

AVAID

ASSOCIATION DE
VOLONTAIRES POUR L'AIDE
AU DÉVELOPPEMENT

ASSOCIAZIONE VOLONTARI
PER L'AIUTO ALLO
SVILUPPO

For over 25 years working
for the dignity of the person

www.avaid.ch



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PROFILE MISSION AND VALUES

AVAID - Association de Volontaires pour l'Aide au Développement, was founded in 1995, to support the activities of Swiss families on mission in Cameroon. Subsequently, the activities were extended to other countries and the headquarters moved to Ticino, to Lugano.

AVAID has the mission to contribute to development with a focus on the dignity of the person in the most difficult situations, especially children, through international cooperation projects.

Attention to basic needs: food, water, education, health through a holistic approach to the person.

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ORGANIZATION AND INSTITUTIONAL ASPECTS

AVAID has a board - steering committee, composed of volunteer professionals, with a President and a “Responsible”

One person takes care of the secretariat

Around fifty volunteers throughout Switzerland organise dissemination and fund raising initiatives. As a result of the pandemic, these activities have been transforming

The administration is managed by an external support in agreement. AVAID financial statements are certified to GAAP

AVAID is recognized as a public utility by the cantonal authorities (Ticino) and is therefore tax free and donors benefit from the tax relief provided.

AVAID communicates with its supporters through the www.avid.ch website, the FB page and the newsletter sent periodically to over 700 supporters and sympathizers

He is a member of FOSIT, NGO Federation of Italian Switzerland

AVAID is a founding member of AVSI www.avsi.org, through which it participates in an international network in terms of operations and skills

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FONTE: AVSI, bilancio sociale 2021



	Educazione	35%
	Agricoltura e sicurezza alimentare	11%
	Protezione dell'infanzia	5%
	Energia	1%
	Ambiente	6%
	Rafforzamento economico, livelihood, formazione e lavoro	19%
	Nutrizione	7%
	Città sostenibili	1%
	Diritti umani, democrazia e pace	5%
	Salute	9%
	Acqua e igiene	1%

AVAID as a founding member of www.avsi.org participates in an international network with various benefits:

- **very wide and consolidated potential of projects and relationships with local partners**, so as to make the implementation of projects agile and secure
- operational presence in **40 countries in the global north and global south**
- access to **skills and methodologies recognized by** international partners
- Continuous innovation
- Optimisation of funding sources

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METHOD: “DOING WITH” AND PARTNERSHIP

AVAID works through alliances with NGOs and local actors, most of which are part of the **AVSI Network**, which guarantee experience and widespread presence on the ground, in the **"last mile"** (schools, hospitals, social workers)

AVAID supports these partners both with **economic resources** and with **capacity building**, thus contributing:

- the **provision of services** to the poorest targets of the population, especially children and their families

- the **qualification of services**, institutional and organizational growth.

AVAID monitors the operations of partners and supports them in this work with systematics conference calls, reports and on-site missions.

LESSONS LEARNED AND PRIORITIES

Education is the most important factor for the stable change towards a dignified life. AVAID has a focus on education: support for families for their children's access to school, strengthening of quality schools for the "base of the pyramid", qualification of teachers, digitization, sport, culture, recreational activities to strengthen school stay; Strategies for girls.

Work is essential for the dignity of persons and the life of communities.

Interventions against poverty must be multidisciplinary.

Food and water are the basis for life and development.

Food chains centered on producer families feed people, generate development, care for the planet.

The female, with her natural inclination to 'take care,' is key to development interventions. Caring is also what algorithms lack. Environmental care and personal care are interconnected and inseparable.

Energy and digitalisation are urgent resources to prevent inequalities from spreading.

The private sector, institutions and social realities must ally themselves with a constructive approach. Share to multiply.

DONORS

AVAID's annual fundraising in recent years averages CHF 700,000.-

Over 90% of the funds managed by AVAID are of private origin: they come from families, some companies and foundations. About 700 subjects.

Several Swiss Foundations support AVAID projects: Symphasis, Fidinam, Jurt, Adtda, Voluntas, Margherita, Del Don, Adiuware, Ceresio

Public donors contributing to AVAID projects through FOSIT, Ticino and federal calls: SDC, ALL, Cantone, Municipality of Lugano, Sorengo and Bioggio

Every year during the Christmas period AVAID carries out a fundraising campaign called Tents Campaign.



Areas

AVAID is organized into three areas of operation to meet the needs of the people it meets through local partners



Catering course, St. Kizito Vocational Institute, Nairobi, IDEA project
Test room, Accentus project



Distance support project

A fixed annual contribution from groups, families, people, institutions, to allow girls to access education, care, food and basic necessities.

The multi-year project involves the accompaniment of social workers who monitor the situation of children and families, communicating with supporters, who receive correspondence twice a year.

Projects

Initiatives to support local partners to respond to people's needs: training and job start-up activities, small infrastructures for water, energy, laboratories, specific actions for defined targets.

The funding comes from private individuals, individuals or groups, foundations and Swiss public bodies, also through FOSIT calls.

Annual "Tents" campaign

Annual fundraising that starts before Christmas and proceeds in the following months.

It promotes some projects relevant to the AVSI network.

In 2022, the projects of the 2021 Campaign "Development is you." were funded and the 2022 Campaign "Peace can be made. Start it yourself."

DISTANCE SUPPORT



Distance support involves an annual contribution from a Swiss family or group for a specific child in a project, in which he or she is supervised by a social worker. The contribution is allocated

accompaniment by the social worker also with family visits

schooling, with the necessary materials, and the provision by the school of lessons, meals, sports, cultural and recreational activities: the goal is to complete an educational path that includes children in society

the purchase of any specific goods (care, household things, courses).

An adequate childhood in a family and community context that respects the dignity of the child and long-term accompaniment to access to decent work.

Children are selected according to a criterion of vulnerability, which includes educational, economic, environmental, health family conditions

AVAID's distance support is active in Kenya, in Nairobi; in Brazil in Belo Horizonte.

In Haiti it was concluded in the 22nd for security reasons.



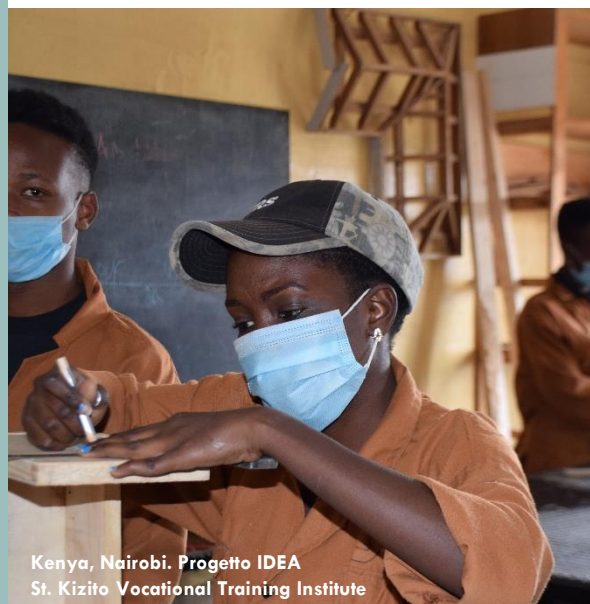
Haiti, Port au Prince



Kenya, Nairobi



PROJECTS



Kenya, Nairobi. Progetto IDEA
St. Kizito Vocational Training Institute



Kenya, Nairobi. Ritorno a scuola.
Cardinal Otunga. FOSIT, Cantone, Lugano



Kenya, sostegno alla Nerkwo Small Home. Disabilità



Kenya, Progetto Magia-Acqua a Mutuati.
FOSIT, AIL, Fondazione Aidiuvare



Brasile, Belo Horizonte. Sostegno a distanza.
Obras Educativas Giussani



Brasile, Manaus. Scuola Agricola EARA.
Cultura Mandala

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 SOUTH GEORGIA (UK)

HEARD ISLAND (AUSTRALIA)

KENYA, NAIROBI. TUENDE PAMOJA



INTERVENTION IN FAVOR OF 250 FAMILIES OF KIBERA — NAIROBI
INTEGRATING:

- EDUCATION
- WORK
- HOME ECONOMICS
- FEEDING
- ENVIRONMENT
- BLESS YOU

IN THE CONTEXT OF 'LEAVE NO ONE BEHIND (LNOB)'
SDC AND PRIVATE FINANCING



KENYA, NAIROBI. MAJI YA MASOMO WATER FOR EDUCATION

WATER FOR KINDERGARTEN,
PRIMARY SCHOOL AND
JUNIOR SECONDARY LITTLE
PRINCE AND FAMILIES

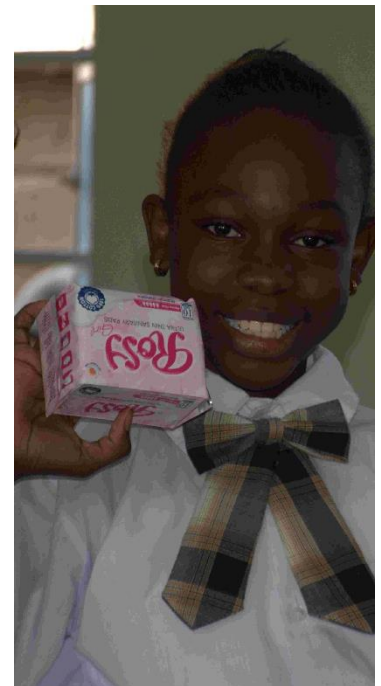
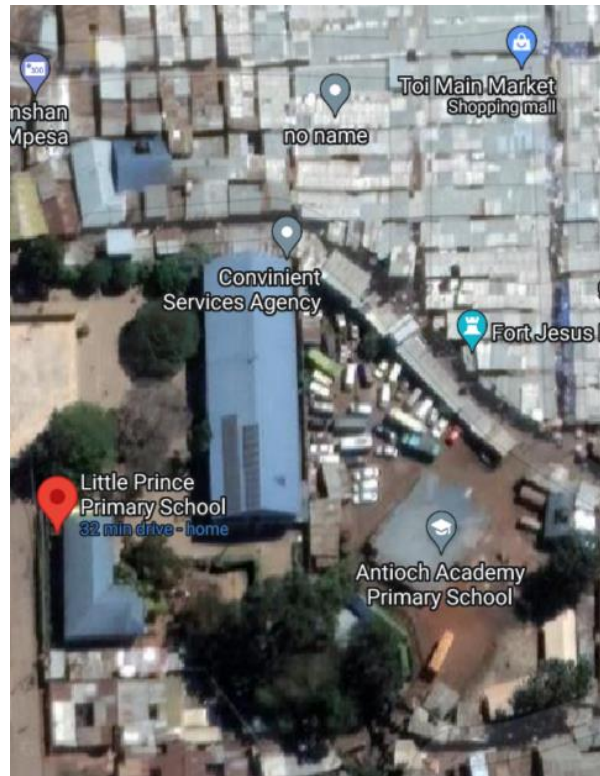
PHOTOVOLTAIC PUMP FOR
THE "DEPLETED" WELL

PUBLIC SYSTEM
CONNECTION

TANKS FOR STORAGE AT
SCHOOL AND 100 FAMILIES

HYGIENE

WATER, DROUGHT AND
CLIMATE CHANGE



KENYA. ST. KIZITO VTI: JOB TRAINING

VOCATIONAL TRAINING — SHORT COURSES FROM 30 YEARS
800 STUDENTS/YEAR

EXPANSION TO ADAPT STRUCTURE TO GROWTH

- CATERING, CARPENTRY, MECHANICS, ELECTRICIAN, PLUMBING
- DIGITAL LITERACY
- SOFT SKILLS
- INCLUSION: MIGRANTS, GIRLS
- DUAL TRAINING
- YOUNG PEOPLE, NEW PROFESSIONS, MODEL OF SUCCESS



SYRIA. OPEN HOSPITALS

THREE HOSPITALS IN ALEPPO
AND DAMASCUS, DISPENSARIES
(INCLUDING IN LAKATIA)
EQUIPPED
100,000 POOR PEOPLE TREATED
FREE OF CHARGE SINCE 2018
TARGET 150,000 IN 2024
FORGOTTEN HUMANITARIAN
CRISIS
AUDIENCE OF POPE FRANCIS
NOW EARTHQUAKE EMERGENCY

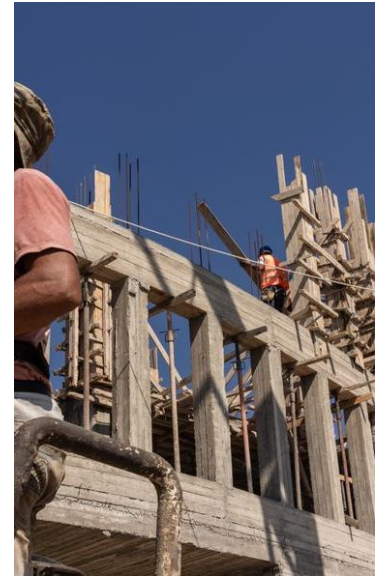


LEBANON. FADAI, MY UNIVERSE

**MARJAYOUN PLAIN. PRESENCE OF
VARIOUS CULTURES AND RELIGIONS.
PROJECT OF THE CENTER OFFERED BY
MARIO BOTTA.**

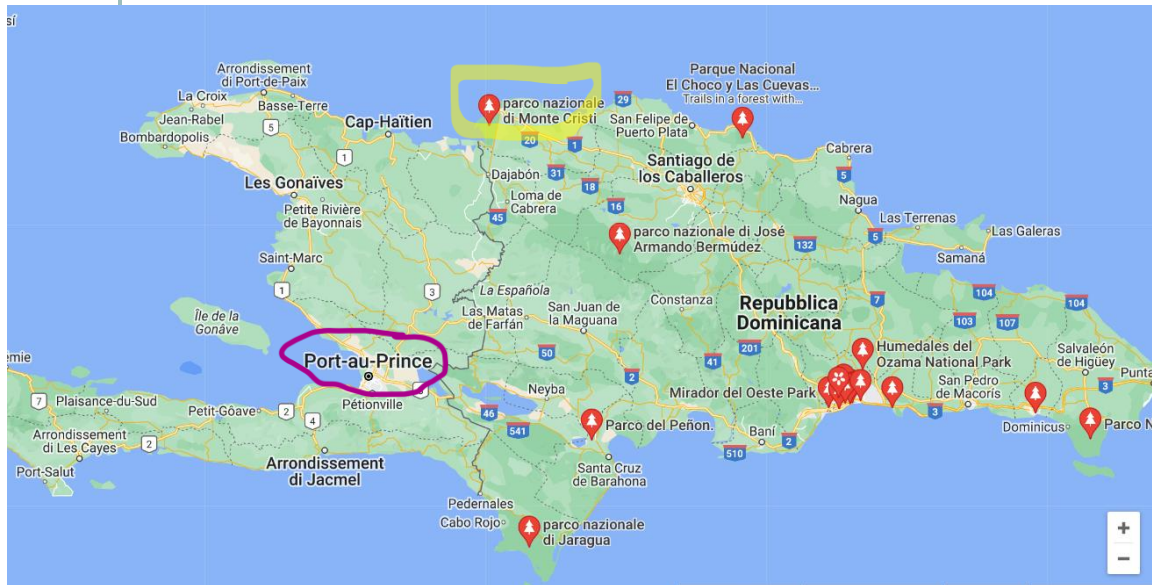
- THE ACTIVITIES THAT WILL HAVE A
HOME IN THE CENTER FROM 2023:**
- **AFTER-SCHOOL AND EDUCATIONAL
ACTIVITIES FOR CHILDREN AND
TEENAGERS**
 - **TRAINING AND WORKSHOPS FOR
WOMEN**
 - **AGRICULTURAL TRAINING**

**LEBANON IS EXPERIENCING A
HUMANITARIAN CRISIS; INCLUSION;
VALUE OF MARIO BOTTA PROJECT**



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DOMINICAN. MANGROVES AND POVERTY



PARTICIPATORY MANGROVE ECOSYSTEM
MANAGEMENT PLAN TO PREVENT THE RISK
OF IRREVERSIBLE LOSS TO ESTABLISH A
SUSTAINABLE SOURCE OF INCOME FOR
THE COMMUNITIES INVOLVED IN THE
PROJECT

COMBINE ENVIRONMENT AND HUMAN
WELL-BEING; MANGROVE IMPORTANT FOR
CO2 CAPTURE, COASTAL PROTECTION AND
PRODUCTIVITY FISHERIES AND
ENVIRONMENT



BRAZIL. AGRICULTURAL SCHOOL OF MANAUS

**AGRICULTURAL VOCATIONAL
TRAINING SCHOOL IN THE
HEART OF THE AMAZON**

120 YOUNG PEOPLE WHO
ALTERNATING SCHOOL AND
WORK

40 YEARS HISTORY

SUSTAINABLE AGRICULTURE

ECONOMIC SUSTAINABILITY
OF FAMILIES IN AMAZONIAN
COMMUNITIES

TECHNOLOGIES APPLIED TO
AGRICULTURAL FARMING



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EMERGENCIES- HUMANITARIAN

In some cases, where it is already present or has relationships with local partners of the AVSI network, AVAID intervenes to help local communities for emergencies:

Lebanon war 2024- emergency support through partners AVSI lebanon and the Maronite parish of Byblos

Kenya – Nairobi floods emergency in 2024 may-jul

Syria earthquake 2023: starting from Open Hospitals, operational with AVSI since 17, the outpost of the St Louis hospital in Aleppo for first aid.

Ukrainian War 2022: AVAID supported partners in Romania and Poland, and AVSI in Ukraine for the first emergency

Haiti: with AVSI, AVAID started a presence with the 2010 earthquake, supporting the construction of a center. With the 2021 earthquake, AVAID contributed to the emergency and post-emergency

Brazil, Belo Horizonte: in February 2021 a flood destroyed the Etelvina kindergarten. AVAID raised funds and helped restore

COVID emergency: in the face of the pandemic, already in the first months of 2020, AVAID contributed to the support of local partners in Kenya for emergency aid to families affected by the serious social crisis.



Haiti, attività con i ragazzi dopo il terremoto 2021



Honduras, sostegno alle artigiane



Kenya, sostegno all'autoimpiego. IDEIA, St. Kizito



Uganda, sostegno alle scuole MPI di Rose

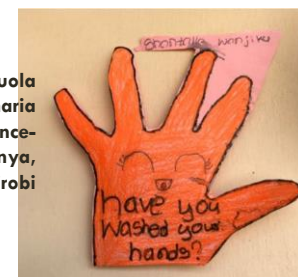


In fuga dall'Ucraina, confine polacco



AVAID with AVSI in Aleppo after the earthquake

Scuola
primaria
Little Prince-
Kenya,
Nairobi



TENTS PROJECTS

AVAID participates in AVSI's annual international campaign and contributes to supporting the projects promoted.

In recent years, AVAID has supported in particular:

Open hospitals – Syria: a program in favor of 3 hospitals in Aleppo and Damascus to offer free treatment to poor Syrians. Hospitals were equipped and 50,000 people had access to free care. The project has been renewed for a second phase 2022-2024 for a further 50,000 treatments also in clinics in the area.

Fada2i - Lebanon: In the plain of Marjayun, in southern Lebanon, a socio-educational center whose project was offered by the Swiss architect Mario Botta. Center for educational, training, cultural activities for the ethnic groups of the area.

Edimar Center – Cameroon: A center for street children in Yaoundé, which offers them hospitality, food, education and training.

Schools of Meeting Point International – Uganda. An association of women affected by the HIV virus in the suburbs of Kampala who transform their exclusion into protagonism. They found a quality primary and secondary school for their children.



MPI Schools, Uganda



Mireille Yoga

**Edimar Center, Cameroon
and Mireille Yoga, director**



Open Hospitals, Syria



Mario Botta
Architetto

Io penso che la qualità della vita passi attraverso
la qualità dello spazio di questa vita.

Fada2i, Lebanon and architect Mario Botta

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WORKING POINTS

Assumptions:

- *contained size (e.g. no ZEWO=no Catena della solidarietà)*
- *complementarity with AVSI on Works (e.g. Edimar, Mnaus, Obras...)*

Improve access to small foundations.

Distance support to be renewed both as a tool and as donors

Joint work with AVSI to be brought to the planning level and not only downstream, presenting requests

Improve project management work in relationship with AVSI local offices (e.g. Kenya)

Synergistic relationship between AVSI founders.

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HOW TO HELP US

Join the Distance Sponsor: 600 francs per year, less than a coffee a day, to accompany the growth of a boy or girl included in an educational project in Kenya or Brazil. Avaaid.ch

Free donations

Project contribution: consult current projects or request a specific project

Handicrafts produced by families in Kenya and Paper bead necklaces produced by the women of the Kampala International Meeting Point

Greeting cards

The amounts paid to AVAID are tax deductible as a public utility association.

AVAID retains between 10 and 15% for administrative and management costs, to comply with regulations and for the transparency of accounts and activities.

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Online donations with TWINT and cards: <https://www.avid.ch/come-aiutarci>

Donations for projects, campaigns and distance support Haiti:

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Conto corrente postale 65-731045-7

Donations for distance support Kenya:

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Donations for distance support Brazil – Obras Educativas Giussani:

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