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Annual Report 2024



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Letter from the President

Dear friends and supporters,

This 2024 annual report invites us to look back together on a difficult year that, sadly, saw the escalation of conflicts in Ukraine and Gaza—where tens of thousands of people, mainly women and children, lost their lives—the cancellation of all USAID international development funding, which strained hundreds of NGOs delivering development and emergency programmes worldwide and left millions without aid; and drastic cuts to international financing for the green transition and climate action, whose impacts are increasingly devastating yet ever less addressed.

In Asia, where we have worked for more than thirty years—a region prone to natural disasters—2024 was marked by a rise in extreme events driven by typhoons, floods, heatwaves and droughts.

Typhoon Yagi, among the strongest storms to hit South-East Asia in recent years, left a trail of death and devastation. From the Philippines to southern China and Vietnam, and across Laos, Thailand and Myanmar, the storm killed hundreds and destroyed communities and livelihoods.

Monsoon-related floods left millions homeless and without cultivable land, forcing displacement and causing hundreds of deaths in Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Pakistan, India and Nepal—making this one of the most tragic years in recent memory. Where rainfall did not break records, drought and extreme heat produced months of acute water scarcity.

As extreme weather events become more frequent—and their victims too often forgotten—non-governmental organisations are continually called upon to respond with limited resources, amid a severe global economic crisis driven by multiple ongoing wars.

In 2024, ASIA supported the emergency response to the earthquake that struck Nepal at the end of November 2023, remaining in the affected areas throughout 2024 to provide temporary shelter and rebuild semi-temporary schools in villages where structures were damaged. In September, following severe flooding in Nepal, we supported local communities with emergency relief and temporary housing.

In Myanmar, following Typhoon Yagi, ASIA designed several initiatives to assist communities in the Mandalay region; these were implemented in 2025.

Despite mounting operational challenges in Nepal, Bhutan, Myanmar, Mongolia and Italy, we continued our work in 2024, implementing 22 projects and reaching 17,702 direct beneficiaries. In line with our mission, activities focused primarily on the Himalayan areas of Nepal and Bhutan.

To continue our contribution to the UN 2030 Agenda, we prioritised projects that: improve food security for the most vulnerable; build community resilience to climate change and foster self-reliance through sustainable and organic agriculture; support formal and non-formal education to ensure equitable access for people living in remote areas, including temporary and permanent school facilities and teacher training to improve learning quality; expand access to education through Long Distance Sponsorship and scholarships for students from the poorest families; safeguard the cultural, spiritual and linguistic heritage of marginalised minorities; and raise awareness within civil society on climate change, solidarity, human rights and fundamental freedoms, and the dignity of every person—bringing Buddhist values such as empathy, non-violence and interdependence into public discourse to help build a more respectful and tolerant society.

This annual report provides accurate data on our activities and the resources invested to achieve the objectives we set.

Everything we have accomplished, despite growing difficulties, has been possible thanks to our donors, long-standing supporters, partners, Board of Directors, and staff in Italy and in our countries of operation. We remain hopeful that we can continue our mission and actively support those overwhelmed by war, natural disasters and the hardships of an increasingly precarious and unpredictable existence.



Rome, 21 June 2025

Methodological Note

The annual report is a tool for transparency, providing all ASIA-ETS stakeholders (members, supporters, public and private donors, institutions, foundations, citizens, operators and collaborators) with information on the activities carried out and the results achieved during 2024. It complies with the guidelines for the preparation of annual reports by third-sector entities and uses ASIA's strategic plan as its guiding principle.

The most relevant data have been selected for the document and are presented in a clear and concise manner to facilitate an overall assessment of our work by interested parties. Where appropriate, we present data in a more analytical form to aid understanding of specific environmental, economic and social impacts. All data in the document have been checked through internal audit and source-verification processes.

The current document consists of four chapters divided as follows:

- **The first chapter** provides a brief description of who ASIA is; ASIA's offices in Italy and around the world; the awards it has received over the years; the history of ASIA; the values that inspire it; its vision and mission; the countries where it operates; the organisation's governing bodies; its organisational chart; its staff; and staff training.

- **The second chapter** summarises the collaborations and synergies that make ASIA's projects possible: it lists the donors to whom the association has turned for funding and support, the partners with whom ASIA collaborates in the various countries of intervention, and the networks to which it belongs.

- **The third chapter** describes the organisation's operating methods and ethics, with the codes, policies and procedures that govern ASIA's activities and the conduct of the staff involved in those activities. It then illustrates the projects that have been submitted, which ones have been approved, which donors they were sent to, the amounts funded, and the countries and sectors of intervention of the projects approved and implemented during the year.

A brief comparison is then made of the contribution to achieving the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals, and the people reached in the various countries of intervention are listed by category. Finally, the projects carried out during 2024 are presented, divided by country of intervention (Bhutan, Nepal, Myanmar, Mongolia and Italy), providing all the necessary data: objectives; activities; results; outputs; beneficiaries reached; donors; and amount spent during the year. The activities related to the Long-distance Support project are then described, with a quantitative analysis of the results obtained during the year in terms of support; the critical issues and problems encountered; and a description of the projects in progress by country. At the end of this chapter, fundraising and communication activities are described, with the events organised during the year, campaigns, solidarity gifts and communication activities.

- **The fourth chapter** contains the 2024 financial statements—with the balance sheet and income statement—showing income and expenditure during the year. This is followed by the mission report with the reclassification of the financial statements drawn up in accordance with criteria issued by the Ministry of Labour. The full report of the audit carried out by an independent auditor is then presented. The chapter concludes with the full report of the single-member supervisory body. The annual report is available in digital format in Italian and English on ASIA's website and is printed in very limited copies in Italian and English to reduce costs and paper use, in order to protect forests and the environment.



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ASIA – Association for International Solidarity in Asia – **was founded in 1988 by Chögyal Namkhai Norbu, a profound expert of Tibetan culture and ancient history and Master of the Dzogchen Teachings.**



It is a Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) accredited by the Italian Agency for Cooperation and Development (AICS) and an ETS – Third Sector Entity – registered with the RUNTS (Single National Register of the Third Sector).

ASIA operates in Asia - specifically in India, Nepal, Mongolia, Myanmar and Bhutan - and in Italy.
Over the years, it has helped more than 1,500,000 people.

In addition to building professional capacity and experience in the management of development and emergency projects, ASIA and its staff in Italy and worldwide have embraced the values found across many ancient cultures. Values such as awareness, compassion, altruism, openness to different cultures and the direct involvement of local communities have become integral to ASIA's way of working.

The aim of our Association is not only to reduce poverty but also to foster a culture of peace and tolerance, contributing to the creation of a better society that respects individuals and the environment in which they live.

Chögyal Namkhai Norbu

(1938-2018)

A renowned scholar of ancient Tibetan culture and history, holder of the Dzogchen teachings and spiritual master, Chögyal Namkhai Norbu was born in 1938 in Derge, in the Kham region of eastern Tibet. After completing his studies in philosophy and literature, he was invited to Italy in 1960 by the renowned Tibetologist and orientalist Giuseppe Tucci to catalogue the Tibetan texts preserved at ISMEO (the Institute for the Middle and Far East). In 1962, he became Professor of Tibetan and Mongolian Language and Literature at the University of Naples "L'Orientale", where he taught until 1992.

Chögyal Namkhai Norbu devoted his life to sharing Tibet's vast cultural and spiritual heritage and passing it on to future generations.

In 1981, he founded Merigar, the first centre of the International Dzogchen Community, followed by centres in other European countries, the United States, South America, China, Russia and Australia, giving rise to today's large International Dzogchen Community. In 1988, he founded ASIA, with the mission of safeguarding the cultural and spiritual identity of the Tibetan people and improving the living conditions of the populations of the Himalayan area.

Chögyal Namkhai Norbu's commitment to the study and preservation of Tibetan culture was unceasing. In particular, his contributions concern the ancient history of Tibet; indigenous pre-Buddhist traditions; nomadic customs and traditions; the origin, theory and practice of Yantra Yoga; astrology; traditional Tibetan medicine. He received numerous awards and honours for his extensive cultural activities and tireless social commitment—among them the honour of Commander of the Order of Merit of the Italian Republic, conferred by President Sergio Mattarella in 2018.

Chögyal Namkhai Norbu passed away peacefully at his residence in Gadeling, Arcidosso (GR), on 27 September 2018.



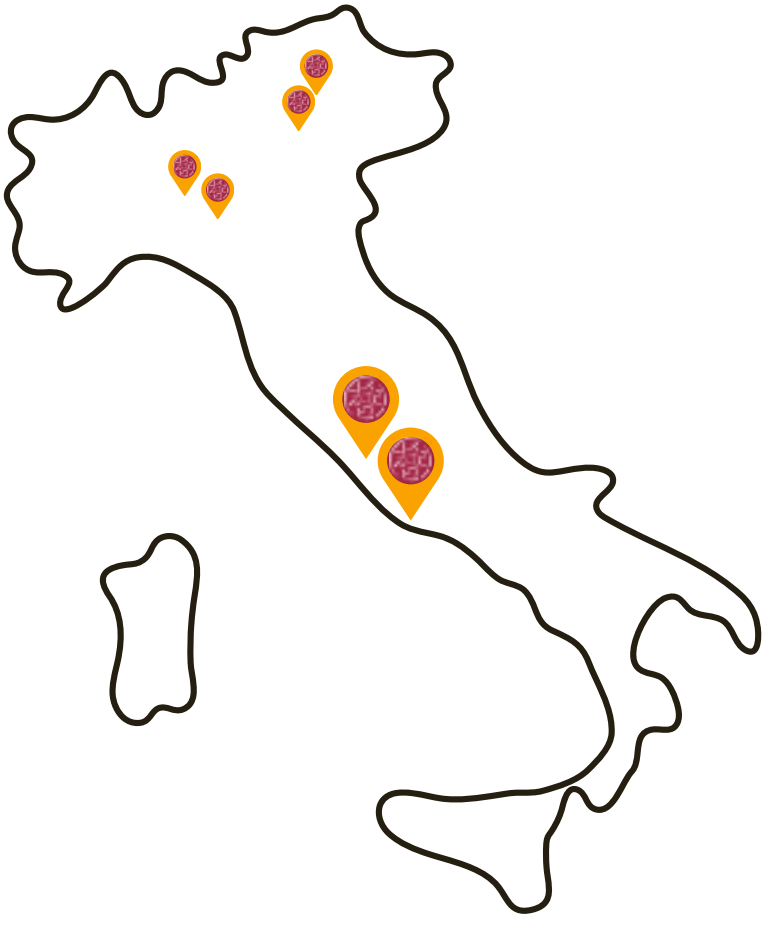
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Institutional Recognition

ASIA is a non-governmental organisation recognised by the Italian Agency for Development Cooperation with the decree no. 2016/337/000136/0 - 04/04/2016, with the following qualifications:

- Implementation of medium and short-term programmes in developing countries
- Selection, training and employment of volunteers in civil service;
- On-site training of citizens of developing countries
- Information
- Development education

This recognition allows ASIA to obtain funding for the implementation of projects financed by AICS for the aforementioned qualifications.

ASIA is registered with the RUNTS (Single National Register of the Third Sector) – ETS sector – under no. 7299 at the Directorate of Health, Welfare and Social Cohesion – Welfare and Social Innovation Sector – of the Tuscany Region. It is registered under no. 190 in the Prefectural Register of Legal Entities of Grosseto.

Our history

1988

Chögyal Namkhai Norbu founds ASIA after a series of missions to India, Nepal and Tibet, during which he witnesses the difficult cultural, social and economic conditions of the Tibetan population.

1989

Projects focus on India to improve the living conditions of Tibetan refugees. The ‘A New Tibetan Village’ project begins.

1990

The first mission to China is carried out to negotiate authorisation to enter Tibet, assess needs and present the first projects to institutional donors.

1993

Construction begins on the first Tibetan school built by ASIA in Dongche, Qinghai Province (formerly the Tibetan region of Amdo).

Under the guidance of Chögyal Namkhai Norbu, the first mission to Tibet takes place, visiting the eastern, central and northern regions.

1994

The Long-distance Support programme is launched in India and Nepal.

1996

The Gamthog health and education project in eastern Tibet, funded by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs, begins.

1997

Chögyal Namkhai Norbu travels to Tibet for the last time to inaugurate the Dongche school.

ASIA intervenes in the prefectures of Ngari in western Tibet and Yushu in eastern Tibet, which are hit by devastating snowstorms that kill millions of livestock, putting the survival of nomadic populations at risk.

1999

ASIA obtains recognition from the Ministry of Foreign Affairs as an NGO for international development cooperation.

2000

Development education activities begin in Italy, with the aim of bringing civil society closer to the culture and traditions of Himalayan populations.

2001

A partnership agreement is signed with ECHO (European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations) for emergency projects to help populations affected by natural disasters.

ASIA intervenes in Inner Mongolia with an emergency project funded by ECHO and OCHA following a severe drought that affected nomadic herders.

2004

After the catastrophic tsunami that struck Sri Lanka, ASIA intervenes in the country, expanding its areas of intervention.

2009

The first development projects are launched in Nepal and ASIA registers with the Social Welfare Council as an INGO operating in the country.

2010

Humanitarian aid efforts focus on the Yushu Tibetan Autonomous Prefecture, devastated by a major earthquake.

2015

Nepal is devastated by a powerful earthquake. ASIA responds with emergency and reconstruction projects.

2016

ASIA's activities expand to Mongolia and Myanmar.

2019

ASIA launches Global Citizenship Education activities in schools. An important project for coffee cultivation in Myanmar's Chin region begins, funded by AICS.

2020

A new country, Bhutan, is added.

2021

Interventions in schools and healthcare facilities in India and Nepal are consolidated to tackle the Covid-19 pandemic. The Xining office and all projects in Tibet are closed.

2022

Together with ASIA Germany, humanitarian aid is sent to Ukraine, while in Italy socio-emotional and environmental education activities are developed in schools.

2023

ASIA's first solidarity trip to Nepal begins.

2024

ASIA focuses its humanitarian aid on communities in Nepal, severely affected by another earthquake and violent floods.



Our values

ASIA is a humanitarian organisation that works to achieve the 2030 Sustainable Development Goals, in line with the principles of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights and the European Convention on Human Rights, helping people in need regardless of race, religion or nationality. It is a non-profit, apolitical and independent organisation.

Our work is inspired by the following values:

Respect for cultural and environmental diversity

We believe that local traditions; cultural, spiritual and artistic heritage; traditional sciences; and biodiversity are invaluable assets to humanity. We are committed to safeguarding and promoting them, and to fostering awareness and respect for them within civil society.

Participation

We believe that meaningful change requires people to come together and act collectively. Collaboration and synergy with partners, donors and beneficiaries are the driving force behind all our projects.

Interdependence

Our work is based on the awareness that nothing exists in isolation and that even the most modest action can influence the whole system, given the profound connection that binds every living being. Therefore, we are committed to protecting the environment and using materials and technologies with low environmental impact, recognising our responsibility to preserve and defend the ecosystem.

Education

We promote access to education—a fundamental right and an essential opportunity for every child to enjoy better living conditions—and to ensure respect for the cultural identity of peoples.

Solidarity

We firmly believe in solidarity and altruism, fundamental values for the development of a world without injustice and oppression, in which dignity and equal opportunities are guaranteed for every living being.

Transparecy

Transparency and honesty are the cornerstones of ASIA's financial and economic management. Certified financial statements, control tools, careful selection of project administrative staff, internal audit systems and professional auditors are among the elements that provide assurance to the private and public donors who support our activities.





Vision

ASIA considers the cultural diversity, traditions and historical heritage of the peoples of the Asian continent—particularly of Tibet and the Himalayan region—to be an invaluable treasure to be safeguarded and passed on to future generations through the sustainable, participatory development of the communities that preserve them. In particular, **ASIA shares the values of peace, respect and tolerance inherent in the Tibetan cultural and spiritual tradition and regards them as the heritage of all humanity.**

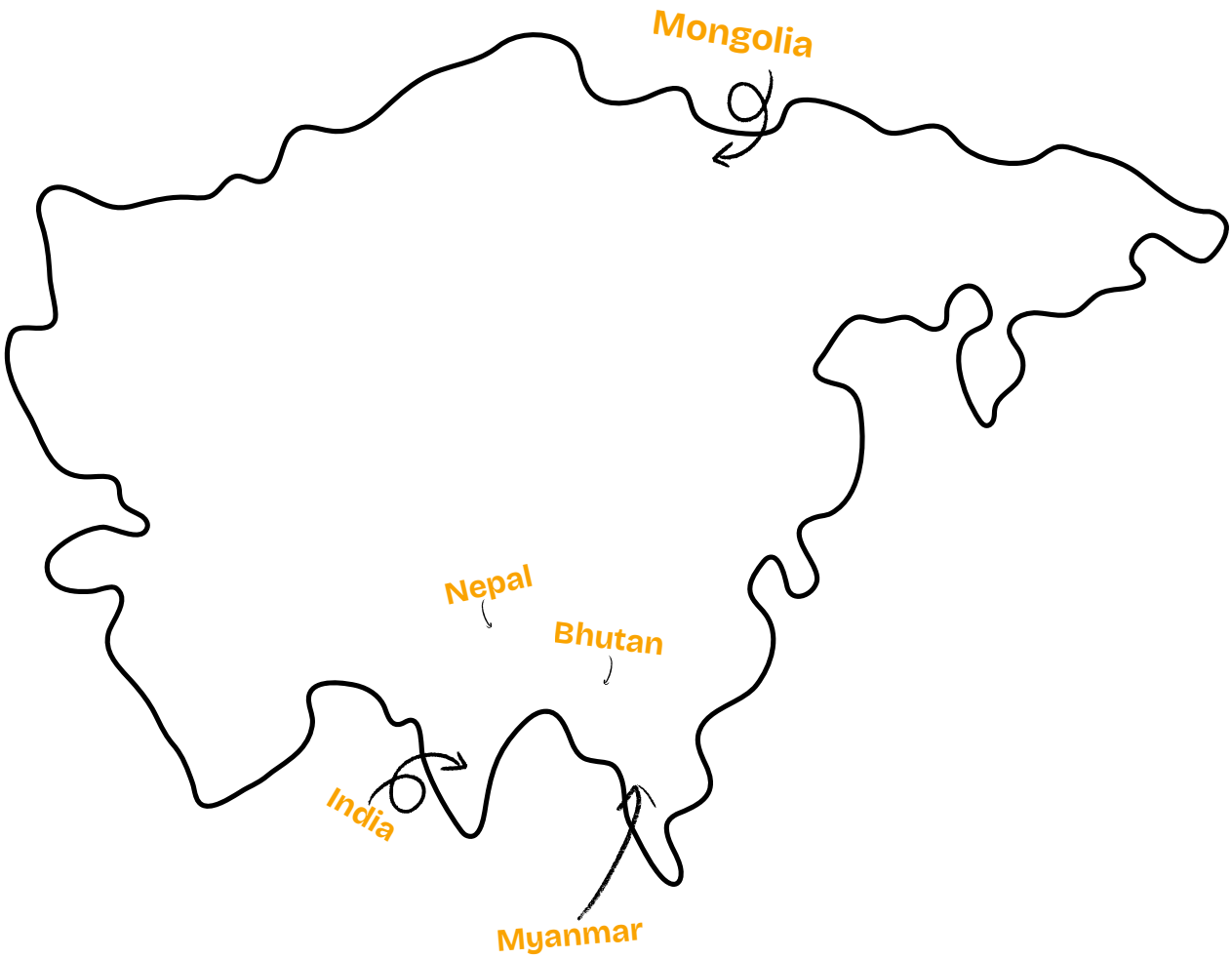
Mission

ASIA works to preserve the identity and the historical and cultural heritage of the peoples of the Asian continent, with a particular focus on Tibet and the Himalayan region. It promotes sustainable development processes that place local communities at the centre, valuing their human, cultural and environmental resources.



Where we operate

ASIA works to support Tibetan refugees in India and Nepal; implements emergency and development cooperation projects in Bhutan, Myanmar, Mongolia and Nepal; and carries out Global Citizenship Education projects in Italy.






Italy


King
of SOUND

Sectors of intervention

ASIA is committed to promoting sustainable development in harmony with the environment and local traditions, and to addressing local challenges across the Himalayan and South-East Asian countries. Our projects span multiple sectors, all aligned with the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

EDUCATION

We believe that education is a fundamental right and a key lever for sustainable development. In line with Sustainable Development Goal 4 of the United Nations 2030 Agenda, we are committed to ensuring quality education for all, with a particular focus on the most vulnerable and marginalised children.

LONG DISTANCE SPONSORSHIP

A pillar of our work is the Long Distance Sponsorship programme, which ensures educational continuity and support for schools, monasteries, monastic colleges and care homes in Nepal, India and Bhutan. Thanks to our supporters, we provide children, young people, older people, monks and nuns with dignified living conditions and an education that respects their cultural identities.

TRAINING AND MICRO-ENTERPRISE

Training and support for micro-enterprises are fundamental to economic and social development. Through targeted capacity-building activities, we enhance professional skills and promote an entrepreneurial culture, enabling local communities to address economic and social challenges independently and thus contributing to poverty reduction.

GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP EDUCATION

Global Citizenship Education (GCE) is essential to educating citizens who are aware of global challenges. In an increasingly interconnected world, it is crucial to raise awareness of minority rights and environmental, economic and social issues. ASIA contributes through projects that promote environmental awareness and the development of socio-emotional and relational skills in children and adolescents, which are essential for positive participation in society.

HEALTH AND WASH

We are committed to improving health conditions and access to safe water resources in the most vulnerable areas, providing integrated interventions ranging from hygiene and health education to the construction of hospitals, clinics and water-filtration systems. We also promote traditional Tibetan medicine, integrating it into local health systems.

EMERGENCY AND POST-EMERGENCY

Our Emergency and Post-emergency sector provides immediate and effective responses to humanitarian crises, supporting affected communities to restore normality. This includes ensuring basic necessities, repairing essential infrastructure and services, and providing psychological support to help people cope with trauma.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND FOOD SECURITY

In Nepal, Bhutan, Myanmar and Mongolia, climate vulnerability and food shortages are critical challenges. To address them, we promote sustainable development and food security through climate-adapted agricultural techniques, social cooperatives, agroforestry and sustainable pasture management. We also value local cultural heritage, integrating it into our projects through a participatory approach.

PROTECTION OF SPIRITUAL, CULTURAL AND ARTISTIC HERITAGE

For over 30 years, we have been committed to protecting the spirituality, traditions and cultural heritage—both tangible and intangible—of Himalayan minorities. Through our support for monasteries, the restoration of works of art, the publication of ancient texts and the training of teachers, we help keep alive the immense heritage of millennia-old knowledge preserved by these communities.

Governance

The sovereign body of ASIA is the Members' Assembly. In 2024, ASIA had 40 members (20 women and 20 men; 36 Italians and 4 other Europeans). The Assembly defines the Association's general guidelines and approves the budget and final balance sheet for each financial year, which ends on 31 December. Every three years it appoints the Board of Directors, the President (legal representative), the Board of Auditors and the Arbitrators. All officers serve three-year terms, are eligible for re-election, and act on a pro bono basis.

The statutory bodies in office for the three-year period of 2022 - 2025 are:

Board of Directors



Andrea Dell'Angelo



Giorgio Cancelliere



Riccardo Ducci



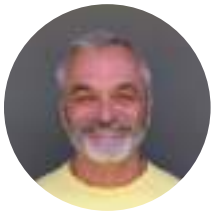
Mark Farrington



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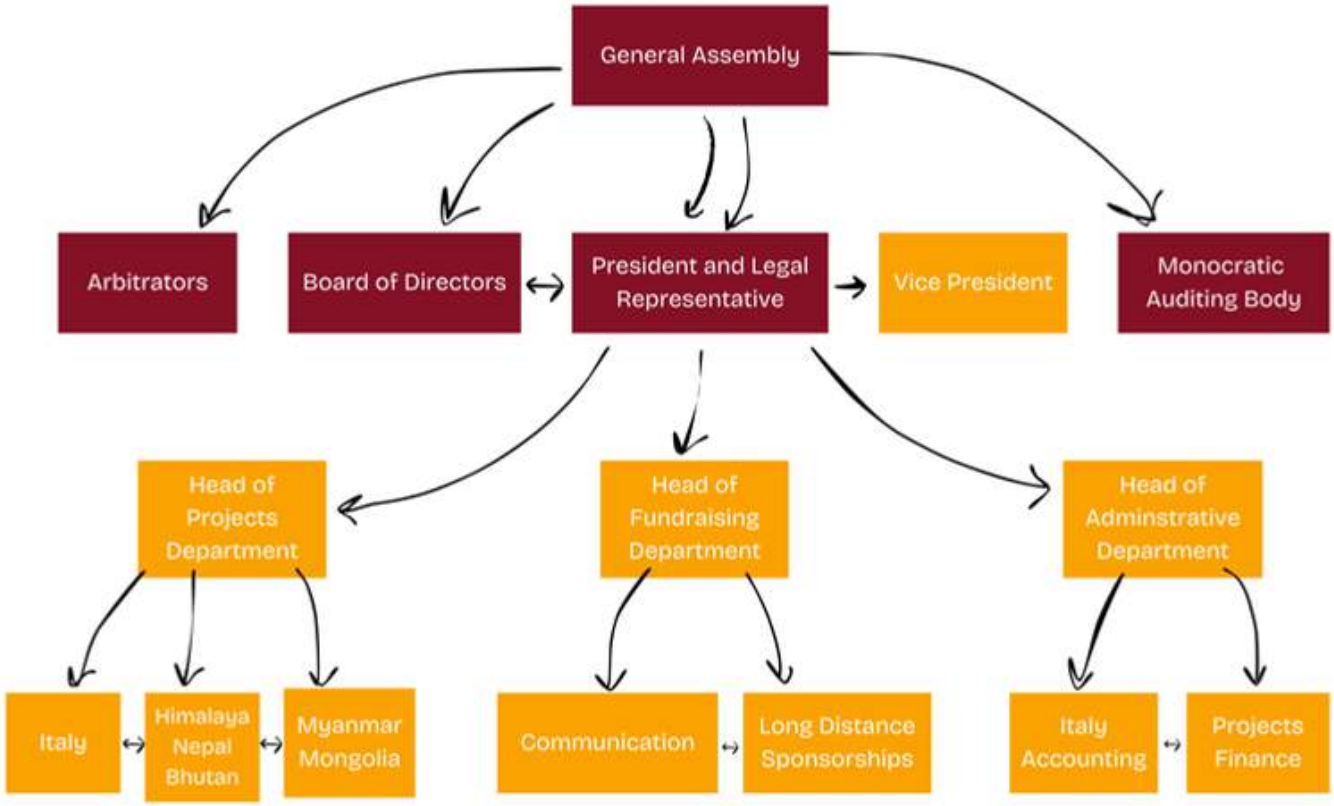


Carla Caponi



Leopoldo Sentinelli

Organisational chart

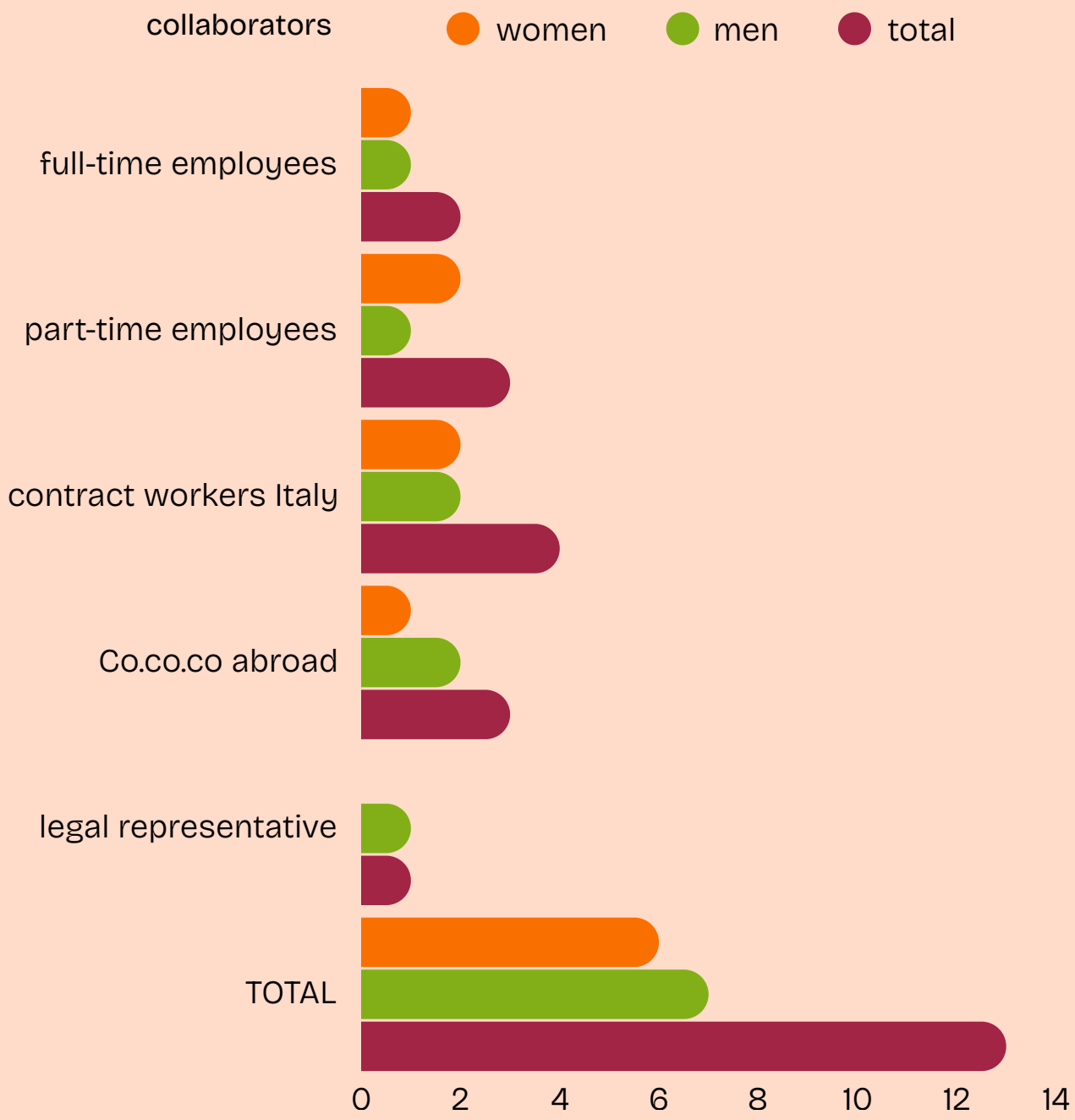


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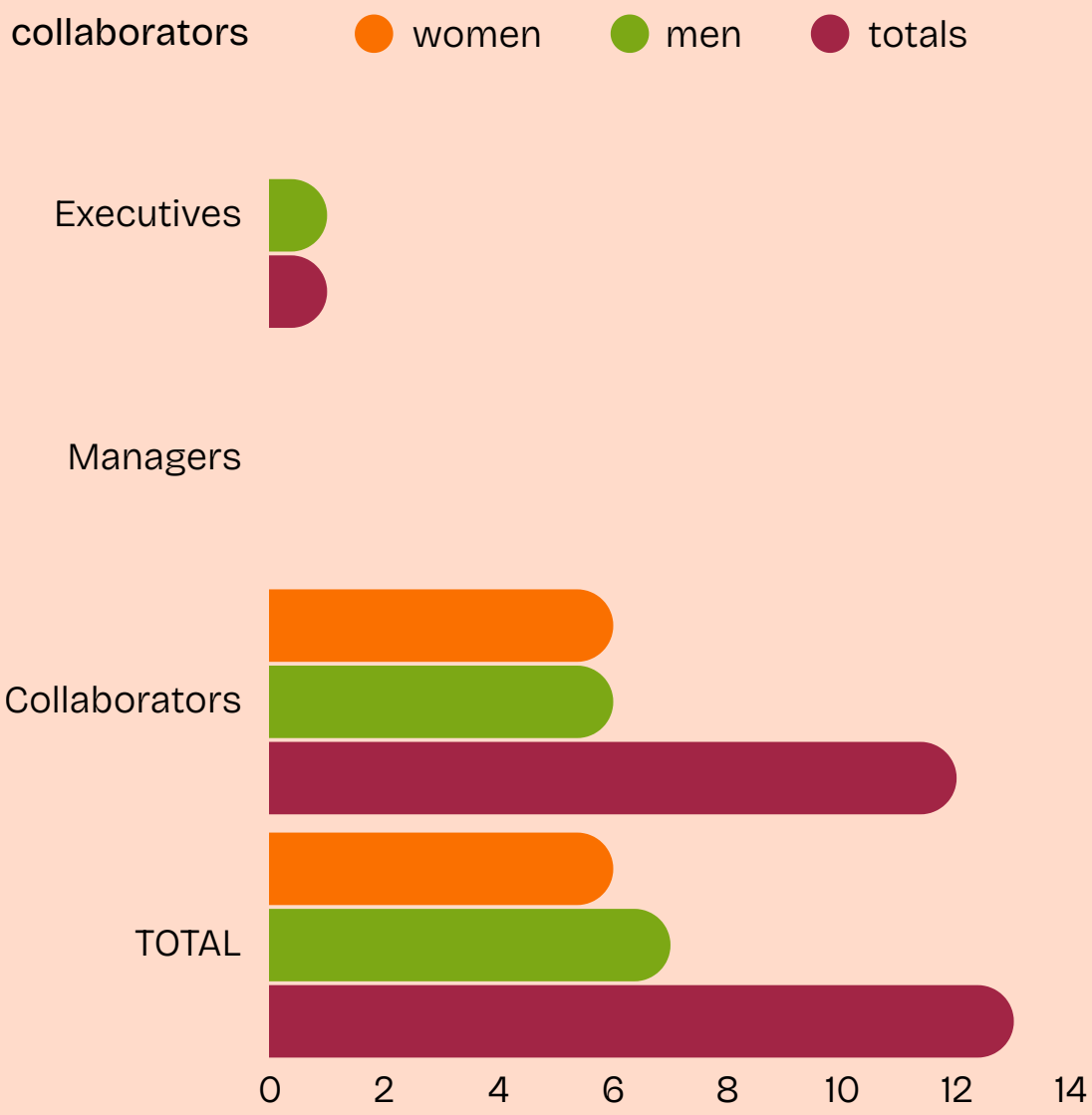
Human resources

Staff composition
as at 31 December 2024

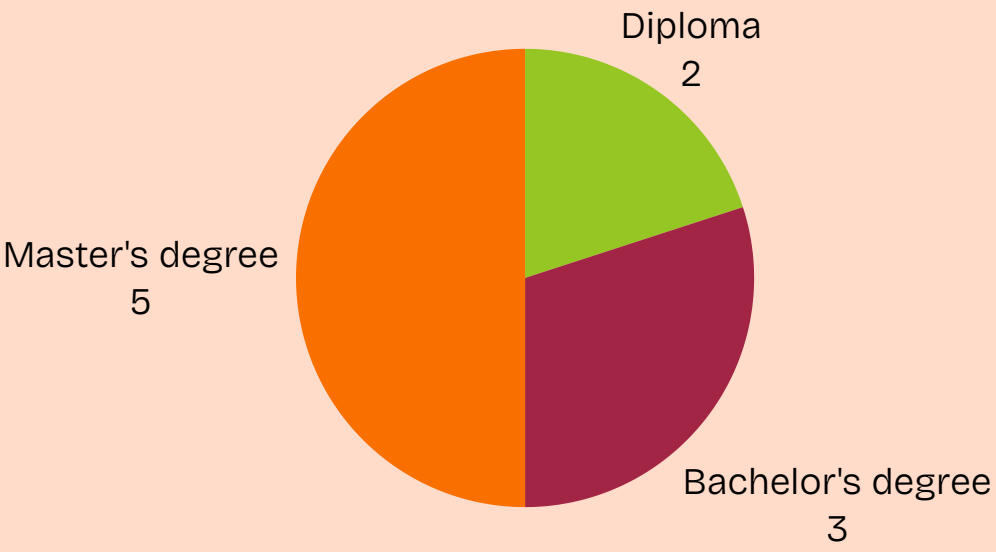




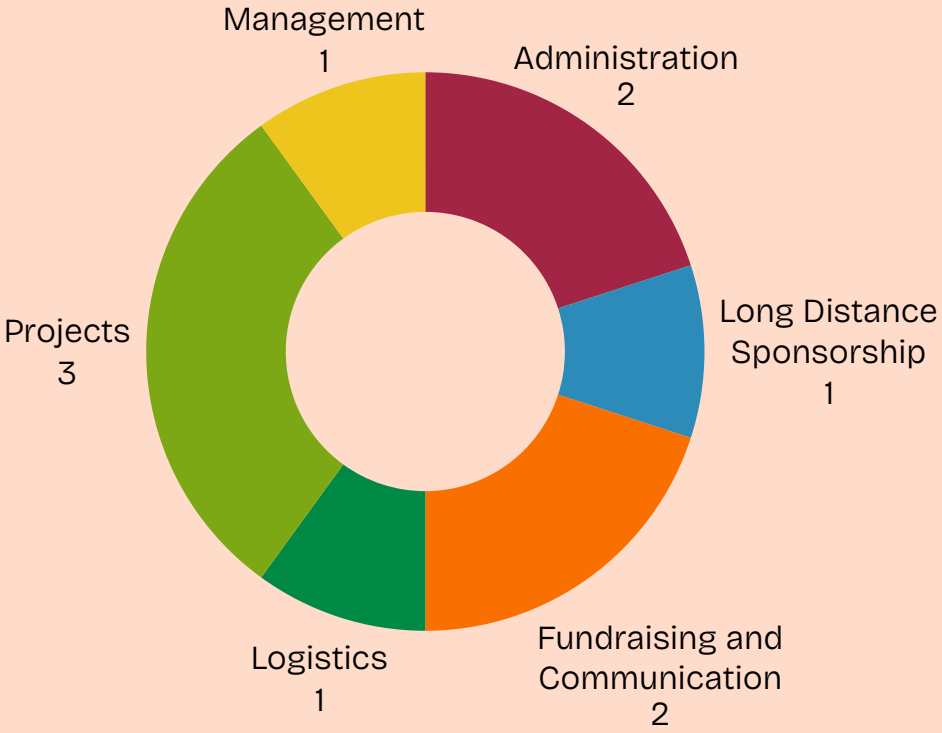
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ASIA's work is based on synergy with organisations and institutions which, with their knowledge, skills and resources, contribute to the design and implementation of projects.

The active participation of the beneficiary communities is also fundamental, as they are committed to initiating and developing sustainable development processes and to maintaining the skills and structures acquired through the projects implemented. Finally, the role of donors is essential: it is thanks to the financial resources they provide, their involvement and active interest that, year after year, we are able to contribute to a better world.

Donators

AICS – Agenzia italiana per la Cooperazione allo Sviluppo

Provincia Autonoma di Bolzano

Fondazione Pianoterra ETS

Krüger Foundation

Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri

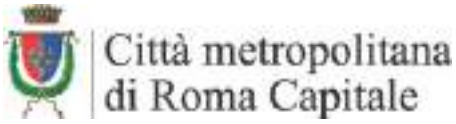
Fondation Almayuda



Tavola Valdese



Tides Foundation



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UBI – Unione Buddhista Italiana



Fondazione Beta



Sanofi Foundation

Thanks to our long-distance sponsors and individual donors.



Partners

IN BHUTAN

Bhutan Nyo Foundation
Department of Agriculture and Department of Health of Ura County
Phrumshingla National Park

IN INDIA

CST (Central School for Tibetans)
Dzigar Holy Cave
TCV (Tibetan Children's Village)
TIPA (Tibetan Institute of Performing Arts)
THF (Tibetan Homes Foundation)
STS (Snow Lion School)

IN ITALY

Agenda 21 Laghi, Comune di Laveno Mombello (VA)
Associazione culturale Dzogchen Merigar
Associazione EFYS
Azienda Ambientale di Pubblico Servizio (AAMPS) di Livorno
CAST ONG Onlus
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IN MYANMAR

COLDA (K'Cho Land Development Association)
Progetto Continenti Onlus
DoA (Department of Agriculture)

IN MONGOLIA

Wildlife Initiative

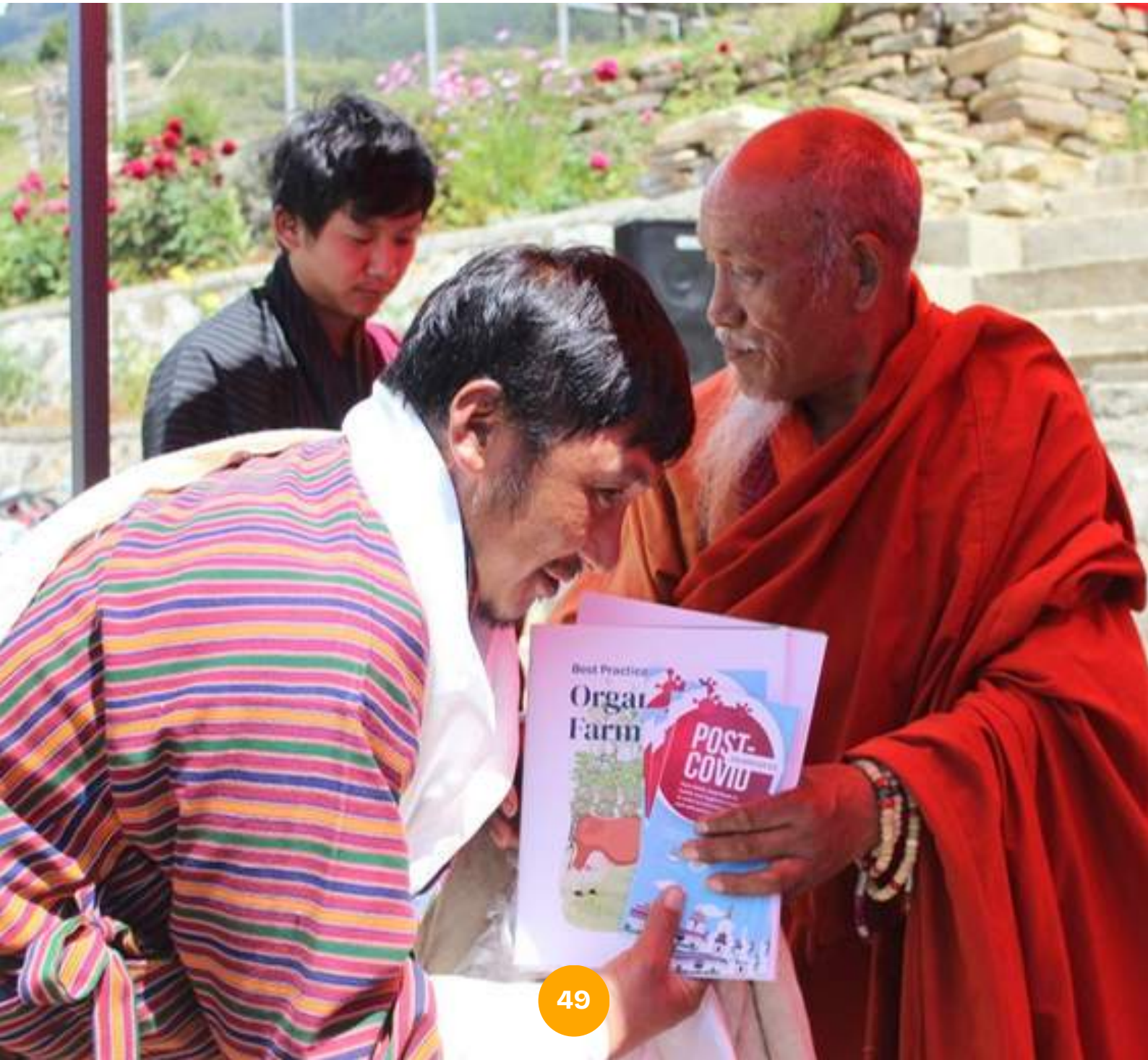
IN NEPAL

ARSOW Nepal
Beautiful Coffee Nepal (BeaCoN)
Build Up Nepal
Community Self Reliance Center (CSRC) Nepal
Gautam Buddha Vihara Monastery
Janahit Nepal
Manasorovar Academy Foundation
Namgyal High School
Nepal Agroforestry Foundation (NAF)
Nghagyur S.C. Monastery
Pal Tashi Choeling
PIPAL Nepal
Sangsung Meri Bon Culture Society
Sengedag Service Society
Sherig Phuntsok Ling Bon Society
Srongtsen Bhrikuti Boarding High School
Triten Norbutse Bönpo Monastery

Network

ASIA is part of the following networks:

- La Gabbianella, coordination network of 46 LDS associations (Long-Distance Support)
- Tavolo della Pace
- Tavolo Nuova cooperazione – citizens' committee of the Municipality of Rome
- Mountain Partnership





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Our approach

In its early years, ASIA focused exclusively on Tibet and on protecting its culture, language and spirituality. From 1993 to 2021 we operated continuously across all Tibetan areas of China. **Since 2022, due to Chinese government restrictions on INGOs working in Tibet, we no longer operate in China.**

Over time, we expanded our work to other countries in Asia. Today we are active in **Nepal, Bhutan, Mongolia, India and Myanmar with development, emergency and Long Distance Sponsorship initiatives, and in Italy with Global Citizenship Education activities**.

ASIA prioritises regions inhabited by ethnic minorities and **supports those most in need—women, children, older persons and people with disabilities**. Interventions are selected on the basis of **equity, justice and the fight against poverty and discrimination**, without yielding to pressure or vested interests from political or powerful groups.





Our approach is grounded in **human rights** and centred on people, the protection of fundamental freedoms, and the strengthening of the rule of law and social justice—specifically **the rights to health, safe drinking water, food, a healthy environment, education, decent work, gender equality and women's empowerment.**

We are guided by the principles of **partnership, solidarity, responsibility and transparency**. We work with partners and beneficiary communities according to their priorities, co-designing results-based projects and promoting the exchange of information and good practices.

In **emergencies**, we act immediately—delivering essential goods and restoring homes, schools, health facilities, sanitation and water-purification systems.

The guiding principle of ASIA's work is that emergency relief must be followed by efforts that rebuild toward lasting, sustainable development.

We aim for a **long-term presence** in defined territories, with priority given to **Himalayan areas** inhabited by marginalised minorities and of demonstrated environmental value and relevance to climate change.

ASIA operates exclusively within the priority sectors of intervention approved by the Members' Assembly.

We also promote awareness and practical application of the secular, universal values embodied in Tibetan and Himalayan cultures and traditions. We believe these principles can meaningfully inform responses to today's complex global challenges and the growing needs of our communities.



Ethics

To ensure compliance with the principles and values underlying the organisation's activities, ASIA has adopted a series of codes and procedures that guarantee fairness, objectivity and impartiality in fulfilling the Association's mission. In particular, it has adopted:

- A **Code of Ethics and Conduct**, which sets out the basic principles and values that guide the organisation's activities and the conduct expected of all staff, partners and suppliers of goods or services;
- An **Integrity Policy** (prevention of fraud, corruption and money laundering), which formalises ASIA's commitment to zero tolerance of unlawful behaviour, corruption or fraud, and to compliance with applicable laws;
- A **Policy for the Prevention and Combating of Sexual Harassment, Bullying (mobbing) and Discrimination** to protect the integrity and dignity of individuals, guaranteeing a working environment based on mutual respect and appropriate interpersonal relationships, in order to improve the internal climate, worker safety and performance;
- A **Policy for the Protection of Minors**, including a Code of Ethics and a Reporting Procedure, binding on all those who work for and with the organisation;
- A **Whistleblowing Policy** for reports relating to the above policies;
- **Administrative and technical procedures** (logistics, project management, human resources, health and safety, etc.) that define clear and impartial rules and processes for managing the organisation's activities in a transparent, honest and compliant manner, in line with leading national and international standards in the sector.

Our commitment in 2024

In 2024, we submitted 19 projects. Of these, seven were approved during the year and three are still under evaluation. During 2024, four projects that had been submitted in 2022 and 2023 were approved. The country with the highest number of submissions was Nepal, with ten proposals. In 2024, a total of eight projects were approved for Nepal, including those from previous years. One project for Nepal remains under evaluation in 2025. No projects were approved for Myanmar in 2024, while for Mongolia, one project that had been submitted to the PCDM in 2022 was approved in 2024. Two projects were submitted for Bhutan, one of which was approved and the other rejected.

2024	Nepal	Myanmar	Bhutan	Mongolia	Italy	Total
Projects submitted	10	1	2	2	4	**19**
Projects approved (2024 submissions)	5	0	1	0	1	**7**
Prior-year submissions approved in 2024 (2022-2023)	3	0	1	0	0	**4**
Total projects approved in 2024	8	0	1	1	1	**11**
Funding for 2024 submissions (€)	421.313	0	134.197	0	9.428	**564.938**
Funding for 2022-2023 submissions (€)	75.000	0	0	279.669	0	**354.669**
Total funding approved in 2024	**496.313**	**0**	**134.197**	**279.669**	**9.428**	**919.607**

The principal donors ASIA engaged in 2024 are summarised in the table below:

Projects approved by country and donor in 2024

2024 donors/countries	Nepal	Bhutan	Myanmar	Mongolia	Italia	Totals by donor
Provincia Bolzano	2					2
PCDM				1		1
Tides Foundation		1			1	2
Sanofi Foundation	1					1
Beta Foundation		1				1
Almayuda Foundation	1					1
Raggio di Luce Foundation	1					1
UBI	1					1
Tavola Valdese	1					1
Provincia di Trento	1					1
Private donors		2				2
Totals by country	**8**	**4**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**14**
Grand total						**14**

A total of 11 projects were approved in 2024, of which 4 had been submitted in 2022–2023 and were approved in 2024. Fondazione Beta, Tides Foundation and two private donors co-financed the same project in Bhutan in 2024, so there are 14 donors but 11 approved projects.

The table below summarizes the number of projects and the amounts funded, by donor and by country.

Amounts funded in euros, by donor and country, in 2024

2024 donors/countries	Nepal		Bhutan		Mongolia		Italia		Totals	
	No. of projects	Amount	No. of projects	Amount	No. of projects	Amount	No. of projects	Amount	Projects	Amount
Provincia Bolzano	2								2	91.315
PCDM					1	27.9669			1	279.669
Pianoterra Foundation									0	0
Tides Foundation			1	33.197			1	9.428	2	42.625
Sanofi Foundation	1	100.000							1	100.000
Beta Foundation			1	20.000					1	20.000
Almayuda Foundation	1	20.000							1	20.000
Raggio di Luce Foundation	1	5000							1	5.000
UBI	1	150.000							1	150.000
Tavola Valdese	1	50.000							1	50.000
Provincia di Trento	1	79.998							1	79.998
Private Donors			2	81.000					2	81.000
Totals by country	**8**	**496313**	**4**	**134.197**	**1**	**279.669**	**1**	**9.428**	**14**	**919.607**

In Bhutan, one project was approved, but Fondazione Beta, Tides Foundation, and two private donors co-financed the same; therefore, the number of projects funded is 11, but there are 14 donors.

The donor that funded the largest number of projects in 2024 was the Autonomous Province of Bolzano, with two approved projects. By amount, the largest funder was PCDM which—like AICS—has, since 2023, limited funding to countries included in the Mattei Plan for Africa and no longer funds projects in ASIA's areas of operation. Next by amount was the Italian Buddhist Union (UBI), noting that only one project per year can be submitted.

By country, Nepal recorded the highest number of funded projects, with eight approvals totalling €496,313, followed by Mongolia with one approval amounting to €279,669, and Bhutan with one approval for €134,197. This pattern indicates a marked reduction in average grant size per project. It reflects AICS's geographic focus, which has curtailed ASIA's access to major public institutional donors and required applications to a broader pool of funders that typically award smaller grants.

By Sectors of intervention, the largest number of approvals was in Environmental protection climate change adaptation (three projects), followed by Emergency and post-emergency and Health and WASH (two projects each). All other sectors listed below registered one project.

Projects approved in 2024 by country and sector of intervention

Sectors/Countries	Nepal	Mongolia	Myanmar	Bhutan	Italia	Totals
Education	1					**1**
Protection of spiritual, cultural and artistic heritage				1		**1**
Food security, agriculture and pastoralism		1				**1**
Environmental protection and climate change adaptation	3					**3**
Emergency and post-emergency	2					**2**
Health and WASH	2					**2**
Global Citizenship Education					1	**1**
Totals	**8**	**1**	**0**	**1**	**1**	**11**

In 2024, 22 projects were implemented using funds carried over from 2023, of which 17 were ongoing at 31 December 2024 and 5 were completed.

Status of projects implemented during 2024

2024	Countries	Nepal	Myanmar	Mongolia	Bhutan	Italy	Totals	Grand Total
Project Status	ongoing	9	1	2	2	3	17	22
	concluded	2	1	/	2	/	5	

The following table sets out the sectors of intervention and the countries where projects were implemented in 2024:

Projects implemented in 2024 by country and sector of intervention

Sectors/Countries	Nepal	Mongolia	Myanmar	Bhutan	Italy	Totals
Education	2	1				**3**
Protection of spiritual, cultural and artistic heritage				1		**1**
Food security, agriculture and pastoralism	5		2	1		**8**
Environmental protection and climate change adaptation		1		1		**2**
Emergency and post-emergency	2			1		**3**
Health and WASH	2					**2**
Global Citizenship Education					3	**3**
Totals	**11**	**2**	**2**	**4**	**3**	**22**

As shown in the table, most projects were implemented in Nepal and Bhutan, followed by Italy, Myanmar and Mongolia. The sectors with the greatest volume of work were Sustainable Development and Food Security (eight projects); Education, Global Citizenship Education, and Emergency and post-emergency (three projects each); then Environmental protection climate change adaptation and Health and WASH; and, finally, Protection of spiritual, cultural and artistic heritage.

In 2024, ASIA reached 17,720 people through development and emergency projects and Long Distance Sponsorship. The breakdown by category appears in the table below; indicative figures suggest near gender parity. The largest group reached were farmers, followed by students and teachers—consistent with the concentration of projects in Sustainable Development and Food Security, Education, Global Citizenship Education, and Long Distance Sponsorship.

Direct beneficiaries by category, gender and country, including Long Distance Sponsorship, for 2024

Beneficiaries/ Country	Nepal		Bhutan		India		Mongolia		Myanmar		Italy		Totals	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Children/ students	410	334	30	33	225	265					2.593	2.593	**3.258**	**3.225**
Nuns/monks	202			3		39							**202**	**42**
Older people					32	29							**32**	**29**
Teachers	8	8	5								357	357	**370**	**365**
Italian civil society											635	635	**635**	**635**
Farmers/ pastoralists	1806	1806	382	569			80	52	2.117	2.117			**4.385**	**4.544**
Total direct beneficiaries	2.426	2.148	417	605	257	333	80	52	2.117	2.117	3.584	3.584	**8.881**	**8.839**
Total direct beneficiaries for 2024													**17.720**	

* Families are counted as a single direct beneficiary. Where not specified, they are included in the project's main sector category.
** Where gender was not specified, a 50:50 split has been applied.

During the three-year period 2022–2024, a total of 54,731 direct beneficiaries were reached. As for indirect beneficiaries—those who benefit from a project's effects in a given area even if not directly involved in its activities—using an average of four people per household for each direct beneficiary in developing countries and three per household in Italy, an estimated 63,708 people were reached in 2024, and 205,503 over the three-year period.

	2022	2023	2024	Three-year total
Children / students	6.174	4.423	6.483	**17.080**
Nuns /monks	188	259	244	**691**
Older people	0	776	61	**837**
Teachers	453	853	734	**2.040**
Italian civil society	1.469	475	1.269	**3.213**
Farmers / pastoralists	13.518	8.424	8928	**30.870**
Totals	**21.802**	**15.210**	**17.719**	**54.731**
Total indirect beneficiaries	**83.143**	**58.652**	**63.708**	**205.503**

To provide an overview, the following tables summarise data from the last three years.

The data confirm that, following the closure of operations in Tibet, ASIA concentrated its efforts in the Himalayan areas of Nepal and Bhutan—remaining faithful to the mission set by our founder, Chögyal Namkhai Norbu, to safeguard the culture and spirituality of Himalayan peoples, with particular attention to Tibetans. As a consequence, the share of projects focused on protecting culture, language and spirituality—previously predominant while ASIA operated in Tibet—declined, as the organisation responded to needs that differ from those in the Tibetan context.

Over the three-year period, 39 out of 63 projects were implemented in Nepal and Bhutan. Among the other countries, the highest numbers of projects were delivered in Italy, Myanmar and Mongolia. Overall project volume remained relatively stable across the period, rising from 18 projects in 2022 to 23 in 2023 and 22 in 2024.

Projects completed in the three-year period by geographical area

Country/Year	2022	2023	2024	Total
Nepal	7	10	11	**28**
Bhutan	3	4	4	**11**
Myanmar	2	4	2	**8**
Mongolia	1	1	2	**4**
Italy	5	4	3	**12**
Total	**18**	**23**	**22**	**63**

In terms of sectors of intervention, Sustainable Development and Food Security was the most prevalent sector over the three-year period, accounting for 32% of all projects implemented, followed by GCE with 19%, Education with 13%, Protection of Spiritual, Cultural and Artistic Heritage with 11%, Emergencies with 8% and Health and WASH with 6%.

Projects implemented over the three-year period by sector of intervention

Sector of intervention/ year	2022	2023	2024	Total	Average area of intervention over the three-year period
Food security, agriculture and pastoralism	5	9	9	**20**	**32%**
Education	3	2	3	**8**	**13%**
Education and Global Citizenship	5	4	3	**12**	**19%**
Emergency and Post-Emergency	0	2	3	**5**	**8%**
Environmental protection and climate change adaptation	3	3	1	**7**	**11%**
Environmental protection and climate change adaptation	2	1	4	**7**	**11%**
Health and WASH	0	2	2	**4**	**6%**
Total	**18**	**23**	**22**	**63**	**100%**

From a financial perspective, the table below sets out the amounts funded over the three years across the countries where ASIA operates.

Amount financed for projects/country/calendar year (in €)

Country/year	2022	2023	2024	Three-year total by country
Nepal	419.653,73	102.376	496.313	1.018.342,73
Mongolia	0	156.148	279.669	435.817
Myanmar	231.064	0	0	231.064
Bhutan	261105	41.645	134.197	436.947
Italy	83.195	32.570	9.428	125.193
Totals	**995.018**	**332.739**	**919.607**	**2.247.363,73**

This table shows that the countries receiving the most funding over the three-year period were Nepal and Bhutan, confirming ASIA's Himalayan focus, followed by Mongolia, Myanmar and Italy. Unfortunately, the annual trend by country is highly variable, underscoring how difficult it is to make accurate forecasts for the countries where ASIA operates. This variability reflects the donor landscape in each country, the quality of proposals, ASIA's in-country staffing and the approval rate of projects. In funding terms, 2024 returned to 2022 levels after the significant slump in 2023.

As regards Long Distance Sponsorship, 1,118 people were sponsored in 2024, of whom 632 were women and 486 men. By category, children received the most support (863 students), followed by 194 monks and nuns and 61 older people. The highest number of sponsorships was in India (590), followed by Nepal (512) and Bhutan (16).

Long Distance Sponsorship by category, country and gender for 2024

	India		Nepal		Bhutan		**Totali**	
	M	F	M	F	M	F	M	F
Children/Students	225	265	218	142	5	8	**448**	**415**
Nuns/Monks	0	39	152	0	0	3	**152**	**42**
Older people	32	29	0	0	0	0	**32**	**29**
Total	257	333	370	142	5	11	**632**	**486**

The results of Long Distance Sponsorship over the last three years are shown in the table below, which indicates a decline from 1,325 in 2022 to 1,118 in 2024—a reduction of 207 (about 16%). Unfortunately, many supporters were particularly motivated to assist students and monks in Tibet; with the closure of activities in Tibet in 2021, Long Distance Sponsorship has fallen sharply, and relaunching the programme is not easy, also because of the severe emergencies affecting the world.

Total LDS per country/year (2022-2024)

Country/year	**LDS 2022**	**LDS 2023**	**LDS 2024**	**Three-year total**
India	642	609	590	1841
Nepal	680	633	512	1825
Mongolia	3	16	16	35
Total	**1325**	**1258**	**1118**	**3701**

The number of institutions involved in Long Distance Sponsorship across the various countries has remained broadly constant. In India, the number of schools is slightly higher because ASIA began this project in 1994 and later expanded it in Tibet and Nepal. Recently, ASIA has sought to increase Long Distance Sponsorship and involve a greater number of educational and monastic institutions in Nepal, to support Tibetan culture and Tibetan refugees in the country. In Bhutan, schools are supported by the Bhutanese government; the few schools that require assistance are in remote areas and very poor districts where families need additional help to educate their children, so identifying institutions in need of support is quite complex.

Total LDS projects per country/year (2022-2024)

Country/year	LDS 2022	LDS 2023	LDS 2024
India	23	19	19
Nepal	14	15	15
Bhutan	1	2	2
Total	**38**	**36**	**36**

With regard to income from Long Distance Sponsorship projects, the results for the three-year period are as follows. The downward trend over the last three years is clear.

Income from LDS projects (2022-2024)

Country/year	2022	2023	2024	Three-year total
Amounts due in the calendar year	397.500	377.400	335.400	1.110.300
Amounts received during the year	394.395	326.922	328.928	1.050.245

Differences between amounts due and amounts received are due to payments made in years other than the year to which they relate.

Fundraising and communication are important areas of ASIA's work, contributing to the mobilisation of the resources necessary to implement projects and cover management costs.

To give an idea of the performance of this sector, the tables below summarise fundraising results over the three-year period. In 2024, there was an increase in donations from private individuals for emergency projects related to the earthquake and floods in Nepal. Part of these funds were raised in 2023 but, as they were not spent during 2023, they were carried over to 2024. For the remaining items, there were no significant changes in income.

Income from fundraising activities over the three-year period

Fundraising item/year	2022	2023	2024
Donations from private individuals*	194.447	189.916	338.301,69
5x1000	63.666	52.708	46.259,45
Unrestricted donations	78.508**	89.566	69.978,79
calendars	5.237**	5.139	5.107
items, T-shirts, etc.	13.508	12.853	14.755,89
Treedom	40.000	80.500,0	70.000
Total	**395.366**	**430.682**	**544.402,82**

* donations from individuals for projects
** donations from individuals for general expenses

Unfortunately, 5 per mille contributions to ASIA have declined in recent years. We have gone from around 1,900 designations to just over 1,000, and from approximately €90,000 to €46,000, with a continuing downward trend. There are several reasons for this.

In particular: ASIA's exit from Tibet; the death of ASIA's President in 2018; competition from larger, better-resourced INGOs able to run 5 per mille campaigns on television, radio and in the press; the limited size of ASIA's supporter base; and the lack of funds to invest in a stronger 5 per mille campaign for ASIA.

To provide a simple summary of income from projects, Long Distance Sponsorship and fundraising over the last three years—excluding other income items such as receivables recorded under fixed assets, membership fees, counterpart contributions and exchange-rate differences—the following summary data are provided.

Income from (projects + fundraising + long distance sponsorships) over the three-year period

Projects	2022	2023	2024
	995.017,00	332.739,00	919.617
LDS	2022	2023	2024
	394.395,00	326.922,00	328.928
Fundraising	2022	2024	2024
	395.366,00	430.682,00	544.402,82
Total	**1.784.778,00**	**1.090.343,00**	**1.792.947,82**

These figures show that the funds ASIA manages each year are limited and do not enable the organisation to grow and develop sufficiently to ensure future sustainability. In 2024, despite the significant challenges of the global crisis, ASIA reversed the 2023 downturn and restored revenues to 2022 levels. However, this level remains insufficient to meet the growing needs in our countries of operation and to cover rising management costs.



Ongoing projects in 2024



BHUTAN

In January 2024, parliamentary elections were held in Bhutan for the fourth time since the country's transition from an absolute monarchy to a constitutional monarchy in 2008. The People's Democratic Party (PDP) won, securing 30 of the 47 parliamentary seats. With over 330,000 votes cast, turnout was around 65% which—while confirming the country's democratic vitality—was the lowest since 2008, signalling a degree of voter fatigue. Bhutan's complex economic situation was central to the electoral debate. According to World Bank estimates, Bhutan's GDP has grown by just over 1.5% over the last five years.

Furthermore, youth unemployment—at almost 30%—is a serious concern. This has led to significant out-migration, causing deep alarm among Bhutan's leadership, who fear the progressive loss of talented young people. The economy is also weighed down by the slow recovery of the tourism sector, still affected by the legacy of the Covid-19 pandemic. Despite measures by the government to reduce the costs borne by visitors, in 2023 the number of foreign tourists was only a third of that in 2019. In addition, Bhutan continues to face challenges in diversifying its economy and fully exploiting its hydropower potential, of which only around 10% is currently utilised.





Another aspect drawing attention is Bhutan's foreign policy. The country currently has diplomatic relations with just over 50 states, with notable absences such as the United States, China, Russia and European countries including the United Kingdom, France and Italy. Traditionally, Bhutan's main ally has been India which, prior to 2008, effectively managed the country's foreign policy in exchange for economic benefits and security guarantees. Bhutan must also contend with its other neighbour, China. Not only do the two countries lack official diplomatic relations; they are also involved in territorial disputes along the Himalayan border. However, the situation may be evolving. At the end of last year, Bhutan and China began a series of talks aimed at resolving these disputes, signing a cooperation agreement that raised concerns in New Delhi, amid fears that a positive outcome could lead to the establishment of diplomatic relations. Beijing could use such an opening to draw Bhutan further into its sphere of influence, to India's detriment. This scenario—alongside China's broader efforts to expand its presence in South Asia—could further unsettle regional balances. That said, India remains Bhutan's principal political and economic partner. Nevertheless, Bhutan finds itself in a difficult position, navigating external pressures alongside internal challenges.

ASIA has been working in Bhutan since 2020 and has to date implemented nine projects, reaching 6,000 direct beneficiaries. Of these nine projects, two were emergency interventions to help prevent the spread of Covid-19 and increase food security; three supported the restoration and development of two ancient spiritual centres; one aimed to increase farmers' production capacity and ensure food security in two very remote districts; two sought to develop and improve the educational provision of schools located far from major population centres; and one supported the development of ecotourism.



BHUTAN 2024 IN NUMBERS

Projects

4 Projects:

1 to be completed in 2025

3 completed during 2024

Sectors of intervention

Protection of spiritual, cultural and artistic heritage

Emergency and post-emergency

Sustainable development and food security

Training and micro-enterprises

Sustainable development goals



Our beneficiaries

Direct: 1.004 persone

Indirect: 4.016 persone

Together with

Bhutan Nyo Foundation
Department of Agriculture
Department of Health of Ura County
Phrumshingla National Park

Thanks to

Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri
Tides Foundation
Provincia Autonoma di Bolzano
Bhutan Nyo Foundation

Funds spent

€ 143.371





What we have achieved

640	square meters completed and furnished inside the Sumthrang Monastery and 2,500 square metres of paved external courtyard
308	health and hygiene prevention brochures printed and distributed
12	greenhouses (with related equipment) purchased and distributed
1	permanent covered structure built for the display and sale of beneficiaries' fruit and vegetable products
5	motor cultivators distributed to five formally established women's groups, with training in organic farming techniques and agricultural mechanisation
25	acres off land cultivated and sown
70	km of nature trails restored
8	historic sites cleaned, consolidated and repaired

Revival of the spiritual and cultural traditions of Sumthrang Monastery and provision of vocational training to improve local education and the employability of the younger generation – PHASE 2

Ura County, Sumthrang Village

DESCRIPTION

This project is Phase Two of a programme completed in 2022, aiming to revive the Sumthrang tradition through the creation of a learning centre designed to preserve and transmit this spiritual heritage and to improve the knowledge and skills of local young people, offering training opportunities to enhance their economic and social conditions. Phase One involved the design and construction of a multi-purpose building for educational activities, toilets and showers, together with training on hygiene and health (and distribution of hygiene kits), and capacity-building to strengthen the partner's project management skills. In this second phase, a guesthouse, a library, a building with classrooms for school activities, rooms for teachers, a courtyard, outdoor facilities and drainage were constructed, and training activities were carried out to enhance the partner's management capacity. In addition, basic equipment was provided to furnish the library, student and teacher accommodation, and the kitchen.



SECTORS OF INTERVENTION

Protection of Spiritual, Cultural and Artistic Heritage; Training and Micro-Enterprise

PROJECT FUNDING

Total project cost: US$ 100.000,00
Amount spent in 2024: € 13.231
Donors: Tides Foundation

PARTNERS

Bhutan Nyo Foundation

PROGRESS

Start date: 25 January 2022
End date: 25 January 2024
Duration: 24 months

OBJECTIVES

General Objective:
The spiritual and cultural traditions of Sumthrang have been preserved and passed on to future generations in Bhutan.

Specific Objective:
A spiritual, cultural and vocational centre for nuns, monks and lay people—with classrooms, dormitories, kitchen, canteen, toilets and showers for up to 50 students—has been built in the village of Sumthrang, and secular education activities have been successfully launched.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES

A1. Establishment of a project committee with representatives from the Monastery, the Nyo Foundation and ASIA to manage project activities.

A2. Construction of a 117 m² two-storey guesthouse with six rooms to accommodate scholars, teachers and visiting guests, equipped with basic facilities and furnishings.

A3. Construction of a building with a library and classrooms totalling 172 m², equipped with basic services and furnishings.

A4. Construction of a 2,500 m² courtyard and 1,250 m² of roads, paths and green areas.

A5. Organisation of training on the logical framework, project cycle, budget control and monitoring.

EXPECTED RESULTS

R1. Establishment and operation of a project committee with representatives from the Monastery, the Nyo Foundation and ASIA to coordinate project activities.

R2. A 117 m² two-storey guesthouse with six rooms to accommodate scholars, teachers and visiting guests, built in traditional architectural style and equipped with basic facilities and furnishings.

R3. A building with a library and classrooms totalling 172 m², built in traditional architectural style and equipped with basic services and furnishings.

R4. A 2,500 m² courtyard and 1,250 m² of roads, paths and green areas, suitably constructed and ready to host cultural events and religious festivals in accordance with local tradition.

R5. Improved capacity of Nyo Foundation staff to evaluate, manage and monitor projects.

RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2024

All project activities were carried out and all expected results were achieved. In particular:

R1. An operational committee was established and is functioning.

R2. A 335 m² two-storey guesthouse, built in traditional style, painted and equipped with beds, mattresses and tables.

R3. A 64 m² library and study room, built in traditional style and equipped with tables, bookcases and books.

R4. A 241 m² two-storey building with classrooms and accommodation for teachers, completed and equipped.





R5. A 2,500 m² paved courtyard; construction of external structures such as stairs, retaining walls and drainage systems; cementing of the access road to the monastery to make it vehicle-accessible; and creation of a new vehicle parking area.

R6. On-the-job training delivered to all Nyo Foundation staff during ASIA's on-site missions and remotely.

BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN 2024

50	5	220*
students attending short courses each year	**permanent teachers**	**people** (families of students and teachers)

*indirect beneficiaries

Emergency and hunger-relief project for the most vulnerable groups in the farming villages of Ura County, Bhutan, to address the food crisis caused by Covid-19 preventive measures and help control the spread of the virus.



Ura County, Sumthrang Village

DESCRIPTION

The Covid-19 emergency had a strong and immediate impact on the national economy. As Bhutan is a very small country, this was almost immediately reflected in a food-supply problem. In rural areas, many people returning from India were left without work and, with the complete shutdown of tourism, the economic situation worsened dramatically. Many were left in extreme poverty and malnutrition and, despite the government's efforts, the food situation deteriorated over time. The project therefore focuses on two pillars: strengthening agricultural and health activities to equip the local health system with the tools and resources to contain the consequences of any resurgence of Covid-19 or other highly transmissible diseases.

SECTORS OF INTERVENTION

Emergency and post-emergency

PROJECT FUNDING

Total project cost : € 170.880,46
Amount spent in 2024: € 50.171
Donors: Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri

PARTNERS

Bhutan Nyo Foundation, Department of Agriculture of Ura County; Department of Health of Ura County



PROGRESS

Start date: 01 February 2023
End date: 31 May 2024
Duration: 16 months (12 months + 4 months)

OBJECTIVES

General Objective:

To improve the living conditions of the population of Ura County after the Covid-19 pandemic.

Specific objectives:

To improve the disease-response capacity of the population and the local hospital, and to improve the productive capacity of farmers in Ura County.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES

A1. Selection of beneficiaries, establishment of a project committee and coordination of project activities.

A2. Organisation of distributions in collaboration with the Ura County Government, the Nyo Foundation, and the county's Agriculture and Health Departments.

A4. Purchase of agricultural tools, motor cultivators, greenhouses and equipment for fruit-and-vegetable stands.

A5. Formation of 12 groups of farmers consisting of 15 young people each (50% women), trained through three courses on greenhouse management for vegetables, organic farming techniques, and storage and marketing of vegetable products.

A6. Strengthening of the local health system and health- and hygiene-awareness activities.

A7. Monitoring of activities and final reporting.

EXPECTED RESULTS

R1. 2,000 people made aware of Covid prevention, health issues and the importance of hygiene in disease prevention.

R2. Enhanced response capacity of the local hospital in dealing with Covid and other diseases present in the area.

R3. Improved skills and knowledge of 84 farming families in greenhouse management and vegetable production.

RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2024

R1. To raise awareness among the entire population of Ura County, 12 panels were produced and installed in local meeting places; 308 brochures were produced and distributed in the local language and in English, explaining best practices for preventing the spread of Covid and other infectious diseases. A video on the spread and prevention of infectious diseases and good hygiene practices was produced and broadcast on national television.

R2. To improve healthcare services at the local hospital, medical equipment was procured at different times: specifically, 10 pulse oximeters, 10 blood-pressure monitors and 3 oxygen concentrators; subsequently, in 2024, additional blood-pressure monitors, pulse oximeters, oxygen regulators, computers, printers, scales, centrifuges and haemoglobin meters were purchased.





R3. To increase production and improve the skills of the 84 selected farming families, 12 greenhouses (100 m² each) were purchased; 12 greenhouse-equipment kits and 12 vegetable-seed kits were distributed. Training courses on greenhouse management and cultivation were delivered to 12 groups of 15 farmers each—mainly women—and wooden beds were constructed in each greenhouse to facilitate cultivation. In addition, 12 motor cultivators were purchased and training on their use and maintenance was provided. In February, training was organised on the preservation and processing of agricultural products; visits were arranged to agricultural-product processing centres; and a manual on organic-farming principles was produced and distributed to all participating farmers. Finally, a permanent covered structure was built for the display and sale of beneficiaries' fruit and vegetables, equipped with toilets and a tea-sales room; it was inaugurated in the presence of local authorities during ASIA's final mission in May 2024.

BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN 2024

673
Families in Ura County

2692
people

Improving food security and economic conditions for 200 women farmers, organised into five women's groups, through sustainable agricultural techniques, training, mechanisation and market access in Mongar County, Bhutan

Mongar District, Mongar County

DESCRIPTION

In recent years, the Covid-19 emergency has had a strong and immediate impact on Bhutan's economy, paralysing production and trade in imports and exports. Many young people and migrants returning from India have sought to resume agricultural activities to produce food for their families. While men work mainly in construction, women are primarily engaged in agricultural production; however, the lack of mechanisation and the challenging topography make daily tasks highly demanding. It is therefore important to make agriculture less strenuous and more manageable for women, reducing physical fatigue and increasing the efficiency and effectiveness of their work.

SECTORS OF INTERVENTION

Sustainable development and food security





PROJECT FUNDING

Total project cost: € 97.135
Amount spent in 2024: € 43.604
Donors: Provincia Autonoma Bolzano; ASIA and Nyo Foundation

PARTNERS

Bhutan Nyo Foundation

PROGRESS

Start date: 27 January 2023
End date: 31 August 2024
Duration in months: 20 months (12 months + 8 months)

OBJECTIVES

General Objective:

The project aims to increase the productive capacity of the area and the income of farming families.

Specific Objectives:

Increase the participation of young women in the primary sector and allocate 25 acres of land to production; increase horticultural output using organic farming techniques with high agro-biodiversity; introduce new products to the market to raise household incomes.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES

A1. Train 200 women in financial management, organic farming techniques, mechanisation, use and management of project-provided equipment, and the requirements/characteristics of the promoted crops; organise five working groups (two villages per group) and provide organisational support.

A2. Identify crops and horticultural products for each cultivation area and define appropriate sales strategies for each product.

A3. Provide agricultural inputs—seeds and light machinery such as motor cultivators—to the trained women's groups.

A4. Identify land for cultivation, prioritising marginal areas and formerly abandoned farmland, with a view to improving the area.

A5. Verify usage rights for the 25 acres allocated to the five production groups across the ten villages.

A6. Support the production of vegetables, quinoa and maize, and facilitate sales and linkages to the most promising markets.

A10. Conduct a market analysis and develop the skills needed to prepare business plans and sales strategies for the five women's groups, training them in the use of these management tools.

EXPECTED RESULTS

R1. Five women's groups with 200 women trained in organic farming techniques and primary processing of agricultural products.

R2. Five women's groups formally established and officially recognised (one per two villages).

R3. 25 acres of marginal land recovered and put into production, with improved biodiversity and ecosystem services

R4. 20 additional tonnes of vegetables per season produced and placed on the market.

R5. 5 additional tonnes of quinoa and maize per season produced and placed on the market.

R6. 14.000€ in product sales earned by the five women's groups, making an important contribution to local and household economies.

RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2024

R1. 187 women trained through three 10-day courses on organic farming techniques; agricultural mechanisation; and storage, distribution and marketing of agricultural products. The women's groups were provided with farming equipment and five motor cultivators.

R2. Five groups of 30 women each were formed in Mongar County and received the training and equipment provided by the project.

R3. Twenty-five acres of land were identified for cultivation and mapped. A report on plant species and soil types was prepared to inform a cultivation plan based on market analysis.



R4. To increase production, the women's groups received 3,200 cardamom seedlings; an electric-fencing set for fields; four water tanks; two grass cutters; and seeds, potatoes, fertilisers and tools. The 25 acres were then worked and sown, and agreements were signed with hotels and wholesalers for the supply of fresh vegetables. Wooden crates with logos were produced for transport and sale.

R5. A market analysis was carried out and five business plans were drawn up—one per women's group—and the women were trained in their use to improve group management skills.

BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN 2024

187
women

30
men

who benefited from training activities on four occasions, visits to markets and the distribution of equipment.

1068*
people from the 10 villages

where the women of the 5 groups come from

*indirect beneficiaries





Nyo Heritage Eco-Cultural Trail: a trail to conserve natural and cultural heritage and support the economic and social development of local communities



Choekhor, Tang and Ura counties in the Bumthang district

DESCRIPTION

The project aims to develop a trail connecting three important historic counties, crossing unspoilt landscapes and passing historical and cultural sites, to give Bhutanese people and international visitors the opportunity to immerse themselves in Bhutan's nature and ancient culture, while generating sustainable economic growth for local communities. These treks form part of the Government's strategy to create environmentally sustainable routes in Bhutan's poorest, least visited areas.

Bhutan is known for having preserved ancient culture and biodiversity from exploitation and globalisation. However, since opening to the outside world in the 1960s, the country has faced pressures that have endangered its cultural heritage, pristine natural environment and biodiversity. Forests—as well as works of art kept in houses, temples and monasteries in remote areas—have been looted and sold abroad. To counter this degradation, the Government has enacted a series of laws to protect its forests, rich in precious woods and wildlife, and has regulated tourism by establishing a daily fee for visitors. Nevertheless, in remote areas income opportunities are very limited. Local people—mostly farmers or nomadic herders—depend on their own agricultural production, which often does not ensure food security or economic self-sufficiency. Tourism, one of the Government's main sources of foreign currency, is concentrated in larger towns and does not reach these remote areas, particularly Bumthang District, which is the focus of this project. The consequences of Covid-19 have compounded these problems: trade with neighbouring countries was restricted, limiting opportunities for young people to work abroad (especially in India), and border closures halted tourism, causing a severe economic crisis and a rise in youth unemployment. This further impoverishment and the lack of productive alternatives have again encouraged illegal logging, poaching and the theft of artworks. To preserve Bhutan's precious cultural and natural heritage, it is therefore necessary to create new income opportunities for communities in remote areas and for unemployed young people, involving them in activities that promote the conservation and protection of cultural and historical sites and biodiversity. This also means supporting communities to value their cultural heritage and the richness of their natural environment so that they respect and preserve them for future generations, while learning to use these assets sustainably to create livelihoods for young people and their families.
At the request of local authorities, the project therefore proposes to develop an eco-cultural tourism route—the "Nyo Heritage Eco-Cultural Trail"—following the ancient route of a 13th-century Buddhist saint who travelled from Tibet to Bhutan through the valleys of the three counties of Choekor, Tang and Ura, stopping in Ura, where he established one of the oldest and most important spiritual centres in Bhutan. In this way, the project aims to promote the area to both local and foreign visitors by creating new activities focused on responsible tourism that respects local nature and culture.



SECTORS OF INTERVENTION

Protection of Spiritual, Cultural and Artistic Heritage; Training and Micro-Enterprise

PROJECT FUNDING

Total project cost: : € 83.290
Amount spent in 2024: € 36.365
Donatori: Provincia Autonoma Bolzano (41.465€) ; ASIA and Nyo Foundation (41.645€)

PARTNERS

Druk Nyo Foundation and Phrumshingla National Park

PROGRESS

Start date: 1 January 2024
End date: 30 June 2025
Duratation in months: 18 months

OBJECTIVES

General Objective:
Improve the economic and social conditions of communities in the three valleys of Choekor, Tang and Ura, Bumthang District, Bhutan.

Specific Objectives:
Protect and restore natural and cultural heritage in the project area; train young people in the hospitality sector and generate new economic activities.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES

A1. Reorganise 70 km of an eco-cultural tourist route (clearing brambles, securing the route, installing signage, and including it in trekking maps).

A2. Restore 8 historical monuments along the trail.

A3. Create two points where visitors can prepare food, cook and access water, and seven rest points along the route.

A4. Identify and label at least 108 rare plants visible along the route with local and scientific names, and label and describe at least 13 historical and cultural sites and monuments.

A5. Train 45 young people (50% women) as tourist guides and refreshment-point managers, and in the principles of hospitality.

A6. Deliver awareness programmes for 600 students and 60 teachers on the importance of culture and nature in three local schools in the three counties along the Trail.

A7. Produce a promotional video and a mobile application with geotagging for self-guided tours.

RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2024

R1. 70 km of nature trails restored by clearing paths, building wooden bridges and steps, and cutting back brambles, shrubs and obstructing trees.

R2. Eight historical sites along the trail cleaned, consolidated and repaired, making them visible and accessible to visitors.

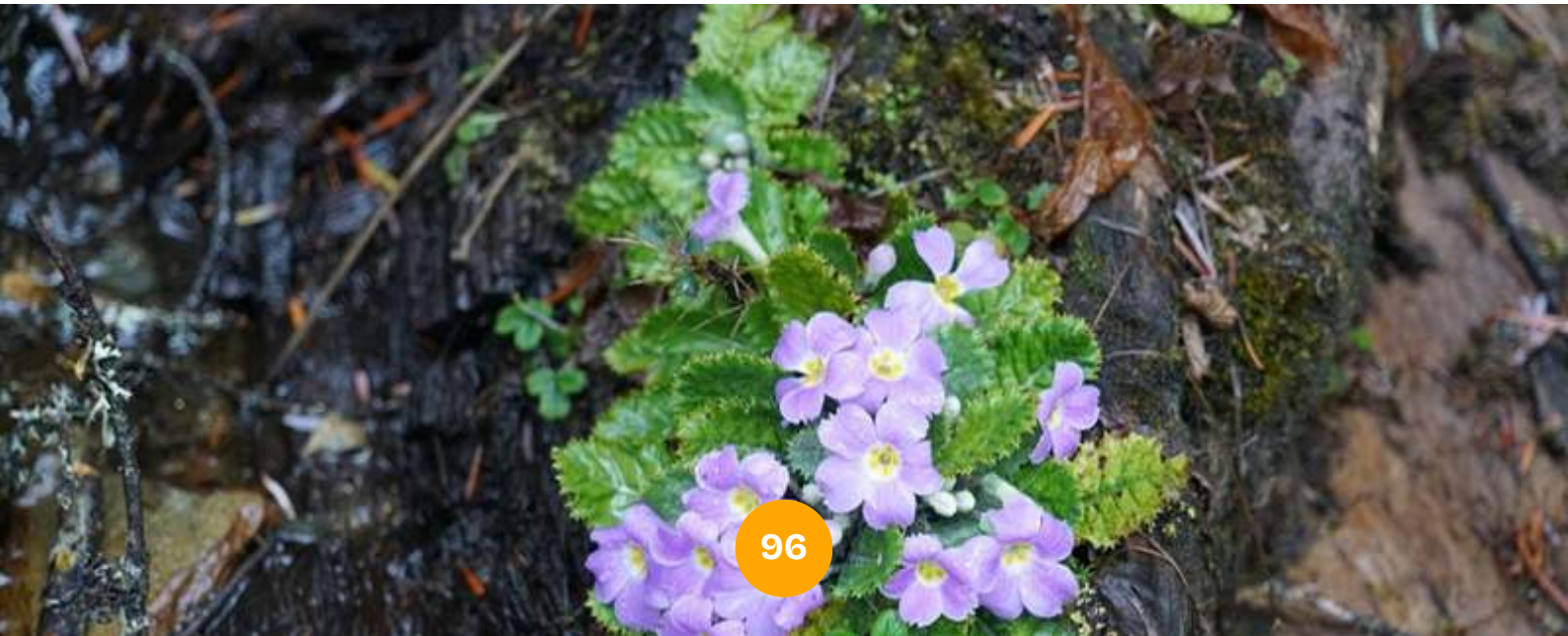
R3. Two picnic areas equipped with tables and chairs, and seven rest stops with shelters to protect against rain or snow, built along the trail using wood and local materials.

R4. 108 rare plants and 13 historical sites identified and documented with photographs. (To be completed in 2025 with installation of plant-identification plaques, trail signs and descriptive panels for cultural sites.)

R5. Thirty young people trained—50% women—to manage small cafés for tourists and to provide rural hospitality. (To be completed in 2025 with a final course for tourist guides.)

R6. Awareness-raising activities scheduled for 2025 in the three county schools.

R7. Visibility and dissemination of the Trail to be completed in 2025 with photographic documentation, a video for social media and national media channels, and a mobile app for self-guided tours.



BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN 2024

30
young people
trained through courses

30
people
who worked on restoring the trails

240*
people
from the beneficiaries' families

3.000*
people
the population of the three counties

*indirect beneficiaries





MONGOLIA

In 2024, ASIA renewed its commitment in Mongolia, continuing a journey that began years ago alongside the nomadic and rural communities that inhabit the country's vast steppes. In an increasingly hostile climate—with extreme events such as dzud undermining the survival of animals and households—our work focused on sustaining traditional livelihoods and conserving biodiversity.

- In central Mongolia, research and training activities were promoted for fauna and flora monitoring, with the aim of preserving local ecosystems and supporting resilient pastoralist practices. Rotational grazing, sustainable rangeland management and the protection of keystone species were key elements in countering environmental degradation and ensuring balanced use of natural resources.

- At the same time, in the remote valleys of the Altai region, ASIA worked alongside a historically marginalised ethnic minority, supporting income diversification and promoting women's entrepreneurship through the strengthening of local crafts and community-based tourism.





- The protection of cultural identities has thus been interwoven with support for economic development and social cohesion, offering new opportunities to women and younger generations.

- This year's work directly involved pastoralists, women artisans, schools and entire communities, consolidating an approach that balances people and nature, tradition and innovation. Even in a challenging context that receives limited attention from international cooperation, ASIA continues to stand alongside the Mongolian population to build stronger, more autonomous and resilient communities.

MONGOLIA 2024 IN NUMBERS

Projects

2 projects in progress

Sectors of intervention

Education
Training and micro-enterprise
Sustainable development and food security

Sustainable development goals



Our beneficiaries

Direct: 132 people
Indirect: 528 people

Together with

Wildlife Initiative

Thanks to

Provincia Autonoma di Bolzano
Unione Buddhista Italiana

Funds spent

€ 127.007

What we have achieved

40 women have been trained and have strengthened their productive skills and management expertise

40 shepherds received support and training on techniques for pasture management and livestock breeding animal

2 field research was carried out: one on plants and one on wild animals, to protect and strengthen their presence in the area

T.U.VA - Through cUlture VAlorisation: support for the Tuva minority in the Altai region of Mongolia

Tsaagan Goliin locality, Tsengel municipality, Bayan Olgii Province

DESCRIPTION

The project aims to improve the livelihoods and economic development of the Tuvan minority in Tsagaan Goliin by promoting women's entrepreneurship across the community, while enhancing Tuvan culture and contributing to its preservation. The intervention seeks to diversify income sources, reducing dependence on the male-dominated livestock sector and making it more sustainable by strengthening women-led craft and tourism activities. Promoting Tuvan culture and tradition not only supports economic activity but also helps to strengthen community ties. Activities include support for the production and sale of typical Tuvan handicrafts, strengthening women's managerial skills, expanding tourism potential and supporting sustainable pastoral and livestock practices.

SECTORS OF INTERVENTION

Sustainable Development and Food Security; Training and Micro-enterprise

PROJECT FUNDING:

Total project cost: € 74.996
Amount spent in 2024: € 39.748
Donors: Provincia Autonoma di Bolzano





PARTNERS

Wildlife Initiative

PROGRESS

Start date: 1 February 2024
End date: 31 March 2025
Duration: 14 months

OBJECTIVES

General objective:

To reduce depopulation in remote areas of Tsengel Municipality, Bayan Olgii aimag, among Tuvan families by promoting the local economy, cultural identity and sustainability in pastoral land-management systems.

Specific objective:

To diversify the income sources of the Tuvan community of Tsagaan Goliin by supporting handicraft production and the tourism sector, promoting minority cultural identities and women's empowerment.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES

A1. Support the production and sale of handicrafts.

A2. Strengthen the managerial skills of women artisans through training and technical assistance.

A3. Expand tourist accommodation capacity and quality.

A4. Support sustainable livestock rearing and raw-material production.

EXPECTED RESULTS

R1. Increased and improved production of handicrafts by women artisans in the Tuvan community.

R2. Increased sales of handicrafts produced by women artisans in the Tuvan community.

R3. Strengthened management skills in the craft and tourism sectors.

R4. Increased tourist flows thanks to improved offerings in the Tuvan community.

R5. More sustainable pastoral land management through improved knowledge within the Tuvan community on pasture management and animal-husbandry techniques.

RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2024

In 2024, results were largely achieved, with only a few activities—relating to handicraft production and sales, and improvements to tourism offerings—still to be finalised.

BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN 2024

40	40	320*
women	pastoralist	people
		*indirect beneficiaries



Promoting highly biodiverse and climate-resilient pastoral systems in Mongolia

Bayan Onjuul municipality, Tuv province, central Mongolia

DESCRIPTION

This project strengthens the coexistence between wildlife and people in Bayan Onjuul District by supporting pastoralists to manage rangelands sustainably while conserving steppe biodiversity. Mongolia's pastoral systems are under mounting pressure from climate shocks such as dzud, shifting precipitation patterns and localised overgrazing, which degrade pasture quality, fragment habitat and increase livestock and wildlife vulnerability. In this context, the project couples science-based monitoring with practical training and community education.

Field teams carry out systematic wildlife and vegetation monitoring (e.g., transects, camera traps and sample plots) focusing on key "umbrella" species and indicator plants. These data provide a baseline to track ecosystem health and inform community decisions. Working alongside pastoralist groups, the project promotes rotational grazing and basic range-management practices—grazing calendars, rest periods and water-point management—to reduce pasture pressure, improve forage recovery and maintain habitat connectivity. Awareness activities in schools and communities build understanding of the intrinsic value of biodiversity and the links between healthy ecosystems, resilient herds and household well-being.





The approach is participatory and practical: it blends local knowledge with technical guidance, prioritises inclusion of women and young pastoralists, and develops transferable skills relevant to future livelihoods. By the end of implementation, communities are better equipped to manage land and key species, overgrazing is curbed through agreed rotational regimes, and the foundations are laid for climate-resilient pastoral practices that safeguard biodiversity and support sustainable livelihoods.

SECTORS OF INTERVENTION

Education, training and micro-enterprise, environmental protection and climate change adaptation

PROJECT FUNDING

Total project cost: € 149.705
Amount spent in 2024: € 87.259
Donors: Unione Buddhista Italiana

PARTNER

Wildlife Initiative

PROGRESS

Start date: 1 February 2024
End date: 31 March 2025
Durataion: 14 months

OBJECTIVES

General Objective:

To ensure a balance between the ecosystem and the sustainable use of natural resources in the communities of the Bayan Onjuul District, Mongolia.

Specific Objective:

To preserve and enhance biodiversity in the Bayan Onjuul area by conserving ecosystems, forests, mountains and arid zones, and by implementing sustainable agricultural and pastoral practices.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES

A1. Scientific field research and monitoring of wildlife and behaviour, with particular attention to umbrella species.

A2. Field research and monitoring of wild plants, focusing on umbrella species to reinforce their presence.

A3. Awareness-raising on the intrinsic value of biodiversity, environmental sustainability and sustainable grazing techniques.

EXPECTED RESULTS

R1. Increased awareness and capacity for territorial management, including key animal species.

R2. Increased awareness and capacity for land management with respect to key plant species.

R3. Implementation of an appropriate rotational grazing programme to preserve biodiversity and curb overgrazing within the year.

RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2024

In 2024, results were largely achieved, with only a few activities related to the grazing programme and biodiversity conservation still to be finalised.

BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN 2024

12	40	1	320*
women	shepherds	school	people

*indirect beneficiaries





MYANMAR

In 2024, ASIA consolidated its commitment in Myanmar, continuing to operate in one of Southeast Asia's most fragile and complex contexts. The political and social situation remained dire, marked by widespread armed conflict, insecurity and the marginalisation of rural communities. Despite this, ASIA maintained its presence in Chin State, implementing interventions to support food security and strengthen households' economic resilience.

Through integrated actions across agriculture and nutrition, we supported local communities to develop sustainable value chains and promote climate-smart agriculture, improving production quality, raising household incomes and helping to curb deforestation and malnutrition. Particular attention was paid to the meaningful participation of women and young people, who are key agents of social change and stronger local economies.





- Over the year, we expanded technical training, promoted family vegetable gardens, created community spaces for social and productive activities, and opened new opportunities to access local and international markets. More than 3,000 people benefited directly from these initiatives, while the indirect impact reached tens of thousands across rural communities.

- ASIA's work in Myanmar in 2024 reflects a clear choice: to stand with the most vulnerable populations—even in the most challenging contexts—to uphold rights, foster autonomy and advance sustainable development, with consistency, neutrality and by listening to communities.

MYANMAR 2024 IN NUMBERS

Projects

2 projects, 1 of which was completed in 2024 and 1 of which will be completed in 2025

Sectors of intervention

Sustainable Development and Food Security

Sustainable Development Goals



Our beneficiaries

Direct: 4.234 people
Indirect: 16.936 people

Together with

COLDA (K'Cho Land Development Association)
Progetto Continenti Onlus
DoA (Department of Agriculture)

Thanks to

AICS (Agenzia Italiana per la Cooperazione allo Sviluppo)
Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri
Progetto Continenti Onlus

Funds spent

€ 321.073



What we have achieved

10 Agricultural training and production centres established

250 Coffee producers trained in the production and marketing of agricultural products from value chains complementary to coffee.

4 promotion events of selected complementary products

Optimising the coffee supply chain and promoting complementary local economies in Southern Chin State (COFFEA - Chin)



Mindat and Kanpetlet Townships, Mindat District, Chin State

DESCRIPTION

The project promotes the sustainable development of the coffee supply chain in Myanmar, where the economic potential of this resource remains underutilised. The proposal stems from long-standing collaboration between partners in Myanmar and Italy, and from extensive field research that analysed the local context, highlighting both its fragilities and its potential. Although natural-processed green coffee from the Chin region has been assessed through cupping tests in Italy as excellent in quality, market opportunities—locally and internationally—remain limited and the households involved are unable to secure significant earnings. While many growers cultivate coffee using semi-natural methods that enhance quality and environmental sustainability, inadequate processing and storage practices compromise the final product and contribute to continued forest loss through shifting cultivation.

SECTORS OF INTERVENTION

Sustainable development and food security

PROJECT FUNDING

Total project cost: € 1.188.723,68
Amount spent in 2024: € 197.338
Donors: AICS, ASIA ETS e Progetto Continenti Onlus

PARTNERS

COLDA (K'Cho Land Development Association)
Progetto Continenti Onlus

PROGRESS

Start date: 15 November 2019
End date: 14 January 2024
Duration: 50 months

OBJECTIVES

General objective:

Promote sustainable rural development by reducing shifting cultivation, migration and the loss of natural resources (mountain forests) in Southern Chin State.

Specific objective:

Increase employment opportunities for rural communities in remote areas of Southern Chin State by strengthening the coffee supply chain—with particular attention to women and young people—and by promoting consistent, advantageous access to local and international markets.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES

A1. Support the start-up of agricultural activities on 80 acres of land for 80 landless families.

A2. Establish 13 nurseries of certified Arabica varieties of controlled origin and study the main agronomic and phytopathological issues affecting coffee.

A3. Train more than 600 producers in appropriate techniques: climate-smart agriculture, good agricultural practices, post-harvest handling and quality control.





A4. Train 20 Coffee Management Committees on plantation management, association building and business management.

A5. Conduct a sector study on national and international markets for Chin coffee.

A6. Present market-analysis findings to institutional representatives and coffee producers.

A7. Organise one Business-to-Business (B2B) meeting (between producers and retailers/processors) at local, regional and national levels.

A8. Organise one promotional event for coffee destined for the local market and for specialist sector events.

A9. Train four farmer leaders on national market opportunities, marketing and commercialisation.

A10. Identify the three most promising commercial value chains complementary to coffee (market analysis, national demand analysis and cost–benefit analysis).

A11. Select and train 250 coffee producers on the production and marketing of agricultural products from complementary value chains (e.g., non-timber forest products such as honey; fruit such as dragon fruit and others).

A12. Organise four presentation and promotion events for the selected complementary products.

A13. Provide production equipment to coffee-producing communities (20 warehouses, 26 pulping machines, 20 dryers and 26 generators).

EXPECTED RESULTS

R1. Increased quality and quantity of coffee produced in the districts of Southern Chin (Mindat and Kanpetlet).

R2. Higher commercial value of the product in national and international markets and expanded sales opportunities.

R3. Strengthened micro-entrepreneurial activities linked to complementary value chains.

RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2024

All expected results were achieved.

BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN 2024

3.626
farmers

14.504*
people belonging to the target communities

*indirect beneficiaries



Fighting hunger: climate-smart agriculture for family gardens in Chin State, Myanmar

Mindat and Kanpetlet Townships, Mindat District, Chin State

DESCRIPTION

The project aims to reduce malnutrition among children under three by improving household agricultural production—both in quantity and quality.
Implemented in Mindat District, Chin State (Myanmar's poorest and most isolated region), it involves 544 families across 10 villages through the creation of sustainable family gardens. The initiative combines the distribution of quality seeds with training on smart agriculture and nutrition, ensuring families can diversify their diets and increase resilience to climate change. The establishment of 10 Training and Production Centers (CFPs) will provide both nurseries for seedlings and learning spaces for farmers, with a strong focus on women's participation and empowerment. By enhancing household food security, raising agricultural incomes, and promoting eco-friendly practices, the project contributes to Sustainable Development Goals 1 and 2 and offers a replicable model for other rural communities in Chin State.

SECTORS OF INTERVENTION

Sustainable Development and Food Security

PROJECT FUNDING

Total project cost: € 168.897,00
Amount spent in 2024: € 123.735
Donors: Presidenza del Consiglio dei Ministri



PARTNERS

DoA (Department of Agriculture)

PROGRESS

Start date: : 1 September 2023
End date: : 30 June 2025
Duration: 22 months

OBJECTIVES

General objective::

Improve the nutritional status of children under three and reduce the poverty rate in Chin State within five years of project completion.

Specific objective::

Promote sustainable agricultural practices in Mindat District, with a particular focus on women.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES

A1. Establish 10 Training and Production Centres (CFP).

A2. Deliver training and provide technical assistance.

A3. Organise and support a network of family gardens.

EXPECTED RESULTS

R1. Beneficiary farming families increase knowledge and skills in climate-smart and organic agriculture.

R2. Beneficiary families improve knowledge and skills in family-garden management.

R3. Annual household income rises among beneficiary families.

R4. Quality of vegetables and fruit produced in the project area improves.

R5. Beneficiary families achieve a more diverse diet.

RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2024

Results were largely achieved in 2024. Remaining tasks include final modules of training on climate-smart and organic practices and family-garden management, and the purchase and distribution of the last tranche of agricultural equipment.

BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN 2024

608
families

2.423*
people

*indirect beneficiaries





NEPAL

In 2024, ASIA renewed and strengthened its commitment in Nepal, continuing a journey begun in 1996 alongside the most remote and vulnerable Himalayan communities. In a context of profound social, economic and environmental fragility, the country faces structural challenges exacerbated by climate change, youth emigration and the aftermath of catastrophic events such as the 2023 earthquake in the Karnali region. Rural areas—the heart of Nepal's culture and biodiversity—remain characterised by vulnerable subsistence farming systems and limited infrastructure, resulting in high rates of food insecurity, educational deprivation and environmental pressures.

In 2024, ASIA worked on several fronts to promote sustainable and resilient rural development. In districts such as Nuwakot and Rasuwa, we strengthened higher-value agricultural value chains, including Arabica coffee and honey, through technical training, the provision of improved inputs and equipment, and the construction of infrastructure for harvesting and processing. Our integrated approach promoted agroforestry and climate-smart agriculture, improving food security and helping to reduce the abandonment of mountain areas.





- At the same time, ASIA advanced projects to improve access to safe water and hygiene in vulnerable villages by constructing community water systems, reducing water-related disease and improving living conditions. In education, we supported public schools in disadvantaged areas by improving learning environments and strengthening teachers' skills through continuing training in Early Childhood Development and innovative pedagogies. These activities engaged students, teachers and parents, increasing attendance and encouraging more active community participation.

- In response to emergencies, ASIA intervened in areas affected by the November 2023 earthquake with immediate support: distribution of shelter kits for families left homeless and construction of semi-temporary schools to ensure continuity of learning for displaced children. Our focus on protecting the cultural and spiritual heritage of the Himalayas remained constant, consolidating a long-term commitment to safeguarding local identities at risk of marginalisation and globalisation.

- ASIA's work in Nepal in 2024 directly involved farmers, teachers, students, families and entire rural communities, producing lasting impacts on food security, access to education and income opportunities. Through an integrated, community-based approach, ASIA continues to stand alongside the Nepalese people, promoting development models that respect the environment, strengthen cultural identities and improve the living conditions of the most isolated communities.

NEPAL 2024 IN NUMBERS

Projects

11 projects implemented in 2024,
of which 9 have been completed
and 2 which will be concluded in 2025

Sectors of intervention

Education
Emergency and post-emergency
Training and micro-enterprise
Protection of spiritual, cultural and artistic heritage
Health and WASH Long-distance support (SAD)
Sustainable development and food security
Environmental protection and climate change adaptation

Sustainable development goals



Our beneficiaries

Direct: 4.062 people
Indirect: 16.248 people

Together with

ARSOW Nepal
Beautiful Coffee Nepal (BeaCoN)
Build Up Nepal
Community Self Reliance Center (CSRC) Nepal
Janahit Nepal
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Provincia Autonoma di Bolzano
Tides Foundation
Fondation Almayuda
Unione Buddhista Italiana
Long Distance Sponsors (LDS)
Un Raggio Di Luce Fondazione ETS

Funds spent

€ 565.170



What we have achieved

490 farmers trained in agroecological techniques, horticultural management, and the use and maintenance of processing machinery.

235 farmers trained in agricultural marketing and financial literacy.

14.700 coffee seedlings and multipurpose species distributed.

37 rainwater harvesting tanks installed.

161 plastic tunnels with drip irrigation systems set up.

1 coffee hulling centre with specialised machinery established plus 2 post-harvest processing centres

51 training sessions on horticultural production, resilient agriculture and post-harvest management delivered

2 complete community water systems with 59 distribution points and supporting infrastructure

2 semi-permanent schools built in villages affected by the 2023 earthquake

150 new beehives distributed with colonies and accessories

74 hygiene kits distributed to students

324 students provided with shoes, bags, uniforms and stationery

240 parents participated in awareness seminars

582 families received materials to build temporary shelters following the earthquake



Development of the honey value chain in the buffer zones of Langtang National Park to reduce environmental conflicts and support rural livelihoods



villages of Saramthali and Aarukharka, Naukunda Rural Municipality, Rasuwa District

DESCRIPTION

The project promoted the development of the honey value chain in the buffer zones of Langtang National Park as a means to reduce human–wildlife conflict and improve rural livelihoods. Using an integrated approach, 50 beekeepers—mainly from the Tamang minority—were trained in advanced hive management, disease control, and honey harvesting and post-harvest practices. Modern equipment and beekeeping materials were provided, improving productivity and honey quality. In parallel, a financial literacy and entrepreneurship course strengthened beneficiaries' economic management skills. The intervention concluded with the drafting of a strategic business plan and market study to facilitate small producers' access to local and national markets, promoting a sustainable, inclusive and resilient development model.

SECTORS OF INTERVENTION

Sustainable Development and Food Security

PROJECT FUNDING:

Total project cost: € 42.027,22
Amount spent in 2024: € 27.751
Donors: Fondation Almyuda, Un Raggio Di Luce Fondazione ETS, ASIA

PARTNERS

PIPAL Nepal

PROGRESS

Start date: 1 March 2024
End date: 4 April 2025
Duration: 13 and a half months

OBJECTIVES

General Objective:

Contribute to reducing environmental conflicts and improving rural livelihoods in the buffer zones of Langtang National Park.

Specific Objectives:

Develop the honey value chain in Rasuwa District by strengthening local beekeepers' production skills, post-harvest management and market access.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES

A1. Select 50 beneficiaries and collect baseline data.
A2. Deliver technical training on hive management, swarm prevention and disease control.
A3. Train on honey harvesting, post-harvest handling and storage.
A4. Provide three modern hives per beneficiary with colonies and accessories (wax sheets, refractometers, scrapers, glass jars).
A5. Provide training in financial literacy and business-plan development.
A6. Deliver technical assistance and monthly monitoring visits.
A7. Conduct laboratory and sensory analysis of honey.
A8. Draft a business plan and market study.

EXPECTED RESULTS

R1. Improved technical skills of 50 beekeepers in hive management and harvesting techniques.
R2. Increased quality and quantity of honey produced.
R3. Enhanced financial and entrepreneurial skills among beekeepers.
R4. Strategic plan defined for the local and national marketing of Rasuwa honey.





RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2024

R1. Technical skills strengthened for 50 beekeepers (over 75% women, from the Tamang minority). Two technical training sessions completed on hive management (swarm prevention, disease management); one session on harvesting and post-harvest completed; monthly individual technical assistance launched.

R2. Quality and quantity of honey increased: 150 modern hives (3 per beneficiary) distributed with colonies and accessories; refractometers, scrapers and food-grade glass jars delivered; improved harvesting and storage techniques introduced.

R3. Financial and entrepreneurial skills improved: training cycle on financial literacy and business-plan drafting launched (first phase completed, focusing on basic accounting and individual business-planning tools).

R4. Strategic marketing plan advanced: data collection for the market study initiated (first qualitative phase completed in December 2024); preliminary structure of the strategic business plan prepared (to be completed in Q1 2025).

BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN 2024

200

people

people from the households of 50 beekeepers in Tamang communities in Naukunda Rural Municipality

1.250*

people

*indirect beneficiaries

People residing in the buffer zones of Langtang National Park.





BIO: Boost the Income in hOrticulture – increasing organic agricultural income and supporting horticulture for the survival of farming families in the village of Dandatole, in the district of Dindhupalchok, Nepal



Helambu Rural Municipality,
Sindhupalchok District, Bagmati Province

DESCRIPTION

The project is implemented in Sindhupalchok District, specifically in the Dandatole constituency of Helambu Rural Municipality. This community—whose livelihoods depend heavily on agriculture—was severely affected by the 2015 earthquake. Designed in 2020 on the basis of a needs assessment, the project addressed the urgent requirement to increase agricultural production (quantity and quality) to meet daily food needs, generate marketable surpluses, and counter the impacts of climate change (erratic monsoons and sharply reduced dry-season rainfall) on already fragile systems. The project was completed in 2024. Over the next three years, a per-capita income increase of at least 20% is expected among beneficiaries, alongside the uptake of highly climate-resilient agricultural models across the district (at least 554 families).

SECTORS OF INTERVENTION

Sustainable development and food security; Training and micro-enterprise

PROJECT FUNDING:

Total project cost: €243,473.91
Amount spent in 2024: € 65,108
Donors: Presidency of the Council of Ministers

PARTNERS

ARSOW Nepal

PROGRESS

Start date: 1 January 2023
End date: 30 June 2024
Duration: 18 months (12+6)

PROGRESS

Start date: 1 January 2023
End date: 30 June 2024
Duration: 18 months (12 + 6)

OBJECTIVES

General Objective:

Ensure food security and improve livelihoods in Sindhupalchok District by strengthening the organic agricultural value chain in Dandatole, Helambu Rural Municipality.

Specific Objectives:

- Promote organic vegetable cultivation and increase water availability.
- Strengthen the development of the short agricultural value chain.

ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT IN 2024

A1.1. Completed construction of 30 soil-cement tanks, equipped with HDPE pipes and visibility plates.

A1.2. Delivered maintenance training on soil-cement tanks and drip-irrigation systems for 63 beneficiaries.

A1.3. Installed a further 71 drip-irrigation systems, completing the planned total of 120 systems.

A2.1. Completed installation of 71 bamboo polytunnels for organic horticulture, reaching a total of 120 tunnels.

A2.2. Distributed summer and winter seeds, agricultural tools and irrigation kits; issued crop calendars to all beneficiaries.

A2.4. Completed training on preparation and use of biopesticides and manure management; distributed kits for producing Jholmal (natural biopesticide).

A3.1. Conducted orientation sessions on agricultural marketing and linkages to local markets for 115 beneficiaries.

A3.3. Organised training sessions on financial literacy and on the management/mobilisation of farmers' groups.









RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2024

R1. Increased availability of irrigation water during the dry season: 30 soil-cement tanks completed and the remaining 71 drip-irrigation systems installed (120 in total).

R2. Introduction of new tools and techniques for organic farming: 120 polytunnels for off-season vegetable production completed; summer/winter seeds, equipment and irrigation kits distributed; 408 crop calendars provided; one training on maintenance of tanks and drip systems delivered; one training on biopesticides and natural fertilisers delivered; Jholmal kits distributed.

R3. New income opportunities through agricultural marketing: orientation and training on agricultural marketing delivered to 115 beneficiaries; training on financial literacy and farmers' group management/mobilisation delivered to 120 beneficiaries.

BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN 2024

120
Farmer households

480
people

2.448*
district residents

*indirect beneficiaries

Support for displaced communities in Pakhapani, Ijar and Gaubari in Nepal to cope with the earthquake emergency.

Villages of Pakhapani, Ijar, Golchaur and Gaubari, Rural Municipality of Sanibherit, Rukum West District, Karnali Province

DESCRIPTION

Following the earthquake of 3 November 2023 that struck Jajarkot and Rukum West, ASIA intervened in Sanibheri Rural Municipality (Rukum West) to support displaced families by constructing temporary shelters to withstand the winter and monsoon seasons. Thanks to the Waldensian Church's 8×1000 contribution, high-quality construction materials were purchased and distributed to 213 families in the villages of Pakhapani, Ijar, Golchaur and Gaubari, enabling the construction of safe, durable shelters. Activities were carried out in close collaboration with local authorities and beneficiary communities.

SECTORS OF INTERVENTION

Emergency and post-emergency

PROJECT FUNDING:

Total project cost: € 50,000
Amount spent in 2024: € 49,536
Donors: 8×1000 Waldensian Church

PARTNERS

N/A





PROGRESS

Start date: 1 1 December 2023
End date: 31 May 2024
Duration: 6 months

OBJECTIVES

General Objective:

Support the populations of Jajarkot and Rukum West affected by the earthquake by providing access to essential shelter services to mitigate harsh winter temperatures.

Specific Objectives:

Provide temporary shelter to households in the villages of Pakhapani, Ijar, Golchaur and Gaubari (Rukum West).

PLANNED ACTIVITIES

A1. Provision of temporary shelter to 212 families in Pakhapani, Ijar, Golchaur and Gaubari through the distribution of shelter kits (20 CGI panels, galvanised wire, nails of various sizes, tarpaulin and insulating material for thermal protection).

A2. Technical support to families during shelter assembly and activity monitoring.

EXPECTED RESULTS

A1. Families in Pakhapani, Ijar, Golchaur and Gaubari are equipped with shelters to survive the winter and resume daily productive and economic activities.

RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2024

R1. 212 families in Pakhapani, Ijar, Golchaur and Gaubari equipped with temporary shelters that are safe and resistant to winter cold, enabling the resumption of daily life and livelihoods

BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN 2024

212
families

848
people



Improving farmers' living conditions by strengthening organic vegetable production and access to clean water in Sindhupalchowk District



Villages of Sebung, Chhagam and Bagam, Bhotekoshi Rural Municipality, Bagmati Province, Sindhupalchok District

DESCRIPTION

The Botekoshi community, in northern Sindhupalchok District, is an extremely rural area marked by low agricultural output due to limited arable land, scarce irrigation sources, and the absence of water-harvesting and storage strategies for the dry season. Production is largely subsistence-oriented rather than market-oriented and therefore does not generate the income needed to drive local development. As in many rural parts of Nepal, Botekoshi also faces inadequate sanitation practices that heighten disease risk and a lack of organised water networks to ensure safe drinking water year-round. The project aims to improve living conditions in Sebung, Chhagam and Bagam by introducing modern agricultural practices and expanding access to safe drinking water.

SECTORS OF INTERVENTION

Sustainable development and food security; Health and WASH

PROJECT FUNDING:

Total project cost: € 93,185.02
Amount spent in 2024: € 24,044
Donors: Autonomous Province of Bolzano; ASIA

PARTNERS

Janahit Nepal

PROGRESS

Start date: 27 January 2023
End date: 31 March 2024
Duration: 14 months (12 + 2)


"Improving the livelihood of the farmers of Bhotekoshi Rural Municipality by strengthening the production of organic vegetables and access to drinking water in the district of Sindhupalchok"
Training on Post-harvest Management for Vegetables Farmers Group
Date:
Venue: Bhotekoshi Rural Municipality - 1, Sindhupalchowk
ASIA
JANAHIT


Training on Total Sanitation
Bhotekoshi Rural Municipality-1, Sebang
ASIA


"Improving the livelihood of the farmers of Bhotekoshi Rural Municipality by strengthening the production of organic vegetables and access to drinking water in the district of Sindhupalchok"
Training to Lead Farmers on Climate Smart Agriculture and IPM Tools
Date: 6 – 7 September 2023
Venue: Bhotekoshi Rural Municipality- 1, Sindhupalchowk
ASIA
JANAHIT

OBJECTIVES

General Objective:

Improve living conditions for farming households by strengthening organic vegetable production and access to clean water in Sindhupalchok District.

Specific Objectives:

- Increase vegetable production by 20% for 160 smallholder farmers in Sebung, Chhagam and Bagam.
- Provide safe drinking water to 46 families in Sebung and improve knowledge of hygiene and sanitation practices.

ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT IN 2024

A1. Introduced improved agricultural production technologies: completed 30 polytunnels with drip-irrigation systems; distributed seed kits and tools; delivered 8 trainings on off-season horticulture, 8 on climate-resilient agriculture and integrated pest management (IPM), 8 on post-harvest management, and 1 on nursery management; established 3 model nurseries and 3 demonstration farms.

A2. Strengthened agricultural marketing capacities: delivered 2 trainings on agricultural marketing; distributed 300 information brochures; held 2 trainings on financial literacy.

A3. Constructed a water-supply system and established a water management committee: completed a system with 12 distribution points; formed and trained the committee through 5 dedicated sessions.

A4. Promoted hygiene in Sebung, Chhagam and Bagam: conducted 9 hygiene awareness campaigns in schools and communities; distributed 74 hygiene kits to students; delivered 2 trainings on community-led total sanitation; installed 45 hand- and dish-washing stations.





RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2024

R1. Increased vegetable production and improved technical capacity: 30 polytunnels with drip irrigation built; seed kits and tools distributed; 8 trainings each on off-season production, climate-resilient agriculture and IPM, and post-harvest management delivered; 1 nursery-management training held; 3 model nurseries and 3 demonstration farms established.

R2. Improved market access: 2 agricultural marketing trainings conducted; 300 brochures distributed; 2 financial-literacy trainings delivered.

R3. Access to safe drinking water in Sebung enhanced: one water system with 12 distribution points completed; water management committee established and trained through 5 sessions.

R4. Better hygiene conditions for communities and schoolchildren: 9 awareness campaigns delivered; 74 hygiene kits distributed; 2 trainings on total sanitation conducted; 45 hand- and dish-washing stations installed.

BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN 2024

160
farming families



640
people

Improving the livelihoods and economic status of the population of the rural community of Uttargaya through the promotion commercial agricultural practices

Rural Municipality of Uttargaya, Rasuwa District, Bagmati Province,

DESCRIPTION

In Uttargaya Rural Municipality, livelihoods and incomes rely predominantly on traditional agriculture which, on the one hand, is ill-equipped to cope with increasingly erratic monsoon patterns and climate change, and, on the other, entails high labour and time costs that are not covered by low productivity—well below that of areas with similar climate and topography. Uttargaya is particularly suited to rice and maize as staple crops, and to vegetables, potatoes and ginger as cash crops. However, the absence of combine harvesters for maize and rice, and the distance to adequate storage facilities for potatoes and ginger (to secure fair market prices), are concrete constraints on agricultural development.
This project therefore introduces measures to increase production of staple and cash crops while reducing farmers' workload, with the aim of improving livelihoods and overall socio-economic conditions.





SECTORS OF INTERVENTION
Sustainable development and food security; Training and micro-enterprise

PROJECT FUNDING:
Total project cost: € 85,457.85
Amount spent in 2024: € 65,319
Donors: Autonomous Province of Bolzano; ASIA

PARTNERS
Community Self Reliance Centre (CSRC) Nepal

PROGRESS
Start date: 27 January 2023
End date: 30 June 2024
Duration: 17 months (12 + 5)

OBJECTIVES
General Objective:
Improve the livelihoods and economic status of marginalised communities in Uttargaya, Rasuwa District, through sustainable agricultural production.

Specific Objectives:
- Increase off-season horticultural and staple-crop production by 20%, engaging at least 60% women beneficiaries.
- Reduce farmers' workload and increase the shelf life of selected crops.

ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT IN 2024

A1. Introduced improved production technologies: selected and trained 15 farmers' groups (310 beneficiaries); constructed seven 25,000-litre soil-cement tanks with HDPE distribution; delivered six trainings and built plastic tunnels with drip-irrigation systems; held six trainings on off-season horticulture with distribution of seed kits; established three model nurseries with seeds and nursery materials; distributed 4,200 seedlings (NTFP and vegetable species).

A2. Strengthened marketing capacity: delivered 12 trainings on the preparation and use of Jholmal (natural bio-fertiliser), with materials provided; held two trainings on financial management and commercial literacy, with practical tools distributed.

A3. Enhanced post-harvest and storage: conducted six trainings on post-harvest handling for maize, potatoes and medicinal plants; distributed airtight bags, plastic crates and tarpaulins; provided 15 maize shellers and 8 multi-crop threshers, with user and maintenance training; built three storage cellars for potatoes and ginger and trained nine local masons.

RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2024

R1. Off-season horticultural production increased and technical capacity improved: 15 groups (310 beneficiaries) trained; seven soil-cement tanks built; six trainings delivered and 18 plastic tunnels with drip systems constructed; six off-season horticulture trainings delivered with seed kits distributed; three model nurseries established and 4,200 seedlings distributed.

R2. Adoption of sustainable practices and management skills strengthened: 12 Jholmal trainings conducted with bio-fertilisers provided; two trainings on financial management and commercial literacy delivered with practical tools.

R3. Human effort and post-harvest losses reduced: six post-harvest trainings completed; storage materials distributed; 15 maize shellers and 8 multi-crop threshers provided; three storage cellars for potatoes and ginger constructed with targeted training for local masons.

BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN 2024

310
farming families



1.240
people

9940*
people
*indirect beneficiaries

5.114
men

4.826
women

A school to promote equal opportunities for disadvantaged youth in the Himalayan region

Kaski District, Pokhara, Bagmati Province

DESCRIPTION

Pal Tashi Choeling Monastery, located on the shores of Lake Phewa, was founded in 1993 by Gopal Lama. Initially comprising a small temple, the complex has expanded to include a residential building for monks and a temporary outdoor school structure, covered with sheet metal and exposed to the elements. The college currently hosts 60 boys aged 10–16, who live in six rooms in precarious conditions due to overcrowding and inadequate facilities. Students come from low-income households, often from linguistic minorities such as Gurung, Tamang and the Tibetan diaspora. For years, the monastery has provided accommodation, food and bilingual education with the dual aim of safeguarding the cultural and linguistic heritage of Himalayan minorities and ensuring equal opportunities for students who may choose a secular path after completing their studies.



The project aims to construct a three-storey school building to provide a safe, appropriate learning environment for students and teachers of Pal Tashi Choeling School; expand access for learners from underprivileged families; provide Long Distance Sponsorship to 60 students; and strengthen English and Tibetan language teaching.

SECTORS OF INTERVENTION

Education; Protection of spiritual, cultural and artistic heritage

PROJECT FUNDING:

Total project cost: € 189,140.42
Amount spent in 2024: € 52,205
Donors: Pianoterra ETS Foundation; private donors; ASIA

PARTNERS

Pal Tashi Choeling

PROGRESS

Start date: 5 October 2022
End date: 4 August 2024
Duration: 22 months (12 + 10)

OBJECTIVES

General Objective:

Safeguard the linguistic and cultural heritage of Himalayan linguistic minorities.

Specific Objectives:

- Ensure equal learning opportunities for young people from linguistic minorities in the Himalayan region.
- Improve the quality of formal, bilingual education provided at Pal Tashi Choeling School.
- Improve students' living conditions at Pal Tashi Choeling School.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES

A1. Obtained municipal approval for final designs and bill of quantities for the new school building.

A2. Completed tender and selected construction company Falgunanda Nirman Sewa.

A3. Signed construction contract with the selected company.

A4. Commenced construction: site clearance; foundation excavation; construction of foundations, retaining walls, foundation and connecting beams; backfilling; and columns up to first floor completed.

A5. Initiated selection of a consultant to deliver Early Grade Reading training for teachers.



RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2024

- Municipal approval secured for final designs and bill of quantities.
- Construction company selected through competitive tender and contract signed.
- Initial construction phase completed up to the first floor.
- Consultant selection

BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN 2024

60

Students and their families people

240

people

15.000*

people

*indirect beneficiaries

Members of the Gurung and Tamang linguistic minorities and the Tibetan diaspora living in Pokhara



Improving sanitation and water supply for the Phakel monks community



Phakel village, Indrasarowar Rural Municipality, Makwanpur District, Bagmati Province

DESCRIPTION

Following the 2015 earthquake, the water source serving Phakhel Monastery gradually dried up, worsening sanitary conditions for the monastic community. The project addressed this critical issue by constructing a safe, sustainable water system to ensure access to potable water for the 50 resident monks and the surrounding community. Works included a 50,000-litre reserve tank; two collection and filtration chambers protected by fencing against wildlife; and a 25,000-litre soil-cement tank for irrigation, contributing to local food security. The project also established a community-based management structure to ensure the system's long-term sustainability.

SECTORS OF INTERVENTION

Health and WASH

PROJECT FUNDING:

Total project cost: € 13,309.77
Amount spent in 2024: € 10,791
Donors: Private individuals

PARTNERS

Sengedag Service Society

PROGRESS

Start date: 28 November 2022
End date: 28 December 2024
Duration: 25 months

OBJECTIVES

General Objective:

Provide adequate access to safe drinking water in Makwanpur District.

Specific Objectives:

- Ensure reliable drinking water for Phakhel Monastery.
- Promote food self-sufficiency through water harvesting and irrigation systems.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES

A1. Construct a 50,000-litre reserve tank.

A2. Build two collection and filtration chambers with protective fencing.

A3. Construct a 25,000-litre soil-cement irrigation tank and install safety fencing.

A4. Collaborate with New Dimension Engineering Consultancy to review and optimise the system design.

A5. Establish and activate a Water Users Committee for community management of the system.

A6. Complete testing and formally hand over the infrastructure to the community.





RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2024

R1. Construction of the 50,000-litre reserve tank completed.

R2. Two fenced collection and filtration chambers completed.

R3. Water Users Committee established and trained to manage the system.

R4. System testing completed and infrastructure officially handed over to the beneficiary community.

R5. Secure access to drinking water ensured for Phakhel Monastery and neighbouring households.

BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN 2024

50

monks at Phakhel Monastery

2.534*

people affiliated with the monastery

*indirect beneficiaries

Access to drinking water and agricultural support for the community of Yangri village

Yangri village, Panchpokharithagpal Rural Municipality, Sindhupalchok District, Bagmati Province

DESCRIPTION

The project provides access to safe drinking water and improves hygiene practices for the Yangri community. The previous water system was destroyed by the Melamchi River flood in June 2021, creating a severe shortage of potable water. Since then, households relied on a temporary pipeline connection that did not ensure water safety. Thanks to 8×1000 funding from the Waldensian Church, and in collaboration with local partner Janahit Nepal, ASIA constructed a new water system that now guarantees safe drinking water for 55 families in Yangri.

SECTORS OF INTERVENTION

Health and WASH

PROJECT FUNDING:

Total project cost: € 31,132.50
Amount spent in 2024: € 4,517
Donors: 8×1000 Waldensian Church







PARTNERS
Janahit Nepal

PROGRESS
Start date: 1 February 2024
End date: 31 January 2025
Duration: 12 months

OBJECTIVES
General Objective:
Ensure access to safe drinking water in Sindhupalchok District.

Specific Objectives:
Provide safe drinking water to 55 families in the village of Yangri.

ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT IN 2024
A1. Completed construction of the Yangri community water system: built a protected source intake, a 5,000-litre storage tank and an 18,000-litre ferrocement reserve tank; installed 2,026 metres of main pipeline and 3,082 metres of distribution pipeline; constructed 47 tap stands (46 for households and 1 for the school); laid 800 metres of drainage pipeline.

A2. Conducted final water potability tests confirming the source meets drinking-water standards.

A3. Formally handed over the system to the Water Users' Management Committee and beneficiary community, with certification of works quality.

RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2024

R1. The Yangri community now has reliable access to safe drinking water. A complete water system with 47 distribution points and supporting infrastructure was built and handed over; the quality of construction was certified, and final testing confirmed water potability.

BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN 2024

55 families → **220** people

890* people

*indirect beneficiaries



Use of SAD funds Rasuwa schools (Dupcheswori, Namuna, Tandoor, Aarukharka)



Rural Municipality of Naukunda, Rasuwa District

DESCRIPTION

Developed with Long Distance Sponsorship (LDS) funds, the project improved the quality of primary education in four public schools—Dupcheshwori, Namuna, Langdoor and Aarukharka—rebuilt by ASIA after the 2015 earthquake in rural Rasuwa, Nepal. By enhancing teachers' pedagogical skills, strengthening parental engagement and improving school infrastructure, the intervention increased attendance and created more inclusive, stimulating learning environments for children from disadvantaged communities. Continuous teacher training, provision of educational materials and direct support to students and teachers were implemented, with particular attention to Early Childhood Development (ECD).

SECTORS OF INTERVENTION

Long Distance Sponsorship (LDS); Education

PROJECT FUNDING:

Total project cost: € 53,383
Amount spent in 2024: € 17,454
Donors: LDS supporters

PARTNERS

PIPAL Nepal

PROGRESS

Start date: 1 January 2024
End date: 31 December 2025
Duration: 12 months

OBJECTIVES

General Objective:

Contribute to improving the quality of primary education in disadvantaged rural areas of Nepal.

Specific Objectives:

Strengthen teachers' pedagogical skills, improve the learning environment and promote parental involvement in Naukunda Rural Municipality (Rasuwa).

PLANNED ACTIVITIES

A1. Ongoing pedagogical training for primary school teachers.

A2. Refresher workshops and exposure visits to model schools.

A3. Awareness-raising and training for parents on educational support and school attendance.

A4. Improvement of school infrastructure and provision of teaching materials.

A5. Financial support for an additional teacher in the most disadvantaged schools; advocacy with local authorities for sustainability.







RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2024

R1. ECD training completed for 16 teachers.
R2. Refresher sessions and exposure visits to model schools in Kathmandu organised.
R3. Awareness seminars completed for approximately 240 parents.
R4. 16 classrooms equipped with educational materials and child-friendly furniture.
R5. Interior walls renovated with educational murals in 16 classrooms; windows and doors repaired in 3 schools.
R6. Land cleared for a school garden at Shree Dupcheshwori Basic School.
R7. Shoes, bags, uniforms and stationery provided to 324 students. Financial support for an additional teacher extended through October 2024.
R8. Advocacy initiated with the Municipality for the long-term employment of the additional teacher.

BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN 2024

324 students — benefiting from school supplies and improved educational environments.

16 teachers — benefiting from training and refresher workshops

240 parents — involved in awareness seminars.

13.000* people — People from the villages of Saramthali, Thulogaun, Yarsa and Thangdor

*indirect beneficiaries

Support for the displaced communities in Jajarkot to cope with the 2023 earthquake emergency



Villages of Shirpachaur and Bayalatole,
Barekot Rural Municipality, Jajarkot District, Karnali Province

DESCRIPTION

On 3 November 2023 at 11:47 p.m., a magnitude 5.7 earthquake destroyed 17,792 homes and severely damaged 17,529, causing 156 deaths and 349 injuries in Jajarkot and Rukum West. ASIA immediately deployed to collect the data needed for an emergency response, identifying Shirpachaur and Bayalatole (Barekot Rural Municipality), near the epicentre, as target areas. The project was designed to provide temporary shelters for 158 families in Shirpachaur and to build two semi-temporary schools in Bayalatole and Shirpachaur, ensuring protection for students and families through the winter and monsoon seasons.

SECTORS OF INTERVENTION

Emergency and post-emergency

PROJECT FUNDING:

Total project cost: € 195,549.00
Amount spent in 2024: € 195,549.00
Donors: Pianoterra ETS Foundation; ASIA; Tides Foundation; Krueger Foundation; UBI (Italian Buddhist Union); private donors

PARTNERS

Build Up Nepal (construction of semi-temporary schools)

PROGRESS

Start date: 3 November 2024
End date: 31 December 2024
Duration: 13 months

OBJECTIVES

General Objective:

Support earthquake-affected populations in Jajarkot and Rukum West by providing semi-temporary schools and emergency shelter.

Specific Objectives:

Support households in Shirpachaur and Bayalatole (Jajarkot) with temporary shelters and semi-temporary schools to cope with the emergency.



ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT IN 2024

A1. Supplied and distributed materials for temporary shelters to 370 families in Shirpachaur (Barekot RM, Jajarkot) and Pakhapani, Ijar, Golchaur and Gaubari (Sanibheri RM, Rukum West).)

A2. Provided technical support and training to beneficiaries and local builders; shelter construction completed by March 2024.

A3. Constructed two semi-temporary schools in Shirpachaur and Bayalatole using interlocking CSEB (compressed stabilised earth block) earthquake-resistant technology; construction completed July 2024, full equipment installed December 2024.

A4. Delivered two community trainings in Shirpachaur on CSEB production and application.

A5. Launched local CSEB brick production through a community social enterprise.



RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2024

R1. 370 families in Shirpachaur, Pakhapani, Ijar, Golchaur and Gaubari received materials and technical support to build temporary shelters.

R2. 366 students from Shirpachaur and Bayalatole resumed schooling in safe, earthquake-resistant facilities.

R3. 209 community members trained in CSEB production and use; community social enterprise for CSEB manufacturing initiated.

BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN 2024

370 families → **1480** people

366 students → **1464** people

209 Community members → **836** people

A cup of coffee to promote rural development in Nuwakot District

Myagang and Kispang Rural Municipalities, Nuwakot District

DESCRIPTION
The project promoted the sustainable growth of the Arabica coffee value chain in Nuwakot District through an integrated approach: improving production practices; delivering agronomic and technical training; building post-harvest infrastructure; and strengthening the institutional capacities of local cooperatives. Particular attention was given to agroecology, women's economic empowerment and environmental sustainability.

SECTORS OF INTERVENTION
Sustainable development and food security

PROJECT FUNDING:
Total project cost: € 80,875.87
Amount spent in 2024: € 52,896
Donors: Autonomous Province of Bolzano; ASIA

PARTNERS
Beautiful Coffee Nepal (BeaCoN)

PROGRESS
Start date: 1 February 2024
End date: 31 March 2025
Duration: 14 months

OBJECTIVES
General Objective:
Promote rural development and food security in Nuwakot District by strengthening the coffee value chain.

Specific Objectives:
- Increase annual incomes of youth and unemployed women by raising coffee production by 20% and promoting an agroforestry production model.
- Develop the Nuwakot coffee value chain by engaging and building the capacity of local cooperatives and introducing improved processing technologies.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES

A1. A1. Select and train marginal farmers and smallholders in coffee cultivation, companion species and income-generating horticulture; GIS mapping of suitable areas.

A2. Nursery training and distribution of 10,500 coffee seedlings and multipurpose species.

A3. Training on natural fertilisers and agroecological practices (manure, botanical fertilisers, vermicomposting).

A4. Construction of 7 rainwater harvesting (soil-cement) tanks and maintenance training.

A5. Construction of 2 demonstration centres for post-harvest processing (pulping) and supply of 2 pulping machines.

A6. Construction of a secondary processing centre with a husking machine and ancillary equipment.

A7. Technical training for operators on processing, husking and maintenance.

A8. Exchange visit for 20 growers to the coffee development centre in Lumbini.

A9. Establishment of two new primary cooperatives and training on coffee quality management.

A10. Leadership and business-planning training for the Nuwakot Coffee Cooperative Union.

A11. Financial literacy training for 60 cooperative members.



EXPECTED RESULTS

R1. Increased production of green coffee beans and cash crops through quality inputs and agroforestry know-how.

R2. Improved coffee quality via enhanced processing technologies, achieving higher market prices.

R3. Strengthened organisational and institutional management capacity of primary coffee cooperatives.









RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2024

R1. Production base and skills strengthened: 140 farmers (62% women) trained in agroecology, horticultural management and intercropping; GIS mapping and a socio-productive survey completed; 10,500 coffee and multipurpose seedlings distributed (planting rate >90%); seven 25,000-litre rainwater tanks constructed; practical training delivered on nursery management, natural fertiliser production (vermicomposting, botanical fertilisers) and sustainable soil-fertility management.

R2. Quality improved through better processing: two post-harvest centres with pulpers and solar drying beds constructed; a coffee husking centre equipped with pulpers, hullers and sorters established; 40 operators trained in machine use and maintenance; exchange visit organised for 20 farmers to national centres of excellence (Gulmi, Pokhara).

R3. Cooperative capacity enhanced: trainings delivered on coffee quality management, leadership and business planning for primary cooperatives and the district union; process initiated to establish two new primary cooperatives; 21 cooperative members trained in financial literacy and accounting; a five-year strategic business plan and territorial marketing strategy developed for the Union.

BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN 2024

140 families → **560** people

26.500* people

*indirect beneficiaries

beneficiaries of the economic and environmental impacts resulting from the development of the coffee value chain.

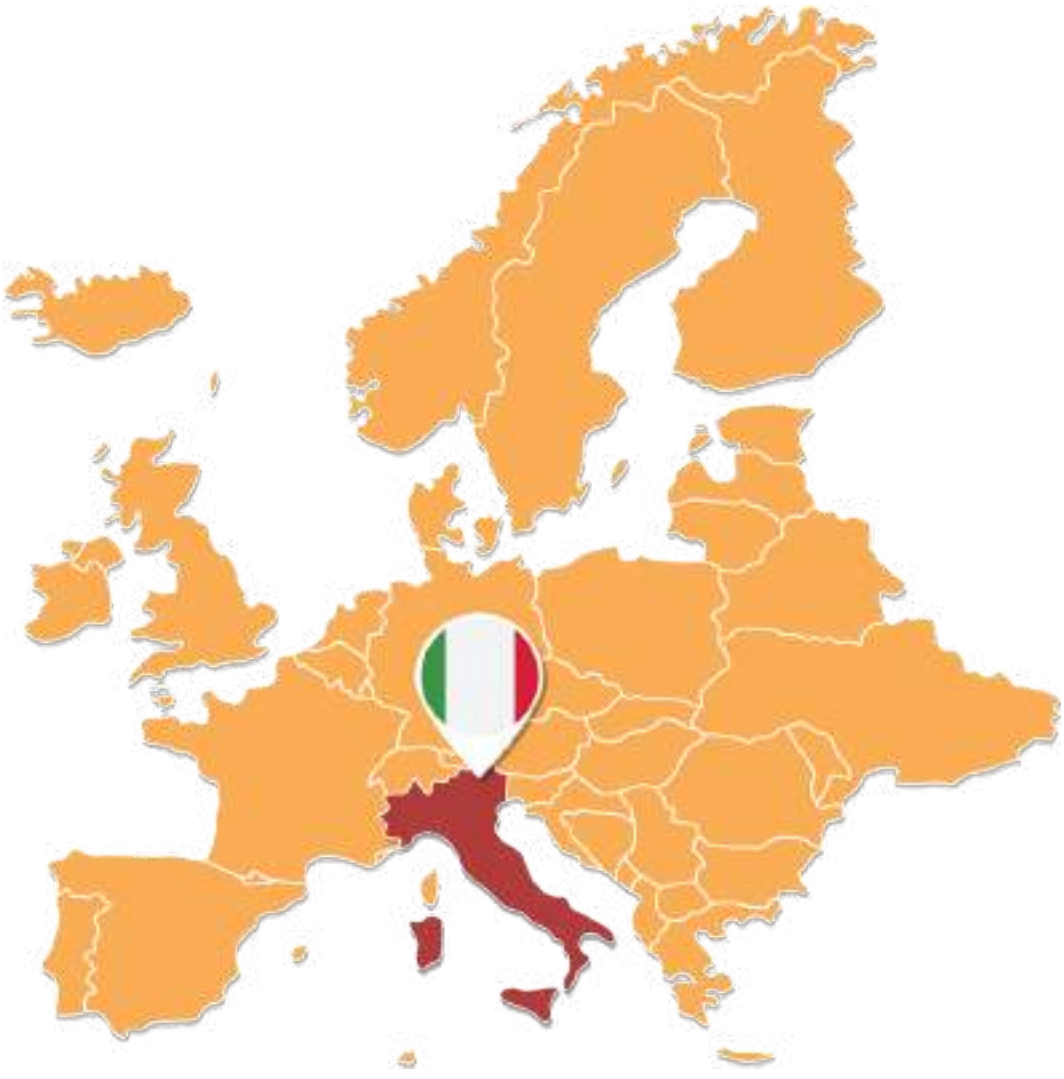


ITALY

For over twenty years, ASIA has been active in Italy with initiatives to raise awareness of international cooperation, sustainability and Buddhist culture, with a particular focus on educating younger generations. In response to growing emotional, social and environmental distress affecting children, adolescents and their educational communities, our commitment in recent years has increasingly centred on the development of soft skills and the delivery of Global Citizenship Education (GCE).

In 2024, we continued and strengthened our work with schools and local communities, promoting individual and collective awareness, encouraging sustainable behaviours and supporting the creation of more inclusive, resilient and interconnected learning communities. These activities engaged students, teachers, families and civil-society actors through training programmes and workshops that fostered perspective-taking and provided practical tools to mitigate social fragmentation and strengthen a sense of belonging and responsibility towards the environment.





At the same time, we supported numerous schools in adopting environmentally responsible practices and tools to reduce their carbon footprint, recognising and rewarding the commitment of teachers and students to cultural change for sustainability. In synergy with local institutions and territorial partners, we launched co-designed projects and signed new educational agreements, demonstrating communities' growing capacity to generate autonomous and virtuous pathways of transformation. Overall, 2024 was a year of consolidation and expansion of our commitment in Italy: through training programmes, collaborative networks and locally led change initiatives, we helped to build a future-oriented education system that integrates emotional well-being, active citizenship and sustainability.





ITALY 2024 IN NUMBERS

Projects

3 projects implemented in 2024:
2 completed
1 to be completed in 2025

Sectors of intervention

Global Citizenship Education

Sustainable development goals



Our beneficiaries

Direct: 3.584 persone
Indirect: 10.752 persone

Together with

Agenda 21 Laghi, Comune di Laveno Mombello (VA)
Associazione culturale Dzogchen Merigar
Associazione EFYS
Azienda Ambientale di Pubblico Servizio (AAMPS) di Livorno
CAST ONG Onlus
Cooperativa Brikke Brakke
Cooperativa Erica
Città Metropolitana di Cagliari
Città metropolitana Roma Capitale
Istituto OIKOS Onlus
Provincia di Varese (capofila)
Università degli Studi dell'Insubria
Università degli Studi di Parma CIREA

Thanks to

AICS (Agenzia Italiana per la Cooperazione allo Sviluppo)
UBI (Unione Buddhista Italiana)
Città Metropolitana di Roma Capitale

Funds spent

€ 68.513

What we have achieved

33 Schools supported in implementing good environmental sustainability practices

1 Sustainability Festival at the end of the school year

1 Concert (We Are One) at Monk in Rome

Kumar Kumari, Yantra Yoga and Mindfulness courses for students and teachers were completed in schools in Rome and province and in the municipalities of Monte Amiata

Green School Rome



Rome Metropolitan Area

DESCRIPTION

The Green School programme supports schools committed to sustainable development by measuring and reducing their carbon footprint through practical behaviour change and good practice. The programme begins with teacher training, which in turn engages students; along the way, all school staff are involved, ultimately extending participation to families and the wider community.
Created in 2009 as a grassroots initiative at a small school in Laveno Mombello (VA) by the Agenda 21 Laghi community pact with CAST NGO Onlus and the University of Insubria, the method has been refined over the past 15 years with contributions from research bodies such as the University of Parma-CIREA and the OIKOS Institute Onlus.
In 2021 the Green School Italy programme was launched, replicating the model in four additional areas: Rome, Livorno, Cagliari and Valle d'Aosta. Today the network includes 735 school complexes, 239,991 students and 21,962 teachers across 13 Italian provinces and-since 2009-has saved 132 tonnes of CO,ÇÇ. This project responds to the need to ensure continuity of the programme in Rome and its province.

SECTORS OF INTERVENTION

Global Citizenship Education

PROJECT FUNDING

Total project cost: € 22.000
Amount spent in 2024: € 500
Donors: Città metropolitana Roma Capitale (service contract)

PROGRESS

Start date: 9 August 2024
End date: 9 August 2025
Duration in months: 12 months

OBJECTIVES

General objective:

Contribute to the development and strengthening of a concept of citizenship-understood as belonging to a global community-by supporting individual and collective change towards a more sustainable and just world.

Specific objectives:

Improve the understanding among students, teachers and citizens of the challenges posed by climate change and sustainable development, promoting the uptake of good practices and sustainable lifestyles in the target territories.

Promote the knowledge, development, adoption and dissemination of low-carbon technologies and innovative climate-adaptation solutions through public awareness and education, creation of knowledge-exchange networks between the public and private sectors, and the promotion of public-private partnerships.









PLANNED ACTIVITIES

A.1 School engagement and teacher training course

A.2 Support to introduce sustainable best practices in schools, monitor behavioural-change impacts, and award Green School recognition

A.3 Communication activities and a Sustainability Festival

EXPECTED RESULTS

R1. Targeted programmes developed for education on environmental sustainability and sustainable development.

R2. Knowledge, awareness and good practices on environmental sustainability transferred to students and teachers in at least 35 school complexes.

R3. A community established comprising at least 5,000 students, 500 teachers and school staff, and 50 organisations active in environmental sustainability and sustainable development in the Rome metropolitan area.

RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2024

R1. Participation campaign launched and completed through direct outreach (50+ schools contacted), targeted mailings via the Regional Education Office, and a launch event (23 October 2024).

R2. Mailing list created with 580+ teachers.

R3. Teacher training course initiated (first three sessions completed).

BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN 2024

176

teachers



Green school Italia: network of schools and territories for sustainable development



Lombardy, Rome Metropolitan Area, Livorno Province, Cagliari Metropolitan Area and Valle d'Aosta Region

DESCRIPTION

The Green School Italia Programme expands a successful initiative—previously active only in Lombardy and involving over 600 schools—to five Italian regions. With support from the project, schools of all levels commit to sustainable development and adopt good practices that reduce their carbon footprint, encouraging students, families and communities to embrace active, responsible behaviours. Over 15 years, the tools available to schools have been refined, particularly thanks to contributions from research institutions within the partnership. This has led to the Green School Method, which includes user-friendly carbon-footprint calculators and new operational and educational resources that strengthen knowledge, methodologies and skills for education for sustainable development.
The project starts in schools and extends into communities, transforming local social, economic and civic networks into "sustainability workshops" capable of co-designing and implementing practical initiatives through community education agreements. Green School Italia also provides modular training for teachers on the 2030 Agenda and equips teachers and students with tools to embed global citizenship and sustainability education across school curricula.

SECTORS OF INTERVENTION

Global Citizenship Education

PROJECT FUNDING

Total project cost: € 644.503,80
Amount spent in 2024: € 24.145
Donors: Agenzia Italiana Cooperazione allo Sviluppo 88%;
Cofinanziamento partenariato – 12%

PARTNER

Provincia di Varese (capofila)
Città metropolitana Roma Capitale
Città Metropolitana di Cagliari
Agenda 21 Laghi, Comune di Laveno Mombello (VA)
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Istituto OIKOS Onlus
CAST ONG Onlus

Associazione EFYS
Cooperativa Brikke Brakke
Cooperativa Erica

PROGRESS

Start date: 24 October 2022
End date: 23 March 2024
Duratio in months: 29 months (including 5 months of extension)



OBJECTIVES

General objective::

Contribute to developing and strengthening a concept of citizenship—understood as belonging to a global community—by pragmatically supporting individual and collective change towards a more sustainable and just world.

Specific objectives:

Improve understanding among students, teachers and citizens of the challenges posed by climate change and sustainable development, promoting the uptake of good practices and sustainable lifestyles through local projects in the target territories.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES

A1. Review carbon-footprint tools and the school interface on green-school.it

A2. Develop teaching and educational resources

A3. Deliver a modular training course for teachers

A4. Support the introduction of sustainable best practices in schools, monitor behavioural-change impacts, and award Green School recognition

A5. Establish a permanent forum on sustainable school programmes

A6. Create local networks for education for sustainable development

A7. Launch participatory design workshops for sustainability actions in the territories

EXPECTED RESULTS

R1. Transfer knowledge on sustainable development and global citizenship—and on shared climate-change challenges—to at least 300 school complexes (from nursery to secondary) across five regions, actively engaging students and staff in adopting good practices that deliver tangible local (and thus global) sustainability outcomes.

R2. Local authorities enhance and integrate educational practices and policies through exchange of experience, network creation, and implementation of local projects on education for sustainable development and global citizenship, or otherwise focused on sustainability.

RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2024

R1. Completed the second year at local level with internal planning meetings (ASIA and Metropolitan City of Rome) covering all workstreams.

R2. Completed the teacher training course and created a shared repository of materials; received 112 feedback questionnaires from teachers.

R3. Selected, launched and completed two local sustainable-development projects in two upper-secondary schools in Rome's Municipality XI.

R4. Signed a Community Education Agreement among ASIA, the Environment Department of the Metropolitan City of Rome Capital, the G. Keplero Scientific High School, Synaptica Project APS, AKO – Architettura a Kilometro 0, Landmark APS, and Rome's Municipality XI.

R5. Supported 33 schools in implementing good practices via calls, emails and in-person visits/inspections.

R6. Assessed and certified 30 schools (committees and end-of-year assessment reports).

R7. Held an end-of-year event (Sustainability Festival, 5 June 2024).

R8. Organised an end-of-project national seminar—"Education for Sustainable Development: the contribution of local areas to global objectives"—with participation from AICS, MIM, MASE, UNESCO, USR, INDIRE, ASviS, IASS, AIIG and all project partners.

BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN 2024

5.186	537	134
students	teachers	Participants in the national seminar



WE ARE ONE: from the illusion of a separate self to the awareness of an interconnected self



Rome and province, Grosseto and province

DESCRIPTION

The project raises awareness among students, teachers and civil society in Rome, Grosseto and their provinces about the interconnection between people, nature and the wider world—trees, plants, animals and other human beings—helping to foster a more inclusive society that recognises the web of relationships linking all living beings. It engages young people and communities on identity and belonging, especially among younger generations, encouraging more inclusive ways of perceiving others and the environment, reducing feelings of separation and isolation, and providing practical tools to cultivate empathy and adopt more responsible behaviors.

SECTORS OF INTERVENTION

Global Citizenship Education

PROJECT FUNDING

Total project cost: €57,020.58
Amount spent in 2024: €22,368
Donors: Unione Buddhista Italiana (UBI) – 70%; Partners (Associazione culturale Dzogchen Merigar and ASIA) – 30%

PARTNERS

Associazione culturale Dzogchen Merigar (lead partner)

PROGRESS

Start date: 1 September 2023
End date: 31 August 2024
Duration: 12 months

OBJECTIVES

General objective:

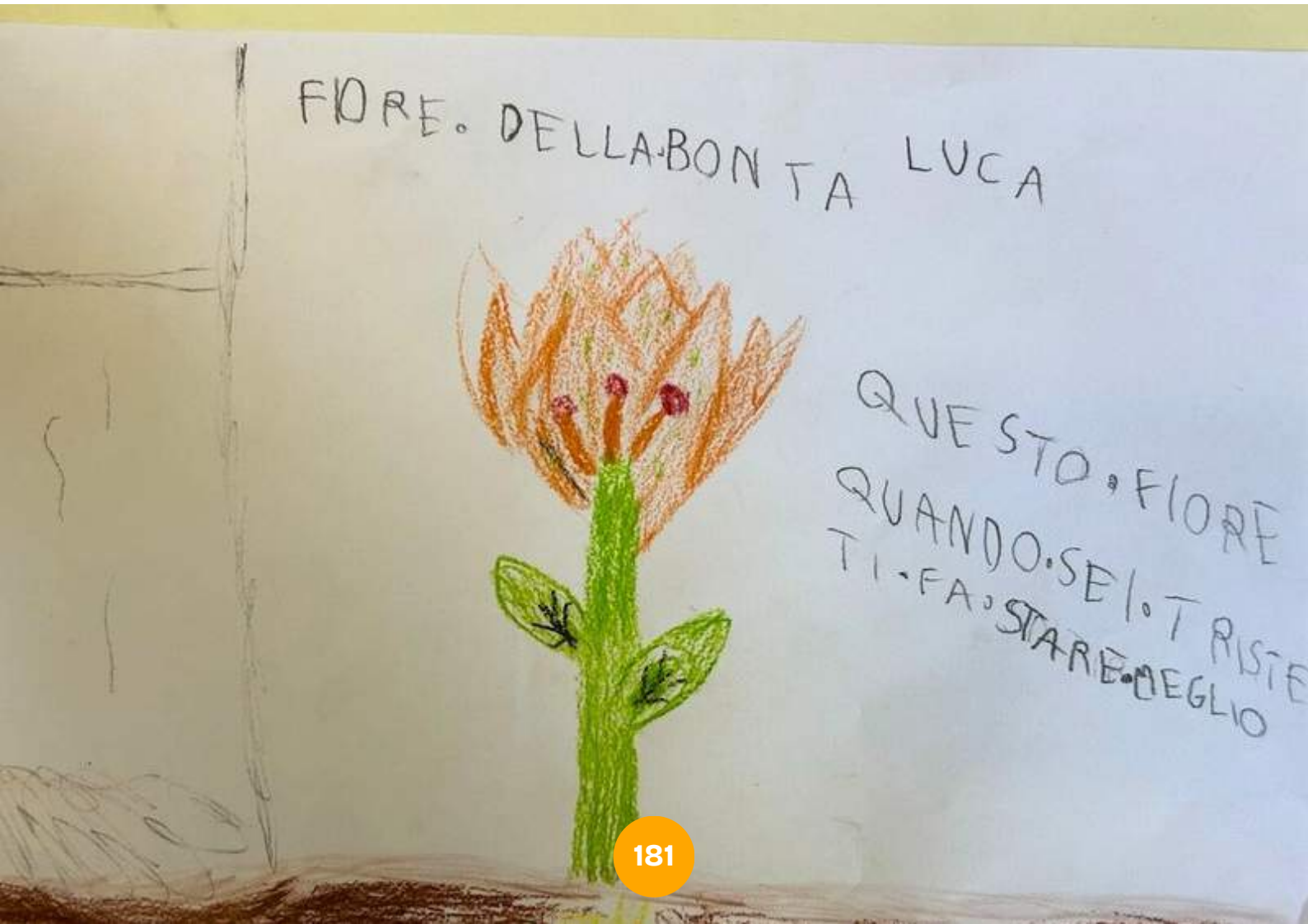
Contribute to a more inclusive society that recognises the interconnectedness of all living beings and encourages responsible behaviour.

Specific objective:

Foster a more holistic view of reality among young people and civil society, nurturing inclusive perceptions of others and the environment, mitigating isolation, and equipping participants with tools to develop an empathetic sense of self connected to people and nature.

PLANNED ACTIVITIES

A1. Kumar Kumari (Yantra Yoga for children): A child-centred method devised by Chögyal Namkhai Norbu (ages 5–12) that works on body, breath and attention to improve flexibility, coordination, concentration and balance, helping reduce anxiety, stress and aggression and supporting children's harmonious development.











A2. Joyful Khaita Dances: A set of traditional and modern songs and dances compiled by Chögyal Namkhai Norbu that convey messages of brotherhood, joy, respect and tolerance. The practice fosters serenity, mutual trust and cooperative relationships among participants

A3. Mindfulness: An evidence-informed approach integrating Buddhist contemplative techniques with psycho-educational methods to help children recognise and manage difficult emotions, calm the mind, improve relationships and enhance learning capacity.

A4. Kindness and empathy workshops (school and educational farm): Activities for ages 6–10 that cultivate kindness and empathy toward oneself, others, animals and the environment through play, simple meditation and arts, complemented by visits to an educational/sustainable organic farm for direct contact with nature and animals.

A5. "Refresh" – recycling and creative reuse: a programme created by the association Inspire Eco-Partecipation using experiential workshops, team games and listening sessions to introduce Zero Waste principles and everyday practices for more sustainable, harmonious living at home and at school.

A6. Final sharing meetings: School-based events, open to families and the wider community, where students and teachers present what they have learned.

A7. Final concert "Siamo Uno" (We Are One): A world-music performance that brings together musicians from diverse traditions, using the universal language of music to open minds and hearts and help overcome prejudice and perceived separateness.

EXPECTED RESULTS

R1. At least a 30% increase in students and teachers reporting a more inclusive outlook, reduced sense of separation, and a stronger perception of an empathetic self interconnected with others and the environment.

R2. Civil society, students and families in participating schools gain exposure to different cultures and tools that highlight the interdependence between self, others and the environment.

RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2024

All expected results were achieved.

BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN 2024

1135
people

3305*
people

*indirect beneficiaries



LONG DISTANCE SPONSORSHIP

Long Distance Sponsorship (LDS) is a fundraising mechanism that enables us to support schools at every level (from nursery to secondary), monasteries, monastic colleges and care homes each year. Through this form of support, we help improve living conditions while respecting each community's cultural and social context. Sponsors commit to providing a stable, ongoing contribution, ensuring children, young people, older people, monks and nuns can live with dignity and access an education that values and preserves their cultural identity over time.

Through Long Distance Sponsorship, each year we contribute to the Sustainable Development Goals of the 2030 Agenda, with a particular focus on:





The number of active Long Distance Sponsorships varies from year to year, influenced by factors such as new enrolments, closures, renewals, the opening or closing of projects, and the timing of related communications. The annual report presents ASIA's activities on a January–December basis.

However, this timeframe does not fully capture the dynamics of LDS projects: numbers fluctuate constantly, and the "snapshot" as at 31 December may not reflect the situation at the time of reading.

In 2024—after a 2023 marked by the continued adjustment following the closure of projects in Tibet—we closed the year with **1,118 active sponsorships and 832 sponsors**. Compared to 2023 (1,258 active sponsorships and 847 sponsors), this represents a decline.

In summary, considering the activities undertaken, resources deployed, and the wider economic, geopolitical and social context, the outcome—while not fully satisfactory—is consistent with external conditions, which continue to be affected by the global crisis.

BENEFICIARIES SUPPORTED IN 2024

1118
individuals



784 194 61 79

BENEFICIARIES SUPPORTED IN 2023

1258
individuals



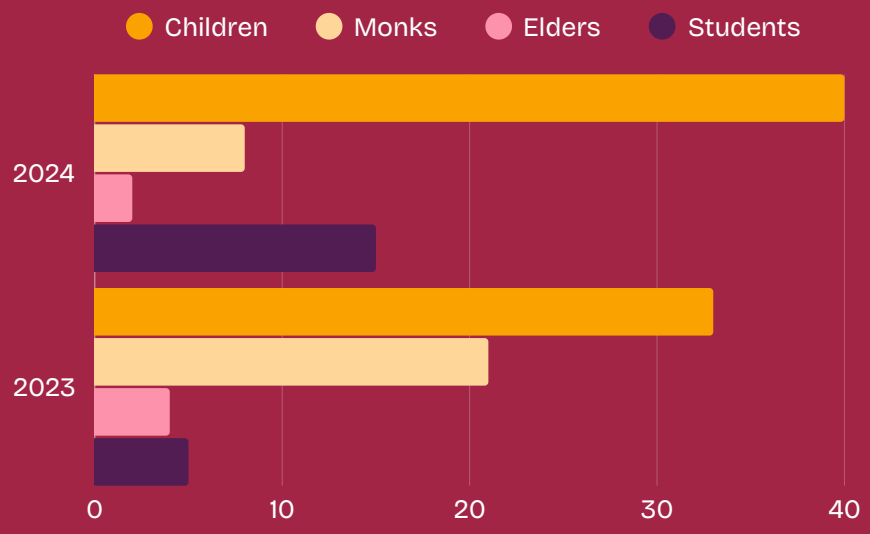
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LDS 2024 IN NUMBERS

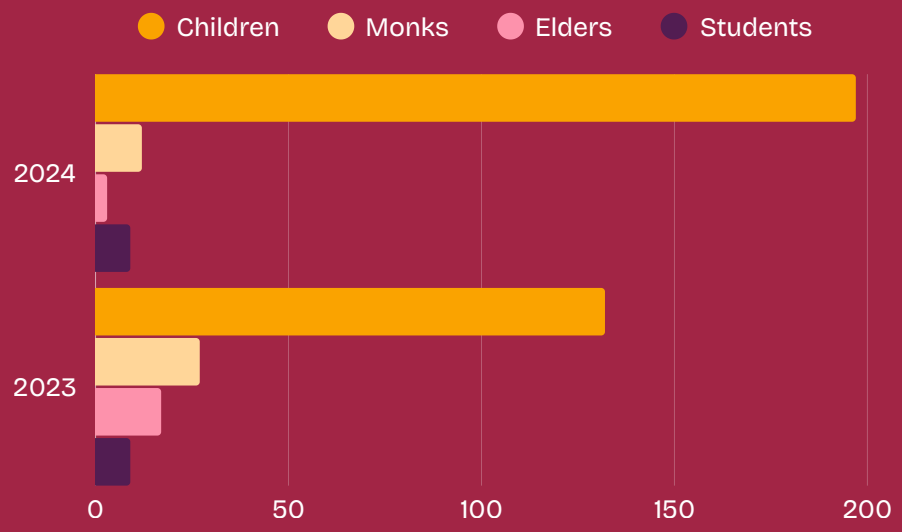
New LDS and closures

In 2024 there was a modest uptick in requests for new sponsorships (65, up from 63 in 2023). Conversely, closures increased year-on-year, with **221 LDS ended compared to 185 in 2023.**

New sponsorships 2023 - 2024



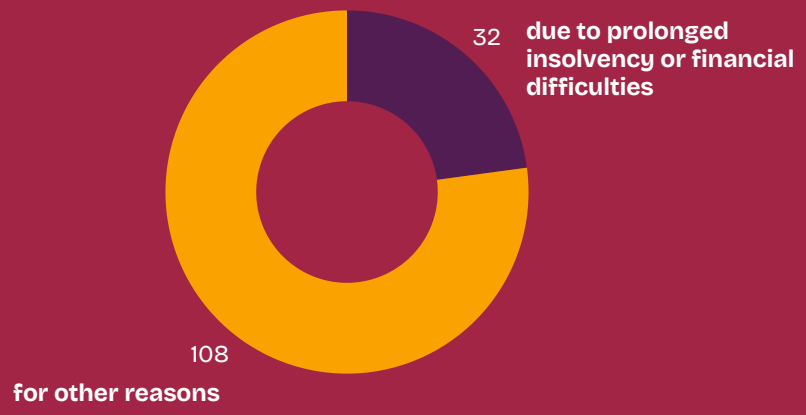
LDS closures 2023 - 2024



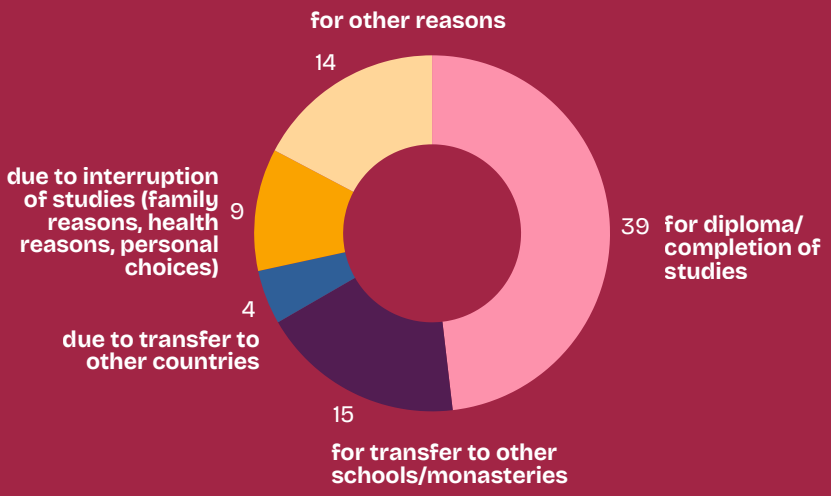
With regard to beneficiary types, although the increase in **new Long Distance Sponsorships in 2024 was modest**, requests for children consolidated at a higher level (40, up from 33 in 2023). In addition, compared with 2023, there was an uptick in sponsorships for secondary-school students (scholarships), which require a higher contribution and, in some cases, enable progression to university.

Of the 221 closures, 140 were due to sponsor decisions, while 81 resulted from changes in beneficiaries' circumstances. The specific reasons are as follows:

140 closures related to supporters



81 closures related to changes in beneficiaries' circumstances



Closures linked to supporters increased

(+36 compared to 2023), reflecting both the insolvency of some supporters and the decision by several major donors to discontinue support for a large number of beneficiaries.

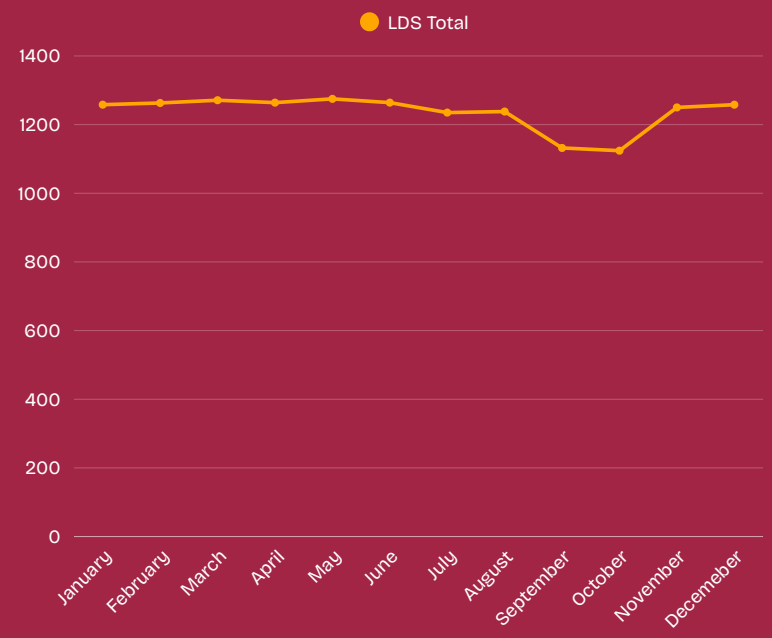
Closures due to changes in beneficiaries' circumstances decreased significantly

this year compared to the previous one (81 versus 131 in 2023), thanks to closer monitoring of beneficiary movements. Year after year, transfers of our beneficiaries between the institutions we support are increasing. All closures were communicated to the relevant supporters, most of whom immediately decided to renew their commitment (see details in the following paragraph). As at 31 December, 81 Long Distance Sponsorships remained closed: 17 because supporters were unable to renew their commitment and 42 because supporters had not yet responded to the closure notices (these figures refer to the number of beneficiaries, not to the actual number of supporters, who may fund multiple sponsorships).



LDS 2024 trend

The progress of the Long Distance Sponsorship programme in 2024 followed the typical pattern of recent years. As in the previous year, **the number of active LDSs fluctuated throughout the year** (see figure below), with pronounced dips—particularly over the summer—linked to the end of the school year and the discontinuation of support by several major sponsors.



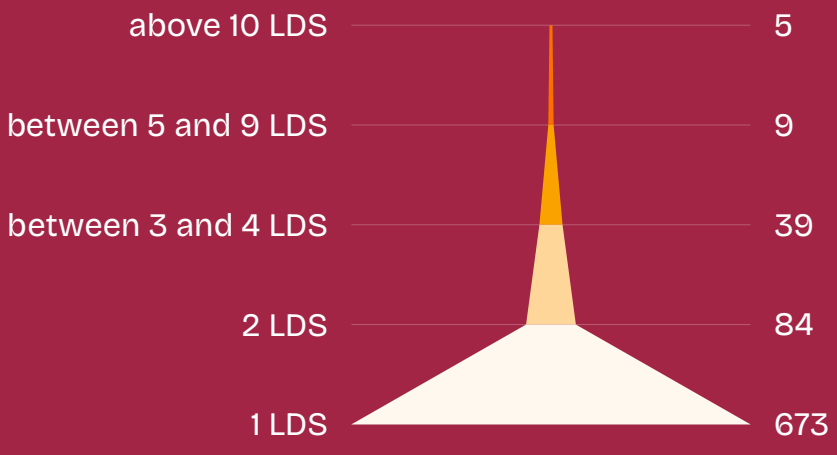
Long-distance supporters

In 2024, there were 832 Long Distance Sponsorship (LDS) supporters. Of these, 22 chose not to be matched with an individual beneficiary, contributing instead to a dedicated German pooled fund.

Among the remaining 810 supporters, the majority (673) support a single beneficiary; 137 support at least two beneficiaries; and 5 supporters each support more than ten beneficiaries.

ASIA's supporters are internationally distributed. Italy ranks first (605 supporters, 73 fewer than in 2023), followed by Germany (62), France (40), the United States (16) and Spain (12).

Number of LDS per supporter



ASIA in Europe

With regard to the European countries where ASIA has offices:

France

The situation improved compared to 2023. Both active Long Distance Sponsorships (LDS) and supporters increased: 40 supporters (36 in 2023) and 55 active LDS (49 in 2023).

Germany

The number of supporters increased while active LDS decreased. In 2024 there are 62 supporters (50 in 2023), 22 of whom contribute to a pooled (non-personal) fund, and 72 active LDS (77 in 2023).



LDS by country

Below is a summary table showing the number of active supporters for each project over the last three years.

LDS PROJECTS	LDS 2022	LDS 2023	LDS 2024
INDIA - 23 (7)	641	609	590
0501 THF (School)	129	117	107
0506 STSS Chauntra	73	61	58
0507 STSS Paonta			
0554 STSS Petoen			
0509 THF Elders	67	64	61
0510 TIPA	12	11	8
0516 CST Darjeeling (closing)	2	2	2
0530 CST Kalimpong (closing)	5	2	2
0512 TCV Bylakuppe	63	62	60
0513 TCV Dharamsala	44	39	40
0514 TCV Lower Dharamsala	18	20	14
0515 TCV Gopalpur	49	49	49
0518 TCV Ladakh	43	43	43
0519 TCV Suja	41	39	38
0520 TCV Outreach	11	7	8
0524 TCV Outreach Bylakuppe	3	3	2
0531 TCV Chauntra	55	50	46
0548 TCV Selakui	8	7	15
0558 Dzigar Holy Cave	23	35	39

LDS PROJECTS	LDS 2022	LDS 2023	LDS 2024
NEPAL - 15	680	633	512
0502 Triten Norbutse Monastery	99	87	78
0508 Manasorovar Foundation	203	152	121
0549 Dolpo School (Ganchen Meri)	28	23	21
0563 Gautam Buddha Monastery (closed)	9	10	9
0564 Tashi Choeling Monastery	43	38	41
0565 Nghagyur Choeling Monastery	11	21	24
0570 Aarukharka School	22	13	18
0571 Thangdoor School	16	10	8
0572 Namuna School (closed)	3	1	9
0573 Dupcheshwori School	59	49	53
0574 Tise School (Siliguri)	112	112	5
0575 Srongtsen Primary School	4	17	25
0576 Namgyal Primary School	0	20	30
0594 Srongtsen High School	29	30	26
0598 Namgyal High School	42	50	53
BHUTAN - 2	3	16	16
0580 Sumthrang Monastery	3	3	3
0581 Tshangkha School (new)	0	13	13
TOTAL LDS 3 COUNTRIES	**1324**	**1258**	**1118**

LDS in Bhutan

In 2024, the project at Shangkha Central School in Trongsa County met its objective of maintaining sponsorships, enabling students to continue their education and improve their living conditions. At Sumthrang Monastery, sponsorships declined progressively and were fully phased out by year-end, primarily due to beneficiary attrition following the abbot's passing. ASIA's commitment in Bhutan remains active, and we have begun identifying new institutions for future Long Distance Sponsorship initiatives.



Ura County and Trongsa County

ACTIVE PROJECTS

0580 Sumtrhang Monastery
0581 Tshangkha Central School

PROJECTS CLOSED AT THE END OF THE YEAR

0580 Sumtrhang Monastery

DESCRIPTION

Long Distance Sponsorship provided concrete support to nuns and students in need living and studying in Bhutanese monasteries and schools. This contribution covered basic needs, teaching and practical materials, medical assistance, and a dignified environment for daily life and study. The Sumthrang Monastery sponsorship component (code 0580) was progressively phased out and closed at year-end.

OBJECTIVES

General Objective:

Contribute to the preservation and transmission of Himalayan cultures through Long Distance Sponsorship for Bhutanese students and nuns.

Specific Objective:

Improve the living and learning conditions of sponsored nuns and students; raise awareness among supporters of solidarity and international cooperation, promoting the safeguarding of cultures at risk.



EXPECTED RESULTS

Ensure quality education and dignified living conditions for vulnerable students identified by partner institutions, activating sponsorships for eligible beneficiaries.

RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2024

Long Distance Sponsorship for 13 students at Lshangkha Central School was maintained and strengthened, improving their living and learning conditions. Regular exchanges and updates were provided to all sponsors, ensuring transparency and continuity. Sponsorships at Sumthrang Monastery were progressively phased out and closed by year-end.

BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN 2024

0 nuns; 13 students

PARTNERS

Bhutan Nyo Foundation

FUNDS SPENT IN 2024

3120 €

LDS in India

In India, 19 Long Distance Sponsorship (LDS) projects were active in 2024 (or 7 if the TCV, CST and STS schools are grouped under their acronyms). As of December 2024 there were 590 active sponsorships—19 fewer than in 2023—supporting 490 students, 39 nuns and 61 older people. The Central Schools for Tibetans (CST) projects did not close as projected last year; however, sponsorships decreased further due to the smaller pool of eligible beneficiaries.



Uttarakhand, Himachal Pradesh, Arunachal Pradesh, West Bengal, Karnataka

ACTIVE PROJECTS

0501 THF School
0506 STSS Chauntra, **0507** STSS Paonta, **0554** STSS Petoen
0509 THF Elders
0510 TIPA
0516 CST Darjeeling, **0530** CST Kalimpong (in chiusura)
0512 TCV Bylakuppe, **0513** TCV Dharamsala, **0514** TCV Lower Dharamsala, **0515** TCV Gopalpur, **0518** TCV Ladakh, **0519** TCV Suja, **0520** TCV Outreach, **0524** TCV Outreach Bylakuppe, **0531** TCV Chauntra, **0548** TCV Selakui
0558 Dzigar Holy Cave

DESCRIPTION

In India, the LDS programme is active across numerous Tibetan schools established after the Dalai Lama's exile. These schools host children and young people from the main Tibetan settlements, offering pathways from nursery through secondary education. Through LDS, ASIA helps cover living costs, education and training for students who reside either in school facilities or with their families.



The programme also supports older people in Tibetan Homes Foundation residences or in settlements nationwide, covering basic needs and medical care for those who are alone or in ill health.

Since 2022, LDS in India has extended to Tibetan nuns—many of whom are older and without family support—living at the hermitage of the Sacred Cave of Guru Padmasambhava (Dzigar). The project provides financial assistance and a dignified living environment. The number of sponsored nuns at Dzigar increased during 2024.

OBJECTIVES

General Objective:

Contribute to the preservation and transmission of Tibetan culture and language through Long Distance Sponsorship for Tibetan students, nuns and older people, ensuring educational continuity and assistance to communities in exile.

Specific Objective:

Ensure equitable, continuous access to education for the most disadvantaged children and youth in Tibetan exile communities; improve teaching quality in participating schools; promote dignified living conditions for sponsored students, nuns and older people; and raise supporters' awareness of international solidarity and the safeguarding of at-risk cultures.



EXPECTED RESULTS

- Enhanced education across the 19 supported Tibetan schools, improving learning environments and opportunities for students of all ages.
- Strengthened living conditions for sponsored children, youth, nuns and older people, ensuring assistance and suitable study environments.
- Ongoing institutional support to participating organisations, maintaining a stable number of active LDS and fostering sustained links between sponsors and beneficiaries.

RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2024

Education quality improved across 19 Tibetan schools, creating more inclusive and better-equipped learning environments. Living conditions for 490 students, 39 nuns and 61 older people were significantly improved thanks to sponsor contributions. Regular communication and updates with sponsors ensured transparency and active engagement.



BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN 2024

490 students; 39 nuns; 61 older people

PARTNERS

TCV (Tibetan Children's Village), THF (Tibetan Homes Foundation), CST (Central Schools for Tibetans), STS (Snow Lion School), TIPA (Tibetan Institute of Performing Arts) and Dzigar Monastery.

FUNDS SPENT IN 2024

130.843,00 €



LDS in Nepal

In 2024, 15 Long Distance Sponsorship (LDS) projects were active. No new projects were launched, while two existing ones closed: support for the monks of Gautam Buddha Vihara Monastery and for children at Namuna School (Rasuwa). Over the year, active sponsorships decreased to 512—down by 121 from 2023.



Kathmandu, Rasuwa, Kaski, Dolpo; Siliguri (West Bengal, India)

ACTIVE PROJECTS

0502 Triten Norbutse Monastery
0508 Manasarovar Foundation
0549 Dolpo School (Ganchen Meri)
0563 Gautam Buddha Vihara Monastery (chiuso)
0564 Tashi Choeling Monastery
0565 Nghagyur S. C. Monastery
0570 Aarukharka School
0571 Thangdoor School
0572 Namuna School (closed)
0573 Dupcheshwori School
0574 Tise School (Siliguri)
0575 Srongtsen Primary School
0576 Namgyal Primary School
0594 Srongtsen High School
0598 Namgyal High School

DESCRIPTION

In Nepal, the LDS programme in 2024 supported 11 schools (6 Tibetan and 5 Himalayan, including 2 upper-secondary institutions) and 4 monasteries. Sponsorships cover school costs for the most vulnerable students—from nursery through secondary—helping ensure quality education and a safe, stimulating learning environment.



In monasteries, LDS supports primary education for young children and the monastic path for adolescents and adults. Particular attention in 2024 went to infrastructure, awareness and teacher training in Rasuwa district (Aarukharka, Thangdoor and Dupcheshwori).

OBJECTIVES

General Objective:

Promote the preservation and transmission of Himalayan cultures through Long Distance Sponsorship for Nepali and Tibetan students and monks.

Specific Objective:

Support the studies of children and youth from Himalayan communities in the areas of intervention; improve education quality in participating schools; ensure better living and study conditions for sponsored students and monks; and raise sponsors' awareness of international solidarity and the safeguarding of cultures at risk.

EXPECTED RESULTS

Improve education quality in supported schools and living conditions for sponsored children, youth and monks, while ensuring steady institutional support and a stable number of active sponsorships.

RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2024

Education quality improved across 11 schools and 4 monasteries, directly benefiting 360 students and 152 monks. Regular contact and consistent updates were maintained with all long-distance sponsors, ensuring transparency and continuity.





BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN 2024

The vast majority of active projects were maintained, ensuring continuity of support in the target areas.

PARTNERS

Manasarovar Academy, Bönpo Triten Norbutse Monastery, Nepal Agroforestry Foundation (NAF), Sangsung Meri Bon Culture Society, Shree Gautam Buddha Vihara Monastery, Pal Tashi Chhoyling Monastery, Nghagyur Sangngh Choeling Monastery, Sherig Phuntsok Ling Bon Society, Namgyal Higher Secondary School, Srongtsen Bhrikuti Boarding High School

FUNDS SPENT IN 2024

121.172,60 €

Beyond Long Distance Sponsorships

In India, Nepal and Bhutan, quality education is often the only pathway for young people to build a future and contribute meaningfully to their communities. Yet the best schools, colleges and universities are concentrated in major cities where, beyond tuition and learning materials, food and accommodation costs are prohibitive. Many families—typically pastoralists, farmers or seasonal workers—cannot cover these expenses. Although some students work part-time, the income rarely suffices. Public scholarships are limited and highly competitive; as a result, even students admitted to prestigious universities may be forced to decline or interrupt their studies, with serious consequences for themselves, their families and their communities.

ENRICO DELL'ANGELO FUND

Established in 2018 to honour the memory and legacy of Enrico Dell'Angelo, the Fund supports university and professional studies for highly motivated young people from Himalayan communities. The aim is to enhance their skills and expand opportunities, improving quality of life in their home areas while promoting their cultures and traditions globally. Each scholarship covers up to 75% of the total cost of study through to graduation; the remaining 25% is contributed by the student as a sign of commitment.

Since inception, 14 scholarships have been awarded (5 men and 9 women) across programmes ranging from 1 to 5 years.



Bhutan

OBJECTIVES

General Objective:

Enhance the knowledge, skills and career prospects of young people from Tibetan and Himalayan communities in Asia and worldwide.

Specific Objective:

Support university and specialist studies for young Tibetans and Himalayans in their countries and abroad, while raising donors' awareness of international solidarity and the safeguarding of cultures at risk.

EXPECTED RESULTS IN 2024

Launch at least one new scholarship.

RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2024

One new scholarship launched.









BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN 2024

4 students. Details below:

Name (incomplete)	Tsering	Tenzin	Laxmi	Sonam
Identification code	EDA011	EDA012	EDA013	EDA014
F/M	F	F	F	F
Country	Nepal	Nepal	Nepal	Bhutan
Degree course	Business Internazionale (BSc)	Hotel Management (BA)	Business Internazionale (BSc)	Cultural Heritage Studies (MD)
Duration	4	4	4	2

PARTNERS

Study Grant office del Department of Education del governo tibetano in esilio e Central European University (CEU)

FUNDS SPENT IN 2024

10.408,89 €

FRANCESCO AND MARIA CATALDI FUND

In 2019, ASIA and supporter G. Cataldi established the "Francesco and Maria Cataldi Fund" to honour the memory of his parents, who passed away in 2011. In this model, a single donor commits to fully covering (100%) a variable number of scholarships for the entire duration of the beneficiaries' studies. Scholarships are awarded to deserving and financially vulnerable Tibetan and Himalayan students enrolled in universities or specialist courses in India and Nepal.

Nepal and India

OBJECTIVES

General Objective:

Enhance the knowledge, skills and career opportunities of young people from Tibetan and Himalayan communities in Asia.

Specific Objective:

Support university and specialist studies for young Tibetans and Himalayans in their home countries, helping them build a future for themselves and improve the living conditions of their families and communities.





EXPECTED RESULTS IN 2024

Award at least one new scholarship.

RESULTS ACHIEVED IN 2024

Continued support for the educational pathways of two young women through two active scholarships.

BENEFICIARIES REACHED IN 2024

2 students. Details below:

Name (incomplete)	**Karma**	**Kunsang**
Identification code	FMC004	FMC005
F/M	F	F
Country	Nepal	Nepal
Course	Nursing	Business Management
Duration	3	4

PARTNERS

N/A

FUNDS SPENT IN 2024

2.276,99 €



FUNDRAISING AND COMMUNICATION

In 2024, the team focused primarily on communication and fundraising in support of communities in Nepal affected by natural disasters.

Throughout the year, we continued the SOS Bambini Himalayani Christmas campaign. Initially, the appeal aimed to provide temporary shelters and essential items to families in Jajarkot who had lost everything in the earthquake, and subsequently to rebuild temporary schools for the children.

In the autumn, severe flooding struck the district of Kavrepalanchok, destroying entire villages and the crops of communities whose sole livelihood is agriculture. The Christmas campaign was therefore redirected to this new emergency, addressing the immediate needs of the Roshi community.

During the year, we developed dedicated online fundraising landing pages —an important step that both simplified digital giving and automated the import of donation flows and personal data into our fundraising CRM (Give by NP Solutions), significantly optimising workflows.



In parallel, we launched a selection process for a webmaster to build a new, more modern and functional website. Sokan Communication was selected, and collaboration began and progressed over the course of the year.

Initiatives and events

In 2024, fundraising initiatives and awareness-raising events were organised, largely within the framework of cooperation and Global Citizenship Education projects.

In partnership with ASIA Trento—and with support from the Autonomous Province of Trento—we delivered three initiatives (March, May and June) to raise funds and inform the public about our field activities:

- **ASIA si racconta**: a public meeting with ASIA staff to present our sectors of intervention and respond to questions;

- **Cara mamma, ne parliamo?**: a two-day Mother's Day fundraising initiative run with the Apicoltori Trentini (Beekeepers of Trentino);

- **Myanmar, una crisi dimenticata**: a webinar offering geopolitical context and an overview of ASIA's work in the country, with a focus on ASIA Trento's role.





In April, we were invited to the Sacred and Profane conference at the Alessandrina University Library in Rome, where we presented "**From Asia to Italy – Safeguarding Tibet's cultural and spiritual heritage and socio-emotional education**", illustrating our work to protect Himalayan cultural and spiritual heritage and our education projects in Italy.



In June, we organised the **SIAMO UNO concert**, the closing event of the project of the same name funded by the Italian Buddhist Union and delivered with Merigar in schools across Rome and its province and in the municipalities of Monte Amiata. The initiative promoted a more inclusive society aware of the interdependence among all living beings and encouraged more responsible behaviour. International artists Fakhraddin Gafarov (Azerbaijan) and Rashmi Vibhu Bhatt (India) led the audience on a journey through diverse musical traditions.

In June, we were present at **Yeshi Namkhai's retreat at Merigar** with a fundraising stand staffed by ASIA personnel and volunteers, and our President delivered a presentation on our activities.





In October, the World Culture Library in Bolzano hosted the conference **Discovering Bhutan and Mongolia: stories and images of ecotourism projects to support rural communities in Bhutan and Mongolian minorities**, held within two projects co-funded by the Autonomous Province of Bolzano. Speakers included Sonam Nyenda, Executive Director of the Druk Nyo Foundation (Bhutan), Alessandro Zito, Desk for Southeast Asia and Mongolia, and our President, Andrea Dell'Angelo.

In November, the Modena support group organised its annual **Solidarity Aperitif**, dedicated to fundraising for the Roshi community affected by flooding.

In 2024, we continued **our collaboration with Zhenphenling**, holding two events:

- February – **"Create Your Own Prayer Flags (Lung-ta)" workshop:** led by Sonam Tsering (Kunga), guiding participants through the meaning and hand-sewing of prayer flags from an original template, using cotton thread without knots, as taught by Chögyal Namkhai Norbu.

- December – **AperiTibet**: an opportunity to meet ASIA supporters and friends, share updates on current activities, and raise funds through the solidarity gift market





Campaigns

In the first months of the year, we continued to promote the SOS Bambini Himalayani campaign launched at Christmas 2023, gradually expanding its objectives.

At the same time, we promoted the 5x1000 campaign, renewing both the concept and the graphics.

In April, we launched a Long Distance Sponsorship campaign—School puts you back in the world—and at year-end we dedicated our Christmas campaign to supporting the Nepalese community of Roshi, hit by severe flooding in the autumn.

Below are the campaigns promoted during the year in detail:

SOS HIMALAYAN CHILDREN

Relaunched in the first half of the year to support the second phase of our intervention for the Jajarkot district after the earthquake. Through DEM (direct email marketing), social media, and presentations to several major donors, we contributed to the construction of three semi-temporary schools, enabling more than 500 children to return to class and resume daily life.



YOUR SIGNATURE IS MY BEGINNING: DONATE YOUR 5x1000 TO ASIA

In 2024 we refreshed the concept and visual identity, shifting to a positive, forward-looking message. In previous years we asked for the 5x1000 to "prevent the disappearance" of Tibetan cultural identity; the new campaign conveyed confidence and opportunity—signing to allocate your 5x1000 to ASIA offers a new beginning to the most disadvantaged people in Himalayan areas.

SCHOOL BRINGS YOU BACK TO THE WORLD

To boost Long Distance Sponsorships, we launched a DEM and social media campaign focused on schools in the Rasuwa district, given the area's extreme poverty. The slogan underscores the crucial role of schools in remote rural contexts: safe places where children can receive one meal a day and care, as well as learn to read, write, and access a basic education.

NEPAL. WATER ALERT

In autumn, violent flooding devastated parts of Kavrepalanchok, where ASIA has been active for years. Our team assessed needs on site and identified 50 families in Roshi Municipality to receive temporary shelter assistance. The Christmas campaign was dedicated to this emergency. Through a targeted postal appeal—two segments: donors and Long Distance Sponsors on one hand, former sponsors on the other—supported by DEM and social media, we raised funds for the Roshi community.


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Solidarity gifts

Alongside items long available on our e-commerce site, in 2024 we added new handicrafts produced by women's cooperatives in Mongolia—finely made bags, backpacks and slippers—and eco-incense produced by the traditional Tibetan medicine school of the Triten Norbutse Bönpo Monastery.
As usual, the pre-Christmas period was when solidarity gifts were most promoted and generated the highest proceeds.

The 2025 calendar was dedicated to Mongolian pastoralists, featuring photographs kindly donated by Alberto Giuliani.











Communication

In 2024, alongside fundraising campaigns, our communications highlighted ASIA's field work through ASIA News—the quarterly newsletter issued at the start of each season—and regular posts and stories on social media. As in previous years, we gave visibility to events organised both to promote fundraising campaigns and Long Distance Sponsorship, as well as project-related initiatives across all channels.

We also contributed our annual update to The Mirror, the quarterly magazine of the International Dzogchen Community.

During the year, we scoped and designed the new website with our webmaster, advancing the build in close coordination with the wider team. The site is expected to go live around mid-2025.

We structured and produced the communications plan for the new ASIA Solidarity Trips—to Nepal (April 2025) and Mongolia (August 2025).

Social media remained central to ASIA's communication and positioning strategy. In 2024 we prioritised dynamic formats—particularly Instagram Stories and Reels—previously underused in our content mix. Results were very positive.

INSTAGRAM PERFORMANCE

Reach: Increased markedly, with a clear peak around July, likely tied to a high-performing content series or campaign.

Interactions: Likes, comments and saves roughly doubled, with notable growth in the last quarter—evidence of more engaging content and stronger audience participation.

Link clicks: Rose sharply, reflecting better promotion of donation and campaign landing pages and stronger calls to action.

Profile visits: Grew throughout the year with several spikes, indicating heightened interest in ASIA's work and campaigns.

Followers: Continued a steady upward trend; with sustained focus on engagement and retention, growth can be further accelerated.

FACEBOOK PERFORMANCE

Overall reach: Content reached 219,861 users, a 4.1% increase year-on-year, combining organic and sponsored posts.

Interactions: Total interactions (likes, comments, shares, etc.) rose 32.9% to 6,266, indicating not just greater visibility but more active engagement; interaction intensity was up 189.6% versus 2023.

Link clicks: Rose sharply, reflecting better promotion of donation and campaign landing pages and stronger calls to action.

Profile visits: Totaled 9,431, an 84.7% increase year-on-year.

Followers: Reached 9,666 in 2024—up 38% from 7,000 in 2023.





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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS





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Balance sheet and Management Accounts

Balance sheet ASSETS

		2024	2023
A	MEMBERSHIP FEES DUE	0	0
	Current year membership fees	0	0
B	FIXED ASSETS	146.280	38.343
I	**Intangible fixed assets**	0	0
1)	Start up and expansion costs	0	0
2)	Development Costs	0	0
3)	Industrial Patent and Intellectual Property Rights	0	0
4)	Concessions, licences, trademarks and similar rights	0	0
5)	Goodwill	0	0
6)	Assets under construction and advances	0	0
7)	Other	0	0
II	**Tangible fixed assets**	144.518	32.323
1)	Land and buildings	0	0
2)	Plant and machinery	0	0
3)	Equipment	0	2.623
4)	Works of art	144.518	29.700

		2024	2023
III	**Financial fixed assets, with separate additional disclosure, for each item of receivables, of the amounts due within the next financial year:**	1.762	6.021
1)	Holdings in:	0	0
	(a) Subsidiaries	0	0
	(b) Affiliated companies	0	0
	(c) Associates	0	0
2)	Receivables	1.762	6.021
	(a) From subsidiaries	0	0
	(b) From sssociates	0	0
	(c) From other Third Sector entities	0	0
	(d) From others - security deposits beyond the following example	0	6.021
3)	Other titles	0	0

C.	**CURRENT ASSETS**	1.217.955	1.517.642
I	**Inventories**	0	0
1)	Raw materials, consumable and supplies	0	0
2)	Work in progress and semi-finished products	0	0
3)	Contract work in progress on order	0	0
4)	Finished products and goods	0	0
5)	advances	0	0

		2024	2023
II	**Receivables, with separate disclosure, for each item, of amounts due beyond the next financial year**	366.243	502.291
1)	From users and customers	2.958	6.346
2)	From members and founders	0	0
3)	From public entities	125.706	47.665
4)	From private entities for grants	202.116	340.393
5)	From entities withinin the same association network	18.560	52.918
6)	From other Third Sector entities	0	0
9)	Tax receivables	0	0
11)	Deferred tax assets	3.891	4.596
12)	From others	13.011	41.779
III	**Financial assets not held as fixed assets**	590	590
1)	Investments in subsidiaries	0	0
2)	Investments in associates	0	0
3)	Other securities	590	590
IV	**Cash and cash equivalents**	851.123	1.014.761
1)	Bank and postal deposits	820.613	999.749
2)	Cheques	0	0
3)	Cash and valuables on hand	30.509	15.012
	TOTAL ASSETS	1.364.236	1.555.986

Balance sheet LIABILITIES

		2024	2023
A	**NET ASSETS**	740.374	976.092
I	**Endowment fund**	136.375	140.648
II	**Restricted net assets**	0	0
1)	Statutory reserves	0	0
2)	Restricted reserves by decision of institutional bodies	0	0
3)	Restricted reserves designated by third parties	490.722	832.422
III	**Unrestricted net assets**	0	0
1)	Retained surpluses/deficits	0	0
2)	Other reserves	0	0
IV	**Surplus/deficit for the year**	113.277	3.021
B	**PROVISIONS FOR RISKS AND CHARGES**	12.894	704
1)	For retirement benefits and similar obligations	0	0
2)	For taxes, including deferred taxes	0	0
3)	Others	12.894	704
C	**EMPLOYEE SEVERANCE INDEMNITY**	56.018	64.441
	Severance pay	56.018	64.441

		2024	2023
D	**DEBTS**	124.600	133.687
1)	Due to banks	0	0
2)	Due to other lenders	0	0
3)	Loans payables to members and founders	0	0
4)	Payables to entities within the same association network	0	0
5)	Payables for conditional donations	0	0
6)	Advances	0	0
7)	Payables to Suppliers	33.123	28.786
8)	Payables to subsidiaries and associates	0	0
9)	Tax liabilities	4.263	17.002
10)	Payables to social security and welfare institutions	8.750	9.596
11)	Payables to employees and collaborators	17.080	17.301
12)	Other Payables	61.383	61.001
E	**ACCRUED LIABILITIES AND DEFERRED INCOME**	430.349	381.062
	TOTAL LIABILITIES	**1.364.236**	**1.555.986**

Management report

EXPENDITURE		2024	2023
A)	CHARGES FROM INSTITUTIONAL ACTIVITIES		
1)	Raw materials, consumables and goods	448.576	448.576
2)	Services	34.281	37.401
3)	Use of third party assets	0	0
4)	Staff	293.272	376.032
5)	Depreciation and amortisation	0	0
6)	Provisions for risks and charges	0	0
7)	Other operating expenses	721.802	650.778
8)	Opening balances	0	0
9)	Allocation of restricted reserve by decision of governing bodies	0	0
10)	Use of restricted reserve by decision of governing bodies	0	0
	TOTAL A)	**1.498.277**	**1.512.788**

INCOME		2024	2023
A)	INCOME FROM INSTITUTIONAL ACTIVITIES		
1)	Income from membership fees and contributions from founders	1.930	2.220
2)	Income from members for mutual activities	0	0
3)	Revenues from services and transfers to members and founders	0	0
4)	Donations	602.738	386.423
5)	Income from 5 per mille	46.259	52.707
6)	Contributions from private entities	297.233	383.529
7)	Revenues from services and sales to third parties	0	0
8)	Contributions from Public Bodies	662.354	726.083
9)	Income from contracts with public bodies	0	0
10)	Other income, revenues and earnings	17.038	88.790
11)	Final Inventories	0	0
	TOTAL A)	**1.627.554**	**1.639.753**
	Surplus/deficit from activities of general interest (+/-)	**129.277**	**126.965**

CHARGES		2024	2023	INCOME		2024	2023
B)	CHARGES FROM OTHER ACTIVITIES			B)	INCOME FROM OTHER ACTIVITIES		
1)	Raw materials, ancillary materials, consumables and goods	0	0	1)	Revenues from services and sales to members and founders	0	0
2)	Services	0	0	2)	Contributions from private entities	0	0
3)	Use of third party assets	0	0	3)	Revenue from services and transfers to third parties	0	0
4)	Staff	0	0	4)	Contributions from public bodies	0	0
5)	Depreciation	0	0	5)	Income from contracts with public bodies	0	0
5 bis)	Depreciation of tangible and intangible assets	0	0				
6)	Provisions for risks and charges	0	0	6)	Other revenues, income and earnings	0	0
7)	Miscellaneous, operating expenses	0	0	7)	Closing inventories	0	0
8)	Opening inventories	0	0				
	TOTAL B)	**0**	**0**		**TOTAL B)**	**0**	**0**
					Surplus/deficit from other activities (+/-)	**0**	**0**

C)	CHARGES FROM FUNDRAISING			C)	PROCEEDS FROM FUNDRAISING		
1)	Charges from regular fundraising	0	0	1)	Income from regular fundraising	0	0
2)	Expenses from occasional fundraising	0	0	2)	Income from occasional fundraising	0	0
3)	Other charges	0	0	3)	Other Income	0	0
	TOTAL C)	**0**	**0**		**TOTAL C)**	**0**	**0**
					Surplus/deficit fundraising activities (+/-)	**0**	**0**

CHARGES		2024	2023
D)	CHARGES FROM FINANCIAL AND ASSET ACTIVITIES		
1)	On bank relations	254	7.454
2)	On loans	0	0
3)	From building assets	0	0
4)	From other assets	0	22.683
5)	Provision for risks and charges	0	0
6)	Other	15.260	10.910
	TOTAL D)	**15.514**	**41.047**
E)	GENERAL SUPPORT CHARGES		
1)	Raw materials, ancillary materials, consumables and goods	0	0
2)	Services	29.363	28.502
3)	Use of third party assets	0	0
4)	Staff and collaborations	240.218	258.334
5)	Depreciation	2.929	1.090
6)	Provisions for risks and charges	9.506	10.523
7)	Other	73.485	49.593
8)	Accrual to restricted reserve due to decision by institutional bodies	0	0 0
9)	Use of restricted reserve by decision of institutional bodies	0	0
	TOTAL E)	**355.501**	**348.042**

INCOME		2024	2023
D)	INCOME FROM FINANCIAL ASSETS		
1)	From banking relations	18.531	18.041
2)	From other	0	0
3)	From building assets	114.818	0
4)	From other capital gians	0	0
5)	Other income	59.411,27	59.222
	TOTAL D)	**192.760**	**77.263**
	Surplus/deficit from financial assets (+/-)	**177.401**	**36.216**
E)	GENERAL SUPPORT INCOME		
1)	Income from the secondment of personnel	0	0
2)	Other general support income	175.011	201.767
	TOTAL E)	**175.011**	**201.767**
	General support surplus/deficit (+/-)	**(180.490)**	**-146.275**

CHARGES	2024	2023	INCOME	2024	2023
TOTAL CHARGES	1.869.292	1.901.890	**TOTAL INCOME**	1.995.326	1.918.783
			Operating surplus/deficit before taxes	126.033	16.905
			Tax	12.756	13.884
			Surplus / deficit	113.277	3.022



Mission Report

General part

1. General information about the organisation

ASIA (Association for International Solidarity in Asia) is a non-governmental organisation founded in December 1988 by a group of scholars of Tibetan culture. Its founder and first President, Chögyal Namkhai Norbu, continues to inspire ASIA's commitment to preserving Tibetan culture.

ASIA implements emergency and development projects in Asian countries—particularly in the Himalayan region—in the following sectors of intervention: EDUCATION; PROTECTION OF SPIRITUAL, CULTURAL AND ARTISTIC HERITAGE; ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION CLIMATE CHANGE ADAPTATION; SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AND FOOD SECURITY; and HEALTH AND WASH. We also promote the right to education through Long Distance Sponsorship, and operate in Italy with Global Citizenship Education projects. Our overarching aim is to advance the economic, social and health development of Asian ethnic minorities whose cultural identity is at risk.

Registrations and accreditations
ASIA is registered/accredited as follows:

- Single National Register of the Third Sector (RUNTS), no. 7299;
- Italian Agency for Development Cooperation (AICS), decree no. 2016/337/000136/0;
- Prefectural Register of Legal Entities of Grosseto, decree no. 190;
- Regional Register of Associations of Lombardy (International Relations section), no. 89.

ASIA is also recognised as eligible to receive European Union cooperation and development funds.

In recent years, ASIA has supported over 1.5 million people across Italy, India, Nepal, Mongolia, Myanmar, Tibet and Bhutan. Alongside professional expertise in managing development and emergency projects, ASIA and its staff—both in Italy and in programme countries—embrace values drawn from these ancient cultures: awareness, compassion, altruism, openness to different cultures, and the direct involvement of local communities. Our mission is not only to reduce poverty but also to foster a culture of peace and tolerance, contributing to a society that respects people and the environment.

Activities of general interest (Article 5, Third Sector Code)

- Development cooperation (Law no. 125 of 11 August 2014, as amended);
- Long Distance Sponsorship;
- Promotion of a culture of legality, peace among peoples, non-violence and unarmed defence;
- Promotion and protection of human, civil, social and political rights.

The table below summarises the addresses of our offices

DESCRIPTION	CITIES	ADDRESS
Legal Office	Arcidosso – 58031 - Italy	Loc. Podere Nuovo Merigar
Operational Headquarters	Roma – 00185 - Italy	Via San Martino della Battaglia 31
Registered office	Como – 22070 - Italy	Via Casale Roccolo 1
Registered office	Milan – 20141 - Italy	Via Sibari 15
Registered office	Bolzano – 39100 - Italy	Via della Vigna 56
Operative office	Kathmandu - 44600 - Nepal	W.N. 2 Ļanzipat House No. 85/62
Operative office	Ulaanbaatar – Mongolia	8 Oyu Center 23 apartment, 16th khoroo, Orkhon 1 Bayangol district
Operative office	Yangoon – Myanmar	Excel Tower 305, n.520 Kabar Aye Pagoda Road and Shwee Gone Bahan

Governing bodies provided for by the Articles of Association

- Members' Assembly
- Board of Directors
- President (legal representative)
- Supervisory Body (currently single-member)
- Board of Arbitrators
- Statutory Auditor (where appointed)

Members' Assembly

The Members' Assembly is the sovereign body of the Association. It meets at least once a year in ordinary session, convened by the President by written notice.

The Ordinary Assembly is responsible for, among other things:

- electing and removing members of the Board of Directors;
- electing and removing the President;
- electing and removing the Vice-President (if provided for), chosen from among the members of the Board of Directors; the Vice-President replaces the President whenever the latter is unable to act;
- appointing and removing the Supervisory Body;
- appointing and removing the Board of Arbitrators;
- appointing the Statutory Auditor;
- approving, by 30 June, the final financial statements for the year ended 31 December, the budget, and the annual report;
- setting the strategy and general guidelines for activities and priority areas;
- deciding on the allocation of profits or operating surpluses, as well as funds, reserves or capital during the life of the Association, where permitted by law and these Articles of Association;
- ratifying the admission of members and resolutions on their removal, resignation or exclusion;
- bringing liability actions, where appropriate, against members of the governing bodies;
- deciding on any other matters assigned to it by law, the memorandum of association or the Articles of Association.

Board of Directors

The Board of Directors is the executive body of the Association. It currently consists of nine members, including the President and Vice-President, all elected by the Members' Assembly. Directors serve three-year terms and remain in office until approval of the financial statements for the final year of their term.

The President is elected by the Members' Assembly from among the Directors, on the basis of their qualities and merits in safeguarding Asian cultures—particularly Tibetan culture. The President may express a non-binding opinion on the appointment of their successor. The term of office is three years; the President remains in office until approval of the financial statements for the last year of the term and the election of new Directors, and may be re-elected.

The President is the Association's legal representative in dealings with third parties, and acts for and defends the Association before any administrative or judicial authority; they may appoint legal counsel as required.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MEMBERS AS AT APPROVAL OF THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

Andrea dell'Angelo	President (Legal Rappresentative)
Riccardo Ducci	Vice-President
Giorgio Cancelliere	Director
Gaetano Ruvolo	Director
Daniela Garbo	Director
Roberto Zamparo	Director
Gabriele Mugnai	Director
Wolfgang Schweiger	Director
Mark Farrington	Director

Supervisory Body

The Supervisory Body monitors compliance with the law and the Articles of Association, adherence to sound administration, and the adequacy and effectiveness of the Association's organisational, administrative and accounting systems. It may also carry out statutory audits. Members of the Supervisory Body are entitled to attend—without voting rights—meetings of the Board of Directors and the Members' Assembly that approves the financial statements.

MEMBER OF THE SUPERVISORY BODY

Francesco Lauria	Single-member Supervisory Body

Board of Arbitrators

The Board of Arbitrators comprises three members who have been registered with the Association for at least five years and are elected by the Members' Assembly from outside the Board of Directors. The Board serves for the same term as the Board of Directors. Any internal dispute between members and the Association or its bodies is submitted— to the exclusion of any other jurisdiction— to the Board of Arbitrators, which decides ex bono et aequo without formal procedural rules; its decision is final.

MEMBERS OF THE BOARD OF ARBITRATORS

Leopoldo Sentinelli	Chair
Marco Almici	Member
Caponi Carla	Member

1. Data on members, founders and activities carried out on their behalf

In 2024, ASIA had 40 members, including 20 women and 20 men, in addition to the founding members. ASIA members participate, on a democratic basis, in meetings convened to approve the financial statements, amend the articles of association and carry out other activities. They participate in the association as provided for in Articles 11 and 12 of the current Articles of Association. ASIA adopts the ordinary tax regime and, as it does not carry out commercial activities, is not subject to IRES (corporate income tax).

Illustration of balance sheet items

3. Data on members, founders and activities carried out for their benefit

In accordance with the Ministerial Decree of 5 March 2020, the financial statements have been prepared in line with the general clauses, accounting principles and valuation criteria set out in Articles 2423, 2423-bis and 2426 of the Italian Civil Code, and the national accounting standards of the Italian Accounting Council (OIC), insofar as these are compatible with the non-profit nature and civic, solidarity and social-utility purposes of third-sector entities.

In particular, the recognition and measurement rules contained in the OIC standards have been applied, except for the specific provisions of OIC 35 for entities preparing their financial statements under Article 13 of Legislative Decree (D.Lgs.) 117/2017 (Third Sector Code).

The entity has measured non-synallagmatic (non-reciprocal) transactions received during the 2024 financial year at fair value.

Unless otherwise specified, the accounting items presented in the financial statements and in this report have the meanings set out in Annex I to the Ministerial Decree of 5 March 2020.

Items have been valued prudently, on a going-concern basis, and in accordance with the accrual principle.

No items have been merged or omitted with respect to the ministerial model, and there are no items that could fall under more than one heading in the prescribed balance-sheet format requiring additional disclosure for a proper understanding of the financial statements.

The accrual basis has been applied: the effects of transactions and other events are recognised in the period to which they relate, not when the related cash movements occur. This report has been prepared on a going-concern basis. The financial statements and this Mission Report are presented in euro. Valuation criteria adopted include (non-exhaustive):

Tangible fixed assets

This heading includes all tangible assets available to the Association with an expected useful life of more than one year. Tangible fixed assets are recognised at purchase cost, including directly attributable ancillary charges and non-deductible VAT (pursuant to Article 72 of Presidential Decree 633/72).

Where, at the end of the financial year, an asset's recoverable amount is permanently lower than its carrying amount, it is written down to that lower value, with the difference recognised in the income statement.

Depreciation is recognised in the income statement based on expected use, intended purpose, and the economic and technical life of each asset, applying the residual useful life criterion.

Rates applied:

- Works of art: 0% (not depreciated)
- Furniture and fixtures: 12%
- Electronic equipment: 20%

Financial fixed assets

Recorded at cost and adjusted in the event of permanent impairment. Financial fixed assets consisting of receivables are measured at acquisition cost. Other securities are recognised at acquisition cost, including directly attributable transaction costs and excluding interest accrued up to the transfer date.

Receivables

Receivables represent rights to receive, at a specified or determinable maturity, fixed or determinable amounts of cash (or goods/services of equivalent value) from customers or other parties. They are recognised at their estimated realisable value, which in this case coincides with nominal value. No provision for doubtful debts is recognised.

Cash and cash equivalents

Comprises bank and postal deposits, cheques, and cash/valuables on hand at year-end. Bank/postal deposits and cheques are measured at estimated realisable value; cash and stamped valuables are measured at nominal value. (Details are provided in Annex 2.) In this case, realisable value coincides with nominal value.

Net assets

Net assets includes:

- Restricted assets (restricted reserves), where funds with a specific purpose not yet used are set aside;
- Unrestricted assets (results of prior financial years and other reserves);
- Surplus/(deficit) for the year.

Accrued income and prepaid expenses

Recognised on an accrual basis, consistent with the accrual (matching) principle.

Provisions for risks and charges

Comprise provisions to cover losses or liabilities of a specific nature that are certain or probable, where the amount and/or timing is uncertain at year-end. Valuation follows the principles of prudence and accrual; no general risk provisions without economic justification are made. Contingent liabilities have been recognised where considered probable and the related outflow can be reliably estimated.

Employee severance indemnities

Represents the liability accrued at the balance-sheet date to employees, in accordance with law and current contracts, considering all forms of ongoing remuneration. The provision equals the total individual indemnities accrued at the reporting date, net of advances, i.e., the amount that would be payable if employment had terminated on that date.

Payables

Payables are obligations to pay fixed or determinable amounts of cash to lenders, suppliers and other parties. They are classified by nature/origin (ordinary operations), regardless of maturity, and are recognised at nominal value.
Sono rilevati ed iscritti in bilancio al loro valore nominale.

Assets and liabilities in foreign currency

Measured at the Bank of Italy exchange rates in force at 31 December 2024. Related exchange gains and losses are recognised in the income statement.

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Income and expenses are recognised on an accrual basis and presented by nature, with appropriate correlation between income and related costs.

Taxes

The Association is subject to IRAP, calculated on the value of production (for ASIA, primarily personnel costs). As there were no significant changes compared with the prior year, the tax calculation has been based on prior-year values.

4. Movements in fixed assets

Intangible fixed assets

No intangible fixed assets are recognised in the financial statements.

Tangible fixed assets

Tangible fixed assets are recognised at purchase cost, with accumulated depreciation presented separately. Works of art are recognised at their estimated realisable (fair) value where acquired by donation (see OIC 16 - Tangible Fixed Assets, para. 58). No depreciation is applied to these assets. The net carrying amount of equipment is equal to zero.

As at year-end, tangible fixed assets include works of art totalling € 144,518.20. The increase versus the prior year reflects:
the donation of 120 volumes of the Tengyur (commentaries within the Tibetan Buddhist canon), valued at RMB 150,000 (publisher's quote), with a euro equivalent of € 19,218.20; and
the valuation of 53 original Tibetan thangka at € 95,600, based on the appraisal records of the Nepalese company "Images of Enlightenment" (Kathmandu).

Asset	Office chair	HP T140 server	Dell Inspirion	total depreciation
Type	Stigmata and furnishings	electronic equipment	electronic equipment	
Initial cost	3.474	1.696	1.029	6.978
revaluations/ devaluations	0	0	0	0
disposals	0	0	0	0
2024 amortisation amount	171	509	417	1.444
Residual depreciation	0	0	0	1.444
% depreciation	12	20	20	

Financial fixed assets

The financial fixed assets recorded in the balance sheet at 31 December 2024 amount to €1,762 and relate to security deposits for the rental of the Rome headquarters, local offices and the security deposit with Poste Italiane S.p.A. used for sending publications to supporters.

5. Start-up and expansion costs and development costs

No start-up and expansion costs or development costs are recorded.

6. Receivables and payables

The composition and changes in receivables are shown in the following table. It should be noted that there are no payables or receivables with a duration of more than 5 years, nor are there any payables secured by collateral on company assets.

The following table shows the composition of receivables recorded in the financial statements and the related change compared to the previous financial year:

RECEIVABLES	AMOUNT AS AT 31/12/2024	AMOUNT AS AT 31/12/2023	CHANGE
1) From users and customers	2.958	6.346	-3.388
2) From members and founders	0	0	0
3) From public bodies	125.706	47.655	78.050
4) From private individuals for contributions	202.116	340.393	-138.276
5) From entities within the same association network	18.560	52.918	-34.357
6) From other third sector entities	0	0	0
9) Tax receivables	0	0	0
11) Prepaid taxes	3.891	13.200	-9.309
12) From others	13.011	41.779	-28.768
TOTAL	**366.243**	**502.291**	-136.048

The payables recorded in the financial statements under point D. are all due within 12 months. Details of the changes are as follows:

LIABILITIES	AMOUNT AS AT 31/12/2024	AMOUNT AS AT 31/12/2023	CHANGE
To Suppliers	33.123	28.786	4.337
To tax authorities	4.263	17.002	-12.739
To Inps - Inail	8.750	9.596	-846
To Employees and Collaborators	17.080	17.301	-221
To entities of the same associative network	0	0	0
Other payables	61.383	61.001	382
TOTAL	**124.600**	**133.686**	**-9.086**

7. Cash

The cash balance amounted to €851,123 at 31 December 2024, down €163,638 compared to the previous year.

The composition of cash and cash equivalents at the end of the financial year is shown below:

CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	AS AT 31/12/2024	AS AT 31/12/2023	CHANGE
CASH IN ITALY	**9.040**	**13.218**	**-4.178**
Euro Cash	369	2.388	-2.018
Cash in dollars	828	606	221
Renminbi Cash	119	116	3
Paypal Cash Register	7.711	10.044	-2.333
MNT Cash - Mongolia	8	8	0
Cash MMK Myanmar	5	55	-50

CASH AVAILABILITY	AS AT 31/12/2024	AS AT 31/12/2023	CHANGE
CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS FOREIGN OFFICES	**21.469**	**1.794**	**19.675**
Cash for projects	110	110	0
Mission fund	316	349	-33
Kathmandu Cash	1	261	-260
Ulaan Baator Cash	20.972	1	20.971
Yangon usd Cash	43	14	29
Yangon Cash	28	1.059	-1.031

BANK ACCOUNTS IN ITALY	**765.167**	**624.039**	**141.128**
BANCA MPS account no. 3893.50	66.151	3.378	62.773
BANCA MPS current account 5622.72	6.824	4.233	2.591
BANCA MPS current account 6069.79	39.948	138.718	-98.770
Credit Agricole current account 6652	49.946	40.525	9.421
Credit Agricole current account 8051	180.313	48.105	132.208
Credit Agricole current account 8152	257.425	97.686	159.740
Credit Agricole current account 7950	78.042	93.671	-15.629
Credit Agricole current account 8253	58.036	178.894	- 120.859
Credit Agricole current account 8538	0	826	-826
Postal current account 89549000	-13.221	12.102	1.119
Postal account 78687001	15.260	5.900	9.360

LIQUID ASSETS	AS AT 31/12/2024	AS AT 31/12/2023	CHANGE
FOREIGN BANK ACCOUNTS	**55.447**	**375.710**	**-320.185**
Kathmandu Euro	138	138.126	-137.987
Kathmandu - Npr - 02	1.477	3.677	-2.201
Kathmandu – Npr - 03	0	0	0
Kathmandu - Npr - 04	0	0	0
Kathmandu – AICS - 05	0	0	0
Kathmandu 96101 Npr - 01	10.458	21.007	-10.549
Ulaan Baatar Euro	53	28	26
Ulaan Baatar Mnt	2.903	38	2.865
Yangoon PC ASIA euro meb	0	10	-10
Yangoon PC ASIA euro	0	20	-20
Yangoon PC ASIA usd	0	18	-18
Yangoon PC ASIA MMK	0	354	-354
Yangoon PC ASIA usd - MEB	0	9	-9
Yangoon PC ASIA - MMK	0	150	-150
Yangoon YOMA Bank	0	212.194	-212.194
Yangoon YOMA Bank 2	40.418	0	40.418
TOTAL CASH AND CASH EQUIVALENTS	**851.123**	**1.014.682**	**-163.559**

8. Accruals and deferrals and other provisions

Accrued liabilities derive from expenditure commitments for the financial year ending and which will be settled in 2024 to the Long Distance Support Institutes and deferred income to 2025 for a total of €430,349 as detailed.

ACCRUED LIABILITIES	AMOUNT AS AT 31/12/2024	AMOUNT AS AT 31/12/2023	VARIATIONS
for long-distance support	354.547	306.889	47.658

DEFERRED INCOME	AMOUNT AS AT 31/12/2024	AMOUNT AS AT 31/12/2023	VARIATIONS
for long-distance support	75.081	74.173	908

Provisions for risks and charges amounted to zero euros at 31 December 2024, down by 704 euros compared to the previous year, as detailed below

OTHER PROVISIONS	AMOUNT AS AT 31/12/2024	AMOUNT AS AT 31/12/2023	VARIATIONS
Other provisions for risks and charges	12.894	704	12.190
Retirement benefits and similar	0	0	0
TOTALI	**12.894**	**704**	**12.190**

The balance of the employee severance indemnity fund is equal to Euro 56,018 1 as at 31 December 2024, down from the previous financial year by £8,423 thousand 8,423.

EMPLOYEE SEVERANCE INDEMNITIES	AMOUNT AS AT 31/12/2024	AMOUNT AS AT 31/12/2023	VARIATIONS
End-of-service benefits	56.018	64.441	-8.423

9. Net equity

ASIA's net equity consists of two main sub-items:

- **Restricted assets**, deriving from funds restricted by donors to projects and long-distance sposorship;
- **Free assets,** consisting of the operating results of previous financial years transferred to the Endowment Fund;
- **Surplus/deficit** for the current financial year.

The net assets at the end of the financial year is equal to € 740,374. The significant fluctuation compared to 2023 is due to the implementation of projects whose funds restricted in 2023 were used in the current financial year.
The table below shows the changes that occurred during the financial year in the individual items:

RESTRICTED ASSETS	ORIGIN	USE	AMOUNT AS AT 31/12/2024	AMOUNT AS AT 31/12/2023	VARIATIONS
For projects	Institutional donors – Private individuals – Organisations – Associations	Implementation of emergency development and ECG projects	490.722	832.422	-341.700
TOTAL RESTRICTED ASSETS			**490.722**	**832.422**	**-341.700**

FREE ASSETS	ORIGIN	USE	AMOUNT AS AT 31/12/2024	AMOUNT AS AT 31/12/2023	VARIATIONS
Endowment fund	Surplus from previous years	Non-ordinary activities as decided by the Governing Council	136.375	140.648	-4.273
TOTAL UNRESTRICTED ASSETS			**136.375**	**140.648**	**-4.273**
SURPLUS/ DEFICIT FOR THE YEAR	Current year result	As per shareholders' meeting resolution	**113.277**	**3.021**	**110.256**

Restricted assets are affected, in their variations, by the use of both restricted funds from the previous financial year and the current financial year for the implementation of projects during the year. Unrestricted assets are represented by the endowment fund resulting from the allocation of previous operating surpluses and the current operating result, the use of which is subject to the decision of the shareholders' meeting.

10. Indication of commitments to spend or reinvest funds or contributions received for specific purposes

Funds received with restrictions on their use and not utilised during the financial year are shown in shareholders' equity under item A.II. 3 funds restricted to projects. When these funds are utilised, they will be recorded in the financial statements under income under item A.4.

11. Payables for conditional donations

Liabilities for conditional donations are recorded in the financial statements under accrued liabilities for those intended for long-distance support for €354,547 and €75,801 under deferred income.

ACCRUED LIABILITIES	AMOUNT AS AT 31/12/2024	AMOUNT AS AT 31/12/2023	VARIATIONS
for long-distance support	354.547	306.889	47.659

DEFERRED INCOME	AMOUNT AS AT 31/12/2024	AMOUNT AS AT 31/12/2023	VARIATIONS
for long-distance sponsorship	75.801	74.173	1.629

12. The income statement

Below is an analysis of the main components of the operating statement based on the areas into which it is divided, highlighting the most significant items and indicating individual items of revenue or cost of exceptional size or significance.

Income Statement – Income

A)	INCOME FROM INSTITUTIONAL ACTIVITIES	1.627.554	1.639.754
1	Income from membership fees	1.930	2.220
4	Charitable Donations	602.738	386.424
5	Proceeds 5x1000	46.259	52.707
6	Contributions from private individuals	297.233	383.529
8	Contributions from Public Bodies	662.355	726.083
10	Other income	17.038	88.790

Income from institutional activities totalled €1,627,554, broken down as follows:

1. Membership fees for 2024 relating to 40 members;

4. Charitable donations amounted to €602,738, an increase compared to 2023;

5. 5x1000 income of €46,259, down compared to the previous financial year;

6. Contributions from private individuals relate to donations and funding for projects allocated on an accrual basis for a total of €297,233. The main donors include the Italian Buddhist Union, the Waldensian Church, the Iides Foundation, Alessia Bulgari and Asia Germany for €55,525.

8. This item includes income, on an accrual basis, from public bodies such as the Presidency of the Council of Ministers, AICS, the Autonomous Province of Bolzano, Metropolitan City of Rome, for a total amount of €662,355, down from 2023, but it should be noted that a project financed by the Presidency of the Council of Ministers has not yet been disbursed; a bank guarantee has been taken out for the amount to be financed for this project.

10. Other income relates to contributions and donations made by Asia and local partners for projects, amounting to €17,038.

D)	INCOME FROM FINANCIAL ACTIVITIES	192.760	77.263
1	On banking relations	18.531	18.041
4	Other assets	114.818	0
5	Other income	59.411	59.222

Income from financial activities derives from interest income from banks and post offices in Italy and abroad for €18,531. The income recorded in point 4 derives from the donation of the collection of 120 volumes of the L'anjur, which form the basis of Tibetan Buddhist canon, with a value of 150,000 Chinese RMB (as quoted by the publisher) and a countervalue of €19,218.20, and the valuation of 53 original Tibetan l'angka for a value of €95,600 as per the valuation in the records of Images of Enlightenment.
In point 5, we have contingent assets and positive exchange rate differences amounting to €59,411.

Section E.2 shows income from the recovery of administrative costs from projects, long-distance support and free donations.

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A)	CHARGES FROM INSTITUTIONAL ACTIVITIES	1.498.277	1.512.788
1	Raw materials, consumables and goods	448.992	448.576
2	Services	34.281	37.401
4	Staff	293.272	376.032
7	Other operating expenses	721.802	650.779

The expenses shown in Table A represent, by category of expenditure, the amount implemented for projects during 2024, for a total of €1,498,277.

D)	CHARGES FROM FINANCIAL AND CAPITAL ACTIVITIES	15.514	41.048
1	On bank relations	254	7.455
4	Other Assets	0	22.683
6	Other Expenses	15.260	10.910

Table D shows interest expense for tax instalments 1) and exchange rate differences and contingent liabilities 6).

E)	GENERAL SUPPORT CHARGES	355.501	348.042
2	Services	29.363	28.502
4	Staff and collaborations	240.218	258.334
5	Depreciation	2.929	1.090
6	Provision for risks and charges	9.506	10.523
7	Other operating expenses	73.485	49.593

Table E of expenses shows the costs incurred by the organisation that are not directly attributable to ASIA's projects and institutional activities.

13. Nature of donations received

The donations that Asia receives are made by private individuals who allocate their donations to institutional activities such as projects, long-distance support and free donations. These donations are generally small to medium in amount. Every year, Asia reports the donations made by private individuals to the Revenue Agency and issues the necessary certification of the funds received each year from its supporters.

14. Employees and volunteers

Employees are covered by the national collective labour agreement (CCNL) for the tertiary, distribution and services sector. Collaborators are covered by the Framework Agreement signed with the trade unions, renewed on 9 April 2018, which provides greater guarantees for sickness and maternity protection for this type of worker. The unit referred to as management is subject to VAT. There are no volunteers as referred to in Article 17(1) of D.Lgs. 117/2017. The workforce as at 31/12/2024 is shown below

EMPLOYEES	WOMEN	MEN	TOTAL
Full-time employees	1	1	2
Part-time employees	2	1	3
Co.co.co Italy	2	2	4
Co.co.co Abroad	1	2	3
Legal representative	0	1	1
TOTAL	6	7	13

The average number of employees broken down by category is shown below:

EMPLOYEES BY CATEGORY	WOMEN	MEN	TOTAL
Executives	0	1	1
Middle managers	0	0	0
Employees/collaborators	6	6	12
TOTAL	6	7	13

15. Remuneration payable to the executive body, the control body and the person responsible for statutory auditing

The following table shows the remuneration payable to the executive body, the control body and the person responsible for the statutory audit, as well as the difference in remuneration between employees:

Board of Directors
the councillors do not receive any remuneration

Audit body
receives no remuneration

Auditing firm appointed to carry out voluntary audits
Crowe Bompani SpA: €4,128

16. Assets allocated to a specific transaction

There are no assets allocated to a specific transaction.

17. Transactions with related parties

During the financial year, relations were maintained with the affiliated association ASIA Trento, with which awareness-raising and fundraising activities are carried out in the province of Trento, as well as international cooperation projects. Receivables dating back to previous years were repaid by ASIA Trento during 2024.

18. Proposal for the allocation of the surplus or coverage of the deficit

It is proposed to the shareholders' meeting that the surplus for the financial year of €113,277 be allocated to the Association's Endowment Fund, the use of which will be decided by the Board of Directors.

Illustration of the economic and financial performance of the entity and the methods used to pursue its statutory objectives

19. Situation of the entity and management performance

The priority areas on which ASIA focused during 2024, as per its statute, were food security, the development of ecologically sustainable agriculture to combat the effects of climate change; improving access to education; supporting gender equality and women's empowerment; prevention and preparedness of the most vulnerable populations to deal with emergencies; and defending the cultural, spiritual and linguistic heritage of cultural minorities.
The countries where we intervened were Myanmar and Mongolia and, in the Himalayan region, Nepal and Bhutan.
We have focused on the least developed and most vulnerable countries, which are dependent on predominantly agricultural and pastoral economies, managed at the family level and with a low degree of technological innovation.
The management performance was positive, but restricted assets declined compared to the previous year and were affected by the use of both restricted funds from the previous financial year and the current financial year for the implementation of projects during the year. Operating performance was positive, despite many difficulties, mainly due to international crises that effectively shifted donor funding to areas and issues not specific to our association.
During 2024, it was decided to consolidate and make available the valuable collections of objects that were brought from Tibet or donated to ASIA.
ASIA currently possesses a remarkable collection of Western and Tibetan books; modern and ancient Tibetan paintings; 53 ancient paintings on fabric depicting Tibetan medicine; objects used in ancient Tibetan surgery; statues and objects from the daily life of nomads. These collections will gradually be evaluated by experts in the field and then added to ASIA's heritage.

20. Predictable evolution of management

As mentioned in the previous point, international crises and the implementation of the so-called Mattei Plan strongly influence the disbursement of public funds by the Italian Agency for Cooperation and Development and the Presidency of the Council of Ministers in the countries where ASIA has been working for more than thirty years.
Therefore, efforts are being made to increase the number of private donors and private foundations in order to make up for this shortfall in public funds. During 2024, several new donors were identified and new project proposals were presented to them.

Furthermore, due to the increasingly frequent emergencies affecting the countries where we operate, during 2024, ASIA was involved in two emergencies in Nepal, first an earthquake and then severe flooding. To deal with these emergencies, a number of fundraising campaigns were launched, which yielded good results. Meanwhile, the Fundraising department has increased the organisation of fundraising events, launched campaigns, organised solidarity trips to Nepal and improved the e-commerce of handcrafted products derived from projects. As long as the crisis of funds allocated to the countries where ASIA operates continues, it is necessary to reduce management costs and optimise the resources working in the offices. To this end, efforts are being made to optimise management by using new databases that bring together all data relating to administration, accounting, donations and long-distance adoptions, allowing ASIA to manage its accounts more efficiently and to request credits for funded projects from donors in a more timely manner. Efforts are being made to give greater impetus to the long-distance adoption sector, as it is strategic for the organisation.

21. Methods for pursuing statutory objectives

From the point of view of its statutes and mission, ASIA will continue to work in Asia, particularly in the Himalayan region, seeking where possible to open up new countries in accordance with its statutory guidelines.
As regards the areas of intervention, the priority sectors remain education; environmental protection and the fight against climate change; food security and emergencies; the protection of the historical, linguistic and spiritual heritage of the Himalayan peoples; and long-distance adoptions.
Efforts are being made to expand activities in Italy to raise awareness among civil society of ASIA's priority issues and to develop global citizenship education projects that promote values such as self-awareness, environmental awareness and awareness of all sentient beings, compassion, non-violence and respect for diversity in schools

22. Other secondary activities

No other secondary activities were carried out.

23. Notional income and expenses

No notional costs and revenues were presented at the bottom of the management report.

24. Information relating to personnel costs

Salary difference between employees and collaborators: Maximum gross salary €52,416.00 (VAT registered) Minimum gross salary€ 23,128
Ratio 1:8 2.26

25. Description of fundraising activities referred to in section C of the management report

During 2024, no fundraising activities were carried out outside of normal institutional activities.

Annex 1 - Details of commitments to projects

PROJECTS	RESTRICTED FUND AS AT 31/12/2024	INCREASE IN THE RESTRICTED FUND	DECREASE IN THE RESTRICTED FUND	RESTRICTED FUND AS AT 31/12/2023
Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Cooperation / AICS	**170.388**	**0**	**170.388**	**0**
2248 AICS Myanmar	169.194	0	169.194	0
3021 Green School_AICS Varese	1.194	0	1.194	0
Presidency of the Council of Ministers	**92.780**	**17.094**	**92.780**	**17.094**
2282 PCdM Nepal Sindhupalchock	0	17.094	0	17.094
2283 PCdM Myanmar vegetable gardens	92.780	0	92.780	0
Autonomous Province of Bolzano	**154.483**	**66.836**	**154.483**	**66.836**
2290 Bolzano sindhupalchowk_Nepal	1.705	0	1.705	0
2291 Bolzano Bhutan	8.827	0	8.827	0
2292 Bolzano agricultural practices Nepal	38.683	0	38.683	0
2299 Bolzano Nuwakot_Nepal	39.467	2.915	39.467	2.915
2300 Bolzano Mongolia Tuva	36.649	0	36.649	0
2308 Bolzano Bhutan	29.152	0	29.152	0
2308 Nepal beekeepers Bolzano	0	38.978	0	38.978
2309 Nepal Rasuwa Education BZ	0	24.943	0	24.943
Tides Foundation	**17.142**	**34.426**	**27.483**	**24.085**
2286 Sumthrang Phase 2	17.142	0	17.142	0
2259 Triten 2nd phase	0	34.426	10.341	24.085
Italian Buddhist Union	**35.169**	**44.998**	**35.169**	**44.998**
2302 Mongolia Ubi	31.438	0	31.438	0
2310 Jajarkot Nepal UBI	0	44.998	0	44.998
3023 We Are One_UBI Merigar	3.731	0	3.731	0
Private Donors	**362.462**	**317.480**	**342.233**	**337.709**
0086 Dzongtsa	2.400	0	2.400	0
0089 Khamdogar	1.587	0	1.587	0
0094 Dzolung	480	0	480	0
0614 Surgery for life	5.391	0	2.274	3.117
0615 EDA Scholarships	23.549	1.680	10.409	14.821
0616 Cataldi Scholarships	707	3.448	3.729	426

PROJECTS	RESTRICTED FUND AS AT 31/12/2024	INCREASE IN THE RESTRICTED FUND	DECREASE IN THE RESTRICTED FUND	RESTRICTED FUND AS AT 31/12/2023
0618 Manasarovar	1.774	1.374	0	3.147
2293 Tashi Choeling Nepal	145.854	17.295	52.205	110.944
2294 Pakel Nepal	10.791	0	10.791	0
2303 Earthquake emergency 2023	124.575	70.975	195.550	0
2306 ISD Rasuwa funds	0	53.383	17.454	35.929
2311 Shingnyeer Bhutan	0	114.896	0	114.896
2313Krueger_ASIA Dhaulakot TLC	0	20.000	0	20.000
4016 Merigar	16.389	0	16.389	0
4023 Seeds of the future	17.825	0	17.825	0
4024 ASIA Emergency	0	34.429	0	34.429
4027 Hidden Treasures	11.141	0	11.140	0
TOTAL	**832.422**	**480.834**	**822.534**	**490.722**



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INDEPENDENT AUDITOR'S REPORT
IN ACCORDANCE WITH ARTICLE 14 OF LEGISLATIVE DECREE NO. 39 OF JANUARY 27, 2010

To Shareholders
of ASIA – Associazione per la Solidarietà Internazionale in Asia – Ente del Terzo Settore

Report on the Audit of the Financial Statements

Opinion

We have audited the financial statements of ASIA – Associazione per la Solidarietà Internazionale in Asia – Ente del Terzo Settore (the Entity), which consist of the balance sheet as of December 31st, 2024 and the management report for the year then ended, and the sections "Parte Generale" e "Illustrazione delle poste di bilancio" included in the notes to the financial statement ("Relazione di Missione").

In our opinion, the financial statements give a true and fair view of the financial position of ASIA – Associazione per la Solidarietà Internazionale in Asia - Ente del Terzo Settore as at December 31st, 2024, and its financial performance for the year then ended in accordance with Italian regulations governing their preparation criteria.

Basis for Opinion

We conducted our audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISA Italia). Our responsibilities under those standards are further described in the "Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements" section of our report. We are independent of the Entity in accordance with ethical and independence regulations and standards applicable to audits of financial statements under Italian law. We believe that the audit evidence we have obtained is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion.

Responsibilities of Directors and Supervisory Body for the Financial Statements

The Directors are responsible for the preparation of the financial statements that give a true and fair view in accordance with the Italian regulations governing financial statements, and, within the terms provided by the law, for such internal control as they determine is necessary to enable the preparation of financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

The Directors are responsible for assessing the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern and, when preparing the financial statements, for the appropriateness of the going concern assumption, and for appropriate disclosure thereof. The Directors prepare the financial statements on a going concern basis unless they either intend to liquidate the Entity or to cease operations, or have no realistic alternative but to do so.

The Supervisory Body is responsible, within the terms provided by the law, for overseeing the Entity's financial reporting process.

Auditor's Responsibilities for the Audit of the Financial Statements

Our objectives are to obtain reasonable assurance about whether the financial statements as a whole are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error, and to issue an auditor's report that includes our opinion. Reasonable assurance is a high level of assurance, but is not a guarantee that an audit conducted in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISA Italia) will always detect a material misstatement when it exists. Misstatements can arise from fraud or error and are considered material if, individually or in aggregate, they could reasonably be expected to influence the economic decisions of users taken on the basis of these financial statements.

As part of an audit in accordance with International Standards on Auditing (ISA Italia), we have exercised professional judgment and maintained professional skepticism throughout the audit. In addition:

- we have identified and assessed the risks of material misstatement of the financial statements, whether due to fraud or error, designed and performed audit procedures responsive to those risks, and obtained audit evidence that is sufficient and appropriate to provide a basis for our opinion. The risk of not detecting a material misstatement resulting from fraud is higher than for one resulting from error, as fraud may involve collusion, forgery, intentional omissions, misrepresentations, or the override of internal control;
- we have obtained an understanding of internal control relevant to the audit in order to design audit procedures that are appropriate in the circumstances, but not for the purpose of expressing an opinion on the effectiveness of the Entity's internal control;
- we have evaluated the appropriateness of accounting policies used and the reasonableness of accounting estimates and related disclosures made by the Directors;
- we have concluded on the appropriateness of Directors' use of the going concern basis of accounting and, based on the audit evidence obtained, whether a material uncertainty exists related to events or conditions that may cast significant doubt on the Entity's ability to continue as a going concern. If we conclude that a material uncertainty exists, we are required to draw attention in our auditor's report to the related disclosures in the financial statements or, if such disclosures are inadequate, to consider this matter in forming our opinion. Our conclusions are based on the audit evidence obtained up to the date of our auditor's report. However, future events or conditions may cause the Entity to cease to continue as a going concern;
- we have evaluated the overall presentation, structure and content of the financial statements, including the disclosures, and whether the financial statements represent the underlying transactions and events in a manner that achieves fair presentation.

We have communicated with those charged with governance, identified at an appropriate level as required by ISA Italia, regarding, among other matters, the planned scope and timing of the audit and significant audit findings, including any significant deficiencies in internal control that we identify during our audit.

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Report on compliance with other laws and regulations

Opinion in accordance with article 14, paragraph 2, letter e); e-bis), e-ter) of Legislative Decree 39/10

Directors of ASIA – Associazione per la Solidarietà Internazionale in Asia - Ente del Terzo Settore are responsible for the preparation of the section "Illustrazione dell'andamento economico e finanziario dell'Ente e delle modalità di perseguimento delle finalità statutarie" included in the notes to the financial statement ("Relazione di Missione") of ASIA – Associazione per la Solidarietà Internazionale in Asia - Ente del Terzo Settore as of December 31st, 2024, including its consistency with the related financial statements and its compliance with the applicable legal requirements.

We have carried out the procedures indicated in Auditing Standard (SA Italia) n. 720B in order to:

- express an opinion on the consistency of the section "Illustrazione dell'andamento economico e finanziario dell'Ente e delle modalità di perseguimento delle finalità statutarie" included in the notes to the financial statement ("Relazione di Missione") with the financial statements;
- express an opinion on the compliance of the section "Illustrazione dell'andamento economico e finanziario dell'Ente e delle modalità di perseguimento delle finalità statutarie" included in the notes to the financial statement ("Relazione di Missione") with legal requirements;
- issue a declaration on any material misstatements in the section "Illustrazione dell'andamento economico e finanziario dell'Ente e delle modalità di perseguimento delle finalità statutarie" included in the notes to the financial statement ("Relazione di Missione").

In our opinion, the section entitled "Illustrazione dell'andamento economico e finanziario dell'Ente e delle modalità di perseguimento delle finalità statutarie" included in the notes to the financial statement ("Relazione di Missione") is consistent with the financial statements of ASIA – Associazione per la Solidarietà Internazionale in Asia – Ente del Terzo Settore as of December 31st, 2024.

Furthermore, in our opinion, the section "Illustrazione dell'andamento economico e finanziario dell'Ente e delle modalità di perseguimento delle finalità statutarie" included in the notes to the financial statement ("Relazione di Missione") has been prepared in compliance with legal requirements.

With reference to the statement pursuant to Article 14, Paragraph 2, Letter e-ter) of Legislative Decree 39/10 issued based on the knowledge and understanding of the Entity obtained in the course of the audit, we have nothing to report.

Rome, 13th June 2025

Crowe Bompani Srl
Signed by
Fabio Sardelli
(Partner)

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Supervisory Body Report

Report of the Monocratic Auditing Body

For the Assembly to approve the 2024 financial statements of A.S.I.A - "Association for International Solidarity in Asia" ETS

Dear Members, during the financial year ending 31 December 2024 I carried out my supervisory activity in compliance with current legislation, keeping in mind the principles of conduct of the Board of Statutory Auditors recommended by the National Council of Chartered Accountants and Accounting Experts, supervising the compliance with the law and the company statute.

Regarding the activity carried out, I report the following:

- I monitored compliance with the law and the statute and compliance with the principles of correct administration;

- I obtained from the competent administrative functions the necessary information on the activity carried out and on the operations of greatest economic, financial and equity importance carried out during the year, which are comprehensively represented in the Mission Report, to which reference should be made. Based on the information made available, I can reasonably believe that the operations carried out by the association comply with the law and the company statute;

- I monitored the adequacy of the administrative-accounting system, as well as the reliability of the latter in correctly representing management facts by obtaining information from the managers of the competent functions. From the activity carried out, no anomalies emerged that could be considered indicators of inadequacy of the system, no significant omissions or irregularities emerged that would require mention in this report. Furthermore, I examined and obtained information on the organizational and procedural activities which resulted adequate for the activity carried out and the size of the association;

- I have not encountered any atypical or unusual transactions with third parties capable of significantly impacting the economic, equity and financial situation of the association:

- I am not aware of any facts or complaints that need to be mentioned to the Assembly;

- During the financial year I did not issue opinions pursuant to the law;

- In carrying out the supervisory activity described above, during the meetings held with the members of the Asian Administrative Office, I acquired information on the general performance of the management and on the risk factors and significant uncertainties relating to continuity and the most significant operations carried out by the Association and based on the information acquired I have no particular observations to report.

With reference to the financial statements closed on 31 December 2024, I supervised the aspects and formalities not related to the statutory audit of the accounts, the setup and its general compliance with the law as regards its formation and structure; in particular I was able to find that the financial statements were drawn up in compliance with the art. 13 of Legislative Decree no. 117 of 3 July 2017 (Third Sector Code) and the Ministerial Decree. 5 March 2020 of the Ministry of Labor and Social Policies, as integrated by OIC n.35 ETS Accounting Principle which governs its preparation.

Furthermore, I have verified the compliance of the financial statements with the facts and information of which I am aware following the performance of my duties and I have no observations in this regard.

On 13 June 2025 I received the document drawn up by the auditing firm Crowe Bompani S.p.a. via email. (Dr. Fabio Sardelli Legal Auditor) appointed by the Assembly of Asia to perform the Legal Audit for the 2024 financial year, which issued the Certification of Asia's 2024 financial statements without qualifications.

Considering that the auditing firm Crowe Bompani S.p.a. has issued its opinion without exceptions, the Monocratic Body finds no impediments regarding the approval of the budget as of 31 December 2024 and of the Mission Report, expressing a favorable opinion on the proposed allocation of the operating surplus as resolved by the Board of Director on 13 June 2025.

Firenze, 19 June 2025

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