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FOREWORD

We are less than ten years away from 2030, and as an international community we are far from achieving the **17 Sustainable Development Goals**, goals to which CISP also contributes through its action. The Covid-19 has dramatically contributed to slowing down the progress towards achieving the SDGs, with an increase in poverty and inequality in all countries and a general worsening of all indicators. In many countries around the world, violence against women has increased and health and education systems and services are in deep crisis. Globally, there is a dramatic increase in the number of people in extreme poverty and the global economy has slowed down again. In this context, the commitment to the 2030 Agenda calls for intensified efforts and policy solutions to steer change to accelerate progress towards sustainable development.

There is an urgent need for international cooperation and support for development.

We make our own the words of UN Secretary Gutierrez: "*The Sustainable Development Goals are now more important than ever. Now is the time to ensure the well-being of people, economies, societies and our planet*".

Globally, 2021 was a year of significant increase in activities for the CISP, with a budget increase compared to 2020, which proves the adaptability and responsiveness shown by the organisation within the cooperation system in general.

OUR ACTION IN 2021

THE NUMBERS of CISP 2021



COUNTRIES



ONGOING PROJECTS



BENEFICIARIES

CISP mostly operates in situations of fragility and uncertainty conditioned by political, social and economic contexts. In 2021, we focused on:

- 1** The growing impact of the climate crisis in poor countries and the need to respond to strengthen capacities for adaptation and disaster prevention and preparedness. This requires integrating humanitarian response programmes with actions that support the medium- and long-term development of communities.
- 2** New inequalities and poverty caused by rising commodity prices and by worsening food crises, particularly in Africa and the Middle East. These are structural phenomena worsened by the effects of the conflict in Ukraine and the consequences on the global grain market.
- 3** Economic, political or conflict-related crises. Among these we can mention the Western Sahara, the Sahel, Ethiopia, Southern Africa, Lebanon, the Balkans, several countries in Latin America. Indeed, the world has been experiencing the highest number of violent conflicts and the highest number of refugees and displaced persons since 1945.

This report fits within this framework and gives an account of the activities, projects and programmes implemented by CISP in 2021 in the perspective of the 13 priorities of our Declaration of Intent, developed on the basis of the 2030 Agenda.



A BRIEF OVERVIEW OF CISP

CISP was officially founded in Rome on 10 January 1983 and has since operated in more than 30 countries on every continent. It is an association with legal personality, recognised by the Italian State. It is part of the List of Civil Society Organisations and other non-profit entities of the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation and is registered in the Register of Organisations and Associations carrying out activities in favour of immigrants at the Ministry of Labour and Social Policies (A/138/2001/RM). It is recognised by the European Commission's cooperation system, by most United Nations agencies and by many bilateral cooperation activities.

MISSION

Its mission, as stated in its Statutes, is as follows: "In the spirit of the great international associations of solidarity and cooperation, CISP seeks to contribute to the realisation of the concrete conditions for the development and self-determination of peoples, for the dissemination and respect of human rights, for the satisfaction of the basic needs of the individual and to combat social exclusion."

To achieve its aims, in particular the fight against poverty, inequalities and social exclusion, CISP mainly carries out:

- Development Cooperation activities.
- Activities of social interest with educational purposes.
- Undergraduate and postgraduate training.
- Out-of-school training aimed at preventing school drop-out and combating educational poverty.
- Humanitarian assistance and social integration of migrants.
- Promotion of legality, peace among people, non-violence.
- Promotion and protection of human, civil, social and political rights.

CISP carries out humanitarian aid, rehabilitation and development projects in Africa, Latin America, the Middle East, Asia and Eastern Europe, always in partnership with different actors. In Italy and in the countries of the European Union, it carries out initiatives of education to global citizenship, training and advanced training, cultural policy, promotion of international solidarity and support for social inclusion.

Accountability

CISP has always believed in the imperative of accounting for the results of its actions, subjecting its projects to scrupulous evaluations and making its reports public.

At the same time, it has given itself a concrete management control tool, inspired by the parameters established by the main international agencies and elaborated in a Management System composed of three parts: the Administrative Manual, the Code of Conduct and the Audit System.

Professionalism

We consider professionalism a fundamental prerequisite for carrying out effective humanitarian and development actions and we invest in the training of our collaborators, the managers of the Rome office and our colleagues in the countries where we operate. This is a precise ethical commitment towards the countries and communities where we operate.

Partnership

All CISP projects are carried out through partnerships and often in articulated consortia with local, Italian and international authorities, reflecting a basic approach: to strengthen alliances against poverty and for the affirmation of rights all over the world.

Ownership

The protagonists of development processes are local actors representing the community, institutional, associative, academic and entrepreneurial framework. In the practice of CISP, whenever a project is identified, the first critical check to which it is subjected is that of relevance, i.e. coherence with the demands and needs expressed by the beneficiaries and their aspirations and strategies.

Innovation and best practices

In CISP's view, identifying and formulating a project, be it a humanitarian or development project, always requires an analysis of existing good practices, of successes and failures in the same area and sector, of possible technical and social innovations to be introduced to ensure effectiveness and sustainability.

Resilience

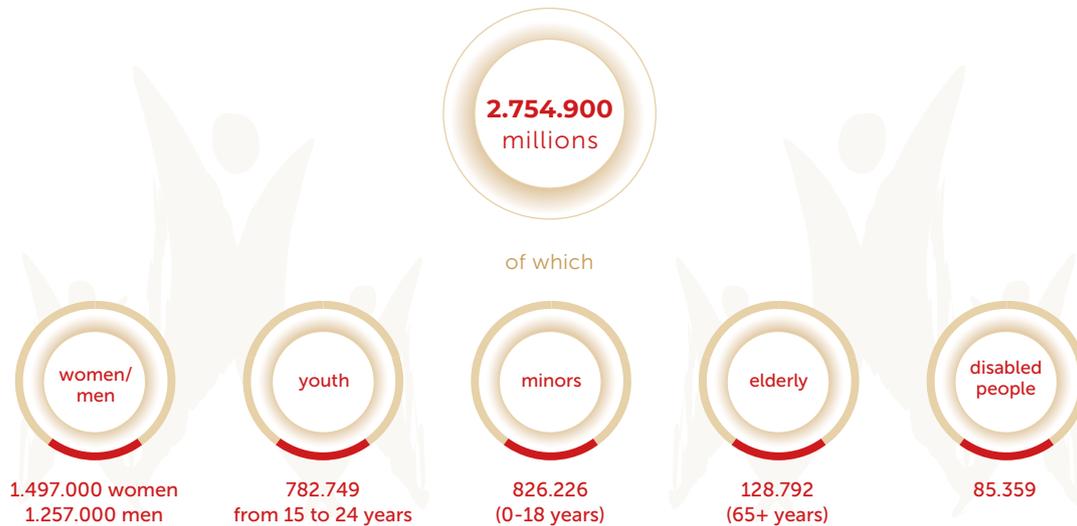
In CISP's view, working for resilience means strengthening the capacity of local communities to absorb and adapt to humanitarian emergencies and fostering processes of transformation in situations where the periodic occurrence of such emergencies is due to the fragility and non-sustainability of productive, social and institutional systems.





RELEVANT
INFORMATION
FOR THE YEAR
2021

BENEFICIARIES



CISP STAFF



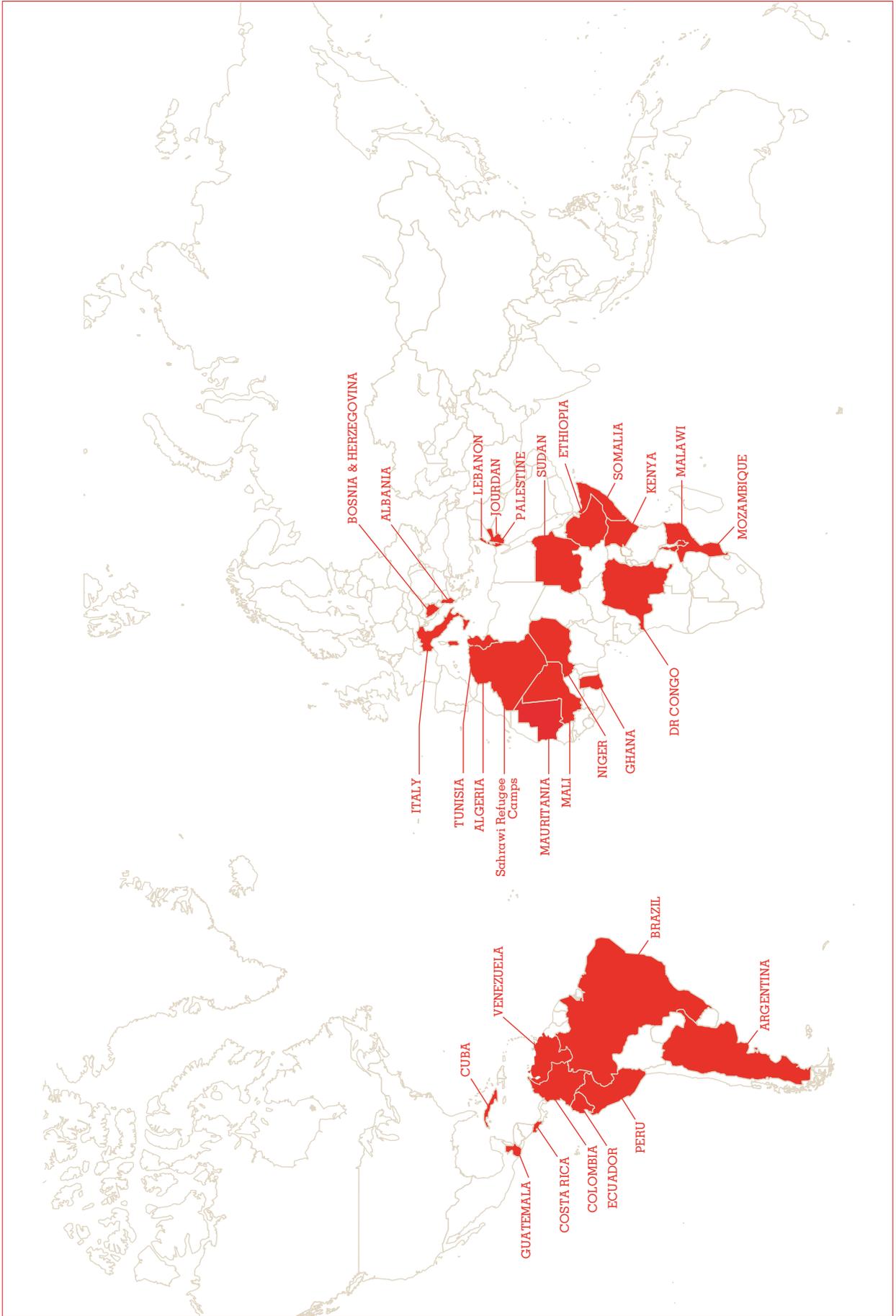
Insights and Policy

On the CISP website (www.cisp.ngo) you can find the main insights and policies of our association.





WHERE WE WORK



FROM MISSION STATEMENT TO OPERATIONAL STRATEGIES

CISP PRIORITIES IN 2021

CISP Declaration of Intent "**Rights, Sustainability, Change**" identifies **13 overarching priorities**, associating each of them with one or more of the goals of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (SDGs). The action of CISP during 2021 continued to be inspired by these priorities. Below are some details on the actions implemented, linking them with the commitments and priorities CISP has undertaken in the Declaration of Intent. We have also included some fact sheets on specific projects or initiatives that are qualifying examples of the activities implemented.



BUILDING BRIDGES, PROMOTING DIALOGUE AND INTEGRATION

Building partnerships for development remains a strategic priority for CISP, also as a contribution to peaceful coexistence, the promotion of dialogue and social inclusion.

In 2021, CISP worked both on building new partnerships and strategic alliances involving civil society, public and private, local, national and international institutions, and profit and non-profit entities, and on consolidating existing networks, also developing research programmes and actions to support ownership processes. Particular attention has been paid to integrating operational community development actions with inclusive public policies to generate spaces for dialogue. Examples of this are the cultural networks created through projects in **Africa**, **Latin America** and **Europe**, which have brought together partners from different cultural backgrounds.

Or another example is the promotion of sustainable tourism in the **Mediterranean** area, which has become a tool for dialogue and mutual understanding between the actors involved, but also for socio-economic development. A further example is the countering of extremism, which is the objective of our projects with the young people of the **Sahrawi Refugee Camps**, and the work on protected areas in the **Balkans**, which networks local organisations from different cantons for long-term cooperation and joint planning for territorial development.

GET UP AND GOALS!	Countries of implementation	Period	Main Donor
<p>It's time for global education: an international network of schools learning and acting for the sustainable development goals</p>	<p>Italy, Portugal, Spain, Austria, Netherlands, United Kingdom, Ireland, Poland, Romania, Bulgaria, Czech Republic, Hungary, Ceca, Ungheria</p>	<p>2017 - 2021</p>	<p>European Union - DEAR Programme</p>
<p>The project was implemented through a partnership with 14 institutions and civil society organisations with the aim of supporting the implementation of the 17 Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations 2030 Agenda in European schools. Get up and goals! has promoted, in more than 120 schools, the experimentation of new educational pathways by including four transversal themes of the 2030 Agenda in school curricula and subject teachings: inequalities, climate change, global migration and international inequalities.</p>			



We have reached more than 20,000 teachers and of these 1,900 have directly participated in teacher training activities on the 2030 Agenda and global citizenship education, exchange of good disciplinary and interdisciplinary practices among teachers, at national and international level, testing of Learning Units and of a global geo-history manual on SDGs-related topics. 6,723 students between 11 and 19 years of age from the schools participating in the project were involved in raising awareness about the SDGs in their local communities as part of a European awareness-raising campaign on global citizenship education, the UN 2030 Agenda and the free accessibility of the educational materials created by the project (over 162,000 downloads from the project website www.getupandgoals.eu) that reached thousands of families, communities and local authorities in the 12 countries involved.



SOCIAL JUSTICE AND INCLUSION

All over the world, contexts of marginalisation and exclusion add up to fragile economies, environmental disasters and conflict situations. It is in contexts like these that we have worked to strengthen the long-term growth opportunities of the most vulnerable and discriminated against communities. We stood by agro-pastoral communities in **Africa** competing internally for access to reduced natural resources due to climate change. We have helped indigenous and local communities in **Latin America** to make their voices heard through advocacy processes. We have promoted human rights and fundamental freedoms in conflict zones such as the **West Bank**, with a focus on preserving the **Palestinian** character of the city of Jerusalem alongside young people. We have adapted school programmes for the physically disabled in the Refugee Camps of **Algeria** and promoted economic, social and environmental inclusion and sustainability in **Bosnia and Herzegovina**.

Let's climb Mount Konju

Countries of implementation
Bosnia Erzegovina

Period
2019 - 2021

Main Donor
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Waldensian Board

An accessible playground for the social inclusion of children with disabilities. This project aimed at a participatory implementation of a disability policy based on human rights and the social model of disability. The project promoted the social inclusion of children with disabilities through the **removal of barriers, both tangible and intangible**, in the **Konjuh** protected natural area to make the park accessible to all. The Konjuh protected natural area has been provided with inclusive educational and recreational facilities and adequately equipped to accommodate anyone who wishes to benefit from the biodiversity and richness of the area and contribute to its protection and enhancement through their different abilities. In this way, new and appropriate utilisation of local natural resources and disability has increased opportunities for socialisation, rehabilitation and training for children with disabilities and civil society organisations dealing with disabilities.

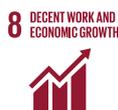


ACCESS TO QUALITY SERVICES

Health, hygiene, education, opportunities for small businesses: these are the areas where we have focused our efforts to offer quality services to the beneficiaries of our interventions. Where malnutrition and undernourishment are present, we have intervened with prevention and treatment programmes. And we have helped reduce the spread of disease by bringing water and sanitation to areas such as **Niger, Ethiopia** and **Lebanon**, thus promoting the right to health.

Through our education programme, we have brought the themes of global citizenship and Agenda 2030 into the school curricula of **13 European countries** and created teaching and assessment tools now available to a pool of hundreds of thousands of teachers. We have also promoted open and participatory schools to counter educational poverty in communities at risk of marginalisation by promoting collective and accessible activities. And we built and renovated school buildings damaged by extreme weather phenomena such as cyclones and tropical storms. We continued an active policy of supporting the definition and implementation of public policies geared towards access to quality services. In parts of **Latin America**, for example, we improved small business services and agricultural production, while in the **Middle East** we offered vocational training schemes to increase opportunities for access to decent work.

School meals and support for Saharawi youth's right to education and growth	Countries of implementation Saharawi Refugee Camps	Period 2020 -2022	Main Donor World Food Programme
<p>The project supports school meals in kindergartens, primary and secondary schools, in special needs centres and Koranic schools in the regions of Awserd, Boujdour, Layoune, Dakhla of the Saharawi Refugee Camps and in the municipalities of Bir Tigsit and Tifariti of the Western Sahara Territories, covering 83 schools and reaching 40,000 boys and girls.</p> <p>Through activities such as the distribution of hot meals and snacks in schools and the renovation of kitchens and storerooms, as well as through the training of educational staff, the project aims to improve the nutritional status of the children while motivating parents to enrol their children in school and take steps to ensure that they attend regularly. Awareness-raising activities also improve the nutritional practices of children, but also of their parents and all family members.</p>			



ENSURING EQUAL OPPORTUNITIES

Again this year, we worked alongside women, young people, migrants, marginalised groups and small businesses to promote their access to training opportunities and aimed at reasoned and sustainable economic development. We worked to foster the employment of the most vulnerable through a close link between training opportunities and labour market dynamics. In addition to training, we facilitated networking opportunities to promote decent employment.

We have also promoted employment and economic activities in disadvantaged areas and designed actions for the creation of innovative and sustainable enterprises and for the diversification of the economy of decentralised areas of countries.

Safe Communities for safe

Countries of implementation
Kenya

Period
2019 - 2022

Main Donor
AICS - Italian Development Cooperation Agency

The project provides protection and care for children and adolescents in the communities of **Kakamega** and **Nakuru** and is designed to prevent and respond to violence, abuse, exploitation and cultural practices harmful to children by promoting their physical, mental and social well-being. The project is based on the **Child Protection Strategy** developed by CISP as a combination of approaches and methodologies to address the specific problem of child protection, from the perspective of response, prevention and advocacy.

The strategy has four main components the **prevention of child abuse, exploitation and violence**, through innovative and proven social change approaches that discourage negative beliefs and behaviours that contribute to the violation of children's rights and that increase the capacity of target communities to protect their children; the **participation and empowerment** of children and adolescents, through **Child Rights Clubs** and talk boxes in schools, support groups for teenage mothers and the use of communication and art methodologies for social change; **the strengthening of the child protection system**, through quality improvement, coordination and inclusion of integrated services, with technical and material support to the Department of Children's Services; and finally, **research and participatory advocacy** to analyse specific gaps in child protection and promote awareness-raising actions at national and county level.



ENSURING THE RIGHT TO HUMANITARIAN PROTECTION

Conflicts and natural disasters related to climate change cause humanitarian crises in many countries around the world. Humanitarian protection is therefore needed for internally displaced persons and refugees, migrants and indigenous people. It is towards them that we have also focused our efforts in 2021, from **Africa** to **Latin America** to the **Middle East**. With our programmes, we have offered assistance and basic health and education services, always with the aim of linking humanitarian initiatives to the creation of enabling spaces and opportunities that allow for an overcoming of the emergency and stabilisation with a view to inclusive local development. We implement these programmes according to the Nexus approach and always taking into account the cultural and social characteristics of the population.

Assisting the victims of the Colombian	Countries of implementation Colombia	Period 2021	Main Donor UARIV - <i>Unidad para la atención y reparación integral a las víctimas</i>
<p>The project aims to provide support and assistance to victims of the Colombian conflict through two methods: group or individual psychological assistance; social and economic support for integration and return to the areas of residence. The technical, administrative and financial capacities of the Unidad para las Víctimas (Victims' Unit) and CISP are combined to contribute to the reparations for Colombian victims of the armed conflict located abroad.</p> <p>The full reparation for victims in host countries or upon their return to Colombia does not simply involve economic compensation, but also accompaniment in integration processes, support for organisational capacities and the facilitation of economic empowerment. The psychosocial rehabilitation process takes into account both the individual and collective dimensions through the implementation of a group emotional recovery strategy combined with individual psychosocial care strategies.</p>			



SUPPORT TO VULNERABLE AND MARGINALISED GROUPS

In different countries around the world, vulnerability and marginalisation arise from different situations and must be addressed in a reasoned manner tailored to specific needs. Our action was focused on supporting the most fragile groups in terms of socio-economic conditions, access to basic services and limitation of fundamental rights. Young people, women, refugees, local and indigenous communities were once again at the centre of intervention.

In **Africa**, for example, we supported marginalised rural communities by promoting income opportunities and participatory natural resource management mechanisms, and by strengthening production, supply chain links and the leadership of cooperatives to protect producers' rights. We have promoted the availability of food and income through improved market access. Conflict victims and ex-combatants have been the focus of our aid in **Latin America**, as well as families living in arid areas with food security and malnutrition problems. From **Latin America** to the **Middle East** to **Bosnia Herzegovina** and **Albania**, we have been at the side of people with disabilities with the aim of increasing their access to services in all areas of social and economic life. CISP's work in **Bosnia Herzegovina** in support of migrants on the **Balkan Route** continued this year, with a special focus on women and unaccompanied minors.

Urbanisation 4 Change	Countries of implementation Niger	Period 2020 - 2022	Main Donor AICS - Italian Cooperation Development Agency
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The Project aims to support sustainable and climate resilient local economic development through inclusive urban planning and the promotion of bioclimatic and ecological architecture and traditional earthen construction techniques.

In particular, it develops the urban planning of the city of **Agadez** with the participation of all stakeholders - from local institutions to residents' representatives - and according to an inclusive approach of people with disabilities. The project foresees the design and construction of **500 bioclimatic social houses** as part of the city's new urban plan to combat overcrowding, a plan that will consist of a total of **1,000 dwellings** plus all the infrastructure, from water to electricity, as well as housing services such as health centres, municipal offices, market, etc.

Urbanisation 4 Change preserves cultural heritage by using a traditional construction method - stabilised unfired earth bricks - that is also environmentally friendly, economical and resistant to the increasingly frequent climatic disasters. It also trains and employs hundreds of people who learn construction trades and finally have an income opportunity in one of the most economically depressed areas of the planet.



DEVELOPING INNOVATION AND SEEKING NEW SOLUTIONS

Promoting innovations that respond effectively to the needs of local contexts is crucial to driving change. In 2021, we developed methodologies and technological tools for more efficient accessibility of child protection services; we promoted the use of weather and climate information for a better application of risk management plans; we created business incubators and digitised tourism enterprises in **Latin America, Bosnia and Herzegovina** and the **Middle East** to safeguard and enhance the environmental and cultural heritage of territories and to increase the tourist attractiveness of socio-economically depressed areas. In **Africa**, we started training civil society organisations in the adoption of behavioural change methodologies in the area of social norms, with a special focus on the prevention of gender-based violence and child protection.

ArtXchange: connecting creative youth in Africa and Europe	Countries of implementation Kenya, Somalia, Italy, Sweden	Period 2019-2022	Main Donor European Union
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The project aims to improve the inclusion and networking skills of young people in the creative industries in **Africa** and **Europe** by enhancing the potential of creative industries in promoting sustainable development, job creation and income opportunities, and social inclusion. ArtXchange **ArtXchange** involves young professionals, creative people, civil society youth organisations, and promotes collaboration, capacity building and exchanges between target countries. CISP and its partners adopt an integrated approach, based on **three components**: **capacity building** of young creatives, civil society organisations, relevant authorities and stakeholders in the creative sector; **networking** between young creatives and organisations in **Africa** and **Europe** through digital platforms, exchanges and partnerships, development of creative hubs; and finally **co-creation processes of artistic projects**, productions and events.

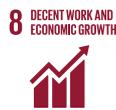


GENDER EQUALITY

Again this year, we have committed ourselves to gender equality in all the countries in which we work: protecting women and girls from violence, exploitation and exclusion, children’s rights, access to education and sexual and reproductive health, participation and equal leadership opportunities in economic, social and institutional decision-making processes, vocational training and the promotion of equal employment and job opportunities.

Through the identification of targeted actions on this topic, we facilitated cooperation with women’s associations active in various sectors of the socio-economic life of the countries, gave special priority to **Sustainable Development Goal 5** and its targets within the scope of global citizenship education and sustainable development initiatives, and provided scholarships for higher education. Beyond specific initiatives and actions, we have consistently promoted the adoption of a gender perspective in all CISP programmes.

Education for girls in Chiro	Countries of implementation Ethiopia	Period 2000 -	Main Donor CISP
<p>We dedicated to Paolo Dieci this intervention aimed at reducing the disadvantage girls in Ethiopia suffer in access to quality education.</p> <p>We identified a specific public institution to be supported in terms of facilities and equipment, the Chercher Preparatory School in Chiro. This is a public high school dedicated to preparing for admission to university.</p> <p>We also set up a scholarship fund to support the education of girls in special need from marginal areas of the city or rural areas. This fund supports the housing and maintenance of these girls and the continuation of their studies at university. Recently, our intervention has been affected by the unstable situation in the country and the impact of the pandemic, which led to schools being closed for most of the year as a preventive measure. We have in any case completed the construction and equipment of a library as a place where boys and girls with limited means can find adequate space, tools and materials for study and learning. A first group of girls has already benefited from support during the last school year.</p>			



MIGRATION AND MIGRANTS' RIGHTS

In cooperation with **International Agencies**, **NGOs** and **Local Authorities**, we assisted migrants, IDPs and host communities with emergency shelter, with Covid-19 prevention and treatment programmes and with initiatives to promote migrants' rights and protect their safety. Support for the creation of voluntary return opportunities for African migrants in Italy continued in 2021.

On the **Balkan Route**, in cooperation with other Italian and Bosnian civil society associations, CISP engaged in initiatives to support migrants in transit and it collaborated with Bosnian volunteer groups and the Bosnian Red Cross to promote assistance and reception.

Integration of victims in host countries	Countries of implementation Cile, Colombia, Ecuador, Spain, Venezuela	Period 2020-2021	Main Donor UARIV - <i>Unidad para la atención y reparación integral a las víctimas</i>
<p>The project aimed to combine the technical, administrative and financial capacities of the Unidad para las Víctimas (Victims' Unit) and the capacities of CISP to contribute to the reparation of Colombian victims of the armed conflict located abroad. This was achieved by supporting the local integration process of victims in host countries or upon their return to Colombia, strengthening the organisational processes of victims outside Colombia and implementing psychosocial rehabilitation measures through a group emotional recovery strategy and, simultaneously, an individual psychosocial rehabilitation strategy. This process of psychosocial rehabilitation of victims abroad was implemented through the Emotional Recovery Strategy.</p> <p>The intention was to provide assistance and compensation to victims abroad through processes of local integration, organisational strengthening and economic empowerment.</p>			



PROMOTING PEACE

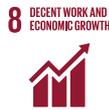
Social cohesion and peace promotion were also central to our interventions in several conflict-ridden areas in 2021. Particularly in **Ethiopia** and **Mauritania**, we supported conflict prevention mechanisms in resource management in pastoralist and farming communities, and in **Niger** with the promotion of income opportunities in the Agadez region (Niger), a crossroads of migration routes across the Sahara and highly exposed to the risk of instability.

In **Latin America**, in **Colombia** we continued to strengthen the strategy of supporting the implementation of peace agreements with a focus on the involvement of ex-guerrillas and the participation and involvement of local communities and local and regional governments. We strengthened territorial development interventions in border areas with **Ecuador** and supported and promoted initiatives that can represent concrete alternatives to violence and drug trafficking, especially for young people. In **Lebanon**, our interventions in response to the Syrian crisis were also designed to help promote social inclusion and peaceful coexistence between Syrian refugees and Lebanese host communities.

<i>We're the Change</i>	Countries of implementation	Period	Main Donor
	Palestine	2015-2021	European Union
<p>It is a two-stage programme to help strengthen the resilience of the Palestinian residents of East Jerusalem and on the other hand to preserve the Palestinian character of the city. The project was carried out through three types of activities:</p> <p>social empowerment, i.e. basic services such as psychosocial, educational and literacy support, entertainment/playing spaces and kindergartens, sports and socio-cultural activities for children, youth and vulnerable adults in the Old City;</p> <p>economic empowerment, i.e. fostering employment opportunities for young people and their families through the activation and/or support of vocational training activities geared towards marketing and small businesses, including the creation of a ceramics workshop; and finally</p> <p>capacity building, i.e. improving the empowerment, organisation and sustainability of the partner association - Burj Al Luq Social Centre - through specific training courses for staff (English, organisation, management, administration, etc.) and a quality certification programme by an accredited external body.</p>			



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SUPPORTING THE DEVELOPMENT OF INCLUSIVE POLICIES

Together with civil society organisations in the countries where we are present, we have promoted advocacy actions on public policy development on different topics: from urbanisation to child protection policies, from environmental risk management to the focus on social norms and soft skills, to disability and inclusive development.

We implement and support actions to strengthen civil society associations and youth networks and encourage participation, dialogue and exchange between members of different communities, i.e. between young people from different parts of the same country.

In **Bosnia and Herzegovina**, for example, cultural and artistic activities are promoted in areas of special historical and naturalistic importance, fostering a sense of belonging, resilience, and a sustainable and participatory governance of the territory.

Habana CreActiva	Countries of implementation	Period	Main Donor
<p>The project brought together public and private actors to promote the economic and social development of the territory through culture and contributed to inclusive and sustainable local development processes in Havana based on the potential of the cultural and creative sector.</p> <p>Habana CreActiva focused on the visibility of the cultural potential of the Playa Municipality through a survey that involved public, private and civil society actors; it fostered a better coordination between actors who, from different sectors, are able to influence the territory; and it promoted the emergence of a creative district as an area of economic development based on culture in an area of the Playa Municipality that brings together various potentials in terms of actors, interrelationships, collective identities, cultural traditions and innovation.</p> <p>Habana CreActiva became an incubator for cultural and creative initiatives at the University of the Arts in Havana, supported cultural and creative initiatives through the provision of training and resources, and created a platform of creative connections for the promotion and marketing of cultural and creative products and services. The project stimulated the exchange between European and Latin American experiences and the adaptation of successful practices to the Cuban context.</p>	Cuba	2017-2021	European Union



ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE CHANGE

Climate change and resource scarcity are underlying factors not only of environmental disasters and food and economic crises, but also of conflicts. For this reason, working on these issues requires a focus on the governance capacities of local populations, planning for inclusive and sustainable development, and protecting natural heritage.

In the arid and semi-arid areas of the **African countries** in which we operate, we have worked on the protection of productive assets and the prevention of resource-related conflicts, as well as on the construction of bioclimatic and efficient buildings, in cooperation with universities and research institutions.

In **Latin America**, we have implemented projects to combat climate change and for a conscious and reasoned management of natural resources and protected areas, enhancing alliances with Italian and European entities and articulating these actions with strategies to promote food security and inclusive development.

The protection of natural resources and the valorisation of biodiversity for local development, developed by the CISP for **Bosnia Herzegovina**, have been replicated in other areas of the country by local associations, while the protection and valorisation of the natural heritage and ecosystems of the territories concerned are at the centre of sustainable tourism initiatives with minimal environmental impact and aimed at the sustainable socio-economic development of lesser-known areas in the **Mediterranean area**.

<i>NaturBosniaHerzegovina</i>	Countries of implementation Bosnia Herzegovina	Period 2021-2024	Main Donor
<p>The project strengthens the governance of protected areas in Bosnia and Herzegovina in line with EU standards, with a focus on the protection of biodiversity and promotion of the tourism potential of the territories, contributing to the sustainable development of the country. The project originates as a replication of the experience and good practice that CISP has implemented in Tuzla Canton through the implementation of the BIOSVI project (2017-2021) and focuses on the Sutieska National Park in Republica Srpska and the Blidinje Nature Park. The objectives are the realisation of an economic-environmental spatial development model; the protection and integrated management of protected areas in Bosnia and Herzegovina, in line with European Union guidelines; the strengthening of the technical and administrative capacities of the managing bodies of the two parks in order to improve the management of natural resources; the development of ecotourism services; and finally the raising of public awareness, in particular of local communities, on the importance of biodiversity.</p>			





FOCUS ON CULTURAL HERITAGE

Our actions start from the knowledge that culture and art can be a powerful tool to foster communicative dialogue, the promotion of rights and peace.

With this certainty, we have worked in **Africa**, **Latin America**, the **Middle East** and **Eastern Europe** to protect and promote the tangible and intangible heritage of places in order to create social cohesion, income and inclusion opportunities and greater active participation of citizenship. We also developed cultural and creative enterprises, training courses, exchange and networking opportunities, art methodologies for social change, and sustainable tourism routes that emphasised the cultural and historical identities of territories and their common traditions.

<p><i>RESTART MED! REvitalisation of Sustainable Tourism Across Regions in The MEDiterranean</i></p>	<p>Countries of implementation Italy, Jordan, Lebanon, Spain, Tunisia</p>	<p>Period 2021-2023</p>	<p>Main Donor European Union - ENI CBC Med Programme</p>
<p>This capitalisation project addresses the crucial role of the tourism sector in the Mediterranean by developing and promoting sustainable tourism products, considered as a crucial tool for the socio-economic development of territories, social inclusion and job creation in the most disadvantaged areas of the Mediterranean. In particular, the project promotes, extends and highlights the results achieved and the actors involved in sustainable tourism projects previously implemented in the Mediterranean basin, including the CROSSDEV PROJECT, CULTURAL ROUTES FOR SUSTAINABLE SOCIAL AND ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT IN THE MEDITERRANEAN. RESTART MED! widens the view of tourism in lesser-known destinations with a special focus on small and medium-sized enterprises and local communities and on particular sectors such as adventure tourism, slow tourism, gamification, gastronomy, cultural heritage, etc. It also supports tourism operators and encourages them to work together with civil society organisations not only to overcome the pandemic crisis, but also to create more resilient communities, more sustainable products and policies and to welcome responsible tourists in lesser-known destinations.</p>			



HIGHER EDUCATION

Higher education is by its nature "transversal" to the strategic priorities and geographical areas and in particular, in CISP practice, incorporates the following priorities: **Building bridges, promoting dialogue and integration; Access to quality services; Gender equality; Migration and migrants' rights; Supporting the development of inclusive policies.**

In the higher education projects, these priorities have been concretely realised through the strengthening of collaboration and dialogue between countries, collaboration between university institutions and international and local civil society actors, collaboration between public and private university institutions, the collaboration with AICS, the involvement in higher education of international institutions such as UNDP, FAO and UNESCO, and the connection between universities, research and territorial development plans. In addition, access to post-graduate education for marginalised groups (by gender, income, disability, other factors) is promoted through the provision of dedicated scholarships.

In **2021**, the network of **Masters in Cooperation and Development of the Cooperation and Development Network (CDN)** was strengthened again. In **Italy** with the **University of Pavia** and the **Almo Collegio Borromeo**; in **Kenya** with **Kenyatta University and Tangaza College**; in **Palestine** with **Bethlehem University**; in **Nepal** with **Western University**; in **Colombia** with **ELACID (Escuela Latinoamericana de Cooperación Y Desarrollo)** and the **Universidad del Norte**.

EXTRA FORMAZIONE

Cooperation for human development

Countries of implementation
Kenya

Period
2020-2023

Main Donor
AICS - Italian Development Cooperation Agency

The project focuses on the development, promotion and facilitation of inclusive access to higher education on human development and sustainable development for civil society actors and civil servants.

The numerous activities mainly concern: the enhancement of the **Master's programme in Cooperation and Human Development at Kenyatta University (Kenya)** for civil servants and other development actors; the implementation of short courses, summer schools and seminars for civil servants and civil society actors; collaboration with academic institutions for the development and production of quality research papers; the provision of scholarships for disadvantaged students (due to income, gender, disability); and finally the strengthening of the **Cooperation and Development Network (CDN)**.

GOVERNANCE AND ORGANISATIONAL STRUCTURE OF CISP

For the three-year period from 25 June 2022 to 25 June 2025, the following persons shall hold the offices provided for in CISP Statute:

President Maura Viezzoli.

Director and Legal Representative Alessandro De Luca.

Board of Directors Silvia Declich, Maria Grazia Dente, Stefania Pace and Stefania Petrosillo.

Controll Committee Alessandro Coppola, Stefano Vignolo and Gianni Massimo Zito.

The organisational structure and the articulation of roles and functions in the CISP can be summarised as follows:

President

The President of CISP exercises the steering and supervisory role. In coordination with the Director, she maintains relations with the CISP's institutions, bodies, organisations and networks. She promotes and coordinates CISP's alliances policy.

Director and Legal Representative

The Director is the legal representative of CISP and the executive head of the association whose management he coordinates. He convenes and presides over the Assembly, the Executive Board and the Executive.

Assembly

The General Assembly is the supreme body of CISP; the Assembly meets at least once a year to deliberate on the programming and the final balance sheet. Every three years it elects the President, the Director and Legal Representative, and the other members of the Board. It appoints the Supervisory Body and appoints the Statutory Auditor. At 31 December CISP membership consisted of 66 members. An Ordinary General Meeting was held on 26 June.

Executive Board

The Executive Board defines annually the roles and responsibilities of the staff of the Rome office, monitors their work and takes decisions of general importance. As stated in the CISP Statute, the Executive Board, among other things, approves at the beginning of each year the criteria for the composition of the central operational structures and their remuneration, together with the corresponding organisation chart. The members of the Executive Board perform their function free of charge. In 2021, eight Board meetings were held.

The operational co-ordination of activities is ensured by the **Executive Board**, presided by the Director and includes other managers appointed by the Board. In 2021, weekly Executive Committee meetings were held to coordinate the organisation's activities.

Office

Head of the Administrative Office Daniela Alberti.

Area Managers

The projects are coordinated by the Directors of the Geographical Areas. In particular:

Africa Area Manager Laura Carraro.

Latin America and the Caribbean Area Manager Luigi Grando.

Eastern Europe and Asia Area Manager Deborah Rezzoagli.

Middle East and Mediterranean Area Manager Gianluca Falcitelli.

Italy and European Union Area Manager Giordana Francia.

In addition to the Rome office, CISP has other regional offices in Italy and, in the countries where it operates, national offices coordinated by Country Representatives. In Italy in 2021, the Emilia-Romagna and Marche regional offices are still operational and are headed by Giulia Olmi.

TRANSPARENCY AND INTERNAL AUDIT: ORGANISATIONAL MODEL AND MANAGEMENT SYSTEM OF CISP

The organisational and administrative life of CISP is governed, in addition to the Statute, by a Management System consisting of three parts:

1. The Administrative Manual

All the procedures relating to Planning and Resource Management; Accounting and Document Management; Bank Account Management; Payments Management; Procurement Management Manual; Selection, Grading and Management of Human Resources; Internal Audit Procedures; Country Office Management; and Security Provisions refer to the Management Manual. The latter are also supplemented by specific security protocols relating to the various countries of operation.

2. Values and Code of Conduct

The Code of Conduct of CISP and its staff identifies the Rules for Administrative Life; Principles for the Protection of Working Conditions and rules of conduct for its staff in all the countries in which it operates; the Prevention of Sexual Exploitation and Abuse Policy; privacy protection criteria.

3. The Review and Malpractice Protection System

It identifies the Inspiring Principles, review procedures and other tools for preventing and sanctioning wrongdoing.

On 15 January 2020, the Board of Directors of the CISP also formally adopted its own Organisation, **Management and Control Model pursuant to Legislative Decree 231/2001** and therefore established its own **Supervisory Board**.

Riccardo Stefanori was appointed to preside over it.

The Supervisory Board is guaranteed autonomy, independence, professionalism and continuity of action. It has its own budget and autonomous spending powers, approved on an annual basis by CISP Executive Board.

CISP has an **Internal Audit Service** that organises periodic monitoring and evaluation exercises on the functioning of the offices abroad.

The annual balance sheet, mission report and social balance sheet of the CISP are published on the CISP website in compliance with legal provisions.

COLLABORATIONS, PARTNERSHIPS AND NETWORKS

CISP cooperates with other organisations and participates in several thematic and geographical associations and networks.

These include:

- Link 2007 Cooperazione in Rete (which in turn is part of the Permanent Forum of the Third Sector, the Network for Peace and the Italian Alliance for Sustainable Development).
- European NGO Confederation for Humanitarian Aid and Development (Concord Italy).
- Global Network of Civil Society Organisations for Disaster Reduction (GNDR).
- Platform of Italian NGOs in the Mediterranean and Middle East.

In 1997, CISP , together with other NGOs, the University of Pavia and other university and research institutions, founded the **Cooperation and Development Network (CDN)**, an international network of higher education in international cooperation and sustainable human development, which led to the creation of Masters in Development and Cooperation in Italy (Masters CD-Pavia; Africa, Mecohd Kenya; Latin America, ELACID Colombia; Nepal, MICD Katmandu; Palestine, MICAD Bethlehem).

Among the various partnership agreements finalised during 2021, it is worth mentioning the renewal on 13 November 2020 of the **EU Humanitarian Partnership** with **ECHO - EU Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations** for the period 2021 - 2027.



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