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AMID EXTREME EVIL, ACTS OF LOVE ARE AMPLIFIED

COUNTERACTING THE HATE

The year 2022 was the scene of a battle of love and hate. Russia's war of aggression in Ukraine brought the reality of war to Europe. In response, there was an overwhelming desire to help. European countries welcomed refugees-with open arms and people's homes and hearts were opened.

As a result of the war, the world's stability was shaken. Inflation increased, and hunger was exacerbated in many countries due to the difficulties in supplying Ukrainian grain.

Amid extreme evil, acts of love stand out. Where hatred has grown great, love is also experienced more strongly. The words of a Ukrainian mother tell of this: "Yesterday I received unexpected help from you. A big box of groceries: good quality, just what we need, selected with love! My children were surprised: could this be true?".

Fida's support to Ukrainians was channelled through 26 different actors in Ukraine and its neighbouring countries. In addition, we supported those who fled to Finland with clothing donations. Fida's Ukraine collection raised over one million Euros during the year. Thank you to all our donors!

Fida's aid has been targeted where the need is greatest. We continued our work in Yemen and the Democratic Republic of the Congo with a record-breaking effort.

The need for long-term development cooperation in the world has increased due to humanitarian crises and climate change. The simultaneous contribution of development cooperation, humanitarian assistance and peacebuilding is now needed in many countries. Fida's partner churches are doing valuable work to promote peace and human rights.

Fida's Congolese partner was awarded for its work supporting children with disabilities and the Kenya Country Programme was evaluated as highly effective.

Despite the challenges, 2022 was a successful year for Fida and the work went according to plan. The year showed the power of love over hate. Thanks to our Heavenly Father for this year!



Harri Hakola, Executive Director



Maija Saarni, Humanitarian Assistance Manager Last year, more than 300 million people were in need of humanitarian assistance globally. While the war in Ukraine, inflation and natural disasters posed challenges for humanitarian work, the year also saw new openings, partnership building, trust-building and greater resources within Fida to respond to crises.

Your support has enabled us to operate amid the world's worst crises. One example has been the rapid response in Ukraine, which began almost immediately after the outbreak of war. Thank you!

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2022

Fida's humanitarian assistance reached **120,000** people in Ukraine, Ethiopia, Yemen and DR Congo.

More than **12,000** in Yemen people received food aid

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7,308 refugee children in DR Congo received psychological first aid

The Finnish Ministry for Foreign Affairs supported our work with **©2.55** million Finns donated **© 1,212,000** in humanitarian assistance

2,975 people in Ethiopia received food aid to cope with drought

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UKRAINE

YEMEN

DR CONGO

ETHIOPIA

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WE STRENGTHEN PEOPLE'S POSSIBILITIES TO LEAD A DECENT LIFE AMID CRISES.



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WE PROVIDE LIFE-SAVING ASSISTANCE WE SUPPORT THE RECOVERY OF PEOPLE AND COMMUNITIES

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WE PROVIDE PSYCHOSOCIAL SUPPORT, ESPECIALLY FOR CHILDREN



HUMANITARIAN ASSISTANCE

Ukrain



Aki Salminen (left) was shown the mobile clinic and met doctor Gergô Kadar (right)

MOBILE CLINIC DELIVERS VITAL AID

Ukraine still has some functioning hospitals and clinics, but many face a severe staff shortage and basic medicines. Ukrainian workers told us that, for example, plasters are already very expensive and are no longer available everywhere.

With Fida's support, a mobile clinic was established to take aid to the villages of Berehove. Fida hired medical staff to drive the van and bought basic medicines to distribute. The van has medicines, an ultrasound machine and first aid equipment. In half a year the clinic treated 2,434 patients.

- On the first medical trip, I received a message that a person had been found with thrombosis. He could

have died if help had not come to him at the right time. Many medicines have been distributed, including asthma and blood pressure medication. People have left their homes in a hurry without any belongings. Medicines have been left behind, or people have run out of them en route," says the Humanitarian Assistance Coordinator, **Aki Salminen**.



"Greetings to everyone in Fida and in the Finnish churches that have supported us during the war. I want to thank you for your support and prayers. Thank you for your donations for the Inspiration Centre. I thank God for you because without your financial help, we would not have been able to do our work.

Nina Ovnigchuk, Director of the Inspiration Centre In 2022, Fida sent €11,000 to the Inspiration Centre. The money was used to bring peoto safety from Eastern Ukrain feed refugees and to provide and hygiene supplies to tho displaced.



Our work in Ukraine is centred on the town of Berehove, where some 200,000 evacuees from Eastern Ukraine have settled. Schools, kindergartens, and office buildings have been converted into accommodation. We distributed food and hygiene supplies to 361 people there regularly for nine months.

In addition, 334 refugees received cash assistance for six months. With a monthly sum of €70, theywere able to buy their own food, medicine, and household items.



"In December, we took aid to the villages of Zaporizhzhia, where around 5,000 people still live. They live in cold basements without electricity, gas or water. With your support, we distributed 15 tonnes of food and five generators.

The area also houses a children's home, where around 50 children who have been evacuated from the front line live. We asked them what they would most like to see. The answer was: "Fruit!". So, with Fida's support, the fruit has been bought daily for the children for four months."

- Marek Pasnik, Poland



Children in the Roma village of Tsaritsevo received Christmas gift packages.



Children were offered psychosocial support, trauma therapy and summer camps. Crisis workers and volunteers in Hungary, Ukraine and Moldova were trained to provide psychological first aid.

Finnish donations to Fida's Humanitarian Assistance

€1,025,000

In 2022, funds were allocated to support work on the ground

€821,499

We helped thousands of people, especially members of the Roma minority

We trained

Crisis workers to provide psychological first aid 2,434

people received medical aid through the mobile clinic

Together with

26 churches and organisations we took help to where the need was greatest

We took aid to Ukrainian refugees in



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"Yesterday, I received unexpected help from you. A big box of food: high quality, expensive, carefully selected just for us to suit our needs. Each product was lovingly selected! The kids and I have been marvelling at this help ever since. My children were surprised: could this be true? We are so happy and grateful!" Ukrainian, who received aid

"Thanks to your support, we have sent ten loads of aid to the worst-affected areas in Ukraine: more than 1500 boxes of food, as well as mattresses, blankets, pillows and hygiene items." Romanian Pentecostal Church Relief Organisation first aid

Central Hospital received

50 wheelchairs, beds, and rollators



"MY SELF-ESTEEM INCREASED"

"My name is Sauda. I am a 13-year-old girl with reduced mobility. I live in a refugee camp in South Kivu. Those of us living here have fled from the other side of the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

I am proud and grateful for Fida and CEPAC's work for us. I have gained hope and better self-esteem. Today I feel like an active member of my community.

Before I got involved in this activity, I was discriminated

against. I was alone a lot and had little contact with others. In Fida's child-friendly space, I feel included among my peers and valued. We play and hang out together. We can encourage each other. When I am there, I don't feel burdened or ashamed that I am a girl living with disabilities. My family has also changed. They always remind me to be on time for my children's appointments. They come and help me when I need help with my wheelchair. This has been a great miracle for me!"

SPACE FOR DREAMS

The road is dry and dusty. It has not rained in the area for five months. The drive is bumpy, and my hands get tired of holding onto the car handles. The road keeps going up and up until we see an incredibly beautiful view of Lake Kivu.

In the village of Kyamushenji, DR Congo, a children's play area was built by Fida in partnership with the local CEPAC Pentecostal Church. There, refugee children play together and feel safe. They are taught about children's rights,

> health and hygiene. Some also receive therapy. Between 40 and 60 children participate every day.

Children can, for a moment, be children in the play area. They can dream. **Maurice**, a third-grader, says he wants to be an engineer. He is already well on his way to realising his dream. When I ask him for a photo, he smiles with great pride as he shows off his excavator. There is a reason to smile when you feel appreciated and loved.

Hannu Happonen, Communications Planner

76,927 people in DR Congo received aid **E1.2** MILLION Support from the Finnish Ministry for Foreign Affairs Fida supported four child-friendly spaces in the Congolese refugee camps. There, **4102** CHILDREN

played and learned every day



"We Yemenis are known as friendly and welcoming people. We do not deserve war. I have always believed that God has a better plan for us. I believe that one day we will live the life that every Yemeni deserves. 75% of our people are around 14-25 years old. I believe in this generation. I pray that God will help us to bring wisdom into their hearts so that they can rebuild our nation and repair what the war has destroyed."

Asam (name changed) Fida Humanitarian Project Director, Yemen

13,262 Yemenis received aid

We provided food to **1,875** families in Yemen

€1.25 million support from the Finnish Ministry for Foreign Affairs We employed 50 unemployed Yemenis in community reconstruction projects

"MY CHILDREN WILL No Longer have to beg"

Aref* and his three children were in dire straits. Like many Yemenis impoverished by war, Aref had to support his family with odd day jobs. When the family's finances were very tight, his children stayed away from school to beg to help buy food. When Aref shared his story with our field team, his eyes were filled with tears.

"Even though my children are only 7, 8 and 10 years old, they went to distant villages to beg, leaving early in the morning and returning late at night. I could only wait for them by the roadside in the evenings. They usually returned carrying bread that was barely edible and mouldy in places. Sometimes they came home with the marks of a beating on their bodies. The hardest part was hearing their stories of the harassment they had faced. They made my eyes fill with tears. Despite this, I could not prevent them from going. They begged because I could not provide them with food.

With the help we have received, our food supply is now secure, and our worries have eased. Finally, I have been able to tell my children not to go begging. My children are back in school! I even managed to save some money during the months when we were receiving food baskets. I bought some sheep that have now lambed.

This will help me to take care of my family after the food **aid** ends. Thank you for helping us and our children. Now our lives are stable and happy!

*name changed for security reasons

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Our development cooperation impacted the lives of more than **246,000** people.

The educational rights of **107,855** children were strengthened.

More than **1,230,000** people were indirectly impacted by our work.

2022

We planted **184,000** trees.

Our programmes supported **54,000** women and **151,000** children, of whom **78,000** were girls.

The living environment of **73,049** children became safer.

MISSION

FIDA'S DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION EQUIPS CHURCHES AND PARTNER ORGANISATIONS TO ACT AS AGENTS OF SOCIAL CHANGE TO ENSURE THAT THE RIGHTS OF VULNERABLE CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE ARE REALISED.



RIGHT TO EDUCATION

EVERY CHILD AND YOUNG PERSON HAS THE RIGHT TO RECEIVE QUALITY EDUCATION IN THEIR MOTHER TONGUE AND ACCORDING TO THEIR NEEDS



RIGHT TO A SAFE LIVING ENVIRONMENT EVERY CHILD AND YOUNG PERSON HAS THE RIGHT TO SAFE, HEALTHY AND HAPPY LIFE

| EXPENDITURE 2022 | BUDGET € | ACTUALISATION € |
|--|---------------|-----------------|
| Project activities | 5,365,700 | 5,262,262 |
| Planning, monitoring and evaluation | 196,000 | 187,523 |
| Development communication, global education and advocacy | 264,000 | 275,200 |
| Administration | 647,000 (10%) | 636,109 (10%) |
| Programme total costs | 6,472,700 | 6,361,094 |
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FUNDING SOURCES 2022

Government funding Self-funding from Finland

BUDGET € 5,360,000 1,112,700

ACTUALISATION € 5,360,000 1,001,094



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People in our programme countries faced increasing hardship due to the effects of the Covid-19 pandemic, climate change and conflicts. The food security situation also worsened following the Russian invasion of Ukraine.

Despite these challenges, our Development Cooperation Programme, "Towards the Future", supported children's education significantly.

We opened new schools and refurbished old ones in partnership with partner churches and local authorities, provided in-service training to teachers and supported parents in promoting their children's education.

We strengthened families' food security by teaching new farming methods and establishing savings groups.

The work to support quality education and a safe living environment for children continues, despite – or because of – the challenges! $\stackrel{\circ}{\bullet}$



Maikki Kuittinen Programme Manager, Development Cooperation



EXTERNAL EVALUATION: FIDA'S WORK IN KENYA FOUND TO BE HIGHLY EFFECTIVE

Fida commissioned an external evaluation of development cooperation in Kenya. It found that the work over the last five years has been highly effective.

Fida's partner in Kenya is the Full Gospel Churches of Kenya (FGCK). The Country Programme aims to promote children's rights to education and a safe living environment. The focus is on children in vulnerable situations such as orphans, children living on the streets, children with disabilities, teenage mothers and marginalised youth. The work is carried out in Kakamega, Loita, Marsabit, Pwani and Nairobi districts.

CHILDREN AT THE HEART OF WORK

According to the evaluation, Fida's work in the country has been guided by Kenyan and Finnish development policy objectives. It has contributed to the UN's Sustainable Development Goals, particularly the eradication of poverty and hunger, and the improvement of health, education and gender equality. The work in Kenya was found to be very effective. The original target of 15,000 children was exceeded and the programme benefited as many as 57,000 children, of whom almost 34,000 were girls and more than 1,100 were children with disabilities.

EFFICIENT USE OF RESOURCES

The last two years have been very difficult for Kenyans. In addition to the Covid-19 pandemic, prolonged dry seasons have caused severe food shortages. People have lost their livelihoods, and family conflicts have increased. Our work has been directed towards meeting these new challenges. The evaluation found that resources were used efficiently and were targeted at genuine needs and helping people in the most vulnerable situations.



Elisha Gura, Kenya Country Programme Coordinator

The evaluation showed that we are reliable, responding to people's needs and using our resources efficiently. We take the right actions and our actions have an impact. In other words, our work in Kenya is justified.



"I USED TO LOOK FOR WORK, BUT NOW I HIRE PEOPLE MYSELF"

The education Fida provided changed Seera's entire life.

Seera used to sit outside her home and wait for her husband, looking for work as a bricklayer, to return home. He would look for work in nearby villages. Sometimes Seera also tried to find work herself to earn a small income.

- Every night, I hoped that my husband had got a job so we wouldn't have to go to bed hungry, says Seera.

Three years ago, Seera heard about table-banking groups from her parents. She immediately wanted to bring the model to her home village.

Table-banking groups are 8-25 people who first donate their funds to a common fund. Participants can then borrow from the accumulated fund and repay any loans with interest. The capital, which would otherwise be unavailable to many Kenyans, can be used for various purposes.

 We started table banking activities with the women of my village with little information. A year later, we received training on saving and sustainable agriculture, Seera recalls.

In 2022, Fida organised training sessions with its partner, the Full Gospel Churches of Kenya, which provided over 600 people with new skills to improve their livelihoods.

– With a loan I got from our table-banking group, I could set up a small kiosk. I also started raising chickens. The chickens and the kiosk help me pay my children's school fees, says Seera.

– My life has changed: I used to look for work, but now I hire people myself.

– For example, I need help slaughtering chickens and transporting them to the village to sell. I am very happy with the training I have received. It made me realise that I am responsible for my own life. I can't wait for others to give me something, Seera sums up.



Paula Konttinen, Programme Manager for Eastern Africa

By strengthening women's ability to save, borrow and invest, we unlock their potential to be agents of change in their communities. Africa

Joseph Furaha, Coordinator of health activities

By promoting health, we can reduce the global inequalities that still exist between poor and developed countries.

NEW COOPERATION WITH THE HEALTH DEPARTMENT HEADED BY NOBEL LAUREATE DENIS MUKWEGE

Sexual violence and mother-child mortality are major challenges in Congolese villages. Fida and the local Pentecostal church are working to prevent these problems.

In 2022, Fida began working with the CEPAC Church's Health Department in the Democratic Republic of the Congo. The Health Department is led by **Denis Mukwege**, a doctor and Nobel Peace Prize laureate. CEPAC is a strong social actor with a presence in most areas of the country: in addition to hundreds of local communities, it has dozens of schools, clinics, a university, and the largest pharmaceutical warehouse in DR Congo.

The health cooperation started in 2022 and is coordinated by **Joseph Furaha** of the CEPAC Church Health Department. Furaha stresses that the most important thing in Congo is to work towards prevention.

– This is where we need help and support. We have more than 300 health centres in operation. We want to improve the medical staff's professional skills and the villagers' skills.

Furaha is not just about preventing disease but about tackling the root causes of problems in a broader sense. This includes both breaking down prejudices and educating communities.

Bivumbo Desire, a doctor working in the health department, says that the region has a deplorably high mother-child mor-

tality rate. Malaria and cholera are causing serious illness, and vaccination coverage is poor.

Sexual violence is also common in DR Congo. This is why Fida and CEPAC focus on strong advocacy work, victim identification, and care provision.

– It is important that psychosocial support and physical treatment are provided to those recovering from violence. We must also work towards a sustainable change, a future free of violence, says Desire.

Katja Köykkä, a Health Advisor, sees the new cooperation as a great opportunity for Congolese churches. Churches are a strong social force in Congo.

– The last time I met with Doctor Mukwege, he said that he hoped the cooperation would also strengthen the advocacy work within the Congolese churches, Köykkä says.

Fida has worked in the DR Congo in partnership with the Pentecostal Church for years. This partnership has brought about significant change. For example, access to school for children with disabilities has improved dramatically.



Fida launched table-banking groups since many Congolese find it difficult to access capital. Table banks offer the opportunity to save money together and borrow, for example, to start a business. This empowers women financially. 141 table banks have already been set up in DR Congo. The picture shows members of one of the table banks in front of a house built by **Birgitte**. Birgitte built this house with savings from the table bank!



A Peace Club for children and young people meets at the secondary school. In DR Congo, Fida and the CEPAC Church have set up clubs in which 2,700 children participated. Parents of participants in this club, which focuses on peace, have reported significantly reduced bullying at school.



AN AWARD FOR PROMOTING DISABILITY INCLUSION

In 2022 Fida and its Congolese church partner, CEPAC, received an award for promoting children's right to education. The recognition was given for efforts to promote inclusive education in DR Congo between 2017 and 2021. In 2017, 85 children with disabilities in target areas were able to access education. This rose to over 500 by 2021.

– Our job is to raise awareness and get people involved. We need everyone: parents, teachers, pastors, school workers and nurses. We are breaking down the walls that stand in the way of learning for children with disabilities, says **Faizi Welongo**, Fida's Country Programme Coordinator.

The prize was awarded by a Congolese organisation that monitors and evaluates the work of NGOs in the North Kivu region. The award is a testament to successful work.

In 2022, Fida's work resulted in accessibility improvements in 80 Congolese schools.



Faizi Welongo, Congo Country Programme Coordinator



We are breaking down the walls that prevent disabled children from learning. Africa and Asia



ABAYO FROM BURUNDI GOT INTO SCHOOL

It is difficult for hearing-impaired children to participate in society if they do not have the opportunity to learn Sign Language at school.

Abayo, from Burundi, was given to his grandmother to care for when he was six years old. Abayo, who was born with a hearing impairment, was denied access to school because local school authorities did not believe that deaf or blind children could attend school alongside other children.

However, Abayo's persistent grandmother started to look into education for children with hearing impairments, when Abayo was nine years old. The grandmother heard about Fida and asked for support to get Abayo into a special school for hearing-impaired students in the Gitega area. Now, thanks to Fida's support, Abayo is in the third grade at the school.

– In the two years that Fida has been supporting us with my grandson's schoo-

ling, Abayo has developed his language and social skills, says the grandmother.

- He used to be restless, but now his behaviour shows everyone in our community that people with hearing impairments can also study, adds the grandmother.

THE FUTURE LOOKS BRIGHT

Once at school, Abayo quickly showed a desire to learn. Bucumi Augustine, head of the school for school for children with hearing impairments in Gitega, says Abayo learned the first signs of Sign Language so quickly that others thought he had already studied at another school.

 Looking ahead, Abayo's future looks bright. Abayo has continued his exemplary work among his classmates, Bucumi says. Learning Sign Language has a big significance in thinking of future possibilities. At Fida, we believe that everyone has the right to a future. That is why Fida's programme emphasises inclusive education.

> In 2022, more than **350** Burundian teachers were trained in inclusive teaching methods, i.e. teaching methods that take into account persons with disabilities.

Improvements were made at four schools to improve accessibility for pupils with disabilities.

In 2022, more than 4,900 adults in Ethiopia received new peacebuilding knowledge and skills.

More than 1,900 children participated in activities promoting community safety, peace and conflict resolution.

WORK STARTED IN ETHIOPIA IS ALREADY BEARING FRUIT

In 2022, Fida resumed development cooperation activities in Ethiopia after a break of a few years. The main theme of the work is peacebuilding. Ethiopians have long suffered from ongoing violent conflicts

Ethiopia is a very religious country and touches Ethiopians' lives deeply. For this reason, conflicts often take on religious overtones.

One significant way to prevent conflict is to promote dialogue between faith groups. In 2022, Fida co-organised the Interfaith Dialogue Forum - an event where the Coptic Orthodox Church of Ethiopia, the Ethiopian Protestant Churches and the Ethiopian Islamic Supreme Council committed themselves to promoting peaceful coexistence and opposing religious extremism. The event attracted widespread interest. For example, it was covered by Ethiopia's national TV channel, which led to an estimated 118,000 Ethiopians watching the event.

Fida's partners in Ethiopia are churches, so engaging in interfaith dialogue is a good way to work together.

The peacebuilding work of the Ethiopia Country Programme is also carried out in partnership with the Oromo's traditional, democratic administration system, the gadaa. The photo shows an Oromo woman from the gadaa in her colourful clothes.



Vesa Mättö, Ethiopia Country Programme Coordinator.

Amid intense conflict, many Ethiopians are looking for peace. It is our privilege to walk alongside them, supporting them so that the weakest voice can build a more sustainable future.



TANKA MAYA INSPIRES CHANGE

Tanka Maya lives in Ishworpur, in Nepal's Sarlahi district. The woman, who is in her sixties, could not previously read. Now she is a good leader and an influencer in her village. Tanka Maya participated in a training course on children's rights, domestic violence prevention and sexual and reproductive health organised by Fida's partner, Transformation Nepal. Thanks to Sangita, the organisation's health worker, she learned to read and write.

Today, Tanka Maya is the president of a mothers' group called Santoshimatatol. This is one of nearly 500 civil society groups established by Fida and its partners that promote children's rights.

The mothers' group's monthly meetings cover health, child development and the right to education. The group is highly valued by locals and is actively involved in social work, raising awareness of sexual and reproductive health and rights and child welfare. All families in the group send their children to school.

According to locals, Tanka Maya is a fearless woman and the best example of women's empowerment and being an agent of social change.

"I WANT A BETTER FUTURE FOR MY DAUGHTER"

Lipika became a bride when she was 14 years old. She did not know that forcing a minor to marry was illegal at the time.

Lipika is a housewife, married for twenty years, with a 10-year-old daughter. Lipika stopped attending school years ago.

- The thing that frustrates me most about my past is that, because of my poverty, I cannot now support my parents", she says. Lipika knows that studying and marrying later would have made life better. She would have been able to influence her own life.

In Bangladesh, poor families have difficulty marrying off their daughters.

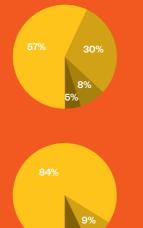
– I want to help my daughter to study and get a job. I want a better future for her," says Lipika.

Fida and the local Ashirbad organisation have advocated in Lipika's home village and held training sessions regarding the dangers of child marriage. Lipika has seen how opinions have changed, and child marriages have decreased. She considers education important. As opinions change, girls' opportunities for education increase, and they are given the chance of a safe childhood.



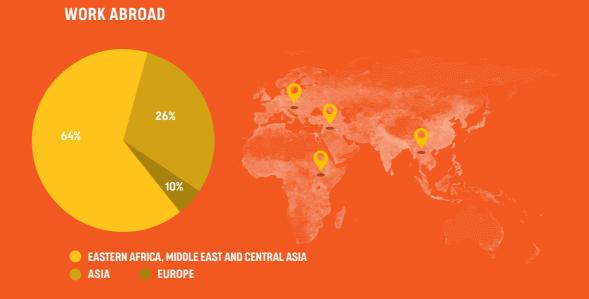
Mervi Dansk, Maaohjelmaneuvonantaja, Bangladesh ja Nepal

Young people have enthusiastically participated in training sessions on preventing child marriage. They have expressed how important it is to understand their rights and the harms of child marriage.



INCOME 2022

| Government funding (MFA) Donations & sponsor fees Testament & others Parishes | 7,956,259 4,142,548 1,212,083 651,790 | 57 % 30 % 8 % 5 % |
|--|--|----------------------------|
| Total | 13,962,680 | 100 % |
| EXPENDITURE 2022 | | |
| Work abroad | 11,756,743 | 84 % |
| Administration | 1,320,990 | 9% |
| Fund raising & communications | 938,963 | 7 % |
| Total | 14,016,696 | 100 % |



In the Democratic Republic of Congo, a woman from a table-banking group stands in front of a house holding a child in her arms. The house was built by another group member, a woman who received a loan from the group to build the house.





