

# Food justice – now!

Annual Report 2024



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## Dear reader

What a crazy year 2024 was. Several European states saw their government collapse, Donald Trump was re-elected US president, and various countries made major cutbacks to their development assistance funding.

Switzerland alone has approved over CHF 2 billion of cuts in its development cooperation with Africa, Asia and Latin America for 2025–2028. This is forcing Fastenaktion to discontinue projects funded to the tune of around CHF 700,000 a year – or find new donors and foundations willing to finance them together with us.

These are some highly impactful and important development projects that, for example, are giving small farmer families in Kenya and Burkina Faso food security, empowering women in Senegal and the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and enabling poor indigenous communities in Colombia to access renewable energy sources. There is a great deal at stake, therefore, and we will be doing all we can to continue this valuable work. Nevertheless, a certain degree of downsizing will be unavoidable: it is with a heavy heart that we will have to bring our work in Laos to an end in 2026 and scale back our activities in Switzerland.

There is some good news, however, as no fewer than three more foundations agreed in 2024 to fund some of our projects. This kind of additional support from foundations and private individuals means that we can enable our partners in the Global South to plan with certainty, even if countries pull out. We would also like to thank everyone who donated to our emergency relief campaigns in 2024, which allowed us to help nearly 16,000 people following disasters in Nepal, Haiti and the Philippines.

In addition, we welcomed four new members to our Foundation Council in 2024: Auxiliary Bishop Josef Stübi; Jörg Balsiger, Professor at the University of Geneva; René Holenstein, former Swiss Ambassador to Bangladesh; and Ricardo Espinosa, a former high-ranking employee at the UN in Geneva. We are delighted that they will be supporting us in our work in a voluntary capacity with their specialist expertise and experience.



Cordially,

Bernd Nilles, Director Fastenaktion

# Impact worldwide in 2024

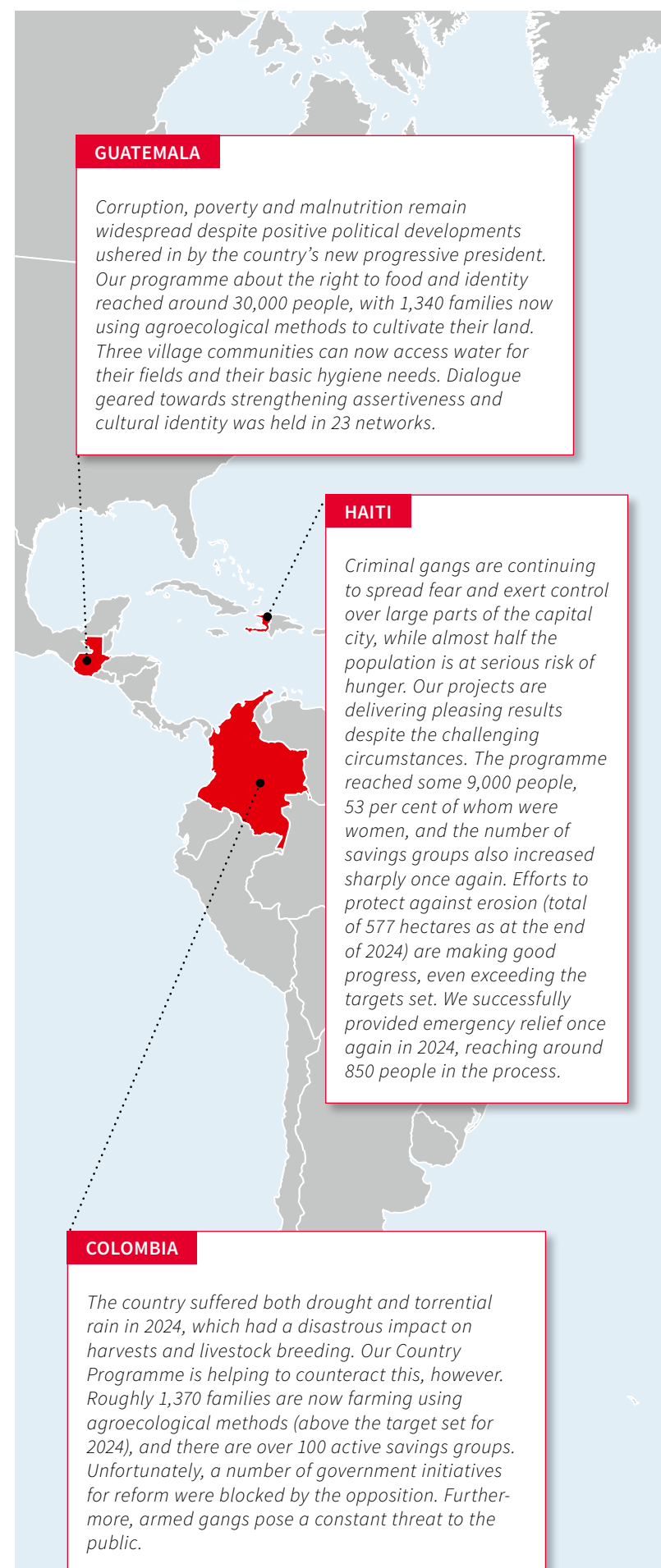
**In its capacity as an international cooperation organisation, Fastenaktion campaigns for solidarity, justice and the right to food. It reached 5.5 million people in 2024 with its projects and programmes as well as its information, campaigning and awareness-raising work. On the financial front, the organisation closed out the year with a deficit.**

With its activities in twelve Country Programmes and three International Programmes, Fastenaktion directly reached around 666,000 people in 2024, of whom 58 per cent were women. More than 640,000 people improved their access to sufficient and healthy food. Indirectly, around 3 million people were able to improve their living conditions. We also provided emergency disaster relief in a number of countries. We reached some 2.5 million people with our information and awareness-raising work in Switzerland.

In its twelve Country Programmes in Africa, Asia and Latin America, Fastenaktion supports disadvantaged people so that they can realise their right to food. This involves relying on long-term partnerships and alliances, drawing on local expertise and developing effective approaches together with our partner organisations. We enjoyed a particularly close working relationship with our partners, including Swiss Alliance of Development Organisations (Alliance Sud) and the Sufosec Alliance, in 2024. We are supported by private donors, foundations, parishes, church communities and cantonal churches, municipalities, cantons and companies as well as the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC). The parliamentary resolutions on scaling back development assistance posed a challenge.

Our three International Programmes – Food Justice, Energy and Climate Justice and Resource Justice – tackle the causes of hunger and poverty head on and advocate a set of binding rules at national and international level. Within Switzerland, meanwhile, we encourage people to live and share their resources in a spirit of solidarity and to help shape social and environmental change, including through our Ecumenical Campaign. Thousands volunteer on behalf of Fastenaktion or take part in our activities.

Fastenaktion systematically investigates reports of corruption, abuse or sexual harassment and punishes proven incidents. We see it as a sign of trust that cases of this nature are reported to us, and we provide updates on our website about what we are doing to combat the abuse of power.



### GUATEMALA

*Corruption, poverty and malnutrition remain widespread despite positive political developments ushered in by the country's new progressive president. Our programme about the right to food and identity reached around 30,000 people, with 1,340 families now using agroecological methods to cultivate their land. Three village communities can now access water for their fields and their basic hygiene needs. Dialogue geared towards strengthening assertiveness and cultural identity was held in 23 networks.*

### HAITI

*Criminal gangs are continuing to spread fear and exert control over large parts of the capital city, while almost half the population is at serious risk of hunger. Our projects are delivering pleasing results despite the challenging circumstances. The programme reached some 9,000 people, 53 per cent of whom were women, and the number of savings groups also increased sharply once again. Efforts to protect against erosion (total of 577 hectares as at the end of 2024) are making good progress, even exceeding the targets set. We successfully provided emergency relief once again in 2024, reaching around 850 people in the process.*

### COLOMBIA

*The country suffered both drought and torrential rain in 2024, which had a disastrous impact on harvests and livestock breeding. Our Country Programme is helping to counteract this, however. Roughly 1,370 families are now farming using agroecological methods (above the target set for 2024), and there are over 100 active savings groups. Unfortunately, a number of government initiatives for reform were blocked by the opposition. Furthermore, armed gangs pose a constant threat to the public.*



For more information about our country programmes, go to [www.fastenaktion.ch/laender](http://www.fastenaktion.ch/laender)

## INTERNATIONAL PROGRAMMES

**Through its International Programmes (IPs), Fastenaktion is not only committed to improving political and economic conditions worldwide but also to helping bring about positive change, thereby also improving the lives of disadvantaged people in the Global South.**

### Food Justice

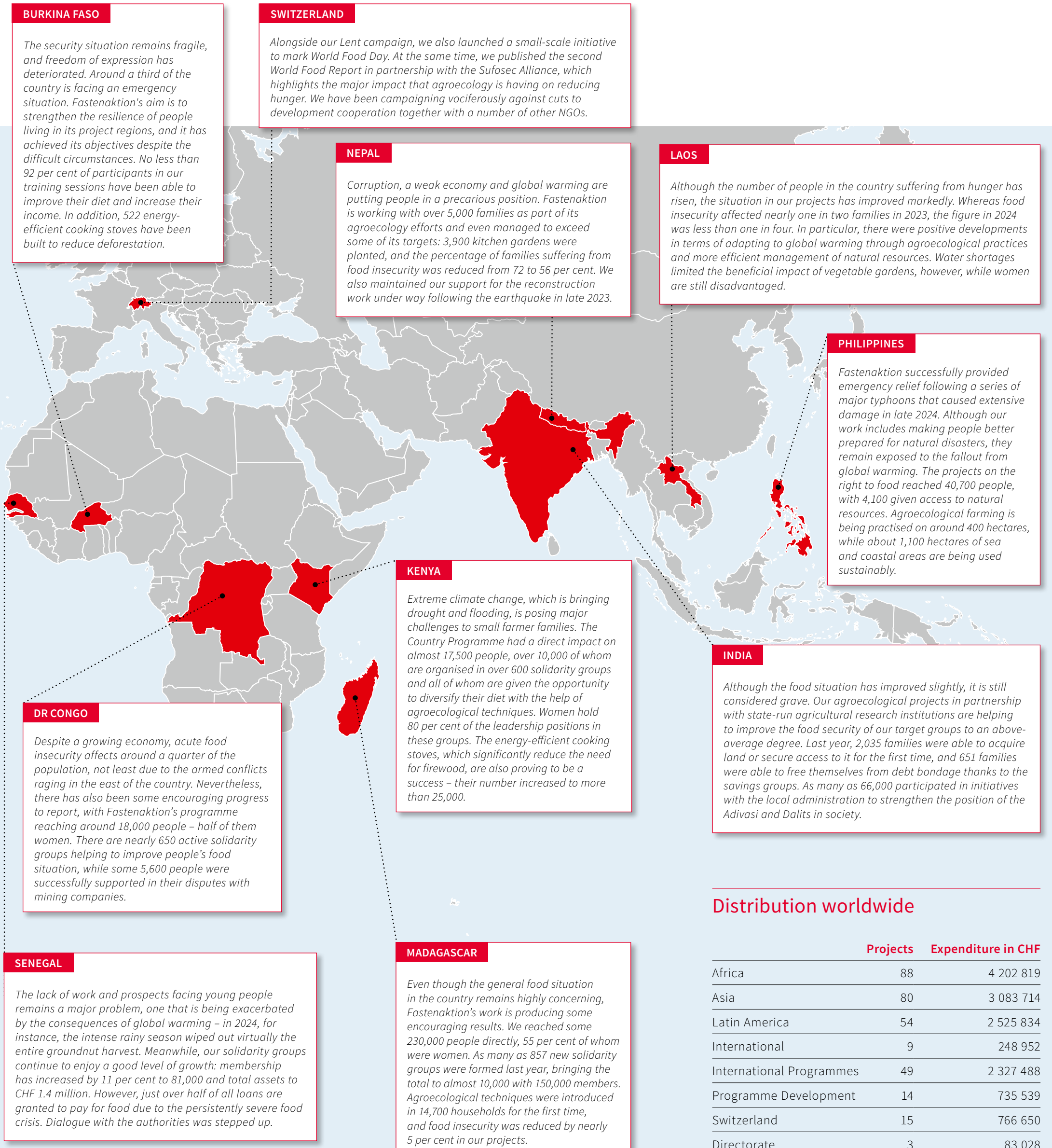
Our work has contributed significantly to the spread of the UN Declaration on the Rights of Peasants (UNDROP). The working group appointed by the UN Human Rights Council, which is supporting its implementation recognises us and our partners as competent actors and actively seeks us out for consultation. Our work within the UN and our extensive network provide opportunities for our partners in the Global South to engage in dialogue with governments and international committees, where they can voice their own concerns with confidence. This allows us to also raise awareness of a human-rights-based approach to food security at a global level.

### Energy Justice

The geopolitical situation is hindering ambitious climate action. Accordingly, little progress was made at COP29 in Azerbaijan. Nevertheless, Fastenaktion continued to campaign for a just climate policy, which secured it a certain amount of media coverage. We were able to achieve some key objectives at local level. In Colombia, for instance, we succeeded in promoting the use of renewable energy in local communities and bringing about improvements in the relevant legislation.

### Resource Justice

Our study on gold mining in a Colombian conflict region, which attracted extensive media coverage in 2023, is continuing to have a positive impact: the Swiss refinery that imports this gold has acceded to some of Fastenaktion's demands and expressed a willingness to meet with the local communities and our partner organisation in Colombia. Fastenaktion's support has also allowed our partners in other countries to mobilise some important voices amongst those affected, who are pushing back against the damage caused by the mining.



**BURKINA FASO**

The security situation remains fragile, and freedom of expression has deteriorated. Around a third of the country is facing an emergency situation. Fastenaktion's aim is to strengthen the resilience of people living in its project regions, and it has achieved its objectives despite the difficult circumstances. No less than 92 per cent of participants in our training sessions have been able to improve their diet and increase their income. In addition, 522 energy-efficient cooking stoves have been built to reduce deforestation.

**SWITZERLAND**

Alongside our Lent campaign, we also launched a small-scale initiative to mark World Food Day. At the same time, we published the second World Food Report in partnership with the Sufosec Alliance, which highlights the major impact that agroecology is having on reducing hunger. We have been campaigning vociferously against cuts to development cooperation together with a number of other NGOs.

**NEPAL**

Corruption, a weak economy and global warming are putting people in a precarious position. Fastenaktion is working with over 5,000 families as part of its agroecology efforts and even managed to exceed some of its targets: 3,900 kitchen gardens were planted, and the percentage of families suffering from food insecurity was reduced from 72 to 56 per cent. We also maintained our support for the reconstruction work under way following the earthquake in late 2023.

**LAOS**

Although the number of people in the country suffering from hunger has risen, the situation in our projects has improved markedly. Whereas food insecurity affected nearly one in two families in 2023, the figure in 2024 was less than one in four. In particular, there were positive developments in terms of adapting to global warming through agroecological practices and more efficient management of natural resources. Water shortages limited the beneficial impact of vegetable gardens, however, while women are still disadvantaged.

**PHILIPPINES**

Fastenaktion successfully provided emergency relief following a series of major typhoons that caused extensive damage in late 2024. Although our work includes making people better prepared for natural disasters, they remain exposed to the fallout from global warming. The projects on the right to food reached 40,700 people, with 4,100 given access to natural resources. Agroecological farming is being practised on around 400 hectares, while about 1,100 hectares of sea and coastal areas are being used sustainably.

**KENYA**

Extreme climate change, which is bringing drought and flooding, is posing major challenges to small farmer families. The Country Programme had a direct impact on almost 17,500 people, over 10,000 of whom are organised in over 600 solidarity groups and all of whom are given the opportunity to diversify their diet with the help of agroecological techniques. Women hold 80 per cent of the leadership positions in these groups. The energy-efficient cooking stoves, which significantly reduce the need for firewood, are also proving to be a success – their number increased to more than 25,000.

**DR CONGO**

Despite a growing economy, acute food insecurity affects around a quarter of the population, not least due to the armed conflicts raging in the east of the country. Nevertheless, there has also been some encouraging progress to report, with Fastenaktion's programme reaching around 18,000 people – half of them women. There are nearly 650 active solidarity groups helping to improve people's food situation, while some 5,600 people were successfully supported in their disputes with mining companies.

**INDIA**

Although the food situation has improved slightly, it is still considered grave. Our agroecological projects in partnership with state-run agricultural research institutions are helping to improve the food security of our target groups to an above-average degree. Last year, 2,035 families were able to acquire land or secure access to it for the first time, and 651 families were able to free themselves from debt bondage thanks to the savings groups. As many as 66,000 participated in initiatives with the local administration to strengthen the position of the Adivasi and Dalits in society.

**SENEGAL**

The lack of work and prospects facing young people remains a major problem, one that is being exacerbated by the consequences of global warming – in 2024, for instance, the intense rainy season wiped out virtually the entire groundnut harvest. Meanwhile, our solidarity groups continue to enjoy a good level of growth: membership has increased by 11 per cent to 81,000 and total assets to CHF 1.4 million. However, just over half of all loans are granted to pay for food due to the persistently severe food crisis. Dialogue with the authorities was stepped up.

**MADAGASCAR**

Even though the general food situation in the country remains highly concerning, Fastenaktion's work is producing some encouraging results. We reached some 230,000 people directly, 55 per cent of whom were women. As many as 857 new solidarity groups were formed last year, bringing the total to almost 10,000 with 150,000 members. Agroecological techniques were introduced in 14,700 households for the first time, and food insecurity was reduced by nearly 5 per cent in our projects.

## Distribution worldwide

	Projects	Expenditure in CHF
Africa	88	4 202 819
Asia	80	3 083 714
Latin America	54	2 525 834
International	9	248 952
International Programmes	49	2 327 488
Programme Development	14	735 539
Switzerland	15	766 650
Directorate	3	83 028
Awareness-raising		3 037 328
<b>Total project expenditure</b>	<b>312</b>	<b>17 011 352</b>

# Climate campaign cycle comes to a close

Adopting the slogan “Less is more”, the Ecumenical Campaign yet again raised awareness of improved climate justice and shared ideas for collective action. Our campaign guests met with great interest once again in 2024, as did our online Lent calendar.

For the final part of our four-year “Climate justice – now!” campaign, the focus was on the urgent need to limit global warming to no more than 1.5 degrees Celsius. Workshops were just one of the ways in which we encouraged collective action.

We were pleased by the high level of demand for our presentations in church communities and church services in 2024. Fastenaktion staff took part in 140 events, at which around 6,300 people were given an insight into our work in the Global South. Fastenaktion and HEKS organised 260 events in total, reaching some 10,000 people in the process. The guest tour in German-speaking Switzerland by Inés Pérez, our long-standing coordinator from Guatemala, was also very well received. The 600 or so people who attended the 14 events were particularly interested in indigenous life and spirituality, the situation facing women and the political landscape in Guatemala. In French-speaking Switzerland, Safiatou Baldé Loum, an expert on resilience and climate adaptation in Senegal, raised awareness of the climate challenges facing her country at numerous events.



Media work, by contrast, proved challenging, although the press briefing in French-speaking Switzerland resulted in a number of radio features and interviews. According to a survey by the market research institute gfs, 35 per cent of the population had heard of the campaign – the same as in the previous year but much less than in 2022 and 2021. The campaigns to sell roses and bread also saw a slight dip in take-up: 339 bakeries got involved, while the church communities ordered 53,000 roses.

By contrast, the modernised Lent calendar – which was designed to appeal to a wider audience – produced pleasing results. Around 600,000 copies of the Lent calendar were distributed in total. They were supplemented this year by the online version, which saw a good degree of use, with around 8,500 people per day visiting it. The recipes, in particular, proved very popular. With over 70,000 visitors and more than 200,000 page views, the campaigns website saw more traffic than ever in recent years.

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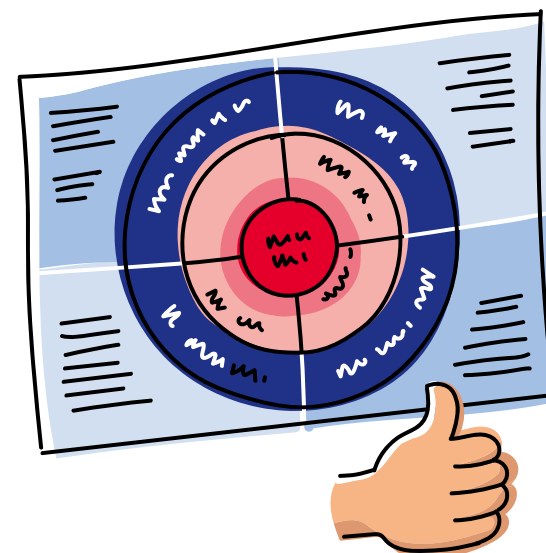
## Solidarity groups help build peace

A study by the Basel-based foundation Swisspeace looked at our 2,200 or so solidarity groups in Senegal. It concluded that, as well as improving the food situation of village communities, they are also helping to build peace – primarily because they are contributing to greater mental and material well-being and thus bolstering social stability.

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May

## New strategy signed off

Fastenaktion’s Foundation Council approved its new strategy for 2025–2030. As well as retaining tried-and-tested elements, it also develops a few aspects further in order to make our work in the Global South even more impactful. Amongst other things, Fastenaktion is planning to focus more on the right to food and to increase the degree of interaction between development cooperation, emergency relief and peace-building. We also want to tap into new sources of income in light of the Swiss federal government’s budget cuts.



# A word of thanks for the diverse support of our work

We would like to thank all private donors, cantons, towns, cities, municipalities, parishes, regional churches, monasteries, convents and church communities as well as foundations, organisations and companies for their backing. Our success simply would not happen without their generous and vital donations, both big and small.

Our heartfelt thanks also go to the SDC for its programme contribution as part of the Sufosec Alliance\* and to Fedevaco and FOSIT for their support.

For reasons of space, the list below only contains the names of institutional donors who have given more than CHF 25,000. Thank you for your understanding.

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| Gebauer Stiftung                             | Republic and Canton of Ticino                                |
| Illnau-Effretikon                            | City of Lucerne  |
| Canton of Aargau                             | City of Zurich   |
| Canton of Basel-Landschaft                   | Stiftung Drittes Millennium                                  |
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| Canton of Zurich                             | WIR TEILEN: Fastenopfer Liechtenstein                        |
| The Catholic Church in the city of Lucerne   |  |

\* The Sufosec Alliance is a partnership of six Swiss NGOs active in promoting sustainable food worldwide.

# 2 September



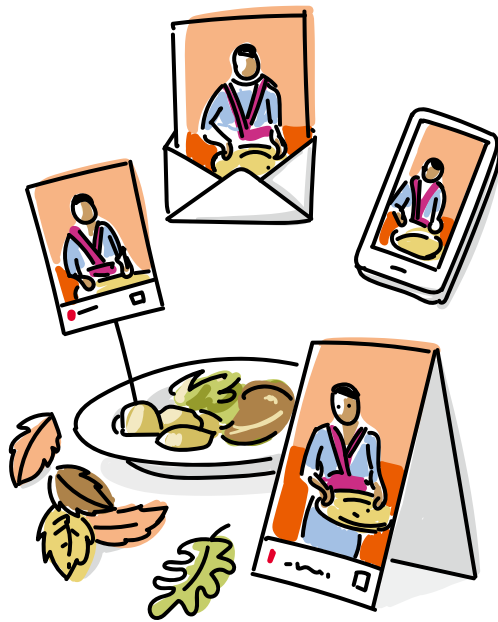
## Coordination meeting and action forum

Every two years, the Fastenaktion coordinators from all over the world gather for a week in Switzerland for discussions both with one another and with the Swiss team – to make the work that we are doing together even more impactful. This time around, as well as being able to benefit from one another's experience, all participants had the chance to familiarise themselves with the new strategy. Some of the international guests also took part in the action forum at the end of the week. This year's event was held in Lucerne, where attendees spent a day discussing the tricky issue of how best to handle power in development cooperation.

# 16 October

## New campaign marks World Food Day

For the first time, Fastenaktion ran a targeted online campaign for World Food Day to raise awareness of its work promoting the right to food. The campaign centred around small farmer families in Madagascar, who are being given the opportunity to secure their food supply and eat a more balanced diet with support from our local partner organisations. We intend to use autumn for a second high-profile public appearance in the future in addition to our Ecumenical Campaign in the run-up to Easter.



# 18 November



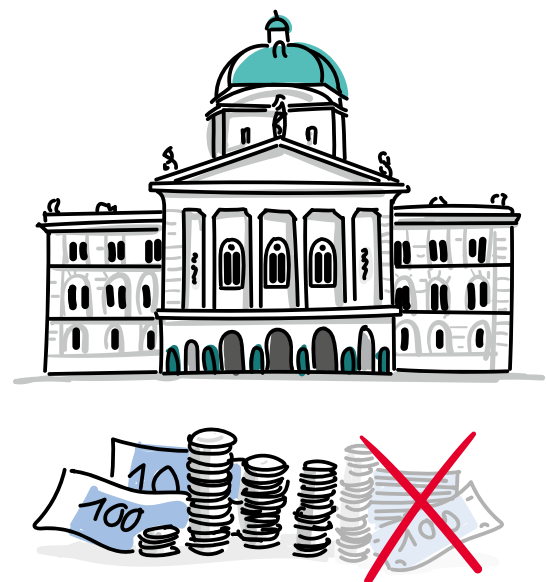
## Emergency relief for the Philippines

The Philippines found itself battered by typhoon after typhoon – six in all in the space of a month, more than ever before. Some of the projects being run by our partners were also severely affected, as the disasters left people seriously traumatised, damaged buildings, devastated fields and destroyed fishing boats. With the help of our partners on the ground, we organised emergency relief such as food parcels, water, seeds and materials to repair typhoon-hit homes. We were able to fund these efforts thanks to additional donations and extraordinary generosity on the part of several church communities.

# 19 December

## Parliament approves hundreds of millions in cuts

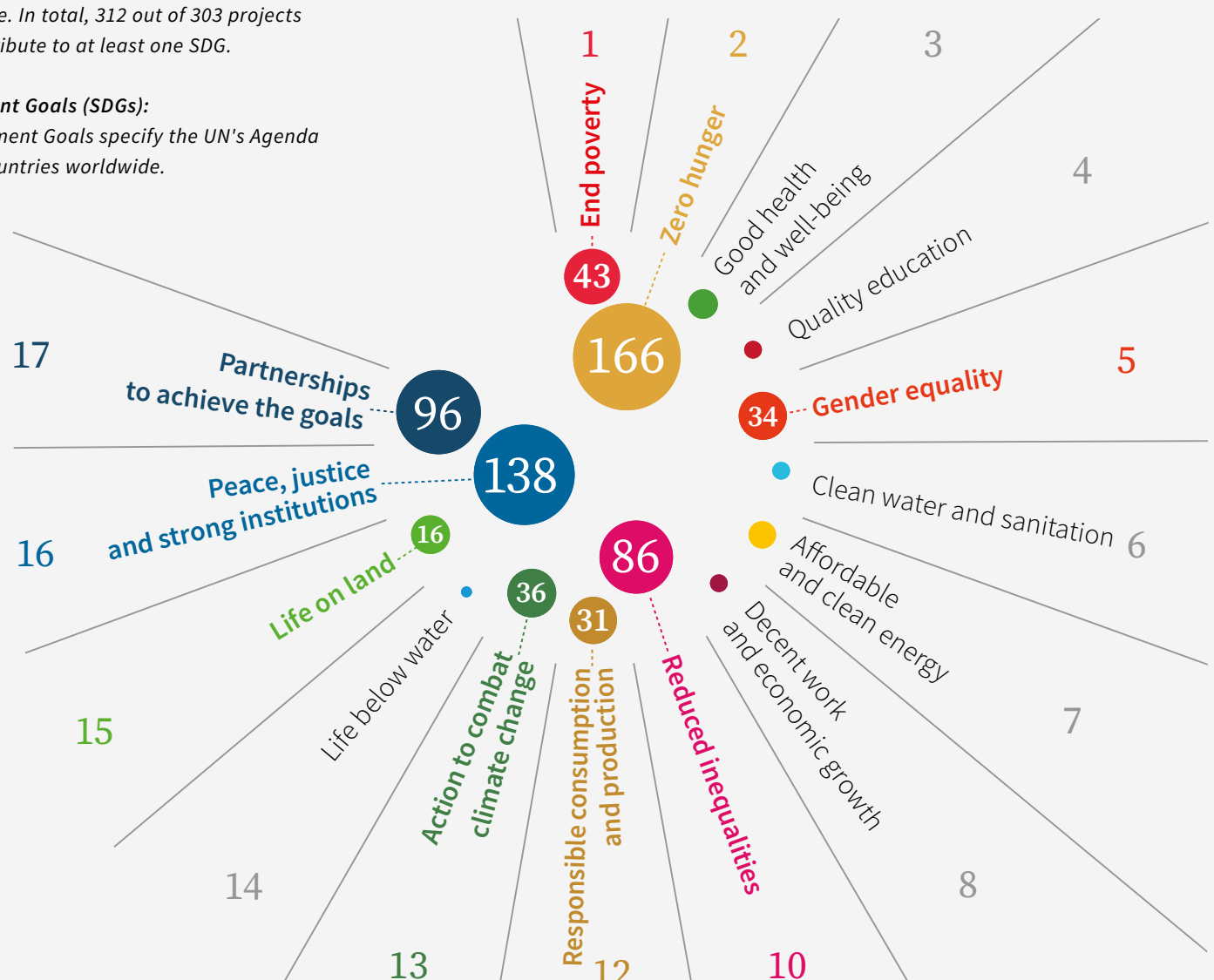
Following a series of prolonged and fierce debates on the issue, the Swiss National Council and Council of States agreed to reduce development cooperation funding for the Global South by hundreds of millions of francs. Whilst less than originally feared, this is nevertheless a hammer blow for the projects and development organisations affected – one of which is Fastenaktion. The very poorest in the Global South will feel the full force of this move. This is because we will not be able to continue some of our highly impactful projects if we cannot secure new sources of income; something that we actually set about doing before the cost-cutting decision was made.



## Number of projects by SDG\*

\* Multiple listings possible. In total, 312 out of 303 projects (incl. Switzerland) contribute to at least one SDG.

**Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs):**  
17 Sustainable Development Goals specify the UN's Agenda 2030 and apply to all countries worldwide.





# Profit and Loss Statement as of 31 December 2024

The detailed figures and the full annual report can be found at [www.fastenaktion.ch/Jahresbericht](http://www.fastenaktion.ch/Jahresbericht)

Revenue	2024 (CHF)	%	2023 (CHF)	%
General donations	8 256 157	38.1	8 096 674	36.4
Contribution from public funds	75 510	0.3	100 653	0.5
Legacies	1 761 313	8.1	349 998	1.6
<b>Total free donations and contributions</b>	<b>10 092 980</b>	<b>46.6</b>	<b>8 547 325</b>	<b>38.4</b>
Earmarked donations	3 157 152	14.6	3 624 525	16.3
Earmarked legacies	0	0.0	1 000 000	4.5
Earmarked contributions from public funds	1 246 618	5.8	1 165 074	5.2
SDC programme contribution	6 590 000	30.4	6 590 000	29.6
Forwarding of programme contribution to Aqua Alimenta	- 440 000	- 2.0	- 440 000	- 2.0
SDC contributions others	619 170	2.9	595 525	2.7
Additional third-party contributions for projects	314 131	1.4	962 460	4.3
<b>Total earmarked donations and contributions</b>	<b>11 487 072</b>	<b>53.0</b>	<b>13 497 584</b>	<b>60.7</b>
<b>Total donations and contributions</b>	<b>21 580 052</b>	<b>99.5</b>	<b>22 044 909</b>	<b>99.2</b>
Trading profit	49 146	0.2	129 599	0.6
Income from services	48 835	0.2	56 394	0.3
<b>Other income</b>	<b>97 981</b>	<b>0.5</b>	<b>185 993</b>	<b>0.8</b>
<b>Total revenue</b>	<b>21 678 033</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>22 230 902</b>	<b>100.0</b>

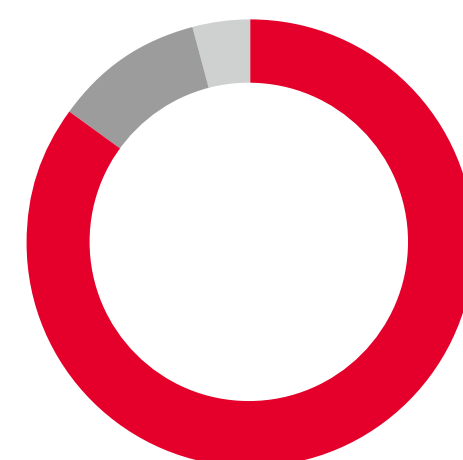
Expenditure	2024 (CHF)	%	2023 (CHF)	%
Country programmes	- 10 061 319	43.8	- 11 167 951	47.0
International programmes	- 2 327 489	10.1	- 2 532 937	10.7
Programme development	- 735 539	3.2	- 733 372	3.1
Projects in Switzerland	- 766 650	3.3	- 703 645	3.0
Directorate projects	- 83 028	0.4	- 197 525	0.8
Awareness-raising	- 3 037 328	13.2	- 3 011 707	12.7
<b>Interim total</b>	<b>- 17 011 354</b>	<b>74.0</b>	<b>- 18 347 136</b>	<b>77.2</b>
Project processing costs (esp. project planning, coordination and control)	- 2 593 268	11.3	- 2 358 189	9.9
<b>Direct project expenditure</b>	<b>- 19 604 622</b>	<b>85.3</b>	<b>- 20 705 325</b>	<b>87.1</b>
Administration	- 959 367	4.2	- 896 822	3.8
Fundraising	- 2 417 638	10.5	- 2 167 938	9.1
<b>Administrative expenditure</b>	<b>- 3 377 005</b>	<b>14.7</b>	<b>- 3 064 760</b>	<b>12.9</b>
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<b>- 22 981 628</b>	<b>100.0</b>	<b>- 23 770 085</b>	<b>100.0</b>

<b>Operating result</b>	<b>- 1 303 594</b>		<b>- 1 539 183</b>
Return on real estate investment	490 832		479 989
Real estate expenditure	- 226 622		- 201 131
<b>Real estate result</b>	<b>264 210</b>		<b>278 858</b>
Financial income	498 716		619 042
Financial expenses	- 69 389		- 70 063
<b>Financial result before change in exchange rate fluctuation reserve</b>	<b>429 327</b>		<b>548 979</b>
<b>Tax payment</b>	<b>- 14 907</b>		<b>- 17 015</b>
<b>Interim result before change in fund capital</b>	<b>- 624 964</b>		<b>- 728 361</b>
Change in fund capital	1 332 331		- 346 963
<b>Interim result before change in organisation capital</b>	<b>707 367</b>		<b>- 1 075 324</b>
Change in exchange rate fluctuation reserve	- 73 479		- 83 529
Change in approved project funds	0		2 796 000
Change in free resources	- 633 889		- 1 637 147

## Fastenaktion in numbers

**22 981 628**

Expenditure in 2024 in CHF



Direct project expenditure **85%**  
Fundraising **11%**  
Administration **4%**



Premmaya Chepang with her family. After initial scepticism, her husband now supports her activities for the community.



There is also plenty to do in her own home.

# Transforming a whole village through sheer tenacity

**Premmaya Chepang has not let pushback or setbacks get her down. Thanks to the young farmer, the Nepali village of Darang is now home to a great many vegetable gardens. People’s diets have improved significantly, and Darang is seen as an inspiration for a whole region.**

When employees from the Nepal Little Flower Society, a Fastenaktion partner organisation, came to her village three years ago looking for people interested in an agroecology project, Premmaya Chepang was hesitant at first. “But, after a bit of encouragement, I signed up,” she explains. “I saw it as an opportunity to learn something new and do my bit for my community.”

Premmaya is now the Local Resource Person (LRP) in Darang in central Nepal and looks after 50 families who cultivate their own vegetable gardens. The 24-year-old is married with two young children. Alongside her work as an LRP, she also helps her husband tend to their own vegetable garden – a field in which they grow corn and millet – and look after their goats, pigs and chickens.

### Overcoming several hurdles

In other words, she has more than enough to do. And her husband was not at all delighted about her additional commitments at first. When she was going to her first LRP training session, he even thought she was secretly meeting a lover. “Gradually, however, he began to understand what it was about, and now he’s very supportive of me,” Premmaya says.

As well as resistance from within her own family, she also had other obstacles to overcome. After completing her training, the young farmer started to encourage her village community to set up vegetable gardens and plant fruit trees. “We worked hard,” she adds. “But just when the freshly grown seedlings were nearly ready, the couple

running the plant nursery had a violent marital dispute.” In their rage, they destroyed the seedlings – triggering further arguments and recriminations. “It was a very difficult time,” Premmaya remembers, “and I was about to give up.”

### A wealth of positive changes

But other people working on the project motivated her to stay strong. Looking back, she can also see how worthwhile it was to keep going when she compares herself to others who have left the project. “My work has brought a wealth of positive changes for both my village and my family, and I myself am now more respected within the community.”

The village community has even revived the tradition of working together in the fields, especially for the strenuous task of growing crops on the steep slopes. “People are now coming to the village from elsewhere to get inspiration from our work,” says Premmaya. “The project has also helped us rediscover the value of traditional dishes, and we’re now eating more organic local produce that’s highly nutritious.” However, she feels that more awareness-raising is needed in order to deliver lasting change.



She has experienced for herself just how challenging this is to achieve: “Women who reject traditional roles don’t have it easy, but change is possible if we meet people on their level.” Premmaya Chepang is hoping that she can continue her successful work: “I want to be a role model to others, share what I know and help bring about even more positive change in our society.”



For more information about Nepal go to [www.fastenaktion.ch/nepal](http://www.fastenaktion.ch/nepal)



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- Supporting the work and the projects of development organisations and churches that benefit economically and socially disadvantaged people worldwide, with an emphasis on Africa, Asia and Latin America
- Helping to shape opinions and decisions on development policy
- Promoting the global solidarity of the population and church in Switzerland through information and awareness-raising in ecumenical cooperation, especially during Lent

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