



**LIMMAT
STIFTUNG**

Bridging worlds since 1972

**Development
through training**



COUNTRIES | Projects implemented since 1972

AFRICA

Cameroon
Central African
DR Congo
Ethiopia
Ivory Coast
Kenya
Madagascar
Malawi
Mali
Morocco
Nigeria
Republic
Republic of the
Congo
Senegal
South Africa
Tanzania
Uganda

AMERICA

Argentina
Bolivia
Canada
Chile
Colombia
Costa Rica
Dominican
Republic
Ecuador
Guatemala
Honduras
Mexico
Nicaragua
Panama
Paraguay
Peru
Puerto Rico
San Salvador
United States
Uruguay
Venezuela

ASIA

Armenia
Bangladesh
Cambodia
China
Hong Kong
India
Israel
Japan
Kazakhstan
Lebanon
Macao
Mongolia
Nepal
Philippines
South Korea
Syria
Thailand
Tibet
Yemen

AUSTRALIA

Australia

EUROPE

Albania
Austria
Belgium
Croatia
Cyprus
England
Estonia
Finland
France
Germany
Greece
Hungary
Ireland
Italy
Latvia
Netherlands
Poland
Portugal
Romania
Slovakia
Slovenia
Spain
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FOREWORD | Expertise and efficiency

Switzerland has a long humanitarian tradition. It is also considered a foundation paradise and has more than 13,000 charitable foundations registered. These cover many areas, including social, cultural, research, education and the environment.

Thanks to liberal legislation, many Swiss citizens are getting involved in philanthropic works, thus relieving the burden on the State. That is gratifying!

Since 1972, the Limmat Foundation has supported charitable projects in the areas of social affairs, education and health, particularly in developing countries. As a member of its patronage committee, I have been able to follow the work of the Limmat Foundation closely and have seen that it does very good work. The Foundation supports people in need with no discrimination. Its activities are based on Christian values. It works with altruistic and competent local partners.

As an umbrella foundation, the Limmat Foundation offers a service that was completely new in Switzerland just a few decades ago. Donors can implement their social projects with the help of the expertise and efficiency of the umbrella foundation.

I wish the Limmat Foundation, its executive team and their patrons continued success. May their commitment continue to improve the quality of life of those in need, both at home and abroad, making its contribution to maintaining peace in the world.



Ueli Maurer
Swiss Federal Councillor

LIMMAT FOUNDATION | Bridging worlds since 1972

The Limmat Foundation builds the **bridge** between **donors** and **those in need**.

PROJECT CENTER

Through its firmly established project center, the Limmat Foundation offers donors tailor-made solutions for the implementation of their philanthropic goals. The continuity and sustainability of the projects has top priority. With 6.1 FTEs, the staff of the Limmat Foundation devote themselves wholeheartedly to advancing donor goals.

The project center of the Limmat Foundation administers the umbrella foundation and the management of the projects through:

- Implementation of optimal solutions according to the will of the donors
- Project management: selection, monitoring and impact analysis of the projects
- Management of the Foundation's assets

IN THE SERVICE OF THE DONORS

When using funds for charitable purposes, it is worth looking for optimal solutions. Not only do those in need benefit from it but also donors themselves. Based on their many years of varied experience, the Limmat Foundation is happy to show interested parties the advantages and disadvantages of each solution. It goes into the differences in structure, purpose, participation, tax optimization, asset management and project management.

LOW ADMINISTRATION COSTS

Infrastructure costs for the project center are largely covered by the investment income of its endowment capital. As a result, at least 90 percent of all donations, usually more than 95 percent, flow into the projects. The Limmat Foundation always strives to manage the foundation efficiently.



ASSET INVESTMENT

Assets are invested with a view of generating long-term returns. The Foundation avoids investments that conflict with its objectives and vision. Investments that are in line with the Foundation's purpose, are made insofar as they are profitable

PROFESSIONALISM

Qualified managers and specialists are crucial for developing and implementing efficient philanthropic solutions and for optimizing the social impact of projects. The project managers and experts working with the Limmat Foundation are characterized not only by their professional qualifications, but also by their high level of personal commitment. Altruism and realistic thinking go hand in hand.

NETWORKING AND COOPERATION

Cooperation should promote increased effectiveness in project work as well as in administration and financing. With regard to finances, the Limmat Foundation requires local project sponsors to be fully involved. In many projects, it mobilizes the financial support of private institutions as well as of bilateral development cooperation agencies.

LOCAL PARTNERS

The Limmat Foundation does not implement any projects on its own. It relies on local project sponsors and on the cooperation of third parties. Its role is advisory and supportive. Its responsibility to donors is ensuring that a project is optimally executed. Thanks to many years of experience and networking, it is well-positioned to do this.



LIMMAT FOUNDATION | Guiding principle

VISION

Development through education

The Limmat Foundation's vision is a world in which all people receive an education that enables them to responsibly shape their communities for the benefit of all. The Limmat Foundation promotes development through education, including human and cultural education. The focus is on the training of trainers. The highest priority is the education of women and the support of children.

MISSION

From donors to beneficiaries

The Limmat Foundation enables donors to realize their philanthropic vision anywhere in the world by working with local partners to help people in need through high-quality education.

CHRISTIAN VALUES

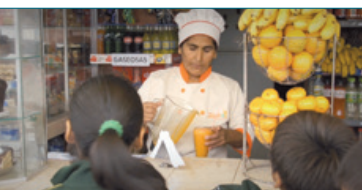
The projects' guiding principles are aligned with Christian values such as solidarity, justice, peace, human dignity and family values. They are accessible to all beneficiaries regardless of their social background, ethnic group or religion.

PROJECTS

The projects are implemented by local partners of integrity and competence, who provide a large part of the funding for each project. All projects are designed to continue after the withdrawal of the Foundation. Foundation funds are earmarked for clearly defined goals of every project.

SOCIAL BENEFIT/ IMPACT

The projects improve the material and non-material living conditions of their beneficiaries, on both an individual and collective level.





Development through training

An educator playfully supports the development of the toddler's skills.

ORGANISATION | The Limmat Foundation in brief

PURPOSE OF THE LIMMAT FOUNDATION

The Limmat Foundation pursues exclusively charitable purposes in Switzerland and abroad. It is committed to helping those in need and to supporting worthy individuals and charitable institutions.

UMBRELLA FOUNDATION

The Limmat Foundation is an independent umbrella foundation and exists since 1972. It plays a pioneering role in Switzerland with regard to this form of activity. Because of its many years of experience, performance and proven network, the Limmat Foundation is commissioned by external donors to implement their respective philanthropic wishes in the form of customized sub-foundations.

Sub-foundations are dependent foundations with their own purpose, regulations and sub-foundation board. They have their own assets and separate annual accounts. The costs of a sub-foundation are about half those of an independent foundation. Donors maintain the right to exercise co-determination and control. This right guarantees that they have a voice in deciding on the specific projects they would like to support.

The Limmat Foundation also has earmarked funds. These are funds whose assets are designated for a specific purpose.

BOARD OF DIRECTORS

Elisabeth András (President)

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MANAGEMENT

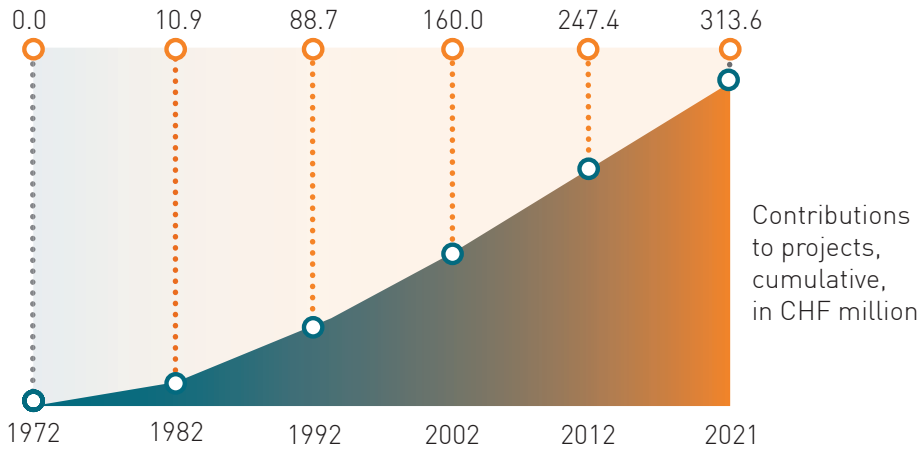
François Geinoz, Executive Director

Ignasi Fainé, Project Director

André Meier, Financial Director



KEY DATA | The Limmat Foundation in numbers



KEY DATA 1972 – 2021

Countries in which the Limmat Foundation has implemented projects	81
Number of projects supported	1071
Total contributions to projects (CHF million)	313.6

ACURRENT KEY DATA (5-YEAR AVERAGE)]

Number of ongoing projects	56
Annual beneficiaries of projects	20,000
Annual contributions to projects (CHF million)	5.9
Administrative costs borne by the donors	4.3 %

OTHER CURRENT KEY DATA

Number of sub-foundations	16
Number of earmarked funds	34
Assets of all 16 sub-foundations and 34 funds (CHF million)	109
Assets of project center (CHF million)	23
Return on investment (10-year average CHF)	7.0 %



MILESTONES | History of the Limmat Foundation



- 1972 The Foundation is established on the 13th of March and recognized as a non-profit organization.
- 1975 First major projects initiated in developing countries (Nigeria, Philippines)
- 1983 Establishment of the „Aurora“ sub-foundation for educational projects in Italy
- 1985-86 Co-financing of development projects in Peru and Kenya in cooperation with the Government of Belgium
- 1989 Executive Director Antonio Zweifel dies of leukemia at the age of 51.
- 1991 Scholarship campaign for 700 girls in developing countries ran on the occasion of the 700th anniversary of the Swiss Confederation.
- 1993 Establishment of the „Karl Lukas Honegger Patronage“
- 1995 Establishment of the sub-foundation for street children and the „Jepa-Limmat“ sub-foundation, among others, for research in developing countries
- 1996 Establishment of the „Esmeralda“ sub-foundation for social projects in Greece and in developing countries
- 2000 Establishment of the „Tamaro“ sub-foundation for women and children in need
- 2005 Organization of the Swiss benefit tour of the Bosconia Youth Orchestra, an orchestra made up of former street children from Colombia
- 2011 First „Saberes“ project initiated in Colombia (training of „day mothers“)
- 2013 Elisabeth András elected President of the Foundation
François Geinoz (Managing Director of the Limmat Foundation) elected as President of proFonds (umbrella organization of charitable foundations in Switzerland)
- 2014 Inauguration of Monkole Hospital in Kinshasa, Congo
- 2015 Vocational training project established in war-torn Aleppo, Syria

- 2016 Support of the “Kamalini” training center in India
- 2018 Dual training project launched in Nairobi, Kenya
- 2019 Support of the Don Bosco project for the reintegration of ex-child soldiers
- 2020 25th Esmeralda Charity Cup: Since 1996, the generosity of countless golfers has raised over 3 million Swiss francs for 50 street children projects
Establishment of the „Scoluniv“ sub-foundation for projects in Madagascar
- 2022 Relaunch of the website and appearance of the Foundation in social media
Establishment of the „Nazaret Global Education“ sub-foundation
The Limmat Foundation celebrates its 50th anniversary.

PATRONAGE COMMITTEE

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DONORS AND INTERMEDIARIES | Quotes



„For me, what makes the Limmat Foundation special is the principle of ‚helping people help themselves‘ and the focus on education that goes with it.“

Gabi Huber

Former Swiss National Councillor

„I can recommend the Limmat Foundation unreservedly because it also has a lot of experience with earmarked funds. It is efficient and unbureaucratic.“

Mark Hoenig

Former Member of the Board,
Egon Zehnder International



„What I really like is that the Limmat Foundation chooses its local partners very carefully.“

Anne-Laure Lange

Geogas Trading