Changing the world is a team effort.
GVC
CIVIL VOLUNTEER
GROUP

First aid after the earthquake, dhading, nepal

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OUR VISION

We want a better, more equitable and supportive world than the world we see today. We try to contribute to its creation through the respect and promotion of rights of the communities with which we work, in a spirit of dignity, exchange and reciprocity.

OUR MISSION

We believe in a heightened awareness, in each person’s ability to see the world with new eyes and to learn that respect for people and the environment, in a deeply connected Global North and South, is nothing other than self-respect.

We work with individuals, civil society organisations, local institutions and governments, so that everyone can take care of their own present and future, building a culture of autonomy and cooperation which fosters the freedom and independence of communities.

2015 was a year of changes, new and urgent challenges and commitments for more functional actions to create a world based on rights and peace.

During the Paris Conference in December, 193 countries signed an historic agreement to reduce emissions against climate change. A road has been set, which we must follow with decision and competence, with radical choices to reduce greenhouse gases, promote agro-ecology, sustainable access to water and resilience to climate catastrophes: interventions in which GVC finds itself at the forefront in many countries.

In September the General Assembly of the UN approved the Agenda for Sustainable Development with a list of 17 objectives to be achieved by 2030. A new and important stage for international cooperation strategies involves sustainability in all its dimensions, along with a universal approach to achieving the objectives set for all UN countries. GVC’s commitment in this direction has been resolute during 2015. Many of the new objectives had already been adopted in our development strategies, including support to social and gender economy through women’s cooperatives, advocacy for responsible trade, and the fight against modern slavery in working migration.

2015 is also the year in which the humanitarian crises in Syria worsened significantly, causing enormous loss of human life - many of whom died trying to reach Europe across the Mediterranean - and the increase of refugees in
neighbouring countries. For the fourth year, we contributed to welcoming Syrian refugees in Lebanon, responded to the basic needs of 15,000 people and facilitated inclusion by also supporting the hosting communities. The subject of migrations, people fleeing war and poverty searching for safety, is a challenge that Europe must face and know how to manage. For this reason we have strengthened awareness activities, promoting public meeting events, conventions, information campaigns in Italy and Europe, to involve our communities in shared solutions respectful of human rights.

GVC’s strength resides precisely in the activation of a collective response. This is also the way we manage emergencies. In 2015, we intervened promptly in Nepal, devastated by the earthquake of April 25th, which caused 9,000 casualties and destroyed 1 million buildings. It was made possible thanks to AGIRE network, the Emilia-Romagna Region, several Municipalities of Emilia affected by the 2012 earthquake, associations and individual citizens. Together with the Nepalese communities, directly involved in construction activities, we brought 2,344 students back to school and provided temporary housing for over 3,000 people in the most remote areas.

The following pages describe the complexity of the interventions carried out during the past year in an increasingly interconnected world. We tried to promote a more careful coherence between sector policies and our action in various regions: what happens in our societies influences the life of thousands of people beyond our borders, and vice versa. We supported greater cooperation between citizens, civil society, public and private subjects with the aim to build a more inclusive today and tomorrow.

We achieved this thanks to the trust and the significant contribution of all those who worked with us by providing ideas, energy and resources. Our thanks go to all of those people, because we believe that changing the world is a team effort.

Dina Taddia
PRESIDENT OF GVC
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WHO WE ARE

We are a non-governmental, secular and independent organisation established in Bologna in 1971.
We work to bring back dignity to entire communities threatened or deprived of their basic human rights.

We fight poverty and injustice working with individuals, civil society organisations, local institutions and governments to provide thousands of individuals with access to water, food, health, education and work, while protecting the environment. Even in humanitarian emergencies, we work with the intent of establishing the foundations for reconstruction and development. To this end, each one of our projects is organised so that every community discovers within itself the resources necessary to become self-sufficient and independent.

Alongside our international cooperation projects, we also carry out important work in education and awareness in Italy and Europe: we organize seminars, workshops for students and teachers, exhibits and the Terra di Tutti (Everyone’s Land) Film Festival, a festival featuring documentary films from the Global South, advocacy campaigns on relevant issues such as the right to food, migrations, fair trading practices and the promotion of human rights. In almost fifty years of activity, GVC has been active throughout the world on thousands of development projects. In 2015 we carried out 80 projects, 53 of which in development (including 11 projects of development education and advocacy) and 27 projects in response to emergencies, in 21 countries of Africa, Latin America, Asia, the Middle East and Europe.

We want to give a voice to people who do not have one, serving as amplifiers of critical thinking that challenges stereotypes and prejudices. We want to promote the development of skills and the trust in individuals necessary to build a more equitable and sustainable world.

FROM BOLOGNA, TO THE WORLD

GVC headquarters has always been in Bologna, first in the historic site of Villa Aldini and recently in the new office of Via Francesco Baracca.

In Italy, GVC operates through five regional offices (Trieste, Genoa, Ancona, Bari and Reggio Emilia) and other informal work groups are located in Bolzano, Mantua and Modena. Thanks to the contribution of volunteers, we are able to organise important initiatives to promote our projects and make citizens aware of rights and solidarity.

GVC has one or more operational bases in almost all countries where we carry out development and emergency projects.

Presence in the region is fundamental for establishing a relationship of reciprocity and trust with the communities. This aspect is at the basis of every intervention. Our activities are based on a careful assessment of needs and requests among citizens, civil society, partners and local institutions which cooperate with us by sharing responsibilities.
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MANAGUA, CHINANDEGA AND PUERTO CABEZAS, NICARAGUA |
SANTO DOMINGO, DOMINICAN REPUBLIC | OUAGADOUGOU, BURKINA FASO |
BUJUMBURA, BURUNDI | MAPUTO AND PEMBA, MOZAMBIQUE |
TUNIS AND SIDI BOUZID, TUNISIA | BEIRUT, AL EIN AND ZAHLE, LEBANON |
JERUSALEM EST, RAMALLAH, TULKAREM, HEBRON
AND GAZA, PALESTINE | DAMASCUS AND ALEPPO, SYRIA |
HERAT, AFGHANISTAN | SIEM REAP, CAMBODIA |
KATHMANDU, NEPAL |

PEOPLE ABOVE EVERYTHING
Our work in terms of rights begins and ends with people, focal point of all interventions and objectives achieved by GVC in 2015. The staff that we employ in different sectors and in various offices is marked by mobility coherent with the nature of our projects. Nonetheless, when a person joins GVC, a relationship of trust, respect and identification of common values is created naturally and lasts for years. The relationships between the organisation and staff are long-lasting. We promote stability (in 2015 we signed 9 new permanent employee contracts) and increase of experience and skills, thus ensuring the quality of our actions. In 2015, 802 people (of which 257 contracted by our local partners) were employed to implement GVC activities, 125 volunteers and 10 young people were involved with internship and apprenticeship agreements. 97% of GVC staff work directly on the implementation of projects in Italy and abroad.

LOCAL STAFF (OF GVC AND PARTNERS)
We believe it necessary to use local staff to shape any intervention or programme of real and mutual cooperation with communities and local organisations. This allows us to fully understand needs and respond more efficiently to requests and specific needs, participating with long-term projects that correspond to local cultural specificities. In this manner, results are shared more easily and last longer.
INTERNATIONAL STAFF

Our programmes include highly specialised staff, capable of implementing methodologies and the most appropriate activities according to the types of interventions. This is possible thanks to team work with the local staff. The complexity of the environments in which we work is handled by creating innovative synergies which take advantage of multi-disciplinary and varied experiences, putting together international expertise with techniques and knowledge specific to the communities with which we work. We thereby ensure results that are sustainable over time and a constant and transparent dialogue with donors.

26 people have been employed in the central office of Bologna, performing tasks in management, communication, project management and administrative planning. 84% of the staff at headquarters is employed full-time with a permanent contract that ensures an effective implementation of GVC strategic choices.

In addition, we promote knowledge of the world of international cooperation by creating employment opportunities for young people who want to be part of this field. We offer training apprenticeships, volunteer experiences in Italy and abroad and curricular and extra-curricular internships in cooperation with the Universities of Bologna, Milano Bicocca, Pisa, Venice and Genoa.

In 2015, 10 young people were involved in Italy (6) and abroad (4).

Over the years we have built stable relationships in many Italian regions and we rely on a wide network of volunteers, supporters and sympathisers who promote and participate in advocacy, awareness and fundraising GVC initiatives. Together, we organise and partner in events, debates, solidarity dinners and film festivals on social issues. Some expert volunteers are directly involved in our projects.

GVC is conscientious about gender: 43% of staff and collaborators in 2015 are women (70% of staff in Italy, 37% abroad)

FEMALE STAFF EMPLOYED IN 2015

70% OF STAFF IN ITALY ARE WOMEN
37% OF STAFF ABROAD ARE WOMEN
In 2015 GVC carried out 69 projects abroad and 11 projects in Italy and Europe.

**DIRECT BENEFICIARIES**

We worked for the concrete improvement of the living conditions of 1,858,024 people in 21 countries.

Our interventions identify the most vulnerable categories as priority recipients in various communities. These categories are less visible sometimes, but that does not mean less at risk, such as women (30% of total beneficiaries), children (42%) and disabled people. At the same time, given the urgency of the problem, we directed many of our actions towards migrants in various parts of the world.

In particular, we committed to offering support to women, men and children who for reasons beyond their will had to flee due to war or other serious threats to their life, abandoning their home, belongings and job, or when they are forced to leave because of a natural disaster such as an earthquake or a typhoon.

Through our initiatives in Italy and Europe we reached a public of 23,173 people. In schools we supplied teachers and students, of various classes and levels, with the tools to understand complex global dynamics. Our aim is to help them to become participating citizens of the world and offer the youngest ones adequate knowledge to adopt supportive, sustainable and peaceful models of development.

We organised public events to discuss - with a simple and precise language - subjects of social significance such as conflicts, migrations, hunger and climate change, to understand their causes in depth, analyse the consequences and propose possible solutions.

**OUR INTERVENTIONS**

55% of GVC funding is used in medium and long term programmes to support all populations battling hunger, extreme poverty and fighting for fundamental rights.

In 2015 we responded to humanitarian emergencies caused by environmental disasters or by conflicts in 9 countries; with 45% of the resources we ensured fundamental rights such as access to water, food and safe shelter.
OUR SECTORS

The causes of poverty and inequality are always complex. For this reason, GVC applies a multi-sector approach focused on removing and correcting the elements which prevent communities from enjoying basic human rights, such as food (9 projects), water (10 projects) and health (4 projects). 16 interventions involved the rights of more vulnerable individuals such as children, including those with disabilities, women and migrants, and 10 projects supplied these categories with the opportunity to actively participate in social and economic life through alternative and equitable models of sustainable local development. The preservation of natural resources and environmental sustainability are condition sine qua non for the achievement of the development objectives as proof of the new 2030 agenda. For this reason, GVC in 2015 was involved in 9 projects for the protection of natural resources. At the same time, we carried out 11 awareness projects to promote education for global citizenship.

2015 BUDGET BY SECTOR OF ACTIVITY

- **WATER AND SANITATION** (23%): 2,868,883€
- **FOOD** (21%): 2,682,324€
- **RIGHTS** (14%): 1,750,686€
- **HUMANITARIAN AID** (12%): 1,575,780€
- **ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT** (11%): 1,345,294€
- **HEALTH** (8%): 966,463€
- **ENVIRONMENT** (6%): 774,521€
- **ADVOCACY/DEVELOPMENT EDUCATION** (5%): 730,262€
With 11 humanitarian interventions in 2015 GVC supported Syrian refugees in Lebanon, both by facilitating reception and by assisting with self-sufficiency and inclusion through the cash for work methodology. In Syria, increasingly ravaged by the war, we intervened to rebuild schools in Aleppo and to restore access to water in 5 areas, including Damascus.

In Palestine, we supported the Gaza population affected by Israeli military operations. We were present in the occupied territories to protect the families against forced relocations induced by Israel. We continued to ensure access to water and other basic services, also concentrating on the promotion of rights through legal defence.

In Nepal, we reached the most remote regions of the country to help communities who lost 98% of buildings, destroyed by the earthquake on April 25th. By involving the families, we supplied basic necessities, built temporary housing and set up schools to provide a concrete contribution in reconstruction.

**OUR AREAS OF INTERVENTION**

In almost fifty years of experience, GVC has operated all over the world: in 2015, we continued our work in the Middle East, in Central and South America, in the Caribbean and in Asia. We continued to increase our investment in Africa where, given the widespread emergency situation, GVC decided to increase its efforts. In Europe, we conducted numerous education and awareness initiatives.

**OUR DONORS**

The European Union was our largest donor (65% of funds) for development projects and emergencies. In addition, we received consistent funding from the United Nations, the Italian Ministry of Foreign Affairs and International Cooperation (MAECI), local institutions and other public and private donors.
GVC applies the values of its mission in the conception, design and implementation of activities and responds to objectives coherent with the global agenda for sustainable development.

The foundation of all interventions is the concrete achievement of human rights: right to life, to dignity and integrity, to freedom and full social and financial fulfilment.

We favour respect for the environment and protection of natural resources in our actions. The humanitarian aid that we provide responds to the principles of Humanity, Impartiality and Independence prescribed by the International Red Cross.

We use the following methodological aspects in our projects, in order to ensure the best tangible and measurable result in relation to the resources available:

**Networking**

Partnerships, networks, exchanges are useful and necessary tools for operating in vast and complex scenarios such as those in which we are active. Only through exchanges and cooperation with local communities, as well as with associations, institutions and the various local and international players present in the same areas of intervention, can we handle the complex challenges for an equitable and sustainable development. For this reason, we actively partner with a vast network of private and public subjects in Italy, Europe and the world.

**Participation**

The success of an intervention of international cooperation is measured when direct support ends: for this reason, every activity carried out by GVC is designed to achieve lasting and autonomous results over time. To ensure long-term sustainability, we start with joint and participatory intervention methods, studied jointly with the beneficiaries and the communities receiving aid. We involve all players from the concept phase of the programmes to their conclusion, actively interacting and shaping the action so that it becomes a shared asset.

**Training and development of human resources**

We believe that a fundamental engine of change resides in human capital. We believe that human capital has to be recognized, emphasized and empowered to, respectfully and sustainably, access and use all social, economic and natural resources of the communities in which it is established. For this reason, specific trainings aimed at enhancing the abilities of players and local staff is an essential element of our philosophy.

**Resilience and the “do no harm” concept**

Our actions are directed at strengthening the resilience of communities in order to reduce their vulnerability and increase the ability to grasp future opportunities. We operate with caution to avoid potential indirect negative effects which our interventions could unintentionally produce.

**Evaluation as stimulation for improvement**

GVC uses tools that strive for constant understanding and measurement of the changes that our actions trigger.
Adopting the point of view of beneficiaries and players involved in our actions is a priority: our aim is to direct the work performed, learn from experiences and adhere as efficiently as possible to the purposes of human and social progress to which we are committed.

**Peer to Peer**

Every project of ours hinges on an exchange between equals, where the implementation of activities is built first and foremost on reciprocity. In this relationship, beneficiaries hold the dual role of recipients and agents of change. We encourage the participation of women as main characters in this process, since they are capable of producing significant impact on the community: the reason for this preference is their natural propensity towards building relationships within the communities, as well as their resilience in emergency situations.

**ASSOCIATIONS AND COOPERATIVES**

GVC firmly believes that the fight against poverty and the promotion of sustainable development can be achieved through economic models that favour democratic participation rather than capital. For this reason, we support the creation of associations and cooperatives that promote the principle of mutuality and favour collective initiatives rather than individual activities. This way we support small producers, merchants and craftsmen in increasing their skills, confronting market complexities and reducing frailties due to their scarce economic resources and means. We share this cultural approach with the cooperative tradition of Emilia-Romagna, our region that assists us in creating and supporting mutualistic experiences and social economics. In 2015 we promoted 73 cooperatives and associations in 5 countries including organisations of women, whose aim is to improve their economic and social conditions, small agricultural producers, willing to increase the availability of food and preserve the environment, credit and savings, to offer financial means to those who generally do not have access to banks and financial institutions. 7,729 people were reached.

**PARTNERSHIPS**

In 2015 GVC established important partnerships with 253 different stakeholders: associations and cooperatives, institutions, universities and businesses. University and Research 8%
International and local institutions 29%
International and local civil society 54%
Private sector 9%

62% LOCAL PARTNERS

**NETWORKS**

GVC actively participates in NGO networks and other associations with whom we share ethical values, intervention methodologies and goals:

**Legacoop** - to promote the dissemination of cooperative principles and values, mutuality and sustainable economy.

**VOICE** - 82 NGOs active through the world in humanitarian aid, representative of the European Union.

**CONCORD Italia** - italian section of the CONCORD Europe platform, representative of the European Union for international cooperation and policies for development.

**LINK 2007 Cooperation by Network** - brings together major Italian NGOs with the aim of increasing their role in the promotion of development policies and cooperation at institutional level.
AGIRE - Italian Agency for Emergency Response

COONGER - Coordination of NGOs of the Emilia-Romagna Region

Fair Trade Italia (founding partner) - most broadly recognized registered fair trade certification in the world.

In addition, GVC is part of:

- The Italian Observatory for Global Action against AIDS;
- The Bologna Province “Table of Peace”;
- Development Education Platform.

GVC adheres to numerous networks of local and international NGOs in the different countries in which we work. In humanitarian emergencies we participate in thematic clusters through which we coordinate with other important organisations in order to make our commitment more effective.

**TRANSPARENCY AND ACCOUNTABILITY**

We put respect for the individual first, and because of this we feel responsible not only towards the communities benefiting from our interventions, but also towards the partners with whom we cooperate, towards public supporters and towards private donors. For this reason we are mindful of a transparent, traceable management of our resources and activities, because only thanks to renewed trust can we achieve the ambitious results that we set for ourselves.

For this reason, GVC:

- adheres to the EU-promoted initiative Transparency Register, which aims to make all data relative to the budget of organisations that work with the European Union, public and transparent;
- adheres to the Charter of Principles, Values, and Commitments to Accountability promoted by the Link 2007 cooperation network;
- certifies its own annual financial statement through Baker Tilly Revisa Spa, accredited organisation according to legal standards;
- submits 80% of the costs to accounting and administrative audits carried out by external auditing firms, recognised internationally;
- promotes the quality of results, through an articulate system of monitoring and periodic missions of internal and external experts, in order to assess the actual impact of projects on communities.

In order to be more transparent, to improve our internal and external communication, to share and disseminate our activities and results as much as possible, in 2015 we renewed the GVC website, upgraded our newsletter and designed the publication of a news magazine on our activities.
PEOPLE ON THE MOVE: FOR THE RIGHTS OF MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES

In 2015, 243 million migrants were registered in the world, and 60 million of these individuals were forced to abandon their homes for unacceptable living conditions caused by wars, epidemics and environmental disasters. We intervened to ensure full respect of internationally recognised rights on the basis of five operating pillars: guarantee reception by providing lodging, water, health and hygiene services; promote inclusion in host communities and avoid social conflicts with vulnerable groups; recognise and support an active role by migrants and refugees, self-promoters of their rights and leading players in the identification of responses to their needs; work jointly with other organisations to adopt homogeneous criteria and principles of aid, activating integrated response mechanisms; make aware and mobilize target groups and public opinion in the countries of origin and host countries, implementing advocacy activities, cooperating and stimulating authorities and civil society.

On the basis of these principles, in 2015 we worked for 15,000 Syrian refugees in Lebanon, offering continuous assistance and responding to recurrent problems. The definition of the most urgent needs involved the beneficiaries and host municipalities to ensure better representation and inclusion of the refugee communities.

We activated focal points selected within the Syrian community and supported by area experts who improved the living conditions of refugees by providing housing, water and means of subsistence. The social work programmes also included vulnerable individuals of the hosting Lebanese community.

In Cambodia we worked to reduce the risk of labour exploitation and the trafficking of human beings connected to irregular migrations to Thailand, phenomenon which involves around 2 million people per year. We provided information to over 62,000 Cambodians about risks and opportunities, started self-help groups among the migrants, also involving their families to convey information about real working conditions in Thailand. GVC started a system to distribute information from beneficiaries to local institutions and from them to the Anti-Trafficking Committee of the Cambodian Ministry of Interior, contributing to create more adequate policies for the protection of migrants.

In Haiti and the Dominican Republic we denounced and conducted awareness actions against the threat of massive forced repatriation of Haitians, requesting more suitable protection from both governments of the island. We worked on the media representation and the creation of collective imagination on migrations in Italy and Europe with articles, seminars, screenings, participation in round tables within advocacy and communication initiatives, highlighting in particular the connections between migratory flows, development and human rights, fundamental for an in-depth vision of complex problems.
NEW 2015-2030 AGENDA

In September 2015 the United Nations approved the New Agenda for Sustainable Development. A process that involved governments, experts and the civil society of hundreds of countries with the goal of redefining priorities in order to build a more fair and sustainable world. During the long work of revision, GVC participated actively by offering contributions and suggestions, and creating opportunities for the voices of citizens to be heard, voices coming both from Italy as well as the 21 countries in which we work.

This laborious path led to the definition of 17 objectives which for the next 15 years will guide policies and concrete actions in the 193 countries that have adhered. Overcoming poverty and eliminating hunger in all its forms and in all places are the first two objectives. For years, we have talked about reducing the number of poor and halving hunger. These serious forms of deprivation represent a denial of rights, with the lack of the possibility of being completely fulfilled as persons for millions of individuals. It is fundamental to eliminate them. Health, school and water for all, gender equality - subjects already included in the previous development plans - are now proposed with greater intensity. In addition, new key words have been introduced that over the years have proved to be fundamental for promoting a global society, based on social, economic and environmental justice. We cannot defeat poverty without a new, more inclusive and equitable model of production, consumption and energy use, without decent work, without respect for ecosystems in every activity performed, without equality in countries and between countries. We cannot do it without peace.

The new programme is revolutionary, also because it implies a commitment by all the States, recognising the interconnection and the need for coherence between policies which must be going, synergistically, in the same direction. The change will be equally revolutionary only if promises translate into concrete action, where governments fully exercise their role of promoting and guaranteeing rights. This is fundamental both for those individuals who today are excluded and for the environment, guardian of resources for future generations. GVC’s mission coincides perfectly with these objectives; therefore, together with our partners and supporters, we will multiply our actions to give a better future to the men and women of today and tomorrow.
RESULTS IN 2015

>>BY ACTIVITY

Photo by Francesco MarGara
We guarantee populations an equal access to drinking water and sanitation. Our programmes include efficient and sustainable use of water in agriculture, rehabilitation and construction of water infrastructures, emergency hand-washing facilities and latrines, water quality control and hygiene promotion campaigns.

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### Water and Sanitation

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#### Thirst for Justice in the Middle East

Water is a vital resource, increasingly at the centre of choices that determine the survival of people and the connection to their territory. In the Middle East access to drinking water, sanitation and its efficient and sustainable use is problematic, tied to the continuing wars of various kinds and intensity. Making sure that the victims of conflicts have access to water has been a priority for GVC in 2015. From Syria to Lebanon and Palestine we have provided water and hygiene to 1,399,071 people. In Syria, where 70% of the population does not have adequate access to water, we intervened in 5 areas of the country, in cities such as Damascus and Aleppo, called to cover the water needs of areas into which thousands of displaced persons poured. We created 25 new access points to water, made the sewer systems operational, and adapted the installations delivering public water to over 680,000 people. For 15,000 Syrian refugees in the Bekaa Valley, in Lebanon, we built sanitation infrastructure in 350 informal refugee camps. The work carried out in synergy with the host municipalities and communities was an important strong point of our intervention, improving the availability and use of public water equally between the Lebanese citizens and Syrian refugees, without exacerbating social tension. In the Palestinian territories, where Israel is pursuing a veritable strategy of hoarding water, we operated in close contact with the public authorities, building and rehabilitating infrastructures to guarantee water for civilian and agricultural use; we continued with advocacy and educational activities for a better governance, strengthening the role of civil society and in particular the role of women. We developed layouts of the needs in the Gaza Strip and pursued a two-track intervention strategy: provide an immediate response to the water emergency on the one hand and propose medium term policies on the other, given that water is an essential resource for development.
We intervene in response to humanitarian crises caused by conflicts and environmental disasters. We ensure food, clean water, hygiene and primary needs kits. In addition to emergency management, GVC works on the rehabilitation of houses, schools, public infrastructures, also encouraging the reconstruction of the social fabric.

REBUILDING THE FUTURE: HOME, SCHOOL, WORK AND PROTECTION IN EMERGENCY SETTINGS

In 2015 GVC intervened in humanitarian crises in many contexts, to respond to the most urgent needs of the populations affected and by laying the foundations for reconstruction, in order to gradually restore decent living conditions.

Even in regions deeply affected by conflicts such as the Middle East or faced by devastation such as that of the earthquake in Nepal, we decided to intervene believing that in addition to food, water and safety, also shelter, school, work and protection must be guaranteed for the most vulnerable individuals. GVC believes that these are all essential elements to protect the independence and dignity of people, so as to not dissipate human and relational capital, necessary for restarting individual and community growth.

We worked with these premises in Nepal and Lebanon to ensure acceptable living conditions, even if temporary, in line with international standards. We promoted the use of local labour force, involving at least one member of every family affected by the emergency. The cash for work program contributed to covering some current expenses of the most vulnerable households. It made it possible to carry out works benefiting the host community in the case of the Syrian refugees in Lebanon, along with the establishment of 31 temporary structures in Nepal allowing 2,344 students to return to school. In Syria, ravaged by the war, we also supported the education of 6,752 children, restoring public schools and providing the teachers with specific educational tools for emergency situations. Every time a child leaves school, it is a loss for the future; we don’t want and cannot allow that. Interventions of protection were directed to the Palestinian families who risk “eviction” from their own land, due to an extremely aggressive Israeli policy. We conducted surveillance, offered physical and legal assistance, brought authority’s attention on the drama the population is living and claimed the respect for their rights.

46,131 TOTAL BENEFICIARIES

5 INFORMATION CAMPAIGNS ON DISASTER PREVENTION
4,776 PEOPLE

2,385 TEMPORARY HOUSING SUPPLIED/REHABILITATED
12,240 PEOPLE

20 TRAINING COURSES ORGANISED
215 PEOPLE

5,412 KITS DISTRIBUTED
13,257 PEOPLE

51 CIVIL STRUCTURES CREATED/REHABILITATED
12,161 PEOPLE
We promote renewable energy sources, reduction of greenhouse gas emissions, energy independence and prevention of environmental catastrophes. GVC helps communities to manage the local effects of climate change, along with territorial planning and risk management.

**TERRITORY AS A COMMON GOOD: MANAGING NATURAL RESOURCES FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF COMMUNITIES AND THE PREVENTION OF ENVIRONMENTAL DISASTERS**

GVC, in line with the new global agenda for sustainable development and the Paris Climate Conference (COP21), has for many years been promoting mitigation actions and adaptation to the effects of climate change. We can do a lot with a more conscious use of natural resources, communal asset for current and future generations. Deforestation, fertilizers and aggressive chemical pesticides, together with intensive production, have impoverished the soil. It is now vulnerable to erosion, salinization and precipitation. This situation has severely influenced the emission of greenhouse gases, the principal cause of climate changes. Drought and violent rains cause human losses and eliminate resources. To break the vicious cycle of environmental degradation, in 2015 we carried out projects in many of the areas most exposed to intense climate events, such as Bolivia, Nicaragua, Haiti and the Dominican Republic.

By recovering the traditional ecological knowledge of the population on the vulnerabilities in their regions, we jointly prepared risk prevention plans and developed activities to strengthen the resilience of communities. We worked with municipalities, schools, local organisations and other institutions, creating local committees to respond to emergencies, reinforcing warning systems, anticipating protocols and means for securing people and goods.

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For GVC food sovereignty means self-sufficiency and independence in production, control and sustainable management of natural resources and equality in the distribution of benefits. We support small producers, family agriculture, autonomy and consumption of local products, as well as a fair access to markets and the protection of rights of cultural workers. We fight food insecurity, malnutrition and exploitation of the natural and human resources.

**RESILIENT COMMUNITIES: FACING THE FOOD CRISIS BY WORKING FOR FOOD SECURITY**

Eliminating hunger in the world is the first of the new 17 objectives of sustainable development. For GVC cooperating to achieve this ambitious result means recognising the causes and working in an integrated way to eliminate them. Food insecurity, due to the meagre availability and/or difficult access to food, is tied to structural problems of insufficient and inadequate production on the market, along with the inability to access the market competitively. These factors can be exacerbated by shocks such as droughts, epidemics and uncontrollable fluctuations of prices. In 2015, 300,000 families in Guatemala, around 400,000 people in Haiti and 939,000 in Burkina Faso were declared to be suffering from a food emergency situation. We intervened promptly to reduce vulnerability through the supply of seeds (17 tons), the use of vouchers to purchase food from local merchandise and monetary transfers also aimed at meeting the principal needs of food and primary goods. We distributed 3,913 vouchers for 22,350 people, achieving multiple benefits: we contained the risk of acute malnutrition and made it possible to widely support the local economy, thanks to the agreements stipulated with hundreds of shops and agricultural producers. What is more, we prevented vulnerable families from selling their production assets (equipment, land, animals) and taking their children out of school; these families had the opportunity not to give up on medical care, too. All these actions would have affected the economic ability and access to food of the populations, once out of the crisis. We introduced measures to act on the structural causes in the aforementioned countries and in those in which a chronic situation of food insecurity continued (Cuba, Mozambique, Burundi, the Andean communities of Peru, Bolivia, Ecuador and Argentina). We also distributed equipment and introduced improved types of seeds, trained the communities in production and marketing, assisted in the creation of cooperatives of transformation and services for agriculture. We then worked on the entire value chain, in order to offer the populations tools which are adequate to respond to future shocks by making them more resilient.

**TOTAL BENEFICIARIES**

102,729

**FOOD**

7,650

**INFORMATION/AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS ON FOOD**

373

**COOPERATIVES/ASSOCIATIONS AND AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION NETWORKS CREATED**

106

**AGRICULTURAL SERVICES PROVIDED**

11,258

**INCREASE IN AGRICULTURAL PRODUCTION AND INCOME**

51,763

**FOOD DISTRIBUTION**

16,487

**DISTRIBUTION OF SEEDS AND AGRICULTURAL EQUIPMENT**

8,906

**AGRICULTURAL TRAINING COURSES ORGANISED**

6,559

**PEOPLE**

7,650

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In Bolivia, the opportunities offered by the tourist industry made it possible to create an excursion tour which emphasized the culture of the Chipaya people and the Bolivian plateau region. In this case we also facilitated change, allowing the communities to become protagonists in a context in which nature, indigenous traditions and migrations were transformed from obstacles into facilitators of local development, integrated with new knowledge and technologies.

In Palestine and Tunisia we invested in women business owners, involving around 200 in the Palestine pastoral communities and the Tunisian rural areas: this bet on women allowed us to emphasize the resources of the community and promote social justice. In Palestine, we also built partnerships between the public and private sectors in terms of production chain, with the aim to improve the financial opportunities of 950 families of Bedouin shepherds.

We support cooperative organizations, networks and associations of small producers and favour a family approach to agriculture. We consider the value chain and microcredit as crucial tools for local development and the fight against poverty.

**CREATING SOCIAL INNOVATION FOR A SOLID ECONOMY WITH YOUNG PEOPLE, WOMEN AND SMALL PRODUCERS**

We believe it necessary to introduce a change in the economic systems that exclude men and women on the basis of cultural prejudices and social barriers. Unemployment, simple work of poor quality are often reserved for women, young people and people living in rural and traditional communities, marginalised from the dominant economic context. The spiral of exclusion starts with a problematic access to education and financial means, of limited social relations, of an isolated region which does not offer natural income-producing resources. In 2015, GVC relies on these people as agents for spreading models of social, supportive economy marked by sustainable, widespread and collective development.

In Mozambique, starting with the needs and resources of the most rural and marginal communities of Pemba, we designed a path of improvement of skills through community professional training which involved 207 young people, developed in synergy with the district structures and the local private tourist operators. We created an association of tourist guides and opened an information point for job opportunities in the region.

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**ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT**

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We work to provide equal opportunities to the most disadvantaged individuals: women, children, the elderly, migrants and people with special needs. GVC’s approach is based on respect for human rights and gender equality.

**ART AND COMMUNICATION FOR RIGHTS**

Working for the respect of fundamental human, civil, economic, social and environmental rights is part of our DNA. In 2015 GVC continued to use artistic language and audiovisual communication as effective tools to give voice and represent groups of people left on the margins of collective life, which often neglects their needs.

Art encourages a more immediate communication between people, filling those language and cultural gaps which are often used as barriers against respect and peaceful coexistence. In Mozambique, in the suburban area of Pemba, local artists and teachers introduced music, painting and poetry in schools, recovering and emphasizing the culture and traditions of the native population. Art brought the children and their families closer to formal education, producing excellent results in school attendance, in an area in which literacy reaches peaks of 60% and the school dropout rate is alarming. In Nicaragua, 112 children were involved in dance, theatre, and painting workshops learning to express and defend the rights of childhood among their peers and the entire community. In Cambodia, through theatre performances, we raised the awareness of thousands of people in the most peripheral areas on the risks of irregular migration. We emphasized cultural diversity and strengthened the professional abilities of 183 young men and women in Haiti, Dominican Republic and Cuba with training courses and the technical support of their talent as video makers. The documentaries produced were included in national and international film festival circuits. In Tunisia, in the poor region of Sidi Bouzid, we set up 3 Community Media Centres where young people and women learned communication and video journalism techniques within a vision of support for social, economic, cultural and political inclusion, preparatory to the delicate process of Tunisian democratic transition.

Terra di Tutti Film Festival, which GVC has been organising since 2007 in Bologna, also brought worlds together and promoted the search for collective answers to the great questions of migrations and sustainable development.

**RIGHTS**

46,687 TOTAL BENEFICIARIES

136 ASSOCIATIONS AND NETWORKS CREATED BETWEEN MUNICIPALITIES

23,584 PEOPLE

70 ADVOCACY INITIATIVES ON RIGHTS

425 PEOPLE

28 INFORMATION/AWARENESS CAMPAIGNS ORGANISED

16,076 PEOPLE

181 TRAINING COURSES ORGANISED

2,521 PEOPLE

19 SERVICES FOR ASSOCIATIONS AND EDUCATION

4,081 PEOPLE

Photo by Nazzareno Mileto
We bring medical assistance where it is most needed, in particular to fight child malnutrition and protect the health of new-born babies. We work for the prevention of epidemics and HIV, sexual and reproductive health, and disabilities. We support educational programmes for awareness raising of hygiene promotion.

**DEFEATING CHILD MALNUTRITION FOR A BETTER TOMORROW**

Child malnutrition is one of the principal causes of illness, poverty and death in the poorest countries. It conditions people for the rest of their life. Malnourished boys and girls have lower learning ability, leave school early, become ill more easily and get worse jobs. As adults, the girls will be anaemic and fragile mothers, will have more complications during labour and less ability to breast-feed. They will probably give birth to malnourished children, gripped in a chain of poverty which is passed down from generation to generation. For this reason, in 2015 GVC worked intensively in two of the poorest African countries in the world: Burkina Faso and Burundi are at the 183rd and 184th placed in the human development index out of 188 countries. We continued to fight malnutrition as in previous years, investing mainly in the “Mamans Lumieres” and community health agents considered positive deviants, in other words capable of practical solutions within the communities. Food monitoring systems were promoted at community level and screenings conducted on the health conditions of 216,675 children between 6 months and 5 years of age. In over 22,500 cases, we recorded very precarious nutritional conditions which we treated in the FARN in Burundi and the CREN in Burkina Faso, the nutritional rehabilitation and food education centres that GVC opened and continues to support over the years with very positive results. In Burkina Faso, 94% of children taken charge of (around 12,000) had a remission of the acute malnutrition. In Burundi this was the first year in which FARN were self-sufficient: food needs were ensured completely by the community. These results represent the changes brought about in the villages. They have been achieved thanks to the massive information and awareness campaigns on appropriate nutritional and hygienic practices, promoted during recent years and reaching more than 57,500 people in 2015 alone.

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The promotion of volunteering abroad, ensuring adequate training and collaboration in our field offices, was an area of great significance in 2015. GVC is the first organisation in Europe to obtain the official certification from the European Union as a Sending Organization for the EU Aid Volunteers Programme.

GVC conceives Development Education in Italy and Europe in a broad sense, not only as a series of actions aimed at informing and raising awareness throughout public opinion, but also to focus on changing individual and collective behaviours, local and global policies for a more equitable and sustainable world, based on respect for human rights and fundamental freedoms.

EDUCATION FOR GLOBAL CITIZENSHIP: THE SAME VISION FOR A SHARED FUTURE

During the European Year of Development, we carried out interventions in three directions: formal education (in schools and universities), informal education and awareness campaigns with a strong advocacy component.

For EXPO 2015, GVC focused on the subjects of the right to food and the role of women, small producers and cooperatives in contributing to the objective of “Feeding the Planet, Energy for Life!” We did it through the programmes Eco de Femmes – The Echo of another Economy and Make Fruit Fair! an advocacy and communication campaign on tropical fruit trading practices.

We also turned the spotlight on microcredit as an interdisciplinary subject to be included in secondary schools and universities. The aim was to educate global citizens on fair trade, on critical consumption and on the coherence of policies for development. Pilot programmes were launched for students and future educators in three countries (Italy, Spain and Hungary) involving 60 teachers and over 3,000 young people. We created 30,000 copies of educational materials and guidelines for teachers, in addition to

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COMMUNICATION AND ADVOCACY IN ITALY

To communicate and advocate means contributing to increase the visibility and commitment of GVC and, at the same time, keep the spotlight on certain issues of relevance in which we believe.

In 2015, the common thread of our activities was migrations. On this important and urgent subject we produced 3 documentaries and organised over 65 events in Italy and 2 at the European Parliament in Brussels. Among these, we wish to point out in particular the Terra di Tutti Festival which, for the European Year for Development, was turned into the Terra di Tutti Art Festival. In addition, with the advocacy campaign #4Syria we were involved in providing correct information and awareness about the dramatic situation of Syrian refugees.

Lastly, 2015 was also the year of the Milan EXPO. GVC participated actively, drawing the attention of millions of visitors to subjects related to food safety, fair trade and sustainable rural development.

Communication, as always in our sector, actively supported fundraising. During the year we organised fundraising events and campaigns to support our projects, both directly as GVC and also with the help of many volunteers, partners and friends. We launched the Nepal Emergency campaign to support the Nepalese population affected by the most violent earthquake of the last 80 years.

ADVOCACY

Daily Life in Area C
After a long journey which began in December 2013, the Daily Life in Area C campaign ended in January 2015 at the European Parliament. In this occasion, participants, including various decision-makers and members of the European Parliament, were able to hear live testimony of two Palestinian residents of Area C about their daily life in the Occupied Territories.

#4Syria
#4Syria is an information and awareness campaign which we created as part of the activities carried out as support for Syrian refugees and the hosting Lebanese communities.

The primary objective of the campaign, financed by ECHO - European Commission’s Humanitarian Aid and Civil Protection Department, was to focus the attention of European public opinion on the human face of the war in Syria, with dramatic life stories coming from the informal camps. Inaugurated in October as part of Terra di Tutti Art Festival, presented at the European Parliament where we showed the documentary film “Syrian Edge”, the campaign gave us the possibility to keep public opinion’s attention alive on the Syrian crisis and the situation of refugees fleeing the war.
65 Events in Italy

1 Emergency Campaign

15,000 People Involved

2 Advocacy Campaign

7 Events and Press Conferences

25 Press Releases and Notes
EXPO

In line with the Feed the Planet claim, GVC participated in the Milan EXPO with the objective of making participants and visitors aware of the importance of reducing hunger. This comes along with the third objective for sustainable development: to ensure food safety and good nutrition. We tried to spread this awareness and responsibility through various activities:

- Screening of social documentaries at Cascina Triulza, the civil society space at the Expo.

- Interactive and participatory activities to increase the awareness of consumers, involving thousands of people between one pavilion and the other.

- Workshops for children in secondary schools, at the Coop spaces, focusing on sustainable consumption and fair trade.

- Within the Emilia-Romagna Region spaces we involved our visitors in the promotion of social and supportive economics in the Mediterranean. Particular visibility was given to the GVC Eco de Femmes project in Tunisia, made possible through the Region’s funding.

TERRA DI TUTTI ART FESTIVAL

For the European Year for Development, the ninth edition of Terra di Tutti was turned into an Art Festival. We enriched the Festival programming with a series of events connected to art, theatre and dance, with the involvement of many regional associations.

In addition, for the first time ever the festival took place in the city of Reggio Emilia, as well as Bologna. The focus of Terra di Tutti was the subject of migrations and development, launched at the International Conference “Migrations towards Europe: culture, media and human rights”.

AWARENESS CAMPAIGN FOR SYRIAN REFUGEES HOUSED IN INFORMAL CAMPS IN THE BEKAA VALLEY IN LEBANON • SHOOTING TTAF OCTOBER 2015

DINA TADDIA, CÉCILE KYENGE AND EDUARDO FERNANDEZ ZINCKE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT - NOVEMBER 2015 - GVC ARCHIVE PHOTO
In 2015, GVC also took the Festival’s films around Italy, organising events and exhibits with civil society.

FUNDRAISING CAMPAIGNS

Nepal Emergency
Following the violent earthquake which hit Nepal in 2015, GVC started fundraising to ensure humanitarian assistance to local population, in particular in the Northern Province of Rasuwa, where 92% of the population lost their home. Thanks to the contributions of the Emilia-Romagna Region, many Municipalities, cooperatives, companies, partners and many individual citizens, we were able to provide shelter to thousands of families and build more than 30 temporary schools for over 2300 students.

The GVC productions, created as part of our development and emergency projects, also concerned the subject of migrations:

**Syrian Edge** by Juan Martin Baigorria and Lisa Tormena: stories of men, women and children who flee the war and the Lebanese communities that are hosting them.

**Homeward** by Mario Piredda: the testimony of workers victims of human trafficking on the border between Cambodia and Thailand.

**Pastores Andinos** by Miko Meloni: a voyage with the caravans of Andean shepherds, in search of foods and cultures of their tradition.
### BALANCE SHEET ASSETS

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The collection of information included in the present report was available with the use of GVC monitoring tools within every country. A general database was also used: it incorporates specific data of every project according to homogeneous criteria and indicators.

Most of GVC projects last more than one year; therefore results can be fully appreciated only at the end of every intervention.

In the section *Our 2015 in numbers* the total number of people receiving our interventions were counted only once regardless of the fact that they benefited from several sector interventions, including those people reached by transversal and continuous activities. The beneficiaries by sector were distributed by following the same criterion. The data is reported on pages 10 and 11.

In the section *Results in 2015 - in activities* we focused our attention on the sector indicators and the people who were reached by the activities performed in 2015 (excluding the transversal and continuous ones) for every sector of reference. This means that in certain cases, a same person can be counted under several indicators and several sectors, if they were the recipient of various activities. The total beneficiaries for every sector correspond to the sum of people counted within the indicators of the sector of reference.

The data relative to the budget by geographic area is identified based on the costs incurred during the year, consistent with the values of the financial statements and the accounting criteria used by GVC.

In the breakdown of funds by type of project, the funds that come from donors operating on budget lines dedicated to emergency come under the category “Emergency”; while in the breakdown by sectors of activity, the emergency projects were divided depending on the principal activities performed (for example in Palestine some projects carried out with emergency funds were used to create the conditions for supplying water and therefore are included in the water sector). The projects financed with emergency funds which respond to the crises through the supply of basic necessities for the Syrian refugees in Lebanon, for the Palestinian population, and for the people affected by the earthquake in Nepal, come under the sector “Humanitarian Aid”.

Where there is no specific breakdown, as for Development education, total sums are included in the category of projects that promote Development. Advocacy projects have been included in the Development Education sector.

The figures on fundraising refer only to the amounts collected through the work of the Communication and Fundraising Office. Other private funds contribute to the co-financing of GVC projects and are collected as part project work carried out by GVC Desk Officers.
Thank you so much!

There are many organisations and individuals who once again and in many ways supported us during 2015, allowing us to increase our commitment in the world. The pages cannot include them all and we apologize in advance for any forgetfulness. Thank you so much!

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