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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 1.5 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

- Protecting mother and child, improving ante-natal care, safe deliveries, medical care for newborns
- Protection from infectious diseases (Malaria, Tuberculosis and HIV/Aids)
- Health staff training
- Hospital strengthening
- Sensitization in community health

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 sensitises 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 (2017: 57.8%), contributions by the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (2017: 31.7%) and the Liechtenstein Development Service (2017: 10.5%). Total income in 2017 amounted to CHF 8.5 million and 79.2% of funds were used directly for projects, with the remaining 20.8% being used for fundraising activities, sensitisation and administrative costs.

PUBLICATIONS

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

More detailed information on campaigns, news and events are available on the German version of the website.

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