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**Women's Hope
International**

Demand for flexibility

While the world came to a temporary standstill in 2021 due to the Corona pandemic, a lot of things kept us busy at Women's Hope. In particular, the political turmoil in our partner countries affected us.

The political crises in our partner countries had a direct impact on the implementation of our projects. Due to the takeover of power by the Taliban and the subsequent difficult working conditions for women, we were forced to stop the project against child marriage in Afghanistan. Low-threshold activities are continued by the self-help groups on a voluntary basis. We hope to be able to get actively involved on the ground again at a later date. Women's Hope is determined to stand by the women and girls in Afghanistan during this difficult time.

In Chad, the construction of the second maternity unit using the SuperAdobe method has now been completed. We are happy to be able to provide safe birth facilities to the expectant mothers in Hougouné. In Bangladesh, our partner LAMB again reached many women through the diagnostic fistula camps. Thanks to a surgical intervention, they will be relieved of their fistula suffering.

After a long preparatory phase, we started the joint alliance programme with IAMANEH and Médecins du Monde in 2021. The associated SDC programme contribution will enable us to expand our country portfolios and develop as an organisation. As small and medium-sized actors in the field of international cooperation, we can pool resources and use synergies as an alliance. In the first year of the programme, the focus was on developing a joint monitoring framework. In the near future, we would also like to promote South-South exchange between our partners and, in the medium term, implement individual projects together.

Thank you!

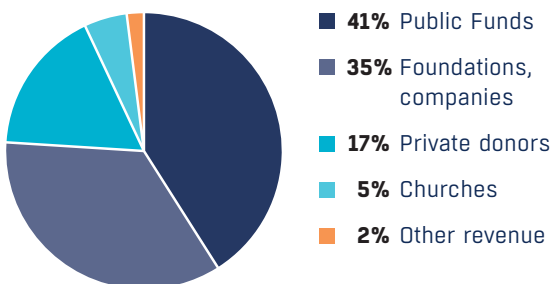
Women's Hope would like to express its utmost gratitude to everyone who has supported our projects and thereby helped to give more girls and women the chance of a healthy and self-determined life. We would like to give particular thanks to:

- Our donors and members for their commitment
- All foundations, parishes, companies for their generous support
- The cantons and political municipalities for their project contributions
- Our voluntary helpers for all their hard work



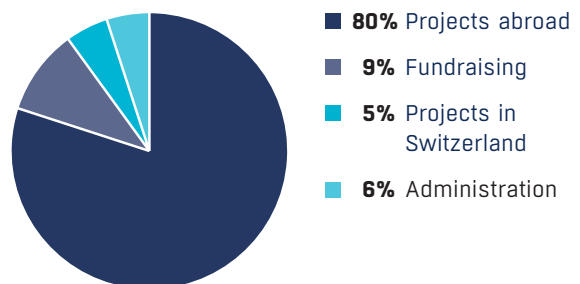
Afghan women now face more challenges than ever.

Revenue by origin



Total 2162523 CHF

Expenditure by purpose



Total 1814338 CHF

Key data 2021

Strengthening health systems



Access to and use of health services

- **2,830 births** were assisted professionally in health-care facilities supported by Women's Hope.
- **6,500 women** received at least one prenatal examination during their pregnancy, about 2,300 women received postnatal care (at least one visit).
- **265 community health workers** received maternal and child health courses.



Strengthening health systems

- **38 health centres and posts** as well as 4 hospitals and rehabilitation centres **were supported** (with e.g., medical devices and products, minor repairs, staff training).
- **Over 60 midwife students** received support for their education, and about 50 midwives received further training.

Treatment and prevention of obstetric injuries



Treatment of obstetric injuries

- **80 fistula operations** and **other childbirth injuries surgeries** were performed.
- **430 patients** received the necessary **rehabilitation measures** and, in some cases, also vocational training courses.
- **410 women** were screened for obstetric fistula in **10 diagnostic camps**, 65 were diagnosed with fistula.



Raising people's awareness of fistulas

- **1,150 health workers** were informed and trained on obstetric fistula.
- In addition, **1,000 traditional birth attendants** and 2,500 mothers, teachers and community leaders were also trained.

Eliminating gender-based violence



Raising awareness to eliminate child marriage (Bangladesh)

- **5,500 people**, including men and boys, teachers and imams, have been sensitised and/or trained on children's rights, child marriages and gender-based violence.
- **1,230 parents** signed a pledge not to have their daughters married before the age of 18.
- **2,520 girls benefited from "safe spaces"** where they learn about their social role and menstrual health and can discuss matters freely.

Emergency interventions



Covid and drought crisis

- **43,200 people** were sensitised about Covid-19.
- 16,350 litres of water a day were brought to the Somali region to mitigate the effects of the drought. **8,000 people** and various health centres were thus supplied with water for 3 months.

Balance Sheet

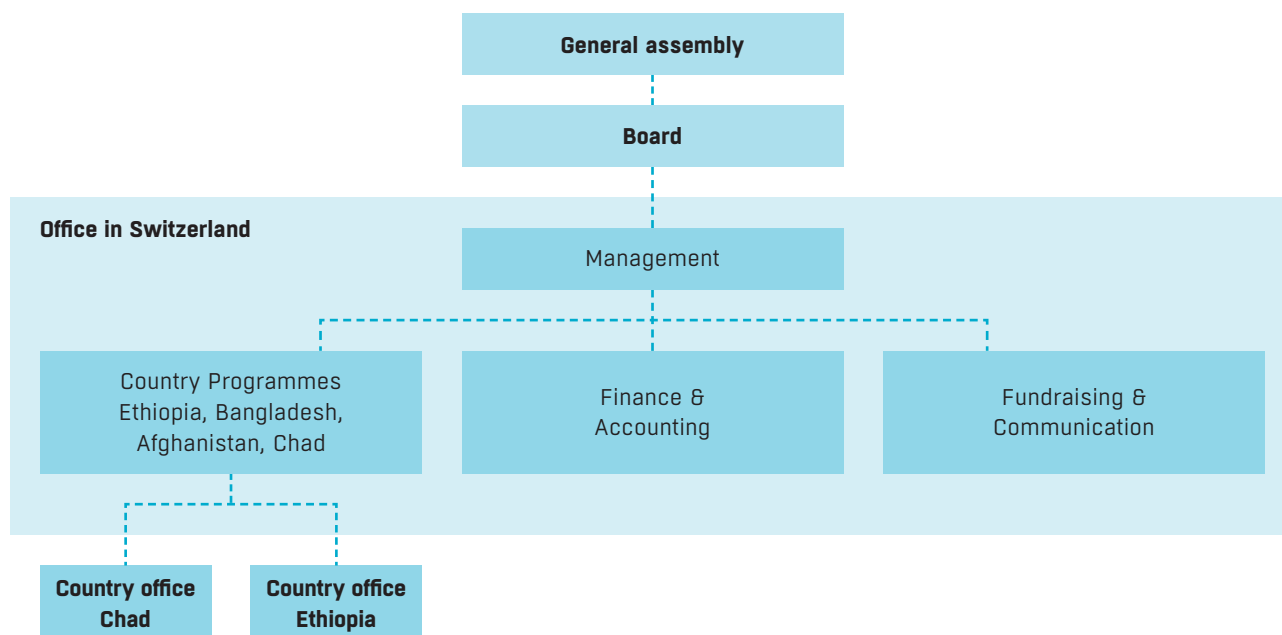
	As at 31.12.2021	
	CHF	%
ASSETS		
Accounts CHF	613,425	88.8
Accounts EUR	54,352	7.9
Accounts USD	12,703	1.1
Accounts XAF	5,220	0.5
Receivables	0	0.0
Accrued income	5,465	0.5
CURRENT ASSETS	1,096,171	97.0
Financial assets	12,535	1.1
Mobile tangible fixed assets	0	0.0
Intangible assets	21,142	1.9
FIXED ASSETS	33,667	3.0
TOTAL ASSETS	1,129,848	100.0
LIABILITIES		
Trade payables	0	0.0
Liabilities from social insurance	0	0.0
Deferred income	97,422	8.6
CURRENT LIABILITIES	97,422	8.6
Funds by countries	312,102	27.6
Funds by themes	4,942	0.4
SDC funds	184,988	16.4
PURPOSE-BASED FUND CAPITAL	502,032	44.4
Acquired free capital	391,487	34.6
Annual/previous year result	138,907	12.3
TOTAL ORGANISATIONAL CAPITAL	530,394	46.9
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,129,848	100.0

Operating statement

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	CHF	%
INCOME		
Donations from natural persons	374,224	17.3
Donations from legal entities	751,180	34.7
Church contributions	118,791	5.5
Public funds	881,477	40.8
Total donations and contributions	2,125,672	98.3
of which earmarked	-1,601,042	
Other revenue	36,851	1.7
TOTAL INCOME	2,162,523	100.0
EXPENDITURE		
Projects abroad	1,212,783	66.8
Project support costs	240,239	13.2
Total projects abroad	1,453,022	80.1
Direct costs	17,699	1.0
Staff and general expenses	69,514	3.8
Total projects in Switzerland	87,213	4.8
Direct costs	17,938	1.0
Staff and general expenses	155,899	8.6
Total fundraising	173,837	9.6
Direct costs	6,616	0.4
Staff and general expenses	86,602	4.8
Depreciation	7,047	0.4
Total administration	100,265	5.5
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	1,814,338	100.0
Interim result 1	348,186	
Financial income	2,351	
Financial expenses	-1,892	
Annual result before fund result	348,644	
Allocation of earmarked funds	-1,601,042	
Withdrawal from earmarked funds	1,391,305	
Fund result	-209,737	
Annual result before changes in organisational capital	138,907	
Increase/withdrawal from organisational capital	-138,907	
Total change in organisational capital	-138,907	
Annual result after allocations	0	

The financial report has been audited by the auditing body Von Graffenried AG Treuhand. The full annual financial statements can be ordered from our secretariat or viewed at under:
www.womenshops.ch/en/information-centre/annual-report

Organisation



Where and with whom we work

Country	Partner organisation	Projects	Focus *
Ethiopia	Attat Catholic Hospital	Maternity waiting home for women with high-risk pregnancies	. S .
	Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia	Empowering women with childbirth injuries through life-skill and vocational training	. . T
	St. Luke Catholic Hospital	Midwifery training	. S .
	OWDA (Organization for Welfare and Development in Action)	Community led maternal and newborn health	. S .
Chad	BASE (Bureau d'Appui Santé et Environnement)	Basic health for mother and child	. S .
Afghanistan	PUI (Première Urgence Internationale)	Safe childbirth in remote villages	. S .
	WHSa (Women's Hope Social Association)	Combating gender-based violence and child marriage (until August 2021)	E . .
Bangladesh	LAMB (Lutheran Aid to Medicine in Bangladesh)	Combating child marriage	E . .
		Prevention and treatment of obstetric injuries	. . T

* **E**: Eliminating gender-based violence, **S**: Strengthening health systems, **T**: Treatment of obstetric injuries

About Women's Hope International

Women's Hope International is a Swiss organisation which focuses on women's health and rights in Africa and Asia and works to ensure that all women can exercise their right to a healthy and self-determined life.

Together with local partner organisations and the affected communities, we promote the establishment and expansion of basic medical services related to pregnancy and childbirth in our partner countries. We empower women to claim their sexual and reproductive rights and to resist gender-based violence.

Our approach

In order to strengthen the sexual and reproductive health and rights of women and girls in countries with very high maternal mortality, Women's Hope's work focuses on three thematic areas:

- **eliminating gender-based violence (especially child marriage)**
- **strengthening local health systems**
- **providing access to specialised obstetric injury treatment and prevention**

As we often work in fragile contexts, building resilience and conflict sensitivity is an important transversal issue. Through our work, we contribute to the UN Sustainable Development Goals 3 (good health and well-being) and 5 (gender equality).



Midwifery training in Ethiopia

Memberships

Women's Hope International is a member of the following networks and alliances:

- Medicus Mundi Suisse
- Campaign to End Fistula, United Nations Population Fund (UNFPA)
- International Obstetric Fistula Working Group (IOFWG)
- Girls Not Brides
- Alliance Gender Equality & Health, together with IAMANEH Switzerland and Médecins du Monde Suisse



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