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**BACKGROUND AND MISSION**

Fondazione Margherita is based in Lugano. Its aim is to support culture, education and development by implementing projects, both in Switzerland and abroad, regarding poor countries or poor and needing people. Usually projects are preferred if they aim at autonomy and economical or operational independence, especially if regarding local population not already entitled to public aid or funding. The foundation is non-partisan, non-denominational and non-profit.

**AREAS OF INTEREST**

- Mobile healthcare units
- Development aid (food and medicines)
- Water access, sanitation and hygiene
- Training and education

**HEALTH-RELATED ACTIVITIES**

The Foundation focuses on development aid or funding to local foundations and is active in many countries around the world. In Burkina Faso, it funded a project for a mobile healthcare unit for 6 villages, as well as in the periphery of Phnom Penh (Cambodia). In Thailand it has been working with 35 poor families with medical and food assistance. In Brasil it has been working on WASH and fresh potable water access, as well as supporting a local education center. Also in Madagascar and Nicaragua it has deployed a WASH project. In Togo it has funded the installation of solar panel for the Dédomé hospital.

**GOVERNANCE AND STAFF**

The foundation is composed by a foundation council and a foundation committee. The foundation council is composed by a president (Pezzoli Stefano), a vice-president (Colombi Elio) a Secretary (Canonica-Bagnoli Cinzia) and 2 other counselors (Pezzoli Paolo and Bignasca Stefano). The council is the highest executive board and oversees direction, management and asset of the foundation. The foundation committee is composed by Pezzoli Stefano, Pezzoli Paolo, Naiaretti Claudio and Canonica-Bagnoli Cinzia.

**FUNDING SOURCES AND BUDGET**

The asset of the foundation starts with 63.000 Francs, conferred by members. It is subsequently increased by donations, legacies and heritage. The foundation is committed to managing the donations received in compliance with the ethical standards set out in the

articles and the operating philosophy chosen by the directors. Funding from donations from citizens and private sector is also welcomed.

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