Although market integration – starting with the financial markets – is undoubtedly the most visible aspect of the globalization process, it is not the only one, because the process itself is characterised by the deep and unprecedented integration of information, cultural models and lifestyles as well.

The problem we are facing today is not to decide whether or not to accept the integration process […] but rather to examine its causes, which, in a highly integrated world, increase inequality in many countries and in the relationships between rich and poor countries.

Within a context dominated by economic and technological integration, we are witnessing the spread of inequality and poverty which are related to whether or not there are opportunities to play an active role in the integration process, which mainly means having access to the economy and to the social and technological opportunities opened up by this process.

Paolo Dieci
ARCS ARCI Culture Solidali APS is an association for social advancement according to Art. 35 of the Legislative Decree of 3 July 2017. Founded in Rome in 1985 by ARCI, it is one of the most important Italian third sector associations and is present throughout Italy. ARCS is an ONLUS (an Italian non-profit social organization) on the list of civil society organizations of the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS) under decree no. 2016/337/000132/3 listed as a subject under Art. 26 of Law 125/2014.

ARCS works in the area of solidarity, international cooperation, volunteering, global citizenship education, humanitarian aid and reception. ARCS has served as a forum for activists like Tom Benetollo, Renzo Maffei and Rino Serri and its values have been passed down from its founders and incorporated into its ethical model, its actions guided by the principles of honesty, equality, responsibility, transparency and solidarity.

ARCS promotes processes of social change that guarantee full social inclusion, the development of active citizenship, the full enjoyment of civil rights, gender equality and access to education, professional training and the work world for all people, especially groups that are vulnerable. ARCS strives to create a world of global rights, peace and democracy that is fair and sustainable.
ARCS has built and strengthened its international relations and partnerships on this vision, in line with the priority goals of the 2030 Agenda for sustainable development.

The basic underlying assumption of ARCS’ international cooperation strategy is community involvement aimed at promoting civil gatherings and reinforcing democratic ownership. For ARCS cooperating means involving communities and weaving relationships and partnerships among territories, people and organizations in order to develop projects that affirm human rights, peace and dialogue as well as promote active citizenship and participation in democracy.

ARCS' statutory purposes are to:

- uphold the values of solidarity, peace, non-violence, universal rights and global justice;
- struggle against all forms of poverty, discrimination and social and political exclusion;
- foster the social and cultural advancement of citizens by supporting democratic participation and ownership and reinforcing cooperative relationships among communities and territories;
- support and safeguard equal opportunities and gender empowerment;
- spread awareness of and implement the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the International Convention on the Rights of the Child;
- implement the international codes and conventions regulating humanitarian intervention;
- valorize communities and indigenous cultures;
- protect and support human rights activists;
- spread and promote the founding principles of the European Union;
- foster conscious and socially sustainable lifestyles;
- safeguard and valorize all common goods.

Solidarity

ARCS works to create a world of global rights, peace and democracy that is fair and sustainable as well as build an idea of solidarity and social justice that starts with peoples’ concrete needs. To accomplish this, it employs a range of tools: becoming rooted in the local area, a solid network of international relations and skills and experience acquired in the field of cooperation, culture and migrant and refugee rights. ARCS is committed to protecting rights as well as safeguarding, valorizing and empowering vulnerable people both socially and economically, specifically women, boys, girls and PWDs.

Honesty

Each person in ARCS, as they carry out their duties, refrains from seeking personal gain and constantly pursues integrity and rectitude in their actions and choices.

Equality

ARCS struggles against all forms of discrimination, appreciates differences and guarantees equal opportunities in its work and uniform treatment regardless of age, sex, race, physical handicaps and religion, according to the principles of non-discrimination.

Responsibility

ARCS has adopted a code of ethics stating the principles and values that must inspire, guide and regulate the behaviour, conduct and responsibilities of all ARCS personnel and each person that works on behalf of the organization. Full compliance with the code presumes it is has been properly understood and is shared and that individuals are committed to carrying out ARCS’ mission.

ARCS especially acknowledges the central role of preventing and struggling against sexual harassment, abuse and exploitation to safeguard the dignity of the beneficiaries of its development cooperation initiatives and of the people who work and operate within the organization. It condemns all forms of harassment, intimidation, discrimination, retaliation, persecution, violence, abuse or exploitation. Safeguarding the dignity and integrity of physical and moral health is an inviolable right of each individual.

Transparency

Since 2011 ARCS has been subject to the certification procedures of the Italian Institute of Donation (IID) regarding the proper use of the funds received and the resources used in their endeavours to ensure administrative and accounting transparency before public and private donors. The financial statements, prepared by the administrative office, is submitted by the Board of Directors during the shareholders’ meeting and is checked by the certifying firm SternZanini&Avvocati Associati and by the statutory board of auditors following the indications of the Agency for Italian non-profit organizations (ONLUS). ARCS also voluntarily adheres to the European Transparency Register, instituted by the joint secretariat of the Transparency Register (SCRT).
Seats and Countries of intervention

Sedi italiane
- Lazio
  - Rome
  - Rieti
  - Viterbo
- Umbria
  - Perugia
  - Terni
- Abruzzo
  - Chieti
  - Teramo
- Marche
  - Ancona
- Liguria
  - Genoa
  - La Spezia
- Emilia-Romagna
  - Modena
- Lombardy
  - Milan
- Campania
  - Naples (2 offices)
  - Caserta
- Friuli-Venezia Giulia
  - Trieste
- Piedmont
  - Turin
- Veneto
  - Padua

Puglia
- Bari
- Foggia

Sardegna
- Cagliari
- Southern Sardinia

Calabria
- Crotone

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* France, Germany, Belgium, Finland, Hungary, Holland, Denmark and Sweden

EU countries *
- France
- Germany
- Belgium
- Ireland
- Italy
- Spain
- Netherlands
- Denmark
- Sweden

Countries where ARCS intervened in 2019

Countries where ARCS has intervened in the past

International offices

* Tunisia
  - Tataouine
  - Tunis

Morocco

Senegal
  - Linguère

Cuba
  - Pinar del Río
  - Havana

Nicaragua

Argentina

Brazil

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Mission Report

Human resources

ARCS has a team of over 500 people, made up of employees, volunteers, collaborators, foreign aid workers and local operators. In 2019 each of them, according to their role and skills, helped accomplish ARCS’ mission in Italy and throughout the world. ARCS pays close attention to its recruitment processes and personnel training and offers each person the opportunity to boost their skills by taking personalized training courses throughout their career.

ARCS ensures that women and men are equally treated in its selection and training processes, following criteria adopted to establish a system of career advancement and compensation. It forbids all forms of discrimination regardless of age, sex, race, physical condition and religious beliefs. It ensures language is used that excludes all forms of expression or manifestations of prejudice or stereotypes and strives to guarantee adequate working conditions for each and every individual.

ARCS has a list of job descriptions, a manual of internal procedures and a code of ethics, which have all been approved by its governing bodies, regulating the policies and functions of its personnel and the codes of conduct the organization has decided to embrace. ARCS health, safety and security policy provides detailed information on the functioning of its safety systems. This policy provides essential guidelines that define the risk assessment system and how to implement it locally. This policy, the general safety manual and ARCS training programmes serve as references for the people in charge of safety in the countries where ARCS operates in order to adapt the specific emergency and evacuation plans to the context of the country they are operating in.

Each person is responsible for promoting safety and is required to follow all the rules and procedures laid out in the safety plans. ARCS undertakes not only to enforce a system of rules and recommendations, but also to promote the spread of a culture of safety aimed at increasing each individual’s awareness of these issues and encouraging a proactive approach and behaviour.

In line with the principles promoted by the 1995 Beijing World Conference and specifically with the principle of gender mainstreaming, ARCS promotes gender equity not only within the organization, but also by planning international cooperation interventions and programmes to combat gender disparity.

ARCS supports processes that foster and safeguard equal opportunities and gender empowerment by complying with the principles of The Convention on the Elimination of all Forms of Discrimination Against Women adopted by the United Nations General Assembly (CEDAW 1979).

The organization recognizes the central role of prevention and combating sexual harassment, abuse and exploitation to safeguard the dignity of the beneficiaries of its development cooperation interventions and of the people who work and operate within the organization.

ARCS condemns all forms of harassment, intimidation, discrimination, retaliation, persecution, violence, abuse or exploitation and all other sexual conduct that is against the applicable laws and/
or the principles of its code of ethics. Safeguarding the dignity and integrity of physical and moral health in the workplace and while carrying out international cooperation interventions is each person’s inviolable right.

ARCS undertakes to implement different, prompt and unbiased measures to prevent and combat abuse and harassment also by resorting to the appropriate disciplinary measures offered by the applicable laws and using an approach centered on the needs of the victims of sexual harassment, abuse or exploitation and based on respect for human rights, as well as on the principles of confidentiality, security and non-discrimination.

The organization acknowledges and supports PWDs’ right to social autonomy and integration, ensures that the laws protecting them are respected and undertakes to ensure protection and accessibility to computer resources and work environments.

For ARCS volunteering is an invaluable resource. Every year many volunteers choose to explore the area of international solidarity through an experience with ARCS. In the last ten years, the organization has mobilized around a thousand volunteers by involving them in the various initiatives it has undertaken in over 15 countries throughout the world.
ARCS carries out projects in the areas of solidarity, international cooperation, human development and active global citizenship education aimed at fostering and promoting the active participation of citizens and communities in building processes of peace, democracy, social inclusion and the affirmation of human rights.

The main objectives of ARCS’ projects to combat poverty, violence and social marginalization are: commitment to children’s rights and self-determination, gender economic and social empowerment, environmental and social sustainability in the pursuit of global wellbeing, conservation and valorization of cultural and material heritage, the protection of common goods, helping minorities and migrants play an active role in society, emergency solidarity linked to humanitarian aid.

Its cooperation is based on principles of democratic ownership, gender equality and the importance of relationships between communities.

Through information and awareness-raising initiatives, fundraising campaigns, the promotion of qualified international volunteering and the exchange of good practices among those working in training and research, ARCS works especially with young people to promote awareness and provide training/self-training on the issues of interdependence and sustainable growth.

The key role of communities in building cooperation relationships is also expressed in ARCS’ focus on involving migrants, who are essential to develop relationships and cooperation with their countries of origin.

Project areas

- Human rights
- Democracy
- Intercultural dialogue
- Education and training
- Government and civil society
- Empowerment and gender equality
- Agriculture
- Rural development
- Decent work
- Social inclusion
- Disability
- Food security
- Water and hygiene
- Health
- Safeguarding of cultural heritage
- Sustainable tourism
- Environment
- Renewable energy
- Social protection
- Response to humanitarian emergencies
- Migration and co-development
- Refugee rights
- Legal and judicial development
- Prisons and prisoners’ rights
2019 Projects

Total projects
31

Started
11
Closed
13

In progress
7

Project breakdown by country

Cuba

Human Development Index 0.778
Position 72
Gender Development Index (GDI) 0.948
Gender Inequality Index (GII) 0.312

1 project in progress

INNOVA CUBA: International and intersectoral intervention to safeguard the cultural heritage of the country (July 2017-June 2020)
Main areas of intervention: safeguarding of cultural heritage, sustainable tourism.
ARCS’ role: leader
Total cost: 992,000 euros

1 project closed

Increasing the amount of meat and milk for food security in the Mantua municipality (June 2017-February 2018)
Main areas of intervention: food security, agriculture, rural development.
ARCS’ role: leader
Total cost: 256,136 euros

2 projects started

Lacteos: Promotion of cheese and dairy product production to improve the nutritional conditions of the population of Pinar del Rio (15 January 2019-December 2020)
Main areas of intervention: food security, agriculture, rural development.
ARCS’ role: leader
Total cost: 166,000 euros

Development of a suburban agricultural programme to ensure food autonomy in the Pinar del Rio municipality (January 2019-December 2020)
Main areas of intervention: food security, agriculture, rural development.
ARCS’ role: leader
Total cost: 269,116 euros
Jordan and Egypt

Human Development Index in Jordan 0.723
Position 102
Gender Development Index (GDI) 0.868
Gender Inequality Index (GII) 0.469

Human Development Index in Egypt 0.700
Position 116
Gender Development Index (GDI) 0.878
Gender Inequality Index (GII) 0.450

2 projects started

PRO-ACTION: protective and inclusive activities for children with disabilities (August 2019-July 2020)
Main areas of intervention: social protection, human rights, disabilities, education and training.
ARCS’ role: leader
Total cost: 241,800 euros

Promoting economic and social empowerment of vulnerable women in Lebanon, Jordan and Egypt (May 2019-November 2021)
Main areas of intervention: gender empowerment and equality, work, social inclusion, social protection, refugee rights, education and training.
ARCS’ role: leader
Total cost: 2,116,000 euros

1 project closed

Integrated actions to help vulnerable Syrian and Jordanian refugees access the job market in the governorates of Tafileh and Aqaba (September 2018-October 2019)
Main areas of intervention: work, social inclusion, refugee rights, gender empowerment and equality.
ARCS’ role: partner
Total cost: 538,324 euros

Lebanon

Human Development Index 0.730
Position 93
Gender Development Index (GDI) 0.891
Gender Inequality Index (GII) 0.362

1 project in progress

DROIT: Rights, social reintegration, vocational guidance and protection for young adults, women and PWDs in Lebanese prisons (September 2018-June 2022)
Main areas of intervention: education and training, prisons and prisoners’ rights, legal and judicial development, work and social inclusion, disability, social protection.
ARCS’ role: leader
Total cost: 1,980,000 euros

2 progetti avviati

Professional training and prevention of social hardship for vulnerable women in Naba’a, Beirut (August 2019-August 2020)
Main areas of intervention: refugee rights, education and training, work and social inclusion, empowerment and gender equality, social protection.
ARCS’ role: leader
Total cost: 176,660 euros

AMAM: Environment, microbusiness, agrofood in Movement (December 2019-November 2020)
Main areas of intervention: work and social inclusion, gender empowerment and equality, education and training.
ARCS’ role: partner
Total cost: 71,795 euros
4 projects closed

Ayounkon: improving access to visual health services in the Beqaa Valley
(July 2018-January 2020)
Main areas of intervention: health, social protection, refugee rights.
ARCS role: leader
Total cost: 320,000 euros

Vocational guidance and job placement of vulnerable young adults in reception centres in Rabieh
(November 2018-November 2019)
Main areas of intervention: prisons and prisoners' rights, work and social inclusion, education and training.
ARCS role: leader
Total cost: 93,100 euros

Social stability: creating temporary employment opportunities in the border municipalities in northern Beqaa
(September 2018-August 2019)
Main areas of intervention: work, social inclusion, refugee rights, environment, response to humanitarian emergencies.
ARCS role: leader
Total cost: 440,000 euros

Social inclusion, training and reproductive health for women and children in the Naba'a neighbourhood in Bourj Hammoud
(January 2016-December 2019)
Main areas of intervention: work, social inclusion, social protection, gender empowerment and equality, health, education and training.
ARCS role: leader
Total cost: 1,150,700 euros

4 projects started

IMPRENDI TU: promotion of youth and female entrepreneurship in Tunisia
(July 2019-June 2020)
Main areas of intervention: work and social inclusion, gender empowerment and equality, education and training, agriculture and rural development, sustainable tourism, environment.
ARCS role: implementing partner
Total cost: 72,275 euros

TATAQUI: promoting youth and female entrepreneurship in Tunisia
(July 2019-June 2020)
Main areas of intervention: work and social inclusion, gender empowerment and equality, education and training, agriculture and rural development, sustainable tourism, environment.
ARCS role: partner
Total cost: 63,140 euros

SELMA: support for local agriculture, microbusiness and the empowerment of women and young people in Tunisia
(December 2019-December 2022)
Main areas of intervention: work and social inclusion, gender empowerment and equality, education and training, agriculture and rural development, sustainable tourism, environment.
ARCS role: leader
Total cost: 1,500,000 euros
**Business incubators in Morocco (June 2019-June 2020)**

**Main areas of intervention:** work and social inclusion, education and training, sustainable tourism, environment.

**ARCS’ role:** partner

Total cost: 5,700 euros (ARCS’ share)

- **4 projects closed**

- **TerRe:** from the land to income, paths of empowerment for women and young people in Tataouine (February 2016-January 2020)

**Main areas of intervention:** work and social inclusion, gender empowerment and equality, education and training, agriculture and rural development.

**ARCS’ role:** partner

Total cost: 924,143 euros

- **4 projects closed**

- **GDAs and Husbandry:** strengthening Agricultural Development Groups (GDAs) in Ras El Oued, Bir Amir and Bir Thalathine in the small-scale courtyard husbandry sector (February 2017-June 2019)

**Main areas of intervention:** agriculture and rural development, work and social inclusion, gender empowerment and equality, sustainable tourism, environment.

**ARCS’ role:** leader

Total cost: 47,696 euros

- **TATAOUI:** Sardinia contributes to promoting entrepreneurship among women and young people in Tunisia (December 2018-December 2019)

**Main areas of intervention:** work and social inclusion, gender empowerment and equality, sustainable tourism, environment.

**ARCS’ role:** implementing partner

Total cost: 71,380 euros

- **TATAOUI:** Creation of a retail store for local products in Tataouine (October 2018-October 2019)

**Main areas of intervention:** work and social inclusion, gender empowerment and equality, sustainable tourism.

**ARCS’ role:** implementer

Total cost: 36,545 euros

**Senegal and Ethiopia**

**Human Development Index in Senegal 0.514**

Position 166

Gender Development Index (GDI) 0.873

Gender Inequality Index (GII) 0.523

**Human Development Index in Ethiopia 0.470**

Position 173

Gender Development Index (GDI) 0.844

Gender Inequality Index (GII) 0.508

**4 projects in progress**

- **SOUFF – Terra:** Support and co-development to strengthen the Linguère community (April 2017-February 2021)

**Main areas of intervention:** agriculture and rural development, environment.

**ARCS’ role:** leader

Total cost: 1,473,000 euros

- **Promoting food security by strengthening small producers and introducing innovative techniques in the Louga region, Senegal (Boulal)** (September 2018-July 2020)

**Main areas of intervention:** agriculture and rural development, work, environment, food security, gender empowerment and equality.

**ARCS’ role:** leader

Total cost: 161,075 euros

- **PROM-SEN:** promoting food security by strengthening small producers and introducing innovative techniques in the Louga region (November 2018-November 2020)

**Main areas of intervention:** agriculture and rural development, work, gender empowerment and equality.

**ARCS’ role:** leader

Total cost: 56,975 euros
Doolel: Migration and Co-Development, Cultivating Social Businesses in Senegal (February 2018-May 2021)
Main areas of intervention: agriculture and agricultural development, work, gender empowerment and equality.
ARCS’ role: partner
Total cost: 1,562,989 euros
1 project started

Social business and innovative development in the agro-industrial production chain in the Thies region (November 2019-November 2022)
Main areas of intervention: agriculture and rural development, work.
ARCS’s role: partner
Total cost: 1,778,080 euros
2 project closed

PONTI: social and economic inclusion, young people and women, innovation and diaspora (June 2017-August 2019)
Main areas of intervention: work and social inclusion, gender empowerment and equality, disability, migration and co-development, environment, education and training.
ARCS’ role: leader
Total cost: 2,650,000 euros

Social inclusion and participation: paths of education, training and awareness for young people and women in the outskirts of Dakar (July 2018-June 2019)
Main areas of intervention: work and social inclusion, gender empowerment and equality, education and training.
ARCS’ role: partner
Total cost: 74,335 euros

Cameroon
Human Development Index 0.563
Position 150
Gender Development Index (GDI) 0.869
Gender Inequality Index (GII) 0.566
1 project in progress

ENTER: Renewable EEnergy, appropriate TTechnologies to access clean drinking water in a Rural environment (June 2018-May 2021)
Main areas of intervention: water and hygiene, renewable energy, environment, government and civil society.
ARCS role: leader
Total cost: 1,795,000 euros
1 project closed

Promoting water management in the municipalities of Bamendjou, Penka-Michel and Batié (August 2017-August 2019)
Main areas of intervention: water and hygiene, environment, government and civil society.
ARCS role: partner
Total cost: 452,531 euros
Volunteering, development and global citizenship education

ARCS supports and promotes global citizenship initiatives and volunteering by organizing awareness camps, social documentation workshops, experiences with the Universal Civil Service (SCU) and European Voluntary Service (EVS) and youth exchanges.

It also organizes opportunities for international training through conventions with universities and research centres, including Alma Master University of Bologna, Intenuniversity Research Center for Sustainable Development (CIRPS), the Belgian-Italian Chamber of Commerce, the University of Turin, the University of Sassari and Sapienza University of Rome.

In addition to promoting volunteering among young people, ARCS is committed to strengthening its own network of associations, operators, employees and territorial networks.

Through a programme financed as part of the Erasmus+ programme and promoted by its French partner Fédération des Centres Sociaux et Socio-culturels de France (FCSF), it carries out projects to share good practices (Findyourself, C’est possible, UE – Together we can do it! and Fabus II) where representatives and volunteers from European organizations work with and for young people and adults to teach them new methods and help the organizations involved work with a Euro-Mediterranean prospective.

Global Citizenship Education

The objectives of the interventions started in 2019 are to combat incidences of discrimination stemming from xenophobia and raise awareness of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), also by talking about the role and importance of development cooperation in resolving the big global issues of our times, in particular those relating to migration.

European Voluntary Service

ARCS is accredited by the National Youth Agency to send volunteers to take part in the European Voluntary Service, an international programme financed by the European Commission as part of the Erasmus+ programme. The European Voluntary Service offers young people 18-30 years old experiences in intercultural learning in an informal context that promotes social integration and active participation.

Cultural Exchanges

Cultural exchanges are short volunteering experiences that give participants the opportunity to travel and explore other cultures. They are a great opportunity for cultural, social and human learning. Groups of young people of different nationalities take part in the exchanges to share in education and training activities. Human rights, active citizenship and new media are the issues ARCS focuses on in these exchanges.

Universal Civil Service

Civil service abroad offers young people a unique opportunity for growth as well as personal and professional enrichment and is an especially effective way to spread the culture of solidarity and peace among peoples. First, participants are provided with training in Italy. They begin with general training which provides them with guidelines on the fundamental values of the UCS experience, followed by specific training required for the project and related to what the volunteer will be doing. Training continues until the conclusion of the programme. UCS programmes generally last 12 months, at least 10 of which are spent abroad.

Photography workshops

In recent years, ARCS’ volunteer camps having been focussing on documentary – video and photography – workshops with instructors who are professionals in the sector because it firmly believes that the best way to get to know and understand different worlds, in addition to fostering participation and sharing, is using the visual medium. Volunteer camps are unique learning opportunities because participants can directly experience the daily life of local communities. For about 3 weeks, the Italian volunteers and local communities work side by side to reflect on values such as social education and respect for diversity. American photographer Lewis Hine, a sociologist and prominent figure in social photography, considered photography a means to protest and accelerate social change. ARCS’ workshops aspire to do the same.
Total number of projects: 9
- Started: 4
- Closed: 3
- In progress: 2

2019 projects

Youthquake EVS – Italy (September 2017-August 2020) ARCS’ role: leader Total cost: 342,080 euros

C’est possible.UE – Together we can do it
Sharing of good practices – Italy, France, Germany, Belgium (September 2018-March 2021) ARCS’ role: partner Total cost: 262,445 euros

Youthquake
EVS – Italy
(June 2018-June 2020)
ARCS’ role: partner
Total cost: 116,000 euros

Findyourself: faciliter l’engagement de jeunes! Supporting youth voluntary commitment! Sharing of good practices – Italy, France, Morocco, Sweden (September 2018-February 2021) ARCS’ role: partner Total cost: 252,923 euros

2 projects started
PINOCCHIO: culture, sports, civic participation and social networks against discrimination for greater social inclusion
GCE – Italy (September 2017-February 2019) ARCS’ role: leader Total cost: 29,773 euros

P for PARTICIPATION: Capacity building action for participatory sustainable development
GCE – Italy (August 2019-January 2021) ARCS’ role: leader Total cost: 369,880 euros

Photography workshops
Social photography camps – Cuba, Argentina and Senegal (February 2019-November 2019) ARCS’ role: leader Total cost: 23,854 euros

YSA’s projects
- 2 projects started
- PINOCCHIO: culture, sports, civic participation and social networks against discrimination for greater social inclusion
GCE – Italy, Serbia, Lebanon (September 2017-February 2019) ARCS’ role: leader Total cost: 555,555 euros
Lobbying and advocacy, campaigns and events

In 2019 ARCS sponsored national and international events, opportunities for discussion and exchange on human rights and cultural heritage. It participated in NGO delegations and civil society organizations, as well as sponsored or co-sponsored public initiatives and meetings with institutions and other people from the profit and non-profit world. Awareness raising, information and discussion initiatives, as well as lobbying and advocacy, are an important part of ARCS’ work. Through this, it aims to raise awareness among the public and influence institutions on issues regarding human rights, cooperation, international solidarity and volunteering, focusing on crisis, peace, democracy and sustainable development.

Events, workshops and interviews relating to ARCS’ projects

Observation course Fabus II

In January 14 operators from the Fédération des Centres Sociaux et Socioculturels de France took part in an observation internship in Italy as the first stage in the “Fabus II” project, closing with a visit to the International Women’s House. The internship included reflection on the non-profit sector in Europe, relations with the public and private sector, the skills of the people who work in the sector, the contribution of volunteering, social enterprises and the associations to the economy and social life of European countries in 2030.

Seminar to launch Findyourself

In January ARCS took part in a seminar in Stockholm to launch the project “Findyourself” along with its French partners from Fédération des Centres Sociaux et Socioculturels de France, its Moroccan partners from the Organisation Alternatives pour l’Enfance et la Jeunesse and its Swedish partners from Fritisforum. 20 people worked to organize the three-year project to share good practices regarding youth involvement and active citizenship.

INNOVA CUBA and ReDI

The event “INNOVA CUBA and ReDI: Public-private cooperation to support the conservation of historical and cultural heritage of Havana” was held in February, consolidating the synergy between ARCS’ projects INNOVA CUBA and the project ReDi – Training Centre for Restoration and Design sponsored by MISE-ICE and carried out in collaboration with Assorestauro and Federlegno. The goal was to create a system to share resources and skills to maximize the impact of projects to conserve and valorize historical and cultural heritage in Havana in collaboration with the Oficina del Historiador (OHCH). This first joint workshop addressed the issue of the universal accessibility of historical heritage.

Workshop of C’est possible.UE – Together we can do it!

In February this three-day workshop began in Berlin with the representatives of the project “C’est possible.UE – Together we can do it!” sponsored in collaboration with ARCS’ German partner NUTZ – International Culture Center UFA Fabrik and its Belgian partner Peuple et Culture en Wallonie to exchange good practices regarding the inclusion of disadvantaged people and groups such as migrants, asylum seekers and refugees.

Workshop during Laboratorio GeCo by the University of Florence on digitalizing artistic heritage

As part of INNOVA CUBA, in March during Laboratorio GeCo by the University of Florence, directed by Grazia Tucci, a workshop was held on digitalizing artistic heritage for a group of Cuban technicians. GNSS positioning systems, topography and ground-based, drone and laser-scanner photogrammetry were used to continue documenting the historical-artistic heritage of San Vivaldo, or the “New Jerusalem”, started a few years before.

RAI 2 Special on Protestantism

Federica DiMico, the coordinator for ARCS’ projects in Africa, talks about ARCS’ interventions in Rwanda alongside the local association Sevota during a special on Protestantism on RAI 2. Here you can find the full episode: https://www.facebook.com/arcsculturesolidali/4451266032563246

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In March the TATAOUINE products, along with the women who make them with the support of the TER-RE project, were at the handicrafts fair in Kram, Tunis: food products, cosmetics and handicrafts made with care and wisdom in the area of Tataouine.

Italian Design Day

In May, for Italian Design Day (IDD), the Italian Institute of Foreign Commerce (ICE) organized a series of events as part of the BIH, the 2nd Biennial of Design in Havana, with the participation of the Italian Ambassador of Design for IDD 2019, Francesco Mera. Thanks to the long synergy between ARCS and ICE on safeguarding heritage, INNOVA CUBA, and in particular the Creative Spaces Center in Old Havana, hosted an event by Dr Mera on the use of 3D printing to create prototypes.

5th Edition of the Sabir Festival

The festival was sponsored by ARCI along with the Christian Associations of Italian Workers (ACLJ), Caritas Italy and the Italian General Confederation of Labour (CGIL) with the collaboration of the Association for Juridical Studies on Immigration (ASGI), A Buon Diritto, Carta di Roma and the patronage of Rai, the National Association of Italian Municipalities (ANCI), the Puglia Region, Unisalento and the Lecce Municipality. The 2019 Sabir Festival, held in Lecce from 16-19 May, featured international gatherings and training, cultural activities, interactive, musical and theatre workshops and book presentations. The participation of civil society representatives from the two shores of the Mediterranean and international networks – such as Solidar, Migreurop, EuroMedRights, the TNI, Attac France, the European Civic Federation (ANCI), the Puglia Region, Unisalento, Caritas Italy and the Italian General Confederation of Labour (CGIL) with the collaboration of the associations of Italian Workers (ACLI), Caritas Italy and the Italian General Confederation of Labour (CGIL) – such as Solidar, Migreurop, EuroMedRights, the TNI, Attac France, the European Civic Federation (ANCI), the Puglia Region, Unisalento, Caritas Italy and the Italian General Confederation of Labour (CGIL) – such as Solidar, Migreurop, EuroMedRights, the TNI, Attac France, the European Civic Federation (ANCI), the Puglia Region, Unisalento, Caritas Italy and the Italian General Confederation of Labour (CGIL) – such as Solidar, Migreurop, EuroMedRights, the TNI, Attac France, the European Civic Federation made it possible to reflect upon the urgent need for a real political, cultural and social alternative in the Mediterranean basin, calling into question some of the pillars backed by institutions throughout Europe, centred on the control and criminalization of immigration.

ARCS presented the photography exhibition “Building Resilience: Accounts of the Ponti project” with the key people in the Ponti project immortalized by photographer Giulio di Meo. The presentation “PON Counts of the Ponti project” with the key people in the Ponti project and the role diaspora plays as a vector of sustainable growth.

Meeting to monitor Findyourself

In November a meeting was held to monitor the project “Findyourself” in Tangiers. The following issues were also discussed: what Euro-Mediterranean area organizations are doing to involve young people, the methods operators in daily contact with young people use to foster youth participation in the social life and politics of their countries, what can be done together and good associations practices.
Co-Development: Migration and international cooperation. Strategies and good practices in Emilia-Romagna

In January ARCS was in Bologna for the initiative “Co-development: Migration and international cooperation. Strategies and good practices in Emilia-Romagna” along with many civil society organizations, local institutions and universities to discuss perceptions and the reality of migratory phenomena, territorial cohesion, new opportunities and good practices relating to territorial cooperation and integration.

Solidar: International Cooperation Network and the Sustainable Development Academy

In March ARCS participated in two events hosted by Solidar, one of its partner networks: “International Cooperation Network,” which started reflecting on how to strengthen the efforts of its members and the network through joint activities on shared issues, and the “Sustainable Development Academy,” whose goal is to better implement the Agenda 2030 objectives and monitoring strategies.

After the Earthquake

In February in Macerata as part of the event “After the Earthquake” organized by the Gruca Association ONLUS, ARCS presented the project “Youthquake” and talked to the local community about its efforts, also to try and involve new volunteers and local associations.

Festival of Sustainable Development

In May Silvia Stilli, the director of ARCS, took part in the event “Global Alliances,” organized at the International Women’s House and sponsored by the Italian Association for Women in Development (AIDOS) as part of the Sustainable Development Festival in order to discuss the work the associations have been doing in the field through volunteer involvement.

EXCO 2019

In May ARCS had a stand at EXCO to promote projects and activities. The issues featured at this expo on cooperation were sustainability and the role of innovation. EXCO 2019 was the first and only global event focusing on the innovative solutions available to those working in development cooperation, such as national and international agencies, governments, financial institutions, civil society and the private sector.

National Demonstration – People First

In March ARCS was in Milan at the national demonstration “People First.” ARCI was one of the promoters of the event organized to mark the need to adopt new policies regarding work, the home, women’s rights, schools and to protect PWDs. The organizing committee wrote: “We fight for the redemption of the weak and for choices that are radically different from the ones made so far regarding immigration, inclusion policies, the struggle against inequality and poverty.”
Culture Lab. Days of culture and citizens’ power to act

In June ARCS participated in the festival “Culture Lab: Days of culture and citizens’ power to act” organized in Reims, France, by the Fédération des Centres Sociaux et Socioculturels de France. From 8-10 June operators, directors and volunteers got together with artists, citizens and the beneficiaries of projects to reflect on, explore and promote cultural projects. The event featured theme-based workshops, work groups, an assembly and theatre performances that all took place in the lovely circus-theatre in the city of Reims. ARCS hosted a two-day photography workshop by photographer Giulio Di Meo in collaboration with Laura Pezzennati. Delegates from ARCI Turin, represented by Luca Bosonetto and artists from Turin associations, created “Luminic”, a participatory performance with music and lights.

It was an opportunity to learn, discuss and exercise cultural rights, exchange good practices on citizens’ involvement in cultural life as well as discuss what culture is and who it belongs to. The programme featured a variety of workshops, debates, laboratories and even circus performances, theatre and music illustrating the link between culture and citizens’ power to act. Click here to see some pictures: http://www.arcsculturesolidali.org/it/2019/07/12/culture-lab-workshop-fotografico-a-reims-francia/?fbclid=IwAR3NzZLZHMkdtFHYa8C61mYX416AVyTeQGMyY10HgZfRLvIaEoPCQouk

International Seminar on Women’s Engagement in Politics and Entrepreneurship

In September ARCS participated in the international seminar “Women’s Engagement in Politics and Entrepreneurship” organized by the National Youth Agency in cooperation with SALTO YOUTH (South East Europe Resource Centre), the National Agency in France for Erasmus+, the National Agency in the United Kingdom and GIZ Lebanon. 33 men and women from 15 different countries took part in the four days of discussion, debate and work.

37th National Congress of Secours Populaire

In November ARCS took part in “For a solidarity as large as the world, universal, today and tomorrow” in Perpignan along with around 90 partner organizations and 1,200 delegates. The event opened by paying tribute to Julien Lauprêtre, president of the organization since 1958 until his recent death. All his efforts towards solidarity throughout his lifetime were guided by the motto: “Everything that is human belongs to us.”

2019 MED Dialogues

In December as part of the 2019 MED Dialogues – sponsored by the Institute for the Study of International Politics (ISPI) and the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation – ARCS took part in the Cooperation Forum organized by the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation and CIHEAM Bari on the nexus between climate change and food security in the Mediterranean. Representatives from the institutions, the third sector and academics discussed the prospects of development cooperation in tackling climate change by promoting rural and agricultural development.
What we do
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Campaigns and fundraising

Sono fatti tuoi

ARCS sponsored the campaign “Sono fatti tuo” (It’s Your Business), part of the “Pinocchio” project, aimed at dismantling false beliefs and deconstructing stereotypes linked mainly to the cultural contexts of migrants’ home countries. Starting from daily incidents of discrimination against immigrants, and much more, the campaign aimed to show how every day we have opportunities to step in to counter hate speech.

Io Accolgo

ARCS was a sponsor of the campaign “Io accolgo” (I Welcome), an initiative backed by a number of civil society organizations, institutions and unions, to firmly and jointly oppose the restrictive policies adopted regarding asylum seekers and migrants that violate the principles enshrined in the Constitution and international conventions. For more info, go to: http://www.ioaccolgo.it/

Screening campaign for kids in Beqaa

Around 150 kids from 0-18 years old received a free eye exam during the 4-day campaign at the Amel Association International centres in Kamed El Loz (western Beqaa) and Arsal. The screening campaign was part of a larger visual health project “Ayounkon: Improving access to visual health services in the Beqaa Valley” carried out by ARCS in Lebanon.

Fair trade Christmas cakes

Starting in 2018 ARCS and Tamat worked together to tackle the food emergency in Boulal, a municipality in the Louga region, Senegal, along with the local population. At Christmas funds were raised through the sale of fair trade Christmas cakes to support the women of Boulal.

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Donors

Each year ARCS accomplishes its goals and carries out its initiatives thanks to the support of a number of public and private donors, such as:

- AICS (Italian Agency for Development Cooperation)
- French National Agency, EACEA Erasmus+
- National Youth Agency
- AICS (Italian Culture and Sports Association), Beirut office
- ARCI Modena
- CEI (Italian Episcopal Conference)
- Valdese Church
- Municipality of Rimini
- Fondazione Cassa di Risparmio di Modena
- San Zeno Foundation
- Terzo Pilastro Foundation
- Ministry of Labour and Social Policies, General Directorate for the Third Sector and Corporate Social Responsibility
- Ministry of the Interior
- The Office of the Prime Minister of Italy
- The Autonomous Region of Sardinia
- Emilia-Romagna Region
- Lazio Region
- UN OCHA LHF (United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs–Lebanon Humanitarian Fund
- Embassies and consulates
- National and international universities and academies
- Private citizens
- For-profit and non-profit institutions and organizations

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Global networks

ARCS’ approach to solidarity is based on participation and involvement. ARCS’ global partnerships consist of consortiums, interest aggregation, foundations, networks and Italian and international social delegations. Its main global partners are:

**AITR Italian Association of Responsible Tourism**
A non-profit association inspired by the principles of democracy and ethics that promotes initiatives to foster solidarity and support responsible, sustainable and ethical tourism.

**Anna Lindh Foundation**
This international organization works in the Mediterranean area to foster intercultural and civil society dialogue to build more inclusive, empathetic and resilient societies.

**AOI Association of Italian International Cooperation and Solidarity Organizations**
Its aim is to represent and valorize the plurality of different members of society in volunteering and international cooperation in Italy. It also helps to build a democratic, inclusive, supportive Europe that participates fully in fostering values and policies aimed at peace and cooperation at the global level.

**AsVis Italian Sustainable Development Alliance Work Group 17**
Born of an initiative of the Unipolis Foundation and Tor Vergata University of Rome to raise awareness among Italian society, the members of the economic sector and the institutions regarding the importance of Agenda 2030 to sustainable development and to mobilize them to reach the sustainable development goals. It currently includes more than 270 of the key institutions and networks in civil society.

**CCCDR Citizens’ Committee for Decentralized Cooperation of the Municipality of Rome**
This is a permanent committee for meeting and discussion between the City and the members of civil society present throughout the area and involved in international cooperation.

**GCAP Italian Global Call to Action Against Poverty**
The Italian Global Call to Action Against Poverty, supported by Italian citizens and civil society organizations, associations, unions and movements, is the Italian branch of a larger global movement aimed at tackling poverty-generating mechanisms and inequality in the world by promoting the adoption of sustainable development policies that respect human rights, the dignity of each person, gender equality and social and environmental justice.

**GCE Global Campaign for Education**
GCE is a civil society movement that promotes and defends education as an essential human right. It works at the international, regional and national level to pressure governments and the international community to guarantee the right to free, good-quality education for all people. GCE is a single platform that brings together and echoes the educational concerns of the countries facing the greatest development challenges.

**Con.me Contemporaneo Mediterraneo: For a new Euro-Mediterranean network on intercultural dialogue**
Con.me unites organizations operating in the Mediterranean to encourage dialogue among differences, the democratization of institutional governance and civil society, innovation and the exploration of the languages of today’s world through a broad range of projects and initiatives, such as research, education and production on the topic of Mediterranean citizenship.

**CONCORD ITALIA**
The Italian platform of CONCORD (European Confederation of Relief and Development NGOs), a European confederation of 2,600 NGOs and civil society organizations working in development cooperation and humanitarian aid.

**Cooperazione Lazio**
An association of NGOs and international cooperation and solidarity organizations in Lazio. It aims to raise awareness of the culture of peace, international development cooperation and international solidarity through awareness campaigns, seminars, education projects in schools, publications and exhibitions. It helps come up with cooperation strategies and policies in the Lazio region.
Triulza Foundation

The Triulza Foundation aims to represent the requests and proposals of civil society and third sector organizations through initiatives aimed at meeting, studying and research to foster dialogue and cooperation among peoples, to provide information and learning opportunities and to promote a sustainable economy, ethical finance and responsible consumption among citizens.

Forum del Terzo Settore

The Third Sector Forum is made up of 86 national organizations working in the areas of volunteering, associationism, international cooperation, ethical finance and fair trade in Italy. Its main goal is to promote the activities and experiences of autonomously organized citizens in their local area to improve quality of life in the community through innovative initiatives based on fairness, social justice, subsidiarity and sustainable development.

SaD Forum

Created in response to the need for representation of organizations providing remote support, SaD facilitates meetings and collaboration among all the organizations in the sector, seeks out tools that foster information, transparency, visibility and the quality of remote support and provides a forum for discussion.

with the institutions and international, national and local social organizations to spread the culture of peace.

IFS International Federal of Settlements and Neighborhood Centers

The IFS is a global movement of more than 11,000 partner associations that include multi-purpose, community-based organizations across the world. It works for social justice by connecting, inspiring and supporting an inclusive global community.

ICP Table of Civil Interventions for Peace

ICP was created in 2007 as a forum for dialogue between the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and the many non-violent organizations already operating in the sector. Today it continues to play an essential role in fostering discussion and coordinating the united and defense of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs in conflict zones. The ICP Table has prepared important documents on the nature and criteria of Italian civil peace interventions.

Italian Institute of Donation

Ensures that non-profit organizations are in line with international standards through proper management, transparency and by verifying the use of resources provided for social purposes by private and public donors and financial backers.

REMDH Euro-Mediterranean Human Rights Network

REMDH is a network with 80 human rights organizations, institutions and defenders in 30 countries. It was founded in 1997 after the 1995 Barcelona Declaration by civil society organizations engaged in promoting human rights and democracy as part of Euro-Mediterranean partnership.

SOCIAL WATCH: Poverty eradication and gender justice

Social Watch is an international network of citizens’ organizations fighting to eradicate poverty and its causes, put an end to all forms of discrimination and racism and guarantee the fair distribution of wealth and respect for human rights.

SOLIDAR: Advancing Social Justice in Europe and Worldwide

Solidar is a European and global network of civil society organizations that work to promote social justice in Europe and the world. With over 60 partner organizations and offices in 29 countries (24 of which are in the EU), the network is united by its shared values of solidarity, equality and participation.

Platform for Italian NGOs in the Middle East and Mediterranean

The platform was founded 18 years ago on the initiative of a group of Italian NGOs working to support the victims of the Israeli-Palestinian conflict. It has 38 members including both NGOs and associations working in the Mediterranean and Middle East.

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ARCS is able to carry out its mission thanks to the synergies and bonds it has formed with its partners and stakeholders: institutions, NGOs, associations, unions, research institutes, universities, cultural institutes, academies, cooperatives and companies. ARCS has always been committed to achieving one of its most relevant and ambitious programme goals: strengthening global partnerships. This goal is shared by many organizations and institutions working in the area of human rights and social change.

It was one of the 17 sustainable development goals: strengthening global partnerships.

Mission Report

Who we work with / Partners and Stakeholders

Partners and Stakeholders

Cuba

Local partners
- ACTAR (Cuban Association of Agricultural and Forestry Technicians)
- Provincial Delegation of the Ministry of Agriculture
- Group Urania
- MINAGRI (Cuban Ministry of Agriculture)
- Ministry of Managua
- Municipality of Pinar del Rio
- OFICINA del Histórico de la Ciudad de la Habana
- UPR (University of Pinar del Rio)
- The ARCI network

Research institutions, international cultural centres, foundations, universities, cultural institutes, academies

Companies and cooperatives, EIGs

Lebanon

Local partners
- BESH (Beirut Eye and ENT Specialized Hospital)
- Mada NGO
- MS (Movement Social)
- Ministry of Chawkheh
- ALEJ NGO (Association of Justice and Mercy)
- AMEL NGO Association Internationale
- Basmeh & Zeinabeh NGO

Other partners
- A.R.O.RO (La Rosa Roja Asociación)
- AIDOS (Italian Association for Women in Development)
- ARCI Tuscany
- ARTESIA (Italian Association for Architecture, Art and Urban Restoration)
- Casale Nibbi Farm in Amatrice
- Agriculture Nuova Integrated Agricultural Cooperative
- NGO PRO. DO.C.I. (Project for Tomorrow: Culture and Solidarity)
- RESEDA Integrated Social Cooperative and Company OUNLS
- UNIFI (University of Florence)

Jordan and Egypt

Local partners
- ARRO (Legal Aid Organization (Arab Renaissance for Democracy & Development)
- Caritas Egypt
- Ministry of Busera
- Municipality of Taffah
- Noor Al-Hussein Foundation
- NGO Helping Hand to Merge Disabilities and Development
- Mada NGO

Other partners
- AIDOS (Italian Association for Women in Development)
- Un Ponte Per Volunteer Association
- ProSud (Project South)
- PC (Research and Cooperation)

Egypt

Local partners
- TAMIAT NGO
- ARCI (National Association of Italian Municipalities, Tuscany section)
- ARCI Modena
- ARCI Southern Sardinia
- ARCI Tuscany
- Association Acat Capitani ONULS
- Afric Libera Association, Carpi
- Amici di Tunisia Cultural Association, Modena
- ILEF Association
- Piccol Progetti Possibili Association OUNLS
- CEFA ONULS (European Committee for Training and Agriculture)
- Municipality of Guainini
- Santa Maria Agricultural Cooperative
- Oltremare Social Cooperative, Modena
- Department of Chemical and Geological Sciences, University of Cagliari
- Lapagace Estesana, Modena
- Legambiente
- Offina Windsor Park Project, Modena
- UNF (Italian Women’s Union, Modena)
- EIG Association Salam (Economic Interest Group Salam)
- La Paixataire Association
- BANLIEUE UP
- Kaiffrine Chamber of Commerce
- Kaslack Chamber of Commerce
- ASSITEJ Centre Karachi (Centre Sénégalais de l’Association Internationale du Théatre pour l’Enfance et la Jeunesse)
- Municipality of Bousal
- Departmental Council of Kaslack
- CoopICIM (Cooperative Sociale Cooperation Internationale et Migration)
- CMIS (Cooperative Sociale Cooperation Internationale et Migration)
- ISRA (Institut Sénégalais de Recherches Agricoles)
- Ministry of Youth of Senegal
- Green Senegal NGO
- REST (Relief Society of Tigray)
- Sokoto Zuria Woreda Women and Childrens Affairs Office
- WISE (Organization for Women in Self-Employment)

Other partners
- AIDOS (Italian Association for Women in Development)
- AMM (Multi-ethnic Association of Intercultural Mediators)
- ANOLF Dakar (National Cross Border Association of Dakar)
- ANOLF Rimini (National Cross Border Association of Rimini)
- AOI (Association of Italian Cooperation and International Solidarity Organizations)
- ARCI Modena
- ARCI Ravenna
- ASRA (Senegalese Association of Ravenna)
- Friends of Ethiopia Association ONULS
- Senegalese Association Association EIG Salam
- EIG Association La Djifll
- EID Association Naatangou De Dique Ndiall

Senegal and Ethiopia

Local partners
- AST (Association des Sénégalais de Travailleurs au Sénégal)
- Regional Development Agency of Kaffrine
- Regional Development Agency of Kaolack
- ASIDOB (Association Sénégalaise pour le Développement des Organisations de Base)
- Association of the Departments of Senegal
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- Sokoto Zuria Woreda Women and Childrens Affairs Office
- WISE (Organization for Women in Self-Employment)

Other partners
- AIDOS (Italian Association for Women in Development)
- AMM (Multi-ethnic Association of Intercultural Mediators)
- ANOLF Dakar (National Cross Border Association of Dakar)
- ANOLF Rimini (National Cross Border Association of Rimini)
- AOI (Association of Italian Cooperation and International Solidarity Organizations)
- ARCI Modena
- ARCI Ravenna
- ASRA (Senegalese Association of Ravenna)
- Friends of Ethiopia Association ONULS
- Senegalese Association Association EIG Salam
- EIG Association La Djifll
- EIG Association Naatangou De Dique Ndiall

Partners and Stakeholders

NGOs, associations, ONULS, APS, federations

Institutions

The ARCI network

Research institutions, international cultural centres, foundations, universities, cultural institutes, academies

Companies and cooperatives, EIGs
Cameroon

Local partners

- ACREST (French Centre for Renewable Energy & Sustainable Technology)
- AMIE (Municipal Agency for Water and Energy of the Dischung Municipality)
- Municipality of Dischung
- University of Dischung

Other partners

- University of Bologna
- IRC-GloCEd (Department of Innovation Institute Acli)
- IFP (Meeting between Peoples for an Inclusive Citizenship)
- CECHA (Centre for Social Economics)
- ADICEA (Association of Cooperatives)
- ARCI Perugia
- GMA (Mauritanian Chambers of Commerce)
- OIT (ILO)
- PIN S.c.r.l. (Educational and Solidarity and Development)
### Beneficiaries

108,985 people in 2019 were reached by ARCS’ interventions throughout the world, helping ARCS to accomplish its mission: weave networks of solidarity between communities and cultures.

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<th>Direct beneficiaries: 5,502 people (196 women, 343 men, 96 young people, 4268 people not separated by gender)</th>
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<td>• 194 students and professionals from the OHCH took part in training courses (70% women, 55% under 30).</td>
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<td>• 4,268 tourists were assisted at the Welcome and Exchange Centre for Visitors opened in Havana and 50 entrepreneurs signed contracts for tourist services with the centre.</td>
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<td>• 280 partners (including 27 women) from 3 agricultural cooperatives took part in a training programme to improve animal husbandry techniques for milk and meat production for social purposes. 52 local technicians from MINAGRI and other local institutions took part in a broad series of training courses on effective techniques and methodologies (with a total of 332 people trained).</td>
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<td>• 340 partners from 4 agricultural cooperatives (32 women and 308 men) took part in a project to promote the production of cheese and other dairy products to improve the nutritional conditions of the people of Pinar del Río, during which 119 people were already trained.</td>
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<td>• 262 partners in 4 cooperatives and 56 technicians from the Granja Urbana organization took part in an agricultural development programme in the area of Pinar del Río, including the creation of a fruit processing facility. During the programme 140 growers and technicians were already trained in the conservation, transformation and commercialization of agricultural products.</td>
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<td>• Overall 106 new jobs were created within the context of the project in Cuba.</td>
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**Cuba**

**Breakdown of direct beneficiaries**: 7,700 people (1,564 women and girls, 1,943 men and boys, 1,770 children, 8,259 people not separated by gender)

**Gender and age of direct beneficiaries**:

- **Men**: 69%
- **Women**: 31%
- **Children**: 34%
- **Young people**: 11%
- **Adults**: 22%
- **Over 30**: 31%
- **Under 30**: 11%
- **Men under 30**: 7%
- **Adult women**: 7%
- **Women under 30**: 31%
- **Young men**: 13%
- **Adult men**: 31%
- **Men**: 78%
- **Women**: 22%
- **Separated by gender**: 78%
- **Not separated by gender**: 22%

**Total direct beneficiaries in 2019**: 108,985 people

**Total indirect beneficiaries in 2019**: 342,446 people

### Jordan

**Direct beneficiaries**: 526 people (93 women, 47 men, 7 children, 409 people not separated by gender)

**Indirect beneficiaries**: 2,800 people

- **75 vulnerable Syrian refugees in the Municipalities of Talith and El-Busena increased their income by doing socially useful work to benefit the community and 409 people were reached through awareness-raising initiatives.**
- **5 men, 30 women, 5 boys and 2 girls with disabilities in the Zarqa and Karak areas were involved in social protection and inclusion initiatives to lessen the marginalization of PWDs.**

### Senegal-Ethiopia

**Direct beneficiaries**: 123,707 people (6,129 women, 7,573 men, 66,655 people not separated by gender)

**Indirect beneficiaries**: 18,200 people

- **30 OSC and 135 operators/representatives were trained and improved their skills.**
- **31 young people were trained as promoters of awareness-raising initiatives on the risks of illegal migration.**
- **50,000 people were reached by two awareness-raising campaigns on the risks of illegal migration.**
- **9,000 people took part in activities to improve their technical, operational and managerial skills and to strengthen the management of income-generating activities.**
- **3,000 people were informed using 6 job guidance help desks.**
- **15,000 young people increased their awareness through events.**
- **120 MPMEs were supported through credit access, in-kind and administrative support, business services.**
- **200 MPMEs were provided with training on management, product processing, marketing and commercialization.**
- **1,500 families increased their income.**

### Lebanon

**Direct beneficiaries**: 13,536 people (1,564 women and girls, 1,943 men and boys, 1,770 children, 8,259 people not separated by gender)

**Indirect beneficiaries**: 9,000 people

- **2,373 refugees and vulnerable members of the Lebanese population had access to free eye screenings. 1,000 pairs of corrective eyeglasses were distributed and 129 vision-saving surgeries were carried out for children and adults.**
- **1,411 detainees and their families had access to basic assistance services (psychological and legal support) and professional training to help them re-integrate into society.**
- **100 former detainees in the Accommodation and Social Reintegration Centre of Nabatieh were enrolled in programmes providing psycho-social support as well as training and job placement.**
- **313 vulnerable people were involved in temporary public jobs and thanks to their work 5,000 people (Lebanese and refugees) had access to better public services.**

- **In the Naba’a Community Centre 409 women and one man took part in English, literacy and sewing courses; 200 children were hosted in the nursery area; 361 took part in a Peace Education programme, remedial education and after school activities; 11 operators took part in training in psycho-social support, GBV and family planning; 1,480 people received information materials on SSR; 909 had access to information services as well as legal and psychological counselling and 859 to awareness-raising services on SSR and GBV.**
Camerun
Direct beneficiaries: 6,485 people
(51 men, 1,409 young people, 5,025 people not separated by gender)
Indirect beneficiaries: about 200,000 people

• 41 young technicians were provided with training on the design, management and maintenance of water systems.
• 5 agents and technicians were provided with training on the safety of electrical installations.
• 25 students from the University of Dschang were provided with training in sociology and map-making.
• 1,379 school kids increased their awareness of water use. They became promoters of good practices and became part of the hygiene club in primary and secondary schools.

Tunisia
Direct beneficiaries: 164 people
(162 women and girls, 2 men and boys, 7,700 people not separated by gender)

• 164 people, mostly women, were provided with training and support in setting up microbusinesses, enabling them to both increase their income as well as strengthen and market their production initiatives drawing upon ancient traditions combined with modern production methods and marketing techniques.

Europe and non-European countries
Direct beneficiaries: 415 people (89 women, 104 men, 210 young people, 12 people not separated by gender)
Indirect beneficiaries: 65,000 people

• 65 operators in local ARCS networks and third sector organizations took part in workshops on social communication and 17 female I libanese students in workshops on development and the strengthening of soft skills to help bring Italy closer to reaching the Agenda 2030 goals, also by involving 15 asylum seekers in international protection programmes (SPRAR/SIPROMI).
• 5 young volunteers under 25 from Lebanon and Serbia did their European voluntary service in Italy to support associations that work on the inclusion of asylum seekers and refugees.
• 38 VSE volunteers in Italy took part in cultural and recreational activities, provided psycho-social assistance for vulnerable groups (children, the elderly, migrants), took part in activities to take care of local areas and to promote the environment and tourism.
• 16 people participated in social ph chatography workshops.
• 68 young people took part in seminars in Italy, France, Belgium and Germany as part of a project to promote the sharing of resources and European practices among partners to strengthen their respective learning networks.
• 14 operators, directors and volunteers from the Fédération des Centres Sociaux et Socioculturels de France took part in a seminar in Rome to develop activities and cultural and active citizenship initiatives for, in particular, migrants, asylum seekers and refugees, women who have been victims of violence and people at risk of social vulnerability.
• 24 young people from France, Morocco and Sweden took part in seminars in Italy and 24 Italians took part in internships organized in their countries as part of a project to foster youth participation in initiatives for equality, non-discrimination and social inclusion.
• About 80 students took part in workshops organized as part of Global Citizenship Education initiatives.
• 40 students from the Ripetta Arts Secondary School in Rome took part in training programmes to fight xenophobic discrimination.

Breakdown of direct beneficiaries by geographic area

Breakdown of direct beneficiaries by country
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