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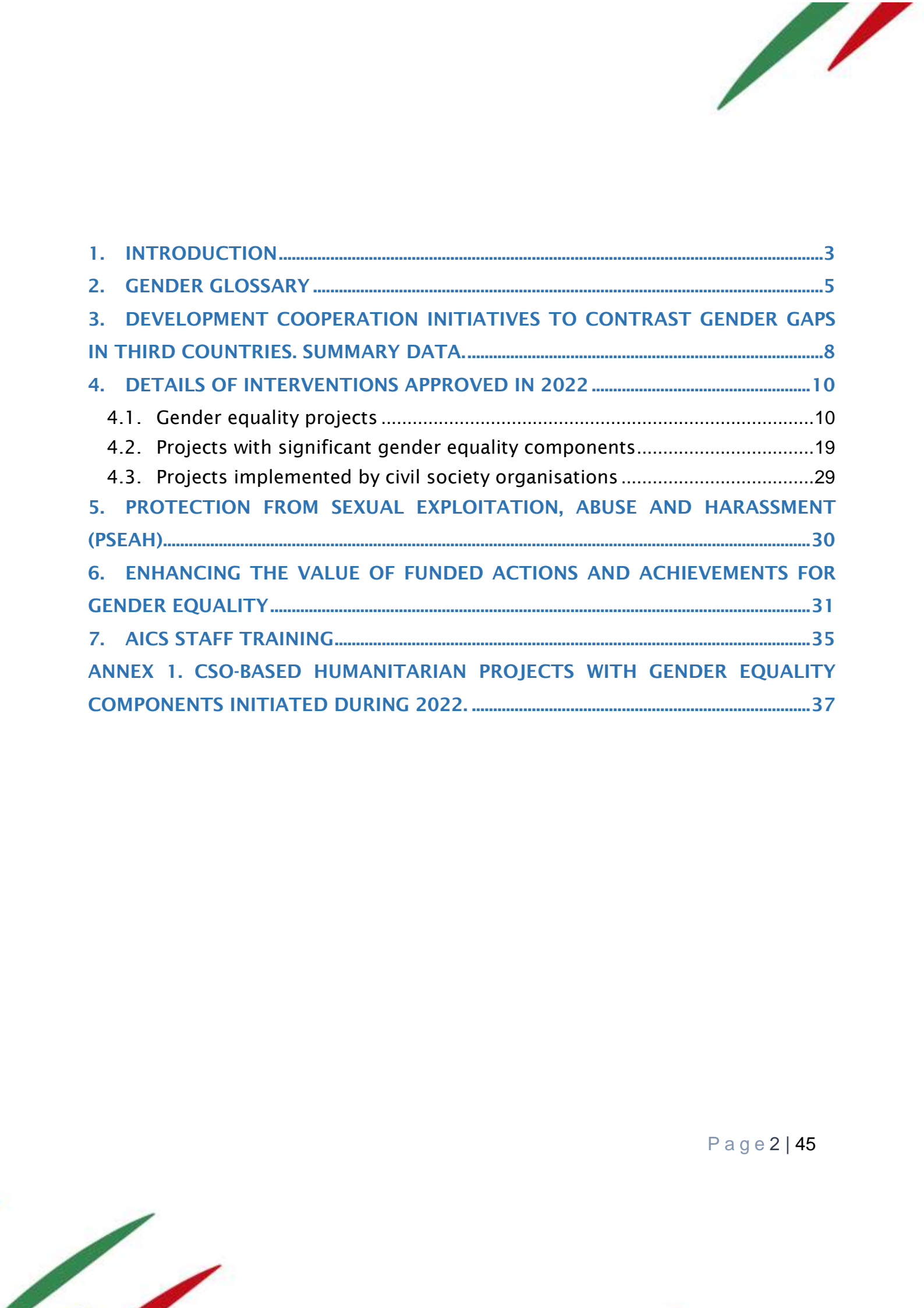
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1. INTRODUCTION

The protection and promotion of women's rights, gender equality and women's empowerment, as well as the fight against all forms of discrimination and violence against women and girls, are a key priority of Italy's international human rights action, in multilateral and regional contexts, in bilateral relations with third countries and within the framework of the Italian Development Cooperation programmes, in line with the UN Sustainable Development Goals (especially Goal 5), with the EU Strategy on Gender Equality 2020-2025 and with the related Third Gender Action Plan (GAP III).

The protection and promotion of women's rights and the fight against all forms of sexual and gender-based discrimination and violence was also a **priority** in Italy's latest mandate (2019-2021) in the **UN Human Rights Council (HRC)**. Furthermore, with regard to human rights initiatives in the HRC and the General Assembly (GA), and jointly with our EU partners, Italy has committed to ensure gender mainstreaming in all relevant documents, and to adopt an approach that takes into full account the multiple and intersectional discrimination faced by many women and girls.

Within the United Nations, Italy is also a member of the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women and its Additional Protocols, and actively participates in the work of the **ECOSOC Commission on the Status of Women (CSW)**, which is the principal international forum dedicated to promoting women's rights, which holds a meeting every year.

Moreover, Italy strongly supports **international campaigns to eradicate harmful practices against women and girls** such as female genital mutilation (FGM) and early and forced marriages, also by promoting and actively participating in negotiations on the relevant General Assembly (GA) and UNHRC resolutions. As such, the country is part of the **Core Group** presenting the **Resolution on Child, Early and Forced Marriages in the GA and HRC**.



The defence and promotion of women's fundamental rights and the promotion of the Council of Europe (CoE) Convention on Preventing and Combating Violence against Women and Domestic Violence (the so-called **Istanbul Convention**) have also been the focus of Italy's six-month presidency of the **Ministers' Committee of the Council of Europe** (17 November 2021 – 20 May 2022), based on the conviction that there is a close tie between women's empowerment and the reduction of violence against women. During its six-month Presidency, and in light of the profound impact that the Covid-19 pandemic has had on women, with a dramatic increase in cases of domestic violence and gender abuse and a significant contraction of women's participation in the labour market, Italy has led a broader reflection within the Council of Europe on women's empowerment and the fight against all forms of violence and discrimination.

Gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls are an essential precondition for eradicating poverty and building a global society based on the nexus of sustainable development, social justice and human rights. Achieving gender equality and women's empowerment is one of the priorities of the development cooperation action carried out by the Agency, as stated in Law 125/2014 (article 1, paragraph 2) and in line with Italy's above-mentioned international commitments to achieve Sustainable Development Goal 5 of the United Nations 2030 Agenda.

This is reflected in the Agency's technical and operational activities, through the implementation of humanitarian and development programmes specifically targeting gender equality, or featuring significant gender components, as well as by strengthening gender mainstreaming in all cooperation actions and by improving its capacity to formulate, manage, monitor and improve increasingly gender-sensitive and/or gender-transformative interventions.


2. GENDER GLOSSARY

Considering the commitments set out in its Guidelines on Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women and Girls in International Cooperation - 2020/2024 (adopted by AICS in December 2020 and also approved by CICS - Inter-ministerial Committee for Development Cooperation - on 15 October 2021), the Agency has started putting into place a range of activities aimed at strengthening its capacity to formulate, manage and monitor increasingly gender-sensitive, responsive and transformative interventions, and to disseminate the results achieved through its actions. In particular, in 2022 AICS began rolling out operational toolkits for gender equality, the first being a Gender Glossary, approved by the Director of AICS with Deliberation No. 185 of 01-07-2022.

Photos 2 - AICS Gender Glossary



The Glossary was prepared by the Agency's Technical Deputy Directorate, with the assistance of the Field Offices and the collaboration of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, for the purpose of promoting adequate knowledge of the language that underlies gender equality and women's empowerment among its staff members and the entities tasked with implementing the cooperation projects financed by AICS, to facilitate gender mainstreaming. Furthermore, the Glossary is based on established sources (specified for each entry) such as - for example - the Glossaries of the EU Gender Action Plan GAP - III, of the European Institute for Gender Equality - EIGE, of UNWOMEN, of UNICEF, the OECD DAC Guidance on "Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women and Girls", and other internationally recognised documents.




The numerous terms included in the Gender Glossary help to explain the complex dimensions of gender inequalities, ranging from the concept of “Agency” to the different approaches (such as, the “Human Rights-Based Approach”; the “Gender-Sensitive Approach”; the “Gender Negative Approach”; the “Gender-Transformative Approach”), the various forms of “Gender-Based Violence” (for instance, “Sexual Abuse”; “Victim Blaming”; “Femicide”; “Sexual Harassment”; “Female Genital Mutilation”; “Honour Crimes”; “Sexual Exploitation”; “Domestic Violence”; “Conflict-Related Sexual Violence”; “Intimate Partner Violence”).

The Gender Glossary is available in the [Gender Equality](#) section of the Agency’s website and is available in Italian and English ([ITA](#) | [ENG](#))

This specific toolkit is consistent with the commitments made by Italy, and in particular by AICS, within the framework of:

- the “Guidelines on Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women and Girls (2020/2024)”, for gender mainstreaming by AICS, in relation to any cooperation projects carried out by the actors of the Italian Cooperation system, providing technical support by encouraging the use of a multidimensional approach to the empowerment of women and girls. The Guidelines also commit the Italian Development Cooperation system to produce operational manuals, especially with regard to the priority action on “Gender equality, humanitarian aid and fragile contexts”;
- the “Call to Action on Protection from Gender-Based Violence in Emergencies”, with special regard to the 2021-2025 Road Map, which envisages the implementation of operational toolkits for gender equality and gender-based violence by AICS;
- the 4th National Action Plan on Women, Peace and Security (2020 - 2024), adopted by the Inter-Ministerial Committee for Human Rights (CIDU) on 30 November 2020, for strengthening the action by the AICS field Offices on gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls, enhancing gender perspectives and analyses.



Furthermore, during the year, the Technical Deputy Directorate completed the **translation of the “Guidelines on Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women and Girls” into English, French and Arabic**. This documentation too is published on the aics.gov.it website ([ITA](#) | [ENG](#) | [FR](#) | [AR](#)).

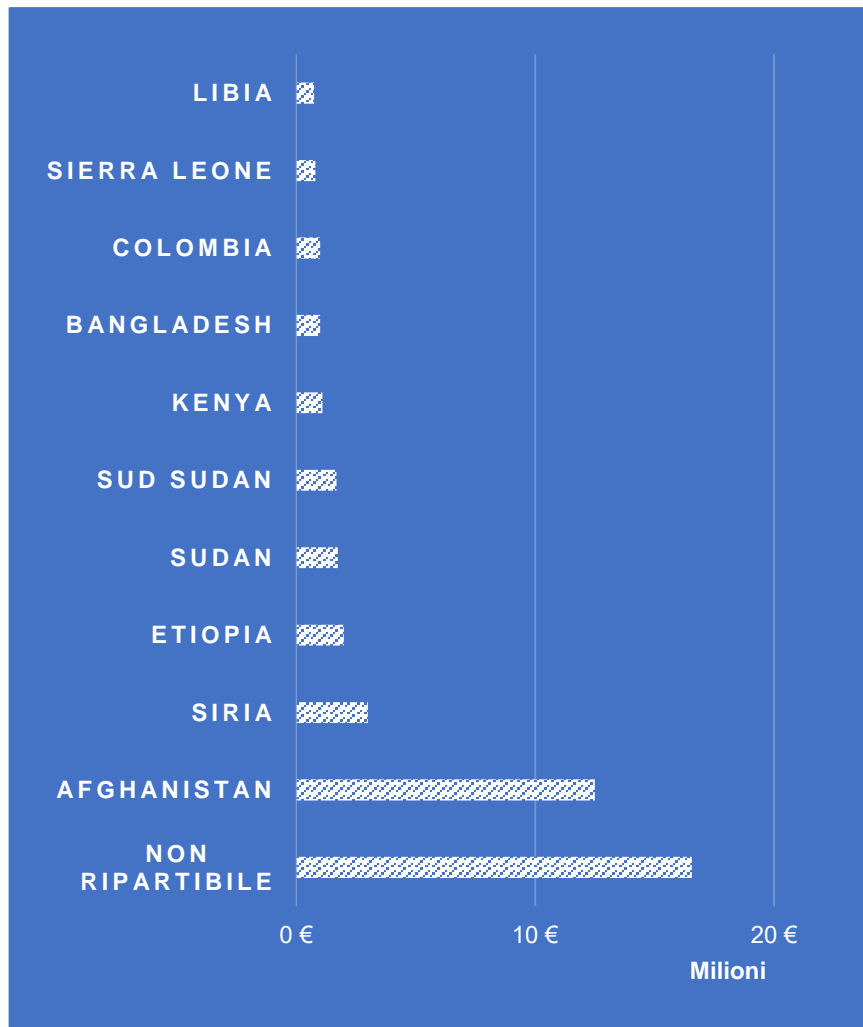
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At the operational level, in 2022 the Italian Cooperation

programming promoted the importance of achieving gender equality and ensuring the rights of all women and girls, through the implementation of programmes designed to tackle the different obstacles that hinder the full enjoyment of their rights and which aim to address the structural causes of gender inequalities, from combating sexual and gender-based violence, whether domestic or

non-domestic, which is particularly widespread in fragile and crisis contexts, to promoting maternal, child and reproductive health, education, vocational training

Diagram 1 New interventions featuring gender equality as the main objective (2022)






and employment support, agricultural development and food security, the environment and combating climate change.

During the year 2022 alone, several initiatives aimed at achieving gender equality were approved in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Colombia, Ethiopia, Kenya, Libya, Sierra Leone, Syria, South Sudan, Sudan, while in several other countries, gender components were included in multi-sectoral projects (Afghanistan, Albania, Algeria, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Colombia, Egypt, El Salvador, Eritrea, Ethiopia, Jordan, Guatemala, Guinea Bissau, Iraq, Kenya, Lebanon, Libya, Malawi, Mali, Mozambique, Myanmar, Niger, Palestine, Central African Republic, Senegal, Syria, South Sudan, Sudan, Tanzania, Tunisia, Ukraine, Uganda).

In 2022, a total of 22 new contributions had gender equality as the principal objective (G2 Gender Marker), totalling more than 42 MEuro, or about 5% of the total amount resolved in 2022. In particular, 11 new interventions were approved to address humanitarian emergencies (24 MEuro), 7 new contributions on the multilateral channel (11.5 MEuro), 3 projects promoted by CSOs (4.5 MEuro) and 1 project on the ordinary channel (2 MEuro).

On top of this, the Italian Development Cooperation initiated numerous other interventions with gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls as a significant objective (G1 Gender Marker), totalling over 380 million Euro, equal to over 44%, taking the overall share of interventions with a principal objective and significant components on gender equality to 49% of the total amount resolved in 2022. With specific reference to the interventions for addressing **humanitarian emergencies**, 11 have gender equality as their principal objective (G2), totalling 24 million Euro (almost 8% of the total humanitarian allocations), while interventions with significant gender components have been resolved for a total of about 168 million Euro (over 56% of the total humanitarian allocations). In relation to voluntary



multilateral contributions, a total of 11.5 million Euro (6% of the total multilateral allocations) was resolved, while 107 million Euro were allocated to international organisations that feature gender equality as one of their strategic objectives (58% of the total multilateral allocations).


With regard to the **projects promoted** by CSOs, approved by the AICS Director during 2022, 23 of the projects funded under Joint Committee Deliberation No. 3 of 14 March 2022 feature components related to gender equality and women's empowerment, for an allocated amount of 44,151,333 Euro. More specifically, 3 have gender equality as their principal objective (G2), totalling 4,518,747 Euro; while 20 projects have gender as a significant component (G1), totalling 39,632,586 Euro.

These development and humanitarian contributions approved by the Italian Development Cooperation include both support for the institutional activities of the organisations traditionally committed to the promotion of gender equality as a priority, and interventions to be implemented in partner countries, in collaboration with international organisations, local authorities and civil society organisations, both local and international.

4. DETAILS OF INTERVENTIONS APPROVED IN 2022

4.1. GENDER EQUALITY PROJECTS


In 2022, acting in continuity with past years, the Italian Development Cooperation supported numerous United Nations Agencies strongly committed to the fight for gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls with **voluntary contributions**. In particular, it is worth mentioning a rise in “core” contributions to UNWOMEN (3,000,000 Euro), UNFPA (3,000,000 Euro), and the confirmation of contributions to the programme managed by UNFPA/UNICEF “Joint Programme on



the Elimination of Female Genital Mutilation - FGM” (2,000,000 Euro), to the UNICEF/UNFPA programme to combat child and early marriage (Global Programme to End Child Marriage - ECM - 500,000 Euro), and to the UNIDO programme for actions aimed at schooling for girls, carried out within the Global Partnership for Education - GPE (2,500,000 Euro), and to the GEF (Global Equality Fund) (100,000 Euro), for activities targeting LGBTIQ+ persons. In addition, a contribution was made to the UNIDO project for “Promoting Women’s Empowerment for Inclusive and Sustainable Industrial Development in the MENA Region (Phase II)” (456,520 Euro).

Regarding **humanitarian emergencies**, two geographically unallocated contributions were also made. The “Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund” (UNDP/UNWOMEN) received 2 MEuro to flexibly support women's participation, leadership and empowerment in humanitarian response and peace and security contexts, on a needs basis, reaching women in 26 countries (including Afghanistan, Burundi, Colombia, DRC, Haiti, Iraq, Mali, Mali, Myanmar, Ukraine/Moldova, Uganda) by 2022, and supporting local and grassroots civil society organisations working on women, peace and security and humanitarian action. Thanks to the funds provided, women can also receive protection and various types of assistance, both for survivors of gender-based and sexual violence and for maternal and reproductive health. UNFPA's Humanitarian Action Thematic Fund (HTF) also received 3 MEuro to respond in a timely manner to women's needs (in reproductive health and for combating sexual and gender-based violence) at the onset or escalation of a crisis, as in the Ukraine conflict, Afghanistan, the Lake Chad region or Ethiopia.

In addition to these geographically unallocated contributions, numerous **development** and **humanitarian aid interventions** have been funded in various countries. Many international organisations have received funding for specific



programmes aimed at addressing the structural causes that fuel gender inequalities and at removing obstacles to full and effective gender equality. To this end, they promote women's empowerment through capacity building in partner countries and implement interventions for promoting women's resilience, combating gender-based violence, supporting women's participation in decision-making processes, particularly in conflict situations, as well as promoting maternal, child, reproductive and sexual health.

Women, Peace and Security and Contexts of Crisis and Conflict

An important share (57%) of the Italian Cooperation system's contributions primarily devoted to gender equality was concentrated in crisis and conflict areas, in particular in Afghanistan, Libya, Ethiopia, Syria, Bangladesh and Colombia, where the protection of women from gender-based violence and the provision of life-saving maternal and child health services have been the focus of humanitarian action. These interventions demonstrate the Italian Development Cooperation's commitment to working towards the achievement of systemic change, in order to address the root causes of gender-based violence and ensure a survivor-centred approach that guarantees the safety and dignity of women and girls.

Afghanistan has received priority attention, in response to the increasing discrimination experienced by women in the country, which ranks last on the Global Gender Gap Index (2022). For this reason, in 2022 Italy funded two new humanitarian interventions in favour of international organisations. Through the project "Support to the Women's Peace and Humanitarian Fund (UNDP/UNWOMEN)" (AID 012619/01/1, VM Deliberation No. 69 of 29.09.2022, Humanitarian Aid Intervention, 12 months), financed by the Italian Government with a contribution of 4,500.000 Euro, the Italian Development Cooperation supports women's organisations in the country that work to advance gender equality and women's

empowerment, participate in building peaceful, inclusive and just societies, end violence against women and girls and protect their security and human rights. WPHF also supports women's organisations in Pakistan and Tajikistan, with the aim of promoting the social recovery, participation and leadership of displaced Afghan women and girls in the region. At the same time, thanks to the project “Humanitarian Protection and Sexual and Reproductive Health (SRH) Assistance for Women and Girls in Afghanistan” (AID 012554/01/1, VM Deliberation No. 70 of 29.09.2022, Humanitarian Aid Intervention, 12 months), financed with a contribution of 8,000,000 Euro, UNFPA was able to continue to provide the fundamental services for women's maternal and child health and the fight against gender-based violence in the country. The intervention provides integrated, immediate and life-saving sexual and reproductive health (SRH) and gender-based violence (GBV) services to women and girls.

In **Libya**, a new intervention was launched for a total amount of 750,000 Euro,



Photos 3 - Italian Cooperation project in Libya - Photo by UNFPA

named "Provision of integrated emergency reproductive health and gender-based violence response services to the most vulnerable population in Libya" (AID 012615/01/0, VM Deliberation No. 52 of 27.07.2022, Humanitarian Aid Intervention, UNFPA), with the aim of supporting the

activation, at municipal level, of life-saving maternal, child and reproductive health services, through the deployment of specialised medical teams, awareness-raising

campaigns and capacity-building activities. Furthermore, the programme intends to ensure the availability, accessibility and affordability of services to combat gender-based violence.


In **Ethiopia**, the Italian Development Cooperation supported the initiative of UNFPA on "Provision of Life Saving GBV prevention and response interventions to reduce inequalities in protection outcomes for Internally Displaced Populations" (AID 012630/01/0, VM Deliberation No. 54 of 15.09.2022, Humanitarian Aid Intervention, 12 months), with a contribution of 2,000,000 Euro. The project aims at strengthening access to quality comprehensive and integrated services on gender-based violence, sexual and reproductive health, protection from sexual exploitation and abuse, mental health and psychosocial support.

Similarly, Italy supported two new interventions in favour of **Syrian** women and girls. The first project, financed with a contribution of 1,000,000 Euro, titled "Provision of Support for Integrated GBV, RH and Youth Services and Livelihood Activities - PHASE IV - UNFPA/UNDP" (AID 011672/02/3, VM Deliberation No. 10 of 10.02.2022, Humanitarian Aid Intervention, 12 months), is aimed at meeting the



Photos 4 - Italian Cooperation project in Syria - Photo by UNDP/UNFPA

needs of women affected by the conflict with an integrated approach that supports the empowerment of women and girls, according to a multi-sectoral perspective, including reproductive health; protection



and response to gender-based violence; provision of livelihood opportunities, in terms of production and access to markets; as well as access to services. The second programme, titled "Support to the Family Protection Unit (FPU) in Rural Damascus" (AID 012595/01/0, Joint Committee Deliberation No. 76 of 21.07.2022, Development Intervention, UNFPA), funded with a contribution of 2,000.000 Euro, aims to support the Family Protection Unit (FPU) in Dahiyat Qudsaya, with regard to both the provision of critical services to women, their children and the relatives cared for by women, and girls survivors of gender-based violence, and the capacity for shelter and empowerment, in compliance with international standards. Finally, UNFPA intends to support the FPU in the creation of Standard Operating Procedures (SOPs) that will serve as the basis for the establishment of other shelters in the country, which meet international standards of protection on the one hand, and the specific characteristics of Syria on the other.

In **Bangladesh**, the Italian Development Cooperation financed the project "Contribution to ICRC for Protection and Response to Sexual Violence Activities in Bangladesh" (AID 012226/01/1, VM Deliberation No. 37 of 24.05.2022, Humanitarian Aid Intervention, 12 months), with a contribution of 1,000,000 Euro. The initiative, carried out by the International Committee of the Red Cross, addresses the needs of survivors of sexual violence and the need to protect civilians, taking into account gender and age factors. To this end, the programme provides for actions aimed at developing self-protection measures against sexual violence, referring survivors to service providers offering specialised care or economic inclusion, supporting the capacity-building of primary health care and mental health workers and providing psychosocial support with adequate guidance in the treatment of patients, including survivors of sexual violence.

In **Colombia**, Italy financed with a total of 1,000,000 Euro the project "Humanitarian aid and peace building in Colombia through the protection and promotion of the



Photos 5 - Italian Cooperation project in Colombia - Photo by FAO

role of women and young people" (AID 012684/01/0, VM Deliberation No. 102 of 10.10.2022, Humanitarian Aid Intervention, 24 months), according to a Triple Nexus approach and implemented with the collaboration of CSOs. The initiative aims at supporting local reception and assistance capacities for displaced persons and women victims of violence, also in the context of conflict, and promoting the participation of local organisations run by women and social leaders in the political dialogue for peace-building, also acting for the socio-economic integration of displaced women and young people and victims of anti-

personnel mines.

Maternal, reproductive and sexual health

In line with the priorities defined in the Guidelines on Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women and Girls (2020/2024), the Italian Cooperation system has also financed projects specifically aimed at supporting maternal, reproductive and sexual health.



Photos 6 - Italian Cooperation project in Kenya - Photo by Laura Savinelli

In **Kenya**, the Italian Cooperation system financed, with a contribution of 1,091,350 Euro, the project "M-imba+ - Digital and physical access to quality pregnancy paths" (AID 012590/07/7, Joint Committee Deliberation No. 14 of 14/03/2022, Development Intervention promoted by the OSC Amici del Mondo - World Friends Onlus). The project aims to improve maternal and child health conditions, both at preventive and curative level, of the most vulnerable groups in the north-eastern suburbs of Nairobi, in order to cut back the maternal, neonatal and under-5 mortality rate. The project also provides for community-based multi-level awareness-raising actions and the valorisation

of Kenyan technological capital through the digitisation of care and pregnancy pathways.

In **Sierra Leone**, the third-ranking country in the world in terms of maternal mortality rate, Italy financed the project "Contribution to UNFPA to support the Princess Christian Maternity Hospital, to provide quality emergency obstetric care and training at the time of COVID-19 pandemic" (AID 012581/01/0, VM Deliberation No. 34 of 30.03.2022, Humanitarian Aid Intervention, 12 months). The grant of 800.000 Euro supported the activities of the Princess Christian Maternity Hospital, in Freetown, the largest maternity facility in Sierra Leone, in particular by increasing the capacity of the hospital's management team to respond to obstetric emergencies and reduce maternal deaths; improving the availability of essential medical equipment, drugs and consumables available to provide quality obstetric and neonatal care, including a functional laboratory and blood bank; and increasing

the availability of trained personnel for emergency care and the infection prevention/control (IPC) staff, including residents in Obstetrics and Gynaecology.

Intersectionality and women and girls with disabilities

In Sudan, OVCI carried out the project "KARAMA: Dignity. Interventions for the empowerment of vulnerable women in the state of Khartoum Sudan" (total amount




Photos 7 - Italian Cooperation project in Sudan - Photo by Francesca Nardi

- 1,739,401.9 Euro, Development Intervention) financed by the Italian Development Cooperation with the aim of promoting the right to health, education and a dignified life for the most vulnerable women and girls with disabilities living in the peripheral areas of Khartoum, Umbedda and Jabel Aulia.

Priority targets will be young women and girls with disabilities – doubly discriminated against both as women and as persons with disabilities – and women caregivers of persons with disabilities who, as caregivers, are marginalised and often excluded from employment and education. In the light of the needs surveyed, it was decided to direct the intervention towards promoting access to health, education and employment services by offering the beneficiaries the tools they need to improve their quality of life.

Agricultural development and food security




In **South Sudan**, Italy supports VIDES in the project "Sustainable Agriculture as a means for promoting food security, women's empowerment, and socio-economic development - AGREE" (total amount - 1,687,995.15 Euro, Development Intervention promoted by VIDES), aimed at strengthening diversified and sustainable agricultural production and building the capacity of women farmers, in several villages in South Sudan, to improve their food security and that of their families and communities. The project focuses on strengthening the human, physical, financial, social and natural capital of women farmers, with a focus on the most marginalised groups, through support for income-generating activities, vocational training, provision of inputs and support for ecologically sustainable production.

4.2. PROJECTS WITH SIGNIFICANT GENDER EQUALITY COMPONENTS

Several multi-sectoral projects stand out, among the other initiatives with significant components aimed at achieving gender equality and the empowerment of women and girls, especially in Africa and the Middle East. Specifically, these projects are substantially committed to the priority themes of the Italian Development Cooperations action: agricultural development and food security; environment and climate change; women's empowerment and the private sector; maternal, child, sexual and reproductive health; gender-based violence and women's/girls' rights; and education, vocational training and employment.

Agricultural development and food security

In **Afghanistan**, through the initiative "Food and nutritional assistance for the population in a state of acute food insecurity - PAM" (AID 012482/01/1, VM Deliberation No. 100 of 10.10.2022, total amount - 5,000,000 Euro, Humanitarian Aid Intervention), the Italian Development Cooperation provided emergency food assistance and life-saving nutritional treatment for children aged between 6 and 59



months and pregnant and lactating women affected by the crisis. The project also aims to increase the capacity of the vulnerable population to meet their own food and nutrition needs by 2023, in particular through the distribution of cash grants to women and the creation of women's cooperatives.

In **Guatemala**, the project "AlimentAcción - Towards food security in rural and indigenous Mayan communities, increasing the availability, access, consumption and adequate utilisation of healthy, nutritious and varied food in households with high vulnerability to chronic malnutrition, with a special focus on women, children and persons with disabilities" (AID 012590/10/0/0, Joint Committee Deliberation No. 3 of 14/03/2022, total amount - 1.748,530 Euro, Development Intervention promoted by the Association Centro Orientamento Educativo - COE) aims to increase the availability, access, consumption and appropriate use of healthy, nutritious and varied food in rural families highly exposed to the risk of chronic malnutrition, with a special focus on women, children and disabled persons in the Departments of Totonicapán and Sololá. One of the critical components of the project is strengthening women's participation, including women with disabilities, in processes related to their food and nutrition security, according to a rights-based perspective. Specifically, workshops have been planned to strengthen social and political participation and individual interviews conducted by the local partner with persons with disabilities, particularly women.

Environment and climate change

In **Egypt**, Italy supported UNIDO with the initiative "Inclusive Green Growth in Egypt" (AID 012587/01/0, Joint Committee Deliberation No. 32 of 31.03.2022, total amount - 800,000 Euro, Development Intervention), which aims to implement concrete actions that will contribute to the development of a green economy in the country, also leveraging on the role of youth and women. In particular, the technical, commercial and advisory capacities of micro and small waste disposal

companies will be supported, promoting the participation of women and supporting women-led businesses. The project will proactively involve women through training programmes, to make sure they can enjoy better opportunities for technical education and training and support for entrepreneurship. By strengthening the role of women as drivers of sustainable green growth, the intervention contributes directly to gender equality goals.

In **Ethiopia**, thanks to the 2022 “Wash, resilience and energy in the lowlands of Ethiopia” project (AID 012544, CC Deliberation No. 46 of 09.05.2022, Credit - 24,000,000; Gift 10,500,000 Euro) the Italian Development Cooperation will support (federal and basin) local authorities in improving water and soil

*Photos 8 - Italian Cooperation project in Ethiopia - Photo AICS
Headquarters in Addis Ababa*



management, by fostering a holistic approach involving all the relevant management institutions. In addition to training activities, infrastructure construction activities will be carried out in the field, in selected areas of Ethiopia's Lowlands (for access to water and to

energy for production purposes), using a participatory approach to involve the local population. There is a special focus on the role of women, who are primarily responsible – among other things – for collecting and transporting water for domestic use. Women are thus among the main beneficiaries and protagonists in the management of the income-generating activities envisaged by the programme, which also includes an important women's empowerment component, in relation to

the management of the infrastructure for the production of animal products, facilitating women's access to the formal labour market. Activities will be implemented in collaboration with local authorities, IFAD and CSOs.

In **El Salvador**, the project for the “Fair and Eco-sustainable Recovery of the Upper Basin of the Rio Lempa” was also launched (AID 012694/01/0, Dir. Deliberation No. 54 of 01.12.2022, total amount - 1,950,000 Euro, Development intervention implemented by La Sapienza University). The initiative, which aims to promote productive activities related to green jobs, specifically targeting women and young people, will primarily involve women in conditions of poverty or vulnerability, such as single mothers. In particular, it will support women's participation in income-generating activities in the agroforestry sector, their access to development funding and training activities in technical agroforestry and environmental tourism sectors.

Empowerment of women and the private sector

In **Burkina Faso**, through the intervention "Cultivating Value: good practices and innovative methods for inclusive and sustainable agro-livestock production" (AID 012590/08/4, Joint Committee Deliberation No. 3 of 14/03/2022, total amount - 1,723.074 Euro, Development Intervention promoted by the CSO Health and Development - SeS), the aim is to consolidate



Photos 9 - Italian Cooperation project in Burkina Faso - Photo by P2RPIA-CNS

the productive role of the agro-livestock farm in Bagré, by introducing the improvements required for effective, sustainable farming and livestock breeding, for developing the area. The project places special emphasis on women's empowerment through the transfer of knowledge to rural women's groups for nutritional improvement and

family-based food production, based on horticulture and forest products. The need to access fertiliser inputs and generate significant improvements in production by households stems from the fact that women in the villages manage off-season cereal and vegetable production with little input and limited knowledge.

In **Albania**, the project "Fostering the sustainability of cultural policies, the development of creative industries and the promotion of human rights in Albania"




Photos 10 - Italian Cooperation project in Albania - Photo by Luigi Baldelli - CIES Archive

(AID 012678/01/0, Dir. Deliberation No. 70 of 22.12.2022, total amount 1,800,000 Euro, Development Intervention), aims to support the Albanian authorities (Ministry of Culture and Municipalities), the artistic community and the Albanian population in general in strengthening the country's cultural and creative industries through support to central and decentralised cultural institutions and the implementation of cultural projects. The project also envisages the implementation of a communication and dissemination campaign

on the protection and knowledge of human rights and gender equality, with reference to multiple discrimination (age, disability, sexual orientation), as well as the support of cultural projects selected through the "Call for proposals" mechanism.


Promoting sexual and reproductive health rights

In **Colombia**, Italy has resolved two complementary and ongoing initiatives implemented by UNHCR: "Emergency intervention to ensure access to health and psychosocial services and provide opportunities for socioeconomic integration to refugees and migrants from Venezuela, Colombian returnees and host



communities, with a particular focus on young people and women" (AID 012152/01/2, Determination of the Deputy Minister No. 5 of 28.01.2022, total amount - 500,000 Euro, Humanitarian Aid Intervention) and "Intervention in support of health and psychosocial services and socioeconomic initiatives for Venezuelan refugees and migrants, Colombian returnees and host communities" (AID 012152/01/3, Resolution of the Deputy Minister No. 23 of 10.10.2022, total amount - 1,500,000 Euro, Humanitarian Aid Intervention). The aim of the programmes is to provide access to sexual and reproductive health services and socio-economic integration opportunities for the most vulnerable refugees and migrants from Venezuela, Colombian returnees and host communities in selected departments of the country (Arauca, Atlántico, Magdalena, Norte de Santander, Santander). To this end, activities are carried out to strengthen essential maternal and child services, as a means for supporting pregnant and lactating women and ensuring safe childbirth. In addition, psychosocial support activities and timely response to incidents of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) are planned.

In **Ethiopia**, the intervention "Emergency initiative in response to humanitarian needs caused by conflict and violence in Ethiopia" will be implemented (AID 012470/01/0, Deputy Minister's Deliberation No. 35 of 13.04.2022, total amount - 4,500.000 Euro, Humanitarian Aid Intervention to be implemented in collaboration with CSOs) aims at improving access to basic health services, with a focus on improving maternal and child health, sexual and reproductive health, malnutrition and the main causes of morbidity, as identified, as well as strengthening emergency health services. The initiative also deals with improving the legal and clinical management of cases of sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) and with psychosocial care related to post-traumatic mental health services, also taking into account the increase in cases of violence as a result of the Covid-19 pandemic.



In 2022, Italy also donated 54,000,000 Euro to the “**Global Fund to Fight AIDS, Tuberculosis and Malaria**”, (AID 012596/01/0, CC Deliberation No. 12 of 31/03/2022), which has gender equality as one of its strategic components, given that women and girls continue to be disproportionately affected by HIV, tuberculosis and malaria.

Education, vocational training and employment

In **Lebanon**, the Italian Development Cooperation has financed Phase 3 of the initiative "Education and protection for school children in Lebanon" (AID 012511/01/0, Vice-Ministerial Deliberation No. 112 of 18.10.2022, total amount - 6,000.000 Euro, Humanitarian Aid Intervention to be implemented in cooperation with CSOs), which aims to promote access to education and the protection and social inclusion of Lebanese children, refugees and migrants, as well as to build the capacity of the Lebanese national systems in charge of providing educational and social assistance services. Specifically, the intervention provides for an array of actions for fostering access to education for boys and girls from an early age, however taking into account the specific needs of girls. For example, activities are planned to promote social and behavioural norms capable of improving gender equality, prevention and health and psychosocial assistance in the area of gender and sexual violence (SGBV), as well as subsidies for transport, in order to avoid possible abuse and violence on the way to and from school.

In **Guinea Bissau**, the project "Involve everyone to build our future: Policies, training and work for an inclusive business!" (AID 012590/09/4, Joint Committee Deliberation No. 3 of 14/03/2022, total amount - 1,799.514.02 Euro, Development Intervention promoted by ManiTese), aims to promote an inclusive society, able to offer vocational training and employment opportunities to all for a participatory and sustainable economic growth, in particular to young people of working age


between 18 and 34, women and people with disabilities. The programme includes specific activities aimed at involving women in activities for promoting technical, vocational and entrepreneurial skills, by providing both formal and informal training courses, thus also targeting people with very low levels of schooling. In addition, several participants will receive a work grant and support for company placement through supported internships, with a priority focus on women and persons with disabilities.

Gender-based violence and the rights of women and girls

In **Ukraine**, the Italian Development Cooperation intervenes in several areas affected by the conflict, including Bucha, infamous for having been the site of horrific violence, including sexual violence, targeting women and minors. The project "Integrated emergency and protection services for the vulnerable population of Bucha" (AID 012600/01/6, VM Deliberation No. 41 of 28.06.22, total amount 829,300 Euro, Humanitarian Aid Intervention), implemented by the CSO CESVI, is aimed at people who have suffered trauma during the occupation, providing both direct group and individual psychosocial support, and training of psychologists, trainers, educators, social workers trained to identify and treat post-traumatic stress symptoms related to the conflict. In order to reach a wider target, CESVI also activated a mobile unit composed of 4 psychologists to bring psychosocial support




Photos 11 - Italian Cooperation project in Ukraine - photo by CESVI



directly to the villages, to reach the most marginalised people, including women and girls who suffered violence during the occupation. In addition to psychosocial support, CESVI has activated a "child safe centre" where non-formal education, recreation and animation services of great importance to survivors are provided. The project also provides monetary support for 600 families, giving priority to those in the most vulnerable condition. Similar activities are also carried out by other CSOs (e.g. Helpcode, AiBi, We World, Focsiv) in different areas of the country, as part of the very first emergency programme financed by the Italian Cooperation system (AID 012600).

In **Libya**, through the intervention "Multi-sectoral response to increase access to basic services for the most vulnerable population in Libya" (AID 012585/01/0, VM Deliberation No. 38 of 26.05.2022, total amount 5,009,398 Euro, Humanitarian Aid Intervention to be implemented in collaboration with CSOs), the aim is to increase the availability of and improve access to specialised and quality services that protect the most vulnerable. Recognising gender and sexual violence as one of the greatest risks faced by Libyan women and girls, persons with disabilities and minors, the project envisages actions to strengthen the capacities of local communities in the provision of social care services to protect those most vulnerable to abuse and violence, also by strengthening reproductive/sexual health and gender-based violence services.


In **Ethiopia, South Sudan and Uganda**, Italy has financed the initiative "Response to the complex South Sudanese emergency in South Sudan, Ethiopia and Uganda" (AID 012629/01/0, VM Deliberation No. 57 of 15.09.2022, total amount - 6,000.000 Euro, Humanitarian Aid Intervention), with the aim of strengthening protection mechanisms for the most vulnerable segments of the population, with particular emphasis on improving the legal and clinical management of cases of



sexual and gender-based violence (SGBV) and psychosocial assistance related to post-traumatic mental health services. To this end, awareness-raising and training activities are carried out for health and community personnel, for the prevention and clinical and psycho-social care of cases of gender and sexual violence (SGBV), aimed at improving the referral system for victims of violence.

In **Palestine**, the Italian Development Cooperation supported the project "Multisector Emergency Intervention in support of the most vulnerable groups of the Palestinian population" (AID 012273/01/1 and 01/2, VM Deliberation No. 31 of 29.03.2022 and 110 of 13.10.2022, total amount - 5,000.000 Euro, Humanitarian Aid Intervention) focusing on the Gaza Strip, Area C of the West Bank, East Jerusalem and Area H2 of Hebron, with the aim of contributing to provide a multi-sectoral response to the needs of the Palestinian population, in particular women and girls exposed to different forms of gender discrimination, related to the negative effects of the occupation and the existence of harmful social gender norms that fuel stereotypes and forms of gender-based violence, including domestic violence, "honour killings", sexual harassment and child marriage. To address this situation, protection and psychosocial support services are provided and strengthened for women and men, girls and boys, who are exposed to gender-based violence and violations of their fundamental rights.

Last but not least, it is worth mentioning the contributions to the Country Based Pooled Funds - CBPF (AID 012680), supported by Italy in **Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Lebanon, Myanmar, Palestine, Syria, Ukraine** (total 22.5 million Euro), which contribute - among other things - to combating gender-based violence (GBV) in crisis and conflict contexts. In disasters and emergencies, women and girls are usually among the most at risk and marginalised and may face increased vulnerabilities, including additional risks of GBV. CBPFs build partnerships with




gender and protection experts to better inform programming and address and mitigate sexual violence. CBPFs integrate GBV response into all phases of the fund cycle, systematically considering it a priority in allocation strategies and individual projects.

4.3. PROJECTS IMPLEMENTED BY CIVIL SOCIETY ORGANISATIONS

In the humanitarian sphere, it is worth mentioning the great contribution of Civil Society Organisations (CSOs): in the course of 2022, AICS Offices selected numerous projects following Calls for proposals launched as part of humanitarian aid initiatives resolved in previous years. In particular, there are projects specifically dedicated to promoting gender equality or with components on the theme totalling more than 40 million Euro. The CSOs, in addition to providing support to the population affected by the crisis in Ukraine, have been mainly engaged in Africa and the Middle East (Chad, Ethiopia, Eritrea, Jordan, Iraq, Lebanon, Libya, Mali, Mozambique, Palestine, Central African Republic, Senegal, Somalia, Sudan, South Sudan, Uganda), with interventions primarily aimed at supporting displaced persons, migrant refugees and host communities, to strengthen the resilience of women and youths in a vulnerable or risky situation, and protecting from and preventing sexual and gender-based violence. Several projects will pursue strategies for the economic and social empowerment of the families and women most discriminated against, school-based interventions for the empowerment of adolescent girls, and initiatives for community mobilisation and awareness-raising on harmful practices and maternal, sexual and reproductive health. In addition, in order to strengthen community resilience, some of these projects involved women and girls from rural and marginalised communities in awareness-raising, prevention and inclusion actions, as well as group psychosocial activities.

With reference to the projects promoted by the CSOs approved by the AICS Director in 2022, in addition to the projects financed with the financial allocation under



Joint Committee Deliberation No. 3 of 14 March 2022 - during the year, several projects promoted financed under CC Deliberation No. 141 of 14 December 2020 were approved. Of these, 33 have components related to gender equality and women's empowerment for a funding of 61,258,186 Euro. Of these, 4 have gender equality as their principal objective (G2), amounting to 7,294,378 Euro; while 29 are projects with significant gender components (G1), for a total of 53,963,808 Euro.

5. PROTECTION FROM SEXUAL EXPLOITATION, ABUSE AND HARASSMENT (PSEAH)


Italy has long advocated a **zero-tolerance policy** against sexual exploitation and abuse committed by UN peacekeepers and international cooperation and civilian personnel.

Indeed, these phenomena can seriously undermine the integrity, effectiveness and credibility of the entire international cooperation community rooted in situations of structural inequality, especially gender inequality, and jeopardise the global efforts to implement the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, in particular Goal 5 to "Achieve gender equality and empower all women and girls".

During our non-permanent membership in the UN Security Council, we promoted the inclusion of specific regulatory provisions in the mandates of peacekeeping operations precisely to counter this phenomenon.

Following complex negotiations between like-minded countries and the UN Legal Office, harmonised language on SEAH¹ was approved in July 2021. Italy is particularly committed to including the agreed clause in all agreements for the implementation of projects by major UN Agencies.


¹ https://cdn.who.int/media/docs/default-source/documents/harmonized-seah-clause-july-2021-english-.pdf?sfvrsn=d4d44a31_9



With regard to **PSEAH**, in implementing the commitments undertaken by Italy that led – among other things – to the adoption of the AICS PSEAH Code – Protection from Sexual Exploitation, Abuse and Harassment, the Agency strengthened its actions aimed at preventing sexual harassment, abuse and exploitation in humanitarian contexts, by including specific references to the need to intervene in this area in its humanitarian aid programmes. For example, in Ukraine within the framework of the project "Multi-sectoral emergency assistance to vulnerable populations affected by the conflict in the Kyivska Oblast" (VM Deliberation No. 41 of 28/06/2022, amount 1,000.000) carried out by the OSC GVC which, in addition to providing life-saving humanitarian assistance to the population affected by the ongoing humanitarian crisis, is expected to set up complaint and feedback mechanisms and systems to ensure that the beneficiary population can report any abuses, in compliance with the principles of Accountability to Affected People (AAP) and PSEAH. Also in Ukraine, the OSC INTERSOS, in the implementation of the project "Emergency initiative for vulnerable and displaced populations affected by the Ukrainian crisis in Poltavaska Oblast" (VM Deliberation No. 41 of 28/06/2022, amount 1,000,000 Euro), organised a cycle of training sessions for project staff on child protection and PSEAH issues, in order to promote the safety of children involved in the project as well as a holistic approach by staff on child protection issues.

6. ENHANCING THE VALUE OF FUNDED ACTIONS AND ACHIEVEMENTS FOR GENDER EQUALITY

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI) has a primary focus on the issue of gender equality, also through communication and visibility actions regarding Italy's commitment, carried out jointly with national and international partners. Every year, on the occasion of World Women's Day and the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women, MAECI issues a [press release](#) and dedicates a number of posts on its social media platforms to



highlight Italy's commitment on the international stage in support of gender equality. Each year, together with various UN Agencies, including UN WOMEN and UNFPA, we coordinate outreach and visibility actions – as part of the "Donor Visibility Week" – to promote the work of the Italian Development Cooperation on issues of gender equality and the protection of the rights of women and girls, including strong support for the UN Programme to eliminate female genital mutilation and other brutal practices. Each year MAECI supports the UN's international “16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence” campaign and the section of the MAECI website dedicated to in-depth information on development cooperation is consistently updated with gender-related guidelines and documents. The MAECI network abroad implements a number of initiatives in this field, too.

AICS also regularly updates its website with new content and documentation on [Gender Equality](#), including a section dedicated specifically to good practices, with the aim of highlighting the funded actions and results achieved on the ground.


In addition, specific news items were published in the news section to celebrate International Women's Day (8 March – [Not just on 8 March: AICS's ongoing commitment to women in partner countries](#)), the International Day for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict (19 June – [AICS Action for the Elimination of Sexual Violence in Conflict. Online AICS Report for Gender Equality – 2021](#)).

For the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women 2022 (25 November) and for the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence, AICS kicked off a campaign featuring the almost daily publication on its website of articles² and photos disseminating the Agency's achievements in the field.

1. ² 10/12/2022 - [Libya, Asma's other life](#)

2. 09/12/2022 - [Kenya, survivors and protagonists speak about the successes of the “Let it not happen again” initiative](#)

3. 07/12/2022 - [Ukraine, AICS fights gender-based violence after the Bucha massacre](#)




Many other activities have been implemented by the AICS Field Offices and disseminated through their websites and social media channels, as well as local media.

In **Albania**, for example, AICS Tirana launched the “I will be with you” campaign³ on Mother Teresa Day, to remind people of the important role of women and to promote the fight against gender-based violence and for women's empowerment. The campaign was also aired on RTSH, the Albanian public broadcaster, as well as on the Web, from 5 to 19 September and from 25 November to 10 December, starting on the International Day for the Elimination of Violence against Women and during the 16 Days of Activism against Gender-Based Violence.

The initiative marks 15 years of Italy's commitment in Albania against gender-based violence and presents data collected through 6 projects implemented from 2007 to 2022 by two civil society organisations, CIES and COSPE, in partnership with local Albanian associations: the Vatra Centre in Vlore, Tjeter Vizion in Elbasan, Gruja tek Gruja and Centro Hapat Te Lehte in Shkodra, Shoqata Nderkomunalja in Zadrime. The protection and reintegration of abused women is just one aspect of Italy's overall commitment alongside the Albanian institutions and local associations to strengthen effective respect for human rights, individual freedoms and personal dignity in the Western Balkans.

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4. 06/12/2022 - [Ethiopia, moringa: a plant to create new opportunities for women and young people](#)
 5. 05/12/2022 - [The almost forgotten women of Western Sahara](#)
 6. 02/12/2022 - [Cuba, AICS fights every day against violence against women](#)
 7. 01/12/2022 - [Sudan, actions and testimonies against gender-based violence](#)
 8. 30/11/2022 - [Niger, an integrated approach to combat gender-based violence](#)
 9. 29/11/2022 - [Albania and the “slingshot of kindness”, cooperation combats gender-based violence](#)
 10. 28/11/2022 - [Colombia, the story of Sandra: from displaced person to winner of an AICS sponsored prize](#)
 11. 26/11/2022 - [Respect for women begins in the family. A path with Albania - Future](#)
 12. 24/11/2022 - [Violence against women, AICS proposes a Gender Glossary for more inclusive language](#)


³ For the videos: [I'll be with you - The video](#); [I'll be with you - The data](#)



In **Colombia**, AICS Bogotá organised the event “Mujeres y violencias: perspectivas diferentes, una lucha común”, in collaboration with the Italian Embassy and the Italian Cultural Institute, in early December 2022. The event, which saw the participation of both representatives of Colombian institutions and local associations for the promotion of women's rights, addressed the issue of gender-based violence in Colombia, with a special focus on the participation of women in decision-making spaces across all sectors and particularly the institutional sphere.

In **Senegal**, on 9 and 10 December 2022, at the close of the 16 Days of Activism campaign, the AICS Field Office in Dakar, in partnership with the Italian Embassy and the Italian Institute of Culture, organised the international scientific symposium "Re-thinking Together", at the Faculty of Science and Technology of Education and Training (FASTEF) of the Cheikh Anta Diop University of Dakar (UCAD). The symposium aimed to promote scientific research on the issue of gender in the field of development cooperation, through the organisation of panels and round tables that brought together the academic world and international cooperation around major themes such as: inclusion/exclusion; art and social change; activism; law and social justice; feminism as a tool for producing scientific knowledge. The symposium also saw the participation of the AICS Rome Office and the Field Offices in Bogotá, Tunis and Tirana, which shared videos and communication materials respectively.

In **Palestine**, on the occasion of Breast Cancer Awareness Month in October, the AICS Office, together with the local Ministry of Health and Augusta Victoria Hospital, organised a prevention and awareness-raising initiative in the two villages of Rantis and Ein Siniya, with the slogan “Early Diagnosis Saves Lives”. During the two-day campaign, some 150 women from remote areas had access to free mammography and information services provided by a mobile clinic manned by specialised medical



personnel (a nutritionist and an oncologist), also sharing the testimony of a woman cancer survivor. This awareness-raising initiative is of paramount importance in a social context where many women do not undergo mammography screening because of restrictions of movement and the fear of being abandoned by their husbands. This fear also extends to the entire family, because of the fear of being marginalised by society and of jeopardising social opportunities for their children, such as the possibility for daughters to marry.


7. AICS STAFF TRAINING

In order to strengthen the capacity of staff in the area of gender equality, some AICS Field Offices carried out specific training activities on the subject. This is the case, for instance, of the AICS Offices in Cairo and Jerusalem.

AICS Cairo conducted a training session on the implementation of a gender mainstreaming system to be applied to the Office's initiatives. The session, organised and carried out by the Gender Expert at the Office, was attended by the Director and all the technical experts – including the chief officers of the delegated cooperation programmes – as well as some administrative staff.

The aim of the training was to provide the theoretical and practical foundations for enabling participants to properly integrate the gender perspective within the Office's programmes, beginning with the terminology used in the sector and the contents of national and international strategies (e.g. EU Gender Action Plan III, Guidelines on Gender Equality and the Empowerment of Women and Girls - 2020/2024), up to the formulation of gender objectives and a gender analysis on which to build development actions.

On the occasion of the 16-day campaign, on 22 November 2022, the **AICS Office in Jerusalem** conducted a training course on gender equality for staff members, for the purpose of providing background on the topic, according to a human rights



perspective. The training was delivered by UNWOMEN and addressed gender issues such as gender stereotypes, intersectionality and multiple discrimination, as well as the difference between sex and gender. The one-day course was organised by dividing the staff into two groups of 10 people each, according to a non-classroom teaching method that encouraged dialogue, group discussion and interactive games. At the end of the day, participants were invited to respond to an anonymous online training survey. The results indicated: a strong interest in the topic in general; more information about LGBTQI+ people; a request for practical advice on how to prevent gender discrimination at family and community level; and a need to repeat the experience focusing on specific topics such as those described above.

ANNEX 1. CSO-BASED HUMANITARIAN PROJECTS WITH GENDER EQUALITY COMPONENTS INITIATED DURING 2022.

Chad


AID 012398/01/0 (M/VM Deliberation No. 29/2021) - Project title: "*Emergency initiative to support the health and nutritional needs of the population affected by conflicts and natural disasters in Chad*"

- COOPI. Project title: '*Promotion of sustainable agriculture and strengthening of food security through the involvement of women in the Department of Mamdi, Chad*', Total amount 275,000 Euro.
- ACRA. Project title: '*Feeding the City: Integrated Programme for Sufficient and Quality Food for the Refugee and Indigenous Population of the 1st Arrondissement of N'Djamena*', Total amount 275,000 Euro
- INTERSOS. Project title: '*Emergency initiative to support the health and nutritional needs of the population affected by conflicts and natural disasters in Chad*', Total amount 275,000 Euro.

Ethiopia

AID 012285/01/0 (M/VM Deliberation No. 7/2021) - Project title: "*Emergency initiative in response to migration flows and internal displacement*"

- COOPI/CUAMM. Project title: '*Integrated assistance and resilience support intervention for the displaced population and host communities in the conflict-affected areas of Amhara Regional State (North Shewa and Oromia Special Zones)*', Total amount 1,260,000 Euro
- CIFA/CVM/LVIA. Project title: '*RE-START: emergency initiative to support migrants, returnees and vulnerable communities in Addis Ababa and South Wollo*', Total amount 1,225,067 Euro
- CISP/Save the Children. Project title: "*HDP Nexus in the Somali Region through Strengthening Food Security, Access to Water and Sanitation, and Protection (HUDEPE Somali Region)*", Total amount 1,223,500 Euro.



AID 011959/01/0 (M/VM Deliberation No. 20/2019) - Project title: *'Multi-sectoral and integrated regional programme to strengthen the resilience of South Sudanese refugees, IDPs and returnees, and host communities in South Sudan, Ethiopia and Uganda'*.

- CUAMM/CEFA. Project title: *'Strengthening the resilience of South Sudanese refugees in Gambella through an integrated and durable approach with a focus on the most vulnerable groups'*, Total amount 750,000 Euro

AID 012279/01/0 (M/VM Deliberation No. 5/2021) - Project title: *"Emergency initiative in support of the socio-economic integration of displaced South Sudanese populations, returnees, refugees, victims of the protracted humanitarian crisis in South Sudan, Ethiopia and Uganda"*.

- CISP/CBM/CESVI. Project title: *"Humanitarian / Development / Peace Nexus in the refugee and host community camps of the Benishangul-Gumuz Regional State (HUDEPE Benishangul-Gumuz)"*, Total amount 1,000,000 Euro.

Libya

AID 011573/01/5 (M/VM Deliberation No. 29/2018) - Project title: *'Training and capacity building of municipal officials in Libya'*.

- WWGVC/INTERSOS. Project title: *"GAIA - Gestione Acqua Igiene Ambiente"*, Total amount 1,302,994 Euro.

AID 011571/01/0 (M/VM Deliberation No. 21/2018) - Project title: *'Training and capacity building of municipal officials in Libya'*

- COOPI/CEFA. Project title: *'SDE - Social Dialogue for Environment'*, Total amount 524,223 Euro.

AID 012266/01/0 (M/VM Deliberation No. 8/2021) - Project title: *'SOLE - Accessible health care for municipalities in southern Libya'*.

- Helpcode/TDH. Project title: *'SOLE - Accessible Health Care for Municipalities in Southern Libya'*, Total amount 960,000 Euro.

Mali and Senegal

AID 012289/01/0 (M/VM Deliberation No. 6/2021) - Project title: "*Emergency initiative in favour of the populations affected by the humanitarian and economic crisis in Mali and Senegal*"

- WWGVC/CISV/LVIA. Project title: "*SURE - Emergency project for the assistance and resilience of vulnerable populations affected by the conflict in Douentza and Gao, Mali*", Total amount 1,000,000 Euro.
- COOPI/TAMAT. Project title: "*Réponses d'urgence aux besoins des populations déplacées internes et hôte en santé, nutrition et sécurité alimentaire dans le centre du Mali*", Total amount 1,000,000 Euro.
- VIS/COOPI/LVIA. Project title: "*Femmes, jeunes et entrepreneuriat social: piliers d'un avenir durable et inclusif (Senegal), Kayes and Bamako (Mali)*", Total amount 995,413 Euro.

Mozambique

AID 012471/01/0 (M/VM Deliberation No. 72/2021) - Project title: "*Emergency initiative in favour of displaced camps and host communities in the area of Pemba City and Metuge District, Cabo Delgado Province*".

- AVSI/CUAMM. Project title: "*WASH UP - WASH - Shelter - Health - Support to the improvement of the living conditions of the displaced and host communities of Metuge and Pemba through an integrated approach of WASH, Health and Shelter*", Total amount 900,000 Euro.

Central African Republic

AID 012274/01/0 (M/VM Deliberation No. 11/2021) - Project title: "*RCA: Protection of the Vulnerable Population in Protracted Humanitarian Crisis*"

- Friends for Central Africa. Project title: "*Strengthening, consolidation and decentralisation of free and quality health coverage on the Bangui-Mbaiki axis*", Total amount 597,496.82 Euro.

Somalia

AID 012255/01/0 (M/VM Deliberation No. 4/2021) - Project title: "*Multisectoral emergency intervention in response to the humanitarian crisis in Somalia*"

- CISP. Project title: '*Provision of integrated quality health, nutrition and WASH services in the State of Galmudug*', Total amount EUR 500,000.
- Emergency Smiles. Project title: '*Strengthening Medical Health Resilience in Somalia*', Total amount 420,746.85 Euro.

Sudan

AID 012461/01/0 (M/VN Deliberation No. 58/2021) - Project title: "*Emergency Initiative for vulnerable populations in Sudan affected by natural disasters and conflicts*".

- CISP. Project title: '*Provision of life-saving and life-sustaining services to crisis-affected populations, host communities, migrants and refugees in Gedaref State, eastern Sudan*', Total amount 900,000 Euro

South Sudan

AID 011959/01/0 (M/VM Deliberation No. 20/2019) - Project title: '*Multi-sectoral and integrated regional programme to strengthen the resilience of South Sudanese refugees, IDPs and returnees, and host communities in South Sudan, Ethiopia and Uganda*'.

- AMREF HEALTH AFRICA. Project title: "*Accompaniment to the resilience of refugee and host communities with special focus on the health of women and children under the age of 5, in the Terego and MadiOkolo Districts, West Nile*", Total amount 440,832 Euro

AID 012279/01/0 (M/VM Deliberation No. 5/2021) - Project title: "*Emergency initiative in support of the socio-economic integration of displaced South Sudanese populations, returnees, refugees, victims of the protracted humanitarian crisis in South Sudan, Ethiopia and Uganda*".

- AVSI/INTERSOS. Project title: "*AIRE SicurA: Integrated and Inclusive Approach to Strengthen Education and Food Security of the Most Vulnerable*", Total amount 999,495 Euro.
- VIDES. Project title: '*Sustainable agriculture, food security and peace: the three keys in response to the humanitarian emergency in Juba County*', Total amount 500,000 Euro.

Uganda

AID 011959/01/0 (M/VM Deliberation No. 20/2019) - Project title: '*Multi-sectoral and integrated regional programme to strengthen the resilience of South Sudanese refugees, IDPs and returnees, and host communities in South Sudan, Ethiopia and Uganda*'.

- VIDES. Project title: '*Humanitarian-development-peace approach for the empowerment of women: access to water and agricultural development for food security and improved livelihoods*', Total amount 269,300 Euro.

AID 012279/01/0 (M/VM Deliberation No. 5/2021) - Project title: "*Emergency initiative in support of the socio-economic integration of displaced South Sudanese populations, returnees, refugees, victims of the protracted humanitarian crisis in South Sudan, Ethiopia and Uganda*".

- CESVI. Project title: '*ASPIRE - Sustainable Agriculture and Productivity for Inclusion and Resilience in Palabek*', Total amount 361,400 Euro.
- JRS Cooperation and Development Project title: '*Integrated support action for educational, economic and social development in post-pandemic emergency for Sudanese refugee families and host communities in Adjumani district*', Total amount 470,063 Euro.

Jordan

AID 012193/01/0 (M/VM Deliberation No. 109/2020) - Project title: "*LRRD initiative to support the creation of sustainable livelihoods for Syrian refugees and*

vulnerable Jordanians to alleviate the effects of the Syrian crisis and the COVID-19 pandemic in Jordan".

- COOPI/AIDOS. Project title: *'Saql: Pathways for professional growth to foster inclusive economic development in the Governorates of Zarqa and Irbid'*, Total amount 1,200,000 Euro

AID 011731/03/1 (M/VM Deliberation No. 38/2020) - Project title: *"Emergency initiative for the protection and integrated social assistance of the most vulnerable groups among Jordanian refugees and host communities"*.

- INTERSOS. Project title: *"Community Based Protection - Preventing and Responding to Gender Based Violence in Jordan through Strengthening Community Care Networks in the Governorates of Amman, Irbid and Karak"*, Total amount 497,500 Euro.
- AIDOS/Earth Wind. Project title: *"No woman left behind. Gender violence and disability: transforming vulnerability into ability"*, Total amount 994,576 Euro.
- ICU/COOPI. Project title: *'Sanadak - Protection and inclusion of adolescents'*, Total amount 995,000 Euro.
- UPP. Project title: *'Masahat Aamina (Safe spaces): Protected spaces for social inclusion and integrated protection for particularly vulnerable people among refugees and host communities in Jordan'*, Total amount 497,500 Euro.

Iraq

AID 012458/01/0 (M/VM Deliberation No. 49/2021) - Title of Initiative: *"Integrated protection and education intervention for the benefit of displaced persons, refugees and returnees in Iraq"*

- COOPI. Project title: *'Schools Where We Want to Be - Inclusive, Safe and Quality Formal Education in Iraq'*, Total amount 1,200,000 Euro.
- INTERSOS/HI. Project title: *"Safe and Secure Environments for a Sustainable and Inclusive Education for Vulnerable Children in the Governorates of Nineveh, Salah Al Din and Sulaymaniyah in Iraq"*, Total amount 1,780,000 Euro.

Lebanon

AID 012228/01/0 (M/VM Deliberation No. 58/2020) - Project title: '*Education and protection for school-age children in Lebanon*'.

- ICU. Project title: '*BRIGHT: Energy and Inclusion for Accessible and Sustainable Education*', Total amount 930,000 Euro.
- WWGVC. Project title: '*ANA KAMEN: inclusive and quality education in three communities in Akkar Governorate*', Total amount 930,000 Euro

Niger

AID 012013/01/3 (M/VM Deliberation No. 21 of 10/02/2020) Title "*Emergency initiative in favour of the vulnerable populations of the Tahoua and Tillabéry regions in Niger*".

- CISP (ATS with INTERSOS and CBM). Project title: '*Inclusive access to sanitation and protection of vulnerable communities in the Tillabéry region*', Total amount 797,683 Euro
- ACRA (ATS with CISV and MOORIBEN). Project title: '*Women in action to improve the food security of the vulnerable populations of Tillabéri and Say in Niger*', Total amount 800,000 Euro

Palestine

AID 011992/01/3 (M/VM Deliberation No. 43/2019) - Project title: '*Emergency initiative and protection of the Palestinian population most exposed to violations of human rights and international humanitarian law*'

- CRI/PRCs. Project title: '*Gaza 101- Strengthening the Health System to Provide Quality Emergency Care in the Gaza*', Total amount 457,764 Euro.
- EDUcaid/COSPE. Project title: '*Saqel: Protection/Protection and Inclusion of People with Disabilities*', Total amount 459,915 Euro.

- OXFAM Italy/ Oxfam Novib. Project title: '*Saqel: Integrated Wash and Protection Intervention to improve the resilience of the most vulnerable communities affected by the protracted crisis and the Covid-19 pandemic in Gaza*', Total amount 489,111 Euro


AID 012273/01/0 (M/VM Deliberation No. 79/2021) - Project title: "*Emergency initiative to protect the Palestinian refugee population at risk of forcible relocation*"

- CESVI/ActionAid Italy. Project title: "*PASSI: Protection, Water, Sanitation and Hygiene-Health for the Vulnerable Population in Area C*", Total amount 460,000 Euro.
- CISP/CESVI. Project title: "*RIGHTS - Protection and Human Rights for Vulnerable Palestinian Communities in Area C (West Bank): Health, Water and Sanitation*", Total amount 459,998 Euro.

Ukraine

AID 012600 (M/VM Deliberation No. 41/2022) - Project title: "*Emergency initiative to support the population affected by the crisis in Ukraine*".

- Amici dei Bambini. Project title: '*Children for Peace - Multi-sector intervention in Ukraine*', Total amount 896,198.29 Euro.
- AVSI. Project title: "*IRINA - Intersectoral Response Initiative in assisting victims of the Ukraine crisis*", Total amount 999,460 Euro.
- CESVI. Project title: "*Integrated first emergency and protection services for the vulnerable population of Bucha*", Total amount 829,300 Euro.
- CUAMM. Project title: "*Integrated Humanitarian and Health Response for the Internally Displaced and Most Vulnerable Population in Ukraine*", Total amount 989,261 Euro.
- FOCSIV in ATS with ARCS Arci Culture Solidali APS, IBO Italia, Missione Calcutta Onlus, Condivisione fra i Popoli. Project title: "*Razom z Ukrainoiu - emergency initiative in support of the Ukrainian population in the Ivano Frankivska, Chernivetska and Odessa regions*", Total amount 1,999,900 Euro.

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- Helpcode. Project title: '*Protecting the most vulnerable IDPs and non-displaced communities in the Chernivtsi region*', Total Amount 409,022 Euro
 - INTERSOS. Project title: "*Emergency initiative for vulnerable and displaced populations affected by the Ukrainian crisis in Poltavaska Oblast*", Total amount 1,000,000 Euro.
 - The Tree of Life. Project title: '*Life-saving humanitarian assistance initiative for the Ukrainian population in the city of Černivci*', Total amount 1,000,000 Euro.
 - MEDU. Project title: "*Health care and psychosocial support for the displaced population in Ukraine*", Total amount 362,800 Euro.
 - SOLETERRE. Project title: '*RELIEF - Multi-sectoral support to Ukrainian local organisations in the delivery of services in response to urgent needs*', Total amount 999,808 Euro
 - WWGVC. Project title: '*Multi-sectoral emergency assistance to vulnerable populations affected by the conflict in the Kyivska Oblast*', Total amount 1,000,000 Euro.