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SolidarMed – Partnerships for Health

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BACKGROUND AND MISSION

Founded in 1926, SolidarMed is focused on the provision of primary health care in the most disadvantaged areas of Lesotho, Mozambique, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe, improving healthcare for 2.5 million people. In its mission to support the right to health, SolidarMed works with individuals and communities to improve local health care services, supporting the provision of sustainable health care services. By developing, improving and providing long-term security for primary health care, SolidarMed makes an important contribution towards ensuring that even people in the poorest African countries have the right to health, and that health becomes effective as a developmental factor.

AREAS OF INTEREST

- Improving Basic Primary Health Care by supporting the quality of hospitals and health centres.
- Access to basic health care for all
- Protecting mother, child and adolescents, improving ante-natal care, safe deliveries, medical care for newborns
- Combat diseases such as HIV/AIDS, malaria, tuberculosis and NCDs
- Health staff support and training
- Hospital strengthening
- Strengthen village communities.
- Providing equipment and improve diagnostics.
- Investments in the infrastructure of health facilities
- Support local authorities to plan and implement health programmes.

HEALTH-RELATED ACTIVITIES

SolidarMed supports projects aiming at improving care of before and after birth, as well as ensuring safe deliveries under professional medical supervision. It sensitizes the population to prevent and effectively treat infectious diseases such as malaria, tuberculosis and HIV/Aids. SolidarMed aims at improving medical training in Southern Africa by supporting nursing schools and promoting professional development health staff in hospitals and health centres. SolidarMed emphasises sustainability in its work and therefore intentionally refrains from building its own institutions. The goal is to improve the performance of the local partners such that they can offer the best possible primary care at the smallest possible financial expense.

GOVERNANCE AND STAFF

SolidarMed has 36 staff members, of which almost half are based in the headquarter in Lucerne, Switzerland. The remaining staff is spread across the countries in which SolidarMed is engaged (Lesotho, Mozambique, Tanzania, Zambia and Zimbabwe). The 8 members of the board are elected each year at the General Assembly and are acting on a voluntary basis.

FUNDING SOURCES AND BUDGET

SolidarMed is funded through private and high donors (2018: 64.6%), contributions by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (2018: 27.4%) and the Liechtenstein Development Service (2018: 8%). Total income in 2018 amounted to CHF 9.8 million and 83.6% of funds were used directly for projects, with the remaining 16.4% being used for fundraising activities, sensitization and administrative costs.

PUBLICATIONS

For publications, including annual reports, financial statements and newsletters, see: <https://www.solidarmed.ch/en/publications>

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