

Since the creation of Ushagram Switzerland in 1999, 22 years ago, we have been able to collect 1,284,000 CHF (1.44 MM USD) from our institutional donors, i.e. an average close to 60,000 Fr per year (68k USD) – this, in the context of an activity (search for projects, background research, project management) taken from the free time of active members. Here is the summary of the more than 200 projects that we have been able to carry out:

INDIA (West Bengal and Odisha)

- Education and training

Construction of a rural public library
Construction, renovation, expansion of 14 nursery schools and 2 primary schools
Construction of two science rooms
Funding of school programs
Purchase of sports equipment for a hall
School support for drop-out children
Various literacy programs
Equipment of computer training rooms
Sponsorship of children's education
Participation in the construction of rural boarding schools and their development
Participation in the construction of a 1000 m² school with 20 rooms and a library
Construction of playgrounds and sports ground

- Handicraft, agriculture and production

Construction of an agro-food production workshop (spices, honey, chutney, pickles, mustard, fruit juices, etc.) employing 80 people
Beekeeping programme and production unit, construction and implementation
Construction and support of a jute handicraft production centre employing 40 people
Construction and support of an embroidery, batik and weaving production workshop employing 80 people.
Implementation of training outside the production workshops
Construction of an exhibition-sale space for artisanal production
Sanitation of a batik dyeing centre (water treatment)
Establishment of a sales network for artisanal products
Construction of a grain silo
Creation of vegetable gardens
Reforestation and orchard plantations (thousands of trees)
Training in grafting, horticulture, biodynamic agriculture
Various handicraft training; Construction and equipment of a rural forge
Organic farming pilot program
Rainwater harvesting equipment for agricultural purposes
Sanitation of 4 ponds and establishment of fish farming units
Foot pumps for irrigation
Construction of a model dairy farm (barn, outbuildings etc.) and purchase of cows

- Health, families, women

General health, dental, eye (cataract operations), transfusion, malaria, TB camps
Drilling of around twenty artesian wells (drinking water and irrigation)
Support for 300 self-help groups of 15-20 women and microfinance (approx. 4,500 women)
Construction of a women's shelter
Purchase of 100 biomass stoves for cooking, installation and training
Sanitation and construction of public latrines
Nutrition camps

- Access, infrastructure, connectivity

Rehabilitation of rural roads
Installation of electric pumps to serve tribal hamlets
Purchase and renovation of boat-shuttles to access tribal hamlets by a lake
Construction of kitchen, dining hall and community hall
Solar electrification of buildings
Portable solar electrification for villagers' huts
Construction of public showers and latrines
Housing construction for volunteers
Construction of a dispensary and its warehouse

In Lebanon (syrian refugees) since 2016

Handicraft training (sewing, embroidery, crochet, knitting) of 60 women, West Bekaa
Training of 50 women in sewing and 35 families in cultivating aromatic plants, in Al Qaa, North East
Access to drinking water for 100 refugee families in tents, Halba, North
Installation and partial equipment of a training room for adults, Halba, North
Vocational training of 70 women in cooking, canning and catering,
Professional training of 32 teenagers in automotive mechanics / aesthetics.

Origin of funds

Mostly Municipalities of Geneva Canton: Anières, Athénaz, Bardonnex, Bellevue, Bernex, Chêne-Bougeries, Chêne-Bourg, Choulex, Cologny, Collex-Bossy, Collonge-Bellerive, Confignon, Corsier, Genthod, Jussy, Laconnex, Lancy, Meinier, Meyrin, Onex, Plan-les-Ouates, Perly-Certoux, Prégny-Chambesey, Puplinge, Satigny, Thônex, Troinex, Vandoeuvres and Veyrier. But also Geneva City, Department of Social Affairs / Canton Geneva, International Solidarity / 1% UN Fund / Geneva Electricity Board / Migros / Poschiavo Municipality (Grisons) / Bank Lombard Odier Darier Hentsch & Cie. / Geneva Association of watchmakers. To a small extent, private donations.

Becoming a member

is the essential first stage of the support we need to act. It allows us to exist, to be able to claim public utility / tax exemption status, to collect funds and send them to the field. By being members and by contributing (20 CHF – approx. 19 EUR), you also participate in our action in the service of populations in need.