

# Annual Financial Statement

2022

Partnerships for Health



**SOLIDAR  
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**Thanks to SolidarMed, a total  
of over 3 million people in some  
of the world's poorest regions  
received better healthcare.**



## Effective programme work and reliable support



**Elisabeth Meier-Birchmeier**  
Head of Human Resources & Finance

In the year under review, expenses in project countries were successfully kept in line with the previous year, at CHF 10.2 million. Besides the fallout of the pandemic, the main challenges to project implementation in 2022 were the long delivery times for goods, and inflation. Thanks to further growth in the donor base and some extraordinarily generous support from a church organisation, donations grew by just over CHF 1 million in 2022, to CHF 2.7 million. The purpose-specific income (including contributions from the public sector and organisations) amounted to CHF 11.2 million. Total income therefore stood at CHF 13.9 million. We are delighted by the great trust placed in us by new and existing partners, supporters and donors, and it spurs us on to keep making a difference.

However, the volatile stock market performance adversely affected investment income in 2022. Thanks to the deposits made into the currency fluctuation fund in previous years, the loss of CHF 665,000 in the year under review was fully covered by past book gains.

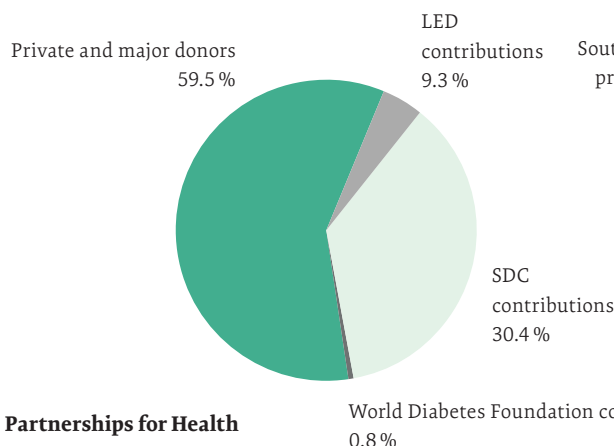
A total of CHF 588,500 net from donations for project activities was set aside in the purpose-specific fund for future use. Meanwhile, to cover the remaining project financing, a planned withdrawal of CHF 428,733 was carried out from the organisation capital. Funds 1-3 of the organisation capital increased by CHF 583,500. After the withdrawal from the currency fluctuation fund, the total organisation capital fell slightly, by CHF 81,498, but at CHF 9.3 million at the end of 2022, it still constitutes an appropriate financial reserve to hedge against the most important risks.

The percentage of expenses spent on fundraising at 14.9% and on administration at 3.2% is very low compared with the limits set by the Zewo foundation and reflects the efficient way we use the funds entrusted to us: for every CHF 100 donated in 2022, CHF 81.90 flowed into our programmes. ■

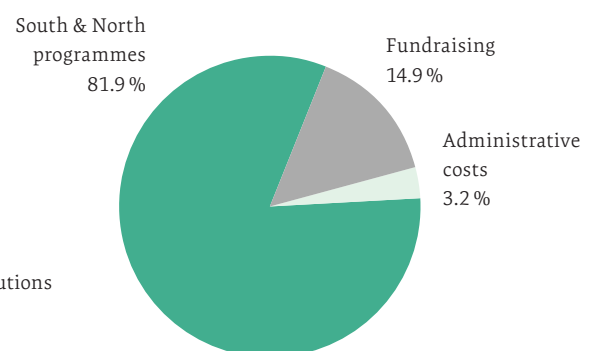
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### Origin of funds 2022



### Use of funds 2022



# Auditors' report

## On the limited audit of the 2022 annual financial statements in accordance with Swiss GAAP FER

(covering the period from 01.01. to 31.12.2022)

As per our contract as auditors, we examined the annual financial statements of SolidarMed, Swiss Organisation for Health in Africa, consisting of the balance sheet, income statement, cash flow statement, analysis of changes in capital and annexes on the fiscal year ending on 31 December 2022. In accordance with Swiss GAAP FER 21, the auditors are not required to examine the information presented in the performance report. The limited audit of the previous year's figures was performed by another audit company. In their report of 31 March 2022, they issued an unmodified audit opinion.

The Board is responsible for preparation of the annual financial statement in compliance with Swiss GAAP FER, the statutory requirements and articles of association, while our task is to audit the annual financial statements. We confirm that we meet the statutory requirements on independence and licensing. An employee from our company was involved in accounting in the year under review. They were not involved in the limited audit.

Our audit was conducted in accordance with the Swiss Standard on Limited Audit. According to this, the audit has to be planned and conducted to identify material misstatements in the annual financial statements. A limited audit mainly comprises inquiries and analytical audit procedures and appropriate detailed checks of the documents

available at the audited company. However, it does not include audits of operating processes and the internal control system, or inquiries and other audit procedures covering criminal activities or infringements.

Based on our audit, nothing has come to our attention that leads us to believe that the annual financial statements do not present a true and accurate picture of the assets and liabilities, financial position and income and expenses in accordance with Swiss GAAP FER and that it does not comply with Swiss law and the SolidarMed articles of association.

Lucerne, 6 April 2023

**BDO AG**



**Rolf Hafner**

Registered  
audit expert



**ppa. Christoph Stadelmann**

Lead auditor  
Registered audit expert

# Balance sheet as of 31.12.22

	2022		2021	
	CHF	%	CHF	%
<b>Assets</b>				
<b>Current assets</b>				
Cash and cash equivalents	9,303,735		7,542,924	
Assets held for trading at quoted market price	3,213,030		4,479,497	
Other short-term receivables	40,908		118,424	
Accounts receivable from related parties (project advances)	84,750		67,680	
Prepaid expenses	122,872		49,415	
	<b>12,765,296</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>12,257,940</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Fixed assets</b>				
Plant and equipment	1		2,801	
Other investments	1		1	
	<b>2</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>2,802</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Total assets</b>	<b>12,765,298</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>12,260,742</b>	<b>100</b>
<b>Liabilities</b>				
<b>Short-term liabilities</b>				
Liabilities from sales and services	132,937		159,264	
Short-term liabilities	4,800		9,600	
Accrued expenses	231,262		205,611	
	<b>368,998</b>	<b>2.9</b>	<b>374,475</b>	<b>3.1</b>
<b>Long-term liabilities</b>				
Other long-term liabilities	30,000		27,000	
	<b>30,000</b>	<b>0.2</b>	<b>27,000</b>	<b>0.2</b>
<b>Funds reserved for projects</b>				
SDC mandates/project contributions	9,395		638,587	
LED projects	497,401		131,481	
World Diabetes Foundation projects	22,486		76,108	
SolidarMed projects	2,439,138		1,533,713	
	<b>2,968,420</b>	<b>23.3</b>	<b>2,379,889</b>	<b>19.4</b>

	2022		2021	
	CHF	%	CHF	%
<b>Organisation capital</b>				
Share capital				
Paid-in capital and reserves	881,633		881,633	
Fixed capital				
Currency fluctuation fund	89,645		754,645	
Fund 3 (restricted funds): Aids&Kind	3,408,149		3,533,388	
Free capital				
Fund 1 - unrestricted funds	4,049,436		3,223,540	
Fund 2 - unrestricted funds	969,016		1,086,172	
	<b>9,397,879</b>	<b>73.6</b>	<b>9,479,378</b>	<b>77.3</b>
<b>Total liabilities</b>	<b>12,765,298</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>12,260,742</b>	<b>100</b>

## Income statement 1.1. – 31.12.22

### Income

<b>Non-designated income</b>				
Donations, membership fees	2,667,545		1,615,876	
Bequests	79,100		22,000	
	<b>2,746,645</b>	<b>19.7</b>	<b>1,637,876</b>	<b>12.9</b>
<b>Purpose specific income</b>				
SolidarMed projects	5,563,580		5,788,826	
	<b>5,563,580</b>	<b>39.8</b>	<b>5,788,826</b>	<b>45.5</b>
<b>Public sector contributions/organisations</b>				
SDC programme contribution	3,310,500		3,310,500	
SDC mandates/project contributions	941,614		1,293,602	
LED Zambia	1,291,420		593,069	
World Diabetes Foundation	114,072		87,925	
	<b>5,657,606</b>	<b>40.5</b>	<b>5,285,096</b>	<b>41.6</b>
Other income	<b>8,394</b>	<b>0.0</b>	<b>2,030</b>	<b>0.0</b>
<b>Total income</b>	<b>13,976,226</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>12,713,828</b>	<b>100</b>

	<b>2022</b>		<b>2021</b>	
	CHF	%	CHF	%
<b>Expenses</b>				
<b>South programme</b>				
Personnel expenses – project management Switzerland	-759,249		-788,538	
Project visits	-38,269		-11,231	
Share of office costs (including IT), depreciation	-88,479		-94,749	
SolidarMed projects	-7,212,875		-7,530,964	
SDC mandates/project contributionse	-1,187,359		-886,269	
LED projects Zambia	-811,842		-967,197	
World Diabetes Foundation projects	-156,723		-11,044	
	<b>-10,254,796</b>	<b>80.1</b>	<b>-10,289,991</b>	<b>81.6</b>
<b>North programme</b>				
Personnel expenses	-205,567		-182,400	
Public relations	-4,405		-5,495	
Share of office costs (including IT), depreciation	-14,906		-14,223	
	<b>-224,878</b>	<b>1.8</b>	<b>-202,117</b>	<b>1.6</b>
<b>Fundraising and general advertising expenses</b>				
Personnel expenses	-714,095		-667,989	
Fundraising	-778,661		-692,962	
General material costs (including office costs/ IT/depreciation)	-421,388		-402,910	
	<b>-1,914,144</b>	<b>14.9</b>	<b>-1,763,861</b>	<b>13.9</b>
<b>Administrative expenses</b>				
Personnel expenses	-283,948		-253,757	
Association work	-30,719		-21,969	
Office and administration expenses	-62,885		-51,571	
Travel and representation expenses	-8,401		-5,794	
Memberships	-7,212		-6,680	
Share of office costs (including IT), depreciation	-21,157		-21,485	
	<b>-414,322</b>	<b>3.2</b>	<b>-361,256</b>	<b>2.9</b>
<b>Total operating expenses</b>	<b>-12,808,140</b>	<b>100</b>	<b>-12,617,226</b>	<b>100</b>

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	CHF	CHF
<b>Operating result</b>	<b>1,168,086</b>	<b>96,603</b>
<b>Financial income</b>		
Income from interest and securities	59,816	370,346
Expenses for interest and securities	-720,867	-53,641
	<b>-661,051</b>	<b>316,704</b>
<b>Extraordinary income</b>		
Extraordinary income	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Result before changes to project funds</b>	<b>507,033</b>	<b>413,308</b>
<b>Changes to restricted project funds</b>		
Allocation to restricted project funds	-2,124,738	-1,726,519
Withdrawal from restricted project funds	1,536,207	1,384,386
	<b>-588,531</b>	<b>-342,133</b>
<b>Annual result (before changes to organisation capital)</b>	<b>-81,498</b>	<b>71,176</b>
Withdrawal from organisation capital	428,733	412,298
Allocation to paid-up and acquired capital	0	0
Allocation to Fund 1 - unrestricted funds	-1,012,235	-183,474
Allocation to/from currency fluctuation fund	665,000	-300,000
<b>Total allocations/appropriations</b>	<b>81,498</b>	<b>-71,176</b>
<b>Result after allocation to organisation capital</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>



## Cash flow statement as of 1.1. – 31.12.22

	<b>2022</b>	<b>2021</b>
	CHF	CHF
<b>1. Cash flow from operating activities</b>		
Annual result (before changes to organisation capital)	-81'498	71'176
Change to project funds	588'531	342'133
Depreciation	2'800	10'300
Value adjustments assets held for trading at quoted market price	665'053	-312'432
Increase (-) / decrease in securities	601'414	-497'625
Increase (-) / decrease in receivables	60'445	230'313
Increase (-) / decrease in prepaid expenses	-73'458	-20'114
Increase / decrease (-) in liabilities	-28'127	57'325
Increase / decrease (-) in accrued expenses	25'651	-68'827
<b>Cash flow from operating activities</b>	<b>1'760'811</b>	<b>-187'751</b>
<b>2. Cash flow from investment activities</b>		
Investment (-) / disposal of financial assets	0	0
Investment (-) / disposal of fixed assets	0	0
Investment (-) / disposal of real estate	0	0
<b>Cash flow from investment activities</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>3. Cash flow from financing activities</b>		
Increase / decrease (-) in liabilities	0	0
<b>Cash flow from financing activities</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>0</b>
<b>Cash flow balances</b>	<b>1'760'811</b>	<b>-187'751</b>
<b>Control</b>		
Balance of cash and cash equivalents on 01.01.2022 / 01.01.2021	7'542'924	7'730'675
Balance of cash and cash equivalents 31.12.2022 / 31.12.2021	9'303'735	7'542'924
<b>Change in cash and cash equivalents</b>	<b>1'760'811</b>	<b>-187'751</b>
Difference	0	0

## Analysis of changes in capital

	Opening balance on 01.01.	Restatement	Opening balance after restatement	Allocations	Internal fund transfers	Withdrawals	Total changes	Closing balance on 31.12.
<b>Organisation capital</b>								
Paid-in capital and reserves	881'633			0	0	0	0	881'633
Currency fluctuation fund	754'645			0	0	-665'000	-665'000	89'645
Fund 3 - restricted funds for Aids & Kind	3'533'388			0	0	-125'238	-125'238	3'408'150
Fund 1 - unrestricted funds	3'223'540			1'012'235	0	-186'339	825'896	4'049'435
Fund 2 - unrestricted funds	1'086'172			0	0	-117'155	-117'155	969'017
<b>Organisation capital 2022</b>	<b>9'479'378</b>			<b>1'012'235</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-1'093'733</b>	<b>-81'498</b>	<b>9'397'879</b>
Paid-in capital and reserves	881'633		881'633	0	0	0	0	881'633
Currency fluctuation fund	454'645		454'645	300'000	0	0	300'000	754'645
Fund 3 - restricted funds for Aids & Kind	3'676'477		3'676'477	0	0	-143'089	-143'089	3'533'388
Fund 1 - unrestricted funds	2'968'704	123'042	3'091'746	183'474	0	-51'680	131'794	3'223'540
Fund 2 - unrestricted funds	1'303'701		1'303'701	0	0	-217'529	-217'529	1'086'172
<b>Organisation capital 2021</b>	<b>9'285'160</b>	<b>123'042</b>	<b>9'408'202</b>	<b>483'474</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-412'298</b>	<b>71'176</b>	<b>9'479'378</b>

- The paid-in capital and reserves comprise funds paid in by members when SolidarMed was established, and the annual results going back to 2009.

- Currency fluctuation fund: further details are set out in the Annex.

- Funds 1 and 2: the two funds are for unrestricted use.

- Fund 3: The intended purpose of this fund is particularly to provide direct and indirect support to children affected by HIV and AIDS.

\* Restatement: On the basis of a re-evaluation, the provisions for deployed staff and real estate are no longer justified. The amounts were therefore transferred retroactively as of 1.1.2021 to the organisation capital Fund 1. The contingency funds and provisions for the Zambia projects were also listed under long-term/short-term liabilities as of 1.1.2021.

	Opening balance on 01.01.	Allocations	Internal fund transfers	Withdrawals	Total changes	Closing balance on 31.12.
<b>Purpose specific income</b>						
<b>Contributions from public sector/organisations</b>						
SDC programme contribution	300'782	3'310'500	-2'942'234	-669'048	-300'782	0
SDC, ComBaCaL	337'805	941'614	0	-1'270'024	-328'410	9'394
LED	131'481	1'291'420	0	-925'500	365'920	497'401
World Diabetes Foundation	76'108	114'072	0	-167'694	-53'622	22'486
	<b>846'176</b>	<b>5'657'606</b>	<b>-2'942'234</b>	<b>-3'032'266</b>	<b>-316'895</b>	<b>529'281</b>
<b>SolidarMed projects</b>						
Lesotho	676'494	1'132'389	425'347	-1'505'864	51'871	728'365
Mozambique	99'301	738'385	832'347	-1'457'618	113'114	212'415
Tanzania	23'106	1'550'241	172'230	-1'460'118	262'352	285'458
Zambia	394'999	1'676'360	125'683	-1'087'155	714'888	1'109'887
Zimbabwe	223'956	376'897	925'610	-1'523'065	-220'557	3'399
Other countries	53'703	2'540	221'496	-221'496	2'540	56'243
India	20'084	35'000	34'117	-69'201	-84	20'000
Kenya	42'070	36'850	53'724	-109'273	-18'699	23'371
South Africa	0	14'919	151'682	-166'600	0	0
	<b>1'533'713</b>	<b>5'563'580</b>	<b>2'942'234</b>	<b>-7'600'389</b>	<b>905'426</b>	<b>2'439'138</b>
<b>Total funds reserved for projects 2022</b>	<b>2'379'888</b>	<b>11'221'186</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-10'632'655</b>	<b>588'531</b>	<b>2'968'420</b>

- Funds reserved for projects include purpose-specific donations that have not yet been used.
- Project withdrawals include structural costs in addition to project expenses.
- Contributions for restricted use are disclosed as funds.

## Statement of changes

	Opening balance on 01.01.	Allocations	Internal fund transfers	Withdrawals	Total changes	Closing balance on 31.12.
<b>Contributions from public sector/organisations</b>						
SDC programme contributions	0	3'310'500	-2'364'568	-645'150	300'782	300'782
SDC, RPSA COVID-19 Response	8'509	-8'509	0	0	-8'509	0
SDC, Rehabilitation Min Hydro- power plant Mbingu	-5'859	10'768	0	-4'909	5'859	0
SDC, Prevention & controll of infection	0	11'913	0	-11'913	0	0
SDC, ComBaCaL	0	1'279'430	0	-941'625	337'805	337'805
LED	641'015	593'069	0	-1'102'603	-509'534	131'481
World Diabetes Foundation	0	87'925	0	-11'817	76'108	76'108
	<b>643'665</b>	<b>5'285'096</b>	<b>-2'364'568</b>	<b>-2'718'017</b>	<b>202'511</b>	<b>846'176</b>
<b>SolidarMed projects</b>						
Lesotho	568'434	1'279'682	352'330	-1'523'952	108'060	676'494
Mozambique	62'286	1'477'382	549'771	-1'990'138	37'015	99'301
Tanzania	166'447	1'178'301	212'467	-1'534'109	-143'341	23'106
Zambia	185'305	1'198'709	87'926	-1'076'941	209'694	394'999
Zimbabwe	323'340	244'266	1'002'535	-1'346'185	-99'384	223'956
Other countries	52'999	26'989	121'134	-147'419	704	53'703
India	0	183'215	0	-163'131	20'084	20'084
Kenya	1'000	91'532	1'104	-51'566	41'070	42'070
South Africa	34'280	108'750	37'301	-180'331	-34'280	0
	<b>1'394'091</b>	<b>5'788'826</b>	<b>2'364'568</b>	<b>-8'013'772</b>	<b>139'622</b>	<b>1'533'713</b>
<b>Total funds reserved for projects 2021</b>	<b>2'037'756</b>	<b>11'073'922</b>	<b>0</b>	<b>-10'731'789</b>	<b>342'133</b>	<b>2'379'889</b>

- Project withdrawals include structural costs in addition to project expenses.

- Contributions for restricted use are disclosed as funds.



# Annex to the 2022 Annual Financial Statements

## Details of the principles used in the preparation of the annual financial statement

The accounts are prepared in accordance with Swiss GAAP FER (core FER and FER 21) accounting recommendations and provide a true and accurate picture of the assets and liabilities, financial position and profit and loss of the Organisation. In addition, the annual financial statement complies with the provisions of Swiss law, in particular on the duty to keep accounts and file financial reports (Art. 957 to 962 Swiss Code of Obligations).

The figures are recorded down to centimes but not shown. This may therefore give rise to rounding differences.

## Information on the association

SolidarMed – Swiss Organisation for Health in Africa, headquartered in Lucerne, is an association under Art. 60 et seq. of the Swiss Civil Code.

## Accounting and valuation principles

- Cash and cash equivalents are stated at nominal value
- Securities are stated at the market value on the balance sheet reporting day. The investment and reserve policy regulations were revised in 2022. SolidarMed now invests in a fund with sustainable and ethical investments. The currency fluctuation fund is designed to offset securities gains. Unrealised securities gains can be allocated to the currency fluctuation fund to compensate for future losses. In 2022, a withdrawal of CHF 665,000 was made.
- Accounts receivable are stated at nominal value
- Accounts receivable from related parties (project advances): foreign currencies

are stated at exchange rate on balance sheet reporting date

- Accounts receivable from projects are stated at nominal value minus necessary value adjustments
- Fixed assets are stated at purchase price minus necessary depreciation based on usual life (generally 3 years). Purchases up to CHF 4,000 are charged directly to the income statement.
- Financial investments are stated at nominal value. There are no financial investments at present.
- Liabilities are stated at nominal value. There are no provisions at present.

## Recording donations and income

Donations, bequests and other income are booked after the funds have been received. If the payment is made with a purpose (instruction), it is deemed a purpose-specific donation, if not, it is deemed a non-designated donation.

## Contributions from the public sector/ organisations

Contributions from the public sector and organisations are booked after the funds have been received. If the payment is made with a purpose (instruction), it is deemed a purpose-specific donation, if not, it is deemed a non-designated donation.

## Method used to calculate administrative expenses and cost of fundraising

For an organisation with long-term activities, fundraising and administration are indispensable tasks. The Zewo Foundation recognises that this requires a certain amount of financial expenditure. It assesses whether the share of this expenditure lies within the prescribed range. To delimit the costs for fundraising

and administration from the actual programme expenses, SolidarMed follows the recommendations of the Zewo Foundation. Costs are allocated with an appropriate allocation key.

## Other short-term receivables

The other short-term receivables consist of various smaller credits from social insurance and invoiced advance payments totalling CHF 27,919, as well as the credit balance against withholding tax of CHF 12,989 (2021: 12,991). In addition, purpose-specific donations were made in 2021 and were received the following year.

## Accounts receivable from related parties (project advances)

The accounts receivable from related parties (project advances) concern advances totalling CHF 84,750 for projects in the South which have not yet been used in their entirety (2021: CHF 67,680).

## Investments

SolidarMed has a 100 per cent shareholding in SolidarInvest Limited, Zambia. There is no fixed share capital. The share of capital and votes amounts to CHF 768 (ZMW 15,000) and is unchanged versus the previous year. As the balance sheet total and sales volume of SolidarInvest Limited is low compared with SolidarMed, no consolidation was performed.

## Liabilities due to the pension fund

For staff pensions, SolidarMed is affiliated to the Stiftung Abendrot in Basel. Liabilities due to the pension fund as of 31.12.2022 amounted to CHF 1,446.85 (previous year: CHF 1,024.90).

**Other long-term liabilities**

The other long-term liabilities include reserves of CHF 28,000 (previous year: CHF 25,000) in accordance with the personnel regulations for staff abroad, which are reimbursed after the end of the contract. There is also an additional CHF 2,000 (unchanged from 2021) which may arise as a maximum liability towards SolidarInvest, Zambia.

**Remuneration of the Board and Executive Management**

The Board of SolidarMed works on a voluntary and unpaid basis. It reduced in size in the year under review from ten to seven people who contributed a total of 560 working hours (2021: 970). The President received a stipend of CHF 800. There was a change of Vice-President in the year under review, where the two Vice-Presidents each received CHF 800 pro rata for the corresponding months. All of these amounts were donated in their entirety.

The SolidarMed Executive Management consists of four people. Their remuneration totalled CHF 573,413 (3.8 full-time equivalents) (2021: CHF 565,944; 3.8 full-time equivalents).

**Remuneration of related parties**

The new Vice-President Bernadette Peterhans conducted an evaluation of a project in Lesotho in the year under review on a contractual basis. The fee amounted to CHF 4,800 and the contract was approved by the Board.

**Number of staff members with a Swiss employment contract at the headquarters and in the project countries**

Annual average number of full-time equivalents 2022: 24

Annual average number of full-time equivalents in 2021: 24

**Personnel expenses Switzerland**

In 2022 the personnel expenses Switzerland amounted to a total of CHF 2,435,270 (2021: CHF 2,352,662).

**Significant events after the balance sheet date**

There have been no significant events between the balance sheet date and the approval of the annual financial statement by the Board that could impair the informative value of the 2022 annual financial statement or which would have to be disclosed here. The 2022 Annual Financial Statement were approved by the Board on 30 March 2023. ■

**39** projects

**9** countries

**97** years old

**SOLIDAR  
MED**  
Zusammenarbeit,  
die wirkt.

**3,097,515** people  
with access to  
improved healthcare

**90,153** babies  
safely delivered

**2,267** healthcare  
professionals and community  
health workers trained

**181** healthcare  
facilities assisted

## Our vision



We are committed to a world where all people have equitable access to good and affordable healthcare.

## Values



### Solidarity

Our commitment is founded on solidarity and partnership. The name SolidarMed bears witness to this.



### Social equity

We are committed to ensuring that all people can exercise their right to physical and mental health without discrimination, regardless of age, circumstance, gender, religion, place of residence or income.



### Empowered development

Health empowers people and allows them to reach their potential. We respect and promote the right to empowered individual and social development.



### Integrity

Expertise, experience, trust and credibility form the basis and the capital of our work. SolidarMed behaves fairly, transparently and respectfully towards its employees, supporters, partners and local populations.



### Sustainability

We stand for reliable, binding and value-preserving development which balances social, ecological and economic concerns.

