



Peace SOS

Annual Report 2023

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Bussum, January 5th, 2024

Dear reader,

The previous year, 2023, was the year in which the war in Ukraine continued and in which the war between Israel and Hamas started. The war in Ukraine can lead to WW III and a possible nuclear war. The Doomsday Clock is, mainly because of the war in Ukraine, set to 90 seconds to midnight, where midnight stands for the end of human life. Together with all peace activists and diplomats of good will, we do whatever we can to contribute to halting this war. In addition, we continue to support the nuclear ban, the Treaty on the Prohibition of Nuclear Weapons.

In 2023, Peace SOS continued to provide food to people in need. We had contact with a professor of the university of Gaza about monitoring the project of our angels in Gaza who were distributing vegetables to people in need. But, before a monitor could visit the vegetables project in Gaza, the attacks on Israeli citizens on October 7th happened. We were very shocked by the attacks on October 7th and reached out to our partners in Israel. As a result of October 7th, the war in Gaza started. People in Gaza are deprived of water, food and humanitarian aid. Meanwhile, they are confronted with bombings and shootings. At Peace SOS, we call for a ceasefire and humanitarian aid, and the release of the hostages.

Vulnerable people in Pakistan working in the brick kilns (brick-making factories) reached out for help in 2023. We set families free who worked in modern slavery in the brick-making factories and we also supported vulnerable families by providing them with food.

At Peace SOS we are a small team of volunteers and we would like to co-operate with everyone who has the same vision, so please feel free to reach out and join us. Hoping to see soon: A world in which all children can play.

Greetings from the heart,

May-May Meijer Chairperson Peace SOS





COUNTRIES AND PROJECTS

BURUNDI

In 2023, Peace SOS continued her partnership with Burundian Women for Peace and Development (BWPD). BWPD supported many peace initiatives of Peace SOS for peace in Ukraine; you can read more about it in the section about Ukraine.

ISRAEL

After the attacks of Hamas on Israel on October 7th, Peace SOS contacted its contacts in Israel. They were all deeply shocked by what happened. Women Wage Peace issued a statement, which was published on the website of Peace SOS.

This is their statement:

There are no words to describe the pain, the shock and the loss. How can one possibly deal with the cruelty of the terrorists, the bloodbath which claimed the lives of young people at an outdoor party, of young children who were slaughtered while being embraced by their parents? The murderers did not distinguish between Jews, Arabs, Israeli citizens or foreigners. There is no justification for these atrocious deeds.

All of us in Women Wage Peace, Jews and Arabs are furious, mournful and worried. Many of our members have lost loved ones; many were in their home-shelters for hours while the terrorists wandered around their homes; some were taken hostage to Gaza. We will not abandon anyone. We demand an immediate return of the hostages: mothers, fathers, children, grandmothers, grandfathers and soldiers. Our hearts are with the bereaved families; we wish a speedy recovery to all the wounded.

We must ensure that there is no violence in the West Bank and certainly not in Israel – not against Arabs or Jews.



Our message is that no one behave out of revenge. We must behave as human beings during these trying times. We continue to reach out for peace with the mothers of Gaza, in the spirit of The Mothers' Call which we wrote with the hope that they will reach out to us as well.

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The mothers in Gaza must protect their own children, but they must also demand that the hostages stay safe and be returned to their families. Women and mothers from both sides cannot support these atrocities in any way.

Our country is going through difficult times. When the war ends and after we bury all the victims, we will no longer be able to "manage" the conflict. This is clear. We must act towards a political solution to the conflict because we can no longer pay its price.

We pray for the safety of Israel's soldiers and all the security forces; we pray for the complete recovery of all the wounded; more than anything else we pray that this nightmare end so that we can raise our children in security and freedom.

Take care of yourselves and your families.

GAZA

A couple provided vegetables to vulnerable people in Gaza in May. Peace SOS sponsors vegetables. We were talking with Global Harmonization Initiative and someone who is retired from Wageningen University to sponsor: lentils, humus, chickpeas, tahin and bread. Because that is more nutritious than the vegetables we provided before.



Photo: Vegetables for the people in Beach Camp



This idea of more nutritious food was also supported by a professor from Gaza University.

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As in previous years, the couple reported to us via photos and videos. A journalist who is living in the Netherlands now but lived in Gaza before, chatted with the couple and May-May online to get to know them and their needs. The journalist didn't think a monitor was necessary. At Peace SOS we want a monitor for all our projects however, to see how a project is developing and for advice, etc. Because of the people involved, we came up with ideas about which vegetables could be more nutritious (the chickpeas, etc).

But, as we were in the process of signing the monitor agreements, the attacks in Israel happened and the war broke out between Israel and Hamas. The couple was displaced. At Peace SOS we decided several times to help the couple survive, and the price of food has risen sky high. The family has faced many horrors. See the website of Peace SOS. There was also a high need for the family to get money to travel to Egypt, but the board of Peace SOS decided not to fund that on behalf of Peace SOS.

This is a message from the husband of the couple in Gaza that May-May received on October 11th.

Our dear friend, Mai,

I am sending you this message, and perhaps this will be the last message. For 4 days, I have been moving with my wife and son from one place to another, and all I think is that it will be safe, but unfortunately I have separated from my family and my family, and I said goodbye to them and I hope that they are well. I am writing this message to you and I hope that Forgive us if there was a shortcoming in our work in providing aid to the people of Gaza, and know that we did our best to help the poor and children, but unfortunately it seems that this is the end and that we will leave this life soon. I am writing this letter to you and I do not know whether I will be able to send it or not, but I hope that you will tell the world that we are in In Gaza, we love life, we love work, and we love the homeland, but unfortunately the Israeli occupation planes



did not leave us a job, a homeland, or even a life. I hope you will continue to provide aid to the people of Gaza if there is anyone left alive. I was hoping it would be a world in which all children have the right to play, but now I hope we find a world in which we can live. Goodbye if we are still alive

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I ask you this request. If I die, I ask you to take care of my wife and my son and take care of them. Thank you.

I cannot describe what is happening in my city except that it is a genocidal war

My workplace at school was completely destroyed and the children I taught died

[SENDS PHOTO OF THE DEAD CHILDREN]

[OUR CONTACTPERSON SENDS PHOTO OF THE CLASS WITH THEIR DIPLOMAS, THIS PHOTO IS NOT PUBLISHED IN ORDER NOT TO SHOCK THE PARENTS]

I was rooting for them because they got high grades on the achievement tests, but unfortunately this was the last time I met them. There are pictures of dead children that are difficult to send and are extremely cruel.

I cry for them every moment. I have worked with them for several months and now I see them dead. I do not know how I will continue my work, and some of my children are dead.

See the 'Media section' for opinion articles about Israel and Gaza published by Peace SOS on the website Joop of BNNVARA.



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PAKISTAN

Pakistan is a country whose population follows multiple religions. The majority are Muslim – about 95 percent – and the remaining 5% are Christian, Hindu, Sikhs or other. They all live in peace and harmony. But sometimes there are misunderstandings and conflicts among communities, based on faith.

On August 16, 2023, dozens of Christian families had to flee violent Muslim mobs that were after the blood of two young Christian brothers. Some locals had alleged that several desecrated pages of the Holy Quran had been found near a house at Cinema Chowk in Jaranwala, Punjab.

On that Wednesday morning, thousands of angry men from the Faisalabad Tehsil of Jaranwala went to the Christian Colony, one of the three settlements in the area, to lynch those who allegedly desecrated Islamic scripture – and burnt the first church of the day. The mob then attacked churches and houses in the Christian Colony. Via mosque loudspeakers, people were incited to join them, and the bloodthirsty mob demanded the arrest and handover of the accused to avenge alleged blasphemy.

Within hours, the Salvation Army church, one of the oldest Christian-owned properties of the district, was targeted. Countless bibles were burnt in the city, and at least 21 churches were ransacked by the afternoon.

The angry mob not only burnt Churches and Holy Books but also burnt houses of the Christian Community, with at least 500 families being affected. Beds, furniture, clothes, and kitchen accessories were burnt or looted by the mob. The Christian residents escaped death by fleeing to nearby cities with their relatives.

The next day, when they returned to their homes, everything had been demolished. The local partner of Peace SOS, the team of CARE FOUNDATION, reached Jaranwala and took an inventory of the loss of properties. CARE FOUNDATION also had a series of meetings with Muslim scholars and government officials to cool down the situation and



resolve the issue. The government of Punjab Pakistan took many positive decisions to rehabilitate affected families and promised to rebuild all the churches.

With the support of Peace SOS, CARE FOUNDATION provided food baskets for 50 families of affected people of Jaranwala in the district of Faisalabad.



Photo: Yousaf of CARE FOUNDATION next to the food baskets for the affected people of Jaranwala

Thanks to a donation from Peace SOS, Sajad Liaqat, an evangelist from Faisalabad, was able to provide 60 beds and water/cutlery to families affected in Jaranwala.



Photo: Beds and water for the vulnerable people of Jaranwala



With the help of Peace SOS, Atif Javed, an evangelist, provided 80 boxes of vegetables to vulnerable families.

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In addition, affected women told the team of CARE FOUNDATION that their children were in a condition of trauma and fear. They don't want to go to school because they are afraid that Muslim children or people will attack them. So, with the help of Peace SOS, the team of CARE FOUNDATION organized motivational sessions with psychologists for the children of affected families in order to encourage them to go back to school and complete their education.

This text about Pakistan has also been published on the website of Peace SOS and was mainly written by CARE FOUNDATION. The text has been edited by Peace SOS.

In addition, Sajad, an evangelist, set two blind brothers free from slavery in the brickmaking factories of Pakistan. This was done with help of Peace SOS and of God. After being freed from slavery, the blind man's wife will clean the rich houses and the blind man will plant fruit carts on roadside. As always, Sajad makes touching videos of the people he freed from slavery.

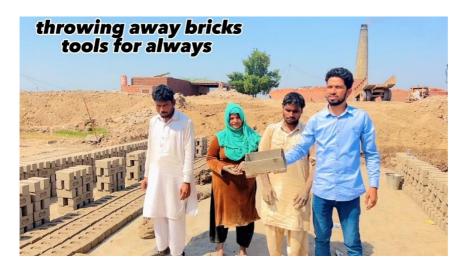


Photo: Sajad (right) with two blind brothers and a lady released from their bonded work in the brick-making factories



In addition, two other families were set free with the help of Sajad and with God's help. A man with three children, who started a fruit business. This family was visited by our partner of CARE FOUNDATION before and after their release, as part of the monitoring process. This is a photo with the monitor of CARE FOUNDATION and the new business of a family which was freed from their bonded labour in the brick kilns.



Photo: Yousaf Adnan of CARE FOUNDATION visits the new business of Mr Ashfaq.

A family with seven children was freed from their bonded labour in the brick kilns as well. After they were released, the husband started to work in a garments factory and his wife in the house of rich people.

In addition, at the end of the year we decided to provide food to the families of three single ladies (called widows in Pakistan), so that they can afford to send their children to school.

UGANDA

David Adengu was worried about the young people hanging around in his village and having nothing to do. He decided to grow passion fruits with the help of Peace SOS. The NGO David established is called Teso Youth Agricultural Production Initiative for Peace (TEYAPI for Peace).



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Photo: passion fruits

The monitor for the project who was found via a partner organization of Peace SOS, Global Harmonization Initiative, wanted to serve as a monitor as well in 2022. This project started in 2021 and TEYAPI for Peace received funding again for another project in 2022. In 2023, Peace SOS encouraged the monitor to visit the project. However, the monitor didn't visit, but remained in contact via telephone. No funding was provided in 2023 to TEYAPI for Peace, but the project continued.

In addition, Humanity Heart Foundation in Uganda reached out to us. They submitted a project proposal: *Establishment of Permaculture Gardens and Skills Training Hub for Refugees*. The idea of the Permaculture Garden is:

- Refugees will be trained to practice sustainable agriculture.
- The gardens will cater to the food needs of the community and any surplus can be sold, generating income.

Before the project was approved, a monitor visited the project. The monitor recommended funding the project. This is the monitor who is also monitor for the TEYAPI for peace project.



YEMEN

In open letters written to heads of state, Peace SOS encouraged dismantling FSO Safer. At Peace SOS we were relieved that this succeeded in 2023 and oil spill was prevented. It was completed by David Gressley, UN Resident and Humanitarian Coordinator in Yemen, Boskalis, and UN Development.

In April 2023, our local partner in Yemen proposed providing humanitarian aid to 70 families in Taiz, some of whom are displaced and some of whom lost their head of household during the war.

The project was done in cooperation with WASL for Peace organization. Some notes made by our local partner:

- The war in Russia and Ukraine affected the prices of foodstuffs, in addition to the difficult situation the city of Taiz is going through the war.
- There are many families who need assistance in the camps that are in the open.
- Contribution from a sponsor of 300 USD and 21 USD.
- Sales of the book "Mission of Peace to the World" contributed 200 USD to the project.

This project was monitored. Tension between the monitor and our local partner arose, however. The monitor felt suspicious that they were not allowed to attend all food distributions. The local partner mentioned that this was because of the dignity of the people. The chair of Peace SOS contacted the Planning Office in Taiz. Then she found out that the local partner had sent a letter in her name to the Planning Office in Taiz. Because of a previous issue with the local partner, the issues with the monitor and the fake letter, Peace SOS decided to halt the cooperation with the local partner after the project was completed.



On January 17th 2023, we sent a letter to HE Marcelo Ebrard Casaubon, Secretary of Foreign Affairs Mexico. We stated that "we are shocked by the enormous numbers of people dying and wounded in the war in Ukraine. We pray that life will be cherished. That we will see all the children in Ukraine and the rest of the world be able to play soon. Our contact person in Mexico, Mr Francisco Plancarte, director of Centro Mexicano de Responsabilidad Global (CEMERG), suggested that we share this information with HE Marcelo Ebrard Casaubon as well. Mr Plancarte was helping us with the follow-up of our letter to HE Lopez Obrador."

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Peace SOS received an answer from the Mexican Director General for the Organization of the United Nations. He stated that Mexico had repeatedly insisted in the United Nations Organization, including the General Assembly and the Security Council, and in other multilateral forums, on the need to promote initiatives that favour diplomatic channels and mediation and dialogue to end the war in Ukraine, consistent with the constitutional principles of Mexican foreign policy.

In September, an e-mail was sent to HE EU High Representative/Vice President Joseph Borrell, regarding the need to free Ukrainian peace activist Dr. Yurii Sheliazhenko. The Head of the Ukraine Division of the European External Action Service replied that "the protection of human rights is at the heart of EU relations with other countries and regions, including Ukraine. The EU-Ukraine partnership is based on common values, such as democracy, rule of law, respect for international law and human rights. It is of key importance that human rights and freedoms are duly respected both in peacetime and wartime.".

In December, two letters were sent, a call to 'cherish life', to both HE Prime Minister Netanyahu and the leaders of Hamas. The letters were signed by several peace organisations and can be found on the Peace SOS website:

https://peacesos.nl/wp-content/uploads/2023/12/Prime-Minister-Netanyahu_corr3.pdf

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The letter to HE Prime Minister Netanyahu was sent to the Israeli embassy in the Netherland and was brought to the attention of the Israeli ambassador, but we don't know if he passed it on to the Israeli Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

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The letter to the leaders of Hamas was sent to the Iranian embassy, but we don't know what they did with the letter.

MEETINGS ABOUT UKRAINE, ISRAEL-GAZA AND NUCLEAR WEAPONS

Together with Doctors for Peace and the Hague Peace Projects, Peace SOS talked with politicians such as Jasper van Dijk (Member of Parliament of the SP in 2023) and two advisers of Kati Piri (Member of Parliament of Groen Links PvdA) about the need for peace in Ukraine, in Israel-Gaza and about nuclear weapons. We also talked to the Head of the Taskforce Russia-Ukraine of the Dutch Ministry of Foreign Affairs.

In some of the meetings it was mentioned that Yurii Sheliazhenko (a peace activist and conscientious objector from Kyiv, Ukraine, and May-May's co-author) was prosecuted in Ukraine for "justifying Russian aggression". This is very strange, because Yurii always condemned Russian aggression, he suffers from it himself. You can read more about Yurii's case here:

https://peacesos.nl/free-ukrainian-peace-advocate-yurii-sheliazhenko-from-the-chargemade-against-him/

THE NEED FOR PEACE IN UKRAINE EVENT 2023

On Saturday 24th of February 2023, a peace event was initiated by Peace SOS to support peace via peaceful means in Ukraine. According to the BBC, General Mark Miley estimated that 40,000 citizens were killed and 100,000 Russian and 100,000 Ukrainian soldiers killed or wounded. The Doomsday Clock of the Bulletin of Atomic Scientists is set at 90 seconds to midnight, where midnight stands for the end of mankind. This is mainly





because of the war in Ukraine. We were calling for a mutual ceasefire and peace negotiations. This event was supported by the following peace organizations:

Burundian Women for Peace and Development Christian Peacemaker Teams International Peace Bureau (Berlin) Kerk en Vrede **MasterPeace** Noëlhuis NVMP-Artsen voor Vrede Peace SOS Platform Vrouwen voor Duurzame Vrede (PVDV, koepelorganisatie) Religies voor Vrede Sant'Egidio Stichting voor Actieve Geweldloosheid (SVAG) The Hague Peace Projects United Religions Initiative Nederland Universal Peace Federation Nederland Vredesbeweging Pais Vredesmissies zonder Wapens Women's Federation for World Peace Nederland World Beyond War

We stood in a circle of silence at Dam Square, holding images of peace doves and waving peace flags. Following the peace event, an article was published in Noordhollands Dagblad (see the section below).



Photo: a peace flag, held by Pim van den Bosch (left) and someone else



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Photo: Doctors for Peace at the Peace for Ukraine manifestation at Dam Square

It should be remarked that during the peace manifestation for Ukraine, people carrying a Russian flag with *Peace with Russia* on it showed up. As organiser of the manifestation, May-May walked towards them to ask what their intention was. They didn't want to reveal their names and they said that they were there because they mourned the loss of lives of Russian people. This was discussed with Hans van Iterson of Doctors without Borders, and we decided that we wanted to maintain harmony and to let them stay there. As soon as May-May walked towards the people carrying the Russian flag she was photographed.

In addition, a video appeared on Ruptly on X/Twitter. Ruptly is linked to Russian state television. This video was framed as well. It falsely suggested that we also support the Russian policy regarding Ukraine. We want all life to be cherished. Invasions of independent countries do not fit with this view. However, we also remark that NATO expanding eastwards is a source of tension.

All in all, this led us to believe that it is better to organize demonstrations without allowing participants to carry any national flags, only symbols of Peace.



MEDIA COVERAGE ABOUT PEACE EVENT AND OPINION ARTICLES ABOUT THE NEED FOR PEACE

Following the peace event, an article was published in Noordhollands Dagblad Vredesonderhandelingen nu? Zo beloon je agressie [tr. Peace negotiations now? That is how you reward aggression.]

https://peacesos.nl/wp-content/uploads/2023/03/art_vredesonderhandelingen_270223.pdf

May-May indicated that wars almost always end through negotiations, and that it is better to negotiate before more people are killed or injured. Both experts and peace activists see a role for China in settling this war.

May-May wrote the following opinion articles in 2023, the articles can be found via this hyperlink: <u>https://peacesos.nl/media-press/</u>

- Opinieartikel: "Laat China bemiddelen om verdere escalatie te voorkomen", Trouw, 15 Maart 2023
- Opinieartikel: "Werk aan vrede voor Oekraïne op NAVO-top", website Joop, BNNVARA, 05 Juli 2023
- Opinieartikel: "Nederland en EU, bemiddel om de Oekraïense vredesactivist Yurii Sheliazhenko vrij te krijgen', website Joop, BNNVARA, 19 September 2023
- Opinieartikel: "Stop het geweld in Israël en Gaza', website Joop, BNNVARA, 13
 Oktober 2023

MONITORING

At Peace SOS, we want our aid projects to be monitored. The project of the evangelist in Pakistan is monitored by CARE FOUNDATION. The project in Uganda is monitored by someone Peace SOS met via the Global Harmonization Initiative. The project in Yemen was monitored by a monitor who was a contact of our Yemen advisor of Peace SOS. As was mentioned in the section about Gaza, we were in the process of finding a monitor for Gaza, just when the war broke out.





PEACE SOS WEBSITE

Many blogs were published in 2023 on the website of Peace SOS. There was a call from May-May for countries to mediate because of the war in Ukraine. In addition, there was also a blog written by Prof dr. Klaus Moegling and May-May about the need for more and new diplomacy regarding the need for a ceasefire and peace in Ukraine. Dr. Guinness Madasamy called for food bombs instead of nuclear bombs. There was also a blog about the visit to Ukraine by the UN independent commission of inquiry on Ukraine. Caecilia van Peski wrote a blog about *Wahat Al-Salam – Neve Shalom: Peace Village in Israel (Half-way between Tel Aviv and Jerusalem).*

In addition, there was a statement of Women Wage Peace following the attacks of Hamas. And also a heartbreaking message from our partner in Gaza.

The updating and English translation of the website still needs to be completed.

POST ADDRESS AT THE HAGUE PEACE PROJECTS IN DECEMBER 2023

The Peace SOS post address moved to the office of the Hague Peace Projects in December 2023.

SPONSORING AND FUNDING

With regard to funding, Peace SOS is funded by a few private individuals and not by any government or large institution. Although we regretted this at first, we consider it now as an advantage. Peace SOS is independent. We can fully concentrate on our peace mission and use the Universal Declaration of Human Rights as our starting point.

As in previous years, the chairperson of Peace SOS works approximately 0.8 Full Time Equivalent (FTE) without a salary to boost the activities of Peace SOS. Peace SOS also notes that some NGOs express opinion articles in paid publicity value. However, for us it



is more important that our calls for peace are being heard. In 2023 May-May worked regularly from home. Peace SOS consists of volunteers.

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THE PEACE SOS TEAM

The legal form of 'Stichting Peace SOS' is a foundation. Peace SOS has been active since 2015 September 21, 2021, when the Peace Manifesto was presented at Nieuwspoort in the Hague. Peace SOS received its statutes on April 22, 2016. In the year 2023, the Board and advisors of Peace SOS consisted of the following persons:

Alex de Brouwer, secretary of Peace SOS till 11 May 2023.
Jamal Badr, advisor Yemen. Jamal was born in Yemen and works for NGOs.
Jason Sindram, is webmaster at Peace SOS, he is also founder of DP web solutions.
Kumar Jamdagni, is a Dutch-English translator at Peace SOS. He is native English speaker and professional translator.
Lonieke Ultee, general advisor of Peace SOS. Lonieke is owner of a language centre.
Marlene Schmolke, Peace SOS secretary, from approx. October 2023.
Martijn Müller, publishes the Peace SOS newsletters.
May-May Meijer, chairperson and founder of Peace SOS.
Miraj Murshed, advisor Bangladesh.
Sander Glas, is Peace SOS treasurer and financial expert.
Timo van Kempen, general advisor of Peace SOS. Conscientious objector. Nurse.



Balance Sheet as at 31 December 2023

ASSETS	2023 EUR	2022 EUR
Deposits Prepayments Cash & Bank	- 96 1.223	47 87 237
Total	1.318	371
LIABILITIES	2023 FUR	2022 FUR
LIABILITIES Equity Provision Accounts Payable	2023 EUR 1.318 - -	2022 EUR 333 - 39

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Notes to the Balance Sheet

Deposits

The deposit relates to office rent and has been refunded at the end of the rental period.

Prepayments

During 2023, annual costs for domain names are paid in full. The services related to this payment will partly be consumed in 2024.

Cash & Banks

Cash and cash equivalents are recognized at nominal value.



Statement of Income & Expenses 2023

Income	2023	2022
	EUR	EUR
Gifts	19.604	22 467
	19.604	22.467
Total income	19.604	19.588
Expenses	2023	2022
	EUR	EUR
Organization costs	1.087	1.641
Activities	17.531	21.614
Total expenses	18.619	23.255
Result	986	-787
Result destination:		
Change in equity	986	-787

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Notes to the Statement of Income & Expenses

Gifts (from individuals)	EUR
Various	19,604
Organization costs	
Virtual office rent	467
IT	199
Insurance	216
Bank	206
Total	1,088
Total	1,000
Projects	
Permaculture Project, Uganda	3,475
Support for Gaza	3,350
Brick Making factories, Pakistan	3,207
Food baskets, Yemen	2,455
Emergency relief Jaranwala, Pakistan	1,000
School going Children, Jaranwala, Pakistan	986
Food & emergency relief Jaranwala, Pakistan	950
Tree Planting Zimbabwe	508
Clothes for children of the brick kilns, Pakistan	430
Ration food needy women, Pakistan	400
Celebration International Children's Day	400
Anti-child labour day	250
Red Cross	120
Total	17,531

Gifts

In 2023, the chair donated an amount of €18,809 to Peace SOS.

Remuneration of the Board

All the staff of Peace SOS (the board members, advisors, translator and IT staff) did not receive any remuneration in 2022. The chairperson works app. an average of 0.8 full time equivalent (FTE) on Peace SOS unpaid.



Statement of approval of the Annual Report 2023

The board and advisors of the Foundation Peace SOS have discussed the annual report of Peace SOS in one of her online team meetings. The annual report of 2023 was approved on April 28th, 2024.