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EDITORIAL

HUNGER AND DROUGHT

Dear reader,

Over the past three years, hunger has increased significantly. According to the United Nations, 828 million people worldwide go to bed hungry every night. Among the reasons cited for the deterioration in food security are conflicts, the climate catastrophe and the global inflation. As always in these cases, the poorest and most vulnerable populations are particularly hard hit.

In the context in which VSF-Suisse operates, the most defining issue of the past year was the drought in the Horn of Africa. Five bad rainy seasons in a row led to the worst drought of the last 40 years. Over 36 million people in Somalia, Ethiopia and Kenya were

affected and more than 9 million livestock died.

In addition, food prices and the cost of living rose due to below-average harvests and developments on international markets. This affected countries in both East and West Africa. The conflict between the two major wheat exporters, Russia and Ukraine, further worsened the already strained food security situation in many African countries.

The remarkable resilience of the affected communities combined with humanitarian efforts and solidarity across borders at least helped to mitigate the various crises. I am proud of our teams who work tirelessly to improve the lives

of people and their animals in our seven countries of intervention.

And I am deeply grateful for the support of people like you, without whom this would not be possible at all. Thank you.

Kind regards,
Ueli Kihm



Ueli Kihm, President of VSF-Suisse

FOREWORD BY THE DIRECTOR

HIGHLIGHTS IN A CHALLENGING YEAR

Dear supporters and partners,

Before we take a more in-depth look into the drought catastrophe in the Horn of Africa on the following pages of this annual report, I would like to briefly mention some pleasing highlights that we, as an organization, were able to experience in 2022.

The year began with a most welcome piece of news: Swiss Solidarity included VSF-Suisse back into the ranks of its partner organizations. Starting with its National Solidarity Day in November, Swiss Solidarity collected more than 12 million Swiss francs in donations for those

affected by the drought in the Horn of Africa. Two emergency aid projects in Somalia and Kenya submitted by VSF-Suisse were immediately financed with a small part of this fund. The quick action

and expeditious handling contributed to saving lives.

Another highlight of the year was the 20th anniversary of our presence in Togo.

VSF-Suisse staff from all Country Offices and Head Office attended the conference in Togo.



To celebrate, our team in Togo organized a conference in the capital city Lomé. Representatives from politics, academia and civil society reflected on the achievements of twenty years of work in the country and debated future challenges and solutions. The focus was on VSF-Suisse's engagement in the beekeeping sector and the creation of sustainable and environmentally sound sources of income.

I was particularly pleased that we were able to hold our annual senior managers' meeting following these celebrations in Togo as well - and thus for the first time on the African continent. In order to make the best use of synergies and resources, a security training for employees of the entire VSF Internation-

al network from West Africa was held in the same location right after.

Another positive development this year was the intensification of cooperation with five other Swiss non-governmental organizations within the Sufosec Alliance. Its food and nutrition report published in October, which is an important contribution to the visibility of the rising hunger in 16 countries of the Global South and what can be done about it, is the culmination of this unique cooperation so far.

But not only by means of reports, but above all with activities on the ground, VSF-Suisse worked with great effect for the people and their animals in the fight against hunger and poverty throughout

the last year. We are happy to show you this in the present annual report.

I wish you an interesting read and thank you from the bottom of my heart for your support.

Sincerely,
Nicole Litschgi



Nicole Litschgi, Executive Director of VSF-Suisse



FOCUS

DROUGHT: AN EXISTENTIAL THREAT TO PEOPLE AND ANIMALS

As soon as camels, a species exceptionally well adapted to dry spells, die during drought, the drought has reached catastrophic proportions.
(based on an East African saying)

FOCUS

DROUGHT: AN EXISTENTIAL THREAT

In most countries of VSF-Suisse operations, drought is a recurrent threat to people and animals. In 2022, the Horn of Africa experienced the worst drought in four decades. Direct consequences included food insecurity and livestock deaths. Preventing and mitigating these is a major part of VSF-Suisse activities.

In the Horn of Africa, the year 2022 ended with a fifth consecutive rainy season since 2020 with no or far below average rainfalls, leading to the most severe drought of the past 40 years. The devastating consequence of drought for the people is its effect on the food and nutrition situation. By the end of 2022, the water shortage and resulting food crisis affected 36 million people in Kenya, Somalia and Ethiopia and led to the death of more than 9 million livestock.

A combination of the weather phenomenon La Niña and rapidly advancing climate change is responsible for the exceptional severity of this prolonged drought. Although people in the region have adapted to and coped with periods of droughts for generations, these recent frequent droughts are a huge problem: No longer is there time for recovery. The fact that climate change is largely accelerated by emissions of industrialized countries, but the consequences are

more often felt elsewhere, adds to the injustice of the situation.

Multiple crises in 2022

People in drought-affected areas often face several challenges at a given time, creating a multi-faceted crisis. Food prices and cost of living were rising in 2022 due to below-average harvests and developments in international markets, including soaring energy costs owing to the war of Russia on Ukraine. Many communities also struggled with the effects of previous droughts, flooding, COVID-19, and the past desert locust plague. Millions of people were furthermore affected by conflict, particularly in parts of Ethiopia and Somalia.

The case of pastoralist communities

Pastoralist communities, who move with their animals in search of pasture and water in the dry grasslands, highly

depend on stable climatic cycles. The Somali region of Ethiopia, for example, where a majority of people are pastoralists, was one of the areas suffering most under the drought with an estimated 2.3 million people affected.

The livelihoods of pastoralists heavily depend on their livestock. Livestock

are their most important asset as well as source of food and income. The dry grasslands, covering one third of the country's surface, can be used for seasonal grazing, but not for growing food for people. The millions of dead animals during the drought had a devastating impact on the food security of these communities.

VSF-Suisse's emergency activities

In emergencies, VSF-Suisse carries out various activities to improve the situation of drought-affected people and their animals. These include distributing animal feed, providing animal health services and conducting vaccinations, training community animal health workers, water trucking, rehabilitating water points, and providing financial assistance to families.

VSF-Suisse Country Director for Kenya and Somalia, Dr. med. vet. Davis Ikiror, summarizes: "Our veterinary services improve livestock health and together with the emergency feeding reduce mortality, thus protecting the key livestock breeding stock that will be used to rebuild future herds. The intervention of VSF-Suisse was able to save lives and protect livelihoods."

A family with their severely malnourished livestock in Somali Region, Ethiopia.



Building resilience

While acknowledging the importance of emergency aid in drought situations, we must stress that prevention is as crucial. That is why building resilience of governments, civil society, communities and individual households to better cope with the impact of climate change plays such a huge role in the long-term work of VSF-Suisse.

There is a need to improve livestock feed security, which directly affects food and nutrition security. VSF-Suisse advocates for sustainable rangelands management, agroecological fodder production and innovative technologies such as hydroponics, research on and utilisation of crop residues as well as unconventional feed resources such as invasive plant species or insects.

Animal feed arrives and is distributed to livestock owners in Somali Region, Ethiopia.

Furthermore, we promote ideas like financial inclusion and literacy of pastoralists, livestock insurance, better herd management and market linkages, cross-border collaboration, early warning systems and integration of peace building initiatives. In conclusion, it needs both

long-term prevention and adaptation as well as short-term mitigation to be able to act quickly and efficiently in the light of a humanitarian crisis.



VOICES FROM THE FIELD

HYDROPONIC FODDER: SAVING LIVESTOCK DURING DROUGHT

Darmi Wako Kiyo, 30, is a pastoral woman who lives in Oromia region of Ethiopia. A mother of two small children, she has been struggling to make ends meet since the severe drought started affecting her village almost two years ago. The drought destroyed much of the pasture her cattle lived on.

Mrs. Wako had to shift her focus from growing fodder for surplus milk production to saving the lives of her animals with the little resources left. Animal feed transported from central parts of Ethiopia usually takes too long to reach rural pastoralists in time. And even when it does, many pastoralists do not have the financial means to purchase it.

As an innovative solution to the drought-induced lack of animal feed in the region, VSF-Suisse has been promoting hydroponic fodder production. This technique allows to grow cereal without soil but in a nutrient-rich water solution and is especially suited for semi-arid, arid, and drought-prone areas.

Mrs. Wako, one of the 60 people trained on hydroponic fodder production in her village, talks about her experience: "After the training, we immediately started growing. I witnessed that one kilogram of seed can grow into 10 kilograms of fodder, which is enough to feed two heads of cattle for more than four days."

Besides contributing to saving animal lives during drought, there is another

great advantage of hydroponic fodder, as Mrs. Wako explains: "My cows were giving more milk than they used to, allowing me to sell the surplus at the local market to improve our household income."

This project was implemented by Swiss Church Aid HEKS in partnership with VSF-Suisse and Dorcas Aid Ethiopia and funded by the European Union and ICCO Cooperation.



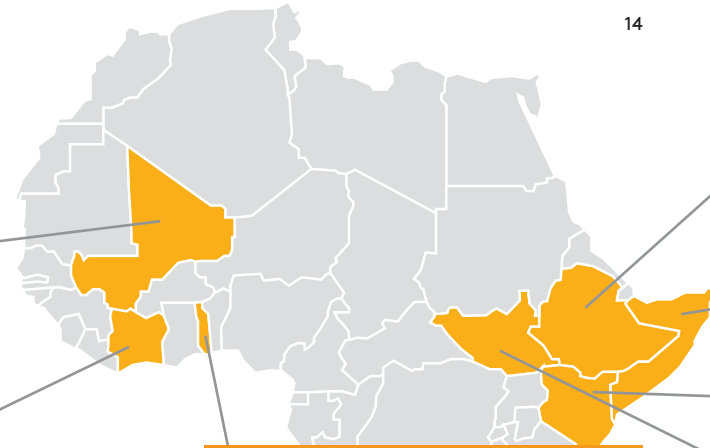


COUNTRY REPORTS

OUR ACTIVITIES 2022

WHERE WE WORK

OUR PARTNER COUNTRIES 2022



MALI

Poverty alleviation; improving the income of dairy farmers and the nutritional situation of the population; community animal health services

- 4 projects
- Technical capacities of 106 young livestock keepers improved
- Milk production increased by 44% from 730,525 to 1,055,332 liters
- 350 young adults trained in the milk production sector
- 8 new dairy cooperatives founded
- 3 pastoral perimeters identified and prepared for fodder production

IVORY COAST

Strengthening the the local dairy industry; improving food security and the income of livestock farmers

- 1 project
- Support and training of 4 livestock cooperatives
- Construction of 4 milk kiosks
- Increased milk collection maintained at 350 liters per day

TOGO

Natural resource management; improving food security and incomes; community animal health services

- 4 projects
- 441 female shea producers, 489 beekeepers and 30 craftsmen trained
- 20 producer unions formed
- 760 livestock keepers sensitized to animal health
- 73 hygiene and sanitation technicians trained
- 11,200 animals vaccinated and dewormed

ETHIOPIA

Emergency response for livestock and crop production; One Health and community animal health services; integrated rangeland management ; milk marketing

- 14 projects
- 540 tons of livestock feed distributed
- 2,107 people trained in animal health, farming and marketing
- 86,015 livestock keepers provided with animal health services

SOUTH SUDAN

Emergency response for livestock and crop production; community animal health services; equine welfare; poultry production; milk and meat marketing

- 15 projects
- 247 people reached with conflict de-escalation techniques
- 893 Community Animal Health Workers trained
- 3,350 households provided with improved access to safe water
- 2,026,391 animals treated and vaccinated

KENYA

Camel husbandry and milk marketing; emergency response for livestock production; animal health services; integrated rangeland management

- 7 projects
- 5 fodder stores constructed
- 58 community disease reporters trained on web-based animal disease surveillance and reporting
- 630 camel milk producers, traders and bulkers trained on hygiene and handling practices
- 31,357 people reached through campaigns for better health and nutrition

SOMALIA

Emergency response for livestock production; water supply and hygiene; one health and community animal health services; small ruminant husbandry and breeding; integrated rangeland management

- 5 projects
- 8 sets of handwashing facilities constructed
- 252 drought-affected households provided with Unconditional Cash Transfers
- 1,888 people reached through community dialogues on One Health, the prevention of zoonoses and antimicrobial resistance, and food safety

EAST AFRICA

THE BENEFITS OF HEALTHY ANIMALS

In the arid and semi-arid lands of East Africa, animal husbandry is an important source of resilience for millions of families. By improving the performance of animal health and production systems, we support livestock keepers in realizing the potential of their herds.

Sheep and goats for household nutrition

In Somaliland, keeping small ruminants is the main source of livelihood for resource-poor families. Sheep and goats are mainly managed by women, children, and the elderly and graze near the homestead to provide nutritious milk and meat for the household. As they do not migrate in search of pasture and water, they may suffer particularly during drought. When we planned our mass treatment and deworming campaign to care for weakened animals, we therefore purposefully

targeted small ruminants. Together with the veterinary teams from the country's Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries Development, we thereby helped protect the core breeding stock of more than 1,800 women-headed and other vulnerable families.

Cows and camels for income

In the vast pastoral expanses of Ethiopia, the dairy market holds a high potential as

Vaccinating a cow in Ethiopia.



a sustainable source of income for refugees from Somalia, internally displaced people and their host population alike. In order to improve the production, processing, and marketing of high-quality milk in Fafan zone, we started working with five women-dominated cooperatives representing all these communities. The trainings we facilitated for 120 members were designed for people with no or basic literacy skills and covered business plan development and soft skills such as negotiation. In addition, the project aimed to strengthen access to inputs and services. 15 newly trained community animal health workers started to provide basic veterinary services in the area.

Poultry for diversified livelihoods

In Kenya's arid and semi-arid lands, young men and women from pastoralist communities are discovering poultry

farming as an accessible way to adapt to the increasing pasture and water scarcity caused by climate change. In the past two years, we supported 50 lead farmers to share their knowledge and experience with 1,000 new chicken keepers in Isiolo county. We also assisted a group strug-

gling with the availability of feed to pilot the production of fly maggots. During the drought, many families valued eggs as a source of protein and an alternative to the dwindling supply of cow milk for their children. There is also a growing appetite for chicken in Isiolo town. With



Regina Wanjira with her chickens in Isiolo, Kenya.

our help, a more advanced women-led self-help group was able to expand their business and start supplying their products to local hotels.

Donkeys for ploughing

In South Sudan, donkeys are still widely used for transportation of goods, water, and people. Building on their gradual spread from urban to rural areas, we have started promoting the use of donkeys for ploughing. The adoption of animal traction technology allows agro-pastoralist communities affected by food insecurity to better realize the potential of their farmland. To ensure sustainability and animal welfare, we support the capacity development of farriers and harness makers, community animal health workers, veterinary pharmacy attendants and

Awareness raising campaign on donkey welfare and care in a school in South Sudan. Part of AWELAD project funded by Brooke East Africa.

government personnel. We also focused on raising awareness about the compassionate handling of donkeys by participating in three radio shows, training 15 primary teachers, and engaging with children through clubs and recreational events in three schools.



WEST AFRICA

STRENGTHENING VALUE CHAINS TO IMPROVE LIVELIHOODS

In West Africa, VSF-Suisse focuses on value chains in the livestock-sector. VSF-Suisse also promotes the sustainable use of natural resources. And we support farmers to adapt to climate change thanks to drought resistant animals and plants.

Promoting fodder production and climate adaptation

VSF-Suisse has been working with its partner organisation CAB Déméso in Mali's dairy sector for twenty years, and recently expanded to Côte d'Ivoire. VSF-Suisse is increasingly promoting fodder production, which is used to feed animals during yearly hunger- and dry periods. Cattle breeding is important in Mali, where we promote breeding of drought-resistant cattle breeds. With targeted breeding of indigenous and

hybrid breeds, animal production shall be increased.

Pastoralist communities are an important target group for VSF-Suisse. To increase the potential of pastoral milk production, we have started trials with a modern milk collection unit in Mopti region that serves the needs of mobile pastoralists. In the border region of Niger, Burkina Faso and Mali, VSF-Suisse contributed to social

Livestock farmer Sadio Ndiaye grows the fodder for his animals himself, Mali.



cohesion between livestock keepers, displaced populations (IDPs) and other groups. The participatory use of local pasture and water resources is the key in this three-year project.

Promoting economic capacity and the sustainable use of natural resources

VSF-Suisse promotes the sustainable use of forest areas. Our Togolese partners train beekeepers and shea nut producers in improving their products to meet market needs. The project intervenes across the market system to achieve improvements. This involves producers, sellers, local government and carpenters producing local beehives. Furthermore, the vaccination of animals is still an important part of VSF-Suisse's work. We also promote better hygiene standards in the meat sector.

The promotion of local dairy products is a major part of VSF-Suisse's work in Togo (left) and Mali (right).

In 2022, we have expanded our activities to Northern Togo. Climate adaptation and livelihood opportunities for pastoralists are priorities in our new project. We support women who are producing and selling milk products. The project promotes hygiene standards and better market access for local dairy products.

It is crucial to strengthen market linkages between pastoralists and urban communities via dairy products.





FINANCES
RECORD LEVEL
OF COMMITMENT

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With a profit of 217,000 Swiss francs, we were again able to achieve a very good financial result in 2022. As in the previous year, various legacies and stable general donations contributed significantly to this.

We also received a program contribution from the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) again this year as part of our membership in Sufosec, the Alliance for Sustainable Food Systems and Empowered Communities (see page 30). This contribution enables us to react quickly and flexibly to acute crises and challenges.

The great commitment of VSF-Suisse to fight the drought and hunger crisis in East Africa is also reflected in the annual financial statement: the project expenses reached a new record of 9.13 million Swiss Francs.

Thanks to the great annual result, we were once again able to strengthen our organization capital from our own resources. Time and again, it becomes clear that, especially in times of acute crises, a strong financial cushion is indispensable for the rapid and uncomplicated provision of aid. Further strengthening of our organization capital therefore remains an important goal for the future.

FINANCES

(IN 1,000 CHF)

BALANCE SHEET, STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS, AND EXPENSES

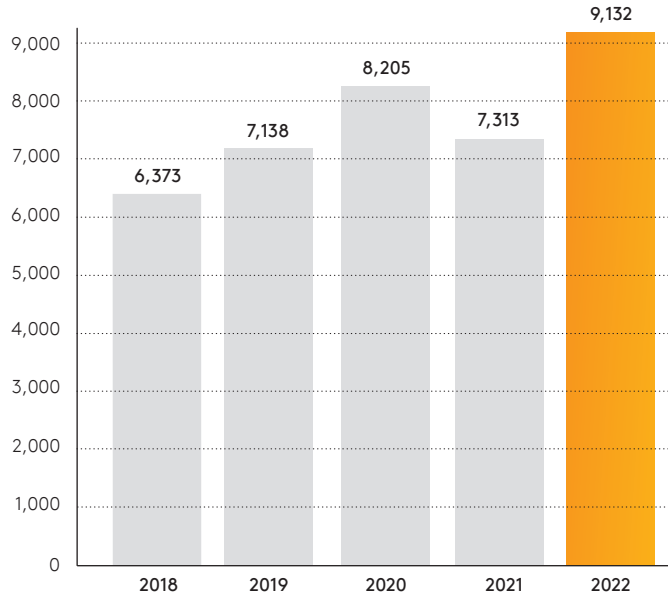
BALANCE SHEET as of 31.12.	2022	2021	STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS	2022	2021		
Current assets	4,255	3,749	Operating income	9,966	8,913		
Non-current assets	35	57	Operating expenses	-10,060	-8,145		
TOTAL ASSETS	4,290	3,806	Other income	-79	-155		
Current liabilities	998	713	Change in fund and organization capital	390	-374		
Non-current liabilities	30	30	NET INCOME	217	239		
Fund capital	2,259	2,340					
Organization capital	1,003	723					
TOTAL LIABILITIES	4,290	3,806	EXPENSES	2022	2021		
			Project expenses	-9,132	90.8%	-7,313	89.8%
			Fundraising expenses	-296	2.9%	-360	4.4%
			Administrative expenses	-632	6.3%	-472	5.8%
			TOTAL EXPENSES	-10,060	100.0%	-8,145	100.0%

You can find the Audit Report 2022 with more in-depth information on our website www.vsf-suisse.org/auditreport

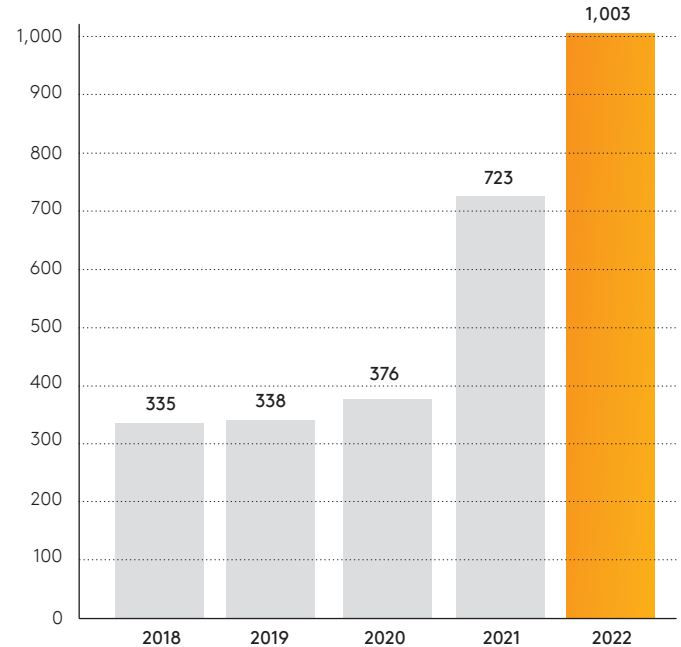
FINANCES

PROJECT EXPENSES AND ORGANIZATION CAPITAL (IN 1,000 CHF)

Project expenses



Organization capital





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WE WORK WITH.

Livestock farmer Aski Assarou
with one of his goats in Bem, Togo.

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VETERINARY COMMUNITY AND VACCINATE FOR AFRICA

Without the support of the Swiss veterinary community, we would not be where we are today. A big thank you to all the vets for supporting us every day and to all participants and our exclusive sponsor Virbac Suisse SA for making the annual campaign "Vaccinate for Africa" possible.



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The mission and vision of VSF-Suisse is carried out by its 405 members. Are you a member? If not, become one today and help shape our future! www.vsf-suisse.org/members

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A special THANK YOU goes to the friends of VSF-Suisse - people who support our activities with a donation of CHF1,000 per year or more. As a friend you can attend special get-togethers, receive in-depth and behind-the-scenes information, get the option to visit our projects and much more!

For more information, please contact Sven Föh at service@vsf-suisse.org or 031 332 77 65. He is looking forward to hearing from you!

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Supporting our mission to help people and animals in need in the long term is also possible through a bequest. Learn more about how you can make a difference at www.vsf-suisse.org/legs or contact Sven Föh at service@vsf-suisse.org or 031 332 77 65.



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PARTNERSHIPS AND ALLIANCES

WORKING TOGETHER FOR GREATER IMPACT

VSF INTERNATIONAL

VSF-Suisse is member of a network of 12 organizations connected by their veterinary background and the shared philosophy: Healthy Animals, Healthy People, Healthy Environment. Being part of VSF International allows us to pool our resources, share our skills and experiences, and reinforce the capacities of network members and other partners. Combined, the network members are active in more than 40 countries in Africa, Asia, and Latin America.



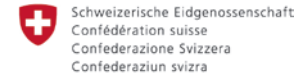
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SUFOSEC ALLIANCE

VSF-Suisse is also part of Sufosec, the Swiss Alliance for Sustainable Food Systems and Empowered Communities. Together with Aqua Alimenta, Fastenaktion, SKAT Foundation, Swissaid and Vivamos Mejor, we submitted a joint programme to and are supported by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) to achieve shared goals under Switzerland's International Cooperation Strategy 2021-2024 and along the lines of SDC's new NGO policy. This alliance of 6 NGOs allows for a unique

pooling of expertise in fields such as food security and sustainable agriculture, translating into concrete results for the people we work with.

In 2022, the alliance published its first food and nutrition report. With data and testimonials by people directly affected and involved, it sheds light on the increasing hunger in 16 countries of the global south. Read the report and more about the alliance on www.sufosec.ch



Swiss Agency for Development
and Cooperation SDC

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Alliance for Sustainable Food Systems
and Empowered Communities



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ADA Austrian Development Agency | **EU** European Union | **GIZ** German Agency for International Cooperation | **ICAT** Institut de Conseil et d'Appui Technique | **LED** Liechtenstein Development Service | **RAAF** Regional Agency for Agriculture and Food of ECOWAS | **SDC** Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation | **USAID-BHA** Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance of the United States Agency for International Development

International Organisations

FAO UN Food and Agriculture Organization | **IFAD** International Fund for Agricultural Development | **ILO** International Labour Organization | **OCHA** Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs of the UN | **UNDP** UN Development Programme

Research Institutes

CSRS Centre Suisse de Recherches Scientifiques en Côte d'Ivoire | **Egerton University** | **HAFL** School of Agricultural, Forest and Food Sciences | **ICRAF** World Agroforestry | **ICRISAT** International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics | **ILRI** International Livestock Research Institute | **Saferworld** | **swisspeace** | **Tufts University** | **University of Lomé** | **University of Nairobi** | **Yabello** Pastoral and Dryland Agriculture Research Institute

Foundations

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Swiss Public Sector

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Private Sector

AESA Agriconsulting Europe S.A. | **Cowater** | **FENALAIT** Fédération Nationale des Producteurs de Lait du Mali | **FENAPFIBVTO** Fédération Nationale des Professionnels de la Filière Bétail et Viande du Togo | **GSA** Global Shea Alliance | **Migros-Genossenschafts-Bund**

NGOs

ACPA Aged and Children Pastoralists Association | **ACTED** Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development | **ADRA** Adventist Development and Relief Agency | **AJT** Action Jeune Togo | **Amref** Health Africa – Comitato Collaborazione Medica Onlus | **APROMORS** Association pour la promotion du monde rural au Sahel | **AE2D** Agir pour un Environnement et un Développement Durables | **Aqua Alimenta** | **AVSF** Agronomes et Vétérinaires Sans Frontières | **CAB Déméso** Support Committee of Regional Initiatives | **CASADD-VR** Action Centre for Food Security, Sustainable Development and Resource Utilisation | **CEDA** Community Empowerment and Development Action | **CEMIRIDE** Centre for Minority Rights Development | **COOPI** Organization for International Cooperation | **Cordaid** Catholic Organization for Relief and Development Aid | **E4Impact** | **ETD** Entreprises et Développement des Territoires | **Fastenaktion** | **GEVAPAF** Gestion de l'Environnement et Valorisation des Produits Agropastoraux et Forestiers | **GRAT** Groupe de Recherches et Applications Techniques | **HEKS** Swiss Church Aid | **HeRY** Help Restore Youth South Sudan | **IMPACT** Indigenous Movement for Peace Advancement and Conflict Transformation | **NRC** Norwegian Refugee Council | **OADEL** Organisation pour l'Alimentation et le Développement Local | **RBM** Réseau Billital Maroobé | **RONGITO** Togo | **SKAT** Foundation | **SOMIRENEC** Social Ministry Research Network Centre | **Swissaid** | **Vivamos Mejor** | **VSF** Belgium | **VSF** Canada | **VSF** Germany | **Welthungerhilfe** | **We World Onlus**

CELEBRATING 20 YEARS OF IMPACT IN TOGO

When VSF-Suisse began working in Togo 20 years ago, a large part of the population of this country with limited natural resources and very dynamic populations was living in poverty. Displaced small-holder farmers living near the protected forests of the Central Region were among the most affected groups.

VSF-Suisse began mobilizing funding from various Swiss organizations and donors to start its first intervention in 2002. From the very beginning, VSF-Suisse trusted the Togolese actors by involving them in the implementation of the project. This included the targeted populations, local NGOs, technical services of the State, authorities and a small local team.

The team of the VSF-Suisse Togo Country Office.

Thus, in 2022, it was with all these actors that we celebrated 20 years of VSF-Suisse activities in Togo. In celebrating this anniversary, we want to thank and congratulate each of these actors for having facilitated VSF-Suisse's work in Togo and for having contributed to our efforts in the fight against poverty.

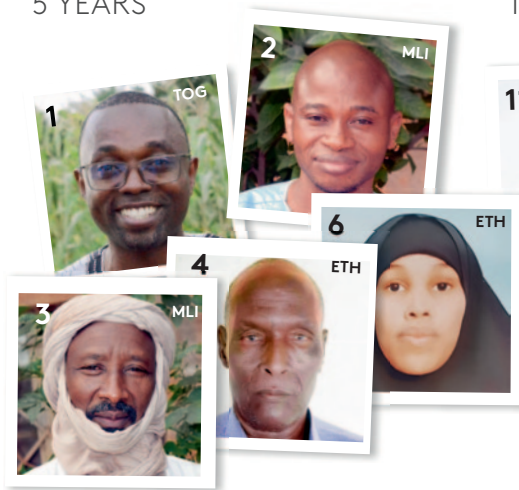
This fight is far from being won and many challenges remain. The VSF-Suisse team at the Togo Country Office will continue its important work with ever more dynamism, commitment and innovation.

Géraud Hellow, Country Director Togo



STAFF ANNIVERSARIES

5 YEARS



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 2. Boulabassi Coumaré, Technical Advisor (MLI) 3. Sidi Takiou, Nexus Advisor (MLI) 4. Mohamed Dol, Security Guard (ETH) 5. Nega Alamu, Livestock Officer (ETH, not pictured) 6. Nimco Yusuf, Cleaner (ETH)

10 YEARS



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15 YEARS



14. Constantin Assi,
 Financial & Administrative Manager (TOG)

20 YEARS



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ETH = Ethiopia, KEN = Kenya, SOM = Somalia,
 SSD = South Sudan, MLI = Mali, TOG = Togo

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