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FOREWORD

ENDURING DEDICATION AND COMMITMENT

Dear members, friends, and partners,

The past year stands as a reflection of the multifaceted challenges that many communities in the Global South are increasingly facing. This was especially the case for the people we work with in the Sahel region of West Africa and the Horn of Africa. In these regions, a complex geopolitical landscape with rising security issues paired with the effects of the climate crisis put a strain on both people and animals.

The climate crisis in particular defined 2023 and is notably impactful on communities that are least responsible for the emissions causing it. The three-year drought in the Horn of Africa stands as a testament to this. After the drought

finally came to an end by mid year, the long awaited rainfall led to devastating flooding in some regions, as the dried up soil was not able to cope with the sheer amounts of water. A dilemma of never ending challenges.

VSF-Suisse was active in supporting these communities with humanitarian relief activities. While in Ethiopia, Kenya and Somalia the drought was the main issue, our other countries of operation faced diverse challenges. South Sudan had to deal with an influx of displaced individuals fleeing the conflict in neighbouring Sudan, further straining an already fragile socio-political climate. Meanwhile, in Mali, the unstable security situation has

prompted numerous aid organizations to withdraw. Now more than ever, VSF-Suisse is determined to solidify its presence and make a difference in people's lives.

Although across the globe the challenges are increasing, governments in Switzerland and other donor countries are discussing budget cuts for the development cooperation sector. As you will see on the following pages, our work is now more important than ever and the financial uncertainty only hinders sustainable progress.

2023 was a special year in many regards, as it also marked the commemoration of 35 years of VSF-Suisse, a testament to the enduring dedication to our mission. There were a number of personnel changes, including a new Executive Director and Director of Programmes.

A highlight was the positive start of our joint programming in Chad, exemplifying the efficacy of collaborative initiatives. Likewise, the Sufosec Alliance has shown promising initial results. The VSF International security training initiative underscores our commitment to maintaining a secure operational environment all while fostering synergies.

Contained within the ensuing pages are accounts of our activities and achievements. As we navigate the complexities of the contemporary landscape, our organization remains resolute in its commitment to mitigating human suffering, promoting animal health, and

contributing to improved food security and livelihoods.

Thank you for your continued support.

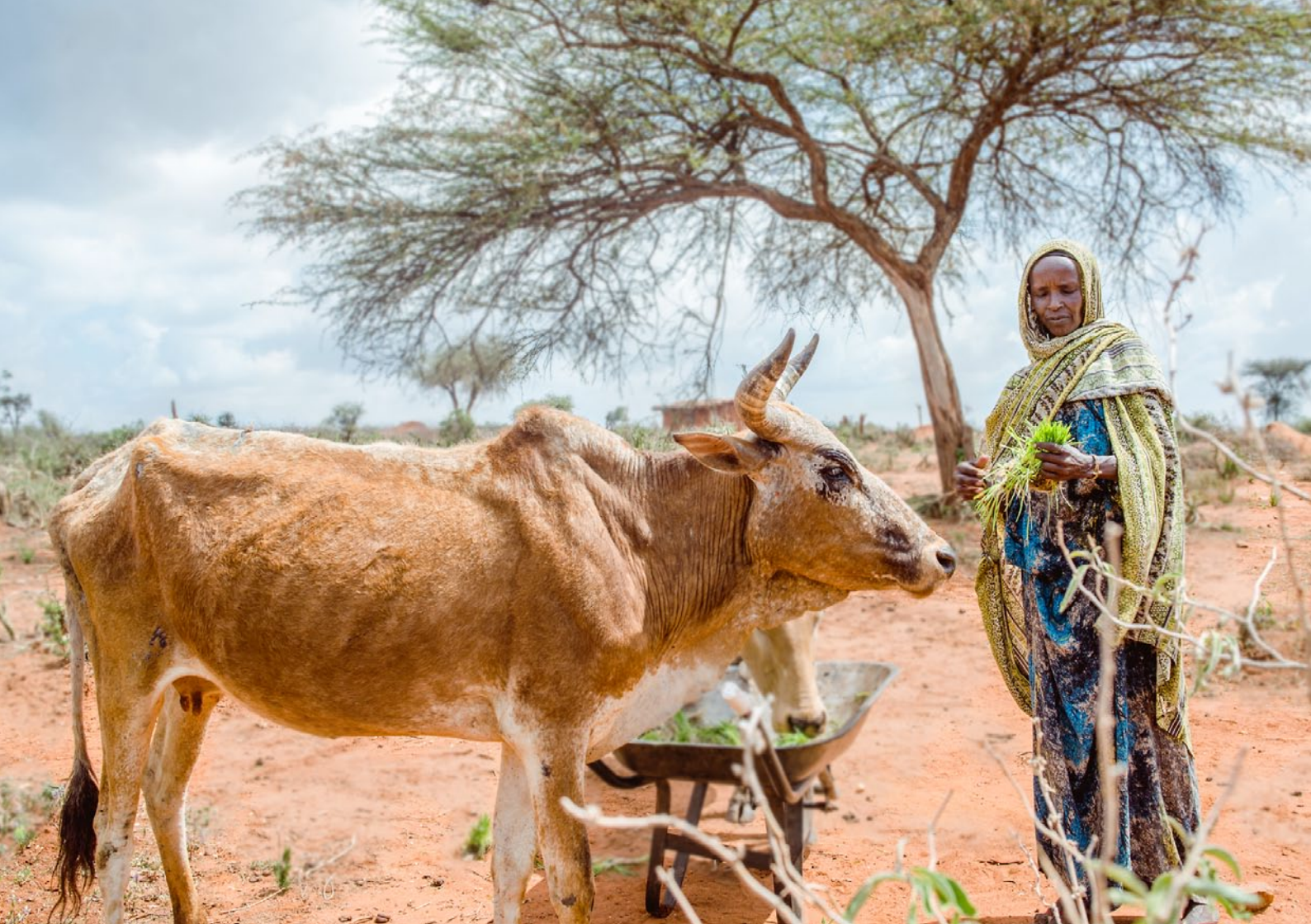
Sincerely,
Ueli Kihm and Flurina Derungs



Ueli Kihm, President



Flurina Derungs, Executive Director



FOCUS
AGROECOLOGY

FOCUS

SUSTAINABLE LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION FOR AGROECOLOGICAL TRANSFORMATION

The food crises in the Horn of Africa and in the Sahel have many faces: suffering from conflict and shocks, communities we are working with also experience rangeland degradation and desertification. Agroecology is a part of our response.

Countries where VSF-Suisse is active are affected by droughts, floodings and conflicts: millions of people are losing their livelihoods and are forced to reinvent themselves. They have to make the most out of limited resources while simultaneously defending their rights, especially access to means of production such as land. In line with its Global Strategy, VSF-Suisse positions itself in favour of agroecology to sustainably transform the livelihoods of these communities. A study carried out by the Sufosec Alliance (see p. 28) in collabo-

ration with the School of Agricultural, Forest and Food Sciences (HAFL) shows that agroecological transformation is a long-term process that requires scaling and co-creation of knowledge.

Making Value of Drylands

16% of the global land areas are considered arid or semi-arid but in the countries we are working this share can reach 80%. These landscapes are best utilised when livestock is feeding on grass and shrubs which can neither be

“Agroecology is a holistic and integrated approach that simultaneously applies ecological and social concepts and principles to the design and management of sustainable agriculture and food systems. It seeks to optimize the interactions between plants, animals, humans and the environment while also addressing the need for socially equitable food systems within which people can exercise choice over what they eat and how and where it is produced [...]” FAO, 2023

converted to crop farming nor be eaten by humans. VSF-Suisse champions community rangeland management committees in charge of taking care of the rangelands to reduce resource-based (pasture and water) conflict, avoid degradation and restore degraded land for better productivity.

Agroecology and the Right to Food

In the Rights-based and Agroecological Initiatives for Sustainability and Equity in peasant communities (RAISE) project, VSF-Suisse works with its partners to help pastoralists improve their access to land. Bringing authorities (so-called duty

bearers), agro-pastoralists and pastoralists (right holders) together has proven to be key in increasing awareness on the importance of land access in Kenya, Mali, Niger and Burkina Faso.

Biodiversity: of Seeds and Breeds

A 2022 report on farmer's right to seeds by the Special UN Rapporteur on Food emphasises the importance of preserving local seed-systems to make communities more resilient to shocks while explicitly including animal husbandry and pastoralism. Our pilot project in Mali has shown the benefits of preserving local Zebu breeds and fodder varieties for the communities by diversifying the livelihoods. Preserving local seed-systems and indigenous breeds contribute to species biodiversity and climate resilience. Furthermore, natural regeneration with local grass varieties

Distribution of fruit tree seedlings and vegetable seeds in Moyale, Ethiopia.



promotes landscape diversity, thereby contributing to an integrated, holistic approach to managing natural resources.

Why Milk and Meat Matter

Be it the milk and meat value chain, the use of non-timber forest products such as honey or the distribution of livestock products during food crisis: Agroecology also means access to local, diversified and nutritious food. And how would a pastoralist survive a food crisis and recover from shocks without having animals which provide meat, milk and blood?



Milling of invasive shrub pods to produce livestock fodder in Isiolo County, Kenya.

VOICES FROM THE FIELD

THE STORY OF LOUKOU AKOWE

Loukou Akowe, 38, lives in the central region of Togo, where he has been involved in farming and trading since his youth. Five years ago, having seen the health benefits of honey, he took up beekeeping. "I started with traditional beekeeping," he says. "I had hives in jars that I put in my cashew tree plants, and I managed to harvest four to five liters of honey every year for my family and myself."

Starting in 2021, Mr. Akowe was accompanied by VSF-Suisse and its partners as part of the MiKaGo project. He attended trainings in modern techniques, marketing and honey processing, and has been supported in the acquisition of beekeeping equipment. He tells us about his experience: "Once we had been trained, we organized ourselves in

order to help each other in our beekeeping activities. That's when I noticed that my colleagues who were producing with modern hives were starting to get good yields. So I decided to use modern hives and apply the techniques I'd learned in our training courses."

Three years after the implementation of the project, Mr. Akowe says: "Beekeeping



has become a means of income for me. Today, I don't just harvest honey for family consumption, but much more to increase my income. I've gone from four traditional hives to twelve modern ones, and last year I was able to harvest almost 100 liters of honey, which I sold on the local market and in Lomé (the capital). With the income I get, I'm able to buy fertilizer to support my agricultural crops - and save some money."

He adds that his greatest satisfaction lies in the testimonials of his customers: "I have loyal customers, especially those from the capital. They say my honey has a special flavor because of its cashew aroma." Incorporating the agroecological practices introduced by the project, Mr. Akowe now practices environmentally friendly beekeeping.

The unabridged story of Loukou Akowe can be read here:

www.vsf-suisse.org/honey



COUNTRY REPORTS

OUR ACTIVITIES 2023

WHERE WE WORK

OUR PARTNER COUNTRIES 2023

MALI

including cross-border activities in NIGER, IVORY COAST and BURKINA FASO

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

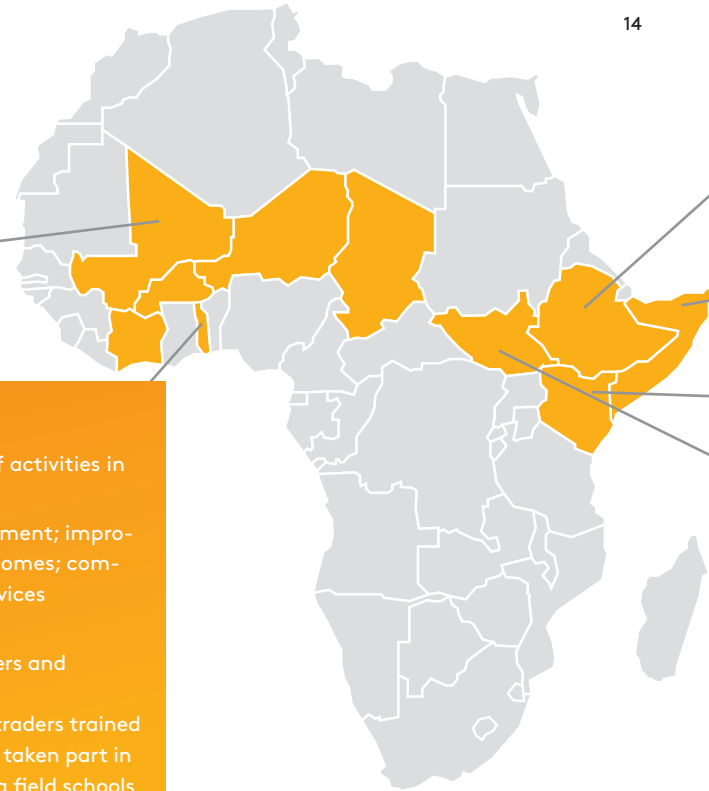
- 5 projects
- Technical capacities of 106 young livestock keepers improved
- 1,700 liters of milk collected daily in Mali
- 3 pastoral perimeters identified and prepared for fodder production (One each in Niger, Burkina Faso and Mali)
- Support and training of 4 livestock cooperatives
- 4 milk-kiosks constructed
- 1,455 goats treated and distributed to vulnerable households
- 364 people trained

TOGO

including management of activities in CHAD

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

- 4 projects
- 834 shea butter producers and 646 beekeepers trained
- 464 cheese processors/traders trained
- 500 agro-breeders have taken part in small ruminant breeding field schools
- 15 producers' unions set up
- 10,360 small ruminants vaccinated and dewormed
- 2,550 Shea seedlings planted



ETHIOPIA

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

- 18 projects
- 1,734 tons of livestock feed distributed
- 1,109 people trained in animal health, livestock farming and marketing practices
- 6,128,782 animals treated
- 192,737 people reached with emergency response interventions

SOUTH SUDAN

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

- 10 projects
- 185,605 people reached through emergency interventions
- 931,000 animals treated
- 5,622 people trained
- 253 people engaged through peace messaging
- 6,073 people reached through protection awareness / messaging

KENYA

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

- 11 projects
- 632,232 animals treated
- 1,107 tons of livestock feed distributed
- 1,718 drought-affected households provided with Unconditional Cash Transfers
- 2 acres of land reseeded
- 150 households restocked with camels and goats
- 1 camel milk chilling centre established
- 5 manual weather stations installed
- 184 poultry value chain actors trained on food safety

SOMALIA

Emergency response for livestock production; One Health and community animal health services; small ruminant husbandry and breeding; integrated rangeland management

- 6 projects
- 634,021 animals treated
- 80 tons of livestock feed distributed
- 1,693 people reached through community dialogues on One Health, prevention of zoonoses, antimicrobial resistance and food safety
- 52 frontline service providers (CAHWs, CHWs, NRM agents) trained on One Health, hygiene, zoonoses and antimicrobial resistance awareness and prevention strategies
- 1,900 drought-affected households provided with Unconditional Cash Transfers

EAST AFRICA

FIGHTING THE HUNGER CRISIS

While the Horn of Africa finally emerged from an unprecedented three-year drought, its devastating impacts on millions of people and their livelihoods persisted. VSF-Suisse scaled up its humanitarian efforts that saved lives, protected livelihoods and brought relief to pastoralist communities.

Access to Food and Basic Services

Five consecutive failed rainy seasons in the arid and semi-arid lowlands of Ethiopia, Kenya, and Somalia had not only caused crop failures, but also the decimation of entire livestock herds dependent on natural pasture. Over 13 million animals died. As food prices in the region surged, pastoralist communities lost their access to nutrient-rich milk as well as their main source of income. Recognizing the unique circumstances of those facing hardship,

we assisted thousands of families with Unconditional Cash Transfers to address their most pressing needs. This allowed them to buy food and hygiene articles on the local markets, access healthcare, or get school supplies, based on their own decisions.

A woman registering with her fingerprint to receive emergency support in Gedo, Somalia.



Emergency Feeding of Core Breeding Stock

At the same time, we supported pastoralists in protecting their core breeding animals by supplying concentrated feed to pregnant or milking cows, sheep, or goats. Vulnerable families could only hope to rebuild their herds if a few of their productive animals survived the drought and the genetic material of well-adapted, local breeds was preserved. When the rains started and the grasslands greened up in Ethiopia's Borana region, we adapted our approach to the changed conditions and instead backed the government initiative to harvest pasture, bale hay and make silage.

Emergency Veterinary Services Provision

Finally, it was crucial to safeguard the health of the remaining emaciated,

Animal fodder distribution during the drought in Gedo, Somalia.

weakened livestock and prevent the transmission of diseases between herds congregated near the last grazing areas and watering points. Teams made up of government veterinary extension workers, private practitioners, and community animal health workers were deployed to

deworm, treat, vaccinate and administer locally sourced multivitamins and drugs to animals of vulnerable households. Interventions resulted in improved livestock health and reduced livestock mortalities during the drought.



Support for the People Displaced by the Sudan Conflict

In South Sudan, meanwhile, our work has been shaped by a different crisis. Since the outbreak of conflict in Sudan in April 2023, several hundred thousands of displaced people crossed the border to their southern neighbor in search of protection. Although the vast majority of them are returning refugees who had fled South Sudan during its civil war, they found themselves stranded in remote transit areas without transportation. Their communities of origin offer few perspectives for rebuilding livelihoods, as they are already struggling with periodic climate shocks, communal violence and political instability, as well as economic stagnation.

In accordance with international standards, our teams in border areas have been supporting both refugees and host communities with cash, vegetable seeds,

and fishing equipment to sustain access to food and incomes before durable solutions can be achieved.

In complex crises such as these, we take immediate actions to prevent and mitigate their worst impacts. But we are also working towards reducing vulnerabilities and strengthening the resilience of pastoral livelihoods to threats in the longer term. Promoting agroecological approaches such as the participatory management and rehabilitation of rangelands, the diversification of herds with camels, or the development of integrated production systems including multi-purpose crops, trees, and livestock can offer a vision for a better future.

Climate shocks like flooding added to the complex crises in South Sudan in 2023.



WEST AFRICA

STRONG COMMUNITIES THROUGH AGROECOLOGICAL PRACTICES

VSF-Suisse and its partners in West Africa work together with cooperatives and farmers' organizations. Together, we want to create sustainable livestock farming and develop climate-resilient agriculture with the help of agroecological practices.

Promoting Agrobiodiversity

VSF-Suisse and its partner CAB Déméso are working in Mali to preserve local cattle breeds, all while aiming to increase production by promoting climate-resistant breeds. Cultivating local fodder plants will ensure that the core breeding stock has sufficient feed throughout the year. 156 family farms have been part of a pilot project on preserving local breeds and fodder varieties. This will have a positive effect on their income and livelihoods.

Strengthening Agro-Pastoral Communities

VSF-Suisse is committed to the rights of pastoralist communities in the Sahel countries of Burkina Faso, Niger and Mali. With our partners, we have been supporting 500 households of conflict-affected Internally Displaced People (IDPs) and host communities through a multisectoral humanitarian intervention. With the RAISE project, VSF-Suisse has been

A livestock farmer looking after his cows in Mali.



training both rights-holders and duty bearers on access to land and resources, as enshrined in international instruments like the United Nations Declaration on the Rights of Peasants UNDRIP. Reducing land use conflicts will have a positive impact on rangelands and reduce pressure on vegetation and soils.

Protecting Natural Resources

In Togo, VSF-Suisse has been working for years on the sustainable use of natural resources around protected forests as well as sustainable income opportunities. For example, project participants are trained in the processing of shea nuts and in the field of beekeeping. These activities are intended to help raise awareness that the forest can be an income resource and must therefore be protected. The sustainable management of forests, including reforestation and assisted natural regen-

Training on shea grafting in Togo.

eration, is a central component of VSF-Suisse's work in Togo.

An analysis in collaboration with the School of Agricultural, Forest and Food Sciences HAFL of VSF-Suisse's practices in the field of agroecology in Togo shows

that our activities strengthen the circular economy component and promote joint learning as well as the dissemination of knowledge. In Togo, agroecology is the key to sustainable, resilient value chains from which all project participants can benefit.





FINANCES

10 MILLION MARK
EXCEEDED

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VSF-Suisse clearly exceeded the 10 million mark for the first time in 2023 with a total revenue of CHF 12.1 million. Due to the historic drought in East Africa and the subsequent flooding, our Country Offices in the Horn of Africa (Ethiopia, Kenya and Somalia) were able to implement several emergency aid projects in addition to the regular programs, which led to significantly higher project revenue.

Revenue at the head office in Switzerland also increased to almost CHF 2.3 million, mainly thanks to legacies and generous individual donations. On the other hand, income from general donations unfortunately fell again compared to the previous year.

Overall, the annual result before changes to the organization's capital was exceptionally good at just under CHF 600,000, of which around CHF 260,000 was used to build up internal funds. The remainder (around CHF 336,000) is reported as the net result for the year.

We were thus able to further strengthen our organizational capital in 2023, and with it create more room for maneuvering in the future.

FINANCES

(IN 1,000 CHF)

BALANCE SHEET, STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS, AND EXPENSES

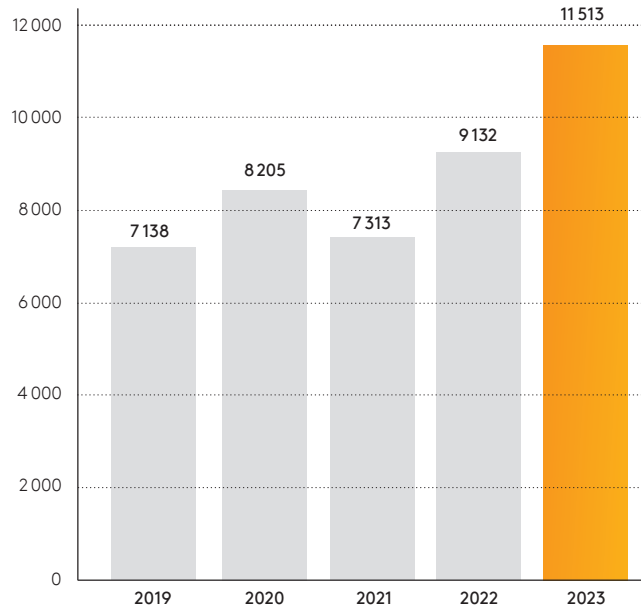
BALANCE SHEET as of 31.12.	2023	2022	STATEMENT OF OPERATIONS	2023	2022		
Current assets	5,120	4,255	Operating income	12,081	9,966		
Non-current assets	20	35	Operating expenses	-12,447	-10,060		
TOTAL ASSETS	5,140	4,290	Other income	-18	-79		
Current liabilities	1,042	998	Change in fund capital	981	455		
Non-current liabilities	20	30	Total before change in organization capital	598	282		
Fund capital	2,484	2,259	Change in organization capital	-261	-65		
Organization capital	1,593	1,003	NET RESULT	336	217		
TOTAL LIABILITIES	5,140	4,290					
			EXPENSES	2023	2022		
			Project expenses	-11,513	92.5%	-9,132	90.8%
			Fundraising expenses	-326	2.6%	-296	2.9%
			Administrative expenses	-608	4.9%	-632	6.3%
			TOTAL EXPENSES	-12,447	100.0%	-10,060	100.0%

You can find the Audit Report 2023 with more in-depth information on our website www.vsf-suisse.org/auditreport

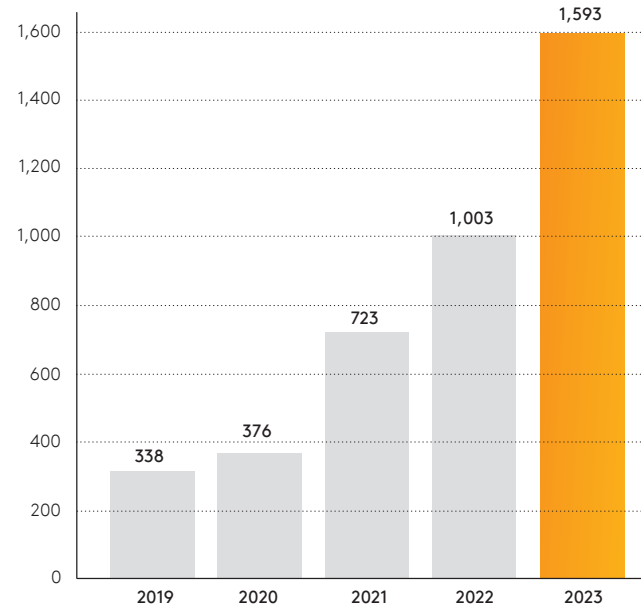
FINANCES

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

DEVELOPMENT OF PROJECT EXPENSES



DEVELOPMENT OF ORGANIZATION CAPITAL



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WE WORK WITH.

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The mission and vision of VSF-Suisse are carried out by its 250 members. Are you a member? If not, become one today and help shape our future!

www.vsf-suisse.org/members

VETERINARY COMMUNITY AND „VACCINATE FOR AFRICA“

A big thank you to all the vets for supporting us every day and to all participants and our exclusive sponsor Virbac Suisse for making the annual campaign “Vaccinate for Africa” possible.



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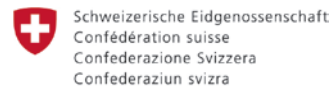
VSF-Suisse is member of a network of 12 organizations connected by their veterinary background and the shared philosophy: Healthy Animals, Healthy People, Healthy Environment. Being part of VSF International allows us to pool our resources, share our skills and experiences, and reinforce the capacities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



www.vsf-international.org

ALLIANCE SUFOSEC

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 alli-



Swiss Agency for Development
and Cooperation SDC

ance of six NGOs allows for a unique pooling of expertise, translating into concrete results for the people we work with.

On World Food Day 2023, the alliance released a midterm review. It shows that since the start of the joint programme, food insecurity has fallen from 72% to 65% in 32 surveyed locations in 18 countries. Read the report and more about the alliance on www.sufosec.ch

ALLIANCE
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Alliance for Sustainable Food Systems
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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 | **RAAF** Regional Agency for Agriculture and Food of ECOWAS Economic Community of West African States | **UNDP** UN Development Programme | **WFP** World Food Programme | **WOAH** World Organization for Animal Health

Research Institutes

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 | **swisspeace** Swiss Peace Foundation | **Tufts** University | University of **Lomé** | University of **Nairobi** | **Upper Nile** University | **Yabello** Pastoral and Dryland Agriculture Research Institute

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NGOs

ACTED Agency for Technical Cooperation and Development | **ADRA** Adventist Development and Relief Agency | **Amref** Health Africa – Comitato Collaborazione Medica Onlus | **AE2D** Agir pour un Environnement et un Développement Durables | **Aqua Alimenta** | **AVSF** Agronomes et Vétérinaires Sans Frontières | **CAB DèmeSo** Conseil Accompagnement des initiatives à la Base | **CASADD-VR** Action Centre for Food Security, Sustainable Development and Resource Utilisation | **CEDA** Community Empowerment and Development Action | **CEMIRIDE** Centre for Minority Rights Development | **E4Impact** | **ETD** Entreprises et Développement des Territoires | **Fastenaktion** | **GEVAPAF** Gestion de l'Environnement et Valorisation des Produits Agropastoraux et Forestiers | **IMPACT** Indigenous Movement for Peace Advancement and Conflict Transformation | **Nouveaux Horizons** | **OADEL** Organisation pour l'Alimentation et le Développement Local | **RBM** Réseau Billital Moroobé | **RONGITO** Togo | **SKAT** Foundation | **SOMIRENEC** Social Ministry Research Network Centre | **Swissaid** | **Vivamos Mejor** | **VSF** Belgium | **VSF** Canada | **VSF** Germany | **Welthungerhilfe** | **We World Onlus**

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5 YEARS



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10 YEARS



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

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