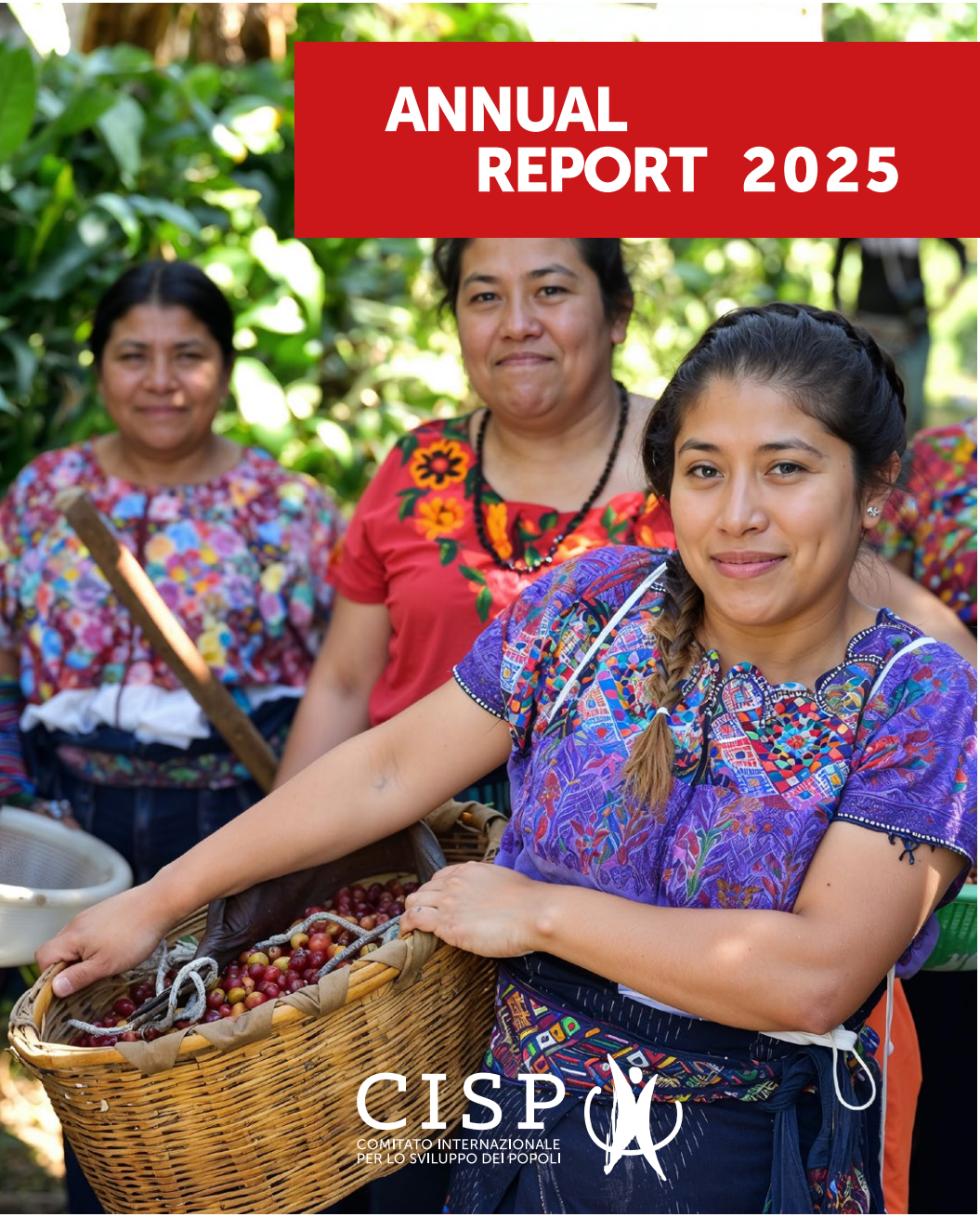
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INTRODUCTORY NOTE



RIGHTS, TACKLING INEQUALITY AND PEACE IN A WORLD IN TRANSITION

2025 was a year of global systemic crisis. Wars and armed conflicts, geopolitical crises, climate emergencies and structural inequalities overlapped and spread, causing millions of victims, severely testing the protection of human rights and increasingly putting at risk the lives of future generations and of our planet.

Today's growing divisions are threatening global institutional stability, against a backdrop of the **progressive erosion of multilateralism**. This deterioration is leading to increasingly fragmented and unilateral approaches to crisis management that disregard international law, undermine trust in justice and make the pursuit of peace increasingly difficult.



All this is compounded by a **drastic reduction in funding for development cooperation and humanitarian aid by the world's major donors**[1].

Many governments have chosen to prioritise military spending and unilateral approaches to crisis management, diverting essential resources away from long-term development and international protection . These cuts are not simply a matter of budgetary adjustment but they represent a political choice that directly affects the lives of millions of people and our ability to respond on the ground, reducing resources precisely when needs and inequalities are rising as a result of **wars, famines and climate-related disasters**.

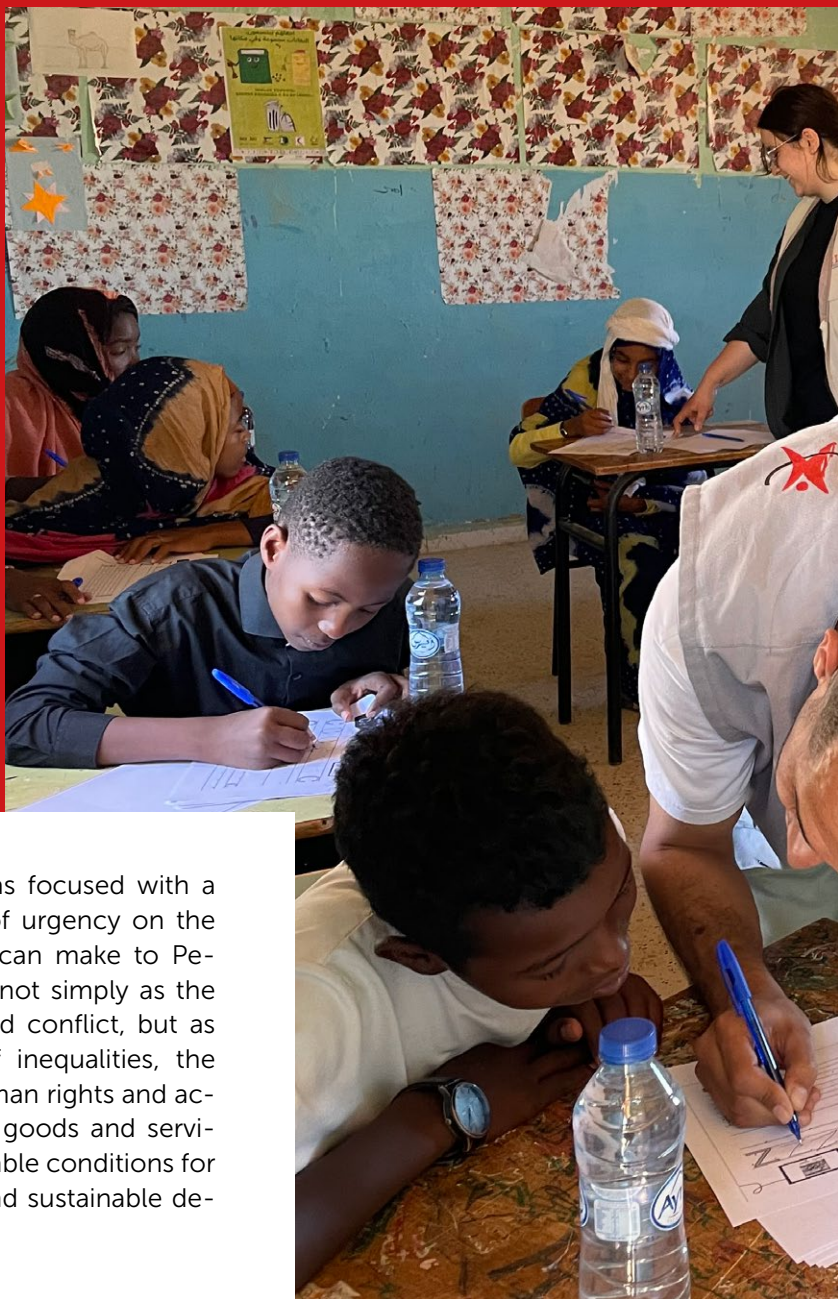
CISP has responded to this scenario by firmly reaffirming the need to invest in development as the only genuine strategy for advancing rights, preventing crises and building Peace.

In doing so, CISP has sought to strengthen its role as a civil society **actor committed not only to operational responses, but also to critical reflection and policy engagement in pursuit of a fairer world**.

Today's international context calls for renewed awareness: the challenges we face do not exist in isolation but are deeply interconnected, with the stability of one region affecting the food security of another.

1 (Approximately 25% less than in 2024, OECD estimates)

INTRODUCTORY NOTE



Our reflection has focused with a renewed sense of urgency on the contribution we can make to Peace, understood not simply as the absence of armed conflict, but as the reduction of inequalities, the protection of human rights and access to essential goods and services, all indispensable conditions for human dignity and sustainable development.



This Annual Report provides an overview of CISP's work in 32 countries in 2025 to help improve the lives of the most disadvantaged people and communities and uphold the dignity and rights of those most at risk of being denied them. At the same time, it offers an opportunity to critically examine the current global context of crisis and reflect on our role as a civil society organisation that, for more than 40 years, has been committed to sustainable development, the advancement of rights, the reduction of inequalities and, ultimately, Peace.

Once again in 2025, thousands of people made the difference: CISP staff, partners and the people and communities we work with around the world, whose passion, experience, awareness and determination continue to guide us as we face new challenges and work together to build the future we envision.

CISP AND THE TRANSFORMATION INTO A PARTICIPATORY FOUNDATION



CISP was founded in Rome on 10 January 1983 and has since worked in more than 30 countries to promote development and peoples' self-determination, human rights and social inclusion.

Through partnerships with international agencies, companies, public institutions, universities, research institutions, associations and NGOs, CISP implements humanitarian aid, rehabilitation and development projects across Africa, Latin America, the Middle East, Asia and Eastern Europe. In Italy and other European Union countries, CISP promotes training, Global Citizenship Education, cultural policy initiatives, international solidarity and social inclusion.

2025 marked a historic milestone in CISP's governance. Following an extensive process of internal reflection, **CISP changed its legal form, transforming from an Association into a Participatory Foundation.**



The new entity, named **CISP – Sviluppo dei Popoli ETS**, carries forward the values, expertise and human capital built over more than 40 years of CISP's history. The new Participatory Foundation structure provides a framework for consolidating this heritage, broadening participation and fostering greater openness to public and private partners who share our values.

The transformation is intended to make CISP even more resilient, transparent, locally rooted and better equipped to manage complex programmes at international level, while preserving the mission that has guided the organisation since its foundation.

CISP is registered in **RUNTS** (the Italian National Single Register of the Third Sector).

Thematic area

HEALTH AND WATER

CISP'S IMPACT IN **2025**

252K
PEOPLE

REACHED THROUGH INTERVENTIONS PROVIDING SAFE DRINKING WATER AND ACCESS TO QUALITY SANITATION SERVICES



The right to health and safe drinking water for a healthy and dignified life

Access to safe water and adequate sanitation is one of the pillars of our humanitarian and development work. In 2025, we worked through an integrated approach that combines **immediate emergency response** with the strengthening of **local capacities and infrastructure.**



CISP'S IMPACT IN **2025**

Thematic area

HEALTH AND WATER





This approach aims to enable communities and health authorities to manage services independently and sustainably over the long term, helping to ensure that the right to health is upheld as a fundamental and inalienable right.

- **Emergency response and infrastructure in Africa: South Sudan, Somalia, Ethiopia, Mauritania and Malawi.** In contexts of severe crisis, we provided emergency water supplies and essential sanitation services to thousands of displaced people and refugees. Our interventions combined the promotion of maternal and child health with strengthened primary healthcare services, mobile clinics, medical supplies and medicines, nutrition programmes and training for health workers. These activities were complemented by the rehabilitation of health facilities and water supply systems.
- In **Lebanon**, a country severely affected by a protracted socioeconomic crisis and now by war and political instability, CISP continued its work of more than a decade to strengthen drinking water supply and distribution systems in the most fragile areas.
- In **the Sahrawi Refugee Camps in Algeria,** we rehabilitated, built and equipped schools, with particular attention to sanitation and WASH facilities.
- Prevention and resilience in **Latin America:** in **Venezuela and Colombia,** our WASH interventions supported people displaced by violence by improving access to safe drinking water, sewerage systems and waste management systems.

Thematic area

EDUCATION AND CULTURE

CISP'S IMPACT IN **2025**

60K
CHILDREN AND YOUNG PEOPLE

SUPPORTED THROUGHOUT THEIR EDUCATION, FROM PRIMARY AND SECONDARY SCHOOL TO UNIVERSITY



A bridge to dialogue and citizenship

Quality education, cultural inclusion and access to knowledge are key drivers of social empowerment, sustainable development and Peace.
In 2025, we worked to promote and protect the right to quality education, particularly for young people and children living in contexts of conflict or extreme poverty.

- In conflict-affected areas such as **Lebanon** and emergency settings such as Somalia and **the Sahrawi Refugee Camps in Algeria**, we **complemented humanitarian interventions with educational activities**, rehabilitating and building schools, providing learning materials and training teachers.



CISP'S IMPACT IN **2025**

Thematic area

EDUCATION AND CULTURE





- In Europe (**Italy, Bulgaria, the Czech Republic, Greece, Ireland, Poland, Portugal and Spain**), through the GET project we are promoting the integration of **Global Citizenship Education** into secondary-school curricula, training teachers, engaging national authorities and fostering youth activism.
- Inclusion, art and Peace: in Mozambique (through the Pro-PAZ project) and **Bosnia and Herzegovina**, we engaged young people in active citizenship initiatives through arts and cultural programmes designed to promote dialogue, social inclusion and national reconciliation. In **Cuba**, we supported and trained young artists, creating professional opportunities in the cultural sector as a means of countering marginalisation and vulnerability. In other post-conflict and violence-affected contexts, such as **Colombia and Venezuela**, we integrated educational and cultural activities aimed at preventing youth violence, with particular attention to the development of socio-emotional skills, which are key to individual well-being, peaceful coexistence and social inclusion.
- In **higher education**, CISP continued its long-standing commitment, dating back to 1997, to the **Master in Cooperation & Development** at the University of Pavia, as well as its participation in the Cooperation & Development Network, an international network of universities in **Italy, Colombia, Kenya, Palestine and Nepal** and Italian NGOs engaged in university-level education and training in development cooperation.

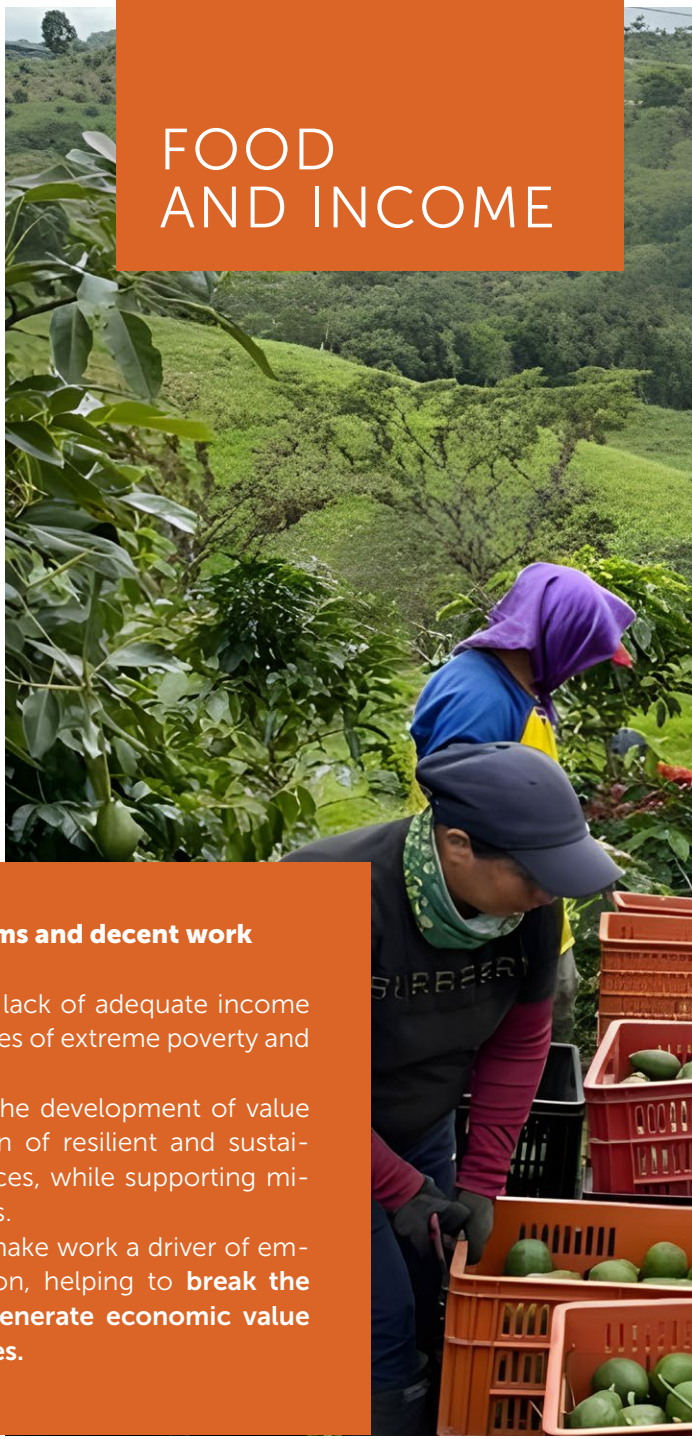
Thematic area

FOOD AND INCOME

CISP'S IMPACT IN **2025**

400K
PEOPLE

DIRECTLY SUPPORTED THROUGH INTERVENTIONS ADDRESSING ECONOMIC INSECURITY AND SOCIAL INEQUALITIES



Sustainable food systems and decent work

Food insecurity and the lack of adequate income are among the root causes of extreme poverty and social vulnerability.
In 2025, we promoted the development of value chains and the adoption of resilient and sustainable agricultural practices, while supporting micro and small enterprises.
Our commitment is to make work a driver of empowerment and inclusion, helping to **break the cycle of poverty and generate economic value within local communities.**



- **Food security and rural development in Africa**: in Malawi, Ethiopia, Sudan and Niger, we supported communities of small-scale farmers and livestock keepers by strengthening **agro-pastoral value chains** and improving small cooperatives' access to credit, helping to foster self-sufficiency and **resilience to economic shocks**. Interventions included strengthening the **rice value chain**, crop diversification, home gardening, agricultural practices aimed at optimising the use of water and soil resources, and support for the hides and leather value chain.

CISP'S IMPACT IN **2025**

Thematic area

FOOD AND INCOME





- In **Colombia, Ecuador, Venezuela and Guatemala**, we supported the development of **sustainable agri-food value chains** by improving production techniques and facilitating access to markets. In **Colombia**, through the Agrocadenas project, we work with cocoa, coffee, passion fruit, mango and avocado value chains, promoting production while strengthening the identity of local areas, enhancing the value of designations of origin and connecting local producers with international markets.
- In **Cuba and Venezuela**, we promote **socioeconomic inclusion and youth entrepreneurship** through initiatives in the fields of art and culture, sport, digital technologies, environmental management and agriculture.
- **Sustainability and the enhancement of local resources:** in **Bosnia and Herzegovina**, we promoted circular economy models through **sustainable tourism**, building on the area's cultural, historical and environmental heritage and local products as assets for generating adequate income and safeguarding employment opportunities for young people.
- In **Lebanon**, we provided essential food supplies to people displaced by the war, while in the **Sahrawi Refugee Camps** we continued school-based food security programmes for children.

Thematic area

ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE

CISP'S IMPACT IN **2025**

167
COMMUNITIES

SUPPORTED IN ADOPTING CLIMATE-ADAPTATION AND RESILIENCE PLANS AGAINST ENVIRONMENTAL DISASTERS



Community resilience to climate change impacts

The environmental crisis and climate change are now among the major drivers of vulnerability and inequality worldwide.
In 2025, we worked to mainstream climate resilience across our interventions, promoting **sustainable models for the management of natural resources** and placing **local communities** at the heart of these efforts.



CISP'S IMPACT IN **2025**

Thematic area

ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE





Our strategy is grounded in the inseparable link between the environment and rights: there can be no genuine social justice without climate justice and the protection of local environments and natural resources.

- **Agricultural adaptation and agroecology**: in **Ethiopia and Sudan**, we supported thousands of small-scale farmers in adopting agroecological **practices to combat desertification and reduce the risk of environmental disasters**. In **Malawi and Kenya,** we combined support for agricultural production with environmental conservation practices and strengthened the capacity of agro-pastoral communities to cope with climate shocks.
- **Biodiversity protection and sustainability**: in **Guatemala, Cuba and Colombia**, we supported the establishment and protection of **protected areas** co-managed by Indigenous peoples, who play a key role in safeguarding local natural resources. We also promoted the restoration of degraded ecosystems, the protection of natural resources and ecological transition practices in urban and rural areas to mitigate the impacts of extreme climate events.
- **Environmental education:** in **Bosnia and Herzegovina and the Sahrawi Refugee Camps**, we continued to invest in environmental education, promoting awareness-raising activities in communities and schools on responsible waste management and the active protection of biodiversity, with the aim of fostering lasting cultural change.

Thematic area

PROTECTION AND RIGHTS

CISP'S IMPACT IN **2025**

400K
PEOPLE

IN VULNERABLE SITUATIONS — INCLUDING MIGRANTS, REFUGEES, DISPLACED PEOPLE AND MEMBERS OF HOST COMMUNITIES — REACHED THROUGH DIRECT INTERVENTIONS AIMED AT ENSURING PROTECTION AND UPHOLDING THEIR RIGHTS



Protecting human dignity against all forms of discrimination

In 2025, against a global backdrop of wars, conflicts and humanitarian crises, our protection programmes focused on safeguarding people in the most vulnerable situations: survivors of violence, children, refugees and people displaced by conflict, and persons with disabilities. Protecting those most exposed to violence, discrimination and abuse lies at the heart of our commitment.


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CISP'S IMPACT IN **2025**

Thematic area

PROTECTION AND RIGHTS





- In **Sudan, Ethiopia, Somalia and Mali**, in addition to assisting people affected by conflict and natural disasters, we put in place protection mechanisms for women, children and people at risk, strengthened referral systems for survivors of gender-based violence and provided psychosocial support.
- In **Mozambique, Somalia, Kenya and Niger**, we worked to address gender-based and sexual violence and violence against children. Through targeted interventions, we promoted changes in discriminatory social norms, particularly those affecting women. We also promoted the inclusion of persons with disabilities.
- In **Colombia**, we provided psychosocial support and promoted the integration of people displaced by violence in the Catatumbo region into host communities. In **Ecuador**, we focused on preventing children and adolescents from becoming involved in illegal and violent activities by creating educational and economic opportunities as alternatives to recruitment by criminal groups.
- **In Venezuela**, we worked to empower children, adolescents and young people through the JUnTOS programme, aimed at addressing urban marginalisation and promoting civic participation.
- In **Guatemala**, we supported Indigenous peoples and persons with disabilities, promoting their social and economic inclusion.
- In **Lebanon** and the **Sahrawi Refugee Camps**, we continued our work to uphold the rights of refugees and displaced people and provide them with protection and assistance.



2025 in-depth feature

FOCUS ON PEACE

Pro-PAZ in Mozambique: a flagship example of our commitment to peacebuilding

In Mozambique, the signing of the latest peace agreements in 2019 formally brought hostilities to an end, but the conflict left invisible wounds: stigma, mutual distrust and the systematic marginalisation of entire sections of the community. Against this backdrop, the **Pro-PAZ project – Culture for the Promotion of Peace,** Reconciliation and Social Cohesion – was launched with co-funding from the European Union (2022–2026). Promoted by CISP in partnership with three Mozambican organisations, Pro-PAZ addresses the human and symbolic dimensions of peace, working to ensure that the silencing of weapons gives way to constructive dialogue between communities. Pro-PAZ uses art, sport and culture as tools to foster reconciliation between formerly conflicting communities and help rebuild a social fabric torn apart by conflict. The "Peace Laboratories" and other activities create opportunities for people to come together and engage in intergenerational dialogue, help defuse underlying tensions and potential sources of conflict, and promote a grassroots culture of peaceful coexistence. They actively engage community leaders and local institutions in building a shared vision of the future based on tolerance and peaceful coexistence.

The "Roadshow for Peace": art as a universal language

A key element of the project is **the Roadshow for Peace and Reconciliation**, a travelling festival launched in collaboration with the cultural association IVERCA. The initiative brings art, music and culture to communities affected by conflict, using them as catalysts for social cohesion. Art becomes a means of democratic participation, providing a safe space to address collective trauma and celebrate diversity.



Women former combatants: breaking the cycle of marginalisation

A key priority for Pro-PAZ is supporting women involved in DDR (Disarmament, Demobilisation and Reintegration), who are often excluded from formal reintegration programmes and face multiple forms of discrimination in patriarchal rural settings. Pro-PAZ works to break this isolation through two main areas of action:

- **Economic empowerment:** training in small business management to promote financial independence.
- **Social empowerment:** creating "safe spaces" where women can share their experiences, help prevent gender-based violence and strengthen their role as local leaders for Peace.

By integrating economic empowerment with cultural and social dimensions, CISP demonstrates that Peace, in Mozambique as elsewhere, can only be lasting when it is rooted in the everyday dignity of every person.

2025 in-depth feature

FOCUS ON YOUTH AND LOCAL COMMUNITIES



JUnTOS Fest 2025 in Venezuela: Young People Taking the Lead, Stronger Communities, Networks Across Borders

Across a Latin America undergoing profound social and economic change, CISP recognises younger generations as a driving force for stronger, more resilient local communities. Against this backdrop, **JUnTOS Fest 2025** represents a key milestone in **the Jóvenes Unidos para Territorios Organizados y Sostenibles – JUnTOS programme**, co-funded by the European Union.

More than an event, the festival provided a tangible platform for participation, leadership and civic engagement. It demonstrated how sustainable and inclusive local development must be driven by young people taking an active role and by their capacity to shape visions, foster dialogue and develop solutions.

In Mérida, an ecosystem for dialogue and co-creation

On 26 and 27 September 2025, at the Cámara de Comercio e Industria de Mérida, more than 150 young people from the municipalities of Libertador, Campo Elías and Rangel came together to share experiences, ideas and proposals.

Students, community leaders, artists, skaters and young entrepreneurs brought to life a diverse space designed to value different talents and transform them into collective energy.

The festival was structured around four priority areas: social cohesion and inclusion; participation and governance; innovation and digital transformation; sustainability and climate action. These are key themes for strengthening the role of younger generations in decision-making processes and in building more resilient communities.



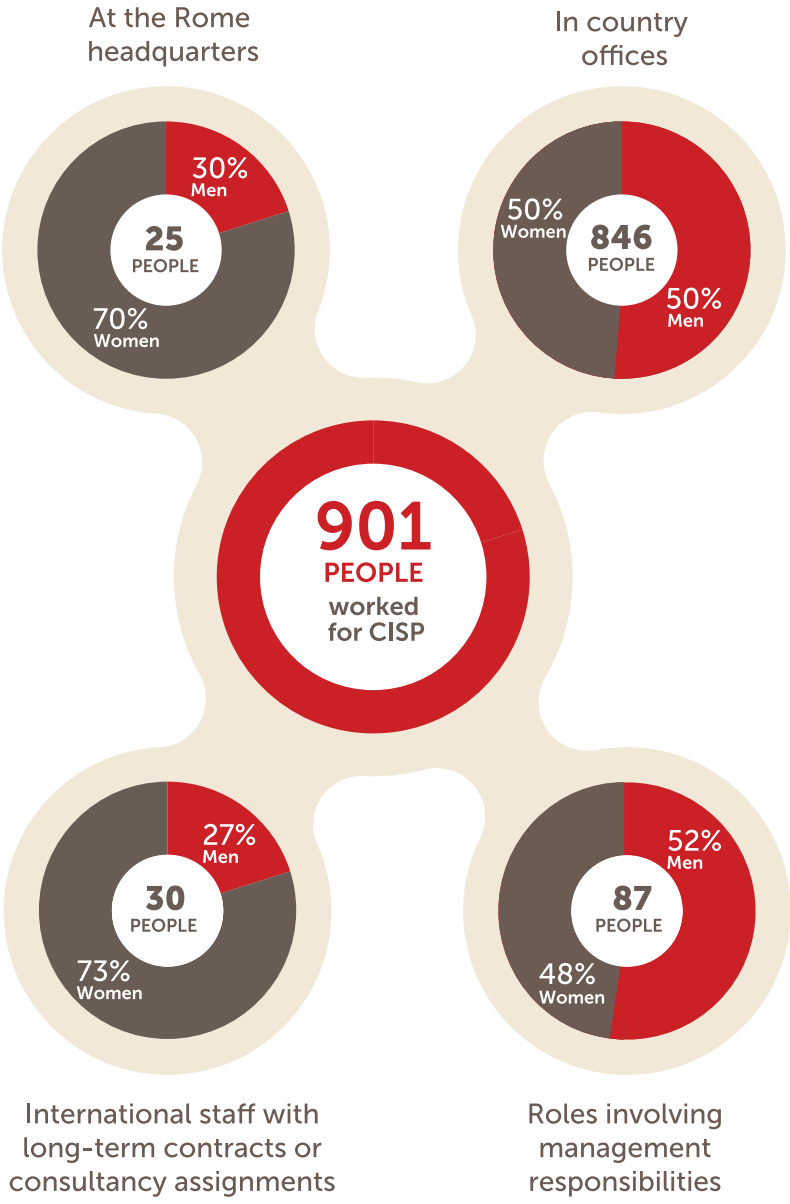
From the JUnTOS Fest Manifesto to a transnational network

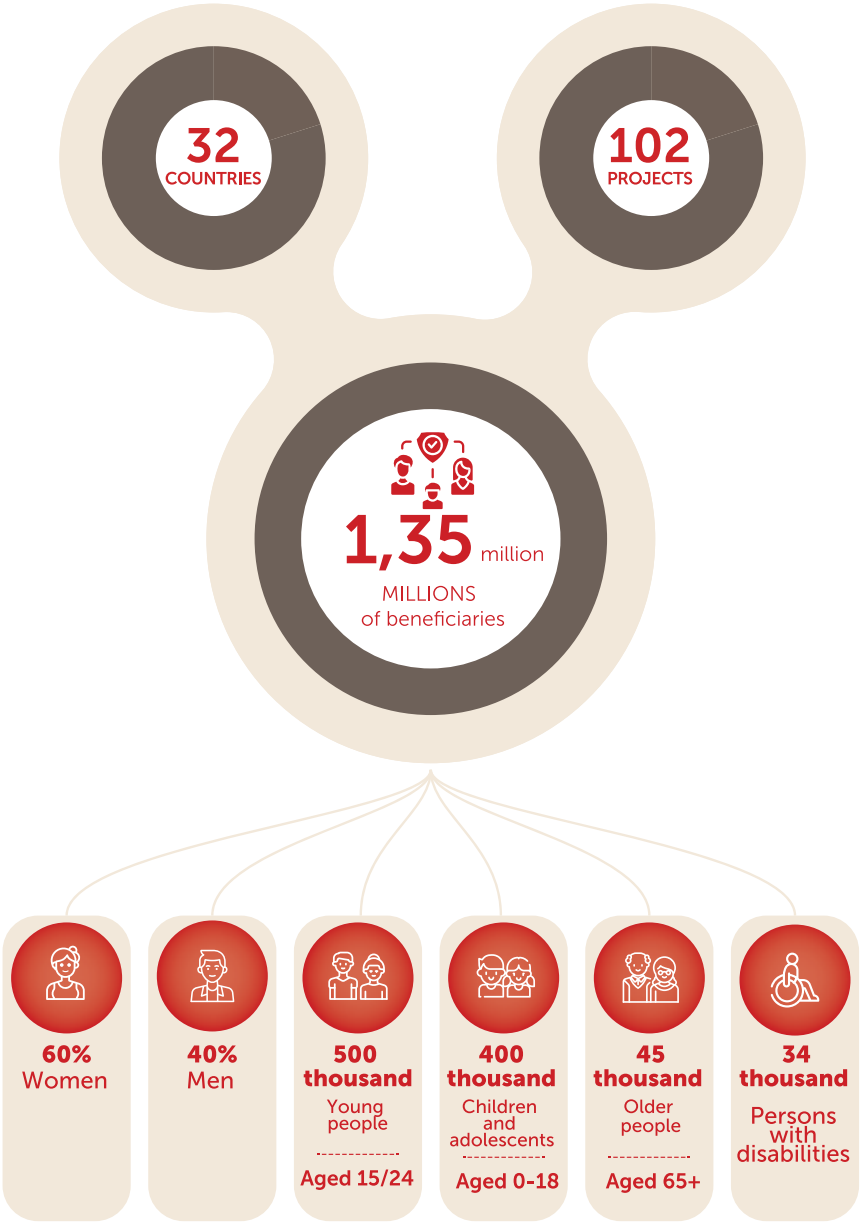
Through participatory workshops, delegates developed practical recommendations that were incorporated into **the JUnTOS Fest Manifesto**, an advocacy tool aimed at local institutional decision-makers. This marked an important step in turning dialogue into concrete proposals and participation into public action.

Alongside the dialogue sessions, the festival hosted a fair showcasing nine youth-led social enterprise initiatives, highlighting experiences that combine social impact, creativity and income generation.

The experience then extended beyond national borders. A delegation of participants took part in a summit in Argentina where, together with young people from six other countries, they contributed to the establishment of **the Association of Latin American Youth**. This marked a new stage in the project's evolution: from a locally rooted initiative to a transnational cooperation network connecting young leaders, communities and shared visions for the future of Latin America.

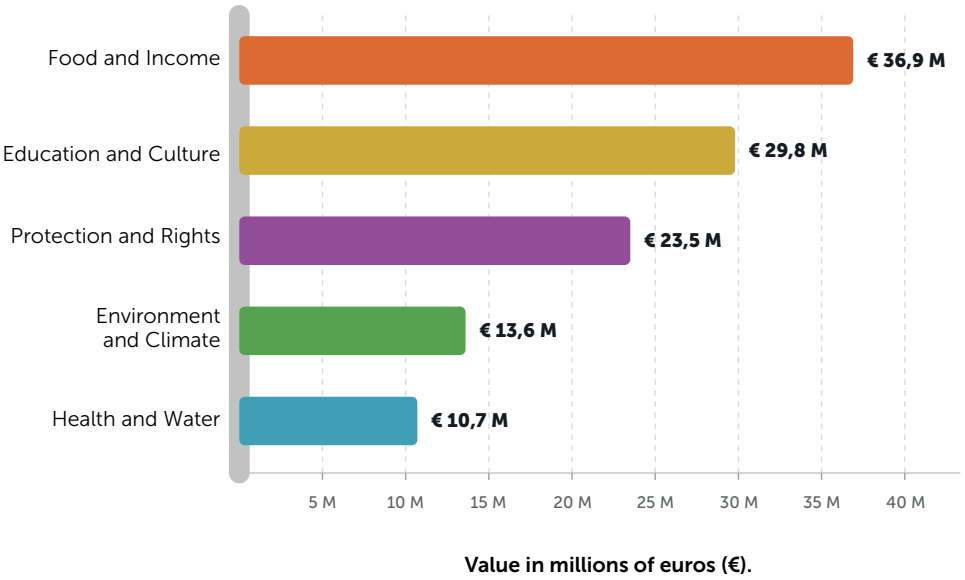
CISP IN NUMBERS




32
COUNTRIES
102
PROJECTS
1,35 million
MILLIONS
of beneficiaries
60%
Women
40%
Men
500 thousand
Young people
Aged 15/24
400 thousand
Children and adolescents
Aged 0-18
45 thousand
Older people
Aged 65+
34 thousand
Persons with disabilities

CISP IN NUMBERS

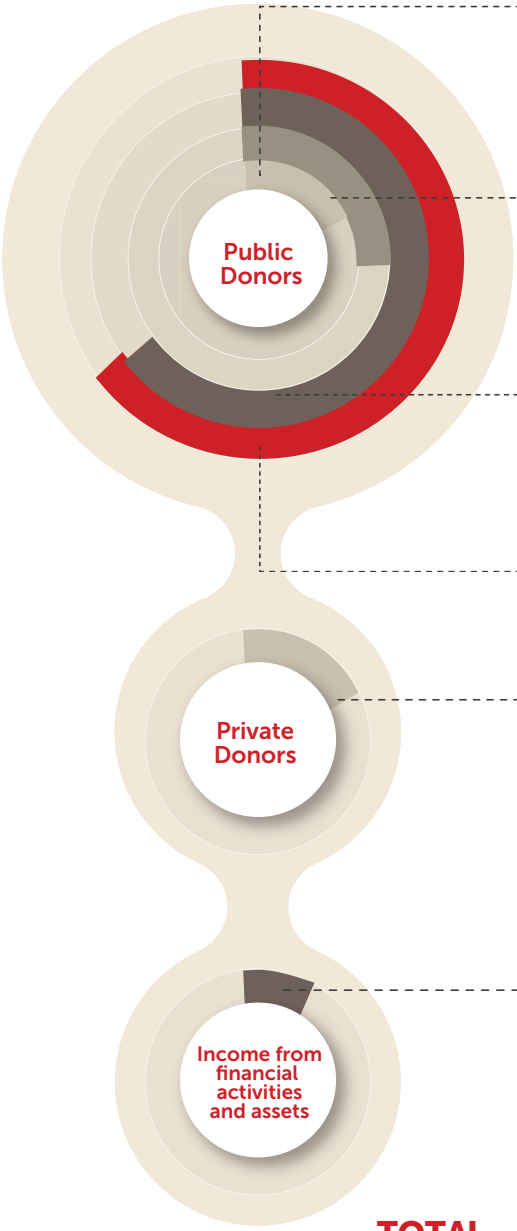
CISP 2025 PROJECT PORTFOLIO (BY MACRO-SECTOR)



Value in millions of euros (€).

The 2025 **project portfolio** is the total value (in euros) of CISP projects active during 2025, regardless of their duration or start and end dates.

BUDGET VALUE - 2025



€ 6.500.413,13
Contributions from MAECI – AICS

€ 4.697.357,97
Contributions from other government bodies and UN agencies

€ 5.884.266,46
Contributions from the European Commission

€ 10.344.818,47
Contributions from other local authorities

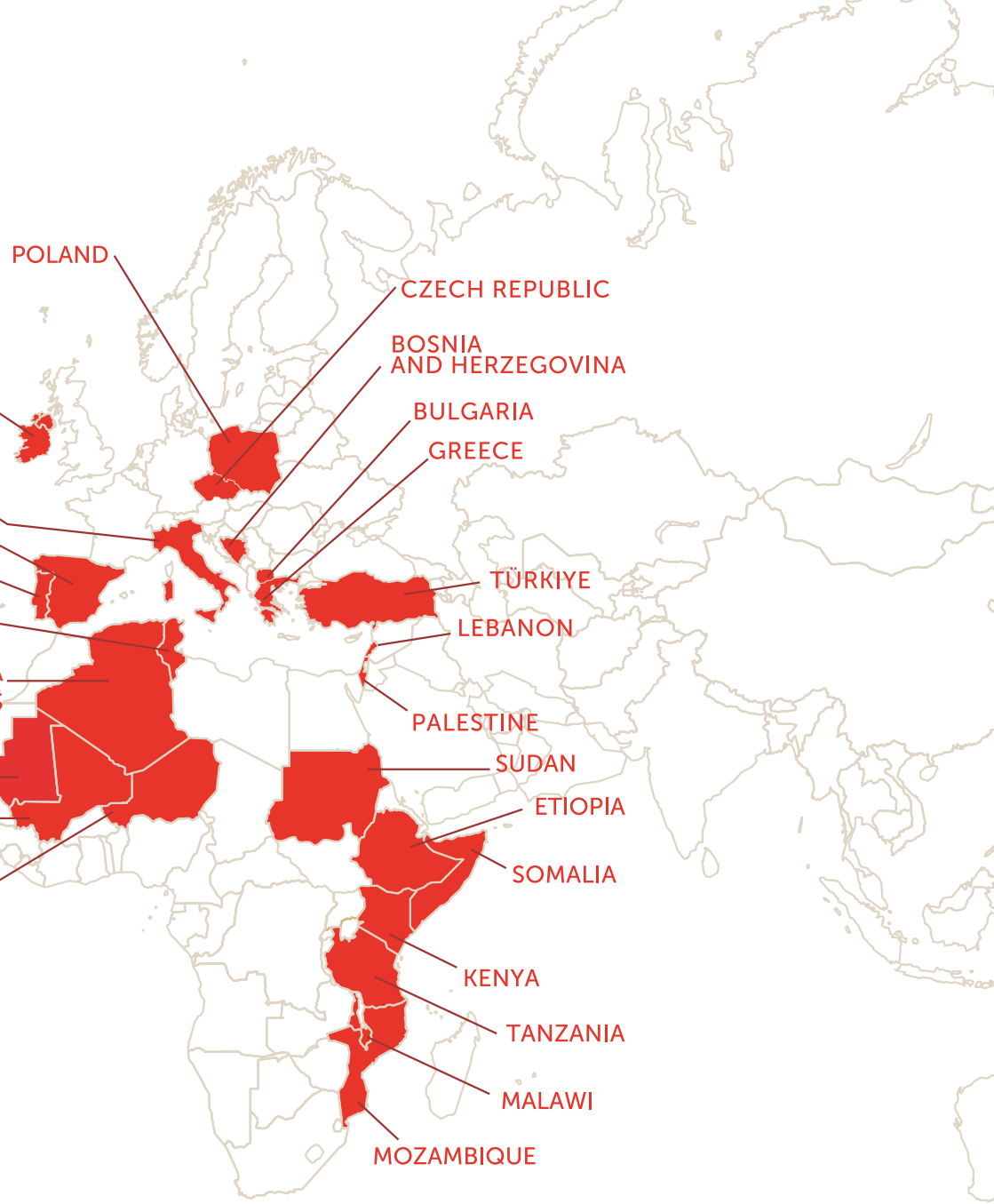
€ 2.355.135,26
Membership fees, 5 per mille proceeds, contributions from private entities, own contributions and fundraising

€ 132.216,91
Banking relationships, property assets, foreign-exchange income and extraordinary income

TOTAL **29.914.208,20**

WHERE WE WORKED IN 2025




POLAND
CZECH REPUBLIC
BOSNIA
AND HERZEGOVINA
BULGARIA
GREECE
TÜRKIYE
LEBANON
PALESTINE
SUDAN
ETIOPIA
SOMALIA
KENYA
TANZANIA
MALAWI
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