

# ACTIVITY REPORT 2024



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#### **CELIM NGO – ACIVITY REPORT 2024**

#### 1. STRUCTURE

The structure in Italy is composed of the following personnel:

- One Director of the operational structure;
- One Head of the Development Cooperation Projects sector, delegated for the Balkans area;
  - 1 employee as Project Coordinator for the Middle East,
  - 1 employee as Project Coordinator for Africa,
  - 1 collaborator for project design activities;
- The Global Citizenship Education sector includes
  - 1 employee as Coordinator,
  - 1 employee as educator,
  - and 3 Universal Civil Service volunteers;
- The Communication and Fundraising sector includes
  - 1 employee in charge of fundraising campaigns,
  - 1 campaign collaborator,
  - 1 communication manager collaborator,
  - and 1 Universal Civil Service volunteer;
- The Selection and Training Service includes
  - 1 employee responsible for managing the Civil Service,
  - 1 consultant for selection and orientation,
  - and 1 volunteer psychologist;
- The Administration relies on
  - 1 employee,
  - 1 collaborator for financial reporting,
  - and 2 volunteers.

In addition, the staff benefits from the voluntary contribution of the Board of Directors (8 members) and 31 other volunteers who contribute to the activities with varying frequency and involvement, in addition to those mentioned above who ensure continuity and a significant number of volunteer hours.

- Abroad, there were
  - 18 international cooperants,
  - 20 local staff members,
  - and 23 Universal Civil Service volunteers (across 2 calls for applications).

## 2. DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION PROJECT ABROAD

# 2.1 ALBANIA - "VITA-Vjosa: Enhancing Initiatives for Tourism and the Environment along the Vjosa River Basin - AID012590-08-5 - main donor: AICS

- A Tourist Info Point was established;
- A study on the Vjosa River delta was conducted;
- A working group on trails within the network of protected areas, including the Vjosa River National Park, was held:
- 7 management training sessions were organized for SMEs operating in the 7 municipalities along the Vjosa River;
- 4 meetings on water management were organized between MM Spa and the municipalities of Memaliaj, Vlora, Permet, and Kelcyra.

# 2.2 IRAQ — ALTAEYUSH: Inclusion and Cohesion of Vulnerable Ethno-Religious Groups in Iraq — AID 012590-05-2 — main donor: AICS

- A production system was set up consisting of 20 greenhouses and an irrigation system, where 60 beneficiaries cultivated six different types of vegetables (cucumbers, cauliflower, white cabbage, red cabbage, broccoli, and strawberries);
- The following structures were built: 2 warehouses, 1 changing room, 1 common area, 1 canopy, 1 bathroom, and 1 guardroom;
- A branch of the "Al Khaimah" association was opened to manage the horticultural facility;
- Local trade of the products was developed, achieving better profits by eliminating intermediaries.

# 2.3 KENYA - Caffè Corretto: Development of a Sustainable, Inclusive, and Innovative Coffee Value Chain" - AID 012590-07-9 - main donor: AICS

- 620 beehives and 124 production kits were distributed to beekeepers; 312 agricultural kits, 1,000 shade trees, and 58,300 coffee plants were distributed to farmers;
- 340 sustainability manuals for coffee management and 271 educational posters were produced and distributed;
- Internet access was provided to the 4 coffee production cooperatives;
- 264 soil samples and 285 coffee cherry samples were collected;
- 1 advanced cupping course was conducted for 10 young people;
- 10 short courses were delivered to a total of 515 producers on: origins, quality, and defects of coffee; sustainable agronomic practices for coffee production; the life cycle of bees and honey harvesting; data collection to support the digitalization of cooperatives..

# 2.4 Kosovo - NaturKosovo: Natural and Cultural Capital in Kosovo and the Sustainable Tourism Development of the Dinaric Way - AID 12382 - main donor AICS

- 31 mountain guides, members of 9 mountaineering clubs, were trained in creating and maintaining new trails;
- 28 volunteer operators of the national alpine rescue service were trained in rescue techniques for various mountain environments and adverse weather conditions;
- 35 equipment and tool kits were distributed for installing new signage;
- 5 digital tools were provided to mountaineering associations to improve mountain guiding services;
- 49 medical and transport equipment kits were distributed for the rescue of alpine tourists;
- 1 Tourist Info Point was established in Junik and 1 equipped nature trail leading to the natural monument "Deer Waterfall" was created.

2.5 Libano – Waste: Problem or Resource? Environmental and Social Responsibility of Businesses and Municipalities - AID 12590-01-08 – main donors AICS, Fondazione Vismara 2.6 Libano - Lifeline HASBAYA: Response to the Humanitarian Crisis in Lebanon – 1024/2024 – main donr CEI

- Data collection for waste management plans in Hasbaya, Chebaa, and Rachaya was completed;
- The purchase of bins, containers, and necessary machinery for waste management was scheduled;
- The project including the treatment center, composting center, and recyclable sorting center was completed, and the Lebanese company selected to carry out the works;
- The hydrogeological study commissioned to the American University of Beirut (AUB) on the Hasbaya and Chebaa sites was finalized;
- An information and awareness campaign for proper waste separation was launched;
- Initial support was provided to 20 companies in the waste supply chain to support the hiring of new personnel;
- An inception report, a literature review, and a final report on decent work in the waste sector were developed.

After the conclusion of the conflict with Israel, support actions for internally displaced persons were carried out, distributing: 557 blankets, 17 stoves, 3,400 liters of diesel, and 1,300 hot meals.

2.7 REP. MACEDONIA DEL NORD - Securing Decent Living conditions for Roma households in Prilep Municipality - SDLR - IPA/2020/168111/12 — main donor UE
2.8 REP. MACEDONIA DEL NORS - CSA: Civil Society in Action for Sustainable Development and Human Rights Defense - IPA III/2023/178565/A –UE

- Completato il Piano Urbanistico di Dettaglio dell'insediamento rom nella città di Prilep e terminato il processo di legalizzazione di 190 abitazioni;
- Ristrutturate 16 abitazioni per famiglie rom;
- Completato lo studio socio-sanitario dell'insediamento rom;
- Acquistata un'autoambulanza, convertita in clinica mobile, e donata all'Ospedale di Prilep per offrire visite mediche all'interno dell'insediamento rom;
- Selezionati 30 operatori ecologici da rendere membri del futuro Local Action Group da attivare per la raccolta differenziata dei rifiuti nell'insediamento rom;
- Censite le Associazioni della Regione di Pelagonia da coinvolgere nelle attività conservazione ambientale.

2.9 MOZAMBICO - Juventude Resiliente para um Futuro Sustentável – EuropeAid/166712/DD/ACT/MZ – main donor UE
2.10 MOZAMBICO - AgriCare: Integrated Support for the Most Vulnerable Communities in Zambezia -

#### AID12852 - main donor AICS

- Built and equipped 1 honey processing and sales unit and 1 office for the functions of the Community Fisheries Council:
- Distributed 24 solar dryers for fish preservation and 2 ovens for smoking and preserving fish;
- Installed 1 photovoltaic panel system at Boroma school and delivered 15 PCs;
- Provided: 48 agricultural kits for beekeeping and agroforestry systems to schools and farmers; 2 kits of tools and materials for the maintenance and management of mangrove nurseries;
- Delivered 14 bicycles and 1 motorized boat to the Community Fisheries Councils;
- Planted 13,317 mangrove seeds and seedlings; produced 1,778 kg of tilapia from community fish farms, 389 kg of honey from community apiaries, and 1,736 kg of various agricultural products cultivated by members of 6 community groups; distributed 44,800 fingerlings;
- Organized 256 short technical courses on beekeeping, fish farming, environmental risk management, reforestation, and agroforestry systems;
- Distributed 32 agricultural kits, 224 kg of vegetable seeds, and 1,200 fruit trees to communities starting new agroforestry systems.

# 2.11 ZAMBIA - Caring for the youth: social inclusion of street children and juvenile offenders - EIDHR/2020/166162-1/13, 254/2021 - main donors UE, CEI

# 2.12 ZAMBIA – EduCare: Inclusive actions to protect the rights of children with disabilities in Zambia - CSO-LA/2021/428-589 – main donor UE

- Renovated and furnished 1 center for Autism and Epilepsy and 1 classroom;
- Installed 1 solar power system for a vocational training center;
- Produced 200,100 kg of maize and vegetables and raised 5,853 animals in schools' productive activities;
- Equipped 10 schools with 119 tools for inclusive education;
- Awarded 12 scholarships for youth with disabilities;
- Provided 1,010 diagnostic, treatment, and home visit services for children with epilepsy and autism;
- Organized 25 professional courses on: teaching methods for children with disabilities; school inclusion; agriculture; home economics; autism and epilepsy;
- Conducted 12 inclusive courses in: basketball; theater; music;
- Organized: 1 TV show; 30 community awareness sessions in schools, parishes, and other gathering places; 2 awareness campaigns for potential employers of youth with disabilities;
- Distributed 215 school kits and 20 job-start kits to former street children and their families;
- Delivered 50 hygiene kits for minors in reformatories and distributed 1,152 meals to former street children;
- Produced 50 kg of vegetables and raised 200 poultry and pigs in the productive activities of the center for former street children;
- Delivered 35 socio-health services: street education; promotion of family and community reintegration for street children and detained minors;
- Organized 7 courses for street children: literacy; reading; acrobatics; art/music.

To address the drought emergency, 75 kg of maize was donated to each of the 600 families of children with disabilities supported by our projects.

## **3 EDUCATION ACTIVITIES IN ITALY**

- 3.1 Green School Network of schools and territories for sustainable development main donor AICS
- 3.2 ENERGY Taking action at school for the environment main donor AICS
- 3.3 A UN PASSO DA ME Protection of ecosystems in the Milan hinterland main donor FONDAZIONE CARIPLO
- 3.4 ODIARE NON È UNO SPORT 2 Educational pathways to prevent and combat hate speech main donor AICS
- 3.5 ConsigliaMi CUP B49J20002770003 main donor COMUNE di MILANO
- 3.6 PRISMI Paths and relationships for inclusion in South Milan main donor Agenzia per la coesione sociale
- 3.7 After-school network and Italian L2 language workshops L2 main donor FONDAZIONE CARIPLO
  - Trained 95 teachers and adults on environment, biodiversity, and water protection;

- Educated 1,100 students on ecosystem conservation;
- Renovated 6 school gardens, Giorgella Park in Corsico, and the FS Station in Paderno Dugnano;
- Produced educational kits for 24 schools on: promotion of red benches against violence on women; sustainability and citizenship; environmental protection with guidelines for each topic (water, healthy and sustainable nutrition, biodiversity, energy, mobility, waste);
- Engaged the Youth Zone Councils of the municipality of Milan;
- Organized after-school groups for 44 primary school students;
- Conducted 3 educational programs on study methods and career guidance;
- Supported 21 minors through teaching Italian as a second language;
- Raised awareness among 222 students and 117 soccer and volleyball athletes about hate speech and bullying.

## 4 ORIENTATION, SELECTION, AND TRAINING ACTIVITIES

#### Orientation

Between January and February, 4 online meetings were held to promote the 2023 SCU call (released in December and starting in summer 2024), with 65 participants.

Additionally, 2 Instagram live sessions were conducted to promote the available positions.

In September, a social media campaign was launched to promote the positions in the extraordinary environmental civil service call.

In January, an in-person meeting was held at the Faculty of Agriculture to promote all the projects in the call.

#### Selection

- Conducted 33 interviews for civil service selection, both for the regular overseas and Italy calls, based on 33 received and evaluated CVs, and 4 interviews for the environmental civil service call based on 7 received and evaluated CVs.
- 24 volunteers actively serving throughout the year.

#### **Training**

Training for the young men and women departing for civil service, both abroad and in Italy, was conducted partly online and partly in person (general training at the COE headquarters, specific training at the CELIM office).

General training for volunteers of the environmental call took place at the Brescia center alongside other FOCSIV organizations, while specific training was held at the CELIM office.

#### **5** ACTIVITIES OF COMMUNICATION AND FUNDRAISING

## **5.1 COMUNICATION**

Website: 57,000 page views
Facebook: 3,768 followers (+2%)
Instagram: 1,056 followers (+7%)
LinkedIn: 2,173 followers (+13%)

• YouTube: 105 subscribers

• Newsletter: 3,400 contacts reached every two weeks with activity updates

Ad Lucem Magazine: sent twice a year to 3,000 addresses
Fundraising mailing: sent twice a year to 3,400 contacts

Press Office: 28 articles published in newspapers, agencies, magazines, and external websites

## **5.2 FUNDRAISING**

• 5 x 1000

€13,659.26 thanks to 233 donors.

• Dona un sorRISO – all year round

Rice distribution campaign in exchange for donations supporting the "EduCare" project in Zambia. Involved 174 parishes, distributing a total of 17,444 packs of 1kg rice and raising €95,994.

• Abbiamo Fatto l'Uovo – April

Easter egg distribution campaign in exchange for donations supporting the "EduCare" project in Zambia. Distributed 927 eggs, raising a total of €14,933 in donations.

• Solidarity Panettones – November/December

Campaign distributing 1,759 panettones and raising €25,947 to address the drought emergency in Zambia.

Solidarity Gifts

The e-commerce activity on the website with various gadgets and handcrafted products raised €2,488.

## **6 ASSOCIATIVE LIFE**

## **6.1 Members' Assembly**

The annual Assembly of the Organization took place at the operational headquarters in Milan on April 30, 2024, with 45 attendees, including 42 voting members, counting proxies.

On June 15, the association celebrated its 70th anniversary with a festive day in Villapizzone (MI), featuring a remembrance of the past through testimonies from some longstanding members, and updates on ongoing activities presented by the expatriate staff.

On October 18, at the PIME theater, the conference Conflicts and Cooperations was held, attended by 250 participants who gathered to listen to Vittorio Emanuele Parsi and Cecilia Sala on the conference topic.

#### 6.2 Boad of Directors

The organization's Board of Directors met 8 times during the year.

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