



FH SWITZERLAND
FOOD FOR THE HUNGRY

Annual report 2025



Who We Are

A pioneer in agroecology, FH Switzerland supports families suffering from hunger in the Great Lakes region of Africa and in Chad.

For 30 years, we have worked with communities, leaders, and families to develop agriculture that meets their food security needs, thereby contributing to sustainable food systems.

FH Switzerland is an association based in Geneva, founded in 1996, with an office in German-speaking Switzerland. We are part of the Geneva Cooperation Federation (FGC) and the umbrella organization Interaction. We collaborate with the Food

for the Hungry Association (FHA) and the Food for the Hungry International Federation (FHIF).

An Impressive Harvest!

Top right image: Cassava harvest on the field of a model farmer in Bwira, Rwanda. On the right: Faustin Ndayisaba, our colleague from FH Rwanda, and beside him, the field owner. In the center: an FH staff member based in Bwira, followed by two farmers from the community. The harvested cassava weighs between 13 and 15 kg per plant, vividly illustrating the result of a well-maintained field using agroecological practices.



Cover page: Cassava harvest in the Bwira region of Rwanda, as part of our project to strengthen agricultural cooperatives, summer 2025

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Message from the President

In 2025, FH Switzerland maintained its commitment to aid the most vulnerable, with programs focused on agroecology, education, and health in Africa's Great Lakes region. A new country was added to this list: Chad, with three projects in three different regions and engaged local organizations.

Internally, we recorded the departure of Mr. Roger Zürcher, an agricultural engineer, after several years of dedication, and we thank him for his valuable contribution. We strengthened our team with the arrival of Mr. Jean Nibayubahe, based in Burundi, as coordinator of our projects in Africa. Ms. Harivola Rabemanantsoa joined the team as Head of Fundraising and Public Relations.

The significant shift in priorities in Swiss Confederation policy has affected our projects. A substantial reduction in available funds forced us to withdraw from certain commitments. With about fifteen ongoing projects, it is crucial to manage funding sources, yet predicting major adjustments remains difficult. We are grateful for the work accomplished; although the accounts closed with a deficit covered by the previous year's reserves, we remain committed

to maintaining the association's balance by continuously seeking solutions to meet our financial needs.

Our work is made possible by our partners, and we would like to thank them, especially Interaction, the Geneva Cooperation Federation (FGC), as well as several foundations and private donors. Through their support, we can continue to implement our projects to improve the living conditions of the communities we support and fulfill our mission of fighting poverty and hunger.

We invite you to join us in 2026 to celebrate our 30th anniversary with several public festive events, and to continue working to make a difference in service to those in our countries of operation.

Edmond Granges

The board (from left to right):
Giorgio Heiman, Daniel Hahling, Sharon Bentzen, Robertine Sanvura and Edmond Granges.



2025, at a Glance

3 Projects in Chad

Number of people supported: 1'912

- Beth Elpia Home, Moyen-Chari Province
- Agroecology Project, Hayat Farm, Guéra Province
- Agroecology, Mandoul Province

2 Projects in Rwanda

Number of people supported: 2'998

- Strengthening Agricultural Cooperatives, Eastern Province
- Agroecology and Resilience, Western Province

2 Projets in the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC)

Number of people supported: 2'780

- Agroecology, Beekeeping, and Rice Cultivation, South Kivu, Uvira Territory
- Agroecology and Resilience, South Kivu

3 Projects in Uganda

Karamoja Region, Amudat District

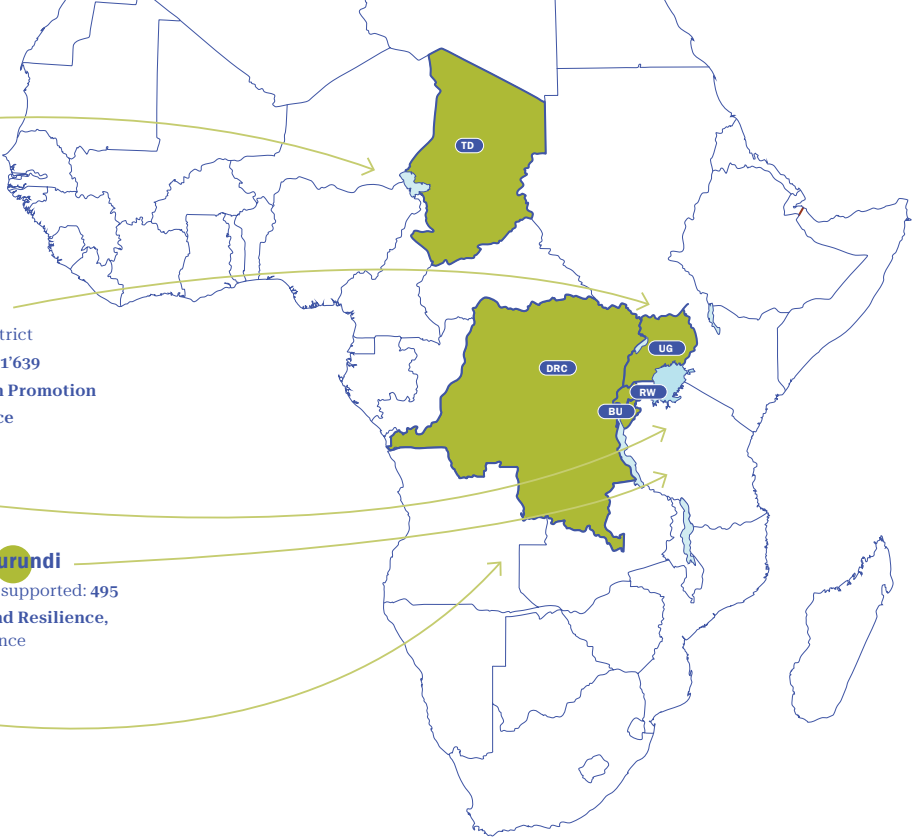
Number of people supported: 1'639

- Agroecology and Nutrition Promotion
- Agroecology and Resilience
- Karita Health Center

1 Project in Burundi

Number of people supported: 495

- Agroecology and Resilience, Butanyerera Province



We contribute to the UN's Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), particularly in the following areas:



A Look at 2025 By the Numbers

9'824

people have directly benefited from our projects in Chad, Burundi, Rwanda, Uganda, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).



6'255

small-scale farmers have adapted their farming practices to the effects of climate change by learning agroecological techniques.



256

people received emergency food aid in the Koumra region of Chad.

2'694

people have started new micro-businesses—such as street stalls, jewelry-making workshops, small retail shops, and businesses selling agricultural products or livestock—thanks to their participation in savings groups and training programs offered by local FHS.



438

teachers and students have been trained in agroecology. School gardens have been established in schools and are maintained collectively.



2'540

people receive care at the Karita Hospital in northeastern Uganda. The hospital has been equipped with essential surgical equipment to improve maternal care and reduce infant and maternal mortality.



A LOOK AT OUR COUNTRIES OF OPERATION

In 2025, FH Switzerland supported projects in Rwanda, Burundi, Uganda, the Democratic Republic of the Congo, and recently in Chad. Through these testimonies, you will see how supporting local initiatives transforms the daily lives of the women and men we accompany.



"Training in agroecological practices has been very beneficial."

"With my neighbors, we applied the agroecological practices learned during FH trainings. We prepared our compost, which allowed us to produce our own organic fertilizer to enrich our soils. We adopted row planting and mulching for our crops. To maintain good soil porosity, we practice 'minimum tillage,' meaning we do not plow deeply. We grow beans on a 0.8-hectare plot of land ; before these new practices, the harvest was 250 kg. Last season, from 20 kg of seeds, we obtained a harvest of 1,300 kg! I also grew tomatoes on a 0.4-hectare plot of land, and with the income from sales, I could meet my family's needs and purchase seeds for the next agricultural season."

Eliane I., Gitasi



BURUNDI

RWANDA



"Thanks to my pig, I no longer lack fertilizer."

"With the irrigation pumps provided by FH Rwanda, we can produce crops even during the dry season! I can grow eggplants, peppers, and beans throughout the three agricultural seasons. In the past, I used to buy vegetables; today, I sell them at the market! I learned to fight pests using natural and low-cost methods, as well as how to make compost and liquid fertilizer.

With the pig I received, I solved the fertilizer shortage problem. I can grow everything in my garden and achieve good yields. Feeding pigs is not difficult, and caring for them requires little time; moreover, pigs rarely fall ill."

Chantal N., Bwira



"My good harvests inspire my neighbors."

"The agroecological methods I use have had concrete and measurable effects. For beans, my production rose from 35 kg to 46 kg, and for maize, it jumped from 47 kg to 67 kg! Since I produce my own fertilizers and repellents, I have reduced my input costs, and my income has increased thanks to this higher productivity.

But the biggest change is psychological: I no longer view my field as a gamble, but as fertile and reliable land. Today, the soil is darker, richer, and retains moisture better, giving me great confidence for the coming seasons. Thanks to agroecological practices, I have not only improved my food security but also learned to protect my environment and feed my family with healthy, chemical-free products. This success has made me an inspiration for my neighborhood."

Justin I., Kabare, South Kivu



UGANDA



"From survival to resilience."

"Before joining the FH program in 2023, my family lived in extreme vulnerability. Our harvests were very meager, and food shortages were frequent.

By joining the farmers' group, I received not only training—soil and water conservation, crop diversification, vegetable gardening, organic fertilizer and biopesticide production, storage, savings, and group learning—but also acquired a new mindset.

Now, I harvest four times more than before: my maize production increased from 4–5 sacks per season to 15–25 sacks! My family can eat regularly, and I feel secure in my ability to feed them.

I now generate income from selling surplus produce from the harvests.

In the past, I simply farmed to survive, without knowledge or planning. Today, I farm with a clear objective, using skills that help me produce more and manage my resources better."

Hellen A., Amudat



Caption (opposite)

Training session for farmers interested in starting a poultry farm.

"Compost is black gold."

"Thanks to the training, I stopped buying expensive inputs. I now produce 800 kg of compost per cycle—this 'black gold' that has revived my land for free. To protect my crops, I no longer spend my meager savings on toxic pesticides. I make my own biopesticides based on neem and chili: they are healthy, free, and so effective that my neighbors come to buy them from me!

The project not only gave me knowledge but also equipped me. With the kit received (wheelbarrow, watering cans, tarps), work has become easier. The mulching technique was a revelation: my soil stays moist even under scorching sun, and my maize, eggplant, and okra plants remain vigorous while others wilt.

From beneficiary to leader: my greatest pride is becoming a trainer. I am no longer alone: I guide a group of 15 women in Kemkada. Today, we no longer practice survival agriculture, but progressive agriculture."

Bernadette N., Kemkada



CHAD



EVENTS IN SWITZERLAND



March 9th and May 11th «Sunday for Your Neighbor,» Geneva and Lausanne

An initiative by Stop Pauvreté aimed at encouraging churches to engage in development cooperation. In this context, our program officer participated in leading two services, one in Geneva (la Pélisserie Church) and the other in Lausanne (La Colline Church).

May 14th «Agroecology: Northern and Southern Perspectives,» HEPIA, Geneva

In collaboration with the Agronomy department of HEPIA – the Geneva University of Applied Sciences in Landscape, Engineering, and Architecture – we organized a conference on agroecology featuring Dieudonné Abakar, an agricultural engineer from Hayat Farm, our partner in Chad.

November 20th «Volunteer Speed Meeting»

Following our participation in this convivial event, which facilitates dynamic exchanges between organizations and potential volunteers, we were delighted to welcome Katia as a volunteer within our organization for three months!

November 25th «Solidarity Spirit» on Léman Bleu

A report on our agroecological transition project in Uganda. To rewatch the broadcast, please visit our website:

December 2nd «Giving Tuesday Campaign»

FH Switzerland joined this movement by launching a support action for fishermen in Burundi. «Giving Tuesday» was created to counter the consumer frenzy of Black Friday by focusing on giving.

November 26-29th Christmas Market, Meyrin

Mélanie Heiniger wished for the proceeds from the sale of her exhibited watercolors to be donated to FH Switzerland. We warmly thank her for this beautiful gesture of solidarity.

January 1-December 31 –Raiffeisen Action

The Neukirch-Romanshorn branch launched the «Raiffeisen-Fritig»: on the first Friday of each month, staff members dress in red and encourage customers to do the same! For every person wearing red, the bank donates 5 Swiss francs to a charitable organization. In 2025, FH Switzerland benefited from this action and received a donation of 2,500 francs at the end of the year.

January 1-December 31 Annual Egnach Project

Throughout the year, the parish of Egnach in Thurgau supported our project assisting fishermen in Burundi. Through various initiatives, numerous collections raised a total of 14,000 CHF in support of this project.

To watch the program (french and english) about our project in Uganda:





2025 HIGHLIGHTS

CHAD: OUR NEW COUNTRY OF INTERVENTION

Here I am safe

"I have lived at the Beth Elpia home for 4 years. My parents visit me here. With them, I decided to settle here to escape the village, as we faced immense pressure from community members who planned to abduct me to perform female genital mutilation. My father brought me here to keep me safe. In the future, when I leave the home, I plan to study atomic chemistry to solve Chad's energy problems, by the grace of God!"

Esther (17 years old)

Beth Elpia: A Refuge for Girls Fleeing Mutilation.

Since 2025, we have supported the activities of the Beth Elpia Home—"The House of Hope"—which shelters 134 girls in the Sarh region, southern Chad.

Beth Elpia is a place of reception, protection, and rehabilitation for girls exposed to mutilation, violence, marginalization, and extreme poverty. Founded in 2010, it offers a secure, educational, and caring environment where girls can grow with dignity and pursue vocational training (sewing, agriculture).

The Beth Elpia Home aims to strengthen girls' autonomy through schooling, vocational training, psychosocial support, social reintegration, and participation in productive agricultural activities.

Since its inception, 71 girls have left the home. For some, this means continuing vocational training in another province or attending university. For others, it is a return to their family after reconciliation or marriage.

Project Results:

Acquisition of a Rice Dehusking Machine

With our support, a rice dehusking machine was installed at the home. This initiative allowed the home to process its rice production locally, generating additional income. This service also benefits residents of surrounding villages and promotes local development: several young people were able to start economic activities by utilizing this new infrastructure.

Distribution of Agricultural Products

The home shares its agricultural produce with widows, orphans, and elderly people in the village.



Captions

Left: The young women at the Beth Elpia shelter, April 2026.

Opposite: A rice field in Kemkonon cultivated by the shelter's residents.



2025 HIGHLIGHTS

CHAD: OUR NEW COUNTRY OF INTERVENTION

A Small but Profitable Business

"I am a member of a MuSo (Solidarity Mutual). Thanks to the savings and credit mechanism established within the group, I obtained a small loan to start a commercial activity. With the borrowed amount, I bought dye for veils and clothes. I took advantage of the Ramadan period, when demand is particularly high, to expand my business. I managed to sell all my merchandise. This experience allowed me, in addition to repaying my loan, to generate a profit. Being part of a MuSo represents a concrete opportunity to start a business, earn an income, and contribute more to my household needs."

Houra, member of a MuSo in Chad

Agroecology to Promote Food Self-Sufficiency.

The Hayat Farm in Guéra

We support the activities of the Hayat Farm, a model farm that serves as a demonstration, training, and dissemination center for agroecological practices among local producers. There, **beekeeping, poultry farming, fish farming, vegetable gardening, raising livestock, composting, and other activities related to agroecological production are taught**, enabling farmers to cope with climate change effects and improve their yields.

We also promote the development of Solidarity Mutuals (MuSo), which enable women to establish small businesses.

In the Mandoul province in southern Chad, we support the training of small farmers who, like many in Chad, face soil degradation due to social pressure, primarily due to the established cotton monoculture.

Project Results:

- **209 farmers** were trained in agroecological practices. These Farmer Promoters subsequently trained 2,235 farmers.
- **16 Farmer Promoters** were trained in reforestation practices.
- **651 trees were planted:** mango, lemon, guava, papaya, banana, moringa, and acacia.
- **11 Solidarity Mutuals** were created, bringing together **253 women**.
- **Food assistance was provided for 256 people**

A food distribution session was organized in 12 localities to help vulnerable individuals, including widows, the elderly, and the sick.

Captions

Left: Houra, a member of a mutual aid association.

Opposite: A group of farmers in the Koumra region receiving support through agricultural training programs.





2025 HIGHLIGHTS

PROMOTION OF BEEKEEPING AND MELIPONICULTURE

From Livestock to Professional Beekeeping

"I spent my youth tending livestock, traveling long distances during the dry season. It was exhausting and dangerous for a very modest wage. My life changed when I discovered beekeeping. The beginning was difficult, but with FH's support, I acquired the knowledge, tools, and opportunities I needed. The farmers' group I belong to also played an essential role. Through our collective work, we were able to pool our honey production, access better markets, and negotiate higher prices. Today, beekeeping is my main income source and my pride. My dream is not only to develop my business but also to contribute to transforming my entire community."

Yohana (37 years old), father of 10 children

FH's Action for Bee Protection.

In all our projects, we promote and encourage the protection of bees.

Essential to life, bees meticulously perform the pollination of many plants. Recently, we introduced meliponiculture into our activities. Meliponiculture is the rearing of stingless bees (melipones), small bees found in the countries where we operate, particularly in Burundi, Rwanda, Uganda, and the Democratic Republic of the Congo (DRC).

We are also committed to promoting agro-ecology. Two of its fundamental principles are biodiversity promotion and economic diversification, which meliponiculture enables. Stingless bees pollinate plants that other bees do not visit, and their medicinal honey provides an additional income source for farmers.

Integration of Beekeeping and Meliponiculture in Our Projects:

- **In Uganda**

270 farmers and beekeepers were trained in the storage and sale of apicultural products.

They acquired skills regarding product quality, packaging, storage, and collective marketing of their apicultural products.

- **In the DRC**

Beekeeping and meliponiculture are among the new productions we support in our South Kivu project. These activities help diversify the livelihoods of the farming families we accompany.

300 farmers were trained to practice beekeeping and develop meliponiculture.

200 hives were installed, and large-scale honey harvesting took place in early 2026.

Captions

Left: Extracting honey with a honey press, Amudat, Uganda.

Opposite: Various models of beehives for meliponiculture, ICIPE (International Center for Insect Research), Kenya.



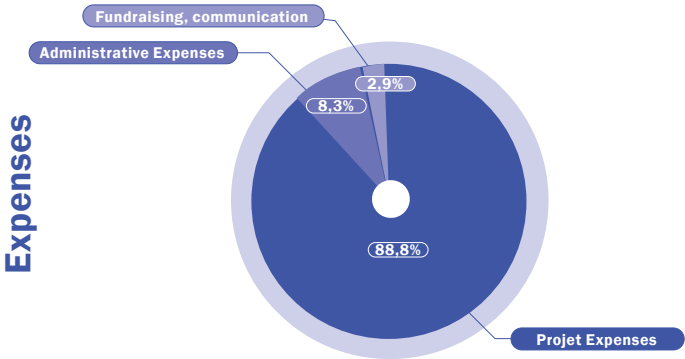
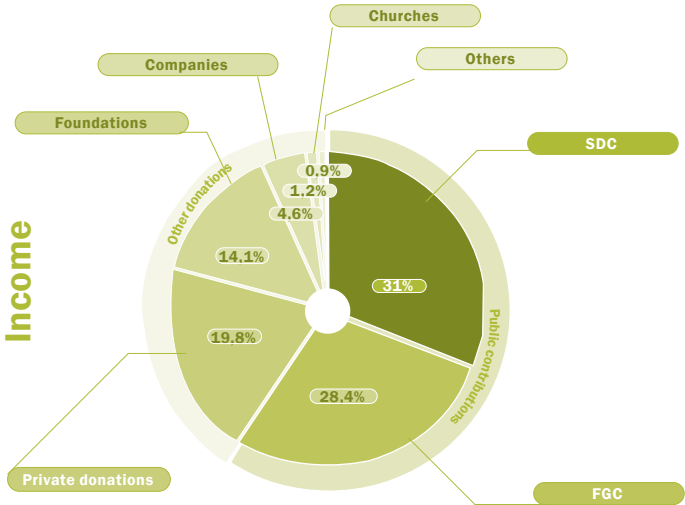
Financial report 2025

Operating account 2025 (in CHF)

INCOME	2025	2024
Public Contributions		
SDC (via Interaction)	351'970	542'970
Geneva Federation of Cooperation (FGC)	322'655	435'000
Donations		
Private donations	225'315	383'041
Donations from foundations	160'800	201'181
Donations from companies	52'181	10'900
Donations from churches	13'355	21'322
Revenue from sponsorships and craft sales	10'120	1'018
TOTAL INCOME	1'136'396	1'595'432

EXPENSES	2025	2024
Project Expenses	967'263	1'270'718
Fundraising, communication	97'292	96'375
Administrative Expenses	146'292	153'935
Total Operating Expenses	1'210'847	1'521'028
Result before change in funds	-76'362	76'536
Change in funds	21'398	-84'658

RESULT FOR THE YEAR	-54'965	-8'122
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Allocation in accordance with Zewo standards.

Balance sheet as of December 31, 2025 (in CHF)

ASSETS	2025	2024
Liquid assets	297'156	391'235
Other short term assets	12'916	1'988
Accrued Assets	18'924	23'904
Total Current Assets	328'996	417'126
Tangible fixed assets	0	2'357
Financial fixed assets	8'000	8'000
Total fixed assets	8'000	10'357
TOTAL ASSETS	336'996	427'483

LIABILITIES	2025	2024
Debts for purchase of services	-	3'830
Other short term debts	5'173	13'499
Accrued liabilities	9'823	11'791
Total short term Foreign Funds	14'996	29'120
Fund Capital	207'592	228'990
Association's capital	114'408	169'373
TOTAL LIABILITIES	336'996	427'483

Year in Review

In 2025, the federal government's decision to reduce funding for international cooperation had significant consequences, resulting in a sharp decline in institutional funding. This led to budget cuts for several projects, while other projects could not be implemented. The association incurred a loss for the 2025 fiscal year, which was covered by its equity. FH Switzerland has developed a strategy to seek out and diversify its funding sources, which will be implemented on a broader scale in the coming years. The association's accounting complies with Swiss GAAP RPC 21 standards and was audited in 2025 by the accounting firm Chavaz SA. FH Suisse is certified with the Zewo quality seal, which guarantees the effective management of the association's financial resources in accordance with its mission.

The full financial report is available at fh-switzerland.ch

THANK YOU FROM THE BOTTOM OF OUR HEARTS!

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to each and every one of you who have shown interest in and supported our work.

We also thank all our partners: the umbrella organization Interaction, the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), the Geneva Federation for Cooperation (FGC), as well as the companies, foundations, and church communities that believe in our efforts to build a world of solidarity.

How to support our actions?

Become a member

Join FH Switzerland by becoming a member of our association!

Your annual membership fee helps us carry out our mission year after year.

As a member, you will:

- Receive up-to-date information on the progress of our projects
- Be involved in the development of the association and have voting rights at our General Assembly

Contact us for more information or fill out the online form directly on our website.

Volunteer with us

Do you have some time and the desire to get involved with our association ?

We need help with: proofreading and translating texts, organizing events, social media, etc.

We need you!

Contact us at info@fhsuisse.org

Make a donation

By donating, you provide tangible support to families in need.

Becoming a regular donor or a project sponsor allows you to offer long-term, targeted support and receive regular updates.

How to make a donation:

Via IBAN

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Via our online form:

fh-switzerland.ch/en/donate/

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 Scan the QR Code with your device

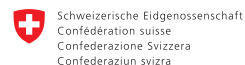
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