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**AN
EXCEPTIONAL
YEAR**

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



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About Helvetas

Helvetas has been contributing to efforts to alleviate poverty, working to advance human rights, and fighting injustice across the globe. Poor and disadvantaged people and communities are at the center of our work. Together, we create new prospects, leveraging existing potential, strengths, and assets: we help people to help themselves. We provide humanitarian response following natural disasters and in conflict situations. We always work closely with local partner organizations from civil society and the private sector, as well as with local authorities.

Helvetas' core activities are international projects. Helvetas strives to improve the living conditions of disadvantaged people in rural areas in Africa, Asia, Latin America and Eastern Europe. The projects focus on the working areas Water, Food and Climate; Skilly, Jobs and Income; Voice, Inclusion and Cohesion and Humanitarian Response.

The organization promotes people's fair access to vital resources and champions the protection of social, economic, political, ecological and cultural rights and duties. In Germany, Helvetas pushes for demonstrating solidarity towards disadvantaged people in the Global South.

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Note: Various pictures for this annual report were taken before the corona crisis, so they show people who are not following the prevention measures that are now common in many countries.

Top picture: Mrs. Tung Tung in Phongsali District in Laos © Patrick Rohr

Middle picture: Gulburak Begmataeva in Kirgistan © Patrick Rohr

Bottom picture: Participants of the PEACE projects workshops in Myanmar © Helvetas Myanmar

AN EXCEPTIONAL YEAR

2020 was not a successful year in the fight against poverty. Meanwhile, the coronavirus crisis poses enormous challenges for the entire world, and millions of people will fall back into poverty.

There is no year like the other. This is especially true if you are globally engaged - as Helvetas is. As an organization active in the field of development cooperation and humanitarian aid, new crises challenge us every year. Some we expect, others hit us by surprise. What all these crises have in common is that they demand our special attention, be they environmental disasters, political crises or social and economic upheavals. Most of them are local crises occurring in a particular region or country. As a professional and globally anchored organization, we are prepared to respond flexibly and context-specifically to support the affected people. But what if a crisis hits us all with the severity that the Covid-19 pandemic did?

No crisis that I can recall has affected so many people at the same time as the Covid-19 pandemic, affecting - as so often - the already

disadvantaged the hardest. Helvetas responded quickly, adapting its projects and leveraging existing networks to work with our local partner organizations to support those whose living conditions were immediately severely impacted by the pandemic.

Even though the pandemic affected all of us to different degrees, we all had to adjust, reorganize ourselves and the way we live and work together. It is by no means to be taken for granted that people manage to stay motivated despite these challenges and to be there, committed for others. That is why, above all, I would like to thank my colleagues, our donors and cooperation partners, wherever they are in the world. I would like to thank them for their strength, flexibility and confidence. It is precisely our proven strength, flexibility and confidence that should encourage us in our future work.



Martin Koppa
Geschäftsführer Helvetas Germany

In view of the growing global challenges, first and foremost the climate change, it should encourage us to counter these challenges with all the determination we need. Now that we know what we are capable of, each individually, yet all together. If the pandemic has shown us anything, it is that only through international cooperation and solidarity global problems can be overcome.

Helvetas Germany

Helvetas Intercooperation gGmbH (‘Helvetas Germany’) was established on November 7th, 2013 and has entered in the commercial register of the Bonn District Court under the registration number HRB 20460 on December 6th, 2013. Helvetas is denominationally neutral and politically independent. Helvetas Germany is a member of the international Helvetas network. The Helvetas network builds upon six decades of development experience and is engaged in more than 30 countries with more than 1400 collaborators. The members implement joint development programs and adhere to a common strategy including defined working approaches and thematic areas of intervention.

KNOWLEDGE SHARED IS KNOWLEDGE DOUBLED

Climate change, the pandemic and political instability all present huge challenges in an increasing number of countries in the world. There is an urgent need to find solutions. This applies to development cooperation as well. It makes it all the more important to think in an interconnected way, to share know-how acquired over many years and to complement it with innovative approaches.

Covid-19 turned the lives of everyone in the world upside down in early 2020. Millions of women and men suddenly no longer knew how to feed their families, while others slid back into poverty because lockdown made it difficult for them to cultivate their fields and sell their produce, or cost them their jobs. Helvetas reacted quickly and relied on an approach that had proved valuable in other crisis situations: we built on what was already there (p. 12).

Local anchoring for rapid action

Some of Helvetas' strengths are its local embeddedness, its decentralized organizational structure and the cultivation of a culture to exchange constantly information about experiences, successes and failures to improve the impact of its work. Staff members in partner countries are familiar with local people's needs and problems, speak their language and know how to get their messages across. They also know the economic, social and political context and work closely with civil society organizations, the private sector, the administrations and government of the respective partner country. This distinguishes Helvetas from many large humanitarian aid organizations, which often have to find their bearings in an emergency and in a new country before they can start working. It also differentiates us from small private initiatives that generally don't have the necessary networks or enjoy the trust of local authorities.

New role, new understanding

How development organizations see their role has changed a great deal. Helvetas has long subscribed to the principle that we should only do things that local and national stakeholders cannot achieve on their own, whether that is because their hands are tied, because they cannot make themselves heard in the relevant places or because they lack the experience or the requisite technical expertise. We always work closely with primary stakeholders, and also with strong local partner organizations that can

The pandemic has focused our attention on the essentials. Here are three things we have learned:

We are all in the same boat

Global problems can only be solved by global cooperation. If only people in rich countries are vaccinated, Covid-19 will survive and spread. Now more than ever is the time for international solutions

The Agenda 2030 shows the way

Sate subsidies and market forces alone cannot come up with sustainable solutions to global, national and local crises. They require greater cooperation between the public sector, private sector and civil society, all of whom have valuable expertise and ideas to contribute to sustainable development

A link between North and South

Within weeks of the outbreak of the coronavirus pandemic, Helvetas had managed to adapt 149 programs and projects in almost 30 countries to the new challenges in order to cushion Covid-19's financial and social impact. This was only possible because of our longstanding partnerships with local organizations, authorities and businesses

implement projects competently, efficiently and cost-effectively. Helvetas is pooling its knowledge in its new 2021–24 strategy. We are intensifying our work in the areas of water, food and climate. Besides that, we want to create future opportunities for young people and prioritize projects offering high-quality, practice-oriented vocational training so that they will have real job prospects. And, last but not least, we aim at creating the right conditions for disadvantaged people to have a say in their future.

«The pandemic is undermining the resilience of communities globally, across all regions and socio-economic groups»

Antonia Potter Prentice,
Director Alliance2015



Families affected by poverty are supported with hygiene kits in Guatemala
© Helvetas Guatemala

International Research Reveals the Extent of the COVID-19 Impact on World's Poorest Countries

The research, undertaken by the eight member organisations of Alliance2015 including Helvetas measured the impact of the pandemic across the areas of food, income, access to health and education, and community dynamics. The first-hand experience of 13,820 people in 25 countries was sought by researchers.

The study shows that the experience varied according to the respondent's location (urban, rural, peri-urban or camps), country and individual factors such as gender, household composition and the main source of income. However, overall older people, those with disabilities, women and children were the worst affected. While there was awareness of the virus and the steps necessary to protect themselves against it,

masks and soap were not affordable for up to a third of respondents. In the case of up to a quarter of respondents, masks were not available. Large household numbers meant that social distancing was not possible for 38% of respondents living in camps.

Furthermore, over 40% of all respondents experienced a decrease in food quantity and quality. Some 90% said their ability to earn income was worse than before the pandemic. The analysis of respondents who reported a fall in income, showed that casual labourers and petty traders were hardest hit. The research also found that three-quarters of respondents who received remittances said these payments had either decreased or had stopped completely during the pandemic.

All main income sectors are heavily affected by COVID-19 measures. Surprisingly, the agricultural sector was also heavily affected in terms of reduced income, whereby as main reason loss of opportunities to sell the agricultural products was stated.

Among the other key findings were that two-thirds of respondents who live in households with children consider their access to education has reduced, compared to the time before Covid-19. Moreover, one-third of those surveyed considered that the health and well-being of their family were worse now compared to prior to the pandemic and up to 70% of respondents reported an increase in conflicts within their communities and their families.

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A WORLD WITHOUT POVERTY IS POSSIBLE

Some 730 million people currently live in extreme poverty, on less than 2 EURO per day. This number may soon grow by a further 100 million due to the coronavirus pandemic. Helvetas is working in 30 countries on four continents to support people to live their lives in self-determined ways, in dignity and without fear of hunger and poverty.



OUR PARTNER COUNTRIES



- Country Programmes Helvetas Germany
- Country Programmes
- Alliance Partner

WHAT WE DO

Helvetas implements development and humanitarian aid projects. We ensure basic rights, create new perspectives, and strengthen good governance. We also provide technical advisory services, develop subject-specific expertise, and engage in political dialogue and lobbying.



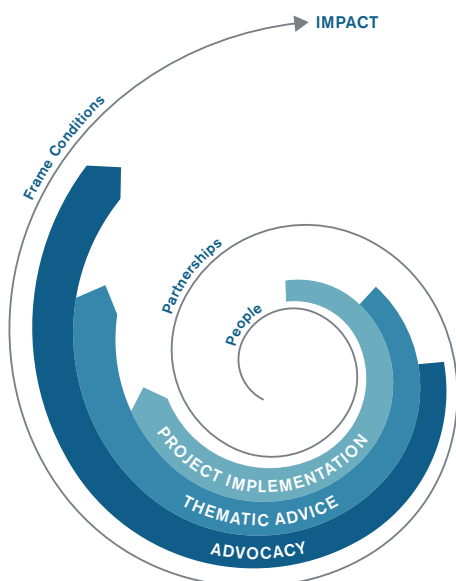
DIVERSE COMMITMENT

In 2020, Helvetas Germany supported 15 Projects and Programs in different thematic areas in 9 countries.

OVERVIEW PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS IN YEAR 2020

Continent/Country	Title	Co-Funding
Africa		
Burkina Faso	Laafia - Health for Schoolchildren and Families	Donations
Asia		
Bangladesh & Sri Lanka	CSO PVE (Preventing Violent Extremism) Capacity Development	EU
Kyrgyzstan	Greentour - Sustainable Tourism in Kyrgyzstan	EU
Laos	Connect - Capacity Development and Networking to Enhance Civil Society in Lao PDR	EU
Laos	C4N «Connecting for Improved Nutrition»	EU
Myanmar	Culture 4 Peace	EU
Myanmar	Open History - Arts for Peace	AA (ifa/zivik)
Myanmar	PEACE - Promoting Equitable, Accountable, Civic Engagement in Myanmar	EU
Sri Lanka	inSPIRE - Incubator Space for Promoting Information Right and Freedom of Expression	EU
Sri Lanka	Lankan Youth CAN - Social Change through youth digital activism and representation	AA (ifa/zivik)
Tajikistan	Improving the well-being of labour migrants and their families in Tajikistan	EU/ICMPD
Tajikistan	Improved Nutrition and Health for Rural Families	BMZ
Vietnam	Biotrade Initiatives Within Phyto-Pharmaceutical Sector	EU
Vietnam	L4A - Land rights for All	EU
Latin America		
Guatemala	GIGAM - Improving governance and integrity in the management of the water services	EU

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Through projects, technical advice, and advocacy Helvetas initiates, promotes and guides systemic change.

Helvetas combines three mutually reinforcing intervention mechanisms: We implement development and humanitarian response projects; we provide technical advice and build thematic competences; and we engage in awareness-raising, policy dialogue, and advocacy. This is how we initiate, support, and influence systemic change that improves the lives of people in the short and long term, strengthens our partners, and fosters conducive frame conditions.

REACT AND SUPPORT

The Covid-19 pandemic posed many new challenges in 2020. Helvetas responded quickly and, together with local partner organizations, provided support through awareness campaigns and in-kind donations.



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In Guatemala

The ongoing COVID-19 pandemic hit especially hard in San Marcos where Helvetas and its partner organization ADIMAM (an association of 13 municipalities) have been supporting local governments in the «GIGAM» project since 2018 to create better local water infrastructure together with rural water service providers. The citizens of the plateau area «Altiplano Marquense», face serious health-related issues due to the malfunctioning of services. The pandemic reinforced the need for accessible, well-managed, and clean water services. In addition to planned project activities, ADIMAM therefore staged communication campaigns, and provided protection equipment and supplies to the partner municipalities to carry out disinfection works in urban areas such as parks, markets and health centers.

In Sri Lanka

In Sri Lanka, Helvetas collaborates with the Sri Lanka Development Journalist Forum (SDJF) in the «inSPIRE» project. Through the establishment of Incubator Spaces in three Universities in Colombo, Kandy and Jaffna, the project seeks to empower a community of aspiring future media professionals and journalists to act as multipliers of gender sensitive and socially responsible media communication. The aim of this project is to promote an increased understanding and respect for freedom of expression and information. In response to the impact of COVID-19, the project supported the partner universities with donations of protective equipment. In addition, Helvetas distributed food packages to families living in poverty in the community of Doluwa in the district of Kandy.

In Myanmar

In response to the pandemic, Helvetas worked with local partners in Myanmar to support citizens in their fight against the pandemic. In the four-year project «PEACE», Helvetas worked with its local partners Local Resource Center and the Partnership for Transparency Fund e.V. to enhance resources and strengthen capacities of local Civil Society Organizations (CSOs) for an empowered and accountable civil society that embraces diversity, social inclusiveness, transparency and civic responsibility. The project collaborated with 785 CSOs in Myanmar. Building on this network, in 2020 the project supported the participating CSOs to provide communities with donations of hygiene items and food, and to conduct awareness raising campaigns to inform people about how to stay healthy and prevent the spread of COVID-19.

VOICE, INCLUSION AND COHESION

In its projects, Helvetas collaborates with various local partner organizations to empower people, especially women, to participate in decision-making processes and to strengthen the voice of civil society.

Prevention of Extremism

In Bangladesh and Sri Lanka, Helvetas and its local partners Rupantar and National Peace Council (NPC) work together in the project «CSO PVE (Prevention of Violent Extremism) Capacity Building». The project supports CSOs in their work on community level with youth organizations, faith-based groups and local women's organizations capacitating youth to understand violent extremism, help identify drivers and to be part of activities countering this issue. Mobilizing multi-sectoral groups, particularly religious leaders and community youth as interlocutors of counter-narratives, contributes to social cohesion across various social, political and religious divides. A special focus lies in creating cross-country learnings and institutional dialogue.



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Representation of the youth

In Sri Lanka, the Lankan Youth CAN project, in collaboration with selected local partner organizations, creates spaces for dialogue and strengthens young people's capacity to be active citizens and to increase their understanding and participation in democratic processes and a pluralistic society. Through workshops, committed young people not only learn more about political participation, but also about media techniques, storytelling, and how to run digital campaigns. The capacitated young people then become mentors and agents of change reaching out to far more young people in the country. The youth network created in this way is further strengthened by multi-stakeholder forums, which give young people the opportunity to participate in the youth parliament and local citizen's committees.

Informed Migration

In Tajikistan, Helvetas is committed to improve the living conditions of Tajik migrants through the project «Improving the well-being of labour migrants and their families». Due to low prospects of earning an income in their own country, Tajik men, and increasingly women, set their hopes on employment abroad, which increases the risk of forced labor and exploitation as well as the violation of their rights. Helvetas therefore offers access to easily accessible and practical information in the form of legal advice and education through awareness campaigns, even before people decide to leave the country for work. A particular focus lies on the long-term improvement of the well-being of young prospective and returning migrants and their families left behind in Tajikistan, since the challenges and risks of migration are exacerbated for these groups.



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1,865

people participated in courses and workshops on civic rights, peace-building and social cohesion through Helvetas Germany in 2020



Bild: Workshop Lankan Youth Can II, when meetings could still take place in person
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STRENGTHENING CIVIL SOCIETY

In 2020, 479 CSOs and networks were supported by Helvetas Germany in cooperation with local partner organizations.

Ways to a better future

In Myanmar, Helvetas and its local partners Local Resource Center (LRC) and Religions for Peace Myanmar (RfP-M) support more than 300 local CSOs in the project «Culture for Peace». Through capacity development, financial support and coaching, public relations and advocacy activities, the project creates safe and creative spaces for inclusive exchange and peaceful dialogue within and between different groups. A network of like-minded actors on pluralism is created and its advocacy work addressing formal and customary law that discriminates ethnic and religious minorities is supported. What is special about this project is that it focuses on empowering artists who are among the most marginalized groups within society. The project builds on the long-time experience of the projects «PEACE» and «Open History - Arts for Peace».



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Space for exchange and dialogue

In Laos, the «Connect» project strengthens the operational, managerial and technical capacity of CSOs, enabling them to identify and respond appropriately to the development needs of marginalized groups. The project's approach is to bring together key stakeholders and existing networks (including the Lao Youth Network, the Lao Farmers Network, SUN-CSA and the INGO Network). In cooperation with «Cord» and our partner organizations («Participatory Development Training Centre» (PADETC), «Learning for Development Association» (LDA) and the NGO-Network, we provide space for knowledge exchange, policy dialogue and service delivery to Laos' most disadvantaged communities.

Information and Capacity

In Vietnam, Helvetas is working with long-standing local partners on the Secure Land Rights for All project (see p. 15) to help disadvantaged ethnic minority groups, and women in particular, claim their rights to land and forest resources in Vietnam's northern provinces. An e-platform is designed to help affected people find ways to resolve land conflicts, share information, and seek advice. With this the ethnic minority groups will become more self-reliant and confident to resolve land and forest disputes and to defend themselves against discriminatory actions. In addition, the project strengthens the voice and skills of civil society organizations for land rights conflict resolution, policy analysis, and advocacy to improve their position, standing, and recognition in the public sphere.



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Picture: Women of the Dao Minority in the North of Vietnam © Helvetas Vietnam

«Land titles offer the security to invest»

In the parts of Vietnam where there are ethnic minorities, farmland and forests are coming under increasing pressure.

Why does Helvetas invest in land rights for ethnic minorities in Vietnam?

Their livelihoods depend on land resources, but they are often deprived of possibilities to demand their rights. An example of this is that people who are displaced – for the construction of a hydroelectric dam, for example – often struggle to rebuild a stable life for themselves. Also, although the law recognizes that everyone is equally entitled to land rights, there remains a significant gender gap.

What are the positive effects of having land titles?

Land titles can help to ensure that people can invest in land and use it to improve their livelihoods. In addition, they have equal rights when resolving land disputes.

What are the challenges people face when they ask for land rights?

Ethnic minorities have limited access to the information they need, and it is difficult for them to raise their voices about land rights issues. Restrictions on civil society organizations and their relative lack of resources make it hard for them to advocate effectively. Helvetas and Land Alliance (LANDA) help

vulnerable minorities to claim their land rights and their legal access to forest resources.

Helvetas Vietnam and CRED, their local partner organization, were selected as “Partner of the Year” by the Australian foreign ministry (DFAT).



Tuan Dam is manager for the Secure Land Rights for All project in Vietnam.

More about our working area Voice, Inclusion and Cohesion: helvetas.org/governance

IN THE SPOTLIGHT: SUSTAINABLE TOURISM

Helvetas has successfully engaged with local actors in the Kyrgyz tourism industry for 20 years already. With the «Greentour» project, Helvetas aims to support the sustainability and competitiveness of tourism as a key sector.

Initial Situation

The tourism sector in Kyrgyzstan faces numerous challenges, including the lack of supply chain and logistics structures, a low standard of service in the tourism sector, and insufficient infrastructure. In the late 1990s, when Kyrgyzstan had not long become an independent country, more and more travelers from the West began to arrive in the former Central Asian Soviet Republic.

At the end of the 1990s, when Kyrgyzstan had not long been an independent country, more and more travelers from the West were coming to the former Central Asian Soviet republic. Because there was a lack of tourist infrastructure, Helvetas supported women, who in Kyrgyz tradition are responsible for the household, in renting out individual rooms in their houses to guests from abroad. From this initially very small and locally limited project, the organization CBT, Community Based Tourism, grew in just a few years. Today, more than 300 families are affiliated with CBT throughout the country. They not only rent out beds, but also cook for travelers, take them from one place to another or introduce them to local customs. CBT was founded in 2003 with the goal of one day becoming an independent,

local organization. This was achieved in 2011. While the term «sustainable tourism» is not yet well known in the region, terms such as «nature tourism,» «responsible tourism,» and «green tourism» are increasingly being used, indicating a growing awareness of the need to shift to tourism models that have less negative impact on the environment, natural resources, and the livelihoods of local people.

What Helvetas does

Together with its partners Stichting European Centre for Ecological and Agricultural Tourism – Netherlands (ECEAT), the Kyrgyz Association of Tour Operators (KATO) and the Kyrgyz Community Based Tourism Association Hospitality Kyrgyzstan (KCBTA), responds to the objectives of the Helvetas aims to advance a more sustainable tourism, involving communities, and diversifying tourism products in order to attract new target groups and clients with the «Greentour» project. Through its holistic approach, the project mobilizes and accompanies Kyrgyz tour operators and their suppliers in adapting and promoting sustainable consumption and production

practices in their supply chains and business processes. This includes working with local suppliers, purchasing environmentally friendly products, reducing plastics, conserving natural resources, and engaging local communities in a socially responsible manner. For the targeted Micro, Small & Medium Enterprises (MSMEs) Helvetas fosters the creation of new financial schemes and promotes access to green financing. To achieve its goal, the project also focuses on triggering market demand for sustainable tourism by marketing Kyrgyzstan as a green destination and by raising consumer awareness on sustainable tourism MSMEs among tourists and international travel agents.



Imash Turkbaev (right), Tourism officer at Helvetas Kyrgyzstan and Gulburak Begmataeva (left), mountain guide trainee © Patrick Rohr

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«I can't imagine anything
else than spending the
summer up here.»

Gulburak Begmataeva, mountain guide trainee



IN THE SPOTLIGHT: HYGIENE AND HEALTH

In the «Écoles Bleues», the «blue schools» of Burkina Faso, children learn a lot about the connections between hygiene and health. They share what they have learned at home with their families and thus become ambassadors for health.

Initial Situation

In the province of Gnagna in eastern Burkina Faso, access to safe water and sanitation remains a challenge. Nearly 89% of households do not have a latrine, and half of elementary schools do not have a water point. Women, girls and especially children under 5 years pay the heaviest price in this situation. Diseases related to lack of hygiene represent almost a third of the recorded illnesses. Malnutrition, which is also one of the consequences, affects more than one in three persons. Since January 2016 Helvetas has been working with the town councils and local organizations in the municipalities of Manni and Coalla to support improving the health and quality of life of the population.



Access to water in schools allows the school classes to grow vegetables.

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A student demonstrates proper hand washing under the guidance of the teacher

What Helvetas does

The LAAFIA (which means «health») project works in schools and communities by promoting good hygiene practices and sanitation. Children in 15 villages learn why hygiene is important and become «ambassadors of change» of good practices in their families. It is often at school that they learn about latrines and use it for the first time. It is also where they are sensitized to wash their hands regularly. With the «Blue School» approach, students have access to clean water, functional and well-maintained latrines and adequate food. Helvetas also promotes awareness of menstrual hygiene. With the support of teachers, women and girl leaders, the project aims to sensitize all students on the subject. It supports young girls with exchange meetings on good

menstrual hygiene practices at school and at home. Access to water also helps create school gardens where organic vegetables are grown to improve the quality of food at school. Students have the opportunity to participate in all activities: they plant the salad, eggplant or cabbage, water them and check how the plants are growing. This is a good opportunity to learn lessons about biology and ecology. At the same time, the project works together with the Village Sanitation Committee (VSC), which consists of representatives from each neighbourhood and further ensures that authorities and private companies also acquire necessary knowledge to sustainably anchor the new achievements.

The project is supported by a generous donation of our partner network «Gemeinsam für Afrika» («United for Africa»).



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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS	31.12.2020 in EUR	31.12.2019 in EUR
A. Current Assets		
I Receivables and Other Assets		
Other Assets	741,558	642,050
II Cash in hand, checks, bank balances	925,995	1,301,399
B. Deferred income and accrued expenses	351	198
Assets	1,667,903	1,943,646
Equity and Liabilities		
A. Equity		
I Subscribed Capital	25,000	25,000
II Revenue reserves (Earmarked reserves)	300,000	300,000
III Accumulated loss (Net profit)	- 132,715	35,743
B. Special item for project funds	232,763	288,527
C. Provisions and accruals		
Other provisions	33,817	37,362
D. Liabilities	1,209,038	1,137,015
E. Deferred income and accrued expenses	0	120,000
Equity and Liabilities	1,667,903	1,943,647

SOURCE OF FUNDS



- Institutional Donors
(EU, Federal Foreign Office, BMZ)
- Other
(Foundations, Other Subsidies, Private Donations...)

USE OF FUNDS



- Country Programs
- Administrative Office in Bonn

PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT

	2020 in EUR	2019 in EUR
1. Subsidies	2,112,407	2,347,712
2. Other operating income	496,363	448,144
3. Donation proceeds	4,801	31,595
4. Expenditure for project sponsorships	- 2,026,286	- 1,892,313
5. Personnel costs		
a) Wages and salaries	- 572,141	- 408,143
b) Social security contributions	- 99,201	- 84,077
	- 671,342	- 492,219
6. Amortisation of intangible assets of fixed assets and property, plant and equipment	- 1,187	- 1,219
7. Other operating costs	- 83,214	- 102,918
8. Other interest and similar income	0	68
Annual net loss (previous year: annual net profit)	- 168,458	338,848
Profit carried forward (PY: loss carried forward) from PY	35,743	- 3,105
Allocations to earmarked reserves	0	- 300,000
Accumulated loss (PY: net profit)	- 132,715	35,743

Revision

BDO AG, Bonn, has audited the financial statements as well as the profit and loss account for the year 2020 and approved them without reservation.

The financial statements are presented in EUR with no decimal places. Due to the selected number format, there may be rounding differences between individual amounts and totals.

SOURCE AND USE OF FUNDS STATEMENT RELATED TO THE TRANSPARENT CIVIL SOCIETY INITIATIVE COMMITMENT

Source of Funds in EUR	Ideational	Special Purpose Project Funding	Total
Donations Received	4,801	0	4,801
Subtotal (income fundraising)	4,801	0	4,801
Project Contributions			
- Private grants	145,854	525,344	671,198
- Government grants	0	1,441,210	1,441,210
Other operating income	0	496,363	496,363
Subtotal (Income from services provided)	145,854	2,462,916	2,608,770
Total Income	150,655	2,462,916	2,613,571
Use of Funds in EUR			
Other interest and similar income	2,099	0	2,099
Subtotal (Expense use of funds)	2,099	0	2,099
Expenses project funding	0	2,026,286	2,026,286
Expenses wages and salaries	227,341	444,001	671,342
Other operating expenses	82,282	20	82,302
Subtotal (Expense from services provided)	309,623	2,470,307	2,782,029
Total Expenses	311,722	2,470,307	2,782,029
Net Income	-161,067	- 7,391	- 168,458

OUR COLLABORATION

Together with 1,400 collaborators worldwide, Helvetas Germany implements projects in joint programs and program structures of the Helvetas network.

HELVETAS GERMANY'S TEAM IN BONN



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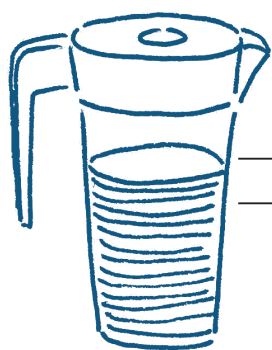
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ACHIEVEMENTS OF THE HELVETAS NETWORK

Our benefactors, along with foundations and partners, have ensured that hundreds of thousands of women and men have gained access to clean water and sanitation, improved their nutritional situation and adapted their livelihoods to climate change. This support enables people to lift themselves out of poverty.

Our result between 2018 and 2020:

978,797
people have gained access to drinking water



Result: **978,797**
Goal: **750,000**

Popular favorite

The mothers' parliaments of the Panii Jibon climate and water project in **Bangladesh** came first in the People's Choice category of the "2020 Water ChangeMaker Awards". Set up as part of the project, these mothers' parliaments campaign for the human right to water and have already persuaded the relevant authorities to double their budgets for drinking water provision. The fields and drinking water of families in the Ganges delta are becoming salty due to the rising sea level; the project is supporting them in their struggle for climate justice.



Digitally connected in the field

In **India, Pakistan, Myanmar, Madagascar, Tajikistan, and Kyrgyzstan**, Helvetas promotes the resource-efficient and water-saving production of rice and cotton on behalf of SDC and in cooperation with companies. Due to Covid-19 most agricultural advisory services were provided online in 2020. Helvetas' partner organizations were able to support knowledge-sharing and production with personalized calls, WhatsApp chats, films, Zoom training sessions and recordings.

Helvetas helps to achieve the following Agenda 2030 goals:

1 No poverty



2 Zero hunger



6 Clean water and sanitation



9 Industry, innovation and infrastructure



12 Responsible consumption and production



13 Climate action



17 Partnerships for the goals



2.5 million

people received information, protective materials, soap and water from Helvetas in 2020 to protect themselves from the coronavirus.

1,155,000
in Asia

710,000
in Africa

635,000
in Latin America

Foot pedal-powered hand-washing station, Bolivia

Ingenious engineers



Solid sewing skills

In **Mozambique**, tailors from a Helvetas vocational training project have sewn 25,000 masks for schoolchildren and people who cannot afford masks. Graduates from a similar training course in **Pakistan**, funded by SDC, are sewing protective gear for doctors and nursing staff.

While they were looking for innovative hand-washing solutions, Helvetas in **Nepal** came up with the idea of foot pedal-powered hand-washing stations. A local engineer implemented these plans in his workshop and was literally overwhelmed by the demand. Now the Nepalese government, Unicef and other international organizations have ordered more of the stations from him. This success has been shared with other countries. In **Bolivia** (see picture above) the same hand-washing stations are being made on the basis of Nepalese construction plans.

CHALLENGES WE FACED IN 2020

Plagues of locusts and tornadoes, communities displaced by violent conflicts, floods, terrorism, droughts, famine, climate change, and the pandemic: 2020 was a year of many crises. Helvetas had to respond at very short notice to acute emergencies in many of the partner countries. The goal was, and always will be, to help people return to a degree of normalcy so that their life chances are not ruined.

557,081

people have gained access
to drinking water
with Helvetas since 2020.

268,082
in Africa

182,706
in Latin America

106,293
in Asia

Ensuring basic rights

Water, food and climate

Billions of people lack clean drinking water and access to safe toilets. Millions of people go hungry, and climate change poses a threat to livelihoods all over the world. **4,232,960** women and men worked with Helvetas in 2020 to improve their access to clean water and sanitation, sustainable farming techniques and climate resilient living conditions in rural and urban areas. For a life of dignity.

Creating new perspectives

Skills, jobs and income

Nearly half the world's population is under 25 years of age, and youth unemployment is high. In partnership with public and private actors, Helvetas in 2020 promoted basic education, skills development, and private sector development as well as financial inclusion for **791,594** people to create gainful employment and income opportunities, exploiting the opportunities of the digital age. For a life free of poverty.

Strengthening good governance

Voice, inclusion and cohesion

There are 80 million refugees around the world, governments are restricting the rights of their citizens, and women and disadvantaged groups are often marginalized. In 2020 Helvetas worked with our partners to empower **431,045** people, especially women, to participate in decision-making processes. Helvetas supports displaced people and migrants and works with governments to develop favorable conditions for social cohesion to flourish. For greater justice.

Alleviating suffering

Humanitarian response

149 Helvetas projects were adapted or initiated in 2020 to protect vulnerable people from the coronavirus and mitigate the pandemic's economic fallout. Helvetas has also acted swiftly in conflict situations by supporting local authorities and villages that take in internally displaced persons and thus prevent further conflicts. For greater security.



Bouvanh Tung (l.) and Sichanh Tung, Laos © Patrick Rohr

Every single person counts

For each of our 373 projects, Helvetas collects annual data on how many women and men have directly benefited from improvements such as vocational training courses, new water connections or safer migration, and how many organizations and institutions have been strengthened.

The figures reflect the situation as of December 31, 2020.



Nurjiya Khatun, her husband Ohab Miya and their children, Bangladesh
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Would you like to help poor and disadvantaged women and men escape from poverty and create good future prospects for themselves?

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Network worked together with more than **850** partner

organizations to support **2.5 Million**

women and **2.9 Million** men in

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