

Annual Financial Statement

2023

Partnerships for Health

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



Effective programme work and growing support

In the year under review, expenses in project countries rose by around CHF 170,000 compared to the previous year, to CHF 10.4 million. Once again, we were able to expand our activities for people in need of medical care in the project regions.

for administration, SolidarMed is well below the defined limits. Of every CHF 100 donated, CHF 80.10 flow into our North and South programmes.

A total of CHF 429,000 net from donations for project activities was set aside in the earmarked fund capital for future use. Meanwhile, to cover the remaining project financing, a planned withdrawal of CHF 617,000 was carried out from the organisation capital. After the withdrawal from the currency fluctuation fund, the total organisation capital fell by CHF 403,000. However, at CHF 8.9 million at the end of 2023, the fund still constitutes an appropriate financial reserve to hedge against the most important risks.

Isolated changes have been made to the presentation of the annual financial statements. Some items are therefore shown differently compared to previous years and the prior-year figures have been amended accordingly. Our full annual financial statements which can be viewed on the website now contain explanatory notes on the balance sheet and income statement. Interested parties can therefore obtain more detailed information. ■



Elisabeth Meier-Birchmeier
Head of human resources & finance

Thanks to our many partners, supporters and donors, the earmarked income (including contributions from the public sector and Confederation) increased by CHF 43,170 compared to the previous year. Non-designated income and bequests fell by just under CHF 1 million compared with the previous year. It should be noted, however, that the 2022 income included one extraordinarily large donation. Non-designated income and bequests are in line with previous years, although a slight increase can clearly be seen. Total income for 2023 therefore stood at CHF 13 million.

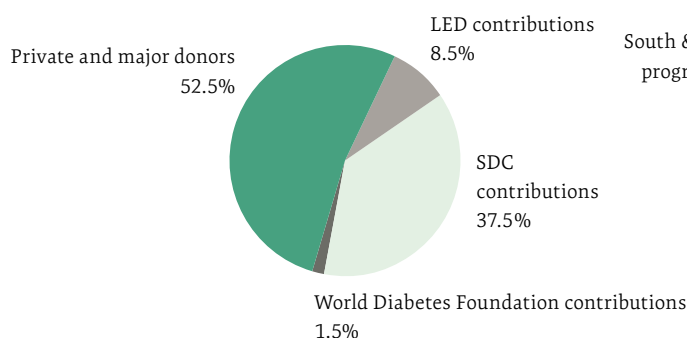
Following a volatile year in 2022, the stock markets recovered in 2023. This allowed us to make a deposit of CHF 268,000 into the currency fluctuation fund, which now contains CHF 357,600 to cover any losses from securities in a poor stock market year.

For an organisation with long-term activities, fundraising and administration are essential tasks. The Zewo Foundation recognises that this requires a certain amount of financial expenditure. At 15.7% for fundraising and 4.2%

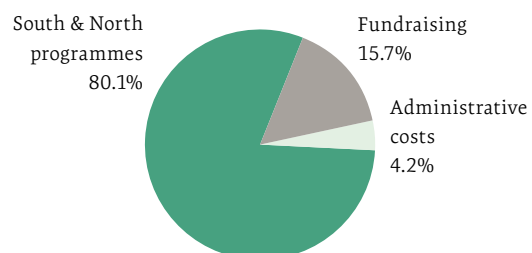
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Origin of funds 2023



Use of funds 2023



Auditors, report

On the limited audit of the 2023 annual financial statements in accordance with Swiss GAAP FER

(covering the period from 01.01 to 31.12.2023)

As auditors, we examined the annual financial statements of SolidarMed, Swiss Organisation for Health in Africa, consisting of the balance sheet, income statement, cash flow statement, analysis of changes in capital and annexes on the fiscal year ending on 31 December 2023. In accordance with Swiss GAAP FER 21, the auditors are not required to examine the information presented in the performance report.

The Board of Directors is responsible for preparation of the annual financial statement in compliance with Swiss GAAP FER, the statutory requirements and articles of association, while our task is to audit the annual financial statement. We confirm that we meet the statutory requirements on independence and licensing.

Our audit was conducted in accordance with the Swiss Standard on Limited Audit. According to this, the audit has to be planned and conducted to identify material misstatements in the annual financial statements. A limited audit mainly comprises inquiries and analytical audit procedures and appropriate detailed checks of the documents available at the audited company. However, it does not include audits of operating processes and the internal control system, or inquiries and other audit procedures covering criminal activities or infringements.

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

Lucerne, 11 April 2024

BDO AG



Rolf Hafner

Registered audit expert



ppa. Christoph Stadelmann

Lead auditor

Registered audit expert

Balance sheet as at 31.12.2023

	2023		2022	
	CHF	%	CHF	%
Assets				
Cash and cash equivalents	5,968,743		9,303,735	
Assets held for trading at quoted market price	6,468,082		3,213,030	
Receivables from goods and services	221,071		27,919	
Other short-term receivables	25,755		12,989	
Accounts due from related parties (Project advances)	188,266		189,173	
Prepaid expenses	45,289		122,872	
Current assets	12,917,206	100	12,869,718	100
Plant and equipment	1		1	
Other investments	1		1	
Fixed assets	2	0.0	2	0.0
Total assets	12,917,208	100	12,869,720	100
Liabilities				
Payables from goods and services	86,980		132,937	
Short-term liabilities	12,396		4,800	
Other short-term liabilities	128,527		104,422	
Accrued expenses	262,264		231,262	
Short-term liabilities	490,167	3.8	473,421	3.7
Other long-term liabilities	34,800		30,000	
Non-current liabilities	34,800	0.3	30,000	0.2
SDC mandates/project contributions	250,065		9,395	
LED projects	630,784		497,401	
World Diabetes Foundation projects	40,140		22,486	
SolidarMed projects	2,476,458		2,439,138	
Earmarked fund capital	3,397,447	26.3	2,968,420	23.1
Share capital				
Paid-in capital and reserves	881,633		881,633	
Fixed capital				
Currency fluctuation fund	357,645		89,645	
Fund 3 (earmarked funds for Aids&Kind)	3,289,943		3,408,149	
Free capital				
Fund 1 - unrestricted funds	4,465,573		4,049,436	
Fund 2 - unrestricted funds	0		969,016	
Organisation capital	8,994,794	69.6	9,397,879	73.0
Total liabilities	12,917,208	100	12,869,720	100

Income statement 1.1.–31.12.2023

	2023		2022	
	CHF	%	CHF	%
Income				
Unrestricted donations	1,646,865	12.7	2,667,545	19.1
Unrestricted bequests and legacies	100,249	0.7	79,100	0.6
Earmarked donations	5,090,703	39.1	5,563,580	39.8
Public sector contributions	1,295,352	10.0	1,405,492	10.1
Contributions from the Confederation (SDC)	4,878,299	37.5	4,252,114	30.4
Other income	4,785	0.0	8,394	0.0
Total income	13,016,254	100	13,976,226	100
Expenses				
Africa and India programmes	-8,035,428		-8,181,440	
Confederation (SDC) mandates/project contributions	-1,454,018		-1,187,359	
Personnel expenses (project management)	-816,823		-759,249	
Other operating and pro rata expenditure (project management)	-119,329		-126,748	
South programme	-10,425,598	78.5	-10,254,796	80.1
North programme: Awareness-raising	-212,526	1.6	-224,878	1.7
Total expenditure South and North programmes	-10,638,124	80.1	-10,479,674	81.8
Fundraising and general advertising expenses	-2,087,975	15.7	-1,914,144	14.9
Administration	-557,796	4.2	-414,322	3.2
Total administrative expenses	-2,645,741	19.9	-2,328,466	18.1
Total operating expenses	-13,283,865	100	-12,808,140	100
Operating result	-267,611		1,168,086	
Financial income	370,619		59,816	
Financial expense	-77,066		-720,867	
Financial result	293,553		-661,051	
Extraordinary income	0		0	
Result before change in fund capital	25,941		507,033	
Change in earmarked funds	-429,027		-588,531	
Annual result (before changes to organisation capital)	-403,086		-81,498	
Withdrawals from organisation capital	671,086		428,733	
Allocation to Fund 1 - unrestricted funds	0		-1,012,235	
Withdrawal/allocation currency fluctuation fund	-268,000		665,000	
Total allocations/appropriations	403,086		81,498	
Result after allocation to organisation capital	0		0	

Cash flow statement as of 1.1. – 31.12.23

	2023	2022
	CHF	CHF
1. Cash flow from operating activities		
Annual result (before changes to organisation capital)	-403,087	-81,498
Change to fund capital	429,027	588,531
Depreciation	0	2,800
Value adjustment assets held for trading at quoted market price	268,023	665,053
Increase (-) / decrease in securities	-3,523,075	601,414
Increase (-) / decrease in receivables	-205,012	-43,977
Increase (-) / decrease in prepaid expenses	77,583	-73,458
Increase / decrease (-) in liabilities	-9,455	76,295
Increase / decrease (-) in accrued expenses	31,003	25,651
Cash flow from operating activities	-3,334,993	1,760,811
2. Cash flow from investing activities		
Investment (-) / disposal of financial assets	0	0
Investment (-) / disposal of fixed assets	0	0
Investment (-) / disposal of real estate	0	0
Cash flow from investing activities	0	0
3. Cash flow from financing activities		
Increase / decrease (-) in liabilities	0	0
Cash flow from financing activities	0	0
Cash flow balances	-3,334,993	1,760,811
Control		
Balance of cash and cash equivalents on 01.01.2023 / 01.01.2022	9,303,735	7,542,924
Balance of cash and cash equivalents 31.12.2023 / 31.12.2022	5,968,742	9,303,735
Change in cash and cash equivalents	-3,334,993	1,760,811

Statement of changes in capital

	Opening balance on 01.01.	Allocations	Internal fund transfers	Appropriation	Total Changes	Closing balance on 31.12.
Organisation capital						
Paid-in capital and reserves	881,633	0	0	0	0	881,633
Currency fluctuation fund	89,645	268,000	0	0	268,000	357,645
Fund 3 – earmarked funds for Aids & Kind	3,408,149	0	0	-118,206	-118,206	3,289,943
Fund 1 – unrestricted funds	4,049,436	0	969,016	-552,880	416,136	4,465,573
Fund 2 – unrestricted funds	969,016	0	-969,016	0	-969,016	0
Organisation capital	9,397,879	268,000	0	-671,086	-403,086	8,994,794
Paid-in capital and reserves	881,633	0	0	0	0	881,633
Currency fluctuation fund	754,645	0	0	-665,000	-665,000	89,645
Fund 3 – earmarked funds for Aids & Kind	3,533,388	0	0	-125,238	-125,238	3,408,149
Fund 1 – unrestricted funds	3,223,540	1,012,235	0	-186,339	825,896	4,049,436
Fund 2 – unrestricted funds	1,086,172	0	0	-117,155	-117,155	969,016
Organisation capital 2023	9,479,378	1,012,235	0	-1,093,733	-81,498	9,397,879

- The paid-in capital and reserves comprise funds paid in by members when SolidarMed was established, and the annual results going back to 2009.
- Currency fluctuation fund: further details are set out in the Annex.
- Funds 1 and 2: the two funds are earmarked for specific use. Fund 2 was transferred to Fund 1 in 2023.
- Fund 3: The intended purpose of this fund is particularly to provide direct and indirect support to children affected by HIV and AIDS.

	Opening balance on 01.01.	Allocations	Internal fund transfers	Appropriation	Total Changes	Closing balance on 31.12.
Earmarked fund capital						
Contributions from public sector/organisations						
SDC, programme contribution	0	3,310,500	-2,327,455	-777,000	206,045	206,045
SDC, ComBaCaL, Lesotho	9,394	1,384,623	0	-1,394,018	-9,394	0
SDC, Cholera, Mozambique	0	183,176	0	-139,156	44,020	44,020
LED	497,401	1,104,535	0	-971,151	133,384	630,784
World Diabetes Foundation	22,486	190,818	0	-173,164	17,654	40,140
	529,281	6,173,652	-2,327,455	-3,454,489	391,707	920,989
SolidarMed projects						
Lesotho	728,365	879,644	169,287	-1,270,735	-221,804	506,561
Mozambique	212,415	468,584	699,967	-1,345,457	-176,906	35,508
Tanzania	285,458	1,298,487	108,885	-1,337,309	70,063	355,521
Zambia	1,109,887	1,572,228	186,598	-1,489,035	269,791	1,379,678
Zimbabwe	3,399	690,698	784,553	-1,347,270	127,980	131,379
Other countries	56,243	1,566	270,508	-270,507	1,567	57,810
India	20,000	10,000	1,982	-21,982	-10,000	10,000
Kenya	23,371	109,717	14,755	-147,841	-23,371	0
South Africa	0	59,780	90,920	-150,700	0	0
	2,439,138	5,090,703	2,327,455	-7,380,837	37,320	2,476,458
Total earmarked fund capital 2023	2,968,420	11,264,355	0	-10,835,326	429,027	3,397,447

- The earmarked funds comprise earmarked donations for project activities that have not yet been used.
- Project appropriations include structural costs in addition to direct project expenses.
- Earmarked contributions are disclosed as fund capital.

Fund SDC contributions 2023

Programme contribution: the SDC transferred CHF 3,310,500 as a programme contribution in 2023, of which CHF 2,327,455 was used for projects. CHF 777,000 was recognised as a direct outflow under appropriation. This concerns the pro rata contribution to administration and programme support costs. The remaining CHF 206,045 was set aside in the fund for use in 2024.

ComBaCaL: The ComBaCaL project in Lesotho is scheduled to run for five years (2021–25). The SDC transfers the contributions as per the agreement. If the contributions are not used in the current year, they are set aside in the fund and are available the following year.

Statement of changes in capital

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

- The earmarked fund capital comprises purpose-specific donations for project activities that have not yet been used.
- Project appropriations include structural costs in addition to direct project expenses.
- Earmarked contributions are disclosed as fund capital.

Fund SDC contributions 2022

Programme contribution: The opening balance of CHF 300,782 shows the programme contribution that was not used in 2021 and was therefore set aside. In 2022, the SDC transferred CHF 3,310,500 as a programme contribution, of which CHF 2,942,234 was used for projects. CHF 669,048 was recognised as a contribution to eligible administrative and programme support costs.

ComBaCaL: The ComBaCaL project in Lesotho is scheduled to run for five years (2021–25). The SDC transfers the contributions as per agreement. If the contributions are not used in the current year, they are set aside in the fund and are available the following year.

Explanatory notes on the balance sheet

1) Cash and cash equivalents	31.12.2023	31.12.2022
Cash	781	492
Postal accounts	316,543	931,341
Banks Switzerland	5,151,449	7,938,396
Banks international	499,970	433,506
Total	5,968,743	9,303,735

2) Assets held for trading at quoted market price

The investment and reserve policy regulations were revised in 2022. SolidarMed now invests in a fund comprising sustainable and ethical investments. The currency fluctuation fund is intended to balance income from securities. A non-realised securities gain can be assigned to the fund and a loss can be withdrawn from the fund. In 2023, a deposit of CHF 268,000 was made.

3) Receivables from goods and services

This item comprises various small credits from social insurance schemes. The current year includes an additional earmarked donation made in 2023 but received in 2024.

4) Accounts due from related parties (project advances)

This concerns advances of CHF 188,266 for projects in Lesotho, Zimbabwe and Zambia that have not yet been used in their entirety (2022: CHF 189,173).

5) Investments

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

6) Liabilities due to the pension fund

For staff pensions, SolidarMed is affiliated to the Stiftung Abendrot in Basel. Liabilities due to the pension fund as at 31.12.2023 amounted to CHF 3,043.55 (2022: CHF 1,446.85).

7) Other short-term liabilities

This concerns accounts payable of CHF 128,527 due to projects in Mozambique and Tanzania, and to a project partner on the ComBaCaL project (2022: 104,422).

8) Accrued expenses	2023	2022
Deferred income	55,173	49,208
Accruals flexitime and vacation	207,091	182,054
Total	262,264	231,262

9) Other long-term liabilities	2023	2022
Provisions in accordance with the personnel regulations for staff abroad	32,800	28,000
Liability towards SolidarInvest, Zambia (max. amount)	2,000	2,000
Total	34,800	30,000

The reserves of CHF 32,800 (2022: CHF 28,000) in accordance with the personnel regulations for staff abroad are reimbursed after the end of the contract.

Explanatory notes on the income statement

10) Earmarked contributions from the public sector	2023	2022
Contributions Liechtenstein Development Service (LED)	1,104,535	1,291,420
Contribution World Diabetes Foundation	190,818	114,072
Total contributions from public sector funds	1,295,352	1,405,492
11) Contributions from the Confederation (SDC)	2023	2022
SDC programme contribution	3,310,500	3,310,500
Project contribution ComBaCaL, Lesotho	1,384,623	941,614
Project contribution Cholera, Mozambique	183,176	0
Total contributions Confederation (SDC)	4,878,299	4,252,114
12) Africa and India programmes	2023	2022
SolidarMed programmes	-7,021,678	-7,212,875
Liechtenstein Development Service (LED) programmes	-851,887	-811,842
World Diabetes Foundation programmes	-161,863	-156,723
Total Africa and India programmes	-8,035,428	-8,181,440
13) Mandates/project contributions Confederation (SDC)	2023	2022
Project contribution ComBaCaL, Lesotho	-1,314,862	-1,187,359
Project contribution Cholera Mozambique	-139,156	0
Total mandates/project contributions Confederation (SDC)	-1,454,018	-1,187,359
14) North programme: awareness raising	2023	2022
Public relations	-8,186	-4,405
Personnel expenses	-191,949	-205,567
Other operating and pro rata expenditure	-12,391	-14,906
Total North programme: awareness raising	-212,526	-224,878
15) Fundraising and general advertising expenses	2023	2022
Fundraising and general advertising expenses	-836,108	-778,661
Personnel expenses	-779,471	-714,095
Other operating and pro rata expenditure	-472,366	-421,388
Total Fundraising and general advertising expenses	-2,087,945	-1,914,144
16) Administrative expenses	2023	2022
Association work	-125,550	-30,719
Personnel expenses	-337,009	-283,948
Other operating and pro rata expenditure	-95,237	-99,655
Total administrative expenses	-557,796	-414,322
Personnel expenses Switzerland	2023	2022
Personnel expenses	2,139,488	2,021,227
Social security expenses	434,126	401,084
Contribution to continuing education	28,443	12,959
Total personnel expenses Switzerland	2,602,057	2,435,270

Annex to the 2023 Annual Financial Statement

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

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

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

Information on the association

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

Accounting and valuation principles

Cash and cash equivalents: at nominal value

- Securities: at the market value on the balance sheet reporting day
- Accounts receivable: at nominal value
- Accounts receivable from related parties (project advances): foreign currencies at exchange rate on balance sheet reporting date
- Accounts receivable from projects: at nominal value minus necessary value adjustments
- Fixed assets: at purchase price minus necessary linear depreciation based on useful life. Purchases up to CHF 4,000 (up to CHF 3,000 in projects) are charged directly to the income statement.

Estimated useful life:

Furniture	5 years
Hardware	3 years
Intangible assets	5 years

- Financial investments: at nominal value. There are no financial investments at present.
- Liabilities: at nominal value
- Provisions: at nominal value. There are no provisions at present

Recording donations and income

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

Contributions from the public sector/ organisations

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

Method used to calculate administrative expenses and cost of fundraising

For an organisation with long-term activities, fundraising and administration are essential tasks. The Zewo Foundation recognises that this requires a certain amount of financial expenditure. It assesses whether the share of this expenditure lies within the prescribed range. To delimit the costs for fundraising and administration from the actual programme expenses, SolidarMed follows the recommendations of the Zewo Foundation. Costs are allocated with an appropriate allocation key.

Remuneration of the Board of Directors and Executive Board

The Board of SolidarMed works on a voluntary and unpaid basis. It increased in size in the year under review from seven to eight people who carried out a total of 714 hours of unpaid work (2022: 560).

The president and vice-president each received a stipend of CHF 800. Both amounts were donated in their entirety.

The SolidarMed Executive Management consists of four people. Their remuneration totalled CHF 572,573 (3.68 full-time equivalents) (2022: CHF 573,413; 3.8 full-time equivalents).

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

Annual average number of full-time equivalents 2023	26
Annual average number of full-time equivalents in 2022	24

Change to presentation of the annual financial statements

The presentation was fully adapted to SWISS GAAP FER 21 in the current year. The relevant prior-year values have been amended accordingly in this annual financial statement.

Significant events after the balance sheet date

There have been no significant events between the balance sheet date and the approval of the annual financial statement by the Board of Directors that could impair the informative value of the 2023 annual financial statement or which would have to be disclosed here. The 2023 Annual Financial Statement was approved by the Board of Directors on 11 April 2024. ■

Our vision



Our vision is a world in which everyone can enjoy the best possible health and live dignified and empowered lives.

Values



Solidarity

Our commitment is founded on solidarity and partnership. The name SolidarMed reflects this.



Social equity

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



Empowered development

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



Integrity

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



Sustainability

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