



ANNUAL REPORT 2017



INTERNATIONAL PROJECT AID

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2017

Balance Sheet as per 31.12.2017

Amounts in CHF

ASSETS	31.12.2017	31.12.2016	Difference
Liquid Assets	6.449	5.420	1.029
Bank Balance	611.723	496.095	115.628
Bank Balance Abroad	39.324	65.871	-26.547
Accounts Receivable	0	0	0
Total Current Assets	657.496	567.386	90.110
Financial Assets	0	0	0
Tangible Assets	1	1	0
Total Fixed Assets	1	1	0
TOTAL ASSETS	657.497	567.387	90.110
LIABILITIES			
Liabilities from Physical Settlements and Payments	-2.060	2.781	-4.841
Bank Balance Abroad	39.324	65.871	-26.547
Total Short Term Liabilities	37.264	68.652	-31.388
Restricted Fund Capital	281.000	221.400	59.600
Restricted Capital	222.000	162.000	60.000
Uncommitted Capital	117.233	115.334	1.899
Total Associated Capital	339.233	277.334	61.899
TOTAL LIABILITIES	657.497	567.386	90.111

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Learners in Rumphu (Northern Malawi) can hardly wait for their new class rooms

Profit and Loss Account 1.1. - 31.12.2017

	2017	2016	Difference
Membership Fees	4.680	5.505	-825
Private Donations Uncommitted	14.888	19.808	-4.920
Private Donations Committed	189.385	160.059	29.326
Donations by Companies and Foundations Committed	256.766	371.800	-115.034
Donations Juniors	175.886	161.170	14.716
Donations Collaboration with Swiss Schools	122.336	106.958	15.378
Donations Collaboration in Swiss Environment	13.476	11.519	1.957
Total Donations	772.737	831.314	-58.577
Total Contribution from Public Authorities	7.700	109.060	-101.360
OPERATING REVENUE	785.117	945.879	-160.762
Projects Albania	195.060	273.028	-77.968
Projects Africa	190.788	255.818	-65.030
Junior Project	115.284	107.703	7.581
Expenditure for Mentoring Swiss Students	67.900	54.800	13.100
Direct Travelling Expenses	10.471	10.554	-83
Total Direct Expenses for Projects	579.503	701.903	-122.400
Administration	39.898	52.799	-12.901
Personnel	153.818	177.012	-23.194
Total Administrative Expenses	193.716	229.812	-36.095
OPERATING EXPENSES	773.219	931.714	-158.495
OPERATING RESULT	11.898	14.164	-2.266
Financial Results	1	120	-119
Profit (Loss) before Alteration of Financial Assets	11.899	14.284	-2.385
Alteration of Financial Assets	59.600	-144.600	204.200
Annual Result (before Allocation from Association Capital)	71.499	-130.316	201.815
Allocation of Funds / Application of Funds			
Financial Assets Committed	-59.600	144.600	-204.200
Association Capital Committed	-10.000	-12.000	2.000
Association Capital Uncommitted	-1.899	-2.284	385
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ACTIVITY REPORT – FOCI AND EXAMPLES

Youth Work

In development cooperation, no year is like the other. 2017 too held a few surprises in store, but also many fine moments and a lot of work. It was characterised by the collaboration with Swiss schools. The demand for IPA's offer in this area has never been greater. At times there were five classes at four different schools working simultaneously under the guidance of IPA. A former Junior of the organisation – a certified teacher by now – was supporting the management and took over the mentoring of one class in Horgen. As usual, two Junior Teams formed a fixed component of the organisation, and they put in a remarkable performance.



Former IPA Junior Leonie Gossner in action at Horgen Secondary School

The work with the youngsters was rather time-consuming, but it was well worthwhile as they all managed to plan and fund their projects. In this respect, the Junior Team were in a league of their own, as they once more successfully undertook an astonishingly large enterprise. Overall, the income generated by the youngsters for the first time accounted for more than 50% of IPA's total revenue.

IPA involved the youngsters in activities as diverse as project work, special event days, a trip to Albania or Helping Days in a village. IPA's employees invariably adapted to the project framework, guidelines and special requests, thus achieving the implementation of a considerable number of greatly differing projects.

Projects

In terms of projects in the target countries, IPA's focus continues to be on the education of children and teenagers. Well over 50% of IPA projects in its partner countries fell into that category. Other important issues addressed included primary health care, food security, and drinking water. While Albania and Malawi saw a good number of projects implemented, the collaboration with Cameroon unfortunately had to be reduced once again. As visiting the north of the country still proved impossible, only a handful of donors could be convinced to fund projects in the province Extrême-Nord in the year under review.

Considering impact assessment as crucial for all its projects, IPA invests a good deal of time in evaluation. For instance, IPA found that ever since the savings bank of Logone-Birni (Cameroon) had expanded its activity to the Kidam region, it had brought work and income to hundreds of people, thus allowing the local market to grow and

improving the supply of goods. The bank recently celebrated its 10th anniversary and has become the driving force of an entire region's economy. In Progonat (Southern Albania), IPA Juniors managed to completely renovate and furnish a big school building in a remote mountain area. And in Shkodër (Northern Albania), a girl from the

Roma and Balkan Egyptian minority was the first of her community to successfully make it to the second year of university. Different though these educational projects may be, the evaluation shows that in both cases there was an effect spreading well beyond the original project. Both the renovation of the school in Progonat and the support of a young woman from an otherwise neglected minority sent out signals affecting the regional Albanian society as a whole.



Women generating an income thanks to micro-loans from the savings bank

In Malawi, IPA could save numerous human lives with projects addressing drinking water and agricultural issues. In 2017, however, a project with a social emphasis is standing out. With a comprehensive approach, all the participants from the Bwengu region experienced some very positive results in the fight against child labour. Children could return to their families, who subsequently sent them to school, and thousands (children and adults alike) were made aware of the “child labour” issue. The local authorities and committees of volunteers enjoyed special training and are now well-positioned to deal with the problem.



Children, adults and representatives of the authorities on an open day about “child labour” – rising awareness is a very important aspect

IPA and its Partners

The cooperation with local partners in Albania, Malawi, and Cameroon continued to be IPA's mainstay in 2017. Given the living conditions in the three countries, that was not always easy. Factors impeding cooperation included diseases, power cuts, the NGO employees' private worries, and the distance. Nevertheless, all the projects could be closely supervised and properly implemented, with the occasional adjustment of the time schedule owing to unexpectedly emerging complications. Project results proved very satisfactory all the same.

IPA partners are never at a loss for ideas, with which they approach the office in Zurich. It is usually requests by village chiefs or school directors they are simply passing on, but sometimes they too come up with exciting ideas for new projects. As a result, there is little need for IPA staff to think of how to fill the gaps in the schedule of their working journeys.

IPA has entertained a long-standing friendship with its Cameroonian partner, Aboukar Mahamat. In the year under review, he put his life at risk in order to professionally oversee our joint projects in the face of the Boko Haram threat. He travelled under the protection of convoys and was even prepared to take detours through Chad. He was forced to run information events repeatedly as the right of assembly was severely curtailed for security reasons. But the refugee children supported by IPA continue attending school, the savings bank of Logone-Birni still offers its services in the Kidam region, and Lahaï saw the foundation of a health centre providing the local people with medical care where there was none available before. These are small but important achievements in response to the extremism of Boko Haram, which puts an entire region under threat.

In Malawi, IPA started a cooperation with a newly-established NGO. A test project for the supply of drinking water in Zebediya Kazeze proved a first common success. The cooperation is to be expanded in 2018.

IPA also enjoys the support of numerous partners in Switzerland. In the year under review, foundations, service clubs, (parish) communities, companies, headmasters, fellow teachers, a great many individuals and volunteers all made a contribution in the form of helpers, donors and motivators – and often enough all in one.

Unfortunately, the development of a branch in England did not progress as fast as was expected. However, the ground for an expansion of activities is prepared and we will remain focused on this objective.

Conclusion

In 2017, a total of 33 projects were carried out, exactly the same number as in the previous year. The amount of donations slightly decreased (as was expected) – which is in tune with the experience of most Swiss organisations. The donations market has become even more competitive, and the foundations have increased their demands accordingly (and thus the workload of the NGOs). Thanks to strong partners at home and abroad, committed youngsters, a smoothly functioning team and a lot of unpaid work, IPA held their ground in this contested market. The financial and operational aims could be met. Even with a slightly lower amount of donations the organisation stands on a sound footing.

IPA adapted to constantly changing conditions in the target countries and was working with trustworthy partners in stable business relations. The concepts for youth work in Switzerland met with overall approval. Feedback from participating students and donors was unanimously positive. For this reason, IPA is going to launch another offer for young people in 2018, in conjunction with the organisation Insieme in Zurich.