

Joining forces to support the high-impact projects of tomorrow

Swiss Philanthropy Foundation Thematic Funds



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Creating and Managing Philanthropic Funds

What is a thematic fund?

Confidently and strategically support impactful projects with our thematic funds

Thematic funds have been part of Swiss Philanthropy Foundation's mission to promote philanthropy since our creation in 2012. We currently manage four thematic funds: Education and Employment, Health, Social Impact, and Footprint (launched in 2024 and focusing on the environment, biodiversity, animal protection, and sustainability).

Thematic funds enable donors to co-fund projects that are rigorously planned, implemented, and monitored by WISE Philanthropy Advisors. Their expertise ensures that our thematic funds achieve transformative impact. By pooling their financial resources, donors are confident that their giving will make a measurable difference for beneficiaries.

Why donate to a thematic fund?

Work hand in hand with other philanthropists to leverage the impact of your giving

By committing to participate over a period of at least three years, you collaborate with other donors to support a high-impact project from initial planning through to final assessment. Thematic funds are suitable for everyone, regardless of prior experience:

- ▶ Are you taking your first steps in philanthropy? Thematic funds are a great way to learn from experts and peers about how to effectively support projects, before making a more substantial commitment or starting your own initiative;
- ▶ Are you an experienced philanthropist? Thematic funds enable you to explore new geographies, types of beneficiaries, or giving strategies;
- ▶ Do you want to increase the impact of your giving? Co-funding a project empowers you to achieve more sustainable impact together.

The advantages of participating in a thematic funds include:

- ▶ Give with confidence to projects that meet the needs of local communities;
- ▶ Meet peers who are passionate about the same causes and learn how to plan and implement a philanthropic initiative together;
- ▶ Follow the project's progress and impact over its three-year duration through:
 - ▶ Two in-depth progress reports per year containing financial and qualitative data;
 - ▶ On request, a video conference with the implementing organization;
- ▶ Share administrative and consulting costs with other donors to increase the impact of your giving;
- ▶ Benefit from the administrative and governance oversight of Swiss Philanthropy Foundation, an internationally recognized public-interest hosting foundation based in Switzerland.

Thematic funds: facts and figures

Total 2012 – 2023



17

Donors co-funding projects



28

Organizations supported



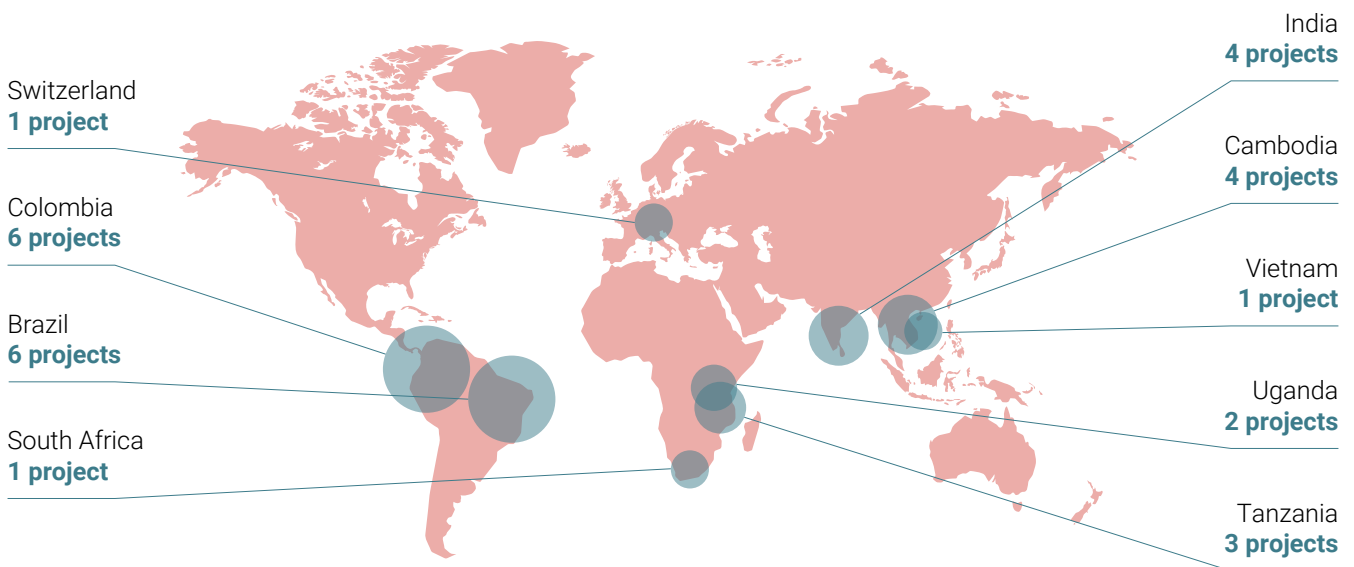
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Million Swiss francs in grants, of which 2.5 million co-funded



138'000

beneficiaries



Rigorously selected projects

Swiss Philanthropy Foundation works with WISE Philanthropy Advisor, experts in high-impact philanthropy, to select, plan, and monitor the projects supported by our thematic funds.

WISE conducts in-depth due diligence to identify local non-profit organizations with whom we could work. This careful vetting process enables us to plan and implement projects that meet specific needs of local communities. WISE also advises the selected organizations on how to implement methodologies to monitor the project's impact and ensure its scalability.

Each project receives a grant of at least CHF 300'000* disbursed over 3 to 5 years. This level of funding and time frame provides non-profit organizations with the multi-year support they need to sustainably increase their effectiveness and impact.



*This amount is exclusive of consulting fees and administrative costs charged respectively by WISE and Swiss Philanthropy Foundation

Discover our 4 thematic funds

A few of the projects supported by our thematic funds

Education and Employment Fund

Supports projects in education and training, with a focus on workforce integration for disadvantaged communities.

Social Impact Fund

Supports projects in the cross-cutting areas of poverty and inequality reduction, promoting social mobility within disadvantaged communities, and women's empowerment.

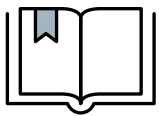
Health Fund

Supports projects in health, including access to physical and mental healthcare for all and medical research.

Footprint Fund

Supports projects in environmental conservation, biodiversity, animal protection, and sustainability.

1 Education and Employment Fund



Supported organization

Association 1951 (2019 – 2022)

Country

Switzerland

Objective

Sustainably integrate refugees into the workforce in Switzerland

Impact

- ▶ 144 refugees accessed permanent employment
- ▶ Association 1951 is now a key player in workplace integration in the Canton of Vaud

2 Social Impact Fund



Supported organization

Fundación SoyDoy (2017 – 2020)

Country

Colombia

Objective

Provide nutritional and educational support for disadvantaged children in Colombia

Impact

- ▶ 243 children received balanced meals and academic support daily at SoyDoy Centre and Aurora School
- ▶ 6 training courses on nutrition were organized for parents
- ▶ 32 mothers created microenterprises, boosting their average income by USD 12–53 per month

3 Health Fund



Supported organization

Nurture Africa (2018 – 2021)

Country

Uganda

Objective

Improve sexual and reproductive health and maternal and child health

Impact

- ▶ 4'635 women received antenatal care across 3 health centres
- ▶ 19'418 418 women and children tested for HIV
- ▶ 6'406 newborns vaccinated

4 Footprint Fund



Supported organization

ProSpecieRara (from mid-2024)

Country

Switzerland

Objective

Preserve and maintain the biodiversity of livestock animals

Expected impact

- ▶ Increase the use of rare chicken breeds in egg farming
- ▶ Increase the use of rare livestock breeds in farming by improving a dedicated national platform
- ▶ Raise awareness among farmers and the public about the threats facing rare breeds

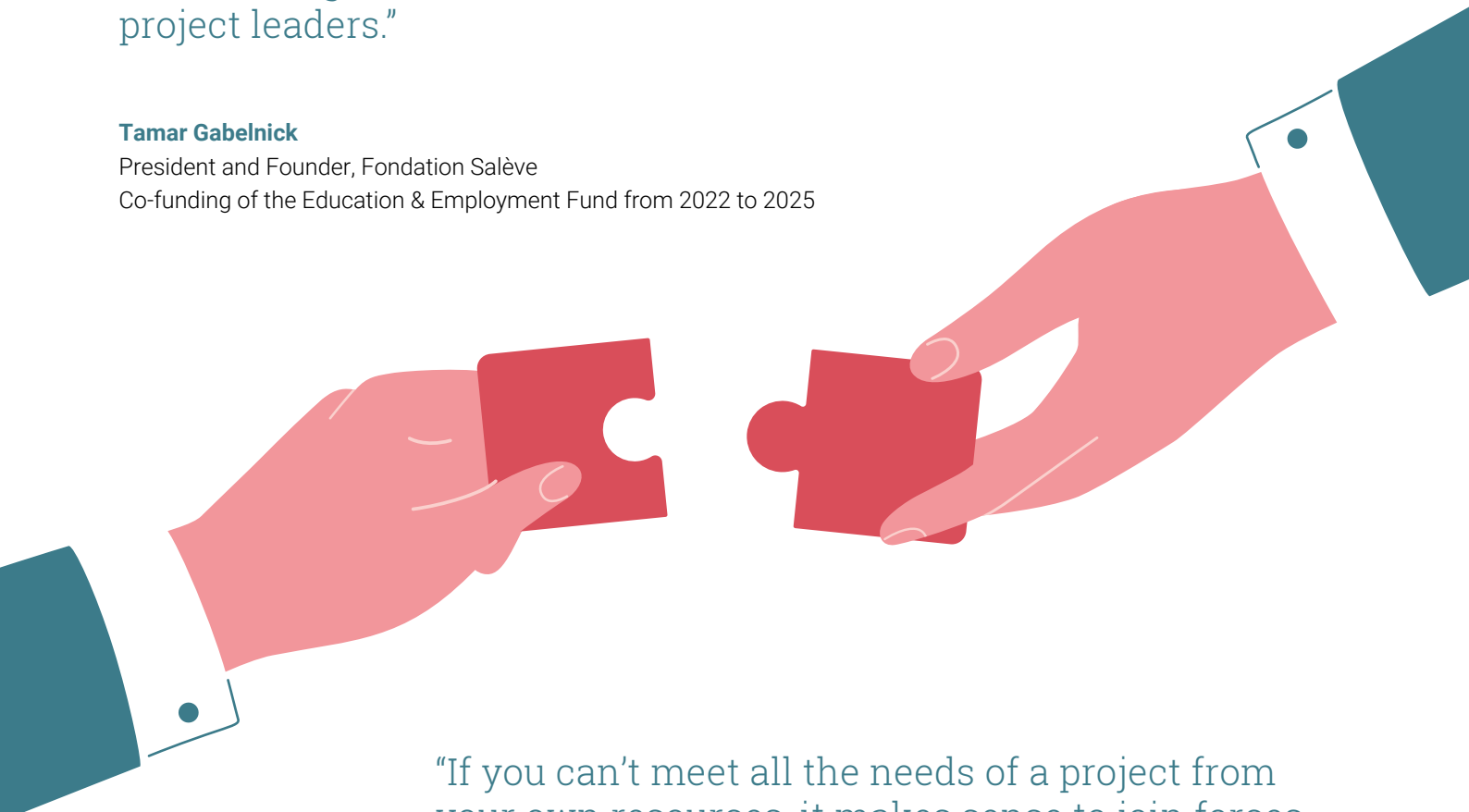


“We were fortunate to work with Swiss Philanthropy Foundation and WISE on a project in girls’ education in Tanzania, which we co-funded. The co-funding model enables smaller foundations like ours to partner with other donors to fund bigger projects with potential to achieve significant impact. Thanks to WISE’s expertise, we were confident that the project would be efficiently managed and that there would be regular communication with local project leaders.”

Tamar Gabelnick

President and Founder, Fondation Salève

Co-funding of the Education & Employment Fund from 2022 to 2025



“If you can’t meet all the needs of a project from your own resources, it makes sense to join forces with like-minded donors. Giving to the thematic fund made us feel fully engaged in the project and its outcome. It’s much more satisfying than writing a cheque to a big organization and wondering how your money is being spent.”

Donor to a Thematic Fund

Co-funding from 2022 to 2025

How can I contribute to a thematic fund?

You can co-fund a project supported by one of our thematic funds starting from a minimum donation of CHF 100'000. This entire amount goes towards the selected project.

In addition to this donation, you share the cost of the consulting fees charged by WISE and administrative fees charged by Swiss Philanthropy Foundation with other donors supporting the same project. This one of the key advantages of co-funding.

Your co-funding commitment is formalized in a letter of agreement with Swiss Philanthropy Foundation, and your donation is then transferred to the project's bank account.

Co-funding a project through one of our thematic funds is a strategic, considered, and sensible way of advancing your philanthropy. We look forward to working with philanthropists who value the expertise and experience of Swiss Philanthropy and WISE Philanthropy Advisors.

Swiss Philanthropy Foundation: the leading hosting foundation in Switzerland

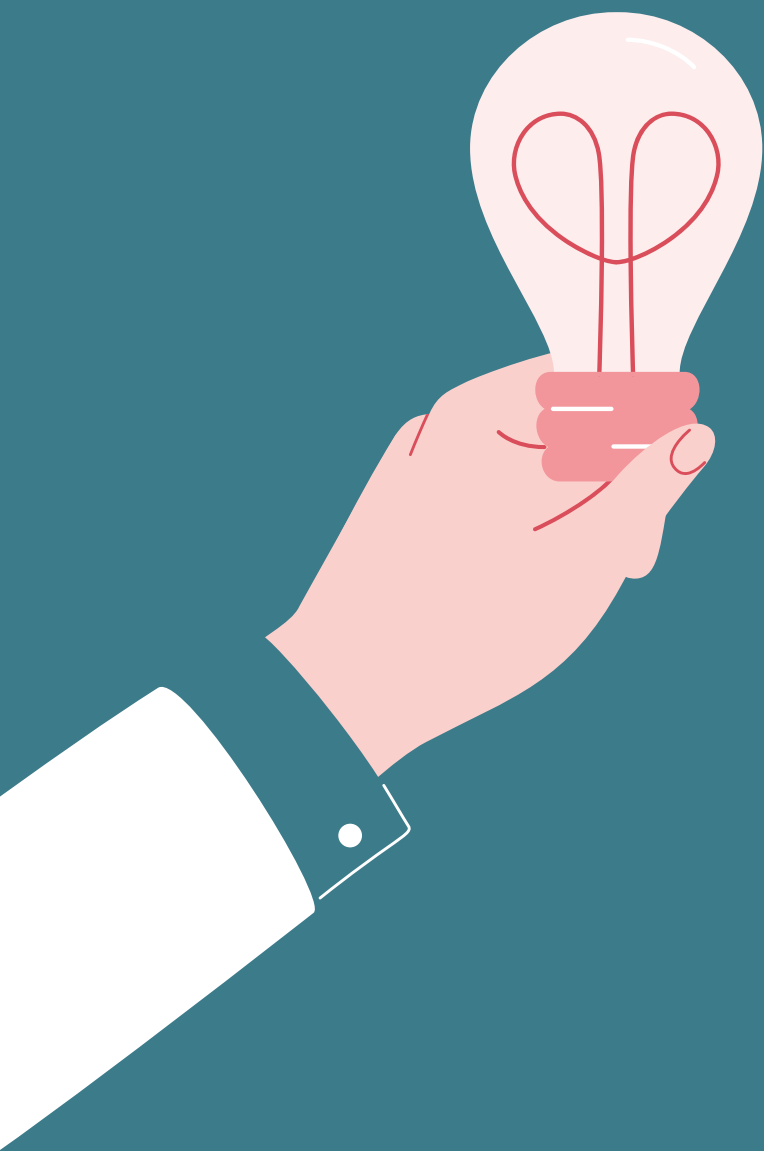
Founded in 2006, Swiss Philanthropy Foundation is an independent, public-interest hosting foundation based in Geneva. Our mission is to empower private and institutional donors to adopt a rigorous, committed approach to their philanthropy.

We provide a platform to facilitate philanthropic initiatives and donations in Switzerland, Europe and worldwide by creating and managing philanthropic funds for individuals, couples, families, and foundations. Philanthropic funds are a simple, flexible, and cost-effective alternative to a traditional foundation. We also host donor collaboratives for foundations or donor circles.

Our values of independence, integrity, innovation, simplicity, and diversity. These values guide us daily in our mission to help donors realize their philanthropic initiatives.

Since 2012, we have established over 90 donor-advised funds with cumulative donations of CHF 390 million. Every year, we distribute CHF 30 million on average in grants to around 500 non-profits. More than 130 donors and their family members or friends participate in the steering committees of our philanthropic funds.

As part of a dynamic ecosystem of Swiss and international partners, Swiss Philanthropy Foundation continuously monitors social and regulatory developments. We are a member of several leading networks, including SwissFoundations, proFonds, Swiss Sustainable Finance, Sustainable Finance Geneva, Transnational Giving Europe, and Philea.



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