

A photograph of a classroom in a rural African setting. The room has a thatched roof and mud-colored walls. Several children in school uniforms are seated at wooden desks. In the foreground, a boy in a green and blue sweater with a white bow tie is looking towards the left. Other children in the background are also looking in the same direction, some with their hands raised. The lighting is warm and natural, coming from a window on the left.

**2023**

# **Annual Report**

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# Letter from the Director

Dear Friends, Members, Sponsors, Volunteers, and Donors—each of you who give your time, love, care, and trust in the form of monetary aid, advice, ideas, and support that we share with so many Missionaries in Africa to improve the lives of those most in need—thank you once again for your commitment and generosity!

Throughout 2023, we have continued supporting thousands of families in 16 countries across Sub-Saharan Africa, primarily in Uganda, Mozambique, South Sudan, Tanzania, Malawi, and Madagascar. Additionally, for another year, we have continued supporting several Sub-Saharan immigrants in Madrid, helping them with housing while they undergo training and integrate into our economic and social fabric, both professionally and socially. This is done through the Baobab Project, which we have been collaborating on for several years with the Jesuits, launched by Pueblos Unidos of the Juan del Castillo Foundation.

Many of these projects in Africa had already begun some time ago, and we cannot abandon them. In some cases, the projects are expanding, such as in Lodonga, in the Yumbe district (northern Uganda, near the South Sudan border). We initially started collaborating with the agricultural programs of the Marian Brothers, helping them achieve sustainability for their social projects in the area. Later, we continued supporting them in many other activities, including improving their secondary school by building a boarding facility and classrooms, launching a microcredit program, assisting refugees fleeing the war in South Sudan who settled in the Bidi Bidi camp, and constructing both a Primary School and a Technical Vocational Training School with boarding facilities, as well as a Hospital in the nearby city of Yumbe.

In 2023, I visited this project and shared some photos and videos on Twitter, which can be seen at the following links:

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We also uploaded all the information about this trip to our website: <https://africadirecto.org/si-nos-quereis-venirse/>

Although we strive to ensure the sustainability of the projects we initiate, this is sometimes a difficult task, particularly when supporting people with disabilities in remote areas where extreme poverty prevents families from covering treatment costs. In these cases, they rely on the donations provided by África Directo's members or the funds raised through our charity events, such as the Family Day, which we organize annually to finance educational inclusion and treatments for hundreds of people with disabilities in Same (Tanzania), or the Golf Tournament, which supports young people and children with disabilities in Kamwenge (Uganda). We regularly provide information about these events on the África Directo website, as well as in our Newsletter and on our social media platforms.



Project to support women of the DMI (Daughters of Mary Immaculate) in South Sudan.

# Letter from the Director

Finally, we have also supported numerous new projects, such as those we visited at the end of 2023 in South Sudan to assist refugees from the war in Sudan (the neighboring country to the north, which has experienced a coup and military uprisings). These refugees were settling in the remote cities of Malakal and Kodok, which we had to reach by sailing on the Nile. The details of this trip have also been uploaded to our website: <https://africadirecto.org/wp-content/uploads/TweetViaje-Sudan-del-Sur-2023.pdf>). Additionally, we have supported many other new projects in various African countries, and we expect to continue collaborating with them in the years to come!

To summarize, with your help, we have launched more than a hundred development projects through over 75 local partners (mainly religious congregations dedicated to the most vulnerable and marginalized, to whom they give themselves far beyond what is imaginable). It is not easy to estimate the exact number of direct beneficiaries from so many educational, healthcare, agricultural, and other projects, but we calculate that nearly 250,000 people benefited from África Directo's aid in 2023. Thanks to membership fees, donations received, and the events we were able to organize in 2023 (in which many of you participated), we raised exactly €2,551,496.90. From this, we were able to finance more than €2 million in direct aid to projects in Africa (the exact amount of aid funded in Africa in 2023 was €2,111,033.29).

Finally, we cannot talk about 2023 without mentioning our dear Pilar García. She was once a nun and missionary, and in the last years of her life, she was deeply connected to África Directo (and we to her). Pilar, extremely austere yet generous, and with unwavering faith, was a tireless worker. For years, she invested her savings in equity funds to use the profits to finance educational scholarships for underprivileged girls supported by África Directo, as well as many other development and emergency projects.

Although she often wondered if “they had lost her paperwork up above,” at the end of 2022, having reached 90 years of age, she went straight to Heaven—and from there, she continues to help us. And not only from there! She named the África Directo Foundation as the heir to her assets, and upon receiving them in 2023, we decided to establish an Endowment in her memory (investing those funds, as she did in life, to support numerous projects in Africa with the returns, ensuring the future sustainability of primarily educational and healthcare projects for the most vulnerable).

So far, the more than €50,000 in financial income obtained this year (largely from the investment of funds donated by Pilar) has been a blessing for thousands of families in Africa.

This report is dedicated to all our beneficiaries, whose lives have been significantly improved thanks to so many projects carried out. But we also dedicate it to the nuns we work with, who are giving their lives for others, to the volunteers who work in Africa and Spain to create so much magic, and, of course, to you—to all our donors, who have made this possible. And especially to Pilar, who is surely smiling from Heaven, satisfied with her life's choice to help so many families who now remember her in their prayers.

**Thank you so much, and may God bless you all!**



José María Márquez\_  
\_Director of África Directo

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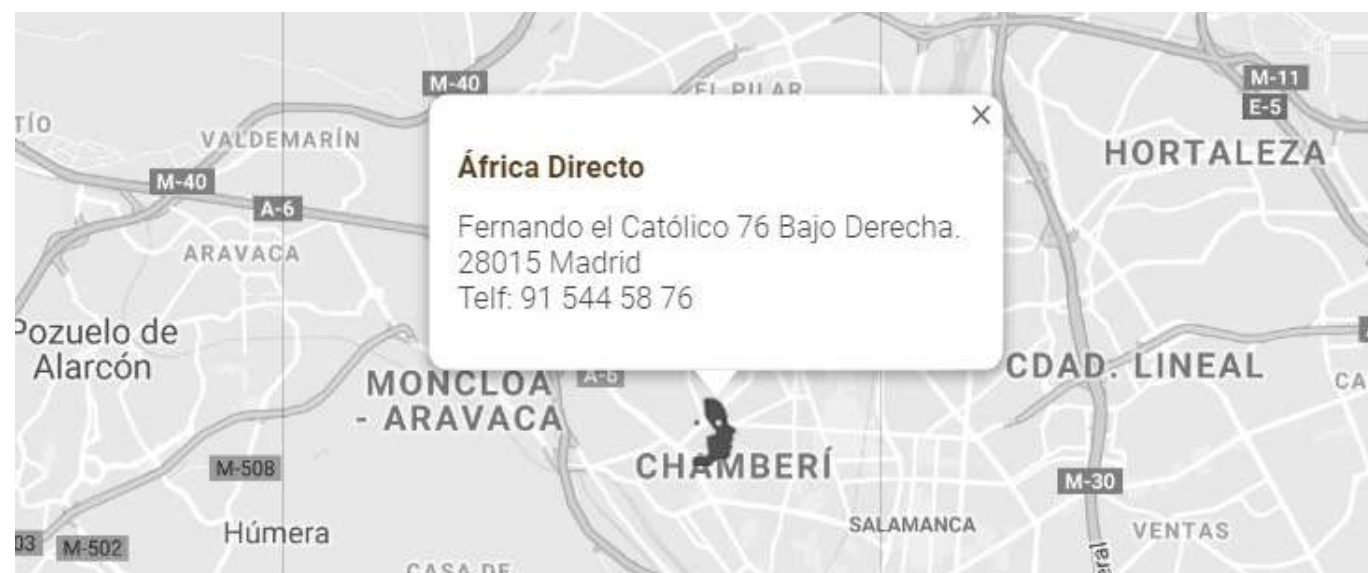
# About Us

## África Directo

**África Directo** is a development cooperation NGO with no political or religious affiliations. We support self-sustaining projects by training local leaders. We work directly with locally established institutions, including Congregations, Missionaries, Organizations, and Local Communities.

África Directo is **entirely composed of volunteers** who contribute knowledge, dedication, and financial resources, **ensuring that 100% of the funds raised go directly to the projects.**

We began our activities in **1995 in Malawi**, gradually expanding our reach to **other Sub-Saharan African countries from 2003 onwards**. Our headquarters are in Madrid, and we have regional offices in various Spanish provinces.



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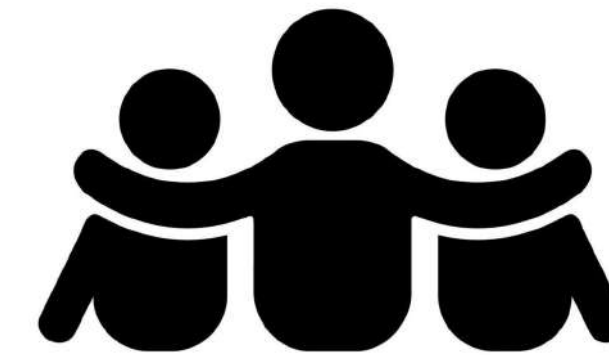
# Our 2023 in numbers



**16 African**  
countries



**111**  
projects



**+75**  
local partners



**+250.000**  
beneficiaries



Healthcare  
Education  
Income-Generating Activities  
Emergency Relief  
Agriculture  
Solar Energy  
Water Access



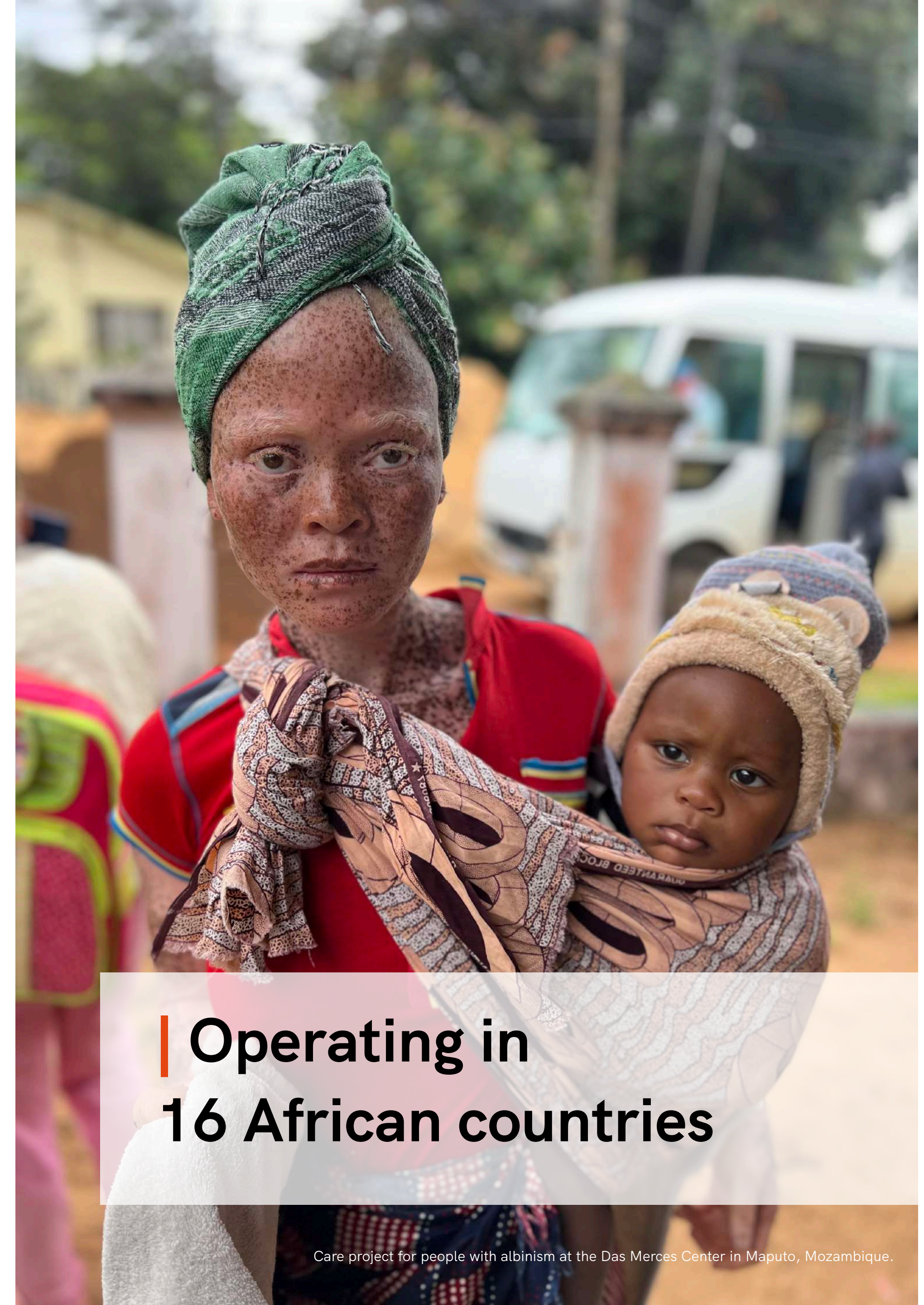
**Over 2M€**  
in aid

*ALL of this is possible **THANKS** to our members, friends, and donors!*



**“100% of the funds  
raised go directly  
to the projects”**

# Our presence in 2023



| Operating in  
16 African countries

# Our local partners



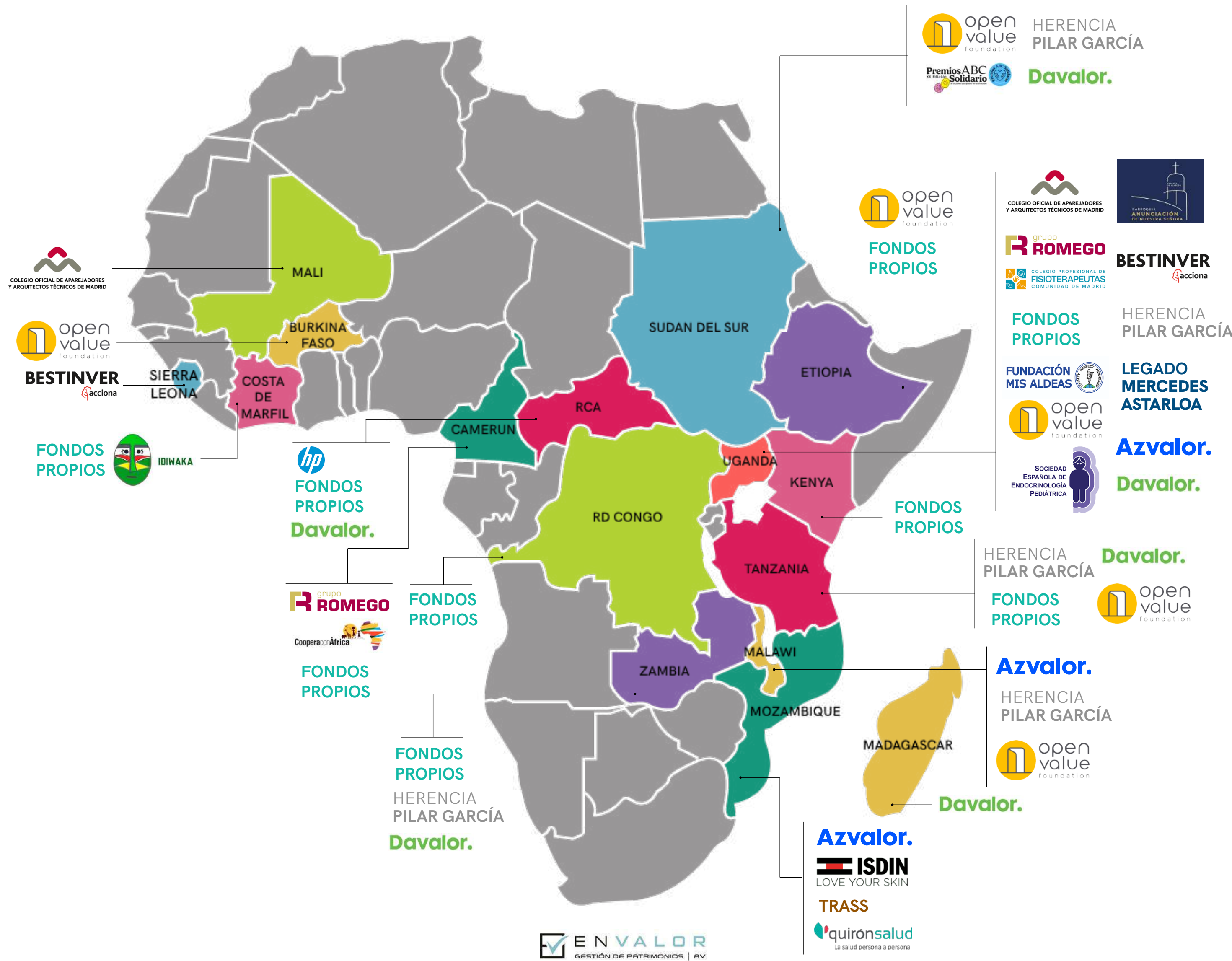
We collaborate with LOCAL PARTNERS who share our goal: improving the living conditions of the most disadvantaged populations. In 2023, we worked with the following organizations:

Country	Local partner
Burkina Faso	Missionaries of Africa (White Fathers)
Cameroon	Congregation of the Handmaids of Mary and Missionary Carmelites.
Ivory Coast	Little Missionary Sisters of Charity.
Spain	Pueblos Unidos (San Juan del Castillo Foundation).
Ethiopia	Sisters of the Community of Saint Paul, Missionaries of Africa (White Fathers), and the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians (Salesians).
Kenya	Fraternity of the Holy Cross and all Saints.
Madagascar	Daughters of Charity of Saint Vincent de Paul.
Malawi	Rosarian Sisters, Teresian Sisters, Beyond Suncare Foundation, and Luweya Agriculture Project.
Mali	Sisters of the Holy Guardian Angel.
Mozambique	Franciscan Hospitaller Sisters of the Immaculate Conception, CIR CONFEREMO (Conference of Religious of Mozambique), Mercedarian Sisters, and the Good Shepherd Parish of the Pio San Gaetano Mission.
CAR	Daughters of Mary Immaculate (DMI), and Comboni Sisters.
DR Congo	Salesians of Don Bosco, and Benito Menni Foundation.
Sierra Leone	Xaverian Fathers with Wara Wara Schools.
South Sudan	Daughters of Mary Immaculate (DMI), Loreto Nuns, and the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians (Salesians).
Tanzania	Claretian Missionaries, Daughters of Mary Immaculate (DMI), Passionist Sisters, Evangelizing Sisters of Mary, Little Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi, and the Franciscan Sisters of the Immaculate Heart of Mary.
Uganda	Comboni Sisters, Abogondero Girls Primary School, Marian Brothers, Sisters of the Good Council, Beyond Suncare Foundation, Sisters of the Queen of Apostles, Brothers of the Sacred Heart, Little Sisters of St. Francis of Assisi, Good Samaritan Sisters, Little Sisters of Mary Immaculate of Gulu, Warr Girls Secondary School, and the Sacred Heart Sisters.
Zambia	Teresian Sisters, Daughters of Mary Immaculate (DMI), and the Loreto Nuns.

## | Helping those who help

# Our donors

Thanks to our donors and the rest of the partners and individual contributors who have provided funds for all the countries where we operate, making it possible for.....



**In 2023 we worked with  
more than 250,000  
beneficiaries in 17 countries.**



# Our Events

| At África Directo, we organize annual fundraising events to continue supporting projects that transform lives.

- Golf Tournament – June.
- Family Day – May.
- Pineda Charity Market.
- Christmas Market – December.
- Fundraisers for Albinism Support in Mozambique.
- Events by the Idiwaka Association



José María y Natalia de África Directo en el Torneo de Golf, Junio 2023.



Family Day, Mayo 2023.

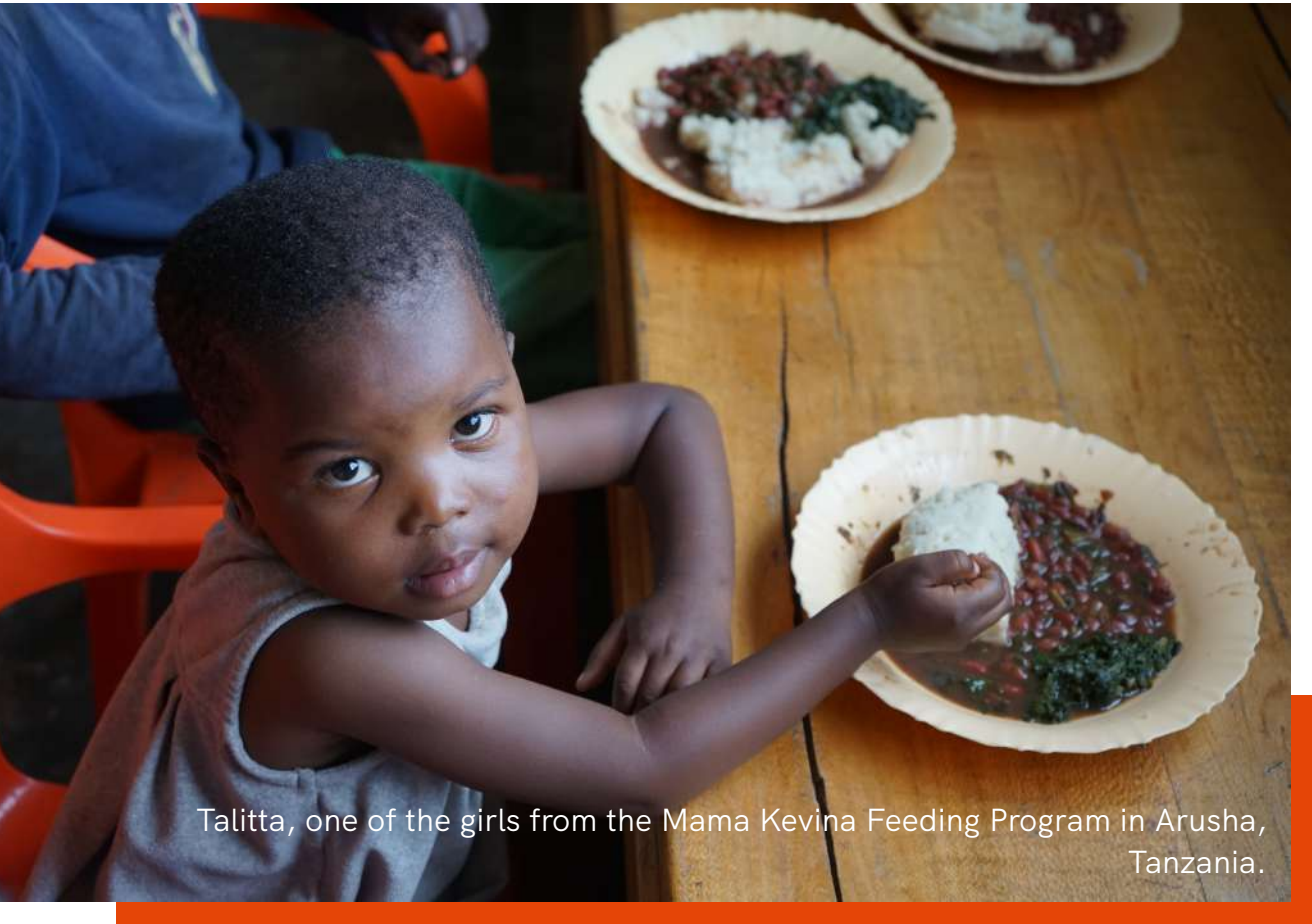


Thomas and Deborah, two children from Mama Kevina Hope Centre in Same, Tanzania.

| We supported more than  
100 projects in 2023  
across 16 African  
countries and Spain.

## 2023 Projects

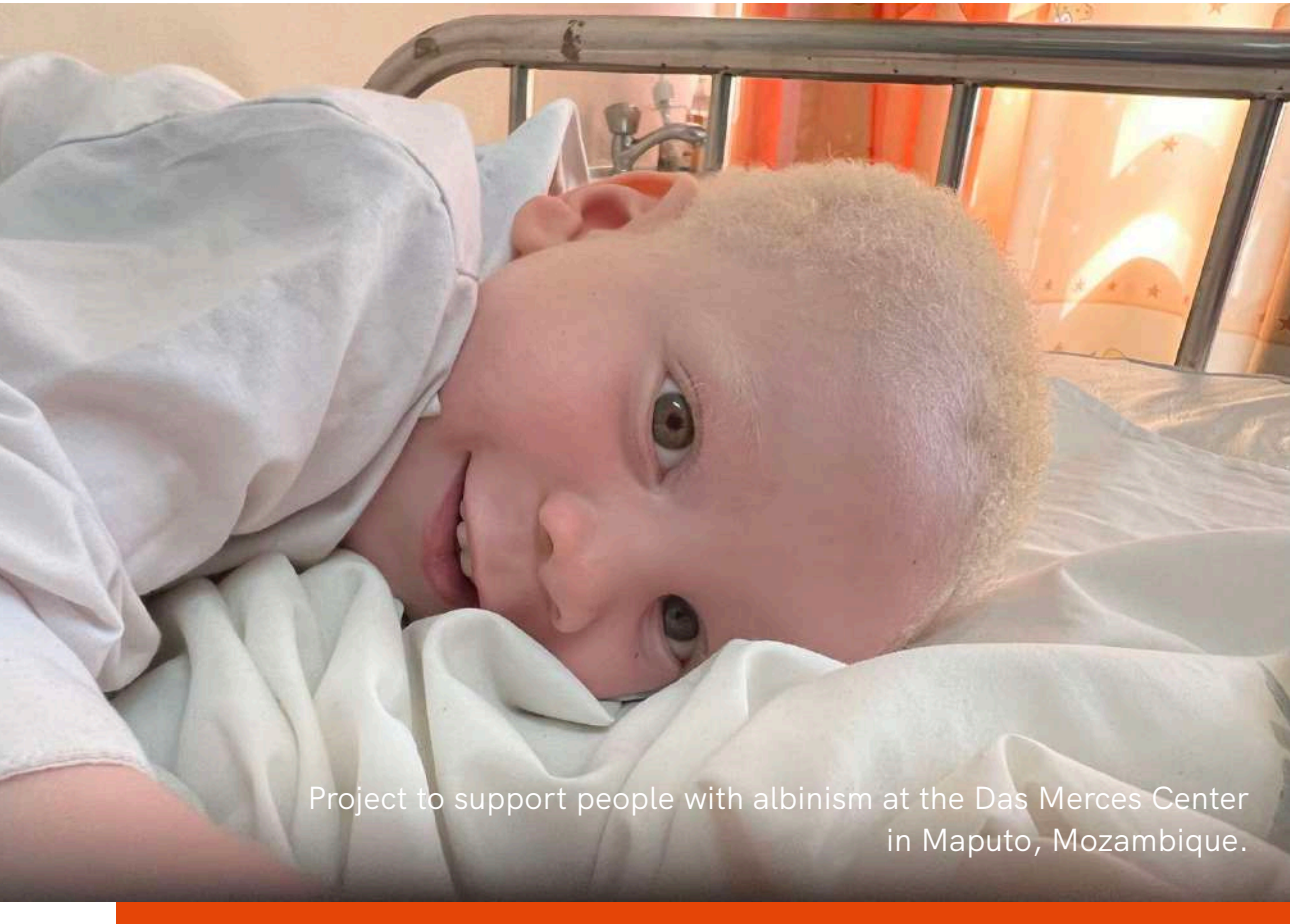
Country	Amount €	Project
BURKINA FASO	€ 10.309,13	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Sustainable agriculture and tailoring projects in Dialgaye with the White Fathers.</li></ul>
CAMEROON	€ 43.558,39	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Eye surgery campaigns, neonatal care, blood bank support.</li><li>• Ophthalmology, blood bank and autoclave campaigns at Notre Dame de la Sante Hospital in Batsingla.</li><li>• Ophthalmology campaign at Eborne Hospital.</li><li>• Neonatology program at Saint Vincent de Paul Hospital in Dschang.</li><li>• Support program for malnourished children in Widikum.</li><li>• Budget support for the Bamenda Hospital. All the past programmes carried out by the Congregation of the Servants of Mary.</li><li>• Douala Installation of Solar Energy for the 3D Prosthesis Centre in Banga Bakoko with the Carmelite Missionary Sisters.</li></ul>
IVORY COAST	€ 17.008,90	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Neonatology project in Don Orione Hospital, Abidjan with the Little Missionary Sisters of Charity.</li></ul>
SPAIN	€ 18.000,00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• "Baobab" project for immigrant assistance in Madrid with the San Juan del Castillo Foundation.</li></ul>
ETHIOPIA	€ 64.500,00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• ‘Kidist Marian’ women’s empowerment and training programs in Meki with the Sisters of Charity of St. Paul the Apostle.</li><li>• Support for the Missionaries of Africa mission in Wukro.</li><li>• Continuation of the three-year training programme in Fashion and IT studies in Zway, with the Daughters of Mary Help of Christians.</li></ul>
KENYA	€ 18.500,00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Start of the construction of a primary school in Kilulu Mission with the Fraternity of the Holy Cross and All Saints.</li></ul>
MALAWI	€ 147.979,63	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Construction of a pavilion for caretakers, kitchen, washrooms and bathrooms at St Marcel's Hospital and at the maternity hospital in Chigwere.</li><li>• Rehabilitation of the Laundry and the Infectious Pavilion of the Hospital of Atupele and support to its general budgets (mainly medicines and ambulance). All these programmes were carried out by the Rosarian Sisters congregation.</li><li>• Collaboration with the support programme for people with disabilities at Alinafe Hospital with the Theresian Sisters.</li><li>• Health care and integration project for people with albinism in various districts of the country with the Beyond Suncare Foundation.</li><li>• Sustainable Agriculture project in Luweya.</li></ul>
MALI	€ 13.493,40	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Continuation of the construction of a multi-purpose hall in Bamako with the Sisters of the Holy Guardian Angels.</li></ul>
MADAGASCAR	€ 131.115,00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Continuation of the expansion work on the Fehizay school in Ambositra.</li><li>• Construction of a 9-room building at the Farafangana Secondary School.</li><li>• Support for the Andemaka home for the disabled.</li><li>• Construction of the Infectious Diseases Ward in Ranomena.</li></ul> <p>All these projects carried out by the Daughters of Charity of St. Vincent de Paul.</p>



**| Thanks to our 75 counterparts and to our partners and donors.**

## 2023 Projects

Country	Amount €	Project
MOZAMBIQUE	€ 217.610,35	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Renovation works and various equipment for the Mumemo Home for Girls, with the Franciscan Hospitaller Sisters of the Immaculate Conception Support for the humanitarian work of the Hakumana Center, which belongs to the CIR CONFEREMO (Conference of Religious Institutes of Mozambique).</li><li>• Renovation and water collection works at the Aldea de la Paz LAR for girls in Quelimane, with the Franciscan Sisters.</li><li>• Project to care for people with albinism in the Das Mercedes Center in Maputo and the Xai Xai Center of the Mercedarian Sisters.</li><li>• Support for 400 orphans of the Bon Pastor parish of Obra Pío San Gaetano.</li></ul>
CENTRAL AFRICAN REPUBLIC	€ 55.998,50	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Construction of a school for children in need in Bangui with the DMI.</li><li>• Computer laboratory at the Jean Paul II Pedagogical Training Center in Bangui with the Comboni Sisters.</li><li>• Construction of the "Holy Family of Nazareth" school in Sirisi with the Comboni Sisters.</li><li>• Construction of an elementary school in Gbangba with the DMI.</li></ul>
DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO	€ 13.528,00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Support for mentally ill people in the CS TELEMA of Kintambo, with the Benito Menni Foundation.</li><li>• Support for the Don Bosco centre in Mbuji Mayi with the Salesians of Don Bosco.</li></ul>
SIERRA LEONE	€ 19.396,00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Construction of a Xavierian School in Gbogoroma with Wara Wara Schools.</li></ul>
SOUTH SUDAN	€ 204.233,00	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Drilling of a well with solar pump in the Training Centre for girls who are victims of the war in Malakal and financial support of the same with the DMI.</li><li>• Construction of a hostel for 50 girls and well with solar pump at the Residential School in Gurei (Juba) with the DMI.</li><li>• Repair of the roof of the school in Gogrial with the DMI.</li><li>• Construction of a dining hall and its equipment at the Loreto Primary School in Rumbek with the Loreto Sisters.</li><li>• Installation of solar energy at the Tonj Secondary School of the Salesian Sisters.</li></ul>
TANZANIA	€ 195.592,77	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Scholarships, microcredit programs, support for trafficking victims.</li><li>• Study grant in Arusha with the Claretian Missionary Sisters.</li><li>• Rehabilitation of the Kamelot orphanage in Bagamoyo with the Passionist Sisters.</li><li>• Various works at St Joseph Kindergarten in Hedaru: septic tank, water tank and electrical installation, with the Evangelizing Sisters of Mary.</li><li>• Micro-credits for the economic development of 25 victims of trafficking in Kibamba with the DMI.</li><li>• Installation of solar energy at Spring of Hope Center in Kibamba and support for the maintenance of the victims of trafficking at the Center with the DMI.</li><li>• Equipping Pieralba Primary School in Kikuletwa with the Evangelizing Sisters of Mary.</li><li>• Support to the annual budget of the Mama Kevina Hope Centre for children with functional diversities in Same with the Little Sisters of St Francis.</li><li>• Completion of the Mother Kevin Secondary School Laboratory in Same with the Little Sisters of St Francis.</li><li>• Expansion and equipping of the Immaculate Heart of Mary Nursery and Primary School in Ubungu with the Franciscan Sisters.</li></ul>



Project to support people with albinism at the Das Mercedes Center in Maputo, Mozambique.

| Exceeding €2,000,000  
with a 21% growth compared  
to 2022

Country	Amount €	Project
UGANDA	€ 845.111,52	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Professional equipment for 40 deaf Vocational Training.</li><li>• Equipment of the canteen of the Abogondero Girls Primary School.</li><li>• Completion of the library of the Seminary and support for the purchase of medicines for the dispensary.</li><li>• Medical facilities, scholarships, infrastructure for schools and hospitals. All the above projects have been carried out in Aboke, with the Comboni Missionary Sisters.</li><li>• Fitting out of St Gabriela Secondary School. In Alito, with the Comboni Missionary Sisters.</li><li>• Building of the General Ward at the M B Medical Center, in Arua, with the Marian Brothers.</li><li>• Maintenance of mobile clinics and purchase of agricultural equipment in the Bidi Bidi refugee camp.</li><li>• Beyond Sun Care programme for the defence and promotion of the social and health rights of people with Albinism in Bugisu.</li><li>• Programme for the purchase of medicines for the Butare HC.</li><li>• Building of a female dorm room in the Technical School and equipping of the Primary School dorm room. All the above projects have been carried out in Butare, with the Sisters of the Good Council.</li><li>• Water tank and support for the purchase of medicines for Ediofe HC III with the Comboni Missionary Sisters.</li><li>• Building of the St. Monica HC General Medical Ward in Gulu with the Sacred Heart Sisters.</li><li>• Scholarship programme of the Comboni Missionary Sisters in Gulu.</li><li>• Maintenance of their three educational centres, construction of a Social Centre and support to the dispensary in Jinja (Masese) with the Sisters of the Queen of Apostles.</li><li>• Uplift Project of scholarships, rehabilitation works and financial support to teachers in Kampala with the Brothers of the Sacred Heart.</li><li>• Support for the Special Unit, scholarship programme for students with physical disabilities, cervical cancer prevention campaigns, malaria and maternity campaigns and the purchase of a scanning machine at Padre Pio HC. In Kamwenge, with the Evangelizing Sisters of Mary.</li><li>• Building of a boys' dorm room at St Mark Secondary School with the Evangelizing Sisters of Mary in Kamwezi.</li><li>• Building of a washing area and incinerator at Mary Mother of God Primary School and scholarship programme for students with special needs and food for malnourished children. In Kanawat, with the Comboni Missionary Sisters.</li><li>• Building of girls' dorm room and toilets and installation of a water tank at Newman Primary School, Kanungu, with the Evangelizing Sisters of Mary.</li><li>• Three building projects at St Francis Primary School, in Kavule, with the Little Sisters of St Francis.</li><li>• Building of 4 classrooms for Sisto Mazzoldi Primary School, in Kawach, with the Evangelizing Sisters of God.</li><li>• Extension of classrooms, building of toilets and equipping of the dorm room at the Isabel Mateos Technical School. In Lodonga, with the Marian Brothers.</li><li>• Building of the Odokibo Primary School in Lodonga, with the Marian Brothers.</li><li>• Different medical campaigns at the Hospital in Lodonga with the Marian Brothers.</li><li>• Kukuka Project of the Spanish Society of Paediatric Endocrinology, in Lodonga, with the Marian Brothers.</li><li>• Support for 600 disabled children at St Vincent Palloti Centre belonging to the Diocese of Masaka.</li><li>• Fitting out of the dorm room and electrical installation at Divine Mercy Primary School, Nebbi, with the Little Sisters of Mary Immaculate of Gulu.</li><li>• Building and equipping of the dining hall and dormitory, electrical installation and water tank at Joaquin &amp; Pedro Primary School. Incinerator, toilets, access pathways and the waiting room and scholarship for a nurse at Orussi HC III in Orussi with the Sacred Heart Sisters.</li><li>• Peri Ni Yo Drama Group programme for HIV patients and rehabilitation programme promoted by the College of Physiotherapists.</li><li>• Solar powered water system at Warr Girls Secondary School run by the Teresian Sisters.</li><li>• Renovation of the Robidire HC III OPD and rehabilitation of St Sliver Nursery School in Robidire with the Sacred Heart Sisters.</li></ul>

# África Directo Foundation



## 2023 Projects

Country	Amount €	Project
ZAMBIA	€ 95.098,70	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Construction of 3 classrooms and equipment of 100 desks for the Primary School in Chassa.</li><li>• Dining room and water harvesting Boarding female Secondary School and equipment of beds in Sts Peter &amp; Paul Secondary School.</li><li>• Water catchment and bed equipment for the Girls' Boarding School at Sts Peter &amp; Paul Secondary School.</li><li>• 3 classroom block at St. Columbas Secondary in Lusaka. All these projects carried out by the Teresian Sisters.</li><li>• Street Outreach for 30 women and Agricultural Outreach Programme for 100 women in Chipata with the DMI.</li><li>• Building of a rainwater harvesting system at St Maria College in Lukulu with the Loreto Nuns.</li></ul>
17 countries	€ 2.111.033,29	111 projects

| Thanks to each and every one of you who collaborate in different ways with África Directo and are part of these projects.



Entrepreneurship program for women of the DMI (Daughters of Mary Immaculate) in South Sudan.

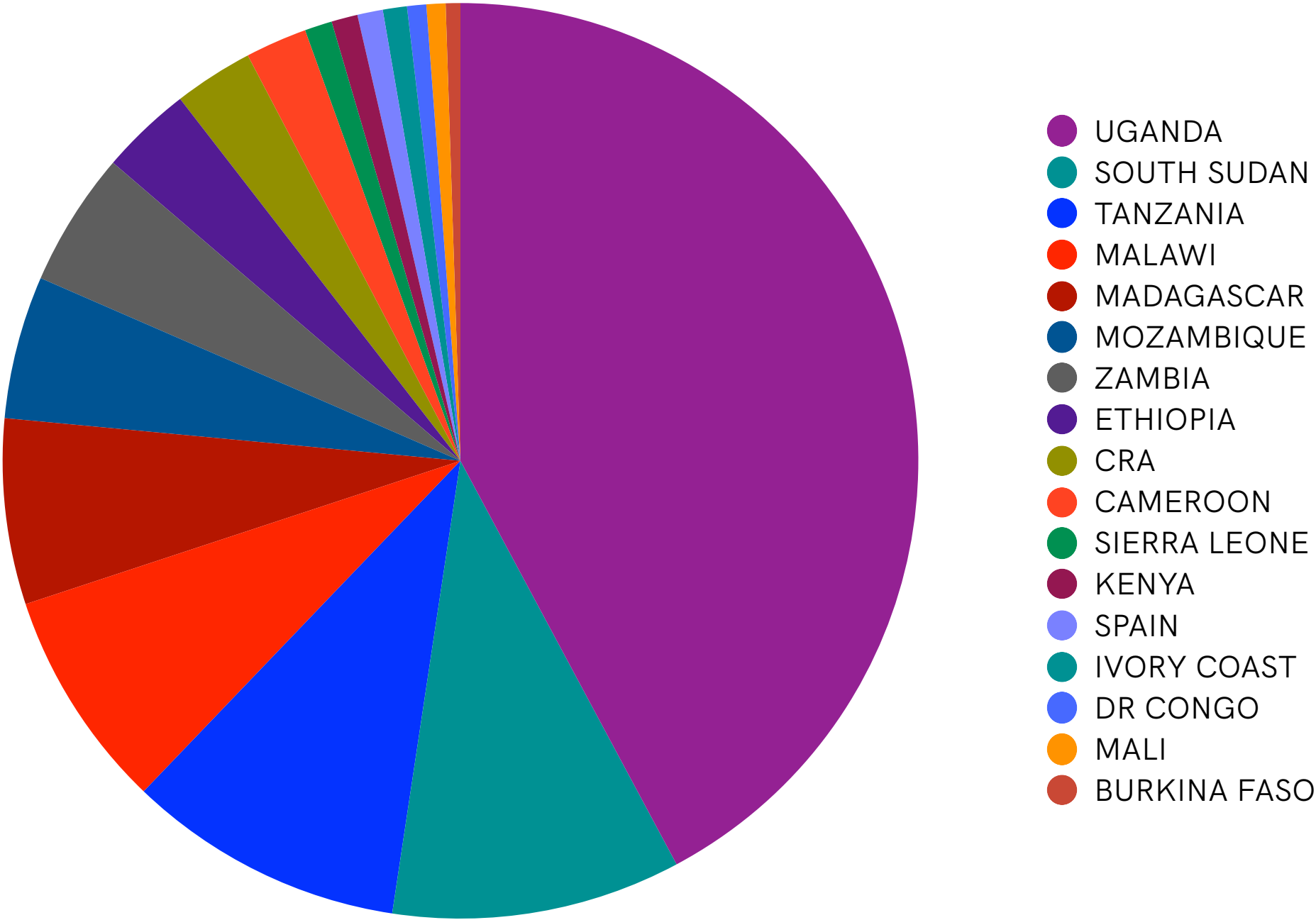
# Economic Summary

## 2023



TOTAL AID IN 2023		
Membership fees	€	125.828,84
Promotions, sponsorships, and collaborations	€	1.708.427,77
Grants and bequests	€	649.992,82
Financial income	€	67.247,47
TOTAL REVENUE 2023	€	2.551.496,90
TOTAL AID DISTRIBUTED 2023	€	2.111.033,29

## Investments by countries



Uganda, Mozambique, South Sudan, Tanzania, Malawi, and Madagascar were the countries where we made the largest investments.

# What Can **YOU** Do?

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a donation



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