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Our work in East Africa benefits the health of animals, people and their surrounding environment. Together they form the three pillars of our project work, because only in harmony with each other it is possible to achieve positive sustainable development.



When Animals mean Life.

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EDITORIAL



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Prof. Dr. Norbert Mencke, Chairman of the Board (8. from left)
Christian Griebenow, Managing Director (5. from right)

**Senior Management Team and
Board VSF Germany**

Every day – every year.

Christian Griebenow

Securing lives.
Every day – every year.

Will we ever succeed in fighting world hunger? Will we all be able to live in peace and security? We are working on it. Every day – every year.

It may not seem that Vétérinaires Sans Frontières Germany and other humanitarian organisations have achieved much in recent years. In total more people are suffering, more children are going hungry and more women are exposed to violence. And yet, in many areas of Uganda, Kenya, Sudan, South Sudan, Ethiopia and Somalia, Vétérinaires Sans Frontières Germany is managing to reduce hunger, improve animal and human health, establish and maintain peace and security, and achieve long-term safety for women and children in particular.

Every belly we can fill, every safety risk we can eliminate and every improvement in health is a step towards the world we all want so much! As the tasks get bigger – so must we. Every day – every year.

Tinega Ong'Ondi

A robust and ever resilient team
at all levels.

Team cohesiveness; effective communication internally and externally; A robust and ever resilient teams at all levels; and supportive development partners; all contributed to successful year marred with a disruptive pandemic and uncertainties. Stable and diversified institutional donor incomes, increased and wider beneficiaries reached and a maintained staffing levels; as well as reach to new locations including new innovative responses all add up to our resilience and success as well, a tradition we shall continue to foster across board. Thanks to the trust of our mandate and delivery mission by all stakeholders, donors and partner.

As we look onward and beyond 2022, we are aware of the global challenges posed by the sluggish economy; climate changes as well as new emerging conflicts all adding up to the stress on the scarce available resources.

The teams continue to learn and appreciate every new developing situation like the COVID-19 pandemic and strategically designs new and innovative responses. Our real asset lies in our staffing community and this is highly appreciated and endeared.

Prof. Dr. Norbert Mencke

When animals mean life.

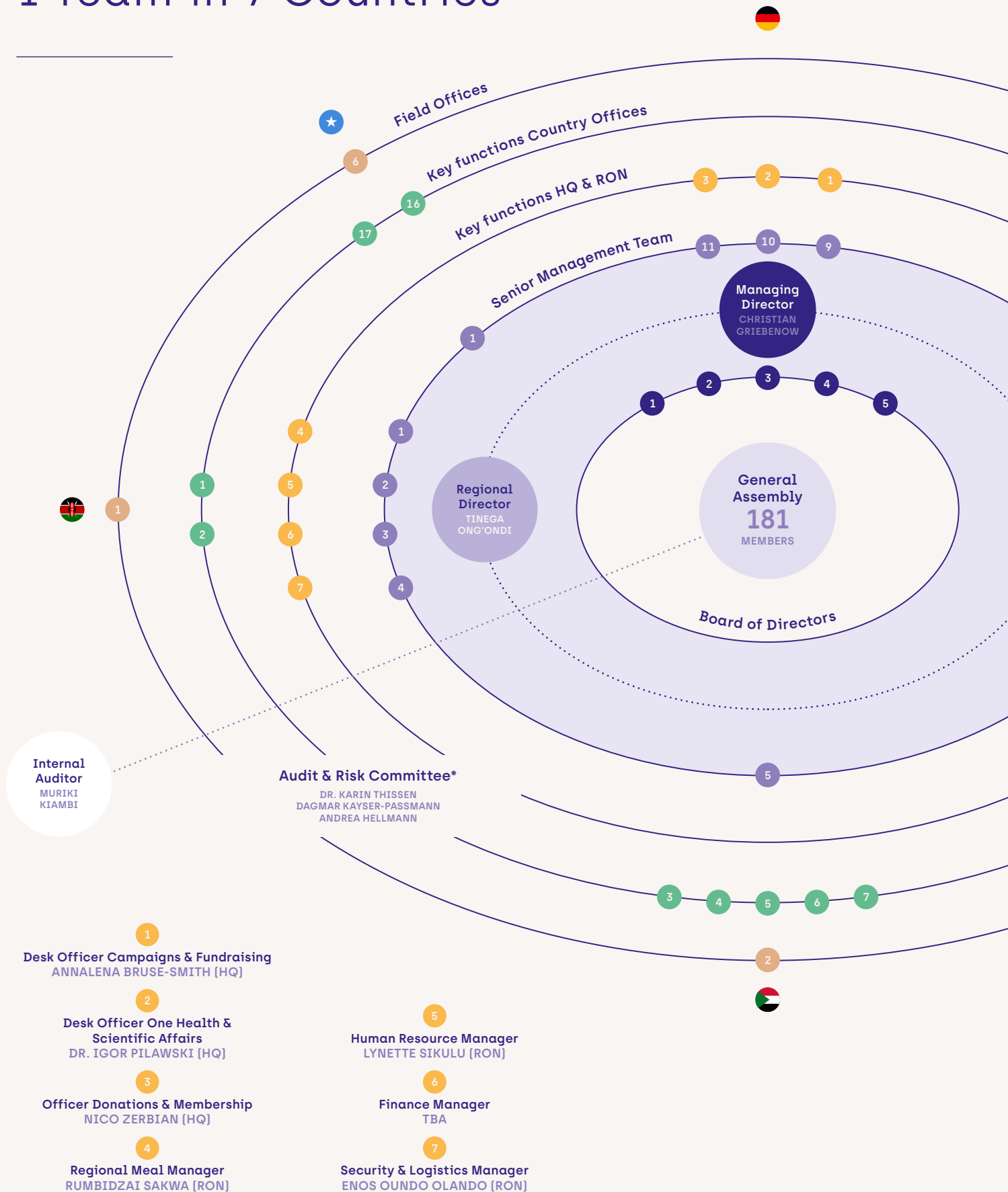
We, together as an organization, wherever we work, we are one team, with one goal. We are united in our passionate work, summarized under the slogan "when animals mean life". We successfully serve people in need and vulnerable communities, in Eastern Africa.

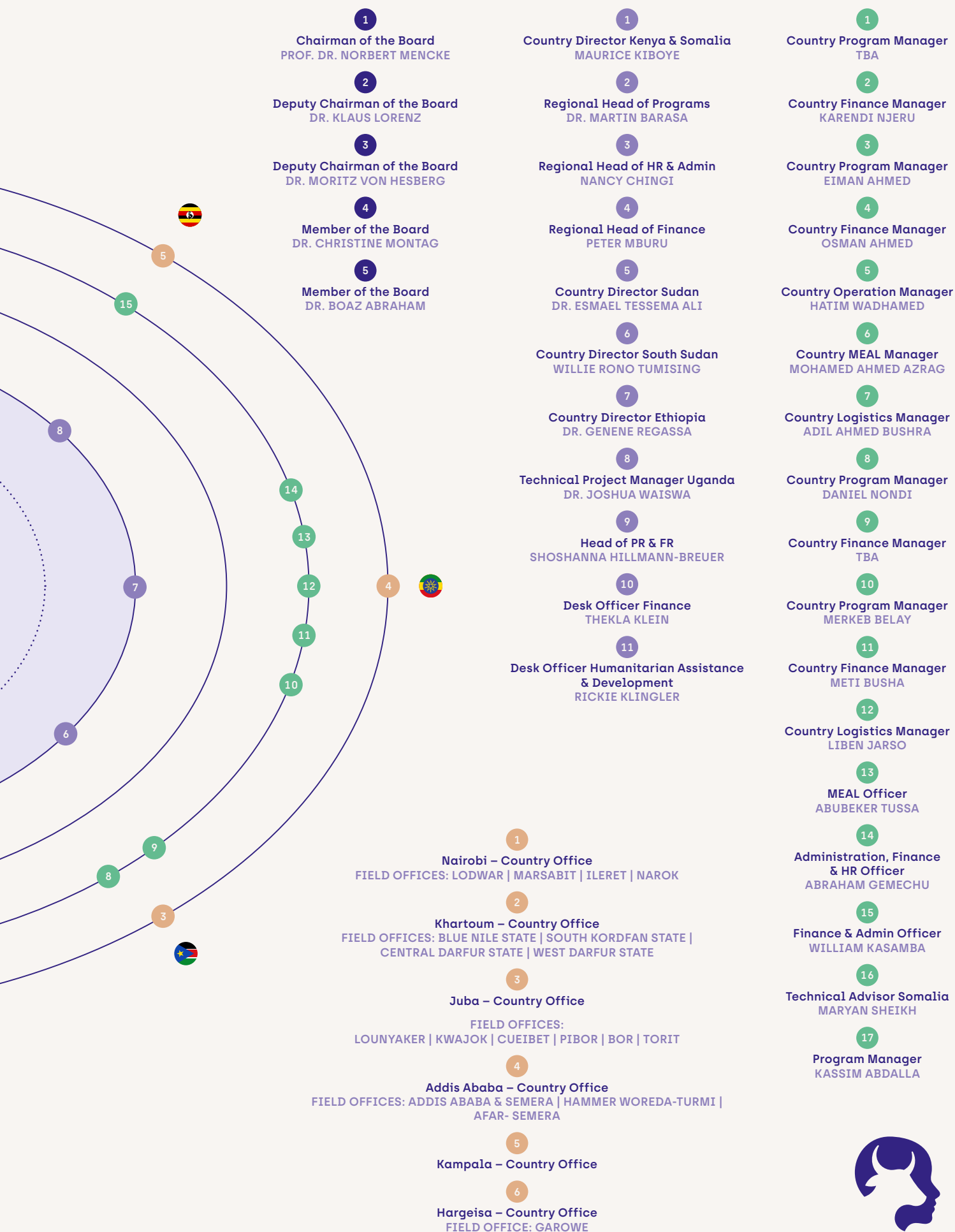
In 2021, we were facing many challenges. In the second year of the Corona pandemic, its negative effects on the global economy impacted our work. We live in a world of ambiguity. The board together with the whole organization took immediate action to strengthen our organization, and to minimize risks. We are certain, by building a strong team, we have become more resilient overall and will leave the Corona pandemic stronger.

We, the board, take these challenges very seriously, and we are confident that by building awareness within the organization and working together as one team on all levels, we build confidence to become a stronger organization.

Organization

1 Team in 7 Countries







ONE HEALTH

For a better future!

Challenging times Guided by the One Health approach

One Health approach is anchored on the understanding that there are close links between the health of humans, animals, and the environment. The approach fosters interdisciplinary cooperation and collaboration between human medicine, veterinary medicine, and environmental science at the local, regional and global levels. A growing world population, climate change, increasing mobility, encroachment of humans to previously untouched habitats, industrialized agriculture and intensive livestock farming systems are all factors causing the risk of pathogens occurring and spreading quickly to cause One Health concerns.

Emerging Infectious Diseases (EIDs) along with the growing incidence of Antimicrobial resistance (AMR), Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTDs) and poor Veterinary Public Health (VPH) governance enlightens how important it is to approach the topic of One Health with a broader understanding. In order to avert the risk of health crises associated with IEDs, AMR, NTDs and VPH in the future, VSF Germany is promoting One Health approach as part of its strategic direction. In partnership with ILRI, VSF Germany is working in Kenya and Uganda to combat NTDs, Antimicrobial resistance (AMR), EIDs; and to enhance food safety through improved veterinary public health governance. VSF Germany through its own investments has since 2016 championed the prevention and control of rabies (zoonotic NTD) as a contribution to elimination of rabies by 2030; and as part of the One Health

approach to reduce the disease burden among humans to enhance public health safety and wellbeing.

Other programmatic measures contributing to One Health include the prevention and control of AMR, zoonotic transboundary animal diseases (TADs) e.g. Rift Valley fever (RVF), improving food safety and hygiene through enhanced knowledge, attitudes and practices governing food handling and processing, rangeland rehabilitation, support to policy and regulatory frameworks required to operationalize One Health approaches and strengthening effective partnerships, coordination and collaboration through multi-stakeholder engagements.

VSF Germany promotes the integration of One Health in its programming by ensuring the interfaces between humans, livestock and wild animals, and the health of the ecosystems and habitats in which they live.

Vision & Mission

Our Vision

VSF Germany's vision is for people to be able to earn a stable livelihood for themselves and their families through the sustainable use of nature and their animals in order to live a self-determined, humane life.

Our Mission

VSF Germany's mission is to save lives, reduce suffering and to improve the well-being and resilience of vulnerable communities by protecting and promoting the health and productivity of their livestock within a healthy environment.

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PROJECT IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Uganda

Boosting Uganda's Investment in Livestock Development (BUILD)

VSF Germany is implementing a 5-year Boosting Uganda's Investment in Livestock Development project (BUILD) funded by BMZ with a budget of 1,547,235 Euros. The project aims to increase the farm incomes and food security of livestock farmers and meat handlers. Since 2019, the project has piloted numerous activities aimed at improving participatory-based approaches to animal disease surveillance and capacity building of stakeholders to detect, prevent, and respond early to disease outbreaks and ensure meat hygiene in Uganda.

A key outcome of the project implementation was the importance of community and stakeholder participation in disease control, hygiene, and surveillance. This facilitated changes in community hygiene behaviors relating to daily household activities. The envisaged improvement in practices like hand washing by meat handlers, animal disease reporting

by livestock farmers, and response by the Participatory Disease Search (PDS) focal points reduced the risk of infection, enhanced the quality of meat products in the markets for consumers ensuring better health and improved returns.

Another success was using participatory approaches to disease surveillance as an alternative approach. It created a sense of responsibility, urgency, and ownership of animal disease prevention and control measures. A total of 54 animal health workers and over 720 livestock farmers were reached through training to improve their skills and practices in all aspects of surveillance, including data collection and interpretation.

#OneHealth
#zoonoses
#ClimateChange

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

1 NO POVERTY



2 ZERO HUNGER



3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



12 RESPONSIBLE CONSUMPTION AND PRODUCTION



15 LIFE ON LAND

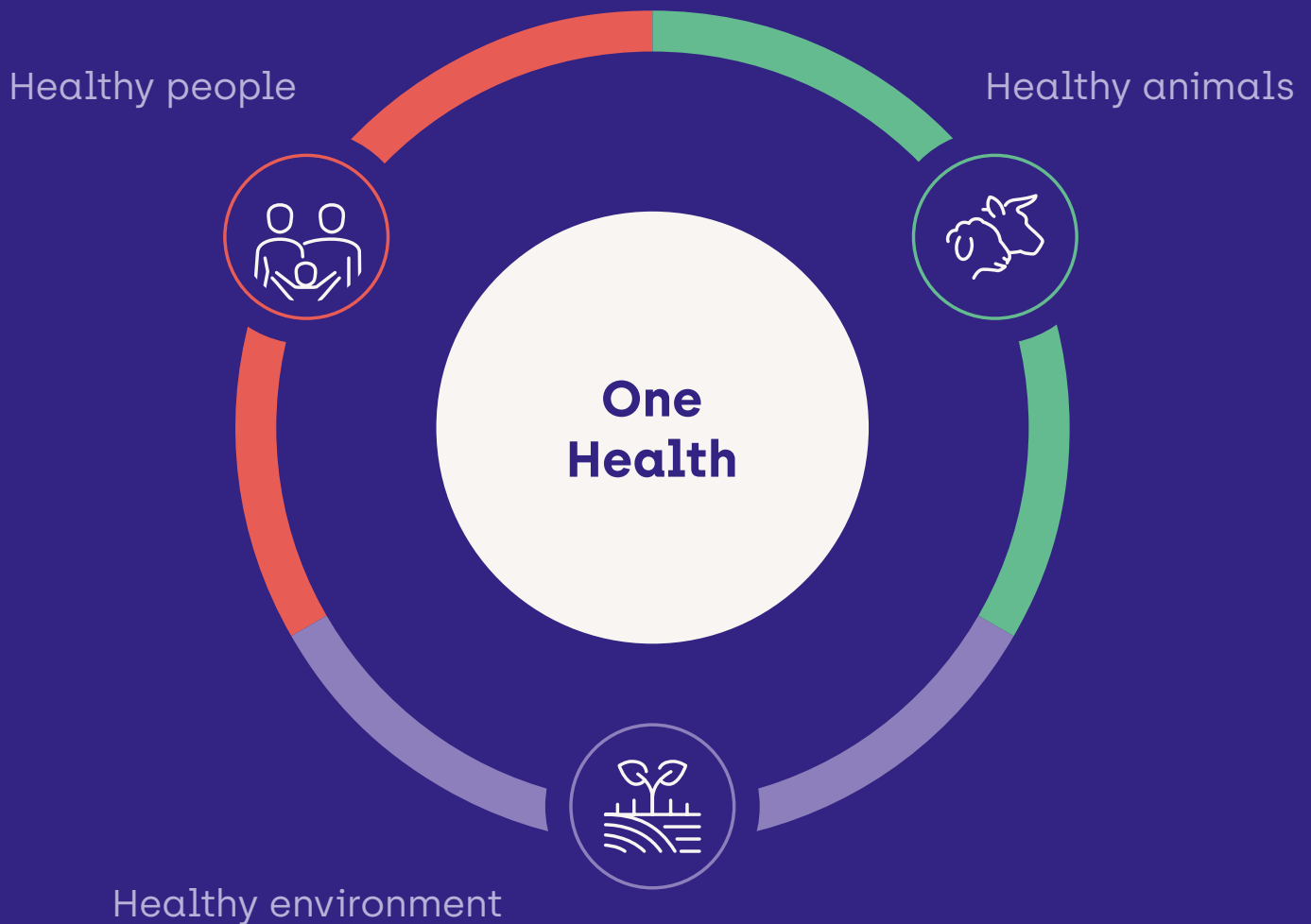


17 PARTNERSHIPS FOR THE GOALS



Pastoralists and their livestock
Uganda, Nadunget Sub-County,
Moroto District

One Health – the basis of a healthy society



The Earth is an interconnected ecosystem in which all living things, humans, animals and the environment interact.

Most recently, avian flu, Ebola, and the COVID-19 pandemic showed us that diseases from the animal world threaten human existence. Likewise, we see how human activity disrupts nature in many ways: we threaten wildlife and plant habitat by ever-expanding land for agriculture and housing development. We are destabilizing our climate system and adverse weather phenomena such as droughts and severe weather are increasing. Species extinction is proceeding at an unprecedented rate of loss. Diversity is important because it has a major impact on the stability of natural ecosystems – such as clean water and air, or food.



CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION

Climate change adversities continue to worsen

Continued need for interventions

With the increasing frequency and intensity of climate-related events like droughts and floods, VSF Germany is expanding rangelands to achieve growth and transformation in the affected communities. Expanding rangelands address the root causes of irregular migrations and displaced persons covering northern Kenya and Ethiopia. VSF Germany and partners implemented an innovative technology-driven integrated emergency response to reduce the risk of exposure, mitigate against the severity of the effects, and cushion communities from the impact of multiple-hazards on their livelihoods.

The objective was to strengthen coping capacity and resilience against the adverse effects of a multi-phased crisis. Climate change poses a significant risk threatening the lives and livelihoods of households and, more so, the already most vulnerable.

VSF Germany has played a proactive role in curbing the dangers of climate change by implementing sustainability and emergency intervention projects to increase the productivity and resilience of vulnerable households. E.g., disaster risk reduction (DRR) in the Afar region is contributing to increasing resilience and reducing the vulnerability of the communities by strengthening early warning information systems, community disaster contingency plans

[CDCP], improving capacity for DRR by increasing access to livelihood resources/asset protection, mainstreaming DRR knowledge and practice and strengthening livelihood diversification.

VSF Germany is providing veterinary services, adequate water and feed storage, and sustainable resource management; all geared toward reducing climate risks. At the front of taking proactive measures against climate change, VSF Germany is implementing in Kenya and Ethiopia a project which aims to contribute to food, nutrition, livelihood security, health, and protection against recurrent crises among vulnerable

[agro-pastoral] communities in rural areas. In South Sudan, VSF Germany implemented the "reducing hunger and malnutrition and promoting resilient food production in Cueibet County" project which aims to reduce hunger and malnutrition while promoting agricultural and livestock production practices that allow households to be resilient and self-reliant through increased and diversified livelihoods. VSF Germany strongly believes there is a need for continued interventions in the Horn of Africa as the climate change continue to worsen, and vulnerable households need to be cushioned and made resilient.



Pastoralists looking for grazing land

South Sudan, Blue Nile

PROJECT IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Ethiopia

Expanding the Rangeland to achieve Growth & Transformation in the Omo Delta Region

Drought has ravaged the Afar regions for a long time, something Mohammed Ali Sheko aged 57, vividly remembers.

"It was painful to hear children's voices asking for food and seeing their bodies emaciated because of food shortages caused by drought," says Mohammed.

Beneficiaries have suffered greatly through the loss of crops and livestock- which is a key livelihood asset providing milk and meat for families. These losses exposed Mohammed and his community members to severe hunger. The BHA funded ELWASH project, whose aim is to contribute to improved food and nutrition security and better health outcomes for vulnerable communities, has provided great relief to the community as it has helped cushion them from hunger and future drought effects. The project provided the beneficiaries with farm inputs such as maize, red onion, watermelon seedlings; and farming tools.

"I did not have experience in irrigation-based farming before this project. I was trained on agricultural extension services and also given farm inputs that have gone a long way in providing for my family," says Mohammed.

Mohammed harvested 30 quintals of maize, 300kg of red onion, and 160 kg of watermelon. He used the maize harvested for his household use and shared it with his neighbors. He then sold the red onions and watermelon, netting a profit of 241.11 and 156.86 dollars respectively. Mohammed's diversified agricultural practice has supported his household food consumption and contributed to household cash income sources.

"I have grown to become a farming role model in my community. People have learnt from me new farming methods that they have used to diversify their drought coping mechanisms benefiting the whole community," says Mohammed.

Currently, 60 agro-pastoralists have started growing improved varieties of tomato, maize, and other crops as sources of livelihood diversifications and food for consumption to their households.

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Enjoying fresh water

Woreda watering point



The Delegmur Fodder
Development Group Members

VSF Germany has been implementing the Omo Delta Project (ODP) "Expanding the Rangeland to Achieve Growth and Transformation" since January 2018 in a consortium with Mercycorps, Vita/RTI, Community Initiative Facilitation and Assistance (CIFA), Enhancing Pastoralist Research and Development Alternatives (EPaRDA), and Turkana Pastoralists Development Organization (TUPADO). The project covered the cross-border areas of Ethiopia and Kenya: The Southwest Ethiopia (South Omo and West Omo Zones) and the Northwest Kenya border (Turkana and Marsabit) through the European Union Emergency Trust Fund, reaching a total of 9,513 households (HH) beneficiaries and investing 596,213.93 Euros.

In 2021, ODP supported public and private institutions to improve access to animal health services delivery in cross-border areas. 24 trained CAHWs treated 48,529 livestock, benefiting 9,513 HHs. The project had a direct benefit to the CAHWs as they generated an income of EUR 4,275 to help meet

their family's daily needs. The increased use of Disease Outbreak and Vaccination Reporting (DOVAR) system for livestock disease surveillance contributed to enhanced protection of livestock assets and saved lives and livelihoods of pastoralists and agro-pastoralist communities as outbreaks of endemic diseases such as PPR and Anthrax were easily managed. The development of strategic water points was essential for the project. One strategic borehole was drilled to supply potable water to the needy beneficiaries in the project area in South Omo.

The project successfully conducted refresher courses for ten CAHWs and provided mobile phones to 40 CAHWs to strengthen livestock disease reporting system. Under the livestock extension and cross-breeding services, the project provided 58 camels (56 heifers and 2 bulls) to the beneficiary communities through a cost-sharing model. As part of enhancing fish production and management, the project constructed two fish stores and installed solar refrigerators,

and handed them over to two fish cooperatives for management in South Omo. Through capacity building, the cooperatives sold fresh and freeze-dried fish to the local market, generating an income of ETB 855,881 (Euro 28,000) in 2021.

The project provided technical support for improved natural resources management (NRM) for rangeland improvement and income generation. Under this component, the Delegmur Fodder Development Group of one-150 (88F) members was supported by the project. The group rehabilitated 18.5 hectares of range land and produced a large volume of fodder for their livestock and the local communities. They generated an income of Euro 19,001 that enabled members to meet their family needs while saving Euro 2,215 for re-investment to expand the fodder production.



FOOD SECURITY





Secure food for the most vulnerable

For a better health and well-being

VSF Germany works to secure food security and livelihoods of vulnerable communities in the Horn of Africa. This is done through investments in livestock healthcare management and promotion of climate smart agricultural technologies to enhance production and productivity, support to development of agricultural value chains and marketing systems and promotion of diversified livelihoods among pastoralists and agro-pastoralist communities. These measures ensure food, nutrition and income security for better health outcomes and well-being of communities.

VSF Germany support to small holder livestock and crop farmers and fisher-folks focuses on provisioning of production inputs (seeds, tools, fishing gear, veterinary drugs, equipment and supplies), trainings on farming techniques, marketing infrastructure establishment, basic extension services and capacity strengthening trainings.

Extremely vulnerable households are targeted through unconditional cash transfers to enhance their access to food and other basic needs. Livestock emergency

response projects contribute to improved and sustainable access to animal-source food and related income for crisis-affected individuals at risk of malnutrition, particularly women and children. Livelihoods support promoted by VSF Germany include investments on income generating activities through the Village Community Banking (VICOBA) and Village Savings and Loan Associations (VSLAs).

PROJECT IN THE SPOTLIGHT

South Sudan

Leaps and Bounds of School Feeding Programs in the Lake States

In an effort to reduce hunger and malnutrition among school going children, VSF Germany through its PROMISE project funded by DKH, embarked on a 6-year school feeding program. Initially, the school feeding program was in the form of Corn Soya Blend (CSB) which was prepared and served in the form of porridge to the school children. This was later changed to the current model of the home grown school feeding (HGSF), supported by local production. Since its inception in 2016, the program has received a lot of appreciation from different schools, with most of them citing; increased school enrollment, improved students' performance, early school enrollment of children, improved health among children, reduced absenteeism, and reduced aggression among students, brought about by hunger, among other gains.

"We receive food on a daily basis starting from Monday up to Friday. The food is tasty and makes our mind relax so we learn better as we are able to follow what the teacher is teaching in class. It has also resulted in more children coming to school. In our community, there are some pupils who are dropping out of school due to lack of food but this has not happened here at Mayath school because of the feeding program. When I finish school, I would like to work with VSF so that I can support the community the same way the organization is doing here. I also wish to become a medical doctor or midwife so that I can help women in maternity".

#FootForAll
#FoodSecurity
#SchoolFeedingProgramme

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4 QUALITY
EDUCATION



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Rebecca Ayan Chithech,
a 17-year-old girl from Mayath Girls Primary
School. She joined the school in 2014
and is currently in primary 7.

PROJECT IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Women for peace

The participation of women as auxiliary Community Animal Health Workers [CAHWs] has contributed to the peacebuilding process in central-southern Jonglei and the Greater Pibor Administrative Areas of South Sudan. Inter-age groups and sect gang rivalry have been growing over the years as they fight over livestock for economic development. VSF Germany has trained 10 female CAHWs who have been engaging in livestock vaccinations and treatments. The Community Violence Reduction project funded by the United Nations Multi-Partner Trust Fund and implemented in partnership with World Food Program has created a platform for female voices to be heard in the peacebuilding process as they are usually the most affected during conflicts.

Zakia Kongkong is a wife and a mother of four children. She joined VSF Germany in 2021 as a Field Officer and immersed herself in peacebuilding and livelihood activities. Her zeal and dedication have seen her earn space in a male-dominated community as she confidently represents women and children in peacebuilding dialogues.



Zakia Kongkong,

a VSF Germany staff nominated by her community to foster the peace process.

"Currently, I am charged with organizing community forums for victims of rape, abductions, and injuries associated with conflict in the community. The forums serve as a support group where women share and discuss their problems," says Zakia.

Zakia's work in peacebuilding has seen the local government and other non-state actors leverage her position in the community to address issues around child neglected. The cases have increased due to the inter-age group and set conflict where the children are left orphaned.

"This opportunity from VSF Germany has been a great opportunity as I can represent women in my community in peacebuilding dialogues. This has also been of benefit to women, men, and children in my community. There is a growing belief now that women can equally contribute to key community decisions, especially in peacebuilding, something that was not there previously. I have grown to be a role model in my community to young girls and women that, despite cultural bias, there is hope for women to grow," adds Zaika.



ANIMAL WELFARE

Address animal welfare through improved healthcare management

The five freedoms of animal welfare

This refers to the well-being of non-human animals from the perspective of their basic freedoms that encompasses freedom from hunger or thirst; discomfort; pain, injury or disease; freedom to express normal behaviour and freedom from fear and distress.

VSF Germany promotes the welfare of both food and non-food animals from the perspective of their contribution to food security (animal source foods- milk, meat, eggs, blood) and livelihoods and labour (animal draught power- farming and transport). For instance, to improve livestock production, productivity and marketing, VSF Germany has accelerating investments to enhance human and institutional capacity in livestock healthcare management in the Horn of Africa with a focus on livestock services workforce development, livestock disease surveillance, access to basic services and support to value chains and policy development.

Welfare of working animals, mainly donkeys is addressed through improved healthcare management, enhanced and adapted handling techniques and awareness creation on welfare needs to enhance their capacity in providing draught power services. Prevention and control of neglected tropical dis-

eases e.g. rabies in dogs and cats is done to address their welfare as non- food animals and to contribute to the safety and well-being of humans through the elimination of rabies as a zoonotic neglected tropical disease.

VSF Germany strives to improve access to veterinary services, water and feed for animals in arid and semi-arid lands (ASALs) in Kenya, Sudan, South Sudan, Ethiopia, and Somalia where range-

land pastoralism is predominant as a strategy to address animal welfare and to sustain livestock production and productivity for food security.

With the ongoing drought in the Horn of Africa, livestock emergency response projects aim to contribute to not only increased resilience of targeted communities but also enhanced welfare of animals in distress.



Goats herd in Sudan

PROJECT IN THE SPOTLIGHT

Somalia

Improving Donkey Welfare

Economic Empowerment of Urban and Peri-Urban Households in Borama and Hargeisa Districts, Somaliland

Improving the health and welfare conditions of working donkeys remains a priority for VSF Germany and Brooke East Africa in Somalia. In collaboration with the line Ministry of Livestock and Fishery Development (MoLFD), VSF Germany has implemented animal welfare activities to improve donkey welfare conditions for the economic empowerment of urban and peri-urban beneficiary communities since 2019.

In 2021, the project mentored 20 paraveterinary professionals on donkey welfare, healthcare management skills and handling techniques, comprising theoretical and practical sessions. The project also supported the provision of essential medicines and equipment to support Community Animal Health Workers (CAHWs) in their donkey welfare extension work. To improve the availability and accessibility of appropriate donkey feed, VSF Germany piloted supplementary donkey feed dis-

tribution to 60 donkey owners during the drought period. Schools and university awareness sessions on donkeys' contribution to livelihoods and donkey welfare were conducted for 400 students in Hargeisa and Borama respectively.

In collaboration with MoLFD, VSF Germany developed and validated donkey welfare policy guidelines. The partnership improved coordination and enhanced donkey welfare guideline dissemination and enforcement/implementation in the project areas. The dissemination and enforcement were done through a workshop in Salahley district for 20 participants, including MoLFD, local authorities, police, the donkey welfare committee (DWC), community elders, and community animal health workers. →

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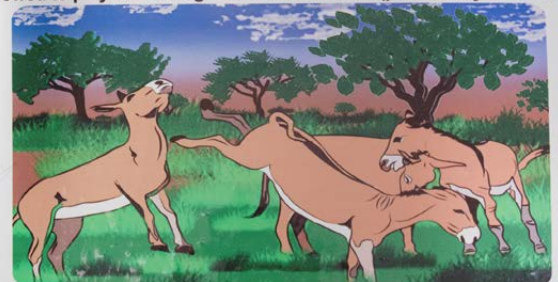
8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH



Freedom to express
normal behavior



4. Freedom to express normal behavior. The donkeys should be allowed to express normal behavior like having companion(friend), allowed to play like rolling with other animals (particularly of like kind).



Xuquuqda iney la noolaadaan xayawaanada ay iskumidka yihiin.



Donkeys in Hargeisa, Somalia

Freedom from pain,
injury and disease

The project trained donkey owners and users on proper harnessing techniques through a cross-learning mission in Wajale where 28 donkey users and owners, three donkey welfare committee members, and two MoLFD staff participated.

With donkey-friendly harnessing and nutritious feeds roll-out in the project areas, donkey owners and users have seen an increase in their income from less than 10 dollars a day in 2020 to 15–20 dollars a day by end of 2021.

The project brought together donkey users and owners, and they formed donkey owners and user associations with 40 members, where they give each other social support.

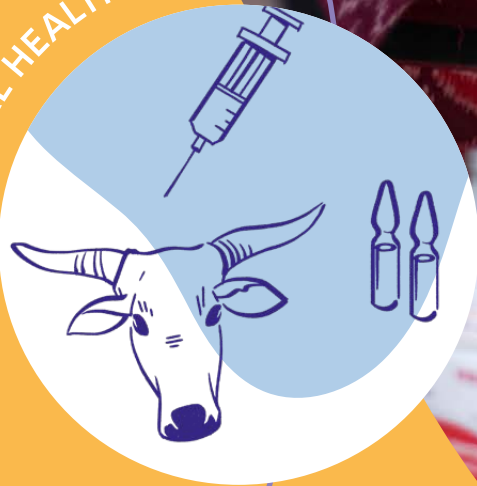
The project has seen more donkey owners and users be more proactive in improving the working condition of the donkey's welfare and health-care management.

"I was not getting any access to donkey healthcare services in Hargeisa, but since the opening of the donkey health services center by VSF Germany, my donkey has been getting all the necessary treatments, from deworming to body lesion treatments, something I was not doing for them previously. This has greatly improved their overall health and efficiency", says Mubarak, a donkey owner in Hargeisa and donkey health service center beneficiary.

#IncomeSecurity
#OneHealth
#AnimalHealth



ANIMAL HEALTH



From the Community for the community

Community Animal Health Workers

Veterinary services contribute to food and income security

For the people in East Africa, livestock is often the primary source of nutrition and income. Veterinary services such as vaccinations or antiparasitic treatments are essential for the survival and value retention of livestock and thus for the economic independence of people and communities. Unfortunately, there is a severe shortage of veterinary professionals in most developing countries, especially in remote and economically depressed areas. Here, cut off from the veterinary infrastructure, it is community animal health workers [CAHWs] who can provide the necessary access to basic veterinary care for animals.

Trained CAHWs ensure universal basic veterinary care

To support people and their animals, VSF Germany is involved in the education and training of CAHWs. They are people from local communities with predominantly many years of experience in animal husbandry and selected by their village community, CAHWs receive on-site training by staff and partners of VSF Germany. After successfully completing the training CAHWs care for animals in their village and surrounding communities. Some of them open small shops where they advise other animal owners and dispense medicines.

They are also given the opportunity to attend regular refresher courses and continue their education.

The CAWH-training teaches basic knowledge of veterinary diagnosis and therapy

The majority of the trainees already have good previous knowledge in the keeping and care of animals, as well as basic knowledge in the recognition of diseases. Building on this previous knowledge, our employees convey knowledge of drug therapy and immune-prophylaxis, but also about simple surgical measures such as the care of wounds. Resistance to antimicrobial drugs (e.g. antibiotics) is an increasing problem. Therefore, we also carefully educate about the specific effects and risks of antimicrobial therapy, as well as their alternatives, for example vaccinations and better husbandry practices. Our training program was developed by veterinarians and also includes the basics on infectious disease prevention, so that highly contagious diseases in particular can be identified more quickly and affected animals can be isolated and treated before a disease affects the entire herd or even spreads to humans.

Not only help for the animals

CAHWs also make a decisive contribution to the prevention

of human diseases. The majority of infectious diseases are zoonoses, which means that they can be transmitted from animals to humans. Therefore, preventing and combating these diseases, such as rabies or anthrax not only improves animal health, but also prevents infectious agents from spreading to humans. CAHWs are also involved in food hygiene as many infectious agents such as salmonella or gastrointestinal parasites can be transmitted via contaminated food (including water). In countries of the global south, disease surveillance and reporting systems are underdeveloped or non-existent, especially in rural areas. Therefore, animal health workers also help to collect and report suspected cases or cases of disease and thus contribute decisively to epidemiological surveys and thus to disease prevention.

VSF-Germany is member in numerous national and international associations and committees advocating for the worldwide recognition of animal health workers. To this end, we write and publish dossiers and reports on the work of animal health workers and their impact on animal and human health. We also develop education and training curricula that are validated and regularly updated, ensuring high quality training and helping to promote the global acceptance of animal health workers.

PROJECT ON THE SPOTLIGHT

Ethiopia

The Community Health Workers heroes

"I'm happy to be providing veterinary services to my community, albeit the three hours on foot I have to cover in a day."

According to the district livestock office, many pastoral communities in the South Omo Zone in Ethiopia had to travel vast distances of more than 20 kilometers to Omorate town to purchase veterinary drugs from existing Animal Health Posts. The pastoralists who reside, graze or migrate in areas without trained CAHWs had to administer treatments by themselves. Some of the pastoralists lacked adequate knowledge and skills in administering veterinary drugs to their sick animals, which led to under-dose, over-dose, or misuse of the veterinary medicines and resulted in increased animal mortalities estimated at 250-300 livestock per year. The Pastoralists also faced exploitation by veterinary drug traders who sold them expired drugs, counterfeit drugs, or right drugs at exorbitant prices.

The EUTF- Omo Delta Project, implemented by VSF Germany, trained 82 CAHWs in the South Omo Zone of Ethiopia to bring veterinary services closer to the communities in three Woredas (Dassenach, Hammer, and Nyangatom) in South Omo Zone of Ethiopia. The training aimed to bridge the local level veterinary capacity gap and bring veterinary services closer to the communities. The CAHWs underwent training focusing on the role and responsibility of CAHWs, identification of clinical signs of healthy and sick animals, and disease reporting mechanisms and systems. →

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"This has gone a long way
in equipping me with veterinary skills
to serve my community!"

Archelem Longoricho, a resident of Arikol Kebele of Dassenech Woreda and a father of four children, is one of the trained CAHWs, "I received training as a CAHW in 2019 from VSF Germany. This has gone a long way in equipping me with veterinary skills to serve my community as no individual or institution was providing veterinary services to my community," adds Archelem.

With the training of CAHWs, the community now has closer access to veterinary services; this has decreased the number of livestock deaths and paralysis, as witnessed earlier. The trained CAHWs were linked to private veterinary pharmacies (PVPs) established under the Omo Delta Project, where they received the required drugs. "I'm happy to be providing veterinary services to my community, albeit the three hours on foot I have

to cover in a day as I follow the pastoralists through the grazing routes. I provide treatment services to an average of 10-15 cattle and 20-30 sheep and goats a day."

Mobile veterinary services have significantly contributed to disease prevention and control as pastoralist communities are getting veterinary services and drugs at an affordable rate, quality, and timely manner. "Whenever new diseases and outbreaks occur in the community, in consultation with other trained CAHWs, we can detect symptoms and report immediately to the Woreda Livestock office for immediate action," says Archelem.

The training of CAHWs has contributed to increased household income among the community members and the CAHWs. "Working as a CAHW has enhanced my

household status as I now earn 50 Euros a month; this has enabled me to support my family easily and send two of my children to school. My confidence levels have also increased as I continue to learn the newly acquired trade.", says Archelem. Archelem looks into the future with a lot of optimism in servicing his community, "It makes me happy whenever I see livestock flourishing after treatments. I hope to continue serving my community as a CAHW and even open my PVP in our Kebele," concludes Archelem.

#OneHealth
#AnimalHealth
#IncomeSecurity



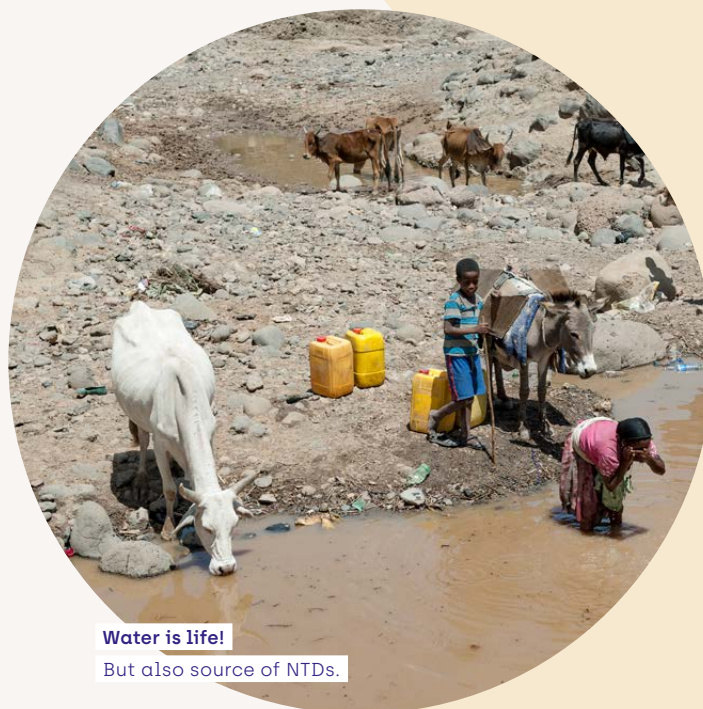
The Fight against Neglected Tropical Diseases

Rabies – the neglected NTD

Neglected tropical diseases (NTDs) are diseases that mainly affect neglected people. Diseases that occur where there are poor hygienic conditions and people have insufficient access to medical care. Their occurrence and spread are therefore not only limited to climatic conditions, but are rather diseases that are favoured by poverty in countries with poor infrastructure.

According to the German Network for Neglected Tropical Diseases, more than 1.7 billion people in 149 countries are affected by NTDs, and another 2 billion are at risk of them (that adds up to about half of our world population!). It is estimated that about one 200 000 people die each year as a result of them. Even though NTDs are not generally fatal, in most cases they mean an immense reduction in the quality of life of those affected.

There are currently 20 diseases on the WHO list that are counted as NTDs (as of May 2021). Five of them account for 90 per cent of all diseases: Lymphatic filariasis (including the disease elephantiasis), river blindness (onchocerciasis), trachoma, schistosomiasis and infestation with soil-transmitted helminths.



Water is life!

But also source of NTDs.

In addition to these big five, there are also some diseases on the list that should be familiar to veterinarians: Among them, the best-known representative is probably rabies, but also, for example, echinococcosis (dog/fox tapeworm) and cysticercosis (pig tapeworm), in which the [domestic] animal plays an important role in transmission.

A milestone in the fight against neglected tropical diseases was set a good 10 years ago, on 30 January 2012, when a consortium

of various NGOs, pharmaceutical companies and foundations signed the London Declaration on Neglected Tropical Diseases. It aimed to contain or eradicate neglected tropical diseases and triggered an important development in their control. This is also the reason why now every year the 30th of January is the International Day of NTDs.

PROJECT ON THE SPOTLIGHT

Rabies a health burden for rural African populations

An estimated 59,000 people die annually around the world, with 95 % of cases occurring in Africa and Asia, where rabies continues to be endemic.

While rabies is 100 % vaccine-preventable, it's still a public and animal health threat as it remains a neglected tropical disease that continues to be a health burden for rural African populations.

As part of a coordinated effort to eliminate rabies by 2030, VSF Germany has been at the forefront with like-minded partners to achieve the goal. In partnership with the International Livestock Research Institute (ILRI), the Machakos County government, the Narok County government, and the Zoonotic Disease Unit (ZDU) in Kenya, VSF Germany carried out rabies vaccinations campaigns in 2021 in Machakos and Narok counties vaccinating 34,720 dogs and deworming 14,855 dogs.

VSF Germany supported rabies control interventions in Nakasongola, Alebtong, Masindi, Luwero, and Arua districts to address the increasing burden of rabies in Uganda. Through the Ministry of Agriculture, Animal Industry and Fisheries (MAAIF), district veterinary and Human health department, Uganda Veterinary Association, VSF-Germany successfully coordinated rabies vaccination campaigns where 7,381 dogs were vaccinated while 1,413 dogs dewormed and treated for traumatic wounds. →

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

1 NO POVERTY



3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING



4 QUALITY EDUCATION



15 LIFE ON LAND



9 year old Laban Kipkurui with his puppy during a vaccination campaign in Narok County, Kenya





The VSF Germany-Team
during the World Rabies Day Parade
in Uganda

In South Sudan, VSF Germany partnered with the National Ministry of Livestock and Fisheries, the Director General of Veterinary Services, and the South Sudan veterinary association to vaccinate 870 dogs impacting 822 households.

The rabies vaccination campaigns adopted a grassroots approach using locally recruited para-vets in different countries. Para-vets were selected locally in consultation with relevant veterinary departments and local administration. The para-vets were instrumental in the campaign due to their in-depth knowledge of the local community, thus strengthening community mobilization efforts. Information, education, and communication (IEC) materials disseminated included awareness of the dangers and prevention

of rabies, upcoming vaccination drives, and conducting vaccinations in their villages.

The communities welcomed the vaccination drives as most of them could not afford to pay for vaccination due to the high cost. While the vaccination drives made services available and affordable, the use of grassroots para-vets was welcomed by beneficiaries, as they are readily available in case of incidents or clarifications. Owners of the vaccinated animals were issued vaccination certificates for future reference and follow-up.

The project trained grassroots animal health practitioners, 40 in Uganda, 42 in Kenya, and 10 in South Sudan, on data collection, rabies eradication strategies, cold chain management in

the field, dog handling techniques and health care management, COVID-19 Pandemic protocols on the health safety of staff, counterparts, and beneficiary communities, Biological waste disposal, and communication protocols with communities on rabies prevention and control.

The communities highly appreciated the efforts undertaken by VSF Germany working with the different partners to support district and local governments in controlling rabies.

#AnimalHealth
#NTD
#ZeroBy2030

VSF Germany COVID-19 pandemic interventions

COVID-19 was the biggest socioeconomic shock in 2020, with the COVID-19 infection prevention and control measures devastating the economy, livelihoods, and resilience of vulnerable communities.


Across the horn of Africa, VSFG procured COVID-19 personal protection equipment (PPE) to ensure the protection of its staff and various stakeholders.

Through the Omo Delta Project, VSF Germany Increased access to appropriate hygiene facilities and protective equipment by communities and government institutions to prevent and control the COVID-19 pandemic. Through the provision and access to proper hygiene kits and personal protection equipment to promote personal hygiene practices at the household level and strategic public institutions. In Ethiopia, VSF Germany provided hygiene sanitation materials (Soap, Sanitizers, and face Masks) to 500HHs in South Omo Zone.

To promote personal hygiene practices at the HHS level, 500 Pcs of soap, 500 pcs of face masks, and 500 bottles of 250 ml hand Sanitizer hygiene kits were procured for the beneficiaries. The procured inputs were delivered to health extension workers and promoters involved in COVID-19 awareness, surveillance, and reporting. The project collaborated with the respective governments in selecting beneficiaries and distributing the PPEs to the targeted vulnerable households. →

Prevention is the best measure
to be taken!





Water, Sanitation and Hygiene
are key elements during
COVID-19

In Kenya, VSF Germany supported local government institutions to facilitate responses and coordination of mitigation and management of the COVID-19 pandemic through the provision of logistic support for the delivery of hygiene kits and supported county departments on COVID-19 supplies for deliveries of face masks and sanitizers. The logistics included vehicle costs, technical facilitation costs, vehicle hires, and other administrative and operational costs to facilitate the delivery of inputs and services.

Under the Resilient Livelihoods and Food Systems (STIMULUS): IFAD's response to COVID-19 in the South Sudan project was in line with the implementation of the South Sudan National COVID-19 Response Plan. VSF Germany

contributed to efforts to mitigate the economic and social effects of COVID-19 on poor rural people, thus contributing to more resilient rural livelihoods. The project goal contributed to reducing small-scale producers' vulnerability, enhanced their resilience to COVID-19 shocks on their livelihoods in the targeted areas, and improved their incomes through collaboration with the relevant Ministries of Health (MOH) authorities, COVID-19 High-Level task-force (HLTF) and the WHO.

VSF Germany took precautions to protect its staff and beneficiary by limiting staff travels to the field to reduce contact with the communities and other people. Staff members were allowed to work from home to reduce their exposure risks to COVID-19; the organization also bought face

masks and sanitizers for staff and all the offices to ensure safety at the office once normalcy resumed. Within the communities, VSF Germany provided handwashing stations, soaps, face masks, sanitizers, sensitization messages, information, education, and communication (IEC) materials on COVID-19 prevention and control and ensured that social distancing and mask-wearing rules were adhered to during meetings for everyone's safety.

#Zoonoses



When animals
mean life!

2021

A year full of challenges but
also achievements!




Vétérinaires Sans Frontières Germany



Only if the animals with which people live are healthy and only if this coexistence takes place in harmony with the environment only then One Health does have a chance. Since 1991 Vétérinaires Sans Frontières Germany has been campaigning for HEALTHY ANIMALS, HEALTHY PEOPLE and a HEALTHY ENVIRONMENT. The association's humanitarian aid and development cooperation work focuses equally on animals and humans.

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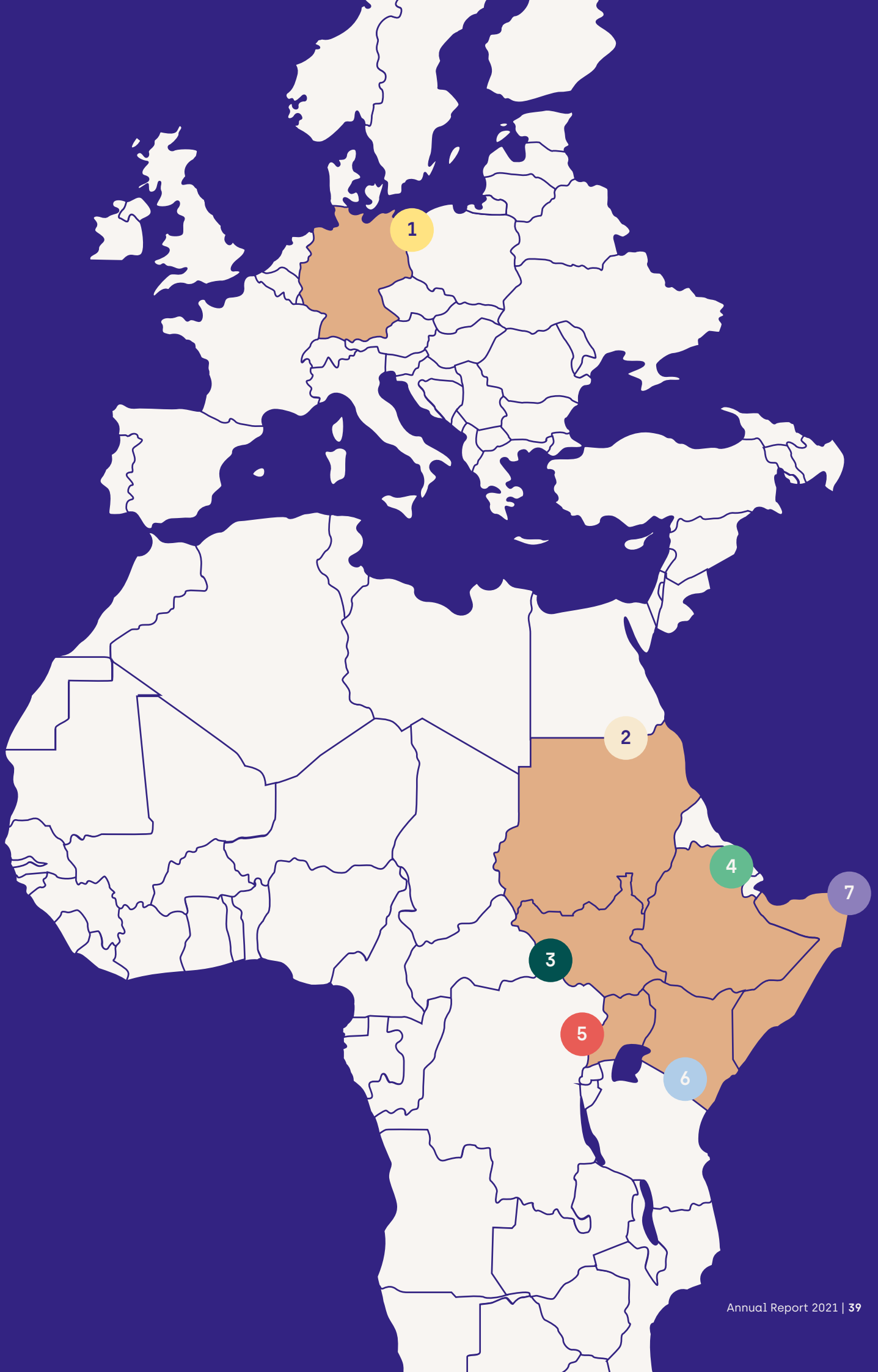
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Vétérinaires
Sans Frontières
Germany

at a glance

200
EMPLOYEES

50
PROJECTS

16
INSTITUTIONAL
DONORS



1.08 M.
Beneficiaries

14.5 M.
Budget



4.8 M.
Treated animals



1,683
Trained/supported
Community Animal
Health Workers



17,600
Distributed animals



12
Vet pharmacies

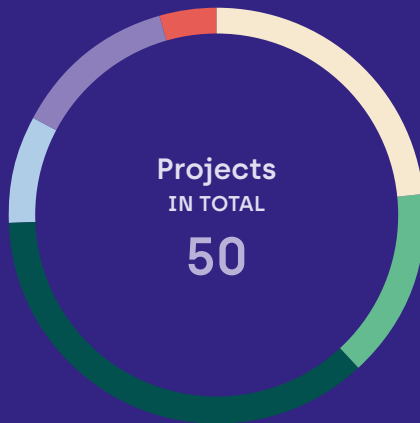
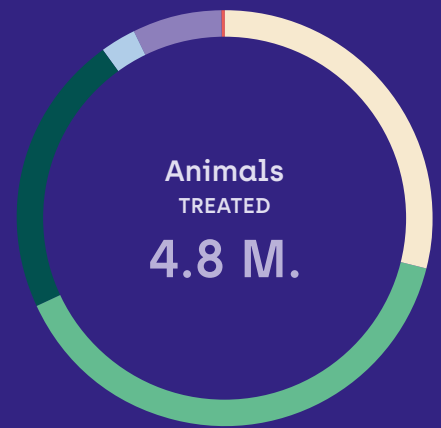


106
WASH infrastructure

29
PARTNERS

2.82 M.
Vaccinated animals





● Sudan
● Ethiopia

● South Sudan
● Kenya

● Somalia
● Uganda

Realised Projects in 2021



Projects Sudan

Nr.	Project title	Donor	Budget	Timeline
1	Strengthening Resilience of pastoral and agropastoral communities in Blue Nile through Livestock, Fisheries and Agricultura support.	EU	\$1.903.863	01.04.2019 – 31.07.2021
2	Reintegration and Protection of Children through Capacity Building and Livelihood Support	UNICEF	\$782.184	25.06.2019 – 24.03.2021
3	Emergency and Early Recovery Livelihood Support for IDPs and Vulnerable Host Communities in Blue Nile State	OFDA	\$1.095.963	01.11.2019 – 31.07.2021
4	Multi-sectoral and Multi-agency humanitarian response project in Abu Jubaiha, Abu Kershola, Rashad and Talodi Localities of South Kordofan State (Consortium)	UNDP	\$675.812	06.11.2019 – 31.01.2021
5	Multi-sector Humanitarian Assistance in Food Security and Livelihood, WASH, Health and Nutrition, Education and Protection in Blue Nile	UNDP	\$500.000	01.11.2019 – 31.03.2021
6	Integrated WASH and FSL Response to Affected Population in Central Darfur, West Darfur, South Kordofan and Blue Nile States, Sudan	BHA	\$1.725.000	01.01.2021 – 31.03.2022
7	Food For Assets (FFA)	WFP	\$968.081	01.01.2021 – 15.01.2022
8	Strengthening the resilience of the conflict-affected population in South Kordofan and Blue Nile through integrated, multi-sectoral and One Health-interventions	BMZ	€ 6.500.000	15.07.2021 – 30.06.2025
9	Livelihood Based Emergency Response Project in the aftermath of the main clashes in the West Darfur State of Genene, Sirba and Kreinik Localities	SHF	\$500.000	01.12.2021 – 31.12.2022
10	Multi-Sector and Integrated Health, Wash, FSL, Shelter/NFIs and Protection in Geneina, Habila, Jebel-Moon Localities of West Darfur	OCHA	\$659.824	15.11.2021 – 14.11.2022
11	Post Harvest Loss Project	WFP	\$303.111	01.12.2021 – 31.07.2022



Projects South Sudan

Nr.	Project title	Donor	Budget	Timeline
1	Reducing hunger and malnutrition and promoting resilient food production in Cueibet County	BMZ-DKH	€ 6.060.000	01.09.2016 – 30.08.2023
2	Farm Enterprise Development through inputs and services	EU	€ 3.333.333	01.01. 2019 – 30.06.2022
3	Conflict & Climatic Emergency Livestock Response Program in Greater Upper Nile States	BHA	\$2,164,501	01.08.2020 – 31.07.2022
4	Socio-Economic Reintegration of Children involved in Armed Conflict and Prevention of Recruitment of Children into Armed Forces and Groups in Pibor, Jonglei State	UNICEF	\$106.628	01.09.2020 – 09.03.2021
5	Flood Emergency Response in Jonglei	DKH	€ 845.000	15.11.2020 – 14.02.2022
6	Construction of Police Station in Wakou	UNMISS	\$49.888	23.12.2020 – 10.07.2021
7	Training of 60 women in fabric design [Tie and Dye] skills to improve household incomes and enhance social cohesion among the IDPs women in Lakes State	UNMISS	\$48.341	15.12.2020 – 30.06.2021
8	Emergency Food Aid for Malnourished School Children in Cuibet County, South Sudan	DKH	€ 410.000	01.04.2021 – 31.01.2023
9	Community Violence Reduction[CVR] in Central –Southern Jonglei and the Greater Pibor	WFP	\$703.015	01.01.2021 – 31.12.22
10	Resilience Livelihoods and Food Systems: IFAD response to COVID-19 in South Sudan	IFAD	\$1.429.548	15.03.2021 – 31.03.2022
11	Pathway to Resilience in South Sudan	USAID	\$1.800.000	15.03.2021 – 14.03.2023
12	Lifesaving Livelihood Assistance for Flood-affected Populations in Nasir, Jonglei State	IOM	\$124.631	22.04.2021 – 30.11.2021
13	Distribution of Livelihood Kits and Capacity Building to support 9,000 Households in Awerial County of Lakes State	FAO	\$128.080	07.05.2021 – 10.10.2021
14	Integrated Child Protection in Emergency Services in Pibor, Tonj North and Cuiebet Counties, South Sudan	UNICEF	\$232.440	01.05.2021 – 10.07.2022
15	Rabies control through vaccination of domestic dogs and cats in South Sudan [2021]	VSFG	\$20.000	03.05.2021 – 31.12.2021
16	Distribution of Livelihood Kits and Trainings to Support 1900 HHs in Pibor County, Jonglei State	FAO	\$100.618	29.06.2021 – 15.02.2022
17	Distribution of emergency livelihood kits and trainings to support 4, 500 households in Awerial County, Lakes State	FAO	\$70.202	01.12.2021 – 28.12.2022



Projects Ethiopia

Nr.	Project title	Donor	Budget	Timeline
1	Integrated Emergency Livelihood, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene Response (EL-WASH) in Afar Region, Ethiopia	BHA	\$1.261.001	20.07.2020 – 19.07.2022
2	Thermostable PPR Vaccine Distribution and Delivery Model (VDDM)	ECHO	€ 215, 776	12.11.2020 – 31.10.2022
3	Emergency Livestock and Crop Intervention (ELACI) in five districts of Afar region	OCHA	\$750.000	20.01.2020 – 31.01.2021
4	Emergency Livelihood Assistance to Desert Locust Affected Pastoral and Agro- Pastoral Communities in the Afar Region of Ethiopia	FAO	\$74.969	24.06.2020 – 31.01.2021
5	Enhancing resilience against climate change-induced food insecurity of pastoralist & agropastoralist in Aura Woreda of Afar Region	BMZ	€ 476.470	01.10.2016 – 30.06.2021
6	Service to ensure protection of livelihoods and acceptable food consumption of vulnerable populations at risk of extreme food insecurity and drought affected communities in Berahle, Kuneba, Bidu, Afdera, Awra and Dallol woredas of Afar Region	FAO	\$350.000	09.03.2021 – 31.09.2021
7	Rapid Emergency Response in Dubti and Dulesa districts of Afar Region	OCHA	€ 350.000	01.07.2021 – 31.10.20



Projects Kenya

Nr.	Project title	Donor	Budget	Timeline
1	ONE HEALTH: Multi-disciplinary Approach to promote health & Resilience of shepherds communities in Northern Kenya	AICS	€591.630	01.05.2018 – 31.07.2021
2	Emergency livestock based livelihoods assistance for flood affected households in Kenya	FAO	€ 80.149	28.10.2020 – 30.04.2021
3	Rabies Control through Vaccination of domestic dogs and cats, in Machakos, Narok, Kajiado and Nairobi Counties (2021)	VSFG	€ 50.000	30.04.2021 – 31.12.2021
4	Logistics support to Integrate Livestock Feeds Early Warning Tools (EWT's) in the Food Security System of Kenya	FAO	€ 69.557	09.06.2021 – 31.12.2021

Projects Somalia

Nr.	Project title	Donor	Budget	Timeline
1	Securing livelihoods of agro-pastoralists through setting up and strengthening of livestock sector value chains promoting infrastructure and generating income	BMZ	€ 733,190	01.07.2019 – 30.04.2021
2	Food Security and Sustainability in Fragile Situations(FSSFs)	IFAD	€ 1,317,437	18.04.2019 – 30.06.2023
3	Intergrated humanitarian assistance -In kind and in cash and disaster preparedness for populations affected by climates change in Awdal Region,Somaliland	FO	€ 1.076.929	01.04.2019 – 31.05.2022
4	Improving Donkey Welfare for Economic Empowerment of Urban and Peri-Urban Households in Borama and Hargeisa Districts, Somaliland	BROOKE EA	\$216.500	01.04.2020 – 31.03.22
5	Improving Donkey Welfare for Economic Empowerment of Urban and Peri-Urban Households in Borama and Hargeisa Districts, Somaliland	BROOKE EA	\$96.500	01.04.2021 – 31.03.2022
6	Multi-sectoral Intervention to Strengthen Livelihoods and Resilience of Crisis-Affected Communities in Puntland and Jubaland	BMZ	€ 2.500.000	23.06.2021 – 31.05.2024

Projects Uganda

Nr.	Project title	Donor	Budget	Timeline
1	Boosting Uganda's Investment in Livestock Development	BMZ	€ 1.547.235	01.01.2019 – 30.11.2023
2	VSF Germany Supported Pilot Rabies Vaccination Campaign in Napak and Mpigi Districts in Uganda	VSFG	€ 10.000	21.04.2021 – 31.12.2021

Regional Projects

Nr.	Project title	Donor	Budget	Timeline
1	One Health Regional Project to Combat NTDs , AMR EIDs and Address Food Safety in Uganda and Kenya	BMZ	€ 1.050.000	01.06.2021 – 31.05.2025
2	Integrated Life-saving and DRR Initiatives in Sudan, South Sudan, Ethiopia and Kenya [ILDRR]	FO	€ 6.583.498	15.08.2021 – 31.12.2023
3	OMO Delta Project in Kenya and Ethiopia: Expanding the Rangelands to achieve Growth and Transformation	EU	€ 4.183.536	01.01.2018 – 28.04.2022

MONITORING AND EVALUATION

How VSF Germany guarantees a Sustainable impact

1 Planning

This involves baseline and feasibility studies, identification of local structures, resources and capacities in order to design and build partnerships for project diversification as well as participatory workshops to assess priorities and emerging needs.

This is followed by partnership agreements, the definition of focus areas, scope of work, services and resource allocation. Moreover, consultations with government regulatory bodies and line ministries are key to plan and synergize interventions for humanitarian assistance.

2 Crisis Modifier

Implementation can be interrupted by the occurrence of emergencies that require responses to mitigate their potential negative impacts on the beneficiaries. Such emergencies include floods and droughts, disease epidemics e.g. COVID-19, Cholera or Ebola. Crisis modifier is integrated within the framework of project budgets as a contingency to be triggered in times of need to respond to such critical emergencies.

3 Implementation

Full swing of activities. This involves e.g. the distribution of small ruminants (goats and sheeps) as economic value. While cattle is primarily reserved for marriage and as social status by men, goats are qualified to be owned by women, thus have the potential for their empowerment.

Protection measures are also key. Protection can be achieved through advocacy using existing structures such as local authorities and line ministries who advocate against custom practices and traditional law that tend to demean women.

4 Risk Modifier

Unforeseen circumstances can delay or hinder smooth implementation and timely completion of activities, thus creating a risk to the achievement of project objectives. Risk modifier is a flexible window of opportunity to negotiate with the donors and partners to reasonably extended time to allow for the completion of activities to achieve the desired impact for the beneficiaries.

5 Monitoring & Evaluation

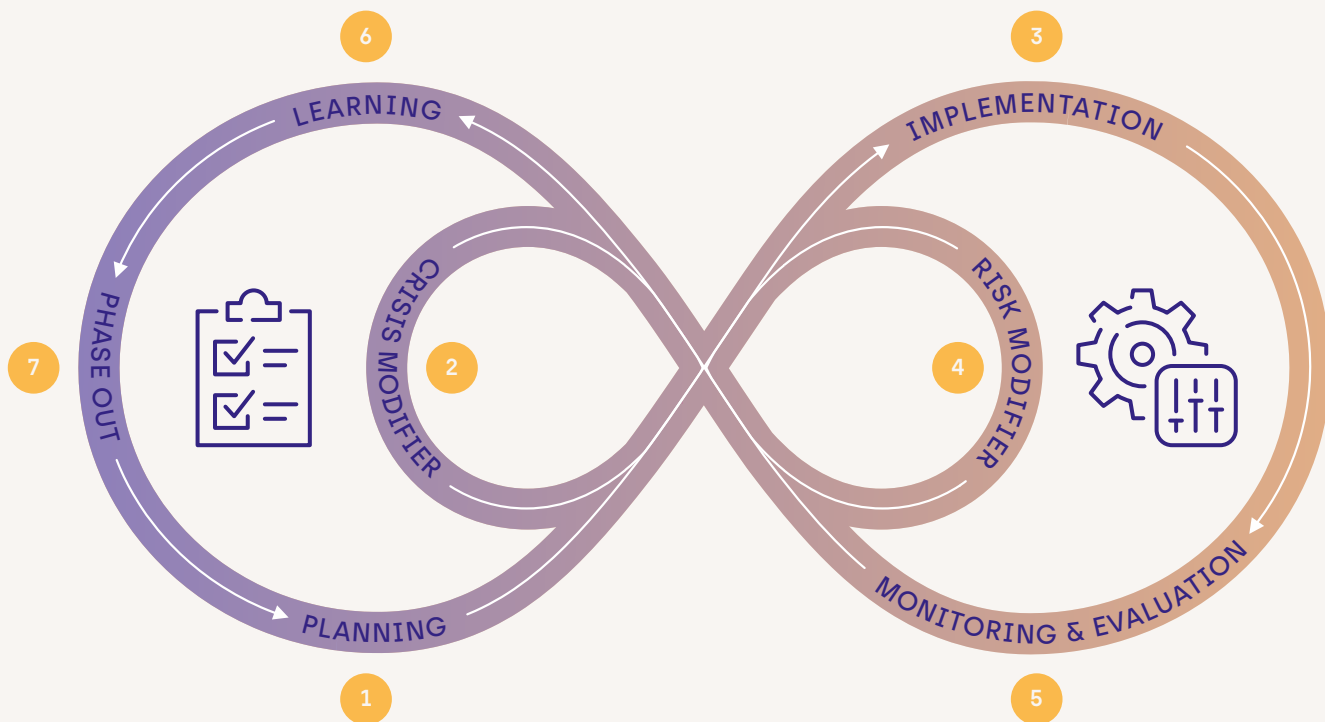
Evaluation of activities and results achieved: Identification of opportunities, challenges, shortcomings and learning points.

6 Learning

Outcomes of project activity implementation form good learning benchmarks for good practices with the different implementation approaches and modalities that can be scaled up and or replicated. The learning helps to validate the assumptions made and to refine and re-test failed actions.

7 Phase out

Phase out activities, handover of activities and process to respective beneficiaries, final reporting.



Programs Meeting in Kenya
Planning together –
being successful together

Public Relations & Fundraising



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Our donors and members are the backbone of our organisation.

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A heartfelt thank you to all donors and members for so much support!

Dr. Klaus Hellmann,
founder of KLIFOVET GmbH,
is one of these great supporters.



Dr. Klaus Hellmann,
Member from VSF Germany

VSF Germany: Dr Hellmann, what makes the work of the organisation so worthy of support for you?

Dr. Hellmann: "The overall package: the long-term orientation and pursuit of overriding goals, projects that meaningfully focus on the health of animals and humans."

Dr Hellmann took his 60th birthday as an opportunity and was happy to receive donations for VSF Germany instead of presents for himself. Almost 5,000 Euros were collected, which were generously rounded up by Dr Hellmann.

VSF Germany: Dr Hellmann, what do you wish for the future for "your" organisation, VSF Germany?

Dr Hellmann: "Of course, greater public awareness. The idea of One Health must be carried forward and implemented. Without animal health there is simply no health for the human beings. In the project regions of the organisation, it even goes one step further: without healthy animals, no life is possible for humans!"

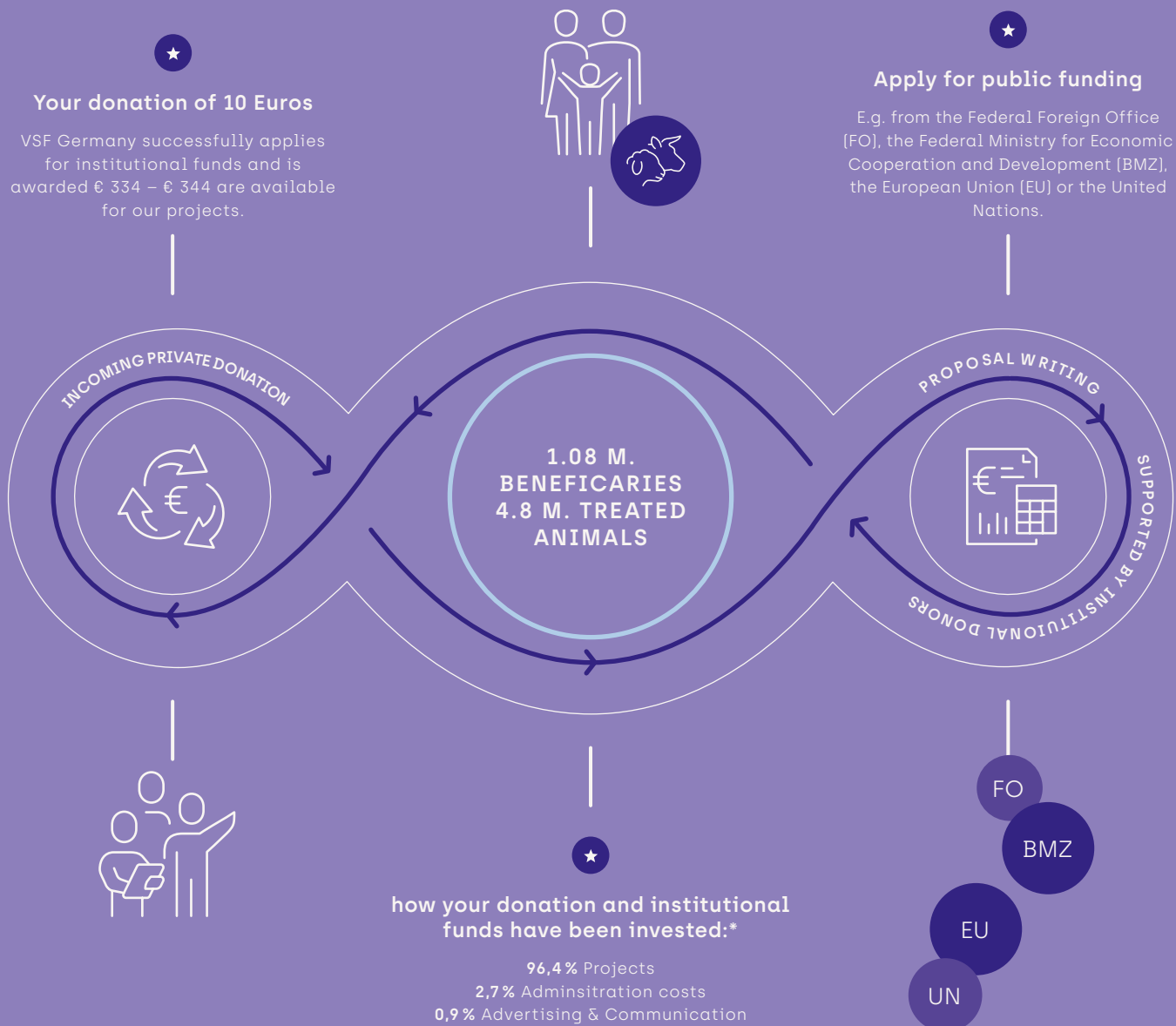
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Thanks to your donation, VSF Germany is able to apply for public funding to realise its many project ideas. This means that the association has a multiple of your donation at its disposal for its project work!



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Taking on responsibility together

"My personal passion is to support this unique relationship between the animals and humans!"

It's been the second year that Happy-Dog/HappyCat (Interquell petfood) has been supporting VSF Germany in its fight against rabies and during the campaign Vaccinate or Africa.

"It is incredibly important to fight rabies worldwide. It must not be forgotten. The fight against rabies must be given a higher priority at all levels."

Thank you very much!

Andreas Theisen, Head of Sales for the German speaking Countries (DACH), is personally committed to the health of animals specifically since animals are so close to people.

Would you also like to support us as an entrepreneur or with your company?

Together we can achieve great things – contact us for your corporate donation or cooperation.

"The health of the animals has an enormous influence on our own health – in all its facets. Therefore, we have to take the best possible care of our animals and keep them healthy. This starts with a healthy diet, of course, but goes far beyond that. Hygiene as a prophylactic measure plays just as big a role as animal health itself."

Unfortunately, not everyone can enjoy this privilege. Especially in the countries of the Global South, this is not a matter of course. Diseases that have long been eradicated in the Global North still lead to thousands of deaths. Rabies is one of them.

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Andreas Theisen,
Head of Sales, DACH region



Doc Polly,

Owner of the vet practice Tierarztpraxis Pollmüller
in Germany, Chairwomen
Vaccinate for Africa

Vaccinate for Africa

"In Germany, we take it for granted that we can vaccinate against rabies or other diseases, but there are many countries where this is not possible, and with the Vaccinate for Africa campaign, we can start precisely there and help animals and people."

Doc Polly, German Veterinarian by practice and german TV presenter

Vaccinate for Africa has been launched to raise awareness in Germany about the unequal distribution of access to veterinary services and medical treatment options, and at the same time to raise funds for, for example, our rabies vaccination campaigns in East Africa. The support of more than 1,400 veterinarians in Germany makes it possible to realise and expand important projects such as our rabies vaccinations for dogs in Kenya, Uganda and South Sudan.

Thank you to each of you!

How does it work?

During our campaign weeks, participating veterinarians vaccinate pets in the whole country and donate 50% of their vaccination revenue to VSF Germany so that we can continue our vaccination and education campaigns against rabies in East Africa, among other things. By vaccinating, you are not only protecting the four-legged friends in this country, but also the lives of the people and their animals in East Africa.

Vaccinate for Africa Facts

- since 2003
- more than 1,400 Veterinarians in Germany
- 2017 - 2021: 938,500 Euros donation

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One Health Now



Preventing future pandemics together

Humans have been destroying the Earth's ecosystem for centuries. The Global South is suffering the most from the effects, but extreme weather phenomena are also increasing in Central Europe and we are feeling the consequences first hand.

To ensure a future life on this planet, the major different issues in politics, economy and society have to be brought together and thought about. We have developed an 8-point plan to achieve the goal of human, animal and environmental health. This plan is intended as a recommendation for action for the German federal government to be included in their political programs.

Pandemics such as COVID-19, Ebola, malaria or even tuberculosis are a sign that the ecosystem is out of balance. Because nature is disturbed in many ways by human activity, such diseases, which come from the animal world and endanger human health (zoonoses), are steadily increasing.

Politicians are pumping out rescue funds, but – hand on heart – things cannot go on like this. Our economic system, which is only geared towards growth, is not sustainable. The resources of our planet are finite. We need a rethink and a consistent change of direction. We must act preventively and sustainably now!

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What needs to be done now?

This is where the idea of One Health comes in. This cross-sectoral approach interlocks at local, regional, national and global levels. To achieve sustainable and holistic health for all people, animals and plants in a shared environment, actors from human, veterinary and environmental health work together.

Together we can stabilise our ecosystem and thus the basis of our lives. Let's do it!

OUR ACTION PLAN:

- 1 **promote interdepartmental work at all levels**
- 2 **think development cooperation holistically and sustainably**
- 3 **Strengthen civil society organisations and volunteering**
- 4 **Health promotion – creating political conditions for practice**
- 5 **Restructuring of agriculture**
- 6 **attaching great importance to environmental, nature and climate protection**
- 7 **establish environmental and nature conservation standards as a pillar of the economy**
- 8 **Research and education opportunities**

ONE HEALTH DAY 2021

Access to water, sanitation and hygiene is an human right!

One Health understands the earth as a global ecosystem in which all living beings interact with each other. Only when humans, animals and plants are healthy is this ecosystem intact.

But for this to happen, the conditions must be right: Healthy soils, clean water, clear air – an intact environment is the basis for a healthy life on earth.

On 3rd November 2021, VSF Germany together with Viva con Agua e.V. (VcA) organised the sixth One Health Day and once again brought together interested parties and experts from various fields to learn about and discuss global health across sectors.

In breakout sessions and presentations have been explored the question of the importance of WASH in the One Health concept and how the project work can contribute to holistic and sustainable improvements in WASH.

Thank you for your participation:

Deborah Düring, Member of the German Parliament, Bündnis 90/Grüne

Marlene Böhm & Lisa Martin, Volunteers from VSF Germany

Susan Bergner, Research associate and doctoral candidate, Freie Universität Berlin

Dr. Saskia Kreibich, Public health Advisor, DAHW

Stephen Elilu, Welthungerhilfe, Uganda

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VSF Germany's response to addressing needs in its countries of operation would not have been possible without our donors continuous and generous support. Each contribution has enabled vulnerable households to be protected from hunger and poverty while at the same time building their resilient capacities.

Through your continued support in 2021, we trained and supported 1,683 CAHWs on disease prevention and control and basic healthcare management skills. As a result, 1,953,038 animals were treated for various conditions, 2,816,952 animals were vaccinated and 17,563 animals distributed impacting 1,079,410 households.

In light of ongoing climate change and political uncertainty, emergency funds mobilized have ensured swift disaster risk response, whilst transitional and development aid has enabled communities to rebuild and restore their livelihoods. The impact of your financial support is illustrated by the compelling stories of change and innovation, as evidenced in our projects.

On behalf of VSF Germany and all project beneficiaries, we say THANK YOU!



COOPERATION

Networks and Partner Organisations

Our network

**BER- Berliner
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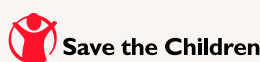


**Koordinierungsausschuss
Humanitäre Hilfe**

National NGO partners



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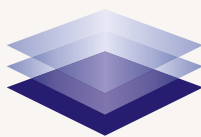
Certifications

VENRO is the umbrella organization of **development and humanitarian NGOs** in Germany. As a member of the VENRO, VSF Germany is committed to the VENRO code of conduct and its values of transparency, organizational management and control as well as protection of children from abuse and exploitation in development cooperation and humanitarian aid. In 2010, VSF Germany also committed to the voluntary declaration of commitment of the transparent civil society initiative.

On the initiative of **Transparency International Deutschland e.V.**, various actors from the civil society and science defined

ten points that every civil society organization should make public, including their articles of association, the names of the essential decision-makers, information on the sources and use of funds as well as their personnel structure.

Since 2005, VSF Germany has held the "Spendensiegel des **Deutschen Zentralinstituts für Soziale Fragen (DZI)**", a quality seal for reputable charitable organizations. The DZI certifies statutory and economical use of donated funds.



Initiative
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Welcome to VSF Germany's anonymous reporting hotline

VSF Germany's is committed to a culture of zero tolerance towards corruption and irregular behaviour, including sexual exploitation and discrimination.

You can help us to achieve this. Use this channel to report alleged irregularities and unethical conduct when normal channels have proven ineffective or not practical. Whistleblowers are the most effective weapon against any form of corruption and irregular behaviour. Your knowledge prevents harm and protects this organization.

You do not have to be a VSF Germany employee to use this hotline. This channel is available to anyone affected by a decision taken by our organization.

The hotline operates 24/7/365 and is run by an independent, third-party provider.

It is designed to protect your confidentiality and anonymity. After sending a tip via hotline, do not forget to write down the password allowing you access to an encrypted inbox dedicated to your case.

Last but not least:

VSF Germany's prohibits retaliation against anyone who reports a possible violation in good faith.



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Consultancy services in humanitarian aid

Veterinarians Without Borders gGmbH (Limited) was founded in 2019 and is a 100 % subsidiary of VSF Germany.

All decisions of the shareholders' meeting of Veterinarians Without Borders Germany gGmbH are made in the interest of the organisation VSF Germany. Legally, Veterinarians Without Borders Germany gGmbH is independent and is represented solely by the gGmbH managing director. The liability of the gGmbH is limited by law to € 25,000.

Since 2021, VSF Germany has also decided to offer consultancy services, e.g. to other NGOs in humanitarian aid, transitional aid and development cooperation in the field of farm animals, via the gGmbH. This offer has been well received and the first consultancy contract has already been concluded. At the same time, VSF Germany is examining whether the gGmbH is really suitable for achieving a comprehensive reduction in liability for the association. This examination is to be completed in 2022.



FINANCES

Statement of financial situation

Balance sheet as per 31.12.2021

Assets (in Euro)			Equity and liabilities (in Euro)		
	2021	Prior Year		2021	Prior Year
A. Fixed Assets			A. Equity		
I. Intangible fixed assets Acquired industrial and similar rights and assets as well as licences in such rights and assets	134,406.37	121,535.23	I. Association capital	92,926.65	92,926.65
II. Property, plant and equipment Other equipment, operating and office equipment	25,083.73	36,430.57	II. Currency adjustment item	282,094.45	282,094.45
III. Long-term financial assets Shares in affiliated companies	25,000.00	25,000.00	III. Reserves	0.00	151,686.87
	184,490.10	182,965.80	IV. Net accumulated losses/ net retained profits	-105,932.70	0.00
B. Current assets				269,088.40	526,707.97
I. Receivables and other current assets			B. Provisions		
1. Receivables from funding parties	1,500,835.57	1,158,259.14	Other provisions	276,757.86	215,095.58
2. Receivables from affiliated companies	63,933.14	271,092.43	C. Liabilities		
3. Other assets	209,740.86	403,039.76	Liabilities to funding parties for payments made in advance		
	1,774,509.57	1,832,391.33	1. – thereof with a residual term of up to one year: EUR 4.320.256,27 [KEUR 3.931]	4,320,256.27	3,931,102.61
II. Cash-in-hand, bank balances	4,037,237.35	3,128,654.33	Trade payables		
	5,811,746.92	4,961,045.66	2. – thereof with a residual term of up to one year: EUR 1.099.427,11 [KEUR 457]	1,099,427.11	456,746.06
C. Prepaid Expenses	45,059.55	30,713.43	Other liabilities		
	6,041,296.57	5,174,724.89	3. – thereof with a residual term of up to one year: EUR 75.766,93 [KEUR 45]	75,766.93	45,072.67
				6,041,296.57	5,174,724.89

Another challenging year

In 2021, VSF Germany was again able to maintain its project activities in all countries in full despite the pandemic.

The annual result increased by T€ 103 compared to the previous year. Although operating performance decreased compared to the previous year (-€ 713k), operating expenses were significantly reduced compared to 2020 (-€ 816k), resulting in a significantly lower loss overall than in 2020. The result shows a net loss for the year of -€ 258k (previous year: -€ 362k).

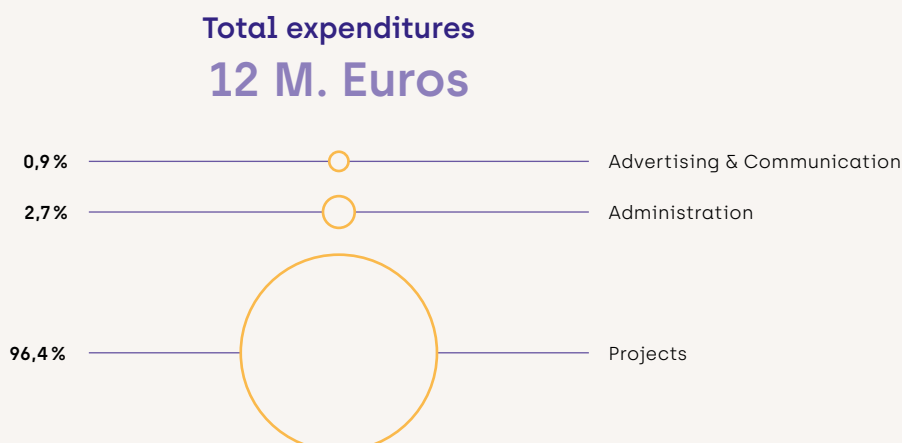
Income from institutional grants decreased by € 755k. This results from the decrease in funds implemented in projects. Other operating income decreased by T€ 25. Income from donations and membership fees as well as allocated fines increased by T€ 17. Overall, operating performance decreased by € 713 thousand compared with the previous year.

Operating expenses decreased by € 817 thousand. Expenses from onward transfers to consortium partners increased by € 394 thousand, while personnel expenses were reduced by € 162 thousand. Significant savings of € 1070 thousand were achieved in the area of other operating expenses.

The balance sheet total increased by € 866 thousand. On the assets side, the increase is mainly due to the increase in cash and cash equivalents (+€ 908k) as of the reporting date. Receivables and other assets decreased by approximately € 57k. Fixed assets increased by T€ 1, prepaid expenses increased by T€ 14.

On the liabilities side of the balance sheet, the increased balance sheet total mainly results from an increase in liabilities (+ € 1,062k). Provisions increased by T€ 62, while shareholders' equity experienced a decrease of T€ 258 due to the loss for the year.

The liquidity of the association was secured during the fiscal year. Net cash decreased by T€ 273 compared to the previous year due to the lower level of cash and cash equivalents and current receivables and other items. This value is expected to stabilize again in 2022.



FINANCES

Income and expenditure report for 2021

The table below, which has been derived from the statement of profit and loss, presents the components of the loss for the reporting period as a percentage of the operating income.

	2021	Prior Year		2021	Prior Year
1. Income from institutional grants and donations	€	T€	6. Administrative Costs		
A Institution Grants VSF Germany and Consortium Partners	13,290,392.83	13,835	A Personnel Expenses	74,450.36	95
B Income from Project Management	365,969.86	576	B Non-Personnel Expenses	249,551.51	261
C Donations, Membership subscription and fines	431,029.18	414	7. Economic Business Operations		
	14,087,391.87	14,825	A Personnel Expenses	0	0
2. Other Income	384,260.30	359	B Non-Personnel Expenses	2,204.33	0
3. Funds transfer to Sub-Agencies 2022	- 2,726,641.74			12,002,629.87	15,544
	11,745,010.43	15,184	Profit/Loss 2021	-257,619.44	-360
3. Funds transfer to Sub-Agencies 2021		2,332			
4. Program Works			Economic Business Operations	2021	Prior Year
A Personnel Expenses	4,039,827.07	4,191	Income	5,726.05	5,811
B Non-Personnel Expenses	7,527,685.91	8,523	Expenses	2,204.33	645
5. Advertising and Public Relations					
A Personnel Expenses	62,569.48	52			
B Non-Personnel Expenses	46,341.21	90			

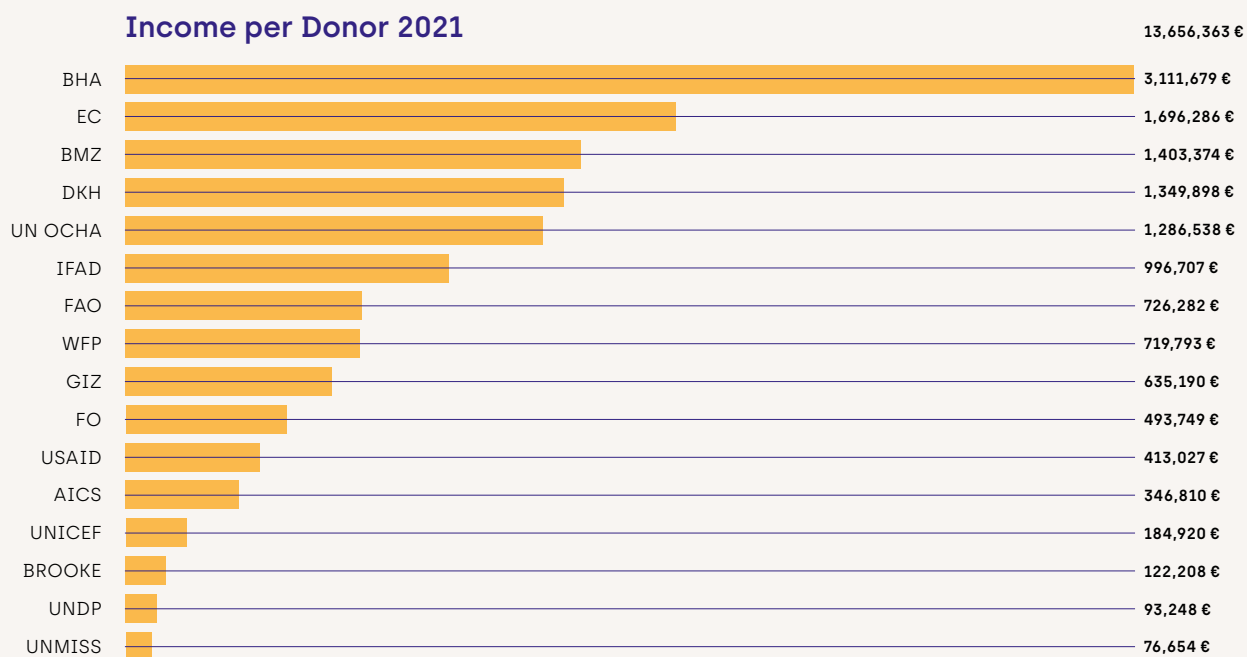


Excerpt from the internal auditor's report

In accordance with Section 322 [3] sentence 1 of the German Commercial Code (HGB), we declare that our audit has not led to any reservations concerning the correctness of the annual financial statements and the management report.

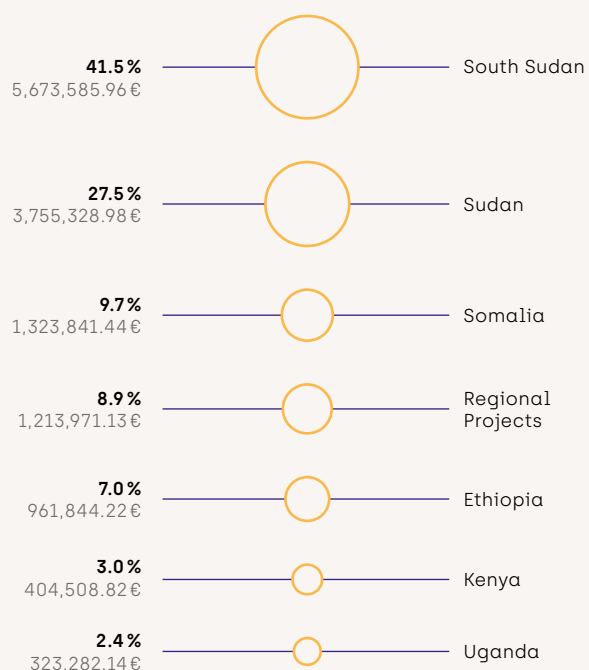
FINANCIAL REPORT 2021

Summary of grants by donor



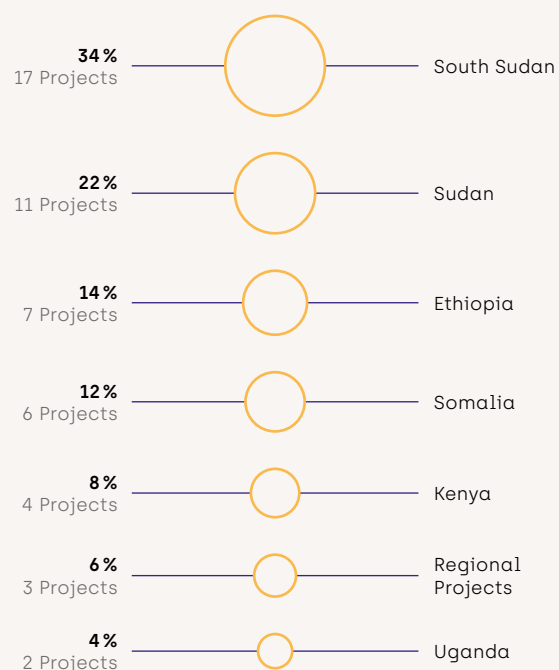
Country Program Income Performance Analysis

13.7 M. Euros



Projects

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LEADER OF TOMORROW



Abu Baker

A role model for his generation

SUDAN

From child soldier to child protection advocate: Abu Bakers reintegration story

Recruitment of child soldiers continues to be a burden in many parts of Sudan. In 2021, and through a multi-stakeholder initiative, VSF Germany in collaboration with UNICEF embarked on a 17 months' child-reintegration project in the South Kordofan State of Sudan. The project continues to benefit the society and people like twenty-three-year-old Abu Baker Altom Hassan from Gissan locality (Alwahida). Abu Baker Altom Hassan (in dreadlocks) was recruited as a child soldier in 2010 at the age of 12 years by the armed groups.

"I enrolled due to the poor economic situation of my family and lack of awareness. I trained to shoot in Khalid Alwalid camp for three years," says Abu Baker.

Child soldiers face various forms of violence at the hands of their fellow militias, abductors, and society during reintegration.

"During a campaign, I was abducted for two months, where I was tortured, but managed to escape and rejoined my team in Molong. I was rejected by my team upon my return as I didn't come back with my weapon. I was forced to go retrieve it without success," adds Abu Baker.

Not many child soldiers are usually lucky enough to find their way back home as Abu Baker did. He found his way back home, but that was not without reintegration challenges. Thanks to VSF Germany's reintegration and protection of children through capacity building and livelihood support projects, people like Abu Baker are equipped with life skills and vocational training to ease their reintegration process.

"Through VSF Germany training, I became a leader for the child protection network in the Gissan IDPs community where I conduct awareness campaigns by sharing my story as a caution against child recruitment and enrollment," says Abu Baker as he beams a smile.

Abu Baker has successfully saved more than five children from recruitment by armed groups. He assisted the children enroll back in school and linked them with vocational training and the provision of poultry and seed for farming.

"I am passionate about working with vulnerable children at risk of recruitment, and I will continue to work with my team in full coordination with the line institutions to protect children in the Blue Nile from violence and abuse," adds Abu Baker.

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Abbreviation List

AA	Auswärtiges Amt	EID	Emerging Infectious Diseases	SDGs	Sustainable Development Goals
AMR	Antimicrobial Resistance	ETB	Ethiopian Birr	SHF	Sudan Humanitarian Fund
ARC	Audit & Risk Committee	EU	European Union	TAD	Transboundary Animal Diseases
ASAL	arid and semi-arid lands	FAO	Food and Agriculture Organization of the United Nations	TOGEV	Tierärzte ohne Grenzen e.V.
BHA	Bureau for Humanitarian Assistance	FO	Foreign Office Germany	TRiM	Translate into Action
BMZ	Federal Ministry for Economic Cooperation and Development	GIZ	German Governmental Development Agency	UNICEF	United Nations International Children's Emergency Fund
BUILD	Boosting Uganda's Investment in Livestock Development	IDP	Internally Displaced Person	UN OCHA	United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs
CAHW	Community Animal Health Worker	ILRI	International Livestock Research Institute	USAID	United States Agency for International Development
CCM	Comitato Collaborazione Medica	IPC	Internationale Organisation zur Klassifizierung von Ernährungssicherheit	VENRO	Germany Umbrella Organisation of Development and Humanitarian Aid
CDCP	Community Disaster Contingency Plans	KES	Kenyan Shilling	VICOPA	Village Community Banking
DKH	Diakonie Katastrophenhilfe	KWT	Kenya Wildlife Trust	VPH	Veterinary Public Health
DOVAR	Disease Outbreak and Vaccination Reporting	NGO	Non-Governmental Organisation	VSF International	Vétérinaires sans Frontières International
DRR	Disaster Risk Reduction (DRR)	NTD	Neglected Tropical Diseases	VSF Germany	Vétérinaires Sans Frontières Germany
DZI	Deutsches Zentralinstitut für soziale Fragen	OFDA	Office of U.S. Foreign Disaster Assistance	VSLA	Village Savings and Loan Associations
ECHO	European Commission Humanitarian Aid & Civil Protection	PDS	Participatory Disease Search	WASH	Water, Sanitation, Hygiene
EC	European Commission	PPE	Personal Protection Equipment		
		RVF	Rift Valley fever		



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