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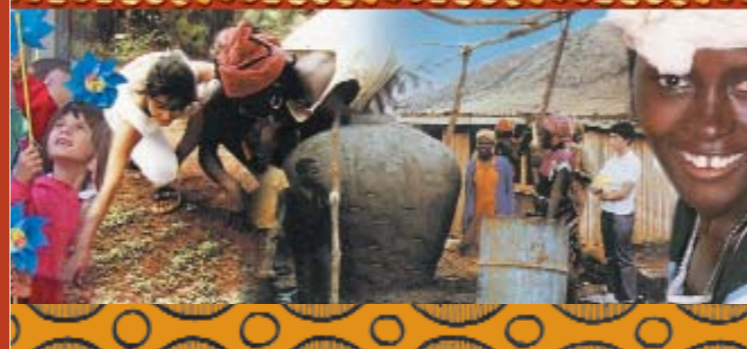
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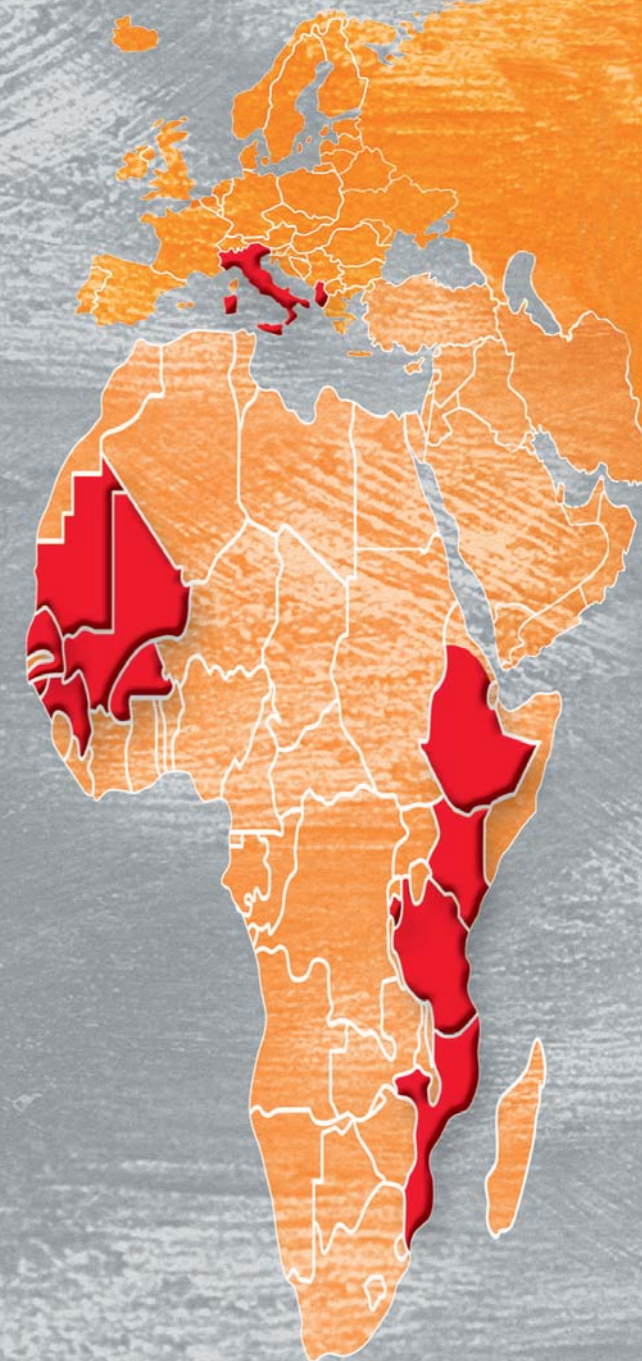
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solidarity and international
cooperation association



We've been walking together for forty years

Lvia in the world



who we are

LVIA is an Italian organisation dealing with solidarity and international cooperation. We've been working since 1966 with the aim of fighting social inequality, food insecurity and poverty and of operating concretely for peace and human development.

We have 40 volunteers and 150 local experts in 12 African and eastern-European countries, where we operate with local partners to grant access to water and the right to health, to strengthen agriculture and livestock farming, to support vocational training, to enhance craft skills and local enterprises and to improve the urban and rural environment.

We promote cooperation in solidarity between Italian local communities and those of the countries where we work, in order to establish a growing integration among peoples and cultures of the world. We offer concrete training opportunities both to the Northern and Southern hemispheres of the world involving people in our projects, so as to develop an active and responsible citizenship.

Our financial resources come from the United Nations, the European Union, ECHO, USAID, the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and from several international cooperation agencies. We are supported by local institutions, foundations, Italian and European companies and associations, as well as thousands of private individuals.

We are founders and members of the FOCSIV (Volunteers in the world) and of the Italian NGOs Association. We are also part of the national platforms in the countries where we work.

In 2006 we became associated members of the Italian Institute for Donation and have been awarded the certificate of Excellence in Ethics and Management.

what we do

Water is life!

Clean and available water for drinking, washing and cooking, growing crops, farming livestock, and running small enterprises: this is the primary human right. LVIA's water projects – wells, pumping systems, water storage and distribution systems – are the pillars of any development process. The final goal is the self-reliance of local communities, through the training of water technicians and the improvement of management skills.

The right to food sovereignty

We support producers' organisations and the creation of farmers' and stockbreeders' networks, particularly based on community and family farming, which produces safe and good-quality food, generates employment, protects the environment, and helps to maintain the vitality of the cultural traditions of the rural environment and its networks of social relations; we promote the improvement of production and marketing techniques, supporting new small enterprises through microfinance. We support the vulnerable social groups against the imbalances of the national and international market. We promote fair trade and ethical finance.

A healthier urban environment

Confronted with the problems of uncontrolled growth of towns, we support local administrators in finding sustainable solutions to waste management by promoting differentiated refuse collection, the recycling of plastic and environmental education in urban neighbourhoods and in schools. We support civil society organisations and local institutions in creating educational and informative programs dealing with sustainable development topics.

Mothers and children first

We support local and national institutions in the process of improving local health services for citizens through training, organisational support, rehabilitation and, where needed, construction of health facilities and training of medical staff. Particular attention is paid to mother and child primary health care as well as to the prevention of sexually transmitted diseases.

A new dialogue between countries of the Southern Hemisphere and between North and South

We support relationships and exchanges within the African continent, we help the dialogue among local development actors in order to promote civil society experiences and skills in the countries where we work. We follow up decentralized cooperation projects between Italian and African communities in order to establish solidarity and exchange relationships between Universities, Local Authorities, Regional Authorities, Schools and professional associations both in the North and in the South of the world. We also support African culture and cinema.

Education for all

We help African education and school with distance support programs that have already involved hundreds of Italian families in guaranteeing school education for girls and boys.

Tools for knowing and acting

We engage in informing and sensitizing society to global development topics by organising school contests, educational projects and international school exchanges, exhibitions and videos, national forums, solidarity campaigns, awareness raising trips for students and much more. To find out more, visit www.lvia.it and www.acquaevita.it

how we work

- ✓ We encourage and strengthen **social change processes** in the countries that host us, focussing on sustainable development, social inclusion and the fight against poverty.
- ✓ We support the efforts of **local communities, organisations and institutions** in identifying and setting up intervention programs.
- ✓ We are committed to researching and condemning the **root causes of injustice and marginalisation**, in order to elaborate appropriate proposals for intervention.
- ✓ We highlight the **contribution of different cultures** in the setting up of intervention programs, in the solving of controversies and in the building of peaceful and fair societies.
- ✓ We implement programs **in connection with Italian organisations and institutions**, from the public and private sector, by promoting their active involvement both at local and national level.
- ✓ **LVIA is a non-profit organisation, independent** from political parties, local, national and international institutions, churches or religious associations, foundations or private enterprises, both in Italy and in the hosting countries. To all of them we address our proposal for partnership, cooperation, fundraising in full respect of each other's independence.
- ✓ **We are committed to a medium to long-term presence** in the countries where we work, to maintain an uninterrupted dialogue and working relationship with the local, national and international players.
- ✓ In case of war or disaster we offer our **skills in humanitarian aid**.
- ✓ We are committed to **full accountability**. We share each step of the intervention with those who financially support us, our partners and our beneficiaries, from its setting up to its evaluation. Our yearly financial and activity reports are publicly available.

