



FOR PEOPLE'S RIGHTS AND DEVELOPMENT

CISV Onlus (Comunità Impegno Servizio Volontariato Onlus) is a NGO recognised by the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs that deals with international cooperation in Africa, Caribe, Latin America. Its headquarters are in Turin, Italy, where it also promotes educational projects and people awareness about human rights, poverty and inter culture.

CISV is a multi-sector organisation that carries out **30 projects** in **12 countries** with **20 volunteers from Italy** coordinating local teams. In 2015 CISV carried out activities for **4,5 million of euros** with a **3 million of euros expenses in developing countries**.

Projects

CISV carries out projects in Africa and South America collaborating with local people so to make them the real makers of their own development. Nowadays it acts in 13 countries and specifically in:

- **Africa:** Benin, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Guinea Conakry, Mali, Niger, Mauritania and Senegal;
- **Caribe and South America:** Haiti, Brazil, Colombia, Guatemala and Venezuela;

In order to promote food security, social justice and human rights, CISV supports farmers' movements, local Ngos and women's presence and improves the chances of local culture and resources.

It works in different fields:

- territory: agriculture, support to farmers organizations cattle farms and environment preservation
- water sector facilities, as drinking water, irrigation and fight against desertification
- resilience in fragile States: actions on vulnerability; support to nutrition and public health organizations
- microfinance: rural banks for cash and savings, warrantage – credit in stock - for agriculture
- development of local institutions and organisations through people training and increasing of a public spirit, acknowledgement of political and social rights and coordination among different institutions
- children, women and their human rights

CISV cooperates and is funded by several institutions as: European Commission – Europe Aid – ECHO – UNDP, World Bank, FAO, IFAD, TERRAFINA Consortium, Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI), CEI (Italian Episcopal Conference), Valdese Church, Regione Piemonte, Regione Sardegna, Several municipalities, Cariplo Foundation, Compagnia di San Paolo, etc.

Multiculture – People's awareness

To support its projects in the South and a peace culture in the North, CISV promotes several actions and awareness raising projects. For doing that it takes part into national and international events and organises exhibitions and events to highlight the attention on the culture of the different territories where it takes its action. Multicultural programmes of training and dialogue for students and teachers are available in the *CISV Educational Centre for World Citizenship* and cooperative *CISV Solidarietà*, where there are also various activities and places and educational documents specifically conceived for young people.

CISV, in collaboration with a group of ngos, promotes a project called **Ong 2.0**, www.ong2.0: a community and an online training center for and about advancing the use of ICT and the web to further international aid. With the web magazine **VPS – Volontari per lo Sviluppo** (Volunteers for Development – www.volontariperlosviluppo.it), carried out with the collaboration of other NGOs, CISV tries to awake the attention of the readers on the relationship between the North and the South of the world and on a responsible style of life, with special reports of journalists from Africa and Latin America.

CISV's aim is to make people everywhere in the world the real makers of their own development, and free and aware to make a responsible choice in order to improve quality of life for themselves and the others.

