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.

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.

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.

AVSI operates in various areas: socio-educational, urban development, healthcare, vocational training, job creation, micro-entrepreneurship, agriculture, food security, energy, environmental protection, humanitarian emergencies, migration, democracy and human rights.

How AVSI uses your money

- 88.82 cents are allocated to projects
- 0.11 cents used for activities relating to development projects (accessory activities, studies, consultancy)
- 2.09 cents used to collect funds for projects
- 8.98 cents used to cover overheads

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AVSI always refers to the United Nations’ Agenda 2030 for Sustainable Development Goals and it operates in the following sectors in 32 countries:

Agriculture, food security and nutrition
Climate change, energy and environment
Sustainable cities and resilient communities
Healthcare
Vocational training, human capital and job creation
Education and child protection
Human rights and democracy
Migration and integration
Humanitarian aid

AVSI’s work favors a multi-sector approach with specific emphasis on some cross-cutting themes, such as women’s empowerment, developing the private sector and digitalization.