

# ANNUAL REPORT 2023

**CISP**  
COMITATO INTERNAZIONALE  
PER LO SVILUPPO DEI POPOLI



The thread that connects **Rights, Facts, People** 1983-2023

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## INTRODUCTION



CISP: 40 YEARS OF  
COMMITMENT TO THE  
DEVELOPMENT OF PEOPLES

### **2023: a year of challenges and reflections**

In 2023, CISP celebrated 40 years of unwavering dedication to promote development and human rights across more than 30 countries worldwide. An important milestone, achieved despite the numerous crises and conflicts that have marked not only the past year but many of the previous years.

### **Humanitarian crises and obstacles: a complex reality**

Today, as the need for urgent humanitarian intervention continues to grow, the international community struggles to provide adequate assistance and allocate sufficient resources. The crises in Palestine, Sudan and many other regions around the world are a striking example, along with the increasing numbers of “forgotten crises”. Compounding the situation is the challenge humanitarian workers face in accessing certain areas, often hindered by restrictions and significant dangers. Despite these challenges, CISP remains steadfast in its optimism for the future and its commitment to building a better world. Our work has always integrated, and will continue to integrate, emergency aid with medium and long-term development projects, consistently investing in the vision of a sustainable and equitable future.

## INTRODUCTION

### A report to showcase our commitment

The 2023 Annual Report provides an overview of activities we carried out over the year. An invitation to discover our work and join our mission to create a more just and sustainable world. Together, we can envision and build a better future.

### A Future to built together

Collaboration with local actors and the empowerment of their capacities and resources are key elements of CISP's approach. We firmly believe in partnership and local ownership as tools to drive positive, lasting change, even in the most challenging contexts and desperate situations.



## ABOUT CISP

CISP is an Italian NGO founded in 1983, operating in over 30 countries to promote development, self-determination, human rights, and social inclusion. It implements humanitarian aid, rehabilitation, and development projects worldwide while also fostering training, education, and international solidarity. CISP collaborates with a wide range of partners, guided by the principles of accountability, professionalism, local ownership, innovation, and resilience. Committed to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, it actively engages in networks with numerous organizations and associations both in Italy and around the world.

## THE 13 PRIORITIES

Since 2018, CISP's commitment has been outlined in its Declaration of Intent titled "Rights, Change, Sustainability", which highlights the 13 priorities guiding our action.



**01**  
Building bridges, promoting dialogue and integration



**02**  
Social justice and inclusion



**03**  
Access to quality services



**04**  
Ensuring equal opportunities



**05**  
Ensuring the right to humanitarian protection



**06**  
Support to vulnerable and marginalized groups



**07**  
Developing innovation and seeking new solutions



**08**  
Gender equality



**09**  
Migration and migrants' rights



**10**  
Promoting peace



**11**  
Supporting the development of inclusive policies



**12**  
Environment and climate change



**13**  
Preserving cultural heritage

OUR  
ACTION  
IN 2023

HEALTH  
AND WATER

awareness campaigns, trained health workers, and distributed essential hygiene materials and nutrition kits. Additionally, we improved sanitation facilities in schools, clinics, and public spaces, enhancing health and well-being for students, young mothers, girls, and malnourished children.

Access to safe water and proper sanitation is essential for public health and sustainable development, aligning with Sustainable Development Goal 6: "Ensure the availability and sustainable management of water and sanitation for all."

In 2023, we expanded access to clean water by constructing new wells and restoring existing water systems. We also led hygiene



OUR  
ACTION  
IN 2023EDUCATION  
AND CULTURE

Access to quality education and cultural engagement are fundamental drivers of development and social cohesion. Our initiatives focus on empowering the most disadvantaged communities and vulnerable groups, ensuring equitable opportunities for learning and growth.

In 2023, we expanded our efforts by constructing and renovating schools, training teachers, promoting inclusive education, and distributing essential learning materials to uphold the right to education for all. We provided vocational training programs to

equip individuals with the skills needed for employment, alongside scholarships for schools and higher education, including Master's programs in collaboration with universities worldwide. We also reinforced global citizenship education by enriching school curricula with critical topics such as gender and economic inequalities, migration, and climate change - particularly in Europe. Additionally, we championed cultural heritage as a catalyst for development, intercultural dialogue, and social cohesion by leading initiatives in heritage preservation, organizing festivals, fostering intercultural exchanges, and hosting events that celebrate diversity and peace.

OUR  
ACTION  
IN 2023

FOOD AND  
INCOME



Addressing hunger and poverty remains a cornerstone of our mission for sustainable development. In 2023, we worked to enhance food security and foster inclusive economic growth by empowering local communities to increase food production, improve access to nutritious food, and create sustainable income opportunities.

We continued to support smallholder farmers by providing training, high-quality seeds, farming tools, and access to credit, helping them boost productivity and improve their livelihoods. Additionally, we promoted

diverse income-generating activities, including micro-enterprises, handicrafts, and sustainable tourism, while investing in critical infrastructure such as irrigation systems, as well as water and electricity connections.

By collaborating closely with local communities, we strengthened their management and entrepreneurial skills, fostering resilience, self-sufficiency, and long-term economic sustainability.



OUR  
ACTION  
IN 2023

ENVIRONMENT  
AND CLIMATE

areas and forests not only to combat deforestation and enhance CO2 absorption but also to create responsible and steady income opportunities.

One key strategy has been the promotion of sustainable tourism as a driver of economic development in disadvantaged areas, especially in the Mediterranean region.

Also in 2023, our projects contributed to improve water management by expanding access to clean drinking water and sustainable irrigation systems while actively fighting desertification. We promoted climate-resilient agricultural practices to strengthen both food security and environmental sustainability.

Similarly, we supported the development of resilient infrastructure to protect communities from extreme climate events and worked closely with them in managing high-risk areas where they live.

CISP is committed to addressing the climate crisis and protecting the environment by promoting sustainable development that respects the planet's limits and safeguards the well-being of future generations. Through our work, we have developed concrete, participatory solutions for climate change mitigation and adaptation, sustainable natural resources management and biodiversity conservation .

In particular, we have focused on the sustainable management of parks, protected



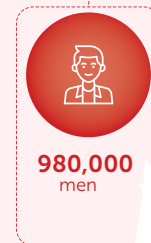
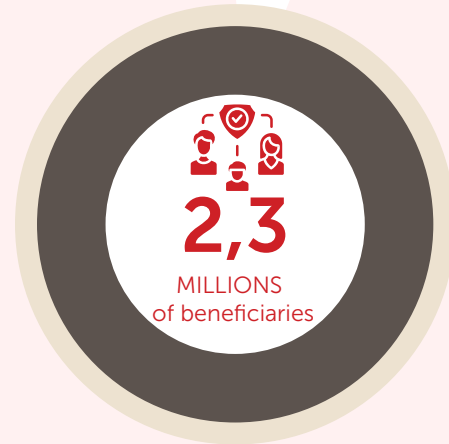
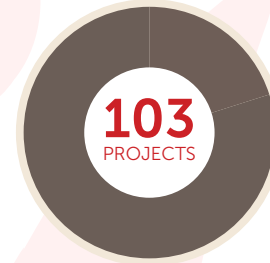
OUR  
ACTION  
IN 2023PROTECTION  
AND RIGHTS

CISP remained steadfast in its commitment to promoting and safeguarding human rights, with a particular focus on the most vulnerable communities, including migrants, refugees, asylum seekers and victims of violence and discrimination. From European countries to crisis and emergency contexts, we have worked to uphold fundamental rights and foster social inclusion. Our interventions range from emergency relief – ensuring access to food, water, shelter, medical care and essential services – to providing legal and psychological support, which is crucial for overcoming the challenges of settling in a new country. Moreover, we have promoted social integration

through language training and employment programs. Beyond these direct interventions, we have also advanced human rights education and global citizenship initiatives to cultivate a culture of respect, tolerance, and shared growth-laying the foundation for a more inclusive and peaceful society.



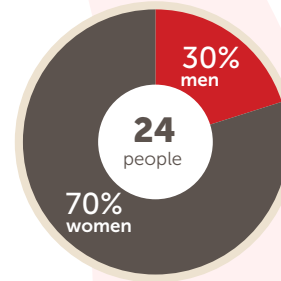
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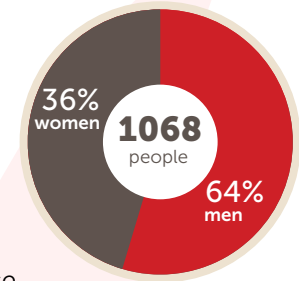
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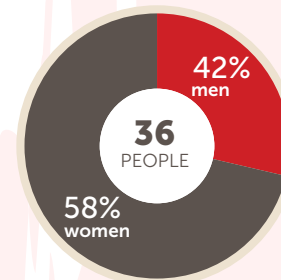
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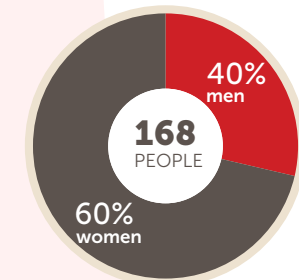
In other countries



CISP's workforce

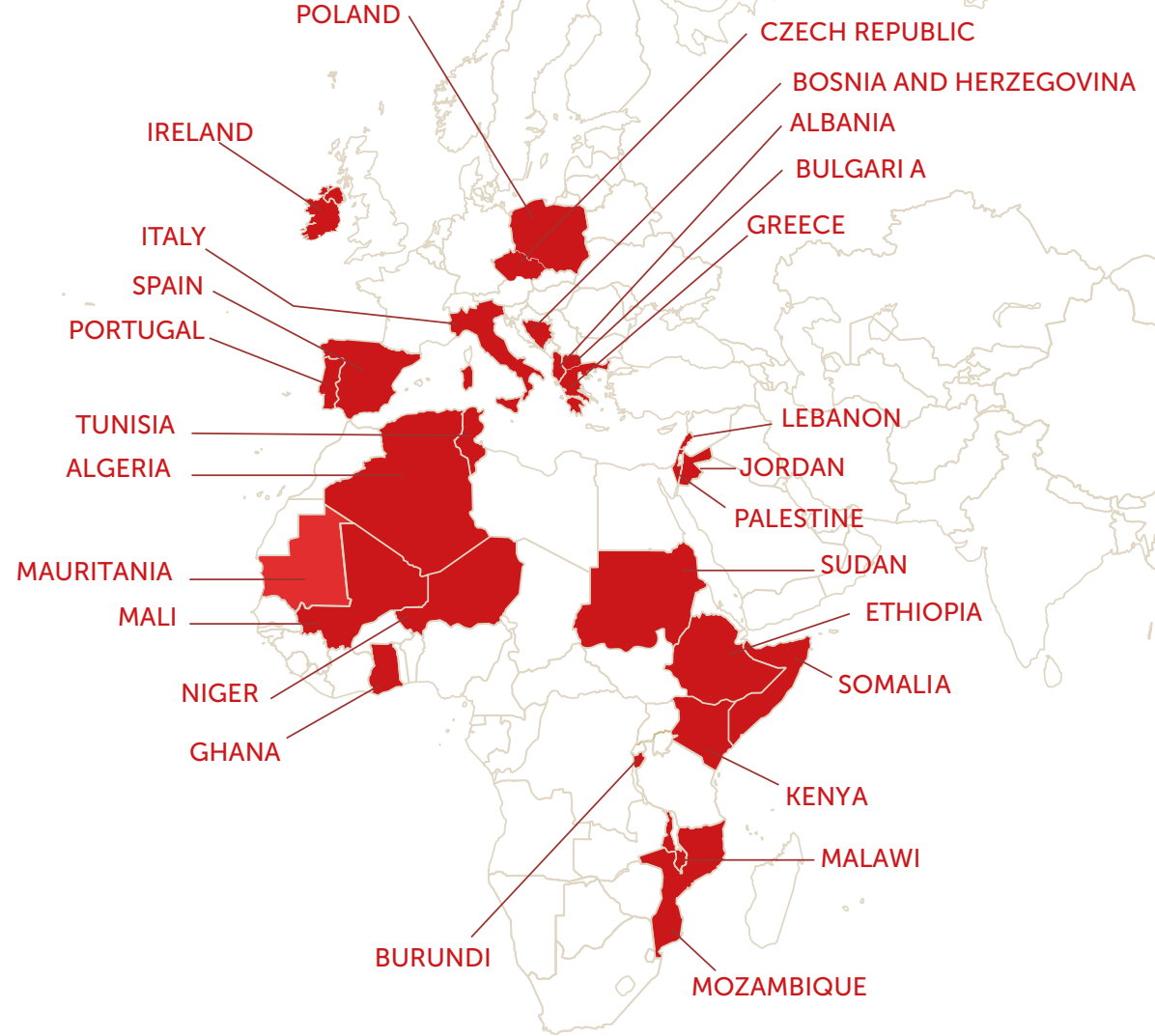


International staff members with long-term contracts or consultancy roles



With management and leadership roles

# WHERE WE WORKED IN 2023





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