



# Financial Report 2018



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Since 1947 Solidar Suisse/SLA has enjoyed the approval of the ZEWO label.

## Balance sheet

	Notes	31/12/2018 CHF	31/12/2017 CHF
<b>Assets</b>			
<b>Current assets</b>			
Cash and cash equivalents	1.1	8,378,052	9,206,056
Accounts receivable on deliveries and services		41,968	29,215
Other short-term accounts receivable	1.2	129,826	176,727
Net assets in programme countries		421,786	445,591
Accrued income and pre-paid expenses	1.3	547,653	1,533,154
<b>Total</b>		<b>9,519,284</b>	<b>11,390,743</b>
<b>Fixed assets</b>			
Financial assets	1.4	147,187	147,184
Tangible fixed assets	1.5	184,843	197,448
Intangible assets	1.6	125,584	0
Real estate property	1.7	2,716,094	2,523,782
<b>Total</b>		<b>3,173,708</b>	<b>2,868,414</b>
<b>Total assets</b>		<b>12,692,992</b>	<b>14,259,157</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>			
<b>Short-term liabilities</b>			
Liabilities on deliveries and services		366,593	377,875
Other short-term liabilities	2.1	197,179	193,702
Pre-payments	2.2	1,750,204	2,742,387
Accrued expenses and deferred income	2.3	331,280	120,566
<b>Total</b>		<b>2,645,257</b>	<b>3,434,530</b>
<b>Long-term liabilities</b>			
Long-term interest-bearing liabilities (mortgages)		1,000,000	2,000,000
<b>Total</b>		<b>1,000,000</b>	<b>2,000,000</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>3,645,257</b>	<b>5,434,530</b>
<b>Fund capital</b>	2.4	<b>4,786,499</b>	<b>4,789,450</b>
<b>Total liabilities and fund capital</b>		<b>8,431,756</b>	<b>10,223,980</b>
<b>Capital of the organisation</b>			
Paid-up capital		100,000	100,000
Restricted capital – Foreign-exchange offset reserve		384,910	397,260
– Real estate renovation reserve		997,129	955,679
– Collective agreement (CLA) reserve		60,000	60,000
Unrestricted capital		2,715,476	2,518,763
Solidar Genève unrestricted capital		3,722	3,475
<b>Total</b>		<b>4,261,236</b>	<b>4,035,177</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>		<b>12,692,992</b>	<b>14,259,157</b>

## Statement of operations

	Notes	2018 CHF	2017 CHF
<b>Income</b>			
<b>Income from donations</b>			
Unrestricted donations and legacies		3,171,267	3,804,711
Restricted donations and legacies		872,781	626,257
Project contributions	3.1	2,394,740	2,074,610
Project contributions, Liechtenstein Development Service LED		550,000	550,000
Membership fees and supporter contributions		438,379	441,113
<b>Total</b>		<b>7,427,167</b>	<b>7,496,690</b>
<b>Income from service provided</b>			
Swiss Federal funding	3.2	5,022,537	5,435,959
Foreign authorities' funding		0	64,505
Funding from various organisations	3.3	3,842,084	4,498,826
<b>Total</b>		<b>8,864,621</b>	<b>9,999,290</b>
<b>Other operating income</b>	3.4	<b>420,589</b>	<b>360,550</b>
<b>Total operational income</b>		<b>16,712,377</b>	<b>17,856,530</b>

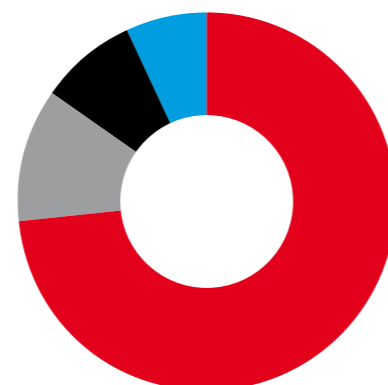


### Origin of operational funds

- Swiss Federal funding **30,1 %**
- Donations and legacies **24,2 %**
- Contributions from cantons, municipalities and institutions **17,6 %**
- Contributions from various organisations **13,7 %**
- Swiss Solidarity contributions **9,3 %**
- Membership fees and supporter contributions **2,6 %**
- Other operating income **2,5 %**

### Use of operational funds

- International programme **73,6 %**
- Fundraising and advertising **11,3 %**
- Administration costs **8,4 %**
- Swiss programme – Information and awareness raising **6,7 %**



	Notes	2018 CHF	2017 CHF
<b>Expenses</b>			
<b>International programme</b>	4.1		
Africa		2,107,595	2,102,935
Asia		2,806,925	2,744,056
Latin America		3,548,971	3,803,715
South-eastern Europe and Middle East		2,282,180	2,882,502
Programme coordination and support	4.2	1,591,237	1,695,172
<b>Total</b>		<b>12,336,909</b>	<b>13,228,380</b>
<b>Swiss programme – Information and awareness raising</b>	4.3	<b>1,119,726</b>	<b>912,885</b>
<b>Head Office</b>	4.4		
Administration costs		1,406,748	1,342,983
Fundraising and advertising		1,901,484	2,094,396
<b>Total</b>		<b>3,308,232</b>	<b>3,437,379</b>
<b>Total operational expenditure</b>		<b>16,764,867</b>	<b>17,578,643</b>
<b>Operating result</b>		<b>– 52,490</b>	<b>277,887</b>
<b>Financial result</b>	4.5	<b>43,915</b>	<b>37,951</b>
<b>Real estate property result</b>	4.6	<b>225,877</b>	<b>149,986</b>
<b>Other result</b>		<b>5,806</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Result before fund movements</b>		<b>223,109</b>	<b>465,823</b>
<b>Movements in funds</b>	4.8	<b>2,950</b>	<b>– 121,349</b>
Allocations		3,817,521	3,250,867
Use		– 3,820,471	– 3,129,518
<b>Annual result before allocations to the capital of the organisation</b>		<b>226,059</b>	<b>344,475</b>
<b>Allocations</b>			
to unrestricted capital		– 196,959	– 179,945
to restricted capital			
Foreign-exchange offset reserve		12,350	– 197,849
Real estate renovation reserve		– 41,450	33,319



## Cash flow statement

	2018 CHF	2017 CHF
<b>Operational activities</b>		
Annual result before allocations to the capital of the organisation	226,059	344,475
Change in fund capital	-2,950	121,349
Depreciation of tangible fixed assets	78,643	84,919
Amortisation of intangible assets	905	0
Depreciation of real estate property	46,632	46,632
Change in accounts receivable	57,954	390,267
Change in accrued income and prepaid expenses	985,502	144,953
Change in short-term liabilities	-7,805	-10,809
Change in pre-payments	-992,183	453,411
Change in accrued expenses and deferred income	210,714	-7,422
<b>Cash flow from operational activities</b>	<b>603,470</b>	<b>1,567,773</b>
<b>Investment activities</b>		
Investments in tangible fixed assets	-66,037	-66,500
Investments in intangible assets	-126,489	0
Investments in real estate property	-238,944	0
Change in financial assets	-3	4,317
<b>Cash flow from investment activities</b>	<b>-431,474</b>	<b>-62,183</b>
<b>Financing activities</b>		
Change in long-term interest-bearing liabilities	-1,000,000	0
<b>Cash flow from financing activities</b>	<b>-1,000,000</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>-828,004</b>	<b>1,505,590</b>
Cash and cash equivalents on 01 January	9,206,056	7,700,466
Cash and cash equivalents on 31 December	8,378,052	9,206,056
<b>Verification of change in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>-828,004</b>	<b>1,505,590</b>

## Statement of changes in capital

2018	Positions as of 01/01/2018 CHF	Allocation	Internal fund transfer	Use	Positions as of 31/12/2018 CHF
<b>Capital of the organisation</b>					
Paid-up capital	100,000				100,000
Restricted capital					
Foreign-exchange offset reserve <sup>1</sup>	397,260		-12,350		384,910
Collective agreement (CLA) reserve <sup>2</sup>	60,000				60,000
Real estate renovation reserve <sup>3</sup>	955,679		41,450		997,129
Solidar Suisse unrestricted capital	2,518,763		196,712		2,715,476
Solidar Genève unrestricted capital	3,475		247		3,722
Annual result		226,059	-226,059		
<b>Capital of the organisation</b>	<b>4,035,177</b>	<b>226,059</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,261,236</b>
<b>Fund capital</b>					
Poverty and integration fund	1,679,283	241,381		-270,227	1,650,436
Decent work fund	27,408	19,673		-23,137	23,945
International cooperation funds	1,247,242	2,667,586		-2,721,316	1,193,511
Humanitarian Aid funds	1,835,517	888,881		-805,791	1,918,608
<b>Fund capital</b>	<b>4,789,450</b>	<b>3,817,521</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-3,820,471</b>	<b>4,786,499</b>

2017	Positions as of 01/01/2017 CHF	Allocation	Internal fund transfer	Use	Positions as of 31/12/2017 CHF
<b>Capital of the organisation</b>					
Paid-up capital	100,000				100,000
Restricted capital					
Foreign-exchange offset reserve <sup>1</sup>	199,411		197,849		397,260
Collective agreement (CLA) reserve <sup>2</sup>	60,000				60,000
Real estate renovation reserve <sup>3</sup>	988,998		-33,319		955,679
Solidar Suisse unrestricted capital	2,333,443		185,320		2,518,763
Solidar Genève unrestricted capital	8,851		-5,375		3,475
Annual result		344,475	-344,475		
<b>Capital of the organisation</b>	<b>3,690,702</b>	<b>344,475</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>4,035,177</b>
<b>Fund capital</b>					
Poverty and integration fund	1,592,129	218,267		-131,114	1,679,283
Decent work fund	54,724	22,813		-50,129	27,408
International cooperation funds	1,064,321	2,534,942		-2,352,021	1,247,242
Humanitarian Aid funds	1,956,926	474,845		-596,254	1,835,517
<b>Fund capital</b>	<b>4,668,101</b>	<b>3,250,867</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-3,129,518</b>	<b>4,789,450</b>

<sup>1</sup> This reserve is to cover foreign exchange risks relating to International programme.

<sup>2</sup> This reserve was made in the context of CLA renewal (Collective Labour Agreement), Section 9. 1. 2.

<sup>3</sup> This reserve is used to fund renovations necessary to maintain the value of real estate property. Annual accumulation based on 0,5% of building insurance value (Quellenhof).

# Principles of financial reporting

## Principles of financial reporting

Solidar Suisse is based in Zurich. Under Article 60 of the Swiss Civil Code it has the legal form of an association. Financial reporting by Solidar Suisse has been prepared in accordance with Swiss accounting and reporting recommendations on the presentation of accounts, Swiss GAAP FER, as well as the Swiss Code of Obligations and the ZEWO foundation guidelines. The annual accounts give a true and fair view of the assets, financial position and earnings.

### Consolidated companies

The association Solidar Genève is consolidated. Solidar Suisse has no further subsidiaries or partner institutions over which it exerts a controlling influence.

### Close organisations / persons

Solidar Suisse is an associate member of Alliance Sud (Swiss Alliance of Development Organisations), a member of the European Solidar network and is represented on the board of the Solifonds foundation.

Furthermore members of the Board of Directors and Management of Solidar Suisse are considered as close persons as well as close members of their families or households.

## Accounting and valuation principles

The accounts are prepared in Swiss Francs. Usually, the principle of acquisition or manufacturing costs applies to the annual accounts. This is based on the principle of the individual valuation of assets and liabilities. Unless otherwise indicated, balance sheet items are valued according to the nominal value on the reporting date.

### Income

Income from donations is recognised as revenue upon receipt of unrestricted cash. Income from service provided is reported as deferred income and recognised as revenue as the associated expense is incurred.

### Foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities in foreign currencies are converted at the closing rate of the Swiss Federal tax authorities as of the balance sheet date. Operations in foreign currencies are converted at the annual average rate.

### Cash and cash equivalents

Cash and cash equivalents comprise cash holdings and balances on postal, bank and deposit accounts.

### Accounts receivable

Accounts receivable are valued at nominal value, taking into account appropriate allowances for doubtful repayments.

- *Accounts receivable on deliveries and services*

This item includes short-term accounts receivable on deliveries and services as well as accounts receivable from various debtors.

- *Other short-term accounts receivable*

This item includes refundable anticipatory tax credits and accounts receivable based on favorable funding decisions by public authorities and foundations/institutions (voluntary project contributions).

### Net assets in programme countries

This item includes cash and cash equivalents, accounts receivable and short-term liabilities of the local coordination offices in the programme countries.

## Accrued income and pre-paid expenses

This item includes assets resulting from material and temporal accrual. Primarily project funding based performance that has not yet been paid is accrued.

### Financial assets

This item primarily includes shares of Texaid and Claro held long-term. The non-quoted shares are booked at par value in the balance sheet.

### Tangible fixed assets / IT equipment

This item includes all acquisition costs (Swiss and local coordination offices) necessary for administration and to provide services. Booking is at cost less scheduled amortisation. Amortisation is linear over the estimated period of use. This period is of 3 years for IT equipment and 5 years for tangible fixed assets/furnishings. The capitalisation limit is CHF 3,000.–. Acquisitions in foreign currency are valued once at the average rate of the year of their acquisition.

### Intangible assets

This item includes specialised software. Booking is at cost less scheduled amortisation. Amortisation is linear over the estimated period of use. This period is of 5 years for specialised software. The capitalisation limit is CHF 3,000.–. A data management programme customised for Solidar Suisse is under development.

### Real estate property

Real estate property is booked at acquisition cost, less linear scheduled amortisation based on a useful life-span of 75 years. Prepayments and buildings under construction relate to the renovation and reconstruction of buildings at the Quellenstrasse, Zurich.

### Liabilities

- *Liabilities on deliveries and services*

This item includes short-term liabilities on deliveries and services, as well as various creditors.

- *Other short-term liabilities*

This item includes the share of SLA regional associations in the annual real estate account, liabilities towards withholding tax, as well as liabilities towards staff for voluntary child benefits not yet requested.

## Pre-payments

In this item, contractual project-funding payments for project services not yet provided are accrued.

## Accrued expenses and deferred income

This item includes liabilities resulting from material and temporal accrual. They are mostly accruals of staff overtime and accrued vacation.

## Long-term interest-bearing liabilities

This item includes one mortgage amounting to 1 million Swiss Francs. The residual period from the closing date is of 45 months.

## Fund capital

This item includes funds from donations and voluntary contributions, whose use is restricted. The fund capital comprises funds for specific themes (Poverty and integration, Decent work), as well as funds for specific countries, that are gathered in the International cooperation fund. The Humanitarian Aid fund includes diverse funds opened after specific humanitarian disasters.

## Capital of the organisation

The capital of the organisation comprises paid-up capital as well as accumulated restricted and unrestricted capital. The Board of Directors decides on allocation and use of capital of the organisation.

## Cash flow statement

The cash flow statement shows the change in cash and cash equivalents according to operational, investment and financing activities. It is established using the indirect method.

## Method of calculating cost of administration, fundraising and advertising

Administration costs cover the basic functioning of Solidar Suisse. Fundraising and advertising costs represent the entirety of fund procurement costs. Solidar Suisse applies the method of the ZEWO foundation to separate cost for programme services from cost for fund procurement and administration. Functional cost attribution follows an appropriate formula.

## Other information

### Financial compensation of Board of Directors and Management Board Solidar Suisse

The chairman receives a monthly financial compensation of CHF 1,250.– (previous year CHF 833.–). No attendance fees are paid. All other Board Members work on an honorary basis.

Wage costs (including employer's contributions) for the five members of the Management Board amounted to CHF 688,723.– in 2018 (previous year: CHF 804,943.–).

### Transactions with close persons

In 2018, contributions were paid to close organisations for a total amount of CHF 72,776.– (previous year: CHF 72,040.–).

### Volunteers

In 2018, a total of approximately 150 hours of free work were volunteered for the benefit of the Solidar Genève association (previous year: 150 hours).

### Full-time jobs

As of 31.12.2018, the number of full-time positions in Switzerland was 26.7 (previous year: 26.4).

### Auditor fees

In 2018, auditor fees amounted to CHF 19,925.– (previous year: CHF 22,680.–); CHF 6,462.– was paid for additional audit services in 2018 (previous year: CHF 11,016.–).

### Long-term rental liabilities

There is a lease for the Lausanne office that runs until 30.11.2021. The net annual rent is CHF 11,532.–.

### Pledging of assets as security for own liabilities

Real estate property with a book value of 2.477 million Swiss Francs (previous year: 2.524 million Swiss Francs) serves as a security for the mortgage of 1 million Swiss Francs (see long-term interest-bearing liabilities).

### Contingent liabilities

As per the balance sheet date, Solidar Suisse has no contingent liabilities.

## Pension Fund

The employees of Solidar Suisse are insured with the City of Zurich Pension Fund. As per the balance sheet date Solidar Suisse has no liabilities towards the City of Zurich Pension Fund. The pension plan is based on the defined contribution principle. In 2018, employer contributions to the pension fund amounted to CHF 371,642.– (previous year: CHF 369,417.–).

As per 31.12.2018, the City of Zurich Pension Fund shows a coverage rate of 110.9% (previous year: 117.8%).

## Risk assessment

The Board of Directors carries out an annual risk assessment and decides on measures to eliminate prioritised residual risks.

## Events after the balance sheet date

The annual financial statement was approved by the finance committee of the Board of Directors on 29 March 2019. It also requires the approval for publication by the Board of Directors on 15 April 2019 and by the Annual General Meeting of Solidar Suisse on 20 May 2019.

No event occurred between 31 December 2018 and the date of the approval of the present financial statement that would require a modification of the accounts per 31 December 2018 or would need to be disclosed here.

The original version of the annual financial statement in German is legally binding.

## Notes on the balance sheet

### Assets

	31/12/2018	31/12/2017				
	CHF	CHF				
<b>1.1 Cash and cash equivalents</b>						
Cash on hand	1,295	749				
Post and bank accounts	8,376,757	9,205,307				
<b>Total</b>	<b>8,378,052</b>	<b>9,206,056</b>				
<b>1.2 Other short-term accounts receivable</b>						
Accounts receivable from public authorities	91,000	153,000				
Other short-term accounts receivable	38,826	23,727				
<b>Total</b>	<b>129,826</b>	<b>176,727</b>				
<b>1.3 Accrued income and pre-paid expenses</b>						
Accrued income and pre-paid expenses, SDC projects	8,133	159,295				
Accrued income and pre-paid expenses, other donor projects	526,901	619,840				
Accrued income and pre-paid expenses, consortia	0	751,936				
Other accrued income and pre-paid expenses	12,618	2,084				
<b>Total</b>	<b>547,653</b>	<b>1,533,154</b>				
<b>1.4 Financial assets</b>						
Texaid	126,652	126,652				
Claro	12,640	12,640				
Rent guarantee accounts and security deposits	7,895	7,892				
<b>Total</b>	<b>147,187</b>	<b>147,184</b>				
<b>1.5 Schedule of fixed assets</b>						
	<b>IT equipment</b>		<b>Other fixed assets</b>		<b>Total tangible fixed assets</b>	
	31/12/2018	31/12/2017	31/12/2018	31/12/2017	31/12/2018	31/12/2017
	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF
Positions as of 01 January	46,968	44,921	414,851	358,686	461,819	403,607
Additions	19,906	10,336	46,131	56,165	66,037	66,500
Disposals						
Elimination	-18,743	-8,288			-18,743	-8,288
Positions as of 31 December	48,131	46,968	460,982	414,851	509,113	461,819
Accumulated depreciation						
Positions as of 01 January	32,277	27,896	232,095	159,844	264,371	187,741
Depreciation	10,699	12,668	67,943	72,250	78,643	84,919
Disposals						
Elimination	-18,743	-8,288			-18,743	-8,288
Positions as of 31 December	24,233	32,277	300,038	232,095	324,271	264,371
<b>Net positions as of 31 Dec</b>	<b>23,899</b>	<b>14,692</b>	<b>160,944</b>	<b>182,757</b>	<b>184,843</b>	<b>197,448</b>
Insurance value					1,039,417	977,374

1.6 Schedule of intangible assets	Specialised software		Software under development		Total intangible assets	
	31/12/2018	31/12/2017	31/12/2018	31/12/2017	31/12/2018	31/12/2017
	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF
Positions as of 01 January	0	0	0	0	0	0
Additions	7,754		118,735		126,489	
Disposals						
Elimination						
Positions as of 31 December	7,754	0	118,735	0	126,489	0
Accumulated depreciation						
Positions as of 01 January	0	0	0	0	0	0
Depreciation	905				905	
Disposals						
Elimination						
Positions as of 31 December	905	0	0	0	905	0
<b>Net positions as of 31 Dec</b>	<b>6,850</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>118,735</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>125,584</b>	<b>0</b>

1.7 Real estate property	Land & buildings		Prepayments & buildings under construction		Total real estate property	
	31/12/2018	31/12/2017	31/12/2018	31/12/2017	31/12/2018	31/12/2017
	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF	CHF
Positions as of 01 January	3,835,838	3,835,838	0	0	3,835,838	3,835,838
Additions			238,944		238,944	
Disposals						
Elimination						
Positions as of 31 December	3,835,838	3,835,838	238,944	0	4,074,782	3,835,838
Accumulated depreciation						
Positions as of 01 January	1,312,056	1,265,424	0	0	1,312,056	1,265,424
Depreciation	46,632	46,632			46,632	46,632
Disposals						
Elimination						
Positions as of 31 December	1,358,688	1,312,056	0	0	1,358,688	1,312,056
<b>Net positions as of 31 Dec</b>	<b>2,477,150</b>	<b>2,523,782</b>	<b>238,944</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>2,716,094</b>	<b>2,523,782</b>
Insurance value					8,686,800	8,646,140

## Notes on the balance sheet

### Liabilities

	31/12/2018	31/12/2017
	CHF	CHF
<b>2.1 Other short-term liabilities</b>		
Accounts payable, SLA regional associations	184,427	183,305
Other short-term liabilities	12,752	10,397
<b>Total</b>	<b>197,179</b>	<b>193,702</b>
<b>2.2 Pre-payments</b>		
Pre-payments, SDC projects	229,458	768,405
Pre-payments, other donor projects	1,520,746	1,973,982
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,750,204</b>	<b>2,742,387</b>
<b>2.3 Accrued expenses and deferred income</b>		
Overtime / holidays / training	83,640	65,540
Other accrued expenses and deferred income	247,639	55,026
<b>Total</b>	<b>331,280</b>	<b>120,566</b>
<b>2.4 The development of fund capital is shown in the statement of changes in capital.</b>		

## Notes on the statement of operations

### Income

	2018	2017
	CHF	CHF
<b>3.1 Project contributions</b>		
Contributions from institutions / foundations	1,471,182	1,267,413
Contributions from cantons / municipalities	430,500	451,000
Contributions from FEDEVACO (Fédération vaudoise de coopération)	204,606	138,237
Contributions from FGC (Fédération genevoise de coopération)	288,452	217,960
<b>Total</b>	<b>2,394,740</b>	<b>2,074,610</b>
<b>3.2 Swiss Federal funding</b>		
SDC programme contribution	3,817,000	3,695,000
SDC mandates	1,205,769	1,294,813
SDC project contributions	-232	446,145
<b>Total</b>	<b>5,022,537</b>	<b>5,435,959</b>
<b>3.3 Funding from various organisations</b>		
Swiss Solidarity contributions	1,558,569	2,433,791
ECHO (European Commission: Department for Humanitarian Aid) contributions	380,103	323,345
Contributions from various organisations	1,903,412	1,741,690
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,842,084</b>	<b>4,498,826</b>
<b>3.4 Other operating income</b>		
Earnings from services provided	14,150	11,250
Proportion of Texaid proceeds <sup>1</sup>	340,000	300,000
Reimbursements and various earnings	66,439	49,300
<b>Total</b>	<b>420,589</b>	<b>360,550</b>

<sup>1</sup> Solidar Suisse, Swiss Red Cross, Caritas Switzerland, Swiss Church Aid HEKS, Winter Aid and Kolping Switzerland form the Texaid partnership, Switzerland's leading organisation for collecting, sorting and recycling used textiles including shoes and household textiles.



## Notes on the statement of operations

### Expenditure by area and country

	2018		2017	
	CHF	%	CHF	%
<b>4.1 International programme</b>				
<b>Development Cooperation</b>				
<b>Africa</b>	<b>2'107'595</b>	<b>20</b>	<b>1'986'734</b>	<b>17</b>
Burkina Faso	1'475'102	14	1'193'412	10
Southern Africa	632'493	6	793'322	7
<b>Asia</b>	<b>800'278</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>697'935</b>	<b>6</b>
Bangladesh	19'599	0		
Cambodia	215'519	2	100'659	1
China	147,200	1	157,640	1
Pakistan	172'745	2	253'110	2
Regional Programme Decent Work	245'215	2	186'526	2
<b>Latin America</b>	<b>3'548'971</b>	<b>33</b>	<b>3'489'761</b>	<b>30</b>
Bolivia	2'221'814	21	2'152'806	19
El Salvador	599'898	6	597'746	5
Nicaragua	727'259	7	739'209	6
<b>South-eastern Europe</b>	<b>679'901</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>991'919</b>	<b>9</b>
Kosovo	275'116	3	315'132	3
Romania	-167	0	282'899	2
Serbia/Bosnia-Herzegovina	404'951	4	393'888	3
<b>Total Development Cooperation</b>	<b>7'136'745</b>	<b>66</b>	<b>7'166'349</b>	<b>62</b>
<b>Humanitarian Aid</b>				
<b>Africa</b>			<b>116'201</b>	<b>1</b>
Southern Africa			116'201	1
<b>Asia</b>	<b>2'006'647</b>	<b>19</b>	<b>2'046'121</b>	<b>18</b>
Bangladesh	42'113	0	43'354	0
Indonesia	155'978	1		
Nepal	1'309'662	12	1'364'551	12
Pakistan	498'230	5	590'579	5
Sri Lanka	664	0	47'638	0
<b>Latin America</b>			<b>313'953</b>	<b>3</b>
El Salvador			313'953	3
<b>South-eastern Europe and Middle East</b>	<b>1'602'279</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>1'890'583</b>	<b>16</b>
Syria/Lebanon	1'602'279	15	1'890'583	16
<b>Total Humanitarian Aid</b>	<b>3'608'926</b>	<b>34</b>	<b>4'366'858</b>	<b>38</b>
<b>Total</b>	<b>10'745'672</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>11'533'207</b>	<b>100</b>

### Expenditures after costs

	2018	2017
	CHF	CHF
<b>4.1 International programme</b>		
Allocations and contributions paid (material project cost)	7,682,749	8,749,712
Personnel	2,583,849	2,273,905
Depreciation	61,624	66,555
Other expenditures	417,450	443,035
<b>Total</b>	<b>10,745,672</b>	<b>11,533,207</b>
<b>4.2 Programme coordination and support</b>		
Allocations and contributions paid	11,637	10,361
Personnel	1,389,136	1,442,676
Depreciation	6,349	8,154
Other expenditures	184,115	233,982
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,591,237</b>	<b>1,695,172</b>
<b>4.3 Swiss programme</b>		
Allocations and contributions paid (material project cost)	523,766	347,606
Personnel	545,101	512,168
Depreciation	2,679	2,420
Other expenditures	48,180	50,692
<b>Total</b>	<b>1,119,726</b>	<b>912,885</b>
<b>4.4 Head Office</b>		
Allocations and contributions paid	93,217	71,789
Personnel	1,742,933	1,625,404
Depreciation	8,896	7,790
Fundraising costs	1,057,273	1,359,571
Other expenditures	405,914	372,825
<b>Total</b>	<b>3,308,232</b>	<b>3,437,379</b>



## Notes on the statement of operations

### Expenses

	2018 CHF	2017 CHF
<b>4.5 Financial result</b>		
<b>Financial return</b>	<b>58,615</b>	<b>52,875</b>
Interest on bank and postal accounts	7,842	8,848
Other financial income	50,773	28,527
Net foreign assets adjustment	0	15,500
<b>Financial expenses</b>	<b>-14,699</b>	<b>-14,924</b>
Bank and postal account charges	-14,026	-14,924
Net foreign assets adjustment	-674	0
<b>Total</b>	<b>43,915</b>	<b>37,951</b>
<b>4.6 Real estate property result</b>		
Earnings from real estate property	579,267	587,549
Real estate property expenses	-78,721	-155,127
Interest expenses on mortgage	-43,610	-52,500
Depreciation of real estate property	-46,632	-46,632
Share of result from real estate property, SLA regional associations	-184,427	-183,305
<b>Total</b>	<b>225,877</b>	<b>149,986</b>
<b>4.7 Personnel cost and depreciation</b>		
Personnel	6,261,018	5,854,153
Depreciation	126,179	131,550
<b>Total</b>	<b>6,387,198</b>	<b>5,985,703</b>

### 4.8 Fund result: see statement of changes in capital.

## Report of the Statutory Auditor on the Financial Statements to the general meeting of Solidar Suisse, Zurich

As statutory auditor, we have audited the accompanying financial statements of Solidar Suisse, which comprise the balance sheet as at 31 december 2018 an the statement of operations, statement of cash flows, statement of changes in capital and notes to the financial statements for the year ended then ended. In accordance with Swiss GAAP FER 21 the specifications in the performance report are not subject to the audit requirement of the statutory auditors.

### Association Board's Responsibility

The association Board is responsible for the preparation of these financial statements in accordance with Swiss GAAP FER, the requirements of Swiss law, as well as the articles of association. This responsibility includes designing, implementing and maintaining an internal control system relevant to the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error. The association Board is further responsible for selecting and applying appropriate accounting policies and making accounting estimates that are reasonable in the circumstances.

### Auditor's Responsibility

Our responsibility is to express an opinion on these financial statements based on our audit. We conducted our audit in accordance with Swiss law, the articles of association and Swiss Auditing Standards. Those standards require that we plan and perform the audit to obtain reasonable assurance whether the financial statements are free from material misstatement.

An audit involves performing procedures to obtain audit evidence about the amounts and disclosures in the financial statements. The procedures selected depend on the auditor's judgment, including the assessment of the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error. In making those risk assessments, the auditor considers the internal control system relevant to the entity's preparation of the financial statements in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the entity's internal control system. An audit also includes evaluating the appropriateness of the accounting policies used and the reasonableness of the accounting estimates made, as well as evaluating the overall presentation of the financial statements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our audit opinion.

### Opinion

In our opinion, the financial statements for the year ended 31.12.2018 give a true and fair view of the financial position, the result of operations and the cash flows in accordance with Swiss GAAP FER, comply with Swiss law and with the articles of association.

### Report on Other Legal Requirements

We confirm that we meet the legal requirements on licensing according to the Auditor Oversight Act (AOA) and independence (article 69b Civil code (CC) in relation to article 728 Code of Obligations (CO)) and that there are no circumstances incompatible with our independence.

In accordance with article 69b CC in relation to article 728a para. 1 item 3 CO and Swiss Auditing Standard 890, we confirm that an internal control system exists, which has been designed for the preparation of financial statements according to the instructions of the Association Board.

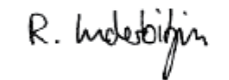
We recommend that the financial statements submitted to you be approved.

Zurich, 2 april 2019

BDO Ltd



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Auditor in Charge  
Licensed Audit Expert



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Licensed Auditor

## Performance and situation report 2018

Please consult the full version of the 2018 Solidar Suisse annual report for additional information. It can be obtained from our head office or downloaded from our website.

### Solidar Suisse

Solidar Suisse is dedicated to disadvantaged, persecuted and oppressed people. We are committed to social justice and the fight against exclusion. No commercial aims are followed and no profit is sought. Solidar promotes the capability of people and organizations to exercise their social and political rights and supports them in attaining economic independence. With these measures, Solidar contributes actively to the fight against poverty.

In our focus countries, we engage in development cooperation. After natural disasters, we also provide humanitarian aid in collaboration with partners from the Solidar network.

In Switzerland, Solidar Suisse is active in awareness building and campaigns. Thanks to the experience gained in our development programmes, we inform the Swiss population on development policy subjects and on the causes of poverty and exclusion.

### Environment

In 2011, the Swiss parliament set the goal of increasing the financing of Switzerland's official development assistance (ODA) to 0.5 percent of gross national income (GNI). This target was achieved in 2015 and 2016. In September 2017, the National Council confirmed by a clear majority that it would adhere to the 0.5 percent target. Nevertheless, the 2017 figures fell back to those of 2013. While the average ODA/GNI ratio of OECD countries remained just stable, it collapsed in Switzerland from 0.53 to 0.46 percent - a fall of 14 percent in total ODA. In 2018, Switzerland spent around CHF 3 billion on official development assistance. In 2018, the ratio fell again slightly to 0.44 percent. Actual development aid, i.e. excluding asylum costs, is only 0.4 percent. Switzerland is thus moving further away from the international target of spending 0.7 percent of national income on development financing and is now even below the average

for the members of the European Union (0.47%).

In 2018, no trouble spots were resolved worldwide. Years of humanitarian disasters in countries such as Syria (and neighboring countries), Yemen, Southern Sudan, the Central African Republic, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and Myanmar/Bangladesh continued to cause enormous suffering and put pressure on the international community to make forceful efforts to meet the basic needs of the suffering population. In addition, there were acute crises in countries such as Venezuela and Nicaragua. One of the most devastating natural disasters finally occurred in Indonesia. In addition to earthquakes and volcanic eruptions, a tsunami devastated large parts of Sulawesi.

International organizations (UNO, Red Cross, NGOs) are just as challenged as states and associations of states. As part of this humanitarian movement, Solidar Suisse also remains active and has increased the number of humanitarian projects.

In many countries, the work of NGOs is also hampered by repressive governments, for example in China, Bangladesh, Pakistan, Cambodia and now Nicaragua. NGOs are a thorn in the side of many governments because they support civil society and give voices to disenfranchised people.

### Effect

The annual report presents some of the most important changes that our projects have brought about in the lives of our target groups. These examples show that Solidar Suisse 2018, with its financial resources, has achieved many of its goals and changed the lives of hundreds of thousands of people in need and poverty for the better.

### Outlook

The financial resources for the programmes for Syrian refugees in Lebanon have been exhausted and a certain „donor fatigue“ has occurred. Solidar Suisse therefore had to reduce its projects and will withdraw from Lebanon for the time being in 2019. Such - unfortunately unavoidable - decisions

are very difficult to make. Regrettably, we cannot influence this any more than we can influence the EU's decision not to continue cooperation in humanitarian aid with Swiss NGOs with immediate effect, because the legal basis for cooperation is lacking. Solidar Suisse is thus losing a reliable partner and an important source of financing.

It is therefore all the more gratifying that we can continue to count on generous donations from society at large, the public sector and foundations. We therefore continue to see it as our duty to show the dark sides of unrestrained and unregulated economic growth - for example with our campaigns against harmful practices by companies whose products we consume in Switzerland. Despite a successful year of donations, income fell in 2018 because we provided less humanitarian aid. In 2019, we are investing more in the acquisition of projects and financial contributions and are completing the new 2020-2025 strategy.

## Bodies and committees

### Solidar Suisse Board of Directors

The president and other members of the committee are elected for a four-year term. They can be re-elected.

### Carlo Sommaruga – since 2018 (chairman)

Board member of Beratende Kommission für internationale Zusammenarbeit, Istituto Svizzero di Roma (ISR) foundation board member, president Internationales Ausbildungszentrum für Menschenrechte und Friedenserziehung (CIFEDHOP), Chairman of the Committee «Schluss mit den Immobilienbetrügereien», Secretary of ASLOCA, president Schweizerischer Mieterverband (ASLOCA-Schweiz), Secretary of Schweizerische Vereinigung für den Schutz der Mieter – Fédération romande (ASLOCA-Romande)

### Dieter Bolliger – since 2014

Head of finance and administration at syndicom, director of the personnel pension fund foundation of the Communication Union, director of the Erich von Däniken foundation

### Judith Bucher – since 1999

Deputy secretary general of the vpod union, board member of SUVA, board member of the Swiss National Fund foundation, director of the Schweizerische Interpreten-Genossenschaft SIG, director of Movendo, member of the administration of Reka

### Mario Carera – since 2012

Socio-economist, member of the managing committee of the Swiss Socialist Party, Swissaid foundation board member, SP delegate to the Party of European Socialists

### Bruno Gurtner – since 2008

Economist, Swissaid foundation board member, Solifonds foundation board member

### Dore Heim – since 2013

Central secretary of the Swiss Federation of Trade Unions, managing director of the Federal Commission on Housing, board member of Denknetz, president of Frauenberatung – sexuelle Gewalt (counselling for women – sexual abuse), advisory board member of union publication «work», president of Evangelischer Frauenbund Zürich

### Pepo Hofstetter – since 2018

National Secretary of Unia, Member of the Cockpit of The Responsible Business Initiative, Member of the advisory group for the National Action Plan implementing the UN Guiding Principles on Business and Human Rights

### Joachim Merz – since 2015 (personnel representative)

Coordinator Southern Africa and Bolivia Solidar Suisse

### Martin Naef – since 2015

Lawyer, Zürcher Stiftung für Gefangenen- und Entlassenenfürsorge, political advisory board member of Helvetas, Homosexuelle Arbeitsgruppen Zurich, New Swiss European Movement, Association of Commercial Employees Zurich

### Advisory Role

### Barbara Burri Sharani – since 2017

Co-director of Solidar Suisse, Foundation board member of Dora Aeschbach Foundation, board member of Parandalo

### Felix Gnehm – since 2017

Co-director of Solidar Suisse, foundation board member of Swiss Solidarity

### Management Board of Solidar Suisse

Barbara Burri Sharani and Felix Gnehm, Co-direction

Barbara Burri Sharani, head of Quality Management  
Marco Eichenberger, head of Fundraising  
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Felix Gnehm, head of International Programme  
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### Auditor

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