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SDGs Annual Report 2017

OUR CONTRIBUTION TO A MORE SUSTAINABLE WORLD



The Sustainable Development Goals: an overview

The Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) reflect the ambition and scale of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, "a plan of action for people, planet and prosperity" (UN A/RES/70/1). The Agenda will be implemented by all countries and stakeholders, acting in a collaborative partnership to free the human race from poverty, defend human rights, and create a more sustainable future.

The SDGs include 17 global goals and 169 targets. The objectives are "integrated, indivisible, and balance the three dimensions of sustainable development: the economic, social and environmental." (UN A/RES/70/1).

The vision behind the SDGs is clear and ambitious. The UN envisions a world free of poverty and hunger. A world with equitable and universal access to quality education, health care, social protection, safe drinking water, and sanitation. A world where food is affordable and nutritious. The UN supports inclusive and equitable economic growth, an open society that meets the needs of the most vulnerable. A world where human rights are realized, and cultural diversity respected. A world that invests in children and enjoys gender equality.

It will be a collective challenge, a challenge we have accepted.



Zero — POVERTY

End poverty in all its forms everywhere

We have worked to **reduce poverty** via a study on **multidimensional child poverty** and the **evaluation** of a project aiming at increasing the **resilience** of rural Tanzanian communities and **mitigating the effects of climate change**.

We have worked with: UNICEF IRC and the Oikos Institute (a non-profit organization). Funding entities: UNICEF IRC and the European Union.







End hunger, achieve food security and improved nutrition, and promote sustainable agriculture

We have promoted food security and sustainable agriculture by enhancing the long-term resilience of small sugarcane planters in Mauritius, and by performing an impact evaluation that strengthened the role of small farmers in the durum wheat supply chain in Ethiopia.

We have worked with: CTM Altromercato (an Italian consortium), the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, and the Government of Ethiopia. Funding entities: the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the German Development Institute.





GOOD HEALTH and well-being

Ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all

Our efforts to promote good health and well-being included working with FIAGOP, a pediatric oncohematology organization in Italy, and monitoring a project that strengthens socio-economic reintegration services for drug addicts and ex-addicts in Lebanon. We also carried out an SROI analysis to calculate the value created by Ronald McDonald Houses in Italy.

We have worked with: FIAGOP and CTM-Cooperazione Terzo Mondo (an Italian NGO). Among the funding entities: Ronald McDonald House Charities, the Italian Ministry for the Foreign Affairs, and the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation.



Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls

We supported the creation of a **gender mainstreaming** strategy in Senegal that featured gender budgeting in accordance with the human development approach. We contributed to the **empowerment of women and girls** by providing **consultancy services** to 14 enterprises run by women with disabilities in the Gaza Strip, and by **emancipatory research** actions and **inclusive business strategies** involving women and persons with disabilities. We also supported the **DELGEN initiative**, which aims to promote the incorporation of the gender perspective into the implementation and evaluation of local policies.

We have worked with: Research Centre for the Analysis of Public Policies at the University of Modena, Educaid, and the UNDP regional bureau for Latin America and the Caribbean.

Funding entities: the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation and the European Union.







Decent work and — ECONOMIC GROWTH

Promote inclusive and sustainable economic growth, employment, and decent work for all

We enhanced the **managerial** and administrative **capacities of a date cooperative** in Palestine, and supported the **relaunch of the Bethlehem Handicraft Platform**, increasing its effectiveness in promoting high quality handicraft production and including vulnerable groups.

We identified the **potential of the ecotourism sector**, enhanced the performance of accommodation facilities, and defined green business models in Armenia.

To encourage a more inclusive growth, we created tools that build on the **International Classification of Functioning (ICF)**. The objective was to create instruments to enhance the job placement of people with disabilities. We also drew up project proposals that were included in "**Metropolitan Renaissance – Strategic Plan 2030**," an initiative that was recently enacted in Florence, Italy. We **supported berries and herbs cooperatives via project evaluations** in Bosnia and Albania.

Market analyses conducted in Tanzania and Mozambique fostered the development of sustainable economic activities through the creation of female-led micro enterprises, promoted local crop varieties and improved farming techniques.

In 2017 we took part in a significant number of activities and initiatives aimed at **encouraging sustainable and inclusive economic growth**.

We have worked with: VIS-Volontariato Internazionale per lo Sviluppo (an Italian NGO), Oxfam, the Oikos Institute, the Regional Tourism Centre of Vayots Dzor (Armenia), the Metropolitan City of Florence, the University of Florence, the Tuscany Region, and local healthcare services. Among the funding entities: the European Union, the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation, and the CR Foundation (Florence).







Build resilient infrastructure, promote sustainable industrialization, and foster innovation

We promoted **responsible and sustainable industrialization policies** by carrying out **knowledge-sharing** activities in several **seminars** on innovation, policy, and industrial development.

We have worked with: c.MET05 (an inter-university organization).



REDUCED inequalities

Reduce inequality within and among countries

The **research** we conducted in order to understand **how the reception system works** and how various socio-economic integration projects reinforce the link between migration and development was conceived as a means of **reducing inequality in Italy and among other countries**.

We have worked with: Grem Group and Caritas Piemonte e Valle d'Aosta (a Catholic charity organization). Funding entity: Caritas Piemonte e Valle d'Aosta.

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RESPONSIBLE consumption and production

Ensure sustainable consumption and production patterns

Our activities are also geared towards **ensuring sustainable consumption and production patterns**. In Tuscany, for instance, we created the **ethical label** RBTex, which allows companies that make responsible choices to distinguish themselves from their competitors.

We offered scientific support for the European Partnership on Circular Economy and started the activities associated with the CYCLE project, which aims at introducing circular economy competencies in adult training.

We have worked with: the Chamber of Commerce of Prato, the Municipality of Prato, and a partnership of 10 European countries. Among the funding entities: the Tuscany Region and the European







PARTNERSHIP for the goals —

Revitalize the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development

We have sought to strengthen the Global Partnership for Sustainable Development by doing research on the Sustainable Development Goals and their implementation practices, while also evaluating the UNDP ART program and carrying out activities on disability and vulnerability mainstreaming.

We have worked with: UNDP, Diakonia, and Educaid. Among the funding entities: UNDP, the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation, and Diakonia.



SDGs: our contribution in the WORLD





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