

## AT A GLANCE

Our **VISION** is a just world where all men and women determine the course of their lives in dignity and security, using environmental resources in a sustainable manner.



## OUR MISSION

Working with our partners, we support the efforts of disadvantaged people and communities in developing countries to determine the course of their own lives, thereby helping them to help themselves. We promote fair access to essential resources and protect social, economic, political, environmental and cultural rights.

## HOW WE WORK



### DEVELOPMENT PROJECTS AND HUMANITARIAN AID

Helvetas provides support. We enable people to change their own lives and the life of their community. Our approach is to build local capacities to manage all aspects of projects – from planning to implementation to evaluation. In emergency situations we provide humanitarian assistance on the ground as well as supporting sustainable reconstruction efforts.



### CONSULTING

Helvetas provides effective assistance. Our experts advise and support private, state, multi-lateral and civil society organizations – providing professional expertise, skills training, and sharing experiences more widely through international networks.



### EDUCATION AND INFORMATION

Helvetas informs the public. We highlight global connections and focus attention on social and environmental inequalities. At schools and events, in exhibitions and publications, we point out the positive steps that one can take, whether as consumer, volunteer, donor or voter.



### DEVELOPMENT POLICY

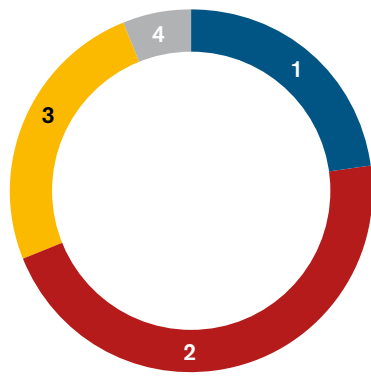
Helvetas takes a stand. Through petitions and campaigns we seek to influence development policies. Through petitions and campaigns we seek to influence development policies for which we cooperate in the Alliance 2015.

## WHO WE ARE

Helvetas, an international network of independent affiliate member organizations, is working in the fields of development cooperation and emergency response. We promote the fundamental rights of individuals and groups and strengthen governments and other duty bearers in their service provision, building upon more

than six decades of development experience. With more than 1500 collaborators in about 30 countries, of whom more than 1300 are national staff, the network members share a common vision and mission and subscribe to common working principles and policies. We jointly implement development programmes and adhere

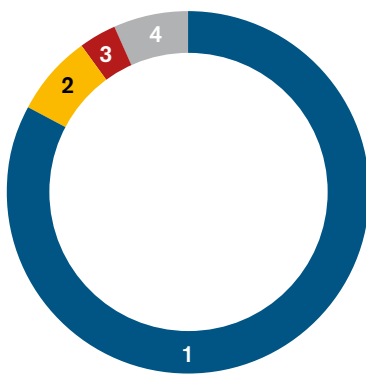
to a common strategy, working approaches and thematic areas of intervention. In Switzerland, Helvetas is structured as an association of 100,000 members and donors and has offices in Zürich, Bern, Geneva and Balerna.



### Source of funds 2019: EUR 126.5 million

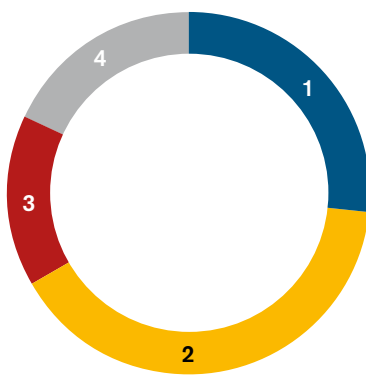
- 1 Income from fundraising 23%
- 2 Contributions and mandates SDC 46%
- 3 Mandates from other organizations 24.9%
- 4 Other earnings 6.1%

Exchange rate: EUR 1 = CHF 1.0874 (31.12.2019)



### Use of funds 2019: EUR 128.1 million

- 1 Services outside of Switzerland 82.9%
- 2 Services within Switzerland 7.2%
- 3 Head office 3.5%
- 4 Fundraising 6.4%



### Programme expenditure by continent

- 1 Africa 26.8%
- 2 Asia 40%
- 3 Latin America 15.3%
- 4 Eastern Europe and Central Asia 17.9%

## WHERE WE WORK



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## WATER AND INFRASTRUCTURE



Access to clean water and sanitary facilities is a prerequisite for a healthy life and for regional development. Infant mortality is reduced, women no longer have the burden of carrying water long distances, and productivity increases. Constructing water supply systems and latrines,

hygiene training and advocating for a fair water policy are amongst Helvetas' priorities. We also promote the construction of roads and trail bridges to make for shorter routes to schools, health centres and markets.

**“Our soil is turning salty. And we know that the water from the local spring pool isn't safe anymore. Now we get clean water from our rainwater cisterns – even in the dry season.”**



**Protap Mazumder, 42**, a tailor in the Sundarbans region in the south of Bangladesh

## SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE ECONOMIES



Over 800 million people around the world go hungry every day. Helvetas helps small farmers improve their crop yields whilst respecting the environment: through efficient irrigation, ecological farming methods and crop diversification. We support farming families to gain a footing in

local and regional markets as well as access to international fair trade. Training courses and access to micro-loans open up new production opportunities for rural communities. In this way, farmers and small businesses can become drivers of rural development.

**“It was tough at the beginning, and we lost heart more than once. But each time I said, ‘keep going.’ We used to have nothing and I didn't know how I would pay for my children's education. Now I know.”**



**Bernardina Ray, 54**, rose grower and chair of a producers' union near Cusco, Peru

## ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE



Global climate change threatens the livelihood of farming families in vulnerable regions. Helvetas helps them to protect themselves from environmental risks and adapt their farming methods accordingly. Farmers learn how to conserve the soil, forest and watersheds. We call for those

who are chiefly responsible for climate change, the industrial nations and large newly industrialized countries, to cut greenhouse gas emissions. We maintain a critical eye on Swiss climate policy, and our experts engage actively in global climate debates.

**“If we are to take on new challenges then we'll need a lot more research. And we'll need plenty of farmers to try what we learned. For people to understand the point of new farming methods, they have to see it with their own eyes. So that's why I show them how it's done.”**



**Miguel Ortega Paty, 37**, farmer and agricultural adviser in Viloco, on the Bolivian Altiplano.

## SKILLS DEVELOPMENT AND EDUCATION



Primary school education and vocational training enable young people to take charge of their own lives. Helvetas provides teenagers and young adults in rural areas access to tailored training modules, corresponding to labour market requirements. Advice on business management

helps them to set up small businesses and promotes entrepreneurial activity. We assist state agencies in training teachers and developing teaching materials. In all these efforts, we attach particular importance to the inclusion of girls and women.

**“I want to be a fashion designer and open my own shop. Then I'll be able to pass on my skills as a seamstress to other young women.”**



**Egzona Maliqi, 20**, a seamstress in the multi-ethnic village of Berivojce in eastern Kosovo

## GOVERNANCE AND PEACE



Where people feel that the fruits of their labour are protected from arbitrary seizure, they can securely strive to make a better life for themselves. Helvetas works towards a society of equal opportunities for all, strengthening the ability of men and women to organize and to

assert their basic rights. We assist government agencies in fulfilling their responsibilities to serve their citizens. In this, we aim to make participatory planning, transparency and reliable services the norm.

**“I didn't know my responsibilities and duties as a councillor – but I didn't know the possibilities either. Now I understand that the fate of the community is in our hands, and how we can improve our own lives.”**



**Dequ Melese**, a farmer and town councillor in Ahuri, South Achefer district (Amhara), Ethiopia