



FINN CHURCH AID
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HIGHLIGHTS



Volunteers strengthened risk prevention

Kaisa Huhtela is one of four EU Aid Volunteers who supported Finn Church Aid's local partners in emergency prevention and mitigation. She worked with Lutheran World Federation Uganda for six months.

"I gained a lot professionally. I learned that catastrophe risk prevention makes sense only when the communities are involved from the very beginning of the process and local people's views are taken into account."

Local partners and volunteers evaluated the deployment as positive and confirmed that their priority needs were fulfilled. In all four cases steps were taken to incorporate disaster risk reduction or resilience in their strategies.

EU Aid Volunteers pilot project was financed by ECHO (European Community Humanitarian Office).



WOMEN'S BANK
HAS RAISED OVER

6

MILLION EUROS FOR SUPPORTING
WOMEN'S ENTREPRENEURSHIP IN
DEVELOPING COUNTRIES.

WE RESPONDED TO
20
HUMANITARIAN
CATASTROPHES.



Acrobats helped young refugees

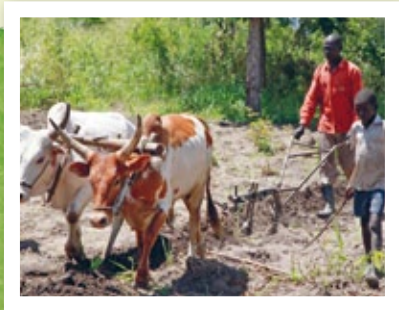
Finnish circus professionals taught young Syrian refugees how to juggle, do acrobatics, and perform as clowns in a 80 square metre tent in the Za'atri refugee camp in Jordan.

"In circus class I am not thinking about what happened to me during the war. The circus is like a glimmer of sunlight in the gloom of the camp," one of girls participating describes.

"A circus in a refugee camp may sound odd. But it is a good way for the young people to process the traumatic experiences of war and let off built up steam. Space in the camp is hard to come by", says **Topi Hurtig**, employee of Sirkus Magenta and social circus professional.

Teachers activate the youths physically and mentally. Being creative and processing feelings is important. Circus is a sport where competition is replaced by cooperation and helping each other.

Circus Za'atri is part of the humanitarian educational help offered to Syrian refugees by Finn Church Aid. The project continued until the end of 2013, but the circus will be continued by a couple of trained refugees.



Two oxen and a plough

Western Equatoria in South Sudan has fertile soil and a sufficient amount of rain, but farming skills were forgotten during the civil war. This means we must start from the beginning. First we must till the fields. Thus far, everything has been done by hand with trenching hoes.

In the project supported by Finn Church Aid, farmers can take out a loan to buy an ox and a plough. Farmers must have an initial capital of approximately ten per cent, i.e. 30 euros. The loan is repaid once the crops are sold.

The ox is not one of the easiest draught animals. A domesticated ox is a good workmate for the first two hours of the day. Then it deems the work of the day done, and will not step in front of the plough again. The horns pack such a punch that the will of the ox is respected.

Farmer **Silvana Kajanga** says that she has been able to double her farming ground. She saves some of the crops for seed and sells the rest. With the proceeds, she makes repayments on her loan. She has calculated that, thanks to the oxen, the crop this year was so good that she can manage the whole of next year.

IN TOTAL,
25.2
MILLION EUROS
WERE USED FOR
INTERNATIONAL
AID OPERATIONS.

WE OPERATE
IN OVER
20
COUNTRIES.



The female voice is heard

In Liberia in Western Africa, women are legally equal to men. But often after the husband dies, women are left with no income because they are not aware of their rights. Violence towards women is also common.

In October 2013, five-women groups that discussed the equality between sexes and women's rights were founded in sixty Liberian villages. With support from Finn Church Aid, Liberian female attorneys educated local women, who are now educating other women in turn.

In addition to the women, men also embraced the campaign. After the training, some men admitted to not having always treated women fairly.

"Things have already changed after this three-month training," says **Emmanuel Sandi**, Finn Church Aid Programme Coordinator.

"Men now let their wives assemble freely, and women have risen to more significant positions in parents' associations, for example. These are small steps with great significance."

Finn Church Aid will continue its work for the promotion of women's rights in 2014.

NEARLY
5,200
VOLUNTEERS TOOK
PART IN OUR NETWORK
OF VOLUNTEERS.



VISION

Changing the world through support for people in the most vulnerable situations.

Finn Church Aid (FCA) will contribute to positive change by supporting people in the most vulnerable situations within fragile and disaster-affected areas. We specialise in supporting local communities in three priority areas: the right to peace, livelihood and education. We enhance our programmes through global advocacy.

MISSION

Action for human dignity.

VALUES

- Unconditional love for our neighbours
- Unyielding hope
 - Courage
 - Respect

Development starts with peace

The escalating conflicts in the Central African Republic and South Sudan once again evidence how hard it is to achieve stability in fragile countries.

South Sudan, the world's youngest state, is in danger of disintegrating in the battle for power, before it has even started to function properly. In the Central African Republic, the conflict is on the verge of escalating into a battle between religious groups, even though the root causes are poor governance and the inability to distribute power.

Finn Church Aid wants to take real responsibility in the most challenging conflict areas in the world.

With your help we can continue our work in countries such as South Sudan and the Central African Republic which have been torn apart by violence, in the Syrian refugee camps in Jordan, as well as in the Philippines which is trying to recover from one of the strongest typhoons in its history.

During our years of operation, we have made a real, practical difference even in the most difficult areas.

For this we owe thanks to our donors.

The work of Finn Church Aid does not stop when the worst of a catastrophe is over and the cameras of the international media have left the scene. The rebuilding and recovery efforts after the natural disaster in the Philippines will take a long time. In the countries at war, the road to reconciliation is long and building a functional state will take many years. We want to make sure that people are not left alone.

In 2013, Finn Church Aid became the interim secretary of the UN-related Network of Religious and Traditional Peacemakers. The objective of the network is to have an effective presence in places where anger is starting to turn into violence. It is working with local people to try to get the opposing parties to the same negotiating table.

Reducing the fear, bitterness, and oppression connected with war is vital for development.

Welcome aboard.

Antti Pentikäinen

Executive Director of Finn Church Aid

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FINN CHURCH AID'S PROGRAMME COUNTRIES



LATIN AMERICA AND CARIBBEAN REGIONAL OFFICE PORT-AU-PRINCE, HAITI

- At the end of 2013, the office employed 21 people.
- The annual budget* was about 3.3 million euros.
- The activities focused on rebuilding schools and improving the quality of education. The livelihood of rural communities was supported, and disaster preparation work was developed from the perspective of adaptation to climate change. Teaching women how to read and educating them in human rights strengthens their position in local communities.



WEST AFRICA REGIONAL OFFICE MONROVIA, LIBERIA

- At the end of 2013, the office employed 18 people.
- The annual budget was about 1.8 million euros.
- In Liberia and Sierra Leone, our work focused on food security and improved livelihood, as well as the financial empowerment of women. The education of young people and women was also supported in Sierra Leone. Aid for refugees from Côte d'Ivoire in Liberia was used primarily for developing education and income opportunities.



SOUTH SUDAN COUNTRY OFFICE JUBA

- At the end of 2013, the office employed five people.
- The annual budget was about 1.3 million euros.
- In 2013, the FCA humanitarian programme in South Sudan focused on supporting internally displaced people affected by conflict and floods in Warrap and Jonglei States. The programme included projects in education in emergencies, emergency livelihood and disaster preparedness. In more stable areas of the country, local communities were supported through projects in sustainable food security, training for teachers, primary education and local and national level peacebuilding and conflict prevention.



CENTRAL AFRICA REGIONAL OFFICE GOMA, DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF THE CONGO

- At the end of 2013, the office employed 10 people.
- The annual budget was about 2.7 million euros.
- Our work focused on humanitarian aid and development cooperation in eastern Congo. This involved agricultural development, building of schools, vocational training, education in women's rights, psychosocial support for traumatised women and young people, and legal advice.
- In the Central African Republic our work focused on humanitarian aid and training for catastrophes.

* Includes the budgets of each office and the programmes it manages.



HEADQUARTERS HELSINKI

- At the end of 2012, the office employed 133 people.
- We focused our efforts on advocacy work, citizen action, fundraising, and communications, as well as on the development of programme work and administration.



ASIA REGIONAL OFFICE PHNOM PENH, CAMBODIA

- At the end of 2013, the office employed nine people.
- The annual budget was about 2.8 million euros.
- Our work focused on improving food security and the livelihoods of people in our operating area, the financial empowerment of women, preparing for climate change and catastrophes, and developing high-quality education. The projects gave training concerning human rights, for example related to land rights, to population groups in the weakest position in particular. The operational abilities of local partners and youth participation were also supported.



MIDDLE EAST OFFICE AMMAN, JORDANIA

- At the end of 2013, the office employed 14 people.
- The annual budget was about 1.8 million euros.
- Our work focused on aiding those suffering as a result of the crisis in Syria, providing civic education for young people, and improving livelihood. The target countries were Jordan, Lebanon, and Palestinian territories.



EAST AND SOUTHERN AFRICA REGIONAL OFFICE NAIROBI, KENYA

- At the end of 2013, the East and Southern Africa Regional Office in Nairobi employed 12 people.
- Last year, the budget for East Africa was 4 million and for Southern Africa 2.3 million euros.
- The office supports and manages the programmes and partnerships of Finn Church Aid in the whole region: In Kenya, Uganda, South Sudan, Somalia, Ethiopia, Mozambique, Angola and Zimbabwe. In North Kenya, the office supports refugees and does peace work.



SOMALIA COUNTRY OFFICE HARGEISA, SOMALIA

- At the end of 2013, the office employed nine people.
- The annual budget was about 1.7 million euros.
- In Somalia, we focused on peace work. For example, we reinforced the conflict-solving abilities of traditional and religious leaders. Our work also included support for livelihood and education, as well as humanitarian aid.







MOTHERS MORE EFFECTIVE THAN DRONES IN COUNTERACTING TERRORISM

War is the biggest obstacle to development. A country cannot rise from poverty unless there is an end to the breaking up of families, raping of women, and the fear of violence.

That is why the Finn Church Aid theme for 2013-2016 is peace.

“We want to be an internationally acknowledged operator in peace work carried out with traditional communities and religious leaders,” says Finn Church Aid Executive Director **Antti Pentikäinen**.

One of the key areas of our work is Somalia, torn apart by the civil war that began at the beginning of the 1990s. A few years ago, the state hardly existed. We have made progress with the peace work, but acts of violence are still commonplace. The circumstances are life-threatening to both locals and visitors.

“In Somalia there is no oversupply of organisations working for peace,” Pentikäinen states.

The UN, the Somali government, and president Barack Obama’s administration have all asked Finn Church Aid to assist them in peace work in Somalia. There are specific reasons for this. Finn Church Aid has been able to identify the traditional and religious leaders, who hold the true power in Somalia, and

negotiate with them. Extremists must also be taken into account in this work.

“We are wasting money so long as peace negotiators do not work from within the conflicts,” Pentikäinen stresses.

“Far too often, religious leaders are left outside conflict mediation. But it is precisely them who can influence whether people see the enemy as human or not.”

With the help of moderate leaders, we can challenge extreme opinions. Pentikäinen sees this as an opportunity for Somalia.

“Mothers are more influential than drone strikes. If a mother tells their child not to detonate a bomb, that child may give up on their plans. A drone strike cannot achieve the same result.”

The most important task of Finn Church Aid is to be an hour glass between diplomats and civil organisations.

“There is currently a bottleneck in peace work: diplomats are not always familiar with the grass-roots situation. Organisations, on the other hand, provide humanitarian aid, but avoid politics. Finn Church Aid can act as a messenger between the two.”



I HAD THOUGHT FOR MY ENTIRE CHILDHOOD THAT I HAD TO AVENGE MY FATHER'S MURDER.



Said Adam (right) was forgiven by Mohamed Mohamud Mohamed (left) for his father's murder. They now carry out peace work together. In the middle Mohamed Muhamed Mohamed's cousin Abdi Ismail.



Vengeance replaced with peace and forgiveness

Traditional Somali culture is burdened by the accountability system between clans. If one member of a clan commits a crime, the whole clan is held accountable. Settlements often involve paying large material damages that many clans cannot afford. "This generates new crime," says Jama Egal, FCA peace work professional.

The **Somali Peoples Peace Initiative** project in Erigavo in Somaliland brings together community leaders, the local government, women, and young people to discuss how these practices could be changed. The work is carried out one dispute at a time. One of the great successes was to break the cycle of vengeance within the Lo'hir clan.

"The arbitration started inside a mosque. In this sacred space, the parties agreed that they want to stop the cycle of vengeance and that they are ready to make peace in another way," **Jama Egal** says.

The initiative now has success stories to tell. **Mohamed Mohamud Mohamed** forgave his father's killer.

"The most important realisation was that revenge and killing will not bring my father back. I had thought for my entire childhood that I had to avenge my father's murder. I realised that I was a victim of the cycle of vengeance. My father's killer must be punished, but it is not my job," says Mohamed, 25.

"I regained my life at the beginning of this year. For twenty years I had been afraid and in hiding. I only focused on two things: to kill or be killed. The hardest part was to sit in front of Mohamed Mohamud Mohamed. We swore that we would forgive, tell the truth and stick to our decision," says **Said Adam**.

PEACE WORK GAINS GROUND



Finn Church Aid has been working in Somalia since 2007. The work requires perseverance, because building peace cannot happen without the trust of the local people.

The **Somali Peoples Peace Initiative** project supports traditional conflict resolution mechanisms that have been proven effective in addressing regional level conflict in Somalia.

The project is funded by the Somalia Stability Fund. It started in February 2013 and will last 23 months.

The **Somalia Central Regions Conflict Resolution and Reconciliation Initiative** supported preparation for longer term conflict resolution and reconciliation in the autumn of 2013. It was funded by the UK Government. The local partners were the Center for Research and Dialogue (CRD) and the Horn of Africa Centre for Peace (HACP).

In 2014, peace work will be expanded in Somalia both in terms of quantity and geography.



BEFORE,
I HAD TO CALL
THEM MRS
AND MADAM.

Nepalese Resma Bishanke manufactures slippers and flip-flops in the small enterprise started by the women of the village. Today, she and her partners train other women in the region.



Profitable business idea generates respect

I cannot describe the feeling of being able to teach the women from higher castes. Before, I had to call them Mrs and madam,” **Resma Bishanke** says, and the look in her eyes speaks volumes.

Bishanke is a dalit woman who is thought to be unclean – casteless. Even though the caste system was abolished in Nepal in the 1960s, the same attitudes live on.

With help from Women’s Bank, dalit women have founded a small company manufacturing flip flops and slippers. It operates out of one room and the porch of a small house.

The women have become so skilled in their work that they are attracting attention outside

their village as well. Upon request from the authorities, Bishanke and her partners now train other women in the vicinity.

Their shoes have become very popular. The demand is so great that the company could employ up to 40 women. However, growth relies on access to capital. A small company cannot afford large loan expenditures.

Finnish musician **Lauri Tähkä**, ambassador of Finn Church Aid, saw the women’s business plan on his visit to Nepal. He decided to donate the initial capital for acquiring business premises.

LIVELIHOOD IS A CHAIN

Making slippers does not secure a livelihood on its own. Income is generated only when products find their way to markets. This requires versatile skills and contacts. You must be able to manage the acquisition of raw materials, the manufacturing process, the marketing of finished products, and the supply chain all the way to the customer. All this must be done cost-efficiently, so that the entrepreneur, in addition to their own salary, is left with the means to develop the company.

Everyone has the right to a secure livelihood. In particular, Finn Church Aid focuses on promoting small-scale entrepreneurship and employment among women and young people, as well as on organising related vocational training.



**THE COURSE WAS
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WISHLIST.**



Useful courses for refugee youths

Finn Church Aid expanded its operations in Za'atri Refugee Camp in northern Jordan and opened a new computer lab and a multipurpose hangar where drama and sports clubs can meet.

In addition to that Finn Church Aid also organised a mobile phone repair course, to enable youth to get a job and earn some money. This was number one on the youths' wishlist. Mobile phones are very important in the refugee camps, and people will try to mend any broken phones.

The new computer lab is expected to increase the number of youth Finn Church Aid reaches daily to over 300 participants.

These young people desperately need activi-

ties and opportunities for work. In Za'atri and King Abdullah Park refugee camps, Finn Church Aid predominantly targets youth aged between 15 and 24, as many other organisations focus on younger children.

Finn Church Aid implements a range of activities and courses, such as literacy, English, first aid, drama club, circus, barber skills and football.

Due to the civil war in Syria, 2,5m Syrians have fled to neighbouring countries of Jordan, Lebanon, Iraq, Egypt, and Turkey.

"There has been a slow realisation for the refugees that this camp is going to be their home for much longer than anticipated," says Finn Church Aid's Emergency Relief Coordinator **Kate Bean**.

YOUTHS ARE AN ASSET

By means of both development cooperation and humanitarian aid, Finn Church Aid supports the right of children and young people to education.

Our second chances programmes focus on displaced youth, refugee youth, child soldiers, teenage mothers and youth heads-of-households. We set up temporary learning spaces and build schools. We provide vocational education especially for women and young people.

"Youths are often seen as victims or instigators of violence, when really they should be considered an asset," says Finn Church Aid's Coordinator for the right to education **Minna Peltola**.

Emergency aid to disaster-hit areas in the Philippines

When the typhoon Haiyan hit the Philippines on November 8 2013, it became clear quite quickly that this was an extremely powerful storm. Finn Church Aid took action immediately to send emergency aid to the country through local cooperation partners.

The Philippines is prone to storms and typhoons are an annual phenomenon there, but no one could have foreseen the strength of the storm this time. Haiyan conjured up a wave several metres high, which wiped entire villages off the map around the eastern islands of the country.

A team from Finn Church Aid took part in getting emergency relief to the Hernan area in the eastern part of Samar is-

land, which is one of the worst affected areas.

The cargo included emergency relief packages that were larger than usual. They contained a 25-kilo sack of rice and other food stuffs such as dried fish, salt and sugar, as well as dishes and cooking utensils for each family. In addition to this, the cargo included hygiene packages containing soap and laundry detergent, toothbrushes and toothpaste, bath towels and sanitary towels. And finally, the packages also included mosquito nets, two blankets, and two sleeping mats.

The crowd in Batang cheered and clapped when the list of items in the relief packages was read out loud before distributing the packages.

“This is a great help”, said mother of four **Eva Campo**, after she had received her package.

Of the 186 houses in the village of Batang, only six survived. Twenty people were killed.

Typhoon Haiyan left 4.1 million people homeless. Over 1.2 million houses were destroyed. Over 6,000 people were killed. Approximately 600,000 school children were left without an intact school building. After a catastrophe it is vital that children return to school as soon as possible. Therefore Finn Church Aid decided to focus on building temporary schools after the emergency relief phase.

Relief packages are delivered in the village of Carmen in Samar, Philippines.





There are 100 000 people living at the Za'atri refugee camp in Jordan who have fled the war in Syria.

THE SITUATION WORSENER FOR SYRIANS

As the civil war in Syria continued, Syrian refugees faced more hardship.

According to estimates by the UN Refugee Agency UNHCR, approximately 100,000 people lived in Za'atri, the largest refugee camp in Jordan, towards the end of 2013. The conditions in refugee camps are harsh, and approximately 3,500 families were forced to spend the winter in tents again.

Foreign aid Finn Church Aid operates in the Za'atri and King Abdullah Park refugee camps in Jordan and has also supported refugee work within Syria through local partners.

HUMANITARIAN AID IN 2013

ACT-alliance's general support for the catastrophe trust	92 128 €
Angola – humanitarian action for mines	531 734 €
Djibouti – support for school education in refugee camps	81 725 €
South Sudan – humanitarian aid	385 078 €
EU's humanitarian aid volunteers (EVHAC)	15 400 €
Philippines – disaster relief for the disaster areas after hurricane Hayan	94 516 €
Humanitarian aid's preparedness action	47 024 €
East Africa's regional programme	39 631 €
Jordan – school education for children and youth fleeing from Syria	386 947 €
Cambodia – humanitarian action for mines	336 000 €
Cambodia – flood relief	50 000 €
Kenya – support for school education in refugee camps	277 239 €
Central African Republic – support for ex-pats	82 297 €
Democratic Republic of Congo – humanitarian aid	1 408 858 €
Liberia – upper comprehensive school education and livelihood training for refugees from Côte d'Ivoire	303 368 €
Mozambique – flood relief	100 000 €
Myanmar – disaster relief and support for livelihood training and school education	132 886 €
The Palestinian territories – humanitarian aid	214 133 €
Somalia (Puntland) – disaster relief for the disaster areas after tropical cyclone	110 000 €
Somalia (Somaliland) – disaster relief for communities suffering from drought	483 332 €
Syria – humanitarian aid	25 000 €
Chad – disaster relief for refugees and host communities	214 106 €
Uganda – support for school education in refugee camps	100 000 €



Anna Katungo used the unconditional cash transfer to buy two goats. Mayua Kambale (left), FCA agricultural monitor, is holding one of Katungo's goats.

Improving food security in South Lubero

Due to the security problems in the South Lubero area in the Democratic Republic of Congo, many farmers end up fleeing their otherwise productive land to seek refuge in more secure villages and towns.

This has put a strain on the displaced and host communities likewise, who find themselves struggling to feed their families.

In cooperation with its partners, FCA seeks to address the issue of vulnerability of the local population by strengthening food security through the increase of food production through agricultural activities and unconditional cash transfers to the most vulnerable households.

Another goal of the project is civil protection. Active sensitization of communities on children's rights, the rights of women, general human rights, HIV/AIDS and sexual and gender based violence is carried out through guided and participatory discussions and training.

In total, the project has a direct impact on the lives of 6,000 families (about 36,000 individuals) and a far reaching effect on the lives of another 281,760 individuals in the target area and the surroundings.

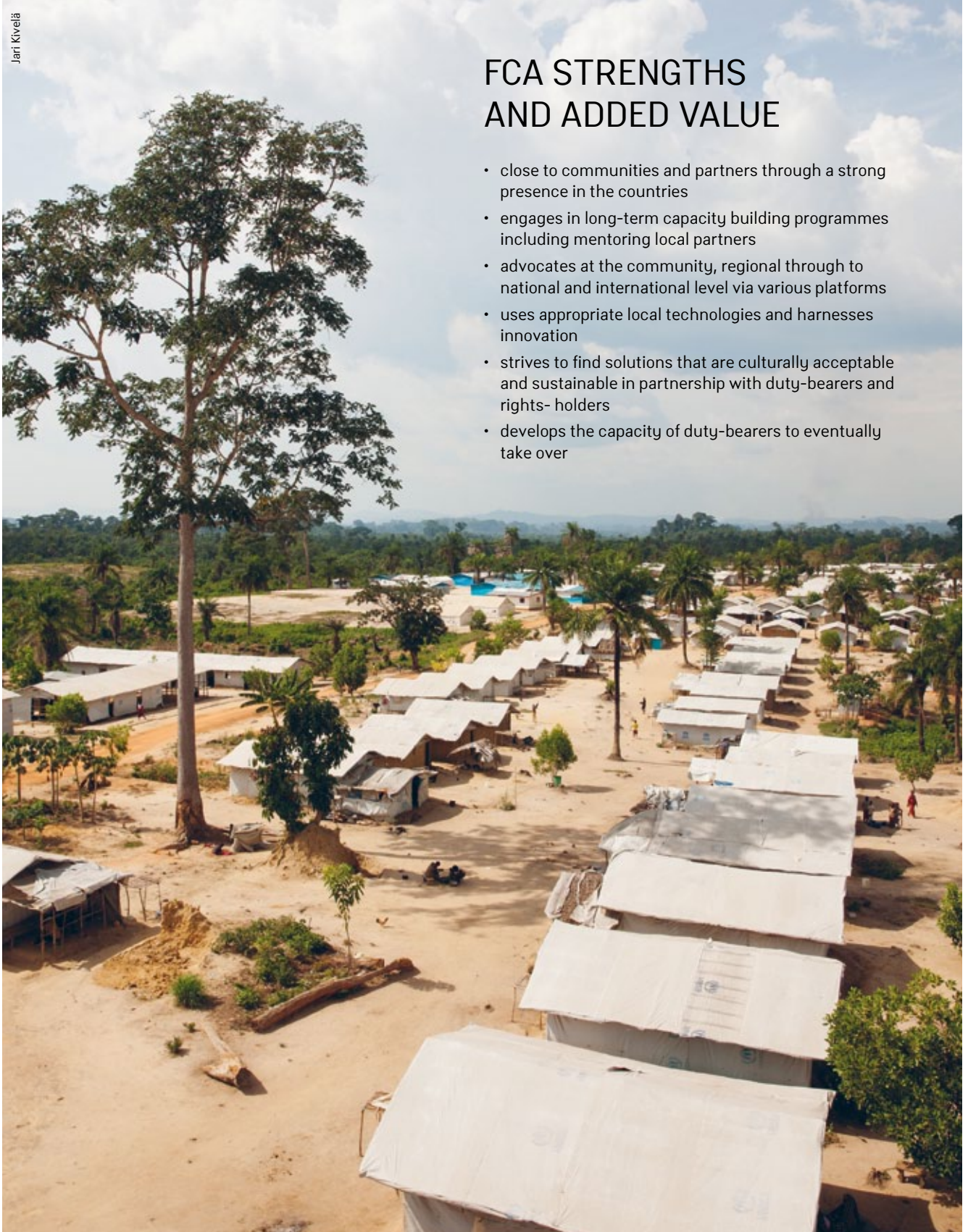
The project, which commenced in January 2013, lasts 15 months, and is funded by ECHO (the European Community Humanitarian Office).



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FCA STRENGTHS AND ADDED VALUE

- close to communities and partners through a strong presence in the countries
- engages in long-term capacity building programmes including mentoring local partners
- advocates at the community, regional through to national and international level via various platforms
- uses appropriate local technologies and harnesses innovation
- strives to find solutions that are culturally acceptable and sustainable in partnership with duty-bearers and rights- holders
- develops the capacity of duty-bearers to eventually take over



➡ Partners and cooperation networks

Finn Church Aid implements the basic diaconal mission of the church in cooperation with international organisations and networks, local civil society operators, and Finnish cooperation partners.

➡ Partners

Finn Church Aid is a founding member of the **ACT Alliance**, a coalition of operators of church development work, humanitarian aid, and advocacy. It is one of the largest charity organisations in the world and includes over 140 operators in 130 different countries. Its annual budget for relief work, humanitarian aid, and advocacy is 1.5 billion euros. The ACT Alliance has a vital role in the coordination of humanitarian aid by church organisations.

The **Lutheran World Federation (LWF)** is the largest programme implementation partner of Finn Church Aid. We facilitate the long-term development programmes of the LWF in eight different countries, and the organisation is also a significant partner of FCA in humanitarian aid. We also support the human rights and peace work carried out with the member churches of the LWF.

Through the **World Council of Churches** we support programmes that promote peace and facilitate equality and support human rights.

We work together with several UN organisations to promote education and peace work, in particular. Among others, these organisations include the Children's Fund **UNICEF**, the development programme **UNDP**, the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees **UNHCR**, and the Mediation Support Unit **MSU** of the UN's political unit.

Furthermore, Finn Church Aid has a growing number of local, bilateral partners. Local partners are churches, church organisations, other religious organisations, and other civil society operators. They are experts in their own operational environments and help us to achieve sustainable results.

➡ Networks

Finn Church Aid is a member or supporter of several different networks and thematic organisations.

APRODEV is a joint association of European church aid organisations, and its purpose is to promote the perspective of its member organisations in the development cooperation politics of the EU. Finn Church Aid is also a member of **VOICE** (Voluntary Organisations in Cooperation in Emergencies), a network of European organisations providing humanitarian aid, and the **Ecumenical Advocacy Alliance (EAA)**.

As a member of **HAP International** we are committed to developing our operations in a re-

sponsible, high-quality manner in regard to all our interest groups, paying special attention to those with and for whom we work.

In Finland, Finn Church Aid is a member of, among others, the **Service Centre of Development Cooperation Kepa**, the umbrella organisation for Finnish civil society organisations, and **Kehys**, the national platform of **CONCORD**, the European federation of non-governmental relief and development organisations.

We work closely with the dioceses and parishes as well as the **Common Responsibility Campaign**. We are also a member of the **Finnish Ecumenical Council**.

➡ The Ministry for Foreign Affairs and the European Commission

Finn Church Aid is a partner organisation of the **Ministry for Foreign Affairs of Finland**. In addition to this, we have a framework agreement with **ECHO**, the European Commission's Humanitarian Aid Department.

Administration

The Finn Church Aid Foundation is governed by an 11-member Board of Directors, with the support of a three-member working subcommittee. The Board has three deputy members.

In 2013, the Board convened four times and the subcommittee three times.

Board of Directors in 2013:

Anni Vepsäläinen, Managing Director, Chair
Tapio Luoma, Bishop, Vice-Chair

Members:

Tarja Kantola, International Adviser
Pia Kummel-Myrskog, Head Secretary until 22.8.
Sixten Ekstrand, Head Secretary starting from 14.10.
Kimmo Kääriäinen, Ecclesiastical Counsellor
Tapio Luoma, Bishop
Reetta Meriläinen, Journalist
Ritva Ohmeroluoma, MBA
Sirpa Pietikäinen, Member of EU Parliament
Olli-Pekka Silfverhuth, Vicar
Helena Tuominen, Diocesan Secretary
Kent Wilska, Commercial Counsellor

Deputy Members:

Tuomas Aho, Attorney
Katri Korolainen, Head Secretary
Ilkka Mattila, Director

Secretary:

Antti Pentikäinen

Working Subcommittee in 2013:

The subcommittee was chaired by **Anni Vepsäläinen**, Chair of the Board (deputy **Kimmo Kääriäinen**)

The members of the subcommittee were

Helena Tuominen, (deputy **Tarja Kantola**)
Pia Kummel-Myrskog until 22th August, **Kent Wilska** thereafter, (deputy **Tuomas Aho**)

The secretary of the subcommittee was **Antti Pentikäinen**.

Expert members invited by the Board:

Heikki Huttunen, General Secretary, Finnish Ecumenical Council
Risto Jukko, Mission Secretary, Office for Global Mission, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland
Kalle Kuusimäki, Director of Diaconia, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland
Riina Nguyen, Project Manager, Orthodox Church Aid from Finland (OrtAid)

The members of the Board of Directors' audit committee in 2013 were **Ritva Ohmeroluoma** (chair) **Tuomas Aho** and **Katri Korolainen**.

Executive Director **Antti Pentikäinen** represented Finn Church Aid in the following cooperation organisations:

Department for Foreign Affairs, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland; Committee for Global Mission, Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland; Yle Helps Foundation of the Finnish Broadcasting Company; Orthodox Church Aid from Finland; Common Responsibility Campaign; Helsinki Diaconess Institute Foundation, University of Helsinki's Board of Directors, UNDP Civil Society Advisory Committee's Chair.

Finn Church Aid was also represented in the following groups and organisations:

ACT Alliance
APRODEV
Climate Action Network CAN-E
The Member division of Civilian Crisis management
Coordination Europe Haiti COEH
The Development Policy Committee
The Evangelical Lutheran Church of Finland's working group on ecumenical connections
Board of Directors in Finnwatch
Finnish Somalia Network
The Foreign Affairs Council
The Friday Group of the Parliamentary Group on Population and Development
Humanitarian Accountability Partnership HAP:
Standing Complaints Committee
Human Rights Advisory Board (IONK)
The Finnish NGO Foundation for Human Rights(KIOS)
Civil Society Conflict Prevention Network(KATU)
The Finnish NGDO Platform to the EU (Kehys)
The Service Center for Development cooperation (Kepa)
UN: Inter-Agency Standing Committee: Global Education Cluster Working Group
Network 1325 (women and peace)

Social Responsibility

Finn Church Aid ensures social responsibility through ethically and ecologically sound operations. Finn Church Aid is:

- A **Green Office** certified by WWF
- A fair trade working place and a founding member of **Fairtrade Finland**. We use Fair trade products.
- A member of **Finnwatch**, an organisation studying and monitoring Finnish companies operating in developing countries.

Finn Church Aid Programme Areas 2013

Programme areas							
(Thousands of euros)							
Area	LWF	WCC	ACT	Bilateral	Own/other projects	Total	%
Africa	4 164			4 671	3 490	12 325	49,0 %
Asia	855		191	1 344	377	2 767	11,0 %
Middle East		170	113	646	955	1 884	7,5 %
Latin America	941			341	1 426	2 708	10,8 %
Europe				405		405	1,6 %
Global programmes	616	339	178	221	429	1 783	7,1 %
TOTAL	6 576	509	482	7 628	6 677	21 872	86,9 %
Planning and monitoring						3 297	13,1 %
INTERNATIONAL WORK TOTAL	6 576	509	482	7 628	6 677	25 169	100,0 %

AFRICA							
Country	LWF	WCC	ACT	Bilateral	Own/other projects	Total	%
Angola	530			532		1 062	8,6 %
Burundi	170					170	1,4 %
Djibouti	82					82	0,7 %
Ethiopia	166					166	1,3 %
Kenya	294				379	673	5,5 %
Central African Republic				37	207	244	2,0 %
Congo Dem. Republic	1 251			597	104	1 952	15,8 %
Liberia				384	850	1 234	10,0 %
Mauritania	2					2	0,0 %
Mozambique	517			296		813	6,6 %
Nigeria				12		12	0,1 %
Sierra Leone				580	20	600	4,9 %
Somalia				1 111	972	2 083	16,9 %
Sudan	325			832	170	1 327	10,8 %
Chad				27		27	0,2 %
Uganda	827			90	20	937	7,6 %
Zimbabwe				80		80	0,6 %
Africa, other				93	768	861	7,0 %
TOTAL	4 164	0	0	4 671	3 490	12 325	100,0 %

LWF = Lutheran World Federation
WCC = World Council of Churches
ACT = ACT Alliance

ASIA

Area	LWF	WCC	ACT	Bilateral	Own/other projects	Total	%
Philippines			111			111	4,0 %
Cambodia			50	1173	323	1546	55,9 %
Myanmar	192		30	141		363	13,1 %
Nepal	647			30	25	702	25,4 %
Pakistan						0	0,0 %
Asia, other	16				28	44	1,6 %
TOTAL	855	0	191	1345	376	2767	100,0 %

MIDDLE EAST

Area	LWF	WCC	ACT	Bilateral	Own/other projects	Total	%
TOTAL		170	113	646	955	1884	

LATIN AMERICA AND THE CARIBBEAN

Area	LWF	WCC	ACT	Bilateral	Own/other projects	Total	%
Central America	442			145	18	605	22,3 %
Peru				2		2	0,1 %
Haiti	499			195	827	1521	56,2 %
Latin America, other					580	580	21,4 %
TOTAL	941	0	0	342	1425	2708	100,0 %

EUROPE

Area	LWF	WCC	ACT	Bilateral	Own/other projects	Total	%
Kosovo				230		230	56,8 %
Serbia				73		73	18,0 %
Russia				86		86	21,2 %
Europe, other				16		16	4,0 %
TOTAL	0	0	0	405	0	405	100,0 %

INCOME STATEMENT

	1.1. - 31.12.2013		1.1. - 31.12.2012
ACTUAL OPERATIONS			
Aid activities			
Income			
From the Government	12 793 519,57		12 791 213,02
From the EU	373 335,85		674 152,98
From parishes	7 016 956,18		7 030 656,70
International funding sources	1 669 738,77		510 685,13
Other income	<u>31 426,49</u>		<u>84 540,38</u>
	21 884 976,86		21 091 248,21
Expenditure			
Direct aid	-16 161 475,50		-19 820 080,15
Staff expenditure	-5 273 543,24		-4 663 165,20
Other expenditure	<u>-3 733 758,84</u>		<u>-2 990 298,28</u>
	-25 168 777,58	-3 283 800,72	-27 473 543,63
			-6 382 295,42
Support functions for aid activities			
Communications, education and advocacy work			
Income	317 583,61		588 632,36
Expenditure			
Staff expenditure	-921 160,59		-952 065,93
Other operational expenditure	<u>-1 445 681,82</u>		<u>-1 179 142,28</u>
	-2 366 842,41	-2 049 258,80	-2 131 208,21
			-1 542 575,85
General administration			
Income	8 632,85		8 112,97
Expenditure			
Staff expenditure	-1 036 116,50		-1 098 765,57
Other operational expenditure	<u>-150 595,80</u>		<u>-151 050,55</u>
	-1 186 712,30	<u>-1 178 079,45</u>	-1 249 816,12
			<u>-1 241 703,15</u>
Trading deficit of actual operations		-6 511 138,97	-9 166 574,42
FUNDRAISING			
Income			
Donations from private persons	7 690 112,40		9 669 836,34
From companies and organisations	636 876,50		583 989,99
Other income	<u>2 984,99</u>		<u>9 177,12</u>
	8 329 973,89		10 263 003,45
Expenditure	<u>-2 306 712,87</u>	6 023 261,02	<u>-2 227 431,75</u>
			8 035 571,70
Income/trading deficit		-487 877,95	-1 131 002,72
INVESTMENT AND FUNDING OPERATIONS			
Income	147 924,62		216 906,15
Expenditure	<u>-3 942,45</u>	143 982,17	<u>-5 279,20</u>
			211 626,95
Income/trading deficit		-343 895,78	-919 375,77
GENERAL APPROPRIATIONS			
Operational assistance from the Church Council		<u>694 000,00</u>	<u>680 000,00</u>
Profit before fund appropriations		350 104,22	-239 375,77
FUND APPROPRIATIONS			
Appropriations to Aid Fund		<u>-469,33</u>	<u>126,94</u>
FINANCIAL YEAR SURPLUS/DEFICIT		<u>349 634,89</u>	<u>-239 248,83</u>

BALANCE SHEET

	31.12.2013		31.12.2012	
ASSETS				
FIXED ASSETS				
Intangible assets				
IT software		26 855,70		71 162,10
Tangible assets				
Machinery and investments		65 550,44		108 460,88
Investments				
Other shares and investments		0,00		54 161,50
Bond loans		0,00		1 000 000,00
				<u>1 054 161,50</u>
Receivables				
Short term				
Paid advances	2 097 208,13		1 563 479,11	
Receivables carried forward	1 060 101,14		636 592,76	
Other receivables	179 761,90	3 337 071,17	199 081,95	2 399 153,82
				<u>2 399 153,82</u>
Cash in hand and at banks		12 593 339,82		9 682 353,35
ASSETS TOTAL		<u>16 022 817,13</u>		<u>13 315 291,65</u>
LIABILITIES				
EQUITY				
Equity capital		33 637,59		33 637,59
Other funds allocated to certain activities				
Aid Fund 1985		116 200,65		115 731,32
Retained earnings	5 415 092,40		5 654 341,23	
Financial year surplus/deficit	349 634,89	5 914 565,53	-239 248,83	5 415 092,40
				<u>5 564 461,31</u>
EXTERNAL CAPITAL				
Current				
Advances received	8 592 933,55		6 139 555,87	
Accounts payable	366 660,38		517 425,72	
Other liabilities	139 719,65		238 007,09	
Accruals and deferred income	1 008 938,02	10 108 251,60	855 841,66	7 750 830,34
				<u>7 750 830,34</u>
LIABILITIES TOTAL		<u>16 022 817,13</u>		<u>13 315 291,65</u>

➡ New strategy starting to bear fruit

Focusing operations on fragile countries, which often also have conflicts, has proven to be both a good and a challenging strategy. The themes of peace work, livelihood, and education complement each other well. The strategic choice of concentrating on peace work, in addition to development cooperation and humanitarian aid, by supporting traditional communities has proven to be effective. By focusing our work on sufficiently narrow sectors, we can also

bring added value to the work of other international operators.

In 2013, Finn Church Aid put a total of 31 million euros to use in international aid and domestic operations. Compared to the previous year, there was a decrease of 6.2 percent. The income from fundraising activities was 33.8 million euros, a 14.6 percent increase from the previous year. Funds raised for catastrophes will be also used for relief work at the beginning of 2014.

➡ Internal audit increases visibility

The internal audit of Finn Church Aid ensures that the funds entrusted to us are used efficiently and in accordance with our agreements. In 2013, the audit focused on three entities: Following best management practices, project management processes, and

the financial management competence of regional offices. The internal audit work is managed by an inspection committee that is independent from the strategic management.

➡ Personnel

At the end of 2013, Finn Church Aid had a total of 207 employees, of whom 133 worked in the Helsinki office, 35 served in the local regional offices and 74

had been hired locally. Total person-years stood at 193. In addition to this, temporary F2F and telephone fundraisers added four more person years.

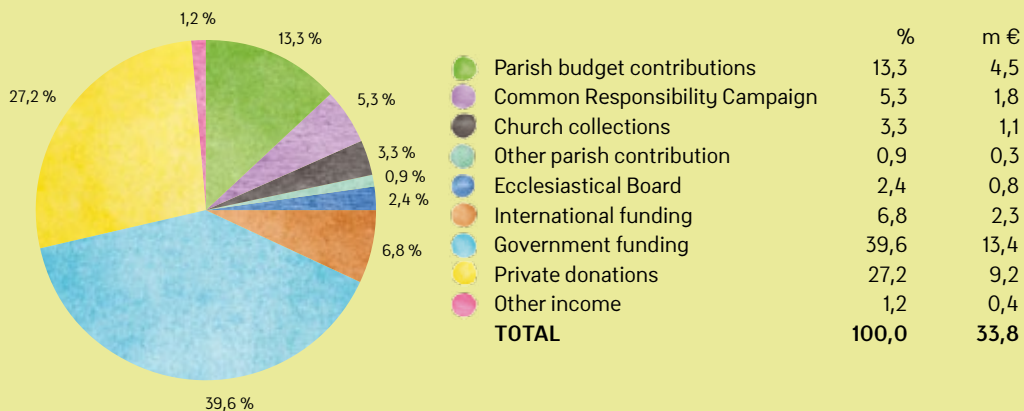
➡ Future development

In the future Finn Church Aid must keep focusing on its main countries of operation and ensure that added value is realised in the chosen themes. This requires further investments, for example, in partnerships, where work can be carried further and its influence increased.

The basis for the work of Finn Church Aid is the church's diaconal stance of giving support where the need is greatest and where others do not help. In the end, the objective is to reinforce peoples' belief that the world can be changed together and solutions can be found to even the most difficult problems.

WARM THANKS TO ALL OUR SUPPORTERS!
WITH YOUR HELP, WE MADE HOPE INTO REALITY ALL OVER THE WORLD.

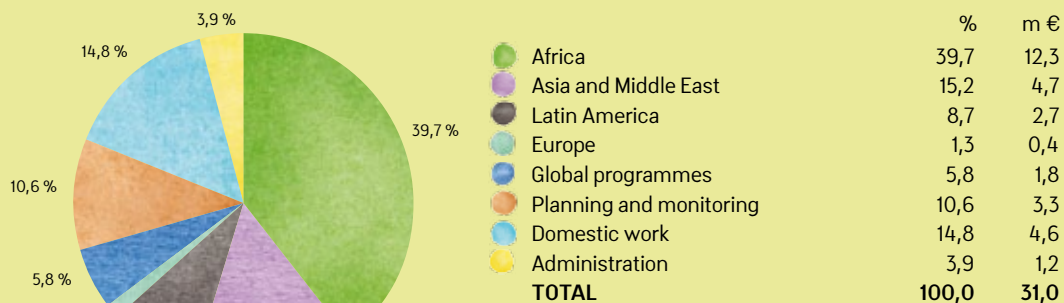
FINN CHURCH AID FUNDRAISING INCOME 2013



International Funding Agreements 2013

- UK Government funding was a total of € 1 384 490 for peacebuilding initiatives in Somalia.
- ECHO funding of € 500 000 for improving food security in South Lubero, Democratic Republic of Congo, and € 81 600 for EU Aid Volunteers pilot project.

FINN CHURCH AID EXPENDITURE 2013



Domestic work includes the costs of fundraising, communications and global education in Finland. Administration includes the costs of the director's office, finance and general administration.



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