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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 IRAQ

AVSI has been operating in Iraq since 1991 with a focus on religious minorities and youth. AVSI Iraq implements relief and development projects with activities designed to stabilize communities, strengthen infrastructures and foster economic and agricultural growth.

Humanitarian aid

With the deepening of the Iraqi crisis, AVSI launched in 2014 emergency projects in partnership with Caritas Iraq in the refugee camps of Dohuk, Zakho and Ashti 1.

Job creation

In Erbil, AVSI is committed to foster youth civic engagement. First, carrying out two training courses at the Catholic University of Erbil for young Iraqis who had fled the Nineveh Plain. Then, with a UNICEF-funded project, providing market-oriented employability skills to 600 youth. By 2020, AVSI Iraq intends to implement vocational training courses and market development activities to promote two niche markets in the Governorate of Duhok: fresh mushrooms and ornamental plants.

Agriculture

In the Al-Hamdaniya district, AVSI is reactivating a large network of farming businesses to restore the economy destroyed by war and to promote the return of Internally Displaced Persons. Thanks to the Italian Cooperation



Iraq, photo by Anmar Rfaat



(AICS) and the U.S. Bureau of Population, Refugees and Migration (PRM), the project supports more than 100 family-run small and medium-sized farms and agribusinesses.

Health

In collaboration with the HIWA Cancer Hospital of Sulaymaniyah, AVSI is implementing a project funded by AICS to provide new medical equipment and hire doctors specialized in bone marrow transplants.



Projects

6



Local branches

4



Staff

41



Financial statement

3,500,000



Direct beneficiaries

3,000

indirect: 20,000



Distance Support Program

550

children supported



Local partners

7

Ministry of Labor and Social Affairs (MoLSA), Ministry of Agriculture (MoA), Erbil Youth Directorate, Church Supreme Board for Reconstruction of Baghdada, Hiwa Cancer Hospital, Voice of People (VoP), Comitato Maria Letizia Verga.

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