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HELVETAS
GERMANY



**HOW
DO IDEAS SHAPE
NEW PERSPECTIVES
FOR TOMORROW?**

Our vision is a just world in which all men and women determine the course of their lives in dignity and security, using environmental resources in a sustainable manner.



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About Helvetas

Helvetas Germany (Helvetas Intercooperation gGmbH) was founded on November 7, 2013, and registered on December 6, 2013, in the commercial register of the city of Bonn (HRB 20460). The organization is non-denominational, politically independent, and part of the international Helvetas network. This network consists of independent member organizations engaged in development cooperation and humanitarian aid, which share a common vision and principles of action and jointly implement programs.

Helvetas is committed worldwide to overcoming poverty, strengthening human rights, and reducing inequality. Its work focuses on disadvantaged people and communities, supporting them in realizing their potential and sustainably improving their living conditions. In crisis and disaster situations, Helvetas also provides humanitarian assistance. Its work is always carried out in close cooperation with local partner organizations from civil society and the private sector, as well as with government actors.

The main focus lies on project work in Africa, Asia, and South America, particularly in rural areas. Programs concentrate on the areas of water and infrastructure, agriculture and markets, environment and climate change, education, democracy and peace, as well as knowledge and learning.

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STRONG PARTNERSHIPS, LASTING IMPACT

Helvetas works to contribute to a just and sustainable future for all. At a time of global crises, people need direction and reliable partnerships more than ever. Our compass is clear: we empower people to shape their own futures and drive lasting, sustainable change.

Achieving more together!

The world is facing immense challenges. Wars and conflicts, the impacts of the climate crisis, growing inequality, and the shrinking space for democratic participation shape the lives of millions of people. At the same time, international cooperation and development financing are coming under increasing pressure in many countries. In times like these, one question becomes particularly important: What kind of future do we want to build together?

For Helvetas Germany, the answer is clear. We believe that sustainable development can only succeed where people have the opportunity to determine their own futures, exercise their rights, and actively shape the societies in which they live. Development is not a one-way transfer of knowledge or resources. It is built on partnership, trust, and the empowerment of local actors.

Over the past year, together with our partner organisations and public donors, we continued to create opportunities and strengthen resilience around the world. Whether supporting sustainable food systems, promoting a private sector committed to sustainable business practices, strengthening local economies, or

helping communities adapt to climate change, people remain at the centre of everything we do. Their ideas, knowledge, and capacity for innovation are the foundation of sustainable change.

This is particularly evident in the context of the climate crisis. Those who have contributed least to its causes are often those who suffer its consequences most severely. Helvetas therefore works to integrate climate action, climate adaptation, and social justice into a coherent approach. Building resilient communities, promoting the sustainable management of natural resources, and supporting locally driven solutions are central pillars of our work.

At the same time, we continue to witness the vital importance of strong civil society and international solidarity. Development cooperation is not a peripheral issue—it is a fundamental investment in stability, peace, and sustainable prosperity. In an increasingly interconnected world, global challenges can only be addressed through collective action. Every day, the experience of our partner organisations demonstrates that cooperation across borders can bring about tangible, lasting change.



Martin Koppa,
Director Helvetas Germany

Our sincere thanks go to everyone who makes this work possible: our partner organisations, our donors and supporters, and our staff, whose dedication and commitment advance the mission of Helvetas every day. Their trust and support are the foundation of everything we do.

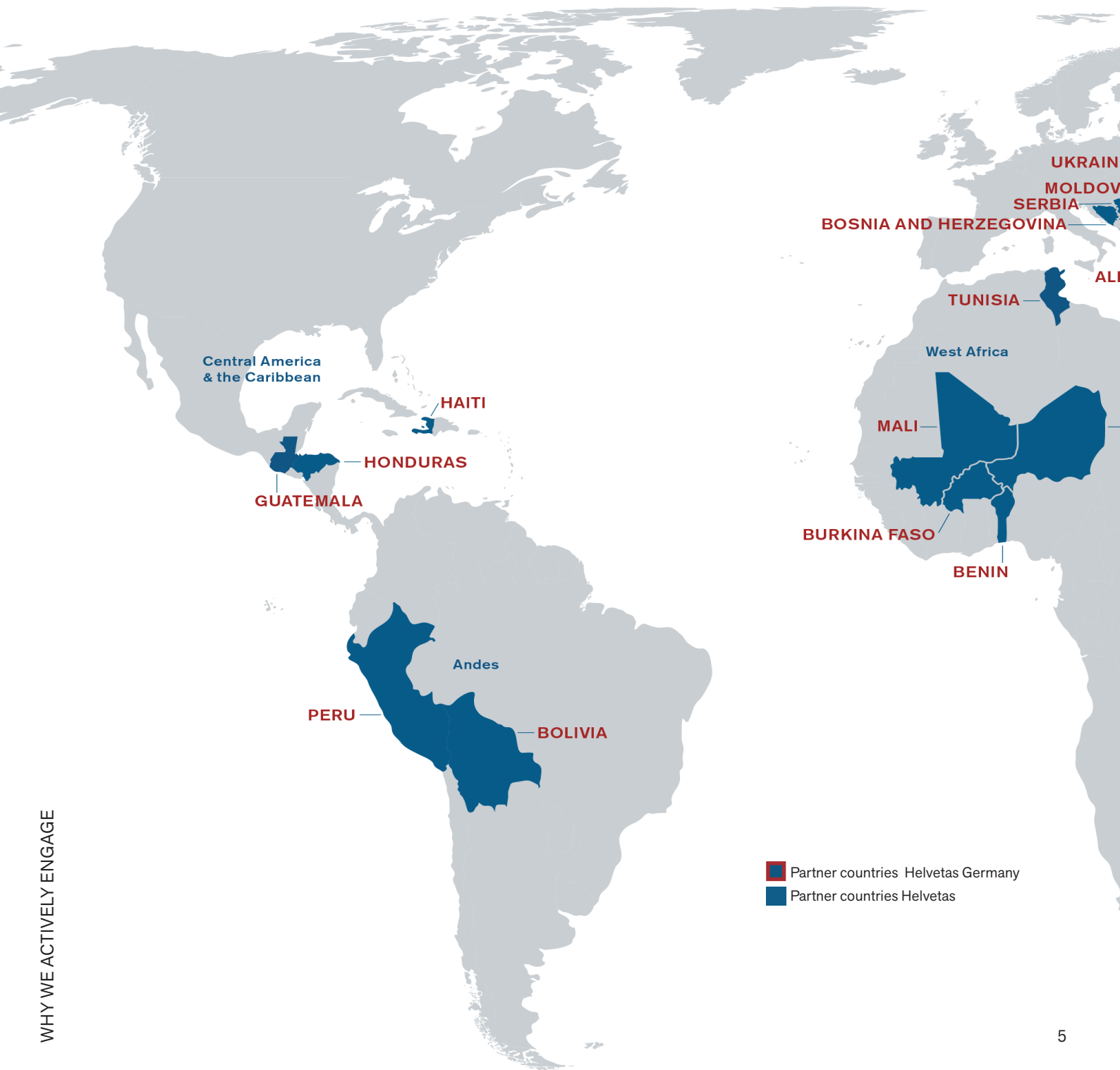
This Annual Report provides insights into the achievements, challenges, and lessons learned over the past year. It demonstrates how collective action creates meaningful impact and why strong international cooperation will remain essential in the years ahead.

Let us continue this journey together.

Martin Koppa, Director

FAIR OPPORTUNITIES FOR EVERYONE

Helvetas works with and for people living in poverty. We work in countries that are among the poorest in the world as well as in middle-income countries and in fragile, insecure regions. Because our experience shows that sustainable development takes time, we are committed to long-term efforts of creating fair opportunities for all.



OUR PARTNER COUNTRIES



WHY WE ACTIVELY ENGAGE

■ Partner countries Helvetas Germany
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WHAT WE DO

Helvetas implements development and humanitarian aid projects.

We ensure basic rights, create new perspectives, and strengthen good governance. We also provide technical advisory services, develop subject-specific expertise, and engage in political dialogue and lobbying.

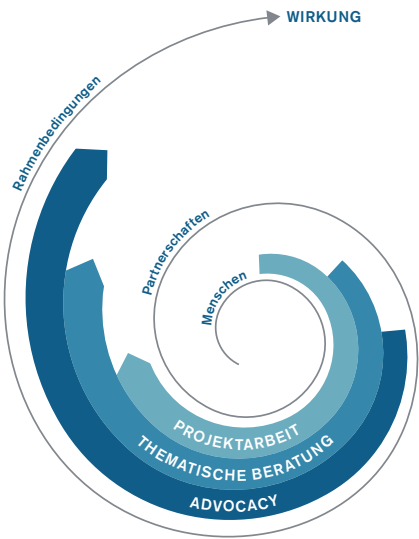


DIVERSE COMMITMENT

In 2025 Helvetas Germany supported 13 Projects and Programs in different thematic areas in 8 countries.

OVERVIEW PROJECTS AND PROGRAMS IN YEAR 2024

Continent/Country	Title	Funding/ Co-Funding
Asia		
Bangladesh	Reducing pollution and improving the ecology of the Sundarbans	BMZ
Bangladesh	Humanitarian Response for the Rohingya in Cox Bazar	Donations
Lebanon	Transforming the Food System - an alternative, solidarity-based model for food security in Lebanon	BMZ
Myanmar	Responsible Business Fund Plus	EU
Myanmar	Humanitarian Response - Recovery Project	Donations
Pakistan	Re-Food: Re-Food Resource Efficient Food Production in Pakistan	BMZ
Pakistan	SAF Food Production	Donations
Pakistan	Capacity-building for Socially Diligent Agribusinesses (CSDA)	EU
Tajikistan/ Kyrgyzstan	Ferghana Valley Irrigation Partnerships Project (FVIPP)	GIZ
Tajikistan	Integrated Water Resources Management	GIZ
Uzbekistan	Support to economic reforms and sustainable economic development in regions of Uzbekistan: Tourism development in three regions of the Ferghana Valley	GIZ
Vietnam	Circular Economy Cocoa - From Bean to Bar	EU
Vietnam	Organic spice production to trigger diversification and sustainable land use in Cao Bang, Vietnam	BMEL



HOW WE MAKE AN EFFECT

Through projects, technical advice, and advocacy Helvetas initiates, promotes and guides systemic change. Helvetas combines three mutually reinforcing intervention mechanisms: We implement development and humanitarian response projects; we provide technical advice and build thematic competences; and we engage in awareness-raising, policy dialogue, and advocacy. This is how we initiate, support, and influence systemic change that improves the lives of people in the short and long term, strengthens our partners, and fosters conducive frame conditions.



Helvetas is building a sustainable circular agricultural economy in a region of Vietnam together with representatives from the cocoa sector. While the bean is turned into chocolate, the cocoa pod husk can be processed into packaging for chocolate, animal feed, compost or biochar as a substitute for fertilizer and even into petroleum-free, bioplastic pallets. Cocoa producers are also establishing agroforestry gardens, where, alongside cocoa, they also grow timber and fruit trees, vegetables and grains. All of this improves soils and food security, conserves water, reduces waste and lowers CO₂ emissions.

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IMPROVING SYSTEMS TOGETHER

In the Fergana Valley, stakeholders from the agricultural sector, the private sector, and public institutions are working together to make irrigation systems more sustainable. The project strengthens market systems, promotes collaboration, and improves the enabling environment to ensure that innovative, water-efficient solutions are widely available, adopted, and sustainable over the long term.



Efficient Irrigation Systems

Communities in the **Fergana Valley** at the crossroad of **Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan** depend on water from the Syr Darya river. However, with a dry climate, extensive agriculture, dense population and climate change advancing unabated, their livelihoods are at risk.

Projects like the **Fergana Valley Irrigation Partnerships Project (FVIPP)** show that sometimes targeted interventions that just bring together the right actors can trigger changes in the local market system that generate benefits for the people beyond the project.

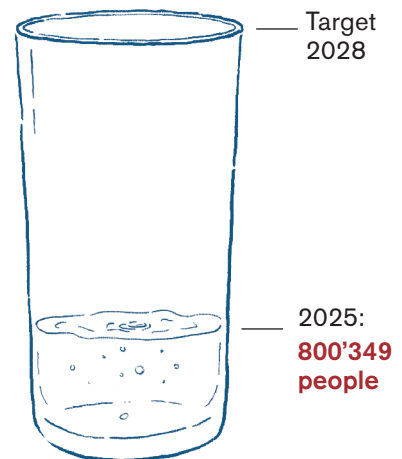
The Fergana Valley Irrigation Partnerships Project (FVIPP) facilitated change in the local agricultural market system to contribute to enhanced climate resilience and agricultural productivity, thus improving people's livelihoods.

The project recognized that while water-saving technologies exist, they are often not reaching the most rural areas. Through market-based approaches such as trade fairs, the project linked farmers from rural areas, suppliers, and financial institutions, enhancing access to finance, improving connections across fragmented value chains, and supporting private sector engagement.

In parallel, FVIPP strengthened the capacities of key actors, fosters knowledge exchange and collaboration between stakeholders locally and even across borders. Through these interventions, the project directly initiates a change towards more resilient, inclusive, and sustainable agricultural systems that, above all, ultimately benefit the local farmers.

Our target for 2025–28:

3'000'000
people have gained access to basic drinking water by 2028.



More about our working area Water, Food and Climate:
www.helvetas.de/en/what-we-do/our-topics/water-food-climate

Helvetas helps to achieve the following Agenda 2030 goals:

2 Zero hunger



6 Clean water and sanitation



9 Industry, innovation and infrastructure



12 Responsible consumption and production



13 Climate action



15 Life on land



Ferghana Valley – Water Efficiency and Market Development

In the **Ferghana Valley**, farmers are facing increasing water scarcity, while many still lack access to modern irrigation technologies such as drip irrigation. Over a period of seven months, the Ferghana Valley Irrigation Partnerships Project (FVIPP) therefore promoted the introduction of climate-resilient and water-saving solutions in Tajikistan and Kyrgyzstan through existing market actors.

Who was involved in the project?

FVIPP was implemented by Helvetas Intercooperation gGmbH in partnership with the Public Association Youth of Osh, under the Small Grants and Climate Innovation Facility (SGCIF) coordinated by GIZ on behalf of the German Government and co-funded by UK International Development. The project brought together farmers, private companies, financial institutions, and local authorities to strengthen collaboration and market linkages.

What challenges did the Ferghana Valley Irrigation Partnerships Project address?

Agriculture is central to rural livelihoods in both countries but constrained by inefficient irrigation, increasing climate pressures, fragmented value chains and limited access to finance. As a result, farmers in water-scarce areas face declining yields and heightened vulnerability, while competition from neighboring markets has underscored the need for modernization. Wider adoption of modern irrigation technologies is therefore vital.

How did the project drive adoption of modern irrigation technologies?

To expand access to modern irrigation technologies for farmers and make rural livelihoods at once more sustainable and more viable, FVIPP thus strengthened interactions in the local market system: Trade fairs connected farmers (demand), companies (supply) and banks (finance). Across five trade fairs, over 1,150 participants engaged with 23 companies and 13 banks, creating new partnerships and stimulating demand for modern irrigation technologies. Follow-up activities including study tours, targeted needs-based training, and the development of communication/educational materials complemented the trade fairs for lasting impact.

What results have been achieved?

Farmers gained access to information, financing options and practical irrigation solutions, while companies were able to expand their customer base and increase sales. This specifically means: more than 40 households directly installed modern irrigation systems, and companies generated sales of over EUR 145,000 as a result of the trade fairs, in some cases exceeding their usual total turnover for an entire season.

Ongoing recommendations among farmers also show that the benefits of these technologies are understood and that demand continues to grow. A partnership between suppliers and banks led to the introduction of instalment payments, thereby reducing one of the biggest barriers to access for farmers.

At the same time, businesses strengthened their marketing capabilities, trade fair organisers enhanced their digital skills, information materials were integrated into public institutions, and linkages between market actors were sustainably strengthened.

What is the long-term impact?

Building on existing system actors to strengthen market linkages, improve access to finance, and strengthen capacities, FVIPP contributed to more resilient and sustainable agricultural livelihoods and water use in the Ferghana Valley that can persist or even grow beyond the very short project term.

„Drip irrigation has transformed my farm. For me, it is not just a new technology, but a symbol of hope and stability, a future where hard work brings reliable results. The system saves water, reduces labor costs, and ensures higher yields. This is not only my personal success, but also an example for the whole village that innovation can bring real prosperity.“

Jumabai Omorbekov, farmer from the village of Myrza-Aryk in southern Kyrgyzstan.



„Previously, watering the land took a lot of time and required a huge amount of water. Watering 1000 square meters could take up to 60 tons of water and about 10 hours of work. Moreover, a significant part of the water was lost along the way and didn't reach the plants.

After installing the new irrigation system, the situation changed. Now, for the same area, only about 1 ton of water is needed, and the whole process takes roughly one hour. Water goes directly to the plant roots, so almost no losses occur.“

Sultonmurod Sultonov, a farmer from the Jabbor Rasulov district,
Tajikistan

As part of the project, a study tour to the Ferghana Valley in Uzbekistan was organized in March 2026, bringing together 27 participants from Kyrgyzstan and Tajikistan. The tour, conducted in collaboration with another Helvetas initiative, the National Water Resources Management Project in Uzbekistan, offered participants an in-depth insight into modern irrigation systems and the organizational arrangements that support their effective operation.

Modern irrigation systems deliver water directly to plant roots, significantly reducing water consumption. At the same time, they simplify farm work and enable women to engage more actively in agricultural production.

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INCOME & FOOD SECURITY

Only those who can eat a balanced diet and protect themselves from the impacts of climate change can break free from poverty. Together with affected communities, partner organizations, authorities and private companies, Helvetas develops solutions that give people a fair chance to thrive.



Food security in Pakistan

In **Pakistan**, particularly in the province of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, food insecurity, scarce land and water resources, and the impacts of climate change shape the daily lives of many households. Low-income families and female-headed households are especially affected, as their limited plots of land make it difficult to produce enough food for their own needs.

Against this backdrop, the BMZ-funded project "Resource Efficient Food Production in Pakistan (Re-Food Pakistan)" was launched in 2023.

The project was implemented by Helvetas Germany together with the Foundation for Rural Development (FRD).

Re-Food promoted climate-smart and resource-efficient cultivation methods, in particular tunnel and vertical farming systems, which enable productive vegetable production on small plots. The project relied on practical trainings, demonstration plots and collaboration with agricultural extension services.

In total, more than 800 female and male farmers and around 200 advisory professionals were trained, and over 300 tunnel structures were established. In doing so, the project created a foundation for more resilient and resource-efficient agriculture and improved the income and food security of the participating households.

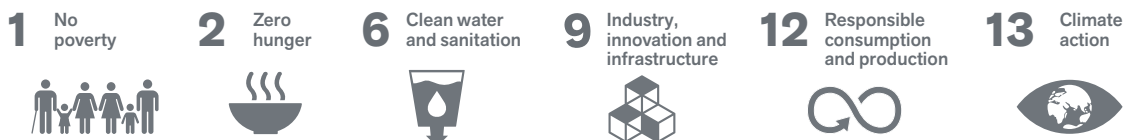
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people worked with Helvetas in 2025 to protect their livelihoods against the long-term impacts of climate change.



More about our working area Water, Food and Climate: www.helvetas.de/en/what-we-do/our-topics/water-food-climate

Helvetas helps to achieve the following Agenda 2030 goals:





Tunnel cultivation has changed many things for me. The good yields from my tunnel allow me to sell my produce and cover essential expenses such as food and my children's school fees. "

Falak, farmer in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan

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Smallholder families in Pakistan are under growing pressure: climate change, water scarcity and extreme weather events coincide with limited farmland and rising food prices. Traditional cultivation methods are increasingly reaching their limits.

How does this affect local communities?

Before the project started, many households were only able to meet their vegetable needs from their own production for one to four months and then had to rely on purchases. At the same time, weather-related crop failures and inefficient cultivation methods led to losses of up to 80%. These uncertainties affected women in particular, who are often responsible for feeding the family but have limited access to knowledge and agricultural inputs.

How are new cultivation methods changing this situation?

The introduction of tunnel and vertical cultivation has fundamentally changed production conditions. Yields per plant

have increased significantly, while water use per plant has been reduced by up to half. At the same time, the use of pesticides has noticeably decreased. Particularly important is the stability of production: whereas extreme weather events in traditional agriculture often lead to massive crop failures, protected cultivation systems reduce harvest losses to around 4–5%. Post-harvest losses have also decreased markedly. In addition, protected cultivation enables year-round production and thus better alignment with market demand.

What concrete benefits does this bring for households?

The improved production conditions have a direct impact on food security: today, 88% of participating households can cover their vegetable needs for five to six months from their own production, and a further 12% for up to eight months. At the same time, market integration has improved significantly, with most surpluses being sold and generating additional income. Access to advisory services, inputs and markets

has also been strengthened. Knowledge building is having a lasting effect: all participating farmers now apply the introduced methods independently, and additional farms have adopted the approaches on their own initiative.

What challenges remain?

Despite these positive developments, obstacles to wider adoption persist. These include the comparatively high initial investment for tunnel structures, limited access to high-quality seeds and the technical requirements for operating and maintaining the systems. However, the project demonstrates that combining technology, knowledge transfer and market linkages can create viable solutions that sustainably strengthen the resilience and economic prospects of rural households.

„After completing the training, I invested PKR 100,000 in tunnel farming for cucumbers, despite my initial doubts. Thanks to the new techniques, I generated a profit of PKR 3.5 million from just one acre of land“

Rizwan Ullah, farmer in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan

Many farmers are initially hesitant or sceptical about adopting new farming practices, particularly when they involve financial investment and risk. As they gain experience and see tangible results, however, confidence in these new technologies grows. Early successes, higher yields, and more stable incomes help ensure that innovative approaches are not only embraced but also actively shared and adopted by others.

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NEW PERSPECTIVES FOR SUSTAINABLE GROWTH

Creating new perspectives means strengthening local economies, fostering innovation, and improving market access. In Myanmar, the Responsible Business Fund Plus (RBF+) demonstrates how targeted support enables businesses and small-scale producers to make sustainable investments, increase their incomes, and build resilient value chains.

Increasing incomes through sustainable agriculture

Myanmar's agriculture and food sector faces a complex set of interconnected challenges, including economic instability, climate change, limited access to finance, weak market linkages, and the low uptake of modern technologies. These conditions reduce the competitiveness of micro, small, and medium-sized enterprises (MSMEs), limit income opportunities for smallholder farmers, and pose long-term risks to food security and sustainable economic development.

The Responsible Business Fund Plus (RBF+) is a challenge fund financed by the European Union, Denmark, and Switzerland, and implemented by Helvetas Germany. The programme promotes the sustainable development of the private sector by co-investing with agribusinesses in innovative technologies, sustainable production systems, and climate-resilient business models.

Through competitive grant funding combined with technical assistance, RBF+ enables businesses to increase productivity, improve food quality and safety, enhance resource efficiency, promote renewable energy and circular economy approaches, create greater value added, and expand market access. The programme also strengthens collaboration between businesses, producers, service providers, and other market actors, thereby fostering more inclusive and resilient value chains.

Knowledge generation and organisational learning are integral components of RBF+. Market analyses, case studies, innovation pilots, and lessons learned are shared across sectors to encourage the replication and scaling of successful business models and sustainable technologies.

By strengthening the competitiveness and resilience of Myanmar's agriculture and food sector, RBF+ contributes to higher incomes, greater employment opportunities, improved environmental performance, and increased climate resilience.

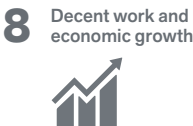
To date, the programme has supported hundreds of agribusinesses in implementing innovative investments that benefit farmers and other actors along agricultural value chains, contributing to more sustainable and inclusive economic growth in Myanmar.

Our target for 2025–28:

240,000
people have improved
their professional and
social skills by 2028.

More about our working area Skills, Jobs and Income: <https://www.helvetas.de/en/what-we-do/our-topics/Skills-jobs-income>

Helvetas helps to achieve the following Agenda 2030 goals:



Creating New Perspectives through Sustainable Agriculture

The agricultural and food sector in Myanmar operates in an increasingly complex environment. Companies face rising production costs, market disruptions, limited access to finance, climate-related risks and growing pressure to adopt sustainable production practices. Many enterprises, particularly small and medium-sized ones, have innovative ideas but lack the resources to invest in modern technologies or expand into new markets.

RBF+ addresses these challenges by sharing investment risks with companies and supporting practical innovations that enhance productivity, sustainability, competitiveness and resilience.

Where does the project intervene?

RBF+ promotes private-sector investments along the entire agricultural value chain through competitive matching grants and technical assistance. The programme supports investments in areas such as climate-smart agriculture, renewable energy, food safety and quality management, resource-efficient production, digital technologies and value-added products.

In addition to financial support, RBF+ helps companies strengthen their management systems, improve their environmental and social performance and build viable market linkages with producers, buyers and service providers.

How are companies selected for the funding?

Funding is provided through transparent and competitive calls for proposals. Companies first submit a concept note outlining their planned investment and its expected impact. In this round selected applicants are then invited to prepare a full project proposal with support from the RBF+ team.

Proposals are assessed against clearly defined criteria, including the level of innovation, economic viability, environmental sustainability, climate resilience, social inclusion, scalability and the expected benefits for farmers and local communities. This process ensures that public funds are directed towards investments with strong impact and sustainable development potential.

What role do knowledge sharing and capacity development play?

Capacity development is a core component of RBF+. The programme accompanies companies throughout the entire funding cycle to ensure successful project implementation and lasting impact.

RBF+ also promotes knowledge sharing by documenting and disseminating innovations and lessons learned, and by strengthening collaboration between companies and relevant market actors.

What results have been achieved so far?

Since its launch, RBF+ has experienced very strong demand from the private sector in Myanmar, reflecting both the need for innovation and the willingness of companies to invest. 329 companies have signed funding contracts, and more than 260 projects are already being implemented. In total, around 3.7 million euros in grants have been disbursed. 233 companies have improved their production methods, more than 7,400 farmers benefit along the value chains, and 1,277 people have been able to increase their income.

Concrete investments are also having an impact: renewable energy solutions alone have saved over 442,000 kg of CO₂ and significantly reduced diesel consumption.

What long-term prospects does the project create?

RBF+ contributes to the transformation of Myanmar's agricultural and food sector by enabling companies to invest in innovation, enhance their competitiveness and increase their resilience to economic and climate-related challenges.

By promoting sustainable business models, stronger market linkages and increased private-sector investment, the programme creates long-term perspectives for companies, farmers and rural communities. These investments not only improve current livelihoods, but also lay the foundation for a more resilient, inclusive and environmentally sustainable agricultural and food system in the future.

„The support from RBF+ has helped us improve our food safety standards and optimise our production. As a result, we can now meet international requirements and access new export markets, such as Japan.“

Na Rain Dra, Dried Bamboo Shoot Production

„With the support of RBF+, we were able to improve the precision of our manufacturing process and produce spare parts for combine harvesters with consistently high quality. This investment has strengthened our competitiveness and increased our confidence in meeting our customers' quality expectations“

Daw Kyu Kyu Win, entrepreneur, Myanmar



By participating in the RBF+ programme, SMEs like Daw Kyu Kyu Win's company can invest specifically in modernising their production processes. The grants and accompanying advisory support make it possible to refine and stabilise production steps, enabling them to better meet the requirements of modern farms and tap into new market opportunities.

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FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS	31.12.2025 in EUR	31.12.2024 in EUR
A Current Assets		
I Receivables and Other Assets	476.982	564.906
II Cash in hand, checks, bank balances	3.478.838	4.148.426
B Deferred Income	232	0
Assets	3.956.052	4.713.332
Equity and Liabilities		
A. Equity		
I Subscribed Capital	25.000,00	25.000,00
II Revenue reserves (Earmarked reserves)	25.869,97	121.781,60
III Accumulated loss (Net profit)	- 13.309,52	58.813,17
B. Special item for project funds	62.106,79	35.069,07
C. Provisions and accruals		
Other provisions	52.490,00	49.794,00
D. Liabilities	3.808.895,40	4.422.874,18
Deferred income and accrued expenses	3.956.052,64	4.713.332,02

SOURCE OF FUNDS



- Institutional Donors
(EU, Federal Foreign Office, BMZ)
- Other
(Foundations, Other Subsidies, Private Donations...)

USE OF FUNDS



- Country programs
- Administrative Office in Bonn

PROFIT AND LOSS STATEMENT

INCOME in EUR	2025 in EUR	2024 in EUR
1. Subsidies	6.876.405	2.934.377
2. Other Operating Income	38.542	86.635
3. Donation Proceeds	1.812	6.501
4. Expenditure for Project Sponsorships	-6.413.642	-2.404.257
5. Personnel Costs	-520.570	-588.170
a) Wages and Salaries	-431.025	-485.543
b) Social Security Contributions	-89.545	-102.628
6. Amortisation of intangible assets of fixed assets and property, plant and equipment	0	867
7. Other Operating Costs	-150.630	-79.018
8. Other Interest and similar Income	50.00	50.00
ANNUAL NET LOSS	168.034	44.749
Profit carried forward	58.813	28.549
Allocations to earmarked reserves	95.912	75.013
ACCUMULATED LOSS (PY: net profit)	13.309	58.813

Revision

BDO AG, Bonn, has audited the financial accounting and the balance sheet and income statement for the financial year from January 1, 2025 to December 31, 2025. The audit did not lead to any objections.

The financial statements are presented here in EUR, rounded, without decimal places.

SOURCE AND USE OF FUNDS STATEMENT RELATED TO THE TRANSPARENT CIVIL SOCIETY INITIATIVE COMMITMENT

Source of Funds in EUR	Ideational	Special Purpose Project Funding	Total
Donations Received	1.812	0	1.812
Subtotal (income fundraising)	1.812	0	1.812
Project Contributions			
- Private Grants	0	422.857	422.857
- Government Grants	0	6.453.547	6.453.547
Other Operating Income	0	38.592	38.592
Subtotal (Income from service provided)	0	6.914.998	6.914.998
Total Income	1.812	6.914.998	6.916.809
Use of Funds in EUR			
Other Interest and similar Income	100	0	100
Subtotal (Expense use of Funds)	100	0	100
Expenses Project Funding	0	6.413.644	6.413.644
Expenses Wages and Salaries	412.229	108.341	520.570
Other Operating Expenses	150.530	0	150.530
Subtotal (Expense from Services provided)	562.759	6.521.985	7.084.843
Total Expenses	562.859	6.521.985	7.084.844
Net Income	-561.047	393.013	-168.034

COMMITTED AND OPEN-MINDED

As part of the Helvetas network, the Helvetas Germany team, together with 1,400 other employees worldwide, is committed to helping people live self-determined lives in dignity and security.

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Ensuring basic rights

Water, food and climate

In 2025 **3,766,002** women and men gained sustainable access to water, sanitation, proper hygiene, better nutrition and natural resources, or have benefited from larger harvests and improved climate resilience. Together with Helvetas, they installed solar-powered wells and latrines, built roads and bridges and learned important hygiene rules and new, climate-adapted cultivation methods.

Creating new perspectives

Skills, jobs and income

In 2025 **1,083,051** young, mostly disadvantaged women and men gained access to education and vocational training, found a job, or started their own business with Helvetas' support. At the same time, **6,733** small and medium-sized enterprises have gained better access to markets, created jobs for disadvantaged people and begun to offer sustainable products and better services.

Strengthening good governance

Voice, inclusion and cohesion

In 2025, with Helvetas' support, **837,303** women and men learned techniques to better demand their right to basic public services and to resolve conflicts. Helvetas also worked with local authorities and partner organizations to counsel and support **1,235,679** women and men in planning their safe, responsible and profitable labor migration.

Alleviating suffering

Humanitarian response

In 2025, Helvetas supported **56,993** people in distress meet their most pressing basic needs. In its projects, Helvetas supported a total of **629,386** people in areas afflicted by natural disasters, crises and conflict in gaining access to water, sanitation, education and retraining courses. Helvetas combines short-term emergency aid with longer-term development measures to enable people to rebuild their livelihoods as swiftly as possible.



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Jilo Boru from Samaro, Ethiopia, is a member of a new dairy cooperative that enables women to refrigerate the milk from their goats and cows and to sell it at better prices.

3,496,475 women,
3,256,537 men and
170,848 people of
diverse genders improved
their livelihoods and
living conditions.

LAND USE RIGHTS AND PARTICIPATION

Millions of people are born in countries without access to basic services, where economic conditions, conflict, violence and climate change force many women and men to leave their homes. Together with its partner organizations, Helvetas helps ensure that people can make their voices heard and live in security.

Our target for 2025–28:

390,000
people assert their rights as citizens by 2028 and obtain access to improved services.

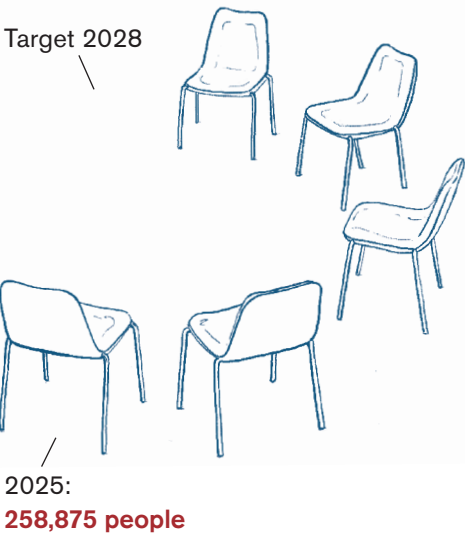


Land rights

Land governance and land rights are essential to sustainable development. However, competing interests can make land use and access difficult. Helvetas supports grassroots organizations in **Laos** that educate rural and ethnic communities, especially women, about basic land rights, promote responsible agricultural practices, advance participatory forest management and help resolve land conflicts. To date, more than 17,000 women and men affected by poverty and marginalization have received information, and 5,000 have subsequently sought tailored advice and support.

Sensible taxation

Tax revenue is used to fund services such as schools, roads, social services, playgrounds and public transportation. But correctly calculating and effectively collecting the necessary taxes often runs into various kinds of challenges. On behalf of SDC, Helvetas is providing support to 44 municipalities in **Serbia** to improve their tax calculation and collection procedures as part of an administrative reform. This has required building the technical and human capacities to assess property values and monitor tax revenues. This also necessitated fostering an understanding among the population and property owners about the new tax assessments. Due to weaknesses in the decentralization process, Helvetas also supported the harmonization of laws and regulations at the national level.



Helvetas helps to achieve the following Agenda 2030 goals:



«We want our company
to help bridge the
gap between the Tamil
and Muslim populations
living here»

Nishanthini Kanesamoorthi,
Batticaloa, Sri Lanka

In post-war Sri Lanka, social enterprises bring together young people from different ethnic and religious groups. These enterprises grew out of a long-term Helvetas initiative that brought together youth from diverse backgrounds to promote reconciliation across the country. To create economic opportunities, Helvetas supported the establishment of such enterprises staffed by people from all communities. Due to budget cuts by various donors, Helvetas was forced to end all projects in Sri Lanka by the end of 2025 and to close its office there after 49 years.

CASH ASSISTANCE AND WATER SUPPLY SYSTEMS

Between wars and fragile contexts around the world, as well as floods, droughts and hurricanes, people's suffering often lasts longer than the attention the media pays to these disasters. In 2025, donors, foundations, Swiss Solidarity and many other funders generously supported hundreds of thousands of people in need, helping them to reorient themselves and rebuild their homes and livelihoods.

"The selfless help provided by the team touched me deeply."

After the earthquake in **Myanmar** on March 28, 2025, Helvetas was one of the first aid organizations on the ground. This also meant that it was able to relay important information to other NGOs to accelerate the provision of emergency relief.

Kamlesh Vyas, what do you remember most about the first days following the earthquake?

At first, the situation was chaotic. Communication had broken down and access to many areas was blocked. We worked with local partners and operated out of hotel rooms in Mandalay, the epicenter of the earthquake. By the second day, we were able to get started, and by the third day – working in close coordination with other organizations – we delivered our first emergency aid. We initially assisted

over 2,000 households, followed later by an additional 5,200, providing water, food, hygiene items, locally sourced materials for emergency shelters and even cash.

Why cash?

Cash assistance can help support the local economy wherever local markets are functioning after a disaster. It is also efficient and entails minimal logistics and no storage costs. But, above all, it preserves people's dignity, as it gives them the freedom to decide for themselves what they need most urgently.

Did the earthquake affect projects that were already underway?

We were implementing several development projects in the affected region that we had to suspend for a few weeks. The local organizations and partners we work with were also impacted. Staff members – including those outside the emergency response team – stepped in without hesitation and canceled their vacations, even though Myanmar's New Year's festival

was approaching. Many of them were themselves affected by the earthquake, and yet, they helped people who had lost even more than they had. This selfless commitment on the part of the entire team moved me deeply.

How do these experiences ultimately flow into Helvetas' work?

We want to train our team in Myanmar further so that they can respond even more effectively to earthquakes as well as floods. We want to show our staff how they can better protect themselves in such situations. We also want to integrate this know-how more systematically into our projects.



Kamlesh Vyas is an expert in humanitarian aid and relief at Helvetas.

Helvetas helps to achieve the following Agenda 2030 goals:



More about our Humanitarian Response: helvetas.org/humanitarianresponse

Rays of hope in times of crisis

Flash floods during the 2025 monsoon season in **Pakistan** have killed more than 1,000 people and displaced hundreds of thousands. Helvetas directly supported 6,500 people with tools, beds and water filters. Across six districts, in 13 Afghan refugee camps, Helvetas established 58 non-formal education centers for girls and boys and enrolled 3,480 children in school. Helvetas gives great emphasis to inclusive, gender-equitable and community-based education services in fragile contexts.



Seeds for the future

In the conflict-affected region of Tigray in **Ethiopia**, Helvetas is supporting 23,000 people to improve their livelihoods, despite conflict and drought. In 2025, families received a crossbreed of goats and sheep known as shoats that require less water and feed. They also received 32 tons of certified, drought-resistant wheat seed and six tons of teff millet seed. Organized into seed cooperatives, in the future the communities will be able to produce climate-adapted seeds themselves. Locally produced compost is helping improve soil fertility and in turn is increasing food security.

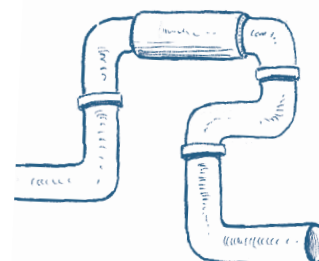


Market analyses identify gaps

For a variety of cultural and religious reasons, women in Rohingya camps in **Bangladesh** have very few opportunities to earn a livelihood. A market analysis showed that gardening, tailoring and sewing are acceptable activities because they can be carried out at home; however, the analysis also shows that it is not sufficient simply to distribute sewing machines and provide brief trainings. For this reason, Helvetas offers modular, hands-on training programs that also cover topics such as marketing, pricing and business planning. Only in this way can refugees become entrepreneurs in the medium term.

Reintegration

Together with the State Employment Service of **Ukraine** and the Federation of Employers, Helvetas conducts nationwide labor market analyses that provide sound insights into employment trends during wartime. They help the employment department better align its services to meet both the needs of war veterans, people with disabilities, displaced persons and young people, as well as the requirements of companies. Job placement, training and workforce planning have improved. In 2025, the employment department advised 18,000 veterans, 4,000 of whom then found jobs. The findings from these data-driven analyses are also channeled into labor market policy.



Beyond emergency aid

Thanks to partner organizations in Alliance2015, Helvetas was able last year to support people in countries where it does not have a long-standing presence. Families affected by the earthquakes in **Turkey** and **Morocco** were able to rebuild their livelihoods with Swiss support. Helvetas also helped affected families in **Gaza** gain access to safe drinking water.

Repaired lifelines

In 2025, Helvetas, with support from Swiss Solidarity, restored destroyed water supply systems in **Ukraine** that serve more than 58,000 people, far exceeding the initial targets. This was made possible through close cooperation with local communities and authorities. Overall, the engagement of Helvetas and its partners spans 122 municipalities, where 57 water and sanitation systems have been repaired, enabling people to continue to live at home or to return there, despite the war.



«Everything was destroyed, even the lab data and patient records. It was so sad. Now we can finally give people proper care.»

Suguique Pedro André,
Mecúfi, Mosambik

In December 2024, Cyclone “Chido” destroyed the homes and livelihoods of 455,000 people in the Cabo Delgado region in northern Mozambique. It also razed local health centers. Helvetas quickly provided emergency relief and supported the reconstruction of 13 health centers in 2025, which included restoring their water supply, electricity and furniture. Bracing structures were added to protect the buildings from future strong wind situations. Thanks to Helvetas’ long-standing hygiene awareness efforts, the population responded appropriately after the storm, thereby preventing outbreaks of severe diseases such as cholera.

In 2025 ...

... 95,927

smallholder farmers have adapted their farming practices to the effects of climate change, increasing their productivity per hectare thanks to sustainable and climate-resilient practices shared by Helvetas.

... 58,079

people, mostly youth, enrolled in new or better vocational skills trainings supported by Helvetas.

... 2,363

partner organizations, of which 94.5% are local partners, worked alongside Helvetas to create fair opportunities worldwide.

... 800,349

people now have access to safe drinking water within a 30-minute roundtrip walk thanks to Helvetas.

... 713,791

people report reduced travel time to essential services such as markets, schools, and health centers thanks to new bridges and roads.

... 22,007

people acquired green skills for careers in renewable energy and the circular economy through vocational training supported by Helvetas.

... 344,842

people who have worked with Helvetas noted improved social cohesion in their area.

Would you also like to enable poor and disadvantaged women and men to lift themselves out of poverty and create prospects for themselves?

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