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“ Like slavery and apartheid, poverty is not natural.

It is man-made, and it can be overcome and eradicated by the actions of human beings. Overcoming poverty is not a gesture of charity.

It is an act of justice. It is the protection of a fundamental human right, the right to dignity and a decent life. ”

Nelson Mandela



Who we are

ARCS is a non-governmental organization established in Rome in 1985 by the will of ARCI, one of the biggest associations of social and cultural promotion in the Italian Third Sector world and spread throughout the national territory. ARCS is registered in the list of social development cooperation organizations (art. 26 of L.125/2014) and is an APS, Social Promotion Association (decree 419/II/2011).

ARCS collects the values inherited from its founders, Tom Benetollo, Renzo Maffei and Rino Serri, incorporating them into its own ethical model and

guiding its actions according to the principles of honesty, equality, responsibility, transparency and solidarity.

ARCS deals with:

- ▶ international cooperation;
- ▶ volunteering, global citizenship education and peace;
- ▶ humanitarian aid.

Mission and vision

ARCS promotes processes of social change that guarantee every person, especially those who belong to vulnerable groups, full social inclusion and active citizenship path, complete enjoyment of civil rights, gender equality, access to education, professional training and decent work. ARCS acts to achieve a world of global rights, peace and democracy, fair and sustainable.

On sharing this vision ARCS based the construction and consolidation of international relations and partnerships, in accordance with the priority objectives of the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development.

The ARCS strategy in its international cooperation activities has as an essential prerequisite the involvement of communities of citizens with the aim of enhancing civil aggregations and strengthening their democratic ownership.

Cooperating means for ARCS involving communities, weaving relationships and partnerships between territories, people and organizations in order to develop projects aimed at the affirmation of human rights, peace and dialogue, and at the promotion of an active citizenship and democratic participation.



19
SEATS WORLDWIDE



22
SEATS IN ITALY



12
BENEFICIARY COUNTRIES
IN 2018



6
EMPLOYEES

101
VOLUNTEERS

The statutory purposes include:

- ▶ the affirmation of the values of solidarity, peace, non-violence, universal rights and global justice;
- ▶ the fight against all forms of poverty, discrimination and social and political exclusion;
- ▶ the social and cultural promotion of citizens, through the affirmation of democratic participation and ownership and through the strengthening of relations of cooperation between communities and between territories;
- ▶ the protection of equal opportunities and gender equality;
- ▶ the knowledge and implementation of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights principles and the International Convention on the Rights of the Child;
- ▶ the dissemination of the founding principles of the European Union;
- ▶ the affirmation of conscious and socially sustainable lifestyles.

Values

ARCS is committed, in every field of its action, to acting according to the principles of solidarity, honesty, equality, responsibility and transparency.

Solidarity

ARCS works to achieve a condition of solidarity and social justice that starts from the concrete needs of peoples and not from the interests of a small groups of people. The tools that ARCS puts in place are many: territorial rooting, solidity of the international relations network, skills and experience gained in the field of cooperation, culture, rights of migrants and refugees.

Honesty

Each person in ARCS undertakes, in performing his duties, to not seeking personal profit and on the contrary constantly pursuing integrity and rectitude in each action and choice.

Equality

ARCS fights against all forms of discrimination, respects the differences and guarantees uniformity of treatment regardless for differences in age, sex, race, physical handicaps, religion.

Responsibility

ARCS adopted its own code of ethics to establish the responsibilities of each person acting on behalf of the organization or that comes into contact with it, in order to ensure the correct fulfillment of the mission and the complete adherence to the values that inspire the work of the Ngo in every field of action. ARCS is also equipped with a OIV (Internal Supervisory Body).

Transparency

Since 2011 ARCS is subject to the IID Certification (Italian Institute of the Donation) related to the correct use of the funds and resources in order to guarantee administrative transparency towards the public and private donors. The financial report, drawn up by the administrative office, is approved by the Board of Directors and it is subjected to the SternZanin & Avvocati Associati and to the Board of Auditors audits that verify the regularity also with respect to the statutory activities, following the indications of the Agency for non-profit organizations.

ARCS also voluntarily adheres to the European Transparency Register, established at the Joint Secretariat of the Transparency Register (SCRT). Every year ARCS drafts a social report and a mission report that publishes on its website.





People: human resources and volunteers

Employees, collaborators, consultants, cooperators, volunteers.

In 2018 each one, according to his role and his skills, made his own contribute in order to achieve the mission of ARCS in Italy and in the rest of the world. ARCS has a job description manual, an internal procedures handbook and a code of ethics, all approved by the governing bodies that regulate policies and functions of the personnel.

ARCS guarantees equal treatment to women and men in the selection process and training, and in the mechanism of career progression. It bans all forms of discrimination and offers the possibility to choose a time flexibility in accordance with and ensuring the achievement of the set objectives.

ARCS is committed to guarantee appropriate working conditions to each person. An external organization monitors and manages health, safety and security issues in order to protect the health of workers in carrying out their professional activities.

Each person in ARCS is committed to ensure uniform treatment regardless from differences in age, sex, race, physical handicaps, religion, even through the use of a language that bans any expression of prejudice or stereotypes.

Each person is committed to understand, value, and respect each form of diversity, to support, promote and cultivate the values of diversity and gender equality as a source of personal and professional enrichment.

ARCS supports the processes of affirmation of equal opportunities and gender empowerment rights, according to the principles of the International Convention on the elimination of all form of discrimination against the women adopted by the United Nations Assembly (CEDAW 1979).

In accordance with the principles promoted by the Beijing World Conference (1995) and in particular with that of Gender Mainstreaming, ARCS promotes

fairness among genders not only internally but also through the planning of initiatives and programs of international cooperation aimed at eliminating gender inequality.

ARCS recognises and supports the right to autonomy and social integration of disabled people, ensures compliance with the rules on their protection and undertakes to ensure accessibility to working environments. Each person in ARCS strives to support freedom of expression, the right to health, dignity, safety, gender equality and education of children.

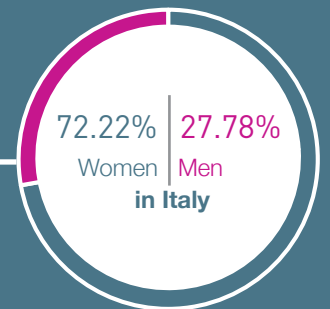
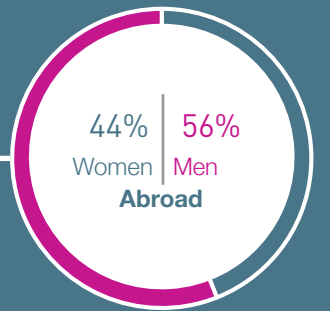
On 5th December of each year we celebrate the World Day of Volunteering, an international recurrence designated by the Resolution n. 40/212 of the United Nations General Assembly on 17th December 1985. The celebrations coordinated by UN volunteers have the purpose to recognize the work, time and skills provided by volunteers around the world. In ARCS is a special day too because deep is the gratitude we feel for all those volunteers who collaborated with our organization, supporting us through the offering of time, energy and expertise in the processes of social change promoted by us.

We pay great attention to the precious resource of volunteering. Every year many volunteers choose to approach the field of international solidarity making an experience in ARCS.

In the last ten years our organization has mobilized about a thousand of volunteers involving them in the various initiatives activated from time to time in more than 15 countries of the world.

Volunteers choose ARCS also thanks to its approach based on the adoption of long-term intercultural processes rather than focused solely on the individual project.

Breakdown by gender of the Italian staff in Italy and abroad (employees, trainees, collaborators, workers with VAT number)

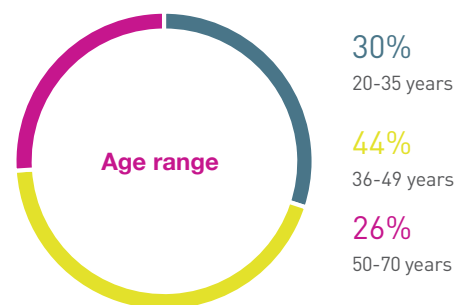
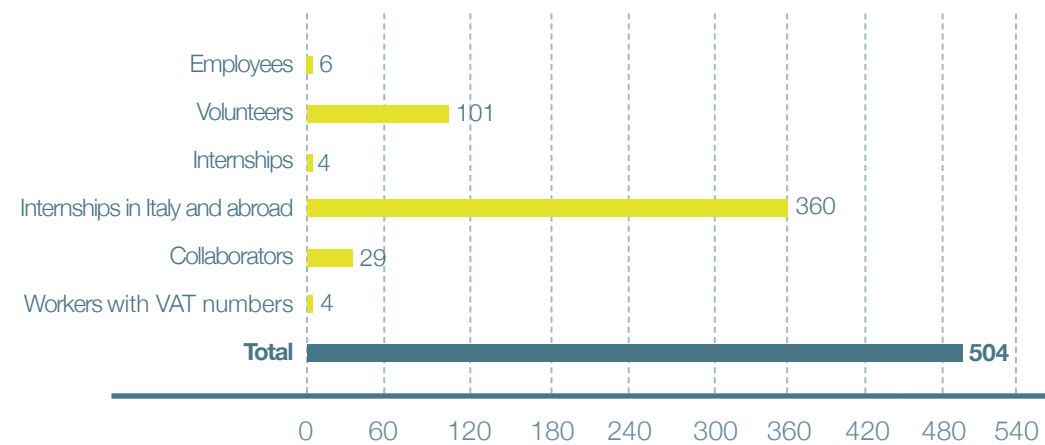


The number of 2018

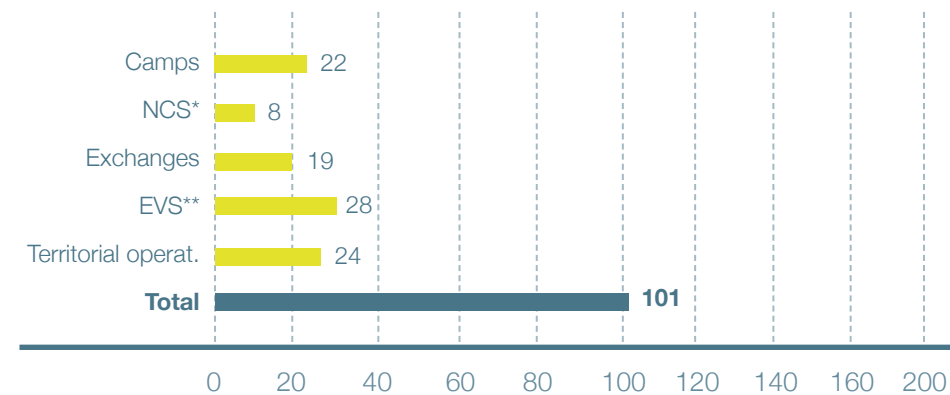
- ▶ 6 employees
- ▶ 33 collaborators with salary or VAT number
- ▶ 105 volunteers and trainees



Human resources



Volunteers in 2018 and sector



* National civil service abroad and ccp ** European Voluntary Service





Activities and areas of intervention

ARCS has been working since its foundation to protect the rights of children and their self-determination, to enhance the contribution of the diasporas, to reinforce the economic and social gender empowerment, to encourage environmental sustainability, to support the conservation and enhancement of cultural heritage, to defend minorities and migrants, to intervene in the humanitarian emergencies and much more.

In socio-cultural contexts characterized by endemic poverty, incapacity of governments and institutions to protect the most vulnerable sections of the

population, very high unemployment rates, ethnic conflicts, wars, emigration, climate and environmental risks, ARCS for years along with its many partners is committed to find even unconventional answers and solutions to these problems, with the aim of activating the enormous potential of the areas which is active in. ARCS policies and strategies are based on the ideals of equality and fairness and on the firm condemnation of any form of discrimination.

ARCS bases its work on the sharing of the principles contained in the international Conventions, international treaties and in the Constitutional Papers and acts according to the sustainable development objectives established by the 2030 Agenda.

ARCS favours Middle East, Latin America, Africa and Balkans as areas of intervention for cooperation activities.

We have been engaged in the Middle East for over twenty years, with projects aimed at improving access to work and support to local communities, refugees and displaced persons, in emergency and reconstruction contexts, because we consider the resolution of conflicts in the area as a crucial factor for the whole planet. The presence in Latin America is the result of the policies aimed at reinforcing international relations starting from the second half of the nineties. This policy led to the realization of important interventions in the course of the years in support to social movements and to their recognition as a key player in building an inclusive and peaceful society. In Africa we intervened in countries like Mozambique, Tanzania, Rwanda, Senegal, Ethiopia, Cameroon supporting programs aiming to the economic development of the area and to the social inclusion of women in the work fabric. The role of diasporas in the promotion of a sustainable development in the area is central especially in the last interventions.

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19,615,084
TOTAL COSTS FOR
DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION
PROJECT ACTIVE IN 2018

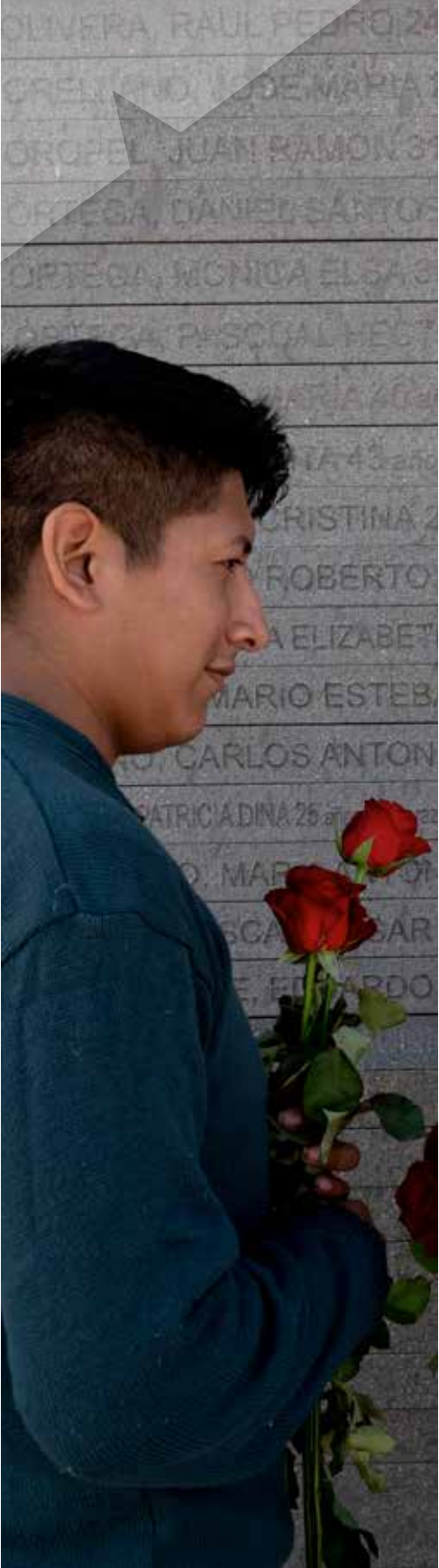
€
15,562,811
SHARE MANAGED BY ARCS

€
1,775,710
TOTAL COSTS FOR EDUCATION/
INFORMATION
PROJECT ACTIVE IN 2018

€
656,831
SHARE MANAGED BY ARCS


38
NUMBER OF COOPERATION AND
EDUCATION PROJECTS


12
BENEFICIARY
COUNTRIES



In Rwanda...

we work to eliminate the gender violence, to promote reintegration and socio-economic development for women victims of violence, to develop activities of training and assistance in the agricultural, sheep-farming and commercial sector and to support the strengthening of the country's food sovereignty.

In Cameroon...

we are committed in promoting decent work for women, in improving health and social conditions through direct access to drinking water and in enhancing the use of renewable energy.

In Senegal...

we support the women and young generations employment, the female entrepreneurship and the role of diasporas in promoting a sustainable development for the country.

In Mozambique...

we are committed in promoting the fight against gender violence and in the strengthening the women empowerment in agriculture and their social and health conditions.

In Ethiopia...

we support the women and young generations employment, the female entrepreneurship and the role of diasporas in promoting a sustainable development for the country.

In Jordan...

we contribute to improving access to the labor market for Syrian refugees and vulnerable Jordanians. We try to create job opportunities by supporting micro-enterprises and help to strengthen the role of the associations, of the social movements and independent trade unions in promoting reforms and democratic changes. We work to protect the right to education of the most vulnerable sections of the refugee population and we promote opportunities for the access to public school services.

In Lebanon...

we protect the girls right to education and the rights of young people, women and the disabled even in prisons. We contribute to the social inclusion and to the women and girls empowerment and to guarantee them access to health services.

In Tunisia...

we work to strengthen the women empowerment in agriculture, supporting local businesses and the creation of micro-enterprises.

In Colombia...

we work to promote the active participation of women in trials decision-makers, enhancing their role in building a society based on law and a culture of peace.

In Cuba...

we work to ensure food security, to support agriculture through efficient irrigation systems, and to safeguard the cultural heritage.



International cooperation and solidarity

ARCS deals with aid projects, solidarity, international cooperation, human development and global active citizenship education, aimed at fostering and promote the active participation of citizens and communities to the construction of peace processes, democracy, social inclusion and to the affirmation of human rights.

The commitment to the childhood rights and its self-determination, the economic and social gender empowerment, the environmental and social sustainability in pursuit of a global well-being, the conservation and enhancement of cultural heritage, the protection of common goods, the minorities and migrants rights, the solidarity in the emergency linked to the humanitarian aid: on these main objectives ARCS declines its project actions, against poverty, all form of violence, exclusion and social marginalization. His cooperation is based on democratic ownership, on equal dignity in the partnership between the North and South of the world, on the centrality of relations between communities. Partnerships and collaborations are built on the shared idea of the centrality of an active participation in territorial relations. For this reason, ARCS has many different partner and donors: by the DGCS of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation to the European Union, from private donors to the Foundations.

Through information and awareness activities, campaigns of fundraising, actions aimed at enhancing international qualified volunteering, exchange of good practices between organizations skilled in training and research, ARCS mainly involves the younger generations on a path of awareness and training/ self-training on the issues of interdependence e sustainable growth.

ARCS underlines the importance of the Community in building cooperation relationships even through the reinforcement of the role of migrants in the dialogue processes with their countries of origin.

The areas of cooperation projects in ARCS

INTERCULTURAL DIALOGUE

FOOD SOVEREIGNTY

Safeguarding of the cultural heritage

Fight against climate change

PROMOTION OF RENEWABLE ENERGY

Human rights, democracy, peace and self-determination of peoples

Economical development

WOMAN EMPOWERMENT AND GENDER RIGHT

Humanitarian emergencies, refugee rights and reception

HEALTH
Decent work and social inclusion

Agriculture and rural development

Social and cultural education and training

Migrations and co-development

International cooperation and solidarity projects active in 2018

PROJECTS	COUNTRY	TOTAL COST	COSTS MANAGED BY ARCS	ROLE OF ARCS	STARTING	CLOSING	AREA
Women organized for the construction of a society of peace	Colombia	1,141,835.00 €	1,141,835.00 €	Leader	15.04.2014	14.04.2018	Woman empowerment and gender rights
INNOVA CUBA – International and inter-sectoral intervention for safeguarding the country's cultural heritage	Cuba	992,000.00 €	992,000.00 €	Leader	1.07.2017	1.12.2019	Cultural heritage
Increase of meat and milk for food security in the Municipality of Mantua	Cuba	256,136.00 €	256,136.00 €	Leader	15.06.2017	28.02.2019	Agriculture and rural development
Laboratory for food processing, in particular fruit, to replace imports and ensure the elimination of agricultural product losses	Cuba	92,509.00 €	92,509.00 €	Leader	15.01.2018	30.06.2020	Agriculture and rural development
Mozambique: promoting the empowerment of women in agriculture	Mozambique	92,040.00 €	92,040.00 €	Leader	15.04.2017	30.04.2018	Woman empowerment and gender rights
Socio-economic reintegration of women victims of violence and orphaned children in extreme poverty	Rwanda	120,000.00 €	120,000.00 €	Leader	15.09.2015	15.01.2019	Woman empowerment and gender rights
PONTI: social and economic inclusion, young people and women, innovation and diasporas	Senegal, Ethiopia	2,650,000.00 €	2,650,000.00 €	Leader	1.06.2017	31.08.2019	Economical development
SOUFF - Earth: support and co-development for strengthening the Linguère community	Senegal	1,473,000.00 €	1,473,000.00 €	Leader	9.04.2017	1.12.2019	Economical development
Promotion of food security through the strengthening of small producers and the introduction of innovative techniques in the Louga - Senegal region	Senegal	161,000.00 €	161,000.00 €	Leader	24.09.2018	23.03.2020	Agriculture and rural development
Social inclusion and participation: education, training and awareness-raising courses for young people and women on the outskirts of Dakar	Senegal	74,335.00 €	24,995.00 €	Partner	1.07.2018	30.06.2019	Decent work and social inclusion
DOOLEL: migrations and co-development. cultivating social-business in Senegal	Senegal	1,562,989.00 €	90,944.00 €	Partner	19.02.2018	18.05.2021	Economical development
Promoting Water Governance in the communes of Bamendjou, Penka-Michel and Batié	Cameroon	452,531.00 €	42,000.00 €	Partner	Started in 2018	In progress	Economical development
ENTER: Renewable energy and appropriate technologies for access to drinking water in the rural environment	Cameroon	1,795,000.00 €	1,795,000.00 €	Leader	15.02.2018	4.10.2019	Economical development

PROJECTS	COUNTRY	TOTAL COST	COSTS MANAGED BY ARCS	ROLE OF ARCS	STARTING	CLOSING	AREA
DROIT: Rights, Social reintegration, Vocational training and protection for young adults, women and disabled people in Lebanese prisons	Lebanon	1,980,000.00 €	1,980,000.00 €	Leader	1.09.2018	4.10.2019	Woman empowerment and gender rights
SoEGLi Program: Schools and Education in Jordan and Lebanon	Lebanon, Jordan	999,978.00 €	401,098.00 €	Partner	2.06.2017	1.06.2018	Emergency
Decent Work, Social Protection and Freedom of Association in the Middle East and North Africa: Mobilising for Social Justice by strengthening and promoting CSOs, social movements and (independent) trade unions' role in reforms and democratic changes	Jordan	1,144,578.00 €	77,000.00 €	Partner	1.01.2015	31.12.2018	Decent work and social inclusion
Ayounkon Urgent visual health for Syrian refugees in the Bekaa Valley, Lebanon	Lebanon	51,510.00 €	51,510.00 €	Leader	15.10.2017	15.10.2018	Health
Ayounkon: enhancing the access to ophthalmologic services in the Bekaa Valley	Lebanon	320,000.00 €	320,000.00 €	Leader	16.07.2018	15.07.2019	Health
Social inclusion, training and reproductive health for women and children in the Naba'a area, Bourj Hammoud	Lebanon	1,150,700.00 €	1,150,700.00 €	Leader	15.01.2016	15.07.2019	Decent work and social inclusion
Social Stability: creation of temporary employment opportunities in the border municipalities of northern Beka	Lebanon	395,000.00 €	395,000.00 €	Leader	4.10.2018	4.08.2019	Emergency
Integrated actions for access to the labor market for vulnerable refugees / and Syrians / and Jordanians in the governorates of Tafilah and Aqaba	Lebanon	538,324.00 €	135,805.00 €	Partner	1.07.2018	30.04.2019	Decent work and social inclusion
Vocational guidance and work for vulnerable young adults in the center in Rabieh, Lebanon	Lebanon	93,100.00 €	93,100.00 €	Leader	15.11.2018	14.11.2019	Decent work and social inclusion
We are future: vocational training and socio-economic inclusion of young people, women and disabled people in Lebanon and Jordan	Lebanon, Jordan	1,035,300.00 €	1,035,300.00 €	Leader	2.05.2017	1.05.2018	Emergency
TerRe: from territories to income, empowerment paths for Tataouine women and young people	Tunisia	924,143.00 €	924,143.00 €	Leader	1.02.2016	31.07.2019	Woman empowerment and gender rights
GDA and Breeding, Strengthening of the Ras El Oued, Bir Amir and Bir Thalathin Agricultural Development Groups	Tunisia	47,696.00 €	47,696.00 €	Leader	16.10.2017	16.06.2019	Agriculture and rural development
(GDA) in the small breeding sector	Tunisia	71,380.00 €	20,000.00 €	Partner	15.12.2018	15.12.2019	Decent work and social inclusion
TATA'OU: a Sardinian contribution for the promotion of female and youth entrepreneurship in Tunisia	Tunisia	71,380.00 €	20,000.00 €	Partner	15.12.2018	15.12.2019	Decent work and social inclusion

Seats and countries of intervention





67%
International
cooperation

33%
Education and
information



35%
Africa

50%
MENA

15%
Latin America

92%
International
cooperation

8%
Education and
information



8%
Health

15%
Agriculture
and rural
development

12%
Emergency

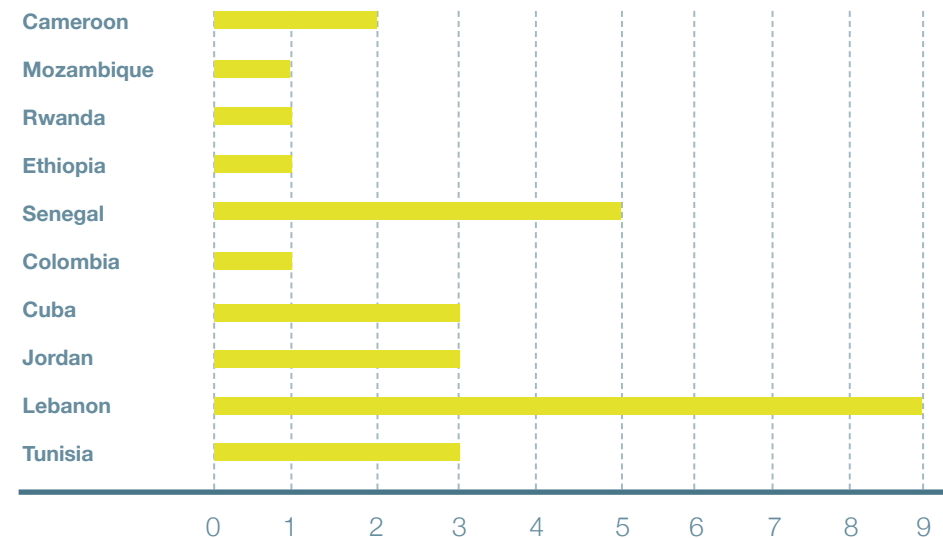
23%
Decent work
and social
protection

19%
Economic
development

4%
Cultural
heritage

19%
Woman
empowerment and
gender rights

Breakdown of cooperation projects by Country



Global citizenship education

ARCS enhances and promotes voluntary activities through the organization of camp of knowledge, social documentation workshops, National Civil Service (NCS) abroad and European Voluntary Service (EVS), youth exchanges. ARCS organizes international training opportunities also thanks to agreements signed with universities and research centers. Among these, the Alma University Mater of Bologna, CIRPS, the Belgian-Italian Chamber of Commerce, the University of Turin, the University of Sassari, the Sapienza University of Rome, the Lazio Region. Italian volunteers between the ages of 18 and 29 are also committed to promoting values of civil and non-violent defense in projects of National Civil Service abroad and in the experimentation, for the first time in our country, of Civilian Peace Corps in Lebanon.

In addition to promoting volunteering among young people, ARCS has gone through a strengthening process of its operators, employees and territorial networks competencies. Through an Erasmus Plus program, promoted by the French partner FCSF - Fédération des centres sociaux et socioculturels de France, ARCS will undertake to carry out exchange projects of good practices (Findyourself, C'est possible, UE - Together we can do it! and Fabus I) dedicated to representatives and volunteers of European organizations working with and for young people, to learn new methods and strengthen in the involved organizations the ability to act according to a Euro-Mediterranean perspective.

European Voluntary Service

ARCS is accredited by the National Youth Agency as a sending organization for the European Voluntary Service, an international volunteering program funded by the European Commission within the Erasmus + program. The European Voluntary Service offers young people from 18 to 30 years an experience of intercultural learning in a non-formal context, promoting social integration and active participation.

Education and information projects active in 2018	Country	Area	Total cost	Cost ARCS	Starting	Closing
Join us: youth, culture, democracy	Italy, Cuba, Tunisia	SCN	34,320.00 €	34,320.00 €	14.09.2017	13.09.2018
Peacemakers for resilient communities in Beirut's suburban neighborhoods	Italy, Lebanon	Peace corps	41,600.00 €	41,600.00 €	4.09.2017	4.09.2018
Media for change	Italy, Lebanon	Youth Exchange	33,575.00 €	33,575.00 €	1.08.2017	1.08.2018
Bridges for inclusion	Italy, Serbia, Lebanon	EVS-ESC	29,773.00 €	29,773.00 €	1.09.2017	1.09.2019
Youthquake	Italy, France	EVS-ESC	342,080.00 €	342,080.00 €	1.09.2017	31.08.2020
Osif bringing the trust fund for Africa to account	Europe	Advocacy	65,400.00 €	6,832.00 €	15.11.2017	14.05.2018
Photographic workshop	Colombia, Cuba	Camps	21,645.00 €	21,645.00 €	1.03.2018	1.04.2019
Findyourself II	Italy, France	Train. for youth workers	20,394.00 €	20,393.00 €	1.06.2017	1.06.2018
C'est possible	Italy, France	Exc. of good practices	262,445.00 €	61,015.00 €	30.09.2018	7.03.2021
Fabus II professionalisation of the managers and educational personnel of the social and socio-cultural centres	Italy, France	Exc. of good practices	116,000.00 €	10,388.00 €	1.06.2018	1.06.2020
Findyourself. Faciliter l'engagement de jeunes!	Italy, France	Exc. of good practices	252,923.00 €	35,070.00 €	1.09.2018	28.02.2021
Young people: new storytellers and actors of development cooperation	Italy	Global Citizenship Education	555,555.00 €	20,140.00 €	1.06.2018	30.11.2019

Cultural exchanges

Cultural exchanges allow to do a short volunteer experience. They allow to travel and learn about other cultures and represent a great opportunity for cultural, social and linguistic learning. Groups of young people of different nationalities are involved in the exchanges during which they can share educational and training activities. Human rights, active citizenship and new media are the issues ARCS has focused some of these exchanges on.

National Civil Service Abroad

“The civil service abroad offers young people a unique opportunity of growth, personal and professional enrichment and it represents a tool particularly effective in spreading the culture of solidarity and peace between the peoples. [...]”

The first phase of service coincides with a period of training that takes place in Italy. It starts with the general training that provides the guidelines on what are the founding values of the SCN experience, and it keeps going with the specific training that characterizes each project in a unique way related to what the volunteer will do.”(Presidency of the Council of Ministers, Department of Youth and of the National Civil service).

The National Civil Service abroad generally lasts 12 months and requires a stay of at least 10 months abroad.

Camps of knowledge, social photography and workshops

In recent years, ARCS concentrates volunteer camp activities in workshops documentary - video or photographic - with professional tutors in the sector, in belief that the visual medium is a privileged tool to learn about and interpret reality, as well as to create participation and sharing.

Lewis Hine, one of the great protagonists of social photography, a sociologist and American photographer, considered the photography even as tool for a social change promotion, particularly in the issue of child labor. The main objective of the camps of knowledge is to organize non-profit activity involving, for a period of about 3 weeks, Italian volunteers and local communities.

A volunteer camp is in fact a unique formative experience, which allows to get in touch directly with the everyday life of international cooperation, dealing with local realities, not only experiencing its problems but recognizing its richness. A camp has above all the purpose to train the participants, promoting values such as social education, cultural promotion and mutual personal enrichment.

Lobbying and advocacy

The activities of lobbying, advocacy and education for global citizenship aim to raise public awareness and influence institutions.

Awareness raising and information actions, especially those which are open to the public, are always an important component of the NGO's work. In 2018 ARCS promoted national and international events, exchange and thematic campaigns. The purpose of these actions is to raise public awareness on the issues of human rights, cooperation, solidarity and international volunteering.

The ARCS priority objectives are the strengthening of the democratic participation and the fight against every form of violence and poverty. ARCS participated to NGO delegations and networks of civil society organizations in Italy and Europe and promoted or co-promoted public initiatives and meetings with institutions and other non-profit and profit subjects.



Campaigns in 2018

Campaign
in Mozambique
for gender
empowerment

943.76 €

Campaign for
young people and
children in Palestine

480.00 €

Campaign for
young people and
children in
Latin America

1,134.76 €

Ayoukoun

1,156.97 €

TOTAL

3,715.49 €

Campaigns and other activities

In 2018 ARCS joined the initiative “**Welcoming Europe, for a Europe that welcomes**” in support of the defense of all those who provide humanitarian assistance, saving lives and guaranteeing the human rights of migrants and victims of violence. ARCS supported “**Mediterranea**”, the platform of civil society that collaborate to testify and denounce what happens in the Mediterranean after the NGOs have been forced to abandon it. It is a Non-Governmental Action designed and implemented by different organizations and individuals. Mediterranea is a ship of all. ARCS supported the “**Stop TTIP**” Campaign in 2018. The initiative was born in 2014 to coordinate organizations, networks, realities and territories with the aim of stopping the approval of the Transatlantic Partnership Treaty on Trade and Investments (TTIP). A network spread in 25 European countries and also in the United States. The treaty is negotiated in secret between the EU Commission and the US Government, it wants to create an internal market between Europe and the United States whose rules, characteristics and priorities will no longer be determined by our Governments and democratic systems, but shaped by supranational technical bodies on the needs of large transnational groups.

ARCS joins the “**Global Campaign for Education**” (GCE) which was established in 2002 as a movement made up of civil society associations, educators, teachers, NGOs and trade unions capable of mobilizing ideas and resources, and putting pressure on the international community and governments to commit to the achievement of EFA's objectives, “The Education for All-Fast Track Initiative”, created to encourage international education funding.



Who we work with

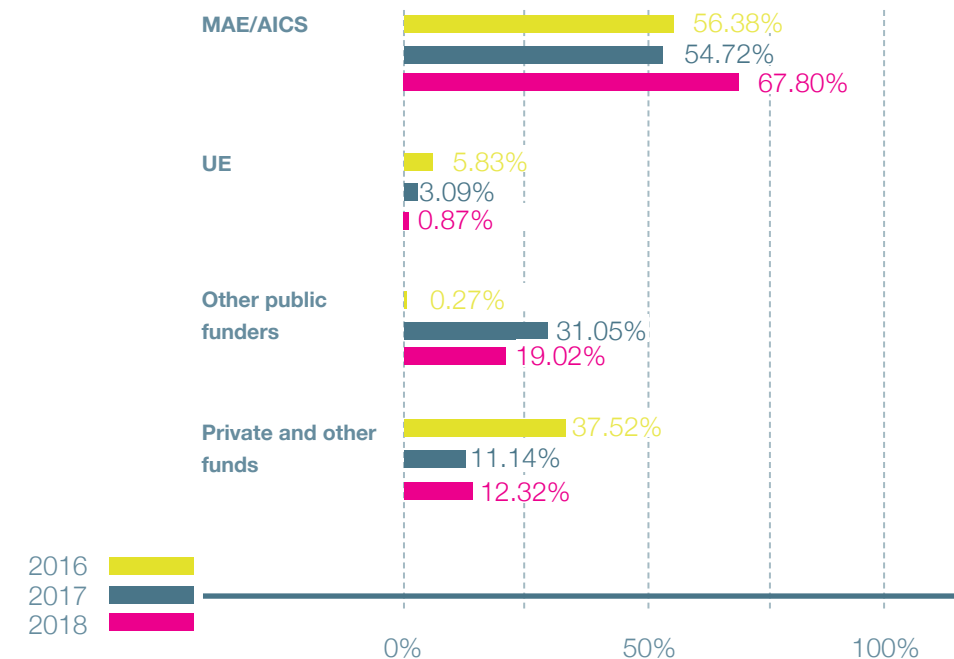
Financiers and donors

Every year ARCS achieves its objectives and carries out its initiatives thanks to the support of many public and private funders. In 2018, the main ones are:

- ▶ Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI)
- ▶ Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS)

- ▶ Local Authorities and Italian Regions
- ▶ Ministry of Cultural Heritage and Tourism
- ▶ European Union
- ▶ Presidency of the Council of Ministers
- ▶ National Youth Agency, EACEA Agency
- ▶ 8x1000 of the State, of the Catholic Church and of the Waldensian Church
- ▶ United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)
- ▶ National and international banking and private foundations
- ▶ Embassies and Consulates
- ▶ National and International Universities and Academies
- ▶ Private citizens
- ▶ Profit organizations

Breakdown of funds in percentage



85,230

DIRECT BENEFICIARIES



116,250

INDIRECT BENEFICIARIES

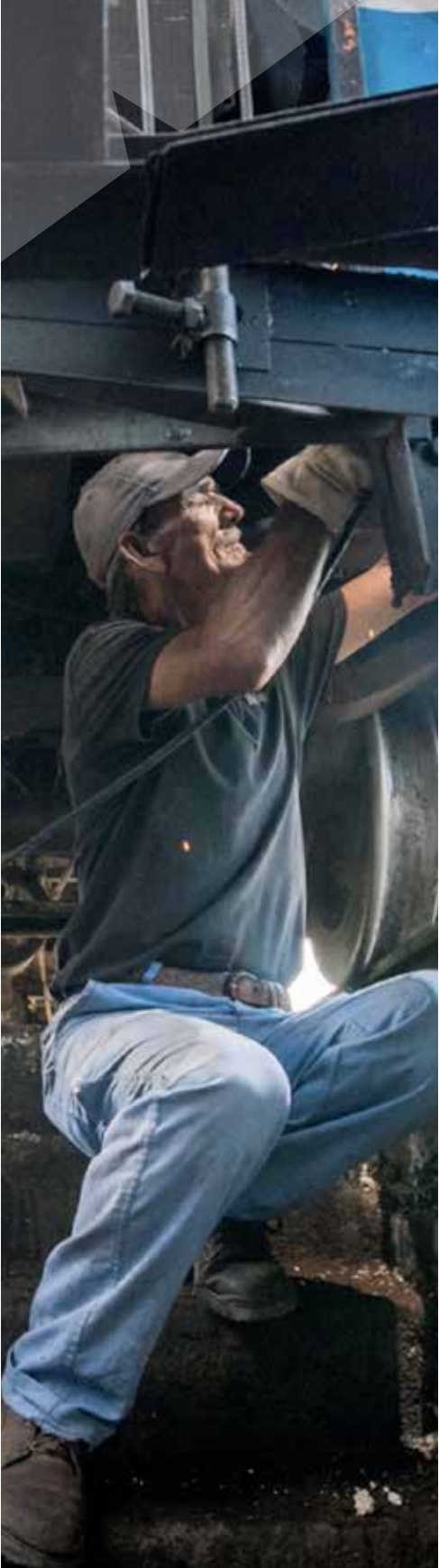


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THE GLOBAL NETWORKS
OF WHICH ARCS
IS PART OF



MORE THAN **120**
PARTNER AND
STAKEHOLDERS IN 2018



Global networks

Participation and involvement are the basis of the solidarity path of ARCS. The global partnership of ARCS is expressed through participation in consortia, aggregations of interest, foundations, networks and social representations at Italian and international level. The main ones are:

- ▶ AOI – Italian Association of international Cooperation and solidarity Organizations
- ▶ CONCORD Italia platform
- ▶ Italian NGO platform in the Middle East and Mediterranean sea
- ▶ MAECI platform
- ▶ Peoples Expo Committee
- ▶ Trade Game Italian Observatory on International Trade
- ▶ Forum SaD Permanent Forum for Distance Support
- ▶ Social Watch
- ▶ GCAP - Global Call to Action against Poverty
- ▶ CGE - Global Campaign for Education
- ▶ COOPERAZIONE Lazio
- ▶ CCCDR - Citizens' Committee for Decentralized Cooperation of Municipality of Rome
- ▶ Roman Observatory on Actions against Poverty
- ▶ IID - Italian Donation Institute
- ▶ Triulza Foundation
- ▶ RIDE - Italian Network for Euro-Mediterranean Dialogue
- ▶ Con.Me – Contemporaneo Mediterraneo
- ▶ REMDH - Euro-Mediterranean Network for Human Rights
- ▶ SOLIDAR
- ▶ Anna Lindh Foundation
- ▶ AITR Italian Responsible Tourism Association

Partner and stakeholder

ARCS can fulfill its mission thanks to synergy established with its partners and stakeholders: Institutions, Companies, NGOs, Associations, Trade Unions, Research institutes, universities, Cultural Institutes, Museums, Academies. Our Ngo has always been involved in the achievement of one of its most relevant and ambitious program objectives: the strengthening of the global partnerships.

The theme is widely shared between organizations and institutions that deal with human rights and social change and the Organization of the United Nations in the 2030 Agenda has indicated this as one of the 17 global goals for sustainable development.

In projects in Latin America we worked with:

Warsaw Academy of Fine Arts (AFA) • ACTAF (Cuban Association of Agricultural and Forestry Technicians) • ARCI Florence • Ascoba • Italian Association Responsible Tourism (AITR) • ASSORESTAURO • CEPROD • ARCI Committee of the Tuscany Region • Municipality of Florence • Corporación Viva la Ciudadanía • Department of Cauca • Foro Nacional por Colombia - Capitulo Valle and Comunitar • Vice Presidency of the Republic of Colombia, Presidencia de Derechos Humanos y Derecho Internacional Humanitario Program • RESEDA Cooperative • New Agriculture Social Cooperative • Ong PRO.DO.CS • MINAGRI (Cuban Ministry of Agriculture) • Municipality of Pinar del Rio • OHCH (Oficina del Historiador de la Ciudad de La Habana) • Presidencia de Derechos Humanos y Derecho Internacional Humanitario Province of Pinar del Rio Program (Provincial Delegation of the Ministry of Agriculture) • University of Florence (UNIFI) through the departments of Civil Engineering, Construction and Environment (DICEA) and Architecture (DIDA) • PR (Pinar del Rio University) • Vice Presidency of the Republic of Colombia



20%	Institutions (Ministries, Departments, Local authorities)
4%	ARCI network
7%	Companies and cooperatives
54%	NGOs, associations and trade unions
15%	Research Institutes, Universities, Cultural Institutes, Museums, Academies

In projects in the Middle East and North Africa we have worked with:

Acisjf-Cagliari Onlus • AIDOS Italian Women Development Association
• AJEM Association of Justice and Mercy • Amel Association • ARCI Sud Sardinia • ARCI Tuscany • Antigone Onlus Association • Basmeh & Zeitooneh
• Beirut Eye & ENT Specialist Hospital (BESH) • Brebey: technologies with wool • Municipality of Guspini • Santa Maria Agricultural Social Cooperative
• Daem Observatory for Consultation and Training "Tamkeen Fields for Aid"
• Department of Chemical and Geological Sciences (University of Cagliari)
• Guarantor of the Rights of Prisoners of the Tuscany Region • Jordan, West and East Center for Human Resources Development • Ilef • Institut des Régions Arides (IRA) • Lebanese Union for People with Disabilities • Mada Community & Environment • Mouvement Social (MS) • Municipality of Bushira and Tafileh • Municipality of Chawaghir • No Peace Without Justice (NPSG) • Noor al Hussein Foundation (NHF) • New Technologies by M. Caria & C snc • TAMAT • Piccoli Progetti Possibili Onlus • Ricerca e Cooperazione • SOLIDAR

In projects in Africa we worked with:

ACREST African Center for Renewable Energy & Sustainable Technology
• Kafrine Regional Development Agency • Regional Development Agency of Kaolack • AIA - Association of African Engineers • AIDOS - Association Italian Women for Development • AMEE Municipal Water Agency and the Energy of the Municipality of Dschang • AMMI Multi-ethnic Association of Intercultural Mediators • Anolf Dakar • Anolf Rimini • APM Pluriservizi Macerata Company SpA • ARCI Modena • Association Sénégalaise pour le Développement des Organisations de Base (ASDOB) • Association Friends of Ethiopia ONLUS • Pope John XXIII Community Association
- Sharing among the Peoples ONLUS • Association of Senegalese Emilia-Romagna / Marche • ARCI Marche • Association of Departments of Senegal
• Microfinance and Development Association • Dokita Volunteer Association
• AST Association des Sénégalais de Turin de retour au Sénégal • BANLIEUE UP • Chamber of Commerce of Romagna • Kafrine Chamber of Commerce •

Kaolack Chamber of Commerce • Center ASSITEJ Senegal (center sénégalais of the Association Internationale du Théâtre pour l'Enfance et la Jeunesse) • Center for International Cooperation and Migration Studies CIM Onlus non-profit social cooperative • CIES ONLUS Information center and Development Education • CIPSI Cooperation of Popular Initiatives of International Solidarity • CIRPS Interuniversity Research Center for Sustainable Development • CNR IBIMET National Research Council Institute of Biometeorology • Municipality of Bamendjou • Municipality of Dschang • Municipality of Pescara • Municipality of Rimini • Kaolack Departmental Council • CoopCIM - Coopérative Sociale Coopération Internationale et Migration • COOPERMONDO Association for International Cooperation Onlus Development • COSSAN - Senegalese Community of Santa Croce sull'Arno • DIASPORE • Educaid • Eurosapienza Research Center in International European Studies • FASNI Federation of Senegalese Associations of Northern Italy • FAST - Federation of Senegalese Associations of Triveneto • GIE Le Djolof - Groupement d'Intérêt Economique Le Djolof • GIE Salam - Groupement d'Intérêt Economique Salam • GMA - Missions Africa Group ONLUS • La Palabre • La Rada Consortium of Social Cooperatives • Ministry of Youth of Senegal • My Fair Srl • Nafeza network of the Associations for the Women of Zambesia • NPSG There is no Peace Without Justice • OGB Oxfam Great Britain • OIT Oxfam Italy • RESEDA The social cooperative society Onlus • REST - The Relief Society of Tigray • Sevota • Soddo Zuria Woreda Women and Children affair office • Eurosapienza Research Center in International and Development European Studies, Sapienza University of Rome • SVIM Sviluppo Marche S.p.A. • TAMAT • Theater of the Winds • University of Dschang • University of Modena and Reggio-Emilia CAPP • UPC - Z - Provincial Union of the Peasants of Zambesia • Vita S.p.A • WISE - Organization for Women in Self Employment

In education and information projects and in Europe we have worked with:

ARCI Florence • AHS Asociación Hermanos Saíz • Concord Sweden • FOCSIV Federation of Christian Organizations International Volunteer Service • IDC Initiative for Development and Cooperation • NUZS in der UfaFabrik W. • Partos • RAJ Réseau Alternatif Des Jeunes Tunisie Venro • Viva La Ciudadania • Alternatives pour l'enfance et la jeunesse • Amref Health Africa Onlus • ARCI Macerata • ARCI Rieti • ARCI Rome • ARCI National Civil Service • ARCI Teramo • AskovFonden • Asociacija Aktyvus jaunimas • Asociación Cazalla - Intercultural • Asociación Para La Integración Y Progreso De Las Culturas Pandora • Associação Juvenil by Linha de Cascais Rota Jovem • Association Concordia • ARCI Association Territorial Committee of Rieti • Ayuntamiento De Burgos-Juventud • Citizens of Europe eV • Municipality of Silvi • Concordia France • Consortium of Migrants Assisting Organizations • New Laser Onlus Social Cooperative • Pars Social Cooperative • Coordination of NGOs for the purpose • Coordination South • De Amicitia • Eletfa • Experiment e.V. • FCSF - Fédération des Centres sociaux et Socioculturels de France • Fritidsforum • Fundacja Centrum Aktywnosci Tworzej • Gaziantep Egitim ve Genclik Dernegi • Gruca Onlus • IHayya Bina • K_Alma • Mtü Noortevahetuse Arengu Ühing Estyes • PEC Wallonie - Peuple et Culture Wallonie Brussels • Peuple et Culture en Wallonie • ProAtlântico - Associação Juvenil • Scambieuropei • Settlement - The Finnish Federation Of Settlement Houses • Solida srl • Stichting Participe Delft • EVS Pro Atlantico • Turkish Red Crescent Society Izmir Branch • UfaFabrik Berlin



Beneficiaries

In 2018, around 85,230 people benefited from our work.

A result that contributes to the mission of ARCS: weaving networks between communities and cultures of solidarity! Here are the main ones.

★ Total direct beneficiaries
85,230

★ Total indirect beneficiaries
116,200

Breakdown of beneficiaries by gender



37%
Women

24%
Men

14%
Young people and children

25%
Population in general

RIGHTS AND EMPOWERMENT

512

women were formed in Colombia.

984

people were formed in Mozambique in agricultural production, food self-sufficiency, savings and credit rotary, rights to use and to possession of the land.

1,000

people in Rwanda have benefited from the socio-economic reintegration paths and the offers of training in the sector of agriculture and sheep farming.

900

prisoners and family members in Lebanon, including some disabled, participated in programs of social reintegration and benefited from services of basic assistance (psychological support e legal), family reconciliation and counseling.

25

operators were trained in social reintegration of prisoners.

ECONOMICAL DEVELOPMENT

19,800

people in Senegal and Ethiopia have been involved in awareness campaigns focused on the risk of irregular migration.

9,000

people were formed on technical operational and managerial skills, and on starting/strengthening of income generating activities in Senegal and Ethiopia.

5,000

people between operators, young people and producers were trained and work-oriented in Senegal and Ethiopia.

20,000

people have access to a drinking water source in Cameroon.

CULTURAL HERITAGE

595

technicians specialized in restoration and students were trained in Cuba.

7

cooperatives in Cuba were reinforced.

225

creative entrepreneurs and professionals of the restoration industry were formed.

DECENT WORK AND SOCIAL INCLUSION

89

people in Jordan participated at workshops within programs of promotion of civil society organizations, social movements and independent trade unions so that can take a role as a guide in the field of reforms and democratic changes in the Middle East.

700

people in Senegal improved the opportunity to employment and the skills of starting micro-business projects.

2,209

Syrian refugees, above all vulnerable women and children in urban areas of Beirut, can access to health services and social inclusion programs through the creation of a Community Center.

1,750

vulnerable people have increased their income through a short-term occupation in public services such as improvement of roads and buildings, cleaning of communal spaces, schools, cemeteries and gardens, renovation and park maintenance.

HEALTH

1,539

people benefited in Lebanon of screening for cataract diagnosis and treatment or other serious eye diseases, of the glasses supply for the correction of refraction defects (myopia, presbyopia, astigmatism, hypermetropia) and had access to view-saving operations.

EMERGENCY

11,566

people among children, family, teachers have in Lebanon and Jordan better opportunities of access to public school services.

309

Syrian refugees were involved in the improvement of public spaces and communal services, including waste collection.

1,800

Syrians and Lebanese were reached by awareness campaigns and information activities.

50

shops were involved in Lebanon in activities of waste collection.

628

Syrian and Lebanese refugees, including many disabled people were included in training programs and paid internship at public institutions or private companies (75% in long lasting work paths).

AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT

332

people have benefited of training in Cuba.

7

agricultural cooperatives are been upgraded in Cuba.

500

agricultural producers in Cuba have strengthened technical and commercial skills.

2,000

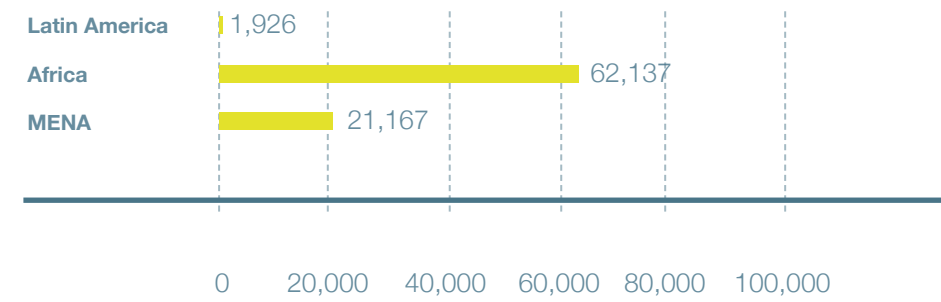
people in Senegal strengthened production capacity, improved knowledge and technical skills for the small business in the agri-food sector implementation.

240

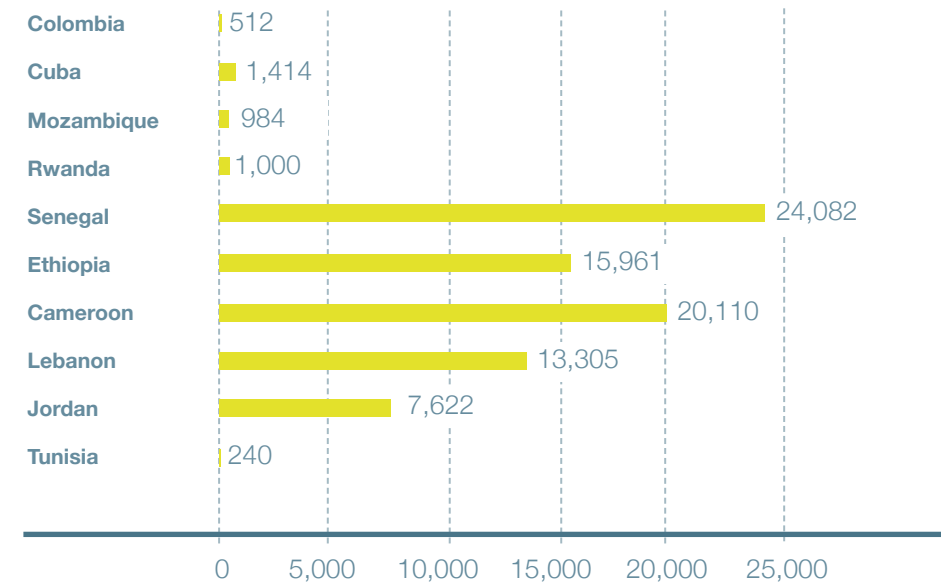
women in Tunisia received training on agricultural production, supply and diversification of tourist services.



Distribution of beneficiaries by geographical areas



Distribution of beneficiaries by country



Communication channels

We keep up-to-date with our partners, funders, supporters, friends, fans and followers through news and information we publish on our website and on our social media channels.

We create a bi-weekly newsletter and publish interventions on Arcireport and the ARCI newsletter, a weekly magazine dedicated to in-depth information on current issues, initiatives and campaigns promoted by the association.

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