



ACRA

Social Report

2021





***“Until you dig a hole, plant a tree,
water it and make it survive, you have done nothing.
You are just talking.”***

Muta Maathai Wangari (Nobel Peace Prize 2004)



Methodology note

ACRA's Social Report is now in its sixteenth edition, its publication aims to show the themes of intervention, the strategic positioning of the organisation and the results achieved during the year.

The periodicity and reporting scope coincide with that of the Annual Report.

For the drafting of the contents, a process of involvement of the structure was implemented, which allowed for the elaboration and collection of contributions from the various organisational areas at central and local level. The drafting of the Social Report takes into account the guidelines dictated by the Delegated Law 106/2016 and subsequent implementing decrees, presenting itself to stakeholders in an increasingly transparent, aware and shared manner.

The Social Report 2021 is divided into three chapters, the first of which photographs the significant data representing the organisation, its history, mission and values, governance, organisational structure, the distribution of projects in the

various geographical and thematic areas of intervention, and the composition of funding sources.

The second chapter, the Social Report, narrates ACRA's work in the different geographical areas of intervention. The 2021 active programmes are grouped by country, in line with the operating methods of intervention and focusing on thematic priorities.

The third section is dedicated to the Annual Report and includes the balance sheet, the management statement and the external auditors' report.

Also for the financial year 2021, it was decided to favour the digital format and to print a limited number of copies on FSC® certified recycled paper, in the principle of environmental and economic sustainability.

Please refer to the website www.acra.it for a more detailed analysis of programmes, activities carried out, events promoted, and campaigns activated; on the site you can download the annual report complete with mission report.

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Chapter 1

PROFILE

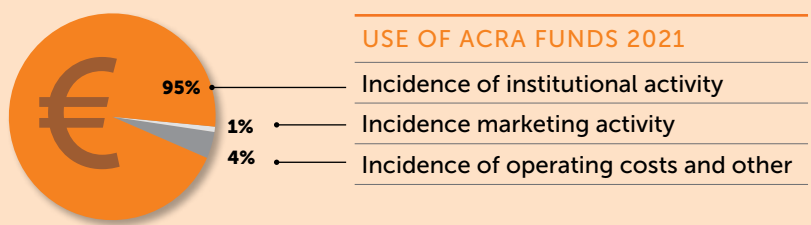


VISION

ACRA believes in a world where each and every one is accountable and can contribute to a fairer and more sustainable society.

MISSION

ACRA works with people and communities to ensure them access to resources, tools and skills, so that they can become enablers of change and protagonists in fostering fair, inclusive and sustainable development.



[Euro breakdown pie]





VALUES and COMMITMENT

SUSTAINABILITY

social, environmental,
economic

ACCOUNTABILITY

commitment,
transparency, integrity

EQUITY

justice, equality,
participation, inclusion

Who we are

ACRA is a non-governmental, secular and independent organisation, founded in Milan in 1968 and engaged for over fifty years in **international cooperation, protection of human rights and fight against poverty and inequality.**

ACRA works together with local communities in **Africa and Latin America** to guarantee the right of access to food, water, education, energy; for the protection and preservation of the environment and to support inclusive and sustainable growth, enhancing local talents and promoting gender equality.

In **Europe and Italy**, it promotes a culture of dialogue, integration, intercultural exchange and solidarity; projects to combat gender-based violence and to fight climate change. It organises global citizenship education activities for schools and young people; it is committed to the promotion of sustainable agricultural models and consumption practices.

- ACRA is a Participation Foundation, listed in the Register of Legal Persons of the Prefecture of Milan.
- It is an NGO recognised in accordance with Law no. 49 of 26/02/1987 and registered in the List of Civil Society Organisations in accordance with art. 26 of Law no. 125 of 11 August 2014.
- It is an ONLUS in law in accordance with Legislative Decree No. 460 of 4/12/1997.
- ACRA's Memorandum of Association, Articles of Association and Code of Ethics can be downloaded here www.acra.it/acra#chi-siamo

ACRA is committed to:

- ACRA works in **global peripheral areas**, where challenges and obstacles to sustainable development are the greatest.
- ACRA is committed to **protecting the environment.**
- ACRA works in coordination with **local development policies.**
- ACRA believes in the need for **communities and individuals to impact** on their own prospects.
- ACRA commits itself to being **accountable and transparent** Vis-à-Vis all stakeholders.
- ACRA believes that justice must be combined with **social equity** and works to contribute to a fairer and more sustainable balance.
- ACRA works to **eliminate all inequalities** and all forms of discrimination.

History

Le principali tappe
del nostro cammino

FIRST DECADE

1968-1978

LET'S START

Chad, village of Borom.

Thanks to the encounter with the missionary Father Angelo Gherardi and to the resourcefulness of 6 young volunteers, the first integrated rural development project is launched and it will last for 18 years. **In Milan, on the 25th May of that same significant year, ACRA is born:** a secular organization self-funded by private individuals and support groups. In 1973, ACRA obtains formal recognition from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as a Non-Governmental Organization qualified for International Cooperation.

SECOND DECADE

1978-1988

FROM AFRICA TO LATIN AMERICA

In 1984 we take our first steps in **Senegal**, one of the countries with ACRA's longest-running interventions, especially in terms of building water infrastructures. Two years before, the European Union European awards ACRA its first grants. In 1985 ACRA crosses the ocean and lands in **Bolivia** alongside the coffee producers of Los Yungas and the campesino organizations. In 1986 a first group of aid workers settles in **Nicaragua** to build and manage an agricultural and zootechnical training institute. Finally, in 1987 the first coordination offices open in a number of countries and ACRA employs paid staff to implement and report on the development projects.

THIRD DECADE

1988-1998

ACRA AT SCHOOL

In 1988, ACRA obtains the approval from the Ministry to carry out development information and education projects: launch of the first educational activities aimed at Italian schools and teachers.



In 1992, ACRA intervenes for the first time in **Cameroon** and in 1998 in **Ecuador**.



2019-2021

FIFTH DECADE

2008-2018

FOURTH DECADE

1998-2008

40 YEARS AND NEW HORIZONS

The quality and size of the projects increase: the coordination offices employ better qualified and skilled local staff who can guarantee the sustainability of the projects. ACRA opens new coordination offices in Africa (**Burkina Faso** and **Tanzania**) and in Central America (**El Salvador** and **Honduras**). In 2007 a large rural electrification programme starts in Tanzania, bringing hydroelectric energy to 27 villages.



In 2008, ACRA celebrate 40 years of activity. The annual budget is around 10 million euro; the international cooperation challenges are ever increasing and ACRA focuses its efforts in 4 thematic areas: water and sanitation, environment-energy, food security and sovereignty, education and global citizenship.

IN ASIA AND TOWARDS SOCIAL ENGAGEMENT

ACRA extends its reach to Asia, particularly to **India** and **Cambodia** (2014) with interventions dedicated to the green economy. The five-year term, between 2010 and 2015, are characterized by collaborations with large European networks, international partnerships and an increasing interest in social business. During EXPO, ACRA organizes in Milan the *Social Enterprise World Forum* and adheres to the *Milan Urban Food Policy Pact* (MUFPP), the international agreement on food policies. In 2016 and in 2017, ACRA organizes the first and second edition of the *Social Enterprise Boat Camp*, an event organized entirely on boat, to discuss and exchange ideas on the topic of social business. In 2016 ACRA organizes the *Dakar Forum* to discuss about implementations for MUFPP with further ideas and projects. In 2017, the event "Raise Your Voice, Dear!" concludes **EAThink2015**, a large European project on Global Citizenship Education.

2018 FIFTY YEARS OF COMMITMENT



ACRA celebrates its 50th Birthday and is awarded with the prestigious **Ambrogino d'Oro**, the Civic Merits assigned every year by the Municipality of Milan, an important recognition to crown **50 years of solidarity and commitment to the peripheries of the planet**.

INTEGRATION FOR ALL

In 2019, ACRA launches the national campaign **#IntegrAction** in Italy, for combating incorrect and discriminatory representations of migration and cultural diversity. In the same year, in **Niger**, ACRA organizes the Third Forum of African cities signatory of the *Milan Urban Food Policy Pact* and, in **Ecuador**, the first Circular Economy Seminar. ACRA launches first activities in **Guinea-Bissau**.

Drafted the **Strategic Guideline Document for the period 2020-2025**, result of a process shared among the members of the Board, the management and the staff of ACRA.

ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY

2021 is a year of strong commitment to environmental sustainability: in conjunction with **COP26** ACRA adheres to the **Climate Open Platform** initiatives and organises events and activities to give voice to the demands of the associations, organisations and people it works with in Italy and around the world. In 2021, ACRA co-organizes **The fourth MUFPP Afrique Forum** in Ouagadougou and co-found **Azione TerrAE** - Coalition for Agroecological Transition in West Africa, an alliance of Italian NGOs and associations working in the region.



Governance

Born in 1968 as a membership organization, in April 2011 ACRA becomes a participatory Foundation.

ACRA's bodies in December 2020:

- » **Board of Promoters** (8 members) and the **Board of Participants** (29 members), who appoint and revoke the components of the Board of Directors, the Ethics and Disciplinary Committee and the Board of Auditors;
- » **Board of Directors entrusted with ordinary and extraordinary business**
- » **Ethics and Disciplinary Committee** that monitors compliance with the Statute and internal regulations;
- » **Board of Auditors** that verifies the accounting and financial management as well as the compliance with Law and the Statute.

Composition of the bodies in December 2021

BOARD OF DIRECTORS	
Nicola Morganti	President - first appointment: 2 nd July 2014
Elisabetta Pontello	Vice-Chairman - first appointment: 16 th May 2019
Vittorio Biondi	first appointment: 17 th June 2017
Valeria De Paoli	first appointment: 5 th December 2020
Giuseppe De Santis	first appointment: 17 th June 2017
Emilia Fumagalli	first appointment: 17 th June 2017
Giovanni Pizzocchero	first appointment: 5 th December 2020

ETHICS AND DISCIPLINARY COMMITTEE
Alessandro Giovannelli
Adriano Poletti
Lorenzo Brambilla

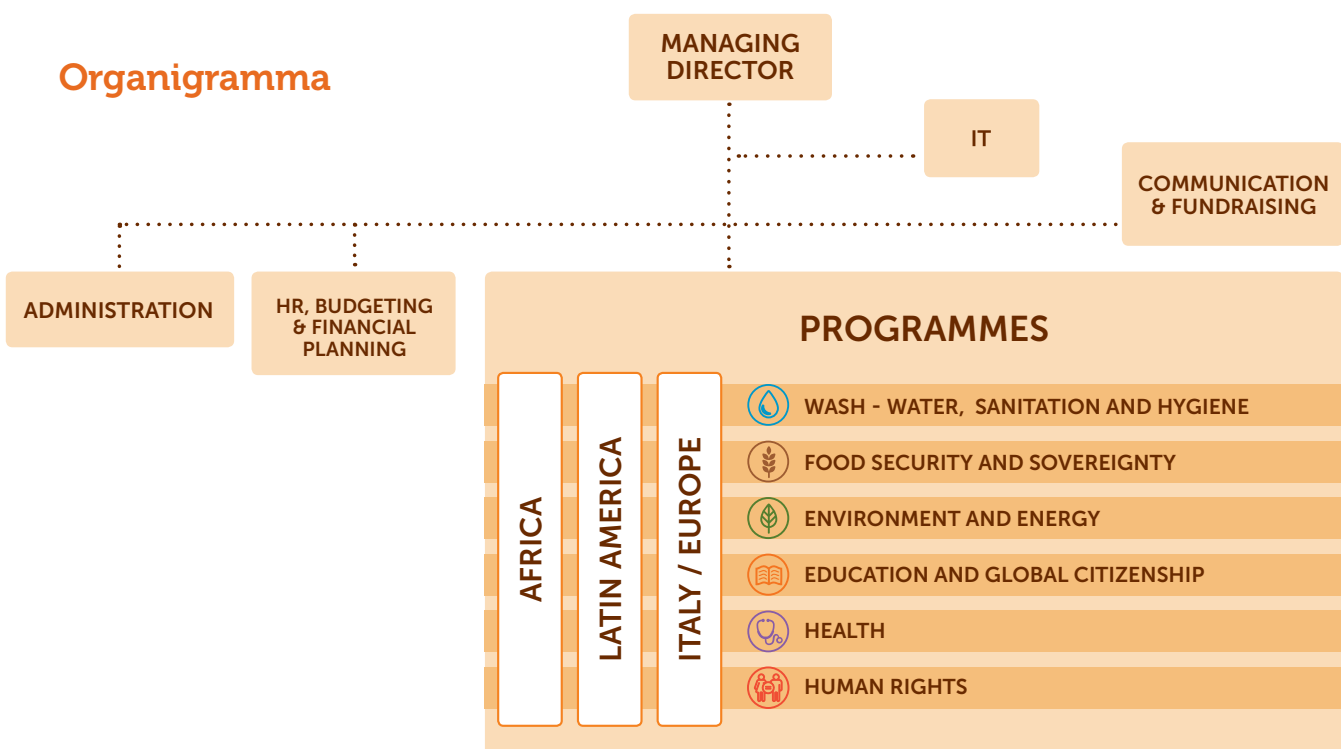
BOARD OF AUDITORS	
Mauro Benassi	President
Francesco Caccamo	
Mauro Lorini	

At ACRA Shareholders' Meeting of 5 December 2020, the Board of Promoters and the Board of Participants have elected the members of the Board of Directors for the 2020-2023 term of office.

In 2021, **Giacomo Franceschini** was appointed as the new Director of ACRA.

The Members of the governing bodies and associates have not received emoluments, remuneration or consideration for their activities during the year.

Organigramma



Organizational structure, headquarter and coordination

ACRA's strength lies in the people who share its values and who dedicate energy, enthusiasm and commitment in Italy and in the countries around the world where it operates.

In line with its strategy, which aims at structuring, enhancing and training its people, both at headquarters and in the field, in 2021 ACRA started a review of its internal procedures related to the human resources management cycle, which involves the phases of selection, administration, training, staff assessment, and which envisaged the inclusion of a dedicated figure.

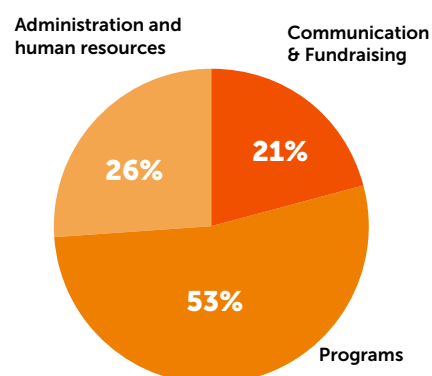
Headquarter

The resources included in the head office structure as at 31/12/2021 are **19 (9 men and 10 women)**, of which **15 employees** (2 with fixed-term contracts and 13 with permanent contracts) and **4 collaborators** with continuous collaboration contracts, dedicated to Italy/Europe international cooperation projects.

Headquarters staff as 31/12/2021			
	men	women	TOT
Number of employees on permanent contracts	4	9	13
Number of employees on fixed-term contracts	2		2
Collaborators	3	1	4
Total	9	10	19

Of the 15 employees, **9 work full-time** and **6 part-time**, for a total in terms of Full Time Equivalent of 13.05 resources.

Distribution of headquarters staff

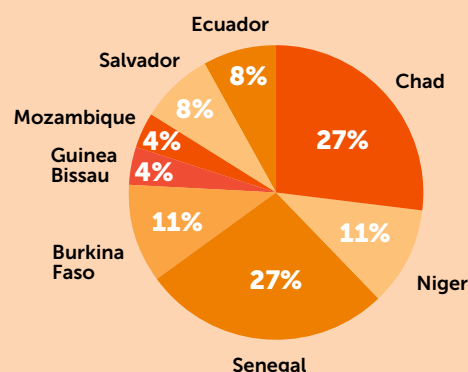


Coordination

The expatriate staff as at 31/12/2021 is made up of **25 people - 14 men and 11 women** - with contracts regulated by the Collective Agreement for coordinated and continuous collaborations of workers working in NGOs and CSOs, signed between the Associations of Italian NGOs (AOI and Link2007) and the trade unions FeLSA-CISL, NIdiL-CGIL, UILTEMP on 9 April 2018.

The local staff numbers **154 people** - of whom **32 are women** and **122 men** - and consists mainly of workers employed in project management and local offices. These staff members are included in the organisation based on employment contracts drawn up and registered in accordance with local regulations.

Geographical distribution Expatriate Staff 2021

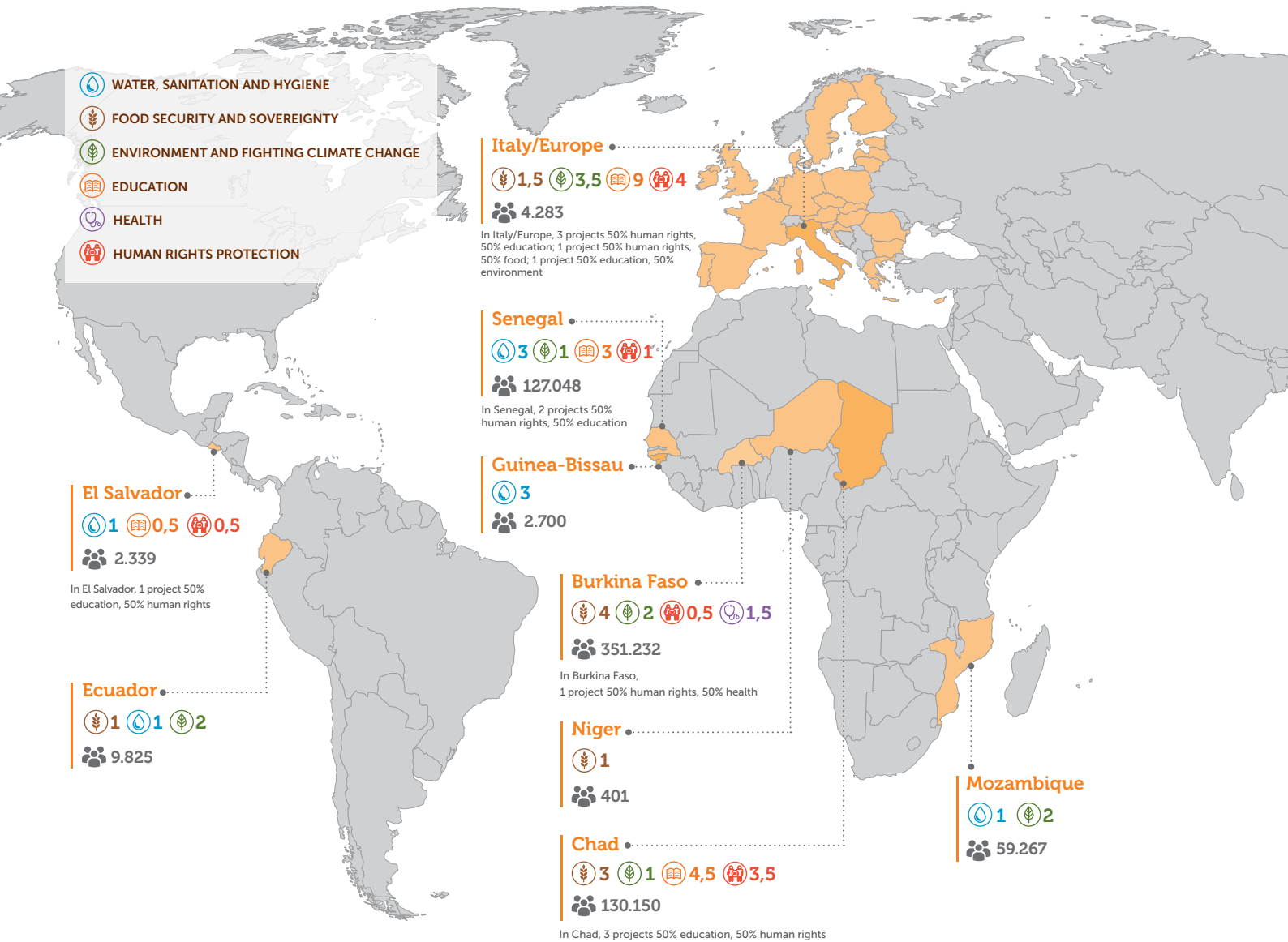


GROSS ANNUAL EARNINGS REPORT YEAR 2021

Employees in the headquarter		
Lowest	23.370 €	highest 49.700 € Ratio 2,13
Expatriate staff		
Lowest	24.000 €	highest 48.720 € Ratio 2,03
Total ratio of headquarter's employees and expatriate staff: 2,08		

Projects around the world and beneficiaries

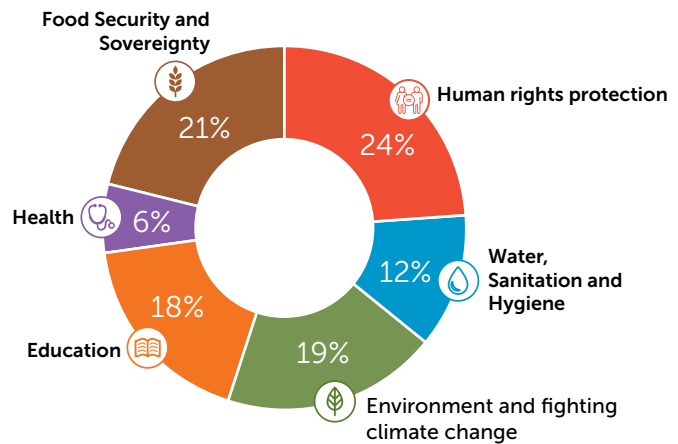
Map with countries 2021 - 59 projects - 687.245 beneficiaries reached



Use of economic resources 2021

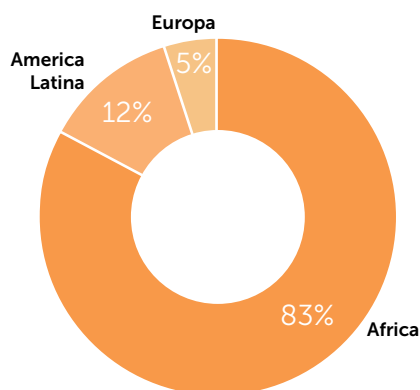
DISTRIBUTION BY THEMATIC AREA

Human rights protection	2.475.376,41 €
Water, Sanitation and Hygiene	1.270.397,73 €
Environment and fighting climate change	1.944.803,32 €
Education	1.897.751,85 €
Health	636.084,76 €
Food Security and Sovereignty	2.157.747,32 €
TOTAL	10.382.161,38 €



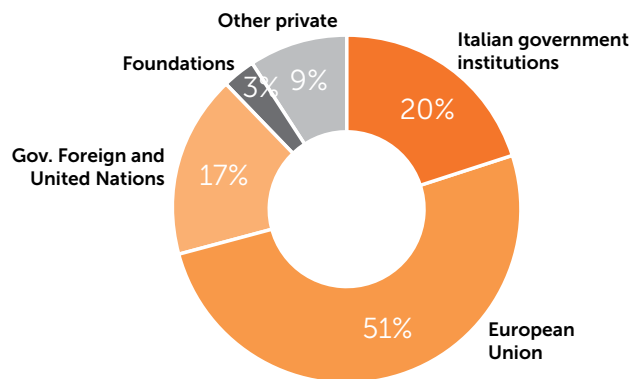
DISTRIBUTION BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA

Africa	8.646.715,36 €
Latin America	1.189.701,72 €
Asia	39.574,05 €
Europe	506.170,25 €
Total	10.382.161,38 €



TOTAL SOURCES OF FUNDS 2021

Italian government institutions	2.047.361,33 €
European Union	5.383.435,71 €
Gov. Foreign and United Nations	1.750.218,45 €
Foundations	288.690,23 €
Other private	992.700,94 €
Total	10.462.406,66 €





Donors 2021

MAJOR PUBLIC AND PRIVATE DONORS 2021

	COUNTRY	THEMATIC area	FUNDERS
LATIN AMERICA	ECUADOR		European Union and the Euroclima+ Programme WAMI - Water With a Mission FIEDS (Fondo Italo-Ecuatoriano para el Desarrollo Sostenible)
	EL SALVADOR		AICS (Agenzia Italiana per la Cooperazione allo Sviluppo) European Union
WEST AFRICA	SENEGAL		Charity Water European Union AICS (Agenzia Italiana per la Cooperazione allo Sviluppo) AACID - Agencia Andaluza de Cooperación Internacional para el Desarrollo International Cooperation of the Principality of Monaco
	GUINEA-BISSAU		European Union WAMI - Water With a Mission
	NIGER		AICS (Agenzia Italiana per la Cooperazione allo Sviluppo)
	BURKINA FASO		AICS (Agenzia Italiana per la Cooperazione allo Sviluppo) European Union GIZ (Die Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit) Chiesi Foundation Fondazione Cariplo Fondazione Compagnia di San Paolo
CENTRAL AFRICA	CHAD		AFD (Agence Française de Développement) AICS (Agenzia Italiana per la Cooperazione allo Sviluppo) European Union and ARCHIPELAGO Programme UNHCR Fund for Refugee Initiatives MISEREOR Coopération Suisse UNICEF
SOUTHERN AFRICA	MOZAMBIQUE		AICS (Agenzia Italiana per la Cooperazione allo Sviluppo) European Union ENABEL - Belgian Development Agency
EUROPE	ITALY/EUROPE		European Union AICS (Agenzia Italiana per la Cooperazione allo Sviluppo) FIEB - Bergamo Educational Institutes Foundation Municipality of Piacenza Emilia Romagna Region Social Enterprise Con I Bambini STMicroelectronics Foundation Community Foundation Milan Cariplo Foundation Department for Family Policies (Presidency of the Council of Ministers) Funds 8x1000 Italian Buddhist Institute Soka Gakkai Intesa San Paolo UBI Banca Popolare Commercio e Industria ONLUS Foundation



ACRA's membership of networks and consortia

ACRA is among the members of: **AOI** (Italian NGO Association), **CoLomba** (COoperazione LOMBardia), **AITR** (Italian Association for Responsible Tourism), **Concord Italia**, **CSR Manager Network**, **ARE** (Alliance for Rural Electrification), **Power4All**, **ACCESS Coalition**, **RWSN** (The Rural Water Supply Network).

ACRA has joined the **United Nations Global Compact** the world's largest initiative for the promotion of a sustainable economy and has signed a framework agreement with **AISEC** (Italian Association for the Development of Circular Economy).

Moreover, ACRA is among the founding members of **Triulza Foundation**, set up on Expo 2015 to represent the instances and proposals of civil society and, from June 2020, it is a member of **MiGeneration-Net**, a network promoted by the Municipality of Milan.

ACRA is among the founders of **Azione TerrAE** - a coalition of NGOs for agroecological transition in West Africa, created in 2021. In addition, since 2019 ACRA is among the promoters of the National **Circular Economy Forum in Ecuador**.

Voluntary contributions





Chapter 2

SOCIAL REPORT



Thematic priorities and areas of intervention

In order to adapt to the complexities of the different countries in which it operates, ACRA adopts a model of “contextual cooperation” adapting its activities to the needs expressed by the context of intervention and local specificities, within the priorities defined by the International Development Agendas.

ACRA orients all its interventions in a long-term vision and in the pursuit of the **United Nations Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs)** to achieve sustainable development in the economic, social and environmental dimensions, through the activation of processes based on the protection of **human rights**, the

fight against **social, economic and gender inequalities and environmental protection**.

In its interventions, ACRA pays attention to the promotion of **economic and democratic development**, in particular: the strengthening of civil society and democratic governance; and the promotion of talents and local and social enterprises.



ACRA's geographical areas of intervention will be presented below, with in-depth fact sheets dedicated to **each country**, highlighting the main results achieved by the projects in 2021, also according to the thematic areas of intervention.



THEMATIC PRIORITIES

FIGHTING POVERTY AND INEQUALITY



Water, Sanitation and Hygiene (WASH): access, participatory management of water resources, basic sanitation, awareness raising on hygiene and proper use of water.



Food Security and Sovereignty: access to food, agroecology, food policy, combating malnutrition.



Health: access to health, family planning, menstrual hygiene, affective, sexual and reproductive health.



Education: access, right and quality of education, global citizenship, interculture and integration.



Human rights protection: equality, gender equality, combating gender-based violence and human trafficking, child protection, protection of migrants' rights.

ENVIRONMENT AND FIGHTING CLIMATE CHANGE



Protection of the environment, sustainable management of natural resources, education, awareness-raising and advocacy to combat climate change, promotion of clean and renewable energies, promotion of the circular economy; sustainable waste management.



Economic and democratic development: a cross-cutting theme to some ACRA interventions.

Ecuador



Ecuador

- **When:** since 1998
- **Where:** three continental regions (coast, sierra, east)

Areas of intervention



Protection of fragile ecosystems, family farming, support for indigenous Andean and Amazonian communities, resilient agricultural supply chains, integrated solid waste management, promotion of circular economy.



Access to clean water, sanitation and irrigation.



Economic and democratic development: support small local businesses, accompanying public policies, strengthening civil society and local governments.



Some highlights:

- **Since 2014:** ACRA promotes the “*Mesa Permanente de Gestión Integral de Residuos Sólidos-Mesa GIRS*”, a meeting table between public and private actors for more sustainable solid waste management.
- **Since 2018:** Support in the creation of the *social enterprise Herencia Esmeraldas*, which unites several producer associations and markets high-quality chocolate made with fair, fine and aromatic cocoa from the province of Esmeraldas.
- **Since 2019:** ACRA is among the organizers of the International *Circular Economy Forum in Ecuador* with the aim of promoting sustainable growth in the country, facilitating the dissemination of best practices and regional, national and local initiatives.

2021 NUMBERS IN PILLS



Active projects

SDGs
reference





Watch the participatory video "La Union de los tejidos - A Union of Stories, Traditions, Languages and Cultures" designed and produced by ACRA together with the indigenous and peasant movements of Tungurahua to celebrate their culture and values www.acra.it/notizie/news-dai-paesii/video-tungurahua-acra-ecuador



Main indicators 2021



Andean Resilience

- **Trained 800 farmers** on agro-ecological techniques for production improvement and climate change adaptation.
- **Supported 2,150 small vegetable producers and farmers** (of dairy cows, guinea pigs, trout) and their families) totaling 8,385 people (51% women, 49 % men) in 4 provinces of Ecuador and Peru in the Parámo ecosystem.
- **Created 6 local development plans for smallholder associations**, with inclusion of strategies for adapting agricultural activities to climate change.
- **Created the Tungurahua province table** on climate change and circular economy.
- **Launched the first edition of an academic training course** on "Climate Change and Interactions in the Agricultural Sector of South America" in collaboration with the Pontifica Universidad Católica of Ecuador (PUCE).



Parliament Water

- **Trained 272 representatives of indigenous and peasant organizations in Tungurahua** in: environmental leadership and climate change, social management of water resources, gender equality, youth associationism and entrepreneurship.
- **Implemented 1 dissemination and awareness-raising event on good circular economy practices** for the environment and climate at the provincial level (86 in-person participants and over 500 web-based reproductions).
- **5 sessions of the Provincial Forum on Climate Change and Circular Economy** (average of 100 permanent participants per session and over 600 replays via social per session).



Cocoa heritage

- **180 families of small-scale cocoa producers in Esmeraldas and Manabí** provinces received technical assistance for productive improvement of their crops.
- **3 cocoa producer associations in Esmeraldas** (UOPROCAE, APROCANE, COCPE) received technical assistance to renew their organic certifications.
- **Created 1 new 85% pure chocolate bar and opened 2 commercial markets abroad** for the "Herencia Esmeraldas" brand.



Safe water in Tungurahua

- **Guaranteed drinking water supply** (35 liters per day) **to 2,188 people** from the indigenous and peasant communities of Churumanga, Capilla Uku, Chacauco, and San Andrés de Pillate (Tungurahua Province, Pelileo Municipality).





El Salvador




El Salvador

- **When:** since 2008
- **Where:** San Salvador metropolitan area, Department of San Salvador, Department of Cuscatlán.

Areas of intervention

-  Climate change and sustainable management of natural resources
-  Access to potable water and basic sanitation, community water management
-  Agro-ecological production and support for small producers
-  Gender equality, combating gender violence, women's empowerment

 **Economic and democratic development:** democratic participation and citizenship strengthening, accompanying local micro-enterprises, supporting youth networks and institutions, national and local youth policies.

Some highlights:



- **Since 2015:** ACRA has been working to provide access to clean water and sanitation in the eastern part of the country.
- **Dal 2018** it has also worked in the Municipality of san Marcos with the Agua Futura project.
- **Dal 2021:** works in 9 municipalities to strengthen women's and youth organizations, and to foster local democratic governance.

2021 NUMBERS IN PILLS



2

Active projects


DIRECT BENEFICIARIES
2.339
PERSONE



Learn about the “Agua futura” project, from the direct voices of the beneficiaries, the AICS funder, and ACRA staff in El Salvador:
www.acra.it/cosa-facciamo/aree-di-intervento/el-salvador/agua-futura

Main indicators 2021



Agua Futura

- **Infrastructure interventions in 3 schools** on water and sanitation services and **training** on the proper use of water resources benefited **about 1,600 students**; sanitation works also carried out at the San Marcos Health Unit.
- **135 people** from the San Marcos community and **90 students trained and sensitized** on water, sanitation and hygiene issues and the proper use of water resources.
- **60 health promoters** and other personnel trained on the **“la Casa del Agua Saludable”** methodology (Ministry of Health educational model, in use for more than 20 years, to motivate and help people adopt maintain healthy practices and lifestyles).
- **Developed two Water Safety Plans (WSPs)** related to two drinking water systems in the municipality of San Marcos through a Technical Table composed of different stakeholders overseeing water quality control.

Democratic governance

- **126 people** (124 women and 2 youth), **trained in agro-ecological production techniques** and systems and recipients of a toolkit and materials for agro-ecological production to benefit community **food security**.
- **200 people trained in “corresponsabilidad de los cuidados”** (balanced distribution of household tasks) with the aim of distributing responsibilities equally between women and men.
- **128 people trained on gender, leadership, municipal activism** through two trainings, conducted in collaboration with the Center for Gender Studies at the University of El Salvador.
- Construction and renovation of **2 multidisciplinary counseling centers** to provide **vulnerable people** with services such as: care for women victims of violence, guidance on social inclusion and sexual and reproductive health, etc.



Senegal



Senegal

- **When:** since 1984
- **Where:** Regions of Dakar, Ziguinchor, Sédhiou, Kolda

Some highlights:



- **Since 2006:** the 'One roof, one tap' programme is active in Casamance and has led to the construction of **12 water networks covering about 400 km and more than 4,500 household connections**; about 52,000 people have access to drinking water 24 hours a day in 83 villages and 2,000 toilets are in operation, in accordance with the UN's SDG 6 (Agenda 2030).
- **Since 2016:** activation the **Senegal/Italy Migration Programme** with the aim of creating and improving job opportunities in the migrants' home territory and raising awareness on conscious migration.
- **Since 2021:** activities have started for an inclusive education programme in Dakar and Casamance to ensure education for children with disabilities.

Areas of intervention



Access to clean water, sanitation and basic sanitation, community water management.



Urban horticulture, food security, agroecology.



Women empowerment, inclusive and quality education, conscious migration.



Promotion of renewable energy.



Economic and democratic development: accompaniment of local micro-enterprises, support for youth networks and training institutions, national and local youth and migration policies.

2021 numbers in pills



DIRECT BENEFICIARIES

127.048

PEOPLE

8

Active projects

SDGs
references



Main indicators 2021



Water Programme

- **10.220 people received drinking water** through the construction of **56 km of water distribution network and 581 taps** in the municipality of Boutoupa Camaracounda.
- **100 family toilets built.**
- **9.913 people made aware of good hygiene practices and COVID-19 prevention measures** through home visits and discussions - awareness campaigns in IEC (*Information Education Communication*).

Rehabilitation of Sédhiou water systems

- **8.400 people, including 2,042 primary school students** in the villages of Bambaly, Diao Insacounda, Diao Simacounda and Bemet Bidjini (Sédhiou Region) had access to drinking and quality water through the renovation of **4 water systems.**
- **Extension of the main water supply network** by a total of 2.750 metres.
- **2.600 people** (citizens, teachers and pupils) made aware of good hygiene practices.



Peepite and DEELIQ

- **2.323 students with school difficulties** attended remedial courses (1,065 males, 1,258 females), of whom 50% were children with disabilities.
- **45 disabled children** in the target schools and not in the education system benefited

from the emergency/medical care fund (21 boys, 24 girls) and 272 underwent specialist medical examinations.

- **743 mothers** (208 of whom are mothers of disabled children) participate in "clubs des mères" (meeting groups to discuss issues related to disability, children's rights, access to education for disabled children, raising awareness about marital status).
- **4.800 villagers** made aware of the importance of marital status (44 radio broadcasts, 4 theatre performances).
- **304 teachers** and school directors improved their knowledge on disability.
- **5 local authority consultation tables** activated on the topic of **inclusive education** and 146 local authorities sensitised.
- **17 Ministry of National Education agents trained** on inclusion, of whom 9 were women and 8 men;

Starting from young people

- **1.081 people involved into courses** of basic and advanced informatics (50% women); women empowerment; financial education (for members of Senegalese diaspora); 8 mentoring courses (for local small-entrepreneurs); web-journalism techniques.
- **30 returning migrants** and their families followed a psychosocial support program; more than 5.000 people became aware of irregular migration's risks.
- **1.457 women** involved in meetings and debates on migration's risks.

Implemented an awareness-raising campaign on conscious migration between Senegal and Europe to disseminate objective information on the dangers and opportunities of migration, with the direct participation of testimonials, influencers and various stakeholders such as local authorities, youth associations, women's groups and associations, opinion leaders, state services, members of the diaspora and returning migrants.

- **27 enterprises** selected, financially supported and provided with equipment and training in the regions of Sédhiou and Kolda (11 enterprises are managed by women and 6 by returning migrants).
- The installation of informatics hubs in 2 local NGOs assures the continuity of training activities for young people.

Diaspora in Action

- **1.481 people involved** in social activities (focus groups, awareness-raising in schools, graffiti creation); **685.300 estimated listeners** of the dedicated radio broadcasts; **408.900 people** viewed the online content of the campaign on **conscious migration**, including 57 video testimonies disseminated mainly on social channels.



Woman energy

- **874 women trained**, including 674 promoters of 464 AGRs (income-generating activities) in administrative and financial management and **200 accompanied** in the role of **Energy Service Agents** (through refresher courses on basic maintenance of solar installations, marketing with digital tools, etc.).
- Identified **5 replicable female-led income-generating activities** that use renewable energy and are active in agriculture, animal husbandry, fish farming, beekeeping and catering.

Guinea-Bissau



Guinea-Bissau

- **When:** since 2019
- **Where:** Bolama, Soga and Galinhas Islands



Some highlights:

- **In 2019:** technical support for the construction of a paediatric hospital in Bissau with the support of the Grandi Foundation.
- **Since 2020:** ACRA used its experience in water network construction to expand an existing network serving the city of Bolama on the island of the same name.

Areas of intervention



Access to drinking water and basic sanitation.



Sustainable management of natural resources, protection of fragile ecosystems, family farming, support for local communities.

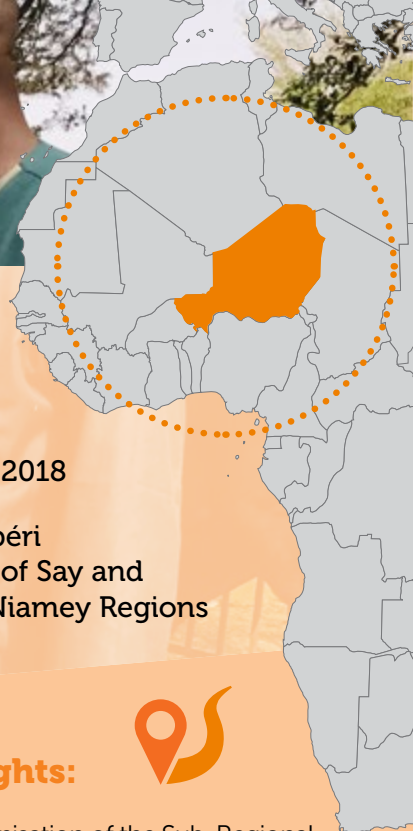
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Main indicators 2021

- Excavation of a **deep well** with a sufficient flow of water of good quality, and which will be the basis for the construction of the water network on the island of Bolama that will take place in 2022-2023.
- In the **13 schools involved on the island, toilets and training and awareness-raising activities on hygiene** and the correct use of water were implemented, benefiting some 2,700 pupils, 47% of whom were girls.
- **Community gardens** were started and the first agricultural campaign aimed specifically at the island's women gardeners began.
- Initiation of salt production and some activities related to fisheries development (construction of oyster smokehouses) involving women in particular (activities carried out by the partner NGO AIDA).

Niger



Niger

- **When:** since 2018
- **Where:** Tillabéri (Department of Say and Torodi) and Niamey Regions

Some highlights:



- **June 2019:** organisation of the Sub-Regional **Forum on Urban Food Policies in Niamey** (MUFPP) in collaboration with the Municipality of Niamey, the Municipality of Milan and other technical and financial partners.
- **February 2020:** participation in the Sahel Fair on local production promoted by the local chamber of commerce (RECA Niger) with the presentation of honey produced by the project.
- **World Bee Day 2020:** cultural promotion campaign on the importance of pollinating insects and collaboration, with the Niger High Commission, on the **"3N" initiative - Niger Nourishes Niger** to support local production and food security.

Areas of intervention



Support for urban food policies, strengthening local production chains, beekeeping, support for micro-enterprises in the agricultural and agropastoral sector.



Environmental protection and sustainable management of natural resources.

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Main indicators 2021

- **Supported 361 beekeepers** who are members of 8 beekeeping cooperatives and **40 beeswax processors**, representing their 8 hive by-product processing groups.
- Organisation of producers (beekeepers and processors) into cooperatives and subsequently into **2 sector unions** to improve the management of the 'beekeeping chain' and make the cooperatives more organised and dynamic.
- **Increase in honey production** in the Tillabery region (Say and Torodi departments) by 65% compared to the first year of the project.

Value achieved at the end of the project: (100%+) \geq of 20,000 kg/year (14,666 in the July - December 2021 season alone).

- Use of **recycled material** (glass jars) for the storage, packaging and sale of honey and to discourage the use of plastic. In turn, glass containers are returned, sterilised and recycled.
- Construction and equipping of **3 honey collection, processing and sales centres**.
- Creation of a **'beekeeping school camp'** for students from primary school to university.



If you want to find out more about Niger and ACRA's activities, listen to the podcast *"Datteri - little tastes of ACRA's projects around the world"* on **RadioACRA** with an interview with Marta Carminati, country coordinator and contact person for the *"Milk & Honey"* project.

For more information on ACRA's projects and activities in Niger see: www.acra.it/cosa-facciamo/aree-di-intervento/niger

Burkina Faso



Burkina Faso

- **When:** since 2007
- **Where:** Central Region, Central-South Region and Central Plateau Region, Central-West Region (Boulkiemdé Province), Central-Eastern Region (Boulgou Province) and city of Ouagadougou.

Areas of intervention



Strengthening agricultural and agro-pastoral supply chains, agroecology, urban horticulture, family farming.



Environmental protection and fragile ecosystems, sustainable management of natural resources, combating climate change, sustainable waste management.



Women's empowerment, prevention of gender-based violence, family planning, sexual and reproductive health, birth registration at the civil register.



Economic and democratic development: support for small producers, micro-enterprises and social enterprises, spatial planning.



Some highlights:

- **Since 2007:** ACRA began working in the Tapoa Region in projects for the sustainable management of the Transboundary Biosphere Reserve in the W-Arly-Pendjari region (known as W-Park) by supporting the people living on the periphery of the Park.
- **Since 2018:** launched in the capital Ouagadougou a project for the sustainable management of municipal solid waste, the adoption of Sustainable Consumption and Production practices and the promotion of a green economy.
- **February 2021:** Organisation in Ouagadougou of the *4th Regional Forum of African cities signatory to the Milan Urban Food Policy Pact (MUFPP)*, in collaboration with the MUFPP Secretariat and the Municipalities of Milan and Ouagadougou.

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351.232*

PEOPLE

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*The 318.643 beneficiaries of the 'Population Programme' project refer to the three-year period 2019-2021



As part of the 'Population Programme' that started in 2019, three gender-based violence prevention awareness-raising campaigns were implemented, involving women's and youth CSOs (civil society organisations) and community leaders' engagement, reaching almost 27,000 people through radio programmes, social media publications and a video broadcast on national TV channels.



Main indicators 2021



Innovative social enterprises

- Supported 19 partner producer unions of the social enterprise KDB (Ke du Burkinabé), totalling 1.830 producers.
- 11 promotional events were organised for the social enterprise which, at the end of the project, had 36 types of products and 38 sales outlets in the city of Ouagadougou.
- 12 schools benefited from the 'Jerry School' computer training involving 864 pupils and 131 teachers for the recovery of computer equipment.



EWA-BELT

- Involved **260 local farmers** (27 men and 233 women) in research on the sustainability and productivity of local agricultural systems through the valorisation of traditional practices in the agro-livestock sector, the **recovery of species** considered neglected, **varietal diversification**, and the **improvement of soil fertility and water** harvesting systems.



Less waste, more opportunities

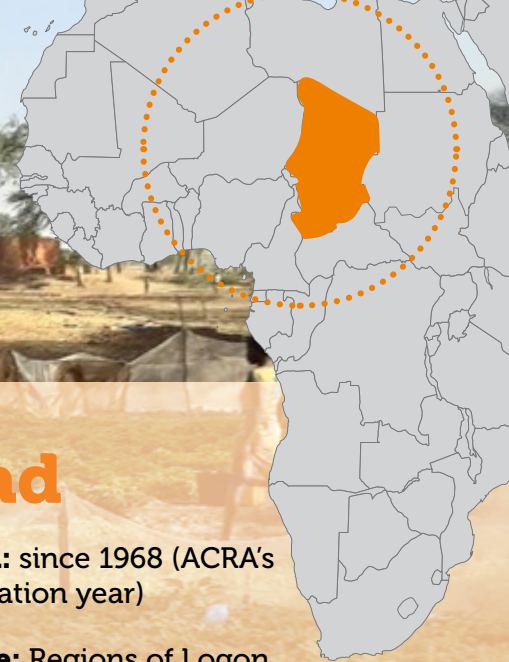
- At least **3.000 households** in Ouagadougou involved in the dissemination of good practices of Sustainable Consumption and Production (SCP) at household level.
- **Financial support** provided to virtuous companies adopting **environmentally friendly technologies** in the production chain.
- **182 men and 2.953 women** work in SMEs as small entrepreneurs in the informal economy in the area of proper waste disposal.
- **264 households** separate at least one category of waste and 123 of them separate two types of waste.
- **40 SMEs strengthened** and more than **40 public officials trained** in PCD and green economy practices.
- **1 NTICS application developed** for the improvement of waste management at municipal level.



Population Programme

- **437 Community-based health agents and 572 Community-based health agents trained** in contraceptive methods and family planning.
- **Increased utilisation rate of family planning services** by women of childbearing age (from 21.29% in 2019 to 34.30% at the end of 2021).
- At **"husbands' schools"** 13.112 women and 9.117 men were made aware of the importance of family planning.
- **52 schools** benefited from the SSRAJ (*Reproductive Health of Adolescents and Youth*) programme, which raised awareness of sexual and reproductive health among **13.291 pupils**.
- Thanks to ACRA's support, **152 'Secondary Civil Status Centres' (CSEC)** will be in operation by the end of 2021, overseeing the registration of births and other data on the civil status of the population.

Chad



Chad

- **When:** since 1968 (ACRA's foundation year)
- **Where:** Regions of Logon Occidental, Logon Oriental, Mandoul, Moyen Chari, Salamat, N'Djamena City

Areas of intervention

-  Quality education, girls' and children's schooling, teacher training.
 -  Protection of children and persons with special needs, peace and peaceful cohabitation, protection of refugee populations, promotion of women's rights, combating gender-based violence, family planning, birth registration at the civil registry office.
 -  Strengthening of local agricultural supply chains, support for micro-enterprises, horticulture, family farming.
 -  Sustainable management of natural resources, combating desertification.
- Economic and democratic development:** accompanying public policies, strengthening civil society organisations.

Some highlights:



- **Since 2010:** An extensive UNHCR-supported programme starts in the refugee sites in Goré, Maro, Moissala and Haraze to foster integration with the local population, schooling for boys and girls, **protection of people with special needs** (orphans, disabled, widows, single mothers, victims of abuse, etc.).
- **Since 2011:** ACRA organises the national awareness **campaign for schooling** and peaceful cohabitation every year, in cooperation with the Ministry of National Education.
- **November 2021:** organised in N'Djamena the first **'Green Economy Fair'**, an event to create synergies between the public and private sectors, give new impetus to sustainable development in Chad, adapt the economy to the new challenges of climate change and respond to the collective commitment to protect the environment.

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Main indicators 2021



Welcoming and inclusive development

- **2.046 families** received support in seeds and agricultural inputs, improving their food security conditions.
- Start of professional training for **174 families** in sewing, motorbike mechanics, horticulture and animal husbandry.
- **35.583 people** (11.956 women, 11.735 men and 11.892 young people) participated in the awareness-raising events on the promotion of social peace.



Inclusive urban gardens

- **Rehabilitation of 3 areas** for horticultural production in the city of N'Djamena through the construction of irrigation channels, solar and traditional energy wells, storage warehouses and multifunctional food processing centres equipped with solar mills and dryers.
- Establishment of a **Steering Committee for Urban Food Policies** in accordance with the commitments made by the city of N'Djamena under the Milan Pact on Urban Food Policies.



Green small businesses

- **280 young people** (40% women and 30% migrants) entered the labour market through vocational training and 150 young people (40% women, 30% migrants/returnees) trained in business creation.



School of Integration - Programme UNHCR

- **Increase in the schooling rate** at the beginning of the 2021-2022 school year (compared to the previous one, which suffered from some problems related to the covid-19 epidemic): from 7.131, of which 3.392 girls, to **8.803 enrolled in school**, of which 4.008 girls on 31/12/2021.
- **9.544 home visits** conducted to assess the needs of elderly, disabled, sick and women at risk.
- **Support for 3.000 vulnerable students** in paying their primary school fees (year 2021-2022): the expenses were paid to the APE and AME (parents' and mothers' associations), which will guarantee the schooling of their sons and daughters.
- **2.083 new refugee students** (settled in Doholo, Gondjé and Bekan axis) benefited from remedial classes during the holidays aimed at their integration in primary school.
- Educational and psycho-social support activities in **13 "child-friendly" spaces** (distribution of meals to the children, various utensils and kitchen equipment, recreational kits, games, etc.).

Gender violence, a forgotten crisis

- **24 OSC** (Civil society organisations) supported for the implementation of VBG prevention and control projects (sexual and gender-based violence).
- **3.823 people** (including **2.541 women**) benefiting from a pilot project for the protection of victims of violence.



Women play a primary role in the economic, social and agricultural development of communities! Thanks to this awareness, the "Agricultural Gender Guidelines" of the "Inclusive Urban Gardens" project were born:

https://www.acra.it/images/allegati/cosa_allegati/paes/ciad/Guida-Genere_tcdurb.pdf



A quality school for everyone

- **8.904** Chadians, returnees and Central African refugees reached thanks to the 11th awareness-raising campaign on children's schooling and peaceful coexistence.

Schooling for girls

- **647 Beureuh high school students**, including 478 boys and 169 girls, enrolled in 2021 and 6 scholarships awarded to girls.



Menstrual hygiene

- **360 girls** (aged between 9 and 20) benefited from menstrual hygiene management kits and support for their use (the kits were made available in 30 schools involved).
- **1.186 girls** trained on: school-based violence prevention, gender equity and equality, gender-based violence and harmful traditional practices, emotional, sexual and reproductive health among adolescents.

Mozambique



Mozambique

- **When:** since 2014
- **Where:** Urban and peri-urban areas of Maputo, Nampula and Beira

Some highlights:



- **2014:** ACRA begins its activities in Mozambique with a programme that combines urban regeneration, the distribution of basic sanitation and the development of social entrepreneurship.
- **October 2021:** the official handover of the MOPA system (computerised monitoring platform for water, sewerage and drainage services) was held in front of the Maputo City Municipal Council (CMCM), the Municipal Infrastructure Department (DMIU) and the Department of Water and Sanitation (DAAS).

Areas of intervention



Access to water resources and environmental sanitation, implementation and distribution of sanitation services, sustainable waste management.

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59.267
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Active projects



The inhabitants of the capital Maputo have developed a better civic responsibility for environmental health, public works, conservation and protection. The community can actively communicate with public institutions and have access to innovative household sanitation products and services. Primary schools and educational centres have improved their hygiene, health and environmental conditions through inclusive and participatory methodology and active citizenship practices.

Main indicators 2021



SUB-URB

- **5 Maputo districts** mapped using the **MOPA** platform (computerised monitoring platform) and covered by DAAS (Department of Water and Sanitation) emergency services.
- Strengthening the operational capacity of DAAS for interventions in urban and sub-urban areas of Maputo. **96.4% of reports received** by MOPA on water, drainage and sanitation disruptions are resolved within 72 hours.
- **120 district community representatives** were involved in environmental and natural risk prevention and management activities.
- **242 representatives of CSOs** (civil society organisations) involved in decision-making processes on EU environmental, hygiene and health issues.

Sanitation for Maputo

- **Strengthening the competencies and role of the DAAS** (Department of Water and Sanitation) with input from citizens, civil society organisations, private sector operators and local authorities.
- **4 digital systems** (dedicated to water supply, sanitation, management of private operators/payment by volume, etc.) were developed and installed in the DAAS municipal directorate, improving the capacity of the management and planning and monitoring of activities and services.
- The **adoption of the CRA** (community risk assessment) **methodology** enables the identification of shared priority problems and response actions. This participatory methodology is particularly important for preventing and mitigating events caused by climate change.

- **58 meetings** were held involving 88 civil society organisations and 368 of their members, 52% of whom were women; 26 DMIU-DAAS technicians were trained on topics related to new IT tools and the territorial survey.

Innovative and resilient cities

- **30 technicians and civil servants, 80 territorial administrative representatives, 68 representatives of civil society**, involved in training activities and municipal solid waste management in the cities of Nampula and Beira.

Italy Europe



Italy/Europe

- **When:** in 1988 ACRA obtains eligibility from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs to carry out Development Education activities for students and teachers in Italy.
- **Where:** Italy and Europe

Type of activity

teacher training and exchange courses, educational workshops for students, extracurricular workshops, school orientation, educational visits, webradio and podcasting.



Do you know Migrantour walks?

The responsible urban tourism itineraries to discover the most intercultural neighbourhoods of European cities for groups, individuals and schools.

ACRA organises the Milan walks. Discover them here: <https://www.acra.it/migrantourmilano>

Areas of intervention



Global Citizenship Education, quality education, citizen empowerment, intercultural dialogue, integration.



Combating climate change, combating waste, protecting territories, responsible tourism, sustainable agri-food chains.



Prevention of gender-based violence, gender equality, protection of migrants' rights, protection of victims of trafficking.

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4.283

STUDENTS, TEACHERS AND CITIZENS

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Main indicators 2021



Cut all ties

- Design of a **training kit** on critical understanding and prevention of gender-based violence among adolescents for educators and teachers.

Migrantour sustainable routes

- **60 migrants involved** in Migrantour and project training activities.
- **1 international training and coordination exchange** in Utrecht and 10 online meetings between European Migrantour network partners.

Migrantour Bergamo

- **20 trained intercultural** accompanying people and **10 active in leading groups** (8 women and 2 men); **3 Migrantour itineraries** realised in the city of Bergamo.
- **Strengthened intercultural exchange** and learning between Migrantour intercultural escorts through the mentoring mechanism between senior and junior guides.



Cope and hope

- **Activities targeting women victims of trafficking or potential victims of gender-based violence:** 47 involved in affectivity and reproductive health support courses, 49 involved in Italian language knowledge courses, 32 involved in parenting support courses, 61 in individual and group mentoring meetings, aimed at facilitating their integration into the world of work.
- Produced a **welcome kit for orientation to psychosocial services** in the Municipality of Milan in collaboration with Altraeconomia.



Between body and land

- **Redevelopment of the courtyards and outdoor spaces of 4 schools** in Piacenza through the launch of school horticulture experiences and play activities involving about 550 students and the schools' teachers.

We're all connected

- Testing with teachers of **interactive apps and platforms** for ODD and interactive online and in-presence activities on the 2030 Agenda and civic education for **112 teachers**.
- **264 students** involved in educational workshops and **95 young people** participating in climate change workshops and web-radio workshops at 5 Youth Centres in Milan.



Sfusi&Crudi

- Carried out an online **communication campaign** (www.acra.it/ideesfuse), in collaboration with NaturaSi, which actively involved citizens/consumers in the objective of making it easier to buy food in bulk and reducing the waste of single-use plastic packaging.



Food Wave

- Organised the **1st European Online Exchange Forum* on Youth Climate Activism**, with over 50 participants.
- **Over 250 teenagers** from CAGs and vocational training centres in Milan mobilised with peer education events and RadioACRA podcasts to promote sustainable food systems.



Communicating a sustainable city

- **10 youth environmental protagonism initiatives** (chosen among formal and informal associations and groups) involved in the territories of the Emilia Romagna region for the implementation of social horticulture, urban regeneration and circular economy activities.

Marching with the climate

- Online educational pathways for schools and preparatory activities for the climate march (winter school March 2021 and campaign #2021last call March 2021); **3.900 people connected** to the final '**Online March**' (not in attendance due to pandemic covid-19).
- Organisation of the online event "**CambiaMenti - Le Comunità educanti oltre la crisi**" in collaboration with the Municipality of Milan, with the involvement of citizens, local authorities, institutions and civil society actors, to share perspectives and opportunities on Global Citizenship Education.



Sant'Alberto Farmhouse

- **16 young refugees** and formerly unaccompanied foreign minors (MSNA) involved in vocational training courses, social farming apprenticeships, and job placement at the Madre Terra agricultural cooperative operating in two agricultural areas of the Parco Agricolo Sud in Milan.
- **Expansion of the local consumer network** through the mapping and involvement of GAS (solidarity purchasing groups) in the south Milan area.

*Food Wave in action: enhancing the impact of youth climate activism

Main active projects 2021

	THEME	TITLE	DURATION	VALUE €	EXPENDITURE 2021 €	FUNDING
BURKINA FASO		Innovative social enterprises and migrants' participation for social inclusion in Burkina Faso	38	701.166*	218.150	AICS
		EWA BELT: Linking East and West African farming systems experience into a BELT of sustainable intensification.	48	589.250*	50.033	UE
		Hydroponic technology for sustainable urban agriculture in Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso	9	100.000	87.098	Fondazione Cariplo Fondazione Compagnia di San Paolo
		Innovative technology serving a sustainable agricultural model in Burkina Faso	9	100.000	5.283	Fondazione Cariplo Fondazione Compagnia di San Paolo
		Improving the Framework Conditions for The Sustainable Management of the Nature Reserve in the W-Arly-Pendjari Region at Local and National Levels	24	1.004.666	105.701	GIZ/UE
		Less waste, more opportunities: the green economy at the service of SMEs in Ouagadougou	40	1.333.348	379.395	UE
		Population Programme. Health services, civil status book and CSOs for the social promotion and rights of women and children	36	3.157.548	1.252.370	UE
		A Safe Care Network for Every Child and His Mother	24	78.752	9.900	Chiesi Foundation
Total expenditure 2021 Burkina Faso				2.107.930		
CHAD		Inclusive development program for reception areas in eastern Chad (DIZA-EST)	48	2.892.652*	932.087	UE/AFD (Agence Française de Développement)
		Inclusive urban food security gardens in the city of N'Djamena	21	600.000	458.170	AICS
		Health centers, schools, and agri-food producers in action to improve the resilience of vulnerable populations in N'Djamena	12	600.000	19.803	AICS
		SMEs and Professional Centres together to promote green and decent work opportunities in Chad	26	599.700	373.132	UE - Programma ARCHIPELAGO
		Improving the education system in the intervention areas through a cross-sectoral and gender-sensitive approach.	12	29.194	19.857	Fund for Refugee Initiatives
		Quality schools for all in Chad	36	290.000	85.676	MISEREOR
		A safe school environment and quality education for Chadian girls	18	177.898	51.683	Coopération Suisse
		Menstrual hygiene management: a challenge for Chadian girls	25	184.940*	33.056	UNICEF
		Youth in Action for the Future of Chad!	36	1.999.973**	-	UE
		Education, child protection and monitoring of people with special needs (PBS) for refugees and host population living in the Goré Region	12	533.246	498.810	UNHCR
		The challenge for the neglected crisis in Chad: civil society organisations fight against gender-based violence	60	5.833.806	1.263.409	UE
		Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) in action to say no to violence against children	24	368.380	802	UE
Total expenditure 2021 Chad				3.736.487		
ECUADOR		Andean Resilience: strengthening small-scale agricultural production in areas vulnerable to climate change in the sierra between Ecuador and Peru	31	1.054.345	517.293	UE - Programa Euroclima+
		The Water Parliament of Tungurahua: a space for dialogue and participation of the indigenous and peasant population for the conservation of water resources and the Páramo	46	770.143	172.987	UE
		Water Access Program in Tungurahua Province - Ecuador	16	90.500	48.495	WAMI - Water With a Mission
		The cocoa heritage: quality, equity and cultural identity for strengthening the national cocoa production chain until de aroma	36	759.755	175.475	Fondo Italo - Ecuatoriano para el Desarrollo Sostenible (FIEDS)
Total expenditure 2021 Ecuador				914.250		
EL SALVADOR		Agua Futura - Training and research on monitoring the quality and quantity of water resources and related psychosocial aspects in El Salvador and Guatemala	47	329.724*	38.758	AICS
		CSO strengthening programme to improve democratic governance and public policy impact as an effective response to vulnerable populations in the post-Covid-19 era, particularly women and youth.	30	666.396	236.694	UE
Total expenditure 2021 El Salvador				275.451		
GUINEA BISSAU		Improvement of the living conditions of the populations of the islands of Bolama, Galinhas and Soga through an integral and sustainable development model	16	283.730*	27.465	UE
		Water and sanitation project on the island of Bolama	12	210.000	173.383	UE
		Drinking water access program in Guinea Bissau, Bolama, Soga and Galinhas islands	24	242.600	15.895	WAMI - Water With a Mission
Total expenditure 2021 Guinea Bissau				216.744		

	THEME	TITLE	DURATION	VALUE €	EXPENDITURE 2021 €	FUNDING
ITALY / EUROPE	📖	Between body and territory: promoting healthy lifestyles among children and families in pre-school and primary schools	38	36.000	21.398	Municipality of Piacenza
		Connected young people: a technology education project	42	56.750*	14.251	Impresa Sociale Con i bambini
		#WeareAllConnected. Education support tools for Covid-19 post-emergency	12	92.618	68.792	STMicroelectronics Foundation
		Vitamin G - to understand the present one must imagine the future	12	3.700*	3.700	Fondazione di Comunità Milano
		TIKT@k - skills, languages and digital tools to reconnect young people and the environment	12	53.080	36.014	Fondazione Cariplo
		The school and its village	7	19.120*	-	Department for Family Policies (Presidency of the Council of Ministers)
		Score a goal for Sustainability. Educational Pathways and Best Practices in Global Citizenship Education for Primary and Secondary School Students	17	12.000	2.443	UBI BPCI Onlus Foundation
	📖	Cut All Ties. Innovation to foster critical thinking tackling gender-based violence on youth affective sexual relationships	24	109.065*	16.994	UE
		Migrantour sustainable routes	24	213.933	3.930	UE
	👥	Migrantour in Bergamo: new citizens tell the territory	24	4.840*	3.628	FIEB - Fondazione Istituti Educativi Bergamo
		COPE and HOPE. Practical approaches fostering social integration of TCN women victims of trafficking	25	432.473	97.065	UE
	👥	Never again. Pathways to prevention and rehabilitation against violence against women	12	65.120	25.311	Intesa San Paolo
		Communicating the sustainable city: urban green and food supply chains	5	26.650*	19.361	Emilia Romagna Region
	🌱	C.S'A - Cascina Sant'Alberto - New models of solidarity economy to support social agriculture	30	285.800	13.388	Fondazione Cariplo
		Food Wave - Empowering Urban Youth for Climate Action	48	449.763*	89.821	UE
	🌱	Sfusi & Crudi - Ideas for packaging-free shopping	12	117.000	19.599	Fondazione Cariplo
Climate March - Youth and local authorities against climate change		22	61.988*	21.528	AICS	
🌱	Climate Change? Claim the Change! Pathways and tools to support education in the post-emergency covid19	12	261.600	37.551	Fondi 8x1000 Istituto Buddista Italiano Soka Gakkai	
	Total expenditure 2021 Italia/Europa			494.773		
MOZAMBIQUE	🌱	SUB-URB Support for the sustainable and inclusive growth of Maputo's southern areas of the region	40	369.108*	82.666	AICS
		VIP Moz - Innovative, clean, resilient and participatory cities: for inclusive and sustainable urban development	18	388.889	47.204	ENABEL
	💧	Strengthening the competences of the Department of Water and Hygiene and the role of Maputo's citizens in defining and implementing plans for the provision of water, sewage and drainage services	42	488.711*	109.973	UE
		Total expenditure 2021 Mozambico			239.843	
NIGER	🌱	Milk & Honey: two high value-added supply chains as a response to food and economic insecurity in urban and rural areas in Niger	43	580.851*	185.591	AICS
		Total expenditure 2021 Niger			185.591	
SENEGAL	💧	Water Supply Networks in Camaracounda Municipality (Basse Casamance)	18	827.061	233.064	Charity Water
		Guaranteed access to water and improved sanitation in Oussuye Department (Senegal)	24	1.682.368	382.993	Charity Water
	🌱	Rehabilitation of distribution systems for sustainable access to healthy and quality water in 6 villages in the region of Sedhiou, Casamance, Senegal	12	220.185*	188.083	AACID (Cooperazione andalusa)
		Social and economic development of women through renewable energy in Casamance, Senegal - DESFERS	60	415.470*	77.127	UE
	📖	DIASPORA IN ACTION – Mobilized Senegalese diaspora for awareness raising on irregular migration	21	278.670	172.946	UE
		Starting from young people: promoters of local development and conscious migration	45	1.997.698	349.709	AICS
	📖	PEEPITE - Parents teachers and students for the inclusion of all at school	24	350.000	137.388	Coop. Internazionale del Principato di Monaco
		DEECLIQ : Let's Decide on Education for Children with Disabilities through Free Choice and an Inclusive Quality Approach	24	1.400.000	566.522	AICS
Total expenditure 2021 Senegal			2.107.832			

The total value of the interventions includes the monetary quotas, the contributions valorized volunteers and the donations in kind managed by ACRA and its partners

* ACRA and its partners' share (where ACRA is not the project leader) - ** Project financed in 2021 but starting in 2022



Chapter 3

Annual financial statement 2021



Independent Auditors' report



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Independent Auditor's Report

To the Board of Directors of
Fondazione Acra Onlus

Report on the financial statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of Fondazione Acra Onlus (the Entity), which comprise the balance sheet as at December 31, 2021, the cash management statement for the year then ended, an section "General Information" and "Illustration of balance sheet".

For the first time, the financial statements were drawn up in accordance with the Italian regulations and accounting principles.

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of Fondazione Acra Onlus as at December 31, 2021, and of the result of its operations and its cash flows for the year then ended in accordance with the Italian regulations and accounting principles governing financial statements.

Basis for opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISA Italia). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the *Auditor's Responsibilities for The Audit Of The Financial Statements* section of this report. We are independent of the Foundation in accordance with ethical requirements and standards applicable in Italy that are relevant to the audit of financial statements. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Other matters

We highlight the following other matters:

- The financial statements as at December 31, 2021 presented for the comparative period, was subject to a restatement under OIC 35 and it was examined only to express an opinion on the financial statements at December 31, 2021.
- This report is not issue under any legal requirement, since for the year ended as at December 31, 2021 the audit pursuant to article 2477 of the Italian Civil Code is not mandatory because still waiting the communication by the Ministry of Labor and Social Policies. This communication gives the information for all the Onlus to sign up into "RUNTS" (National Register for the Third Sector) for presenting the related application.
- The Management are responsible for the other information, included the mission report. Our audit opinion on the financial statements as at December 31, 2021 does not extend to such data. Our objective is to obtain reasonable assurance that the other information are constantly inconsistent with the financial statements based on the knowledge of the Entity. If during our activities we became aware of any potential issues, we are obligated to report them.

In accordance to this aspect we have nothing to report.

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Responsibilities of management for the financial statements

Management is responsible for the preparation of financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with the Italian regulations and accounting principles governing financial statements and, within the limits of the law, for such internal control as management determines is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

In preparing the financial statements, management is responsible for assessing the Foundation's ability to continue as a going concern, disclosing, as applicable, matters related to going concern and using the going concern basis of accounting unless management either intends to liquidate the Foundation or to cease operations, or has no realistic alternative but to do so.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion.

Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISA Italia) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in the aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of the audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISA Italia), we exercise professional judgment and maintain professional skepticism throughout the audit. We also:

- Identify and assess the risk of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error; design and perform audit procedures in response to those risks, and obtain audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of non detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations or the override of internal control;
- Obtain and understanding of internal control relevant to the audit 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 Foundation's internal control;
- Evaluate the appropriateness of accounting principles used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made management;
- Conclude on the appropriateness of management's use of the going concern and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Foundation's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to modify our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Foundation to cease to continue as a going concern;
- Evaluate the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We communicate with those charged with governance, identified at the appropriate level as required by the ISA Italia, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

Milan, 29 June 2022

BDO Italia S.p.A.
Signed in the original by
Paolo Beretta
Partner

This report has been translated into English from the original, which was prepared in Italian and represents the only authentic copy, solely for the convenience of international readers.

Balance sheet and income statement

as at 31st December 2021

Assets

	2021	2020
B) Total assets	37.702	34.295
Fixed assets	9.810	7.942
Financial assets	11.398	11.398
Receivables	16.495	14.955
C) Current assets	18.452.476	20.277.963
Total accounts receivables	16.234.708	16.450.042
1) Receivables from clients	27.306	36.627
<i>of which due after the subsequent year</i>	0	0
3) Receivables from public entities	10.373.211	12.911.664
<i>of which due after the subsequent year</i>	5.279.297	12.911.664
4) Receivables from private entities	4.360.147	2.907.311
<i>of which due after the subsequent year</i>	899.228	2.907.311
6) Receivables from third sector entities	1.262.050	380.390
<i>of which due after the subsequent year</i>	0	380.390
12) Other receivables	211.995	214.051
<i>of which due after the subsequent year</i>	150.050	214.051
Total cash and cash equivalents	2.217.768	3.827.921
D) Deferred income	13.954	3.965
TOTAL ASSETS	18.504.132	20.316.223

Shareholders' equity & liabilities

	2021	2020
A) Shareholders' equity		
I - Endowment fund body	770	770
II - Restricted funds		
2) Reserves restricted by decision of the institutional bodies	100.000	100.000
3) Restricted reserves allocated by third parties	17.721.369	19.827.960
Total	17.821.369	19.927.960
III - Available funds		
1) Reserves of previous years profits	1.233	0
Total	1.233	0
IV - Profit/loss for the period	1.086	1.233
Total shareholders' equity	17.824.458	19.929.962
B) Provision for risks and charges		
3) Other	114.000	100.000
Total provision for risks and charges	114.000	100.000
C) TFR (Italian end-of-working-relationship fund)	99.391	104.936
D) Debts		
1) payables to banks	183.390	1.500
<i>of which due after the subsequent year</i>	0	0
7) payables to suppliers	144.065	49.386
<i>of which due after the subsequent year</i>	0	0
9) fiscal debts	10.925	6.834
<i>of which due after the subsequent year</i>	0	0
10) payables to welfare and social security institutions	27.863	24.360
<i>of which due after the subsequent year</i>	0	0
11) payables to employees and collaborators	10.855	17.387
<i>of which due after the subsequent year</i>	0	0
12) other debts	89.185	60.054
<i>of which due after the subsequent year</i>	0	0
Total debts	466.283	159.520
E) Deferred liabilities	0	21.804
TOTAL SHAREHOLDERS' EQUITY & LIABILITIES	18.504.132	20.316.223

Profit & loss

as at 31st December 2021

EXPENSES

	2021	2020
A) Costs and charges from activities of general interest		
1) Raw materials, supplies, consumables and goods	1.872.871	1.377.829
2) Services	4.383.413	3.308.138
3) Use of third party assets	159.020	267.339
4) Personnel	3.373.067	4.194.930
6) Provisions for risks and charges	55.500	136.057
7) Other charges	653.785	651.679
Total	10.497.656	9.935.971
B) Costs and charges from different activities		
2) Services	660	20.939
4) Personnel	7.100	24.243
7) Other charges		10.776
Total	7.760	55.959
C) Costs and charges from fundraising activities		
1) Charges for usual fundraising activities	30.044	44.355
3) Other charges	6	
Total	30.050	44.355
D) Costs and charges from financial activity		
1) On bank accounts	3.069	3.325
2) On credit lines	24.231	34.878
6) Other charges	51.782	46.413
Total	79.081	84.617
E) General support costs and charges		
1) Raw materials, supplies, consumables and goods	72	3.133
2) Services	105.658	75.392
3) Use of third party assets	76.540	66.327
4) Personnel	258.045	141.662
5) Depreciation on fixed assets	3.266	3.287
7) Other charges	888	0
Total	444.468	289.801
Total expenses	11.059.016	10.410.704

INCOME

	2021	2020
A) Revenues and income from activities of general interest		
1) Revenues from membership fees and contributions from the founders	1.650	2.200
4) Liberal disbursements	18.061	18.730
5) Revenues from 5x1000 (fiscal contribution)	17.934	41.581
6) Contributions from private entities	1.122.737	1.350.332
8) Contributions from public bodies	9.150.651	8.299.620
10) Other revenues and income	2.034	
Total	10.313.066	9.712.464
Surplus / Deficit from activities of general interest (+/-)	-184.590	-223.508
B) Revenues and income from different activities		
3) Revenues from services to third parties	3.042	87.129
Total	3.042	87.129
Surplus / Deficit from different activities (+/-)	-4.718	31.170
C) Revenues and income from fundraising activities		
1) Revenues from usual fundraising activities	115.934	41.993
Total	115.934	41.993
Surplus / Deficit from fundraising activities (+/-)	85.883	-2.362
D) Revenues and income from financial activity		
1) From bank deposits	486	1.352
5) Other revenues	2.575	3.803
Total	3.061	5.155
Surplus / Deficit from financial activity (+/-)	-76.020	-79.461
E) Revenues from general support		
2) Other revenues from general support	626.482	569.891
Total	626.482	569.891
Surplus / Deficit from general support (+/-)	182.014	280.090
Total income	11.061.585	10.416.632
Profit/Loss before taxes (+/-)	2.570	5.928
Taxes	1.484	4.695
Profit/Loss after taxes (+/-)	1.086	1.233

Note: for a more detailed reading of the Financial Statements, complete with Explanatory Notes, please refer to the website www.acra.it

Partnership with the private sector

Companies and Foundations

ACRA works with **companies and private foundations** in a strategic vision to promote together projects of sustainable development and inclusive economic growth. In particular, ACRA encourages strategic **partnerships** with firms and **Corporate Social Responsibility** training involving employees, suppliers and clients: corporate volunteering, charity events, actions to support school projects in Italy and cooperation and co-design in developing countries. A distinctive trait of ACRA's approach is the search for **shared values**, transparent communication and reporting to donors. For the private sector, a partnership with ACRA means sharing more than 50 years of social commitment, a guarantee of **accountability and transparency** on the use of donated funds, and the growth of its **social impact**.

We thank all the companies, foundations and banks:

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WAMI - Water With A Mission (B-Corporation)

Chiesi Foundation Onlus

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Banca Mediolanum

Fondazione Mediolanum Onlus

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CMJ

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L'Orso Poeta - Daelli Arte e Gioco (shop)

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Thanks to the **expertise** developed in its fields of intervention (water, food, education, environment, and energy) and to the network of partners in Europe, Africa, and Latin America, ACRA offers **consulting services to different actors**. ACRA's sector experts participate alongside some specialized companies in tenders for consultancy on international projects.

Moreover, ACRA offers services to companies interested in developing their activities in the countries in which it operates, including Italy: **feasibility studies, territorial analysis, co-planning, training of local workers, community involvement, with a view to "Creating shared value" (CSV).**





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