

In a few words



Between two biennial reports, we are delighted to bring you this brief overview of Swiss Philanthropy Foundation's activities in 2020 – an extraordinary year in more ways than one!

We embraced the many challenges of the past 12 months as an opportunity to pursue our mission with the energy, drive and agility that have become our hallmark. If anything, the pandemic has shown that philanthropic foundations have a crucial role to play alongside government in pioneering innovative approaches and uniting stakeholders. We hosted and implemented several collaborative initiatives in record time, starting with our Rapid Support Fund, which secured co-financing grants to address the funding shortfall experienced by NGOs we have been working with for years. We also partnered with the Verbier Festival to provide emergency relief grants to unemployed musicians. And lastly, we were approached by the WHO to host the Covid-19 Solidarity Response Fund in partnership with the



United Nations Foundation. In 2020 alone, the fund raised upwards of CHF 225 million from more than 655,000 donors around the world.

These initiatives have reinforced our belief in the importance of collaboration and the powerful leverage effect it generates. Hosting these three funds was a valuable learning experience for the Swiss Philanthropy Foundation team, which grew further in 2020 with the arrival of three new staff members. We look forward to continuing our work with donors to develop solutions that have a lasting impact on our world. Thank you for your support, and happy reading !

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Chairman

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Key figures

SINCE THE CREATION OF SWISS PHILANTHROPY FOUNDATION



CHF 258 million incoming donations (58% of which have been distributed to projects)



67 philanthropic funds created

IN 2020



CHF 59 million in grants (CHF 30 million on average per year over the last 3 years)



261 non-profit and charitable organisations supported in Switzerland and abroad



11 new philanthropic funds



3,700 donors



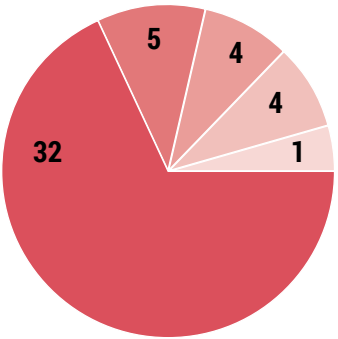
Operating expenses > CHF 967,000

Four milestones

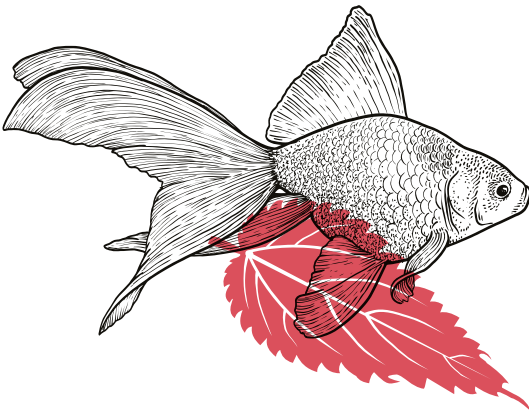
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Active hosted funds

- ▶ **32** funds created by individuals or families
- ▶ **5** collaborative funds (created by public or private institutions or giving circles)
- ▶ **4** private institutional funds
- ▶ **4** thematic funds
- ▶ **1** cross-border donations fund



Number of active hosted funds in 2020



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A 129 person strong ecosystem

- **107** fund Steering Committee members
- **9** Foundation Board members
- **5** Finance Committee members (3 Board members, 2 independent)
- **6** staff members
- **5** employees of hosted funds

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Local roots, international reach

The Foundation has developed and cultivated the following institutional partnerships:

- **Transnational Giving Europe**
- **The Center for Philanthropy Studies at the University of Basel (CEPS) and the Geneva Centre for Philanthropy at the University of Geneva (UNIGE)** for the joint Master Class in Philanthropy
- **The Verbier Festival Foundation** for the Verbier Festival Philanthropy Forum
- **The United Nations Foundation for the Covid-19 Solidarity Response Fund for WHO**
- **WISE Philanthropy Advisors** for the Covid-19 Rapid Support Fund

The Foundation is a member of the following networks:

- **SwissFoundations**
- **proFonds**
- **Sustainable Finance Geneva**
- **Swiss Sustainable Finance**

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Sustainable asset management

80% of the assets managed by Swiss Philanthropy Foundation are invested according to ESG criteria.

The Foundation has adopted a Financial Management Charter which defines good governance principles for managing and investing the assets of its hosted funds.

