

ANNUAL REPORT 2018



INTERNATIONAL PROJECT AID

FINANCIAL STATEMENT 2018

Balance Sheet as per 31.12.2018

Amounts in CHF

ASSETS	31.12.2018	31.12.2017	Difference
Liquid Assets	5.984	6.449	-465
Bank Balance	669.591	611.723	57.868
Bank Balance Abroad	65.514	39.324	26.190
Accounts Receivable	0	0	0
Total Current Assets	741.089	657.496	83.593
Financial Assets	0	0	0
Tangible Assets	1	1	0
Total Fixed Assets	1	1	0
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LIABILITIES			
Liabilities from Physical Settlements and Payments	-1.542	-2.060	518
Bank Balance Abroad	65.514	39.324	26.190
Total Short Term Liabilities	63.972	37.264	26.708
Restricted Fund Capital	340.000	281.000	59.000
Restricted Capital	214.000	222.000	-8.000
Uncommitted Capital	123.118	117.233	5.885
Total Associated Capital	337.118	339.233	-2.115
TOTAL LIABILITIES	741.090	657.497	83.593

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This woman can generate an income thanks to a credit from the savings bank in Ouazzang (Cameroon)

Profit and Loss Account 1.1. - 31.12.2018

	2018	2017	Difference
Membership Fees	4.990	4.680	310
Private Donations Uncommitted	16.784	14.888	1.896
Private Donations Committed	145.688	189.385	-43.697
Donations by Companies and Foundations Committed	148.044	256.766	-108.722
Donations Juniors	191.510	175.886	15.624
Donations Collaboration with Swiss Schools	227.387	122.336	105.051
Donations Collaboration in Swiss Environment	18.114	13.476	4.638
Total Donations	747.527	772.737	-25.210
Total Contribution from Public Authorities	60.050	7.700	52.350
OPERATING REVENUE	812.567	785.117	27.450
Projects Albania	135.364	195.060	-59.696
Projects Africa	271.442	190.788	80.654
Junior Project	120.662	115.284	5.378
Expenditure for Mentoring Swiss Students	61.900	67.900	-6.000
Direct Travelling Expenses	10.348	10.471	-123
Total Direct Expenses for Projects	599.716	579.503	20.213
Administration	46.050	39.898	6.152
Personnel	160.916	153.818	7.098
Total Administrative Expenses	206.966	193.716	13.250
OPERATING EXPENSES	806.682	773.219	33.463
OPERATING RESULT	5.884	11.898	-6.014
Financial Results	1	1	0
Profit (Loss) before Alteration of Financial Assets	5.885	11.899	-6.014
Alteration of Financial Assets	59.000	59.600	-600
Annual Result (before Allocation from Association Capital)	64.885	71.499	-6.614
Allocation of Funds / Application of Funds			
Financial Assets Committed	-59.000	-59.600	600
Association Capital Committed	0	-10.000	10.000
Association Capital Uncommitted	-5.885	-1.899	-3.986
	0	0	0

ACTIVITY REPORT – FOCI AND EXAMPLES

Youth Work

It is no coincidence that the work we do with youngsters in Switzerland comes first place in this activity report. Although IPA is an organisation for development cooperation, our focus is also on the students in our home country. Our goal of involving them in projects in various forms was achieved in different ways in the year under review. Overall, 16 projects could be launched or completed thanks to our youngsters' support. The share of donations generated by students in 2018 is 53,8%.

Working with Swiss youngsters was full of beautiful moments. It is delightful to see the commitment and creativity they put in and what a sustainable effect the project work has had on them. As topic for their graduation papers, two students at Enge high school (Zurich) and former participants of the IPA project class, chose to develop their own project in Kenya and Zimbabwe, respectively.

The Juniors were once again very active supporters of Southern Albania. The 2017/18 team's project was the one with the biggest budget in 2018. Their team leader, Nicole Delavy, was particularly happy to see the lively interest her students showed during their journey to Albania.

Some youngsters were part of the Junior Team, others volunteered for an environmental work assignment, worked at school in IPA project classes or with disabled people. IPA has something to offer for everybody. However, the funding of these concepts is no easy matter. While the environmental work assignment is sponsored by the Lions Club Zimmerberg, the funding models for the other offers are running out. IPA is currently looking for new solutions. The transition period can be financed with tied-up fund capital. However, in this respect IPA is facing a challenge in the future.



Two IPA Juniors experiencing the kindergarten at Dhëmblan (Albania) first-hand

Projects

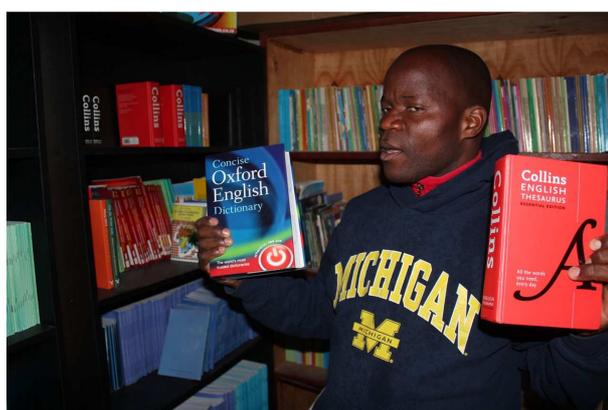
In the year under review IPA's primary focus continued to be on Albania and Malawi. Cameroon has not faded into oblivion, though. Some donors and school classes find it important to support the northernmost region of the country especially in this difficult phase, sending out a strong signal against the extremism of Boko Haram and giving back hope to the people. Our very reliable local partner guarantees a smooth cooperation without the necessity of a Swiss delegation visiting the projects. The criteria for selecting the projects ensure that the Islamist sect poses no danger to them.



IPA partner Flument Mkinga showing the results of the project in Kayiwale

The topics of education, basic medical care, food security and drinking water were central in 2018. Combining a project with economic aspects is often a rewarding approach. That idea does not only apply to the third savings bank IPA has built up in Cameroon, but also makes sense for food projects. They are not just designed to fight famines; the beneficiaries are supposed to produce a surplus and thus generate an income. A fine case in point is the solar-powered irrigation system in Kayiwale – the first of its kind and scale in northern Malawi.

In the field of education, the three countries were supported in very different ways. In Cameroon, IPA continues to assist nearly 50 internally displaced teenagers on their way through secondary school. Albania benefits from school buildings being renovated and refurbished. And in Malawi, a project to establish a training centre for teachers is a huge contribution to the education of an entire region.



At last, the teachers' training centre can fulfil its purpose: librarian Joseph Dube presenting new books

Besides medical dispensaries, which in Albania have received help from IPA for quite some time, the enormous problems of a regional hospital (in Bulqizë) have been addressed with a first small project: IPA has equipped an ambulance to ensure that patients can be well monitored on the transport. In Malawi, a health centre in charge of 15,000 people was made fit in twelve sub-projects and is now finally well equipped to provide basic medical services in its catchment area.

IPA Partners

Our several partner organisations are in charge of the implementation of the projects at any given place. They check on the quality of works and document their progress. By e-mail they keep IPA employees in Zurich informed on the development of each project. They take responsibility, and in doing so they provide a great deal of help to their own countries. This concept works well even if communication across long distances and cultural boundaries can be challenging. Partnerships turn into friendships over the years. Each side knows how the other works, what they expect and what principles they adhere to. To IPA, these partner organisations are invaluable.

Unfortunately, the cooperation with CYD in the Mzimba district in Malawi had to be called off. The management of the NGO lost interest to a degree that they neglected to do a proper project supervision. On the other hand, the collaboration with a new organisation could be further advanced. In the year under review, this organisation was involved in three projects, with several more to follow in 2019.

In Albania, where many projects addressing schools had to be carried out in the summer holidays, IPA's partners were facing the challenge of working in the sweltering heat. This made a careful planning and a close cooperation with the office in Zurich indispensable.

IPA can also count on important partners in Switzerland: our numerous volunteers and donors. Time and again we could rely on the help of supporters. They did smaller jobs such as translations or were ready to give a whole week of their holidays to do an environmental work assignment or to support the IPA board on their journey to Albania.

An extraordinarily great job did Diana Wallace in Beaconsfield, England. As after the demission of the head of our partner organisation IPA-UK no immediate replacement could be found, she led IPA-UK ad interim and simultaneously organised several fundraising activities.

Across all countries, more than 100 people were working for IPA in 2018, most of them on a voluntary basis. Very warm thanks to all of them!



Testing every detail: IPA partner Suela Koçibellin volunteering in the ambulance of Bulqizë Hospital (Northern Albania)

Conclusion and Outlook

In the year under review IPA managed to keep the number of projects and the turnover at the level of the previous year – despite the growing and increasingly fierce competition on the market. IPA benefits from their careful work, their strong local partners, the detailed reports so appreciated by its donors, the many volunteers and, last but not least, the involvement of youngsters – a concept that is unique and not to be found in this form with any other organisation in Switzerland.

The challenges awaiting us in the coming years are already emerging. In Albania, IPA has to react to demographic changes. Schools in remote villages are threatened with closure as there are not enough pupils. For many, emigration, particularly to Germany, is still an option. It must be our aim to initiate more projects in the field of sustainable economy, thus offering not only education but also job opportunities to more people in their home countries. A first project to that effect is to start in 2019.

In Switzerland, the funding of activities designed for youngsters is a major task. This work is time-consuming and intense, demanding specialist knowledge. It is far from easy to find donors willing to support this task, as most foundations are reluctant to pay for labour costs. But the education of our youngsters and the promotion of future leaders are not to be had for free. IPA is going to dedicate more time to this funding issue in the years to come.



Great joy after completing a project at the high school of Sukth i Ri, Albania (with IPA partner in the middle)