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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.

-  **Projects**
199
-  **Countries**
32
-  **Staff**
1,733
59 people in Italy
1,674 people abroad
(of which 1,546 local staff)
-  **Total budget**
68,097,472
26% private funds / 74% public funds
-  **Direct beneficiaries**
3,690,244
10,160,075 indirect
-  **Distance Support Program**
23,731
children around the world
-  **Local partners**
700
governmental, educational and healthcare institutions, NGOs, religious organizations, local authorities



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AVSI PALESTINE

AVSI has been active in Palestine since 1993 carrying out educational, social and economic development projects in the West Bank. Educational work, in particular, is a crucial activity, as it places the person at the center of the process of development.

AVSI intervenes in collaboration with public and private institutions in various sectors: education, job and social inclusion of vulnerable people, gender equality, sustainable development of small and medium enterprises as well as tourism promotion. In order to carry out efficient and effective projects AVSI Palestine works together with civil society, Community Based Organizations and local stakeholders, with the aim of favoring the strengthening of a social fabric that is conducive towards participation and joint responsibility.

To achieve AVSI mission, the ongoing projects have three general objectives:

1. increase the employment opportunities for the vulnerable segments of the population through supporting inclusive businesses



1. initiatives implemented by youth with disabilities, women and low-income artisans;
2. promotion of an inclusive labor market giving vocational training opportunities to people with disabilities;
3. prevention of children dropout by promoting the access to quality education especially for vulnerable students and by supporting schools in the adoption of an inclusive approach.

- Projects**
3
- Local branches**
1
- Staff**
6
- Financial statement**
479,961

- Direct beneficiaries**
1,331
indirect: 5,568

- Distance Support Program**
460
children supported

- Local partners**
13

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