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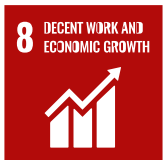
... is the Swiss development organisation for young people.



... is part of the international YMCA/YWCA movement and Cevi in Switzerland.



... has been committed to helping young people affected by poverty, violence and exclusion since 1969.



... supports young people in the areas of education, health, rights and peace work. Every year, Horyzon projects reach over 5,500 young people, at least 60% of whom are women.

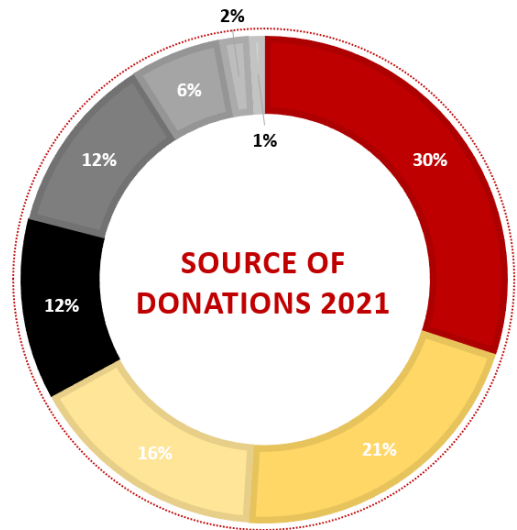


... carries out projects in the poverty and crisis regions of Palestine, Colombia, Haiti, Uganda and South Sudan.

... places a special focus on promoting peaceful, just and inclusive societies.

... finances its projects through donations from:

- Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)
- Foundation
- Private Donations
- Cantons and Municipalities
- Parishes
- 2-hour Charity Runs
- Companies
- Cevis and Service Clubs



what we do

Horyzon works for...

the most vulnerable and disadvantaged young people, regardless of ethnic, religious and political affiliation, gender or social status. The promotion of girls and young women is particularly important to Horyzon. The youths in the Horyzon projects are affected by poverty, violence and exclusion. They have often experienced traumatic events and face existential challenges on a daily basis. For them, access to an ample food supply, education and basic health care, and being a valued member of society are not self-evident.

Horyzon works with...

local YMCA/YWCA partner organisations whose employees have lived in the respective countries for generations and know the needs of the local population. They are headed by professionals who have strong ties to the project area through networks in the civil society, public and private sectors. Horyzon follows a partnership approach that places empowerment and ownership of local partners at the centre of its collaboration. Expertise and experience in international youth or development cooperation make Horyzon a recognized and reliable partner. Horyzon strives for equality, mutual recognition and appreciation in all partnerships.

Horyzon works in...

the areas of health, education, rights and peace.

In the **realm of education**, young people learn the necessary technical and social skills to graduate from high school with good grades and increasing their chances on the job market afterwards, whether through vocational training or building up their own business.

In the **realm of health**, young people learn how they can be and stay healthy in the long term. This includes being knowledgeable about hygiene and sexual and reproductive health. Basic medical care, trauma therapy and psychosocial support are also offered.

In the **realm of rights and peace work**, young people learn about their rights, taking on leadership roles, and working to improve their living conditions and furthering the peaceful coexistence at the local and national level.

“Together, we learned non-violent communication and how to become aware of our feelings. We also developed empathy and self-confidence. I feel strong and changed in a positive way.”

Yerson Gómez Arboleda,
Group leader in the Horyzon project
Paaza la Paz in Colombia.
Photo: YMCA Risaralda

