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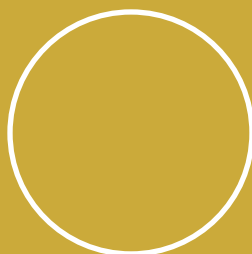


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List of ACRONYMS AND ABBREVIATIONS

ACEAC	<i>Association des Conférences Episcopales de l'Afrique Centrale</i> (Association of Central African Episcopal Conferences)
ACERAC	<i>Association des Conférences Episcopales de la Région d'Afrique Centrale</i> (Association of Central African Episcopal Conferences)
AFD	<i>Agence Française de Développement</i> (French Development Agency)
AMECEA	Association of Members of the Episcopal Conference of East Africa
AS	Assembly of Stakeholders
APPROCHE	<i>Accompagnement Personnalisé de Proximité pour le Renforcement Organisationnel, le Changement et l'Engagement des Caritas en Afrique Subsaharienne</i> (Personalized close-based Support for Organizational Strengthening, Change and Engagement of the Caritas in Sub-Saharan Africa)
CAFOD	Catholic Fund for Overseas Development
CEDOI-M	<i>Conférence Episcopale de l'Océan Indien et Madagascar</i> (Episcopal Conferences of the Indian Ocean Islands and Madagascar)
CERAO/RECOWA	Episcopal Conference for the West Africa Region
CI	Caritas Internationalis
CRA	<i>Commission Régionale Afrique</i> (Africa Regional Commission)
CRS	Catholic Relief Services
IMBISA	Southern African Inter-Regional Meeting of the Bishops of Southern Africa
KM	Knowledge Management
MO	Member Organisation
UN	United Nations
CSO	Civil Society Organisation
SCCF	Secours Catholique - Caritas France
SECAM	Symposium of Episcopal Conferences of Africa and Madagascar



MESSAGE FROM THE BISHOP PRESIDENT



*Most Rev. Gabriel Justice Yaw ANOKYE
Metropolitan Archbishop of Kumasi, Ghana*

«The people who walked in darkness have seen a great light shine, and a light has shone on the inhabitants of the land of darkness» (Isaiah 9:1).

It is with great joy that I address this year-end message to you on behalf of Caritas Africa and on my own behalf. Allow me to take a critical look back at the past year, a year full of challenges and opportunities to work as a network towards a more just, equitable and secure future for the poorest and most disadvantaged.

Christmas is undoubtedly an opportunity to meditate, to take stock of the past 12 months, but also the light of Christ that illuminates the darkness that has darkened the life of the communities of our Africa Region during the year 2022.

Each of us must therefore consciously acknowledge that there is darkness in our hearts. There is darkness in our human relationships: personal or community, but the light of Christ comes to give us the strength to resolve them. There is also darkness in relations between countries in conflict (DR Congo, Rwanda, Ethiopia, Mozambique, Sudan, etc.), in countries suffering from drought and natural disasters (Kenya, DR Congo, Niger, Cameroon, Madagascar, etc.) or in the major geopolitical choices made by certain countries on the planet, which have a serious and negative impact on our African Region.

The year 2022 has been a challenging and unprecedented year around the world and particularly in Africa. The critical nature of these challenges serves as a stark reminder of the importance of working hand in hand as one unified Church entity to make Africa a more resilient, equitable and secure continent for the countries and communities we serve. Together, we have collectively made great strides towards achieving this laudable goal.

We must learn from the past to better build the future. Let us learn from 2022 so that we can be good architects of 2023. We have just completed a year that has been strange in many ways. At the same time, we are aware that the passage into the New Year will not make most of the challenges we face disappear (consequences of the coronas virus pandemic, wars, droughts/famine, floods, etc.). Today, however, we have achieved a number of things that will enable us to enter 2023 with the determination to become builders of peace, justice and unity wherever we are.

For 2023, the coming of our Saviour is our comfort. But to truly enjoy this comfort we need to identify our complicity with the darkness that lurks around us and seizes every opportunity to penetrate and destroy us. In this Christmas season, on the threshold of this New Year, we are comforted by the coming of the Saviour, because in him we confess that he is the light that shines on our earth, the light that is victorious over the darkness of this world.

So let us mark the New Year with our commitment. We will need all our energy to face the challenges that lie ahead.

Happy and Holy New Year to each and every one of you.

MESSAGE FROM THE REGIONAL EXECUTIVE SECRETARY



Mr. Albert MASHIKA

For as the rain and the snow come down from heaven, and do not return there until they have watered the earth, making it bring forth and sprout, giving seed to the sower and bread to the eater, so shall my word be that goes out from my mouth; it shall not return to me empty, but it shall accomplish that which I purpose, and succeed in the thing for which I sent it (Isaiah 55:10-11)

I am pleased to present the Caritas Africa Annual Activity Report 2022. This report gives an account of the actions taken by our organisation throughout 2022 to meet the needs of the most vulnerable communities and improve the lives of the most marginalised people in the Africa region.

Caritas Africa is one of the largest Catholic development and humanitarian aid networks in Africa, working in 46 countries across the continent.

As an instrument of the Church, Caritas Africa strives to put into practice the social teaching of the Catholic Church. In 2022, we continued our commitment to these core values through the three strategic orientations of our Strategic Framework 2019 - 2023, namely: Orientation 1: Strengthening the commitment, effectiveness and efficiency of the network of social and charitable organisations in the service of human development; Orientation 2: Reducing the impact of humanitarian crises on affected populations; Orientation 3: Strengthening Caritas' commitment to the promotion of integrated human development.

The Caritas Africa 2022 Activity Report is a testament to the positive impact our organisation has had on the lives of the people of Africa. It has highlighted our achievements, but also the challenges we have faced throughout the year, and the initiatives we have taken to address them.

I would like to thank everyone who has contributed to our activities in 2022, including Caritas employees, our partners and donors, and our volunteers. Their support is essential to enable us to continue working for a better future for all in Africa.

In this report, we examine the projects and initiatives implemented to support local communities in their fight against poverty, conflict and natural disasters. We also look at strategic partnerships and collaboration with other organisations and key actors to strengthen our collective action for sustainable development in Africa. This report thus illustrates Caritas Africa's ongoing commitment to social justice, solidarity and human dignity for all the peoples of the African continent.

I invite you to read the report and discover the important work Caritas Africa has accomplished during 2022.



Photo : Woman Market gardeners in Niamey

Strengthening the resilience of urban families in Niger

Caritas Développement CADEV-Niger, through the Niamey Diocesan Office in Niamey's Communal Districts II and V, with financial support from Caritas Denmark, is strengthening the resilience of urban families by helping to improve their well-being through the promotion of nutrition, income-generating activities and vocational training for women and girls. The "Projet d'Appui à la Résilience des Femmes et des Filles (PAREFF)" is a 12-month project that has made 3 market garden sites available to women producers. The women growers, who are very enthusiastic about this activity, have been adequately trained and equipped to carry it out, and it has produced good results. A group of women producers was set up in each commune. The women have started to consume and sell the produce from the market gardening. Each group has set up a fund

to pool the proceeds. This project has changed women beneficiaries.

The knowledge they have acquired has enabled them to start market gardening at home for the benefit of their households, as Kadi Hassan, a 46-year-old married mother of 7 kids from the Lamordé neighbourhood (Commune V), testifies.

«I'm a woman who loves farming. When I was very young, I used to go with my dad to the fields. As you can see, I'm currently gardening in my house, and I've put in fresh okra, fresh tomatoes, green beans, sorrel leaves and mint. Before I benefited from the training thanks to this Cadev-Niger project, I used chemical pesticides to treat my crops. I didn't know that these types of pesticides can be harmful to humans and can contribute to the destruction of the environment.

With the training we received, we learnt how to make organic pesticides using local products such as neem leaves, dried chilli pepper mixed with tobacco leaves and soap. I've already used them to water my small plot of land to protect my crops. These are harmless, low-cost products that we know about, but we don't know how useful they are for plants. We also learnt how to make several types of organic fertiliser using cow dung, straw, ash, legumes, powdered milk, and so on.

With this knowledge, the yield from my little garden has increased. I no longer buy fresh vegetables at the market, because I have almost everything in my garden. I eat them with my family and I also sell them. With the profits, I'm able to pay for supplies for my children and even cover the costs of the management committees at the schools my children attend.

Income Generating Activities for Women in Côte d'Ivoire

In the diocese of Bondoukou, the diocesan Caritas supports income-generating activities for women and young people. The aim is to improve the living conditions of vulnerable people. To achieve this, it has decided to support youth and women's groups. The first visible fruits are real reasons for joy for this Caritas has piloted the project to empower women and young people in this diocese, especially in Siago. Tomato fields tended by dynamic young people under Caritas supervision have produced «good fruit».



Photo: Caritas support for youth and women's groups in the diocese of Bondoukou



A coordinated and sustainable response to migrants and refugees in Eswatini

The Eswatini Council of Catholic Women (ECCW) brought together women from 16 parishes in the Diocese of Manzini in a three-day workshop from 29 April to 1 May 2022 around «Migrants and refugees: a coordinated and sustainable response». Organised with the support of the Southern African Catholic Bishops' Conference (SACBC), the workshop aimed to build the capacity of migrant and refugee coordinators at diocesan and parish level. It was facilitated by the coordinator of the SACBC's Office for Migrants and Refugees, Sr Maria de Lurdes Lodi Rissini MSCS, and the delegate for the social apostolate and migration for the Southern Africa province of the Society of Jesus, Father Rampe Hlobo SJ.

Taking part in the proceedings, Bishop José Louis Ponce de Leon of the Diocese of Manzini called for and supported the establishment of a coordinated network to help migrants and refugees at diocesan, national and international levels, and to implement the



resolutions of the 2019 SACBC plenary meeting on migration. He also asked that the Pastoral Care for Migrants and Refugees in Eswatini be implemented by Catholic Women. Referring to the synod process, Sr Rissini quoted Pope Francis' call for a Synod on synodality and encouraged participants to reflect on the three key words of the Synod: communion, participation and mission in relation to the welcome and integration of migrants and refugees. She also recalled the words of the SACBC's first liaison bishop for migrants and refugees, Bishop Buti Tlhagale, when he said: «Allowing people on the move to participate as synod delegates would help to protect their dignity and rights, such a decision would also act to ease tensions between migrant and host communities in South Africa»

1- STRATEGIC ORIENTATION 1

CONSOLIDATE THE COMMITMENT, EFFECTIVENESS AND EFFICIENCY OF THE NETWORK OF SOCIAL AND CHARITABLE ORGANISATIONS WORKING TO PROMOTE HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

1.1 IDENTITY AND MISSION OF CARITAS

▶ **Regional Executive Secretariat (SERCAF) Training and induction workshop for new employees**

From 12 to 14 January 2022, the Regional Executive Secretariat of Caritas Africa organised an induction training course in Lomé, Togo, for four new employees recruited in 2021. The topics covered were: the Catholic identity of Caritas, the Caritas Internationalis Management Standards (CIMS), including safeguarding, the various projects implemented by Caritas Africa, Accompaniment according to Caritas Internationalis, Change Oriented Approaches (COA), Caritas Africa funding sources, and Institutional Development and Organisational Strengthening (DIRO).

▶ **Celebration the 27th Anniversary of Caritas Africa**

Caritas Africa celebrated its 27th anniversary as a Region of the Caritas Internationalis Confederation on 20 January 2022. A mass was held for the occasion on 20 January 2022 at its headquarters in Lomé, Togo.

▶ **Training of Secretaries General/National Executive Secretaries/ National Directors on Catholic identity**



Caritas Africa organised in February 2022 in Brazzaville, Republic of Congo, a training for 13 National Executive Secretaries/ Secretaries General/National Directors of national Caritas on Catholic identity and the social doctrine of the Church.

▶ **Workshop to launch the process of developing a sustainable operational model for Caritas Africa**

With financial support from CAFOD, Caritas Africa organised a workshop in August 2022 in Lomé, Togo, to launch the process of developing an operating model and its financial sustainability plan with a view to longer-term organisational and financial resilience.

▶ **Workshop to develop the Caritas Africa 2024 - 2030 Strategic Framework in Lomé, Togo.**

Caritas Africa's current Strategic Framework (2019-2023) comes to an end in 2023. With a view to setting new orientations for the coming years, Caritas Africa organised a workshop in Lomé, Togo, from 18 to 21 October 2022, to draw up its new Strategic Framework which will cover the period from 2024 to 2030 and aims to provide Member Organisations with strategic guidelines for the next seven years, the overall objective being to promote Integral Human Development (IHD).

Around twenty people took part in the drafting of the Strategic Framework. These included representatives of Caritas Africa and its Member Organisations, Caritas Internationalis, technical and financial partners (CAFOD and CRS), and consultants. The strategic orientations validated by the team technical persons provided the basis for the work of the partners' meeting held in Lomé on 25 and 26 October 2022.



▶ **Meeting of Caritas Africa partners in Lomé, Togo**

On 25 and 26 October 2022, Caritas Africa organised a meeting with its partners in Lomé, Togo. The aim of the meeting was to make all stakeholders to become more involved in the partnership with Caritas Africa.

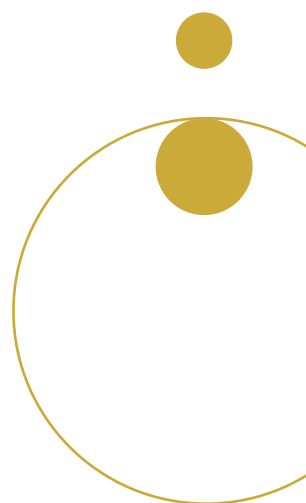
Over two days, more than 50 participants, including representatives from a dozen partner organisations, were invited to reflect on the Caritas Africa 2024-2030 strategic framework in order to receive their input on how to make Caritas Africa a more resilient and sustainable organisation.

▶ **Exchange meeting with Major Seminarians and their Teachers from the Grand Séminaire Interdiocésain Saint Jean Paul II de Lomé in Togo on the identity, mission and place of Caritas within the Church.**

The Regional Executive Secretary of Caritas Africa, Mr Albert MASHIKA, gave a lecture on 5 December 2022 to more than 260 major seminarians (in Theology) and formator priests at the Grand Séminaire Interdiocésain Saint Jean Paul II de Lomé in Togo on the theme: Organisation of Caritas Africa and its importance for the life and mission of the Church in Africa.



Photo: Partial view of conference room



1.1.1 Collaboration with SECAM and Regional Episcopal Conferences

► SECAM Justice, Peace and Development Department (JPD)

Caritas Africa took part in the 19th Plenary Assembly of the Symposium of Episcopal Conferences of Africa and Madagascar (SECAM), which was held from 25 July to 1 August 2022 in Accra, Ghana, on the theme: "Appropriation of SECAM: Security and Migration in Africa and the Islands"

► ACEAC Zone



In August 2022, the Secretary General of the ACEAC Regional Episcopal Conference paid a courtesy visit to Caritas Africa in Lomé.

► ACERAC Zone

The Caritas Coordinator of the ACERAC zone participated in the Plenary Assembly of the Bishops of ACERAC, held from 17 to 24 July 2022 in Mongomo, Equatorial Guinea. "The Phenomenon of the Youth Migration: The case of Central Africa."

► AMECEA Zone

Caritas Africa took part in the 20th AMECEA Plenary Assembly in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania in July 2022. The theme of the Assembly was "Environmental impact on integral human development".



Photo: Group photo of Caritas National Directors from the AMECEA zone in Dar es Salaam with Caritas Africa Regional Executive Coordinator

► CEDOI - M Zone

Caritas Africa took part in the Inter- Island seminar of the national Caritas of the Zone of the Episcopal Conferences of the Indian Ocean Islands and Madagascar (CEDOI-M), held at Beau Bassin in Mauritius in August 2022.

Six Caritas, including two from the French Islands, took part in the work on improving the organisation, structuring and capacity-building of the Caritas Africa Network in the Zone. These Caritas are from the Comoros Islands, Mauritius, Seychelles, Rodrigues, Reunion and Madagascar.



Photo : Group photo of participants at the CEDOI-M seminar in Mauritius

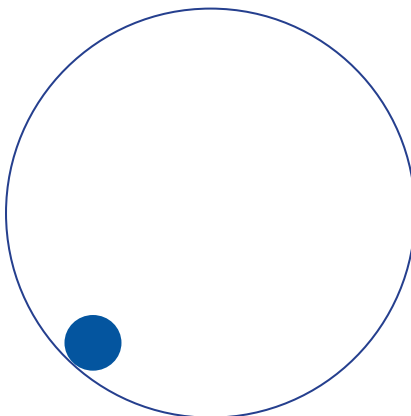
► IMBISA Zone

The Bishop President of Caritas Mozambique, country coordinating Caritas in this Zone, participated in the XIII Plenary Assembly of the Inter-Regional Bishops' Association of Southern Africa (IMBISA) in Windhoek, Namibia from 22 to 27 September 2022, under the theme «Building Together - Re-imagining the Church's engagement with young people in the IMBISA region in the light of Pope Francis' exhortation, Christus Vivit.»

► RECOWA-CERAO Zone

Caritas Africa paid a working visit to Caritas Ghana in Accra on 20 April 2022 to discuss on various regional projects in which this national Caritas is involved and to gather the expectations of Caritas Ghana's management regarding Caritas Africa's 2024-2030 strategic framework.

In September 2022, Caritas Africa received the National Executive Secretary of Caritas CADEV Niger for a working and induction visit to OCDI Caritas Togo in Lomé.



1.1.2 Caritas Europa exchange visit to Africa

In June and July 2022, Caritas Africa hosted a team from Caritas Europa for a learning and exchange visit. Led by Ms Maria Nyman, Secretary General of Caritas Europa, the team travelled to Kenya and Ethiopia, where together with Caritas Africa, they visited diocesan projects, organised and participated in national Caritas meetings, and attended advocacy meetings with relevant stakeholders, such as the African Union and the European Union delegation to the African Union. A joint report has been produced on the visit and is available at the link :

https://www.caritas.eu/wordpress/wp-content/uploads/2022/08/220823_CA-CE-Learning-Exchange-Visit-Report_CLEAN2.pdf

1.1.3 Participation in the activities of the General Secretariat of Caritas Internationalis (CI)

Caritas Africa participated in several meetings held in person or online by the CI General Secretariat such as Strategic Framework process (Task force, Youth Committee over the year 2022).

1.2 INSTITUTIONAL DEVELOPMENT AND CAPACITY STRENGTHENING (IDCS)

Caritas Africa conducted some capacity strengthening initiatives summarized as follows:

1.2.1 APPROCHe Programme

The Personalised Proximity Support Programme for Organisational Strengthening, Change and Commitment of Caritas in Sub-Saharan Africa, involving 17 national Caritas members with the financial support from the French Development Agency, Secours Catholique Caritas France, Caritas Spain, national Caritas of Africa and Caritas Africa is in its second period of implementation from January 2022 to June 2023.

► Organisation of the 3rd Assembly of Stakeholders (AS)

Caritas Africa organised the 3rd Assembly of Stakeholders (AS) of the APPROCHe Programme in Brazzaville (Republic of Congo) in February 2022 around the theme «Caritas in Africa: the need to consolidate the network and rethink capacity building of National Caritas in order to face the current challenges which make the poorest even more vulnerable».



Photo: Group photo of SEN/SG/DN with partners and Caritas Africa

All Caritas members of the APPROCHe Programme, in all their diversity, were represented at this Assembly of Stakeholders: Bishops President of National Caritas, National Executive Secretaries (SEN), Secretaries General, National Directors and the Technical and Financial Partners. In total, more than 50 participants were mobilised for this annual meeting.

► Organisation of a meeting of the Strategic Monitoring Committee (SMC)

The members of the SMC held their first meeting of 2022 on 14 February in Brazzaville, Republic of Congo, as part of the APP. The Committee made recommendations to the Assembly of Stakeholders.

► Visibility and knowledge management

- The Caritas Africa website www.caritas-africa.org is regularly updated and articles on the network's activities are published quarterly in the E-magazine «Caritas Info».
- Reports on the activities of Caritas Africa in particular the work of the Stakeholders Assembly (APP) organised in Brazzaville in Congo in February 2022 have been broadcast on social networks and on Congo's national Television, DRTV Congo and on Brazzaville Diocesan Television.
- Kakemono, T-shirts and other gadgets bearing the Caritas Africa Logo were produced and distributed.
- A space for collaboration and dialogue between national Caritas has been created on Dgroups and is run by «KM4Change» (Knowledge Management for Change in Africa) - km4change@dgroups.io.
- A Caritas Africa Resources Mobilization Open Office group for exchanging and sharing practices in Resource Mobilization was launched in June 2022 and is regularly facilitated.

In addition to the various meetings mentioned above, the Programme team has also:

- trained the focal points of the 17 Caritas involved in change-oriented monitoring and evaluation;
- held a discussion session with the Finance and Administrative Managers and Accountants on the recommendations of the external audit for period 1 (January 2020 to June 2021) of the Programme.
- carried out support and capacity-building missions in four countries (Republic of Congo, Madagascar, Mauritius and Togo).

1.2.2 Project to support the promotion of ethical finance (Financial support from the Italian Episcopal Conference (CEI), Banca Etica and Caritas Italiana from February 2021 to January 2023).

► Training of trainers in Ethical Finance

Caritas Africa organised a training of trainers in Ethical Finance, Organisation/Structuring of Local Authorities and Management of Community Initiatives for Sustainable Development in March 2022 in Lomé, Togo. A total of 18 participants were trained. Following the training, Caritas Africa supported five out of the nine countries that were involved in the training of Grassroots Leaders in order to strengthen the implementation of the project.

► Follow-up visits to Caritas

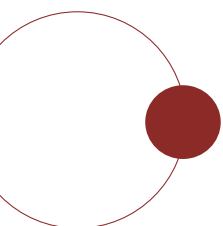
Caritas Africa carried out follow-up visits respectively to COOPEC ADESSEM in Sokodé, Togo in March 2022 and UPENDO Saccos Microfinance in Dar es Salaam, Tanzania in April 2022 to strengthen understanding of the project and collaboration at each level.

In Togo, for example, the beneficiaries of loans from the ADESSEM COOPEC in Sokodé are involved in income-generating activities such as chicken and goat rearing, sustainable agriculture, village banking, soap-making and winemaking. Other key concepts taken into consideration in the implementation of the activities are the issues of Laudato Si and Safeguarding.

► Strategic visit to Italy in collaboration with Caritas Italiana and Banca Etica



In June 2022, Caritas Africa undertook a strategic working visit to Italy in collaboration with Caritas Italiana and Banca Etica for a series of meetings with key project stakeholders to initiate discussions for the creation of the African Ethical Microfinance Network. The mission included several meetings. These included a meeting with His Eminence Pietro Cardinal Parolin, Secretary of State at the Vatican; with Archbishop Giampietro Dal Toso, Secretary of the Congregation for the Evangelisation of Peoples; with Rev. Father Avelino Chico SJ Africa Coordination Migrants and Refugees Section, Dicastery for the Promotion of Integral Human Development; with the Secretary General of Caritas Internationalis, Mr Aloysius John; and with Cresud Banca Etica.



At the country level all Microfinance Institutions and Caritas from the 9 countries were engaged and supported in the selection and training of the grassroots Leaders in the bid to strengthen project implementation. The trainings in Ethical fiancé principles were guided by the formulated Modules.

Name of Country	Togo	Senegal	Tanzania	Ghana	Kenya	Uganda	Rwanda	Burkina Faso	D.R. Congo
No of Participants	17	23	20	33	10	77	18	15	38
Total	251								

1.2.3 Promoting safeguarding, including the leadership of women and young people and the CIMS (with financial support from CI).



Photo: Group photo of training participants in Cameroon

Safeguarding is an integral part of the Caritas Internationalis Management Standards (CIMS) and an important part of the Caritas mission. In 2022, Caritas Africa continued to promote Safeguarding, Women's and Youth Leadership and the Caritas Internationalis Management Standards within the Region in Africa through the mobilisation of Church authorities and the accompaniment of Caritas to better respond to the concerns of the populations they are called to serve, defend and accompany. During 2022, Caritas Africa sensitised Caritas in the CEDOI-M Zones on CIMS / Safeguarding, the leadership of women and youth; it organised training for the staff of 13 National Caritas with the participation of more than 80 Diocesan Caritas on safeguarding children and vulnerable adults using CI tools and supported 28 member organisations to carry out their external evaluation and put in place an improvement plan to comply with recommended good practice. 364 people directly affected, including 117 women, 32 youths, 58 Directors (National and Diocesan) and 8 Bishops.

Safeguarding children and vulnerable adults has been adopted by Caritas and is developing within the Africa Region. We also note that the place of women and young people has become more visible in the governance bodies and actions of the Caritas of the Africa Region.

2 - STRATEGIC ORIENTATION 2

REDUCING THE IMPACT OF HUMANITARIAN CRISES ON AFFECTED POPULATIONS

2.1 EMERGENCY RESPONSE

2.1.1 Crises in Africa

The Africa Region faced:

- drought in the countries of Southern Africa and the Sahel, leading to famine and/or food insecurity.
- flooding in South Africa, leading to loss of life and destruction of infrastructure and livelihoods.
- armed conflicts, terrorism/fundamentalism in the Sahel countries, Ethiopia, eastern DR Congo, Burkina Faso and Togo, resulting in the displacement of populations, loss of human life and loss of livelihoods.

2.1.2 Crisis response

With the support of CAFOD, Caritas Africa raised awareness among its Member Organisations with a view to:

- help members facing crisis situations;
- contribute to the Caritas Africa Regional Solidarity Fund.

2.1.3 Emergency updates for Caritas Africa member organisations.

Caritas Africa has been monitoring the emergency situation in the region. Using the INFORM risk index, updates have been provided and so far the regions have twelve heavily affected countries as follows:

Countries	Type of damage
Angola	Drought
Burundi	Violence, Displacement, Flooding
Burkina Faso	Conflict, Displacement, Violence
Central African Republic	Conflict, Displacement
Nigeria	Conflict, Displacement
Democratic Republic of Congo	Conflict, Displacement, Socio-political
Congo	Conflict
South Sudan	Socio-political, Displacement
Ethiopia	Displacement, Flooding, Conflict
Malawi	Cyclones
Mozambique	Cyclones
Madagascar	Cyclones

A total of 31 countries are affected by disasters to varying degrees. Caritas support partners are working with local Caritas to respond to the situation and some countries have launched emergency appeals for financial support.

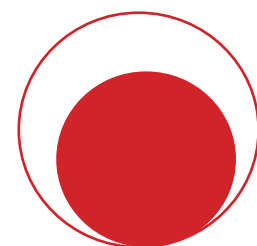
• Africa region Emergency Appeals 2022

EA06/2022 MALAWI	Final reports shared with the confederation
EA14/2022 MALI	Awaiting final report
EA15/2022 BURKINA FASO	Awaiting final report
EA24/2022 SOMALIA	36% funded for €1.6m; CI teleconference hosted
EA25/2022 ETHIOPIA	Response to drought in the South - 54% funded for 1,9 M €
EA26/2022 RDC (Kongolo)	progress report #7 published
EA30/2022 SOUTH SUDAN (Response 2023)	21% of €1.9m pledged; minutes of national forum distributed

The table above indicates that funding levels for emergency appeals are very low. There is a need to intensify country coordination forums at local level to ensure that in-country support partners are already committed to providing support before emergency appeals are launched. In addition, there is a need to effectively engage funding partners and promote good publicity and visibility when disasters occur to raise awareness of the suffering of those affected.

2.1.4 Commemoration of the sixth World Day of the Poor

On Sunday 13 November 2022, at the occasion of the commemoration of the 6th World Day of the Poor, Caritas Africa joined forces with OCDI Caritas Togo to make a symbolic gift of food to 126 members of the community of Zogbepimé, a village 56 km north-west of Lomé, the capital of Togo.



2.1.5 Participation in international events

Caritas Africa at the African Union African Union Humanitarian and Pledging Conference

On 23rd to 27th May, Caritas Australia supported the participation of Caritas Africa, NCJPC Liberia, and Caritas Nigeria at the African Union Humanitarian and Pledging Conference in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea. The 3 representatives joined 14 other representatives from Civil Society organisations. Other Caritas Organisations present were Caritas Malawi and Caritas Ireland (Trocaire)

Pledge from African Civil Society presented to the African Union <https://charter4change.files.wordpress.com/2022/05/civil-society-pledge-to-africa-final-1.pdf>



Caritas Africa co-organised a side event on localising Humanitarian Aid in Africa. The representatives engaged with the Kenyan Ambassador to the African Union, various representatives of AU member states and representatives of Donor governments. Some of the key messages from the summit include: leaders promised to increase efforts against unconstitutional changes of government, terrorism and foreign mercenaries that negatively impact the peace, security, sovereignty and territorial integrity of African states

3- STRATEGIC ORIENTATION 3

3.1 STRENGTHENING CARITAS' COMMITMENT TO PROMOTING INTEGRATED HUMAN DEVELOPMENT

The African humanitarian and development context in 2022 was affected by the pandemic, war in Ukraine, climate change and famine. Other regions were affected by political instability and unconstitutional changes of government. The interconnectedness of these global development challenges has accordingly led to increased collaboration between governments, intergovernmental organizations, academia, private sector and Non- Governmental Organisations including Faith Based Entities.

Caritas Africa's international advocacy was informed by a number of global trends including: (1) the changing media landscape and adoption of digital advocacy, (2) the shrinking civil society space in global governance: for instance, decisions passed by the G8 and G20 are passed in smaller circles. However, forums convened by UNECA, IMF, African Union and European Union provide spaces for Civil Society to influence discussions and (3) the impact of national interests on global decision-making forums such as the United Nations Framework Convention on Climate Change (UNFCCC).

The section below presents some highlights of activities from 2022.

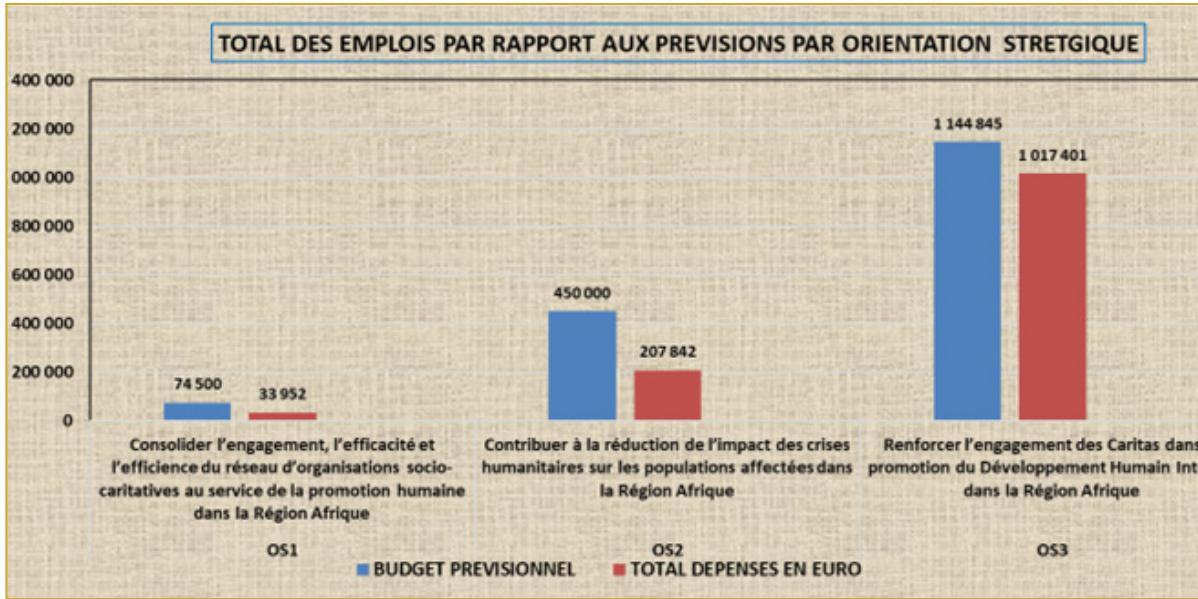
<p>Democratic Governance and Leadership</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Hosted a virtual side event at the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development (ARFSD 8) under the theme The role of Local Faith-based Institutions in building back better through transition to green sustainable, inclusive and resilient societies in the Africa we want. → Accompanied Caritas Nigeria, Caritas Equatorial Guinea, Caritas Malawi and NCJPC Liberia in the participation in the African Union Extraordinary Humanitarian Summit. → Convened a hybrid Faith Leaders strategy meeting on Africa's inclusive economic recovery. Ghana's Finance Minister during the meeting shared an update of utilization and allocation of Special Drawing Rights in Ghana. → Held a side event at the World Bank Group and IMF Meetings on <i>"Engaging African faith-based institutions for Africa's inclusive economic recovery."</i> 	<p>International Cooperation & Development</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Constituted part of the Steering Committee that organized the Civil Society Forum at the African Union and European Union Summit and; lead a side event on migration and development. Participated in the Civil Society Days (Africa and Europe) convened by Coordination Sud in Paris, France. Together with Caritas Europa paid a courtesy visit to the EU Delegation to the African Union, the Kenyan Delegation to the African Union and the African Union Citizen and Diaspora Directorate Presented advocacy messages on migration at the African Union-European Union Civil Society Side Event at the Commission-Commission meeting
<p>Food Systems, Agriculture and Climate Adaptation</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> → Hosted a food sovereignty workshop in Kigali Rwanda with participation of the Caritas Africa Advocacy Committee and Caritas Mali, Niger, Zambia, Uganda and DR Congo. → Published a research report on emerging needs in food systems. → Co-organized the Food Systems, Agriculture and Adaptation climate dialogue in the lead up to COP 27. → Followed negotiations on Koronivia Joint Work on Agriculture negotiations at the UNFCCC Bonn Conference & COP 27; presented messages at the EU side event on Agriculture and Adaptation Day. 	

In 2022 22/46 (47.83%) member organisations participated directly in regional level and international level advocacy initiatives. In the context of Kenya and Zambia, Diocesan Caritas organisations were directly involved.

Activity	Member Organisations Involved	Technical & Financial support from Caritas Confederation & Partners
Virtual side event at the Africa Regional Forum on Sustainable Development	Caritas Togo, NCJPC Liberia, Caritas Cameroon, Caritas Ghana (4)	Caritas Australia
Virtual Migration and development Side Event at the AU- EU Summit	Caritas Nigeria (1)	Caritas Europa Caritas International Belgium Act Alliance EU ADEPT
World Water Day Forum Policy Brief	Caritas Mali & Caritas Niger (2)	Caritas Internationalis Caritas Europa
Africa Inclusive Economic Recovery Campaign/ Faith leaders' strategy meeting in Accra, Ghana	Caritas Senegal, Caritas Niger, NCJPC Liberia, Caritas Nigeria, Caritas Ghana, Caritas Kenya, Caritas South Africa, Caritas Côte d'Ivoire (8)	Jubilee Network USA
Food Sovereignty Workshop, in Kigali, Rwanda	Caritas Niger, Caritas Mali, Caritas DR Congo, Caritas Uganda, Caritas Zambia, Caritas Ethiopia, NCJPC Liberia (7)	Caritas Norway
Caritas Africa Advocacy Committee meeting in Kigali, Rwanda	Caritas Rwanda, Caritas DR Congo, Caritas Zambia, Caritas Uganda, NCJPC Liberia, Caritas Ethiopia	Caritas Norway Caritas Australia CAFOD
African Union Extraordinary Summit in Malabo, Equatorial Guinea	Caritas Nigeria, Caritas Equatorial Guinea, NCJPC Liberia, Caritas Malawi (4)	Trocaire, CAFOD, Caritas Australia
Webinar in conjunction with the 50 th Human Rights Council	Caritas Niger & Caritas Kenya (Diocesan Caritas of Marsabit) (2)	Caritas Internationalis
African Climate Dialogues- Food Systems, Agriculture and Adaptation	Caritas Kenya (Diocesan Caritas of Meru) (1)	CAFOD Caritas Internationalis CIDSE
African Union High Level Food Security and Nutrition Conference in Addis Ababa Ethiopia	Caritas Malawi, Caritas Zambia and Caritas Nigeria (3)	Caritas Australia
Bread for the World Conference on COP 27 in Nairobi, Kenya	Caritas Zambia (1)	Caritas Australia
African- European Youth Conference, in Torino Italy	Caritas Africa was represented by a delegate from the CI/ Advocacy Unit	Caritas Internationalis CAFOD Caritas Europa
Support to attend the Caritas Internationalis Conference on Women Leadership in Paris, France	Caritas Sao Tome et Principe (1)	Caritas Japan Trocaire
Publication of think pieces ahead of COP 27	Caritas South Sudan and Caritas Zambia (2)	Jubilee USA Network JENA
UNFCCC Bonn Conference in Bonn, Germany	Caritas Africa Regional Executive Secreariat	Caritas Africa CAFOD CIDSE
Training on Public policies, Lobbying and Advocacy in Lome, Togo	Caritas Benin, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire, DR Congo, Senegal and Togo	AFD, Secours Catholique Caritas Africa
Learning Exchange Visit with Caritas Europa in Kenya & Ethiopia	Caritas Ethiopia, Diocesan Caritas of Meki, Caritas Kenya, Diocesan Caritas of Meru & Diocesan Caritas of Marsabit (5)	Caritas Europa Caritas Australia
Writing Caritas Africa Strategic Plan (Advocacy) in Lome, Togo	Caritas Uganda, Caritas Ghana, NCJPC Liberia, Caritas Zambia (4)	Caritas Africa Partners & Member organisations
COP 27 in Sharm El Sheikh, Egypt	Caritas Malawi, Caritas Zambia (2)	CAFOD Caritas Australia Climate Action Network International

During the year 2022, Caritas Africa mobilised a total of 1,135,914 Euros.

► **Total cost of initiatives against forecasts (Euro)**

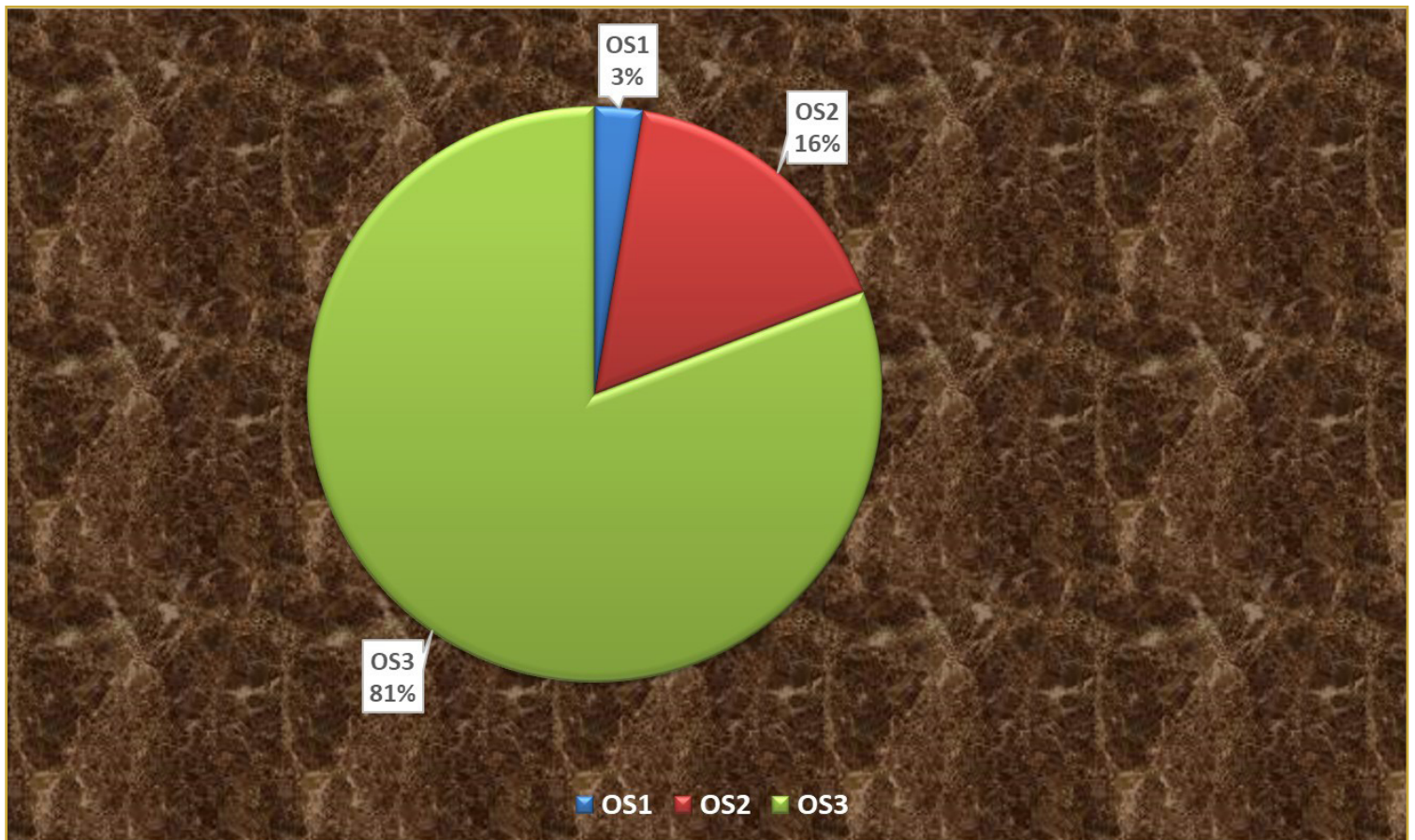


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SO2: Strategic Direction 2

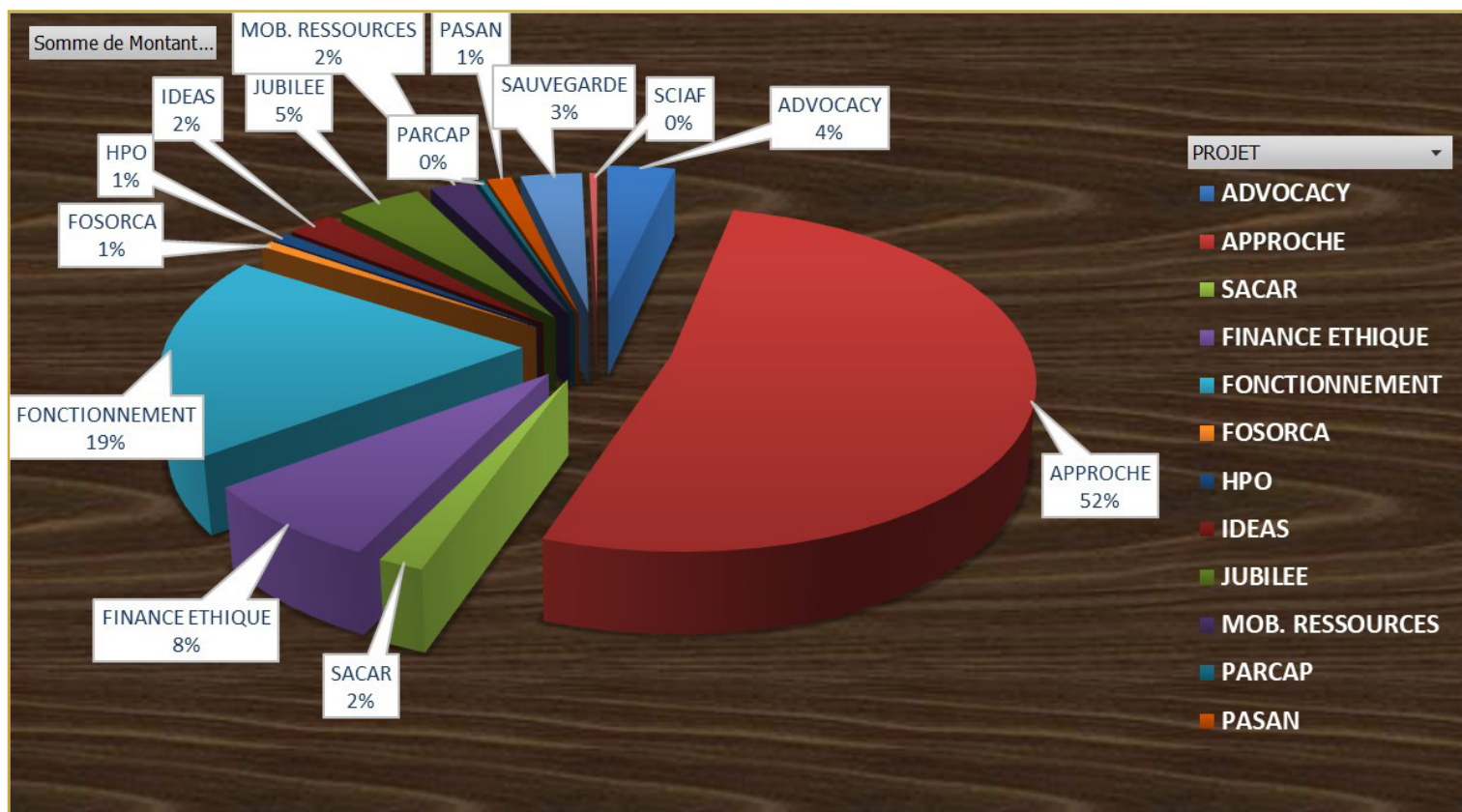
SO3: Strategic Direction 3

► **Expenditure per strategic direction**



► Funding received for Each project

PROJET/PTF	Sum of Amount in €	%
ADVOCACY	44 944	4%
APPROCHE	653 289	52%
SACAR	22 297	2%
ETHICAL FINANCE	95 091	8%
OPERATIONS	241 694	19%
FOSORCA	9 031	1%
HPO	11 386	1%
IDEAS	30 367	2%
JUBILEE	56 808	5%
RESOURCES MOBILISATIONS	28 382	2%
PARCAP	4 311	0%
PASAN	16 126	1%
SAFEGUARDING	40 460	3%
SCIAP	5 008	0%
Total	1 259 195	100%



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