

STICHTING ALLIANCE 2015

FINANCIAL REPORT 2018

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GENERAL INFORMATION

Alliance2015 is a strategic partnership of seven European non-governmental organisations engaged in humanitarian and development activities. Alliance2015 members are ACTED (France), Cesvi (Italy), Concern Worldwide (Ireland), HELVETAS Swiss Intercooperation (Switzerland), Hivos (The Netherlands), People in Need (Czech Republic) and Welthungerhilfe (Germany). As of 1st September 2019 Ayuda en Acción (Spain) joined as an Associate Member; after one year of associate membership, full membership can be considered.

Formation and purpose of the Foundation

The Foundation was formed on 10 November 2000 and is registered with the Chamber of Commerce under number 27196663.

The object of the foundation is the promotion and strengthening of collaboration between like-minded European development organisations that are active in the field of humanitarian and sustained development assistance. More about this object has been mentioned in the Memorandum of Understanding, the text of which will be attached to this deed. The foundation supports the striving after a worldwide reduction of poverty before the year 2015, as formulated in the OESO/DAG report "Shaping 21st Century Strategy".

Members of the Executive Board

Mr. E. Huizing
Mr. D. MacSorley
Mr. J.M. Lengsfeld
Mr. T. Wahnbaeck
Mrs. M.P. Caley
Mrs. D. Bernacchi
Mr. S. Panek

Director

Mrs. A. Potter Prentice

Financial contributions

The Foundation receives contributions from its founding members.

MANAGEMENT REPORT

Alliance2015 had a strong year of consolidating its presence and footprint in Brussels, and of building trust and cooperation internally with the membership and the working groups which drive the Alliance's work.

The coordination team in Brussels faced some challenges with recruitment (gap between Senior Programme Officer Departure and Senior Programme Adviser arrival from May to September; a failed recruitment for Communications Officer, leaving the post vacant for almost 6 months; and higher than expected intern turnover) leading to some gaps in coverage of key functions. Despite this the 'hub' has finished the year with an almost full team in place and was able to keep moving with delivery on the strategic action plan 2018-2020. There were also several shifts in Executive Board membership with new CEOs coming on board (2 of the 8) and a new Chair taking over at the AGM in May (the chair passed from Concern to Helvetas).

Our membership is active in 89 countries, programming €981 million in 2017 alone. At present we count 39 joint programming initiatives covering 20 countries. In 2018, 41 project proposals have been submitted, among them 13 have been approved (worth €47 million), 6 rejected and 22 are still pending. Joint proposals have been or will be submitted for Kenya, Somalia, Pakistan, Bangladesh, Iraq, Ukraine and Venezuela for the ECHO HIPs 2019. In terms of our specific strategic objectives, we note the following achievements:

Strategic Objective 1: Development

- The retrofitting exercise to lead to the design of a major joint community resilience programme was kicked off in the Horn of Africa.
- Five Alliance members came together to bid for the IFAD Agribusiness Capital Fund Technical Assistance Facility tender: there was a great Alliance effort with WHH in the lead; the bid failed but the team have done a lessons learnt exercise and are looking for opportunities to repurpose the bid.

Strategic Objective 2: Humanitarian

- We achieved a 5 CEO meeting with ECHO Director General Monique Pariat, which has led to the design of a clearer strategy to increase the quality and quantity of joint humanitarian responses, including a specific donor strategy towards ECHO.
- We designed a role for an Emergency Preparedness and Response Officer to assist in this; the first round failed but was relaunched in December 2018.
- Alliance joint activities in Bangladesh stepped up considerably, and an application to support a joint response in Venezuela to the Alliance New Initiatives Fund was approved.

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Strategic Objective 3: Advocacy

- In 2018, Alliance2015 members conducted joint researches into the role of the private sector in food and nutrition security and the implementation of the EU Action Plan on nutrition.
- With PIN in the lead, we got through the first round of our application to the EU DEAR Call with a strong EUR7m proposal on climate change and resilience.
- We successfully launched the Global Hunger Index with its theme of at the European Parliament and conducted successful advocacy meetings thereafter with colleagues from Kenya, Somalia and South Sudan.
- We played a key role in organising the Generation Nutrition High level event in the European Parliament on 4th December showcasing Alliance evidence delivered by field-based Alliance colleagues and partners (Ethiopia and Zambia), to a very strong and positive reaction from DEVCO, member states and some MEPs.

Strategic Objective 4: Alliance strengthening

- We agreed on the new associate membership of Spanish NGO Ayuda en Accion and inducted them into the Alliance where they have already undertaken joint work in Ethiopia, joint assessment in Venezuela, a decision to invest in the Hivos impact investment fund, and joint the bids for IFAD, DFID and DEAR.
- The executive board undertook a self-assessment of its performance and launched an internal audit process for January 2019.
- After a slow start, the communications strategy is now complete and the group has a plan to overhaul the website in Q2 2019.
- The team designed and trialled a bi-weekly A2015 EU policy monitoring update.

Management's view is that the year showed good results towards the goals of the strategic plan but needs the next two years of the plan to truly demonstrate impact. Having a full team in place, and ensuring our internal administration and finance support structures are strong will be critical to our success, and we expect our internal audit will help with this.

Brussels 8 March 2019

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Consolidated balance sheet as at 31 december 2018 (after profit appropriation)

ASSETS	31-12-2018	31-12-2017
Tangible fixed assets (1)		
Inventory	-	-
Receivables and accrued assets (2)	16.409	5.144
Liquid assets (3)		
Alliance2015 - operations	651.937	599.560
Alliance2015 New Initiatives Fund (ANIF)	119.213	103.748
Emergency Fund Alliance2015 (EFA)	158.647	158.711
	929.798	862.019
Total	946.207	867.163

LIABILITIES	31-12-2018	31-12-2017
Reserve		
- General Reserve (4)	590.199	542.987
Restricted Funds (5)		
- New Initiatives Fund (ANIF)	48.463	103.748
- Emergency Fund (EFA)	219.647	158.711
Short-term debts (6)	87.898	61.717
Total	946.207	867.163

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Statement of income and expenses 2018

	Realisation 2018	Budget 2018	Realisation 2017
INCOME			
Membership income	434.958	429.000	429.000
Total membership income	434.958	429.000	429.000
Contributions to managed fund: ANIF	15.546	-	-
Contributions to managed fund: EFA	61.000	-	-
Total income	511.504	429.000	429.000
EXPENSES			
Operating expenses			
Team costs	233.126	284.918	283.303
Travel costs	27.817	31.400	24.684
Office costs	41.784	33.950	41.059
Finance, admin and HR management costs	22.085	9.000	13.140
Communications costs	14.680	18.000	7.901
Other activities	35.404	45.000	14.370
Contingency	12.850	3.500	-
Total operating expenses	387.746	425.768	384.457
Operating contributions minus expenses	47.212	3.232	44.543
Grants made by managed Funds			
Alliance2015 New Initiatives Fund (ANIF)			
Grant: DFID Girls' Education Challenge (2017)	-	-	24.496
Grant: Liberia consortium development (2017)	-	-	7.249
Grant: Venezuela joint response (2018)	31.700	-	-
Grant: Cox's Bazaar Bangladesh joint assessment (2018)	30.000	-	-
Grant: IFAD tender preparation (2018)	6.050	-	-
Grant: DEAR call bid preparation (2018)	3.000	-	-
Bank and general costs	81	-	64
Total	70.831	-	31.809
Emergency Fund Alliance2015 (EFA)			
Grant: Emergency flood response Sri Lanka (2017)	-	-	140.767
Bank and general costs	64	-	446
Total	64	-	141.213
TOTAL RESULT	52.863	3.232	128.479-

NOTES TO FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Basis of preparation

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with accounting principles generally accepted in the Netherlands and comply with the financial reporting requirements included in Part 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code. The financial statements are prepared under the historic cost convention and presented in EURO.

The Company qualifies as a small sized company. Therefore, based on article 396 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code, exemptions apply to the figures, presentation and disclosures in the Company's financial statements.

Foreign currencies

Assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies are translated at year-end exchange rates. Foreign currency transactions are accounted for at the exchange rate prevailing at the date of the transactions: gains and losses resulting from the settlement of such transactions and from the translation of monetary assets and liabilities denominated in foreign currencies, are recognized in the income statement. Non-monetary balance sheets items, which are valued at cost and resulting from transactions in foreign currencies, are translated at the rate prevailing on the date of the transaction.

Current assets

Receivables are stated net of a provision for doubtful debts.

Other assets and liabilities

All other assets and liabilities are stated at the amounts at which they were acquired or incurred.

Income and expense

The income of the Foundation consists of the membership contributions of the partners. Other income, costs and expenses are allocated to the year to which they relate. Losses are accounted for in the year in which they are identified.

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Notes to balance sheet as at 31 December 2018

Tangible fixed assets (1)	2018	2017
Book value as at December 31st	-	-

Receivables and accrued assets (2)	31-12-2018	31-12-2017
Rent deposit	5.144	5.144
Interest to be received	-	-
2018 fees members - to receive	5.958	
Prepaid expenses	1.983	-
Other receivables and accrued assets	3.324	-
Total	16.409	5.144

Liquid assets (3)	31-12-2018	31-12-2017
Alliance2015 - operations		
Cash box	4	123
Bank account BE	63.556	441
Bank account NL	588.377	598.996
	651.937	599.560
Bank account New Initiatives Fund (ANIF)	119.213	103.748
Bank account Emergency Fund (EFA)	158.647	158.711
Total	929.798	862.019

General Reserve (4)	2018	2017
Balance as at January 1st	542.987	498.444
Result	47.212	44.543
Balance as at December 31st	590.199	542.987

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Notes to balance sheet as at 31 December 2018 (continued)

Restricted Funds (5)	2018	2017
Alliance2015 New Initiatives Fund (ANIF)		
Balance as at January 1st	103.748	135.557
Addition	15.546	-
Withdrawal (grants & costs)	70.831-	31.809-
	48.463	103.748
Emergency Fund of the Alliance (EFA)		
Balance as at January 1st	158.711	299.924
Addition	61.000	-
Withdrawal (grants & costs)	64-	141.213-
	219.647	158.711
Balance as at December 31st	268.111	262.459
Short-term debts (6)		
Creditors	8.506	58.372
CO2-compensation for flights 2017/2018 (to pay)	4.500	2.000
Taxes and social charges	-	-
2018 ANIF grants - to be paid in 2019	70.750	-
Deferred income	-	-
Other liabilities	4.142	1.345
Total	87.898	61.717

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Notes to statement of income and expenses 2018

Contributions for operating expenses	Realisation 2018	Budget 2018	Realisation 2017
Annual fees members			
ACTED	71.500	71.500	71.500
Cesvi	35.750	35.750	35.750
Concern	71.500	71.500	71.500
HELVETAS	71.500	71.500	71.500
Hivos	71.500	71.500	71.500
People in Need	35.750	35.750	35.750
Welthungerhilfe	71.500	71.500	71.500
Ayuda en Accion	5.958	-	-
Total	434.958	429.000	429.000

Contributions to managed Funds	Realisation 2018	Budget 2018	Realisation 2017
Alliance2015 New Initiatives Fund (ANIF)			
Hivos	15.546	-	-
Total contributions ANIF	15.546	-	-
Emergency Fund Alliance2015 (EFA)			
People in Need	21.000	-	-
Ayuda en Acción	7.000	-	-
Concern	33.000	-	-
Total contributions EFA	61.000	-	-
Total	76.546	-	-

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Notes to statement of income and expenses 2018 (continued)

Operating expenses	Realisation 2018	Budget 2018	Realisation 2017
Team Costs			
Director Fees	62.056		115.884
Director Salary Costs / VAT	36.524		24.428
Director - total cost	98.580	116.500	140.312
Senior Programme Officer (SPO) fees	67.581	69.600	91.673
SPO VAT	-	25.285	3.653
Recruitment costs	20.297	-	-
SPO - total costs	87.878	94.885	95.326
Communications Consultant	-	-	7.624
Communications Officer Net Salary	11.378	36.720	19.693
Communications Officer Salary Costs	8.972	18.238	14.001
Hospitalisation Insurance	3.354	-	643
Lunch Vouchers Staff	1.832	-	1.426
Group Insurance Staff	2.401	-	1.151
Communication Staff - total costs	27.936	54.958	44.537
Interns Net Salary	17.644	12.000	3.128
Interns Salary Costs	1.088	6.575	-
Interns - total costs	18.732	18.575	3.128
Total team costs	233.126	284.918	283.303
Travel Costs			
Travel Costs President	130	2.000	1.202
Travel Costs Director	6.694	8.000	6.731
Travel Costs Senior Programme Officer	17.748	16.000	14.430
Travel Costs Communications Officer	471	1.500	133
Travel Costs Interns	274	1.000	189
Travel Insurances	-	400	-
CO2 compensation on flights	2.500	2.500	2.000
Total travel costs	27.817	31.400	24.685

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Notes to statement of income and expenses 2018 (continued)

Operating expenses	Realisation 2018	Budget 2018	Realisation 2017
Office costs			
Office rent	26.234	26.000	18.514
Telephone/internet costs	5.225	2.200	2.269
Office supplies	3.948	1.500	2.672
Cleaning	2.903	2.250	1.633
Office equipment and set up	2.403	1.000	14.560
Office Insurance costs	170	500	1.025
Business related meals and expenses	902	500	386,00
Total office costs	41.784	33.950	41.059
Finance, admin and HR management costs			
Bank costs	1.477	500	135
HR, Admin and Finance Management	14.280	6.000	10.681
Registration and legal costs	2.118	500	206
Audit & financial report	4.210	2.000	2.118
Total finance, admin and HR management costs	22.085	9.000	13.140
Communications costs			
Internet/Website/Intranet	6.109	10.000	186
Other communications materials	8.571	8.000	2.198
Dods parliamentarian publication	-	-	5.517
Total communications costs	14.680	18.000	7.901
Other activities			
L&D - Advocacy Country Capacity Building	22.585	15.000	13.716
L&D - Alliance external events/activities	12.819	30.000	654
Total costs other activities	35.404	45.000	14.370
Contingency	12.850	3.500	-
Total expenses	387.746	425.768	384.457

INDEPENDENT ACCOUNTANT'S REVIEW REPORT

To: Executive Board of Stichting Alliance 2015

We have reviewed the accompanying financial statements of Stichting Alliance 2015 at 's-Gravenhage, that comprise the balance sheet as at 31 December 2018, the profit and loss account for the year then ended and the notes, comprising a summary of the accounting policies and other explanatory information.

Management's responsibility

Management is responsible for the preparation and fair presentation of these financial statements in accordance with Part 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code. Furthermore management is responsible for such internal control as it determines is necessary to enable the preparation of the financial statements that are free from material misstatement, whether due to fraud or error.

Accountant's responsibility

Our responsibility is to express a conclusion on the financial statements. We conducted our review in accordance with Dutch law, including the Dutch Standard 2400 'Engagements to Review Financial Statements'. This requires that we comply with ethical requirements and that we plan and perform the review to be able to conclude whether anything has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial statements are not prepared in all material respects in accordance with the applicable financial reporting framework.

A review of financial statements in accordance with the Dutch Standard 2400 is a limited assurance engagement. The performed procedures consisted primarily of making inquiries of management and others within the entity, as appropriate, applying analytical procedures and evaluating the evidence obtained.

The procedures performed in a review are substantially less than those performed in an audit conducted in accordance with the Dutch Standards on Auditing. Accordingly, we do not express an audit opinion.

Conclusion

Based on our review, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial statements do not give a true and fair view of the financial position of Stichting Alliance 2015 as at 31 December 2018 and of its result for the year then ended in accordance with Part 9 of Book 2 of the Dutch Civil Code.

Haarlem, March 12th, 2019



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