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The Booklet

*Co-development projects led
by diaspora organizations*

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Migrant Organizations for Co-Development

Context



The Coordination Office for the Mediterranean of the International Organization for Migration (IOM) develops and implements projects that enhance the role of diaspora organizations in the social, economic and cultural growth of the countries they connect.

Since 2001, IOM Italy has been implementing initiatives specifically addressed to diasporic organizations operating in the country, accompanying them on a path of reinforcement and growth. With the support of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation, the projects supported by IOM are helping to achieve the goals set by the United Nations under the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development.

Goals



Since 2011, IOM has been carrying out the A.M.I.CO. programme - Migrant Organizations for Co-development, a programme whose aim is to assist and finance diaspora organizations in Italy in the creation and promotion of co-development projects.



A.MI.CO. initiatives include:



A.MI.CO. Training: a training course that provides theoretical and practical knowledge in project development and management through lectures and multimedia materials which can be used remotely.

A.MI.CO. Award: a financial award to support the best co-development project ideas, accompanied by monitoring and technical support in the implementation phase in order to strengthen the organizations' competencies.

A.MI.CO. Grants: a funding channel for organizations with experience in managing at least small to medium-sized projects. The funding allows for co-development projects, with larger budgets and more stringent selection and monitoring criteria than the previous initiative.

A.MI.CO. Plus: an initiative that offers technical support in terms of organizational development to organizations considered champions in specific sectors.

A.MI.CO. Changemakers: a training course consisting of workshops, peer-to-peer exchanges and coaching aimed at young emerging leaders in the diaspora, with the aim of strengthening their role as actors of social change.

A.MI.CO. Emergency: an initiative created in response to the COVID-19 pandemic, which aims to support the initiatives of diaspora organizations in response to crisis and emergency situations.



A.MI.CO. Award

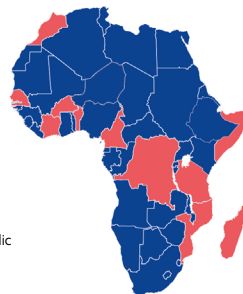
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Mozambique
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United Republic
of Tanzania



Bangladesh



A.MI.CO. Award is an initiative that rewards the best co-development project ideas carried out by diaspora organizations that took part in the A.MI.CO. Training. With an award of up to €10,000, the selected organizations can implement their projects and benefit from technical support throughout the implementation phase.

Since the initiative was launched in 2017, 34 projects have been awarded.

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2017 Award



Project name:**>> MINGA**

ECUADOR | ITALY

Duration: 6 months

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Minga is a practice that mobilizes an entire community in the undertaking of a task, based purely on bonds of solidarity. Backed by this system, the project has helped to spread the use of community gardens in Tillicucho, fostering a community and organic mode of production, and ensuring a more varied diet for the community. The project has enabled the creation of fifty cultivable plots cared for and shared by more than twenty families in the local community. Besides this, the organization of transnational meetings between Italy and Ecuador resulted in an exchange of expertise between the two countries and promoted fair trade markets.

The Organization:

The *Para Todos* organization was founded in 2009 in Milan, where it deals with integration and the protection of immigrants' rights. Para Todos is active in strengthening networks of professionals with a migration background and over the years has enabled the involvement of experts from numerous sectors in the implementation of co-development projects between Ecuador and Italy.



Harvesting produce from the Tillicucho community garden



Monitoring the growth of a family vegetable garden



QuestaèRoma

Project name:

» ArtisanON Line

ALBANIA | ITALY

Duration: 6 months



Project Description:

Building on Albania's strong handicraft tradition, the project promoted the creation of digital and entrepreneurial skills of young craftswomen in the north of the country. Through the implementation of a training course, twenty young people from Shkodra were able to learn how to use the web to promote and sell their products. The project has thus helped to sponsor local handicrafts, encouraging female participation in the labour market and creating new sources of income.

The Organization:

QuestaèRoma is an organization that works to marginalize all forms of discrimination through art, recreation and culture, thanks to the efforts of girls and boys from different countries and socio-cultural backgrounds. The organization pursues its goals through participatory, horizontal and affordable activities with effective and creative language.



Detail of the loom used by the young craftswomen of Shkodra



Example of a textile product made by the beneficiaries



Ancella Margherita Immigrant Support Organization (SIAM)

Project name:

» **Kocouma**

BURKINA FASO | ITALY

Duration: 6 months

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Project Description:

The Kocouma project involved over fifty families in Ouagadougou in order to improve the nutritional standards of the community and at the same time reduce food waste. By setting up an on-site workshop and organizing theoretical-practical training, the trainees were instructed in agricultural product processing techniques, learning how to prepare tomato passata, preserves and pizza. At the end of the project, the workshop was officially recognized by the Ministry of Agriculture and Health, with whom the organization signed a five-year agreement.

The Organization:

The Ancella Margherita Immigrant Support Organization (SIAM) is based in the province of Caserta and operates to promote the social inclusion, reception and protection of immigrants. SIAM is also involved in planning initiatives to raise public awareness on immigration and interculturalism and is committed to promoting cooperation between local and foreign organizations through the organization of conferences and round tables.



The tomato processing and preservation workshop



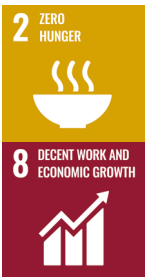
The extraction of tomato puree

Project name:

» Retour à la terre

CÔTE D'IVOIRE | ITALY

Duration: 6 months



Project Description:

The project accompanied over twenty men and women from the Ivorian municipality of Agnibilékrou towards employment in agriculture. Theoretical and practical training courses were organized to consolidate the group's agricultural techniques and the purchase of land was arranged. A further training session on setting up and running an agricultural cooperative was also organized. In order to help the female population enter the labor market, the project finally supported the local nursery through a peer-to-peer exchange and a toy donation.

The Organization:

The *Union of Ivorians in Sicily* (UNIS) aims to carry out voluntary activities for the inclusion of marginalized segments of society. In pursuit of this objective, the organization offers reception, assistance and support services to migrants and refugees, and collaborates with local organizations to raise awareness on the issues of multiculturalism, gender-based violence, and addiction, including through the organization of public events and cultural initiatives in the region of Sicily.



Preparing the agricultural land acquired throughout the project



The first seedlings of the cooperative garden

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2018 Award





Mother & Child Care (AMEB)

Project name:

» Un taglio alla diversità (A break with diversity)

SOMALIA | ITALY

Duration: 8 months

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Project Description:

The project aimed at the labour and social inclusion of young people in the city of Borama. By creating a tailoring workshop, purchasing technical machinery and organizing a training course, the project enabled the training of more than 10 young people, including five with disabilities, as well as the start-up of a tailoring cooperative. At the end of the project, the workshop was officially recognized by the Somaliland Ministry of Education, and a network was established with local hoteliers.

The Organization:

Mother & Child Care (AMEB) is a voluntary organization founded in 2012 in Milan. The organization acts as a point of reference for Somali citizens in Italy, and aims to foster the empowerment of diaspora organizations in Milan. The organization prepares and implements co-development projects aimed at improving the economic, social and health conditions of rural communities in Somalia and Italy.



Snapshots from the tailoring training course



The interior of the Borama laboratory



Children of Africa

Project name:

» Miglioramento delle condizioni di studio a Torri-Bossito in Benin

(Improving learning conditions in Torri-Bossito in Benin)

BENIN | ITALY

Duration: 8 months



Project Description:

The project was initiated with the aim of supporting access to education in the villages of Hayakpa and Zounme. In both villages, the lack of adequate facilities discouraged school attendance, particularly during the rainy season. Following a request from the village chiefs, the organization intervened by renovating the two buildings, creating seven safe and functional classrooms with a capacity for more than 300 children per village. Lastly, a training course for teachers helped to provide further measures to help prevent early school leaving.

The Organization:

I Bambini dell'Africa Onlus (Children of Africa) is an international solidarity and cooperation organization which has been active since 2008. The organization promotes initiatives and development programmes in Africa in partnership with local NGOs. It carries out information and public awareness activities in Italy and promotes fundraising to help create a culture of peace and solidarity between the people.



The interior of one of the new schools



Moment of the school's opening



iParticipate

Project name:

» TALE

ALBANIA | ITALY

Duration: 7 months

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Project Description:

The TALE project aimed to encourage active participation of young people in social and cultural life in the municipality of Lezha. This was achieved through the promotion of social theatre as a tool for interpersonal expression and creative growth, tackling issues such as gender-based violence and social marginalization. The theatre workshops involved 73 young people and some teachers from three schools in the city. At the end of the course, the performances created by the attendees were staged in the theatre in Lezha, in the presence of around 200 people and institutional representatives.

The Organization:

iParticipate is a multicultural training organization that was founded in 2015. The organization aims to promote the active participation and empowerment of young people with a migrant background, both in Tuscany and beyond, by spreading the values of tolerance, multiculturalism and respect for others. It also promotes joint development projects in the countries of origin of its volunteers.



The staging of the final performance at the Lezha Theatre



One of the student groups involved in the initiative



LIFE and LIFE

Project name:

>> Pink Project

BANGLADESH | ITALY

Duration: 6 months

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Project Description:

The project contributed to improving the health of the female population in Raghunathpur Municipality, with a special focus on sexual-reproductive health and nutrition. Through education, awareness-raising and peer-to-peer exchange sessions, 250 women improved their awareness of the issue, while also learning prevention and self-diagnosis techniques such as breast self-examination. Finally, the most vulnerable cases received financial support to ensure that they had access to specialised medical care.

The Organization:

LIFE and LIFE, is an international humanitarian organization that carries out social assistance, local and international cooperation and humanitarian aid organization activities in order to promote the growth of Bangladesh, Ghana and Madagascar. It works mainly in the areas of health, education and employment, promoting and carrying out awareness-raising campaigns on prevention and offering support for those seeking assistance.



Health awareness events for women in Raghunathpur municipality

Project name:

» **Mani in Pasta** (Hands-on)

SENEGAL | ITALY

Duration: 6 months



Project Description:

The project supported job training in the baking sector for 10 young people from the Pikine area of Dakar. This was achieved through the construction of a permanent wood-fired oven and the setup of two premises, one for the production, and the other for the sale of baked goods. It also focused on the promotion of local cereals (millet and maize) and the use of whole meal flours rather than refined and imported flours, in an effort to benefit the local market and ensure a better and more diversified nutritional intake.

The Organization:

The social promotion organization *Mondopopoli* is mainly involved in intercultural education through cooperation with public schools and the proposal of assistance to immigrants (health, administrative and legal guidance). A multi-ethnic organization composed of members with migrant backgrounds and different skills in the social field.



Construction of the oven base



Finishing the outer oven wall

Project name:

» E.V.A.S.

PERU | ITALY

Duration: 8 months



Project Description:

At the heart of the E.V.A.S. project, which was implemented in the Lurín district of Lima, is the willingness to create appropriate psychosocial support paths for girls and young women who have been victims of sexual abuse and gender-based violence. Housed in a sheltered facility, the young women had access to dedicated psychological support, access to an after-school programme and a tailoring course for girls in their transition to adulthood. Besides this, the initiative made it possible to organize a series of public meetings to raise community awareness on the issue of women's rights and gender-based violence.

The Organization:

Sonrisas Andinas is a social promotion organization created by 10 young Italian-Peruvians. The organization's main purpose is to carry out cultural and social initiatives aimed at the most marginalized areas of Peru. A special emphasis is placed on children and women's rights.



Opening of the tailoring workshop in the district of Lurín



Manifestation of the beneficiaries in support of equal opportunities



Sopra i Ponti

Project name:

>> Doppia Presenza (Dual Presence)

MOROCCO | ITALY

Duration: 7 months



Project Description:

The "Doppia Presenza" project gave further momentum to an already existing network of responsible tourism between Italy and Morocco, based on a strong transnational partnership between the project partners. By promoting an alternative type of tourism to mass tourism, the project capitalized on the country's rural areas and Moroccan culture, and promoted the products of local craft cooperatives. Finally, with a view to the exchange between Italy and Morocco, the organization set off a tour in Italy to promote the handcrafted products of Moroccan cooperatives to local organizations, such as the Gruppi di Acquisto Solidale (Solidarity Purchasing Groups).

The Organization:

Sopra i Ponti was established in 1995 by Moroccan migrants living in Bologna, in order to raise the awareness of local authorities and public opinion on the problem of the housing deprivation of migrants in the city of Bologna. Over the years, it has worked on linguistic-cultural mediation and cultural activities aimed at keeping the relationship between diaspora and country of origin alive. Since the early 2000s, the organization has been working on development cooperation micro-projects in Morocco.



The handicraft products of member cooperatives



Institutional meeting in support of the sustainable tourism network

Project name:

» Sostegno a Distanza (SaD) (Long Distance Support)

MADAGASCAR | ITALY

Duration: 8 months

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Project Description:

In the suburbs of Antananarivo, pervasive poverty and the lack of adequate schooling facilities encourage the phenomenon of school drop-outs. In the municipality of Alasora, thanks to the renovation of a disused building by the organization, the project allowed for the creation of a multifunctional space intended both for after-school activities and for recreational activities. This enabled children in educational poverty to receive support in their studies, and to take part in informal educational activities important for full cognitive and social development.

The Organization:

Tetezana was founded in 2006 with the aim of being an instrument of exchange between Italy and Madagascar, and is made up of Italian and Malagasy volunteers. While in Italy, it works to foster the integration of the Malagasy community into the Italian social fabric through cultural activities with social impact. In Madagascar, it operates in the field of education and training, promoting the rights of women and children, and raising awareness of the participation of local communities in social, economic and political processes.



The disused building before renovation



The multifunctional space following renovations

Project name:

» Usine des Femmes

SENEGAL | ITALY

Duration: 8 months

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Project Description:

In the Louga region of Senegal, drought and intensive farming have drastically reduced the socio-economic prospects for local youth. By training 60 women in the processing and marketing of native cereals, the project laid the foundations for a women's start-up through which it contributed to the consolidation of the agricultural supply chains in the village of Yaridakhar. Also within the framework of the project, an awareness-raising course on sustainable agriculture was undertaken, involving the pupils of the Yaridakhar primary school and the "G. Leopardi" Comprehensive Institute in Torre Annunziata.

The Organization:

Ubuntu was founded in 2016 with the primary objective of defending the rights of immigrants and Roma. In particular, the organization promotes offering assistance to children of immigrants and accompanying them on training courses. The organization's core themes are the protection of the rights of children in socially disadvantaged situations, the development of freedom of thought and equal opportunities, and the creation of an open, multicultural society.



Preparing the agricultural cooperative's camp in Yaridakhar



Semolina processing by cooperative members

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2019 Award





Amici della Tanzania

Project name:

» T-essere femminile (Weaving/being female)

UNITED REPUBLIC OF TANZANIA | ITALY

Duration: 9 months



Project Description:

Employment inclusion of vulnerable groups is a challenge for the city of Ndala. The project was focused on fostering the technical skills development of a group of more than 10 pregnant women or women with children, who were neither employed nor engaged in education or training (NEET). The course consisted of a theoretical-practical training module on tailoring, accompanied by the setting up of a cooperative, and the creation of a tailoring workshop. Furthermore, informative sessions were organized on the topic of environmental sustainability in the textile sector.

The Organization:

The organization *Amici della Tanzania* is based in Genoa and was founded in 2013 by a group of Tanzanian citizens and in cooperation with people from other African countries and Italy. The organization carries out communication and intercultural exchange activities for the better co-existence of the immigrant and local population, and supports the creation of co-development initiatives.



Theoretical and practical training in tailoring



Two young people from the town of Ndala grappling with the production of textiles



Diamoral

Project name:

» **Alla Ricerca del Pesce Perduto** (In Search of the Lost Fish)

SENEGAL | ITALY

Duration: 9 months



Project Description:

The project was implemented in Boutolatte, Senegal, against a background of dwindling freshwater fish stocks. In order to provide alternative employment for small-scale fishermen and to ensure fish products for the community, an aquaculture business was set up. Four breeding tanks for tilapia were installed, and staff were trained in the management of the facility and the care of the fish. As well as this, the village community was involved in ad hoc meetings aimed at publicizing the project, sharing the aquaculture techniques applied and creating consensus around the initiative.

The Organization:

The *Diamoral* organization was created in Treviso in 1997 by a group of immigrants from the Casamance region of Senegal in order to promote a spirit of cooperation and brotherhood. At present, it has around 350 members and implements several international cooperation projects, particularly in Senegal, both as leader and project partner.



The manual excavation of fishponds



The finalization of the Boutolatte tanks



Universo Interculturale

Project name:

» **WAAFA**

CAMEROON | ITALY

Duration: 8 months

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Project Description:

Thanks to the WAAFA project, it was possible to set up an information desk in Limbe to receive support in cases of violence or gender discrimination. The staff of the information desk were given special training, supported by peer-to-peer training through discussion and collaboration with the information desk staff from the Universo organization in Italy. In order to ensure the sustainability of the project, a small greenhouse was finally built to help provide the beneficiaries with tools for economic and social empowerment.

The Organization:

The *Universo Interculturale* organization was founded in Bologna in 2002 by foreign and Italian students and workers with the aim of promoting initiatives that make it easier for people of different backgrounds to get to know each other. The organization provides information, advice and support services to migrants living in Bologna, organizes events, meetings in the city, conferences and national and international conventions.



Sowing plants in the greenhouse



The seedlings born from the beneficiaries' work

Project name:**>> Ponti Tra Generazioni** (Bridges Between Generations)

SOMALIA | ITALY

Duration: 10 months

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As a result of ongoing humanitarian crises, political instability and security problems, basic services are not always guaranteed in Somalia. On top of that, the widespread privatization of educational institutions provides added difficulty in access to education for all. Through the project, 20 scholarships were provided to ensure access to secondary education for 20 young people in Mogadishu. The initiative also made it possible to organize long-distance exchanges between Italian and Somali students (sending letters, online meetings) on the topic of access to education and cohabitation between people, starting from the shared message of peace of the Ventotene Manifesto.

The Organization:

Generazione Ponte was founded in Turin in 2018 by refugee citizens, Italians and new generations of Italians. In Italy, the organization promotes and spreads a culture of peaceful coexistence, exchange and intercultural dialogue that respects diversity. Overseas, the organization helps informal groups and youth organizations by supporting training and cultural activities, conducts international cooperation and exchanges.



Project launch event with students from a school in the Yaqshiid district of Mogadishu



Young students on their way to a school in Mogadishu



Kariba

Project name:

» Attività generatrici di reddito per le donne di Mazambanine

(Income-generating activities for women in Mazambanine)

MOZAMBIQUE | ITALY

Duration: 7 months



Project Description:

In the Maxixe region, extensive poverty and reliance on a subsistence economy limit the socio-economic prospects of the inhabitants, most notably the female population. The project was designed to support the economic inclusion of women in a local village, Mazambanine, through the establishment of a women's cooperative. Through the construction of a poultry breeding facility and the provision of livestock training to beneficiaries, local entrepreneurship was rejuvenated, providing a permanent source of income for 14 women in the village.

The Organization:

Kariba is a voluntary organization founded in 2007 by members of diasporic communities. They work internationally, in particular in Mozambique and Somalia, as well as within the province of Trento. Kariba's work focuses on restoring the dignity of labour by supporting local handicrafts and artisan cooperatives, promoting not only fair trade, but also the role of women as drivers of development.



The construction of the chicken coop at the Mazambanine women's cooperative



The interior of the chicken breeding facility

Project name:

» **Shabeel**

SOMALIA | ITALY

Duration: 6 months

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Project Description:

The project contributed to the growth and reinforcement of a cooperative in the city of Abudwak. In particular, the intervention formalized the practice of ayuto, an informal investment mechanism that relies on the sharing of assets to meet the needs of members of a community on a rotational basis. By providing this micro-credit in an area inhabited mainly by climate displaced and unemployed people, it was possible to breathe new life into local trade and increase employment opportunities. Finally, the technical-economic training of the cooperative's members allowed the expansion and consolidation of a cooperative and circular economic system.

The Organization:

Kora is a social promotion organization, founded in Rome in 2018. The organization promotes activities focused on development, support and social inclusion both in Italy and abroad. More specifically, with other organizations in Italy, Kora promotes communication between different groups and generations and promotes projects related to the development of rural areas in Africa, particularly Somalia.



The arrival and storage of the cooperative's goods



Setting up the cooperative's business activity



Salum Salum

Project name:

» **TAKKU LIGUEY**

SENEGAL | ITALY

Duration: 9 months

9 INDUSTRY, INNOVATION
AND INFRASTRUCTURE



12 RESPONSIBLE
CONSUMPTION
AND PRODUCTION



Project Description:

As a result of high youth unemployment in the municipality of Darou Salam, many young people prefer to emigrate. The Takku Liguey project worked to create a cooperative that could involve and enhance the work of the younger population. Through the construction of a suitable poultry breeding facility and the training of 10 young people, the cooperative has created a small commercial hub that facilitates the supply of white meat and stimulates youth employment.

The Organization:

The *Salum Salum* organization was founded in 2005 in Naples. It carries out support and mentoring activities addressed to Senegalese immigrants in order to facilitate their access to public services. It works to improve knowledge and relations between the Senegalese community and Neapolitan citizens, attempting to create moments of social aggregation. It also carries out projects for development cooperation in Senegal, the country of origin of the organization's members.



The cooperative's chicken coop under construction



Training course for cooperative members



Union of Burkinate organizations of Treviso (U.A.B.T.)

Project name:

» Salvaguardia dell'ambiente, un'impresa di tutti per tutti

(Protecting the environment, something for everyone)

BURKINA FASO | ITALY

Duration: 9 months

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Project Description:

In the province of Boulgou, pesticide abuse has brought far-reaching consequences for biodiversity and the health of the local population. The project has therefore carried out a campaign to raise awareness of the danger of using pesticides and chemical fertilizers. By providing guidance to a number of farmers on alternative and sustainable management of their fields and organizing two large public meetings, the project helped to spread the practice of organic farming among citizens. This finally resulted in the technical training of 50 members of two local organizations and the complete conversion of two farmlands.

The Organization:

The *Union of Burkinate organizations of Treviso* (U.A.B.T.) has been involved in activities related to the integration of migrants in Italy and development cooperation since 2013. With respect to the latter, the organization carries out projects in Burkina Faso, on the issues of food security and migration.



A young man from Darou Salam pours feed into the chicken coop



Plants grown in one of the fields converted to sustainable techniques

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Chilenos de Sardinia

Project name:

>> **Povert  mestrual in Cile** (Menstrual poverty in Chile)

CHILE | ITALY

Duration: 9 months

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Project Description:

Following the Covid-19 pandemic in Chile, there has been an increase in the number of homeless people, a large proportion of whom are women. Living in economically and socially marginalized conditions, access to women's sanitary facilities is no longer available to them. Accordingly, the project worked to ensure dignified treatment for homeless women in the suburbs of Santiago, identifying 268 beneficiaries and distributing hygiene devices such as sanitary pads, tampons and menstrual cups, as well as condoms to them. Furthermore, information sessions on sexual and menstrual health were organized using specialized medical personnel.

The Organization:

The *Chilenos de Sardinia* organization is mainly composed of people born in Chile in the 1970s who, due to socio-economic difficulties, were adopted and naturalized in Sardinia. Rediscovering their origins, the members of Chilenos aim to improve the conditions of vulnerable Chilean women through collaboration with local organizations.



Awareness-raising event on the plight of homeless women in Santiago



Comunità Mozambicana in Italia (C.M.I.)

Project name:

» La Bottega delle donne (The Women's Workshop)

MOZAMBIQUE | ITALY

Duration: 9 months

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Project Description:

The project involved a group of 10 women in a fragile economic-labour situation, forced to move to Pemba, Mozambique, following armed conflicts. In order to provide them with a more secure economic income and to promote greater social integration, the project promoted the creation of a baking cooperative. The women's group was trained at a technical level, and a self-managed workshop was built where they could sell the food they produced and support their work.

The Organization:

The organization *Comunità Mozambicana in Italia* (C.M.I.) works to encourage a dialogue between the people it represents, Italy and Mozambique, promoting cultural exchanges, creating solidarity initiatives, and engaging with public and private institutions in raising awareness of cooperation and peace.



The members of the Pemba bakery cooperative



The cooperative's self-managed workshop



Dimbaya

Project name:

>> Fo-Resta

SENEGAL | ITALY

Duration: 9 months

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11 SUSTAINABLE CITIES
AND COMMUNITIES



Project Description:

In the Kolda region of Casamance, a large part of the population lives without food security. As well as that, economic and employment insecurity limits the professional outlets of the younger population. The project focused on the vocational training of 10 young people in Senegal and five young people from Senegal in Italy in the field of sustainable agriculture. The theoretical-practical training focused on agricultural techniques with a lower environmental impact and included both classroom lectures and practical planting and cultivation activities.

The Organization:

Dimbaya is a non-profit organization based in Irpinia, Italy, whose aim is to promote an eco-friendly, sustainable, inclusive, intercultural, intersectional and non-violent society for the achievement of social justice and human rights.



Demonstration of traditional sustainable farming techniques



Supervising an organic vegetable garden in Montemiletto, Irpinia

Project name:

>> GROWTH

ALBANIA | ITALY

Duration: 9 months



Project Description:

The project promoted the tool of social theatre as an expressive activity through which it is possible to work on the development of interpersonal relationships while addressing social issues. In particular, it was possible to organize two theatre workshops on the topics of gender equality and climate change in the cities of Lezha and Shkodra, Albania. Following the workshops, 26 young people gave performances in the presence of local institutions and hundreds of spectators. In Italy, the project enabled the running of social theatre and breakdance workshops for 40 school children in Milan's zone 4.

The Organization:

Dora e Pajtimit is an Italo-Albanian organization that has been working in the social field since 2007. With its projects, the organization is active in areas characterized by social problems, drawing inspiration from the model of social theatre as a tool to promote community well-being and the resolution of social conflicts.



Poster display for the final performance in Shkodra



Social theatre workshop in Milan



Gno'Nu

Project name:

» Diaspore, karité e microcredito alle donne

(Diasporas, shea and microcredit for women)

BENIN | ITALY

Duration: 9 months



Project Description:

Shea production mobilizes a large part of Benin's economy, providing access to the sector as a potential means of economic recovery. The project contributed to the socio-economic improvement of 148 female entrepreneurs in the rural area of Parakou involved in nine cooperatives active in shea butter production. A microcredit system was set up and facilitators were trained to monitor the projects and recover the credit given. The loans made it possible to strengthen the business of the nine cooperatives and provide additional credit to other groups.

The Organization:

Gno'Nu is an organization based in Sardinia that works in the social, cultural and environmental fields, thanks to the skills of its many professionals. The organization carries out international cooperation projects with a special focus on the empowerment of women.



A Shea tree from one of the cooperatives involved



The nuts of the Shea plant

Project name:

» Life of Giving (LOG)

ALBANIA | ITALY

Duration: 9 months

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EQUALITY



Project Description:

In keeping with Albania's commitments to meet EU standards on combating gender-based violence, the project supported the establishment and strengthening of an organization dedicated to the promotion of women's rights. By proposing capacity-building training, it was possible to formalize an unofficial network of local female activists already working on the issue of gender discrimination. Eventually, the project enabled the organization of exchanges between Albanian and Italian organizations, with a view to facilitating a mutual transfer of knowledge and the creation of transnational networks.

The Organization:

International Center for Southern Europe (ICSE & Co.) is a non-profit organization linked to the Department of Political Science of the University of Florence. The organization, which has been running local and international social and cultural promotion projects since 2010, is mainly active in three areas: sustainable development, youth and intercultural, and research.



Meeting event between Italian and Albanian associations in Florence



Activity organized during one of the training meetings



Mabota

Project name:

» **Insieme per combattere la malnutrizione a Nsangi**

(Together to fight malnutrition in Nsangi)

DEMOCRATIC REPUBLIC OF CONGO | ITALY

Duration: 9 months



Project Description:

With the construction of a nutrition centre and staff training on monitoring and preventing eating disorders, the project has contributed to the fight against malnutrition in Nsangi Village. By the end of the project, 81 mothers and children had been provided with assistance and key nutrients. Thanks to the awareness-raising workshops, 200 women and 400 children were also able to follow advice and recommendations on maintaining a proper diet. An awareness-raising event on the issue of child malnutrition in Italy was organized in the municipality of Genoa.

The Organization:

The *Mabota* organization was founded in Genoa in January 2005 by a group of friends of African origin to promote the role of women in Africa, the integration of immigrants of African origin in Italy and the cultural exchange between Italians and people with a migration background. The organization is currently composed of 52 members.



Child weight measuring instrument



The construction of the Nsangi nutrition centre



SconfinaMenti

Project name:

» **Dunde Sunu Koom Koom**

SENEGAL | ITALY

Duration: 9 months



Project Description:

In order to prevent food waste in the city of Saint-Louis, the project promoted the sustainability of non-industrial economic networks. Once the extent of waste in the local tomato production sector was assessed, the SconfinaMenti organization worked to encourage the use of tomato preservation practices such as passata and sun-dried tomatoes. More specifically, it was possible to create a local Economic Interest Group (EIG) that was provided with technical expertise in the preservation and marketing of tomato products.

The Organization:

SconfinaMenti is an organization of people representing a variety of cultures, life experiences, ages, genders and professions. A young organization that can count on the experience of its board and members, who have gained diverse skills through activities in both Italy and Senegal.



Preparing tomato puree



Washing tomatoes

Project name:

» Cultivando Saúde

BRAZIL | ITALY

Duration: 9 months

2 ZERO
HUNGER



12 RESPONSIBLE
CONSUMPTION
AND PRODUCTION



Project Description:

In cooperation with the municipal prefecture of Turmalina, the project made a 5,000 m² plot of land available to 10 families for the creation of a community garden, helping to increase the quality and variety of the beneficiaries' food. With the help of an expert botanist, it was also possible to provide technical training in organic and sustainable land management, exploring topics such as optimizing water use and the use of natural fertilization methods. In Italy, the project enabled the creation of an experimental vegetable garden in Salento, where educational visits on agroecology were organized.

The Organization:

Università popolare per l'interazione (UniPop) is the first organization in Salento to promote the popular, international and intercultural character of the university. The aim of the organization is to facilitate mutual cultural exchange and knowledge sharing between foreign and Italian students.



Preparing the land for the Turmalina community garden

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2021 Award





Intercultural Organization for Voluntary Work Placement (A.I.P.I.L.V.)

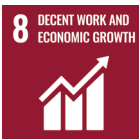
Project name:

>> **Sostenere l'Indipendenza delle Donne (S.I.D.)**

(Supporting the Independence of Women)

CÔTE D'IVOIRE | ITALY

Duration: 9 months



Project Description:

The Burkinabé community in Abidjan is largely employed in the agricultural sector, often in an exploitative and disenfranchised environment. The situation is particularly difficult for women, who are the main beneficiaries of the project. The latter in fact, approached a dozen Burkinabe women living in Abidjan, with the objective of contributing to the creation of an entrepreneurial initiative that would allow their socio-economic empowerment. The project has consequently enabled the start-up of a business producing cassava and marketing the attiéké, a typical dish derived from the tuber, on the local and Italian markets.

The Organization:

The *Intercultural Organization for Voluntary Work Placement (A.I.P.I.L.V.)* was founded in 2019 by a group of people from various countries in Africa, with the aim of spreading awareness about the phenomenon of migration and facilitating the employment of migrants.



Cleaning the field for growing cassava



Cassava harvested by the beneficiaries

Project name:

>> Sigue Aprendiendo

DOMINICAN REPUBLIC | ITALY

Duration: 9 months

4 QUALITY
EDUCATION

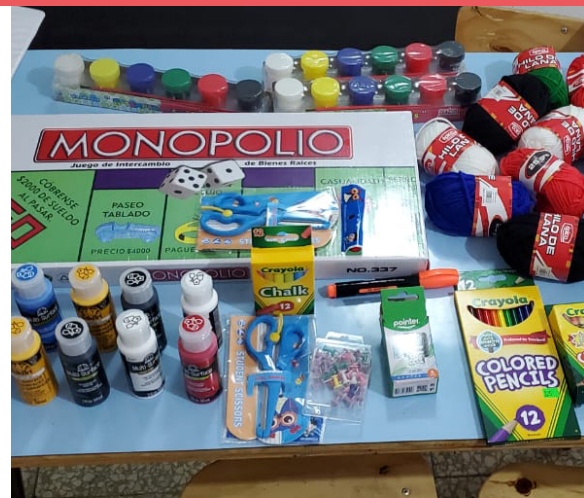


Project Description:

In the community of Hato Nuevo, the absence of meeting places and poor educational proposals severely limit the opportunities available to children. The project dealt with the conversion of a disused building in order to create a meeting place for families in the community. Through art and Italian language courses, sports activities and the ongoing support of a psychologist, the project has broadened the social and educational prospects of children from economically disadvantaged families in the area. While in Italy, through collaboration with a school in Enna, it was finally possible to organize a Spanish course for the city's children, with the aim of creating a letter exchange between the children of the two countries.

The Organization:

Since 2015, the organization *Promueve RD* has been committed to the promotion of Dominican culture, supporting initiatives for integration in Italy and contributing to the activation of sustainable development projects both in Italy and abroad.



School materials for the children of Hato Nuevo



A class of after-school children



Union of Senegalese Immigrants of Genoa (UNIS)

Project name:

» Handy-Up!

SENEGAL | ITALY

Duration: 9 months

3 GOOD HEALTH
AND WELL-BEING



Project Description:

In Casamance, the existence of landmines, linked to a long history of internal conflicts and periods of guerrilla warfare, has significantly increased the rate of disability compared to the national average. Through the transfer of skills between Italian orthopedic technicians, members of the Senegalese diaspora in Italy, and volunteers in Senegal, it was possible to train 14 people on the assembly and monitoring of orthopedic prostheses. Also thanks to the provision of the organization Time for Peace, 100 people in Senegal received lighter and better performing prostheses. In parallel, the project carried out disability awareness initiatives in the two countries.

The Organization:

Since 2012, the *Union of Senegalese Immigrants of Genoa* (UNIS) has been committed to involving the Senegalese diaspora in Genoa in local and co-development projects. Over the years, the organization has consolidated its theme-based knowledge in the field of medical interventions.



Training beneficiary studies prosthesis assembly



Boxes of prostheses ready to be sent to Senegal



Union of Solidarity of Ecuadorians in Italy (USEI)

Project name:

» **Warmikuna - Donne Unite** (Warmikuna - Women United)

ECUADOR | ITALY

Duration: 6 months

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GENDER
EQUALITY



Project Description:

The long commercial tradition of the city of Otavalo, Ecuador, was severely tested by the Covid-19 pandemic. Suffering the most significant socio-economic repercussions were the indigenous communities, such as the Kichwa. The project therefore worked to support the labour inclusion of 10 unemployed Kichwa women. A training course in tailoring was set up for them, as well as a training course in business management, aimed at supporting the group of women towards the establishment of a cooperative for the valorization and marketing of their products at the local craft market.

The Organization:

Founded in 2008 as a reference point for the Ecuadorian community in Italy, the *Union of Solidarity of Ecuadorians in Italy (USEI)* is today a concrete presence for several migrant communities in the area. On an international level, the organization promotes social tourism trips and solidarity campaigns.



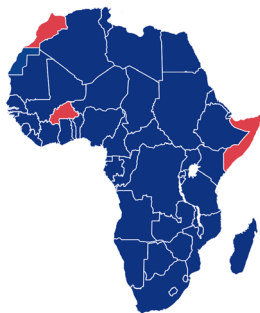
A Kichwa woman from Otavalo dedicates herself to sewing



Kichwa women embroider traditional fabrics

A.mico Grants

Burkina Faso
Morocco
Somalia



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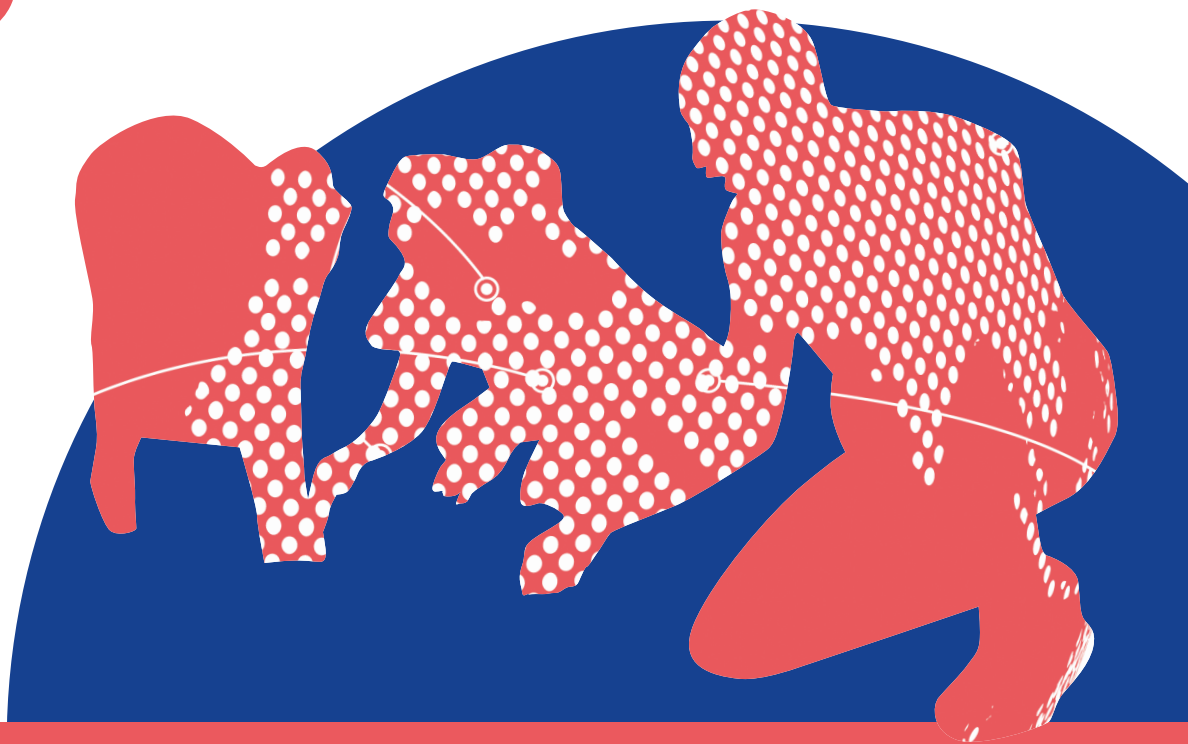


A.MI.CO. Grants are fundings of up to €30,000 for the best project proposals from diaspora organizations active in Italy and with previous experience in co-development. The funding enables the execution of more ambitious projects and establishes a partnership between the organization and IOM.

Since the launch of the initiative in 2019, five projects have been awarded.

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2019 Grants



Project name:

>> **S.O.S. Scambio Operatori Sanitari**

(S.O.S. Healthcare Worker Exchange)

SOMALIA | ITALY

Duration: 12 months



Project Description:

The project contributed to strengthening transnational partnerships and fostering exchanges of health knowledge and skills between Somali, Italian and diaspora medical personnel. In Somalia, meetings and training sessions were organized with the engagement of doctors from the diaspora, who also provided support in organizing the vaccination campaign against Covid-19. An [online platform](#) was also created to ensure a sustained exchange of medical information related to the Somali environment and facilitate networking. In Italy, the project enabled the training of operators from cooperatives in Lombardy dealing with reception, on the subject of mental health and Somali culture.

The Organization:

Mother & Child Care (AMEB) is a voluntary organization founded in 2012 in Milan. The organization acts as a point of reference for Somali citizens in Italy, and aims to foster the empowerment of diaspora organizations in Milan. The organization prepares and implements co-development projects to improve the economic, social and health conditions of rural communities in Somalia and Italy.



Somali medical students attend the training held by members of the diaspora from Italy



Resuscitation exercise in Somalia

Project name:

» **EVAS + EVAS**

PERU | ITALY

Duration: 9 months

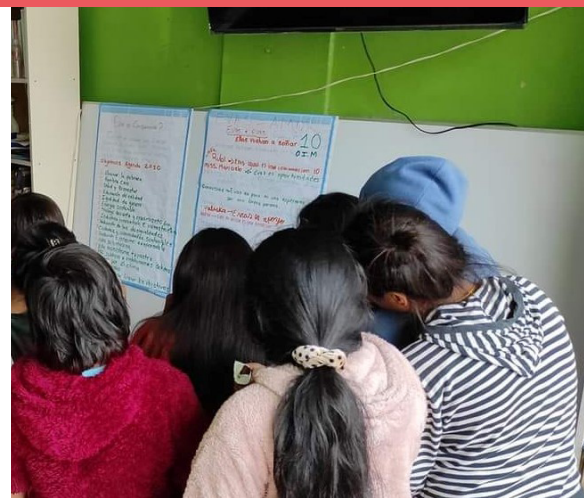


Project Description:

The project helped increase the protective measures provided by a shelter operating in the Lurín district of Lima, where girls and young female victims of sexual abuse and gender-based violence are housed. Psychological support, study support and vocational training were enhanced, and part of the structure was reconstructed to ensure that the spaces were adapted. In a transnational and co-development perspective, awareness-raising events were organized in Italy on the topic of gender equality, as well as exchanges between Italian and Peruvian organizations, and among Peruvian girls living in Italy and the guests of the Lurín reception centre.

The Organization:

Sonrisas Andinas is a social promotion organization created by 10 young Italian-Peruvians, whose main aim is to promote solidarity initiatives in the poorest places in Peru and integration activities for migrants in Italy.



Workshop for guests at the Lurín reception centre



Educational activities for children in the reception centre



Sopra i Ponti

Project name:

>> Emigrante? No...Viaggio! (Emigrant? No... I travel!)

MOROCCO | ITALY

Duration: 12 months



Project Description:

The project focused on the consolidation of sustainable tourism networks in Morocco, enhancing alternative tourism routes, with an increased focus on the socio-economic sustainability of local communities. Training sessions were organized for the network cooperatives and some facilities in need of maintenance were upgraded. Consolidating the network of cooperatives was made possible through collective meetings that assisted joint planning towards common goals. A physical and virtual caravan was created to advertise the products, including the development of a new catalogue. Finally, a physical shop was opened in Casablanca where the cooperatives' products could be sold.

The Organization:

Sopra i Ponti was founded in Bologna in 1995 by a group of Moroccan immigrants and Bolognese citizens with the aim of promoting the social and cultural integration of migrants into the city fabric, by organizing meetings for citizens and institutions. The organization is now active in the educational and social sector, and in sustainable development projects between Italy and Morocco.



Members of the women's cooperative of the sustainable tourism network



Project results sharing event

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2022 Grants



Project name:

>> Minga Yes

ECUADOR | ITALY

Duration: 12 months



Project Description:

The project contributed to the successful distribution of family and community gardens in three suburban Quito neighbourhoods by promoting the use of agro-ecological techniques and introducing a community market approach to reduce food expenditure. Following on from the previous A.MI.CO. Award, it was therefore possible to expand the number of families involved and set up a marketing team to promote the sale of the surplus based on the Italian zero kilometer model. In Italy, the project was involved in setting up a small community garden in Milan, as well as organizing awareness-raising workshops on urban cultivation, promoting exchanges of experiences between Italy and Ecuador.

The Organization:

For ten years, the organization *Para Todos* has been implementing social and cultural projects and international cooperation. Through its migration office it provides judicial, legal and psychological support and assistance with bureaucratic procedures. It is also active in involving professional networks with a migration background, such as sales, marketing and project management experts, in co-development projects between Ecuador and Italy.



Taking care of the seedlings in one of the community gardens



Boxes full of garden produce



Union of Burkinabe organizations of Treviso (U.A.B.T.)

Project name:

» **Innovazione agribiologica in Burkina Faso**

(Agribiological innovation in Burkina Faso)

BURKINA FASO | ITALY

Duration: 12 months



Project Description:

The project promoted the identification of 20 agricultural sites where wells for the production of organic fertilizer could be established. In an area characterized by the overuse of chemical fertilizers such as the Zabre and Garango municipalities in Burkina Faso, it was therefore possible to reclaim 20 hectares of previously unproductive land by substituting natural fertilizers and pesticides for chemical alternatives. The project also included hands-on training of 50 local farmers on organic and sustainable agriculture and raising awareness among the communities involved on practices to reclaim land and improve nutrition. In Italy, the project involved five theoretical and practical training sessions on organic farming techniques, with the involvement of local businesses and diaspora representatives.

The Organization:

Founded in 2010 and registered in the Veneto Regional Register of Organizations working with continuity in the immigration sector since 2012, The Union of Burkinabe organizations of Treviso (U.A.B.T.) has implemented several projects in the field of integration and international cooperation since 2013, particularly in the agricultural sector.



Technical training on the use of organic and biological alternatives



