

# Overview

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Condensed Report 2022



SWISS PHILANTHROPY  
Foundation

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Creating and Managing Philanthropic Funds

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## In a few words

As this Overview 2022 goes to press, Swiss Philanthropy Foundation is in the process of enthusiastically deploying its new strategy, focused on sustainable growth. Year after year, we observe the constantly increasing generosity of the donors who put their trust in us. In 2022, the Foundation distributed CHF 37 million in grants to 500 beneficiary organisations and set up 10 new funds. A third of this funding went to the environment and sustainability, signalling the importance of acting now to protect our ecosystems, namely in the face of climate change.

Our goal is to grow the Foundation sustainably by reinforcing our infrastructure through digitalization and the creation of three new permanent roles. Every day, our highly committed team of 12 (as at the end of 2022) brings to life our 4 values: integrity, simplicity, independence, and innovation. This recently added fourth value articulates the entrepreneurial spirit to which the Foundation aspires in an ever more complex and fast-moving world.

This mindset will enable us to not only seize but also generate opportunities and philanthropic initiatives. Our new collaborative fund by and for youth, bringing together three foundations, including SPF, is just one example. It features an innovative governance

model that puts a group of 10 young people in charge of allocating grants to youth-focused projects in Switzerland.

In addition to encouraging young people to engage with philanthropy and explore new ways of giving, this year we developed our legacy funds, aimed at philanthropists who wish to give "after". These funds meet a real need and ensure that donors' generosity has a lasting impact beyond their lifetime.

Lastly, some collaborations came to an end in 2022, such as our blog on the website of *Le Temps, Il donne, tu donnes, je donne*, which attracted around 50,000 visitors over four years. We look forward to surprising you with a new medium in 2023. Thank you for your support, and happy reading!



**Etienne Eichenberger**  
Chairman



**Sabrina Grassi**  
Managing Director

## Key figures 2022



356 million

francs of incoming donations since the creation of Swiss Philanthropy Foundation, of which 66.2% have been distributed as grants



37.5 million

francs in grants, CHF 48 million on average per year over the last 3 years



458

donors from our hosted funds and the Transnational Giving Europe network»



506

non-profit and charitable organisations supported in Switzerland and abroad



121

fund Steering Committee members



1.5 million

francs of operating expenses

# Hosted funds



85

hosted funds created,  
62 of which are active

- 38 Donor advised funds
- 14 Foundation-led or collaborative funds
- 4 Legacy funds
- 4 Thematic funds
- 1 General fund
- 1 Transnational giving fund (TGE)



10

new funds created in 2022

These include 3 legacy funds, 3 collaborative or foundation-led funds, and 4 donor advised funds. The causes supported include the prevention of child sexual abuse and exploitation, social inclusion of LGBTI youth, the preservation of coral reefs in New Zealand, and medical research on epilepsy.

# Distribution of grants

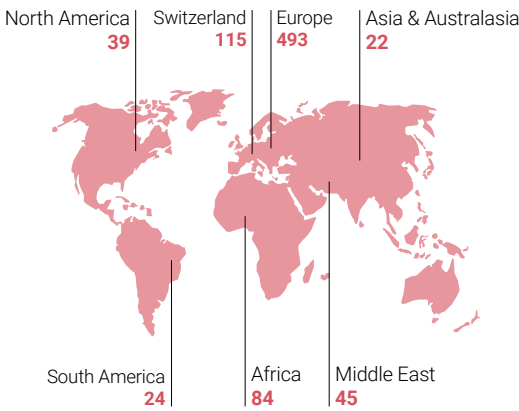


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grants in 6 focus areas

Including donations from Switzerland via the Transnational Giving Europe network.

- 404 Environment and sustainability
- 190 Social inclusion
- 138 Training and education
- 30 International development
- 49 Arts and culture
- 11 Health and research



# Governance and team

9 members

of the Foundation Board

12 team members

including a Young Talent program participant, and 3 new positions:  
Director of Operations, Partnerships Manager, Communications Officer.

56% women

44% men

16 nationalities

10 languages spoken

53 years

difference between the oldest and the youngest person

6 employees

of hosted funds



# Partner Ecosystem

The Foundation has established and cultivated the following institutional partnerships:

**Transnational Giving Europe (TGE)**, of which SPF is the Swiss representative, for European cross-border philanthropy development. Several members of the Foundation team attended TGE's Steering Committee meeting in Split, Croatia, in October 2022. Over € 2.56 million in donations were transferred to 63 Swiss-based organisations through TGE in 2022; 245 Swiss residents donated € 3.6 million to organisations across Europe through the network.

**The Verbier Festival Foundation** for the 4<sup>th</sup> edition of the Verbier Festival Philanthropy Forum, which last year was live-streamed for the first time.

**WISE Philanthropy Advisors** for project identification and monitoring for our thematic funds. In November 2022, our Education and Employment fund began supporting a project led by CAMFED entitled "Access to education and financial independence of young women in rural Tanzania". Co-funded by several donors, the grant will run to October 2025.

**The Center for Philanthropy Studies at the University of Basel (CEPS)** and the **Centre for Philanthropy at the University of Geneva (UNIGE)** for the 10<sup>th</sup> Master Class in Philanthropy. The course attracted 25 participants in 2022, for a total of 250 professionals trained in French-speaking Switzerland over 10 years.

The Foundation is a member of the following networks:

Swiss**Foundations**

**Fonds**



Sustainable  
Finance  
Geneva



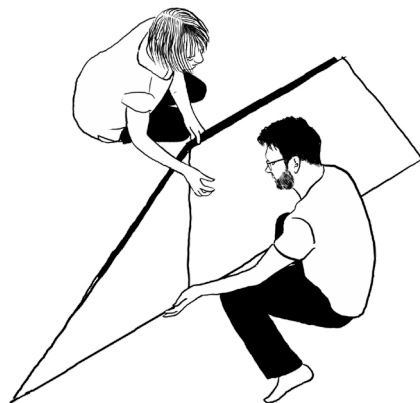
Swiss  
Sustainable  
Finance



Chambre de commerce, d'industrie  
et des services de Genève

# Sustainability

In 2022, 65% of assets held by the Foundation were invested, of which 82% were invested according to ESG criteria (environment, social and governance). Swiss Philanthropy Foundation has actively promoted sustainable investment for many years; our staff regularly participate in sustainability-related events, such as the **Building Bridges** week and the **Geneva Forum for Sustainable Investment** in 2022.



# Communication

The Foundation published or was quoted in the following articles:

***Collaboration in philanthropy: three projects that illustrate the latest trends***

Alliance Magazine, 18 October 2022

***Philanthropie: tendances actuelles et solutions pour la rendre accessible***

BSL Magazine, November 2022

***La Suisse, hub mondial de la philanthropie des océans***

Bilan, 30 November 2022



5 articles

on our blog on the website of Le Temps newspaper



28,236

visitors and 67,703 page views on our website



5,000

followers on LinkedIn

We offer personalized support to bring  
philanthropic initiatives to life and help  
build a better world.



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