

SOCIAL REPORT

2020



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INTRODUCTORY NOTE

Writing the social report was undoubtedly a chance for all the co-workers at “**Africa Mission Cooperation and Development**” to examine the operative structure of our organisation with a more scrupulous look in order to understand the new challenges set by the third sector. Indeed both Italy and Uganda have been severely struck by the pandemic.

In Italy, the lockdown has called a halt to all awareness raising and promotion projects from March to June and in the following months they have been limitedly resumed.

However, Uganda has faced a tremendously hard year because of:

Torrential rains. The phenomenon of abnormal rains, that in February, March and April has struck several African States, has also hit Uganda and in particular the Karamoja region in the initial phase of the planting season, negatively affecting the harvest.

Animal epidemics. The phenomenon began in 2019 and continued in 2020. In the Karamoja region there have been several epidemics that have caused severe trouble to the farmers.

Cholera. At the beginning of May 2020 in the district of Moroto the cholera broke out causing several problems, also due to the excessive rains. Cooperation and Development was called on as part of the Task Force to face the emergency.

Insecurity linked to raids. Since March 2019 all over Karamoja cattle raids started again, which caused and keeps causing trouble with the course of our project activities.

Locusts. In December 2019, the first alert about locusts arriving from Kenya was issued. The phenomenon has especially affected the Karamoja region and also the districts of Moroto and Napak.

Pandemic caused by Covid-19. From 18th March President Museveni enforced the lockdown, which hindered any activity or meeting. Despite the difficulties we managed to continue the projects within the drilling sector and the restoration of wells.

To this day restrictions are still in force and according to the authorities it is likely that lockdown will be extended for some months.

We do not go back to the past. The way out of the dark tunnel of the pandemic seems to be near, even though uncertainties persist. We need to acknowledge that this arduous challenge has spurred amazing generosity, altruism, dedication, that many have paid with their lives.

This cannot be taken for granted or be believed as a due act: it is in time of trouble that we give the best of ourselves. It will not be enough from now on “to return to normal” since problems endure especially in developing countries like Uganda.

The emergency caused by Covid-19 is getting more and more dangerous. There are no vaccines, no appropriate resources and those who bear the brunt of it are the needy and the forgotten.

WHERE TO START

To restart is not the same as starting over. It is not enough to get back to the previous habits without treasuring the sorrows we have endured. A new departure is needed, a new beginning with the resolution of creating a better new world, a more supportive and welcoming world.

What we all need is the courage of placing the individual at the centre, while refusing the culture of consumerism. The courage of investing energies with creativity and responsibility, with the objective of creating a new humanism. The courage of building people to be at their community's service, to educate to be of help.

These are important challenges that we, as organisation, feel the need to face by initiating operational paths that can be able to create a synergy between our workers and the local ones, in order to respond in a targeted and effective way to the needs of the community.

Of vital importance is also the main goal of enhancing the **'international volunteering'** experience, meant as the proposal of a collective pathway made of professional and human growth.

Concluding, it will be necessary to keep developing fundraising tools and processes in full compliance with the ethical principles of AMCS and following the example of its founders.

In Italy, the most demanding challenge is to approach young people to Africa Mission Cooperation and Development, so that they feel the joy and have the willingness to witness and promote the values of solidarity, which are typical of the movement.

The 50th anniversary since the foundation of Africa Mission Movement approaches, which encourages us to create new opportunities of encounter among the local communities where we operate, in Italy and Uganda, with the aim of being a link capable of promoting the values of dialogue, acceptance and sharing.

Dott. Carlo Venerio Antonello

President of Cooperation and Development



1. METHODOLOGY USED

The Social Report that we will be presenting, in compliance with the recent regulations of the Ministry of Labour and Social Policy (art. 14 clause 1 d. lgs 117/2017 and, in relation to social enterprises, art. 9 clause 2 d.lgs 112/2017), wants to serve as a tool of growth for the association and a means to communicate the incessant commitment of our Movement to all the supporters and stakeholders interested in the work of Africa Mission Cooperation and Development. It wants to convey transparent and complete information about the targets, the activities carried out, the resources employed and the results achieved in 2020: these are vital elements to give a complete picture of the effectiveness and the efficiency of the interventions carried out in line with the mission and the values of the association.

The main objective of this Social Report is the sharing of the principles that drive the association, presenting not only 'what we do' and 'where we are actively involved', but also 'why we do it', in other words what fosters the association in pursuing the same path that begun already half a century ago and the incessant evolution: we set new goals that show 'where we want to go' and 'with whom' we would like to share a tract of this path.

This document is thought in continuity with the previous annual social reports, although with a higher degree of depth, offering a complete and detailed report on AMCS. The organisation aims at improving and sharing as much information as possible with all the stakeholders, partners, institutional and private donors, in order to give them the chance to share this long path of solidarity that is about to turn 50 years.

The Social Report 2020 presents the composition of Africa Mission Cooperation and Development, the relationships with the different interlocutors in Italy and Uganda, the active partnerships and sponsors, both institutional and private. The data of the financial statements show the periodical activities of promotion and fundraising and the overheads and are accompanied by short data on the achievements of every activity.

There are 5 main areas that we cover with our activities and projects, each of which is going to be dealt scrupulously within this social report: Education and Awareness Raising Projects (activities conducted in both Italy and Uganda), Water and Sanitation (WASH), the Agricultural- Livestock field, local Support and Emergency.



These are fields of intervention where we have grown over the years through a path, moving from providing immediate assistance to developing growth paths, also strengthening the network of partners and stakeholders on the territory. This allows us to deepen technical and innovative aspects and gives relevance to the educational and formative sphere for the purpose of affirming the worth of human dignity and the right of pursuing one's personal goals, while creating a beneficial environment to enhance human and professional abilities, to achieve their own and their family's aspirations.

The projects are in compliance with the Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda set up by the United Nations together with the development policies specified by Italy and Uganda and with the international policies.

All the internal representatives in Italy and Uganda have contributed to the redaction of the document, for the collection and processing of information and the definition of contents, following the principles of the guidelines issued by the ministerial directives, which are relevance, completeness, transparency, neutrality, clarity and proficiency in relation to the specific period.

The Social Report 2020 was approved by the ordinary Assembly on the 26th of June 2021.

The report does not show any relevant change in comparison with the evaluation criteria used in the previous editions. All the sections required by the legislations have been implemented.

It is published on the website www.africamission.org

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2. WHO WE ARE

Africa Mission—Cooperation and Development—AMCD

The institute for International Cooperation and Development, briefly called 'Cooperation and Development', was established in 1982 as operating arm of Africa Mission (non-recognized organization founded in 1972 by mons. Enrico Manfredini and Don Vittorio Pastori – best known as don Vittorione). From 2013 was also identified with the acronym **Africa Mission Movement – Cooperation and Development (AMCS).**

1982 – Cooperation and Development was established with a notary deed on the 18th of June 1982. The recognition of the legal status occurred with DPR. n. 880 of the 28th of October 1983, published on the 15th of February 1984 on the Official Gazette n. 45, registered at the Corte dei Conti on the 14th of December 1983, paper n. 285.

1983 – On the 9th of December 1983 MAE grants the recognition as '**Non-governmental Organization**' (N.G.O), suitable for the cooperation and the international volunteering in compliance with law 49/87 (ex lege 38) that disciplines Italy's public help in developing countries. The eligibility was reaffirmed with D.M. n. 1988/128/004187/2D of the 14th of September 1988.

2004 – From 2004 it adheres to the Federation Christian Organisms International Volunteering Service (**Focsiv**).

2007 – The Members' Assembly of the 29th of June 2007 extends the duration of the association to the 30th June 2057.

2010 – In 2010 the association was registered for VAT n. 01583340334 for the exercise of commercial activity of non-prevalent type concerning the placement and gestion of a photovoltaic system for the energetic needs of the new branch.

2013 – In 2013, with statutory amendment, it is introduced the possibility of identifying the organization also with the denomination '**Africa Mission Cooperation and Development Movement**' and acceptable combinations of the same denominations.

2015 – Cooperation and Development, C.F. 91005980338, was registered in the regional ONLUS register with a registered mail of the 24th of February 2015.

2016 – following the establishment of AICS (Italian Agency for Cooperation and Development) the organization was registered with decree n. 2016/337/000194/2, in the Register of civil society organisations with the identification: **Africa Mission – Cooperation and Development Onlus – AMCS.**

AMCS is a movement made up of lay Christians, who are committed to living in line with values such as solidarity, sharing, justice, peace, which allows the rediscovery of humanity as the one family of God's children. It is committed, thanks to its two associations, to leave a concrete and perceivable mark of solidarity through projects of cooperation and development plans in Uganda and awareness raising projects within the communities, the support (in particular in Uganda) to missionaries, to the local Church and to associations entirely devoted to the promotion of life.

Statutory activities

International Cooperation

AMCS supports, plans and carries out each initiative, plan or cooperation program in favour of the cultural, healthcare, agricultural, commercial, industrial advancement in developing countries.

Raising public awareness in Italy

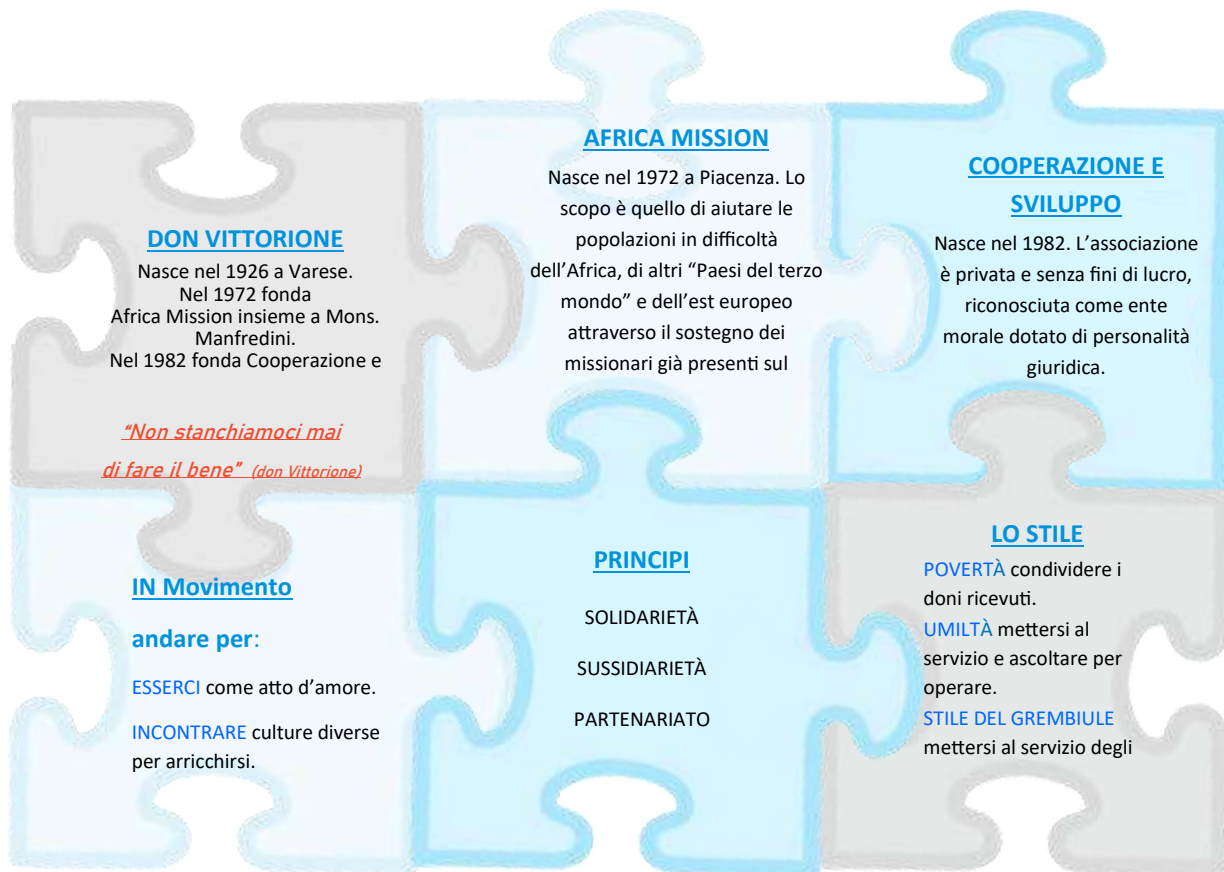
Raising public awareness on all the various topics concerning development, cooperation and cultural, scientific, economic, social and political realities in emerging countries. It aims at raising awareness also on the nature and activities of civilian voluntary service and development cooperation.

Training of volunteers and experts

It selects, trains and coaches volunteers and experts to send in developing countries, engaging them within the plans, projects and programs.

Premised that Cooperation and Development is a corporate body with full juridical and administrative autonomy alike the association Africa Mission, the bond between the two is born and finds operational basis in the Charisma of its founders: don Vittorione and Mons. Manfredini. From this perspective the two associations complement one another through a harmony of intents and works.

Nowadays the collaboration that is made explicit in the "Africa Mission Movement" is therefore a deep and convinced communion and sharing of spirit and mission between the two associations.



The logo

The logo was created in 1987 by a designer of Piacenza Renato Vermi as indicated by Don Vittorione.



AFRICAMMISSION
cooperazione e sviluppo ong onlus

C stands for **Co-operation (Cooperazione)**

D stands for **Development (Sviluppo)**

The circle suggests the openness to the world, the union, the universality.

The line is continuous to symbolise the bond among the mankind, with one only opening towards the above, towards the infinity, which stands for the bond with the Eternal. Inside the C of Cooperation there is water flowing. The symbol of life, of hope is the symbol of the main activity of Africa Mission – Cooperation and Development.

AREAS OF INTERVENTION

Cooperation and Development is involved in Italy with activities of education, raising awareness on themes of solidarity, global citizenship education, promotion of national and international volunteering. In Uganda it is engaged in development and emergency projects. In the other African countries the association has intervened when possible and intervenes indirectly by supporting projects managed by local associations or by missionaries permanently active on site.

In Italy

In Italy Cooperation and Development carries out mainly activities of global citizenship education and fund-raising.

Cooperation and Development has its headquarters in Piacenza with its offices, a conference room, a guest house and a warehouse, and 6 branch offices. Moreover, Cooperation and Development is regionally sustained by 19 groups made up of both informal and active supporters, who periodically organise events and awareness raising projects.



From 2004 it adheres to Focsiv - Federation Christian Organismi International Volunteering Service and CSV Emilia in Piacenza.

The association adheres also to *Laboratorio Mondialità Consapevole*, section of *Laboratorio Economia Locale* of the Catholic University in Piacenza and works together with the Diocesan School Office of Piacenza.

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IN UGANDA

Cooperation and Development works permanently in Uganda through the non-governmental organisation Cooperation and Development (C&D), registered in loco in 1982. Since then it has continued to work in this country trying to improve the living conditions of the underprivileged. The majority of the activities carried out by C&S takes place in Karamoja, where many projects have already been successfully fulfilled, in most cases using funding owned by the association.

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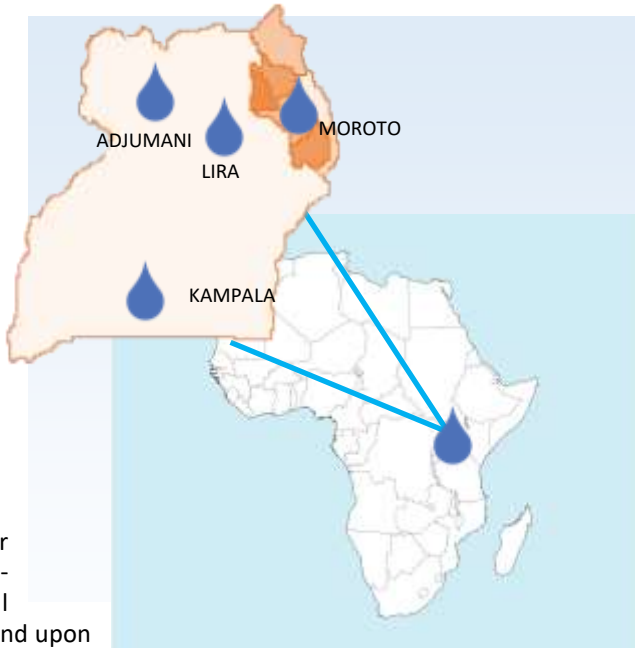
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In 48 years of activities the movement has attained:

EMERGENCY AIDS:

Set ups: 92 air cargos; 871 containers; 45 T.i.r.; over 12.688.737 kg of foodstuffs, sanitary, agricultural and mechanical equipment, school supplies and other basic necessities. All of this is directly accompanied and distributed by volunteers and upon request of emergency interventions previously verified.

WORK AREAS

Uganda (1980- 2002 – 2003 -2004 – 2007 – 2008 – 2009 emergencies); Ghana and Nigeria (1983 emergency); Mozambique (1984 – 2000 emergency); Ethiopia (2000 emergency); Eritrea (2001 emergency); Angola - Sudan – Tanzania; Rwanda (1984 – 1994, 1995/1996- 1997 – 2000 – 2001 emergencies); Guinea-Bissau – Chad – Zaire – Somalia – Niger – Madagascar.

PROJECTS OF INTERNATIONAL COOPERATION

From 1948 to 2010: conduction of a research on the development possibilities of the Karamoja region (Uganda); realisation of 3 projects co-funded by MAE (Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs) – years 1984-1989-1999- for the drilling and restoration of wells for drinking water, in addition to the drilling of wells with private funds (from 1984 to 2011) and partnerships with the Italian Embassy (UTL), WFP (*World Food Programme*), the Irish Embassy (from 1984 to 2006), the Diocese of Tombura-Yambio (South Sudan 2007-2010), UNICEF (2009, 2010-2012, 2019), CEI (2015-2017):

- 1.196 new wells drilled in Uganda (mainly in the Karamoja region) and in South Sudan.
- 2.088 interventions of reparation and restoration of existing wells.

1990-2019: construction and support of two dispensaries in Karamoja (of Loputuk and Tapac).

1982-2019: several interventions to support various schools in Uganda and in particular in Karamoja.

1999: realisation of a prevention project for the cattle in Karamoja in partnership with EU (European Union).

Creation of toilet facilities in the city of Moroto and construction of the slaughterhouse (UTL- Italian Embassy funding)

2004: emergency intervention meant to meet the basic needs of displaced people in the districts of Gulu, Pader, Lira (UTL- Italian Embassy funding).

2005-2006: intervention in the field of education and support to disabled communities in Kira (Kampala).

2005-2019: launch and support of a zootechnical laboratory for the safeguarding of herds in Karamoja.

2006-2017: collaboration with agroforestry projects, agropastoral schools for adults and young people with FAO.

2007-2019: emergency projects in partnership with UNICEF-ICCO for the re-integration of women and children in Karamoja.

2007-2013: partnership with D.C.A. for five projects funded by ECHO.

2008-2010: restoration of Moroto's waterworks.

2014-2016: partnership with D.C.A. for a project funded by the European Union regarding the protection and promotion of women's and girls' rights through the prevention and the response to gender-based sexual violence among the communities that practice of female genital mutilation in South Karamoja.

2014-2018: projects funded by UNICEF to grant protection from violence, abuse and exploitation of most vulnerable children in Karamoja.

2014-2016: projects funded by UNDP meant to improve the ability to decrease natural disasters through the communities' engagement and growth.

2017-2019: agrobusiness school for young farmers in North Uganda – Alito (Diocese of Lira).

2018: three year project co-funded by AICS in partnership with *Medici con l'Africa – Cuamm*, the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart of Piacenza and Meyer hospital to increase food safety and raise awareness among the communities in the districts of Moroto and Napak.

2.a. The founder and our mission



DON VITTORIONE

Vittorio Pastori was born on the 15th of April 1926 in Varese, Lombardy.

In the early 1950s, Vittorio Pastori opened in his city a renowned restaurant, devoting himself to a thriving commercial activity that kept him busy for 15 years. It was here, in Varese, that Vittorio met mons. Enrico Manfredini in 1966.

The friendship between the two strengthened so much over the years that in 1969 Don Enrico, designated bishop of Piacenza, invited Vittorio to follow him: the caterer accepted with great enthusiasm, quitting his business activity to fulfil the role of Administrative Secretary.

In this period, he got to know some African Bishops. Thus he visited Uganda, Kenya, Tanzania and other countries in the Sub-Saharan continent, being deeply affected by local living conditions and by the tireless work carried out by the Catholic Church and its operators (fathers, nuns, doctors, volunteers).

His awareness turned into an immediate eagerness to concretely help these people.

In 1972, he founded with some friends the association AFRICA MISSION and continued his activity of "commuter for charity" between Italy and Africa. At the same time, he founded together with Honourable Giulio Andreotti and Mons. Enrico Manfredini the "Friends of Uganda Committee" to organise an extraordinary fundraising of aids with air and containers for Uganda.

In 1982 "COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT" is founded with the aim of beginning a new phase in his commitment, creating development projects and programs. Hence the first project of drilling 100 wells in Karamoja is launched.

On December the 16th 1983 Mons. Manfredini suddenly died in Bologna. An arduous experience for Vittorio, who, however, continued his work and eventually fulfilled a deep and long-awaited desire: on September the 15th 1984 Vittorio Pastori is ordained Priest by HE Mons. Cipriano Kihangire, Bishop of Gulu (Uganda).

"Poor people cannot wait. The hungry are hungry now". As a priest, don Vittorio carried on his mission at the service of the hungry and the outcasts without separating spirituality and materiality. When needed, don Vittorio spent long periods in Uganda and later came back to Italy to report what he had experienced to the Christian communities and groups.

In his countless trips to Africa Don Vittorio always looked for missionaries even in most remote places in order to reach the forgotten. In his path of Charity he also met great saints of our time: Pope Paul VI, Mother Teresa of Calcutta, Saint. John Paul II, Don Tonino Bello.

1994 marks, however, don Vittorio's 147th and last trip to Uganda. On September 2nd of the same year don Vittorio Pastori died after a long stay at St. Giacomo clinic in Ponte Dell'Olio (Piacenza), bequeathing a grand testimony of life and a lively and active Movement.

Per maggiori informazioni veniteci a trovare sul nostro sito www.africamission.org

THE MISSION

Our devotion originates from our Christian faith and from Jesus Christ, in whom we find the realisation of our life.

We support and promote human development in world poorest countries through the promotion of human dignity in all its aspects, with emergency interventions and support to local realities, in particular to the local Church and missionaries, and with development of programs in several fields of the social life in line with the principles of the Christian humanism and the ecumenic spirit, and in full compliance with the freedom of thought and religion.

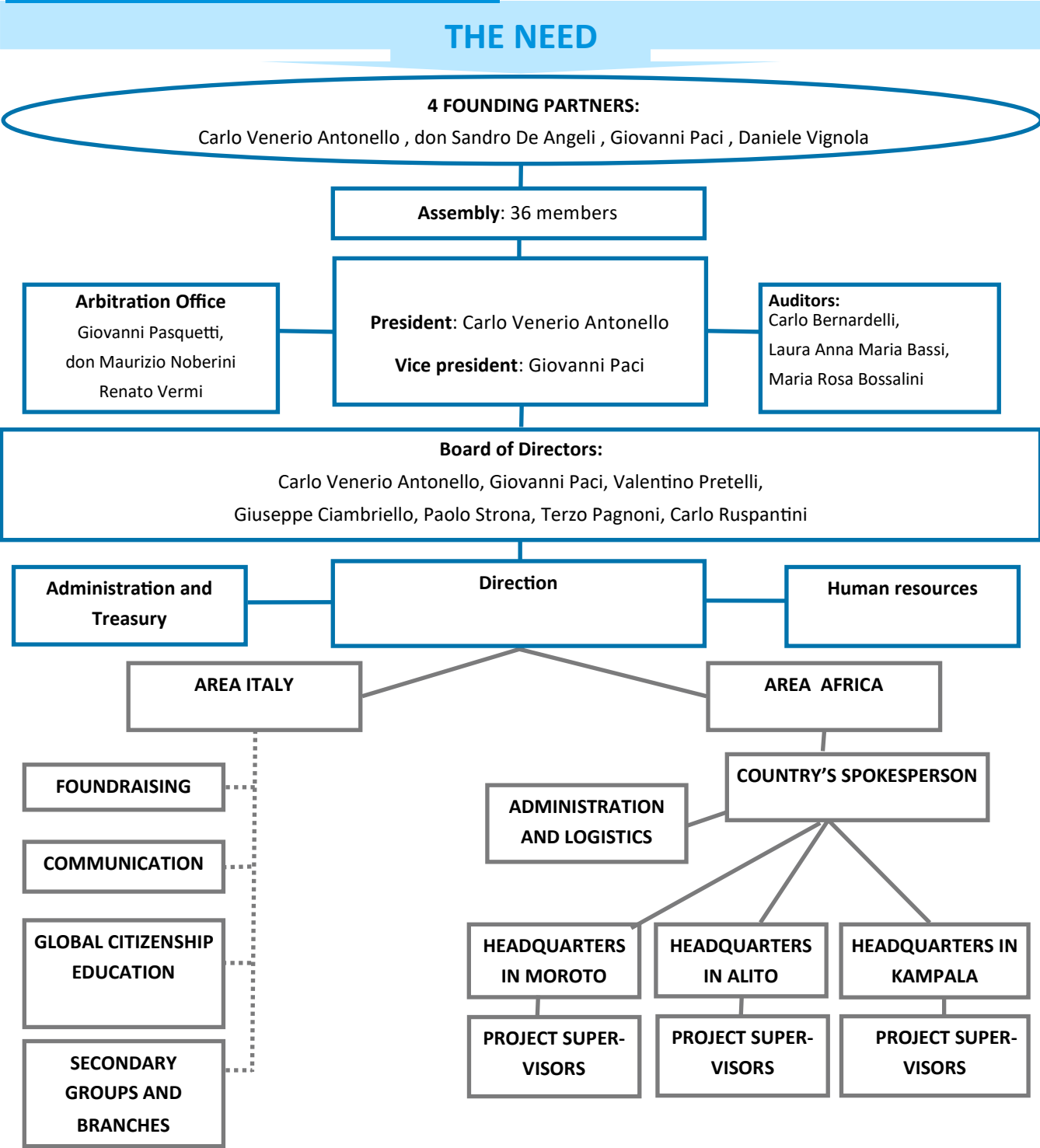
We support and promote a lifestyle based on the values of universal solidarity and we devote ourselves to awareness raising projects within the Italian communities about the dire problems that afflict poor and underdeveloped countries.



***"Coraggio,
proverete una gioia grande!
Non fermatevi!
Non lasciatevi travolgere dal
consumismo più sfrenato!
Le difficoltà sono sempre uno sprone
per farci crescere!
Il nostro Movimento è cresciuto in
mezzo a croci di ogni genere."***

3. GOVERNMENTAL STRUCTURE AND ADMINISTRATION

3.a Governance and organigram



3.b Statutory body

<p>Board of Founding Partners</p> <p>It brings forth the association through the deed of incorporation, it has consultive functions regarding the admission of new members.</p>	<p>It is composed of 4 founding partners</p>
<p>Assembly</p> <p>It is summoned from the Board of Directors ordinarily once a year; proposes and gives indication regarding the guidelines of the activities and deliberates on the approval of budgets.</p>	<p>It is composed of 36 members</p>
<p>Board of Directors</p> <p>It is composed of 7 members elected by the Assembly.</p> <p>It monitors whether all the general guidelines of the Assembly are followed, it helps the President in pursuing the objectives of the association, it manages the corporate assets and writes the annual report.</p>	<p>Carlo Venerio Antonello – President</p> <p>Giovanni Paci – Vice President</p> <p>Valentino Pretelli – Secretary</p> <p>Giuseppe Ciambriello – Treasurer</p> <p>Paolo Strona – Councillor</p> <p>Terzo Pagnoni – Councillor</p> <p>Carlo Ruspantini – Councillor</p> <p><i>In office till July 26th 2022</i></p>
<p>President</p> <p>He/she represent the association, takes care of the general guidelines of the activity and stays in office for 3 years.</p>	<p>Carlo Venerio Antonello</p> <p><i>First appointment in 2003</i></p>
<p>Vice President</p> <p>He/she takes on all the President’s powers in case of absence or hindrance and stays in office for 3 years.</p>	<p>Giovanni Paci</p> <p><i>First appointment in 2003</i></p>
<p>Director</p> <p>He/she is the presidency’s executive officer, assures and coordinates the activity. He/she stays in office for 3 years.</p>	<p>Carlo Ruspantini</p> <p><i>First appointment in August 2004</i></p>
<p>Arbitration Office</p> <p>They endeavour to resolve any disputes between members. The committee stays in office for 3 years.</p>	<p>Giovanni Pasquetti</p> <p>Noberini don Maurizio</p> <p>Renato Vermi</p> <p><i>In office till July 26th 2022</i></p>
<p>Auditors</p> <p>They check the accounting lawfulness of the administration and verify the Report. The Committee stays in office for 3 years.</p>	<p>Carlo Bernardelli</p> <p>Laura Anna Maria Bassi</p> <p>Mariarosa Bossalini</p> <p><i>In office till July 26th 2022</i></p>

Elected offices in the governing bodies of the organisation are free of charge and there are no allowances. In 2020, the Board of Directors met a total of 6 times, also remotely.

The members of the Board of Directors, the President, the Vice President and the Arbitrators did not receive any reimbursement for carrying out their institutional duties.

3.c Stakeholders

An organisation develops, operates and grows only if capable of creating human relations with locals, who represent the fundamental pillar for the success of a project.

It is of vital importance the mapping of all legal stakeholders who deal with the activities of AMCS, of the individuals, groups and institutions that work with and revolve around the association.

Crucial is also knowing how to communicate and clearly instil the organisation's mission, the working methods and the objectives. The aim is to encourage and foster taking part in the activities and the sharing of the objectives, to broaden the network of stakeholders, to enhance the organisation with multidisciplinary competences, with new resources and ideas that may improve all the components of the organisation.

INTERNAL STAKEHOLDERS: organisational composition

Associative bodies	Human resources	Territorial groups in Italy and in Uganda
Members' Assembly Board of Directors Arbitration Office Board of Founding Partners Auditors	Employees Partners Volunteers Members	The branches and local groups (in the list at page 9-10) are involved in planning activities, in promoting values, in awareness raising projects and fundraising campaigns and eventually in the involvement of new supporters.

EXTERNAL STAKEHOLDERS

Institutions/Agencies <i>To share a policy of social concern and international cooperation through the realisation of projects and training courses.</i>	
<u>In Italy:</u> AICS – Italian Agency for Development Cooperation Department of Youth Policies and Universal Civilian Service General Direction Cooperation for Development Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation	Creation of multi-year projects in response to announcements of selection supplied by AICS, DGCS-MAE Training, preparation and integration of young people for their year of Civilian Volunteering in Italy and Uganda
<u>In Uganda:</u> MoGLSD - Ministry of Labour, Equal Opportunities and Social Development Office of Ugandan Prime Minister Ministry for Ugandan Gender Equality MAAIF - Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries NARO (National Agricultural Research Organisation) Ministry of Finance UNICEF Uganda FAO Uganda WFP Uganda	Approbation and support to projects proposed in compliance with national Ugandan policies in several intervention fields Support to research and monitoring activities of projects, in particular in WASH and agro-livestock fields Partnership with international Agencies in the implementation of programs carried out all over the Ugandan territory

Local agencies and territorial bodies		
<i>To share the commitment within local communities towards a policy of social concern and international cooperation through the realisation of projects and training courses, awareness raising projects, fundraising and education.</i>		
In Italy:		
Municipality of Piacenza		Promotion, awareness-raising and fundraising activities (creation of events, support to local initiatives, direct participation)
Municipality of Bolzano		
Municipality of Bucciano		
Municipality of Procida		
In Uganda:		
District of Amudat	District of Nakapiripirit	Support and approbation to the implementation of cooperation activities in the several districts
District of Abim	District of Napak	
District of Kotido	District of Kaabong	
District of Moroto	District of Kole	
Universities and Schools		
<i>To exchange experiences and to contribute to projects and training courses in Italy and in Uganda.</i>		
Università degli Studi Cattolica del Sacro Cuore of Piacenza		Attività: Working together in carrying out operative research; data collection and processing; reports Counselling in the agro-livestock field Awareness-raising meetings on the Ugandan Reality Remote cultural exchanges between the Italian and Ugandan nursery and primary schools: letters and drawings from Italy and from Uganda
Università degli studi di Parma		
Università degli studi di Perugia		
ISIS "Valceresio" - Bisuschio (VA)		
ITC "De Nicola" – Piove di Sacco (PD)		
Arts High School "B. Cassinari" – (PC)		
Primary school "G. Paolo II" - Vallefoglia(PU)		
Primary School "San Lazzaro Alberoni" - (PC)		
Scuola dell'Infanzia "Maria Immacolata" – S. Elena di Silea (TV)		
Churches and religious institutions		
<i>To share the commitment within local communities towards the spread of a culture of solidarity and hospitality, of a focus on social issues and international cooperation through the realisation of projects and training courses, educational trips and meant to get to know the Ugandan reality, awareness raising projects and educational projects in loco.</i>		
In Italy:		
Diocese of Piacenza and diocesan Caritas		Provide support in the implementation of solidarity initiatives
Diocese of Urbino and diocesan Caritas		
Diocese of Cerreto Sannita – Teleso – St. Agata de Goti		Economical support for focus interventions on the Ugandan soil
CEI (Italian Episcopal Conference)		
Azione Cattolica Italiana		
Ufficio Scolastico Diocesano Piacenza Bobbio		Awareness-raising projects
Diocesan Missionary Centre of Biella		
Diocesan Missionary Centres		
In Uganda:		
	Diocese of Moroto	Formal aid for cooperation initiatives in areas of interest of the Dioceses
Diocese of Kotido	Diocese of Arua	
Caritas of Moroto	Caritas of Kotido	Operative collaboration in managing structures and project activities
Diocese of Gulu	Diocese of Lira	
International religious foundations	Local religious foundations	

Foundations– Banks – Businesses

To respond with concrete initiatives to the solidarity contributions made by foundations, banks and businesses both in Italy and in Uganda in the different fields of intervention, creating a solid relationship of mutual respect and cooperation.

<p>Fondazione Campagna Amica Fondazione Zenone Fondazione Cattaneo Fondazione della Comunità Bresciana Onlus Fondazione d. Ambrosoli Memorial H.Kalongo Fondazione Cassa di Risp. di Pc e Vigevano Banca di Piacenza Cariparma A.S.D. Venicemarathon Club Bramieri Group srl Negozio Punto e Virgola di Morciola di Colbordolo Il Germoglio Snc Di E. Pesce & C. Blacklemon Srl Cravedi Produzione Immagini snc Keep Brave Matecho International Musetti Spa Perini & Perini Ristorante "La Mamma" Pfp Pedrini Srl Gate Gourmet Italia Srl</p>	<p>Fundraising activities: sport events, banquets in squares, solidarity initiatives</p>
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NGOs' networks and federations/ Associations

To share our commitment through partnerships and collaborations in carrying out projects, lobbying and advocacy, raising awareness projects and training on site.

<p>In Italy FOCSIV CSV dell'Emilia Coldire! Medici con l'Africa Cuamm Ong Gruppo di Povo Italia Uganda Onlus ISP Ong IPSIA del Trentino Circolo Aspi S.Franca Gocce di Vita Onlus Associazione "Aiutiamo il mondo di padre Marco" WECARE Onlus Associazione Ingegneri Senza Frontiere l'Ovo de l'Asino "IOA" Associazione di Promozione Sociale "APS"</p>	<p>Partnership in the creation and implementation of cooperation projects</p> <p>Exchange of good practice</p> <p>Creation of specific professional training courses proposed by Focsiv group</p> <p>Fundraising initiatives</p> <p>Awareness-raising and informative activities all over the territory</p>
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<p>International</p> <p>CA NGO (Danish Church Aid NGO)</p> <p>BMZ (The Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development)</p> <p>GIZ (Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit)</p> <p>KOIKA (Korea International Cooperation Agency) WHH (Welthungerhilfe Uganda NGO)</p> <p>CRS (Catholic Relief Service)</p> <p>Good Samaritan NGO</p>	<p><i>Financing of cooperation initiatives</i></p> <p><i>Partnerships in cooperation projects in various fields</i></p> <p><i>Support in specific project activities</i></p>
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<p>Newspapers</p> <p><i>To promote and share our commitment through the production and spread of publicity materials.</i></p>		
<p>Avvenire</p> <p>TgR Veneto (Rai)</p> <p>Libertà</p> <p>Telelibertà</p> <p>Liberta.it</p> <p>IlPiacenza.it</p> <p>Radio Sound</p> <p>Piacenza24.org</p> <p>PiacenzaSera.it</p> <p>Il Nuovo Giornale</p> <p>Ilnuovogiornale.it</p> <p>Corriere Padano</p> <p>Piacenzaonline.it</p> <p>Varese News</p> <p>Il Quotidiano d'Italia</p> <p>Varese Noi</p> <p>Il Giorno</p> <p>Varese Sport</p> <p>Varese Report</p> <p>Sempione News</p> <p>Fidal.it</p> <p>Corriere dello Sport</p> <p>Marathonworld.it</p>	<p>Metropolitano.it</p> <p>Sport Piacenza</p> <p>La gazzetta dello sport</p> <p>Next Stop Reggio</p> <p>Redacon.it</p> <p>Action Magazine</p> <p>Quotidiano del Canavese</p> <p>Sportiamoci.it</p> <p>Il Gazzettino</p> <p>L'Agone</p> <p>Treviso Today</p> <p>La gazzetta di Bologna</p> <p>La Prealpina</p> <p>Varese7Press.it</p> <p>Zerocinque23</p> <p>Avellino Zoom</p> <p>Benevento Forum</p> <p>Anteprima24.it</p> <p>Cronache del Sannio</p> <p>Acli Trentine</p> <p>La Piazza Web</p> <p>Il Nuovo Amico</p> <p>Radio Sound 95</p>	<p><i>Publishing of informative material and its promotion</i></p> <p><i>Sharing of awareness campaigns</i></p> <p><i>Partnership in the creation of publicity materials and raising-awareness campaigns</i></p>

INSTITUTIONAL DONORS



OUR PARTNERS



Distretti locali del Karamoja



Other partners:



Diocesi Cattolica di Moroto

Diocesi Cattolica di Kotido

Diocesi Cattolica di Lira

Informatici Senza Frontiere

IRC - International Rescue Committee

HBC - Home Based Care

COMPANIES, PRIVATE INSTITUTIONS AND FOUNDATIONS



4. COWORKERS IN THE ORGANISATIONS



Le The following people were consistently involved in the implementation of activities in Italy and Uganda.

Employees' work tasks in Italy	Year 2020	Notes	Year 2019
Employees and collaborators in Italy			
General management	1	(full-time employee)	1
Awareness raising and administration	4	(3 full-time employees; 1 part-time employee)	4
Area Uganda	1	(1 full-time employee; 1 part-time employee)	1
Communication	1	(1 part-time employee)	1
	7		7
Collaborators in Uganda's offices			
Country's supervisor	1	Collaborator for project	1
Coordinator Moroto's headquarters	1	Collaborator for project	1
Logistic and administration	4	Collaborator for project	4
Project managers and project collaborators	11	Collaborator for project	11
	17		17

The employment contract used for the employees is the Collective Labour Agreement for the employees of the commercial sector.

During 2020 the average number of employees is equal to 6.8 units (3 part-time), with one disposal (for resignation).

Type of contract of the employees in Italy	Numero	N. medio unità*
Women with a full-time open-ended contract	3	3
Men with a full-time open-ended contract	1	1
Women with a part-time open-ended contract	2	1,8
Men with a part-time open-ended contract	1	1
Women with VAT number	0	0
Men with VAT number	0	0
<i>(Average number of units* over 12 months)</i>	7	6,8*

Age-group of the employees	N.
18-30	1
30-40	1
41-55	2
Over 56	3
	7

Salaries of employees	Yearly minimum gross salary	Yearly maximum gross salary
Part time	9.210,00 €	14.119,00 €
Full time	17.485,00 €	35.191,00 €

Collaborators to the Co.Co.Co. project

The employment contract used for the employees is the Contract of Continuous and Coordinated Collaboration.

In 2020 the average number of Co.Co.Co. co-workers in Uganda (expatriate staff) was equal to 7,6 units with two disposals (for resignation).

<i>Expatriate staff</i>	<i>N.</i>
Women	4
Men	4
Total 2020	8
Average number (in relation to months of relationship)	7,6

<i>Age-group of the expatriate staff</i>	<i>N.</i>
18-30	4
30-40	1
41-55	1
Over 56	2
	8

<i>Salaries of the expatriate staff</i>	
<i>Yearly minimum gross salary</i>	17.016,00
<i>Yearly maximum gross salary</i>	24.709,92

Collaborators with VAT number

There has not been any collaborator with VAT number in Italy and in Uganda.

Volunteers former law n.125

In 2020 the average number of volunteers in Uganda with reimbursement of expenses in compliance with the former law n. 125 article 28 clause 2 has been equal to 3,5 units.

<i>Volontari Legge 125 articolo 28 comma 2</i>	
Donne	1
Uomini	6
Numero totale volontari	7
n. medio dei volontari (rapportato a mesi di rapporto)	3,5
Importo complessivo Rimborsi ai volontari Legge 125. L'articolo 28 comma 2	36.431,22 €

Volunteers of the universal civilian service in Uganda

In 2020 we had, only for two months, 6 volunteers of the universal civilian service in Uganda who finished the year of service in February 2020.

Interns

In 2020 we hosted at the headquarters in Moroto a student from a Dutch university for an unpaid internship.

5. GOALS AND ACTIVITIES



EDUCATION AND AWARENESS- RAISING AREA ITALY

Implemented activities: awareness-raising campaigns, various activities of global citizenship education.

Costs: 114.809 €

Earnings: 397.208 €

COMMUNICATION AND FUNDRAISING AREA ITALY

Implemented activities: fundraising campaigns and initiatives.

Costs: 72.047 €

Earnings: 61.349 €



WATER AREA UGANDA

Implemented activities: drilling of wells and/or restorations, hydrographic basins, systems of rainwater collection, training of pump mechanics and committees for the treatment of wells, awareness-raising initiatives about hygienic norms in the schools.

Costs: 497.609 €

Earnings: 473.226 €

Beneficiary: 63.746

AGRICULTURAL, RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND ZOOTECHNICS AREA UGANDA

Implemented activities: redevelopment of agricultural areas, training of professional farming figures and implementation of little enterprises.

Costs: 584.203 €

Earnings: 476.874 €

Beneficiary: 4.788



SOCIO-EDUCATIONAL AREA UGANDA

Implemented activities: teacher's training, professional youth education, child protection, raising awareness against violence on women, support to schools and students.

Costs: 596.285 €

Earnings: 554.348 €

Beneficiary: 63.596

SUPPORT LOCAL REALITIES AREA UGANDA

Implemented activities: shipping of containers, support to missionaries, schools, orphanages, religious institutes etc.

Costs: 296.399 €

Earnings: 285.864 €

Beneficiary: 4.584



HEALTHCARE AREA UGANDA

Implemented activities: education to the right to health and hygiene, support to dispensaries, distribution of vaccines.

Costs: 2.623 €

Earnings: 465 €

Beneficiary: 11.880

EMERGENCY AREA UGANDA

Implemented activities: creation and participation in activities at youth centres, courses of youth vocational education, strengthening of the female figure, contrast the pandemic through consciousness raising and hygienic-sanitary promotion.

Costs: 275.988 €

Earnings: 276.983 €

Beneficiary: 20.236



ACCESSORY ACTIVITIES

Costs: 25.809 € (1,0 %)

Earnings: 22.220 €

GENERAL EXPENSES

Costs: 90.897 € (3,4 %)

TOTAL RESULTS

Costs: 2.669.804 €

Earnings: 2.666.701 €

Beneficiary: 168.830 people

5.a. Our commitment in Italy

In Italy Cooperation and Development mainly conducts activities of “**Global Citizenship Education GCE**” and of “**fundraising** and activities promotion”.

By “**Global Citizenship Education**” is meant the activity carried out in Italy, and in the North of the world, of raising awareness towards development problems and of promotion of collective and individual awareness, of an active participation of all the citizens to the eradication of poverty and the building of a fairer and more just world.

Cooperation and Development conducts awareness raising and educational activities:

For children and young people in schools, fostering awareness raising paths in schools on the topics of international solidarity, promoting intercultural paths to draw a simultaneous relationship between children of kindergartens and primary schools in Italy and Uganda, based on the active experimentation, on laboratories and educational projects.

For youth, educating them on the topics of international solidarity and on the particular situation of populations living in northeast Uganda, encouraging their active engagement to carry out awareness raising activities on the territory through training sessions and cognitive trips: “Vieni e Vedi” projects, universal civilian service in Italy and in Uganda with Focsiv.

For all the citizenship, by promoting a culture of solidarity and raising awareness on the problems of northeast Uganda through the realisation of a periodical- project called “Qui Uganda- Anche Tu... Insieme”, promoting meetings/events/ events in the parishes, in the squares and building and enlivening local groups of awareness raising.

Because of COVID-19 the project “Vieni e Vedi”, that entails a cognitive trip to Uganda in the summer has been cancelled.

For the same reason also the project of universal civilian service “White Helmets: Uganda 2019” has been called off. The White Helmets began their service on June the 24th 2020, they followed remotely 5 weeks of general and specific training courses and, due to the restrictions that hindered the entering in Uganda, the project has been suspended. Since limitations related to the entering in the country have endured, the project was shut by the Ministry.

The project of civilian service Italy “SfAma il mondo” has not been implemented since the selected volunteers withdrawn before the beginning of the service.

Always because of the pandemic the awareness-raising meetings in the schools have been interrupted at the end of February and also the scheduled events as the annual convention and the informative banquets have been suspended.

As regards the number of activities implemented, a reduction equal to 51% has been observed because of the pandemic.

6 LOCATIONS IN ITALY

19 SUPPORT GROUP

1.221 HOURS OF VOLUNTEERING at the headquarters of PIACENZA

7 EMPLOYEES AND COLLABORATORS in PIACENZA

452 COVERS PREPARED AT THE HEADQUARTERS in PIACENZA FOR MEETINGS AND INITIATIVES

225 OVERNIGHT STAYS AT THE HEADQUARTERS IN PIACENZA

547 VISITS AT THE HEADQUARTERS IN PIACENZA

Global Citizenship Education

Italy project



Awareness raising campaigns, educational projects for children and students in schools, events, accounts and dissemination initiatives.

SCHOOL/CHILDREN

- We have organised a series of awareness-raising initiatives on the theme of **international awareness** with the middle school Parini in Podenzano.
- We have organised a series of educational meetings in secondary schools I.T.C. "Romagnosi", I.S.I.I. "G. Marconi" and "Gioia" during weeks of flexibility in Piacenza.

CAREER GUIDANCE

- We worked together with "Gioia" and I.T.C. "Romagnosi" secondary schools in Piacenza to host 2 girls for the work-school project at our headquarters in Piacenza.

YOUTH

- We provided logistic support and hospitality at our headquarters in Kampala to 11 students coming from the Piove di Sacco high school for a journey of discovery of the Ugandan reality.
- 3 boys and 3 girls have finished their experience of Civilian Service in Uganda



AWARENESS RAISING CAMPAIGNS/INITIATIVES

- We supported together with FOCSIV for the fifteenth year in a row the campaign "**Abbiamo riso per una cosa seria**" with a promotion mainly carried out on social medias seen the restrictions caused by COVID-19. The earnings have been allocated to support the creation of the Agribusiness school in Alito in Uganda and seen the seriousness of the COVID-19 emergency in Piacenza it was give the possibility to donate one's own packet of rice to the Caritas of Piacenza.



- We adhered to the campaign with FOCSIV and Caritas "**Dacci oggi il nostro pane quotidiano**" on world hunger, an issue that because of spread of COVID-19 and consequent enforced restrictions has become more serious leading to increased inequalities and a drastic decrease in the basic necessities for survival.

- A group of **50 runners** took part in the **34th Venice Marathon**, where AMCS adhered with the campaign "**Run for Water Run for Life**". Because of the pandemic, in the week from the 25th of October to the 1st of November each of them ran 10 km in Italy or in Uganda to support Africa Mission.

- We set up at the *Church of S. Giuseppe Operaio* in Piacenza the photo exhibition "**Don Vittorione, a sign of Hope**"

- We organised the traditional "**Mostra Missionaria**" at Raffaello College (Pesaro-Urbino)

PARTICIPATIONS

-**3 testimonial meetings** with the White Helmets who have finished their experience of Civilian Service in Uganda in February 2020. The 3 meetings took place at La Rasa in Varese, Casalecchio di Reno and Treviso.

-On the **International Volunteer Day** we contributed to the video "the freedom of a choice" created by CSV Emilia.

Global Citizenship Education (ECG) in brief - events

3 awareness campaigns

11 Meetings on "global active citizenship" in first and second grade secondary schools in Piacenza

2 Girls involved in the school / work alternation project

6 cultural and sporting events, exhibitions and participation in events organized by other associations

OSS: 4 - QUALITY EDUCATION

OSS: 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS

CHARGES: € 114,809

FUNDRAISING

[Italy project](#)



Fundraising campaigns, promotional stands, convivial evenings and lunches, promotion of Ugandan handcraft and local products.

FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGNS

“**Water Wells in Karamoja**” is the campaign carried out by the headquarters thanks to the magazine “*Qui Uganda – Anche Tu, Insieme*” and the social medias, through meetings at the offices and by various support groups by means of material sent from the headquarters and personal contacts.

This campaign was particularly heart-felt especially with the aim of allowing better hygienic conditions and thus the prevention against COVID-19.



-Fourteenth edition of the campaign “**Dai più gusto alla solidarietà**” with the distribution of 208 quintals of citrus fruits of Friendships (lemons from Procida and organic oranges) in different parts of Italy and involving 239 volunteers.

FUNDRAISING INITIATIVES

-25 quintals of rice collected by the Stresa group that, since it could not be shipped in the short term, it was used in the campaign “**a rice grain for Uganda**”

-“**A tractor for Uganda**”, initiative of support to the Agribusiness school of Alito’s farm. Promoted by the group of Treviso, the initiative has allowed to send a tractor with subsoiler, whereas the group of Piacenza provided a tractor with a water pump.

-Thanks to our volunteers’ help we sent 5 containers to Uganda with 59.340 kg of sent supplies.

-A small fundraising initiative was led promoting on social medias anti-COVID-19 masks created with Ugandan fabrics.



EVENTS

Charity horse riding event in Varese dedicated to Don Vittorio Pastori

Fundraising in short

2 fundraising campaigns

4 fundraising initiatives

1 charity sporting event

SDG: 4 - QUALITY EDUCATION

SDG: 16 - PEACE, JUSTICE, AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS

CHARGES: 72.047 €



How do we communicate

Since 2020 a transformation of the Movement's communication tools has begun: the aim has been to tell the story of Africa Mission Cooperation and Development through initiatives, campaigns, the past, but also the future, the new generations of collaborators and volunteers, and the stories of the beneficiaries. In order to do this, we first of all planned and strengthened our presence online: drawing up a cross-media editorial plan we monitored the news published day by day on social networks (Facebook, Instagram, Twitter), on the website, in the newsletter and in the press.

The quarterly magazine 'Anche Tu Insieme' ('You Too Together') also underwent a graphical and content revision, starting with the title, which was changed to 'Qui Uganda Anche Tu Insieme' (Here Uganda, You Too Together). This revision was carried out in the collaboration of the graphic designer Renato Vermi and various collaborators both in Italy and Uganda: the aim is to increasingly encourage the collective participation in the projects, enabling to place at the centre the stories of the beneficiaries and of those who actually work in support of the Movement (donors, volunteers, collaborators) through storytelling. In this regard, the magazine's photographic apparatus has been enhanced, while other changes have included the introduction of an editorial and the revision of the pages dedicated to the reflections of Don Maurizio Noberini and Don Sandro De Angeli. In the first issue of 2021, a page completely dedicated to Uganda has been included, with news and direct references to news published on our website that is not fully covered in the magazine. In order to highlight the activities of the groups, it was decided to create a specially-made column: "AMCD Community" presents a structure that gives an account of the life of the Movement, of the "community" in the sense of a real community that operates in Italy and Uganda (hence the choice to use the English word instead of the Italian "comunità"). A new feature for 2021 is the introduction of the illustrated history of the Movement made by Renato Vermi: the aim is to continue until the end of 2022, telling the story of the Movement's origins, but also its present, its campaigns and projects dedicated to the traditional sectors to which AMCD is committed to such as water and new ones such as hospitality.



A graphical revision also concerned the newsletter, whose presentation has been renewed: monthly a selection of five/six news items from the website is proposed, divided equally between updates in Italy and those in Uganda.

Over the year the drafting of circulars for the Movement's groups was also reintroduced: it is a tradition in use at the time of Don Vittorione, which was then abandoned but has now been reinstated to provide volunteers with a quarterly update on the activities carried out, the results of the projects and the campaigns underway. In 2020, 4 circulars were sent out.

2020 was not an easy year: due to the pandemic many of our activities and campaigns had to be halted or carried out to a reduced extent. In spite of this, efforts were made to give value to the work of the staff and volunteers, especially externally: this was reflected in the increase in the number of press releases sent out and the presence on social networks, especially Instagram.

In the first half of the year the book on the project 'Feeding the communities of Moroto and Napak districts with food and knowledge', supported by the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation and co-authored with 'Doctors with Africa Cuamm', was completed. It consists of 18 testimonials from the beneficiaries of the project, complete with photographs, data, personal details of each beneficiary, and a presentation of the project and the people responsible for its activities. From the editorial product an e-book will be produced and later released online and on our social channels.

Together with the illustrator Vermi, we are working on the creation of cartoons on the history of the Movement, which will be published from time to time in the issues of "Qui Uganda Anche Tu Insieme", with the intention of collecting them in a possible publication at the end of 2022.

In addition to promoting the fundraising campaigns (Agrumi dell'Amicizia and Abbiamo riso per una cosa seria) and the historical initiatives (Venice Marathon) on the website, social networks and through press releases, this year the programme for the celebrations in 2022 is being drawn up, which should begin on 15 April 2022, the date of the birth of Don Vittorio and Africa Mission, and end on 15 April 2023.



ON THE WEBSITE WWW.AFRICAMMISSION.ORG **101 NEWS ITEMS** HAVE BEEN PUBLISHED. THE WEBSITE IS THE 'CALLING CARD' OF OUR ORGANISATION. THE WEBSITE IS BILINGUAL (ITALIAN AND ENGLISH) AND ADAPTS TO ANY DEVICE.



QUI UGANDA – ANCHE TU INSIEME ('HERE UGANDA, YOU TOO TOGETHER')

IT IS THE MAGAZINE OF THE MOVEMENT THAT HAS REACHED 10.544 PEOPLE PRINTING 30.000 COPIES.

THE CONTENTS OF THE MAGAZINE ARE EDITED BY THE STAFF OF PIACENZA IN PARTNERSHIP WITH THE BRANCH OFFICES AND STAFF IN UGANDA.

GRAPHIC DESIGN BY *RENATO VERMI* AND PRINTING BY *PRINTALL*.



9 NEWSLETTER HAVE BEEN SENT OUT AND HAVE REACHED 1.320 PEOPLE

33 PRESS RELEASES HAVE BEEN SENT OUT TO THE LOCAL AND NATIONAL PRESS.



33 COMUNICATI STAMPA INVIATI ALLA STAMPA LOCALE E NAZIONALE.



2 DEMs (SPECIAL NEWSLETTERS) HAVE BEEN SENT OUT FOR:

- CAMPAGNA FATTORIA ALITO
- AUGURI E CAMPAGNA DI NATALE.



157 ARTICLES ON PRINTED PAPER OR ONLINE. THEY HAVE BEEN MAINLY PUBLISHED BY REDACTIONS OF PIACENZA.



WE PUBLISH AT LEAST **1 POST ON A DAILY BASIS**, FOR AN APPROXIMATE TOTAL OF 450 POSTS EVERY YEAR. **7156 LIKES WERE REACHED BY THE END OF 2020**. THE FOLLOWERS ARE GENERALLY BETWEEN 25 AND 34 OF AGE AND NEARLY 66% OF THEM ARE WOMEN AND THE REMAINING 34% ARE MEN.

MAJOR INTERACTIONS COME FROM ITALY, UGANDA AND UNITED KINGDOM.



626 FOLLOWER IN 2020.

MORE THAN 2.116 FOLLOWING.

150.000 TOTAL VIEWS

ANCHE IN QUESTO CASO IL PUBBLICO È PREVALENTEMENTE FEMMINILE, COSÌ COME NON CAMBIA LA FASCIA D'ETÀ.

IL PAESE CHE SEGUE MAGGIORMENTE IL PROFILO È L'ITALIA, SEGUITA DA UGANDA E REGNO UNITO.



781 FOLLOWERS UNTIL DECEMBER 2020.

409 POSTS PUBLISHED.

66,9% OF THE AUDIENCE ARE WOMEN AND 29,7% ARE MEN.

THE AGE RANGE STAYS BETWEEN 25 AND 34 (47,2%)

THE MAJORITY OF THE FOLLOWERS ARE REGISTERED IN ITALY (84%) AND IN UGANDA.

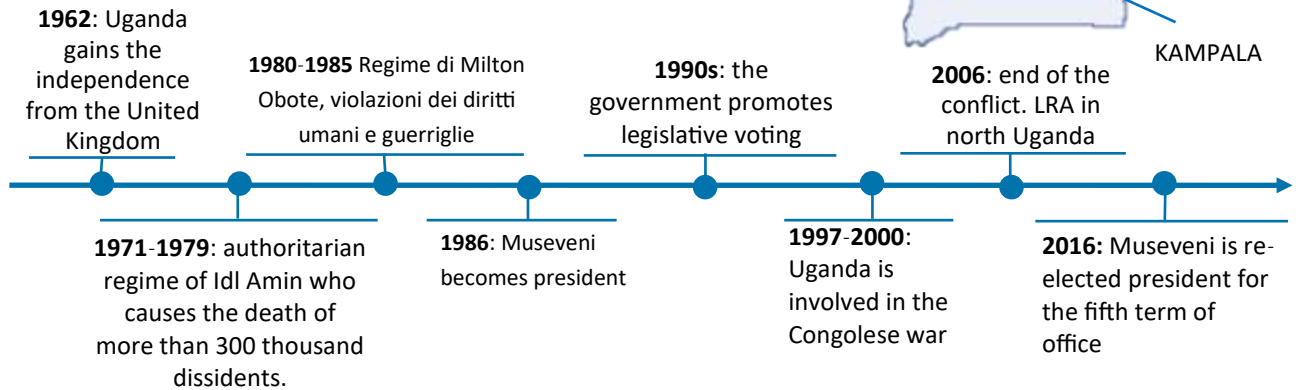
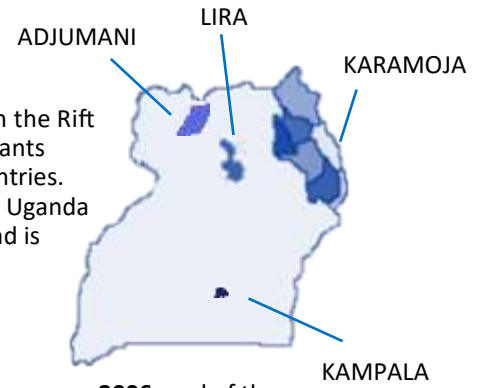


90 SUBSCRIBERS AND 70 VIDEOS PUBLISHED SINCE JANUARY 2020
18.139 VIEWS.

5.b Our commitment in Uganda

Context

The Republic of Uganda is a landlocked country located on the Equator between the Rift Valleys between Eastern and Central Africa. The country has 42.860.000 inhabitants (a.2017). According to the UNDP's rating Uganda is **ranked 159th** out of 189 countries. This classification is calculated on the basis of the Human Development Index in Uganda which is **around 0,528** (Italy's Index is 0,88 and is ranked 29th – Norway 0,954 and is ranked 1st). The life expectancy in Uganda is **63 years**.



The majority of our projects are carried out in Karamoja, a region in north-east side of the country. Thanks to these interventions we are able to contribute to **many sectors, such as water, healthcare and socio-educational sectors**. Since 2017 we are active in the north of the country, more specifically we are in Alito (Lira) with our **Training Centre**, a centre of agricultural training and breeding. In the northeast we have started in 2019 an initiative of **multisectoral support to south-Sudanese refugees and to the local population** in the district of Adjumani. Finally, in the capital Kampala and surroundings **we support several agencies and local institutes** whose primary aim is to take care of the most vulnerable in society, such as children, the needy and handicapped.

KAMPALA

Kampala is the capital of Uganda. It lies on the shores of Lake Victoria and has **1.353.000 inhabitants** (in the urban area). Kampala is **literally split in two** because of social inequalities. On the one hand there is the richest urban area and on the other hand there are the slums, urban settlements densely populated, characterised by crumbling buildings and wretched living conditions below the minimum standard of survival. **The sanitary conditions are extremely precarious.**

KARAMOJA

Karamoja is a Ugandan region in the **north-east** of the country and it is divided into 9 administrative districts: Abim, Amudat, Kaabong, Karenga, Kotido, Moroto (the Regional County Seat), Nabilatuk, Nakapiripirit and Napak. It is a dry plateau and the typical vegetation is the **savannah**. The population is estimated at **1.200.000 inhabitants** and the majority is devoted to the seminomadic pastoralism, unlike the majority of the Ugandan who are settled farmers. There are only two seasons, the rain season and the dry season. Rainfalls are concentrated in 4 months of the year and the area receives in average nearly 800 millimetres of annual rains.

Comparing national data here **the life expectancy is 48 years, the average age is 15 years and the Human Development Index is equal to 0,18**. The decisions taken within the Karimojong society are taken collectively by the elders and exclusively by men. Women take care of the household, childcare, construction of huts, food procurement and preparation, farming, water and wood supply and the sale of livestock products. The most affected are the young: **only 27% are literate, 2 million children are orphaned because of AIDS, 77% of children between 6 and 12 years old do not go to school.**

ALITO, DISTRICT OF KOLE

Alito is 25 km from Lira. The area was in the past devastated by the presence on the territory of the LRA (Lord Resistance Army), the rebel army guided by Joseph Kony. Thanks to favourable climate conditions, **this area lends itself well to agriculture**, yet many young people flee in search of a better future to the cities.

ADJUMANI, THE WEST NILE REGION

The district of Adjumani is located in the West Nile region and it is one of the districts in Uganda that hosts refugees from several years, mainly from South Sudan. **In December 2017 there were nearly 202.000 South Sudanese refugees in 18 settlement camps in the district.** The whole of western Uganda **hosts nearly 1.500.000 refugees**, the majority of them are South Sudanese escaping areas struck by civil war. Here there is to be found the highest percentage of population living below the poverty threshold in the region (43,7%).

In 2020 our association has been involved in **24 projects** in six fields of intervention, reaching **168.830 people**.

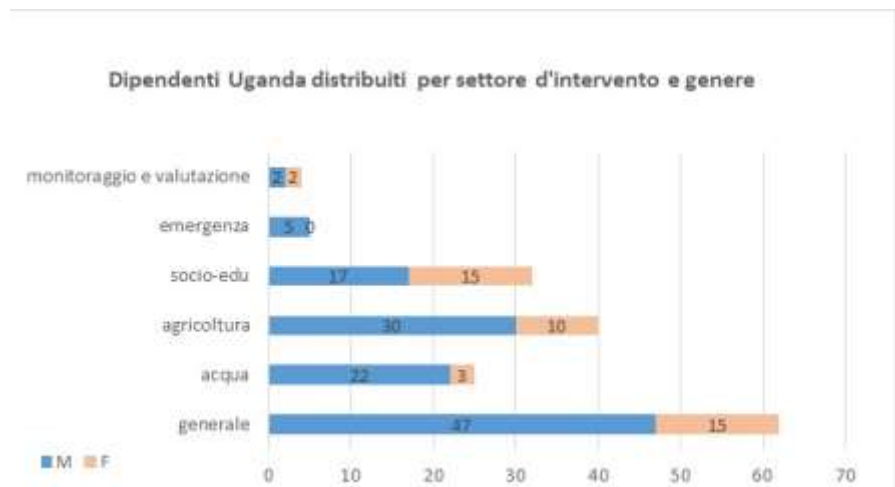
For the implementation of **24 projects**, C&S has partnered with:

-8 external collaborators

-7 Italian volunteers with reimbursement of expenses who spent more or less long periods in Uganda in service of the various projects, 4 volunteers including a university intern and 6 civilian service.

-168 local collaborators (9 in Kampala- 4 men and 5 women - , 143 in Moroto – 106 men and 35 women), 10 in Alito (6 men and 4 women), and 6 men in Adjumani, with an average total equal to 134 and with an average age of 37.

Local collaborators are divided into the different fields of intervention as follows: 25 in the water sector (22 M and 3 W), 40 in the agricultural sector (30 M and 10 W), 32 in the socio-educational sector (17 M and 15 W), 5 M in the emergency sector, 4 in Monitoring & Evaluation and 62 (47 M and 15 W) assigned to support activities of various projects.



Furthermore, our headquarters in

Uganda have hosted **49 among guests and visitors** from Uganda (ambassadors, representatives of other agencies...), including two experts for a mission of monitoring for a grand total of **4.257 days** of hospitality for all the people who, for various reasons, have been received in the Ugandan offices.

It is important to underline that in 2019 the reception at our headquarters in Uganda has decreased **by 62%**.





WATER & SANITATION (WASH)

International policies



In developing countries **80% of infections results from the consume of unclean water and poor hygiene habits**: the use of unsafe water sources (superficial and contaminated water), inadequate sanitation and poor hygiene are among the main causes of cholera diffusion and infectious and tropical diseases (WHO, UNICEF 2015). The UN 2020 report on **Sustainable Development Goal 6 of the 2030 Agenda**, that ensures the availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all, shows that the situation in the WASH sector is still critical today: despite the progress made in recent decades, **one third of the world's population does not have access to safe drinking water**, two fifths do not have facilities to wash their hands with soap and water, and more than 673 million people still defecate in the open. The Covid-19 pandemic has showed the importance of good hygiene practices to prevent and control infections.

The world situation



Worldwide **783 million people** have no access to drinking water, 319 million of whom live in the Sub-Saharan Africa: 84% live in rural areas and practice subsistence farming (WHO, UNICEF 2010). Population growth in Africa has made the already scarce and insufficient supply of water resources more difficult. Sub-Saharan Africa is among the regions that are most in need of increased and improved access to clean water sources: two-thirds of the population uses surface water, from rivers and wells, which is often contaminated, uncontrolled and therefore at high risk of transmitting endemic diseases (WHO, UNICEF 2015).

Our contribution



In Karamoja only 15% of families have access to improved sanitary facilities; only 32,4% of families in Napak and Moroto are informed about the consequences of using contaminated water, leading to a high incidence of diseases related to the use of unsafe water sources. The amount of water available per person daily is still below the 15 litres recommended by the WHO. Personal and environmental hygiene is still very poor all over the region. Despite an increase in the number of latrines from 10% to 30% in the last five years, inequalities are still high and more than 80% of households still do not have access to sanitation (Uganda Government, 2016).

AMCS has been intervening since its foundation to support rural populations, particularly in north-eastern Uganda, to ensure safe water sources and adequate sanitation services, in line with **Sustainable Goal 6 of the 2030 Agenda**. AMCS's work is not limited to drilling wells and constructing sanitation facilities but is based on a sustainable approach that includes continuous training by staff in the field of good hygiene practices both in schools and at community level. The creation of *Water User Committees*, namely Water and Sanitation Management Committees, allows to shape a greater sense of ownership and responsibility for the projects and ensures their sustainability.



Since 1983 in the WASH sector the programme "**Integrated intervention for the technical and sustainable improvement of the well maintenance and rehabilitation system in the Karamoja region**" has been active and has affected 2,168,058 people and rehabilitated 2,062 wells, and the **well drilling programme** has allowed the creation of more than 1,000 wells and has affected 1,112,361 beneficiaries from 1983 to 2019. The second part of the UNICEF-funded program "**Wash in School**" project is currently underway: the main activities concern training on good hygiene practices and involve primary and secondary schools for a total of 25,000 students. The "**Nuyok**" project, financed by USAID in collaboration with *Catholic Relief Service* as leader of the project, is currently being closed. The aim is to guarantee clean water and improve the hygiene conditions of the population, with the main objective of protecting pregnant women's health and breastfeeding children.



Our strategy in the mid to long term

The AMCS **intervention strategy** in the WASH field therefore includes not only the drilling and restoration of wells or the construction of latrines, but also and above all the involvement of the local population through **training** in good hygiene practices, the transmission of **technical knowledge** for the proper management of water resources and the creation of Management Committees, in **collaboration** with local institutions and stakeholders in the area to encourage the development of greater awareness for the protection of human health, both within children and adults.



Cohesion with national and international policies

This approach is in compliance with the Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda (in particular: SDGs 3 and 6), with the program plan of the Ugandan government "**The Third National Development Plan (NDP II) 2020/21-2024/25**", in particular with Goal 4: "Improve the productivity and social wellbeing of the population by increasing the access to safe water and improving basic sanitary facilities", and with **Uganda Vision 2040** in point 4.1.9. concerning the WASH sector.

Moreover, the intervention of AMCS is in line with the **Water and Environment Sector Development Plan 2015/16- 2019/20**, in particular with the strategic goal n.1: "Provide access to drinking water and sanitation, under management and ownership of users, to 79% in rural and 100% in urban areas by 2020, with 95% of facilities functioning and in use by women and men", with the **Water and Sanitation Gender Strategy 2018-2022 (Ministry of Water and Environment, Uganda)**, in particular with the strategic goal n.3: "Economical empowerment through access, use and equal control of water utilities and sanitation".

AMCS approach is finally in line with the **Plan AICS-DGCS for the efficiency of interventions 2020-2022**.

WATER PROGRAM IN UGANDA

[Uganda project](#)



Ensure availability and sustainability of water resources in the Karamoja region through drilling and rehabilitation of water wells and other water reservoirs.

Karamoja is semi-arid territory where the lack of water is a consequence of several factors, such as the morphological characteristics, a wrong environmental management and climate change. Furthermore, in the last few years, after the disarmament of 2010, there has been a reduction of livestock and the implementation of the 'degazetting' process, whereby the government has allocated areas for hunting and grazing. This has caused the population to move to more fertile areas and this internal migration urges the drilling of new wells. Efforts are also being done to facilitate the access to water but also to intervene to train new hand pump mechanics.

The main aim is to increase the availability of drinking water per capita from the current 5/10 litres per day to 20 litres through the **Water Programme in Karamoja**, which includes:

DRILLING of 50 new wells by 2020. Drilling locations are chosen on the basis of several factors: direct demand from the villages, requests from facilities (health centres, schools, etc.) or if the donor asks the drilling of a specific area.

REHABILITATION of non-functioning wells through the reactivation and maintenance of accessible sources of drinking water.

SUB SURFACE DAMS (underground dams), funded by FAO, which consisted in the rehabilitation of 14 underground river dams, a fall water collection system, refresher courses for the committees in charge of the wells maintenance. The project started in October 2019 and ended in April 2020.

"The right to water is an indispensable condition for a human and dignified life. It is a prerequisite for the realisation of all other human rights" (UN, 2002).

Achieved results



PROJECT OBJECTIVES

General objective: improve the living conditions of the population by increasing access to drinking water.

Specific objectives: increase the availability of water sources, train committees for a controlled and sustainable management of water infrastructures and to improve hygiene and sanitation at a community level.

WATER PROJECT IN KARAMOJA

DURATION: multi-year

TARGET BENEFICIARIES OF THE PROJECTS:

Direct beneficiaries – 22.215 people reached with drilled wells; **28.087** people reached with rehabilitated wells.

SDG: 6- CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION

COSTS: 331.567 €

DRILLING AND REHABILITATION

CO-FUNDED BY: donors of AMCS

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:

Diocese of Moroto and Kotido

Administrative districts in Karamoja

SUB SURFACE DAMS

FUNDED BY: FAO

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:

Achieved results

42 drilled wells, 32 of whom are productive

44 rehabilitated wells, 30 Water Program, 14 *subsurface dams programme*

14 committees for wells management



WASH IN SCHOOL

[Uganda project](#)



Improve hygienic and health conditions in schools, ensuring access to safe water sources and promoting training and awareness-raising activities.

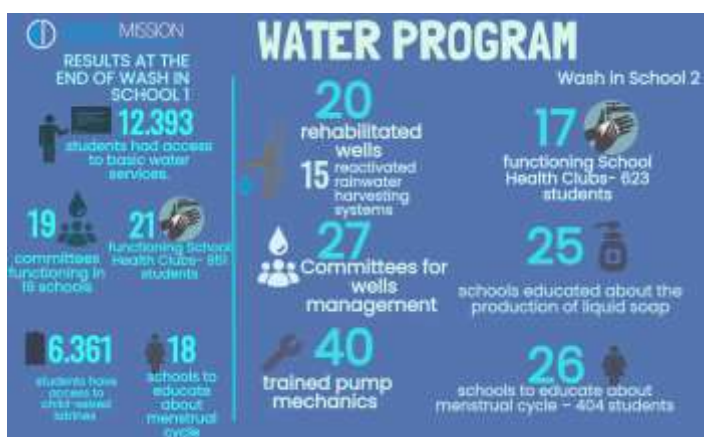
In the Karamoja region hygienic-sanitary situation and the access to drinking water in schools is insufficient. In 2018 the Ministry of Education and Sport declared that, because of the inadequate functioning of wells, one third of schools (80) do not have a safe source of drinking water, 83% of rainwater harvesting cisterns are inoperative, 36,9 % of schools have no water nearby and have therefore to recover it at water collection points in the communities, losing precious study time, thus affecting the quality of education.

Moreover, the majority of the school latrines does not respect the standards: a study carried out in 2013 revealed that girls lose up to 22 days a year (11% of the 220 school days) due to the lack of decent latrines and bathrooms during the menstrual cycle period and nearly 50% of schools has hand-washing facilities but most of them are non-functioning.

This is context for the projects **“Wash in school” 1 and 2**, funded by KOICA (Korean cooperation) in partnership with UNICEF.

The first, ended in January 2020, has involved the districts of Moroto and Napak. The second, started in November 2019, has involved the districts of Kaabong, Kotido and Karenga. The projects have concerned 25.000 children of primary and secondary schools to ensure the access to safe water sources thanks to the rehabilitation of 20 wells and the reparation of 12 rainwater harvesting systems. Moreover, the improvement in the hygienic and health conditions will be achieved through training and raising-awareness activities. AMCS will enhance the level of consciousness and will encourage action through a participatory and collaborative approach with already existing structures. The major topics being handled are: handwashing, correct use of latrines, management of the menstrual cycle, management of drinking water.

Achieved results



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PROJECT OBJECTIVES

General objective: enhance knowledge and capacity in managing WASH services by promoting good practice on hygiene and health in schools.

Specific objectives: improve the knowledge and skills of all stakeholders in schools; organise training for pump mechanics; repair rainwater harvesting systems and rehabilitate wells in schools.

DURATION:

Wash in School 1: February 2019 – January 2020 in the districts of Moroto and Napak

Wash in School 2: November 2019 – January 2021 also in the districts of Kotido, Kaabong and Karenga.

TARGET BENEFICIARIES OF THE PROJECTS:

Direct beneficiaries – 45 schools in the districts of Napak, Moroto, Kotido, Kaabong and Karenga. 25.000 students, 45 Parents-Teachers associations, 84 Committees for school and water management, 3 governing bodies in schools, 5 School Health Clubs, 4 Associations of pump mechanics.

Indirect beneficiaries – students’ households, the communities around the schools.

SDG: 4- QUALITY EDUCATION

SDG: 6- CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION

COSTS: 186.042 €

FINANCED BY:



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:



Ministry of Water and Environment
REPUBLIC OF UGANDA





AGRICULTURAL – LIVESTOCK SECTOR

International policies



In the latest UN report on global food security “The State of Food Security and Nutrition in the World”, published in 2020, it was estimated that **in 2019 almost 690 million of the world's inhabitants suffer from hunger**. The pandemic caused by Covid-19 further jeopardised the achievement of Sustainable Development Goal 2 of the 2030 Agenda, which calls for the elimination of hunger in the world over the next decade (end hunger, ensure food security, improve nutrition and promote sustainable agriculture) and drew attention to the importance of the 'One Health' approach to protect global health: International agencies such as FAO, OIE and USAID have prioritised integrated health and veterinary interventions, promoting vaccination campaigns, controlling the use of antibiotics and ensuring continuous training for health, veterinary and para-veterinary staff (OIE Global Animal Welfare Strategy 2017, includes among its objectives the development of animal welfare standards and the reinforcement of skills and training of veterinary staff; Uganda One Health Legal Framework: a livestock value chain perspective on emerging zoonotic diseases and antimicrobial resistance. Africa Sustainable Livestock 2050. FAO 2019; One Health Zoonotic Disease Prioritization for Multi-Sectoral Engagement in Uganda, USAID-CDC 2017).

The world situation



In percentage terms, concerning food insecurity, Africa is the most affected region and most likely to be affected in the future with 19,1% of the population undernourished. The African data are more than double than those of Asia (8,3%) and Latin America and the Caribbean (7,4%). Based on current trends, it is estimated that in 2030 more than half of the world's chronically famished will be concentrated in the African continent.

Our contribution



Since its foundation, one of the main objectives of AMCS in Uganda has been to support the most vulnerable and marginalized populations in meeting their basic needs: the provision of safe water sources, access to healthy and nutritious food, and access to basic education. Today, the AMCS intervention continues with a view to sustainability, which means providing local staff and beneficiaries with tools and skills, in order to give continuity to the activities carried out and make their impact more incisive.

In the agro-livestock sector, the project "EGO-Enhancing Green Opportunities", financed by the European Union, was concluded in 2020 and had the aim of training young people interested in the agricultural sector in innovative agribusiness techniques. This project is part of the cycle of initiatives promoted within the Professional Training Centre of Alito, where training courses in agriculture and zootecnics are organised. Here the *peer-to-peer* knowledge and practical activities are promoted.



Near to completion is the project "Feeding the communities of Moroto and Napak districts with food and knowledge", financed by AICS, in partnership with CUAMM, which aims to contribute in a sustainable and integrated way to increasing food security and improving the nutritional quality of the population. All these projects have so far involved 3 districts for a total of 2,880 beneficiaries, with the intention of expanding the interventions both in the districts of Moroto and Napak and in the Lango Region through the enhancement of the Professional Training Centre of Alito and the Veterinary Laboratory of Moroto.



Our strategy in the mid to long term

The intervention strategy outlined by AMCS in the rural areas of Northern Uganda includes the support for family and cooperative agriculture to facilitate the transition from a subsistence system to the development of techniques that allow to generate income from agro-livestock activities, addressing the problems felt as closest to the population, such as difficulties in accessing markets and credit, insufficient productivity, soil erosion and the management of the scarce water resources and seeds.



Cohesion with national and international policies

This approach is in compliance with the **Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda** in particular with SDG 2, with the program plan of the Ugandan government **"The Third National Development Plan (NDP II) 2020/21-2024/25"**, in particular with chapter 5 concerning agriculture, with **Uganda Vision 2040** in particular with the strategies in point 2.2.6. "Sustainable and equitable development" and in point 4.1.2. concerning agriculture, inserting itself coherently with the **Plan AICS-DGCS for the efficiency of interventions 2020-2022**.



FEEDING THE COMMUNITIES OF MOROTO AND NAPAK DISTRICTS WITH FOOD AND KNOWLEDGE

Nutrition and awareness-raising for the communities in the districts of Moroto and Napak.

The three-year project “**Feeding the communities of Moroto and Napak districts with food and knowledge**”, funded by AICS (Italian Agency for the Cooperation and Development) in partnership with CUAMM – *Medici con l’Africa* and other partners, entered its third year of activity.

The project stems from the need to contribute in a sustainable and integrated way to increase food security and nutritional status of communities in the Karamoja region, with particular attention to mothers, who are the real breadwinners and are entrusted with the most difficult tasks in local society (cultivating fields, transporting water and wood to the village, preparing food and childcare).

The intervention strategy has identified, selected and trained 85 Model Farmers and 85 Community Agricultural Groups (CAG) made up of 30 members each, involving most vulnerable families in the districts.

“Model Farmers” had the task of raising awareness within their communities towards the adoption of agricultural and breeding techniques able to improve the production process and reduce losses during harvesting and storage of agricultural products.

During the year the training process was intensified with the aim of spreading sustainable agricultural and animal husbandry knowledge and techniques to produce safe, sufficient and diversified food, thus enabling a change in diet and an increase in revenues.

The trained CAGs were followed and accompanied through the various stages of sowing, harvesting, savings and credit and marketing techniques. Thanks to the intervention of the other partners particular attention was paid to the health aspect.



PROJECT OBJECTIVES

General objective: contribute to improving food safety, food security and the nutritional status of the Karimojong communities, especially mothers and children under 5 years of age (chronic malnutrition and delayed growth) who belong to most vulnerable households.

Specific objective: adoption of good agricultural and pastoral, health and nutritional practices for the population in the districts of Moroto and Napak.

DURATION: 1 July 2018- 30 June 2021 **extended to 30 September 2021**

TARGET BENEFICIARIES OF THE PROJECTS:

Direct beneficiaries – 2.565 people divided in Community Agricultural Groups (CAG) led by Model Farmers

Indirect beneficiaries – families and communities of participants in Community Agricultural Groups.

SDG: 2- ZERO HUNGER

COSTS: 375.158 €

FUNDED BY: Italian Agency for the Cooperation and Development

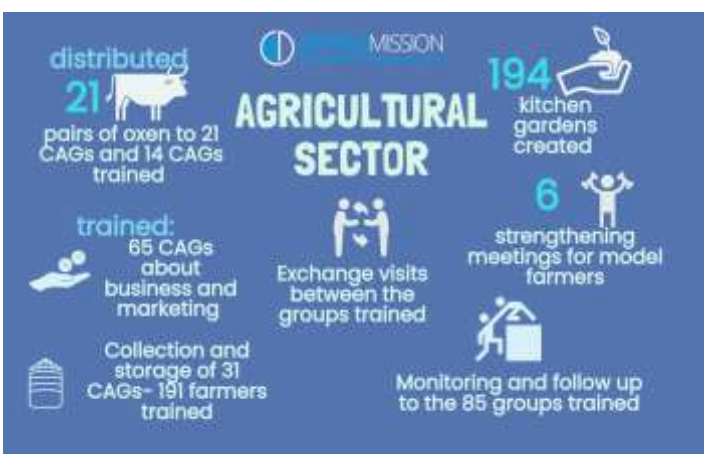


IN PARTNERSHIP WITH: CUAMM – *Medici con l’Africa*

WITH CONSULTANCY FROM: MEYER, Informatici senza frontiere, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore



Achieved results



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ALITO TRAINING CENTRE

Uganda project



A farmhouse and an agribusiness school to give an opportunity to young people.

Born upon request of the Diocese of Lira, with whom a ten-year agreement was signed, the centre has now reached its fourth year of activity. Here several projects are carried out, which aim at providing training in agribusiness for young people who are unemployed or have left school before finishing it and for families in vulnerable livelihoods.

Overtime the facility has strengthened and has become a real reference point in the area. In these years the groups of the “outreach program” have been reinforced spreading practices concerning horticulture, goat, pig, rabbit breeding and beekeeping, reaching hundreds of farmers outside the school.

Since the 18th of March 2020 the training school of agribusiness, alike all the educational facilities of the country, has been suspended but the students previously trained in their villages continued to be followed and the farm's agricultural and livestock activities were carried on. The renovation of various facilities continued thanks to funding received from the municipality of Bolzano.

Ego Project: the partnership with AVSI, started in July 2019, continues and carries on targeted interventions aimed at training in villages, still on the agribusiness issues, within the EGO project, financed by the European Union. Direct beneficiaries are more than 300 in the subcounties of Aromo and Ogur.

Project with Cosbel: thanks to the partnership with the NGO COSBEL (Community Seeking Better Life) it has been offered a one-week course for 15 individuals about horticultural techniques to improve nutrition, enhance sustainable livelihoods and generate financial incomes within households.



PROJECT OBJECTIVES

General objective: contribute to the eradication of poverty, of hunger and unemployment within Ugandan young people coming from Lira and surroundings.

Specific objectives: improve livelihood opportunities for young people through the development of expertise on the subject of agribusiness meant to increase job opportunities.

DURATION: 2016- 2026 (agreement with the diocese of Lira)

TARGET BENEFICIARIES OF THE PROJECTS:

Direct beneficiaries – 315 young people (50% of whom are girls)

Ego Project: 300 young people

Cosbel Project: 15 young people

Indirect beneficiaries: families who directly benefit from the increased income made possible by the improved agricultural production, and the communities who will have access to more nutritious agricultural products.

SDG: 2- ZERO HUNGER

SDG: 8- DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

COSTS: 167.829 €

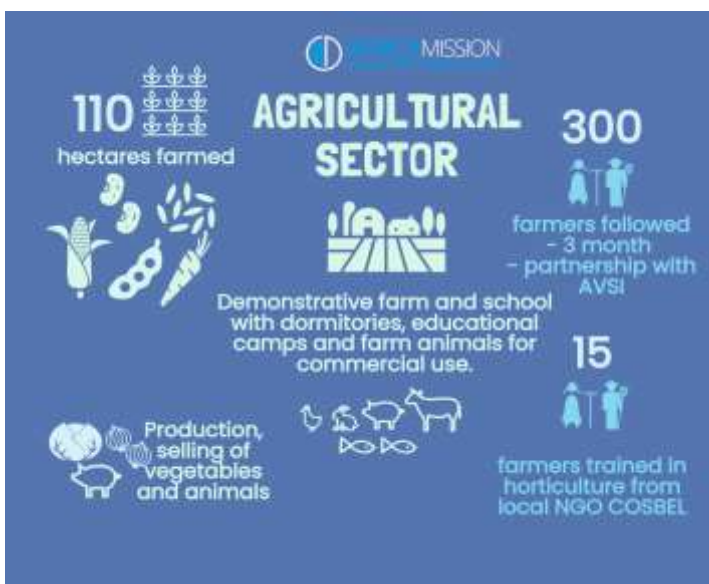
FUNDED BY: Municipality of Bolzano, Ipsia del Trentino

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:

Diocese of Lira, Naro, AVSI



Achieved result



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F-SURE

Uganda project



Promote sustainability and resilience for food security in the Karamoja region.

The F-Sure tries to contrast chronic food insecurity that affects the overwhelming majority of people living in Karamoja region (one out of two, 45% lives in a condition of food insecurity - *Food Security and Nutrition Assessment, FSNA 2017, published in the report Resilience Analysis in Karamoja, FAO*), because of the pressure combined with drought, environmental degradation and climate change.

The project employs the concepts of Integrated Natural Resource Management (INRM) and of Sustainable Territorial Management (STM) to provide communities with the capacity of managing in a sustainable way the land and water resources and to promote more productive actions through agro-pastoral schools in APFS (Agro-Pastoral Field Schools) and FFS (Farmer Field Schools) fields.

These approaches are based on the concept “learning by doing”, in other words on learning through the practice on the field and the repetition, adopting improved agricultural practices concerning cultivation and breeding. Over the years this approach has witnessed in Karamoja an evolution, providing a functional platform for multiple integrated holistic interventions.

The project comprises the promotion of the rehabilitation of degraded arable land, the restoration of the vegetation of abandoned watershed areas, the reforestation and rehabilitation of deteriorated access points, development and promotion of awareness, educational and community mobilisation programmes. The aim is to spread integrated good practices in the land exploitation.

The activities implemented have seen the employment of new project facilitators, their training, and the mobilisation and education of 63 APFS, some of whom already existing, where it has been necessary an action of reinstatement and reinforcement.

In December the meeting between the stakeholders took place and it was organised by the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF) with the main interested parties, among which there were FAO, UNDP, the district-level staff, implementing partners, including the beneficiaries for the coordination of the project.



PROJECT OBJECTIVES

General objective: reduce food insecurity in the Karamoja region.

Specific objective: improve the resilience of the population thanks to the development of skills in sustainable management practices of land and natural resources through APFS approaches, and in management of hydro-geological basins.

DURATION: 1st September 2020 – 28 February 2022

TARGET BENEFICIARIES OF THE PROJECTS:

Direct beneficiaries – 19 staff members and 1.889 APFS's members

Indirect beneficiaries – households who directly benefit from the increased income made possible by the improved agricultural production, and the communities who will have access to more nutritious agricultural products.

SDG: 2 – ZERO HUNGER

SDG: 13 – CLIMATE ACTION

COSTS: 19.690 €

FUNDED BY: FAO



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH: WFP, GEF, UNDP



Achieved results



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Centres dedicated to hosting projects that offer training in agricultural technological innovations

In June 2020 AMCS took over three 'climate change adaptation' centres in Karamoja in Nakichumet, Namalu and Nadunget. These learning centres were established by GIZ (German cooperation) in 2013 as regional hubs for transferring innovations and technologies in a region with few educational facilities, no universities or campuses.

These centres provide a good learning environment and unique facilities in the region. The services are extended from the learning centres to the communities through tailor-made learning programs. In addition, these centres serve as a link between research institutes, national universities and rural communities.

The activities implemented in the centres include staff and communities' training through practical demonstrations, youth training (against early drop-outs) in natural resources management, disaster risk reduction, agropastoral production, water for production and income-generating activities.



PROJECT OBJECTIVES

General objective: enhance and support the communities' capacities to cope with the negative effects of climate change.

Specific objectives: increase knowledge of agricultural practices, providing tools to reduce the negative effects of climate change.

DURATION: June 2020 – ongoing

TARGET BENEFICIARIES OF THE PROJECTS:

Direct beneficiaries – the students involved in the courses.

Indirect beneficiaries – the families of the trained students

SDG: 2 – ZERO HUNGER

COSTS: 21.525 €

FUNDED BY: Africa Mission – Cooperation and Development



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH: Office of the Prime Minister



Achieved results

3 agricultural training centres

AFRICAMMISSION AGRICULTURAL SECTOR

- Training courses
- Nurseries for the production of seedlings
- Crop production (vegetable and field plants)



SOCIO-EDUCATIONAL SECTOR

International policies



The international frame of reference on minor's rights is very complete and includes the Convention on the Rights of the Child of 1989, the Apostille Convention, the European Convention on the Exercise of Children's Rights of 2000, in compliance with article n. 6 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights. Also the WHO has published in 2016 "Seven Strategies for Ending Violence Against Children", which comprises policies for the children's protection, education and reception in humanitarian interventions and defines its standards. The African Charter on the Rights and Welfare of the Child of 1990 is a document that defines the rights and the general principles for child protection from a civil, political, economic, social and cultural point of view.

The world situation



In the latest UNICEF report, critical issues relating to the education of children and adolescents worldwide are reported. The data concerning low-income countries still show a situation of extreme inadequacy: the number of trained teachers is insufficient, learning materials are lacking, mixed classes and lack of health services in schools hinder learning. This adds up to external factors such as malnutrition, lack of access to health care, physical and mental fatigue due to housework, in the fields or in the livestock sector. It is estimated that 617 million children and adolescents worldwide do not reach the minimum level in reading and mathematics, even if two-thirds of them attend school. In East and Southern Africa about 20% of children are above grade level, 14% of children and adolescents of school age do not attend school and there is a high drop-out rate. Girls and women are even more disadvantaged in education: gender inequality remains one of the most arduous challenges to address. Worldwide, more than 72 million children between 6 and 10 of age do not attend and 759 million of adults are illiterate and do not have the necessary awareness to improve their living conditions and those of their children. In Central and East Asia 27 million children do not attend school. In Sub-Saharan Africa remains one of the most affected areas with more than 32 million children of school age lacking access to educational services, 12 million of whom are girls.

Our contribution



According to the 2016 UBOS, in Karamoja 33% of young people over 15 are not working, 86% of young people are neither studying nor working and 70% of the population over 10 has never received an education. In Karamoja only 0,9% of children between 6 and 12 of age consistently attend school (UNFPA, 2018). The intervention of AMCS fits into this context, through the promotion of raising-awareness, training, educational and recreational activities within the Community Development Centre of Moroto, which houses the Don Vittorione Youth Centre, the kindergarten "La Casa della Piccola Giraffa" (*The House of the Little Giraffe*), environments of school support with the initiative "W la Scuola" (*A Big Hurray for School*) and sewing and cutting courses for young mothers. A total of 150 young people has been involved in raising-awareness and recreational activities, 44 street children have benefited from the family reunification service, thus leaving street life behind, and 12 young mothers have been included in the training program to become economically independent.



Our strategy in the mid to long term

The education sector is one of the pillars of AMCS: giving children and adolescents the opportunity of having access to school services, to vocational education and to recreational activities, it helps in the medium term to raise **greater awareness among youngsters** about the importance of receiving an education and of **preparing for their future**. In the long term it helps to tackle the phenomenon of school drop-outs, unemployment and street life, which still lead to dramatic consequences such as alcohol abuse, violence and abuse, thereby increasing insecurity in the Karamoja region. By placing children and adolescents in adequate educational paths, AMCS provides them with the opportunity not only to learn but also to socialise, to learn how to relate to teachers, the importance of taking on responsibility and growing together, feeling **part of the community** and actively participating in it.

Cohesion with national and international policies



AMCS intervention is in compliance with the Ugandan education's policies, in particular with the Gender Education Policies of 2010, which includes the promotion of equitable participation in the school system of girls and boys, the equitable transmission of knowledge regardless of gender, the diffusion of gender equality programs and creation of a suitable environment for all; the Early Childhood Development Policy of 2008 concerning the education of the little ones; the Revised Education Sector Strategic Plan 2007-2015, which includes increasing and improving access to educational services that can improve equity and quality and more efficiency in primary education. Regarding adults' vocational training, the Ministry of Education and Sport has updated the Technical Vocational Education in 2013, in compliance with BTVET Strategic Plan 2011-2020 "Skilling Uganda" to foster training and skills acquisition in several fields, contributing to the development of the country. While drafting the projects, AMCS refers to AICS Guidelines on Childhood and Adolescence, which deal with child protection, protection of children's health, education, early childhood development and education and care services, juvenile justice, disability and humanitarian aid.



Create a family-like environment, a sense of community, inclusion and support to the growth of a new Karimojong generation.

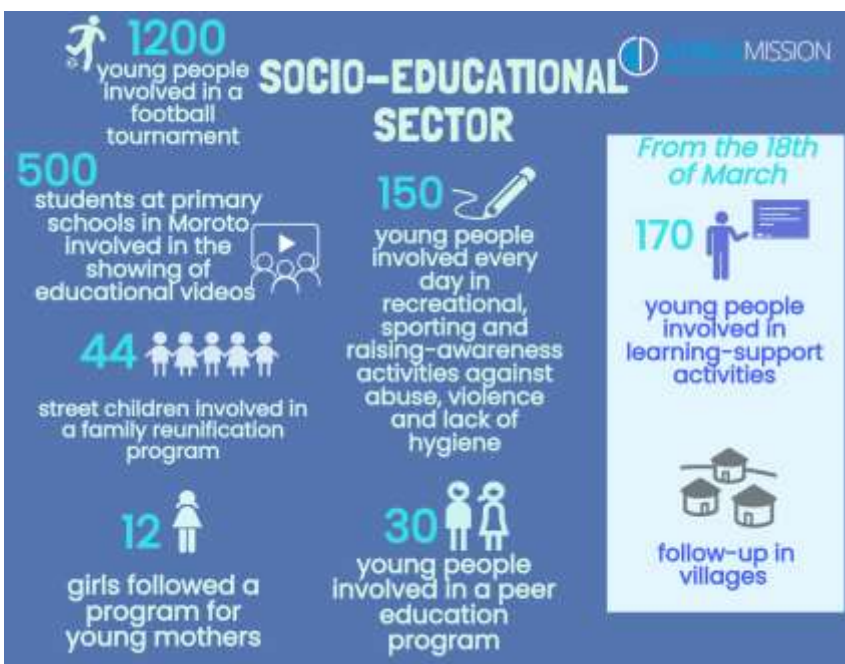
The Community Development Centre (CDC) was an idea of our founder Don Vittorio Pastori, who not only laid its foundation in 1988, but also suggested us its final goal, which was to create a place that could become the engine for the youth's growth in Karamoja and a point of reference for them, to help them pursue the values on which to build a better and more 'human-scale' society. Today the Centre fulfils this wish of Don Vittorione carrying out projects funded by AMCS supporters and institutional donors. Also in 2020 the Centre welcomed several projects:

- "Don Vittorione" Youth Centre
- The kindergarten "La Casa della Piccola Giraffa" (*The House of The Little Giraffe*)
- School support "W la Scuola" (*A Big Hurray for School*)
- Taglio&Cucito (*Cut&Sew*) for young mothers

"Don Vittorione" Youth Centre – CDC

"Don Vittorione" Youth Centre is one of the historical projects of AMCS and has been running since the 1990s. The Centre carries out daily recreational, sporting, educational and leisure activities to promote socialisation and deep messages and life lessons. The young talents are encouraged, also through theatre performances, in the hope that this will be useful in building their future. Large-scale annual events that involve hundreds of young people are planned. In 2020 activities continued regularly until the 18th of March (results shown in the infographic) and were rescheduled because of the restrictions enforced by the Government to fight the pandemic.

Achieved result



PROJECT OBJECTIVES

General objective: improve life expectancy of the new generations of children and youth in the district of Moroto, by boosting the creation of a non-violent and non-armed society, through the promotion of educational, recreational and sports activities.

Specific objectives: reduce the number of street children in the district of Moroto; reduce children's exposure to dangerous behaviours such as alcohol and drugs abuse, sexual abuse, lack of hygiene and infections such as HIV; promote the culture of Catholic values as universal ones; promote education and the reduction of school drop-outs.

DURATION: ongoing

TARGET BENEFICIARIES OF THE PROJECTS:

Direct beneficiaries – young people between 3 and 30 years of age living in the municipality of Moroto, in near villages and in the whole Karamoja region

SDG: 4 – QUALITY EDUCATION

SDG: 16 – PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS

COSTS: 21.113 €

CO-FUNDED BY: Africa Mission – Cooperation and Development



Casa della Piccola Giraffa (The House of the little Giraffe) - CDC

Uganda
project



The kindergarten inside the structure of Moroto

In September 2012, within the CDC structure, the AMCS play-room called “Akai A Ikori” – *House of The Little Giraffe* was born. The idea of creating a space for children from 3 to 5 years old was a response to a twofold need: that of older children, who are free to participate fully in the activities of the centre, and that of younger children, who are finally involved in leisure and educational activities suited to their age. Upon request of the district, *Akai A Ikori* became a kindergarten. The kindergarten is now 7 years old and more than 500 children between 3 and 6 of age have been involved.

The kindergarten serves to safeguard and protect the most at-risk children, many of whom are reported by village representatives and social workers, who look after them for 8 hours a day. The kindergarten is the only authorised centre in Moroto that stays open until 4 p.m. (such facilities usually close at 12.30 p.m.), providing two meals a day. In the mornings children take part in curricular activities, while in the afternoons they are involved in recreational, leisure, handi-craft and sports activities.

In 2020 the kindergarten was renovated, with new murals and the installation of outdoor games (swings, merry-go-rounds, scales, etc.) and saw an increase in the number of enrolments, from 207 in 2019 to 244 in 2020 (95 enrolled in the baby class, 81 in the middle and 68 in the top). Due to Covid-19 the kindergarten had to stop classes from the 18th of March onwards.

Achieved result



PROJECT OBJECTIVES

General objective: help new Karimojong generation grow up contributing in such a way to inspire a non-violent and non-armed society, reaching these objectives through games and educational activities.

Specific objective: safeguard and protect most at-risk children who experience extreme hardship and who are reported by social workers.

DURATION: from 2012- ongoing

TARGET BENEFICIARIES OF THE PROJECTS:

Direct beneficiaries – children between 3 and 5 of age who live in the villages of Moroto in particular situations of vulnerability.

Indirect beneficiaries – the direct beneficiaries’ households and the communities where they live.

SDG: 4 – QUALITY EDUCATION

COSTS: 22.602 €

FUNDED BY: Africa Mission – Cooperation and Development



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH: Ugandan Government; Catholic Diocese of Moroto



W la Scuola (A Big Hurray for School) – CDC

[Uganda project](#)



Support programme for young people in school education

In the Karamoja region we find the lowest level of literacy and the highest level of school drop-outs in Uganda. Here 86% of the young population has never attended school and does not work or has a precarious work, compared to 5% in Kampala (UBOS, 2017). This figure contributes to explain the increase in crime, violence, conflicts and alcohol and drugs abuse.

69,8% claimed the impossibility to pay school taxes as the main reason for dropping out. In Uganda school enrolments requires the payment of fees and it becomes difficult for families to meet the quarterly costs asked by the institutes (it is important to underline that the average number of family members is 5/6 children).

AMCS has decided to create with the campaign “W la Scuola” a support fund to which all the resources collected will be channelled to support the cultural growth of Ugandan children.

Primarily there are two methods of intervention implemented thanks to the funds received:

- Supporting schools with maintenance work, upgrading facilities and providing teaching materials, food, blankets, etc.
- Supporting the payment of school fees to numerous children and young people. This support consists also in the payment for uniforms, accommodation in schools, providing students with the necessary materials (pens, notebooks, etc.). There are many children who want to join the sponsored list are numerous and it is necessary to select those coming from most needy families and who over time, show the will to study and the ability to finish school. This is the reason why the on-site staff is responsible for checking that the requirements are met and monitoring schooling. This is done in order to create a personal bond with the student and to follow him/her in his/her educational path.

In 2020 our support program to schools and students was carried on despite the closures imposed by the emergency situation. Students attended classes in classrooms for two months (February-March); then schools reopened from October only for students who had to take exams and the nursing school. We continued to follow our students through one-to-one meetings and, in compliance with anti-Covid-19 regulations, from July to December carrying on a weekly educational program.



PROJECT OBJECTIVES

General objective: improve the quality of life of new Ugandan generations encouraging a non-violent and non-armed society.

Specific objective: support new Ugandan generations through support to schools and students in their educational pathway.

DURATION: ongoing

TARGET BENEFICIARIES OF THE PROJECTS:

Direct beneficiaries – students supported in studying and schools supported with various interventions.

Indirect beneficiaries – sponsored students’ households and the communities where they live.

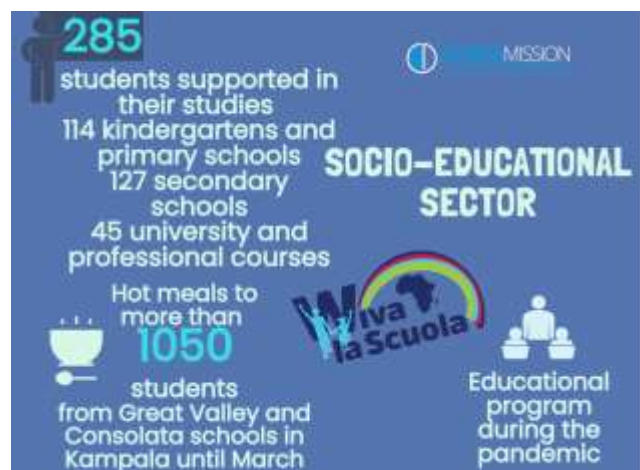
SDG: 4 – QUALITY EDUCATION

COSTS: 49.277 €

CO-FUNDED BY: private donors of AMCS



Achieved result



Taglio&Cucito (Cut&Sew) - CDC

[Uganda Project](#)



Decrease gender inequality through vocational training

The *Community Development Centre* was born also to support women's social growth. In 2020 we hosted the project "*Taglio e Cucito*" (Cut & Sew), which aimed at offering to young teenage mothers a safe haven where they can **learn basic tailoring techniques and feel integrated and valued**, thanks to the presence of a staff ready to receive them.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

General objective: promote women's empowerment at social and economic level

Specific objective: allow women to be self-sufficient, developing their abilities through income-generating activities.

DURATION: ongoing

SDG: 5—GENDER EQUALITY

FUNDED BY: Africa

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH:

RESULTS: 150 school uniforms made for the children of the "House of the Little Giraffe"

COSTS: 3.329 €

Mission – Cooperation and Development



Catholic Diocese of Moroto

YOUTH EMPOWERMENT INTERVENTION

[Uganda Project](#)



Promote young people's growth through vocational and entrepreneurship training, with particular attention to women.

The intervention provided training for women and young people who live in penury in the villages of Moroto. The project, funded by the Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ), was mainly led by Welt Hunger Hilfe (a German non-governmental organisation). This initiative is part of a broader context which aims at improving the well-being and food security of the agro-pastoral communities living in East Africa. The beneficiaries involved were 150, mostly women, who attended courses divided in four institutes in the district of Moroto. The general objective was to increase their economic opportunities and foster lasting resilience by starting micro-enterprises at the end of the project. The courses provided did not only concern entrepreneurship training, but it was also transmitted basic education with literacy and numeracy classes. A strong focus was also on improving the so-called *life skills*, i.e. enhancing personal abilities and self-confidence. Meetings covered personal hygiene, problem solving, effective communication, how to define stress and control it, innovation and creativity. In addition, visits to markets were also organised, which allowed beneficiaries to interview vendors about everyday problems and exchange business ideas. The project started in February 2020 but, due to anti-Covid 19 restrictions, it ended in mid-October with the students' graduation. Today all the beneficiaries have chosen their own type of business: catering, clothes sales, animal trade, metal processing etc. Now each of them has gained the necessary knowledge to plan their future and meet their basic needs.

PROJECT OBJECTIVES

General objective: improve the well-being and food security of most vulnerable women and young people.

Specific objective: decrease illiteracy and malnutrition, increasing job opportunities, decrease gender inequality.

DURATION: February 2020 – October 2020

TARGET BENEFICIARIES OF THE PROJECTS:

Direct beneficiaries – 150 women and young people who live in a situation of extreme penury.

Indirect beneficiaries – households of direct beneficiaries.

SDG: 4 – QUALITY EDUCATION

SDG: 5 – GENDER EQUALITY

COSTS: 58.262 €

FUNDED BY: Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development (BMZ)



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH: Welt Hunger Hilfe



Achieved results



YOUTH VACATIONAL TRAINING

Uganda Project



Promote young people's participation in socio-economic development and governance in the Karamoja region

The project, developed by DanChurchAid (DCA), Caritas Kotido Diocese (CKD), aims at directly supporting 2.000 young people and 30 youth organisations to contribute to the socio-economic development in the districts of Napak, Nakapiripirt, Moroto, Karenga and Kaabong (AMCS implements courses in the first 3 districts only). The project will foster skills development for young people and thus link qualified young people to socio-economic opportunities. To achieve this, 50% of the identified youth will be equipped with vocational and entrepreneurial skills to enable them to engage in self-employment, formal or semi-formal employment, while all 2,000 youth and 30 youth organisations will benefit from life skills training (i.e. communication, leadership and negotiation skills), which will enhance their confidence to participate in decision-making and governance processes.

The project aims at providing young people with both technical and life skills. Technical skills will go beyond traditional vocational courses to provide new knowledge required by the labour market, whether self-employed, semi-formal or formal. As a complementary intervention, consortium members will intensify pressure on both central and local government, local leadership and the private sector to create spaces for youth training, employment and participation. Advocacy will also include the need to revise the training curriculum to make it more innovative, holistic and relevant to the demands of the labour market. The consortium partners will continuously act as an additional voice for young people, amplifying the potential contribution qualified young people can make to socio-economic development.

Achieved results



PROJECT OBJECTIVES

General objective: contribute to the economic inclusion and empowerment of disadvantaged youth in the districts of Karenga, Kaabong, Napak, Nakapiripirt and Moroto in the Karamoja region.

Specific objective: increase opportunities for youth employment, and participation in the governance, in the decision-making process and development processes.

DURATION: January 2020 – December 2022

TARGET BENEFICIARIES OF THE PROJECTS:

Direct beneficiaries – 108 students in Moroto, 36 in Napak and 75 in Nakapiripirt on vocational courses; 105 students in Moroto, 96 in Napak and 69 in Nakapiripirt on advocacy courses.

Indirect beneficiaries – households who will directly benefit from the increased income.

SDG: 4 – QUALITY EDUCATION

SDG: 8 – DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

COSTS: 17.472 €

FUNDED BY: DanChurchAid (DCA), European Union



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH: Ugandan government, Caritas Kotido Diocese (CKD)



NUYOK

Uganda Project

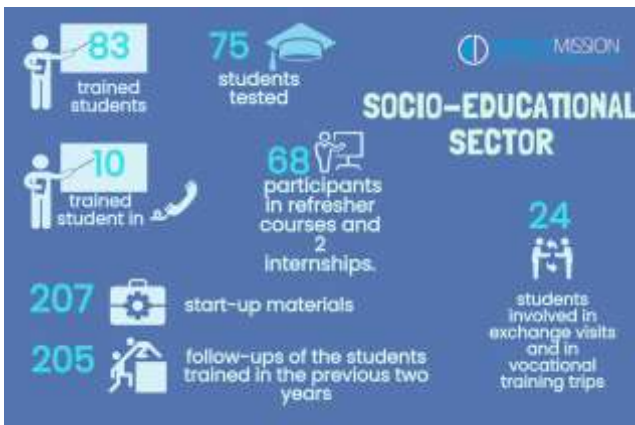


Consortium that includes international and local partners. Our intervention includes two sectors: "Water" and "Education"

In the context of food insecurity and malnutrition, which remain persistent threats to development in Karamoja, is the five-year project NUYOK, funded by US cooperation (USAID) through the partnership of CRS (Catholic Relief Services). This is a multi-sectoral initiative in which we are involved in achieving two of the four objectives expected.

The **first area of intervention** is to improve the livelihoods of most vulnerable families in the identified areas. In particular, the AMCS intervention focuses on increasing the entrepreneurial and marketing skills of women and young people by providing vocational courses to 200 beneficiaries in three districts of the region. Alongside the teaching of technical skills, personal capacity building, training in personal hygiene and internal conflict management are also provided. The first work kits have been distributed to enable trained students to start their own businesses, and follow-up action has been initiated to support and monitor the activities carried out by the beneficiaries.

Achieved results



The **second area of intervention** consists in the rehabilitation of wells and training of groups responsible for the use of water points to ensure that the population has increased access to safe water sources. It is very important to use the public-private partnership approach to improve well maintenance, which is usually very poor. This approach helps to overcome the so-called *dependency syndrome*, i.e. that the community depends only on external help

Achieved results



PROJECT OBJECTIVES

General objective: support food security for the most vulnerable populations in Karamoja.

Specific objectives:

Goal n.1 development of entrepreneurship skills for women and youth

Goal n. 2 increase access to drinking water

DURATION: October 2017 – September 2022

TARGET BENEFICIARIES OF THE PROJECTS:

Direct beneficiaries –

Goal n.1 200 young people and women

Goal n.2 53.700 people

Indirect beneficiaries -

Goal n.1 households who will benefit from increased incomes thanks to the starting-up of new businesses.

Goal n.2 people who will have access to the well even though they do not live in the villages selected.

SDG: 4 – QUALITY EDUCATION

SDG: 6 – CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION

SDG: 8 – DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

COSTS: 361.134 €

FUNDED BY: USAID



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH: CRS (Catholic Relief Services), Caritas Kotido Diocese (CKD), Caritas Moroto Diocese, BOMA project, Youth Build International, Communication for Development Foundation Uganda



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CHILDREN AT RISK

Uganda Project



Reintegration action as a second chance in the lives of children and families left alone, a chance to redeem themselves and save other lives

In Karamoja there are still various forms of violence towards children in all spheres of society: early marriages, female genital mutilation and teenage pregnancies, which trouble the region at a rate 30% higher than in other Ugandan regions. The various cases of violence go unreported due to cultural barriers. In this context, physical and psychological needs, with the addition of poverty, are the main causes of children migrating to other areas of the country in search of fortune and who are exposed to a greater risk of exploitation (they are called *returnees*).

In the districts of Napak, Katakwi, Moroto and Kampala, a consortium of five NGOs has carried out a three-year programme focused on intercepting and reintegrating these minors in their territories of origin.

The main goal is to increase the rescue capacity of children, women, families and communities in the Karamoja region, in order to prevent and mitigate the effects of gender-based violence and migration.

Project partners include the government, local administration and various partners to ensure basic services such as health, education, nutrition and to increase the space available in local government and private facilities, ensuring sustainable access to basic services.

In addition, the programme aims at raising awareness and enhancing parenting skills, involving families and communities in the reintegration process, so as to ensure the inclusion and support of children and avoid new displacement. To achieve these goals, it is essential to convey the concept of involving children in decision-making processes that affect their social, economic and political well-being and in the development of policies and programmes that affect their lives at local, district and national levels.

Achieved results



PROJECT OBJECTIVES

General objective: give support to street children and facilitate their recovery in the Karamoja region, reducing factors responsible for their migrations.

Specific objectives: draw and support a mechanism of interception able to eliminate the migration; create a model of reintegration and reconciliation within communities; enhance operational systems and structures for child protection.

DURATION: January 2019 – December 2021

TARGET BENEFICIARIES OF THE PROJECTS:

Direct beneficiaries – children and families in the district of Napak, Karimojong children and families in Kampala, communities in the district of Napak and district local authorities

Indirect beneficiaries – families of children who are at risk of emigration from Karamoja.

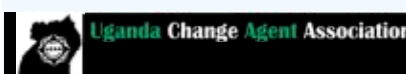
SDG: 16 – PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS

COSTS: 46.353 €

FUNDED BY: kerk in actie



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH: Uganda Change Agent Association; Ugandan Government; Dwelling Places





LOCAL SUPPORT

International policies



The protection of most vulnerable people is linked to the Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda, in particular Goal 1, which outlines the indicators for poverty reduction, 2 on food security, 3 on health, 4 on access to education for all and 5 on combating gender inequality. The World Bank has outlined the 'Disability Inclusion and Accountability Framework', while on gender inequality the main international policies to consider are: IFAD Policy on Gender Equality and Women's Empowerment, in particular strategic objective 1 which concerns the promotion of empowerment in the productive sector to make women and men living in rural areas able to participate and benefit from income-generating activities; UNICEF Gender Action Plan 2018-2021 and the Gender Action Plan 2021-2025 of the European Union.

The world situation



According to the WHO report of 2021 on gender-based violence, worldwide more than 30% of women have experience psychological, physical and sexual violence in their lifetime and more than a quarter of women between 15 and 49 of age have experienced violence from their partner. The Covid-19 pandemic has aggravated these issues, which affect both developing and high-income countries. Some of the conditions that exacerbated gender inequality are poverty driven: women's poor schooling, economic dependence on their partners or family members, paternalistic and misogynistic cultural practices, alcohol abuse and lack of family planning.

Disabled people are also among the most vulnerable: according to the World Bank's 2021 report, more than 15% of the world's population lives with some form of disability, and one-fifth of them suffer from severe and/or rare diseases. Although the highest incidence of disabled people is in high-income countries, developing countries increasingly need awareness-raising campaigns to promote the inclusion of disadvantaged people so that they can be an integral part of the community.



Our contribution

Even though in the last two decades Uganda has registered a positive economic growth and the percentage of people living below the poverty line has decreased from 38% in 2002 to 21,4% in 2016 (UBOS statistics, 2016/2017), the development process has not been uniform: some areas continue to register alarming poverty rates, in particular the Karamoja region, that reports the highest poverty rate in Northern Uganda: more than 70% of the population live below the poverty line, while the literacy rate is only about 23% for women and 63% for men (UDHS, 2011). It is estimated that 86% of young people in Karamoja neither study nor work: this is one of the main causes for the internal migration of young women and men in other regions and Ugandan cities, to look for better work and living conditions. Gender inequalities persist in Karamoja more than other parts of the country: women have a significant role within their family, taking care of children, cultivating fields and gardens and other household tasks, while men control the family's resources and have decision-making power: this cultural factor makes women and girls more vulnerable to domestic violence. The rate of domestic rate against women is 53% and the rate of sexual abuse and harassment is 13%. Unfortunately, these practices are still socially accepted. The lack of work opportunities causes various social problems, among whom alcoholism: alcohol consumers in Karamoja are 54,5% of the population (national rate: 14,6%) and alcohol production represents an income-generating activity for the majority of households.

It is in this context of precariousness that the AMCS intervention is set: with *Case Aperte* (Open Houses) support for local realities, committed to giving aid to most vulnerable people, takes the form of distribution of food and various materials, transportation of goods and listening to the requests of users, support and technical-administrative advice in the implementation of projects and social actions, and financial support for the construction of structures and the maintenance of activities undertaken.



Our strategy in the mid to long term

The AMCS **intervention strategy** in supporting to local realities includes thus not only the distribution of commodities, but also the support in the **implementation of projects** that advance the **integration of vulnerable individuals in the social fabric** through raising-awareness activities, vocational training, education and job placement.



Cohesion with national and international policies

AMCS's approach is in compliance with the **Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda** and Ugandan national policies, in particular: the **National Development Program III**, which addresses sustainable urbanisation and the right to housing; the **Uganda National Housing Policy of 2016**, which focuses on the minimum standards to ensure housing for all and the **Uganda Gender Policy (2007)**. In addition, AMCS is in compliance with what is outlined in the AICS document on **Humanitarian Aids and Disability of 2015** and the subsequent **Guidelines for disability and social inclusion in cooperation interventions of 2018** and with **AICS Guidelines on Gender Equality and Empowerment of women, girls and children of 2020-2024**.



CASE APERTE (OPEN HOUSES)

Support for local organisations involved in social work and for most vulnerable population groups

AMCS's long-standing project to provide, whenever possible, a **concrete response to tangible, non-deferrable community problems.**

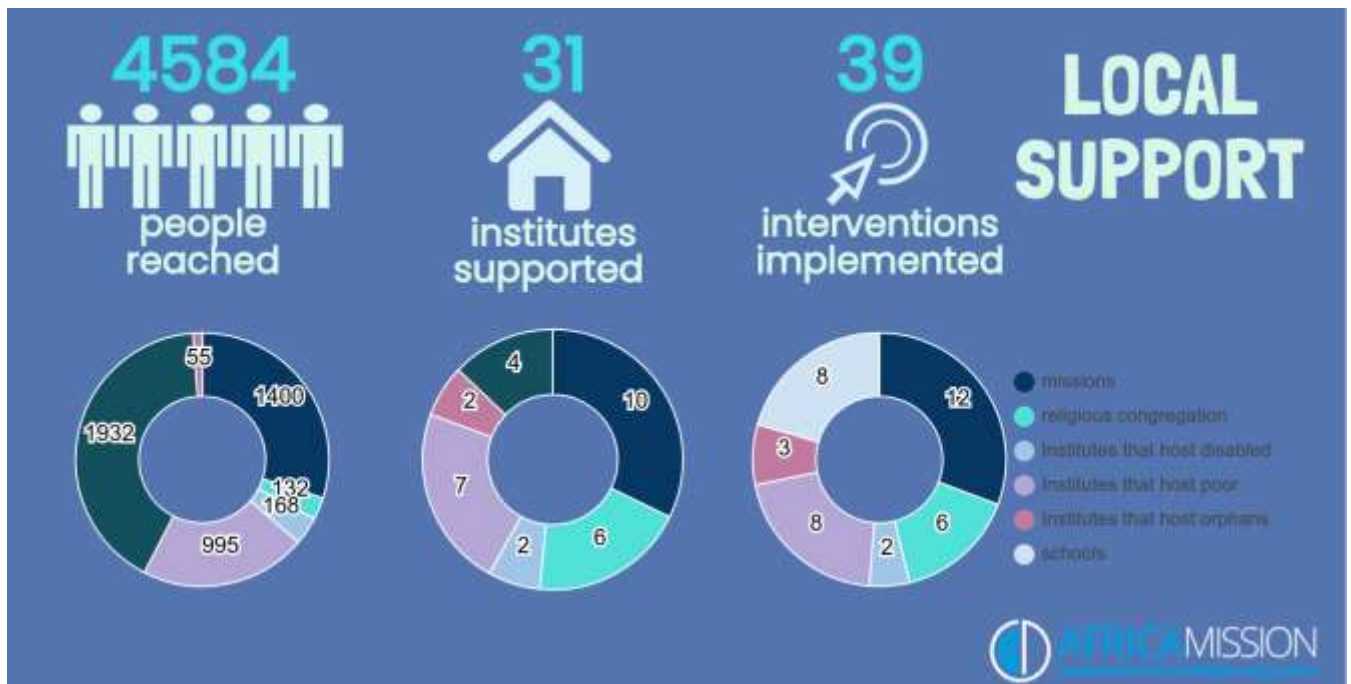
PROJECT OBJECTIVES

General objective: improve living conditions of local realities through the direct support to on-site structures.

Specific objectives: support organisations and structures in their work of helping and assisting the poorest, to participate in solidarity, to help the various communities for the improvement of people's life, have a deeper vision of local realities.



Achieved results



Among the 31 local realities we highlight the partnership with the Onlus *We Care* through the shipment of material for the renovation of the hospital in Aber and with the Foundation *Dr. Ambrosoli Memorial Hospital* for the renovation of the hospital in Kalongo.



HEALTHCARE SECTOR

International policies



The Sustainable Goal n.3 of the 2030 Agenda proposes to ensure healthy lives and promote well-being for all at all ages, and addresses issues such as maternal and child mortality, tackling communicable diseases linked to precarious living conditions, providing health services and health workers to protect the population. Most of these issues affect the poorest areas of the world and are in line with the revision of International Health Regulations promoted by WHO, which calls for support to developing countries and countries with economies of transition, should they require it, in building, strengthening and maintaining the public health capacities required for the purposes of the International Health Regulations (2005).

The world situation



WHO statistics collect information on 194 countries: the latest update shows a general improvement in health conditions and life expectancy, but some serious problems still persist, especially affecting developing countries. In many countries of Sub-Saharan Africa, life expectancy at birth does not exceed 60 years. Every year 300.000 women in the world die from complications during pregnancy and childbirth, 6 million children die before the age of 6, there are 2 million new cases of HIV infection, 9.6 million new cases of tuberculosis and 214 million cases of malaria, and 1.7 billion people need treatment for neglected tropical diseases. The report recalls the challenges set in the 2030 Agenda, relating the Sustainable Objective n.3 on health, cannot be won without acknowledging the risk factors that contribute to the development of pathological situations such as malnutrition (156 million children under the age of 5 are rachitic and 42 million are in overweight), the use of unsafe water sources and outdoors defecation (1.8 billion people drink contaminated water and 946 people do not have toilet facilities) and **the improvement in the living conditions** (3.1 billion people use polluting substances to cook; every year 3 million people die as a consequence of air pollution).

Our contribution



From a health perspective, Karamoja has alarming health indicators, with a mortality rate estimated at 588/100.000 live births against the national average of 336/100.000 live births in 2016 (Leaving no one behind, UNFPA, 2018), mortality rate under the age of 5 102/1.000 and infant mortality at 72/1.000 live births (Demographic Health Service 2016). Moreover, the region suffers from a high rate of infectious diseases of both bacterial and viral nature: respiratory infections, diarrhoeal diseases, sepsis, urinary tract infections, meningitis and sexually transmitted infections which affect both human and animal health. From a human health perspective, in 2020 tuberculosis was declared regional emergency, with 546 cases per 100.000 inhabitants, exacerbated by a high number of patients who do not complete treatment, fostering thus the development and the spread of drug-resistant tuberculosis and increasing cases of HIV/AIDS co-infection. AMCS has been involved in the health sector by supporting the dispensaries in Lopotuk and Tapac, in the diocese of Moroto, which provide prevention, treatment, health promotion and protection services (e.g. laboratory tests) and health care assistance at home and in schools, including the vaccination campaigns.

Our strategy in the mid to long term



Support to dispensaries is not limited to the constant supply of medicines and tools, but it is part of a program that includes **continuous training of health staff**, to ensure adequate services to the population, health **awareness raising** to users, to the community and in schools. This program is linked to WASH interventions, for the prevention and treatment of diseases caused by the use of polluted water and defecation in the open, and **projects in the agricultural-livestock field**. This allows, on the one hand, to raise awareness among the population on the importance of a healthy nutrition in order to treat malnutrition and undernourishment, and, on the other hand, the prevention of zoonoses with epidemic potential, with a view to **global health** in line with Ugandan national policies and Italian and international cooperation.

Cohesion with national and international policies



This approach is in compliance with the **Sustainable Goals of the 2030 Agenda** (in particular SDGs 3 and 6), with the program plan of the Ugandan Government “**The Third National Development Plan (NDP III) 2020/21-2024/25**”, in particular with goal n.3: “Improve the population’s productivity and social well-being improve basic hygienic facilities” and with the **Uganda Vision 2040**, at the point 4.1.9. concerning the WASH sector.

Furthermore, AMCS’s intervention is in line with the **Water and Environment Sector Development Plan 2015/16-2019/20**, in particular with the strategic objective n. 1: “Provide access to drinking water and sanitation, managed and owned by users, to 79% in rural areas and 100% in urban areas by 2020, with 95% of facilities functioning and in use by women and men”, with the **Water and Sanitation Gender Strategy 2018-2022 (Ministry of Water and Environment, Uganda)**, in particular with the strategic objective n. 3: “Economic empowerment through the access, the use and equal control of water resources and sanitation”. The approach adopted by AMCS inserts itself coherently with the **Plan AICS-DGCS for the efficiency of interventions 2020-2022**.

DISPENSARIES — Health Centre



Support to dispensaries in Loputuk and Tapak

In such a region like the Karamoja, extremely poor of infrastructures and disadvantaged from an environmental point of view, access to adequate health structures is limited to a small percentage of the population. For years AMCS has ensured **support to the dispensaries in Loputuk and Tapak**, the first located 40 km from the first functioning hospital and the second in a mountainous area difficult to reach, 4 hours by pick-up from the first operative healthcare facility. In these two centres, set up in the 1980s by Don Vittorione, vaccines are administered, prenatal and postnatal check-ups are carried out and the population is made aware of issues such as health and hygiene. The aim is to reduce easily preventable diseases through the administration of vaccines, while widespread diseases such as HIV/AIDS are monitored through testing for their presence.

In 2020, due to the outbreak of a cholera epidemic in Moroto, the Loputuk dispensary was committed to respond to this need and AMCS provided a multipurpose facility to house the sick.



PROJECT OBJECTIVES

General objective: ensure the right to health to most vulnerable populations in Karamoja.

Specific objectives: support healthcare facilities for health promotion and protection in Karamoja, increase accessibility, equity and quality of basic healthcare services.



DURATION: ongoing

TARGET BENEFICIARIES OF THE PROJECTS:

Direct beneficiaries – population of the district of Moroto which uses basic health services

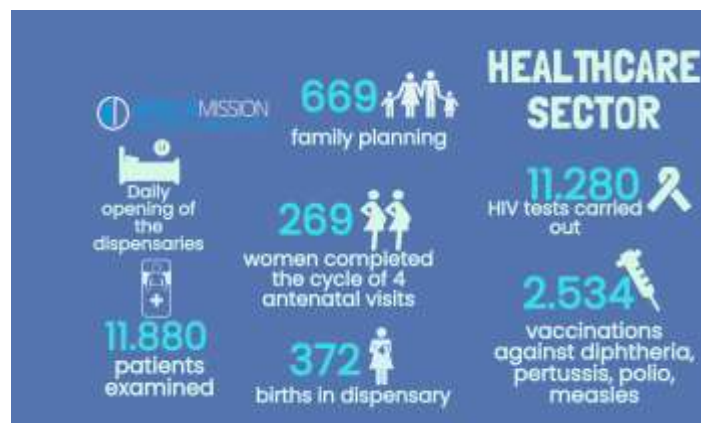
SDG: 3 – GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

COSTS: 2.622 €

FUNDED BY: Catholic Diocese of Moroto



Achieved results





EMERGENCY SECTOR

International policies



In **Sendai Framework for Disaster Risk Reduction 2015-2030** four priorities to be considered in the risk prevention and emergency management are highlighted: understanding risk; reinforcing governance to face the risk of catastrophes; investing to increase resilience; reinforcing disaster response capacity. **The East African Community Disaster Risk Reduction and Management Strategy (2012-2016)**, which builds on the Hyogo Framework for Action 2005 – 2015 (HFA 2005), just prior to the Sendai Framework, indicates a set of operational strategies to contain risks and control emergencies in East African countries. Emergencies can arise from armed conflicts, terrorism, climate change (SDG on fighting climate change and its impact) and from many other factors: refugees should always be insured with basic services, such as access to clean water, food, healthcare and education, which cuts across all the **Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda**.

The world situation



According to the 2020 UNHCR report, in the first half of 2020 more than 80 million civilians were forced to flee because of conflicts and persecutions; 2.4 million of whom are refugees. The Covid-19 pandemic has caused further hardship to those who have been forced to flee, with 168 countries that since April partially or totally shutting their borders to contain contagions. Restrictions on mobility have also had an impact on refugee children and adolescents: UNHCR estimates that more than 1,8 million young refugees did not attend school from March to September (UNHCR Key Activities for Covid Preparedness and Response, 2020). Another very significant fact emerges: more than 82% of world's displaced people come from only 10 countries (Syria, Venezuela, Afghanistan, South Sudan, Myanmar, Somalia, Democratic Republic of Congo, Sudan, Central African Republic, Eritrea). In the Sahel an extremely serious humanitarian crisis has worsened in recent months, caused not only by the climate and food emergency, but also by the indiscriminate violence of armed groups. UNHCR underlines that the majority of refugees is received in neighbouring countries, which also have low incomes and are often unprepared in managing emergencies. This is the case of Uganda, which takes in 1.500.000 refugees from South Sudan.



Our contribution

AMCS contributed to the support to the South Sudanese population through the initiative “multisectoral support to displaced people and refugees in the district of Adjumani”, in partnership with the Community of Sain Egidio and funded by AICS. The project, which ended in 2020, aims at fighting poverty and refugees’ marginalisation, by implementing social, educational, training activities, as well as in the WASH field. This has enabled displaced families to start integrating within the local communities and rebuild their life in dignity, through vocational training and start-up of income-generating activities.

As in the rest of the world, also in Uganda the Covid-19 pandemic has left a significant mark, from both a social and economic point of view: AMCS has carried out in 2020 awareness-raising activities via radio (*Voices against Covid-19*, financed by CEI), the packaging of washable masks and the production of liquid soap, as well as the rehabilitation of wells in districts of Napak and Moroto to ensure constant use of drinking water for the population.



Our strategy in the mid to long term

Training at all levels, the transmission of vocational **skills** and accompaniment to **employment** are all aspects that AMCS considers crucial to make the support given to displaced and refugees communities concrete and sustainable. In addition, local staff have been trained on the prevention and management of risks related to climate phenomena and armed violence, and guidelines have been drafted on the use of *backstopping systems* and the activation of the *early warning system* in case of need.

Cohesion with national and international policies



AMCS emergency approach is in compliance with the national Ugandan policies: Uganda Vision 2040, in the chapter concerning “Disaster Preparation and Management”, where it describes the need to reinforce the country’s containment capacity of the effects of catastrophes, the need to alleviate the suffering of the population affected by disasters, carry out prevention and mitigation plans; the National Development Program III, which deals with “Risk Management” at chapter 24; The National Policy for Disaster Preparedness and Management, Directorate of Relief, Disaster Preparedness and Refugees, 2010, in particular on “Natural Hazards in Uganda” and the previous National Climate Change Policy, 2012. AMCS emergency interventions refer the Guidelines for bilateral humanitarian aid initiatives, AICS-DGCS, 2016.

MULTISECTORAL SUPPORT INITIATIVES FOR SOUTH-SUDANESE REFUGEES IN THE DISTRICT OF ADJUMANI

Uganda Project



Building up refugee communities and Ugandan population

The civil war in South Sudan, which began in December 2013, has reached its most critical point in the last few years, forcing the population, especially women and children, to abandon their own homes and seek refuge in neighbouring countries. Uganda welcomes to this day a little less than 1.500.000 refugees! It is an enormous number if we consider the fact that we are talking about a developing country. Unfortunately, Uganda cannot bear such a surge of arrivals all alone. For this reason, for several years now international organisations have been supporting projects to welcome and integrate the South Sudanese population with the Ugandan population for peaceful coexistence.

From March 2019 to September 2020 AMCS was there to give its contribution thanks to the project AID 11546 funded by AICS, head office of Addis Abeba, in partnership with *Comunità S. Egidio – Acap*.

The aim is to reduce extreme poverty and marginalisation of displaced vulnerable population through social, educational, health and female empowerment activities. It was possible to achieve this by creating two youth centres, offering vocational courses and supporting the establishment of youth cooperatives, training courses for women, drilling of wells and awareness-raising meetings on water and hygiene. This project shows that it is possible to implement a reception system to develop and improve the living conditions, for both direct beneficiaries and their families, and for local communities. It is found that in these areas partnership and support among the different organisations and the population are essential, since it is not always easy to maintain a situation of peaceful coexistence.



PROJECT OBJECTIVES

General objective: reduce extreme poverty and marginalisation of the vulnerable refugee population from South Sudan and the local population, for more sustainable land sharing and greater social integration.

Specific objective: improve socio-economic conditions of women and young people living in refugee camps in the district of Adjumani.

DURATION: April 2019 – September 2020

TARGET BENEFICIARIES OF THE PROJECTS:

Direct beneficiaries – over 18.500 people

Indirect beneficiaries – families who will directly benefit from the increased incomes thanks to development of microeconomics activities, start-up of small businesses and income-generating forms of association.

SDG: 4 – QUALITY EDUCATION

SDG: 5 – GENDER EQUALITY

SDG: 6 – CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION

SDG: 10 – REDUCING INEQUALITY

COSTS: 208.578 €

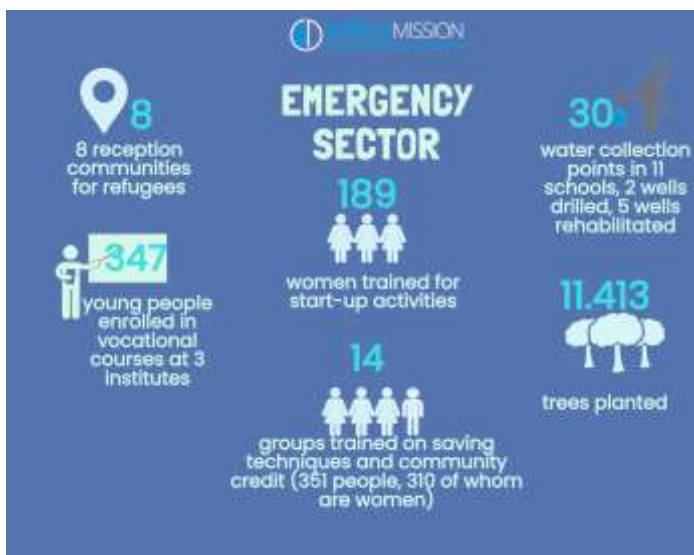
FUNDED BY: Italian Agency for Cooperation and Development



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH: Community of Saint Egidio, Ugandan Government



Achieved results





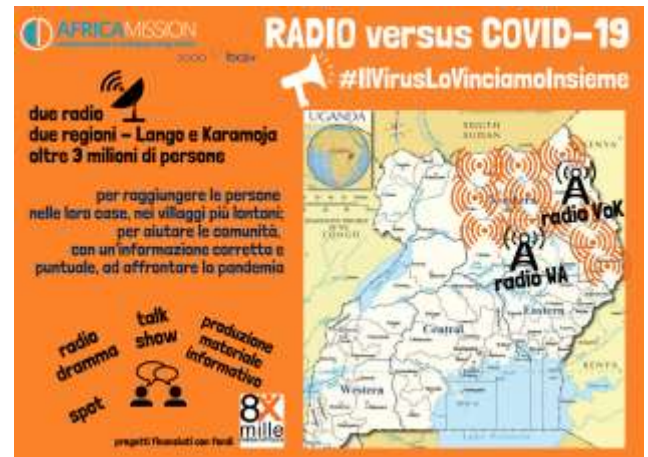
VOICES AGAINST COVID

Fighting the pandemic through radio awareness

During these times of pandemic we wanted to provide the population with a preventive service aimed at raising awareness about the Covid-19 emergency through the use of radios as a tool to reach rural communities and people forced into isolation in their own homes in their villages. Radio is the only means of communication available to get up-to-date information about the situation and the correct practices to follow. AMCS chose two radio stations with whom it has partnered for years: Radio Wa in the district of Lira, run by the Diocese of Lira, and Radio VOK – Voice of Karamoja, in the district of Kotido, set up and reinforced by AMCS, and which at the end of 2019 was handed over to a local organisation under the direction of the Diocese of Kotido.

North Ugandan population was made aware of the effects of the virus, of the good practices to prevent infections and the modes of response to the spread of the pandemic, debunking false news or popular beliefs, helping people to cope with the situation responsibly and consciously. We believe that this awareness-raising activity is highly effective because:

- ⇒ It has reached a high number of people (the total catchment area of the two radio stations is 3 million people)
- ⇒ Programs are conducted both in English and in the local language
- ⇒ In Uganda the radio is the most popular media among the local population, and thus the most effective tool for getting into all the huts, even in the most remote villages in the savannah.



PROJECT OBJECTIVES

General objective: contribute to the prevention of virus infection through radio information.

Specific objectives: raise awareness among the North Ugandan population on the nature, the risks, the means of prevention and treatment of Covid-19.

DURATION

Radio WA – 1st of June 2020 for 3 months

Radio Etoil in Karamoja – 8th of June 2020 for 4 months

TARGET BENEFICIARIES OF THE PROJECTS:

Direct beneficiaries – 422 participants in talk-shows and radio lives

Indirect beneficiaries – catchment area 3 million people.

SDG: 3 – GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

COSTS: 25.191 €

FUNDED BY: 8Xmille



IN PARTNERSHIP WITH: Catholic Dioceses of Kotido and Lira

Achieved results



COVID-19 EMERGENCY



Prevention of virus infection through the use of masks and good hygiene practices

Always concerning the Covid-19 pandemic, AMCS, with due limitations, has continued to operate especially in support of its employees and local realities, which it has always supported. In particular, it was committed to the promotion of prevention practices to the spread of Corona Virus within its facilities through awareness-raising meetings in March in the head offices in Kampala, Moroto and Alito. AMCS has become part of the Emergency Committees at various levels and in the different districts in Karamoja.

The expatriated staff was given the possibility to decide whether to return to Italy early. 5 volunteers decided to return, while 8 collaborators and 2 volunteers decided to stay. The latter, together with the local staff, have contributed to the production of washable and reusable face masks, and to the production of liquid soap, ensuring wells rehabilitation service in the districts of Napak and Moroto. In particular, the latter activity was assigned to the Ugandan Government and it is of vital importance: the non-functioning of a well forces people to move and use another one; this would lead to the creation of numerous clusters around the water source, increasing the possibility of infection and diffusion of the virus.

The beneficiaries of this intervention have been the local population, the organisation's employees, health centres supported by AMCS and the Diocese of Moroto, the prison of Moroto, district local authorities and, through them, public employees.



PROJECT OBJECTIVES

General objective: contribute to the prevention of infection during the Covid-19 pandemic.

Specific objective: packaging and distribution of washable and reusable cloth masks, encouraging the population towards a correct use of face masks, production of liquid soap, wells rehabilitation, awareness-raising awareness of Covid-19 infection.

DURATION: April – December 2020

TARGET BENEFICIARIES OF THE PROJECTS:

Direct beneficiaries – 150 employees and collaborators, 420 inmates in Moroto prison and guards, 100 health workers in different health centres, 600 beneficiaries in the district of Napak, Nakapiripirit, and Moroto, 5,000 beneficiaries in the district of Moroto through rehabilitation of wells (already counted in the water programme). - Communities in the Wind and Distribution Districts.

Indirect beneficiaries – Communities in the Districts of intervention and distribution.

SDG: 3 – GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

SDG: 6 – CLEAN WATER AND SANITATION

COSTS: 42.219 €

FUNDED BY: Africa Mission – Cooperation and Development

IN PARTNERSHIP WITH: Catholic Diocese of Moroto, District of Moroto



Achieved results



PROJECTS IN NUMBERS

Projects for intervention area	Costs	%	Earnings	Beneficiaries	SDGs
WATER & SANITATION (WASH)	497.609	18,60%	473.226	63.746	
Water program in Uganda					
1. Wells drilling	311.567		316.814	50.302	6
2. Wells rehabilitation					
3. Creation of sub surface dams					
Wash in school 1 and 2	186.042		156.412	13.444	04-giu
Create a hygienic child-friendly environment in Karamoja					
AGRICULTURAL – LIVESTOCK SECTOR	584.203	21,90%	476.874	4.788	
Feeding the communities of Moroto and Napak districts with food and knowledge	375.158		346.661	2.565	2
Alito training centre	167.829		103.532	103.532	02-ago
F-sure	19.690		20.771	20.771	feb-13
Learning centre	21.526		5.910	5.910	2
SOCIO-EDUCATIONAL SECTOR	596.285	22,30%	554.348	63.596	
COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT CENTRE	96.321		59.239		
Don Vittorione" Youth Centre	21.113		33.613	3.056	apr-16
La Casa della Piccola Giraffa	22.602		2.398	244	4
W la Scuola	49.277		20.128	285	4
Taglio& Cucito	3.329		3.100		5
Youth empowerment intervention	58.262		60.725	150	04-mag
Youth vocational training	17.472		16.036	489	04-ago
Nuyok	361.134		357.473	53.900	04/06/2008
Children at risk	46.353		45.011	5.472	16
Voice of Karamoja 92.7 FM (1)	16.743		15.864		12
LOCAL SUPPORT	296.399	11,10%	285.864	4.584	
"Case aperte"	296.399		285.864	4.584	1
HEALTHCARE	2.623	0,10%	465	11.880	
Health centre – Dispensary Loputuk	1.318		250	7.614	3
Health centre – Dispensary Tapac	1.304		215	4.266	3
EMERGENCY	275.988	10,30%	276.983	20.236	
Multisectoral support initiatives for south-Sudanese refugees in the district of Adjumani	208.578		208.372	18.544	10-4-05-giu
Voices against Covid	25.191		19.832	422	3
Covid-19 emergency	42.219		48.778	1.270	03-giu
UGANDA COSTS	113.136	4,20%	118.164		
Total activities in Uganda	2.366.243	84,80%	2.185.924	168.830	
EDUCATION AND AWARENESS-RAISING	114.809	4,30%	397.208		
Various initiatives of Education and Global Citizenship	114.809		397.208		apr-16
COMMUNICATION AND FUNDRAISING	72.047	2,70%	61.349		
Fundraising (2)	72.047		61.349		apr-16
Total institutional activities	2.533.099	95,60%	2.644.481		
ANCILLARY ACTIVITIES (2)	25.809	1,00%	22.220		
GENERAL EXPENSES (2)	90.897	3,40%			
2020 TOTAL	2.669.804	100%	2.666.701		



With our projects we contribute to 10 of the 17 SDGs (1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 8, 10, 13 and 16)

Section 6. ECONOMIC AND FINANCIAL SITUATION

6.1 BALANCE SHEET 2020

6.2 FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2020

6.3 CONSIDERATIONS ON THE BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31.12.2020

6.4 CONSIDERATIONS ON THE 2020 ECONOMIC FRAMEWORK OF THE ACTIVITIES

6.5 FUNDRAISING

6.6 CHARGES FOR ACTIVITY



AFRICA MISSION-COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT ONG ONLUS			
BALANCE 2020			
BALANCE SHEET			
ACTIVE		31/12/2020	31/12/2019
A) MEMBERSHIP FEES OR CONTRIBUTIONS STILL DUE			
B) FIXED ASSETS			
I - INTANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS			
4) Permits and licences		562	937
7) other: Expenditure on initiatives and fundraising			317
	Total	562	1.254
II - TANGIBLE FIXED ASSETS			
1) Land and manufacturers (buildings)		1.307.138	1.328.684
2) Plant and machinery		97.704	128.764
3) Equipments		27.788	26.245
4) Other assets		81.256	93.636
	Total	1.513.886	1.577.329
III - FINANCIAL ASSETS			
with a separate additional indication, for each item of receivables, of the amounts due within one year			
3) other titles		<i>due beyond the financial year</i>	
Guarantee deposits	90	90	90
Various titles	268.435	268.435	268.435
	Total	268.525	268.525
TOTAL ASSETS		1.782.973	1.847.108
(C) CURRENT ASSETS			
I - REMAINS			
II - CREDITS			
with separate additional indication, for each item, of the amounts due beyond the next financial year			
		<i>due beyond the financial year</i>	
To private entities for ongoing projects		107.561	202.477
To other Third Sector entities		117.281	202.605
Tax credits	15.420	15.420	14.935
Towards others		0	12.846
	Total	240.262	432.863
III - FINANCIAL ASSETS NOT CONSTITUTING FIXED ASSETS			
IV - CASH ON HAND			
1) Bank and post office deposits in IT		686.249	478.660
1.1) Uganda's project bank deposits		306.305	323.123
2) Headquarters cheques IT		200	1.000
3) Cash and valuables on hand at headquarters IT		5.703	8.222
3.1) Project fund Uganda headquarters		37.215	55.712
3.2) Paypal -Posta Pay Headquarters IT		4.468	811
	Total	1.040.140	867.528
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS		1.280.402	1.300.391
D) ACCRUED INCOME AND PREPAID EXPENSES			
Prepaid expenses		14.736	10.894
Accrued income			
	Total	14.736	10.894
TOTAL ASSETS		3.078.111	3.158.393
LIABILITIES			
A) NET ASSETS			
I - endowment fund of the institution:		971.855	971.855
II - restricted assets:			
1) statutory reserves		116.663	106.663
III - free assets:			
1) eserves of operating surplussto support projects and initiatives		72.172	110.075
IV - surplus/deficit for the year		-3.103	-6.197
	Total	1.157.587	1.235.690
B) PROVISIONS FOR RISKS AND CHARGES			
3) Others			
Provision for write-down of securities		9.222	9.222
Provision for bad debts		10.000	10.000
Provision for risks on projects		52.245	73.427
Exchange rate fluctuation fund		4.728	
Risk provision for Covid-19		23.127	70.000
	Total	99.322	162.649
C) TERMINATION BENEFITS AT THE END OF WORK			
		107.283	95.395
D) DEBTS			
with separate additional indication, for each item, of the amounts due beyond the next financial year			
2) Payables to other financial institutions		<i>due beyond the financial year</i>	
-various partners-donors Uganda office for ongoing project		165.408	155.371
-debit for deferral of 5x1000 funds to the following year		41.322	41.478
-debit for deferral of AIC's project funds		389.578	248.725
- debt for deferral of funds for various donor projects		210.100	230.825
7) payables to suppliers		19.138	96.446
9) tax debts		11.855	10.428
10) payables to social security institutions		11.670	11.330
11) payables to employees and collaborators		25.374	28.243
12) Other debts			7.030
-debts to other lenders	830.000	830.000	830.000
-various debts at Uganda headquarters		7.107	3.097
	Total	1.711.551	1.662.973
ACCRUED EXPENSES AND DEFERRED INCOME			
Accrued expenses		2.397	1.686
	Total	2.397	1.686
TOTAL LIABILITIES		3.078.111	3.158.393
ORDER ACCOUNTS	Commitments for guarantees received	217.393	217.393

7. OTHER INFORMATION

PARTICIPATION AND INVOLVEMENT STRATEGIES



Involvement

Activities in Piacenza and surroundings: partnerships with schools and universities (the Catholic University of the Sacred Heart, etc.) for the inclusion of high school/university students in periods of internships/ temporary collaborations to write their final dissertation at the head office of Piacenza and/or in Uganda; “Vieni e Vedi” (*Come and see*) project to familiarise groups of young people interested in cooperation with the Ugandan reality, volunteering; Civilian Service, in Italy or abroad, integrating young people in the areas of major interest (WASH, socio-educational, etc.); involvement of volunteers (local groups).

Involvement of the personnel in Italy: weekly equips; creation of multidisciplinary work groups; training.

Involvement of the personnel in Uganda: training, participation in refresher courses and events of professional interest; weekly/ bi-weekly equips of coordination to reinforce the sense of belonging to the organisation and working relationships; organisation of moments of sharing of good practices and peer-to-peer training.

Training initiatives implemented in 2020 in Uganda:

- Agro-Pastoral Field School: training course for AMCS enablers in partnership with FAO (November – December 2020)
- Orphans and Other Vulnerable Children Co-ordination Committee Meeting, which took place on the 22nd of July 2020, at the headquarters of Lokitedee in the district of Napak
- Training course for the office personnel on raising-awareness activities, organised by UCAA (Uganda Change Agent Association), on the 20th and 21st of August 2020, in the subcounty of Lokopo and Matany. The course was moderated by CFPU (Child Family Protection Unit) and was focused on the theme of combating SGBV (Sexual Gender Based Violence) in Napak.
- Training course on parental care at community level, on Community Based Organisations, on children’s and parents’ rights, organised in the sub-county of Matany on the 23rd of September 2020.
- Regional Conference on Child Labour organised remotely by KIA under the project “Children at Risk”, Kenya on the 2nd of September. The main theme of the conference: the abolition of child labour, promoting the integration of minors in the education system.
- Training course on data collection methods, organised by Catholic Relief Service, from the 11th to the 13th of June 2020.
- Training course on Communication for Development, organised by C&D and UNICEF, on the 18th of March 2020.
- Training course on Gender based violence risk mitigation, organised by UNICEF on the 9th of March 2020.
- Training course on PSEA (Protection against Sexual Exploitation and Abuse), 20th of April 2020
- Training course on social behaviour change, organised by Catholic Relief Services, from the 28th to the 30th of September 2020.



AFRICA MISSION – COOPERATION AND DEVELOPMENT UGANDA (partnership in Uganda)



AMCS is fully integrated in the territory where it operates, as it shows incessant and strenuous commitment to supporting institutions and to realities present in Karamoja, with which it has always had a relationship of mutual respect. The spirit of collaboration and interaction has become even stronger when situations of extreme need and emergency have arisen, such as the most critical phase of Covid-19 spreading or the locust invasion, which has caused serious damage to agriculture and consequently to the economy in Northern Uganda.

Some of the main interventions in which AMCS took part in 2020 are: the involvement of AMCS personnel in the “Covid-19 Task Force” from May 2020 in the district of Moroto; the support in the “Desert Locust Response on Livelihoods Protection and Recovery Activities” intervention, in partnership with FAO, in August 2020, which covered the districts of Abim, Amundat, Kaabong, Karenga, Kotido, Moroto, Nabilatuk, Nakapiripirit, Napak.

The presence of AMCS in Northern Uganda is significant and appreciated from the other organisations in the area, since not only it has always shown to be ready to intervene in critical and emergency situations, but it has also and most of all been able overtime to create strong bonds of collaboration and a consolidated network of stakeholders, so that it can respond to the several necessities of the communities, starting from their priorities and needs, adopting a sustainable approach. This is demonstrated by the letters of appreciation from the local authorities, such as the Tepeth County, in the District and Diocese of Moroto, the Prison Farm of Namalu for well rehabilitation interventions, donation of goods, materials and tools, and the distribution of food, in particular for the project “Dry meat preparation and distribution for improved nutrition”.

In the last few years, as of 2016, 20 Memoranda of Understanding and 1 Agreement between AMCS and local institutions have been signed, in particular with the districts where the organisation intervenes, such as Amudat, Kotido, Nakapiripirit, Kaabong and Abim, in the dioceses of Arua and Lira, and with the Ministry of Agriculture, Livestock and Fisheries (MAAIF), MoGLSD (Ministry of Labour, Equal Opportunities and Social Development) and the Ministry of Finance.



ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACT



In compliance with the Sustainable Goal n. 13 “Climate Action” of the 2030 Agenda, AMCS bases the design of its interventions on protecting the environment where it operates, especially WASH and agro-livestock sectors, by raising awareness among young people and their families of the importance of using water from safe sources, in order to prevent the spread of diseases with epidemic potential such as cholera; by creating Water User Committees at community level to ensure the sustainability of drilling projects and/or well rehabilitation and sanitary-hygienic services and to reinforce public ownership of these devices. In the agro-livestock sector, projects in partnership with and/or financed by international agencies adopt guidelines that respect environmental resources, clearly outlining the approach to be used both in the design and implementation phases and include the measurement of the environmental impact of the intervention. In particular, the “US Environmental Regulations” were followed for interventions in partnership with USAID, while the “Environmental and Social Management Guidelines” were followed in projects in partnership with FAO.

AMCS has always been attentive to the use of water resources (drip irrigation systems, use of the Watershed Management method), of energy resources (solar systems), of the sustainability of buildings constructed with locally available materials, fertilizers (organic, compost) and food for animal nutrition. Moreover, AMCS is committed to raise awareness within the staff, students and young people attending the Community Development Centre on limiting the use of paper materials and resource recycling, on the selective collection of waste, on paying attention to meal preparation and on the reduction of non-compostable waste or plastic, encouraging the use of washable and reusable materials.



8. MONITORING AND EVALUATION

INTERNAL MANAGEMENT MECHANISMS IN ITALY AND IN UGANDA



In Italy, the supervision of the activities is carried out by the Board of Directors, made up of 7 people. Planning is takes place during quarterly meetings at Piacenza headquarters, both in person and remotely. The auditing of accounts is entrusted to the audit committee chaired by Dr. Carlo Bernardelli.

In Uganda, programme and project management mechanisms were set up, with the role of coordinating and supervising the consolidation of the accounting and financial reporting of projects. This consists in a body made up of the Country Representative Piergiorgio Lappo, the Programme Coordinator Pierangela Cantini and the Accounts Manager Roberto Montanari.

MONITORING OF INTERNAL STAFF

Twice a year, at the end of June and in mid-December, AMCS employees in Uganda undergo an evaluation of their service by means of a questionnaire that investigates the level of professional satisfaction, based on criteria such as work, adequacy of the commitment and workload according to once role, relationship with colleagues and superiors.

Many of the employees blamed external events, such as the Covid-19 pandemic or the cholera epidemic, for the increased difficulty in coping with the year; there were no internal causes that contributed to the negative environment or major problems: only a few felt that they would have to participate in further training and orientation if newly hired. The results for 2020 were overall positive, as most employees expressed a great sense of belonging to AMCS, a collaborative working environment and were able to learn new skills, thanks to training courses that took place in 2020.

Questionnaires are a useful tool for both employees, who can thus make a self-assessment of what has been done during the year, and managers and supervisors, who can collect any signs of discomfort and/or need and to plan guidance, training courses, organisation of work teams, provision of materials and tools deemed necessary and to confront each other through personal interviews or meetings in small groups to find a solution to the problems encountered in a participatory manner, always favouring confrontation and dialogue.



MONITORING AND EVALUATION: HUMAN RESOURCES, INSTRUMENTS AND APPROACHES



The M&E manager is supported by 2 colleagues trained in data collection and analysis and in reporting. For carrying out monitoring actions, the optimisation of human resources, available materials and sources of verification is arranged.

M&E staff is in charge of carrying out the study of the general context of intervention, the *need assessment*, i.e. the analysis of the beneficiaries' needs, and the prior drafting of the Monitoring and Evaluation Plan, containing the risk analysis, in order to ensure the possibility of making improvements and changes during the project, possibly without affecting the financial resources. Among the tools used for the context analysis are the mapping of stakeholders and partners, SWOT (Strengths, Weaknesses, Opportunities, Threats) and PEST (Political, Economic, Social, Technological) analysis, the problem tree and the Logic Model, which highlights the interconnection between all project elements in a cause-effect relationship. During the data collection phase, a great variety of tools are used: focus groups, questionnaires, structured and semi-structured interviews to key-individuals, field visits and the analysis of available documentation (reports, brochures, databases, official documents, etc.). The objective is to ensure an objective and impartial collection both quantitatively and qualitatively. Finally, the indicators to be analysed are identified using the Indicator Tracking Table, a method already successfully tested in the last few years.

For the implementation of monitoring, the AMCS internal procedures on M&E, approved by the Board of Directors on the 24th of April 2021, will be taken into account. These procedures describe the selection methods and the terms of reference to the M&E manager, as well as the procedures and timeframes for conducting regular training and refresher courses for staff, both of a cross-cutting nature, such as data collection and reporting, and specific to each area of intervention.

Internal procedures also define the guidelines for the staff in charge of monitoring, indicating the standard models to be used for internal and educational reporting, the software for creating questionnaires, the server for data collection (Survey Solutions), the methods for creating a database for easy consultation, the procedures for data analysis and to ensure security and privacy of the collected data, in order to allow continuity and homogeneity in implementing M&E activities, also in case of absence of the manager or staff turnover.



In accordance with the new AICS and EU guidelines, AMCS uses the “Result Based Management” approach, on which initial training and periodic updates are provided for all the M&E staff: this is an analysis system based on the projects results, useful for investigating the aspects concerning sustainability, i.e. the ability of the project to produce and reproduce benefit over time once the intervention is concluded, considering all the dimensions: financial and economic, institutional, socio-cultural, environmental and technological, and long-term impact. Here are some reference approaches used by AMCS, both during the design phase and the monitoring and evaluation phase:

- Methods used in microfinance: VSLA (*Village Savings and Loan Association*) and SILC (*Savings and Internal Lending*) to facilitate the saving and loan system at community level.
- Methods used in the agricultural sector: APFS (*Agro-pastoral field School*) and FAAB (*Farming as Business*), to increase farmers’ knowledge and ensure a sustainable profit growth.
- *Watershed Management*, for the management of natural resources, in particular from a hydrogeological point of view.
- *Child Protection Committee*, to ensure the protection of children from violence and abuse, securing their rights.
- Methods used in the hygienic-sanitary sector (WASH sector): CLTS (*Community-Led Total Sanitation*) and 3 STARS, i.e. 3 criteria that consider personal hygiene, sanitation and the availability of drinking water.

In addition to sustainability, in the monitoring phase and later in the mid-term and final evaluation of the projects (carried out by external staff), the following are analysed and declined for each specific project:



- The **relevance** and the effective pursuit of the project’s objectives, i.e. the correctness of the beneficiaries’ identification of problems and real needs, the adequate ex-ante evaluation of the local realities’ capacity of implementing the project, the analysis of stakeholders and beneficiaries, strengths and weaknesses of the project design (SWOT analysis).



- The **coherence** of the initiative with other interventions carried out in the region and with the policies and strategic-operational guidelines within the reference project, as well as the coherence of the intervention with relevant international norms and standards.



- The **efficiency**, i.e. the quality of project management in terms of economic and human resources, information, risk analysis, relationship and coordination with local authorities, institutions and beneficiaries and the respect of deadlines, as indicated in the chronogram. Efficiency is measured through the cost/benefit analysis of the intervention and on the basis of the periodicity and validity of monitoring.



- The **effectiveness** of the intervention, i.e. which benefits the intervention has brought to the local communities. It is based on the analysis of the significance and appropriateness of the result indicators, on the evaluation of changes within behaviour patterns, on the risk assessment and possible corrective action to be implemented, on the evaluation of the balance of responsibilities among the different partners and, in the long term, on the evaluation of unplanned results and their impact.

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