Mission Bambini

Annual Report 2018

Helping children every day
Together we can provide a better future for many children

In certain areas of very poor countries, and with increasing frequency in Italy too, **many children are unable to live in conditions worthy of a human being**: they lack food, care, housing, they don’t have the opportunity of growing in a peaceful family environment and of going to school. Mission Bambini was created for this very purpose: to give children the opportunity and hope of a better life.

By “give the opportunity” we mean creating the conditions for children to improve their own life, as this can only be achieved by applying their own determination and efforts. **Children themselves are the makers of this change.** At this point I would like to mention Lino: born in Bangladesh from a Dalit, i.e. “casteless”, family, at school he was not allowed to sit at a desk like all the other children, but had to sit on the ground. As a child he used to ask his parents the reason for this, but their only answer was that they could do nothing about it, since that was their destiny. However, Lino has now changed that destiny, thanks to someone who gave him the opportunity to carry on his studies. And he has changed not only his own destiny: today Lino is the chairman of a NGO supported by Mission Bambini – and in this capacity he visited us in 2018 – which has provided schooling opportunities for thousands of Dalit children over the years.

**Together we can change things.** By creating partnerships with other children welfare organizations we can operate more effectively and obtain better results in improving the life of children, young people and their families. This is what we did, in particular, with the “Nove+” project, by connecting public bodies, associations and schools in the Zona 9 district of Milan with the aim of fighting social exclusion and school dropouts. This is what we are doing with the Project called “Services 0-6: a Passport to the Future”, which aims at providing quality education for 1,500 children from needy families with the cooperation of nurseries and infant schools in 8 Italian regions. Both projects are supported by important organizations that have chosen Mission Bambini as leader of a nonprofit organizations’ network: “Nove+” is supported by Fondazione Cariplo, “Services 0-6” by the social enterprise Con i Bambini. We are aware of the huge responsibility involved, but we also take great pride in these cooperation projects.

**Mission Bambini supports cooperation, that is working together, in other countries too:** I would like to mention here our “Children’s heart” Program, which gives particular importance to training. During their surgery missions, our volunteer doctors provide training to local colleagues both in the operating theatre and at school. Our long-term aim is, in fact, to make it possible for local doctors to treat children heart diseases autonomously in all the countries we operate: for this reason we work in close partnership with local hospitals.

Finally, partnership work is the special feature of our cooperation with all the companies and foundations that decide to support our Foundation because they appreciate our working method: planning together, experimenting with new approaches, sharing experience and know-how.

To all our donors supporting Mission Bambini I would like to say: “Thank you for your help. **Let us continue to work together** in order to provide opportunities for children to live a better life in the present and in the future”.

**Goffredo Modena**  
President and Founder
Nursery “Il giardino dai mille colori”, Scampia, Naples.
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Identity and Values  
Providing real help, every day, to children in need

Mission

The Mission Bambini Foundation was created in **Italy in the year 2000** “to provide help and support to children who are poor, sick or uneducated or have been victims of psychological or physical abuse, giving them the opportunity and the hope of a better life”. Our work has always been focused on children and our aim is to accompany them towards their future: we want to be their lucky stars.

Mission Bambini is an **independent, non-profit and non-clerical organization**, officially recognized as a Non-profit Institution (Non-profit Organization of Social Value). The Foundation rejects any kind of cultural, racial or religious discrimination and operates with the utmost respect of children’s rights. In the pursuit of its mission, the Foundation conforms to the values of Liberty, Justice, Truth, Respect for others and Solidarity.

Early in 2015 the Italian Foundation created Mission Bambini Switzerland and the Friends of Mission Bambini fund in the USA. Mission Bambini has chosen three main areas for priority action. In Italy: **Education for children between 0 and 6** aims at improving the offer of early infancy services. In the world: **Health** aims at saving the lives of children with heart diseases; **Education** aims at providing access to schooling. The Foundation supports projects fighting school drop-outs and providing working opportunities to NEETs in Italy. During 19 years of activity Mission Bambini has supported over 1,400,000 children by means of over 1,600 aid projects in 75 countries all over the world.

Founder and President

**Goffredo Modena**, born in Bologna in 1938, is the Founder and President of the Mission Bambini Foundation and Mission Bambini Switzerland. After obtaining a degree in Electronic Engineering, he starts working in the field of telecommunications, covering functions of increasing responsibility. At the age of 43 he leaves his managerial job and becomes entrepreneur. As majority shareholder he leads his company to success, increasing the turnover from 500,000 to 130 million Euros and the staff from 30 to 350 employees. At the age of 59 he sells his business to an American company and begins a new life phase, wishing to **dedicate his time, energy and experience to helping others**, in particular less fortunate children. In 2000, at the age of 62, with the support of his wife and children, Goffredo Modena decides to create the Foundation “aiutare i bambini” in Milan, which becomes Mission Bambini Foundation in 2015.

Organigram
Statutory bodies and members of staff

The **President** is the legal representative of the Foundation, he summons and chairs the Board of Directors, carries out its decisions and exercises the functions which are entrusted to him by the Board of Directors as a general rule or on particular occasions. In cases of absolute necessity and urgency the President may carry out extraordinary administrative acts, which then have to be approved by the Board of Directors within 90 days.

The **Board of Directors** takes decisions on the Foundation’s strategy, on short and medium term plans, on the budget and balance sheet and on the allocation of funds to the various help projects proposed by the Technical Committee. It elects its own members and the members of the Technical Committee. Besides the President, the members of the Board of Directors are: Maria Paola Villa, Sara Modena, Elisabetta Modena, Ottavio Crivaro, Giuseppe Marsi and Roberto Bercè.

The **Technical Committee** submits its proposals to the BoD regarding help projects to children to be financed and/or managed. In order to select and evaluate these projects, the Technical Committee employs methods and criteria which have been approved by the BoD. It includes representatives of the Project department, the President, some members of the BoD and other outside members in different capacities.

The **Panel of Auditors** verifies the regular bookkeeping and accounting procedures and prepares its annual report which is attached to the balance-sheet. The members of the Panel of Auditors are: Daniela Colicchia (President); Andrea Baudo and Tamara Gugnoni (auditors in charge); Andrea Visconti and Valentina Nobile (substitute auditors).

In 2018 Mission Bambini has created the **Honor Committee**, with the function of assisting the BoD in its networking activity in the various fields of corporate and financial enterprise, universities, national and international philanthropy, in order to support the Foundation’s statutory activities. Members are invited into the Honor Committee by the President of Mission Bambini. These members are: Baldassarre Agnelli, Giulio Artom, Giovanni Battista Benvenuto, Chiara Buttè, Dario Giambelli, Stefano Marianeschi, Bruno Mazzetta, Manuela Mezzetti, Maria Laura Risolo, Lucio Tabini.

The Foundation’s **staff** counts 30 employees with different functions. The heads of each office answer directly to the General Director. Sara Modena holds this function since September 2018. In addition to the staff, the Foundation can count on a national net of 300 volunteers under the supervision of 11 local coordinators, who are volunteers themselves.

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**Mission Bambini in short**

- **19** years of activity
- **1.4** million children helped
- **1,600** projects supported
- **75** Countries involved
Operating Method: from Project to Partnership

The Mission Bambini Foundation is deeply rooted in the areas where it operates thanks to many years of cooperation with partner organizations that implement projects with a strong social impact.

Mission Bambini operates in Italy and all over the world by cooperating with local partners and planning with them the appropriate actions to be taken in the health or schooling sectors, in favor of children and young people in need. The selection of partners is based on an evaluation method which takes into account each partner’s experience and its capability of producing a significant impact on the welfare of all project’s beneficiaries, both direct (children and young people) and indirect (families and local communities), and effectively improving their living conditions. After drawing a project with specific aims, the Foundation begins its fundraising activity to support the project’s early stages.

Firstly, the Foundation enters a short-term agreement with the partner, in order to verify its actual competence and skills and to monitor the first results produced by the project. Usually the cooperation continues and becomes a multiannual partnership, often including a special kind of support with “capacity building activities” in order to improve the partner’s managing skills. Over the years this method has allowed to create a widespread network of Italian and international partners whit whom Mission Bambini plans and coordinates long-lasting projects. Numerous partners are involved in each project and this strength allows to create a deep local rooting and a strong social impact. Moreover, thanks to these features (long lasting projects, high number of partners involved), Mission Bambini is often able to secure important funding lines from foundations and other institutions for the implementation of its projects.

After supporting over 1,600 projects in 75 countries, Mission Bambini has collected very valuable experiences: good practices set up online, the exchange of experiences and the opportunity of comparing the advantages of different solutions to similar problems are an incredible additional value. Mission Bambini offers its ability to rally and bundle resources, and therefore increase the impact of measures, to other funding organizations, which can reach and even exceed their goals by concentrating their funding on specific projects run together with Mission Bambini and by taking advantage of the monitoring and evaluation work carried out by the Project teams and the Technical Committee.
In its three-year Plan 2018-2020, the Mission Bambini Foundation has introduced a **results evaluation system** in order to measure the social impact produced by its programs in the areas of intervention. Nowadays we feel an increased necessity to monitor the medium and long-term benefits produced by each specific project and intervention, in order to achieve the **best possible results from the invested resources** and to plan an action strategy based on reliable data.

Mission Bambini has chosen the Theory of Change (**in short TOC**) as a method to evaluate with increased accuracy its projects’ expected results and its planning strategies in different fields. When applying the Theory of Change, in fact, one must first identify the change to be expected as a consequence of the actions taken in a specific field and then work “backwards” and define the outcome, the outputs and the actions that are required in order to obtain the desired goal. This screening instrument defines the path that leads from the identification of a problem to its solution by producing a strong social impact on the life of children and their families. A clear definition of the pathway brings to light all the necessary preconditions that must be in place for the change to occur and allows an ongoing monitoring of the project’s actions.

Throughout 2018 Mission Bambini has benefited from the expertise and advice of Fondazione Lang Italia and **has applied its own Theory of Change in two of its projects**:

- the “Children’s Heart” Program, which aims at reducing mortality rate in children suffering from congenital or acquired heart disease and is particularly focused on the weakest segments of the population. The main countries of intervention are: Cambodia, Myanmar, Uganda, Zambia and Zimbabwe;

- the “#WeNEETaFuture” Program, which aims at preventing and fighting the condition of NEET (Not in Employment, Education or Training) among young people who are unemployed, do not go to school and do not receive vocational training and is particularly focused on the more disadvantaged population groups in Milan’s metropolitan area.

The work in each of these two fields of intervention has been carried out in different stages:

- **Stage 1**: a **kick-off meeting** was held to identify the desired medium/long-term change and to perform a SWOT analysis (analysis of strengths/weaknesses, opportunities and threats). This first meeting was attended by Mission Bambini’s internal staff;

- **Stage 2**: two **workshops** for each Program were partly open to partners and involved outside stakeholders. The workshops covered various aspects: informing the stakeholders of the desired change and the SWOT analysis; a clear definition of impact, expected results (outcome) and activities (output); the quantification of the necessary resources to implement projects (input). The external members involved in the workshop dealing with the “Children’s Heart” Program included the surgeons and the medical personnel who volunteer in our surgery missions in various countries all over the world, the referents and the local hospital personnel from the countries of intervention, and a group of beneficiaries. One of the two workshops, in fact, was held at the “University Teaching Hospital” in Lusaka, Zambia, as a specific case study. The “#WeNEETa- Future” Program involved non-profit partner organizations, secondary schools, external providers of funds, vocational training institutes and public institutions such as the Milan City Council as stakeholders;

- **Stage 3**: drawing a **final report** for each project and the logical framework needed to achieve the goals.

In the following pages we illustrate the Theories of Change for both Programs under screening: “Children’s Heart” and “#WeNEETaFuture”.

**Social Impact:**

**Results Evaluation**

The Mission Bambini Foundation has chosen the Theory of Change as a screening framework to evaluate projects’ expected results and planning strategies in different areas of intervention.
The Theory of Change for the “Children’s Heart” Program

Firstly, by applying the Theory of Change (TOC) to the “Children’s Heart” Program, Mission Bambini was able to define more clearly which result it hopes to achieve through the Program’s activity. The desired change is a *decrease in the mortality rate of children suffering from congenital or acquired heart diseases in developing countries*, especially in the weakest groups of the population.

By mapping backwards, the Program’s main outcomes were then defined, i.e. the intermediate changes that lead to the long-term outcome and can be obtained by working together with the stakeholders (specifically, local institutions such as hospitals, ministries, universities). In order to reduce the mortality rate of children with heart diseases in developing countries, Mission Bambini operates in three fields. Besides *saving lives with surgery missions*, the Foundation works to *increase the ability of local hospitals* to deal autonomously with the stages of diagnosis, intervention and follow-up (post-operative care). The third action field is *prevention*, that is trying to avoid the occurrence of heart disease in children who are born healthy or the worsening of a heart condition caused by untreated infections.

The Theory of Change third level of output screening helped us to determine *all the activities needed to achieve the desired goals*, such as surgery missions in various countries or transporting children from their countries to Italy or to Romania. The next steps were useful to identify all the necessary preconditions that must be in place for the activities to succeed. As a result, Mission Bambini introduced some new features to improve the management of the “Children’s Heart” Program. One of these is a *Protocol, developed by the Foundation*, for volunteer doctors and health care staff, defining their role and responsibilities and illustrating the rules of conduct to be followed during surgery missions abroad.

Finally, by applying the Theory of Change, Mission Bambini has realized once more that, in order to improve the effectiveness of training – besides the training sessions provided by the Foundation’s volunteer doctors and medical staff in the operating theatre and at school – it is important to provide the opportunity for the medical staff of local hospitals to attend *highly specialized training courses on site*, organized in cooperation with universities in the countries of intervention.

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By applying the Theory of Change to the “#WeNEETaFuture” Program, Mission Bambini was able to define more accurately its overall goal, that is preventing and fighting the condition of NEET (Not in Employment, Education or Training) among young people between 14 and 24, by helping them uncover their inner resources and become active and responsible men and women, willing and able to plan their own future and improve their own life.

There are two main fields on which we concentrate our efforts to prevent and fight this phenomenon, which is very common in Italy, where many young people neither go to school nor have a job. One of these fields is Education, where we strive to improve schooling levels among young people between 14 and 21 and to reduce the number of drop-outs. The other field is Work opportunities, where we aim at increasing the number of young people at work, especially from the age of 16 to 24.

In both cases, an important outcome – that is an important intermediate change – is improving the psychological wellbeing of participating young people. Dropping out of school or being unable to find employment, in fact, cause deep negative effects on the mental state and psychological wellbeing of young men and women.

As far as outcomes are concerned, the Theory of Change has allowed Mission Bambini to concentrate on two aspects which were slightly overlooked in the past. Firstly, the importance of developing a better awareness of one’s strengths and interests when choosing a course of studies: it often happens, in fact, that young people drop out of school because they haven’t chosen the course of studies which is best suited to their personal abilities and interests. For this reason, the Foundation has decided to increase vocational guidance activities as TOC output within the “#WeNEETaFuture” Program. Secondly, we have understood the importance of a better connection between young people and the working sector. The Foundation has therefore decided to enter new partnerships with companies, even illustrious ones, and organize “visits inside the companies” for the young people taking part in the Program. During these visits, the company’s staff actively dedicate their time and competence to introduce young men and women to hitherto unknown working environments, thereby increasing their motivation to find work.

**DESIRED CHANGE**

Prevent and fight the increase of NEET young people between 14 and 24, by helping them uncover their inner resources and become responsible individuals willing to plan their own future and actively improve their own life.

**OUTCOME**

**Education:** the level of education among young people (14-21) increases, with stronger motivation and better performance at school.

**Work:** employment levels among young people (16-24) increase, by improving their abilities and technical know how.
Mission Bambini Switzerland
The activity of the Swiss foundation is subject to the Federal Supervisory Authority and the Swiss tax authority’s control

Mission
Mission Bambini Switzerland, formally founded on 28 January 2015 with headquarters in Lugano, is a Swiss foundation to all intents and purposes, under the control of Swiss federal law and tax authorities. Goffredo Modena is the Founder and President.

The Foundation, which was created to enhance and widen its valuable existing relations to Swiss private donors, companies and foundations, has the mission to provide concrete support to children who are impoverished, sick, without education, or have undergone physical or psychological abuse, all over the world and in Switzerland. In 2015 Mission Bambini Switzerland joined ProFonds, the umbrella Association of all Swiss public utility institutions. Early in 2019 Mission Bambini Switzerland joined the “Swiss Chamber - Camera di Commercio Svizzera in Italia”, in Milan.

Besides Goffredo Modena (President) and Sara Modena (General secretary), the members of the Board of Directors of Mission Bambini Switzerland are: Antonio Carbone, Ottavio Crivaro, Clara Mascetti. In 2018 the Swiss Foundation also created the Honor Committee, with the function of assisting the BoD in its statutory activities. Members are invited into the Honor Committee by the President of Mission Bambini. The members of the Honor Committee of Mission Bambini Switzerland are: Michele Clerici, François Geinoz, Paolo Kauffmann, Diego Lissi, Daniela Mascetti, Rocco Pellegrinelli.

During 4 years of activity Mission Bambini Switzerland has supported 30 aid projects in favor of needy children in 12 countries all over the world.

Results in 2018
In the course of 2018 Mission Bambini Switzerland donated 300.642 francs to children support projects as part of its statutory activity, with a 4% increase compared to the previous year.

In Switzerland the Foundation continued the long-term partnership, started in 2016, with the retirement home managed by the San Rocco Foundation in Morbio. Within the premises of this retirement home Mission Bambini Switzerland supported the so-called “play area” for children between 0-3 and their mothers, with a wide range of social and cultural activities for various age groups. In the course of 2018 more than 130 activities have been organized with an average attendance of 20 elderly residents and 12 children, thanks to the involvement of nursery and primary schools, music schools, local associations and parishes. These activities have helped improve the learning ability and the wellbeing of both children and elderly people, as shown by a social impact evaluation carried out by “SUPSI - Scuola universitaria professionale della Svizzera italiana”.

Besides the current project in Morbio, in 2018 the Foundation started a second project in Switzerland. The experimental “Robotics & MINT Learning Center” located in the primary school in Roveredo, Canton Grisons, is the first permanent educational robotics and technology laboratory in the whole country. This project is mainly focused on children and young people with learning difficulties, and aims at improving their performance in basic curricular subjects (specifically math’s, computer science, natural science and technology) through the interactive use of robotics and digital technologies. After a successful test phase, the Foundation is planning to repeat the project on a wider scale and create new partnerships with other Swiss schools.

In 2018 the Foundation continued its support to the victims of earthquakes in Italy, especially in the central regions Abruzzo, Lazio and Umbria, where the earth shook in 2016 and 2017. After contributing to the creation of the “Children Canteen” in Cittareale (Province Rieti), Mission Bambini Switzerland supported the erection of the new community center in Montereale, a municipality in the Province L’Aquila, which was severely hit by an earthquake in 2009. This new completely earthquake-proof building was officially opened.
on 1 June 2018 and is being used as a recreational and community center by 180 children and young people, and the whole local community.

As part of its projects aimed at buildings schools and learning centers for children, in 2018 Mission Bambini Switzerland created a new school in Jordan, in the Za’atari refugee camp where 80,000 Syrian refugees live. The “Re:Build school” was built in cooperation with the Building Peace Foundation, Relief International-Jordan and the Jordan Ministry of Education, and was officially opened on 3 May. It will provide access to quality education for 250 Syrian refugee children.

In the field of Education the Foundation also supported the new “Pink Scholarships” Program in favor of secondary schooling for young women. Mission Bambini Switzerland contributed to promote scholarships for girls who could have been forced into underage wedding in Bangladesh, in cooperation with the local organization Dalit NGO. This Program aims at increasing the number of girls attending and completing secondary schools in the poorest countries, helping them obtain a diploma, a professional qualification or a university degree. Mission Bambini Switzerland covers school fees, the expenses for stationery and books and, if necessary, board and lodging.

Finally, in 2018 the Foundation continued its support in the field of Health with the “Children’s Heart” Program and with missions of volunteer doctors to Eritrea, Romania and Zimbabwe, saving the life of children with cardiac disease. The Program is particularly focused on training: its long-term goal is to enable health care personnel in the countries of intervention to treat children heart diseases autonomously. Therefore, our volunteer doctors train local personnel during our missions, which are repeatedly held in the same hospitals, in order to give continuity to training.

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**BoD members on missions**

“We are very proud of this achievement. The right to learn is now a reality for these Syrian children who live the difficult condition of refugees. At Mission Bambini we believe that we can build a future of peace and progress only by giving children the opportunity to go to school.

**Antonio Carbone**, BoD member of Mission Bambini Switzerland, attended the official opening of the “Re:Build school” on 3 May 2018. This school was built with the support of Mission Bambini Switzerland in the Za’atari refugee camp in Jordan.

I was particularly impressed by the cooperation and synergy between the medical staff of the Zambian hospital and the Italian doctors. I witnessed the exchange of experiences and skills as unique moments of personal enrichment for all the people involved. From my point of view this is the real advantage which distinguishes the “Children’s Heart” Program: it provides not just surgery and health care but medical training too.

**Clara Mascetti**, BoD member of Mission Bambini Switzerland, took part in the surgery mission at the “University Teaching Hospital” in Lusaka, Zambia, between 29 October and 2 November 2018.

BoD members on missions
Countries involved and Results 2018

**Italy**
- 53 projects
- 15 Regions
  - Abruzzo
  - Apulia
  - Calabria
  - Campania
  - Emilia-Romagna
  - Friuli Venezia Giulia
  - Lazio
  - Liguria
  - Lombardy
  - Marche
  - Piedmont
  - Sardinia
  - Sicily
  - Tuscany
  - Veneto

**Africa**
- 25 projects
- 11 Countries
  - Cameroon
  - Dem. Rep. of the Congo
  - Eritrea
  - Etiopia
  - Guinea Bissau
  - Kenya
  - Madagascar
  - Senegal
  - Uganda
  - Zambia
  - Zimbabwe

**Latin America**
- 12 projects
- 6 Countries
  - Argentina
  - Bolivia
  - Brazil
  - Dominican Republic
  - Ecuador
  - El Salvador

**Asia**
- 25 projects
- 8 Countries
  - Bangladesh
  - Cambodia
  - India
  - Jordan
  - Myanmar
  - Nepal
  - Philippines
  - Thailand

**Europe**
- 4 projects
- 3 Countries
  - Romania
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**Resources**
- 19,000 donors
- 300 volunteers
- 112 Partner Corporations and Foundations

**Achievements**
- 119 projects supported
- 29 Countries involved

**Results 2018**
- 14,228 children helped
- 29 Countries involved

**Allocated funds according to region**
- **Latin America** 67,759
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What We Do in Italy

Fight poverty and poor schooling among children, promote employment for young people

Education for children and work for young people

In Italy Mission Bambini operates in two main fields:

Education for children between 0 and 6 and Education and Work for young people between 14 and 24.

With the aim of fighting poverty, which affects more and more children in Italy, by means of various projects in the field “Education 0-6”, the Foundations develops a number of early childhood services involving a large number of active partners and affordable by families with limited budgets, supports a community nursery/school model that improves the wellbeing of children and helps parents develop their parenting skills.

With the aim of fighting and preventing the increase of NEETs (acronym for Not in Education, Employment or Training) by means of projects in the field “Education and Work”, the Foundation recognizes, involves and activates young people at risk of becoming or already in the condition of NEETs, by increasing education or working opportunities, especially in the most depressed areas. Furthermore, if natural disasters such as earthquakes occur in Italy, Mission Bambini provides support to communities gradually trying to regain normal living conditions after the first emergency phase.

Poverty from a material and educational point of view

In Italy 1.2 million children, i.e. more than 1 out of 10, live in absolute poverty. Within just over 10 years the percentage of impoverished minors has tripled: from 3.9% in 2005 it has increased to 12.1% in 2017 (data published by Istat, June 2018). Absolute poverty means not being able to afford an acceptable standard of living. But poverty is not confined to the means of sustenance, it affects education too. For many children, being poor means not being able to access services such as nurseries or preschool.

No school and no work

NEETs neither go to school nor have an employment. In Italy around 2.2 million young people between 15 and 29 have no access to any kind of schooling and nor to the labor market. Within the UE the rate is as high as 15%, but it reaches 25% in Italy where 1 in 4 young person is a NEET with no prospects for a better future. The age groups in which the risk of becoming NEETs is highest include students in the first grades of secondary school. If these young people drop out of school, they usually give up education completely and their chances of finding employment become even smaller.

Nursery: children flourish and mothers go back to work

At job interviews, as soon as I mentioned that I was a mother of 2 small children, it was all over. But we couldn’t make ends meet on my husband’s salary. Then I found a nursery and a preschool where I could enroll my children at a reduced fee thanks to Mission Bambini. And I’ve found a job. Now we are happy again. Alessia, 30, mother of two, Milan

To know that, thanks to this nursery, some mothers can go back to work, even for a few hours, is one of the reasons and my motivation for working here. And then there are the children: many of them literally “flourish”, because here they find precious opportunities to develop by interacting with others. Gabriella, nursery volunteer, Novara

When I came here 30 years ago, I used to go and collect the children in the poorest estates and take them to school myself every morning. Nowadays we take parents to school or nursery too: thanks to the projects of Mission Bambini we involve parents in our work because we realize that they are the first “educators”. Sister Edoarda, person in charge of the nursery supported by Mission Bambini in Scampia, Naples

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In Italy 1.2 million children live in absolute poverty, and this often means that they have no opportunity to receive a good education. Mission Bambini gives children from needy families the opportunity of going to nursery or preschool.
Projects in Italy

Education 0-6
Provide access to nursery and preschool for children from families in need

New nurseries and playgrounds
Mission Bambini has been working in the field of children education in Italy since 2006, when there were very few nurseries, much less than today. Therefore, in all these years we have helped open or extend over 100 early childhood services all over Italy, particularly in the suburbs of big cities, in areas with insufficient services and in Southern Italy. The services we support are run by qualified socially active organizations (associations, cooperatives) that employ volunteer workers and helpers.

Reduced fees or free tuition
Many families nowadays are no longer able to afford nursery fees and many mothers are forced to give up their paid work in order to look after their children, which further impoverishes a family’s budget. For this reason, in the nurseries that we support at least 25% of places are reserved for children from families living in difficult social and economic conditions.

Thanks to the constant support provided by the donors who sponsor a child in Italy, needy children and their families receive very practical assistance: reduced nursery fees or free admission to nurseries, meal vouchers, clothing, diapers and formula milk to be used in the nurseries. As in foreign child sponsorships, donors receive information, photos and up-to-date news on the group of children attending the chosen nursery.

By including preschools in its projects, Mission Bambini has created a new nursery and community school model which, besides caring for the development and the wellbeing of children, helps parents develop their parenting skills.

Parents should not be left alone to face the challenge of raising their children, especially if they belong to the poorest and marginal social groups. They need to be surrounded by an “educating community”, starting from the nursery or preschool their children attend. Mission Bambini supports parents involvement with two new projects: “Services 0-6: a Passport to the Future” and “Ora di Futuro”.

“Services 0-6”
In 2018 Mission Bambini started the project called “Services 0-6: a Passport to the Future” with the aim of creating opportunities of good quality education for 1,500 children between 0-6, by supporting nurseries and preschools that involve a large number of active partners, take into account the specific needs of each family and are affordable for every budget. This project includes 11 nurseries and 7 preschools in 8 Italian regions and 11 towns (Novara, Milan, Marcheno-BS, Roma, Sanluri-SU, Naples, Lecce, Badolato-CZ, Catania, Palermo, Bagheria-PA).

Children and families are supported in different ways: free access to children welfare services or reduced fees, parent-child workshops, increasing educational opportunities, longer opening times, developing an educating community which can take care of underprivileged children living in extreme poverty. This 3-year project has been selected for support by the social enterprise “Con i Bambini” from the Fund against poor education among young children.

“Ora di Futuro”
“Ora di Futuro” is a children education project involving teachers, families, primary schools and nets of non-profit organizations all over Italy, supported by Generali Italia and The Human Safety Net. Mission Bambini is one of the NGOs chosen by the employees of Generali Country Italia to receive their support for projects aimed at educating parents to fulfil their parenting roles in needy families with children between 0 and 6.

The 5 “Ora di Futuro” centers that opened in 2018 thanks to a cooperation with Mission Bambini aim at supporting 350 families and 210 children living in extremely poor economic and social conditions in 5 towns (Milan, Moncalieri-TO, Bologna, Rome, Naples). These centers intend to help families that are alone in coping with their educating function, by means of various activities, such as creative parent-child workshops, parenting skills training, individual support and help to particularly weak families in difficult situations.
Since 2006
17 REGIONS / 41 PROVINCES

103 services supported
(nurseries, preschool, child-care centers)

6,869 children helped

In 2018
10 REGIONS / 16 PROVINCES

38 services supported
(nurseries, preschool, child-care centers)

1,932 children helped

Nursery “Primi Passi”, Novara.
Education and Work
Prevent school dropouts and promote employment for young people

Our support to school children and young people
Mission Bambini has been working on many projects aimed at preventing school dropouts since 2006 and on various projects aimed at promoting the access of young people to the labor market since 2011.

In all these years we have helped more than 7,000 students by supporting the creation of day centers and after-school centers all over Italy, particularly in the poorest urban areas where social disadvantage deeply affects the weakest members of society.

More than 400 young people have found their first jobs thanks to vocational training received in local companies or in new social enterprises supported by the Foundation.

A single action field
Since 2017 Mission Bambini has decided to join all these efforts into the single action field Education and Work, having realized that actions aimed at young people reentering the school system and those aimed at supplying vocational training are closely connected. This step will allow to create a continuous chain of activities accompanying young people from secondary school to their first employment.

Objective and beneficiaries
The projects supported through the new action field Education and Work pursue the overall aim of recognizing, involving and activating young people at risk of becoming or already in the condition of NEETs, by promoting personal talent as a positive force, by increasing education or working opportunities (especially in the most depressed areas) and by finding effective ways of improving employment opportunities. Teenagers and young people between 11 and 24 will benefit from these projects.

Planned actions
The programs regarding the action field Education and Work include different actions according to the different types of beneficiaries they target. First of all, tutoring and preliminary advice will be provided for young NEETs, in order to determine the best course of action for each person. Students and young people who would like to go back to school will receive support in their school activities, they will be able to attend practical workshops or craftsmen’s workshops, where they can “learn by doing”, and the so-called “second chance school” where they can rely on support provided by professional educators, psychologists and education specialists. Young people who are interested in entering the job market will receive guidance and motivational training, they will be assisted in finding ways to learn new skills, they will attend workshops to learn the specific skills required in a particular job, and receive active support in looking for employment. Young workers will attend vocational training at their workplace, they will benefit from individual tutoring during and after their apprenticeship and support when starting a microenterprise.

“Nove+”
The “Nove+” Project is implemented by Mission Bambini in Milan’s 9th district to fight social problems, such as school dropouts, young petty criminals, family isolation, lack of jobs for young people, integration difficulties for immigrants. This 3-year-operation was launched in 2016 thanks to the call for bids “Community Welfare and Social Innovation” by Cariplo Foundation. It involves 16 partners, among which four schools, eight non-profit organizations and the Milan City Council Department of education. The project’s main goals are focused on fighting school dropouts and on promoting working opportunities for young people in local manufacturing and trading companies. With the help of the Lang Foundation, in 2018 Mission Bambini carried out a case study applying the Theory of Change method to the “Nove+” project. Thanks to this external analysis, new professional roles and new actions have been developed to provide adequate means of improving the results and of accurately measuring them.
A job: the chance to start over

After 8 years spent hiding at home, I have regained self-confidence thanks to an employability course supported by Mission Bambini, which I found on the internet. I have realized that I like working with children and at the moment I’m training in a nursery under the supervision of a tutor. It’s a great opportunity for me to start over.

**Sonia, 25, Milan**

As part of a project supported by Mission Bambini, we have taken on a young woman who grew up without a family and had just received therapy in a community. This girl had had a very hard life, but her colleagues were understanding and helpful. This, in turn, helped them develop their ability to relate and understand other people’s needs, a very important skill in a company like ours. And the presence of this young woman has added great value to the group.

**Paolo, restaurant owner, Piacenza**

The first step is to help these teenagers overcome the feeling of exclusion and resignation. They have no access to schooling nor vocational training, they live in difficult family environments and they run a very high risk of being recruited by criminal or illegal organizations. Thanks to the project we have developed with Mission Bambini, we intend to offer 15 teenagers the opportunity to go back to school or to start a vocational training.

**Fratel Enrico, person in charge of the social cooperative supported by Mission Bambini in Scampia, Naples**

Provide opportunities for teenagers to join a group where they can learn to share and strengthen their own skills and abilities: this is one of our main goals.

**Sheila, youth worker, Milan (“Nove+” Project)**
Emergency Aid
Help communities resume normal life after natural calamities, starting with children

School buildings unfit for use
Every year millions of children all over the world are the victims of natural disasters and are forced to give up their education because school buildings have been damaged or made unsafe. In the last few years natural catastrophes have repeatedly hit the Italian peninsula, especially violent earthquakes causing destruction in the areas around L’Aquila, in the region Emilia Romagna and, lately, in central Italy.

The philosophy behind the actions
If natural disasters happen in foreign countries where Mission Bambini is operating, the Foundation’s action is focused mainly on rebuilding schools and child care centers. The Foundation supports the distribution of emergency supplies (water, food, hygienic items), if this can be achieved quickly and effectively with the involvement of local partners.

If emergency situations arise within Italy as a consequence of natural disasters, Mission Bambini provides its support in a later phase, with the aim of helping communities to gradually regain normal living conditions. Operations always take place in agreement with local authorities and involve special bodies, such as the Civil Protection units.

Earthquake in central Italy
In the night between 23 and 24 August 2016 a 6 degree earthquake hits the small towns of Accumoli and Amatrice, in the Province Rieti. On October 30, a 6.5 degree earthquake hits Norcia: it is the most violent earthquake in Italy since 1980. The earthquakes repeatedly until the early months of 2017 causing enormous devastation all over central Italy: hundreds of casualties, whole towns and villages destroyed, local economy brought to a standstill.

Between 2016 and 2018 Mission Bambini has carried out important operations in the central Italian regions that were hit by the earthquake. After erecting important buildings for community services in Norcia (PG) in 2016 and in Cittareale (RI) in 2017, in 2018, in agreement with the local authorities, Mission Bambini built a youth center in Montereale, a municipality in the Province L’Aquila that had already been hit by an earthquake in 2009 and then again in 2016 and 2017.

The center was officially opened on 1 June 2018. The wooden structure has a surface area of 104 square meters and is totally earthquake proof. It includes a multipurpose room, a kitchen equipped with a cooker, a toilet, and provides a meeting place for 180 children, young people and the entire local population.

WHAT WE HAVE DONE IN ITALY AND IN THE WORLD
Since the year 2000 Mission Bambini has provided help on many occasions in favor of people suffering because of wars and natural disasters in Italy and all over the world.

- 2004 TSUNAMI Asia: emergency aid, 2 schools and 22 houses rebuilt, purchase of boats and fishing nets
- 2009 EARTHQUAKE Italy, L’Aquila: 1 welfare and medical center, 1 youth center and 1 nursery built
- 2010 EARTHQUAKE Haiti and Dominican Republic: emergency aid, 2 schools rebuilt, 5 wells and 5 latrines built, water-purifying kits distributed
- 2012 EARTHQUAKE Italy, Emilia Romagna: 1 multipurpose recreational center built
- 2014 TYPHOON Philippines: 10 schools rebuilt
- 2015 EARTHQUAKE Nepal: food parcels distributed, 100 temporary metal sheet shelters and a 2-class “temporary learning center” built
- 2016-2017 EARTHQUAKE central Italy: 3 months of free canteen service provided for 120 the pupils of the new temporary school in Amatrice, 3 school complexes repaired and proofed for safety in the Province L’Aquila (Projet “Safe@school”), school and nursery “Norcia rinasci” built in the town of Norcia; “Children canteen” built in Cittareale (RI)
Earthquake in central Italy (2016-2017): our achievements

2016
Norcia (PG)
School and nursery “Norcia rinasce”
Officially opened on 22 December 2016

2017
Cittareale (RI)
“Children Canteen”
Officially opened on 25 May 2017

2018
Montereale (AQ)
Youth center
Officially opened on 1 June 2018

For completing the Youth Center in Montereale (RI), the Mission Bambini Foundation and the Associazione Gruppo Volontari della Brianza, as promoters of the project, would like to thank: Fondazione Prosolidar and Società di San Vincenzo De Paoli who jointly financed the project; the companies and professional workers from L’Aquila who supplied work and manpower free of charge; other supporting companies and associations: Associazioni Italiane and COM.IT.ES in Genk (Belgium), Bottega Verde, Cantarelli S.p.A., Keysight Technologies Italy, Linklaters, Mattel and Associazione Dit’Unto.
Health and Education

All over the world Mission Bambini operates in two main fields: Health and Education. Mission Bambini has been active in the field of Health since 2005. The “Children’s Heart” Program aims at decreasing mortality among children suffering from congenital or acquired heart diseases. It involves 3 types of actions: organizing missions of volunteer doctors to the countries where children have no access to suitable health care, transporting children to Italy or Romania, providing support to local hospitals. Training is one of the main strong points of the work of Mission Bambini: the long-term goal is to make the countries of intervention capable of treating children heart diseases autonomously.

Mission Bambini has been active in the field of Education since 2001. The overall aim is to guarantee children living in the poorest countries and in extremely disadvantaged environments the right to good quality education both at primary and secondary school.

Mission Bambini can support various projects in the field of Education thanks to donors who sponsor a child or a group of children. With the specific aim of supporting girls’ education and of preventing forced children marriages, in 2018 the Foundation has started a new series of actions under the “Pink Sponsorships” Program.

Children heart diseases

It has been estimated that 1 million children are born every year with a congenital heart disease all over the world. Around 80% are born in a poor country: half of them won’t survive beyond the first year due to lack of medical help and surgical facilities; the others will suffer serious growth problems and difficulties in their psychosomatic development, caused by pulmonary and/or circulatory handicaps. In many countries, in fact, there are no doctors who have been adequately trained to perform difficult children heart surgery nor hospitals sufficiently equipped to provide adequate treatment.

Through its “Children’s Heart” Program, Mission Bambini intends to decrease in the mortality rate of children suffering from congenital or acquired heart diseases, especially in the weakest groups of the population.

Access to schooling

Ensuring primary education for all children is still a distant goal: according to the latest UN data more than 63 million children in the world between 6 and 11 cannot go to school. If we add secondary education, we count a total of over 260 million children and young adults who are currently outside the school system: more than 2/3 of them live in Sub-Saharan Africa and Southern Asia. Moreover, many children have not acquired basic skills in reading and math even after completing their primary education.

Endemic poverty, child labor, humanitarian emergencies prevent millions of children from receiving adequate schooling. On the other hand, even where education is available and free of charge, it is often lacking in quality: few and overcrowded school facilities, far from home; in other cases families cannot afford to buy school supplies.

Small and teenage girls have even less opportunities to go to school. It has been estimated that more than 30 million girls all over the world have no access to secondary school. Many of them are subjects to other people’s will or choose to give up school because of other reasons. In particular: arranged or underage marriages and pregnancies, with subsequent increase in mortality due to childbirth and neonatal mortality. On the other hand, estimates show that every additional year of a mother’s education can result in a 10% decrease of the risk of neonatal mortality for her child.

With the help of the “Pink Sponsorships” Program, Mission Bambini intends to increase the number of girls attending and completing secondary school in the poorest countries and help them obtain a diploma, a professional or a university degree.
Schooling means future

In 2007 I went to South Africa for the first time as a volunteer with Mission Bambini and Cecilia was the first girl I met. We “connected” and immediately found a way to communicate. She was four and a half. I went back year after year, and she was always there waiting for me. I knew intuitively that she had a lot of potential, so just before she started school, I decided to sponsor her through the Foundation, in order to grant her a better future. Cecilia has completed primary school, she speaks English very well, and she has always had excellent school reports. Nowadays she is 15 and dreams of becoming a doctor. This proves to me with absolute certainty that schooling can really make a difference. I hope that she can do great things in her country: being able to help her is one of the most precious gifts life has given me.

Alessandra De Luca, Mission Bambini volunteer and donor
Health
Save children suffering from serious heart diseases in the poorest countries

Volunteer doctors’ missions
Mission Bambini has been active in the field of Health since 2005. The “Children’s Heart” Program aims at decreasing mortality among children suffering from congenital or acquired heart diseases, especially in the weakest groups of the population. The program implements 3 methods of intervention: the first is organizing missions of volunteer doctors. If in the sick children’s country there are adequately equipped hospitals, but they lack trained personnel to perform pediatric heart surgery, the Foundation organizes humanitarian missions of medical volunteers (mainly Italians and from other countries such as Spain, the UK, the USA). A mission lasts 1 week and allows to perform surgery on an average of 10 children. Mission Bambini organizes the missions and bears the costs of the journey and the stay of the medical volunteers in the foreign country.

Providing support to local hospitals
If both hospitals and health care workers are available and adequate, the Foundation supports the purchase of equipment and facility improvement or covers the costs of surgery for the poorest families.

Transporting patients to Italy
If there is a lack of both hospitals and doctors, children are transported to Italy or to Romania (if born in an Eastern European country, such as Albania or Kosovo) where they receive surgery in hospitals. The Foundation bears the costs of the journey and accommodation for the children and their companions (usually the mother).

The importance of training
Training is one of the main strong points of the work of Mission Bambini: the long-term goal is to make the countries of intervention capable of treating children heart diseases autonomously. During the missions volunteers doctors offer training to local doctors both in operating room and in class. Missions are repeated several times in the same hospitals, in order to continue and complete training sessions. Moreover, the Foundation enters agreements with local universities so that the training received by students attending the volunteer doctors’ lectures is acknowledged as part of their curriculum. Finally, the Foundation funds one or more scholarships every year for foreign doctors who are interested in training in Italian hospitals. The Scientific Coordinator of all our actions in the field of Health is Dr. Stefano Marianeschi, Head of Children Heart Surgery at the Niguarda Hospital in Milan.

Projects abroad
 Carry on with these missions, please

Now, after the operation, my daughter can walk and be with others: this is the biggest change I have noticed in her. Please, carry on with these missions.
Because we had no hope and you gave it back to us: you have saved our children.
Mother of Beatrice, 3, who underwent surgery in Zambia

I was very worried about our son: we knew that he had a serious heart problem, but our doctors could not perform any operation on him. Then the Mission Bambini volunteer doctors came and he received surgery. I cannot find words to express my happiness and my gratitude: thank you!
Father of Koko, 5, who underwent surgery in Myanmar

Mission Bambini took me and my daughter from Albania to Romania, and paid all expenses for the trip and our stay... Now the girl is well, we are very happy and we thank the doctors who performed the operation and the Foundation volunteers who supported us while we were in hospital.
Mother of Amelie, 1, who underwent surgery in Romania
### Since 2005

| **Heart** | 2,066 children received surgery |
| **Report** | 16,460 children examined |
| **Medical** | 421 local doctors trained |
| **Global** | 13 Countries involved: Brazil, Cambodia, Eritrea, Italy, Kazakhstan, Kenya, Myanmar, Romania, Somalia, Uganda, Uzbekistan, Zambia, Zimbabwe |

### In 2018

| **Heart** | 205 children received surgery |
| **Report** | 1,525 children examined |
| **Medical** | 105 local doctors trained |
| **Global** | 7 Countries involved: Cambodia, Eritrea, Myanmar, Romania, Uganda, Zambia, Zimbabwe |

Dr. Stefano Marianeschi in the operating room during a volunteer mission in Cambodia.
Our doctors: first-class professionals, with great humanity

“When a child, still aching after surgery, finds the energy to smile for the first time, then you realize how invaluable our work is. The children do not know the name of their illness, nor the treatment, nor the surgery procedure. But when they look at you, you realize they understand everything”. This is how Dr. Stefano Marianeschi describes his experience as a volunteer doctor. The doctors and the health care personnel who take part in the missions work in some of the best hospitals not only in Italy but in other countries in Europe (Spain, UK) and in the world (USA).
Beside heart surgery: catheterization, prevention and strategic

During our missions, in less complex cases, cardiologists perform cardiac catheterisations, i.e. less invasive operations. In Eritrea, where the health care system is particularly poor, Mission Bambini organizes prevention actions with the goal of preventing children who are born healthy from becoming cardiopathic due to untreated illnesses.

Early in 2019 Mission Bambini organized at headquarters the 1st meeting of the doctors and the health care workers who take part in the “Children Heart” missions, in order to present and discuss strategy and future plans.

Dr. Matteo Ciuffreda, Paediatric cardiologist at the Hospital Papa Giovanni XXIII in Bergamo, examining a child in Uzbekistan.

Dr. Nadia Assanta, Cardiologist at the Heart Hospital in Massa, examining a girl in a school in Eritrea.

The meeting “Volunteering around the world” was held in Milan on 2 February 2019.

Fabrizio Frizzi, our late friend and testimonial who died in 2018, introducing a video reportage on “Children’s Heart” at Niguarda Hospital in Milan in 2012.
Education

Ensuring access to good quality primary and secondary schooling, even in the poorest countries and in the most difficult environments

Schooling

Since 2001 Mission Bambini has been able to guarantee thousands of children the right to a good quality education at primary and secondary school, by supporting schools run by qualified local partners in many countries in Africa, Asia and Latin America. Thanks to the support provided by donors subscribing individual sponsorships, Mission Bambini can cover schooling costs: entry fees, books and uniforms. For many children, going to school also means receiving at least one meal a day.

Mission Bambini’s long-lasting support enables us to accompany a child or a group of children until they achieve their primary or secondary school degrees. In some cases, Mission Bambini contributes to the construction of schools or their enlargement.

“Pink sponsorships”

After more than 10 years of experience supporting projects in favor of primary and secondary education in various countries all over the world, Mission Bambini has been developing the new “Pink Sponsorships” Program since 2017. After a preliminary test phase, this project supporting secondary education for girls has been applied on a wider scale since 2018, with the aim of increasing the number of girls who attend and complete secondary school in the poorest countries and of helping them obtain a diploma, a professional or a university degree. Mission Bambini covers entry fees, the expenses for books and stationary, if necessary, board and accommodation.

If girls are given the opportunity to carry on studying, they can avoid child marriages or pregnancies, mortality due to childbirth and neonatal mortality. Girls with a secondary school education will be more conscious mothers to healthier and more highly educated children.

A woman with a university degree, in particular, can contribute greatly to women’s empowerment and to gender equality in a society where girls and women are still suffering great disadvantages.

The “Pink Sponsorships” Program is currently operative in Bangladesh, India, Brazil and Uganda thanks to cooperation with qualified local ONGs, which have already been Mission Bambini’s partners in various primary and secondary education projects.

Caring environment

Mission Bambini supports residential facilities offering a safe accommodation, medical care and a caring environment to children in particularly difficult situations: orphans, HIV-positive children, refugees. Children usually remain as guests in these centers over a short period of time, so these projects are funded by means of group sponsorships (the donor supports the entire facility, not just a single child).

Projects abroad

Against discrimination and poverty, let us invest in education

As a child, at school I was not allowed to sit on the bench like the other children: I had to sit on the ground because I was a Dalit, a “casteless” child. My parents used to say that this was our destiny. But I have always fought against this discrimination. After giving thousands of Dalit children the opportunity to go to school, today with the help of Mission Bambini we are giving many Dalit girls the opportunity to complete secondary education. Mr. Lino Swapon Das, President of Dalit NGO, Bangladesh

Together with Mission Bambini we are helping 170 young girls who might have had to go to work because they couldn’t afford to attend secondary school. Thanks to education, these girls are finally able to choose what they want to do in life. Together we are giving these girls a bright future. Mrs. Vianney Katakam, Deputy director of Assist NGO, India
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**Countries involved**
10 main countries: Bangladesh, Brazil, Cambodia, Ecuador, Philippines, India, Kenya, Dominican Rep., Thailandia, Uganda

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In Bangladesh Mission Bambini gives deserving girls the opportunity of completing their secondary education through the “Pink Sponsorships” Program.
In 2018 the Mission Bambini Group received 48,224 donations, collecting a total of 5,740,619 euros, with an increase of 387,115 euros (+7%) compared to 2017. The amount of 5,740,619 euros includes the fixed contract-linked donations that have been raised in 2018, which are itemized under the heading “Income from statutory activities” as income “from project-linked contracts”. These funds amount precisely to 1,590,388 euros, of which 350,556 euros were donated by foundations and associations, 137,000 euros by corporations and 1,102,832 were raised through public calls for bids.

The funds collected through donations are devoted to the project or projects selected by the donor. If the donor has not expressed a specific preference, Mission Bambini usually allocates the funds to the most urgent project. When the amount needed to support a project has been reached, the remaining funds are devoted to other projects of the Group aimed at helping children.

The total income was 5,765,900 euros, including the income from secondary activities, financial and capital gains and extraordinary income (which are not included in the total funds collected through donations).
DESTINATION OF FUNDS

In 2018 the funds devoted to institutional activities (itemized in the Financial statement as “Expenses for statutory activities”) amounted to 4,157,885 euros, i.e. 72.5% of our total expenses excluding the operating surplus (total allocated funds).

The funds devoted to the Foundations’ activities include, in particular, those allocated to support projects in favor of children and all the expenses connected to the projects’ realization, including the costs of keeping the donors constantly up to date on their chosen projects.

There has been a 9.8% increase in the expenses linked to the fund-raising activity, due to the increased efforts needed to raise funds despite economic stagnation. 9% of the organization’s expenses have been covered thanks to funds donated by the Founders.

Destinations of allocated funds

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“Nido d’ape”, Rome.
Private donations are the main source of funds for Mission Bambini’s statutory activities. Taking into account the money raised through the 5x1000 tax-payer donation and other events, the funds collected from private donors amount to almost 3 million euros. Mission Bambini has a number of well-established and successful fund-raising activities. Beside the more traditional methods such as direct marketing, the tax-payer donation and fund-raising events on national scale, in the last few years the Foundation has developed new fundraising activities aimed at private donors such as collecting supplies (Banco per l’infanzia) and crowdfunding, which is based on the new digital technologies and the web.

All these activities and fund-raising actions aimed at private donors are promoted through careful communication, with the goal, on the one hand, of awakening public opinion to the needs of children and young people in Italy and all over the world and, on the other hand, of informing the general public of the Foundation’s achievements and projects in response to these needs. The style chosen by Mission Bambini for its communication is always positive and never disrespectful of children’s dignity. Furthermore, the Foundation is increasing its presence on local and national media thanks to more frequent communications to the media. At the same time Mission Bambini is increasing its online presence with digital communication activities, digital marketing and digital PR.

CHILD SPONSORSHIPS AND LETTERS OF APPEAL

Private funds are collected throughout the year by means of donations for child sponsorships and donations in response to mailings sent to donors. In 2018, specifically, 972,967 euros were raised thanks to children sponsorships in Italy and abroad. Donors periodically receive up-to-date information on the child or group of children they support, by means of fact sheets, photos, children’s letters and drawings. Throughout 2018 the Foundation focused its advertising campaigns, especially on TV channels, on child sponsorship in Italy.

Beside 3 issues of the house news organ “Mission Bambini NOTIZIE”, mailing campaigns were devoted to fundraising in favor of the children in most need, such as the street-children who are receiving hospitality at the “Point d'Eau” Center in Kinshasa, the capital city of the Democratic Republic of the Congo; or the children who are born with a heart disease in a poor country and are waiting for surgery performed by one of our volunteer doctors; or the children who live in absolute poverty in Italy and have the opportunity to go to nursery or preschool thanks to Mission Bambini.

5X1000

In 2018 the Financial statement shows an amount of 267,633 euros under the heading “Income from 5x1000”, which have been raised thanks to 6,336 Italian tax-payers who have chosen to donate 5% of their taxes to Mission Bambini in their income tax statement for 2017. These funds, which will be
received by the Foundation in 2019, will be allocated mainly to projects aimed at reducing the rate of school dropouts supported by Mission Bambini in Italy. From 2018, Mission Bambini promotes the 5x1000 action by means of a new communication campaign under the motto: “Your destiny has yet to be written. Start with a signature”. The collected funds will be used for the statutory activities in favor of children in need in Italy and all over the world.

MAJOR DONOR EVENTS

Throughout the year 2018, the Foundation organized a series of events for donors, supporters and supporting companies, inviting them to take part in pleasant meetings and gatherings focused on solidarity actions. The funds raised on these occasions are devoted to supporting programs in favor of children and young people in need in Italy and all over the world.


Among the main events organized in Switzerland by Mission Bambini Switzerland: the presentation “A Meeting with Ferruccio De Bortoli” (at LAC Lugano Arte e Cultura - Lugano, 5 June), the art exhibition “Mission Bambini Meets Vhernier” (at LAC Lugano Arte e Cultura - Lugano, 15 November).

SPECIAL OCCASIONS AND SOLIDARITY PRESENTS

An increasing number of people choose to add the value of solidarity to special events and occasions such as christenings, first Communion, weddings as well as birthdays or retiring parties. Mission Bambini offers a wide range of solidarity gifts or the so-called “solidarity gift list” to collect guests’ donations. In 2018 the funds collected by means of solidarity presents and special occasions amounted to 62,000 euros.

Why add the value of solidarity to a special occasion

“I thanked everyone for the lovely celebration of my 90th birthday. I shall always remember it, as well as the children who suffered because of the earthquake in Central Italy. I was able to help them, together with my family, through Mission Bambini”. Vivetta, solidarity birthday

“In my life I want for nothing, I feel I’m very privileged, therefore I thought that it would be more gratifying for me to do some good rather than to receive the usual gifts. For this reason I have decided to celebrate my graduation with solidarity with Mission Bambini”. Alessandra, solidarity graduation

“Our friends and family have helped with their presents not only us, who enjoyed a wonderful trip, but also the pupils attending the Kitanga school in Uganda, supported by Mission Bambini, who received a very substantial donation”. Viola and Riccardo, solidarity wedding list
**Education 0-6 Italy**

During the weekend 19 - 20 May 2018 and, for the first time in autumn, on Saturday 6 and Sunday 7 October, Mission Bambini organized the fifth edition of the event *Banco per l’Infanzia* in 190 Prénatal and Bimbostore shops all over Italy. During this event, which was held under the patronage of Ellen Hidding, volunteers collected supplies of necessities for young children for a total selling value of more than 98,500 euros. In the following days these items were distributed to 179 institutions: nurseries, playgroups, foster homes that had been previously selected by the Foundation. Together with this event, in May 2018 Mission Bambini launched the second *crowdfunding campaign #fattiGRANDE*, with the involvement of 15 partners among nurseries and playgroups. Thanks to the work of a number of volunteers, donations for a total of more than 19,800 euros were collected with the aim of supporting early infancy services in their efforts to help families in need raise their children in a peaceful environment.

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**“Children’s Heart” Program**

During the weekend 27 - 28 October 2018, 300 Mission Bambini volunteers appeared on the streets all over Italy for the nation-wide *fund-raising event in favour of the Children’s Heart Program*. Under the motto “Let us care for each heart” volunteer offered a new heart-shaped gadget, the succulent plant Hoya Kerrii, and collected over 31,400 euros in favour of children suffering from heart diseases in poor countries. Again, on this occasion, with the presence of volunteers in squares all over the country, Mission Bambini organized the third edition of the *crowdfunding campaign #GivetheBeat*.

Thanks to this event – which closed on 31 January 2019 - Mission Bambini collected over 134,000 euros to save the lives of 90 bambini with heart disease. This impressive result was achieved with the precious help of the Mediolanum Onlus Foundation, that was granted the Special Jury Award during the Digital Fundraising Award 2019 organized by Rete del Dono and PayPal.

Thanks to fund-raising activities during the Christmas holidays such as wrapping presents in 16 Prénatal e Bimbostore shops (8-9, 15-16, 22-23 December 2018) and the Christmas Lottery, Mission Bambini collected 9,900 euros which were devoted to projects in favour of children in need.
MEDIA APPEARANCE

In 2018 Mission Bambini was selected among the four organizations to be supported during the 15th edition of Fabbrica del Sorriso, the communication and fundraising campaign organized by Mediafriends, Onlus Mondadori, Medusa and Mediaset. In the weeks from 11 to 25 March and later from 14 to 28 October all Mediaset channels collected funds through the solidarity phone number 45522 in favor of the selected projects. One of these was Mission Bambini’s child sponsorship in the action field Education 0-6 in Italy. In order to show the activity of Mission Bambini, reporter Annalisa Spiezie visited the nursery supported by the Foundation in Scampia and the report was broadcast in the news on Mediaset channels.

Thanks to a continuous activity of Press and Public Information, Mission Bambini enjoyed high visibility occasions on local and national media throughout 2018. The main appearances on TV were:

- the report on President Goffredo Modena, produced by the Italian state channel Rai (broadcast on 3 April on Rai 3 during the programs “Buongiorno Regione Lombardia” and TG3 Lombardia, on 14 April on Rai 2 during the program “TG2 Storie”) and by Corriere TV (published online on 21 May on the website corriere.it);
- the appearance on 16 May in the broadcast “La Vita in Diretta” on Rai 1, illustrating the goals of the #fattiGRANDE campaign with the appearance of a mother who received help;
- the report on the nursery supported by Mission Bambini in Scampia, broadcast on 29 November on Rai 2 during the weekly news service TG2 “Tutto il bello che c’è”;
- the report broadcast on 4 December on Rai 3 during the local news TG3 Emilia Romagna on the life of Notion, a child who was born in Zimbabwe with a heart defect and received surgery at the Hesperia Hospital in Modena thanks to the “Children’s Heart” Program.

On the printed press we can mention the interviews to Ellen Hidding, friend of Mission Bambini and patroness of the #fattiGRANDE campaign (Sette/Corriere della Sera, 5 April; Buone Notizie/Corriere della Sera, 15 May); the reports on the “Children’s Heart” Program (F, 31 January: interview to Chiara Graglia, volunteer nurse; Buone Notizie/Corriere della Sera, 20 November: interview to Dr. Stefano Marianeschi, volunteer doctor; Starbene, 4 December: interview to Ilaria Corona and to “Mamme cardio”, personal fundraiser for the #GivetheBeat campaign); the reports on the nursery supported by Mission Bambini in Scampia with interviews to Sister Edoarda Pirò who is in charge of the nursery (Il Mattino di Napoli, 27 June; Famiglia Cristiana, 1 July).

DIGITAL COMMUNICATION

Digital communication through the Foundation’s website, social networks and newsletters plays a key role in presenting the projects of Mission Bambini to the public and in promoting its fundraising activities. In 2018 a total amount of 240,000 euros were collected through online fundraising, including the crowdfunding campaign #fattiGRANDE and #GiveTheBeat. A new way of raising funds was launched on facebook in 2018: Mission Bambini took advantage of this offer and more than 70 people have opened a fundraising campaign on the most popular social network. So far more than 11,400 euros have been raised in favour of the Foundation. Finally, the digitally promoted #fattiGRANDE campaign reached 972,000 people online, recorded 87,400 interactions and involved 10 influencers.

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Legacies
Change the life of a child forever

Play, learn, grow: every child has the right to be a child. By bequeathing a donation to Mission Bambini the donor helps the Foundation implement long lasting programs which provide food, schooling, care and the help children need to grow and live their own lives.

Thanks to legacies, Mission Bambini can give many children a better present and a better future. In Italy the Foundation makes it possible for children from needy families to go to nursery and preschool, providing concrete help against material poverty and insufficient education, which have become a very serious problem affecting over 1 million children in Italy. All over the world Mission Bambini pursues two main goals: give needy children the opportunity to go to school and to have at least one meal a day; bring hope to children suffering from serious heart disease in the poorest countries.

A legacy to Mission Bambini can really change the life of a child forever. This is what happened to Elvis. Born in Zimbabwe with a heart defect and no chance of survival, in 2006 Elvis went on a long journey to Italy Elvis where he underwent surgery and was saved, thanks to Mission Bambini. Today Elvis is in good health, goes to school and makes plans for his future.
Establish a legacy: a life choice of a better future

Bianca, born in 1926, was a simple woman, but she was sensitive to the needs of people beyond the limits of space and time. After her husband died, she lived alone and begun to imagine who could become her “new family”.

Therefore she decided to make a will and to donate part of her property to Mission Bambini in favor of the weakest children, perhaps the children she never had.

Thanks to Bianca’s legacy, Mission Bambini bought a school bus in Bomet, Kenya and helped young people find a job in Italy.

Floriana could personally verify the effectiveness and the practical help provided by the child sponsorship she had subscribed, so she chose to continue this kind of long-term support and finally she left a legacy to Mission Bambini.

Thanks to Floriana’s legacy, today many African children can receive food, health care and education. “I have always loved children”, Floriana told us. “For this reason I have decided to create a legacy in favor of Mission Bambini. I am acquainted with members of the Foundation and I know that my legacy will provide real help to children, it will change their lives and give them a brighter future. I like to think that my life will go on in theirs”.

Different ways of drawing up a will

Making a will is easy, but one must comply with the legal requirements. There are two main forms of will. The first is the public will, signed in the presence of a notary: this form guarantees that the document will be kept in a safe place. The second is the holograph will, the easiest and less expensive form: in order to be valid, the will must be entirely handwritten, including date and signature, by the will-maker. It is always advisable to make a copy and give it to a trusted person to keep.

What can be donated in a legacy

With a legacy in favor of Mission Bambini we can choose to give cash, stocks and bonds, shares, investment funds; movable assets such as jewels, art works or furniture; real property such as a house, a piece of land, a flat; a life insurance policy; one’s severance pay.
Partnership with Companies

Involve companies and employees and generate innovative social models

For many years Mission Bambini has been promoting ways of developing Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) together with national and international companies. After receiving proof of the Foundation’s reliability and of the effectiveness of its projects in favor of needy children, the relationship between companies and the Foundation often continues for a long time and becomes something more than a simple donation.

Specifically, the Foundation creates and carries out employee engagement programs together with corporations that feel the need to develop and apply concrete CSR actions through the work of their employees. These actions are always planned together with each company, brings the company into a better focus and create stronger links within its local community.

Cooperating with the Foundation brings a whole range of benefits to companies whose employees and stakeholders are involved in the partnership, they increase brand awareness by implementing concrete projects, by producing innovative social models and by including cooperation in the corporate strategy, with the opportunity of taking part in the planning of actions.

Partnership with ARTSANA GROUP

Thanks to Mission Bambini’s reliability and professional managing of resources, we have created a valuable long-term partnership. Under the motto “Happiness goes from heart to heart” the largest branches of our Group all over the world have collected funds in order to support 30 volunteer doctors’ missions and helped save the lives of more than 280 children affected by serious diseases.

Francesca Catelli
CSR Director of Artsana Group

Volunteer work with THE FORK

We were all children once and today we are very happy to be able to make these children’s school more welcoming and colorful.
Thirty employees of our company have redecorated the entrance hall and some school rooms of a preschool building in Milan.
A wonderful day of voluntary work, organized in cooperation with Mission Bambini, which we definitely intend to repeat.

Andrea Arizzi
Sales manager of The Fork
Partnership with companies: results in 2018

95 partner companies
540,947 euros collected*

of the funds raised
through

61% CSR Corporate Social Responsibility actions
25% Sponsorships and awareness campaigns
8% CRM Cause Related Marketing
6% Employee engagement

* including: income from project-linked contracts

PROJECT AUTOMATION working side by side with Mission Bambini

In the Western world, where most things are a surplus, there are gaps that need filling: the needs of the less fortunate. Only with a small effort on the part of many, can we fill this gap. We have decided to play our part by granting the Foundation a substantial donation every year, in support of its activities in favor of people in need.

Fabrizio Felippone, AD and Legal Representative of Project Automation

Food supplies in Eritrea.
Partnership with Foundations

Plan together, test new models, share experiences and skills

For many years, Mission Bambini has been working with other foundations in order to produce a stronger social impact in those fields in which its efforts are concentrated. On the one hand, Mission Bambini plans projects in partnership with other foundations in those fields in which its efforts have been most successful, allocates resources and defines strict guidelines for selecting the projects that will receive its support; on the other hand, it directly implements important project financed by other foundations. By offering to share its know-how, in particular, Mission Bambini is able to try out innovative models and to share experience, best practices, skills and relations.

Share and learn with FONDATION D’HARCOURT

Since 2018 we are supporting Mission Bambini in its efforts to improve the living conditions of teenage girls with psychopathological problems, who are being treated in the “Omada” child neuropsychiatry therapeutic community in Milan. What we appreciate in Mission Bambini and in the local partner who is responsible for running the community is the personal therapeutic approach, which considers each single patient as a whole human being, makes the most of its abilities and involves families and communities. All this is made possible thanks to a qualified multi-disciplinary team. Everyone’s readiness to share and learn from each other creates a positive and highly effective cooperation.

Gaia Montauti d’Harcourt, Managing Director of Fondation d’Harcourt

Shared values and goals with UMANO PROGRESSO

We have been cooperating with Mission Bambini for many years thanks to the relationship based on mutual respect between our Presidents. We have worked together on various occasions, supporting projects in favor of children and, recently, of teenagers and young people needing help at school or to find employment.

Mission Bambini is a professional partner with whom we share values, methods and goals. We are pleased to report that, after working together for so many years, our relationship based on trust and mutual respect has become stronger and more widely shared.

Cinzia Abbondio, General Secretary of Fondazione Umano Progresso
**Partnership with foundations: results in 2018**

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* including: income from project-linked contracts

- **Banking foundations**: 64% of the funds raised
- **Corporate foundations**: 14% of the funds raised
- **Associations**: 5% of the funds raised
- **Family foundations**: 17% of the funds raised

*Photo: Simone Durante*

“Children’s Heart” surgery mission in Myanmar.
Volunteers for Children

Different ways of volunteering, but with a single aim: to help children in need

Mission Bambini offers various opportunities of voluntary work that can provide real help, every day, to children living in difficult conditions in Italy or in other countries all over the world. Regardless of the chosen method, volunteers must know that:

- children have always been the target of our actions: our task is to support them and work side by side with them on their way towards their future, helping them to achieve their goals and to make their dreams come true;
- time is a valuable asset and we are grateful to volunteers who have chosen to devote it to us: every minute spent helping a child brings us forward in our effort to give back to that child the dignity he or she is entitled to;
- beside time, we want to put to good use the abilities and the enthusiasm of our volunteers;
- we are an independent, non-profit and non-clerical organization and we ask volunteers to share the 5 values on which our work is based: Liberty, Justice, Truth, Respect for others and Solidarity;
- together we can reach important goals in favor of a great number of children: mutual trust is the first step on this path.

VOLUNTEERS IN ITALY

In order to make the work of Mission Bambini known to the general public and to support its activity, volunteers operate in three different fields in Italy.

In schools
Volunteers meet pupils at school and talk to them about the value of solidarity and the importance of mutual trust.

Volunteering: an experience that goes straight to your heart

I felt a great emotion when I entered the schoolroom and told the pupils about Mission Bambini and the time I spent as a volunteer among the children living at the “Mariele Home” in Zimbabwe. And I felt very grateful when I heard that, after the meeting, pupils spontaneously decided to make a donation. This proves we have been able to show the practical and clear way the Foundation works: two features that impressed me at first when I decided to become a volunteer ten years ago.

Alessandro Cucina, engineer and manager (Milan)

After volunteering at the event Banco per l’Infanzia, I decided to try abroad: I went to Kenya together with 3 other volunteers. We are very good friends now. I threw myself into the work and I realized that these kind of experiences are very gratifying: for those who give, and for those who receive. I feel great, I am passionate about all the good things I would like to do with the Foundation in future!

Maria Cristina Mapelli, lawyer (Lecco)

I came in contact with the Foundation when I was made redundant: I had worked as an air hostess and I was used to travelling all the time. On the web I found the opportunity to volunteer abroad with Mission Bambini and, after a coaching session, I left for the Dominican Republic: I had a wonderful experience. Later I worked as a volunteer during the summer in Scampia, helping out educators and children. I liked the Foundation from the start and I’ve been feeling at home ever since.

Marina Brolatti, former air hostess (Bologna)
of Mission Bambini’s work in favor of children, especially the projects that are carried out in the poorest areas in Italy and all over the world.

**During fundraising events**
Volunteers take part in the national-scale events organized by Mission Bambini, such as Banco per l’Infanzia and Le Piazze del Cuore, in order to help publicize the work of the Foundation and raise funds to support its activity. Together with their provincial coordinators, volunteers are also free to organize and promote local events aimed at reaching as many people as possible.

**On projects**
Volunteers spend one week or longer working in close contact with children and young people on the project supported by Mission Bambini in Italy, for example in nurseries, after-school centers and summer camps.

**Volunteers at headquarters**
People who live in or near Milan have the opportunity to work as volunteers at headquarters: they can carry out office jobs such as data collection, phone calls or report updates. Volunteers at headquarters represent an invaluable resource: 40 volunteers have produced a total of over 13,000 working hours, which means over 1,500 working days in 2018.

**Provincial Coordinators**
Provincial Coordinators, all volunteers, represent the Foundation at local level, promoting its mission amongst citizens, in institutions, companies and on the media. Moreover, coordinators organize the work of local volunteers taking part in all the fundraising events held by the Foundation all over Italy. On 31 December 2018 there were 11 Provincial Coordinators in the country.

**Volunteers abroad**
Volunteers work for a short time (at least 15 days) in direct contact with children, in schools, after-school centers, foster homes and other projects supported by the Foundation in Africa, Asia, Latin America or Eastern Europe. Volunteers abroad look after children, help them with their school work, distribute meals, organize recreational or sporting activities, outings or visits to families. In 2018, 35 volunteers inspected 18 projects during 15 missions abroad.

**Coaching**
The coaching opportunities have always been one of the most valuable aspects in the relationship between Mission Bambini and its volunteers: they provide invaluable opportunities of enriching one’s personal relations, skills and personality. The Foundation regularly organizes the so-called “Volontariando” meetings: everyone who wants to join us as a volunteer is required to attend these free coaching sessions.

In 2018 the 12th edition of the National Volunteers’ Workshop took place in Milano with volunteers from all over Italy. The workshop dealt with different subjects, including reports on some of our projects in Italy and all over the world. Some young NEETs (Not in Employment, Education or Training) who have benefited from our support were invited to present their experience.

From 2019 the Foundation intends to improve its offer of voluntary work, by making it even more interesting and exciting, therefore increasing the number of volunteers and the visibility of Mission Bambini in the whole country.
Volunteer Alice Bergagna in Thailand, at the Reception center supported by Mission Bambini in Mae Sot.
## Balance Sheet

### Assets (€)

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<td>II. From contracts with Public Institutions</td>
<td>370,000</td>
<td>78,125</td>
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<td>III. From contracts with Private entities</td>
<td>–</td>
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<td>IV. From Non-members</td>
<td>–</td>
<td>–</td>
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<tr>
<td>V. From Founders</td>
<td>105,000</td>
<td>100,000</td>
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<tr>
<td>VI. Other income</td>
<td>–</td>
<td>–</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total income from statutory activities</strong></td>
<td>2,065,388</td>
<td>1,707,833</td>
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<td><strong>C) INCOME FROM FUNDRAISING</strong></td>
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<td>I. Income from the 5x1000 initiative (tax-payers’ contribution)</td>
<td>267,633</td>
<td>279,128</td>
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<tr>
<td>II. Donations from Private subjects</td>
<td>2,422,230</td>
<td>1,998,959</td>
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<td>III. Donations from Companies</td>
<td>412,478</td>
<td>411,432</td>
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<td>IV. Donations from Foundations</td>
<td>307,617</td>
<td>567,268</td>
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<td>V. Income from Events</td>
<td>265,273</td>
<td>388,884</td>
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<td><strong>Total income from fund raising</strong></td>
<td>3,675,231</td>
<td>3,645,671</td>
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<td><strong>D) INCOME FROM ADDITIONAL ACTIVITIES</strong></td>
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<td>I. Income from additional activities</td>
<td>16,180</td>
<td>14,478</td>
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<td><strong>Total income from additional activities</strong></td>
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<td><strong>E) FINANCIAL AND PROPERTY INCOME</strong></td>
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<td>I. Income from bank deposits</td>
<td>8,250</td>
<td>5,905</td>
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<td>II. Income from postal deposits</td>
<td>–</td>
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<td>III. Income from financial investments</td>
<td>–</td>
<td>27,805</td>
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<td><strong>Total financial and property income</strong></td>
<td>8,250</td>
<td>33,710</td>
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<td><strong>F) EXTRAORDINARY INCOME</strong></td>
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<tr>
<td>I. Non-operating income</td>
<td>–</td>
<td>–</td>
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<tr>
<td>II. Other extraordinary income</td>
<td>852</td>
<td>–</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Total extraordinary income</strong></td>
<td>852</td>
<td>–</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL INCOME</strong></td>
<td>5,765,900</td>
<td>5,401,692</td>
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*The figures refer to the Mission Bambini Group, composed of Mission Bambini Italia and Mission Bambini Switzerland.*
### Expenses (€)

#### A) EXPENSES FROM STATUTORY ACTIVITIES

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<th>Description</th>
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<tr>
<td>I. For projects in Italy</td>
<td>1,388,218</td>
<td>1,447,984</td>
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<td>II. For projects in Europe, excluding Italy</td>
<td>107,908</td>
<td>118,025</td>
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<td>III. For projects in Africa</td>
<td>397,317</td>
<td>429,687</td>
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<td>IV. For projects in Latin America</td>
<td>67,759</td>
<td>93,491</td>
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<td>V. For projects in Asia</td>
<td>387,255</td>
<td>336,628</td>
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<td>VI. For non-restricted projects to be executed</td>
<td>–</td>
<td>230,289</td>
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<td>VII. For restricted projects to be executed</td>
<td>932,683</td>
<td>686,403</td>
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<td>VIII. Personnel and project staff</td>
<td>255,052</td>
<td>334,350</td>
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<td>IX. Project-linked expenses</td>
<td>27,020</td>
<td>9,096</td>
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<td>X. Expenses for awareness campaigns</td>
<td>594,672</td>
<td>424,562</td>
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<td><strong>Total expenses from statutory activities</strong></td>
<td>4,157,885</td>
<td>4,110,515</td>
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#### B) EXPENSES FROM FUND RAISING

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<td>I. Expenses for fundraising campaigns</td>
<td>239,587</td>
<td>211,634</td>
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<td>II. Expenses for events</td>
<td>103,124</td>
<td>106,470</td>
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<td><strong>Total expenses from fund raising</strong></td>
<td>342,711</td>
<td>312,104</td>
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#### C) FINANCIAL AND PROPERTY FEES

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<td>I. Bank account fees</td>
<td>16,904</td>
<td>10,575</td>
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<td>II. Postal account fees</td>
<td>4,445</td>
<td>3,758</td>
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<td>III. Fees on value adjustment of bonds registered</td>
<td>64,587</td>
<td>–</td>
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<td>in fixed assets that do not constitute shareholding</td>
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<td>IV. Other fees</td>
<td>1,636</td>
<td>1,190</td>
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<td>V. Foreign exchange gains/losses</td>
<td>3,354</td>
<td>–4,274</td>
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<td><strong>Total financial and property fees</strong></td>
<td>90,926</td>
<td>11,249</td>
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#### D) EXPENSES FROM GENERAL SUPPORT

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<td>I. Personnel</td>
<td>601,292</td>
<td>470,292</td>
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<td>II. Running expenses</td>
<td>267,708</td>
<td>339,816</td>
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<td>III. Lease of third-party assets</td>
<td>75,019</td>
<td>72,592</td>
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<td>IV. Amortizations</td>
<td>48,075</td>
<td>48,947</td>
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<td>V. Extraordinary expenses</td>
<td>137</td>
<td>700</td>
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<td>VI. Various taxes</td>
<td>8,834</td>
<td>7,535</td>
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<td>VII. Provisions for liabilities</td>
<td>145,000</td>
<td>–</td>
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<td><strong>Total expenses from general support</strong></td>
<td>1,146,065</td>
<td>939,882</td>
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**Positive operating result**

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At the closing of accounts at the end of 2018 the net assets of the Mission Bambini Group amount to 1,197,911 euros.

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