

'In the past, I hardly ever left the house. But a bit of training has changed my life'

As a woman in the north-west of Nepal, Sita Kaila had no chance of getting a school education. Thanks to the *Fastenopfer* partner organisation Link, she found out about her rights and learned how to express her concerns in front of the group. Today, she is self-confident. For other female farmers, she is a role model and an important reference person.



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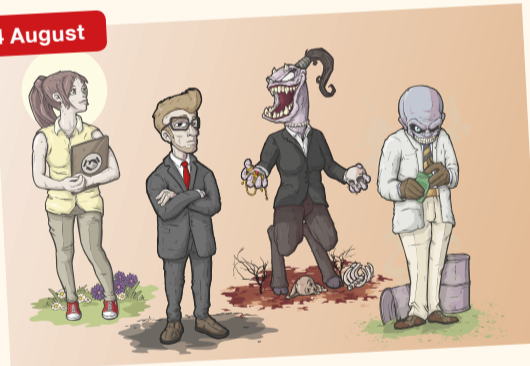
Ecumenical Campaign:

What we eat changes the climate

The ecumenical campaign highlighted in a comprehensible way, by using the example of meat consumption, the impact which our consumption habits have on the climate. During the campaign, 21,000 signatures were collected for the climate petition, which called for stronger commitment to climate protection by the Swiss authorities.

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24 August



Development policy campaign:
Companies, take responsibility!

With the Responsible Business Initiative, 77 organisations are demanding mandatory regulations to be imposed on companies for the protection of people and the environment. *Fastenopfer* is supporting the initiative: At a media conference in August, we showed the impact that two mining projects in South Africa have on the living conditions of the population and how the Geneva-based company Vitol is dealing with it. The campaign was accompanied by an online test 'CEO-for-a-day'.

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25/26 July

Philippines: Forced displacement by commercial operations becomes an issue

In 2013, *Fastenopfer* produced a study about the impact of the Tampakan mining project on human rights. Glencore has now sold its share in the mine. Subsequently, the area became more heavily militarised and thus more insecure for the indigenous communities. Partners from Mindanao took their concerns to the Human Rights Council in Geneva. Thanks to our good contacts, the UN Special Rapporteur on 'internally displaced persons' visited Tampakan in July.

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28 August

Bogotá: South-South: Learning from each other

Fastenopfer encourages the exchange of experiences between programmes: Two persons from the Guatemala Programme shared the methods of 'personal growth' with 35 participants in a workshop in Bogotá. This psychosocial work is used as a tool to come to terms with traumatic experiences. And in October, a representative from Burkina Faso visited Senegal to find out more about savings groups. With success: three partner organisations are keen on this approach.

31 December

Lucerne

More money for project work

Fastenopfer increased its total income in 2015 by 1.9 million Swiss francs over the previous year to nearly 25 million Swiss francs. This result is due to loyal private donors, more legacies, and a higher SDC contribution. Once again, the aid agency spent more money on the South projects, as well as on research work and development-policy activities (+579,678 Swiss francs). The aid agency's total expenditure for projects amounted to 21.4 million Swiss francs.

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31 December



Lucerne

Compliance: Corruption must not be a taboo subject

The aim of the Desk for Compliance, which was created in 2014, is to increase the quality and transparency of the projects as well as to minimise risks of fraud and corruption. The half-yearly compliance report provides information about projects that are at risk or affected. *Fastenopfer* has implemented awareness-raising measures with the partners in almost all programmes. Corruption must not be a taboo subject.

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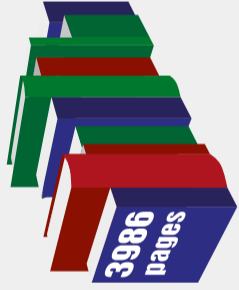
Profit and Loss Statement for 2015

Revenue	2015 (CHF)	%	2014 (CHF)	%
General donations	8 911 195	35.8%	8 849 398	38.4%
Earmarked donations	6 550 372	26.3%	6 597 579	28.6%
Contributions from public funds	687 355	2.8%	844 457	3.7%
Federal contributions, SDC	5 553 833	22.3%	5 169 622	22.4%
Legacies	1 968 046	7.9%	457 850	2.0%
Additional third-party contributions for projects	168 050	0.7%	169 061	0.7%
Total donations and contributions	23 838 850	95.7%	22 067 967	95.9%
Trading profit	180 037	0.7%	148 459	0.6%
Income from services	30 206	0.1%	50 511	0.2%
Income from services to SDC	858 000	3.4%	754 774	3.3%
Other income	1 068 243	4.3%	953 744	4.1%
Total revenue	24 907 094	100.0%	23 041 711	100.0%
Expenditure	2015 (CHF)	%	2014 (CHF)	%
Work in the South/Country Programmes church/secular partners	-11 011 033	46.4%	-10 391 721	44.9%
Work in the South/regional & international projects	-889 886	3.7%	-731 064	3.2%
Development Policy R&D work	-404 107	1.7%	-505 033	2.2%
Development Policy Advocacy & Lobbying	-1 069 884	4.5%	-1 167 394	5.0%
Projects in Switzerland	-1 313 050	5.5%	-1 600 065	6.9%
Share of dioceses	-550 000	2.3%	-600 000	2.6%
Information and education	-3 713 037	15.6%	-3 508 946	15.2%
Project processing costs (esp. project planning, coordination and control)	-2 531 153	10.7%	-2 061 565	8.9%
Direct project expenditure	-21 482 130	90.5%	-20 565 789	88.9%
Administration	-879 214	3.7%	-902 465	3.9%
Fundraising	-1 374 954	5.8%	-1 661 736	7.2%
Administrative expenditure	-2 254 168	9.5%	-2 564 201	11.1%
Total operating expenses	-23 736 298	100.0%	-23 129 990	100.0%
Subtotal 1	1 170 796		-88 279	
Return on real estate investment	503 796		504 299	
Real estate expenditure	-183 374		-195 211	
Real estate result	320 422		309 088	
Subtotal 2 ordinary result	1 491 217		220 809	
Financial result before change in exchange rate fluctuation reserve	-19 073		588 642	
Tax payment	-31 340		-27 618	
Extraordinary result	5 583		3 308	
Subtotal 3 before change in fund capital	1 446 387		765 341	
Change in fund capital	-82 659		189 428	
Subtotal 4 before change in organisation capital	1 363 728		974 769	
Change in exchange rate fluctuation reserve	1 091 152		-490 012	
Change in internally generated free capital	20 935		-61 000	
Change in approved project funds	-1 156 511		-689 047	
Change in free resources	-337 303		265 291	
Surplus/shortfall after allocations	0		0	

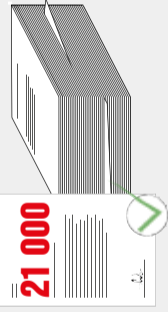
The detailed figures and the full annual report can be found at www.fastenopfer.ch/jahresbericht_15



Diana Marcela Montenegro Hurtado, 25, Colombia:
 'I didn't know how important it is to treat nature with respect. Today, I don't use any toxic substances when planting my field.'



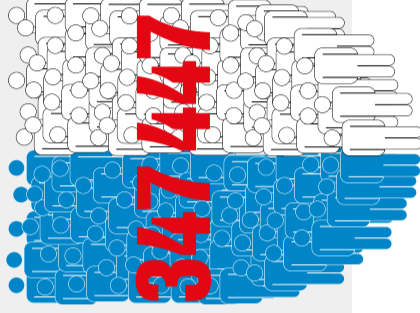
In 2015, the media published 2,558 reports about *Fastenopfer's* work. This adds up to a total of 3,986 pages, which corresponds to ten novels. It contributes to wider public awareness of *Fastenopfer's* concerns.



21,000 women and men signed the climate petition during the 2015 ecumenical campaign. A strong signal in favour of more climate protection.

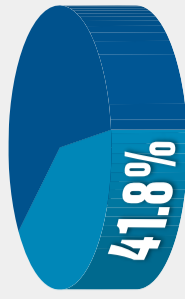
Each year volunteers, mainly from dioceses, give around 250,000 hours of their time to work for *Fastenopfer*. If one sets an hourly rate of CHF 20.00, this amounts to an equivalent of CHF 5 million. The figure shows how important this support is for *Fastenopfer*. Our warmest thanks!

Fastenopfer in numbers



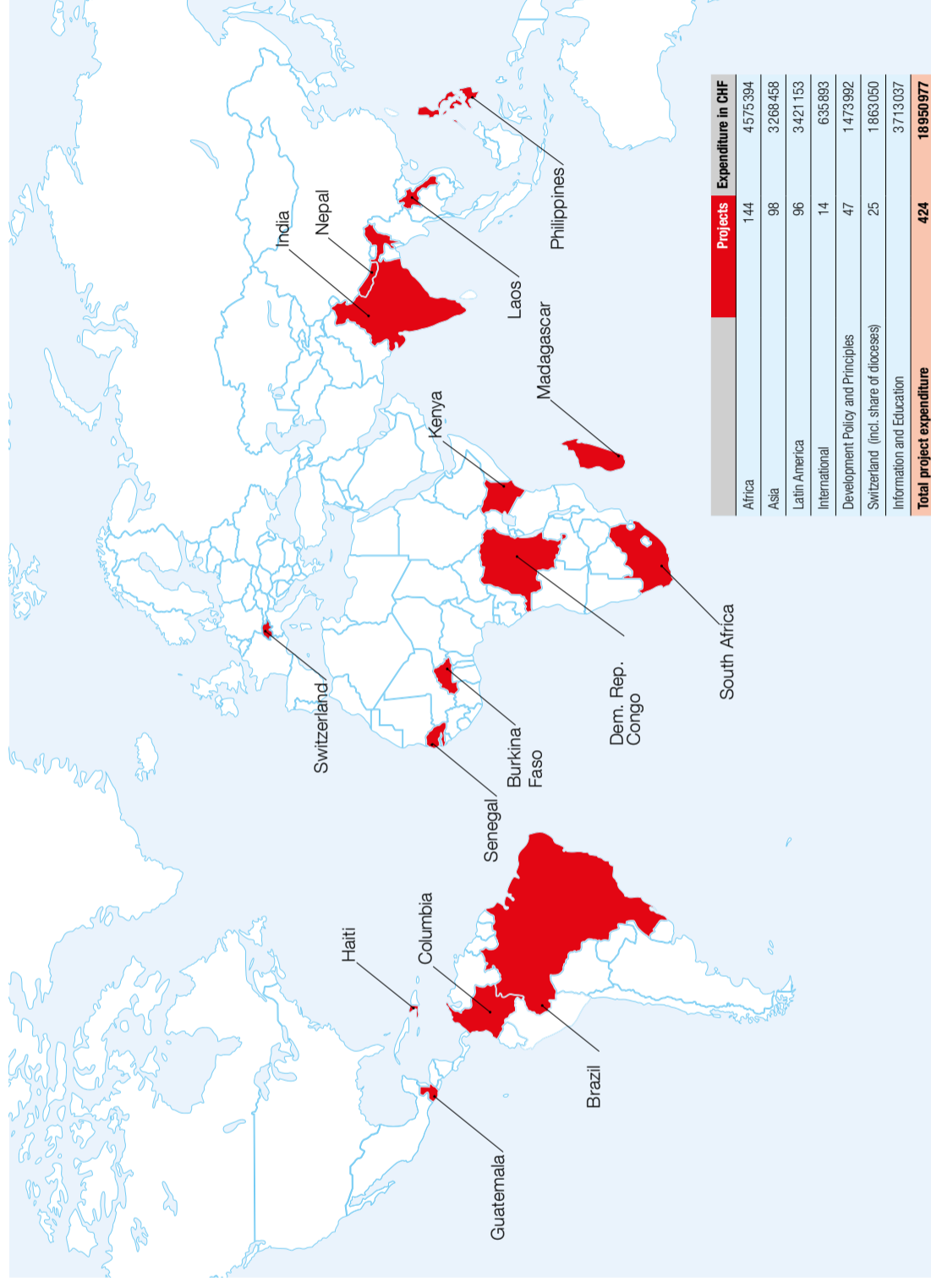
The 21,207 savings groups in eight *Fastenopfer* country programmes have 347,447 members, almost equal to the total number of inhabitants of the canton of Lucerne. For every one of these individuals, it means more self-determination.

In 2015, *Fastenopfer* contributed 41.8% of the project payments to universal church structures or church-related organisations. A contribution to a living church in the service of justice. Payment (excluding information and education): CHF 15,237,000



Fastenopfer projects

Distribution worldwide



Aluizio Silvério dos Santos, 52, Brazil:
 'The government is quick to sign when it comes to granting a mining licence. But we have to wait a long time to get our land title.'



Patrick Muriuki, 22, Kenya:
 'I use the money I earn by building climate controlled ovens to support my family. Only in this way can I finance my education.'