



Brazil, photo by Cesare Simioni



**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, vocational training, job creation, micro-entrepreneurship, agriculture, food security, energy, environmental protection, humanitarian emergencies, migration, democracy and human rights.





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# AVSI RWANDA

AVSI started intervening in Rwanda in 1994 after the genocide with emergency operations. In 25 years, AVSI Rwanda transitioned to long-term development interventions, carried out in 16 districts.

AVSI Rwanda's activities focus on 3 cross-cutting sectors:

**Socio-educational:** to ensure equitable access to quality education for preschool and school-aged vulnerable children, to support out-of-school youth through technical and vocational training, business and entrepreneurship trainings, and to improve adult literacy.

**Economic empowerment:** to build communities' self-reliance through improved nutrition and health awareness, livelihoods and business development, entrepreneurship and income generating activities trainings, the creation of savings and loans groups and through partnerships with micro-finance institutions, as the Catholic Microfinance RIM and the Farmers' Federation Imbaraga.



Rwanda, photo by Andrea Signori



**Child protection and the fight against Gender-Based Violence:** to promote and ensure the respect of children and women's rights, and to create a safe environment for them, free from violence, exploitation, neglect and abuse. AVSI works to strengthen local capacities in the identification of such risks, through community awareness sessions and psychosocial, medical and legal support to survivors.

-  **Projects**  
5
-  **Local branches**  
7
-  **Staff**  
44  
local staff: 42  
expatriates: 2
-  **Financial statement**  
701,244
-  **Direct beneficiaries**  
4,160  
indirect: 20,800
-  **Distance Support Program**  
1,650  
children supported
-  **Local partners**  
17  
including schools, cooperatives,  
international and local NGOs

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