

PHARMACISTS WITHOUT BORDERS SWITZERLAND

Annual Report 2022
A dynamic year





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A WORD FROM THE COMMITTEE

Dear Members, Partners and Friends from PSF Switzerland,

The return of our pharmacists to the field in 2022 has shown the importance of the link between the profession and the population that benefits from it

To train as a pharmacist in Switzerland means loving this link, but it also means choosing a demanding profession, in a changing market – a market that was further shaken by recent shortages due to health and political instability at a European and global level.

Today's pharmacists are identifying issues that were unheard of just a few years ago, raising some concern in our country. What would happen if medicines were to run out? What would I do without my local pharmacy? The link that you and that we have with the professionals in the sector is precious, here and elsewhere, so we would like to take this opportunity to say THANK YOU to you and to them.

More than thirty years ago, when two women pharmacists founded PSF Switzerland, it was to share their skills with those most in need. Even today, in Switzerland and abroad, PSF Switzerland goes out to meet the people who need it most.

PSF Switzerland's development cooperation projects require volunteer pharmacists in the field. They are the base of our actions and their presence is our greatest accomplishment. We are well aware that the demand for qualified personnel in Switzerland as well as the requirements of a continuing education programme do not make it easy for pharmacists who would like to experience a mission abroad to leave but we hope that the new generation of pharmacists or more experienced pharmacists will be ready to join us so that our association can continue its mission – that of access to health care for everyone everywhere!

Happy reading on the part of the Committee of PSF Switzerland!

Pharmacists Without Borders Switzerland (PSF Switzerland) is a non-profit association under Swiss law founded in 1992 in Geneva.

THE VISION OF PSF SWITZERLAND

Ensure access to health care for everyone everywhere, without discrimination of any kind.

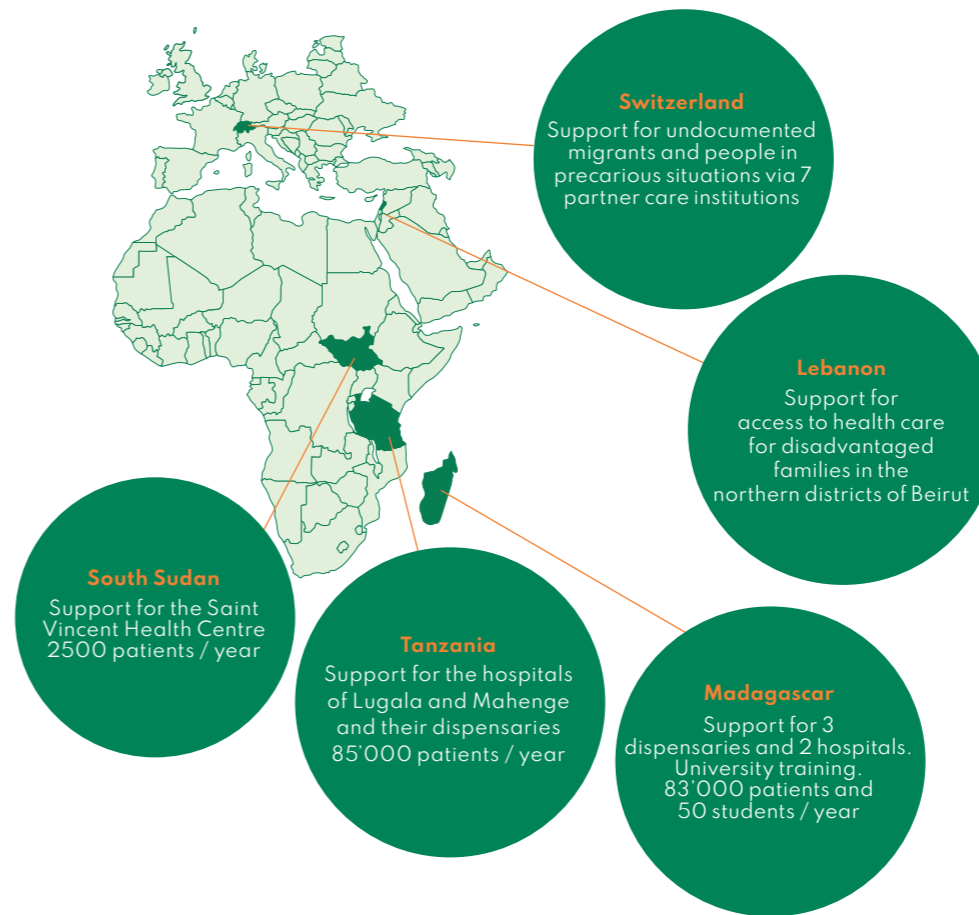
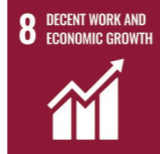
THE MISSION OF PSF SWITZERLAND

To improve access to quality medicines for the most vulnerable populations, to exchange knowledge and to promote the rational use of medicines in the interest of public health.

SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT GOALS

PSF Switzerland is committed to defending and promoting the 17 Sustainable development Goals (SDGs), which are supported by the Swiss Confederation as part of the United Nations' global appeal. The association defends in particular:

SUSTAINABLE
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PSF SWITZERLAND IN THE WORLD

PSF Switzerland is currently active in the following 5 countries: Lebanon, Madagascar, South Sudan, Switzerland and Tanzania.

PHARMACIST WITHOUT BORDERS SWITZERLAND, WHO ARE WE?

In 2022, PSF Switzerland headquarters was very pleased to welcome back Anne-Laurence Lacroix as Project Manager for Lebanon and Adrienne Ruffieux as Communication and Fundraising Specialist. Amélie Höllmüller and Claire Normand have left us after year and half at our side. We thank them warmly for the quality of their work and wish them every success.

We would like to thank the PPE+ programme set up by après, a network part of the social and solidary economy (EES) in Geneva which contributes to the recruitment of qualified employees.

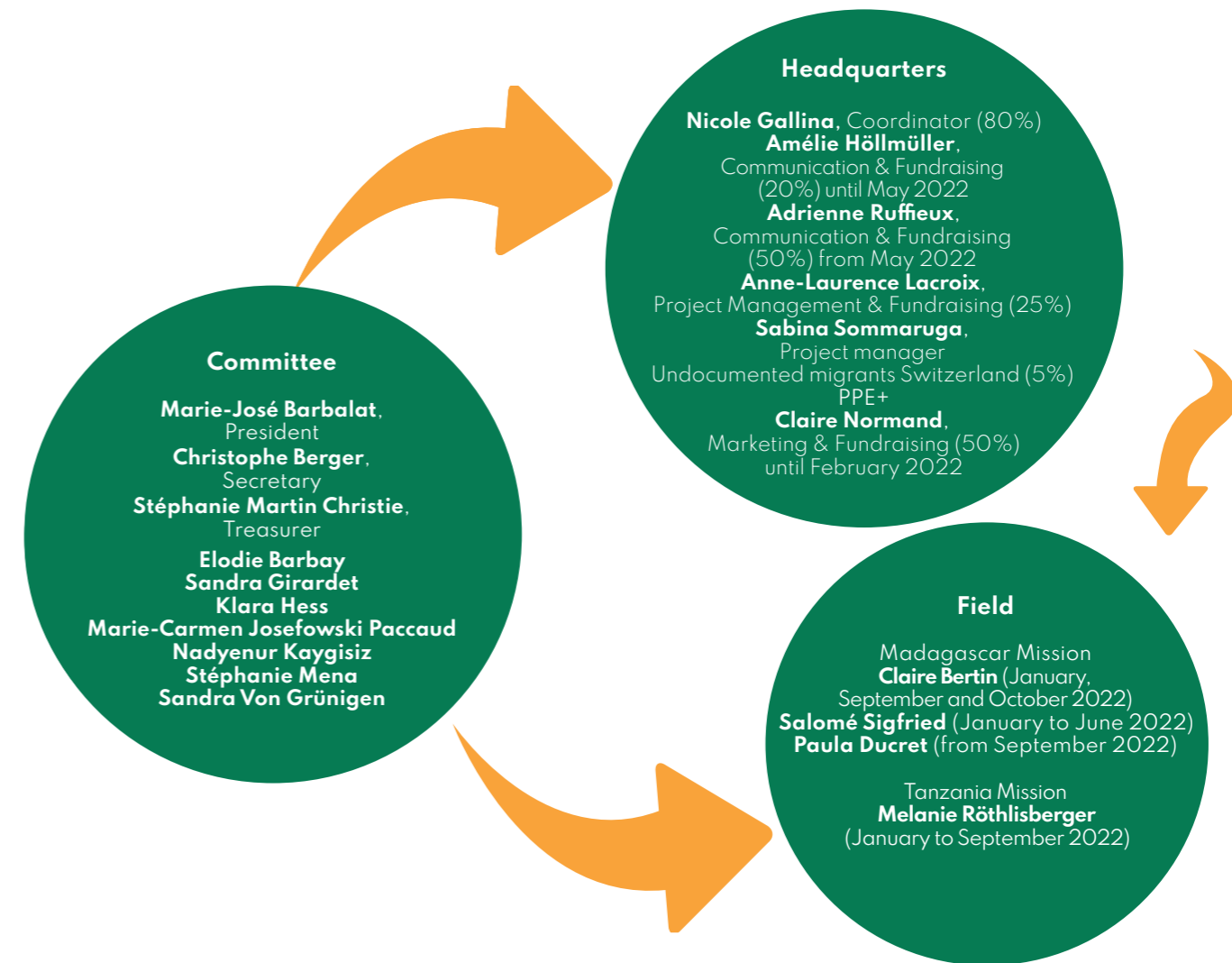
In 2022, PSF Switzerland continue its collaboration with fiduciary Chavaz SA, charged to carry out a limited audit of the 2022 accounting year.

In the field, our volunteers were able to resume their activities to the joy of our partners.

In Madagascar, pharmacists Claire Bertin and Salomé Sigfried succeeded each other from January to June 2022. Paula Ducret took over for one-year assignment in September 2022. The Foundations of the project for the next three years will be established following the evaluation in January 2023.

In Tanzania, Melanie Röthlisberger was able to continue the activities of PSF Switzerland, which has been carrying out for 10 years. She was there from January to September 2022.

We would like to thank these pharmacists wholeheartedly for their involvement and their daily work in the service of the poorest people.



2022 FINANCIAL REPORT

PSF Switzerland is a non-profit association according to articles 60 and following of the Civil Code. The 2022 financial year was marked by the resumption of our activities in the field and the launch of the new project in Lebanon. The shortage of pharmacist candidates to ensure a continuous presence abroad as well as the socio-political challenges in the countries where PSF Switzerland's missions take place, required constant adaptation to the realities of the field. This is reflected in the reduced use of the funds allocated in 2022. Activities that were not carried out are already being postponed and adapted for the year 2023.

The functioning of the office has been reviewed with the goal to professionalize the work of the association by increasing the staff and thus meet the needs generated by the arrival and development of new projects. In order to celebrate the 30th anniversary of PSF Switzerland, resources were also mobilized to hold various events.

The result of this dynamic year is a surplus of CHF 19,541.91. However, PSF Switzerland can look back on a healthy financial year. The financing of its projects is mainly assured by grants from private and public institutions. The operating costs are covered by membership fees, donations from members, private donations and various promotional activities. As shown in the balance sheet below, the equity amounts to CHF 72,787.47, which gives PSF Switzerland a comfortable financial basis for the years to come.

Closing balance sheet 31.12.2022

ASSETS AVAILABLE	Treasury	2022	2021	2020
Funds		13.20	113.20	31.70
Postal checks		188 940.44	121 545.23	132 832.42
Compte Visa Post card		-	857.45	1 543.40
The Mauritius Commercial Bank		1 941.20	7 346.29	958.01
Ofac - deposit account 304771		54 503.38	44 161.78	5 172.08
Total		245 398.22	174 023.95	140 537.61
Prepayments and accrued income		17 115.70	600.00	16 080.60
Total Available		262 513.92	174 623.95	156 618.21
TOTAL ASSETS		262 513.92	174 623.95	156 618.21
LIABILITIES		2022	2021	2020
FOREIGN FUNDS	Liabilities on costs/services			
	Creditors	9 112.95	15 561.30	25 277.50
	Accruals and deferred income	30 000.00	-	-
Total Foreign Funds		39 112.95	15 561.30	25 277.50
ALLOCATED FUNDS	South Sudan funds	8 483.75	2 579.70	1 779.70
	Madagascar funds	29 727.14	25 353.31	19 985.34
	"undocumented migrants in Switzerland" Project funds	35 626.70	16 288.70	10 589.25
	Tanzania funds	9 946.26	22 514.56	1 256.66
	Lebanon funds	66 832.65	-	-
Total allocated funds		150 616.50	66 736.27	33 610.95
EQUITY	Equity	92 326.38	97 729.76	93 360.18
	Current fiscal year	-19 541.91	-5 403.38	4 369.58
Total Equity		72 784.47	92 326.38	97 729.76
TOTAL LIABILITIES		262 513.92	174 623.95	156 618.21

Profit and Loss Accounts from 01.01.2022 to 31.12.2022

RECEIPTS	2022	2021	2020
PROJECT DONATIONS			
South Sudan project	345 950.74	191 687.27	93 119.65
Donations			
Philanthropique Famille Sandoz Foundation	15 000.00	30 000.00	-
Coramandel Foundation	20 000.00	-	-
Commune de Bernex	-	-	5 000.00
Commune de Cologny	-	-	5 000.00
Commune d'Anière	-	-	5 000.00
City of Lancy	5 000.00	5 000.00	6 000.00
Exceptional income	1 022.50	-	-
SIG donation	8 000.00	-	-
Total South Sudan project	49 022.50	35 000.00	21 000.00
Madagascar project			
Donations			
Basel-City	30 000.00	30 000.00	30 000.00
Commune de Bardonnex	1 700.00	-	3 600.00
City of Geneva	20 000.00	20 000.00	-
Swiss Embassy in Madagascar	-	-	2 596.32
Donation in memory of Prof. Olivier Bugnon	-	2 000.00	2 000.00
Piggybank donation Felikan Apotheke ZH	400.00	400.00	400.00
Extraordinary income out of period	28.24	37.27	1 923.33
Commune d'Onex	-	4 000.00	-
Commune du Grand-Saconnex	2 000.00	500.00	-
Total Madagascar project	54 128.24	54 937.27	45 119.65
Tanzania project			
Donations			
Pharmasuisse	5 000.00	10 000.00	10 000.00
City of Meyrin	-	49 000.00	-
Commune Bellevue	3 300.00	3 500.00	3 500.00
Commune de Puplinge	3 000.00	-	-
Commune de Chêne-Bourg	-	2 000.00	2 000.00
Blooming Juniper Foundation	15 000.00	15 000.00	10 000.00
Commune de Grand-Saconnex	-	-	500.00
Swiss Embassy in Dar es salaam	30 000.00	-	-
Commune de Vandoeuvres	-	2 000.00	-
Ernst Göhner-Stiftung	-	10 000.00	-
Commune de Troinex	500.00	250.00	-
Total Tanzania project	56 800.00	91 750.00	26 000.00
"Undocumented migrants Switzerland" project			
Donations			
Loterie Romande	10 000.00	-	-
Sandoz Pharmaceutica SA	10 000.00	10 000.00	-
Streuli Pharma	16 000.00	-	-
Rotary Club Les Bruisieres	-	-	1 000.00
Total "Undocumented migrants Switzerland" project	36 000.00	10 000.00	1 000.00
Lebanon project			
Donations			
Don de la fondation du domaine de la Villette - France et Thierry Lombard	25 000.00	-	-
Nabil Bustros	25 000.00	-	-
Education and Health Foundation	50 000.00	-	-
Fondation André & Cyprien	25 000.00	-	-
The Etesian Philanthropic Trust	25 000.00	-	-
Total Lebanon project	150 000.00	-	-
Membership fees and donations			
Membership fees	43 440.00	39 425.99	39 774.05
Donations	34 777.63	50 846.96	51 892.22
Total Membership fees and donations	78 217.63	90 272.95	91 666.27
Other receipts			
Piggybank action	2 378.15	360.85	4 204.13
Cards action	5 228.70	810.00	323.50
Race for Gift action	8 440.00	-	-
Toothbrush action	-	519.15	-
Donation Galentica for general assembly	1 230.00	1 070.00	900.00
Total Other receipts	17 274.85	2 740.00	5 427.63
TOTAL RECEIPTS	441 446.22	284 720.22	190 213.55

EXPENSES	2022	2021	2020
PROJECT EXPENSES			
South Sudan project	-262 070.51	-1 58 561.96	-127 361.49
Purchase of medicines and equipment	-26 000.00	-25 000.00	-16 500.00
Pharmacy assistant training fees	-5 000.00	-5 000.00	-3 000.00
Technical support	-6 235.75	-	-500.00
Project management costs 12%	-5 882.70	-4 200.00	-2 520.00
Total South Sudan project	-43 118.45	-34 200.00	-22 520.00
Madagascar project			
Covid-19 support	-3 634.75	-20 349.50	-3 376.40
Purchase of medicines and equipment	-10 621.04	-14 109.30	-9 204.38
Pharmacy assistant training fees	-8 200.00	-8 200.00	-9 557.40
Technical support	-18 813.55	-1 610.51	-21 527.31
Teaching University Pharmacy Faculty	-3 154.22	-	-1 620.00
Assessment mission	-	-	-
Project management costs 12% of expenses	-5 330.85	-5 300.00	-5 180.00
Total Madagascar project	-49 754.41	-49 549.31	-49 007.49
Tanzania project			
Purchase of medicines and equipment	-38 000.00	-41 500.00	-23 000.00
Pharmacy assistant training fees	-18 800.00	-9 000.00	-
Technical support	-5 752.30	-4 424.60	-5 850.55
Assessment mission	-4 557.50	-	-
Project management costs 12%	-6 816.00	-11 010.00	-3 120.00
Total Tanzania project	-69 366.30	-70 492.10	-31 970.55
"Undocumented migrants Switzerland" project			
Procurement, supply and management of medicines	-12 872.70	-1 423.95	-19 852.75
Project management costs	-3 789.30	-2 876.60	-4 010.70
Total "Undocumented migrants Switzerland" project	-16 662.00	-4 300.55	-23 863.45
Lebanon project			
Purchase of medicines and equipment	-50 496.00	-	-
Social assistant fees	-4 147.00	-	-
Assessment mission	-2 524.35	-	-
Project management costs	-26 000.00	-	-
Total Lebanon project	-83 167.35	-	-
Administrative costs			
Salaries and social charges	-141 634.85	-102 762.05	-88 671.85
Premises expenses	-6 425.00	-6 465.00	-6 405.00
Advertising	-6 429.25	-4 441.40	-4 735.84
Insurances, contributions	-1 906.30	-2 308.00	-1 825.10
General administration costs	-6 169.54	-5 513.00	-5 462.81
Financial income and expense	-290.30	-313.48	-454.42
Total Administrative costs	-162 855.24	-121 822.93	-107 555.02
TOTAL EXPENSES	-424 925.75	-280 384.89	-234 916.51
ACTIVITIES OF THE ASSOCIATION			
Projects management	47 818.85	23 386.60	14 830.70
Total activities of the association	47 818.85	23 386.60	14 830.70
OPERATING RESULT BEFORE ALLOCATION OF FUNDS	64 338.32	27 721.93	-29 872.26
Allocation to earmarked funds	-345 950.74	-191 687.27	-93 119.65
Use of earmarked funds	262 070.51	158 561.96	119 340.09
RESULT OF THE YEAR	-19 541.91	-5 403.38	-3 651.82

THE MEMBERS OF PHARMACISTS WITHOUT BORDERS SWITZERLAND – AN ESSENTIAL SUPPORT

The number of members of PSF Switzerland has remained stable: In 2022 the association counted 450 members.



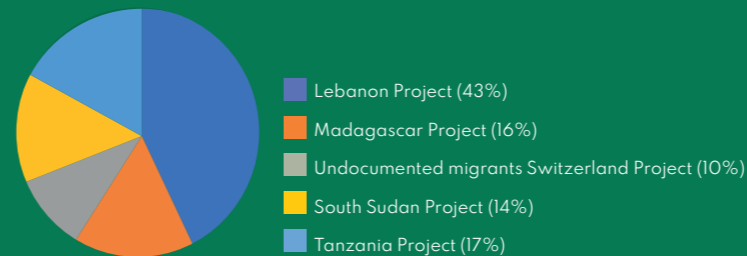
Members are the backbone of the association, they support the vision and mission of PSF Switzerland. Thanks to their valuable and crucial support, consisting of membership fees and donations, PSF Switzerland can carry out its projects.

In 2022, the members supported almost 60% of the total operating costs. PSF Switzerland would like to warmly thank its members for their commitment and solidarity, which are indispensable to the success of the organisation.

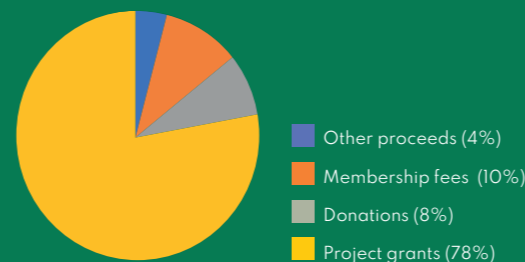
Thanks to this valuable support, the Geneva office was able to deploy its forces in 2022, providing essential medicines to **225,000 patients in its countries of intervention** and supporting **7 medical centres in Switzerland** that work with undocumented migrants.

The growing inequalities in access to care and the realities on the ground are leading more and more structures to ask for help. PSF Switzerland is developing its activities in order to be able to support the most disadvantaged. As a result, PSF Switzerland has made its priority in 2023 to expand its core membership in order to **improve access to health care for the poorest and most vulnerable**.

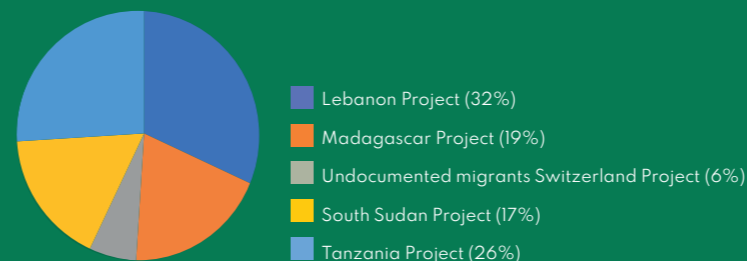
Proceeds by projects (CHF 345'950.74)



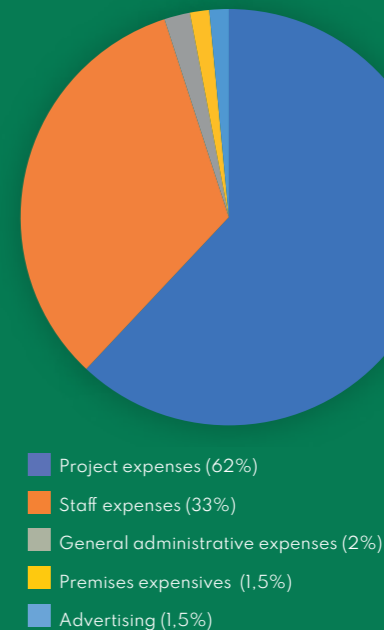
Total proceeds (CHF 441'445.22)



Project expenses (CHF 262'070.51)



Total expenses (CHF 424'925.75)



OUR PROJECTS REALIZED THANKS TO YOU!

The bridge leading to the Malinyi district health centre, Tanzania. ©PSF Switzerland

TANZANIA PROJECT, 10 YEARS ALREADY (!) AND NEW COLLABORATIONS

As already mentioned, the Covid-19 pandemic forced PSF Switzerland to repatriate its volunteer pharmacist in March 2020. It was only in November 2021 that PSF Switzerland was able to carry out an evaluation mission and it was with satisfaction that it noted the good management of the Lugala hospital's pharmacy during the health crisis. Almost two years later, this positive assessment was confirmed by the new volunteer pharmacist, Melanie Röthlisberger, who took up her post at the Lugala Hospital pharmacy in May 2022.

Support for the acquisition of necessary and quality medicines is one of the main focuses of PSF Switzerland's work for the hospital in Lugala and its dispensaries. In 2022, **CHF 38,000 was allocated to the purchase of medicines** for the hospital's pharmacy and the maternity and neonatal unit. More than **150,000 patients are treated in the hospital each year**. On average, **there are 9 births per day** and the attendance of the new maternity ward and neonatal unit is constantly increasing.

In 2022, **the sum of CHF 18,800 was allocated to support health personnel for training and salaries**. Thus, several training sessions were given by the volunteer pharmacist from PSF Switzerland to health professionals at Lugala hospital, including the pharmacy staff. The training sessions provided dealt in particular with good dispensing practices and validation of prescriptions, updates on new medicines, stock management and the production of new topical formulas.

The volunteer pharmacist also visited the Mahenge Hospital pharmacy and the Mwaya Health Centre to conduct an assessment of pharmacy practice and to meet with our new partners in preparation for activities to be implemented in 2023.

With the presence of a volunteer pharmacist in the field, the project has become more dynamic and responsive. The health professionals at Lugala Hospital have been able to benefit from daily support in carrying out their tasks. In addition, PSF Switzerland's involvement in Tanzania over past ten years has opened up new possibilities for collaboration with the local health authorities.



Melanie Röthlisberger on mission in Lugala, Tanzania. ©PSF Switzerland

MADAGASCAR, A WELCOME RETURN OF OUR VOLUNTEERS IN THE FIELD

The year 2022 was marked by the return of PSF Switzerland's volunteer pharmacists to the field. Salomé Sigfried, who took up her post in January 2022, was forced to return to Switzerland in June 2022 for family reasons. She was replaced in September 2022 by Paula Ducret who, like Salomé Siegfried, has benefited from the support and guidance of Claire Bertin, our previous volunteer, who remained in Madagascar.

The sum of CHF 19,000 was allocated to support the dispensaries (medicines, medical equipment, IT, salary and training of pharmacy staff). **Nearly 50,000 consultations** were recorded by the health centers and many patients benefited from medical treatment thanks to the support of PSF Switzerland to the three dispensaries supported in Mahajanga. These also included **6,000 prenatal consultations, 800 births and 14,000 essential vaccinations** for adults and children.

During this year, PSF Switzerland was able to resume the delivery of its community pharmacy course to pharmacy students at the University of Antananarivo. Professor emeritus Kurt Hersberger from the University of Basel and the pharmacist in charge of the project, Stéphanie Mena, gave two weeks of theoretical and practical courses to the new generation of pharmacists.

The training of pharmacists is at the heart of PSF Switzerland's action, in addition to the professionalization of health personnel. The pharmacies of the health centers with which PSF Switzerland collaborates do not employ pharmacists, but paramedics and a majority of employees without any basic training in the medical field.

PSF Switzerland's support in this area is therefore crucial, both in terms of training and transfer of pharmaceutical and logistical skills.

It is important to underline that the dynamism and motivation of the teams on site are an added value in the learning process. Thus, two of the three dispensaries with which PSF Switzerland works have been trained in the "PharmaPlus" drug ordering and management system, which enabled them to better organize their stock.

At the beginning of 2023, an evaluation mission is planned in Madagascar in order to develop the project further by the inclusion of new health structures in the framework of the next three-year project.



(Left:) Paula Ducret, pharmacist on mission, Stéphanie Mena, project manager, Prof. Hersberger (centre) and students from the University of Antananarivo, Madagascar ©PSF Switzerland



SOUTH SUDAN, A SPECIAL FOCUS

The Saint Vincent Health Care Centre (SVHCC) in Nyarjwa is operating according to its health service delivery plan, covering the local population of approximately 5,000 people. The centre was closed during the year 2022 (April-October) due to necessary renovation works.

In 2022, **700 patients, two thirds of whom were children**, consulted the SVHCC. In addition, the SVHCC has a maternity ward and pays particular attention to prenatal care and the monitoring of pregnant women. Despite the months of closure, the centre assisted in **four births in 2022, all without post-partum complications**. The antenatal care provided mainly concerned the treatment of malaria and respiratory tract disorders in pregnant women.

Since 2019, the support of PSF Switzerland has enabled the SVHCC to equip its pharmacy with essential medicines for treatment of the most common diseases. In 2022, **the sum of CHF 26,000 was allocated to the purchase and quality medicines for the centre's patients**.

The SVHCC was also able to hire a local professional pharmacist, which was long overdue. The presence of this pharmacist strengthens the existing team and bodes well for 2023 in terms of management and quality of care.

Two evaluation missions could take place; in July 2022 and in January 2023. Despite the challenges due to the humanitarian crisis and the political instability in the country, the results are reassuring and highlight the importance of the continuity to PSF Switzerland's support to the SVHCC. This support, in view of the difficult intervention context and the absence of a volunteer pharmacist in the field, must be targeted, monitored from a distance and re-evaluated each year. PSF Switzerland has decided to carry out regular evaluation missions by carrying out a critical assessment with the aim of making any necessary adjustments.

PROJECT LEBANON, COMMITTING TO SURVIVAL

The project to support disadvantaged families in Beirut is special for PSF Switzerland because it was set up in February 2022 in response to the emergency situation in Lebanon. The country is experiencing an unprecedented socio-economic crisis that affects all levels of society, pushing the percentage of **the population living in multidimensional poverty from 42% to 82% in 2021.**

PSF Switzerland has set up a project in collaboration with Father Paul Nahed who works daily with the inhabitants of the disadvantaged neighborhoods of Daoura, Bourj Hammoud and Baouchrie. Thanks to the financial support of PSF Switzerland, **the medical expenses of 105 people were covered.** The hiring of a local social worker on site, Mrs. Saad, made it possible to evaluate the financial situation of the applicants while offering an optimal quality of service. The people who benefit from the support of Father Paul Nahed and Mrs. Saad are mostly suffering from complex and/or chronic pathologies that require long-term drug treatment and distribution at home.

The evaluation of May 2022 by our president, Marie-José Barbalat, confirmed the importance of our actions to ensure that the poorest populations can benefit from healthcare. Due to inflation, which has a direct impact on the price of medicines, PSF Switzerland has decided **to increase the average monthly amount allocation** per family from CHF 40 **to a range of CHF 60 to CHF 100.** It was also decided that more than one person per family could benefit from PSF Switzerland's support in order to avoid any ethical problems of choice when several members of the same family need treatment.

The results of this first year are positive. Father Paul Nayed and the social worker, Mrs. Saad, have provided a quality service to the beneficiaries, **honoring 943 prescriptions from February to December 2022. The sum of CHF 50,496 was allocated to the purchase of essential medicines.** The second evaluation mission in January 2023 confirmed that the project was working well and highlighted possible future collaborations to complement the actions already carried out in Beirut. IN addition, PSF Switzerland would like to send a volunteer pharmacist to Beirut in 2023 to work with a Lebanese pharmacist.



Two women living in disadvantaged areas, Beirut, Lebanon ©PSF Switzerland



SWITZERLAND: ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE FOR ALL

Considering that local aid cannot be conceived without action at the national level, and with a view to public health perspective, Pharmacists without Borders Switzerland has been collaborating within the national Platform for health care for Undocumented migrants for about ten years.

This project is primarily aimed at Undocumented migrants living in Switzerland and its main objective is to develop, based on the existing synergies between health actors in Switzerland, an agreed space for collaboration on research and projects in the field of medical care for Undocumented migrants in Switzerland.

PSF Switzerland wanted to complement the interdisciplinary approach of the Platform by providing technical and logistical support and pharmaceutical advice to the health centres linked to the Platform. In 2022, **7 health care centres for Undocumented migrants and vulnerable people** directly benefited from the project managed “Access to health care for all: in Switzerland too!”.

Problems with the supply of medicines in Switzerland **have led to many stock-outs**. This difficulty in obtaining certain medicines has had a significant impact on donations and the development of new partnerships with pharmaceutical companies. However, PSF Switzerland was pleased to be able to renew the collaborations already in place in the past with the pharmaceutical companies, Galderma, Sandoz, Streuli and Zambon. These companies have generously agreed to contribute to our project with donations of medicines.

PSF SWITZERLAND IN ACTION

Race for Gift

The 30th anniversary of the association was marked by various events in 2022, including Race for Gift, a solidarity race unique in Switzerland. Many of you supported the race with your donations, PSF Switzerland teams composes of members of the committee and friends of the association. We thank you warmly and look forward to seeing you on 4 June 2023 for the next edition.

Roll-up

A roll-up awareness campaign was created for the 30th anniversary and travelling throughout Switzerland to raise awareness of our actions. We would like to thank the pharmacies for this programme and will continue the tour in 2023 in French, German and Italian.

The Association of Students in Pharmaceutical Sciences (AESP)

Once again, this year, PSF Switzerland has joined forces with the AESP to offer an information session to pharmacy students.

Stéphanie Mena and Laurence Schumacher, two pharmacists who have carried out development cooperation missions in Madagascar and South Sudan, visited the University of Geneva to present the work of Pharmacists without Borders Switzerland in the filed in Switzerland, Madagascar, Lebanon, Tanzania and in South Sudan. We hope that these presentations have awakened new vocations in humanitarian pharmacy.

THANK YOU

PSF Switzerland would like to thank all its generous donors, members, and funders who make it possible to help the projects' beneficiaries. The association would also like to thank the people who support the activities of PSF Switzerland. We would like to extend special thanks to the OFAC Cooperative, our mission volunteers, our members and our volunteers without whose support we could not exist.

PSF Switzerland members who support us!

2022 Mission volunteers : Claire Bertin, Salomé Sigfried, Melanie Röthlisberger and Paula Ducret.

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“Our first duty is human solidarity.”

Susan Sontag

“Access to essential medicines is an integral part of the universal right to health.”

“Health care today is more of a privilege than a right for everyone. Millions of people die every year in poor countries from diseases that are curable or controllable in Switzerland, due to lack of access to care and medicines.”

“Almost one in three people in the world do not have access to Essential Medicines.”

“Inequalities in diseases are intolerable.”

“There is a great shortage of qualified staff in poor countries.”

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