

ANNUAL REPORT 2022



**Women's Hope
International**

Work in fragile contexts

After a politically turbulent year in 2021, we were hoping for things to improve in the new year. However, the situation in our partner countries remains highly fragile – which makes our work challenging.

Governments brutally crushed opposition protests in Chad and Bangladesh in 2022, while in Afghanistan, the Taliban continued to relentlessly restrict the freedom of girls and women. The situation likewise remains unstable in the multi-ethnic state of Ethiopia, where civil war was waged for two years. In addition, the ongoing drought in the Horn of Africa caused one of the worst climate-related crises in recent history, whereas the rainy season in Chad lasted longer than average. The consequences: hundreds of thousands of people had to leave their homes, entire areas were cut off from their surroundings and there were more and more severe cases of malaria.

Cooperation with our local partners and employees is crucial for us to be able to engage effectively in these challenging situations. They are the ones who are able to assess the security situation and make recommendations or alleviate a situation. We are therefore delighted that we have been able to continue with all of our projects in 2022 – above all thanks to these partners. Inflation has forced us to increase project budgets in some cases, for example to offset higher prices for pharmaceuticals. This makes it all the more motivating for us to see that, in spite of all the challenges, our projects are having an impact and helping local girls and women to improve their health and enjoy more rights.

The work being done in the “Gender Equality & Health” alliance, founded in 2019, which includes IAMANEH Switzerland and Médecins du Monde Suisse, is beginning to bear fruit. For example, we have collaborated to prevent sexual exploitation, abuse and harassment – both internally and with our partners. We have also expanded our country portfolio.

After a lengthy period of online collaboration due to the Covid 19 pandemic, we were finally able to meet our partners in person again. The partner dialogue and project visits are extremely valuable to us and provide us with key insights for follow-up projects.

Thank you!

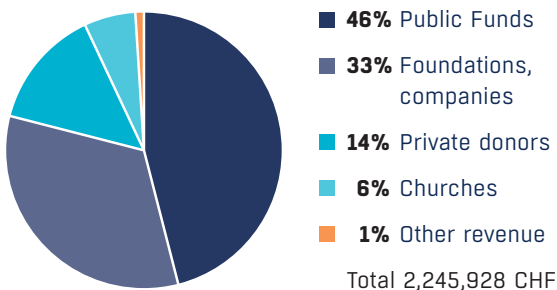
Women’s Hope would like to express its utmost gratitude to everyone who has supported our projects and thereby helped to give more girls and women the chance of a healthy and self-determined life. We would like to give particular thanks to:

- 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

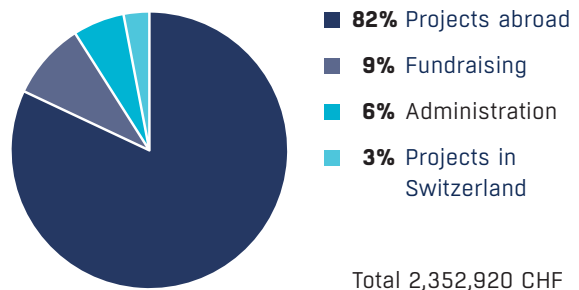


Afghanistan: Gender segregation is strictly observed. All the more important it is for our local partner to reach men too, with issues relating to pregnancy and childbirth.

Revenue by origin



Expenditure by purpose



Key data 2022

Strengthening health systems



Access to and use of health services

- **3,383 births** were assisted professionally in health-care facilities supported by Women's Hope.
- **8,120 women** received at least one **prenatal examination** during their pregnancy, 5,798 women received postnatal care (at least one visit).
- **830 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).
- **72 midwife students** received financial support for their **training**, while 34 midwives received further training.

Treatment and prevention of obstetric injuries



Treatment of birth injuries and rehabilitation measures

- **848 fistula operations** and **other childbirth injuries surgeries** were performed.
- **407 patients** underwent **various rehabilitation measures** while **261** participated in **vocational training courses**.
- **386 women** were screened for obstetric fistula in **diagnostic camps**, 67 were diagnosed with fistula.



Raising people's awareness of fistulas

- **1,002 health workers** were informed and **trained** on obstetric fistula.
- In addition, **695 traditional birth attendants** and **4,395** mothers, teachers and community leaders were also **trained**.

Eliminating gender-based violence



Raising awareness to eliminate child marriage (Bangladesh)

- **4,648 people**, including men and boys, teachers and imams, have been **sensitised and/or trained** on children's rights, child marriages and gender-based violence.
- The **30 "safe spaces"** we set up recorded **7,024 visits by girls**, and **1,360 girls purchased** discounted menstrual products during the visits.

Emergency interventions



Drought crisis in East Africa: supporting the people of the Somali region of Ethiopia

- **Eight health centres** were **supported** to meet increased medical needs resulting from the influx of the large number of internally displaced persons.
- **478 households** received **kits with sanitary towels and toiletries** such as soaps and toothbrushes.

Organisation

As of the end of 2022, the Women's Hope International Head Office had seven permanent employees and one intern. With the country offices in Ethiopia and Chad, a total

of 12 people were working for Women's Hope at the end of 2022, equivalent to 9.3 full-time positions.



Top row, left to right: Selina Leu, Noemi Grossen, Daniela Bandi, Judith Auer (joined 2023); in the middle: Maria Bongard; lower row: Lora Slovak, Corinne Bächtold, Maxence Couche-Franquet (joined 2023), Juste Bationon, Dahab Manoufi (BASE), Muriel Weyermann, Ahmat Malick (BASE). Not in the picture: Golnar Ghazivakili, Betseit Sisay, Sefhra Ayele, Tsegey Getachew.

Where and with whom we work

Country	Partner organisation	Projects	Focus *
Ethiopia	Attat Catholic Hospital	Safe births despite high-risk pregnancy	S . .
	Hamlin Fistula Ethiopia	Empowering women with childbirth injuries through life-skill and vocational training	. . T
	St. Luke Catholic Hospital	A midwife for every mother – promoting the quality of training at St. Luke Hospital	S . .
	Organization for Welfare and Development in Action (OWDA)	Community led maternal and newborn health	S . .
Chad	Bureau d'Appui Santé et Environnement (BASE)	Enhanced mother-and-child healthcare through the involvement of village communities	S . .
Afghanistan	Première Urgence Internationale (PUI)	Access to obstetrics for rural women in Laghman Province	S . .
Bangladesh	Lutheran Aid to Medicine in Bangladesh (LAMB)	Ending child marriage	. E .
		Ending fistula – identifying, healing and reintegrating women with fistulas	. . T

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

Balance Sheet

	As at 31.12.2022	
	CHF	%
ASSETS		
Accounts CHF	1,006,438	93.8
Accounts EUR	24,909	2.3
Accounts USD	12,899	1.2
Accounts XAF	0	0.0
Receivables	0	0.0
Accrued income	2,628	0.2
CURRENT ASSETS	1,046,874	97.5
Financial assets	12,541	1.2
Mobile tangible fixed assets	0	0.0
Intangible assets	14,095	1.3
FIXED ASSETS	26,637	2.5
TOTAL ASSETS	1,073,510	100.0
LIABILITIES		
Trade payables	15,078	1.4
Liabilities from social insurance	0	0.0
Deferred income	134,829	12.6
CURRENT LIABILITIES	149,907	14.0
Funds by countries	264,931	24.7
Funds by themes	0	0.0
SDC funds	0	0.0
PURPOSE-BASED FUND CAPITAL	264,931	24.7
TOTAL ORGANISATIONAL CAPITAL	658,672	61.4
TOTAL LIABILITIES	1,073,510	100.0

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

Operating statement

	1.1. – 31.12.2022	
	CHF	%
INCOME		
Donations from natural persons	323,830	14.4
Donations from legal entities	729,370	32.5
Church contributions	144,354	6.4
Public funds	1,027,600	45.8
Total donations and contributions	2,225,154	99.1
of which earmarked	-1,656,319	
Other revenue	20,774	0.9
TOTAL INCOME	2,245,928	100.0
EXPENDITURE		
Projects abroad	1,653,563	
Project support costs	273,821	
Total projects abroad	1,927,383	81.9
Direct costs	16,608	
Staff and general expenses	57,734	
Total projects in Switzerland	74,341	3.2
Direct costs	14,880	
Staff and general expenses	193,338	
Total fundraising	208,218	8.8
Direct costs	16,298	
Staff and general expenses	119,632	
Depreciation	7,047	
Total administration	142,977	6.1
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	2,352,920	100.0
Interim result 1	-106,992	
Financial income	196	
Financial expenses	-2,027	
Annual result before fund result	-108,823	
Allocation of earmarked funds	-1,656,319	
Withdrawal from earmarked funds	1,893,420	
Fund result	237,101	
Annual result before changes in organisational capital	128,278	
Increase/withdrawal from organisational capital	-128,278	
Total change in organisational capital	-128,278	
	0	

Who we are

Every woman should have the chance to give birth to her child safely. Yet globally 800 women die every day due to complications during pregnancy or childbirth. 95% of these deaths occur in low and middle-income countries. Over 90% of these deaths are avoidable. This is where the work of Women's Hope International comes in.

Our work

We are committed to ensuring that all women can exercise their right to a healthy and self-determined life. Together with local organizations, institutions and communities, we promote structures that strengthen the sexual and reproductive health and rights of girls and women.

- We strengthen local sexual and reproductive healthcare systems to enable employees to deliver high-quality services.
- We are committed to the elimination of gender-based violence, particularly forced marriage, child marriage and female genital mutilation.
- We provide girls and women with obstetric injuries and other medical conditions related to the birth of a child with access to specialised gynaecological treatment, preventive care and social integration measures.

Our approach

Societies can only be stable and peaceful when everyone participates equally in political, economic and social life. No country in the world has yet achieved genuine equality – even though it is a human right. Through our work, we aim at equal rights and equal access to resources – especially medical resources – for everyone. In order to achieve this objective, women must be empowered as knowledge-bearers and decision-makers. We actively involve them and their social environment in project planning, implementation and evaluation. Women in particular and all members of the population in our partner countries know what is needed and how sustainable solutions look like. Working closely with local partners, we promote knowledge-sharing

and joint learning, strengthening interaction between local people and health services. Our work aims at enabling local communities to implement measures independently in the long term.

Our work contributes to the UN Sustainable Development Goals 3 (health and well-being) and 5 (gender equality).

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

Cover: Former fistula sufferer Nofisa Kathun is now carrying out important educational work on the prevention of fistula diseases.



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