

# ANNUAL REPORT 2015



## FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2015

### Balance Sheet as per 31.12.2015

Amounts in CHF

<b>ASSETS</b>	31.12.2015	31.12.2014
<b>Current Assets</b>		
Liquid Assets	7.755	4.390
Bank Balance	631.186	577.415
Bank Balance abroad	47.143	42.048
Accounts Receivable	0	123
<b>Total Current Assets</b>	<b>686.084</b>	<b>623.976</b>
<b>Fixed Assets</b>		
Financial Assets	1.071 (1)	1.747
Tangible Assets	1	1
<b>Total Fixed Assets</b>	<b>1.072</b>	<b>1.748</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>687.156</b>	<b>625.723</b>
<b>LIABILITIES</b>		
<b>Short-term Debt</b>		
Creditors	10.963	7.697
Bank Balance abroad	47.143	42.048
<b>Total Short-term Debt</b>	<b>58.106</b>	<b>49.745</b>
<b>Accrued liabilities</b>	<b>150.000 (2)</b>	<b>40.000</b>
<b>Restricted Fund Capital</b>	<b>366.000 (3)</b>	<b>435.000</b>
<b>Associated Capital</b>	<b>113.050</b>	<b>100.978</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>687.156</b>	<b>625.723</b>

## Profit & Loss Account 1.1. - 31.12.2015

	2015	2014
<b>REVENUES</b>		
Membership Fees		
Membership Fees	145	315
Passive Membership Fees	5.100	6.340
<b>Total Membership Fees</b>	<b>5.245</b>	<b>6.655</b>
Donations		
Private Donations uncommitted	14.059	12.259
Private Donations committed	175.603	175.203
Donations by Corp./Found./Org. committed	467.636	366.315
Donations Juniors	230.405	231.980
Donations Collaboration with Swiss Schools	220.251	98.097
Donations Collaboration in Swiss environment	13.115	10.544
<b>Total Donations</b>	<b>1.121.069</b>	<b>894.398</b>
Contributions from Public Authorities		
Contribution from the Swiss Confederation	0	0
Contribution from Cantons / Municipalities	61.000	37.500
<b>Total Contribution from Public Authorities</b>	<b>61.000</b>	<b>37.500</b>
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>1.187.314</b>	<b>938.553</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>		
Direct Expenses for Projects		
Projects Albania	248.709	221.102
Projects Africa	383.556	255.598
Junior-Projects	111.424	148.357
Expenditure for Mentoring Swiss Students	127.900	80.600
Direct Travelling Expenses	10.706	13.917
<b>Total Direct Expenses for Projects</b>	<b>882.295 (4)</b>	<b>719.573</b>
Administrative Expenses		
Administration	26.725 (5)	28.527
Rent	14.304	14.304
Personnel	217.449 (6)	169.017
Travelling Expenses Switzerland	587	792
Currency Loss (-Profit)	34.127	1.085
<b>Total Administrative Expenses</b>	<b>293.192</b>	<b>213.725</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>1.175.487</b>	<b>933.299</b>
<b>Profit (Loss) before Financial Result</b>	<b>11.827</b>	<b>5.254</b>
Interest Income	245	487
<b>Total Financial Income</b>	<b>245</b>	<b>487</b>
<b>Annual Result before Funds Allocation</b>	<b>12.072</b>	<b>5.741</b>
Funds Allocation result		
Incoming	793.575	771.609
Outgoing	-862.575	-671.609
<b>Total Funds Allocation Result</b>	<b>-69.000</b>	<b>100.000</b>
<b>Surplus (Deficit) before Transfer / Withdrawal</b>	<b>-56.928</b>	<b>105.741</b>
Transfer / Withdrawal		
Withdrawal from committed Association Capital	-69.000	100.000
Withdrawal from Association Capital	12.072	5.741
<b>Surplus after transfer / withdrawal</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>

## ACTIVITY REPORT

### Projects Including the Participation of Swiss Youngsters



*IPA Juniors looking very pleased about the help they could offer to the school and the medical dispensary in Senican*

Over the years, IPA has developed three concepts offering different ways for young people to get involved in project work. It has become increasingly obvious that IPA Juniors work very successfully, and the co-operations with school classes likewise yield impressive results. As to environmental assignments, it has proved difficult to enthuse youngsters with the prospect of a five-day working stint, much as IPA fancies the idea. There is room for improvement here.

Back from a fact-finding mission to southern Albania, the Junior Team 2014/15 decided on a project whose beneficiaries are two mountain villages. In Senican, they managed to fully refurbish the village's dilapidated school, in which they included a well equipped medical dispensary, which guarantees a minimum of medical supply to the inhabitants of Senican and nearby Fratar. After ten years, the dispensary was put back in working order. The villagers are greatly relieved: "Now we have got everything we need!" This statement speaks for itself. The commitment shown by the IPA Juniors has motivated many students in Senican to strive for

higher education. A cultural programme in southern Albania, a meeting with the Albanian ambassador to Switzerland, and several presentations for institutional donors provided the members of the Junior Team with many valuable contacts. The Junior Project is supported by Stiftung Mercator Schweiz, a private foundation.

The co-operation with school classes produced a number of fine projects, some of them on a surprisingly large scale. It was equally important for the students, however, to realise that concepts need constant reshaping and fine-tuning. The students at Enge High School showed a particularly great effort. Highly motivated, they embarked on the huge project of re-opening a boarding school for girls in Malawi, which will soon be completed. The youngsters worked extra hours beyond the school timetable and even continued after the official ending of the course. They are rewarded with photos from Nkhomola, on which they see the construction of a boarding school in progress, with lavatories, washing facilities, kitchen and refectory.



*Thumbs up for the girls at boarding school in Nkhomola*

Once again, only a very small group of volunteers found their way to Soazza where they worked in the steep chestnut woods. The Swiss youngsters were in for an exciting week funded by Lions Club Zimmerberg. Their work, rewarded with generous donations, will contribute to a pilot project against child labour in Malawi.

### **Projects without Participation of Swiss Youngsters**

Owing to long-standing co-operations with both institutional and private donors, IPA could carry out a number of projects in Albania, Cameroon and Malawi without the participation of Swiss youngsters.

#### **Malawi**



*Potatoes against starvation in Malawi*

After the first positive experiences with the new partner organisation in the North Mzimba region, IPA's collaboration was quickly expanded. Several new projects were launched, and for the first time also outside the educational context. The peasants in Zigodo are a case in point: The project shows how careful planning, well-trained specialists and a common effort can work miracles. While all over Malawi the expected famine began to make itself felt towards the end of the year, the peasants of Zigodo could reap a bumper harvest.

IPA renewed its contact with a second partner organisation established the previous

year, thus extending their activities into the Rumphu District. A first project about a training centre for teachers got started, but was not finished by the end of 2015. It is an acid test for the co-operation with the new partners, and it is to be hoped that they will pass it and more projects will follow.

#### **Cameroon**

Once again IPA could carry out a number of projects in the north of the country. Some of them had been in the pipeline for some time, others had already reached the phase of implementation. The local partners faced such adversities as high water, Boko Haram, and the collapse of the economy. Still, help arrived to many people in the form

of projects for drinking water, food crops, education, and the extension of savings banks.

The schools supported by IPA are experiencing a great upswing; the secondary school of Tékélé has even gained the status of sixth-form college. Several of the primary schools are lodging refugees from the frontier area near Nigeria, which gives these projects an additional importance.



*Eight-kilometre walk through the water to reach the project location: IPA is where no one else goes*

Unfortunately, the issue of security in Northern Cameroon remains problematic and IPA staff cannot consider travelling there for the time being, which necessarily has a great impact on any project work. The office in

Maroua had to be closed at the end of the year, sadly putting three employees out of work. However, the collaboration with our main partner, Aboukar Mahamat, is to be continued. IPA is unwilling to abandon the region, provided that donors can be found to finance projects under these difficult circumstances.

## Albania



*A well equipped school „at the end of the world“ (in Vinjoll) even makes it attractive for pupils from town*

In Albania, IPA's focus remains on education and basic medical healthcare in rural areas. Projects varying in size could be implemented in several schools. Most of them dealt with the renovation of damaged or neglected buildings. Measures included repairing roofs, replacing windows and installing toilets. A crucial form of support is the supply of didactic materials, which is a great help for the students to understand the subject matter, but also for the teachers to work with.

One of the highlights for all people involved consisted in the fact that four girls of the Roma and Balkan Egyptian minorities passed their A levels in June 2015. In the north Albanian town of Lezhë, it was the first time for any minority members to reach such a high grade in education. Their importance as role-models

cannot be underestimated, as education and Sixth-form college have now become a major issue among many Roma.

## Conclusion

In 2015, IPA could solve some important problems connected with the threat posed by Boko Haram. In Malawi, the foundations are laid, allowing the expansion into a second region, which was started in collaboration with a new partner organisation. This positive development in Malawi is a consequence of the situation in Northern Cameroon, whose population is worse off. After one decade of development cooperation in this region, the closure of our office in Maroua is a hard blow to IPA and can justly be called a major setback.

IPA have collaborated with local partner Aboukar Mahamat for ten years now. He has become one of the most important figures in civil society of the Waza Logone Plain.

He is often invited to talk on the radio and receives thanks from hundreds of people who wish to call him or simply shake hands. However, the terror of Boko Haram in Nigeria and neighbouring regions affects Northern Cameroon to a degree that makes any prognosis difficult.



*His commitment has become indispensable for the people of the Waza Logone Plain: IPA partner Aboukar Mahamat (right) at the opening of a school building in Yambaran*

During the year, IPA and their local partners managed a total of 45 projects. The experience

gathered over the years helped to reduce the work load of the team despite the considerable number of projects. Efficiency was greatly enhanced.

The profit and loss account shows a record turnover. This is in part a consequence of the fact that towards the end of 2014 several projects could not be implemented in spite of sufficient funds; the money was transferred to the budget of 2015. Moreover, IPA received substantial donations from various foundations, which shows the trust they place in IPA's work.

The extension of fund-raising in Germany remains difficult. Despite some efforts the organisation has not managed to open a branch so far. It is to be hoped that there will soon be time to put these plans into action.

Collaborating with Swiss youngsters was once more a very satisfying and instructive experience. The concepts of how to involve students are constantly modified in order to stay attractive and up to date. The only problem zone is the environmental work assignment, for which new ideas are requisite if it is to allure potential participants.



*(8): IPA projects make people dance: Chef de Canton (left) and village people celebrating the renovation and equipment of the health centre in Kala Kafra*



*(9): Pupils of a school constructed by IPA have good reason to look to the future*