

A young girl with dark skin and braided hair is smiling broadly, holding a small, speckled goat. She is wearing a red and blue long-sleeved shirt. The background is a dry, dusty landscape with some green grass in the distance.

# ANNUAL REPORT 2016

## VÉTÉRINAIRES SANS FRONTIÈRES SUISSE



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## EDITORIAL

### HEALTHY AND SAFE

Dear friends,

I would like to start this report by talking about John Lomoi from South Sudan. His father got killed by a gang. His step-father mishandled him. While John was desperate to leave the house, he got caught by an armed group and forced to become a child soldier. He saw his friends suffering and dying. Every day, he prayed to survive and to be released.

Here, in Europe, we buy water in plastic bottles. We eat strawberries in winter. We put food in the fridge so that it is still fresh when we put it on the table. We

can barely imagine the sufferings and the misery that prevail in South Sudan. Even when child soldiers are reunited with their families, they are hungry because food is too expensive.

The neighboring countries, Ethiopia and Somalia, are also threatened by famine. 2016 was characterized by the worst drought in 60 years. People cannot water their vegetables anymore. Their animals do not give them milk anymore. Their children are suffering from malnutrition. The families are praying for rain.

I am deeply touched by the persons who face hunger, thirst and fear every day but who do not give up. They fight to survive. And we support them in this aim. We build ponds, plant fodder and distribute food and healthy animals. When John Lomoi was released, we gave him two sheep as well as a survival kit with fishing gear, a mosquito net, soap, a kettle and seeds.

I am immensely proud that we support so many people in distress. I thank you from the bottom of my heart, dear friends, for your contribution to save lives through your donation.

And John? He can now live independently and he goes to school. He wants to become a vet.

Best regards,  
Ulrich Kihm



Ueli Kihm, President VSF-Suisse.

## FOREWORD BY THE EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR

# ENGAGEMENT

More than 8.000 people coming principally from Africa and the Middle East died in 2016 while trying to cross the Mediterranean Sea. Millions more are displaced within their country or in the neighboring states because of drought, famine and conflicts.

What can we do? In my mind, there is no doubt, we should follow the example of VSF-Suisse: continue to favor direct aid in the fields.

"They are not traveling because they like it!" sang the singer, it is indeed a necessity. As shows the fact that the search for protection and acceptable living conditions is often done by putting one's own life in danger as well as one's family's life. Those deaths on the road of exile are unbearable and should be avoided. As well as those of millions of people who famine is jeopardizing. The

images of those tragedies are now part of our everyday life, at the risk of becoming a habit and resulting in indifference.

It seems essential to me to reassert the importance and the urgency of direct aid that enables families to continue to live at home, to nourish their children and send them to school, and young people to be trained and find a job. It is to this

credo that volunteers and employees of VSF-Suisse commit themselves for almost 30 years now. They have a specific kind of skills to offer: animal health, which is vital for numerous populations in terms of daily food or to generate a small revenue. And this applies even more as the linkages between animal and human health are becoming more and more important and lead to joint programs under the "One Health" label.

In 2016, our staff in the field continued their outstanding work to help the most fragile and the most threatened populations, and this often in contexts of internal conflicts that put their own safety at risk. From South Sudan to Mali, including Somalia and Ethiopia, internal conflicts, states of emergency and terrorist actions have been jeopardizing the survival of millions of human beings already severely affected by climate change, droughts and other natural disasters.



Ethiopia: a beneficiary of the meat distribution organized with Swiss Solidarity.

Even though this constantly renewed engagement is not self-evident and may seem too limited considering the amount of suffering, we are convinced that it is necessary to pursue and reinforce it. Because each family is entitled to live at home in decent conditions. As long as this is not the case, we will have to keep fighting and give assistance to those populations in need.

The support of our donors shows us on a daily basis that indifference is not on the agenda. Again, we closed our accounts with a small positive result for the third year in a row, which reflects the fidelity of our partners, our members and donors. And the engagement of our collaborators to ceaselessly improve the quality of our services and their commitment toward the neediest. May everyone be warmly thanked.

Daniel Bolomey



Daniel Bolomey, Executive Director VSF-Suisse.

## VSF-SUISSE IN A NUTSHELL

### HEALTHY ANIMALS, HEALTHY PEOPLE, HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT

VSF-Suisse was founded in 1988 by a group of veterinary students at the University of Berne. Now, 29 years later, the organization follows the same goal as then: to support the poorest and most vulnerable African populations in building sustainable livelihoods in accordance with their way of life. This happens always in harmony with their environment and is mostly achieved through bringing livestock, which are of utmost importance for many African populations, good health. Healthy animals save lives!

Our teams in the field consist of veterinarians, project managers, coordinating and finance staff. They train people on-site in animal keeping and animal husbandry, vaccinate livestock, train lay veterinarians, and distribute healthy animals to families in times of crises. In applying these measures, VSF-Suisse manages to help entire families to build herds which they can keep by their own means. Subsequently, the animals produce the necessary food for the families. Excess animal products can be sold and thus provide the families with a sustainable income, so they are not dependent on aid anymore.

**From dependence to independence:  
VSF-Suisse's support makes it possible.**

### PASTORALISM

Pastoralists cultivate a centuries-old way of life based on livestock rearing. Their herds feed on grass and bushes. Nomads travel with their animals according to seasons and settle where their herds can best feed themselves. Pastoralists are dependent on what livestock gives them: they live on animal products they transform and sell the excess to satisfy their daily needs. Their herds are mostly composed of goats, sheep, cattle and camels. The fact that animals graze in the pastures and the bush allows fallow lands to be used in a sustainable way. Furthermore, pastoralists' herds provide a great part of the demand for meat in the regions they cross. For those reasons, it is vital for pastoralists to have access to veterinary health services and VSF-Suisse helps them in the creation of such structures.



## THE COMMITMENT OF VSF-SUISSE

### VISION

Healthy people derive their livelihoods from healthy livestock in a sustainable environment.



to promote  
**Environmental Health**



to support  
**Animal Health**



to ensure  
**People's Health**

### MISSION

Improve the well-being and resilience of vulnerable populations by promoting the health and productivity of their livestock within a sustainable environment.

### COUNTRY OVERVIEW

VSF-Suisse is active in the following countries:

- South Sudan      since 1995
- Kenya          since 2000
- Somalia          since 2000
- Togo              since 2002
- Mali              since 2004
- Ethiopia        since 2010





# **ZOOM** SUSTAINABILITY

## ZOOM

# SUSTAINABILITY

Tackling a drought exacerbated by the El Niño phenomenon, the lives of 12 million people are in jeopardy in the Horn of Africa. How can we prevent such humanitarian and climatic catastrophes?

Crop failure, epidemics, malnutrition, even famine in the worst cases: the drought severely impacts agriculture and health in addition to its socio-economic implications. We observe numerous displacements of populations who are searching for water and pastures for the livestock, if the animals do not go by themselves to find food. Weakened, they produce less milk—or even none at all—, a valuable source of vitamins. The livestock's value is plummeting in the markets while the price of basic food

items is skyrocketing, so that it is more and more difficult for the herders to sustain themselves.

Characterized by arid and semi-arid areas whose surface is likely to increase, it is not the first time that the Horn of Africa is confronted with such a situation. Climate change has profound consequences in this region, and it is vital to adapt and to prevent humanitarian catastrophes while offering life prospects. In this objective, governmental agencies



A pastoralist in Ethiopia

and NGOs are working to find sustainable solutions, supported by research and technology.

First of all, food and fodder distribution are indispensable to help those in the direst need and their animals, as we did last year in Ethiopia for instance. It is nevertheless necessary to adopt long-term strategies as well as to enhance the resilience of the populations.

In this perspective, agricultural approaches are aimed to improve the productivity of the farmers through the cultivation of drought-resistant plants. In parallel, more and more herders favor camels – which are better adapted to harsh climates – over cattle. In Kenya, we are training the population in camel rearing and camel milk marketing, which enable the beneficiaries to diversify their income and make themselves less vulnerable. Water access is of course of critical importance. In this matter, the opening

of irrigation canals and the rehabilitation of water dams strengthen the agricultural productivity. In Somalia, after having distributed animals and fodder seeds, we have rehabilitated dams and trained the farmers in maintenance.

Finally, it is essential to foresee drought and to inform the populations. This is where technology intervenes: cellphones are for example used to alert the inhabitants or to help them find grasslands. In Kenya, we have trained herders to monitor livestock diseases through smartphone applications.

Though humanitarian crises are generally caused by the interaction of several factors – climatic catastrophes, political and economic instability, etc. –, they are not a fatality, provided our efforts are coordinated.



A mother and her child in a displaced persons camp in Ethiopie

## WEST AFRICA

## EMPLOYMENT TO FIGHT POVERTY

Through income-generating activities, we contribute to the improvement of living conditions of marginalized populations.

In Togo, we have been working with peasants who live near the classified Abdoulaye Forest, where they used to hunt. We have raised their awareness concerning the preservation of the environment and we see major improvements in animal health, thanks to the treatments provided by the veterinary auxiliaries we formed. Healthy animals have been distributed and numerous trainings provided, so that the life of the residents has clearly improved.

In Mali, 2016 marked the beginning of the extension in the region of Kayes of our milk value chain project implemented in Bamako and its surroundings since 2004. Our objective is to strengthen nutrition security through a better access to milk and an optimal quality of the latter, but also to create jobs in the dairy sector, improve herders' revenues and stem the rural exodus.

This project targets particularly vulnerable social categories such as shepherds and small farmers, young people and women, who will sell the milk in their kiosks like they do in Bamako.

## 2016: OUR ACTION IN FIGURES

- 14 types of trainings provided
- 325 people trained in sustainable management of resources
- 922 animals distributed
- 1460 people attended our trainings
- 1896 beneficiaries
- 6 876 animals vaccinated and dewormed
- 800 herders involved in the milk value chain in Bamako
- More than 7 000 liters of milk produced daily
- 88 kiosks and selling points



Mali: a herder with his cows

## KENYA AND SOMALIA

## ADAPTING TO DROUGHT

As Kenya and Somalia are severely affected by drought, the objective of our work is to enable the populations to be more resilient to climate-related phenomena.

In Somalia, we continue our work in the Gedo region which is hosting thousands of people fleeing their home because of insecurity. We have provided emergency assistance, supported fodder production, distributed seeds and treated the livestock while training new veterinary auxiliaries. To improve water access in the long run, we work on the rehabilitation of canals and train farmers in their maintenance.

In Kenya, camels are at the heart of the drought adaptive strategy. In Isiolo County, we support the shift from cattle to camel rearing, as camels are more resistant. We train herders and veterinary auxiliaries in camel care and we support women groups active in camel milk marketing. From this year onwards, several members of different communities will also monitor livestock diseases through a smartphone application.

A shopkeeper in Kenya

## 2016: OUR ACTION IN FIGURES

- 80 hectares irrigated
- 410 farmers trained in canals maintenance
- 2 400 people benefitting from irrigation-related activities
- 812 849 animals treated
- 1 704 332 liters of milk sold
- 1 572 people trained in business management
- 92 181 treatments provided by veterinary auxiliaries
- 720 668 treatments provided by vet teams





## SOUTH SUDAN

# RESTORING LIVELIHOODS

South Sudan is facing an unprecedented political, humanitarian and economic crisis. Many regions of the country are in a state of famine, and the conflict is accompanied by multiple human rights abuses.

In this extremely difficult context, we were able in 2016 to pursue a dozen of projects and several are still ongoing in 2017.

Through veterinary treatments and the distribution of survival kits including fishing gear but also seeds and cereals that enable the beneficiaries to grow their own garden, our main focus is to improve food security and livelihoods.

Furthermore, one of our projects concerns the reintegration of children formerly associated with armed groups. For this purpose, we have launched awareness-raising campaigns on child protection. Our young beneficiaries are not only trained in rearing and agricultural practices, they have also received animals that are easy to raise – poultry or small ruminants –, which facilitates the return to their families and offers them life perspectives.

Despite instability and insecurity, our teams in the field accomplish an amazing work in favor of the most vulnerable.

## 2016: OUR ACTION IN FIGURES

- 9 pastoral field schools established
- 48 awareness-raising campaigns and trainings launched
- 666 children formerly associated with armed forces reintegrated into their families
- 2 709 249 animals treated
- 411 people trained in agronomic techniques
- 350 new veterinary auxiliaries trained
- 453 veterinary auxiliaries benefiting from ongoing training
- 1 045 077 beneficiary households



Landscape in South Sudan

## ETHIOPIA

## MOBILIZATION AGAINST THE DROUGHT

Ethiopia is still facing a drought exacerbated by the El Niño phenomenon, whose impact is especially severe in the Horn of Africa.

In 2016, in close collaboration with regional authorities, we prioritized emergency assistance in Ethiopia, principally in the Somali region, one of the areas most affected by drought. We were able to improve food security and thus the health of the inhabitants thanks to food distributions, notably of meat which is in line with dietary habits and nomadic traditions. Veterinary treatments provided by our teams in the field also made it possible to preserve animals' lives.

In the long haul, our projects target the strengthening of communities' capacities and the improvement of nutrition security. In this aim, we have increased water resources by rehabilitating boreholes and by training the inhabitants in their maintenance. On the other hand, we finished in 2016 a study from which we have just published the preliminary findings. This research explores the use of pastoral platforms to promote optimal maternal infant and young child nutrition practices for a better health and diet among the future generations.

Our beneficiaries and our staff during our meat distribution in Ethiopia

## 2016: OUR ACTION IN FIGURES

- 10 new veterinary auxiliaries trained
- 120 farmers supported in fodder production
- 225 animal health workers took part in our training courses
- 10 500 small ruminants received wheat
- 24 360 kilos of meat distributed
- 57 925 beneficiary households
- 1 389 142 animals treated



## ETHIOPIA

## FIGHTING MALNUTRITION

**Despite the progress made, 40% of infants in Ethiopia suffer from stunted growth due to malnutrition. Pastoral platforms can help to address this problem.**

In the Somali region, our research project Behavioral Change for Improved Nutrition (BCIN) has shown that pastoral community platforms can contribute to promote optimal nutrition practices for mother and child. The concerned structures are on the one hand pastoral field schools (PFS), and on the other hand village community banks (VICOBA). The first provide the pastoralists with the occasion to discuss their experiences, and the VICOBA, generally managed by women, are aimed at collecting savings.

Information on hygiene, breast milk or the best food for new-born babies were disseminated in the PFS and the VICOBA in the district of the research group. In this area, 85% of the mothers we interviewed declared that they had received information through community platforms and changed their habits, while they were only 14.2% in the control group, composed of women living in a district where we did not communicate any information.

Available on our website, the preliminary findings of the study reveal the importance of the integration of nutrition education in pastoral structures to tackle malnutrition.



A beneficiary and her children in a displaced persons camp in Ethiopia



Sorghum: a cereal distributed by the Ethiopian authorities because of the drought.

## ETHIOPIA

# EU INITIATIVE ON RESILIENCE

In the past ten years, Ethiopia has benefited from a steady economic growth of about 10%. Nevertheless, the enduring drought weighs on the economy, which is heavily affected by climate change as Ethiopia is mainly an agrarian country: 9 out of 10 inhabitants live on what the earth gives them.

To reduce poverty and to improve the living conditions, VSF-Suisse takes part in the RESET project of the European Union alongside other organizations. This ambitious initiative is aimed at enhancing the resilience and the capacities of the populations living in 41 woredas (districts) in 5 regions prone to natural catastrophes.

Our teams in the field work on improving food security by strengthening animal health services and water access. We also support the establishment of village community banks which enable pastoralists to collect their savings and thus to be better equipped to face crises.

Access to basic services as well as the creation of income-generating activities and health represent the heart of this project, whose number of beneficiaries should amount to 1.2 million people.

## KENYA

## CAMEL MILK MARKETING BY WOMEN'S GROUPS

Camels are the heart of the strategies of adaptation to drought in many countries like Kenya given their numerous advantages: they are more resistant to dry and inhospitable climates than most animals, and they give milk even in time of drought, a product that is very popular. In Kenya, the increase in demand for camel milk benefits the arid areas that are often marginalized. The sale enables households to diversify their revenues while camel husbandry contributes to the strengthening of food security and the reduction of poverty.

The women responsible for camel milk marketing are often in a demanding situation, they are widows or heads of families. In Isiolo County, at the center of Kenya, we are helping women's coope-

ratives. They transform the milk and sell it in town. In 2017, they will learn in our trainings to make camel cheese and yoghurt. The sales revenues help them to pay the schooling of their children and to meet the basic needs of the family.

Camel milk empowers women, it enables them to be more independent and resilient, and it values their role within their community and beyond.



A young girl in Kenya



## STRENGTHENING THE TIES BETWEEN OUR TEAMS

### MEETING IN ISIOLO

In November 2016, the programme managers of our head office, the project collaborators and our country directors from Ethiopia, Kenya, Somalia and South Sudan met in Isiolo (Kenya) to strengthen the exchanges between our teams in the Horn of Africa. Our collaborators in this region are facing similar living conditions for pastoralists and a climate characterized by recurring droughts.

Among other things, we discussed about animal health and the importance of a healthy diet to counter malnutrition. We also met several of our beneficiaries who confirmed the value of our support. This meeting reinforced the ties between our teams, and work groups were formed in order to continue to share knowledge and experiences.



#### COLLABORATION WITH SWISS SOLIDARITY

In 2016, Swiss Solidarity supported our emergency assistance project in the Ethiopian Siti zone. A field visit followed in August. Our work in the field left such a good impression that Swiss Solidarity supports another project in Ethiopia in 2017.



## SOUTH SUDAN

# FAMINE AND INSECURITY

On the 20<sup>th</sup> of April 2017, the UNO declared the state of famine in South Sudan. Nevertheless, the famine is not the result of the drought that is affecting the neighboring states, but of the civil war that has been devastating the world's youngest country since 2013.

The conflict has already killed tens of thousands of people and caused the displacement of a quarter of the population of South Sudan within the country but also outside its borders, notably in Uganda. War has destroyed the country's infrastructures as well as its agriculture and economy. Schools and hospitals have been wiped out or remain closed. Crude oil constitutes the country's main source of revenue, but the decline of the oil price has led to an inflationary spiral and to

monetary devaluation in South Sudan, thus making basic food prices soar. The Food and Agriculture Organization estimates that 8.9 million of South Sudanese people are currently in need of emergency assistance while 5 million people – more than 40 % of the population – are severely food insecure, and this number is likely to increase in the following months. Three other countries in Africa and the Middle East – Somalia, Nigeria and Yemen – are facing risks of famine

related to armed conflicts. The lives of 20 million human beings are threatened; according to the UN, it is one of the worst humanitarian crises since 1945.

Malnutrition harms children's growth, and the consequences can be irreversible in both adults and children, not to mention the psychological impacts. During the last years, the humanitarian aid helped to prevent famine and addressed food security, but it has become increasingly difficult to support the populations. Our teams in the field have been working in



A zebu in South Sudan

extreme conditions. Some regions are inaccessible during the rainy seasons and, more generally, the areas where the situation is the most critical are marred by insecurity. They are hosting numerous internally displaced people and offer only limited humanitarian access. Not only is help slowed by administrative obstacles, but it is also not unusual for the convoys to be attacked and for aid workers to be assaulted, kidnapped or even killed.

Considering the magnitude of the crisis, the humanitarian aid strives to satisfy basic needs such as food, water and sanitation, and counters the lack of health services with make-shift medical clinics. The livestock is particularly prone to diseases and the lack of veterinary health services is blatant. The emergency assistance we provide is focused on the one hand on the distribution of food and survival kits including fishing gear, vegetables, cereals and seeds rich in nutrients; on the other hand on the



A teenager milking a goat in South Sudan

provision of vaccines, drugs and animal feed to help protect the livestock and prevent epidemics and zoonoses.

In the long run, our objective is to continue to restore livelihoods as we have done until now, but this aspiration is undermined by instability and violence.



# FINANCES

## A POSITIVE AND SUCCESSFUL YEAR



## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS 2016

# CONTINUITY AND STABILITY

VSF-Suisse closed its financial year 2016 with a positive result for the third consecutive year. This encouraging result can mainly be attributed to the growth of its portfolio of projects by more than 25 percent, but also to the regular support and faithfulness of its members and sponsors.

The financial result of 2016 is a surplus of CHF 38 778, a slight decrease compared to the previous year. However, the most important thing to highlight is the welcome growth in revenues from projects, which rose from 4.8 million to more than 6 million Swiss francs (+25.8 %). This excellent result will benefit the development of the portfolio of projects, in other words, the work in the field, even though the margins allowed by project sponsors tend to lower.

At the same time, we have started a procedure for strengthening process quality

and financial control. After elaboration and consultation with country offices under the responsibility of the Finance Manager, the Board has approved a new Finance Manual. The internal control system has also been advanced. The follow-up of these steps will be to finalise financial rules for each country and to establish more systematic internal controls.

Thanks to the acquisition of projects and to professional management, validated by audits in each country and at the Head

Office level, we have been able to slightly increase the organisational capital.

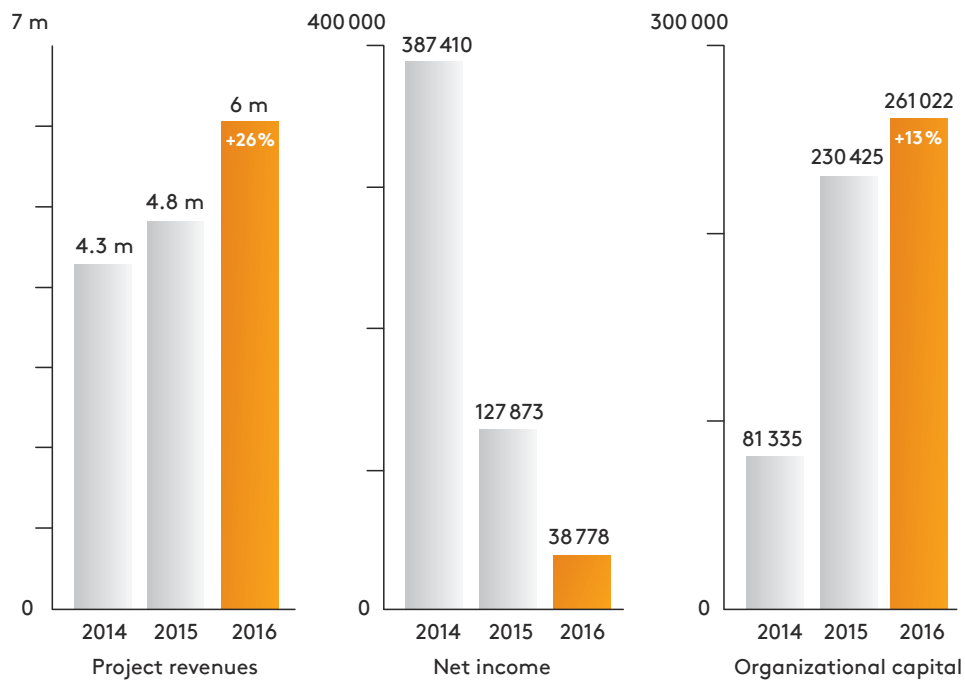
2016 was very turbulent as far as changes are concerned, including the devaluation of the South Sudanese pound. This led to an exchange loss of CHF 12 356, which was covered for the first time by the Exchange Risk Management Fund put in place the previous year. The purpose of this Fund was furthermore extended by the Board to cover other risks, notably those related to security. This Fund could thus be used in the amount of CHF 21 243 for the provisions in favor of the National Social Insurance Fund in South Sudan, the pension fund of our collaborators.

Thanks to a new and generous partial waiver by a faithful sponsor, we were able to reduce our loan by CHF 10 000 in 2016.

All of these elements make 2016 a very good financial year.

## DEVELOPMENT

2014 – 2016 (IN CHF)



# BALANCE SHEET AS OF 31 DECEMBER 2016 (IN CHF)

ASSETS	2016	2015	LIABILITIES	2016	2015
Liquid Assets	1 316 438	1 548 473	Accounts payable	688 759	602 401
Accounts receivable projects	699 827	402 110	Accrued expenses	14 625	244 130
Other accounts receivable	3 308	2 737	<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>703 384</b>	<b>846 531</b>
Prepayments	52 216	28 809	Subordinated loan	70 000	80 000
Accrued income	1 076	401 018	Restricted funds	1 051 595	843 414
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>2 072 807</b>	<b>1 983 205</b>	<b>Total long-term liabilities</b>	<b>1 121 595</b>	<b>923 414</b>
Fixed assets	13 194	17 165	Fund TVS GST AG	151 000	126 000
<b>Total fixed assets</b>	<b>13 194</b>	<b>17 165</b>	Internally generated unrestricted funds	-122 433	-250 306
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>2 086 001</b>	<b>2 000 370</b>	Cumulated translation differences	127 275	126 858
			Fund "Currency Management"	66 402	100 000
			Surplus for the year	38 778	127 873
			<b>Total organizational capital</b>	<b>261 022</b>	<b>230 425</b>
			<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>2 086 001</b>	<b>2 000 370</b>

You can look up both our Annual Report and Audit Report, which contain more in-depth information, on our website [www.vsf-suisse.org/pub](http://www.vsf-suisse.org/pub). Both documents are available for download.

# STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS AS OF 31 DECEMBER 2016 (IN CHF)

INCOME	2016	2015
Project revenues	6 046 388	4 805 713
Donations	491 856	631 942
Membership fees	29 540	33 620
Contributions from projects	346 615	273 828
Contributions from sponsors	35 728	43 736
Other revenues	9 192	7 046
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>6 959 319</b>	<b>5 795 885</b>

EXPENDITURE		
<b>Project expenditure</b>		
Materials, goods and services	-4 034 121	-3 386 598
Personnel	-1 653 303	-666 838
Operating costs	-431 625	-441 879
Depreciations	-4 659	-4 935
<b>Total project expenditure</b>	<b>-6 123 708</b>	<b>-4 500 250</b>
<b>Fundraising expenditure</b>		
Personnel	-9 652	-4 904
Operating costs	-206 057	-124 619
<b>Total fundraising expenditure</b>	<b>-215 709</b>	<b>-129 523</b>

	2016	2015
<b>Administrative expenditure</b>		
Materials, goods and services	-8 693	5 674
Personnel	-286 858	-225 405
Operating costs	-280 556	-333 397
Depreciations	0	-4 787
<b>Total administrative expenditure</b>	<b>-576 107</b>	<b>-557 915</b>
<b>Operating result</b>	<b>43 795</b>	<b>608 197</b>
Financial result	-123 791	54 883
Extraordinary result	20 638	-27 913
<b>Result before assignment of restricted funds</b>	<b>-59 358</b>	<b>635 167</b>
Utilization of restricted funds	6 240 448	4 629 932
Allocation of restricted funds	-6 150 910	-5 112 226
<b>Balance of movement in restricted funds</b>	<b>89 538</b>	<b>-482 294</b>
<b>Result before assignment of unrestricted funds</b>	<b>30 180</b>	<b>152 873</b>
Utilization of unrestricted funds	37 727	0
Allocation of unrestricted funds	-29 129	-25 000
<b>Balance of movements in unrestricted funds</b>	<b>8 598</b>	<b>-25 000</b>
<b>ANNUAL PROFIT</b>	<b>38 778</b>	<b>127 873</b>





**THANK YOU**  
FOR YOUR SOLIDARITY  
AND GENEROUS SUPPORT

## VACCINATE FOR AFRICA EVERY VACCINATION COUNTS!



In 2016, our traditional vaccination campaign supported by our exclusive sponsor, Virbac Schweiz AG, took place for the 12<sup>th</sup> time. From May 23<sup>rd</sup> to May 28<sup>th</sup>, veterinarians throughout Switzerland displayed our posters and flyers in their offices to convince their clients to donate to VSF-Suisse. 71 veterinarians from German-speaking Switzerland, Romandie and Ticino took part in this action. They gave to VSF-Suisse the revenues they made that week through vaccinations and anti-parasite treatments. Overall, 36 066.30 francs were collected to support our work in Africa. On this occasion, we would like to thank all the vet cabinets for their generous support and their enthusiasm in favor of our work.

In 2017, the vaccination week will take place from May 15<sup>th</sup> to May 20<sup>th</sup>. Our objective is to motivate at least 100 offices to participate and to collect 50 000 francs together. This amount will benefit the training and ongoing development of qualified young people in the countries where we are active. You will find all the information to register on our website: [www.vsf-suisse.org](http://www.vsf-suisse.org). Participate as a vet, a pet owner or because you are interested in development, and support with us vulnerable populations depending on livestock husbandry in the poorest countries of Africa. Every vaccination counts, because healthy animals save lives!

### MEMBERSHIP

An association lives thanks to its members. This is also the case for VSF-Suisse. We are thankful for the support of more than 450 people registered as members who show their solidarity.

To become member, send an e-mail to [info@vsf-suisse.org](mailto:info@vsf-suisse.org) or register on our website [www.vsf-suisse.org](http://www.vsf-suisse.org).

Our members receive our annual report, a flyer, our statutes and are entitled to vote at our general assembly. The "Friends of VSF-Suisse" are automatically members and invited once or twice a year to special events. In 2016, they were invited to visit the Parliament and to a conference with our country director in Ethiopia.

# FRIENDS/SUPPORT

## FRIENDS OF VSF-SUISSE 2016

Persons, veterinarians or vet offices who donated a minimum amount of CHF 1 000.- or more.

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Subscription for our meat distribution in Ethiopia



Some members of our team from the Head Office and our Country-Directors in Estavayer-le-lac



Our team treating camels in Somalia

## COLLABORATION

## THE NETWORK VSF INTERNATIONAL

Active in over 40 countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America, the members of the network "Vétérinaires Sans Frontières International" (VSF-Int) work to strengthen small-scale livestock keeping and farming, serving the most vulnerable pastoral and rural populations. VSF-Int seeks to build healthy relationships between people, animals, and the environment. By strengthening veterinary services and improving the wellbeing and resilience of the livestock keepers, VSF-Int enhances food security, food safety and food sovereignty around the globe.

The members of the network coordinate their actions geographically, pool their resources, share their skills and experiences, and reinforce the capacities of network members and other partners. They serve pastoral and rural populations and act collectively to advocate in favor of small-scale family farming, livestock keeping, animal and human health, and a healthy environment.

[www.vsf-international.org](http://www.vsf-international.org)



## VSF-SUISSE IN 2016

- 6 African countries
- 24 projects
- About 5 800 animals distributed
- 496 veterinary auxiliaries trained
- More than 124 trainings and awareness campaigns for more than 10 000 participants
- More than one million of beneficiaries
- More than 4 200 000 animals treated

## AND MORE

Several water tanks, canals and water points rehabilitated, many hectares irrigated and numerous barns constructed





# INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERS 2016

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**DFID** UK Department for International Development | **ECHO** Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid | **GAC** Global Affairs Canada | **LED** Liechtenstein Development Service | **SDC** Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation | **USAID/OFDA** United States Agency for International Development / Office of Foreign Disaster Assistance

## International Organizations

**FAO** Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations | **OCHA** United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs | **UNDP** United Nations Development Programme | **UNICEF** United Nations Children's Fund

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One of our beneficiaries in South Sudan with the goats he received for his herd.



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