



People for development

AVSI, created in 1972, is a non-profit organization which carries out development cooperation and humanitarian aid projects throughout the world.

Vision

AVSI works for a world where the person, aware of his/her value and dignity, is the protagonist of his/her own integral development and that of his/her community, even in crisis and emergency contexts.

Mission

AVSI implements cooperation projects in various sectors with a preferential focus on education, meaning that the person is accompanied towards self-discovery and recognition that the other person is a resource. Each project is conceived as an instrument to promote this awareness in everyone involved, has in itself a need for communicating and sharing, and creates an impact capable of generating a positive change.

Method

In project implementation, AVSI uses the following approach:

- to start from the value

of the person, who is never defined by the circumstances in which s/he lives

- to consider the person always in his/her family and community context
- to do with: accompany and let ourselves be accompanied, recognizing that we all share the same human experience
- to involve all stakeholders: encourage the participation of beneficiaries, providers, partners, donors, and the private sector
- to learn from experience and capitalize on the lessons learned.

Commitment

AVSI operates in various areas: education and social development, urban development, healthcare, migration, vocational training and job creation, humanitarian emergencies, agriculture, food security and water, democracy and human rights, energy and environmental protection.

PROJECTS

169

COUNTRIES

31

STAFF

1,593

58 people in Italy / 1,535 people abroad

TOTAL BUDGET

55,538,380

27% private funds / 73% public funds

DIRECT BENEFICIARIES

2,600,000

7,800,000 indirect beneficiaries

DISTANCE SUPPORT PROGRAM

24,338

children around the world

LOCAL PARTNERS

700

governmental, educational and healthcare institutions, NGOs, religious organizations, local authorities



AVSI Rwanda

AVSI has operated in Rwanda since 1994, following the aftermath of the genocide against the Tutsis. The first efforts were to respond to emergency humanitarian needs. Over the years, AVSI moved to more development interventions to contribute to the social and economic transformation of Rwanda.

Currently AVSI interventions in Rwanda are carried out in 15 districts with a particular emphasis on 3 sectors:

- **education** drop-out prevention and improvement of school outcomes establishing school parliaments to enhance child participation and strengthening the educational structures, the capacity building of education actors and Parent-Teachers' Committees. In the Education-Health sector, AVSI focuses on nutrition, water, sanitation and hygiene issues.
- **gender equality** through child protection, fight against gender-based violence and women empowerment with attention to socially marginalized groups including young single-mothers.

- **family economic strengthening** including youth livelihood development, financial literacy, the creation of linkages with microfinance institutions, business growth, green energy development and environmental protection.

Our model of intervention: **"PACOME"**
 In 2014, AVSI has created the model PACOME (French acronym of **PA**rents, **COM**munités, **É**coles) to promote development through partnerships between parents, communities and schools. AVSI has established community socio-educational centers with permanent field offices used as social laboratories. Innovative approaches and models are developed and tested before being disseminated and integrated. Now PACOME has become a community model.

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PROJECTS **3**
 LOCAL BRANCHES **6**

STAFF **38**

FINANCIAL STATEMENT
822,896.60

DIRECT BENEFICIARIES **4,661**
 23,305 indirect beneficiaries

DISTANCE SUPPORT PROGRAM
1,676
 Children supported

LOCAL PARTNERS **15**
 Local partners including schools, cooperatives, international and local NGOs



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