation of the internationalization of tunisian craftsmanship**

<b>Goal</b>	SDG 8. Decent work and economic growth
<b>Country</b>	Tunisia
<b>Lead Partner</b>	Organizzazione Overseas per lo sviluppo globale di comunità in Paesi Extraeuropei

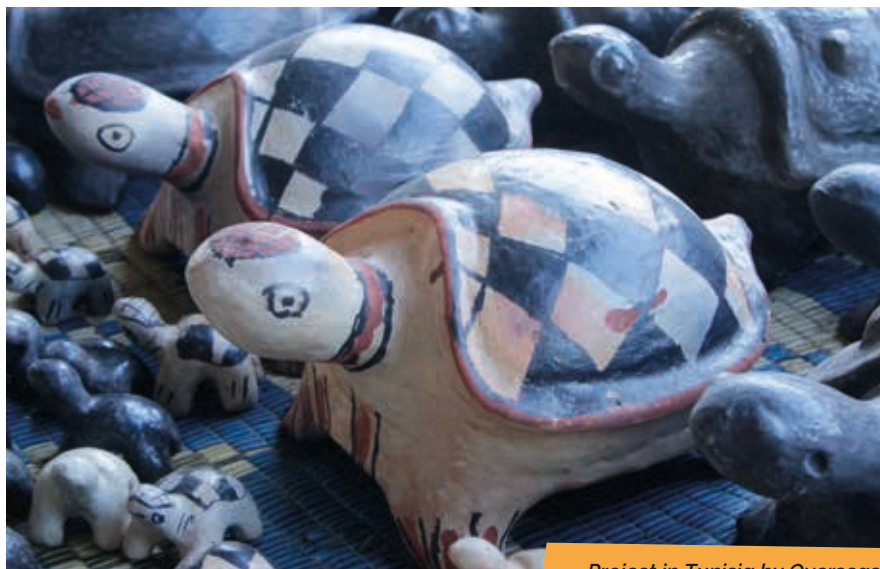
The project will carry out the following actions: integrating different artisanal supply chains through the acquisition of new equipment and the provision of specialized training to improve the quality and finishing of products, making them suitable for marketing in global markets, especially in the fair trade sector; promoting artisanal supply chain products; facilitating the participation of artisan groups in international and local fairs to promote their products and create new trade agreements; strengthening artisanal production through the protection of intellectual property such as trademarks, patents, and designs; obtaining fair trade certification and recognition through the completion of the registration of the multi-service HUB and the commercial brand created with the ARTIHUB project at the WFTO (World Fair Trade Organization).

### ● **A.S.T.R.A. Sustainable food and protection of agroecological resources**

<b>Goal</b>	SDG 8. Decent work and economic growth
<b>Country</b>	Tunisia
<b>Lead Partner</b>	ARCS ARCI Culture solidali APS

The project supports entrepreneurship, especially for women, in agroecology and sustainable production. It connects to a second axis of intervention by ARCS in the same area, focused on environmental awareness, education, and healthy eating. Starting from a pilot experience in rural and peri-urban primary schools in the area, the project has developed strategies to implement, promote, and support community commitment to the redevelopment and care of public spaces and assets. Additionally, seven micro-enterprises and four Agri-





*Project in Tunisia by Overseas*

cultural Development Groups will see their production capacity increase thanks to financial support and business management assistance based on new or revised business plans. These plans include precise indications on social and environmental responsibility actions, such as the rehabilitation or maintenance of community spaces and infrastructures, facilitated by preparatory work with primary schools and communities.

### • **INES - Economic and social inclusion of neets in Tunisia**

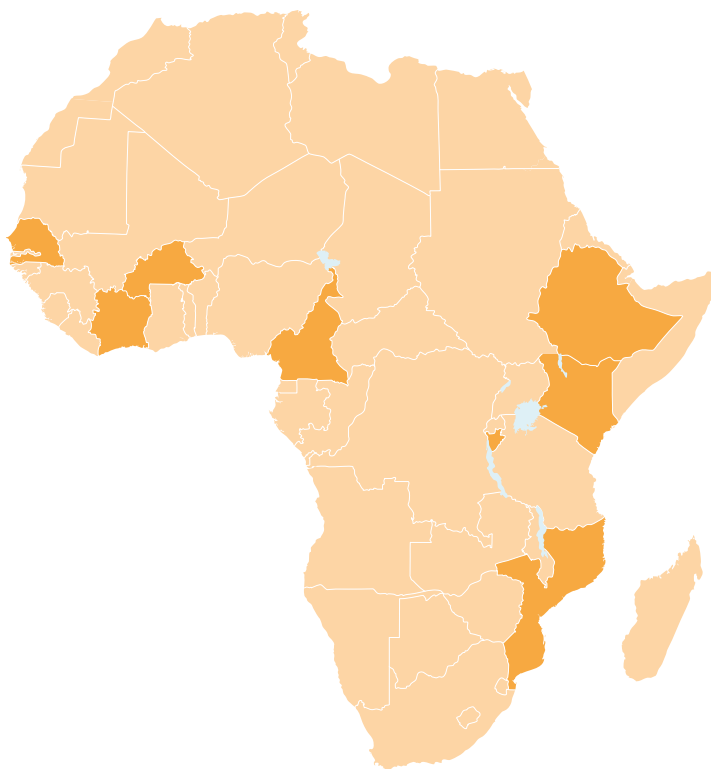
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<b>Country:</b>	Tunisia
<b>Lead Partner</b>	CEFA Comitato Europeo per la Formazione e l'Agricoltura ETS

In the governorates of Bizerte, Beja and Jendouba, the project includes two phases involving NEETs: the first one involves the creation of Territorial Orientation Antennas to identify beneficiaries and provide them with better social and/or economic support that directs them to specific existing services. The se-



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cond one aims to stimulate the creativity, personal and professional growth of young NEETs, promoting their professional integration into Tunisian companies. Cultural workshops and "life skills" training sessions are planned, as culture and art represent inclusion and participation. The artistic and animation workshops are designed to involve young people who have less access to cultural activities, encouraging them to discover and practice the arts. The aim is to stimulate curiosity and promote knowledge sharing and collaboration, valuing the individual, and promoting personal development, a positive attitude towards teamwork, and openness towards others.



**SUB-SAHARAN AFRICA: BURUNDI, BURKINA FASO, CAMEROON, ETHIOPIA, KENYA, MOZAMBIQUE, SENEGAL**

• **Sustainability circles: circular economy, sustainable agriculture and farming in burundi**

**Goal** SDG 2. Zero hunger

**Country** Burundi

**Lead Partner** IBO Italia - ODV-ETS

The "Circles of Sustainability" initiative is promoted by a partnership of 11 actors, and takes place in the Provinces of Bujumbura Rural, Bujumbura Maire, and Rumongo.



*Project in Burundi by IBO Italia*

By involving families of breeders and farmers from peri-urban areas, associations, small businesses, and especially young people engaged in training and education programs, the project develops a series of training and awareness-raising actions to spread improved food production practices (in response to the country's constant food insecurity) that are sustainable in terms of waste reduction and the activation of circular economy mechanisms. Some target groups of farming and breeding families will be supported in starting rabbit breeding and compost production activities, applying strategies and techniques that meet environmental sustainability and the One Health approach. The planned actions in the country will involve an estimated 2,646 people, particularly young people.

## ● CORE - Cultivating resilience in Burkina Faso

<b>Goal</b>	SDG 2. Zero hunger
<b>Country</b>	Burkina Faso
<b>Lead Partner</b>	Fondazione We World - G.v.c. in breve "We World Onlus"

The project aims to contribute to food security, improve nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture for vulnerable families and small farmers in the Municipality of Pabré, through the application of innovative and sustainable agro-ecological techniques. The project will ensure intelligent and sustainable water management, respect for the existing ecosystem, which will allow the production of



*Project in Burkina Faso by We World Onlus*

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vegetables for 96 families of small farmers, increasing agricultural productivity and the income of small-scale producers.

The action contributes also to GOAL SDG 5, promoting actions to combat gender discrimination and actions that promote equal rights to access economic resources, integrating methodologies to encourage women's participation in productive systems.

### ● **Project 61 - Support to the health system with the purchase of a digestive fiberoscopy device and training in its use' - Burkina Faso**

**Goal** SDG 3. Health and Wellbeing

**Country** Burkina Faso

**Lead Partner** Ho avuto sete ODV

The project involves enhancing healthcare assistance for patients at the 'Filles de Saint Camille' medical center in Ouagadougou through the provision of endoscopic equipment and the training of nursing and medical staff. The Goal is to provide the center with a video processor with a light source and a gastroscope to diagnose and treat one of the most severe complications of chronic viral hepatitis: esophageal varices and their bleeding, a dramatic event that is still fatal even in countries with more advanced healthcare. ALMAD has been identified

as a partner for the medical and nursing training of local personnel, as it has been involved in these topics since its foundation and has already participated in international training projects in digestive endoscopy.



*Project in Burkina Faso by Ho avuto sete*





*Project in Burkina Faso by Ho avuto sete*

### ● **Water source of life and development in Cibitoke - Burundi**

**Goal**                      SDG 6. Clean water and sanitation

**Country**                Burundi

**Lead Partner**        Azione per un Mondo Unito ETS

The project involves the construction of 15 "model" ecological latrines and training beneficiaries on their correct use; these latrines have a hygienic-sanitary function and also contribute to environmental protection, thanks to their specific features that transform organic material into agricultural fertilizer. The latrines also play an important role in community mobilization. As "models" built within some of the most active families who will promote their benefits, they become easily replicable within other family units, spreading the results throughout the communities like wildfire.



*Project in Burundi by Azione per un mondo unito*

- **GRAINE - Agriculture, livestock and fish farming for food security in the centre region of Cameroon**

<b>Goal</b>	SDG 2. Zero hunger
<b>Country</b>	Cameroon
<b>Lead partner</b>	ARCS ARCI Culture solidali APS

The initiative focuses on the central region of Cameroon and aims to improve the living conditions of young people in rural areas by strengthening entrepreneurship in high value-added agro-pastoral sectors. It plans to support the start-up or strengthening of remunerative and sustainable productive activities, adapted to the local context, replicable on a large scale, income-generating for the benefit of the populations, and functional to their food security. The following activities are planned: capacity building on business creation and management; technical coaching on cultivation activities (cassava, maize, plantain), poultry farming, and fish farming; material support for the start-up of the fish farming value chain and the consolidation of cultivation and poultry farming value chains; post-installation monitoring of the beneficiaries' productive activities in their respective communities.



### ● **EDU-PRO. Inclusive and accessible education and vocational training**

<b>Goal</b>	SDG 4. Quality Education
<b>Country</b>	Cameroon
<b>Lead partner</b>	Educaid

The initiative aims to improve secondary and vocational training opportunities focused on the access to the labor market for vulnerable people in the Centre Region and particularly in the city of Yaoundé. The project will intervene on two main axes:

1. Strengthening educational inclusivity processes to ensure equal access to secondary and vocational education as a fundamental tool for entering the labor market. Training of Trainers (ToT) actions are planned for coaches and teachers to promote educational inclusion even for the most disadvantaged and vulnerable individuals, so that they can fully train and acquire the necessary skills to enter the labor market.
2. Promoting a job orientation and vocational training service in the capital Yaoundé for the social inclusion of the most vulnerable people, through accompaniment paths, technical training, including on-the-job internships, stages, and work scholarships.

### ● **BEEFBOME - Improving the meat supply chain in Tigray: training as a bridge between veterinary public health and food safety**

<b>Goal</b>	SDG 4. Quality Education
<b>Country</b>	Ethiopia
<b>Lead Partner</b>	Circolo ACLI – Vet For Africa

The project aims to improve the production/logistics and marketing techniques of the local meat supply chain, the project aims also at improving the ability to prevent the transmission of diseases from animals to humans. Another pivotal node of this project is to implement the role of slaughterhouse in the meat supply chain, in addition to the verification of the health of the animal coming

from the primary breeding, of good processing and transformation practices into a healthy and safe product, of diagnosis, control and monitoring of animal diseases in the area, eventually promoting of specific training for operators in the sector.

- **REACT phase 2 - Promoting climate change resilience, strengthening food security and agricultural income for youth and rural communities in Dawro Konta, Hadiya and Oromia Regions, Ethiopia**

<b>Goal</b>	SDG 2. Zero Hunger
<b>Country</b>	Ethiopia
<b>Lead Partner</b>	Parma per gli altri – ODV

The project aims to the improvement of living conditions, community development and the capacity for resilience to climate change of rural communities in the selected intervention territories; several activities are planned: strengthening the capacity to adapt to climate change, enhancing skills in protecting the environmental heritage and raising awareness of the benefits of forestry care for the community of Gassa; the project also aims to increase community cohesion, economic productivity, food security levels for farmers and their families, through the diversification of food sources and income related to agroforestry and sustainable agriculture practices.



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### ● **Nurturing care, nutrition, women's economic empowerment and mental health in Ethiopia**

<b>Goal</b>	SDG 3 – Health and wellbeing
<b>Country</b>	Ethiopia
<b>Lead Partner</b>	Cittadinanza Onlus

The project will help to ensure the necessary conditions for children as far as nutrition, safety, responsive parenting and learning opportunities are concerned. This approach is crucial for children with developmental difficulties and disabilities, as well as for the prevention of abuse. The intervention will focus on three main areas: mental health, nurturing care and nutrition and female empowerment, to create an environment conducive to the development and well-being of children and their caregivers, especially women.

Cittadinanza ONLUS, together with St. Luke Hospital and the AUSL of Romagna will launch interventions aimed at improving the diagnosis, care and adherence to treatment of patients with mental and neurological disorders at hospitals and health centers in the areas of Wolisso and Emdibir. Special attention will be paid to the prevention of suicide in the female population.

### ● **Mechanization of teff threshing and experimentation on acacias for cattle feed for the nutrition of Kidane Mehret hospital patients**

<b>Goal</b>	SDG 2. Zero hunger
<b>Country:</b>	Ethiopia
<b>Lead Partner</b>	Amici di Adwa ETS

The project aims to the production yield of native crops and to sustainable exploitation of resources offered by the spontaneous vegetation of the Tigray region, in northern Ethiopia. By supplying two small threshers to farmers in the Adwa area, the aim is to increase the teff harvest while avoiding waste, dispersion, and bacterial contamination typical of traditional threshing. The same machines will also be able to thresh barley, wheat, seeds and legumes of any diameter thanks to differentiated sieves.



By experimenting with some native species of acacias, the aim is to evaluate the potential of using their seeds in cattle feed to reduce farming costs and to enhance the value of a resilient type of plant that grows spontaneously in the area. With a feasibility mission, the aim is to also assess the water needs of the villages around Adwa for a possible future well drilling or canalization project. By involving local farmers, the hope is to trigger a virtuous circle of collaboration between the Kidane Mehret mission center and those who live on subsistence farming: improving yield per



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hectare and lowering production costs, with a view to environmental and social sustainability. In particular, in a socio-economic reality marked by the recent civil conflict, the aim is to lay the foundations for improving the income and working and living conditions of small farming families, with special attention to war widows and victims of gender-based violence, ensuring the Kidane Mehret hospital a small supply of teff and cattle feed, for the benefit of the hospital's patients (meals and milk for mothers, children, etc.)."

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## ● **Food Powered - Food preservation for women engaged in rural development**

<b>Goal</b>	SDG 2. Zero hunger
<b>Country</b>	Kenya
<b>Lead Partner</b>	Overseas per lo sviluppo globale di comunità in paesi extraeuropei ETS

The project aims to improve food security in the communities of West Pokot County in response to the challenges posed by climate change and seasonal variations. Its main goal is to improve continuous access to food by strengthening the resilience of local communities. At the same time, the project focuses on women's empowerment, involving women as key figures in agricultural development and food security. The project includes a significant component of technical-practical training specifically for women on food preservation and sustainable cultivation, also aimed at resilience to climate change, combating land degradation, soil erosion, and desertification. The training will be carried out in collaboration with the local partner, the Wei Wei Women Group Association (W/WWG), which will also benefit from a capacity-building session for its trainers. The initial phase of the project will therefore focus on disseminating advanced food preservation techniques through a cascade training approach. The second phase involves the creation of community gardens and practical demonstrations on sustainable cultivation techniques to increase the efficiency of poor water resources, improve soil fertility, and mitigate the effects of land degradation and soil erosion through a rational choice of species and cultivation techniques. At the same time, 1,000 community gardens will be developed and managed by the beneficiary women, and technical means will be provided, and small irrigation systems and water use optimization systems will be installed. Finally, the project includes the organization of visibility events, also in the country of intervention: a Recognition Ceremony will be organized to reward the women and communities that have excelled in implementing the learned practices. The ceremony will be held in Sigor, at the local partner's headquarters, with the participation of local institutions.

### ● **Milk and Coffee: a blend of opportunities**

**Goal**                      SDG 2. Zero Hunger

**Country**                Kenya

**Lead Partner**        Mani Tese Ets

The initiative aims to address challenges in the coffee and milk sectors, two pillars of the local and national economy. Although both sectors offer opportunities for economic growth, they are hampered by a low level of productivity due to issues related to traditional agricultural practices, the increasingly harmful effects of climate change and the lack of adequate infrastructure. The project aims to improve the productivity and competitiveness of small-scale coffee and milk producers, through interventions that include improving skills and knowledge in terms of agricultural practices and access to new financing and markets. In particular, the project focuses on identifying and promoting traditional and innovative agricultural techniques that promote environmental sustainability and community well-being. Through the implementation of the project, it aims to strengthen food self-sufficiency, promote the conservation of natural resources and contribute to the economic growth and well-being of beneficiary communities in Kenya and Italy.

### ● **Proaci - Promoting access to water and food for agro-pastoral communities in Isiolo County**

**Goal**                      SDG 2. Zero hunger

**Country**                Kenya

**Lead Partner**        LVIA ETS - Associazione internazionale volontari laici

The project aims to contribute to the sustainable improvement of food security in Isiolo County with an integrated multi-sectoral approach (agricultural, social, water and hygiene) combining Nutrition Sensitive actions on 3 main axes, intrinsically linked:

1. agricultural production, to strengthen crops suited to the specific context and support the community in food production in terms of variety, quantity and



quality, to promote a balanced diet at local level and sales possibilities on the market, inspired by the principles of agroecology.

2. Strengthening agro-entrepreneurship and the local food system by involving vulnerable groups to enhance the role of young people and women in local agricultural and agro-pastoral production, strengthening climate SMART value chains with high nutritional values and commercial potential.
3. Water and Hygiene, through an improved access to clean water for human consumption (with a direct impact on nutrition), but also for agricultural development and animal consumption, with great attention to local governance systems, and through an intervention aimed to improve hygiene standards and water resource management mechanisms for the benefit of the communities involved.

● **Sowing the future: promoting sustainable agricultural development and access to nutritious food in Gatab village, Marsabit County, Kenya**

<b>Goal</b>	SDG 2. Zero hunger
<b>Country</b>	Kenya
<b>Lead Partner</b>	Condivisione fra i popoli

Improving food access for students at the primary school in the village of Gatab, in Marsabit County (northern Kenya), through agricultural and educational interventions is the main aim of the project. To ensure at least partially autonomous supply and provide children with access to vegetables (which has not been available until now), it is necessary to create a garden with a farm within its premises. This will reduce cases of malnutrition among children, consequently increasing their attendance rate and improving their academic performance. To achieve this Goal, in line with Sustainable Development Goal 2, it is necessary to rehabilitate the existing water system so that water reaches the school premises. Once the water system is rehabilitated, a garden project will be initiated. To ensure full involvement of the school staff and the sustainability of the project, teachers and the cook will receive specific training from experts

(nutritionists and farmers) on the importance of vegetables, food access, and proper nutrition.

### ● **RISE - Resilience, entrepreneurship, security and equity: a gender transformative approach to promote equitable and sustainable development in Kenya**

<b>Goal</b>	SDG 5. Gender Equality
<b>Country</b>	Kenya
<b>Lead Partner</b>	Comitato internazionale per lo sviluppo dei popoli – CISP

The project aims to promote gender equality through an integrated multisectoral approach, empowering women with tools and resources to become agents of change in their communities and addressing negative social norms.

The project proposes different actions to support women and girls in Kakamega, Tana River, and West Pokot counties. These actions include mentoring adolescent mothers to inform them about gender-based violence and their rights, promoting positive masculinity and empowering girls through awareness activities, and creating school clubs to discuss mutual respect and prevent discrimination and violence. Additionally, the project supports female students in the only high school for girls in the Kilauea plateau, enhancing agricultural education and income through climate-smart agriculture initiatives.

The project also aims to improve nutritional levels and access to food for mothers and tutors of female students in the Kilauea plateau, strengthening their economic independence. It focuses on managing natural resources, making women and youth key players in water resource management. Furthermore, the project supports women's financial autonomy by creating and training savings and loan groups, enabling access to credit and income diversification to enhance economic resilience.

Overall, the project seeks to create a supportive environment for women and girls, promoting gender equality and improving their living conditions and opportunities in Kenya.

● **STEPS - Strengthening nutrition, health and psychosocial support, empowerment and inclusive education of children with disabilities and their families in Nairobi and Kajado counties**

**Goal** SDG 3. Health and wellbeing

**Country** Kenya

**Lead Partner** Cittadinanza Onlus

STEPS promotes the access to health and education for children with disabilities and their families as its main goal. The action is inspired by the principles of the Nurturing Care approach (WHO, 2018) applied to early childhood development, particularly important for children with neurodevelopmental difficulties or disabilities. As recommended by this approach, the project aims to promote a multi-sectoral intervention that includes the different components of nurturing care, health, nutrition, early learning, protection and safety and responsive parenting and that promotes both the healthy development of the individual child, as well as the empowerment of families and the strengthening of local capacities and actors.



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- **Community care: food security and quality education for shelter children's home students and the Kajiado community**

<b>Goal</b>	SDG 2. Zero hunger
<b>Country</b>	Kenya
<b>Lead Partner</b>	Amici dei popoli ETS

The aim of the project is, on one hand, to contribute to the food security of the most vulnerable groups and on the other hand equal access to quality education for the students of the school managed by the local partner Shelter Children's Home, with a cross-cutting focus on Goal 5. The planned activities are, awareness-raising in Emilia-Romagna, production of vegetables to face the needs of the Center and the community and Training of teachers and adaptation of school spaces. Thanks to the developed network of partners, food security will be guaranteed for 300 students and 200 vulnerable families of the surrounding community by the support of production of local vegetables and their irrigation. 15 teachers of the local school will increase their knowledge and skills, through the implementation of 6 training courses and 1 workshop; in addition, to promote equal access to quality education, an additional classroom will be built.

## ● **Onda Sustentável - Green and blue economy para as costas de Cabo Delgado and Quirimbas**

<b>Goal</b>	SDG 13. Climate Action
<b>Country</b>	Mozambique
<b>Lead Partner</b>	ISCOS Emilia-Romagna ETS

The project aims to contribute to the sustainable economic and social development of the coastal communities of Cabo Delgado and Quirimbas through the protection of marine ecosystems and the enhancement of income diversification systems to reduce the environmental impact of intensive fishing. It also aims to improve working conditions and reduce environmental damage caused by the extractive industry on the coast. The districts of Ibo and Metuge in the province of Cabo Delgado base their economy mainly on agriculture and fishing. Specifically, school environmental clubs will be created, documentary screenings will be organized, and recycling and cleaning activities in natural areas will be promoted. Additionally, the project will strengthen networking between local civil society organizations already involved in the protection of threatened marine species, such as sea turtles, to improve the circulation of information and promote joint awareness-raising actions.

## ● **Food: cultivating biodiversity**

<b>Goal</b>	SDG 2. Zero Hunger
<b>Country</b>	Mozambique
<b>Lead Partner</b>	Mani tese ETS

The project is a synergistic intervention aimed at promoting food sustainability and the economic empowerment of producers through an integrated approach to agroecology and animal husbandry. The project also commits to supporting climate change adaptation programs and policies, such as reforestation and urban environmental regeneration. Additionally, it promotes gender equality by actively involving communities and institutions through a participatory





*Project in Kenya by Amici dei popoli*

approach. The Goal is to enable the beneficiaries and citizens of Quelimane to diversify their available resources and improve the quality of products, thereby promoting greater social and economic inclusion.

This project aims also to promote local actions and exchanges of experiences and best practices between Italy and Mozambique to improve sustainable production and consumption styles. This exchange of knowledge and potential will also be brought to Emilia-Romagna through dedicated events and training sessions that will showcase the work done in the region.

● **Terris - Towards a sustainable future: women, environment and innovation in rural communities in Senegal**

<b>Goal</b>	SDG 2. Zero hunger
<b>Country</b>	Senegal
<b>Lead Partner</b>	Mani Associazione di cooperazione internazionale decentrata

Terris is based on enhancing local development through promotional activities and supporting agricultural income, education, and the right to health. It also promotes the empowerment of women and young people, the development of intervention strategies, and bottom-up development policies. Pivotal points, which emerged from the interaction with women's associations characterized by the highest level of militancy in the territory, will be: 1) The decentralization of activities in the peripheral villages of the territories of Pire and Thienaba, to strengthen the sense of community and address the elements that make them culturally marginalized realities, focusing on services and income levels; 2) The implementation of prevention strategies for female pathologies and responses to the ongoing issues of child malnutrition, using innovative methods.

- **Cheminement: Process of protection of natural habitats integrated with diversification of productive activities for the populations of Casamance and Kaffrine in Senegal**

<b>Goal</b>	SDG 2. Zero Hunger
<b>Country</b>	Senegal
<b>Lead Partner</b>	ISCOS Emilia-Romagna ETS

The project includes a series of activities based on the protection of habitats for animal and plant species, on the direct involvement of communities in decision-making and territorial governance processes for the implementation of the selected strategies and finally, on the possibilities for local populations to generate income through new economic activities. Among the planned activities there are: the reforestation of mangroves by young people; the delimitation of a protected area for manatees; and genetic analysis of species at risk of extinction for their specific identification. One action will focus on the development and promotion of ecological and sustainable tourism, generating economic benefits for the community and contributing to environmental protection.



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● **Doole Fonio! Strengthening the fonio supply chain in the Kedougou region, Senegal**

**Goal** SDG 2. Zero hunger

**Country** Senegal

**Lead Partner** Mani Tese Ets

The proposed project aims to strengthen the fonio supply chain and is structured around four main activities: project coordination, awareness-raising in Emilia-Romagna, organizational strengthening, and support for the harvest phase of the fonio producers' network, as well as the processing and marketing of fonio. Effective project coordination, along with the strengthening and reorganization of the producers' network into a cooperative and the establishment of a processing unit to convert fonio paddy into pre-cooked fonio, will generate



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income for workers in the supply chain and ensure economic self-sufficiency and food security for 1,000 farming families in 62 villages in the Kédougou region. The impact is significant in terms of both food security and increased income. The agroecological approach guarantees the environmental, social, and economic sustainability of the intervention, aligning with the agricultural traditions of the 'fonio populations' (Be-

dict, Bassari, Peulh, Dialounké, Malinké), who do not use synthetic inputs and have a strong respect for nature.



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## ● Circular economy initiatives for sustainable development in Senegal - phase 2

<b>Goal</b>	SDG 8. Decent work and economic growth
<b>Country</b>	Senegal
<b>Lead Partner</b>	LVIA ETS - Associazione internazionale volontari laici

The project will build on and deepen the results of the project "Circular economy initiatives for sustainable development in Senegal" carried out in Thiès by the LVIA between the end of 2021 and the beginning of 2023, and which had as a main result the opening of four kiosks for the collection of plastic waste, managed by young people in collaboration with PROPLAST, the company founded in the late 1990s from an initiative of the LVIA and which has become, also thanks to the support of the Emilia-Romagna Region, a national leader in the plastic recycling sector. Today, given the positive impact of the previous initiative, LVIA intends to expand the area of intervention to the entire Thiès region and support young entrepreneurs who have started, or are starting, economic activities through training, support and equipment. The activities are based on the principles of the circular economy, not exclusively aimed at plastic recycling, innovative supply chains will be identified for Senegal, in eco-construction, fashion and design fields. 30 young micro-entrepreneurs will be given the opportunity to participate in a training course on circular economy, three of them will be offered the possibility of benefiting



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from personalized "coaching" until the end of the project and will be also receive the equipment that can be used to increase their production capacity.

● **Cultivating hope: inclusion and sustainability for the youth of the Buntu Yaakaar disabled centre**

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

**Country** Senegal

**Lead Partner** Caritas children ETS

The main goal of this project is to promote the social inclusion and autonomy of young people with disabilities, facilitating the socio-professional integration of 10 young people with disabilities from the "Buntu Yaakaar" center through the acquisition of agricultural and artisanal skills while simultaneously reducing water consumption for sustainable agriculture. The project plans to install a drip irrigation system with a water tower in the cultivated field of the 'Buntu Yaakaar' center. The Goal of this activity is to improve water efficiency and agricultural productivity of the cultivated field (covering an area of 1 hectare). The project also aims to improve the educational service offered by the center through continuous training of the staff in sign language and disability management, to enhance the quality of education.



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● **Une creche a nursery for children: free women at work**

<b>Goal</b>	SDG 4. Quality Education
<b>Country</b>	Senegal
<b>Lead Partner</b>	APS Global Solidarietà

The project aims to contribute to the development of the Thies-Nones region, by supporting a preschool and thus promoting quality, equitable, and inclusive education, as well as new learning opportunities for all the children who attend it. Educational materials, furniture, and classroom furnishings, tools, and utensils necessary for the proper functioning of the facility will be collected and delivered. Additionally, a training program dedicated to the school staff will be planned to enhance the preparation of the educational team. In fact, the school currently has only one teacher funded by the state; the others are parents, volunteers, and people who help when they can. This makes it difficult to ensure continuity in education for the children, and the quality of education suffers due to the lack of qualified personnel. Another intervention concerns the local health district and the issue of health. Hospital and reception facilities that take care of the sick will be supported. Interventions that can alleviate the heavy and recurring health burdens faced by vulnerable populations, especially women, children, and people with chronic diseases, by providing medical materials and health supplies that are difficult to find and supporting the facilities. In general, the initiatives will pay particular attention to the vulnerable, health and well-being, youth, and women."

● **Agroecological transition as an answer to climate change to promote food security, health and well-being in rural villages of the Municipality of Diaroumé (Senegal)**

<b>Goal</b>	SDG 3. Health and wellbeing
<b>Country</b>	Senegal
<b>Lead Partner</b>	CosmoHELP Associazione ODV

The project aims to improve the socio-economic and environmental conditions and the quality of life of the communities in the Municipality of Diaroumé (Senegal) through agroecology training and the professional integration of women and young people, as well as strengthening the local work network. Specifically, the project intends to train 30 women and young people (individuals in precarious economic situations) in agroecology professions, accompany them into working life (incubation, coaching, formalization, and organic certification) to support food security and the well-being of local communities; and, more generally, sustainable local development strategies, solidarity, and cooperation between Italy and Senegal through training, formalization, information, awareness-raising, and research activities.

● **FAIRE: training, animation, employment, network, emancipation**

<b>Goal</b>	SDG 8. Decent work and economic growth
<b>Country</b>	Senegal
<b>Lead Partner</b>	Centro Studi cooperazione internazionale e migrazione società cooperativa sociale Onlus

With the aim of stimulating the sustainable economy, supporting access to employment and improving the working conditions of young people and women, the project proposes technical support and financing on a double level, on one hand the involvement of local civil society organizations in designing and creating useful services for job placement of young people and women facing vulnerable situations in the green economy sector (circular economy / waste management / urban and extra-urban green management), on the

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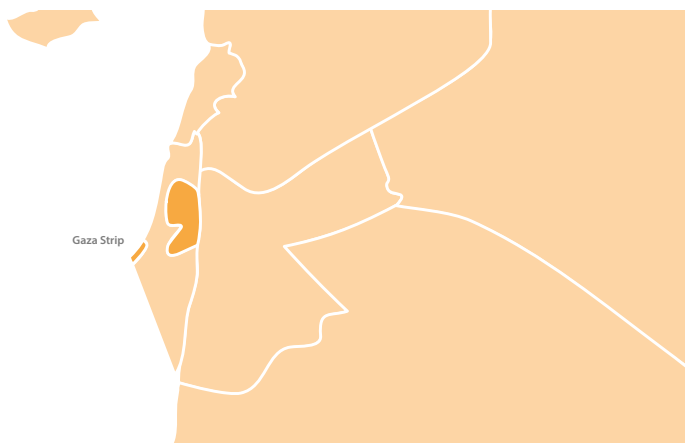
other hand creating opportunities for self-employment and business, especially social and solidarity enterprises, which have a strong collective governance dimension and attention to social and environmental sustainability.



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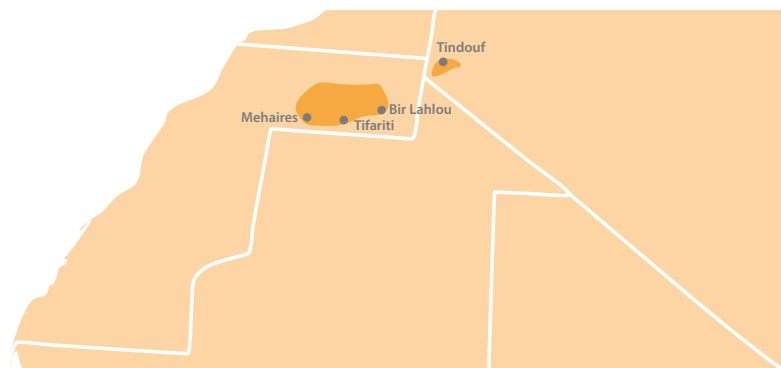
### PALESTINIAN AUTONOMOUS TERRITORIES AND GAZA STRIP

- **LEAD – LEAVING no one behind: Personalized Response to the Humanitarian Emergency in Palestine**

<b>Goal</b>	SDG 2. Zero hunger
<b>Country</b>	Palestinian Autonomous Territories and Gaza Strip
<b>Lead Partner</b>	Educaid

The project proposal stems from the relentless fieldwork and need assessment carried out by the involved partners, with the aim of addressing specific primary needs identified among women, minors, and people with disabilities who are in conditions of extreme vulnerability, particularly regarding food security, the lack of hygiene and sanitation products and basic services, and levels of psychosocial stress and trauma.

All the involved partners have strong operational capabilities on the ground, a network of stable collaborations with other stakeholders and humanitarian response mechanisms. The methodological approach places the individual at the center of the intervention, beneficiaries are selected in concert with the partners, with priority given to women and people with disabilities. The intervention is integrated with other initiatives carried out by the involved partners and interacts with the network of specialized service providers through the referral mechanisms in which they are included.



### SAHARAWI REFUGEE CAMPS AND LIBERATED TERRITORIES

- **Rights future freedom: for an inclusive Sahrawi society**

**Goal** SDG 4. Quality Education

**Country** Saharawi refugee camps

**Lead Partner** Comitato internazionale per lo sviluppo dei popoli - CISP

The actions aim to support the living conditions and educational inclusion of new displaced persons from Western Sahara, assisting the most vulnerable children with interventions to support situations of educational fragility, such as school accompaniment for situations of fragility and risk of dropout. He-

alth prevention in schools will be promoted as an integral part of education through awareness-raising actions and updating staff skills. Additionally, support will be provided to families of new displaced persons from Western Sahara, aiming to improve their living conditions and educational inclusion by verifying the qualitative and quantitative adequacy of the sup-

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plied goods and their correspondence with prioritized vulnerabilities. Finally, the effectiveness and efficiency of resilient monitoring based on women's empowerment will be strengthened.



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### ● **LA.SA - Work, health and food sovereignty in Saharawi refugee camps**

<b>Goal</b>	SDG 2. Zero hunger
<b>Country</b>	Saharawi refugee camps
<b>Lead Partner</b>	Nexus Solidarietà internazionale Emilia-Romagna

LA.SA aims at the improvement of the nutritional status, health, productivity, and socio-economic conditions of the Saharawi population through the implementation of training courses, women's empowerment, capacity building, agricultural practices, and support for sustainable local food production. With the start of forage cultivation, a public sheep and goat farm established in 2022 in N'jeila thanks to the Integrated & Sustainable Farming project, which distributes milk and animals to vulnerable families, will be supported. Currently, the farm is facing difficulties due to the rising cost of forage. This activity will allow the continued distribution of milk and animals. In parallel, with incentives for veterinary staff from the Ministry of Public Health and the purchase of materials, an extraordinary awareness campaign on brucellosis and the risks associated with free grazing will be supported, improving its effectiveness to ensure consumer health and animal productivity.

### ● **Support for the activity of the medical production laboratory in the Saharawi refugee camps in Algeria**

**Goal**                      SDG 3. Health and wellbeing

**Country:**                Saharawi refugee camps

**Lead Partner**        Comune di Albinea

The project, which aims to contribute to increasing the availability and rational use of essential medicines produced locally, wants to respond to an express request for help from the Ministry of Public Health of the R.A.S.D. and from the operators of the "M Embarek Fakal-la" drug production laboratory. The project action intends to intervene on some specific health problems and takes into account the difficulties arising from the exile in which the Saharawi population has been forced to live for over 40 years:

- total dependence on humanitarian aid
- the shortage of essential medicines.

Strengthening the health system can have positive effects on the general state of health of the population, which has long been forced into a situation characterized by great precariousness.

### ● **Infant-maternal health and school interaction in the Saharawi refugee camps**

**Goal**                      SDG 3. Health and Wellbeing

**Country:**                Saharawi refugee camps

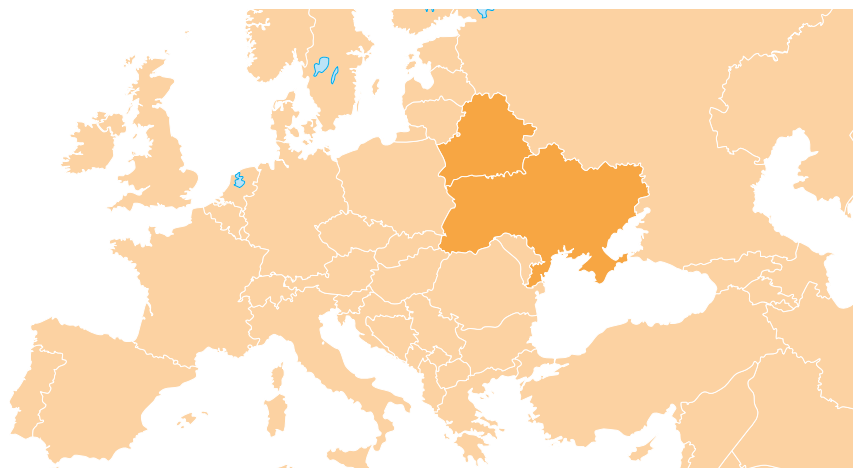
**Lead Partner**        Associazione Kabara Lagdaf ODV

The main goal of the project is 'Ensuring health and well-being for all and at all ages' through priority support to the Saharawi health system and, in particular, the protection of maternal and child health. To achieve this, several activities have been planned to continue the numerous projects carried out in previous years. Specifically, IN-MA HANDS consists of four activities. The first activity is related to coordination and is essential for the proper organization of management and constant monitoring of the operational and accounting

progress of the project. The second activity focuses on visibility and awareness in Emilia-Romagna, aiming to inform citizens about the context of intervention, the project themes, and the cooperation activities conducted by the partners and the RER. The third activity highlights the key roles of the School Health Commission (CSS) and the Gynecological Commission (CG). The CSS, with the provision of financial, instrumental, and material resources, will implement prevention and diagnosis actions through specialist visits (general, ophthalmology, stomatology, ultrasound, urology, dentistry) for minors attending the 61 schools and education centers for children with disabilities in the 5 wilayat of the Saharawi refugee camps. Furthermore, the CSS will compile a health booklet for each child screened and will communicate all collected data to the Saharawi Ministry of Health, highlighting cases that require further treatment.



*Project in Saharawi by Associazione Kabara Lagdaf*



## UKRAINE

- **FUN - Socio-educational recovery for minors victims of war and residents of Kharkiv and Poltava oblasts**

**Goal** SDG 4 Quality Education

**Country** Ukraine

**Lead Partner** Fondazione AVSI



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The aim of this project is to improve accessibility to educational and psychosocial services by organizing educational and protection activities for at least 80 vulnerable minors (11-15 years old) coming from the regions most affected by the conflict and subject to increasing bombing in the Oblasts of Kharkiv and Pol-





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tava. The beneficiary children will participate in a summer camp organized with an art therapy approach. The intervention includes the provision of educational, recreational, and psychosocial services to improve the socio-psycho-physical well-being of the beneficiaries. Cases that require specialized mental health services and psychosocial support will be identified by a psychologist and a group of educators.

#### ● **F4U - Food for Ukraine**

<b>Goal</b>	SDG 2. Zero hunger
<b>Country</b>	Ukraine
<b>Lead Partner</b>	Fondazione Aiutiamoli a vivere - Comitato regionale Emilia-Romagna

The aim of the “Food For Ukraine” project is to provide assistance to the civilian population, displaced persons and refugees in the Ukrainian territory through the distribution of meals and basic necessities. The expected result is to reach at least 1000 refugee families settled in Transcarpathia and 2500 people in difficulty on the front line. The project activity includes the transport and provision of food, water, medicines, medical supplies and basic necessities collected by the Association during all our activities. The beneficiaries are the population in

difficulty welcomed in Transcarpathia and the refugees who still live in the red zone of the conflict.

### ● **UA.SANITÀ24 - Health on the move: health support for Ukraine**

**Goal** SDG 3. Health and wellbeing

**Country** Ukraine

**Lead Partner** Bambini nel Deserto

This project is in line with regional priorities that emphasize improving access to essential health services for people affected by the conflict.

1. Support to the health system: The project includes the provision of 4 ambulances and medical supplies, thus strengthening the Ukrainian health system and improving assistance to the civilian population;
2. Assistance to the civilian population: It focuses on direct assistance to citizens, responding to the immediate needs highlighted during the Ukraine Country Roundtable;
3. Emergency Interventions: It reflects the invitation of the Regional Council to present emergency projects to promptly respond to the challenges posed by the crisis.

After the arrival and registration formalities in Chernovohrad, the ambulances were officially handed over to the designated hospitals with the support of the personnel from Bambini nel Deserto Ukraine. At the same time, the medical and health materials collected in Italy were also delivered. These materials, transported along with the ambulances, were entrusted to the Ukrainian project partners, who proceeded with their distribution following the directives of the Chernovohrad Health Department, ensuring that the aid reached the facilities and patients most in need.

## ● #AIDUKRAINIAN24 - multisectoral aid to the ukrainian population

**Goal** SDG 3. Health and wellbeing

**Country** Ukraine

**Lead Partner** IBO ITALIA - ODV-ETS

The aim of the project is contributing to alleviate the difficult conditions experienced by the most vulnerable Ukrainian population in the Chernivtsi region, with a high presence of internally displaced persons and returnees. The specific objective is to improve the living conditions and well-being of 1,100 vulnerable members of the population (minors, women, elderly and people with disabilities), through the provision of humanitarian aid and psychosocial support interventions. The project is divided into 3 activities: A1 - Coordination; A2 - Support for minors and parenting through Summer Camps, a theater workshop for minors and families, and an after-school program in the period from September to December; A3 - Multi-sector emergency aid to the most vulnerable Ukrainian population through recreational and occupational activities for the elderly, and the provision of blankets and vouchers to purchase medicines for displaced families, refugees and fragile residents, elderly, IDPs, women and people with disabilities.

## ● AFCA - Agape For Children Autonomy

**Goal** SDG 3 Health and wellbeing

**Country** Ukraine

**Lead Partner** San Gaetano società cooperativa sociale

The Agape Center actively works in the field of rights for people with disabilities, offering rehabilitation programs for children in the city of Khmelnytskyi. A summer camp is proposed as a socializing experience, with educational approaches, targeted methodologies, and the enhancement of autonomy through a proactive approach, supporting families and individual users. The 'social center'

is an activity that complements educational actions, serving as a privileged place to trace paths of barrier-free daily life, facilitating behaviors and sequences of autonomy, offering personalized approaches. An initial experiment aimed at subsequent effects not only in a daytime setting but also residential, designed to accompany, both psychologically and practically, people with disabilities and their families in jointly planning housing solutions.

### ● **SALUS - Health on stage: medicines and theatre for the well-being of ukrainian children - Ukraine**

<b>Goal</b>	SDG 3. Health and wellbeing
<b>Country</b>	Ukraine
<b>Lead Partner</b>	Associazione Mriya – ODV

The "SALUS" project aims to provide psychological support and emotional well-being to children living in Boyarka, Ukraine, a community severely affected by the war. Among the countless consequences, the traumatic conditions of fear and deprivation that Ukrainians are experiencing will have a profound impact on their mental health, especially in terms of depression, anxiety and post-traumatic stress disorder. The Goal is to intervene with a group of 50 children, offering them a series of activities aimed at improving their psychological well-being. These activities include providing essential health medications, organizing a "summer camp" to provide a moment of distraction and relief from the conflict situation, and conducting theater workshops focused on processing children's experiences and preventing the danger posed by landmines.

● **Chervona Kalyna 2 - Psychosocial, educational and recreational support for children and young victims of the conflict in Ukraine**

**Goal**                      SDG 3. Health and Wellbeing

**Country**                Ukraine

**Lead Partner**        Papa Giovanni XXIII

The main goal of the project is to provide psychosocial, educational and recreational support to children and young people affected by the conflict in Ukraine.

The specific objectives of the project are:

1. To improve the psychosocial well-being of vulnerable children and young people in Mykolaiv by organizing summer recreational centers in safe areas of the country,
2. To strengthen the provision of educational services and learning support for the most vulnerable children in Mykolaiv,
3. To promote the psychosocial well-being of vulnerable children in Odessa through access to protected spaces, psychosocial protection services and non-formal education activities.

The project will adequately equip the center, providing it with materials and equipment necessary for the activities, which will then be donated so that they can be used by the beneficiaries even after the project's conclusion.

● **Help Ukraine 4 - Forlì continues to support vulnerable populations - school camp for education in sport, safety, life and peace**

<b>Goal</b>	SDG 3 Health and Wellbeing
<b>Country</b>	Ukraine
<b>Lead Partner</b>	Comune di Forlì

The main goal of Help Ukraine 4 is to give continuity to the previous humanitarian assistance projects implemented by the Municipality of Forlì aimed at protecting vulnerable children.

The necessary equipment to set up a summer school camp will be provided. The activities of the summer camp will focus on intensely involving the children in sports, recreational activities, learning about individual and group safety rules, self-rescue and third-party rescue, as well as addressing major themes on respect for life and peace culture. Furthermore, hygiene products for personal and environmental use and food supplies necessary for the stay at the summer school camp will be provided, considering the importance of ensuring safe nutrition suitable for developmental ages, also through training by volunteers. Videos and brochures dedicated to the children will be prepared, including educational/informative moments and discussions on the prevention of risks caused by anti-personnel mines and explosive traps.



- **Hope for life: life expectancy for Ukrainian newborns**

<b>Goal</b>	SDG 3 Health and Wellbeing
<b>Country</b>	Ukraine
<b>Lead Partner</b>	Associazione La Fenice - E.T.S.

The project aims to support the largest and main regional children's hospital in the Dnipropetrovsk region: the regional medical center for family health. The hospital provides medical care to the region's children, families of internally displaced persons and children brought to the hospital from the frontline regions: Zaporizhzhia and Donetsk, as the city of Dnipro is the mostly stable city closest to the frontline. General objective of the initiative is to support the health/medical system, ensure the health and well-being of the most fragile groups, through sending donations for the purchase of medicines and medical equipment. The recipient of the donations is the neonatal department and the pediatric intensive care unit of the Dnipro hospital.





