WHAT MAKES WOMEN UNBEATABLE?
Our vision is a just world in which all men and women determine the course of their lives in dignity and security, using environmental resources in a sustainable manner.

“We want our children to have the choice we didn’t have – to be able to study and find a good job.”

“I completed the 16-week-training with an award. I am happy to have attended a course that jump-started my career as developer.”

“We were told that we women count for less. Many women do not know that we have the same rights as men.”

FAIR OPPORTUNITIES make women unbeatable, and skills development plays a major part in creating those opportunities. Earning an income of their own makes women financially independent and reinforces their role in society. Everyone needs a fair opportunity to be able to determine their own future.
Helvetas has been contributing to efforts to alleviate poverty, working to advance human rights, and fighting injustice across the globe since it was founded in 1955. Poor and disadvantaged people and communities are at the center of our work. Together, we create new prospects, leveraging existing potential, strengths, and assets: we help people to help themselves. We provide humanitarian response following natural disasters and in conflict situations. We always work closely with local partner organizations from civil society and the private sector, as well as with local authorities.

Donations from private individuals, foundations, Swiss cantons, municipalities and businesses, and a contribution from the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), enable us to implement our long-term development program in some 33 countries. In addition, we carry out mandated development projects for SDC, the State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (Seco) and numerous international clients. We combine humanitarian response and development support and we provide advisory services to private and public contractors.

Helvetas is a non-profit association, with a strong member base in Switzerland and sister organizations in Germany and the United States. We are a member of Alliance2015, a strategic network of eight European non-governmental organizations. Helvetas is denominationally neutral and politically independent.

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Innovation pays

Only a few years back, we were pleased that the Millennium Development Goals were being met in many parts of the world. Poverty was declining and so was child mortality. Now those rates are rising again, and hunger, poverty and distress are increasing, with the war in Ukraine making matters worse. A far greater effort than before is needed to meet the United Nations’ 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development goals. It requires innovative organizations, such as Helvetas, which assist and strengthen people’s position with an eye on the future. With your support, young people in cities are earning an income, women are managing their finances with new apps, farmers are increasing their yields using climate-resistant seed, and municipalities are improving their services. With these lines, I bid farewell as President convinced that Helvetas is a strong partner, a solidly positioned organization that is currently the case in Ukraine. Many thanks for your trust. Your financial support and commitment to our common cause enable us to work for fair life chances so that people affected by poverty, war and disasters can shape their lives in a self-determined way.

Inequality threatens progress

For many years we felt optimistic about development as people’s lives around the world improved from year to year. Now, though, it seems as if the world is coming apart at the seams. People worldwide are fighting for peace, justice and equal rights – but also simply for their own survival. Coronavirus and wars are weakening our health, food security and basic education, as well as threatening our health, food security and basic education, as well as weakening the economy and increasing inequality. In the past year alone, the combined fortunes of the world’s 2,758 billionaires have increased by five trillion Swiss francs, while at the same time 160 million people who had just lifted themselves out of poverty have been pushed back into it. Inequality imperils social peace. Where poverty reigns, conflict is often not far away, be it over rare public goods such as water and land, or over political domination. Resentment boils up in fast-expanding cities, and among young people without any job prospects. Disasters, conflicts, climate change and now the war in Ukraine are wrecking people’s opportunities in life. Without opportunities, however, there is no social cohesion. Development is indispensable because it offers fertile ground for peace, as does progress for development. Thank you for contributing to create new prospects for disadvantaged people.
WHY DOES DEMOCRACY FLOURISH IN THE OPEN AIR?

Services can be improved by taking planning out of the office and to the people. As part of the Sharique project in Bangladesh, municipal authorities now carry out some of their work in public, accounting for their work and expenditure, project plans and budgets. They debate priorities with voters and have tripled spending on concerns of women and for the most disadvantaged people.
POVERTY OR PROSPERITY IS A MATTER OF CHANCE

For every one of us, where we are born is our single greatest chance in life. Where we are born determines our opportunities later in life. The promise of equal opportunities for all is the greatest broken promise of today’s world.

Every child has the right to a healthy life. But, worldwide, 450 million children have no access to safe drinking water. Their chance for healthy development and a good education is thus hampered from the start. An environment’s social and political context determines the opportunities and obstacles in a person’s life – no matter where you are born in the world.

According to research by World Bank economist Branko Milanovic, more than 50 percent of a person’s income can be explained by their country of birth, and 20 percent by their family background. In other words, prosperity is only minimally related to individual performance and personal responsibility. Prosperity depends primarily on geographical and family origin. Thirst for knowledge, ideas and talent play a subordinate role. They only come into play when someone is given the chance to develop them. Or, as Napoleon summarized, “Ability is nothing without opportunity.”

A child in Switzerland will get a promising start in life, thanks to the country’s reliable healthcare system, educational opportunities, economic situation and welfare provisions, as well as its stable political location in the center of Europe and the possibilities to influence policy through direct democracy. Poverty exists in Switzerland, too – not every child enjoys the same preconditions. Even here, a child’s early opportunities are affected by where she grows up, her parents’ educational background and migration story, income and inheritance, health and gender, and the child’s name and religion.

Fair chances to fight poverty
In many parts of the world, however, children simply do not have these fundamental advantages at birth and in early life. It is an accident of birth that people in Switzerland only have to turn on the tap to satisfy their thirst, while up until November 2021 Madina Muhuthage (p. 19) had to draw water for her children from a dirty hole in the ground.

It was an accident of birth that made it impossible for Sundar Thapa from Nepal to receive any vocational training. Although he was able to attend school, he could not learn a trade because of his parents’ poverty. Now he sells cheap wares from his hawker’s tray to bus passengers in Kathmandu, and has neither a regular income nor any form of social security. He regrets never having had a chance to forge a more secure future for himself and his family.

Gender is another factor that affects the course of a person’s life. The World Bank estimates that, on average, women have only three-quarters of the legal rights that men enjoy. That “on average” is misleading, though. Only ten countries in the world guarantee women precisely the same rights as men; Switzerland is not one of them, because women are disadvantaged by childcare and pension arrangements. Billions of women were born by chance in countries where

157,998 girls and boys got their chance to go to school in 2021 thanks to Helvetas.

they have fewer rights than men, and where social realities impede them from exercising those rights. Such is the case of Clemencia López Cabrera from Guatemala, who for a long time believed people around her when they said that women and their opinions counted for less.

A secure future in a world worth living in
Regardless of where we happened to be born, we all share the same values and the same heartfelt concerns. These include the need for autonomy and self-deter-
Helvetas works with and for people living in poverty. We work in countries that are among the poorest in the world as well as in middle-income countries and in fragile, insecure regions. Because our experience shows that sustainable development takes time, we are committed to long-term efforts of creating fair opportunities for all.

**Every single person counts**

For each of our 304 projects, Helvetas collects annual data on how many women and men have directly benefited from improvements such as vocational training courses, new water connections or safer migration, and how many organizations and institutions have been strengthened. The figures reflect the situation as of December 31, 2021. Due to adjusted data collection methods, they cannot be compared with those of the previous year.
In most Maya families in the western highlands of Guatemala it is the women and girls who are responsible for childcare and household chores, along with most of the work in the fields. And yet they still cannot get ahead in life. The only place they can sell their small and irregular crops is on local markets, and the prices are correspondingly low. Larger buyers expect predictable volumes of standardized quality according to a fixed schedule.

ProDert is a Helvetas project to strengthen the small-farmer economy in five rural provinces in the western highlands. The project encourages women small-holders to form groups and increase the productivity of their crop and livestock production. The second stage involves linking up these groups so that they can jointly negotiate with buyers and attain better prices. Finally, these networks become formal cooperatives so that they can also supply large-scale buyers and benefit from economies of scale. This is a process that strengthens women economically and socially.

Evelyn Caniz is one of these women. After hearing about the project, Evelyn seized her chance and started producing eggs, even though it wasn’t easy to raise her share of the seed capital, which was a condition for taking part. She and other women received training in poultry farming. They learned to organize, negotiate and stand up for themselves as well as acquiring leadership skills. “There were many things we didn’t understand at the beginning, for example what a network was,” Evelyn Caniz says. “Now we’re swamped with requests. Various organizations have invited us to teach them about our success.”

The women are advised, trained and supported by strong partners such as local authorities, ministries, educational institutions, seed suppliers, bulk buyers, savings and loan institutions, and development organizations. Helvetas places special emphasis on environmentally friendly production methods and climate resilience. Over 27,000 women and men are benefiting from these changes which were initiated with the support of the Fédération Genevoise de Coopération (FGC), the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency (SIDA) and the program contribution from SDC.

“We’ve made great economic progress thanks to our newly acquired leadership skills,” Evelyn Caniz says. “Our plans have become reality and we’ve established our own brand, Doña Huevo. It brings in more than 200,000 quetzals (23,500 CHF) per month or over three million quetzals per year. We’re proud of our results, and now we’re millionaires! We’re currently close to signing a major deal and a very good one.”

Evelyn Caniz is president of a cooperative that produces and markets eggs, honey, tomatoes, potatoes and chicken and pig feed. She represents the concerns of smallholder women farmers in the Economic Development Committee of the District Council as well as in the Provincial Development Council, and advises other cooperatives. The women used to have to beg their husbands for every penny, Evelyn tells us. Nowadays the men work for their wives’ businesses, which allows the women to attend courses and develop their knowledge. Evelyn’s partner also does a share of the housework now – another important aspect of the project. Because there can only be fair opportunities for all when everyone enjoys the same rights and has the same responsibilities.

“‘We’re committed to continuing on this path because we want development for our community, for the women and for our young people.’

Evelyn Caniz (center) with her colleagues during contract negotiations to establish a cooperative.
Pressure is growing on water resources in Bolivia. As farmers and mining companies argue over access, climate change is turning water into a precious commodity. As part of an SDC project Helvetas is helping the authorities in two river basins to draw up a fair water management plan and ensure that 10,000 families in this part of the high Andes are not forgotten and can improve their living conditions – including with greenhouses that allow tomatoes to ripen even many meters above sea level.

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Helvetas implements development and humanitarian aid projects. We ensure basic rights, create new perspectives, and strengthen good governance. We also provide technical advisory services, develop subject-specific expertise, and engage in political dialogue and lobbying.

Ensuring basic rights
Water, food and climate
In 2021, 3,303,121 women and men gained sustainable access to water, sanitation, good hygiene, better nutrition or natural resources and benefited from higher yields or improved climate resilience. They worked with Helvetas to install pumping wells and latrines as well as learning important hygiene principles and new, climate-adaptive farming techniques.

Creating new perspectives
Skills, jobs and income
In 2021, 643,690 young and mostly disadvantaged women and men gained access to education and vocational training, found a job or started their own business with Helvetas’ support. Over the same period, 14,651 small and medium-sized enterprises improved their access to markets and created jobs for disadvantaged people, while also offering sustainable products and better services.

Strengthening good governance
Voice, inclusion and cohesion
In 2021, 93,071 women and men have learned to claim their rights to basic public services or to transform local conflicts, with support from Helvetas. Over the same period, Helvetas cooperated with authorities and partner organizations to help 588,299 women and men plan their labor migration safely, responsibly, and profitably.

Alleviating suffering
Humanitarian response
In 2021, Helvetas supported 205,407 people after disasters such as the earthquake in Haiti, during the coronavirus crisis in Nepal, and such as the Rohingya refugees in the world’s largest refugee camp in Bangladesh. Helvetas combines rapid short-term humanitarian aid with long-term development cooperation so that people quickly have the chance to rebuild their daily lives and create prospects for the future.

4,833,588 people had a fair opportunity to lift themselves out of poverty with your support.
ENSURING BASIC RIGHTS

CLIMATE MIGRATION AND BIODIVERSITY

Millions of people are born in countries without safe drinking water, where food for a balanced diet is scarce and where they are poorly prepared to cope with climate change. We are grateful for your support and your commitment to giving these people a fair chance of improving their situation.

Important basics of hygiene

Only 25% of people in the Menabe region of Madagascar have access to clean water, and the sanitation situation is extremely precarious. In cooperation with ONE Drop and the Prince Albert II of Monaco Foundation, Helvetas promotes hygiene and environmental awareness among 69,000 people to ensure that the new water system is maintained in the long term and natural resources are conserved. People learn to adapt to climate change and prepare themselves for natural disasters. Additionally, new jobs in the environmental sector strengthen the role of women.

Finance app for savings groups

People who have no chance of opening a bank account often form savings groups. This is true for farmers in Tanzania who are optimizing their horticultural production to improve their income and diet. The members of over 500 savings groups involved in a Helvetas project can now use an app to make deposits, grant loans and pay interest, thus simplifying control and saving them time. The horticultural project, by the way, was awarded third prize by the UN and the government during the national commemoration of World Food Day because it contributes to reaching the second goal of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development – Zero hunger.

Our goal for 2021–24:

1 million people have gained direct access to safe drinking water

Goal 2024

2021 result: 592,070 people

Helvetas helps to achieve the following Agenda 2030 goals:

1 No poverty
2 Zero hunger
6 Clean water and sanitation
9 Industry, innovation and infrastructure
12 Responsible consumption and production
13 Climate action
17 Partnerships for the goals

“Every evening, when Madina Muhuthage lays her head to sleep, the last thought that crosses her mind is: “What will I feed my children tomorrow?” There is very little to eat where the young woman lives, especially in the dry season. For her whole life she has had to fetch water from a hole in the ground far from her home. That all ended in November 2021 when a new water system was inaugurated in her village. Now water comes flowing out of a tap near her house and she is delighted to have both clean water and more time for her other activities, one of which is baking bread and selling it on the local market.”

Madina Muhuthage, market vendor, Mozambique
Protection against erosion

Disaster preparedness is a matter of life and death in Haiti. The soils there tend to erode with the tiniest drop of rain, causing landslides and burying people and their crops. With support from Helvetas local people have built hundreds of meters of walls, including drystone walls, to protect their houses and fields. Two tropical storms struck in 2021, but the protected areas emerged unscathed.

Saving biodiversity

The biodiversity of the Bregalnica river basin in North Macedonia can only be protected if local people do not depend on overexploiting the natural environment for their livelihood. This is ensured by an SDC project that was initially implemented by Helvetas and is now supported by a local organization. One particular success was the classification of part of the region as a nature conservation area. Farmers, foresters, scientists, countryside planners and politicians are now working to establish a natural park based on the Swiss model that encompasses both ecotourism and local, natural products.

“Organizing a campaign from scratch was an unexplored path for all of us”

Because of an outdated national law, municipalities in Kyrgyzstan didn’t use to be allowed to finance repairs to decaying irrigation canals. Farmers started a campaign that eventually resulted in a new national law. How? Jyldyz Abdylbaeva explains.

Why did Helvetas support this advocacy process?

Irrigated agriculture is one of the mainstays of farming livelihoods in southern Kyrgyzstan. However, access to irrigation is unreliable, and farmers suffer huge harvest losses which bring with them severe financial risks for their families. Through its Irrigation Water Integrity Project (IWIP) Helvetas supported a local initiative of civil society, affected farmers and local authorities to resolve this problem. The process of advocating for a new law and having it approved by the government, the parliament and the president was a unique experience for us.

What were the challenges?

Organizing a campaign from scratch was new for all of us, but the problem was very acute. Since there was no appropriate stakeholder who would own the campaign, we established an Initiative Group consisting of representatives of farmers and local authorities as well as other partners. We were well trained and guided by experts from Helvetas. The result was a successful bottom-up campaign during which we learned what a campaign like this requires – patience, facts and a knowledge of political processes.

We are proud to have set the first example in Kyrgyzstan that bottom-up advocacy works and that the effort is worth it!

What is the impact of the success?

The new law will apply to the whole country as irrigation problems are systemic and have been observed nationwide. The success of this courageous Initiative Group will benefit farmers all over Kyrgyzstan. The legislation will finally allow local authorities to take on responsibility for local irrigation service provision and infrastructure and invest in it. We expect that the reform will be of great benefit to the affected farmers.

Open data for health

Globally, a quarter of all health facilities have no water supply, putting patients and staff at risk. In-formation gaps prevent the responsible persons and institutions from properly prioritizing investments for water, sanitation and hygiene services, including infrastructure, maintenance and behavior change. The organization Global Water Challenge aims to close this gap with a publicly accessible digital platform. The WASH Health Facility Data Exchange (WHdx) platform is being developed by renowned institutions such as the Centers for Disease Control (CDC) and Emory University – with the support of WASH specialists such as Helvetas.
ENTREPRENEURSHIP AND CREDITWORTHINESS

All of us rely on getting a solid basic education so that we can later learn a profession; we also depend on businesses creating jobs. Many children, however, grow up in countries where their chances of attending school and finding a job are slim. We are grateful for your help to ensure that fair opportunities are not a matter of chance.

Our goal for 2021–24:
320,000
women and men have attended a vocational education and training

“A vision becomes a reality”

The goal of the Naafa project is to boost employment and entrepreneurship for young people in urban, peri-urban and rural parts of Burkina Faso. It uses an innovative approach called “life project”.

What lies behind the idea of the “life project”? Let’s take a young man who never had the chance to attend school. The project enables him to analyze his skills, his capabilities, his situation and his environment and also what he’d like to do in life. This all helps him to work out his own “life project” – his vision of his future. That might be, to keep chickens.

What are the advantages of this approach? The guidance it provides, and social and economic integration. That is because the young man will discuss his project with his family and his community to gain their support and consult with them about what resources he needs for his life project. This may be land that his village provides for his chicken coop. After this, the project will provide personalized theoretical and practical training as well as ongoing mentoring as he implements his project.

Are there challenges in this approach? The approach is new to young people, but once they have understood the concept, they are highly motivated. The parental support element is also essential. Implementing the project is a demanding process, but it benefits everyone.

Loans at last
Agriculture has enormous potential, but climate change is making it harder and harder for farmers to cultivate their fields. Helvetas is helping young people in Mali to change their attitudes to agriculture and see the opportunities it can offer. One of the major problems farmers face is the lack of access to credits. Cooperatives are especially reliant on cash to be able to purchase produce from their members and sell it on at a profit. Helvetas has now managed to arrange banking for the cooperatives and give them access to funding.

Green construction sector
With support from Helvetas and Bern University of Applied Sciences, Bhutan has developed a new curriculum for vocational training in the construction sector, with the aim of improving its energy efficiency. Meanwhile, the relevant ministry has been developing political strategies with Helvetas to embed the necessary core skills in the vocational training system and facilitate the transition to a greener economy.

“CREATING NEW PERSPECTIVES

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What We Do

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Helvetas has brought together people
in Sucre, the capital of Bolivia, Helvetas has brought together people from the private sector, academia, the authorities and youth organizations in order to strengthen start-up companies. One of the outcomes of this process is the Fundación ACTIVATE, an agency where young entrepreneurs can get help, ask questions and attend courses. They have also done some joint advocacy, and there is a new law to stimulate local businesses.

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PEACEBUILDING AND UNDOCUMENTED MIGRANTS

Billions of people are born in countries where there is limited access to basic public services, where they have to seek jobs elsewhere as economic migrants or have been displaced by war and conflict. Thank you for helping to give these people a voice.

Recognition from the UN Secretary-General

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Urban development

Switzerland has been supporting Bosnia and Herzegovina’s transition to a socially oriented, inclusive market economy and a decentralized, democratic system since 1996. On behalf of the State Secretariat for Economic Affairs (Seco), Helvetas is working jointly with ETH Zurich and Zurich city council to help implement an urban transformation project in the capital, Sarajevo. Its aim is to introduce a more transparent and participative urban and regional development planning system that contributes to long-term economic growth. The project also aims at making the city more climate resilient and more attractive.

“Girls keep being taken from public schools and put in religious schools. I don’t think that’s good.”

Dilbora Irisova, school pupil, Kyrgyzstan

Helvetas helps to achieve the following Agenda 2030 goals:

- Gender equality
- Reduced inequalities
- Sustainable cities and communities
- Peace, justice and strong institutions

2021: 81,814 people

Goal 2024

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Helvetas works with local governments, civil society and citizens to ensure that local decision-making is collaborative, inclusive and sustainable. Helvetas is developing a new governance program to strengthen its engagement on these issues.

Craig Hatcher, why is Helvetas’ commitment to governance so important?

Governance is about ensuring everyone has a voice in shaping their own future. We do this by empowering women, men, youth, migrants and indigenous persons and strengthening civil society organizations to actively engage in local decision-making. A community might prioritize funding for a new school over fixing a road, for example. At the same time, we support national, regional and local governments in fostering inclusive decision-making processes and delivering services for all, leaving no one behind.

How are you going to ensure innovation?

During the pandemic some council meetings moved from town hall to online. That provided new opportunities for citizens to participate. The participatory power of such digital tools needs to be harnessed more. Then there is urbanization. Job opportunities are pulling migrants from rural areas to cities. This urban growth poses challenges in providing basic services such as water and sanitation for everyone. Helvetas looks for ways to ensure that rapid urbanization benefits everyone, especially the poor and marginalized.

Craig Hatcher is an advisor on governance for Helvetas.

Would you like to learn more about Helvetas’ new governance program? Contact craig.hatcher@helvetas.org

Legal assistance

It started as an experiment and ended as a success. Helvetas explored in Lao PDR if, and how, gender-based violence can be discussed in public, whether traditional perceptions can be changed, and how best to provide legal assistance to women (and men) affected by violence. 4,665 women and 3,449 men were sensitized, 162 women and 23 men received legal support, and 205 judges, police officers and prosecutors were trained to handle cases. Procedural issues were also clarified, to facilitate access to justice.

Migration as an exit strategy

More and more people in Bangladesh set out to find possibilities of earning an income in nearby towns or faraway cities because higher sea levels are raising the salinity of soils and water. Studies show that migration is an increasingly common climate-adaptation strategy. The problem is that many people don’t know their rights, so Helvetas is helping them to choose safe and profitable options and also harness new technologies to forge a viable future at home.

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Harnessing the potential of the diaspora

Helvetas’ longstanding experience in the Western Balkans and recent studies in Eastern Partnership countries have confirmed the enormous potential of working with the diaspora to contribute to development in their countries of origin. R.ECONOMY is a 12-country program funded by the Swedish International Development Cooperation Agency and implemented by Helvetas to strengthen green and inclusive economies and regional cooperation. It also aims to identify the barriers to diaspora engagement, and ways of tapping into this under-exploited potential.

Standing up to hate

On behalf of the Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund, Helvetas distributes money to civil society organizations in Sri Lanka that work with and for disadvantaged young people to prevent violent extremism and political radicalization. The goal is for young people to learn to engage in a dialogue with local authorities and the security forces and to be open-minded towards people from other religions or ethnic groups. The project also stimulates critical thinking and mediation skills in conflict situations, and counters hate speech and fake news through targeted campaigns.

Challenges we faced in 2021

People who are forced to live without official papers often have no access to education, healthcare and a secure job, nor are they allowed to purchase property. In many places they cannot open a bank account or get a mobile phone without papers. Helvetas wanted to provide financial support to women and men in Nepal who had lost their income due to Covid. Since many of the most disadvantaged people Helvetas works with have no official ID, the money could only be paid once their municipalities had issued them the requisite documents. People need papers to claim their rights and get access to essential services. Again and again, this hinders Helvetas’ work.
No one gets to choose whether he or she is born in Switzerland or in earthquake-prone Haiti, in crumbling Lebanon, in Covid-ravaged Nepal or as a Rohingya in Myanmar. Thank you for supporting people in distress and helping them to create new prospects for themselves. Fair opportunities must not be left to chance.

**SEEDS AND ACCOMMODATION**

**Food for Beirut**

**Lebanon** has long been in an economic hole, but its troubles have deepened since the devastating explosion in Beirut’s port in 2020. Inflation has risen to horrendous levels and food has become virtually unaffordable. Helvetas is working with farmers to supply healthy food to some of the city’s most disadvantaged residents. It is supporting farming families to produce more with natural inputs, and social businesses to sell the products to people in particular need.

**Affordable disinfectant**

Disinfectant was in short supply during the coronavirus pandemic in **Mozambique**, which meant that prices soared and some health centers went without. With funding from SDC and advice from Helvetas, a domestic social enterprise produces medical alcohol from the waste from sugarcane production and perishable cashew apples. Not only does this make disinfectant available, it also generates additional income for smallholder families.

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- **1** No poverty
- **2** Zero hunger
- **3** Good health and well-being
- **6** Clean water and sanitation
- **10** Reduced inequalities
- **16** Peace and justice

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“But then my husband died from Covid-19. I found myself alone with three children in a foreign country, with a broken heart.”

Aixa Cayupare Dasilva, doctor, refugee and widow, Peru
What was the biggest of the many challenges in 2021?
The lockdown situation, which was only lifted in August. We weren’t able to move, and we knew how great the misery was. Eventually we were able to coordinate relief by organizing WhatsApp meetings and training sessions on mobile phones. Rohingya refugees aren’t allowed to have mobile phones but some of our volunteers are from the host communities and so they could act as intermediaries. We built up a strong working relationship with the Bangladesh government and were one of the first organizations allowed back into the camps after the lockdown.

Looking back at 2021, what did Helvetas do?
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WHAT WE DO

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MULTIPLIERS AND ADVOCACY

The world needs people who recognize interconnections and show solidarity so that the goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development can be used for this purpose, but all too often it is neglected. As part of AVANTI, an initiative of the International Fund for Agricultural Development (IFAD), Helvetas is building the capacity of agriculture ministries in 17 countries to make the most of their knowledge and exchange information with civil society organizations and the private sector.

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Looking to the future with Alliance Sud

Alliance Sud is a think-and-do tank formed by Swiss aid organizations and has recently been incorporated as a formal association. Helvetas’ managing director, Melchior Lengsfeld, was closely involved in the restructuring process carried out in 2021. The platform pools knowledge about Swiss foreign, trade, climate and tax policy, and advocates for a coordinated policy framework to tackle structural disadvantages for people living in the Global South. Helvetas supports the development policy work of Alliance Sud because a coherent trade, climate and tax policy is one of Switzerland’s greatest levers for global poverty reduction.

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Educational work is essential if young people are to understand the interconnections between global issues. Their actions influence the course of the world as much as those of older generations, as Anna van der Ploeg explains in the interview below. Helvetas works closely with students to achieve this.

How does Helvetas establish contacts with universities and students?

One of the best ways of getting a foot in the door is our traveling exhibition “GLOBAL HAPPINESS: What do we need to be happy?” We offer it in poster format for student events. Students get interested, it pricks their curiosity, and they start discussing things. Bern University of Teacher Training is currently developing an online learning module on the same subject. The idea is that students who engage with questions of happiness and sustainability can convey this enthusiasm later as teachers. They are important multipliers.

Why is it useful for an NGO like Helvetas to work with Swiss students?

Today’s students are tomorrow’s influencers. We want to raise their awareness, draw their attention to inequalities and point out possible solutions. At the same time, students also bring with them an amazing amount of knowledge and commitment. Together we have a chance to embed sustainability in everyday life, because that is the most important factor for moving towards a better world.

What does that mean in practice?

We are for example on the steering committee of the national centre for student engagement, “Focus Sustainability”. We’re working with WWF and the Impact Hub to engage with student leaders who are currently trying to set up a knowledge center about sustainable projects. This will enable us to disseminate our expertise on topics such as climate justice, project management and communications, forge links with the Global South, help students to successfully initiate their sustainability projects – and bring benefits to people in the South.

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RURAL DEVELOPMENT AND PROGRESS

Helvetas is convinced that experiences are there to be shared so we can learn from them and better achieve our goals. One instrument for doing this is carefully facilitated knowledge exchange between all the stakeholders.

We have eight years left to meet the goals of the UN’s 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (SDGs). Given that over 800 million people worldwide go hungry and populations are rising in several regions of the world, every government needs to focus on rural development. The priority must be livelihoods and strategies to cope with the consequences of climate change.

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The idea behind this is that if institutions and organizations share their data and interpret it from their different perspectives, they will be more likely to figure out whether measures that have been implemented – e.g. for combating malnutrition or strengthening women’s economic position – actually have the desired impact. If this is not the case, then they can adapt their strategies and policies to make sure that rural development fulfills its potential.

The initiative addresses the beginning of a very long impact chain. Experts and specialists from Helvetas and IFAD, one of its partner organizations, carefully facilitate this process, which acts as a kind of “synchronizing” of knowledge. As many actors as possible are brought together around one table with the objective of helping agriculture ministries to break out of their traditional thinking patterns and to cooperate with all the different actors involved in rural development. They all use a specially developed tool and process to identify and analyze weaknesses. The next step is then to draw on this analysis to develop and implement practical improvements. The experiences in Ghana, Peru, Laos and Samoa have been promising.

AVANTI makes the conclusions from 17 countries available worldwide in order to stimulate further learning. The studies highlight trends and general bottlenecks as well as tried-and-tested practices. There is a growing need for these kinds of mediated multi-stakeholder arrangements as they can improve information exchange for the planning of projects, programs, strategies and policies in complex contexts.

For further information see avantiagriculture.org
Why we actively engage Helvetas Annual Report 2021

Young women and men are never short of plans for their own futures, but they are short of opportunities to realize those plans. Helvetas has come up with an answer to the problem of high youth unemployment in Mozambique. Short training courses for sought-after jobs prepare young people for the world of work. As the case of Neuza Yacussa (pictured) shows, there is great demand for trained staff. The company she trained with immediately took her on as an instructor.

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Who has a say with the saw?
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### Our Finances

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**Financial management during disasters and for humanitarian aid**

Disasters and crises require different financial management than long-term development cooperation. Following the 2015 earthquake in Nepal, the flight of Rohingya refugees to Bangladesh in 2017 or the current war in Ukraine, speed and flexibility were and are the highest priority. Nevertheless, transactions must always obey the same principles of security, quality and transparency. Helvetas staff have the necessary experience and skills, and we are continually building our capacity and further improving our procedures to ensure that funding is always used as planned, even in unstable circumstances and emergency situations.

**Financial audit**

KPMG audited the accounts and financial statements and approved these May 14, 2022. Their audit report and the complete 2021 financial report can be viewed at the offices of Helvetas, Weinbergstrasse 22a, 8001 Zurich and downloaded in German from our website helvetas.org/finanzbericht

The financial statements are presented in CHF thousand (KCHF). Due to the selected number format, there may be rounding differences between individual amounts and totals.

### Balance Sheet

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**Restricted fund capital** | 9,612 | 5,940 |
**Liabilities incl. fund capital** | 67,453 | 62,076 |
**Elaborated unrestricted capital** | 13,145 | 13,341 |
**Elaborated restricted capital** | 19,618 | 15,118 |
**Organizational capital** | 32,763 | 28,459 |

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### Statement of Operations

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“WE SHARE THE SAME GOALS”

What if hurricanes keep destroying livelihoods or there is no opportunity to develop job skills? The foundation WIR TEILEN: Fastenopfer Liechtenstein is creating the right conditions for their lives to take people in their own hands in Haiti and Burkina Faso. The foundation is one of many Helvetas partners who are generating fair opportunities for disadvantaged people.

“We want economically and socially disadvantaged people to be able to live their lives in dignity and security,” says Werner Meier, the chair of the board of WIR TEILEN. “We want a fair world in which everyone can shape their lives the way they would like. In other words, we share the same goals as Helvetas.” WIR TEILEN has been working with Helvetas since 2010. The Liechtenstein-based foundation has supported 16 projects in that time, nine of them focusing on access to water and sanitation. The foundation has supported 16 projects in that time, nine of them focusing on access to water and sanitation. The foundation has supported 16 projects in that time, nine of them focusing on access to water and sanitation. The foundation has supported 16 projects in that time, nine of them focusing on access to water and sanitation. The foundation has supported 16 projects in that time, nine of them focusing on access to water and sanitation.

“GLOBAL HAPPINESS: What do we need to be happy?”, raising work Helvetas does through exhibitions such as the right people. Equally important is the awareness of their money really does reach the right place and benefit disadvantaged people. It is Helvetas’ many decades of experience that WIR TEILEN appreciates: “Knowing that there are local staff in the field, providing expert assistance to the projects, builds trust. We have repeatedly seen for ourselves that the projects are well designed, and communication is clear, open and transparent,” says Werner Meier. WIR TEILEN is currently reinforcing disaster preparedness in Haiti and promoting young entrepreneurs in Burkina Faso. For the foundation it is important to be able to prove to donors that their money really does reach the right place and benefit the right people. Equally important is the awareness-raising work Helvetas does through exhibitions such as “GLOBAL HAPPINESS: What do we need to be happy?”, raising work Helvetas does through exhibitions such as “GLOBAL HAPPINESS: What do we need to be happy?”, raising work Helvetas does through exhibitions such as “GLOBAL HAPPINESS: What do we need to be happy?”, raising work Helvetas does through exhibitions such as “GLOBAL HAPPINESS: What do we need to be happy?”, raising work Helvetas does through exhibitions such as “GLOBAL HAPPINESS: What do we need to be happy?”, raising work Helvetas does through exhibitions such as “GLOBAL HAPPINESS: What do we need to be happy?”, raising work Helvetas does through exhibitions such as “GLOBAL HAPPINESS: What do we need to be happy?”, raising work Helvetas does through exhibitions such as “GLOBAL HAPPINESS: What do we need to be happy?”, raising work Helvetas does through exhibitions such as “GLOBAL HAPPINESS: What do we need to be happy?”, raising work 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Agency for Water, Canada
Development Cooperation, Honduras

Ethiopia
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Peacebuilding

SIDA, Swedish International Economic Affairs

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Norad, Norwegian Agency for Development Cooperation
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People in Need
Plan Binacional de Desarrollo de la Region Fronteriza Peru – Ecuador

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RESET Plus Innovation Fund, Ethiopia

SECO, State Secretariat for Economic Affairs
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TIU, Tanzania Teachers' Union
UNDP, UN Development Programme
UNEP, UN Environment Programme
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Usaid, U.S. Agency for International Development
Usdos, U.S. Department of State
Vcdd, Vredesailanden

Whr, Deutsche Weltwirtschaft e.V.

World Bank
Wfp, World Food Programme
Wwf USA
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Partnerships, Alliances and Networks
AfC, Agriculture and Finance Consultants GmbH
AGUASAN Community of Practice
Alliance for Water Stewardship
Alliance Sud

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HHU, Hamburg University of Applied Sciences

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“Fai has supported Helvetas since 2009 because they are a well-qualified and reliable partner. We have been working together since 2017 to help strengthen civil society in Laos, foster dialogue with the authorities and ensure that young people drive growth in the country.”

Stefania Manin, vice-president, Fondation Assistance Internationale – FAI

Beam Exchange
Better Cotton Initiative
Cartas Schweiz
CGAP, Consultative Group to Support the Poor
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Eei, Employment & Income Network
Eawag
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Ecology

Fastenopfer
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Foden, Federal Office for the Environment
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FieldBiz, Swiss Forum for Skills Development and International Cooperation
GGF, Green Climate Fund

Gemeinsam für Afrika Netzwerk
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