

SOCIAL report 2021



Us AND our CHALLENGES



Who we are

COSPE was founded in 1983 and is a secular, non-profit association for international cooperation. We operate in 24 countries together with the local civil society and communities that share our commitment for social justice and peace, particularly supporting marginalized and discriminated groups in their demands for social inclusion, human rights and democracy.

Mission

We promote dialogue between individuals and communities, for a world of peace that is home to everyone, a world of democracy and human rights, with more social justice and environmental sustainability, for the achievement of equality between men and women and the end of every discrimination.

Vision

We work to build a world that embraces diversity, where all can be enriched by the encounter with others and where social justice means primarily that everyone has equal access to rights and opportunities.



ECOLOGICAL transition AND CARE for the COMMON GOOD

Economic systems, and specifically the food, energy and waste supply chains, must respond to the principles of environmental sustainability and social equity. Water, land, forests, biodiversity and health must be protected and everyone everywhere has the right to access them.



RIGHTS, MIGRATIONS AND INCLUSION

Our societies must be able to welcome all people without discriminations based on nationality, culture, origin. Everyone who chooses to leave their countries and seek a better life, or are forced to do so to escape war, persecution, poverty, should be guaranteed equal rights and dignity.



Women rights AND Gender equity

Women all over the world must live free from all forms of violence and constraint, under conditions of true equality in the private as well as in the public sphere. We must stop all prejudices and discriminations that prevent women and Lgbtqi+ people from full access to civil and political rights, education and health.



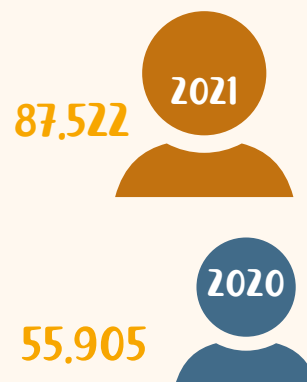
HUMAN rights At the Centre of our Commitment

Taking care of our World means for us to put human rights at the core because, to bring about a lasting change, any initiative not only must be sustainable and bring benefits to people's quality of life, but also must ensure the full enjoyment of individual and collective rights.

Stakeholder



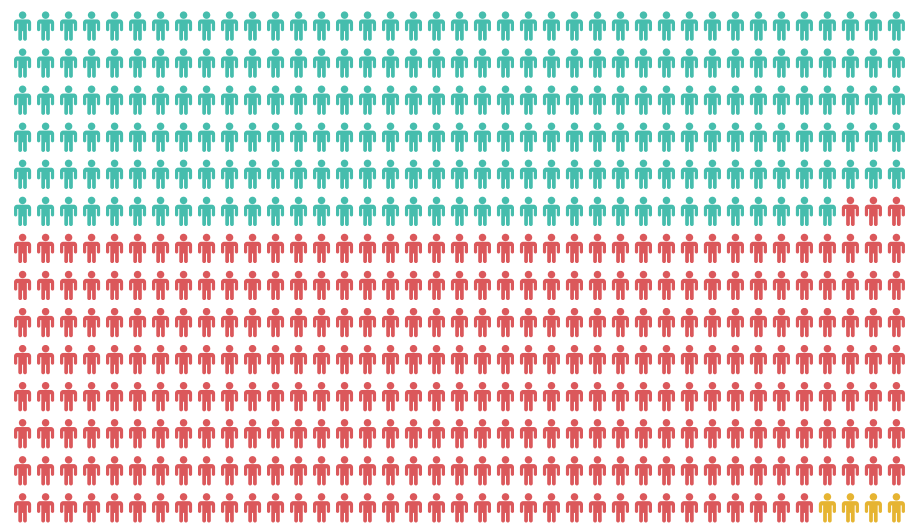
TOT BENEFICIARIES



TOT ORGANIZATIONS



87,522* BENEFICIARIES IN 2021

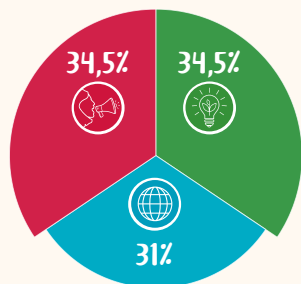


● Men ● Women ● Lgbtqi+

*of which 3,538 minors

Where we are in the world

PROJECTS DIVIDED BY CHALLENGE



26 countries
with ongoing
projects



**Ecological transition
and care for
the common good**



**Rights, migrations
and inclusion**



**Women rights
and gender equity**

ECOLOGICAL transition AND CARE for the common GOOD



21 projects 17 countries

Algeria | Angola | Bolivia
Cape Verde | Colombia
Cuba | Ecuador | Egypt
eSwatini | Italy | Lebanon
Morocco | Niger | Palestine
Senegal | Tunisia
Zimbabwe

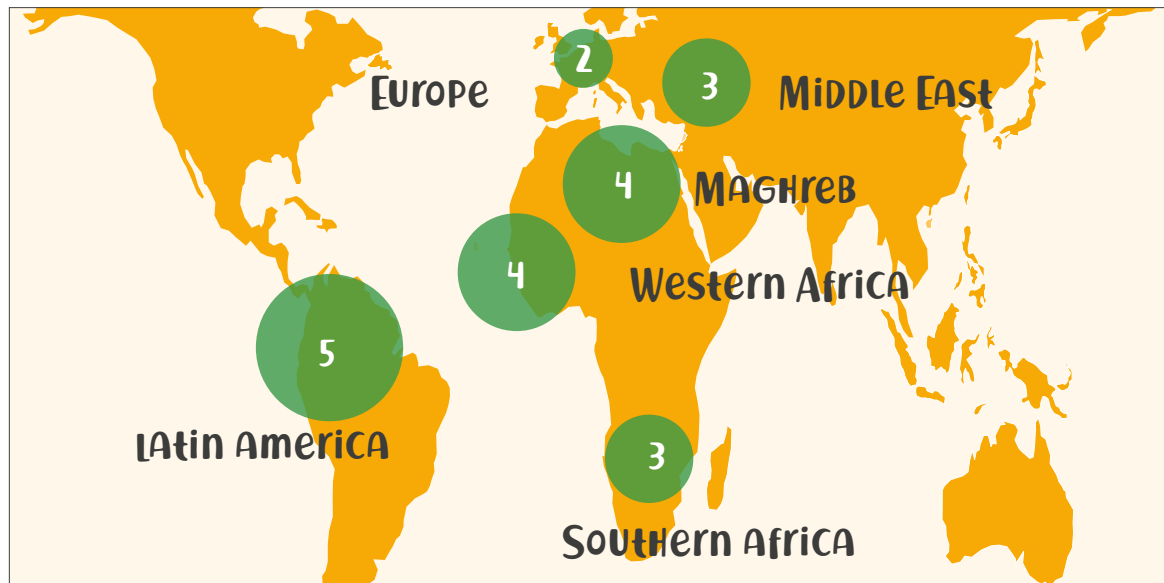
OBJECTIVES

Commitment to the ecological AND social conversion of production AND consumption systems:

- Towards fairer supply chains and production systems
- Circular economy
- Transformative practices for ecological conversion of production systems
- Participatory management and recovery of natural resources and adaptation to climate change

The right to a healthy environment AND common goods care:

- Communities participate in decision-making
- Communities defend their territory

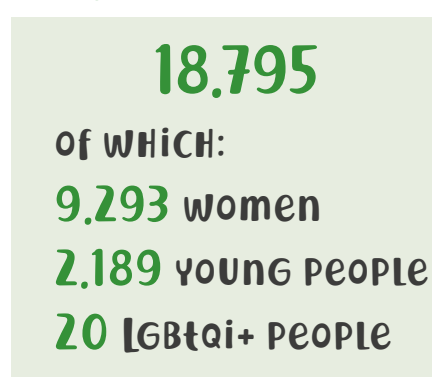




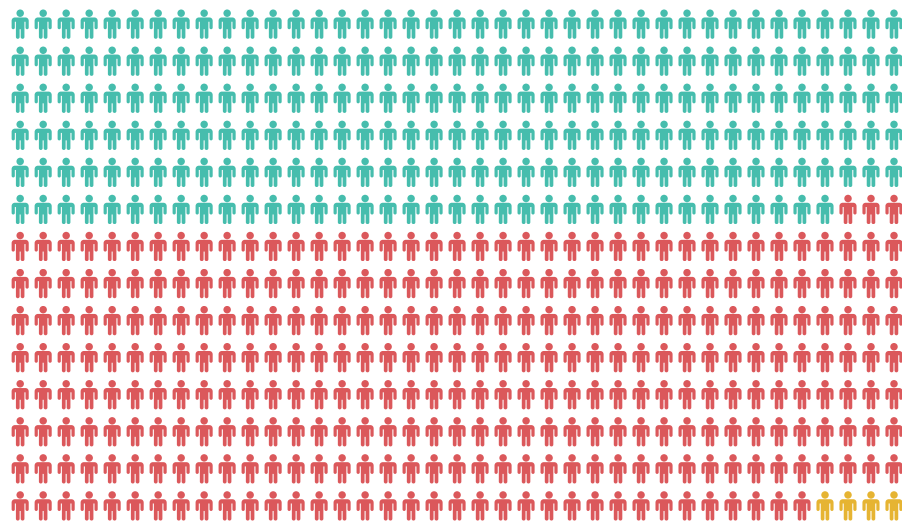
TOT ORGANIZATIONS



TOT MEMBERS of organizations



72.948* BENEFICIARIES IN 2021



● Men ● Women ● LGBTQI+

*of which 3,538 minors

TYPE of organisations supported



GOOD PRACTICES: Ecological transition And care for the common good

STRENGTHENING THE COCOA AND COFFEE SUPPLY CHAINS

In Ecuador, the provinces of *Esmeraldas*, *Carchi* and *Imbabura* experience high levels of poverty. Cocoa and coffee chains are a strategy for the development of the territories because they represent a more profitable and sustainable alternative to traditional crops in the region.

The coffee and cocoa from these three provinces are highly appreciated on the national and international market, but producers still face many difficulties in terms of management, organisation and sales.

The COSPE project has strengthened the coffee and cocoa value chains with an integrated approach and by focusing on agro-ecological practices.



Formal and informal organisations who have benefitted from the Activities

13



PRODUCER ASSOCIATIONS

Total people: 1.037

women: 317

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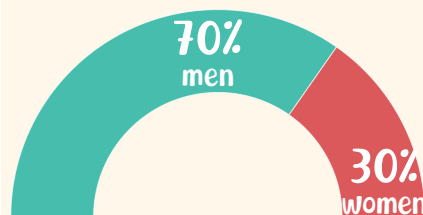


Informal groups of

Total people: 74

women: 74

Persons participating directly in the Activities



men: 720 | women: 317

ACTIONS 1/2

- **Training** on social and solidarity economy principles
- **Training** on gender equality and gender approach
- Production of 100,000 national cocoa **seedlings** with organic certification given to more than 50 families
- Accompaniment to the **professionalisation** of producer associations
- **3 regional tables** set-up, to promote local consumption with promotional events
- 4 agro-ecological **schools** established
- **Provision of technical equipment:**
1. manual roaster; 2. control units for the gas and electrical system, for plant safety; 3. instruments for measuring the PH of the beans and guillotines to assess the quality of the raw material when purchasing cocoa; 4. expansion of the chocolate workshop run by the women
- **6 products** from coffee and cocoa production waste selected for promotion in the local market
- **5 cocoa supply chains** analysed
- **3 territorial platforms** supported

ACTIONS 2/2

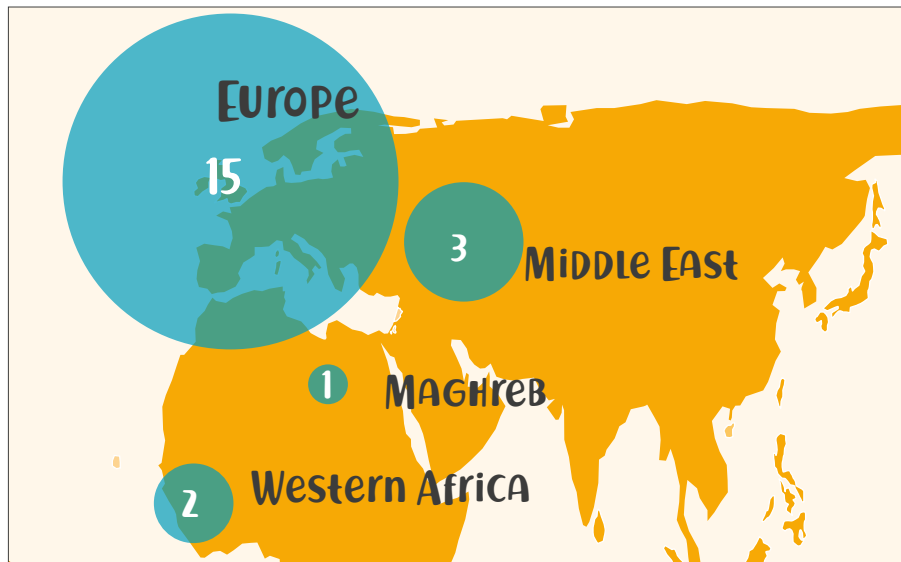
- Started the process of **certification** of organic and guaranteed origin for Carchi coffee
- Production and delivery of 90,000 **Arabica coffee seedlings** to 45 families to support the reforestation of deforested areas
- **Mapping of 90 service points** for the creation of thematic tourist itineraries on coffee and cocoa chains

RESULTS

- **Creation of an organic** and certified cocoa and coffee origin label
- Increase and **reforestation** of 30 hectares with arabica coffee seedlings
- **Differentiation of income** for 45 families
- **Creation of thematic tourist itineraries** on the two supply chains



ECUADOR



21 projects | 5 countries

Italy | Lebanon | Niger | Palestine | Senegal

OBJECTIVES

To promote inclusive AND quality access to services BY people in conditions of poverty AND discrimination:

- Migrants, refugees, asylum seekers enter the labour market
- Basic services for the most vulnerable
- Inclusive and quality educational pathways
- Actions against educational poverty
- Interculture and combating hate speech

On the side of those discriminated AGAINST or at risk of discrimination:

- Guaranteeing the exercise of their rights
- Understanding discrimination, the role of the media



TOT ORGANISATIONS



TOT MEMBERS of organisations

3.615

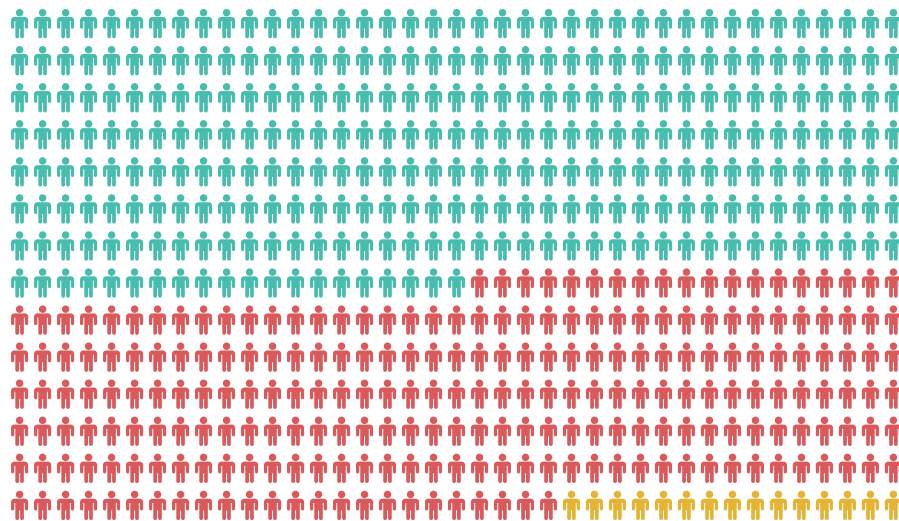
of WHICH:

1.356 women

448 YOUNG PEOPLE

20 LGBTQI+ PEOPLE

9.199* BENEFICIARIES IN 2021



● Men ● Women ● LGBTQI+

*of which 2,415 minors

TYPE of organisations supported



GOOD PRACTICES: Rights, migration AND inclusion

LAND AND RIGHTS - PATHS OF SOCIAL AND SOLIDARITY ECONOMY IN PALESTINE



In **Palestine**, it is essential to combine the work done for improving the economic and social conditions of the population with actions to protect and promote human rights and international law. For this reason, with the 'Land and Rights' project, we have combined activities to support the social and solidarity economy with numerous advocacy actions.

To this end, **three series of factsheets, stories and data on some emblematic situations of deprivation of fundamental rights were compiled.** "A Life in Isolation" on the consequences of Israel's occupation policies, "Denied Roots" on archaeology that, over the years, has become an instrument of expropriation, colonisation and land control by the State of Israel, and "Thirst for Freedom"

on water supply control. Three series of reports drawn by COSPE in collaboration with "Operazione Colomba-Associazione Comunità Papa Giovanni XXIII", "Giuristi Democratici", "Cnr-Isg", "A.ve.pro.bi." (*associazione veneta dei produttori biologici e biodinamici*), insieme alle organizzazioni palestinesi Al Haq, "Pyu" (*Palestinian Youth Union*) e "Acad" (*Arab Center for Agricultural Development*).

The reports, produced between 2019 and 2021, collect and **denounce the violations of fundamental rights** perpetrated by the State of Israel on the Palestinian population, with specific reference to the right to land, the hoarding of natural resources, freedom of movement, the right to health, and access to work.

ACTIONS

- **27 actions to raise awareness** of violations of human rights, international law and international humanitarian law
- **41 education/awareness-raising** actions on international law, Israeli legislation and documentation of violations
- **31 mobilisation actions:** non-violent resistance techniques, documentation of violations, network strengthening
- **4 lobbying actions** on human rights violations
- **13 legal support actions**, advice on confiscations of land and house and **infrastructure demolitions**
- **3 human rights organisations** supported

FACT SHEET

The 3 sets of fact sheets were disseminated via email to 10,000 addresses

belonging to the following categories:

Parliamentarians, policy makers and public institutions in Italy and Europe
Italian media | Academia and culture in Italy | Civil society organisations and individual citizens.

The reports were also published on the website pagineesteri.it

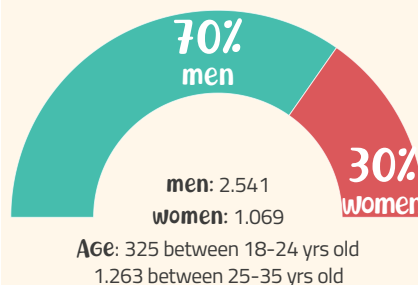
RESULTS

205 young people, students, lawyers, human rights defenders, farmers, local council staff and residents of the target areas (including 89 women) gained knowledge about Israeli and international law and **increased their capacities for self-protection from violations**

273 activists living or working in the target areas **increased their ability to document violations** and their level of protection

66 members of *Popular Committees, Joint Councils*, civil society organisations sensitised and organised into **A non-violent resistance network**

People who participated directly in the activities



Formal and non-formal organisations that have benefited from activities



Women rights AND Gender equity



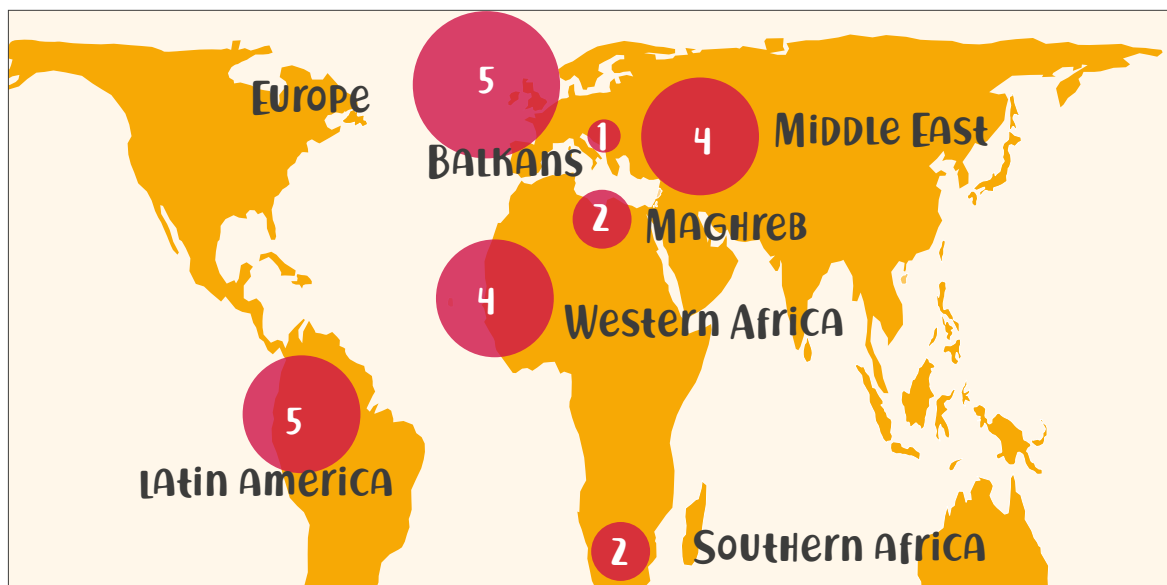
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OBJECTIVES

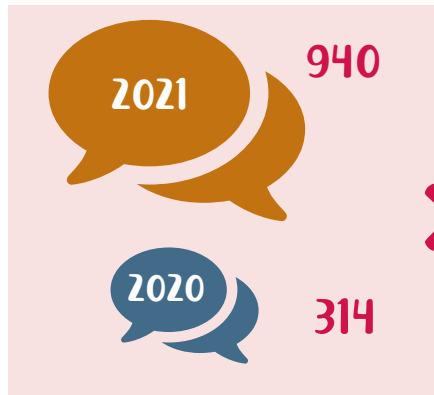
**Empowerment of women AND
LGBTQI+ people in the POLITICAL,
SOCIAL, economic, family
AND INDIVIDUAL SPHERES:**

- Access to Work
- Support for associations, groups and movements to promote the rights of women and LGBTQI+ people
- The right to sexual and reproductive health and access to social and health services
- Supporting victims of male and gender-based violence
- Educating for differences
- The promotion of rights through the media





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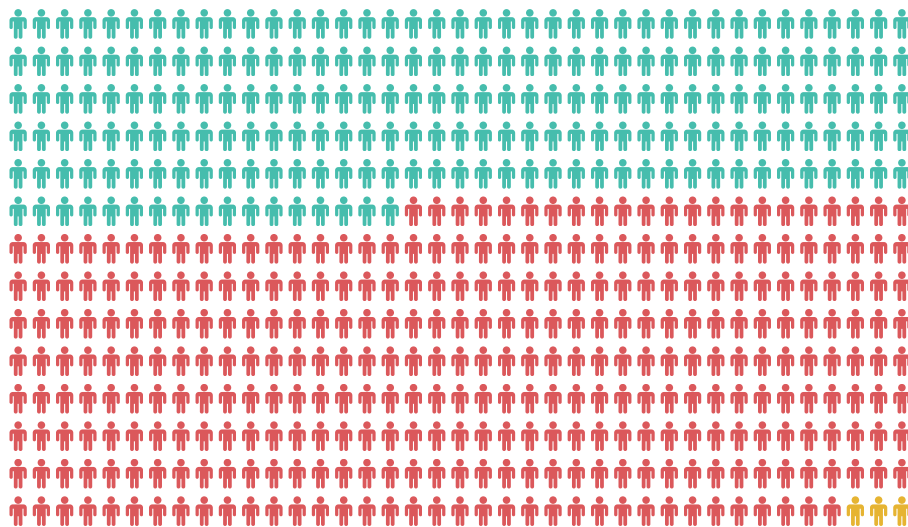
TOT MEMBERS of organisations



TYPE of organisations supported



55.138* BENEFICIARIES IN 2021



*of which 1,246 minors

GOOD PRACTICES: Women rights And Gender equity

OUT&PROUD: EQUALITY AND RIGHTS IN SOUTHERN AFRICA



Violence, discrimination, repression: LGBTQI+ people in Africa

There are 71 countries in the World that criminalise homosexuality, half of which are located in Africa. Physical attacks, assaults, torture and killings are recorded in numerous countries. Discriminatory laws criminalise consensual same-sex sexual acts - exposing individuals to the risk of arrest, persecution, imprisonment - and in 11 countries to the possibility of death penalty.

Zimbabwe, Malawi and eSwatini have laws criminalising consensual same-sex sexual acts, with severe legal penalties (up to 14 years imprisonment), and documented arrests in the last 3 years. In these countries, stigma and discrimination expose LGBTQI+ people to violence and abuse at all levels. In Southern Africa, there are among the highest rates of HIV/AIDS in the World. Stigma, violence, social and economic exclusion and discrimination reduce HIV prevention and treatment, thus increasing the prevalence of HIV twice as high as the rest of the adult population. A total policy vacuum regarding the

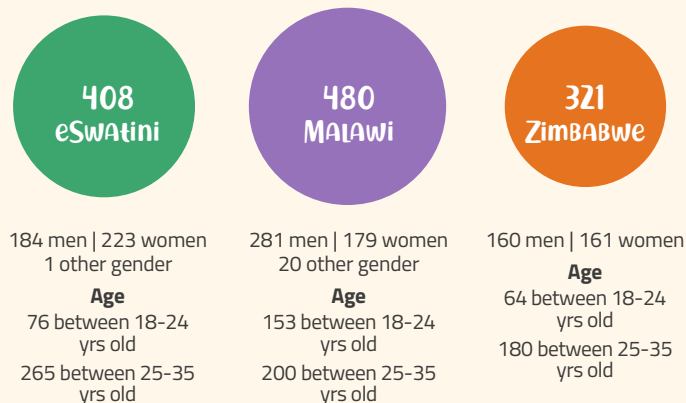
existence, nature and needs of queer communities marks all three countries, leading to the lack of proper gender identification and, for intersex people, forced genital mutilation.

The project 'Out&Proud: Equality and Rights in Southern Africa', co-funded by the European Union, was initiated by a consortium of local and international LGBTQI+ and human rights organisations, including COSPE, to strengthen the capacities and opportunities of LGBTQI+ people and their organisations in Malawi, eSwatini and Zimbabwe to defend and promote their rights.

ACTIONS

- **14 initiatives against violence and gender discrimination**
- **5 awareness actions** on personal rights
- **7 lobbying/advocacy actions**
- **3 civil society mobilisation actions**
- **3 research actions** on rights protection systems
- **2 funds set up to assist LGBTQI+ people** in emergency situations
- **3 rights' protection reports** drawn up
- **4 legal actions/strategic litigation** supported

People who participated directly in the activities



Formal and non-formal organisations that have benefited from activities:

LGBTQI+ rights organisations



7 eSwatini | 7 Malawi
13 Zimbabwe

Informal groups for women's rights



1 eSwatini | 1 Malawi
2 Zimbabwe

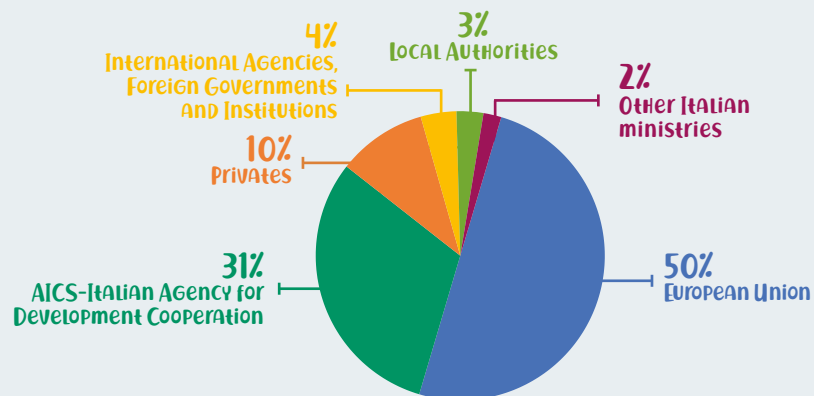
RESULTS

- **First Pride** in eSwatini organised
- **First Barometer on social exclusion** of LGBTQI+ people in Southern Africa produced
- **First Journalism Award for media productions on LGBTQI+ issues** in Southern Africa
- **Protection and relocation** given to 24 activists at risk of persecution

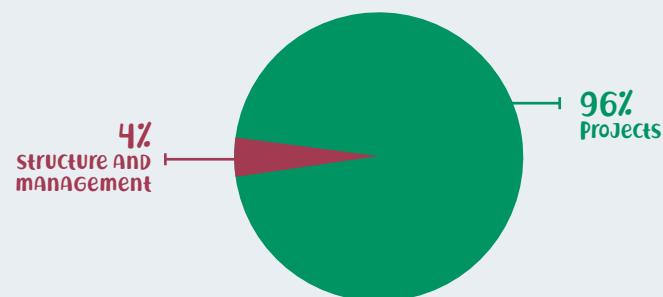
Funds

SOURCES AND ALLOCATION OF FUNDS

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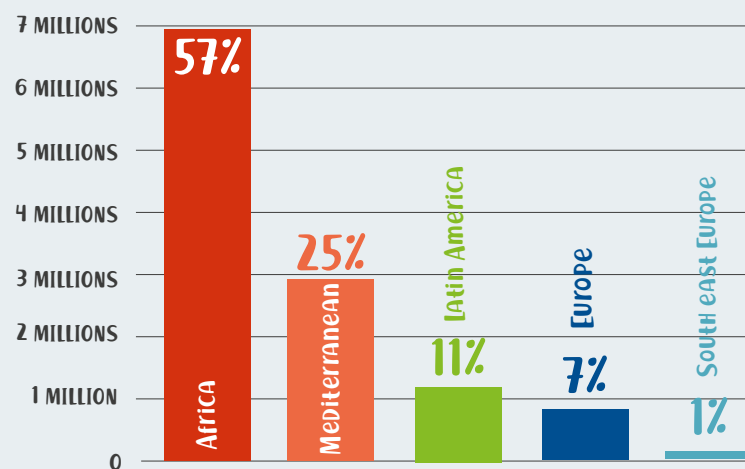


USE OF FUNDS TOT €13.691.000

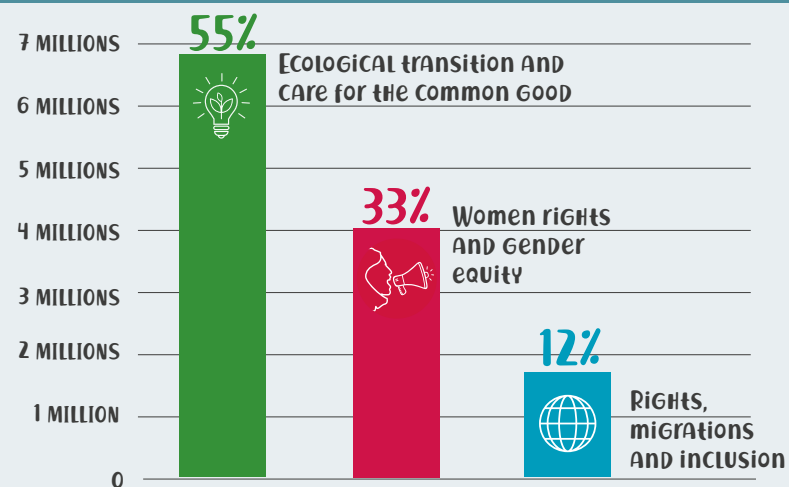


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