

INTERNATIONAL FORUM FOR VOLUNTEERING IN DEVELOPMENT

# ANNUAL REPORT

# 2017




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As part of Cuso International's Innovation Fund projects, building up climate resilience of women farmers aims to narrow the gap between male and female farmers in Cameroon.

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**A MOVEMENT OF GLOBAL CITIZENS WORKING FOR  
A WORLD WHERE NO-ONE IS LEFT BEHIND.**



*We call on governments to  
maximise the contribution that  
volunteers make to development  
and Sustainable Development Goals  
(SDGs) implementation.*

SEOUL CALL TO ACTION, 2017



## REPORT ON FORUM ACTIVITIES IN 2017

Welcome to the 2017 Forum Annual Report. This report covers the calendar year from January to December 2017, in line with Forum's annual accounts.

During this period, Forum held its Annual General Meeting of Forum members and associates (hereafter members) in Seoul, Korea on 24 October 2017. Forum's annual conference for international volunteer cooperation organisations (known as IVCO) was also held in Seoul, resulting in the Seoul Call to Action.

This successful conference was hosted by the Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA) and Forum on the theme *Implementation of the SDGs through a transformative partnership in volunteering*. The event provided a platform for organisations and thought leaders to share existing and emerging innovative approaches for partnerships to tackle the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development (2030 Agenda).

Federazione Organismi Cristiani Servizio Internazionale Volontario (FOCSIV) hosted a meeting of European agencies involved in international volunteering. Held in Rome in May 2017, the meeting provided an opportunity to exchange ideas and information on the pertinent topics of migration and the new European Solidarity Corps, and also to enhance existing cooperation amongst European agencies.

Other achievements in 2017 included influential involvement in 2030 Agenda/SDGs dialogue by the Forum Board of Directors, the Volunteer Groups Alliance (VGA) and Forum members. The VGA's side event to the High-level Political Forum (HLPF) 2017 is particularly noteworthy. The event, *HARNESSING THE POWER OF VOLUNTEERING TO ACHIEVE THE 2030 AGENDA: What governments can do to create, and sustain, an enabling environment for volunteering to contribute to the 2030 Agenda*, explored the role of volunteers in SDGs implementation, and how governments, civil society and the UN system can create a conducive environment for volunteering. Doing so will of course ensure that volunteers make the greatest possible contribution to the eradication of poverty and the promotion of prosperity. The VGA's side event shone a spotlight on this fact and will undoubtedly influence policy and practice among its attendees and the agencies they connect to.

To this same end, Forum's IVCO 2017 Papers series explored what constitutes enabling environments, innovations and diversification within the context of transformative partnerships. Further, the series tackled how the contribution of volunteering for development







# IVCO

## SEOUL 2017

Implementation of the SDGs through  
Transformative Partnership in V

October 22-25, 2017 Seoul, K





IVCO 2017.

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can be measured, with a particular focus on measuring the contribution of international volunteering to the SDGs.

In response to the absence of a recognised standard on global volunteering for development, the Forum Board of Directors (hereafter the Forum Board) established the Forum Leading Standards Working Group to lead on developing a Global Volunteering for Development Standard, which will complement the Forum Charter. Work in this area builds on the Forum Board's consultation process with members (initiated in 2016) around strengthening the positioning of volunteering for development in the global context. Before developing the Global Standard, the group will reach out to members, partners and constituents during a research and consultation phase in 2018.

The Forum Board would like to take this opportunity to acknowledge all involved in strengthening the recognition of volunteerism's integral role in achieving the SDGs through these initiatives.



*Creating an enabling environment is the sine qua non for volunteerism to fully contribute to realizing any future sustainable development agenda.*

*For volunteerism to maximize its contributions to the common good, it needs an enabling environment. The overall social, legal and political context matters greatly in terms of what volunteers can or cannot contribute to improving governance. The political bargain between states and citizens, the constitution in place, the legal framework, the social fabric in different countries, the interaction between local, national and global governance, the diversity of governance actors working at any given level – all are elements that affect who can and who cannot enter the different spaces, whose voices are heard, and who influences decision-making.*

**2015 STATE OF THE WORLD'S VOLUNTEERISM REPORT:  
TRANSFORMING GOVERNANCE, UNITED NATIONS VOLUNTEERS  
PROGRAMME (UNV) 2015**



Cuso International volunteer working with the Young Women's Christian Association (YWCA), Kingston, Jamaica.



Singapore International Foundation (SIF) volunteers share hand hygiene tips with Cambodian students as part of SIF's Water for Life program, Siem Reap, Cambodia.

PHOTO COURTESY OF SIF



## ACTIVITIES

In 2017, Forum undertook the following activities in accord with the strategic objectives laid out in the *2016-2020 Forum Strategic Plan*.

### **PROMOTING EFFECTIVE KNOWLEDGE GENERATION AND SHARING AMONGST MEMBERS**

#### **Sharing amongst members: IVCO 2017**

In late October 2017, 173 representatives of international volunteer cooperation organisations and volunteer involving organisations from 41 countries gathered in Seoul for Forum's annual IVCO, exploring the theme *Implementation of the SDGs through a transformative partnership in volunteering*. The participants, representing

diverse sectors including government, civil society, UN bodies, academia and the private sector, shared a common objective – to achieve the SDGs through transformative partnerships that utilise volunteers' contributions.

Over the course of three days, the conference addressed sub-themes of enabling environments, innovation and diversification, and measurement for volunteerism to better understand:



- What does a truly transformative partnership look like?
- What kind of environment will enable volunteers to contribute to real change?
- What are the essential ingredients of a successful cross-sector partnership?
- What does innovation mean for organisations that engage volunteers? What are we trying to change through innovation?
- What is the value of innovation and diversification in delivering SDGs?
- How can innovative partnerships enhance volunteer knowledge and solutions? How can more and stronger knowledge affect the ways volunteers deliver the SDGs?

At the end of three days of lively discussions, in-depth workshops and inspiring talks, the conference concluded with the Seoul Call to Action. The Call to Action commits Forum and other volunteer involving organisations (VIOs), collectively and in partnership with others, to the achievement of the SDGs; to addressing poverty and inequality; and to the recognition of the importance of volunteerism in achieving a more just and sustainable world.

Papers and proceedings from IVCO 2017, including the Seoul Call to Action, are available on [Forum's website](#).

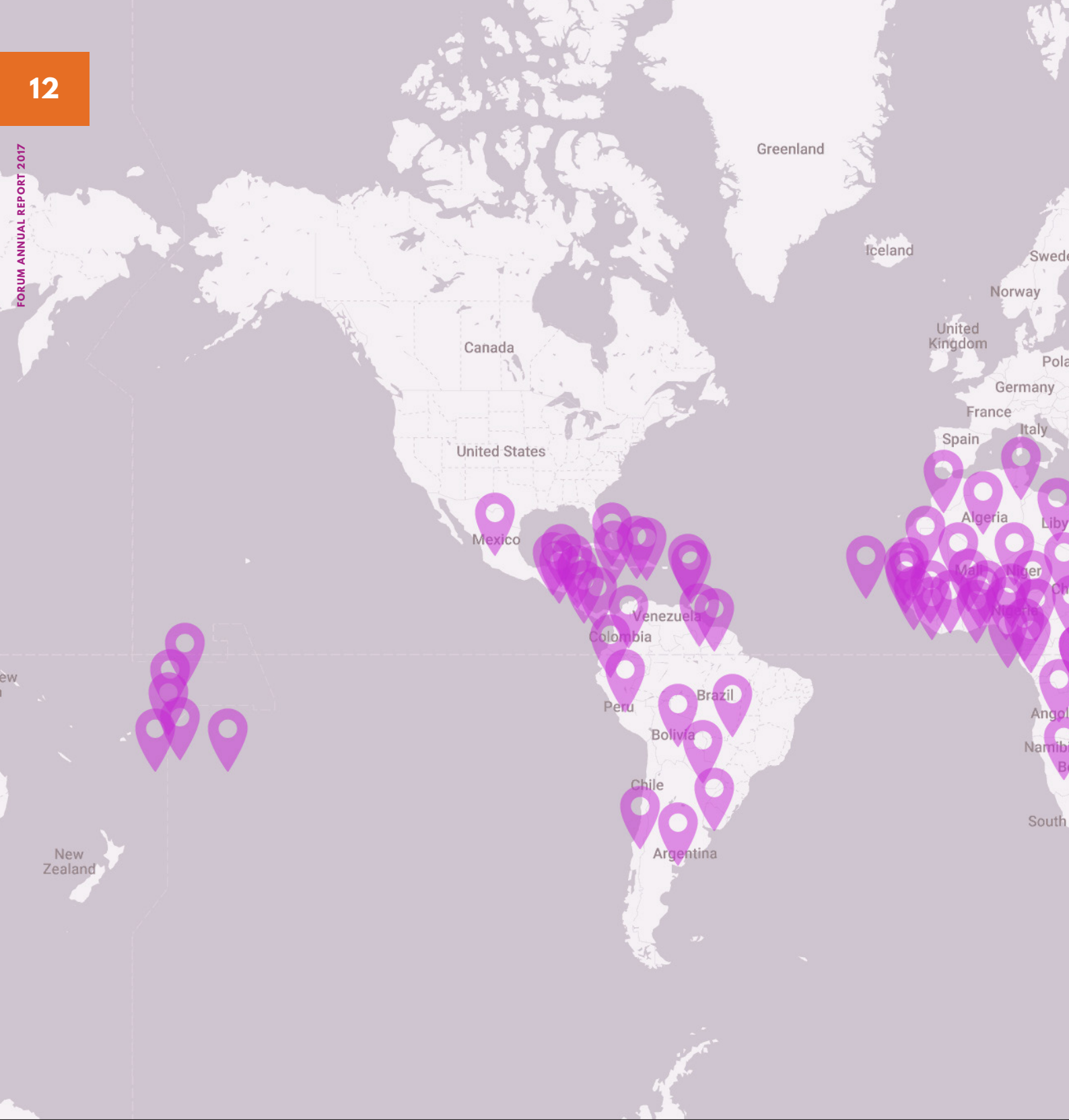
Forum would like to thank KOICA for its outstanding work in hosting IVCO 2017, and also its timely focus on our common agenda – attaining the SDGs through transformative partnerships and volunteering for development.

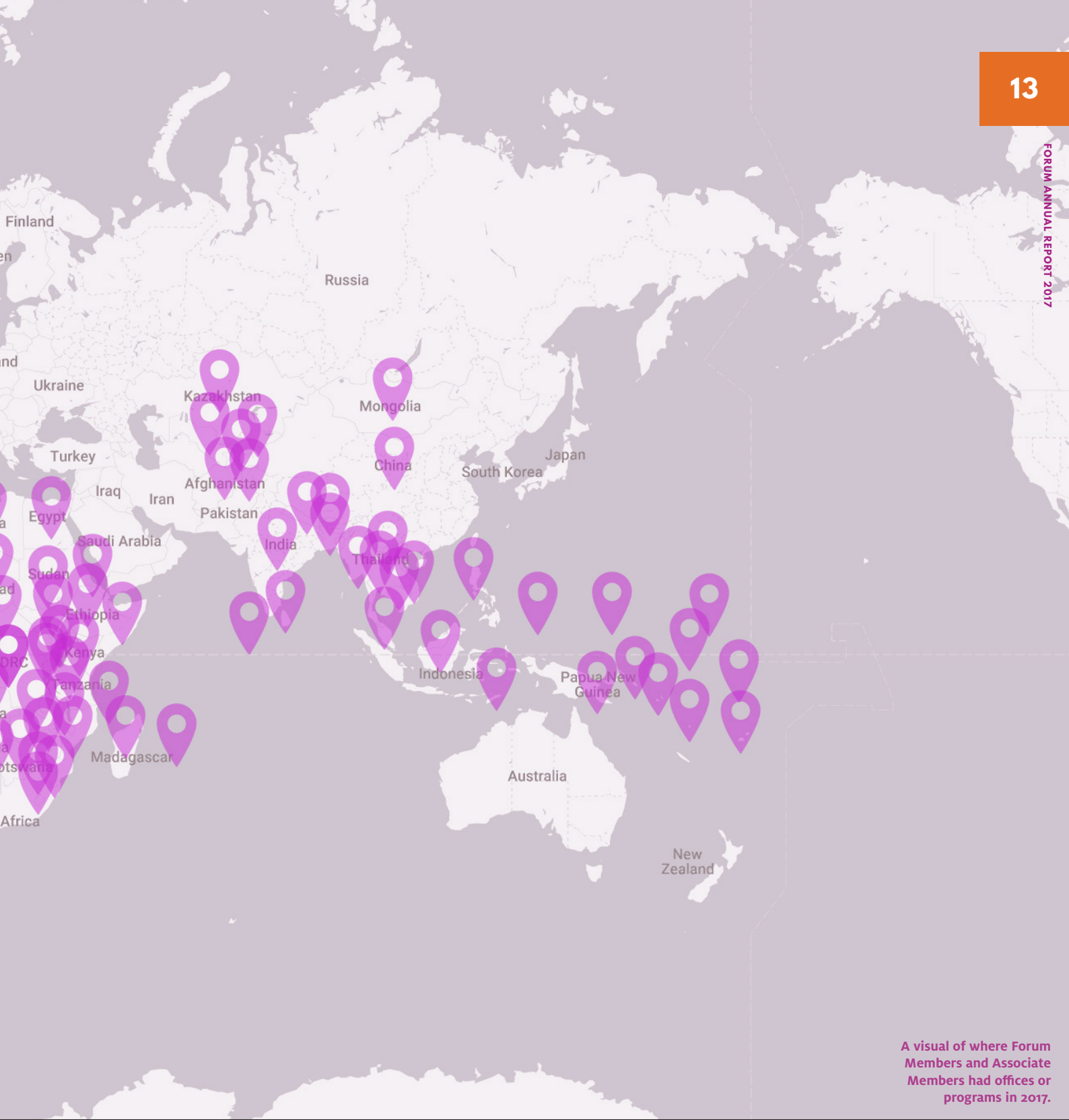
### **Effective knowledge generation**

Work in this area was boosted by the Forum Research, Practice, Policy and Learning Group (Forum RPPL Group) under the leadership of Paul Bird, Chief Executive Officer, AVI and Chair, Forum RPPL Group and Forum Board member. Dedicated members of the group contributed time and expertise in coordinating Forum's series of [IVCO 2017 Papers](#) and in the preparation of the Forum RPPL Day in Seoul.

Proudly hosted by KOICA, this one-day meeting of the Forum RPPL Group and invited guests took place immediately following IVCO 2017 on 26 October. With the backdrop of the conference theme and within the broader context of Forum's strategic objectives, the day led to much valuable sharing and learning among academics and practitioners, and helped to broaden the group's reach. Equally, it provided a strong foundation for the *2017-2018 Forum RPPL Group Action Plan*, including theme-focused IVCO 2018 papers, the creation of a collective measurement project and work in support of the *Plan of Action (PoA) 2016-2030/Global Technical Meeting 2020 (GTM) 2020*.

Forum's effort in promoting effective knowledge generation and sharing amongst members was again enriched by the stunning design and communications work of Kate Vereshaka, coupled with the meticulous standard set by Kate Wragge. Forum would like to express heartfelt thanks to the two wonderful 'Kates' for another year of remarkable of work.





A visual of where Forum Members and Associate Members had offices or programs in 2017.



## INCREASING VISIBILITY AND RECOGNITION OF THE IMPACT OF VOLUNTEERISM IN DEVELOPMENT

The Volunteer Groups Alliance (VGA) and (now former) VGA Coordinator James O'Brien worked unfalteringly throughout the year in their strategic positioning of volunteering for development at the global, regional and national levels. The VGA, now having secured a seat at the high level table as a Volunteer Group<sup>1</sup>, continued its advocacy efforts in 2017, and in doing so helped ensure greater recognition for volunteers.

Among the highlights was the submission of a Volunteer Groups' Sectoral Position Paper to the HLPF 2017 on the theme *Eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity in a changing world*. Forum members were encouraged to use the paper as a resource in their own efforts to ensure that volunteers and volunteer effort are understood as essential to the successful implementation of the 2030 Agenda, and to achieving the overarching aims of eradicating poverty and promoting prosperity.

In line with the VGA's action agenda of 'telling the story', specific efforts were made around: the annual International Volunteer Day (IVD) 2017; the website [www.volunteer2030.org](http://www.volunteer2030.org); and ongoing work to collate, document and disseminate information on the impact of volunteering, particularly tracking any government recognition.

Whilst recognising all who have contributed to the VGA (detailed in Appendix One), the Forum Board would particularly like to acknowledge the VGA Co-Chairs, Helge Espe (FK Norway) and Coline Peyre (France Volontaires), who admirably steered the group throughout 2017.

<sup>1</sup> Recognised by the HLPF via their inclusion in its 17 civil society Stakeholder Groups, as well as in the Addis Ababa Action Agenda (AAAA).



*As we seek to build capacities and to help the new agenda to take root, volunteerism can be a powerful and cross-cutting means of implementation. Volunteerism can help to expand and mobilize constituencies, and to engage people in national planning and implementation for sustainable development goals. And Volunteer groups can help to localize the new agenda by providing new spaces of interaction between governments and people for concrete and scalable actions.*

THE ROAD TO DIGNITY BY 2030, SYNTHESIS REPORT OF THE SECRETARY-GENERAL ON THE POST-2015 SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT AGENDA







IVCO 2017.

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## **BUILDING A VIBRANT AND INCLUSIVE CONSTITUENCY IN SUPPORT OF INTERNATIONAL VOLUNTEERING AND VOLUNTEERING FOR DEVELOPMENT**

In 2017, Forum's membership experienced a modest increase, growing to 32 member organisations comprising 27 full members and five associate members. A special and warm welcome is extended to our newest members, ActionAid Denmark and Solidarité Union Cooperation (SUCCO).

In addition, the VGA's strategic focus on engaging key sectorial actors resulted in increased membership of the group, with additional strategic partners, national-level volunteering representatives and umbrella organisations coming onboard throughout the year.

In October 2017, the formation of the Forum Research, Practice, Policy and Learning Group (formerly the Research Working Group) and an expanded mandate resulted in the group's further growth and diversification. It is now a complementary and highly effective mix of



researchers and practitioners.

The VGA maintained influence in the UN engagement process via its official status within Volunteer Groups, continuing to stand strong alongside Major Groups and Other Stakeholders (MGOS).

Forum advanced the objectives laid out in the 2016-2020 Forum Strategic Plan and also the VGA-identified 2030 Agenda priorities, with plans to meet in early 2018 to continue this important strategic work.

### **STRENGTHENING AND FOCUSING THE CAPACITY OF FORUM (INCLUDING FINANCIAL REPORT)**

Organisational capability and capacity to support and serve members is of vital importance to Forum. Forum is resourced by membership subscriptions, occasional grants and the voluntary staff time and funds from the respective organisations of the Chair and Forum Board of Directors. Subscriptions from members enable Forum to operate at a basic level, with an ongoing part-time Executive Coordinator role and the capacity to organise the annual IVCO conference in partnership with a Forum member.

Forum's Executive Coordinator position was again generously hosted by AVI in Melbourne. This role enabled Forum to actively engage and support members throughout the year. Further, Canada's WUSC provided significant in-kind Secretariat support to maintain

governance requirements in Canada. In 2017, continued in-kind support from the United Nations Volunteers programme (UNV) in New York kept Volunteer Groups, the VGA Coordinator and Forum positioned at the forefront of key 2030 Agenda and SDG discussions.

### **On behalf of Forum, the Forum Board offers its wholehearted thanks to the Forum members who provided much-needed and enabling funding to the 2017 Research and VGA Funds.**

To FK Norway (Fredskorpset) for their significant contribution to the 2017 Research Fund. This funding, coupled with AVI's in-kind support, and the rebranding of the Forum RPPL Group, propelled Forum's research and collaboration in volunteering for development.

Thanks also to AVI, FK Norway, France Volontaires, Impact 2030, International Association for Volunteer Effort (IAVE), Volunteer Service Abroad (VSA), VSO, World University Service of Canada (WUSC) and UNV for their generous financial contributions to the VGA Coordinator/VGA Support Fund. Further, to VSO for its added and equally important in-kind support in this area.

A copy of Forum's 2017 audited financial accounts accompanies this report.





Through the Uniterra program, carried out by WUSC and CECI since 2004, Canadian volunteers make a lasting commitment to increasing the economic power of women and youth around the world.

PHOTO BY MICHEL HUNEALT  
COURTESY OF CECI

## FUTURE DIRECTIONS

2017 saw the ongoing rollout of Forum's 2016-2020 Strategic Plan, with key milestones as reported.

We look forward to continuing to work together, strengthening our distinct contributions and good practices, demonstrating accountability, and achieving greater visibility, recognition and resourcing of volunteering for positive and sustainable development. To this end, in 2018 Forum will lead a consultation to establish a Global Volunteering for Development Standard, which will cover the entire program cycle from program development through operational delivery to evaluation and learning. An important focus of this standard will be inclusion and safeguarding, and ensuring that the volunteering for development practices align with sustainable, responsible and impactful development principles. In parallel, the Forum RPPL Group will begin a basic measurement data project of Forum members, to help

demonstrate the collective impact of our volunteering for development work through a strengthened evidence base within our network.

We're keenly anticipating IVCO 2018, which is being jointly hosted by Oxfam-Québec, Solidarité Union Cooperation (SUCO) and Forum. The event is set to showcase volunteer voices from all over the world and provide a collaborative space to reflect on the current state of the inclusion of women and young people in volunteering for development. We look forward to working with the entire membership and partners together in Montreal to advance our efforts as a diverse, effective and influential global community of volunteer organisations and initiatives supporting the SDGs.



## ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

The Forum Board would like to acknowledge the contributions of all member organisations that provided in-kind resources to Forum over the past year. Your time, energy, resources, expertise and experience form the backbone of our working groups and other initiatives, and underpin our capacity to thrive as a network. These contributions are essential to the achievement of our collective mission.

We would particularly like to express our gratitude to Gill Greer, formerly with VSA, for her dedication as a Forum Board Director and as Co-Chair of the Volunteer Groups Alliance. We would also like to thank all of the other Board Directors and members who gave generously of themselves and their organisations. Their combined talents and commitments have allowed us to advance Forum's strategic plan, support our working groups (as detailed in Appendix One), and represent our collective interests externally throughout 2017.

We would like to express a sincere thank you to James O'Brien, former VGA Coordinator, and Christina Jenkins, Executive Coordinator, for their tireless efforts in support of the Forum Board, working groups and membership.

On behalf of the Forum Board of Directors

**Jean-Daniel Balme**, France Volontaires

**Paul Bird**, AVI

**Mark Cumming**, Comhlámh

**Suzanne Gentges**, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)

**Stephen Goodman**, Volunteer Service Abroad (VSA)

**Philip Goodwin**, VSO

**Carine Guidicelli**, Crossroads International

**Chris Eaton**,

World University Service of Canada (WUSC)

Chair, International Forum for Volunteering in Development

*September 2018*

Oxfam-Québec volunteer with partners, SOFA and AFASDAH staff members, during an exchange workshop on the transformation of moringa leaves into cosmetic products, Haïti, Caribbean.

PHOTO BY DOMINIQUE FÉVRY-GILLIAND  
COURTESY OF OXFAM-QUÉBEC





## APPENDIX ONE

### Strategic Working Groups and Members Involved January – December 2017

#### Strategic Working Groups

#### Members Involved

Forum Leading Standards Working Group

Forum Leading Standards Working Group Co-Chairs: Mark Cumming, Comhlámh and Forum Board Director, and Philip Goodwin, VSO International and Forum Board Director

Forum Leading Standards Working Group Coordinators: Kathryn Gordon and James O'Brien, VSO

Working Group members: Vanessa Brown, Australian Red Cross (ARC); Bonnie Learmonth, AVI; Gabriella Civico, European Volunteer Centre (CEV); Michel Chaurette (Forum volunteer); Agnès Golfier, France Volontaires; Suzanne Gentges, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) and Forum Board Director; Jay Ancheta, Habitat for Humanity International; Alessandra De Guio, Humanitarian Leadership Academy; Adjmal Dulloo, International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC); Satomi Tanaka, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA); Birenda Poudel, Nepal Friendship Society (NFS); Stacey Adams, Raleigh international; and Barbara Hogan, World University Service of Canada-Centre for International Studies and Cooperation (WUSC-CECI), with support from Christina Jenkins, Executive Coordinator, International Forum for Volunteering in Development (Forum)

Forum Research, Practice, Policy and Learning Group

Forum Research, Practice, Policy and Learning Group Chair: Paul Bird, AVI and Forum Board Director

Forum RPPL Group Coordinator: Christina Jenkins, Executive Coordinator, International Forum for Volunteering in Development (Forum)

Working Group members: Bonnie Learmonth and Goopy Parke Weaving, AVI; Benjamin Lough, Center for Social Development; Mark Cumming, Comhlámh and Forum Board Director; Helge Espe, FK Norway; Julien Bécasse and Lucie Morillon, France Volontaires; Eriko Sakamaki and Satomi Tanaka, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA); Mayuko Onuki, Japan International Cooperation Agency Research Institute (JICA RI); Young Eun Ku, Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA); Jean Tan, Singapore International Foundation (SIF); Thomas Bannister and Margaret Carroll, United Nations Volunteers programme (UNV); James O'Brien, VSO; and Cliff Allum, Third Sector Research Centre, University of Birmingham, Peter Devereux, Curtin University Sustainability Policy Institute (CUSP), with support from Website and Communications Contractor, Kate Vereshaka and Analyst Coordinator, Kate Wragge

**Strategic Working Groups****Members Involved**

## Volunteer Groups Alliance

Volunteer Groups Alliance Co-Chairs: Helge Espe, FK Norway and Coline Peyre, France Volontaires

VGA Coordinator: James O'Brien (January-August)

Steering Group members: Ted Adams, Peace Corps; Dominic Allen, Margaret Carroll and Amanda Khozi Mukwashi, United Nations Volunteers programme (UNV); James O'Brien and Mwangi Waituru, VSO; and representatives from Commission on Voluntary Service and Action (CVSA); Good Deeds Day; Habitat for Humanity International; Impact 2030; International Association for Volunteer Effort (IAVE); International Forum for Volunteering in Development (Forum); International Partnership and Development Organisation (IPADO); Johns Hopkins University; Kenya Volunteer Involving Organisations (VIO) Society; MyEffect; and United Way Worldwide

Alliance members: **Volunteer Groups Alliance**

## IVCO 2017 Working Group

IVCO Working Group Chair: Jean Tan, Singapore International Foundation (SIF)

IVCO Working Group Coordinator: Christina Jenkins, Executive Coordinator, International Forum for Volunteering in Development (Forum)

IVCO Working Group members: Suzanne Gentges, Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ) and Forum Board Director; Michel Charette (Forum volunteer); Satomi Tanaka and Shinnosuke Tsutsui, Japan International Cooperation Agency (JICA); Young Eun Ku, Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA); Amanda Khozi Mukwashi, United Nations Volunteers programme (UNV); and Barbara Hogan, World University Service of Canada-Centre for International Studies and Cooperation (WUSC-CECI)

## IVCO 2018 Working Group

IVCO Working Group Chair: Jean Tan, Singapore International Foundation (SIF)

IVCO Working Group Coordinator: Christina Jenkins, Executive Coordinator, International Forum for Volunteering in Development (Forum)

IVCO Working Group members: Michel Charette (Forum volunteer); Young Eun Ku, Korea International Cooperation Agency (KOICA); Catherine Caron, Jean-Pierre Chicoine, Claude Saint-Pierre, Marion Turmine, Oxfam-Québec; Anne Vincent and Émilie Lefebvre, Solidarité Union Cooperation (SUCO); Boram Kim, United Nations Volunteers programme (UNV); James O'Brien, VSO; and Barbara Hogan, World University Service of Canada-Centre for International Studies and Cooperation (WUSC-CECI)





# APPENDIX TWO: AUDITOR'S REPORT



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### Independent Examiner's Report to the Board of the International Forum for Volunteering in Development (Corporation Number 836646-2)

I report on the accounts of the International Forum for Volunteering in Development (the organisation) for the year ended 31<sup>st</sup> December 2017 which are set out on the attached spreadsheet. (Specifically Pages 2,6 & 7)

#### Respective responsibilities of Board Members and examiner

As the board of the organisation you are responsible for the preparation of the accounts; you consider that an audit is not required. It is My responsibility to state whether particular matters have come to my attention. In carrying out this task I have considered it appropriate to adopt the procedures specified in the General Directions given by the UK Charity Commissioners under Section 43 (7) (b) of the Charities Act 1993, as amended by the Charities Act 2006. (These procedures have been adopted in previous audits) and more recently the Canada Not-for-Profit corporations Act S.C. 2009. C23. (For period from 3<sup>rd</sup> January 2013) ("The Act").

#### Basis of independent examiner's report

My examination as required by Section 191 of the Act included a review of the accounting records kept by the organisation and a comparison of the accounts presented with those records. It also included consideration of any unusual items or disclosures in the accounts, and seeking explanations from the Secretariat Co-ordinator concerning any such matters. The procedures undertaken do not provide all the evidence that would be required in an audit and consequently I do not express an audit opinion on the view given by the accounts.

#### Independent Examiner's Statement:

In connection with my examination, no matter has come to my attention:

1. Which gives me cause to believe that in any material respect
  - Reasonable accounting records have not been kept, and
  - Accounts that accord with the accounting records have not been produced.
2. To which, in my opinion, attention should be drawn in order to enable a proper understanding of the accounts to be reached by the board.

KEVIN O'DEA – M. Tax (Monash)  
Chartered Accountant  
Chartered Tax Advisor  
Registered Company Auditor - Australia

Dated 24<sup>th</sup> May 2018  
Melbourne, Australia



## Finances for the year ending 31 December 2017

### INCOME AND EXPENDITURE STATEMENT FOR 2017

	2017 Actual	2017 Budget	2016 Actual
<b>INCOME</b>	€	€	€
Membership fees (Note 1):			
Full existing members	52,440	49,095	45,098
Assoc existing members	8,600	6,060	3,425
New members	4,675	2,670	2,642
VGA Fund grants	61,561	84,282	65,010
Canadian Secretariat grant	0	0	0
Canadian Secretariat in kind	0	0	0
Conference income IVCO surplus	17,681	11,427	30,658
Research	9,754	10,006	12,973
Other income	0	0	0
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>€ 154,711</b>	<b>€ 163,540</b>	<b>€ 159,806</b>
<b>EXPENDITURE</b>	€	€	€
Staff salary and admin support	52,066	55,073	51,008
Pensions and payroll	0	0	0
Staff training	0	0	0
Staff travel (Coordinator)	2,713	2,633	2,792
IVCO support	492	3,000	931
Member events	0	0	0
Research	9,754	10,006	12,973
Board expenses	2,697	5,000	421
Stationery	0	0	0

	<b>2017 Actual</b>	<b>2017 Budget</b>	<b>2016 Actual</b>
Communications	2,218	3,500	3,165
Website and information	11,099	15,225	9,491
Subscriptions	0	0	0
Rent and building	0	0	0
Insurance	0	0	0
Support services	0	0	0
Accounting	895	980	739
Bank charges	1,538	2,000	1,134
Other (Note 5)	7,450	0	0
VGA support	16,876	7,360	5,535
VGA Coordinator	24,315	49,011	65,848
IVCO 2017 budget expenses	7,397	0	0
<b>TOTAL EXPENDITURE</b>	<b>€ 139,509</b>	<b>€ 153,788</b>	<b>€ 154,037</b>
<b>SURPLUS/(DEFICIT) for year</b>	<b>€15,202</b>	<b>€9,752</b>	<b>€5,769</b>



## RESEARCH FUND REPORT FOR 2017

	€	€
<b>General Research Fund</b>		
Balance of Fund at 1 January 2017		<b>5,006</b>
<b>Add INCOME</b>		
Member donations:		
FK Norway Contribution	3,000	
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		<b>8,006</b>
<b>Less EXPENDITURE</b>		
RPPL Group teleconference meeting	129	
RPPL Group teleconference meeting	74	
RPPL Group teleconference meeting	110	
IVCO 2017 - Framing Paper - flight reimbursement for Seoul	551	
IVCO 2017 - Innovation Paper - flight reimbursement for Seoul	856	
RPPL Group teleconference meeting	114	
RPPL Group teleconference meeting	144	
Webiste and Communications Contractor - formatting and design 4 x IVCO 2017 papers	1,017	
RPPL Group teleconference meeting	117	
RPPL Group teleconference meeting	40	
IVCO 2017 - Innovation Paper - per diems for Seoul	1,014	
IVCO 2017 - Framing Paper - per diems for Seoul	1,014	
Forum Joint Research Project Interview	26	
Forum Joint Research Project Interview	18	
Forum Joint Research Project Interview	15	
Forum Joint Research Project Interview	14	

Framing Paper writing fee contribution Peter Devereux	1,037	
Framing Paper writing fee contribution Cliff Allum	1,669	
RPPL Group teleconference meeting	75	
Kate Wragge Invoice #67 (proofreading 4 x IVCO 2017 papers and research assessment for website)	1,644	
RPPL Group teleconference meeting	76	
		<b>9,754</b>
<b>Balance of Research Fund at 31 December 2017</b>		<b>(€1,748)</b>

Research Note 1: €1,748 is to be accrued as a negative liability into Balance Sheet as the funds will be carried forward in 2018

Research Note 2: Research income and expenditure is incorporated into the overall Income and Expenditure Statement



**VGA (FORMERLY POST-2015) FUND REPORT FOR 2017**

	€	€
<b>VGA Fund</b>		
Balance of Fund at 1 January 2017		<b>22,492</b>
<b>Add INCOME</b>		
Member donations:		
2017 Volunteer Smile Abroad VGA Fund contribution	1,354	
2017 FK Norway VGA Fund contribution	2,000	
2017 AVI VGA Fund contribution	5,000	
2017 WUSC VGA Fund contribution	3,546	
2017 IMPACT VGA Fund contribution	14,977	
2017 VSO VGA Fund contribution	3,362	
2017 IAVE VGA Fund contribution	4,137	
2017 France Volontaires VGA Fund contribution	4,600	
		<b>38,976</b>
		<b>61,468</b>
<b>Less EXPENDITURE</b>		
Volunteer Groups Alliance meeting	10	
Volunteer Groups Alliance Resourcing sub group meeting	12	
Volunteer Groups Alliance teleconference meeting	194	
Volunteer Groups Alliance teleconference meeting	74	
Volunteer Groups Alliance HLPF sub group meeting	120	
Volunteer Groups Alliance teleconference meeting	256	
Volunteer Groups Alliance teleconference meeting	1	
VGA Coordinator Invoice #4	2,441	
VGA Coordinator Invoice #5 (flights and travel insurance - Seoul - Forum Board meeting)	905	
VGA Coordinator Invoice #6 (per diems - Seoul - Forum Board meeting)	854	
VGA Coordinator Invoice #7 (accommodation - Seoul - Forum Board meeting)	775	

VGA Coordinator Invoice #8	2,983
VGA Coordinator Invoice #9 (flights and travel insurance - New York - Forum Board meeting)	676
VGA Coordinator Invoice #10	2,441
Volunteer Groups Alliance teleconference meeting	323
Volunteer Groups Alliance HLPF sub group teleconference meeting	162
Volunteer Groups Alliance HLPF sub group teleconference meeting	10
Volunteer Groups Alliance HLPF sub group teleconference meeting	91
VGA Coordinator Invoice #11 (flights and accommodation - New York - HLPF 2017)	3,516
VGA Coordinator Invoice #12	3,254
VGA Coordinator Invoice #13 (accommodation - New York - HLPF 2017 preparatory trip)	1,292
VGA Coordinator Invoice #14 (per diems - New York - HLPF 2017 preparatory trip)	854
Volunteer Groups Alliance teleconference meeting	98
VGA Coordinator Invoice #15	2,169
VGA Coordinator Invoice #16 (flights Dublin, accommodation Paris)	164
VGA Coordinator Invoice #17 (per diems - Paris)	244
Volunteer Groups Alliance HLPF sub group teleconference meeting	58
Volunteer Groups Alliance teleconference meeting	46
Volunteer Groups Alliance Resourcing sub group meeting	28
Volunteer Groups Alliance HLPF sub group teleconference meeting	33
Volunteer Groups Alliance Resourcing sub group teleconference meeting	80
VGA Coordinator Invoice #18	2,712
VGA Coordinator Invoice #20 (per diems - New York - HLPF 2017 )	1,708
VGA Coordinator Invoice #23	4,881
VGA Coordinator Invoice #21 (per diems - New York - HLPF 2017 )	244
VGA Coordinator Invoice #22 (taxis and HLPF 2017 expenses )	719
Volunteer 2030 website/campaign	271
Volunteer Groups Alliance teleconference meeting	100
Volunteer Groups Alliance teleconference meeting	123
Volunteer Groups Alliance HLPF sub group teleconference meeting	4



Volunteer Groups Alliance Resourcing sub group teleconference meeting	1	
Volunteer Groups Alliance Resourcing sub group teleconference meeting	32	
Volunteer Groups Alliance Resourcing sub group teleconference meeting	20	
Volunteer Groups Alliance teleconference meeting	109	
Volunteer Groups Alliance teleconference meeting	51	
Volunteer Groups Alliance teleconference meeting	63	
Volunteer Groups Alliance teleconference meeting	87	
Volunteer Groups Alliance teleconference meeting	27	
Overspend of accrual Cuso Int Charge for VGA Coordinator (exchange rate difference)	970	
Overspend of accrual Adjmal Dulloo payment (exchange rate difference)	120	<b>36,632</b>
<b>Balance of VGA Fund at 31 December 2017</b>		<b>€24,836</b>

VGA Note 1: €24,836 is to be accrued as a creditor into Balance Sheet as the funds will be spent in 2018

## STATEMENT OF RECEIPTS AND PAYMENTS FOR 2017

	2017	2016
<b>Opening balance at bank at 1 January 2017:</b>	<b>€</b>	<b>€</b>
Fortis Euro account	3,582	260
Bendigo \$ Australian account (\$26,277 @ 0.672)	17,668	11,398
Royal Bank Canada Euro	40,132	19,082
Royal Bank Canada CAD (\$18,053 @ 0.683)	12,326	5,584
Opening balance petty cash 1 January 2016	o	o
	73,708	36,324
Add cash received per accounts	186,506	142,054
Less cash paid per accounts	179,350	104,990
<b>Total</b>	<b>€80,863</b>	<b>€73,708</b>
<b>Balance at bank at 31 December 2017:</b>		
Fortis Euro account	o	3,582
Bendigo \$ Australian account (\$86,134 @ 0.678)	58,396	17,668
Royal Bank Canada Euro	9,031	40,132
Royal Bank Canada CAD (\$19,730 @ 0.683)	13,436	12,326
Closing balance petty cash 31 December 2017	o	o
	<b>€80,863</b>	<b>€73,708</b>

Exchange rate used for 2017 AUD to Euro 0.678

Exchange rate used for 2017 CAD to Euro 0.683



## STATEMENT OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES AT 31 DECEMBER 2017

	2017		2016	
	€		€	
Assets:				
There are no fixed assets				
Current assets comprise:				
Debtors (Note 2)		6,870		25,032
Cash at bank as follows:				
Fortis Bank Brussels:				
Euro account	0		3,582	
Bendigo Bank Australia:				
\$ Australian account	58,396		17,668	
Royal Bank Canada Euro	9,031		40,132	
Royal Bank Canada CAD	13,436		12,326	
Petty cash	0	80,863	0	73,708
Total current assets		87,733		98,740
Current liabilities (Note 3)		(75,297)		(71,186)
Net current assets		<u>€ 12,436</u>		<u>€ 27,553</u>
Funds at 1 January 2017		27,553		39,307
Surplus / (deficit) for the year		(15,117)		(11,754)
Funds at 31 December 2017		<u>€ 12,436</u>		<u>€ 27,553</u>

## NOTES TO THE FINANCIAL STATEMENTS

### Note 1: Membership fees 2017

Country	Organisation	Fee
<b>Existing members - Full:</b>		€
Australia	AVI	2,655
Australia	Australian Business Volunteers	1,335
Canada	Crossroads International	665
Canada	CECI	3,340
Canada	Oxfam-Québec	3,340
Canada	WUSC	3,340
Canada	Cuso International	2,655
France	France Volontaires	2,000
Germany	AKLHÜ	1,335
Germany	GIZ	3,340
Germany	UNDP (UNV)	3,340
Hungary	HVSF	130
Ireland	Comhlámh	130
Italy	FOCSIV	665
Japan	JICA/JOCV	3,340
Korea	KOICA	3,340
New Zealand	VSA	1,335
Norway	FK Norway	3,340
Singapore	SIF	1,335
Slovenia	Zavod Voluntariat	130
Switzerland	Unité	1,335
UK	International Service	1,335
UK	VSO Federation	3,340
UK	Raleigh International Trust	2,000
USA	Peace Corps	3,340

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**52,440**

Country	Organisation	Fee
<b>Existing members - Associate:</b>		€
Australia	Australian Red Cross	5,080
Australia	Scope Global	2,540
USA	Center for Social Development	695
Nepal	RUWON Nepal	95
Nepal	Nepal Friendship Society	95
Uganda	UNVL	95
		<hr/> <b>8,600</b> <hr/>
<b>New members:</b>		
Canada	Solidarité Union Cooperation	1,335
Denmark	ActionAid Denmark	3,340
		<hr/> <b>4,675</b> <hr/>
<b>Total Membership Fees</b>		<hr/> <b>65,715</b> <hr/>



**Note 2: Debtors at 31 December 2017**

	€
Oxfam-Québec	3,340
Peace Corps	3,340
UNVL	95
RUWON Nepal	95
	<hr/> <b>6,870</b> <hr/>

**Note 3: Liabilities at 31 December 2017**

	€
Accrue out Research Fund Balance to be spent in 2018	(1,748)
Accrue out VGA Fund Balance to be spent in 2018	24,836
Accrue out IVCO Surplus to be spent in 2018	52,209
	<hr/> <b>75,297</b> <hr/>

**Note 5: Other Costs relate to Bad Debt write off**

	€
IVCO Reimbursement from IVCO 2016 Hosts not paid	7,450

#### Note 4: Gains on Foreign Exchange

Payments from the Australian and Canadian bank account have been converted into Euros at the rate prevailing on the day of the transfer of Euros to the Bendigo account. After the following transfer, the rate is updated. Closing balances on the \$ Australian accounts and \$ Canadian account have been converted into Euros using the exchange as at the 1st and 31st of each month for 12 months and then the average taken for the calendar year.

Exchange Rate Calculation AUD to Euro		Exchange Rate Calculation CAD to Euro	
1.1.2017	0.684	1.1.2017	0.662
31.1.2017	0.702	31.1.2017	0.651
1.2.2017	0.704	1.2.2017	0.656
28.2.2017	0.723	28.2.2017	0.671
1.3.2017	0.727	1.3.2017	0.680
31.3.2017	0.715	31.3.2017	0.679
1.4.2017	0.713	1.4.2017	0.671
30.4.2017	0.687	30.4.2017	0.696
1.5.2017	0.690	1.5.2017	0.696
31.5.2017	0.662	31.5.2017	0.686
1.6.2017	0.659	1.6.2017	0.684
30.6.2017	0.673	30.6.2017	0.695
1.7.2017	0.673	1.7.2017	0.696
31.7.2017	0.676	31.7.2017	0.687
1.8.2017	0.676	1.8.2017	0.683
31.8.2017	0.667	31.8.2017	0.684
1.9.2017	0.671	1.9.2017	0.682
30.9.2017	0.663	30.9.2017	0.678
1.10.2017	0.663	1.10.2017	0.678
31.10.2017	0.657	31.10.2017	0.681
1.11.2017	0.660	1.11.2017	0.677
30.11.2017	0.635	30.11.2017	0.704
1.12.2017	0.640	1.12.2017	0.706
31.12.2017	0.651	31.12.2017	0.707
<b>Average 2017</b>	<b>0.678</b>	<b>Average 2017</b>	<b>0.683</b>





Crossroads International  
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women from the Obrapaa  
Women's Group on their  
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