



ANNUAL REPORT

CBM Italia Onlus - Highlights of the year

2019

EDITORIAL



Humanity alone together

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At this difficult time we never imagined could come, in which the COVID-19 emergency has taught us what it means to feel vulnerable, our thoughts have always focused on those very many persons with disabilities that the pandemic has made even more isolated, exposed and needy, both in Italy and around the world. We remained active during the long night of the emergency, which struck healthcare first and then the social arena. Our commitment was clear from the start: unceasing work to avoid leaving anyone behind, especially the most fragile. In this context, the continuity of our projects was assured and new initiatives were launched.

The results achieved together in 2019 have strengthened our mission, representing a **solid foundation** even at this challenging time.

Last year almost 1.9 million persons in Africa,

Asia and Latin America received medical services, education, opportunities and the resources needed to establish an independent and autonomous life. The same number was reached with the **distribution of medicines**, primarily to protect the populations of Ethiopia and South Sudan from such infectious eye diseases as trachoma and river blindness.

Together with **44 partners in the field** – many local organisations that involve persons with disabilities – we increased the number of vision screenings carried out in hospitals and communities. The number of adults and children examined rose from 418,548 to 667,271, alongside growth in the number of persons involved in community-based inclusive development (CBID) programmes.

We also stepped up the resources allocated to projects in the field, concentrating our efforts on a smaller number than in 2018 and giving priority to those that provide continuity, with lasting and more sustainable results over the long term.

48 projects implemented in **17 countries**, of which **27 in Africa, 9 in Latin America and 12 in Asia and the Middle East**, including humanitarian action for the benefit of operators active in the areas hit by natural catastrophes.

Our work in the field is focused on two principal areas: **inclusive eye health** and **community-based inclusive development**, which translates into a myriad of **medical, rehabilitation and education projects**.

Without planning it, 2019 turned out to be a year of preparation, with the activation of mechanisms that enabled us to tackle the COVID-19 emergency.

For example, we increased our investment in projects by making our organisational model even more efficient and effective thanks to a strategy of **cost reductions**, while also **strengthening our relations with donors**, including individuals, who have continued to believe in us. We have learned, from direct experience, that we can all find ourselves suddenly vulnerable as members of the same fragile humanity, wherever we are in the world. Thank you so much for your support and for remaining at our side!

WHO WE ARE AND HOW WE WORK

IDENTITY

CBM Italia is a humanitarian organisation committed to **preventing and treating blindness** and avoidable disability, as well as to the **inclusion of persons with disabilities** in Africa, Asia, Latin America and Italy. CBM Italia is part of **CBM (Christian Blind Mission)**, an international organisation active since 1908 that seeks to include and **improve the quality of life** for persons with disabilities who live in developing countries.

OUR VISION

An inclusive world in which all persons with disabilities enjoy their human rights and achieve their full potential.

OUR VALUES

- **Inclusion:** we work to create an inclusive society in which each individual, with or without disability, can express their potential to the full.
- **Working together:** we believe in the importance of teamwork and the creation

of lasting ties with the donors, supporters, partners and institutions with which we collaborate.

- **Global acceptance:** we recognise the value of each person as they are, regardless of ethnicity, gender or religion. Diversity is wealth.
- **Transparency and accountability:** we adopt management and control standards and systems that are recognised internationally, producing measurable results that we communicate in a transparent manner.

HOW WE WORK

- **We work with communities** to affirm the rights and promote the inclusion of persons with disabilities in every aspect of life (**community-based inclusive development**).
- We are active **where the need is greatest** in Africa, Asia and Latin America; we are also present in Italy.
- We work **together with local partners and organisations of persons with disabilities**.
- We work in compliance with agreed **principles and policies**.

OUR COMMITMENT

Over 1 billion persons throughout the world have a **disability** (about 15% of the global population); of these, **80% live in developing countries**. A **vicious circle links disability and poverty**: the poor are most likely to have a disability, because they have little access to prevention, medical care and services. In turn, a disability may contribute to greater poverty at individual, family and community level, due to discrimination and barriers that impede access to education, training and work.

We want to break this cycle by working together with the communities on projects that promote health, education and independent living, supported by **humanitarian action** that focuses on **persons with disabilities and their rights**. Our projects help to implement the principles embodied in the «**UN Convention on the rights of persons with disabilities**», around the world and in Italy, and strengthen the global commitment to achieving the **Sustainable Development Goals of the United Nations**.



POLICIES AND CODES OF CONDUCT

● **Code of ethics and conduct:** we strive to comply with the principles of honesty, respect, propriety and inclusion.

● **Safeguarding policy:** we pay special attention to the protection of children and vulnerable adults, implementing a specific policy and code of conduct.

CBM in the world

During 2019 CBM Italia supported **48** projects in **17** countries. Overall, CBM supported **540** projects in **51** countries worldwide.

CBM Italia has reached **1,871,171** beneficiaries* of the **10,700,652** assisted by the CBM federation.

* In addition to these beneficiaries of medical, educational and inclusive development services, another 2,002,574 have been reached by the mass distribution of medicines (out of the 29 million reached by CBM as a whole).



Latin America

CBM Italia beneficiaries: 124,452
Countries: Bolivia, Guatemala, Paraguay
Projects: 9



Africa

CBM Italia beneficiaries: 473,325
Countries: Burkina Faso, Ethiopia, Kenya, Madagascar, Niger, DR Congo, Rwanda, South Sudan, Tanzania, Uganda
Projects: 27



Asia and the Middle East

CBM Italia beneficiaries: 1,273,394
Countries: India, Nepal, Palestinian Territories, Vietnam
Projects: 12

- Countries in which CBM is active with projects
- Countries in which CBM Italia and CBM are active with projects

Action areas



Inclusive eye health

Prevention of avoidable blindness, eye healthcare, surgery, support for and equipping of hospitals and ophthalmology centres, distribution of spectacles, mobile clinics, prevention and cure of neglected tropical diseases, training of doctors and operators.



Other disabilities

Prevention, medical care and surgical operations, physical rehabilitation, psycho-social support and equipping of hospitals, distribution of aids, mobile clinics, training of doctors and operators, community-based inclusive development.



Inclusion

Promotion of disability-inclusive development, inclusive education, vocational training, job placement, food security programmes, micro-credits, income-generating activities.



Humanitarian action

Disability-inclusive programmes in preparation for and response to humanitarian and environmental emergencies, training of operators in the field.

Our 2019 NUMBERS

Over the past year we reached **more than 1.8 million persons via 48 projects** in **17 countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America**, together with **44 partners** in the field and

thanks to the generosity of our supporters. Over 2 million persons received medicines against infectious diseases. The principal results of our activities are presented below.



667,271
vision screenings



177,988
eye operations,
of which 126,715
on cataracts



133,809
aids distributed,
of which 123,542
spectacles



300
newborns affected by ROP
received laser treatment



58,779
children (0-5 years) received
screenings, examinations,
treatment



9,112
children with disabilities
included in inclusive education
programmes



3,137
teachers trained
about inclusion



325,439
persons received therapy and
physical rehabilitation



7,036
operations for physical
disabilities



2 million
persons treated with medicines
against infectious diseases



CBM Italia projects in the field

BLINDNESS AND SIGHT IMPAIRMENT

Refractive Errors and PBL - Caritas Corico	Bolivia
RBC y Salud Ocular en Cochabamba	Bolivia
Salud Ocular en el Alto-La Paz	Bolivia
Programa de ROP con Telemedicina en Cochabamba	Bolivia
Programa de Baja Vision y Errores Refractivos en Cochabamba	Bolivia
Program for empowerment of persons with disabilities - Eye Health in Butembo-Beni	Democratic Rep. of the Congo
St. Francis Health Center	Ethiopia
St. Luke Catholic Hospital and College of Nursing	Ethiopia
Trachoma Safe	Ethiopia
Low Vision Project	Ethiopia
Amhara Trachoma Elimination Program (ATEP)	Ethiopia
National cluster program for eye care partners	Ethiopia
Fortalecimiento de la atención en ROP en Guatemala	Guatemala
Programa de Prevención de Ceguera Visualiza	Guatemala
Comprehensive Services Eye & ENT care services in Rajasthan and Uttarpradesh	India
Achieving Right to Sight through accelerated prevention of avoidable blindness in Kenya	Kenya
Eye Care Mahita (Mahajanga & Ambihobao) Service Ophthalmologie	Madagascar
Eastern Regional Eye and Ear Care Programme (EREEC-P)	Nepal
Salud Ocular Inclusiva en Paraguay	Paraguay
BECause Eye Care: South Sudan Eye Care services strengthening	Rep. of South Sudan
Scaling up MDA to accelerate Elimination of Onchocerciasis and Lymphatic Filariasis in Wulu County, Lakes, South Sudan	Rep. of South Sudan
Hôpital de Kabgayi Service d'Ophtalmologie de Kabgayi	Rep. of Rwanda
CCBRT Disability Hospital	Tanzania
Ruharo Eye Project	Uganda
Mengo Hospital Eye Unit	Uganda
Improve quality of eye care services to be more accessible and affordable for disadvantaged groups in Lai Chau	Vietnam

OTHER DISABILITIES

Salud Mental Infantil "El Taypi"	Bolivia
Atelier Orthopédique Centre pour Handicapés Physiques	Democratic Rep. of the Congo
Naro Moru Disabled Children's Home	Kenya
APDK Community-Based Rehabilitation Programme Nairobi	Kenya
CoRSU - Comprehensive Rehabilitation Services for Uganda	Uganda
Provision of Comprehensive Rehabilitation services to children with disabilities in the central region of Uganda	Uganda

INCLUSION

Cultivate Inclusion: food security and resilience for vulnerable families in Burkina Faso	Burkina Faso
Feeding support to women with disabilities and malnourished children in Gondar Zone, Amhara Region	Ethiopia
St. Anthony Inclusive Kindergarten	Ethiopia
Ensuring Quality and Inclusive Education for Children with Disabilities Program (EQIEP)	Ethiopia
Regional Action on Inclusive Education in North East (RAISE NE)	India
Disability Inclusive Livelihood Initiative - Ujjawal - II	India
Comprehensive disability prevention and rehabilitation programme in Punjab	India
Empowerment of Persons with disabilities in Meghalaya through CBID Programmes	India
NO ONE OUT! Empowerment of persons with disabilities in Nairobi's slums	Kenya
SAKSHAM MAHEELA: Empowerment of women with disabilities in Nepal	Nepal
Farwest CBR Programme	Nepal
Cultivating resilience: Inclusive and sustainable agriculture in Niger	Niger
Sécurité alimentaire pour les femmes et personnes handicapées dans la région de Tillabery	Niger
BASR Inclusive Livelihood	Palestinian Territories
Education for children with disabilities including visual impairment	Vietnam

HUMANITARIAN ACTION

Preparedness for and engagement in inclusive humanitarian action in disaster prone countries	Asia Region
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CBM Italia develops and manages projects via **Coordination Offices** in **Africa, Asia and Latin America**. Each office works in close synergy with local **partners**, with the objective of **developing projects with persons with disabilities** that are sustainable over time.

INCLUSIVE EYE HEALTH

Prevention and treatment of blindness



Eye health is a human right, even for those living in the poorest communities without access to treatment and services. Our doctors and personnel work there to **prevent and reduce avoidable** sight impairment, as well as to ensure that **blind and partially-sighted persons are included** at all levels in the community and have the same access to opportunities as others. Not only: we also strive to **make eye care services available** to anyone with a disability, on a **fully-inclusive** basis. We are committed, in particular, to **preventing and treating the principal causes of blindness** and impaired vision (such as cataracts, refractive defects and retinopathy), as well as to **eliminating the Neglected Tropical Diseases** that affect sight, especially **trachoma**. Via our inclusive eye health projects, we guarantee health and access to clean water, contributing to the achievement of the 3rd and the 6th UN Sustainable Development Goals.



BOLIVIA, PARAGUAY AND GUATEMALA RETINOPATHY OF PREMATURITY

Our presence in Latin America was expanded and strengthened during 2019 with **8 projects** addressing eye health. Among these, **3 projects** seek to eliminate the onset of **Retinopathy of Prematurity (ROP)** in **Bolivia** (*Programa de ROP con Telemedicina en Cochabamba*), in **Paraguay** (*Salud ocular inclusiva in Paraguay*) and in **Guatemala** (*Fortalecimiento de la atención en ROP en Guatemala*).

As the **primary cause of neonatal blindness**, ROP is a **disease of the retina** that can develop as a result of prematurity and low body weight at birth.

The oxygen therapy given to premature babies placed in incubators is necessary for their survival, but represents a major risk factor. Over the years, we have established a protocol for the proper management of this disease: prevention,

RESULTS ACHIEVED

518
doctors and nurses trained

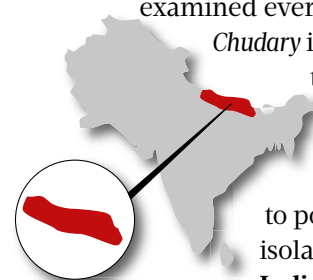
1,015
newborns and children received **vision screenings**

111
newborns with retinopathy **treated**

diagnosis, treatment, follow up, timely referral and rehabilitation. As part of our projects: we **examine** premature babies, **train** doctors and nurses, **equip the neonatal units** of hospitals with the tools needed to prevent, diagnose and treat the disease, **guarantee care for less well-off families** and build parental awareness about the importance of check-ups.

NEPAL CATARACTS AND REFRACTIVE ERRORS

The Eastern Regional Eye Care Programme (EREC-P) is one of the largest in the world in terms of the number of patients examined every year. Two hospitals are involved, *Sagarmatha Chudary* in Lahan and *Biratnagar Eye Hospital* in Biratnagar, together with satellite centres throughout 14 districts located in 3 Nepalese provinces. The objective of this major project is to **make treatment accessible and available to all**, even to populations living in the most impoverished and isolated areas, **not only in Nepal but also in nearby India**. Over the past year, the programme provided eye care services to almost 900 thousand persons. Many diseases are treated: **cataracts, glaucoma**, diseases of the retina and the cornea, as well as **refractive errors and impaired vision**. If not treated and corrected, refractive errors such as myopia, hyperopia and astigmatism are significant causes of visual impairment in children, affecting their lives and daily activities.



RESULTS ACHIEVED

24,116
persons underwent **eye operations** at the two hospitals

506,814
persons examined

354
children received **spectacles**

ETHIOPIA TRACHOMA

As the primary infectious cause of blindness, trachoma is responsible for the blindness and visual impairment of almost two million persons living in the poorest areas of the world, where hygiene is precarious and access to clean water is severely limited. Trachoma is a public health problem in 44 countries: among those, **Ethiopia is the worst affected**.

We have worked here since 2014, applying the S.A.F.E. strategy promoted by the World Health Organization, which involves: trichiasis operations (**Surgery**), distribution of medicines (**Antibiotics**), hand and face hygiene (**Facial cleanliness**) and the installation of wells and toilets (**Environmental improvement**).

Over the years, with assistance from the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS), we have carried out two major projects in the North and the South of the country: **Amhara Trachoma Elimination Program (ATEP)** in the Amhara region (extension of the earlier **Amhara Trachoma Control Program**) and **Trachoma SAFE** in the Southern Nations Nationalities People's Regional State.



RESULTS ACHIEVED SINCE 2014

917,389
antibiotics distributed to **prevent** trachoma

43,247
persons with active trachoma **treated with antibiotics**

7,847
persons operated **surgically**

7,124
latrines built

305
wells sunk

102,404
persons with access to clean water

272
well management committees trained

149
anti-trachoma school clubs trained

107,380
students made aware

472,289
informed persons in **communities**

WHAT IS TRACHOMA?

Early symptoms include swollen red eyes, itching and weeping. This infection, caused by the *Chlamydia trachomatis* bacterium, is spread by contact and transmitted by flies; if not treated with antibiotics, it causes the eyelashes to turn inwards, damaging the cornea with every blink. At this advanced stage, known as trichiasis, only surgery can save the patient from irreversible blindness.

■ COMMUNITY-BASED INCLUSIVE DEVELOPMENT

Rehabilitation, education and work



About 80% of persons with disabilities live in developing countries. Disability is both a cause and a consequence of poverty: our projects are designed to help break this cycle. We strive for concrete change that contributes to improving the quality of life of persons with disabilities, both via projects that **prevent and treat the**

causes of avoidable disability and via their **inclusion** in every aspect of life. Our **community-based inclusive development (CBID)** approach ensures close involvement at community level. This translates into projects that cover rehabilitation, inclusive education, vocational training and job placement, food security and micro-credit programmes.

NIGER AND BURKINA FASO FOOD SECURITY

The link between climate change and food security is growing ever closer. This phenomenon is cause for concern everywhere, especially for those who live in vulnerable conditions and poverty, such as **persons with disabilities** who, due to social stigma, barriers and low access to the means of production, are at greatest risk of malnutrition.

For this reason, with support from AICS (Italian Agency for Development Cooperation), we initially launched **two sustainable and inclusive agricultural projects**: the first in the Zinder Region of Niger in 2017 and the second in the Central-Southern Region of Burkina Faso in 2018. **These projects strengthen the food security of persons with disabilities and also dedicate special attention to women.**

In 2018, action was extended to the Tillabéry Region in Niger, where the economy, agricultural production and pastures depend greatly on the climate: prolonged drought or, conversely, heavy rains and floods are the cause of recurring food crises. These three projects have involved sowing **family vegetable gardens**, sinking **wells** for irrigation, distributing **seeds and small farm animals**, establishing **centres for the transformation and sale of agricultural products**, **training women** in the techniques of processing and supporting the start-up of small income-generating activities. Via these projects, the lives of persons with disabilities are undergoing real change: from beneficiaries, they have become **active protagonists** within their communities.



RESULTS ACHIEVED

231
vegetable gardens sown

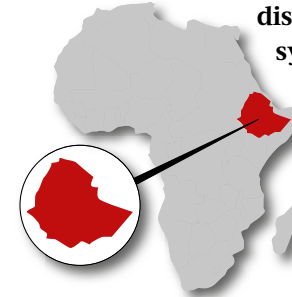
67
wells sunk

7
centres for the sale of agricultural produce established

664
women trained in the transformation and sale of agricultural produce

ETHIOPIA INCLUSIVE EDUCATION

We launched the *Ensuring Quality and Inclusive Education for Children with Disabilities Program* in 2019. This three-year project provides **inclusive quality education** to children with disabilities in the Tigray and Amhara regions of Ethiopia. Here, as in many other countries, **too many children with disabilities are still excluded from the education system**: schools are inaccessible, teachers are



not trained and their teaching aids are often unsuitable. Costs are frequently high as well. This project has equipped and made accessible the Robit school, where pupils with and without disabilities live and learn. The number of children attending has increased steadily (now 55). The original structure was unsuitable for so many and unable to meet the needs of students with different disabilities (sight, hearing, movement).

We have purchased furniture and equipment and provided food and learning materials.

The project is part of a broader programme, carried out in collaboration with the Ethiopian Ministry of Education, the national associations of persons with disabilities and our local partners, that will upgrade 12 schools to inclusive level and build awareness about the right to learn.



RESULTS ACHIEVED

55
students with disabilities attend the Robit school

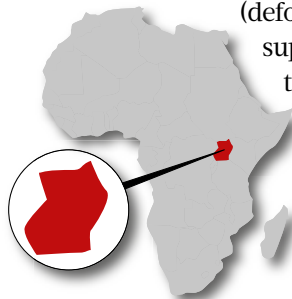
50
aids distributed

30
teachers trained in Braille and sign language

59
teachers and operators trained in inclusive education

UGANDA REHABILITATION AND INCLUSION

CoRSU celebrated its 10th anniversary in 2019. Over the years, more than 32,000 children with disabilities have been operated on and treated, while over 64,000 persons have been offered rehabilitation services. CoRSU (*Comprehensive Rehabilitation Services of Uganda for People with Disabilities*) is a **hospital for medical rehabilitation and specialist surgery** situated in Uganda. Orthopaedic surgeries (limb deformities and fractures) and reconstructive surgeries (deformations of the palate and burns, in particular) are supplemented by rehabilitation services, personnel training and a project for the community inclusion of persons with disabilities, in collaboration with the established healthcare, education and training services.



As many as 1 in 5 of the patients arriving at CoRSU are at risk of infection: they are housed in the **Septic Ward**, which we built in 2016/2017 and which remains active and functional. During the past year, in addition to performing orthopaedic surgeries, we also supported the necessary **work on nutrition**, so that malnourished children become strong enough to undergo the operations they need. Nutritionists and nurses supervise the consumption of therapeutic food and train parents in the preparation of nutritious meals.



RESULTS ACHIEVED

1,532
malnourished patients treated

3,930
seriously malnourished children treated

457
orthopaedic surgeries carried out

OUR WORK IN ITALY

We continue to **inform the Italian public** about the living conditions of persons who are blind or have other disabilities in Africa, Asia and Latin America, as well as to **spread awareness among adults and children** about the values of inclusion and solidarity. Many projects and initiatives have been carried out.



"APRIAMO GLI OCCHI!"

THE NUMBERS

9,325 PUPILS

470 CLASSES

100 SCHOOLS

DISTRIBUTION OF PUPILS IN ITALY

6,049 NORTH

1,880 CENTRE

1,396 SOUTH

IN SCHOOLS

● Awareness starts with the youngest, helping them to cultivate and practice those life skills – **empathy, understanding, openness** – fundamental for the promotion of a culture of inclusion. We reach them with our «Apriamo gli occhi!» ("Eyes Open!") project. Now in its sixth year, **this educational project has involved to date about 50,000 children in primary schools and, in 2019, for the first time, kindergartens.** Again in 2019, the Education for Global Citizenship project entitled «Hand in hand: schools in action for a more inclusive society» was launched, with a view to providing primary and early secondary school students with knowledge and tools **on the topics of disability and diversity, thus stimulating the adoption of inclusive behaviour and greater solidarity.** **1,980 students and 180 teachers** at 15 comprehensive schools in Lombardy, Tuscany, Lazio, Campania and Puglia benefited from this project, which was carried out with support from AICS and the partnership of CIES, LTM, ANIP, STEP4 and UICI.

IN RESEARCH

● On 3 December 2019, to mark the International Day of Persons with Disabilities, we launched «**Disability and international cooperation: participation and inclusion. The experience of Italian cooperation 2016-2017**», together with

AICS (Italian Agency for Development Cooperation). Objective: carry out close-up research into the commitment of Italian cooperation in the disability sector, considering the economic and other investments made and bearing in mind that over one billion persons worldwide have a disability, with more than 80% situated in developing countries. As an innovation, this research applied a **disability marker** to more than 100 projects supported by AICS, with an investment in excess of 30 million euro. Of the 72 identified, 27% were explicitly dedicated to disabilities and 73% had one or more components dedicated to the topic (*disability mainstreaming*).

IN COMMUNICATION CAMPAIGNS

● Save from blindness 1.6 million men, women and children living in **12 countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America.** This was the objective of our «**Let's stop blindness. Together we can**» campaign launched in October, the World Sight Month, to support **26 projects for the prevention and treatment of blindness and sight impairment.** A fundraising campaign that also developed awareness about the difficulties of persons who are blind or have other disabilities in developing countries, in part as a result of **events** held throughout Italy. Such as "**Blind Date – Concert in the Dark**", devised by pianist and composer Cesare Picco, which we took to 5 cities in 2019: Milan, Bologna, Verona, Turin and Ferrara, **reaching about 5,000 persons.** Once again we were supported by leading partners, such as Yamaha and Amadeus, the music monthly, as well as by numerous ambassadors and friends of CBM, including Carolina Di Domenico, Lucilla Agosti, Filippa Lagerbäck and Daniele Bossari.

All the projects, initiatives and events were communicated by our permanent **press office**, which managed to generate **580 press articles.**

TOGETHER WE CAN DO MORE

There was a significant increase in our partnerships with institutional donors, foundations and companies during 2019. We have shared with them the objectives, resources

and skills needed to carry out programmes and initiatives in developing countries and in Italy. We are deeply grateful to each of these partners. They include:

INSTITUTIONAL DONORS

● 8X1000 CHIESA CATTOLICA

The eye care project with the Catholic Church in Bolivia has developed successfully, with vision screenings, operations, rehabilitation and the distribution of spectacles to children and adults.

● 8X1000 CHIESA VALDESE

Training of local healthcare personnel, mass distribution of antibiotics and community awareness activities: these are the pillars of the programme to defeat river blindness in South Sudan pursued together with the Waldensian Church.

● 8X1000 PRESIDENZA CONSIGLIO DEI MINISTRI

We have implemented three food security programmes using funds authorised by the Prime Minister's Office, two in Ethiopia and one in Niger for the benefit of the most vulnerable, especially women and children with disabilities.

● AGENZIA ITALIANA PER LA COOPERAZIONE ALLO SVILUPPO

The collaboration with AICS (Italian Agency for Development Cooperation) is increasingly strong with projects covering: inclusive eye health in Ethiopia, Uganda and South Sudan, food security in Niger and Burkina Faso, inclusion in Bolivia and Kenya, and Education for Global Citizenship in Italy.

● CONSIGLIO REGIONALE DELLA LOMBARDIA

The Lombardy Regional Council supported the edition of Blind Date - Concert in the Dark held at the Milan Conservatory.

● FONDO DI BENEFICENZA DI INTESA SANPAOLO

Thanks to this new collaboration, we were able to take our "Apriamo gli occhi! Le periferie al centro della solidarietà" (Eyes Open! The suburbs at the centre of solidarity) project to 10 primary schools in Turin, Milan, Naples and Palermo.

● REGIONE VENETO

The Veneto Region supported the edition of Blind Date - Concert in the Dark held at Teatro Ristori in Verona.

FOUNDATIONS

● FONDAZIONE BNL

This partnership has consolidated the commitment to tackle blindness in Kenya by purchasing a new machine for the operating theatre at the Sabatia Eye Hospital.

● FONDAZIONE CANALI

This new partnership has enabled us to strengthen the eye care services provided in Nepal and Rwanda with the purchase of ophthalmic equipment.

● FONDAZIONE CARIPLO

"Apriamo gli occhi! – A scuola di solidarietà nelle periferie milanesi" (Eyes Open! - Solidarity lessons in suburban Milan): project taken to 10 primary schools in Milan and the surrounding province. And to inform adults about avoidable blindness and solidarity, the Foundation also supported the edition of Blind Date - Concert in the Dark held at the Milan Conservatory.

● FONDAZIONE CATTOLICA ASSICURAZIONI

The Foundation supported the edition of Blind Date - Concert in the Dark held at Teatro Ristori in Verona.

● FONDATION D'HARCOURT

Together we are continuing the mental health project for mothers and children in Bolivia, offering psychological support and helping to build awareness in their communities.

● FONDAZIONE DEL MONTE DI BOLOGNA E RAVENNA

About 500 primary school children in Bologna and Ravenna were involved in the "Apriamo gli occhi!" (Eyes Open!) project, becoming more aware about the values of inclusion and solidarity.

● FONDATION L'OCCITANE

For the second year, Fondation L'Occitane and Occitane Italia have supported the programme to eliminate trachoma in Ethiopia by distributing antibiotics and paying for operations.

● FONDAZIONE MEI

This new collaboration has enabled us to strengthen our impaired vision treatment services in Uganda, providing spectacles and low vision aids to children.

● FONDAZIONE PROSOLIDAR

We work together in Paraguay to defeat Retinopathy of Prematurity via the upgrade of ophthalmic healthcare services, the supply of diagnostic equipment and the training of local personnel.

COMPANIES

● ALFASIGMA

Collaboration has continued in order to guarantee quality educational services to children with and without disabilities in Ethiopia. In addition, the tenth anniversary of the partnership was marked in 2019 with the participation of employees at the

edition of Blind Date - Concert in the Dark held at Teatro Duse in Bologna.

● ALSTOM

This new partnership has helped to support our "Apriamo gli occhi!" (Eyes Open!) project. We were chosen to organise a "Kids in the office" event at 8 locations, involving employees and their children in stimulating sensory workshops and enhancing their awareness about the values of inclusion and solidarity.

● CAMPARI

In the first year, the company helped to support the Kabgayi Eye Hospital in Rwanda. The collaboration has now developed further, with a technical partnership at the first edition of the Blind Date - Concert in the Dark tour held in Milan.

● FIELMANN

Fielmann, a German retailer with a strong presence in Italy, has supported our "Let's stop blindness. Together we can" campaign and communicated our partnership during the Blind Date national tour.

● POLIFARMA

To mark its centenary, this pharmaceuticals company selected the hand crafted treats made by AutoreChocolate for CBM, thus supporting our projects.

● SALESFORCE

Various activities were carried out together during 2019. For example, company employees participated in the Milan Marathon together with CBM runners and, at Christmas, they helped to organise the Company Volunteers Day.

Special thanks to the companies that decided to support CBM at Christmas: Delta Visione, Heineken, Henkel, Mediagraf, Otim, Riello Investimenti, Sistemi Uno, 77Agency. Thanks also to the companies that supported us during the year: Aveva, Cantine Ferrari, Centro Media Club, Fornasetti, Fratelli Rossetti, Grand Vision, Hogan, Korff, La Feltrinelli, Lago, L'Occitane Italia, Luxottica, Marinella, Nextam Partners, Quercetti, Salvatore Ferragamo, Ultrale, White Sposa, Yamaha.

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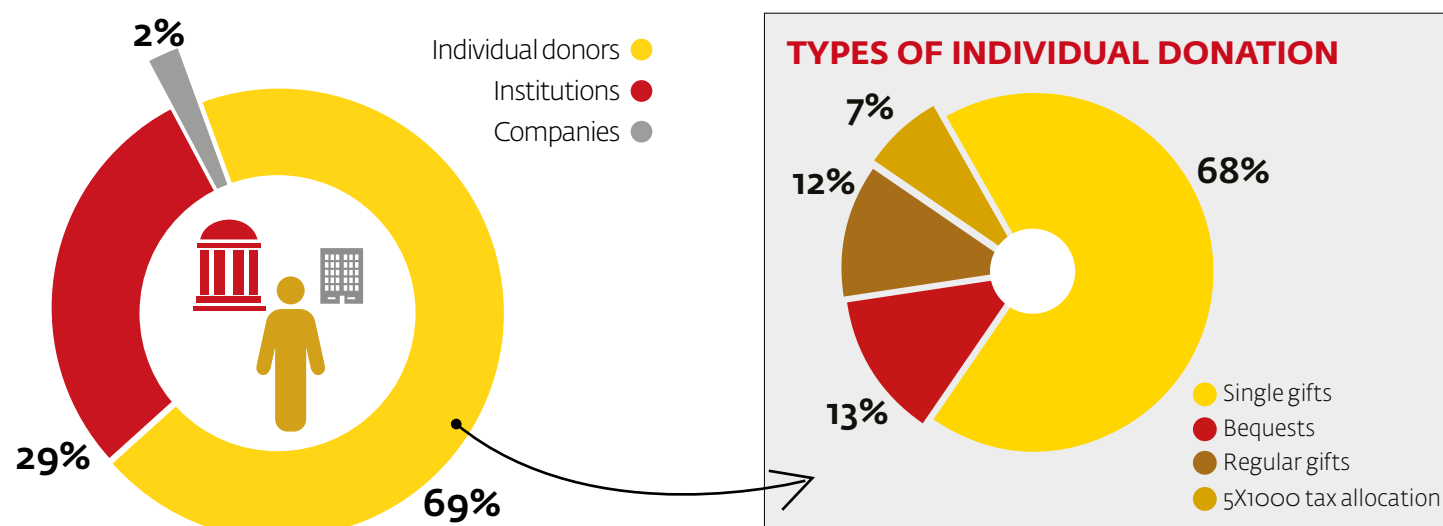
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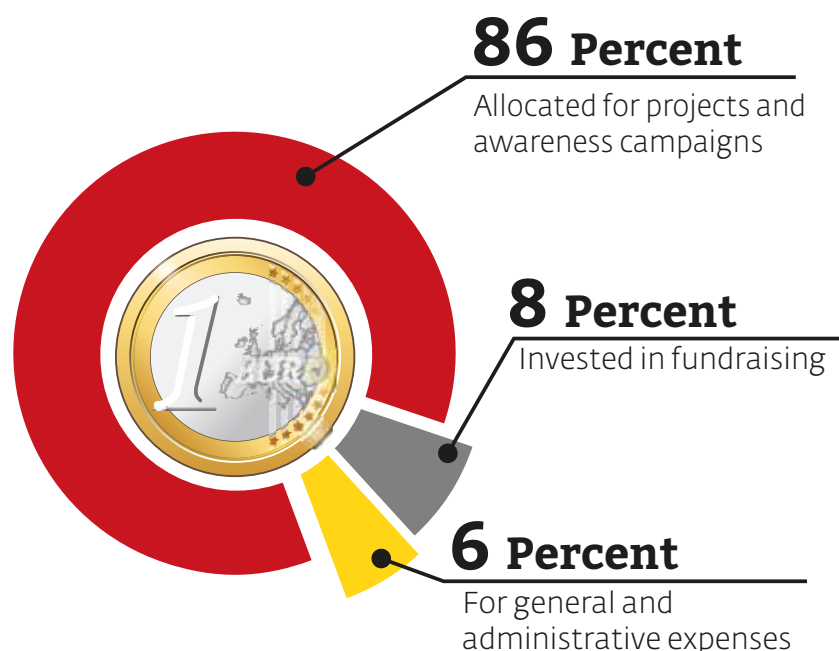
FUNDRAISING

Thanks to the generosity of our donors, we raised € **9,452,728** during 2019. This enabled us to reach **1,871,171 beneficiaries** of our medical and educational services and inclusive development programmes in Africa, Asia and Latin America.

FUNDING SOURCES



HOW WE INVEST THE DONATIONS COLLECTED



The letters we send enable us to collect the funds needed for our projects. A letter costs 36 eurocents. For each euro spent, we collect 2.55!

ACCOUNTABILITY

- 86% of the funds collected are allocated for projects and awareness campaigns in developing countries and in Italy
- We are one of the 236 Civil Society Organisations recognised by AICS (Italian Agency for Development Cooperation)
- We are certified by IID - Italian Institute of Donation for our transparent management of the funds raised
- We have a Code of Conduct that commits us to comply with the principles of honesty, respect, propriety and inclusion
- The financial statements of CBM Italia Onlus as of 31 December 2019 have been audited by KPMG and approved at the members' meeting
- CBM, to which we belong, has partnered with the World Health Organization since 1989

FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

BALANCE SHEET AS OF 31 DECEMBER 2019

Assets (Amounts in Euro)	31/12/19	31/12/18
Fixed assets		
● Intangible	3,395	461
● Tangible	2,591,178	2,717,435
Total fixed assets	2,594,573	2,717,896
Current assets		
● Stocks	65,559	67,103
● Debtors	474,910	812,049
● Liquid funds	4,105,260	5,532,723
Total current assets	4,645,729	6,411,875
Accrued income and prepaid expenses	42,656	74,088
Total assets	7,282,957	9,203,858
Liabilities and own funds (Amounts in Euro)	31/12/19	31/12/18
Own funds		
● Reserves	850,757	837,271
● Surplus	17,371	13,480
Unrestricted funds	868,129	850,752
Total funds restricted for projects	5,338,777	6,813,642
Total own funds	6,206,906	7,664,394
Provisions for risks	28,500	-
Severance indemnities	412,175	359,178
Current creditors	625,125	1,155,704
Accrued expenses and deferred income	10,251	24,581
Total liabilities and own funds	7,282,957	9,203,858

OPERATING STATEMENT 2019

Income (Amounts in Euro)	2019	2018
Donations	8,951,104	9,424,982
5/1000 tax allocations	444,241	438,456
Other income	57,383	23,742
Total donations and similar	9,452,728	9,887,180
Change in funds restricted for approved projects	338,556	553,337
Total income	9,791,284 100%	10,440,518 100%
Expenses (Amounts in Euro)	2019	2018
Projects	6,081,535 62.1%	6,063,989 58.1%
Awareness building	2,398,530 24.5%	3,158,394 30.3%
Total institutional activities	8,480,065 86.6%	9,222,383 88.3%
Fund-raising activities	550,960 5.6%	538,797 5.2%
General and administrative expenses	564,078 5.8%	524,665 5.0%
Total expenses	9,595,103 98.0%	10,285,845 98.5%
Depreciation and provisions	172,767	142,336
Financial (income) charges	30,103	18,809
Non-recurring (income) expense	(31,280)	(27,173)
Current taxes	7,219	7,219
Surplus	17,372	13,480

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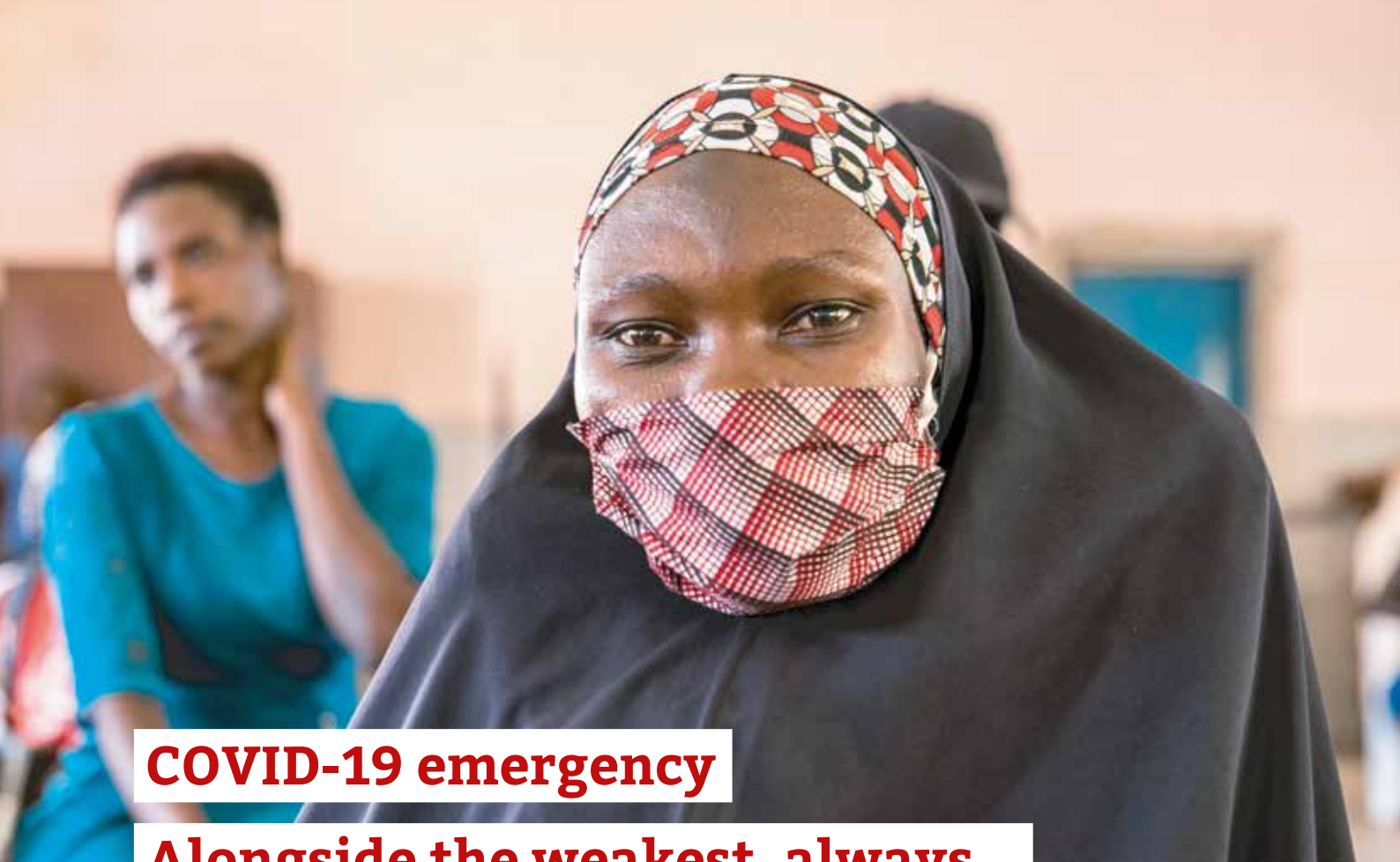
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COVID-19 emergency

Alongside the weakest, always.

The COVID-19 emergency is striking hard at persons with disabilities in developing countries, making them even more vulnerable: they have difficulty in receiving aid, maintaining social distancing and supporting their families. We work alongside them, every day, to guarantee the necessary help and care, so that no-one is left behind.

Decide to act now.

**Your support for persons with disabilities means we can tackle all this.
Together.**

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