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## VÉTÉRINAIRES SANS FRONTIÈRES SUISSE



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## EDITORIAL

VSF-SUISSE IS  
CELEBRATING ITS  
30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY

Dear friends,

How time flies! This year, VSF-Suisse is already celebrating its 30<sup>th</sup> birthday. In Switzerland, many things have changed over the last 30 years — the fax machine has all but gone silent and our diaries have been replaced by smartphones.

The six African countries in which VSF-Suisse operates, too, have experienced significant change. Today, you'll find paved roads instead of tracks, and mobile networks now work outside of cities. One might think that these countries have no more need for aid and that the support that VSF-Suisse provides is no longer necessary.

But appearances can be deceiving, as in sub-Saharan Africa, one in four people suffer from malnutrition and nearly half the population lives below the poverty line — in 2018! The most vulnerable people depend on agriculture and livestock production — it is on them that we have been focusing for the last 30 years.

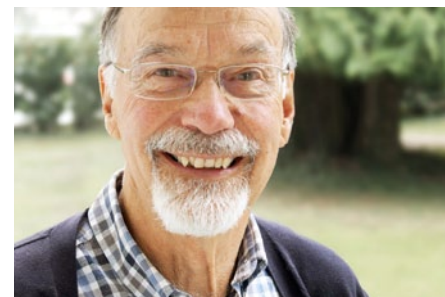
The results we have achieved through our projects show me that our commitment has been worthwhile. Our work in Kenya is a good example. The project — originally consisting of the distribution of camels to the most vulnerable families, support for the creation of women's groups and the commercialisation of milk — has benefitted the entire village because livestock herders, farmers, collectors and buyers are all involved from production to sale.

VSF-Suisse has also benefitted from technological advancements. For example, we have developed a smartphone appli-

cation which enables herding communities in Kenya to monitor diseases. Could you have even imagined that 30 years ago? Absolutely not! I am proud of VSF-Suisse's growth and I look forward to celebrating our birthday, with you, I hope!

Thank you for your support throughout these years, and today as well.

Sincerely,  
Ulrich Kihm



Ueli Kihm, President of VSF-Suisse

FOREWORD BY THE DIRECTOR

## ANIMAL HEALTH — HUMAN HEALTH

Human health and animal health go hand in hand as VSF-Suisse's 30 years of experience shows. Our commitment saves lives and enables millions of people to stay healthy or restore their health. The 2017 Annual Report details the One Health approach which characterises our work.

The effectiveness of the *One Health* approach in VSF-Suisse's activities rests on proven experience in field research as well as many other factors which I would like to highlight here in the opening chapter of this report.

**Competence and relevance.** Our field programmes are the result of in-depth assessment of the needs of suffering populations, the context in which action must be taken and the availa-

bility of techniques and veterinary care. In our emergency interventions, we rely upon the guidelines and standards developed by *Livestock Emergency Guidelines and Standards*, in which all our staff are educated. These standards enable an approach which puts the human rights of the people concerned at the centre of the issue, and views them as having rights rather than just being victims who need help.

### **Knowledge of context and main players.**

Our field staff are local people and our country directors are either native to the country or one of its neighbouring countries, so they are all African. This approach allows us to have excellent knowledge of the local context and main players, as well as beneficiaries, partners, authorities and donors. Moreover, being on the ground, contact and communication in local languages are key to solving potential problems and ensuring the success of programmes.

**Resilience and commitment.** Employed in difficult, sometimes hostile and dangerous, settings – think Somalia and South Sudan – our colleagues experience terrible conditions. In these situations, they prove their resilience and ability to remain active in serving those who benefit from our programmes, and these people are immensely grateful to them.



South Sudan:  
A veterinary assistant

**Accountability.** Despite difficult conditions, it is necessary to manage the funds transparently. This must be addressed firmly but fairly to avoid confrontation, while keeping integrity and the rejection of corruption as fundamental values.

**Longevity and loyalty.** Some of our colleagues have been with us for over 15 years. Their experience is invaluable and we are proud to be able to enjoy the stability and loyalty of our staff. It's worth noting that in the most difficult times, some of our colleagues have had to temporarily relinquish some of their roles and then re-assume them once funding issues have been solved. This means that they deserve our recognition.

**Sustainability.** It is because of these qualities and values that VSF-Suisse is sustainable and able to celebrate its 30<sup>th</sup> birthday in 2018. Thank you to all of those who have made this possible over the years. Thank you loyal members and donors for your invaluable support.

Sincerely

Daniel Bolomey  
Executive Director



Daniel Bolomey, Director of VSF-Suisse

## 30<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY THE HISTORY OF VSF-SUISSE

*“VSF-Suisse constitutive assembly’s agenda was written in a small village in Mali. This was in a VSF-France station where there was a typewriter which had literally got to the end of its rope (or rather ribbon). At each paragraph you had to wind the ribbon back to be able to type the next.”*

D. Suter, founding member of VSF-Suisse

- **1988**, Faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Bern. After a presentation from the Director of VSF-France, a group of committed veterinary students decided to found VSF-Suisse.
- In early **1995**, after 6 years of intensive work in the background, the association was able to execute the first two projects.

*“We have finally been able to start fieldwork. Yet, up until then, we had no idea how many surprises and challenges we’d face. During the first few months, we needed a lot of volunteer work.”*

O. Flechtner, former Director and President

- **1996**, VSF-Suisse headquarters are opened in Bern.
- **1997**, a third project is launched.
- **1999**, VSF-Suisse receives the ZEWO quality seal.
- **2002**, VSF-Suisse’s volume of operations increases rapidly. The association’s annual budget has risen from 250,000 CHF (**1996**) to 5 million CHF (**2004**). In **2009**, we were active in 7 African countries.

*“VSF-Switzerland had become a recognised organisation, offering unique expertise to partners such as FAO, DDC, and the EU. This progress has been very positive for the association.”*

Ph. Ankers, former Director of VSF-Suisse

- **2010**, VSF-Suisse finished the year with negative numbers and this loss remains evident until **2013**. Dissolution is considered.
- **2014**, with great courage and determination on the part of the team and huge support from donors, VSF-Suisse is saved.
- **2017**, for the 4<sup>th</sup> consecutive year, VSF-Suisse’s financial year ends on target, it is active in 6 African countries and predicts continued growth in subsequent years.



## VSF-SUISSE'S PROJECTS

# VSF-SUISSE IN AFRICA



## 2017 AT A GLANCE

### Results...

- Contribution to Sustainable Development Goals, 1 Eradicating Poverty, 2 Fighting against hunger, 3 Access to healthcare and 15 Preservation of land ecosystems
- 160,000 beneficiary households
- 1,170,000 recipients
- 7,400,000 animals vaccinated or treated
- 5,800 people trained
- 20,000 litres of milk produced, sold and consumed daily

### ...achieved by

- 24 projects
- in 6 countries
- with 180 staff
- and a total budget of approximately 8 million CHF





# ZOOM ONE HEALTH

## FOCUS

# ONE HEALTH: THE KEY TO MANY CHALLENGES

VSF-Suisse has been working at the crossroads of animal health, human health and the environment for 30 years – our projects go hand in hand with the One Health approach?

Over the past 10 years, One Health has appeared on the agendas of governmental and non-governmental organisations. WHO, FAO and OIE promote cross-sectoral collaboration to address risks from existing and emerging zoonoses and other public health threats.

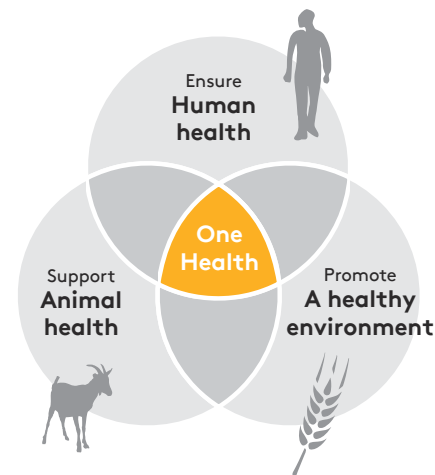
### One Health for better access to basic services

Big institutional donors such as the World Bank and USAID support governments in the South to put in place One Health units to better be able to

respond to pandemics. However, One Health should not be limited to the control of pandemic diseases. A One Health approach is especially adequate in places where the interdependence between humans, animals and the environment is high, and where access to public services is poor. This is the case in most countries of the Sahel and the Horn of Africa, where VSF-Suisse is active. Pastoral communities living in these areas derive more than 50 % of their income from livestock or livestock products.

### The One Health approach

Far from being a clear-cut concept, One Health is a systemic approach tackling complex problems such as zoonotic-, food- and water-borne diseases; antimicrobial resistance; poor access to public services; or environmental challenges. Prof. Dr. Zinsstag, expert in the field of One Health,



understands the concept as “any added value in terms of better health and well-being for humans and animals, financial savings and improved environmental services achieved from closer cooperation between practitioners and scholars concerned with human health, animal health and related outcomes, beyond what can be achieved by working alone”.

#### **VSF-Suisse, a One Health organisation**

While “One Health” seems to be a new buzzword, VSF-Suisse has served at the interface between human health, animal health and the environment since its founding 30 years ago. We therefore consider ourselves to be a “One Health organisation”.

#### **One Health as part of our projects**

This annual report demonstrates how we implemented the One Health approach last year. In **South Sudan**, the Unit-

ed Nations asked us to prevent and control rabies in their various camps. In **Ethiopia**, we have improved access to health services for rural communities and their livestock through immunisation campaigns. As an emergency measure in **Somalia**, we helped communities affected by drought by providing veterinary care and feed for the main breeding livestock. Through this, household milk production was ensured and the nutrition and health of women and children under five years were improved.

In **Togo**, we offered alternative means of income to people previously involved in the exploitation of natural resources. In **Mali**, we have improved food and nutritional security, as well as food safety, by increasing the quantity and quality of locally produced milk. Finally, in **Kenya**, we used an innovative smartphone application to monitor, report and respond to animal and zoonotic diseases. Lastly, producers and consumers in the camel milk production chain were trained on antimicrobial resistance.



Kenya: a herder with his camels

## SOUTH SUDAN

# ONE HEALTH

### Vaccinations and emergency relief

The Food Security and Livelihoods intervention funded by OFDA addressed emergency livestock health needs through vaccination and treatment campaigns. The intervention integrated prevention and response to cholera outbreak through awareness on cholera outbreak detection and reporting from the cattle camps to the local health facilities through the network of Community Animal Health Workers. This integrated detection and reporting mechanism contributed to improved health seeking behaviors by the cattle dwelling communities and rapid response by mandated health service providers.

### Campaign to promote the well-being of draught animals

The program promoted the welfare of working equines through awareness campaigns, capacity building on handling techniques, support to improved working equines healthcare services and advocacy on working equines welfare.

### Combatting rabies

The program also promoted public health through control of stray dogs and cats population and rabies awareness campaigns in concentrated UN Hubs and Protection of Civilian Sites to mitigate risks of dog-mediated human rabies.

Training in South Sudan

**On the ground since:** 1995

**Topic:** One Health

**Operational presence:** Former Northern Bahr el Ghazel (NBEG), Unity and Jonglei State

**Offices:** Juba, Malualkon (former NBEG State), Boma (former Pibor County, Jonglei State, United Nations humanitarian hub in Rubkona and Ganyiel and Nyal (former Unity State).

**Number of Projects:** 12

**Key technical partners:** DDC, FAO, UNDP, The Brooke, UNICEF, VSF-Germany

**Team:** 42



## ETHIOPIA

JOINT CAMPAIGNS FOR VACCINATION  
OF CHILDREN AND LIVESTOCK

In pastoral areas of Somali region of Ethiopia, access to basic human and animal health services is very limited due to geographical distance, unaffordability of costs, unavailability of drugs, unavailable or poorly trained staff and lack of knowledge on behalf of the pastoralists themselves.

Within a wider initiative to strengthen the resilience of pastoral communities, VSF-Suisse brought together the district health office with the district livestock office, who, until then worked separate. Notwithstanding their initial resistance to this new approach, and the challenge to align the different vaccination calendars, VSF-Suisse managed to support the service providers in planning and organizing joint outreach vaccination

campaigns. Working together allowed to make an efficient use resources (vehicles, cold chain, staff) and to reach hard-to-access communities, thereby increasing the vaccination coverage.

This integrated vaccination campaign allowed to vaccinate a total of 203 children under 5 against the main childhood diseases (Polio, Tetanus and Measles) and a total of 154,028 animals against the main livestock diseases in the area (Pox, PPR, CCPP and CBPP) benefitting more than 15,589 households and to create awareness among service providers on the benefits of collaboration.

A pharmacy in Ethiopia

**On the ground since:** 2010

**Topic:** resilience, disaster prevention, animal health

**Operational presence:** Somali Region

**Offices:** Addis Ababa, Dire Dawa, Gode, Moyale and Warder

**Number of Projects:** 7

**Key technical partners:** OCHA, EU, TCS, IFPRI, FAO, GIZ, Tufts University, ILRI, various NGOs and government

**Team:** 58





## SOMALIA

## EMERGENCY MEASURES

**State of emergency**

In February 2017, a severe drought forced the Somali Government to declare a national disaster and request help to avert a famine. VSF-Suisse helped with emergency feedings of milking and core breeding goats; the provision of chlorinated water, slaughtering of goats and sheep, and distribution of meat to households of internally displaced people.

**The result**

The feeding and watering increased both the availability of milk for household consumption and the survival rate of the animals. The high nutritional value of milk and meat improved the nutritional status of the most at risk groups (children under five, and pregnant and lactating women)

The availability of chlorinated water for consumption reduced the risk of water-borne diseases and helped women and girls save the energy needed to fetch water from far, which also reduced the risk of assault.

Destocking lowered pressure on the range, augmenting the survival of the remaining animals. The surviving breeding animals were able to form the foundation for the rebuilding of their flocks. The affected populations were thus able to use the cash intended for feed, water, milk and meat purchase to pay for food, healthcare, school-fees, and debts, reducing borrowing. The local sourcing of animals, hay and water boosted the micro-economy.

A woman with milk containers

**On the ground since: 2000**

**Topics:** One Health, livestock production, water and sanitation, food security, resilience, protection of natural resources

**Offices:** Beled Xaawo, Hargeisa

**Number of Projects:** 4

**Key technical partners:** USAID/ OFDA, Chaîne du Bonheur, IFAD, Transfec, HAFL, FAO, ICPALD, ILRI, OCHA, The Brooke

**Local partners:** the rural population, local authorities, EPAG, NAPAD, SOWEL-PA, veterinary assistants, the local private sector.

**Team:** 7



TOGO

## ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION AND POVERTY REDUCTION

The communities living around the forest of Abdoulaye have long exploited this forest, for hunting bush meat and cutting down trees, particularly to produce charcoal. These practices contribute to deforestation and climate change.

The project contributes to diversifying the livelihood strategies of households through the promotion of income-generating activities. The farmers cooperatives now perform agricultural activities, such as livestock rearing, the collection and processing of shea nuts and beekeeping, to improve their food security and income.

The people have also been sensitised to the protection of the environment and the fight against bush fires. The project

has already managed to improve living conditions in the area: poachers have been integrated into fire management committees, the loggers are today active in the nurseries, and the charcoal burners have started to process shea nuts.

The project has also enabled the training of community animal health workers and the organisation of immunisation campaigns against animal diseases such as the Small Ruminants Plague or Newcastle disease.

The project has therefore combined the fight against poverty and environmental protection.

Togo: Beekeeping

**On the ground since:** 2002

**Topic:** Environmental protection, fighting poverty, One Health, Food Security, Nutrition

**Offices:** Kara

**Number of Projects:** 1

**Key technical partners:** Canton of Geneva

**Local partners:** Private veterinarians, local community, Mission des Volontaires Contre la Pauvreté (Volunteers Against Poverty Mission)

**Team:** 2



## MALI

## FROM THE MILK VALUE CHAIN TO THE WIDER SUPPORT OF THE LIVESTOCK SECTOR

VSF-Suisse's support to the "local milk" sector in Mali begins to bear fruit: the development of new "mixed" cattle breeds (hybrids between traditional and modern livestock breeds) or the provision of better quality livestock feed (new contracts with suppliers of cottonseed cake) have boosted milk production over the past years.

Therefore, milk marketing is now becoming a priority. This is moving forward with the support of female milk traders who buy milk from collection centres for resale to households.

In addition, a livestock sector support project, which involves several phases, was started in 2017. This is an opportunity for VSF-Suisse to diversify our long-term work and to acquire knowledge of the sustainable market development approach. Finally, on the basis of its new country strategy, 2017-2020 for Mali and West Africa, VSF-Suisse has begun to expand its technical skills base and diversify the geographical areas of intervention in the region. As a result, the team worked on a project proposal on One Health in 2017.

Mali: A man at a dairy

**On the ground since:** 2004

**Topics:** organisation and structuring of the milk value chain; support to livestock sector; development of sustainable market systems

**Offices:** Bamako, Sévaré

**Number of Projects:** 2

**Key technical partners:** LED, Medicor Foundation, DDC, FAO, Fund support Migros

**Local partners:** CAB Déméso, HELVETAS Mali

**Team:** 3



## KENYA

## BETTER MILK HYGIENE

**Activities for improved milk hygiene**

In Isiolo, we strengthened cooperation with the supervisory authorities and helped a female dairy cooperative to introduce quality controls and improve transportation. Instead of being transported in plastic containers in the luggage compartments of long-distance buses, milk is now transported to Nairobi in easy-to-clean aluminium containers by refrigerated trucks, thereby improving food safety.

**A new way to report diseases**

To reduce disease rates and animal mortality, a web platform for reporting diseases has been set up. It is operated via a smartphone app and allows

community disease reporters to collect information and quickly transmit it to the veterinary authorities.

**Training**

We have organised One Health training sessions on milk hygiene, zoonoses and antibiotic resistance. Over 3000 members of the pastoralist community have also been trained in veterinary medicine and animal health. The objective was to fill gaps and increase participation in disease monitoring. A list of the main endemic and emerging diseases was established and represented on a map so that diseases can be better identified and treated quickly and correctly.

**On the ground since: 2000**

**Topics:** One Health, animal health, livestock production, resilience, food security, food safety, training

**Offices:** Nairobi, Isiolo, Mandera

**Number of Projects:** 4

**Key technical partners:** Biovision Foundation, FAO, ICPALD, ILRI, USAID

**Local partners:** local nomadic population, local public institutions and the private sector, SIDAI



Kenya: Refrigerating milk







## HORN OF AFRICA

# WHEN THERE IS NO MORE RAIN

2017 is the third consecutive year that arid and semi-arid regions in the Horn of Africa have suffered from a very short or sometimes even non-existent rainy season. Millions of people in Kenya, Ethiopia and Somalia have suffered the effects of this severe drought.

Even during years where the rainy season is normal, the living conditions of herders are difficult. In a region where agriculture is virtually impossible, livestock herding in the pasture lands is the most appropriate land-use-system. Nevertheless, the population faces many problems every day. Cross-border animal diseases, lack of veterinary services, high population growth, increasing pressure on

natural resources, desertification, shrinking pastures and armed conflict lead to constant food insecurity.

### **When animals suffer, the population suffers from hunger**

In these already difficult circumstances, a natural disaster endangers the livelihoods of the population. Even in fertile regions, the drought, which was the worst for 50 years, caused a total loss of crops and food prices increased drastically. Meanwhile, the pastures have become desic-

cated in arid zones and many water points have dried up. The animals, increasingly emaciated and susceptible to disease, provide less milk and meat and at the same time lose their market value.

For livestock herders, the sale of animals is one of the first steps to combating water and food shortages. However, the deteriorating terms of trade has made wheat, maize and millet unaffordable for the most vulnerable people.

It is not only animals who suffer from hunger, but people as well. Thousands of families, whose herds have become increasingly weakened, have searched in vain for green areas for the rest of their herd. Improvised camps for internally displaced persons and the corpses of animals have left their mark on entire regions.

Kenya: In 2017 entire regions were again hit by severe drought.

### **We protect the means of subsistence...**

In this crisis situation, our commitment in 2017 was dominated by emergency assistance. Where the situation was most dramatic, we used trucks to bring water and distributed meat to the most vulnerable families.

Our role is to save lives but also to protect the livelihoods of vulnerable populations to best ensure the sustainability of our work while following internationally accepted guidelines. We also distributed feed to thousands of livestock animals to ensure the survival of breeding stock and therefore the subsequent rebuilding of herds. Meanwhile, we have been strengthening vital local services: supporting private pharmacies in the purchase of veterinary drugs and distributing vouchers. Now farmers can benefit from treatments and the vaccination of their livestock by community animal health workers.

### **...and rebuild the herds**

However, fully restoring herd numbers may take up to eight years. There have always been severe droughts in the Horn of Africa, but now they appear to be worsening. It is therefore particularly important for us to partner with people in rebuilding their livelihoods on a broader basis. For example, we are currently working on the restoration of irrigation channels and water points, on strengthening markets for animal products and the introduction of animal feed and forage production. As a result, we hope to strengthen the resilience of pastoralists and agro-pastoralists.



Kenya: Camels forage for food

TOGETHER FOR A BETTER WORLD

## THE 17 GOALS OF SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Since 2015, we have contributed to the sustainable development goals that impose the same requirements in all countries. It is based on the recognition that the global fight against poverty and hunger must go hand in hand with environmental protection.

### Nobody is neglected

The comprehensive action plan for the well-being of humanity, the planet, shared economic prosperity and world peace includes 17 goals and 169 specific targets. It is driven by the fundamental idea of leaving no one behind on this great journey towards a better world. However, to tackle the roots of the most urgent problems, a strong global partnership is necessary. Not only politics, but also science, business and civil society are facing these challenges.

*"We are the first generation that can end poverty and the last generation that can stop global warming."*

Ban Ki-Moon, former Secretary-General of the United Nations

### Our contribution

VSF-Suisse also promotes sustainable development. Social, economic and environmental considerations have always been a key element of our commitment.

We focus in particular on sustainable development goals 1, 2, 3 and 15:



Our work consists in transmitting knowledge on productive livestock production, developing effective animal health services in remote areas, strengthening markets and promoting the responsible use of pastures, forests and water. We help nomads and farmers to sustainably improve their yields, their income and their health.





# FINANCES

## CONTINUING GROWTH

Togo: A girl with a pot full of shea nuts



## 2017 ACCOUNTS

# CONTINUING GROWTH

In 2017, VSF-Suisse recorded a positive result for the fourth consecutive year. In addition to the growth in our project portfolio, the decisive factor was the continued trust and support of our members and friends that led to an increase of private donations.

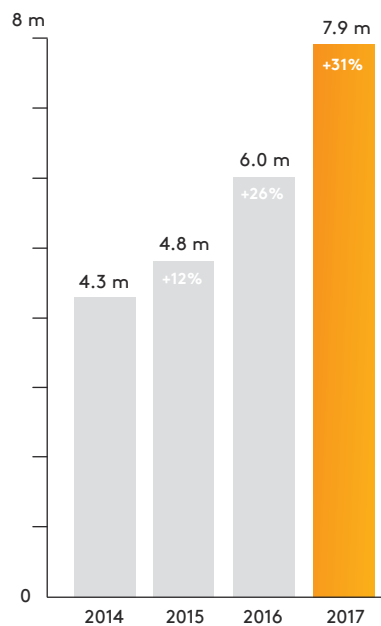
2017 has been a particularly successful year for VSF-Suisse. Net earnings of 42,686 CHF were higher than the previous year. At the same time, the portfolio of projects increased to 7.9 million Swiss francs (+30.9%), particularly in Ethiopia and Somalia, where drought threatened the existence of humans and animals. In addition, private donations increased again by 27.6% to 627,692 CHF.

The optimisation of processes and control systems initiated during the previous year have also had a positive effect. They are reflected in the financial regulation applicable in all countries and in the internal controls that are being put in place. Regarding growth in the acquisition of projects, it was possible to offset the declining margins set by the donors, through better management and the increase in donations, which has helped to strengthen the organisational capital.

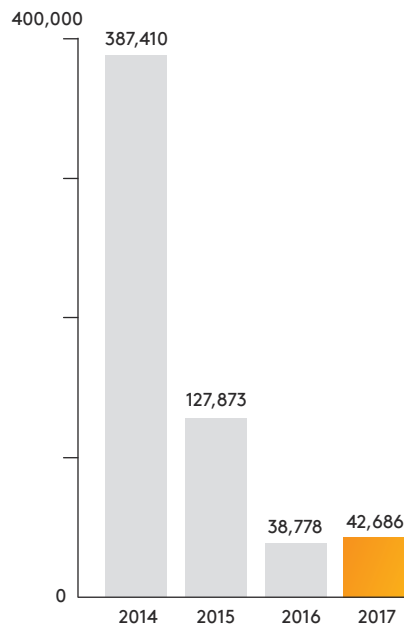
In summary, the VSF-Suisse balance sheet is positive, even if major challenges had to be controlled. The currencies of Kenya and Ethiopia were devalued by up to 15%, which resulted in significant foreign exchange losses. As in the previous year, they were offset by the Contingency Fund. Furthermore, we thank our loyal donor for another partial loan write-off. This has significantly improved our financial capabilities, in addition to the support of many donors and the continuous improvement of internal processes. On the basis of stable and continuous growth, VSF-Suisse can look forward positively to the coming year and envisage the implementation of its field projects with renewed confidence.

## EVOLUTION

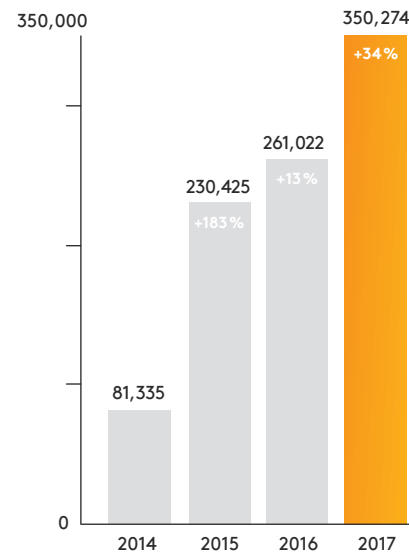
# 2014-2017 (IN CHF)



Project revenues



Net income



Organizational capital

## BALANCE SHEET AS OF 31 DECEMBER 2017 (IN CHF)

ASSETS	2017	2016	LIABILITIES	2017	2016
Liquid Assets	2,073,844	1,316,438	Accounts payable	1,270,256	688,759
Accounts receivable projects	745,781	699,827	Accrued expenses	18,088	14,625
Other accounts receivable	420,681	3,308	<b>Total current liabilities</b>	<b>1,288,344</b>	<b>703,384</b>
Prepayments	83,257	52,216	Subordinated loan	60,000	70,000
Accrued income	77,121	1,018	Restricted funds	1,710,633	1,051,595
<b>Total current assets</b>	<b>3,400,684</b>	<b>2,072,807</b>	<b>Total long-term liabilities</b>	<b>1,770,633</b>	<b>1,121,595</b>
Fixed assets	8,567	13,194	Fund TVS GST AG	171,000	151,000
<b>Total fixed assets</b>	<b>8,567</b>	<b>13,194</b>	Generated unrestricted funds	-83,655	-122,433
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>3,409,251</b>	<b>2,086,001</b>	Revaluation gains	125,737	127,275
			Contingency fund	94,506	66,402
			Surplus for the year	42,686	38,778
			<b>Total capital of the organization</b>	<b>350,274</b>	<b>261,022</b>
			<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>3,409,251</b>	<b>2,086,001</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 2017 (IN CHF)

INCOME	2017	2016
Project revenue	7,917,194	6,046,388
Donations	627,692	491,856
Contributions	27,950	29,540
Contributions from projects	384,056	346,615
Contributions from sponsors	54,615	35,728
Other revenue	454	9,192
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>9,011,961</b>	<b>6,959,319</b>

EXPENDITURE		
<b>Project expenditure</b>		
Materials, goods and services	-4,599,596	-4,034,121
Personnel	-2,082,241	-1,653,303
Overheads	-592,528	-431,625
Depreciations	-4,038	-4,659
<b>Total project expenditure</b>	<b>-7,278,403</b>	<b>-6,123,708</b>
<b>Fundraising expenditure</b>		
Personnel	-8,799	-9,652
Overheads	-214,430	-206,057
<b>Total fundraising expenditure</b>	<b>-223,229</b>	<b>-215,709</b>

	2017	2016
<b>Administrative expenditure</b>		
Equipments, goods and services	-53,338	-8,693
Personnel	-271,460	-286,858
Overheads	-353,957	-280,556
<b>Total administrative expenditure</b>	<b>-678,755</b>	<b>-576,107</b>
<b>Operating result</b>	<b>831,574</b>	<b>43,795</b>
Financial result	-97,710	-123,791
Extraordinary result	-29,990	20,638
<b>Result before assignment of restricted funds</b>	<b>703,874</b>	<b>-59,358</b>
Use of restricted funds for projects	7,403,678	6,240,448
Allocation of restricted funds for projects	-8,016,762	-6,150,910
<b>Balance of movement in restricted funds</b>	<b>-613,084</b>	<b>89,538</b>
<b>Result before assignment of unrestricted funds</b>	<b>90,790</b>	<b>30,180</b>
Use of unrestricted funds	28,722	37,727
Allocation of unrestricted funds	-76,826	-29,129
<b>Balance of movements of unrestricted funds</b>	<b>-48,104</b>	<b>8,598</b>
<b>ANNUAL PROFIT</b>	<b>42,686</b>	<b>38,778</b>





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FOR YOUR SOLIDARITY  
AND GENEROUS SUPPORT

## YOUR SUPPORT

## DONATIONS AND VACCINATIONS

**Vaccinate for Africa**

In 2017, our campaign supported by our exclusive sponsor, Virbac Suisse SA, mobilised 74 veterinary practices from throughout Switzerland. With the revenue generated during this week by vaccines and anti-parasite treatments, we managed to collect 46,215 Swiss francs. **We wish to warmly thank all the participating practices for their generous support!**

In 2018, vaccination week will take place from 4 to 9 June. You will find all information on our site:

**[www.vsf-suisse.org/vacciner](http://www.vsf-suisse.org/vacciner)**

Every vaccination counts!

**ZEWÖ**

Founded in the 1930s, the Swiss certification service for charitable organisations that collect donations is one of the most important institutions in the Swiss charity sector. The NGOs certified by Zewo demonstrate a conscientious and efficient use of their resources. We welcome the fact that VSF-Suisse is regularly recertified and that the project management, administration and collection of funds are confirmed as being conducted in a transparent and economic way. Many thanks to Zewo for its constant support and its valuable services.

**MEMBERS**

An association depends on its members. We are therefore very grateful for the support of more than 350 registered members of VSF-Suisse. Thank you for your solidarity!

Becoming a member is easy! Simply register on [vsf-suisse.org/member](http://vsf-suisse.org/member) or by e-mail at [info@vsf-suisse.org](mailto:info@vsf-suisse.org). Members receive our annual report, our statutes and the right to vote at our annual general meeting. Also automatically members are the "Friends of VSF-Suisse" who are invited once or twice a year to specific events. In 2017 for instance, they were invited to a conference given by our Director country Ethiopia.

## FRIENDS OF VSF-SUISSE 2017

People, veterinarians or veterinary practices who have donated 1000 CHF or more.

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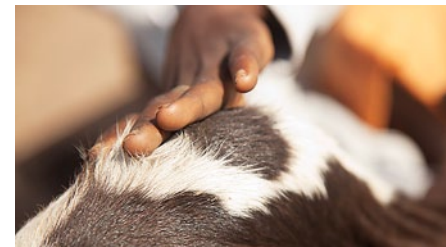
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- Komi Lokou, DVM, Project Director Togo to July 2017
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- Keadu Simachew Belay, DVM, Director Ethiopia

## Experts and expert groups

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 Moussa Diabaté, Director of partner organisation CAB Déréso, Mali | Med. Vet. **Olivier Flechtner**, former Committee member and former President | Dr. Med. Vet. **Enzo Fuschini**, former Committee member and former President | Dr. Med. Vet. **Ilona Glücks**, Int. Cooperation and Livestock Specialist, consultant VSF-Suisse, Kenya | Med. Vet. **Stefanie Graf**, Student Mobilisation Manager, former Committee member | Dr. rer. pol. **Judith Safford**, NPO Consultant | **Fritz Schneider**, ing. agr. EPFZ, Int. Cooperation and Livestock Specialist, former Committee Member | Dr. med. Vet. **Mauro Pavone**, DVM International Consultant | Prof. Dr. **Jakob Zinsstag** Swiss TPH, Basel, epidemiologist, One Health, former Committee member



The directors and team at our headquarters at a bi-annual meeting in Estavayer-le-lac.



# INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERS 2017

## State Organisations

**EU European Union** | GIZ German Corporation for International Cooperation GmbH | **IGAD** Intergovernmental Authority on Development | **LED** Liechtenstein Development Service | **SDC** Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation | **USAID/OFDA** Bureau of Humanitarian Assistance United States Agency for International Development

## International Organisations

**ECHO** Directorate-General for Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection of the European Commission | **FAO** United Nations Food and Agriculture Organization | **IFAD** International Fund for Agricultural Development | **IOM** International Organization for Migration | **OCHA** Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs of the United Nations | **UNDP** UN development | **UNICEF** United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund | **UNOPS** United Nations Office for Project Services

## NGOs

**ACPA** Aged and Children Pastoralists Association | **ADESO** African Development Solutions | **CAB D  m  so** Support Committee of Regional Initiatives | **COOPI** Organization for International Cooperation, Italy | **Cordaid** Catholic Organization for Relief and Development Aid, Netherlands | **EPAG-K** Emergency Pastoralists Assistance Group Kenya | **Helvetas** Swiss Intercooperation | **MVCP** Mission of Volunteers Against Poverty | **RACIDA** Rural Agency for Community Development and Assistance (Kenya) | **SOWELPA** South West Livestock Professional Association (Somalia) | **VSF Germany** | **VSF Canada**

## Research Institutes

**IFPRI** International Food Policy Research Institute | **ILRI** International Livestock Research Institute | **Jijiga University** | **HAFL** School of Agricultural, Forest and Food Sciences

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## COLLABORATION

## THE FRUITS OF OUR NETWORK

Active in more than 40 countries in Africa, Latin America and Asia, the members of the “Vétérinaires Sans Frontières” (VSF-Int) network act to consolidate family livestock and agriculture, for the benefit of the poorest pastoral and rural populations. VSF International is committed to a healthy and sustainable relationship between people, animals and the environment. In strengthening veterinary services and improving the well-being and resilience of populations, VSF International develops food security and sovereignty around the world.

As members of the VSF International network we coordinate our actions at a geographical level, combine our resources, share our experiences and know-how, thereby strengthening both our capac-

ity and our partners. We act collectively to advocate for family farming, livestock husbandry, animal and human health and a sustainable environment to benefit pastoral and rural people.

This year, the international network Vétérinaires Sans Frontières advanced its development. At the general assembly in October 2017, two new members joined the network. The new participants are VSF Sweden and VIVA (Volunteers in Irish Veterinary Assistance) - we are delighted to welcome them.

Another great benefit of the network is the exchange of information and cooperation. This year for example, the network members jointly wrote a “Policy Paper: From Emergency to Development”.



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Individual members of various working groups have also benefited from the collaboration within VSF International. The different countries exchange information and learn from each other within working groups that address subjects such as knowledge management, communication, fundraising, security or emergency assistance.

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

Kenya: A nomad women leads her camels to a water point.



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