



Swiss
Solidarity

2024 Annual Report

Mission

The Swiss Solidarity Foundation (the “Foundation” or “SwS”) is a responsible funding body. The Foundation ensures that the funds it raises through donations are invested in high-quality humanitarian and social projects carried out by its partners to address the needs of populations affected by natural disasters and humanitarian crises both abroad and in Switzerland. SwS encourages the sharing and promotion of skills and knowledge in the humanitarian sector.

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2024 in review: While more essential than ever, solidarity is put to the test

The year 2024 reaffirmed Swiss Solidarity's primary role, to be there when disaster strikes to promote solidarity and help those most in need. Case in point: the devastating severe weather events that hit the Swiss cantons of Ticino, Valais and the Grisons over the summer. Not in a very long time had we seen such shocking images of destruction in our own country. In the face of this emergency, solidarity once again became the order of the day.

In 2024, we were also confronted with a challenge affecting the entire humanitarian and development sector: drawing the public's attention to certain crises. In a saturated and fragmented media environment, some tragedies fail to attract attention even though the needs are immense. One striking example is Sudan: despite the country's catastrophic humanitarian situation, the conflict has struggled to capture the general public's attention. The special partnership between Swiss Solidarity (SwS) and the Swiss Broadcasting Corporation SRG SSR is perfect for raising awareness of major humanitarian crises. However, as a spate of conflicts and disasters affects the world, raising funds to meet humanitarian needs remains difficult.

In other contexts, cuts to public funding and the increasing politicisation of humanitarian aid and development is further complicating our work. Access to populations in distress is being increasingly restricted, the safety of humanitarian workers is being threatened, and the independence of aid is being called into question. In the Middle East – Lebanon and Gaza in particular – we have seen the extent to which polarisation makes it difficult to provide aid. The serious violations of international humanitarian law that we have witnessed in this region have further exacerbated these challenges, preventing our partner NGOs from delivering vital aid on the ground. When access to populations is hampered and humanitarian principles are not respected, the most vulnerable people pay the price.

In an increasingly divided world where divisions are widening, we remain convinced that solidarity can bring people together and build bridges where others see borders. More than ever, Swiss Solidarity will continue to pursue its mission of embodying this solidarity in Switzerland, by mobilising, uniting and taking action to get aid to where it is most needed.



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Miren Bengoa

Director of Swiss Solidarity

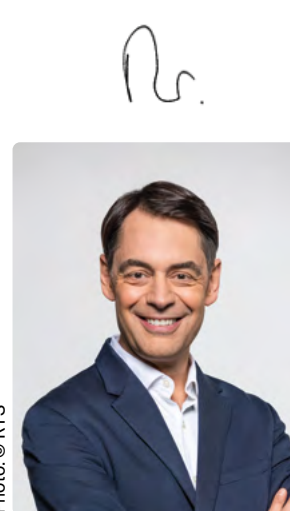


Photo: © RTS

Pascal Crittin

President of Swiss Solidarity
Director of RTS

“In a divided and uncertain world, solidarity remains our greatest catalyst for hope.”

Photo: © Swiss Solidarity



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Swiss Solidarity's work in 2024

The year in review by Ernst Lüber, Director of Programmes & Evaluation, and Judith Schuler, Director of Communication & Fundraising

In 2024, thanks to the solidarity of Switzerland's people, Swiss Solidarity raised more than CHF 34 million in donations and funded 301 humanitarian and social aid projects, supporting more than 4.4 million people in Switzerland and abroad.

Severe weather events in Switzerland: acting swiftly for victims

The summer of 2024 was marked by violent storms in Valais, Ticino and Graubünden. In response to the emergency, Swiss Solidarity immediately launched a fundraising campaign. Low-income earners and people in precarious situations are especially exposed to such disasters and often struggle to recover. The Foundation plays a complementary role, intervening alongside insurance companies and public authorities to make up for gaps in assistance to help the most vulnerable victims regain stability.

Protracted humanitarian crises call for ongoing solidarity

In 2024, Swiss Solidarity upheld its commitment to helping people affected by conflicts and humanitarian disasters around the world. It mobilised funds to help victims of the war in Sudan and the surrounding region, as well as the populations hit hard by the Middle East crisis, particularly in Gaza and Lebanon. It also maintained its support for Ukraine, which to this day remains the area where the Foundation has been and continues to be most active.

A year-end dedicated to protecting children

SwS's year-end solidarity campaign focused on protecting abused children in Switzerland and worldwide. In French-speaking Switzerland, the "cœur à cœur" programme was broadcast on RTS, while in German-speaking Switzerland, SRF ran a solidarity campaign that included SRF 3's "Gib es Härz" campaign. This fundraiser makes it possible to fund projects aimed at protecting vulnerable children and offering them a safer future.

A new strategy to bolster social action in Switzerland

In late 2024, Swiss Solidarity adopted a new strategy to strengthen its support for institutions actively involved in social welfare in Switzerland. Today, SwS's efforts are focused on children and young people, with child abuse chosen as a priority area of intervention. This strategy will be implemented starting in 2025.

A stronger commitment to sustainability

As part of its commitment to sustainability, Swiss Solidarity calculated the carbon footprint of its operations with help from its partner Climate Action Accelerator. An action plan was then developed with the aim of halving the Foundation's carbon emissions by 2030.

A modernised visual identity to reinforce its commitment

In 2024, Swiss Solidarity also modernised its visual identity by redesigning its logo and brand image. This change aims to better reflect the Foundation's core values – solidarity and commitment – while raising its profile with the public and its partners.

Key figures



CHF

34,475,478

Donations received in total



31

countries of intervention



4.4 million

people supported



301

projects funded



164

projects deployed abroad



137

projects deployed in Switzerland

Major fundraisers in 2024

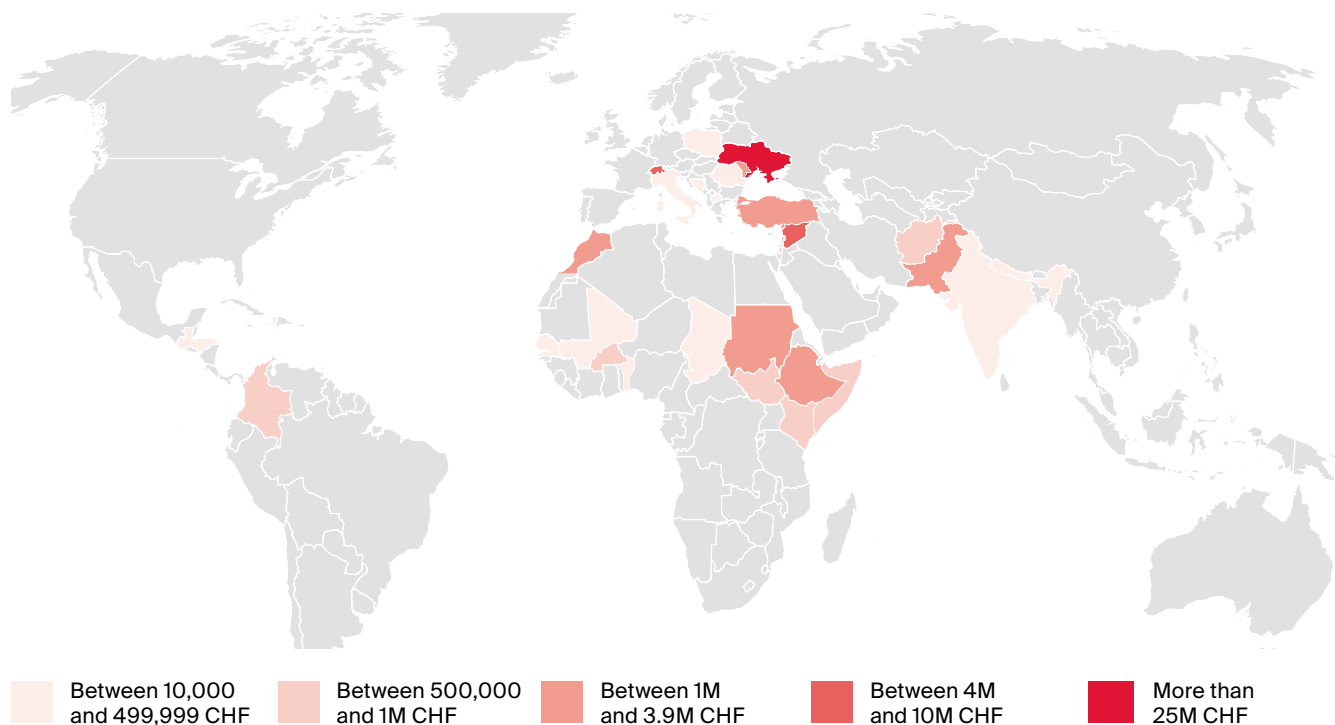


Funding for Swiss partner NGOs' projects in 2024 (in CHF)*

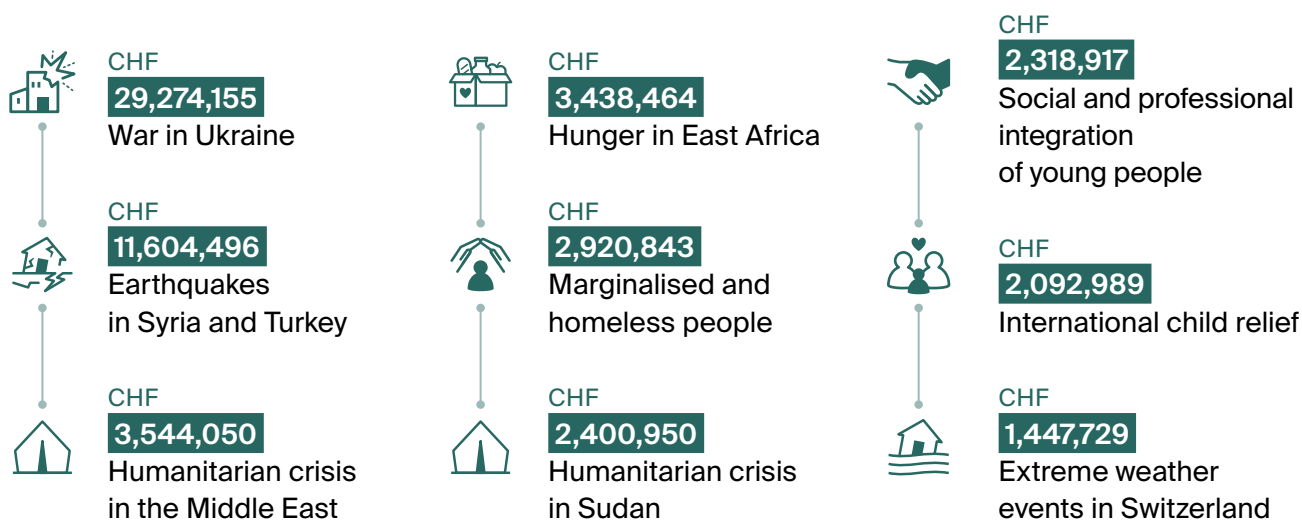
Medair	6,962,737
Terre des hommes Foundation	6,268,852
Save the Children Switzerland	6,068,220
Swiss Church Aid HEKS/EPER	5,836,604
Caritas Switzerland	5,445,393
Helvetas	4,935,714
Solidar Suisse	3,896,055
Médecins du Monde Suisse	3,064,800
Médecins Sans Frontières	2,863,017
Swiss Red Cross	2,607,857
Vétérinaires Sans Frontières Suisse	1,346,284
Fondation Suisse de Déminage	967,000
Frieda – The Feminist NGO for Peace	820,607
SOS Children's Villages	704,000
Pestalozzi Children's Foundation	324,945

*These are the partner NGOs that received the most funding. In 2024, Swiss Solidarity funded 24 partner NGOs.

Geographical distribution of work in 2024



Major issues supported in 2024*



CHF
63,257,320

Total funding for humanitarian and social projects in 2024

*The complete list of funds raised and project contributions is available in the Annual Accounts.

Humanitarian crisis in the Middle East

Since October 2023, the escalation of the conflict in the Middle East has plunged the Gaza Strip into a devastating humanitarian crisis the likes of which it has not seen in recent decades. Relentless bombardment has killed tens of thousands of civilians, mainly women and children, and caused wide-scale destruction. With no safe place to take refuge, many of Gaza’s inhabitants have been displaced repeatedly. The population is living in a state of permanent stress, with severe shortages of food, water, medicines and electricity. In Lebanon, hundreds of thousands of people were forced to flee their homes following the September 2024 bombardments there, which killed several hundred civilians and left many others injured.

Projects carried out

In 2024, the donations Swiss Solidarity received enabled it to step up efforts to help the victims of the humanitarian crisis in the Middle East by funding 15 emergency projects led by its Swiss partner NGOs in the Gaza Strip and Lebanon. These projects are meeting the population’s basic needs, such as access to food, drinking water, medicines and other basic necessities. A portion of the funds was allocated to providing psychosocial support for children and families traumatised by the violence, and emergency shelters for displaced people.

Challenges and prospects

In 2024, the crisis in Gaza and Lebanon was marked by a failure to respect international humanitarian law, the politicisation of aid and major obstacles to humanitarian access. These obstacles made it extremely difficult to support local populations facing an urgent need for food, water and medical care. Swiss Solidarity adapts its aid based on the access available to its Swiss partner NGOs, with priority given to interventions that can be carried out effectively because of their location.




Photo: © Médecins du Monde Suisse

Concrete example of a funded project

To meet the urgent medical needs of Gaza’s people, Swiss Solidarity supports the mobile clinic project run by its partner Médecins du Monde Suisse. The clinic provides the public with essential services such as healthcare, maternity care and medicines. It also distributes menstrual hygiene products to over a thousand women and girls.

Key information for 2024

CHF 5,907,418 Donations received in 2024	CHF 3,544,050 Project contributions	Aid by region  ■ Gaza 81% ■ Lebanon 19%	Swiss partner NGOs funded Caritas Switzerland, Swiss Red Cross, HEKS/EPER, Frieda – The Feminist NGO for Peace, Medair, Médecins du Monde Suisse, Terre des hommes Foundation
2 November 2023 Fundraising campaign launched in collaboration with SRG SSR	18 Projects supported in 2024		

Humanitarian crisis in Sudan

The deadly war that has been raging in Sudan since April 2023 has caused the world’s largest internal population displacement and one the worst food crises ever witnessed. In addition to the sheer brutality of the conflict and the acts of violence being committed against civilians, the population is suffering from a desperate lack of food, water and medical care. Right from the start of the war, Swiss Solidarity was able to provide vital support to the population thanks to its Emergency fund, before launching an appeal for donations in June 2024 in response to the intensified humanitarian needs on the ground. In 2024, the Foundation received CHF 2.7 million in donations and allocated CHF 2.4 million of the Emergency fund to the crisis in Sudan.

Projects carried out

Since the beginning of the crisis and despite the extremely challenging conditions, Swiss Solidarity has been carrying out humanitarian projects in Sudan, Chad and South Sudan. These projects have provided access to medical care, food, drinking water and sanitation facilities, as well as financial and psychosocial support for displaced families.

Challenges and prospects

The deterioration of the humanitarian situation in Sudan and the region is ongoing and dramatic. It reached a catastrophic level in North Darfur, where famine was declared in August 2024. Half of the Sudanese population is currently facing acute food insecurity, and close to 80% of the country’s hospitals have ceased functioning. In the already struggling countries of South Sudan and Chad, basic infrastructure and essential services are unable to handle the massive influx of refugees. In 2024, Swiss Solidarity highlighted this tragedy on several occasions. Yet despite the scale of the crisis, it remains largely under-reported, making mobilising the general public a particularly difficult challenge.



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Key information for 2024

CHF 2,727,217
Donations received
in 2024

13 June 2024
Campaign launched

CHF 2,400,950
Project contribution
in 2024

11
Projects supported
in 2024

Aid by country



Sudan	57%
South Sudan	34%
Chad	9%

Swiss partner NGOs funded
**Caritas Switzerland, Swiss Red Cross, HEKS/
EPER, Medair, Médecins Sans Frontières, Save
the Children, Vétérinaires Sans Frontières Suisse**

War in Ukraine

Three years after Russia launched its offensive against Ukraine, the humanitarian needs remain immense and over 14.6 million people are still facing a dramatic situation. Accessing clean water, electricity, housing and medical care remains a daily struggle for the exhausted civilian population. The fighting and air attacks that continue to ravage large swaths of the country are having a direct impact on thousands of people, leading to fresh displacements and further degrading the living conditions of those affected.

Projects carried out

Since the beginning of the war, Swiss Solidarity has adapted its aid as the conflict has evolved and has funded projects in almost every region of Ukraine. In collaboration with its partner NGOs, the Foundation is now prioritising regions where the violence is greatest, in Eastern Ukraine as well as in the regions hosting displaced persons. The projects being funded focus on supporting displaced people, repairing homes and essential infrastructure, and providing access to healthcare and education.

Challenges and prospects

With over CHF 137 million having been raised for the victims, this is the second largest fundraising effort in Swiss Solidarity's history. The funds mobilised over the last three years have made it possible to provide essential support to 4.9 million beneficiaries. However, almost 80% of the funds has already been used, and without additional donations, the Foundation's long-term support cannot be guaranteed.



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Key information for 2024

CHF 2,659,826

Donations received
in 2024

25 February 2022

Fundraising campaign
launched in collaboration
with SRG SSR

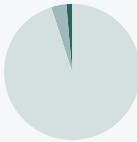
CHF 29,274,155

Project contributions

44

Projects supported in 2024

Aid by country



■ Ukraine	95%
■ Moldova	4%
■ Romania	1%

Swiss partner NGOs funded

Swiss Red Cross, Caritas Switzerland, HEKS/EPER, Fondation Hirondelle, Terre des hommes Foundation, Fondation suisse de déminage, Pestalozzi Children's Foundation, Helvetas, Medair, Médecins du Monde Suisse, Save the Children Switzerland, Solidar Suisse, SOS Children's Villages

Organizzazioni locali sostenute

East-SOS, Light of Hope, NGO Girls, Sus Inima Association, Asociatia O Masa Calda, Independent Midwives Association, Migrant Integration Center Brasov, Social Activ Association, The Sunflower Center, Ateliere Fără Frontiere Association

Earthquakes in Syria and Turkey

Two years after the devastating earthquakes of February 2023, Swiss Solidarity upheld its commitment in Turkey and Syria, funding 27 projects in 2024 to the tune of CHF 11.5 million. The aid made it possible to rebuild homes, schools and water infrastructure, and provide support for small businesses and hospitals. Yet despite these efforts, major challenges remain: many families are still living in temporary shelters, reconstruction efforts are progressing slowly and access to education remains limited. In Syria, where the humanitarian crisis is dragging on, aid remains essential to ensuring dignified and sustainable living conditions.

Key information for 2024

6 February 2023

Fundraising campaign launched in collaboration with SRG SSR

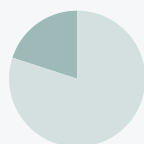
CHF 11,604,496

Project contributions

27

Projects supported

Aid by country



Swiss partner NGOs funded

Caritas Switzerland, HEKS/EPER, Helvetas, Medair, Médecins Sans Frontières, Save the Children, Solidar Suisse, Terre des hommes Foundation

Local organisations supported

Sadad Humanitarian Organization, Bahar Organization, Takaful Al Sham Charity

Earthquake in Morocco

Following the September 2023 earthquake, Swiss Solidarity received more than CHF 3 million in donations to support the populations of the three hardest-hit provinces. The funds were earmarked for emergency relief, the reconstruction of schools and infrastructure, and projects to protect and support local communities. One of the main challenges was accessing remote areas, but thanks to solid partnerships with local organisations, aid was delivered efficiently. With 70% of donations already committed, projects continued in 2024 and should be completed in 2025.



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Key information for 2024

11 September 2023

Fundraising campaign launched in collaboration with SRG SSR

CHF 1,419,733

Project contributions in 2024

6

Projects supported in 2024

Swiss partner NGOs funded

Frieda – The Feminist NGO for Peace, Helvetas, Médecins du Monde Suisse

Child relief in Switzerland and abroad

Since it was founded, Swiss Solidarity has been committed to helping children and vulnerable people in Switzerland and around the world. In recent years, SwS has mobilised the public through a solidarity campaign run with the Swiss Broadcasting Corporation SRG SSR at the end of the year. Donations raised help to fund projects aimed at protecting and supporting the most vulnerable children and young people.



Photo: © Fairpicture

Projects carried out

The campaign held in late 2023 raised CHF 5.4 million to improve access to education in situations of violence and armed conflict in Latin America and the Sahel region, and to fund projects to help young people in Switzerland integrate into society and the workplace. In particular, the Foundation has funded projects aimed at 15- to 25-year-olds in difficulty and designed to boost their confidence and facilitate their integration into the job market, while providing them with personalised support, particularly through pre-apprenticeships.

At the same time, the Foundation has maintained its commitment to protecting children from domestic violence and forced labour. For example, it has funded shelters and the implementation of prevention measures for vulnerable families.

Child protection in Switzerland

CHF 497,678

Project contributions in 2024

21

Projects supported in 2024

Social and professional integration of young people in Switzerland

CHF 2,318,917

Project contributions in 2024

36

Projects supported in 2024

International child relief

CHF 2,092,989

Project contributions in 2024

20

Projects supported in 2024

Swiss partner NGOs funded

Brücke-Le Pont, Enfants du Monde, HEKS/EPER, Helvetas, IAMANEH Switzerland, Médecins du Monde, Save the Children, Pestalozzi Children's Villages, Solidar Suisse, Terre des hommes Foundation, Terre des hommes Suisse, Vivamos Mejor

Year-end solidarity campaign

From 14 to 20 December 2024, the Swiss Broadcasting Corporation SRG SSR joined Swiss Solidarity in its year-end campaign to raise awareness of child abuse in Switzerland and around the world. In particular, the Foundation rallied the Swiss population around the issue of domestic violence against children in Switzerland and against abuses such as early marriage and child labour in the Sahel countries and South Asia. SRF, RSI and RTR took part in a press junket in Bangladesh to highlight these issues.

In French-speaking Switzerland, RTS organised the ninth edition of the week-long “cœur à cœur” programme. In German-speaking Switzerland, SRF 3’s “Gib es Härz” operation, among others, mobilised the public for a week, whereas SRF 1 organised a National Day of Solidarity on Thursday 19 December with the participation of Federal Councillor Elisabeth Baume-Schneider and many other Swiss celebrities. Italian- and Romansh-speaking Switzerland joined the campaign on the National Day of Solidarity on Thursday 19 December.

End-of-year solidarity campaign

CHF 5,039,360

Donations received in 2024



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Taslima’s story

Sixteen-year-old Taslima lives in Cox’s Bazar in Bangladesh. In early 2024, she discovered that her family was planning her wedding. Thanks to Helvetas’s awareness-raising work in the region, she was able to talk to the people in charge at her school, thus preventing the marriage and continuing her education as normal. Early marriage, which affects one in five girls in low- and middle-income countries, has serious consequences such as withdrawal from education, abuse and early pregnancy, all of which have enduring impacts on girls’ lives.



Photo: © SRF / Gian Vaiti

Natural disasters

In Switzerland, Swiss Solidarity appeals for donations when a major natural disaster occurs, affecting several regions and a large number of people. The Foundation's support is always subsidiary, complementing aid from public authorities, insurance companies and other institutions.

During summer 2024, the cantons of Graubünden, Ticino and Valais were hit by severe weather events. Several people lost their lives and hundreds had to leave their homes. Given the sheer scale of the situation, Swiss Solidarity launched an appeal for donations that day, triggering a remarkable outpouring of solidarity among the people of Switzerland. More than CHF 13 million in donations were raised to provide emergency aid to those affected, as well as medium- and long-term support.



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Projects carried out

From the very first days following the disaster, the Foundation, in collaboration with the public authorities, deployed emergency aid to respond first and foremost to the most pressing needs of those affected. It covered the costs of temporary accommodation and transportation, as well as the purchase of new clothes and furniture destroyed during the severe weather. During this first phase, Swiss Solidarity supported more than 250 affected households to the tune of almost one million francs.

Challenges and prospects

With the emergency relief phase now over, Swiss Solidarity is focusing on covering additional medium-term costs, as well as those not covered by insurance companies or other entities. This includes such things as rent or transportation costs, the residual costs associated with repairing and renovating damaged homes, and furniture and vehicles.



Photo: © Swiss Solidarity

Yann's story

Yann had lived for 14 years in Sierre's Sous-Géronde residential neighbourhood, which was hit hard by the flooding of the Rhône this summer. Like dozens of other local residents, he lost everything in the space of a single night. But Swiss Solidarity soon helped him find emergency accommodation and buy clothes and basic necessities, while providing invaluable moral support: *"We really felt the outpouring of solidarity and it did us good to know that, even here in Valais, in our little town, people from Zurich, Geneva and elsewhere in Switzerland, as well as Swiss Solidarity, were thinking of us."*

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The support phase aimed at covering transitional and remaining costs constitutes the largest part of future expenses and takes place after the settlements from insurance companies or other institutions are made, a process that can take more than a year. The Foundation also supports affected small businesses, associations and, to a certain extent, local authorities, for example by helping them process funding applications from disaster victims.

Key information for 2024

CHF 13,074,310

Donations received
in 2024

CHF 1,447,729

Funds used in 2024
to support disaster victims

Marginalised and homeless people

Many people in Switzerland are homeless and face isolation, stigmatisation or health problems. The projects funded by Swiss Solidarity seek to meet basic needs such as access to housing, healthcare and food. The Foundation also funds activities to help homeless and marginalised people regain their place in society and provides them with specific services addressing the needs of women, children and adolescents experiencing homelessness. The projects SwS funds also include some that provide social support for families in bridge housing, drop-in centres and health services.

In late 2024, Swiss Solidarity adopted a new strategy to refocus its social work in Switzerland on children and young people. As a result, the Foundation will no longer be issuing calls for projects for its fund for marginalised and homeless people.



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Key information for 2024

CHF 110,519

Donations received in 2024

CHF 2,920,843

Project contributions in 2024

40

Projects supported in 2024

2024 Finances

In 2024, despite a climate of geopolitical uncertainty and protracted crises, the flow of donations remained strong. Swiss Solidarity received over CHF 34 million in donations and bequests. In addition, thanks to the solid performance of its financial investments, the Foundation’s financial stability was maintained.

The annual result was positive, at CHF 4,996,434 (before capital allocations). By decision of the Foundation Council, these unrestricted funds will be split between the reserves and the permanent funds in order to ensure prudent financial management while supporting the Foundation’s long-term activities.

Reserves for the future

In order to safeguard our ability to respond to unforeseen emergencies, Swiss Solidarity’s reserves were increased in 2024.

Responsible financial commitments

In 2024, the Foundation pushed ahead with its efforts to integrate ESG (Environment, Social, Governance) criteria into the management of its financial investments, in line with its Responsible Investment Charter. These efforts are based on several key principles: protecting donors’ capital, aligning investments with the Foundation’s values, excluding controversial sectors and supporting companies and initiatives with a positive social and environmental impact. The Foundation therefore favours a prudent and sustainable approach, guaranteeing responsible management of the resources made available to it.

As a member of the Ethos Engagement Pool, the Foundation encourages active share ownership and promotes best practices in governance and sustainable development.

These actions reflect the Foundation’s determination to make humanitarian missions synonymous with financial responsibility.

Anticipating risks

The Foundation continues to proactively manage the primary risks linked to its work. Among other things, this makes it possible for us to strengthen financial stability and respond effectively to growing humanitarian needs, despite a complex global landscape.

Transparency

The Foundation complies with Swiss GAAP FER 21 standards. Published in March 2025, the Mazars SA audit report does not contain any specific comments.

Find out more about financial management

All these topics are detailed in the Performance Report (accounts report), available online or for download from the SwS website.

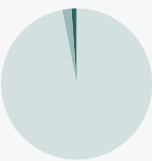
Key financial figures for 2024

CHF 34,475,478

Total donations (corresponding to total operating income excluding other income)

CHF 67,824,339

Total operating expenses



- Projects **97%** (i.e. CHF 65.72 million, including CHF 63.25 million for project funding and CHF 2.46 million for project support)
- Fundraising & Communication **2%** (or CHF 1.32 million)
- Administration **1%** (CHF 0.77 million)

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	2024	2023
Assets	CHF	CHF
Current assets	25,084,506	49,846,818
Cash and cash equivalents	24,662,471	49,447,107
Accruals and deferred income	422,035	399,711
Fixed assets	88,849,827	92,172,271
Long-term investments	88,725,163	92,074,830
Intangible fixed assets	116,715	87,223
Tangible fixed assets	7,949	10,218
Total assets	113,934,333	142,019,089
Liabilities	CHF	CHF
Foreign capital	189,041	86,677
Sundry creditors	97,548	37,499
Accruals and deferred income	91,493	49,178
Capital in allocated funds	97,113,485	127,373,675
Allocated funds	97,113,485	127,373,675
Foundation capital	16,631,807	14,558,738
Base capital	200,000	200,000
Linked capital	11,435,373	9,435,373
Unallocated capital	4,996,434	4,923,365
Total liabilities	113,934,333	142,019,089

2024 Operating Account

	2024	2023
Income	CHF	CHF
Total donations	34,137,932	53,708,926
Allocated donations and other contributions	31,656,597	51,937,294
Unallocated bequests	2,481,335	1,771,632
Other income	339,311	469,693
Contributions to operating expenses	175,000	175,000
Processing fee contributions	162,546	255,632
Miscellaneous income	1,765	39,061
Total operating income	34,477,243	54,178,619
Expenses	CHF	CHF
Projects and programmes	-65,723,510	-70,039,492
Project disbursements	-63,257,320	-67,691,536
Support for projects	-2,466,190	-2,347,956
Fundraising and administration	-2,100,829	-2,000,111
Fundraising	-1,324,436	-1,217,459
Administration	-776,393	-782,652
Total operating expenses	-67,824,339	-72,039,603
Operating result	-33,347,096	-17,860,984
Net financial result	5,159,977	4,433,244
Financial income	5,247,624	4,539,028
Finance costs	-87,647	-105,784
Net result before changes in fund capital	-28,187,119	-13,427,739
Changes in allocated funds	33,183,553	18,351,106
Annual result (before allocations to the Foundation's capital)	4,996,434	4,923,367
+ Withdrawal from / - allocation to tied capital (operating reserve)	0	0
+ Withdrawal from / - allocation to tied capital (financial reserve)	0	0
+ Withdrawal from / - allocation to unrestricted capital	-4,996,434	-4,923,367
Annual result	0	0

The full financial statements are published in the annual report document.

Organisation

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Foundation Council

As the highest body of our organisation, the Foundation Council plays a key role in shaping the direction and evolution of Swiss Solidarity's work. It approves the strategy, ensures responsible management and guarantees the impact of donations. The Foundation Council is made up, in equal parts, of representatives from the Swiss Broadcasting Corporation SRG SSR, our humanitarian partners and independent humanitarian-sector experts. Certain tasks are delegated to the Foundation Council Committee, which provides oversight, monitors the management team's work and supports the team in carrying out its activities.

Members of the Foundation Council

Members appointed by SRG SSR

- President: Pascal Crittin*, Director of RTS
- Vice-President: François Besençon*
- Corina Albertini
- Robert Ruckstuhl, Head of Radio SRF
- Stefania Verzasconi, Head of Corporate and Public Affairs RSI
- Alex Ziegler*, Head of Treasury, SRG SSR Group

Partner NGO members and humanitarian experts

- Grégoire Castella, independent humanitarian expert
- Felix Gnehm*, Director of Solidar Suisse
- Barbara Hintermann, Chief Executive of Terre des hommes Foundation
- Melchior Lengsfeld*, Director of Helvetas
- Sabine Maier, Director of Vivamos Mejor
- Silvia Schaller, independent humanitarian expert

* Members labelled with an asterisk are also members of the Committee.

The makeup of the various committees and the names of their members are listed in the Annual Accounts document.

Observer

- Silvio Flückiger, Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)

Advisory capacity

- Miren Bengoa, Director of Swiss Solidarity

Committees*

International Project Committee (COPRO-INT)

President: Koenraad Van Brabant (until 31/12/24)

The International Project Committee recommends the approval or rejection of projects submitted by Swiss Solidarity's partner NGOs and requiring over CHF 300,000 in funding.

In 2024, COPRO-INT convened nine times and examined 71 projects. The funds involved: Afghanistan, Child relief, Emergency fund, Pakistan, Middle East, East Africa, Morocco, Syria/Turkey, Sudan, Ukraine.

Switzerland Aid Project Committee (COPRO-CH)

Acting President: Claudia Paiano

The Swiss Project Committee (COPRO-CH) evaluates and makes recommendations to approve or reject social welfare projects submitted by Swiss associations and institutions. The committee examines submissions requesting more than CHF 100,000 for projects aimed at supporting people in difficulty in Switzerland. COPRO-CH is made up of independent experts hailing from academia, public institutions active in social welfare, and members of the Swiss Solidarity management team.

In 2024, COPRO-CH convened once to examine 20 projects falling under the purview of the fund for the social and professional integration of young people.

Accreditation Committee

President: Silvia Schaller

The Accreditation Committee assesses new applications for accreditation throughout the year and conducts a review every three years to determine whether partner NGOs still meet the criteria approved by the Foundation Council.

In 2024, the Accreditation Committee convened five times. Ten partners were reviewed and re-accredited.

In December 2024, two new organisations were accredited: Woman's Hope International and Legal Action Worldwide. One other organisation submitted an application for accreditation, which was subsequently rejected.

Financial Management Committee (COGEFI)

President: Alex Ziegler

The Financial Management Committee (COGEFI) is the body that proposes and guides financial strategy implementation, and more specifically the investment strategy, which is approved by the Foundation Council. In 2024, the Financial Management Committee convened four times.

Partner Organisations' Media Committee (MEDIACOM)

The Partner Organisations' Media Committee is an informal body that brings together the heads of communications and fundraising at Swiss Solidarity and its partner NGOs. In 2024, two meetings were held, as were a number of ad hoc meetings for consultations on specific humanitarian situations.

The Swiss Solidarity team



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Executive team

- Miren Bengoa, Director and Head of Administration, Finance & Information Systems
- Ernst Lüber, Director of Programmes & Evaluation
- Judith Schuler, Director of Communication & Fundraising

Operational partners

Partner NGOs worldwide



Organisations supported in Switzerland

À PART ENTIÈRE	Association Reliance	Ostschweiz	Stiftung Liebfrauenhof Zug
Associazione Consultorio delle Donne	Association REPER	Kirchliche Gassenarbeit Bern	Stiftung Sucht Basel
Associazione Il Tragitto	Association VIRES	Kirchliche Notherberge Thurgau	Stiftung Sozialwerk Pfarrer Sieber
Associazione L'ORA	Association vaudoise de sauvegarde	Lernstatt Känguruh	Stiftung ZwüscheHalt
Associazione Movimento dei Senza Voce	du logement des personnes précarisées-AVSL	Marie Meierhofer Institut für das Kind	Stiftung VIWO
Associazione SOS Ticino	Association aux 6 logis	MädchenHaus	Unabhängige Fachstelle für Sozialhilferecht UFS
Associazione Ticinese Famiglie Affidatarie	Caritas Genève	OSEO Genève	Verein Frauenhaus Winterthur
Association aJir	Caritas Zürich	Pinocchio Beratungsstell für Eltern und Kinder	Verein für Gassenarbeit – Schwarzer Peter
Association aux 6 logis	CMS Sierre	Pluto – Notschlafstelle für junge Menschen in Bern	Verein kirchliche Gassenarbeit Luzern
Association Corref – Orientation Réinsertion Formation	Collectif du Petit Magg	Premières Ligne	Verein Wohngenuss
Association Femmes à Bord	Croix-Rouge genevoise	Quelleshof-Stiftung	Verein tipiti
Association Foyer Arabelle	Faitière Action Culture	Rotes Kreuz Schaffhausen	Verein VIWO
Association Immo-solidaire	Fondation ABS	Réalise	Verein ZwüscheHalt
Association JeunesParents	Fondation As'trame	Salvation Army Switzerland	XENIA Fachstelle Sexarbeit
Association La Tuile	Fondation Asile des aveugles – Service Portails	Territorial Headquarters	ZH Fonds
Association MAM (Maison d'Accueil Maternel)	Fondation Neuchâteloise pour la coordination de l'action sociale FAS - SAVI	Schweizerisches Rotes Kreuz Kanton Zürich	
Association Maraude Genève	Fondation St-Germain	Solidarité Femmes Fribourg – Centre LAVI	
Association Maison de la Diaconie et de Solidarité	Fondation Paolo Torriani per Minorenni	Solidarité femmes Biel/Bienne & Région	
Association pour le Bateau	Frauenhaus beider Basel	Solidara Zürich	
Association pour la sauvegarde du logement des personnes précaires (ASLPP)	Frauenzentrale St. Gallen / Fachstelle Kind und Familie	Stiftung Dreipunkt	
Association Pouvoir d'Agir	Genossenschaft FuturX	Stiftung Futuri	
	Heime auf Berg	Stiftung Gott hilft, Betrieb	
	HEKS Inland Regionalstelle	Jugendstation ALLTAG	

SRG SSR: engaged since 1946

La Chaîne du bonheur – which today also goes by the English moniker Swiss Solidarity – was created in 1946 as an original programme on RTS forerunner Radio Sottens. Although it became an independent foundation in 1983, it has maintained close links with SRG SSR over the years. The close relationship that unites Swiss Solidarity and the Swiss Broadcasting Corporation SRG SSR is reflected in the make-up of SwS's governing bodies: half the members of its Foundation Council, including the president, are appointed by SRG SSR and help to strengthen ties with the various media (radio, television, digital) in Switzerland's four linguistic regions.

On fundraising days and during major solidarity campaigns, the radio and television stations of RTS, SRF, RSI and RTR broadcast our appeal for solidarity and inform their audiences about the disaster. These SRG SSR subsidiaries also regularly take action through special solidarity operations and report on how donations are used and on developments in the humanitarian sector.

In 2024, SRG SSR joined forces with Swiss Solidarity to support its fundraising campaigns for people affected by the humanitarian crisis in the Middle East and the severe weather events that struck Switzerland. During Swiss Solidarity's year-end campaign for abused children in Switzerland and around the world, the Foundation was able to count on the vital support of all of SRG SSR's subsidiaries.



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Swiss Solidarity's ambassadors

Each Swiss linguistic region has its own ambassador, whose support is essential to Swiss Solidarity. The ambassadors are Carla Norghauer in Italian-speaking Switzerland, Claudia Cathomen in Romansch-speaking Switzerland, Dani Fohrler in German-speaking Switzerland and Jean-Marc Richard in French-speaking Switzerland. In 2024, they played a particularly active role in the year-end campaign to raise awareness and rally the Swiss public's solidarity in the face of child abuse in Switzerland and around the world.

"Emergency Appeals Alliance"

For over 15 years, the Emergency Appeals Alliance (EAA) foundation has been bringing together a dozen organisations from several countries to share expertise and best practice on appeals for donations in response to major crises.

In 2024, Miren Bengoa, Director of Swiss Solidarity, co-chaired the EAA alongside Richard Morgan, Director of the Humanitarian Coalition (Canada).

Acknowledgements

Thank you for your solidarity and your trust

For almost 80 years, Swiss Solidarity has been able to count on the solidarity of private donors, businesses, foundations and public bodies (cantons, towns and municipalities). Thank you so much for your support!

Swiss Solidarity uses the donations entrusted to it in a responsible and sustainable manner. Responsible, because it scrutinises the projects submitted by its Swiss partner organisations according to rigorous criteria and submits them for final assessment. The Foundation's goal must be to provide aid to people affected by crises and disasters as quickly and as comprehensively as possible. Sustainable, because, to the extent that donations allow, Swiss Solidarity guarantees medium-term support for the population and partner organisations, and thus maintains its presence beyond the emergency phase. In doing so, the original earmarking of the funds is always respected.

Swiss Solidarity would like to extend its warmest thanks to its institutional, operational and media partners for their longstanding support:



Swisscom

Swisscom supports Swiss Solidarity by providing donations and supplying equipment, infrastructure and services (telephone lines and freephone numbers) on National Days of Solidarity.



UBS

As part of its company volunteering programme, the bank's customer service employees help us on National Days of Solidarity by taking pledges by phone at the Swiss Solidarity call centre during peak hours.



BonusCard.ch SA

Customers can donate their loyalty points to Swiss Solidarity.

KEYSTONE SDA

Keystone-SDA

Keystone-SDA authorises Swiss Solidarity to use its news images from disaster- and crisis-hit areas in Switzerland and abroad free of charge, thereby providing essential support for communication and fundraising activities.



Radio Régionales Romandes

These 10 private radio stations in the French-speaking cantons broadcast Swiss Solidarity's appeals for donations and provide the public with information on how the funds raised are put to use.



Däster-Schild Stiftung

Swiss Solidarity has been one of Däster-Schild Stiftung's humanitarian partners for many years. This foundation, which is also heavily engaged in the canton of Solothurn, supports development cooperation and emergency humanitarian aid projects.

“Däster-Schild Stiftung provides humanitarian aid to people in situations of great distress. Swiss Solidarity ensures that this aid reaches the beneficiaries and responds to their needs”

Adriano Vella

Member of the Board of Trustees of Däster-Schild Stiftung and Head of International Development Cooperation and Humanitarian Emergencies.



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Donor conferences

Swiss Solidarity is committed to the principles of transparency and accountability and cultivates dialogue with its donors. In 2024, at two conferences held in Geneva and Zurich, Swiss Solidarity, its partner NGOs and journalists from SRG SSR discussed work in the field and the media coverage surrounding crises and disasters. The impressive public turnout and lively Q&A sessions provided us with an incentive to continue this events series.

Bequests

Swiss Solidarity would like to express its gratitude to all those who have mentioned the Foundation in their wills. Thanks to bequests and inheritances, the Foundation can help people affected by crises and disasters, quickly and without red tape.

Those interested can request a free, confidential consultation.



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