

Annual Report 2021

Biovision

Foundation for ecological development



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Cover photo (© Christian Bobst):
Noolangeli Tukuyen Lekalkuli of the
Samburu people from Oldonyiro (Kenya)
started keeping camels and thus
increased their resistance to droughts.

Dear Reader,

The state of the world's food supply is alarming: the number of people threatened by poverty and hunger is on the rise again. Among the reasons for this are the Covid-19 pandemic, the climate crisis and the war in Ukraine. It wasn't only in Switzerland that extreme storms led to crop failures in 2021; in East Africa, the biggest drought in half a century is threatening more than 20 million people with famine. It is high time that our food systems become more resilient and sustainable.

Since the World Agriculture Report of 2009, we have known that real change will only succeed through holistic thinking. That is why Biovision consistently focuses on agroecology in its programmes. By working closely with the scientific community and food producers, we are continually finding new solutions adapted to local contexts. This is how we can produce enough healthy food in accordance with nature and how we can leave our children and grandchildren a diverse, intact environment.

Your loyal support of Biovision is an important contribution. I thank you for this from the bottom of my heart.

Hans Rudolf Herren



***“We need to rethink
and radically change
the way we produce
our food and feed
ourselves.”***

Hans R. Herren
President, Biovision Foundation

What we achieved in 2021

Our ultimate goal is for our efforts to create sustainable impact. Through our work, we inspire people and motivate them to take concrete, sustainable action.

As a small development organization, we specifically rely on a systemic approach to agroecological methods and a transformation to a sustainable food system to achieve our grand vision of “Zero Hunger”. We focus our efforts where they generate the greatest and long-lasting impact:

- **Improved livelihoods**

Greater resilience enables people to better withstand crises (for example those caused by climate change) and recover more quickly. By implementing ecological and innovative approaches, we strengthen this resilience. This improves food security, meaning that people have more and better-quality food, improved nutrition, a more regular food supply and a higher family income.

- **Strengthened local actors**

The more local actors from civil society, research, small- and medium-sized enterprises, and politics who have relevant scientific understanding of a sustainable transformation in the food system, the more effective their engagement and the greater the leverage for integrated sustainable development.

- **Conducive frameworks**

Supportive conditions for actors in food systems are central to a sustainable transformation and to expanding agroecological methods. We work with policymakers, researchers and institutional funders to identify ways to facilitate coherent policies, better funding and more supportive institutional frameworks.

- **Sustainable development in Switzerland**

How our food is grown, processed and consumed has a massive impact on our ecological footprint in Switzerland and abroad! We are therefore raising awareness among the Swiss population and Swiss institutions to actively engage in Switzerland’s implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and for an agroecological transformation.

To achieve our goals, we implement ambitious projects that have big potential for impact. To do so, we enter strategic partnerships with influential actors, we disseminate concrete, scientifically based knowledge, and we demonstrate solutions that work. This is how we inspire and motivate people to think in new ways and act sustainably.

Wide-reaching, sustainable impact

Thanks to a more extensive program contribution from the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation SDC, last year we were able to considerably expand our engagement in sub-Saharan Africa and in the realm of policy dialogue and advocacy. The highlights from 2021 on the next two pages show that our work is making an increasingly broad impact and is delivering lasting sustainability.



“Our projects are making an increasingly broad impact and inspiring ever more people for ecological development. This would not be possible without our many patrons and institutional partners. Heartfelt thanks for your support.”

Frank Eyhorn
Executive Director, Biovision



An improvement in the livelihoods of smallholder farmers and their families in East Africa thanks to ecological and innovative approaches. The following specific results were achieved in 2021 (the impact of which is still being measured):

- 29,200 women and men attended training sessions in agroecological methods.
- 19,400 farming households adopted agroecological practices.
- 12,800 people now have regular access to enough healthy food.
- 14,200 women, men and their families have higher incomes.
- 97,900 women and men benefited from improved services for human and animal health.

The empowerment of local actors in East Africa thanks to knowledge-sharing and the co-development of strategies for integrated sustainable development. In 2021 we achieved the following:

- 3,760,000 people increased their awareness of agroecological practices and the links between agriculture, nutrition and the environment through various information channels.
- 153 civil society organisations, research institutions and small- and medium-sized enterprises strengthened their roles as development actors.
- 107 agroecological initiatives improved learning, expanded research capacity or promoted innovation in small- and medium-sized enterprises.

The emergence of beneficial frameworks that foster a sustainable transformation of food systems and the expansion of agroecology. This is what we achieved in 2021:

- 10 policymakers were convinced to actively advocate for agroecology and sustainable food system transformation in their home countries or at a global level.
- 37 million US dollars were invested by third parties in agroecological research, training or businesses on the impetus of Biovision.
- 89 universities, research centres or companies in Switzerland have now adopted steps for implementing the UN 2030 Agenda in their strategies or activities at the initiative of SDSN Switzerland.

A raising of awareness in Switzerland with regard to sustainable development. This involves educating and disseminating knowledge so that more people and institutions can actively engage in the transformation. In 2021, this means in specific terms:

- 7,500 people – including around 2,700 young people – gained awareness about sustainable consumption through CLEVER (see page 20) and about sustainable approaches to soil as a resource through Sounding Soil..
- 52 % of CLEVER visitors want to change their shopping behaviour.
- 3 out of 4 people who get information from Biovision know more about the causes of and solutions to current global challenges and are aware of initiatives for preserving natural resources.



Thriller in the Cornfield

Arable fields and soils exist in perpetual suspense. At least in the push-pull fields of East Africa, beneficial insects are gaining the upper hand over pests. One person in particular is behind this success: entomologist Professor Zeyaur Khan.

By Peter Lüthi (text) and Christian Bobst (images)

Thousands of microscopic seeds from the Striga weed lurk dormant in every handful of arable soil. As soon as the time is right, they begin to germinate. They send their roots out to the nearest maize or millet plant, penetrate its roots and deprive it of water and nutrients, thus stunting the plant's growth. The weed, meanwhile, thrives: it forms beautiful purple flowers and eagerly produces seeds for the next generation.

In East Africa's push-pull fields, however, the dreaded Striga faces an opponent that is superior in terms of both sophistication and power: Desmodium, a legume that relies on tactical confusion and chemical substances that it emits from its roots. It attacks the weed underground with two combinations of different plant chemical compounds. With the first, it stimulates Striga seeds to germinate. With the second, it attacks Striga's sprouting roots and thus prevents the parasite from docking onto a host plant.

Striga has no chance: it dies before it can grow and reproduce. Desmodium can free arable soils from the devastating weed within four years, thus preventing massive harvest losses over the long term.

Ingenious plant helpers

The Desmodium legume presents even more advantages. Thanks to the bacteria in its root nodules, it binds nitrogen from the air. Through this natural fertilisation, it helps build and maintain soil fertility. As a permanent ground cover, it also effectively protects the soil from erosion and drying out. Above the surface, Desmodium's scent discourages insects, such as the harmful stemborer moth, from laying eggs on the crops. In this way, maize and sorghum millet are spared from the voracious larvae that would otherwise hatch on them, bore into their stems and destroy them from the inside.

But that's not all: other companion plants are cultivated around the push-pull fields that help keep pests at bay through volatile messenger substances. Although maize or millet unwittingly attract stemborer moths with their scent, especially at night, plants at the edge of the field such as elephant grass emit their scent earlier, at dusk. In this way, they lure the harmful insects to themselves rather than to the field. The moths fly to the edge of the field and lay their eggs on the sticky leaves of the grasses, to which the offspring adhere and perish.

Grasses send SOS signals

“Some wild grasses, such as molasses grass, have the special ability to use chemical SOS signals to summon natural enemies when pests attack,” explains the ‘father’ of the push-pull method, Professor Zeyaur Khan of the International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology (*icipe*) at the Kenyan research station in Mbita on Lake Victoria. For the stemborer, the natural enemies are parasitic ichneumon wasps. These wasps lay their eggs in the moth larvae, which the wasp larvae eat once they hatch. “The grasses can even warn their plant neighbours of pest attacks. Those neighbours then send out their own SOS signals,” says Khan.

That is not all, the scientist adds: “Unlike modern hybrid varieties of maize – which was originally also a wild grass – old, traditional varieties are also able to receive these messages and can learn to send out signals themselves.”

Hats off to you, Professor Khan!

For 30 years now, entomologist Professor Zeyaur Khan has been meticulously developing the push-pull method he developed. He constantly adapts it to new challenges – such as the consequences of climate change or emerging pests. Biovision has been supporting him and his team for years to further develop and disseminate the push-pull method, which can double or triple crop yields.



“Push-pull has changed my life: I am no longer dependent and I can now provide for my family.”

Beryl Atieno Munika
*Farmer, entrepreneur and
ambassador for the youth, Luanda, Kenya*

Push-Pull works wonders:
*a trial Push-Pull field (left),
and a field without
protective measures (right).*

Long-term research: *at
icipe, the relationships
between plants and
parasites have been studied
closely for years, and
methods for biological pest
control have been adapted
to new conditions.*



“Camels for Drylands” project completed

Pastoralist peoples in northern Kenya in particular are facing great suffering as a result of climate change. With support from Biovision and Vétérinaires Sans Frontières Suisse, the people affected have implemented various measures to increase their resilience.

By Peter Lüthi, Biovision (text and images) and Christian Bobst (images)

What remains of a finished project? In the case of the longstanding project “Camels for Drylands” by Biovision and Vétérinaires Sans Frontières Suisse (VSF-Suisse) in Isiolo County, Kenya, a great deal: more than 200 pastoralist families are now keeping one-humped camels (dromedaries) instead of cattle, and know how to breed and hygienically milk the newly introduced animals. Since the closure of the project, 700 dromedaries continue to be kept, and their population is growing. They are much more robust against droughts than cows and produce about twice the amount of milk. The villages are also proud of their 58 trained animal health reporters, who are integrated into a well-functioning surveillance system for livestock diseases. When in doubt about a disease, the reporters send completed questionnaires via smartphone to the authorities in Isiolo Town. There, veterinarians make remote diagnoses, respond to emergencies and fight impending epidemics early on.

Marketing and value chain for camel milk

One of the project’s major successes is the operative system for collecting and marketing camel milk. It connects herder families, even those living in remote areas, with consumers via a central collection and processing plant. Depending on the season, 4,000 – 7,000 litres of camel milk are collected daily in the dairy in Isiolo Town before being checked for germs and quality, then cooled. Some of the milk is processed into cheese, yoghurt and other specialties. These products are sold directly in Isiolo Town and are very popular with local customers. The rest of the milk is transported in refrigerated trucks to the metropolis of Nairobi and sold on the market. The income from the sales flows back to the dairy and thus to the cooperative members and the camel owners.

Increased resilience against droughts:
the dromedary population has tripled in Isiolo County within 20 years.





Clean water and a renovated house: *Sadia Mohamed has prudently invested profits from camel milk sales and improved her livelihood.*

Knowledge increases the more it is shared

The newly acquired knowledge of the people who were involved in the project remains intact and can grow. This is shown by the example of Ms Sadia Mohamed. Now 49 years old, she was able to take over a camel mare from her mother. The village community had chosen the elderly woman to be a camel owner because of a physical handicap and a particularly high risk of poverty. Her daughter Sadia recognised the opportunity and demonstrated how a dromedary could improve her living situation. She started selling camel milk by the roadside in Isiolo. She rapidly expanded her stock by buying vegetables to resell. She saved up and invested in the rent for a shop in a good location. This enabled her to significantly improve her business and put resources into rabbit keeping. Today Sadia Mohamed owns three camels plus rabbits, a renovated house with rooms for rent, and a 5,000-litre tank of clean drinking water.

What's next? "I help women become more self-reliant and respected, and I assist them with the creation of their own businesses," she says. "It is so humiliating when you have to ask your husband for every cent. I want other women in my community to become as self-reliant and independent as I am."

Highlights from 2021: Development Projects

Wars, climate crises and the coronavirus pandemic have caused another rise in the number of people in Africa suffering from hunger. Biovision implements projects with and for them to develop and propagate agroecological approaches, thus strengthening food security and ensuring more resilient communities.

Last year we carried out 40 projects in Ethiopia, Burundi, Kenya, Malawi, Zimbabwe, Tanzania and Uganda. The coronavirus pandemic continued to create difficulties in many aspects of our activities. It was possible to keep most of the work going, however. Although adjustments had to be made to some projects, we could catch up on other activities from the previous year because pandemic regulations had been relaxed.

We are pleased to note that, in general, the agroecology movement is growing in sub-Saharan Africa. Our partner organizations Slow Food Kenya and Slow Food Uganda joined forces with more than 20 other actors to strengthen local alliances in transforming food systems. More than 400 people have been trained as multipliers running model farms or providing agro-ecological extension services. An important aspect of our work is the health of people, animals and plants: in Uganda, over 2,000 smallholder farmers attended our newly developed courses on the integrated **One Health approach** (www.biovision.ch/one-health).



The security situation in Ethiopia, which is again critical, created a specific challenge. Although some project activities had to be interrupted temporarily due to the internal Ethiopian conflict, already established **beekeepers** were able to continue their work. Over 4,200 kilograms of honey were harvested from our projects. This shows that in this conflict-torn area, beekeeping plays a particularly important role for people's livelihood and resilience. Other highlights in 2021 were the Anolei **camel milk cooperative** in Kenya, founded by Biovision together with Vétérinaires Sans Frontières Switzerland, which was able to sell 1.3 million liters of milk, and the Soils, Food and Healthy Communities (SFHC) agro-ecological research and training center in Malawi, which was able to distribute seeds for local varieties of grains and vegetables to over 2,000 farmers.



Diverting investment to agroecology

Thanks to intense advocacy efforts behind the scenes, the Policy Dialogue and Advocacy team has succeeded time and again in making a big impact. The most recent success started with a study on investments in agroecology.

Martin Grossenbacher, Editor

Organic agriculture has made impressive developments internationally in recent years. There were 3.4 million certified organic producers in 2020, and almost 75 million hectares of agricultural land were farmed organically by the end of the year ¹. Yet sustainable methods have a harder time gaining traction than conventional agriculture. As Biovision President Hans Rudolf Herren stated at the presentation of the 2020 “Money Flows” study: “Most governments still favour the ‘Green Revolution’ approach under the misconception that industrial agriculture is the only way to produce enough food. But these approaches have failed. Radical change is needed – and this requires more money for agroecology.”

Nancy Munyoki, research assistant at icipe
in Nairobi, studies the effectiveness of natural pest control in organic farming systems in the laboratory.

Leverage where it counts

This is what the Policy Dialogue and Advocacy (P&A) team set out to do after the presentation of the study on investing in research for agroecology. “We held many in-person meetings with decision-makers and participated actively in conferences and online events. With the help of ‘Money Flows’, we looked behind the investments and showed which obstacles need to be removed so that more funding can flow into agroecology,” explains P&A Programme Manager Charlotte Pavageau. Doing so has explicitly integrated agroecology in East Africa into government extension services for farmers, for example, and has brought together major research and education institutes. Kenya’s largest university is even planning to establish a department of agroecology. ETH Zurich held a series of lectures on agroecology in 2021, and the newly founded Zurich Knowledge Center for Sustainable Development (ZKSD) launched a research programme on agroecology. “Our greatest success in Switzerland, however, was with the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC)”, notes Matthias Geck, who worked on the programme. “SDC analysed its global programme on food security based on our study. As a result, it has decided to double the funding for agroecological projects in the coming years.”

Financially, however, the establishment of the Transformative Partnership Platform (TPP) on agroecology has been the study's greatest impact. Its members include leading research organisations, major institutional donors and key UN agencies. On the initiative of the TPP, numerous large agroecological research projects have been set up worldwide with a funding volume that now reaches around 100 million euros. "For us, the study was a powerful means to an end," says Stefanie Pondini of the P&A team, summarising what has been accomplished. "As a relatively small organisation, we were once again able to achieve great things by pulling the right levers."



“For us, exchange with other national actors who also want to redirect research funds towards sustainable agriculture was very important. We are very grateful to Biovision for the initiative.”

***Prof. Mary Abukutsa,**
Deputy Vice Chancellor Research, Production and Extension at
Jomo Kenyatta University of Agriculture and Technology in Kenya*

¹ “The World of Organic Agriculture 2022,” data from 190 countries in 2020, FiBL/IFOAM

Highlights from 2021: Policy Dialogue and Advocacy



In cooperation with decision makers from politics and civil society, as well as through direct engagement in national and global networks, we designed better framework conditions for sustainable food systems at local and international levels.

Decision makers worldwide are increasingly working on operational, sustainable policies against hunger. Biovision, with its many years of knowledge of agroecological methods, is therefore an increasingly sought-after partner. The role of the private sector and donors in promoting agroecology is increasingly becoming a focus. A high-profile event at the UN Food System Summit in September 2021, which we organized together with the **Transformational Investing in Food Systems (TIFS)** initiative and which 350 people worldwide attended virtually, was dedicated to this topic.

With now more than 350 members from all continents, the **“Food Policy Forum for Change”** also provided regular exchange in 2021. This forum on agroecology for policymakers played an important role in preparations for the UN Food System Summit. Together with the members, we thoroughly considered how sustainable food systems could be introduced at the summit to achieve a breakthrough. At the UN Summit, the forum then presented its position and arguments at a virtual event to over 200 participants from civil society, politics, research and philanthropy.

Our approaches to **agroecology and climate change** met great interest at last year's global climate conference, COP26, in Glasgow. Together with the UN Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and WWF International, we organized an event at which we discussed target-oriented negotiating positions and strengthened our networks with agricultural delegates, donors, UN organization representatives and other key stakeholders.

The Policy Dialogue and Advocacy team had particular success in its activities in Kenya. In Kiambu and Meru counties, concrete drafts of laws were developed in cooperation with the local governments and over 800 interested citizens who **support a local transformation towards agroecology.**

10 years of sustainable consumption

Who would have thought at the beginning of the 2010s that sustainability would become so trendy? When the association “Natur liegt nahe” and Biovision opened the first CLEVER exhibition in 2011, sustainable consumption was still a niche topic.

Anna Schöpfer, sustainability expert and project manager for “CLEVER – Sustainable Consumption”

The initial idea of using an information stand to inspire young people to consume conscientiously and in more environmentally friendly ways quickly gave rise to the idea that young people would be better convinced interactively. The result was an exhibition in which visitors could test their consumption patterns with pretend purchases that produce a receipt about the sustainability of their own consumption. The evaluation system we developed estimates the ecological and social impact of the cultivation, trade and sale of various products.

An online shop for testing shopping behaviour

Since 2015, people have been able to find helpful tips for future friendly consumption on the website clever-konsumieren.ch. In the online shop, people can go on a pretend shopping spree and test their consumption habits. In addition, CLEVER has expanded its aware-

ness-raising activities. The team gives lectures at educational institutions and events, and tours Switzerland with its interactive exhibition, thus increasing sensibility about sustainable consumption among the Swiss population.

CLEVER expansion into schools

Thanks to the growing interest in the subject, education about sustainable development was included in Lehrplan 21, Switzerland's nationwide curriculum plan launched in 2021. This has increased the demand for CLEVER exhibitions in schools. CLEVER is therefore expanding its educational resources to include a larger mobile exhibition for school visits and to offer teaching materials and workshops for teachers.

How sustainable was a shopping trip?

All items are scanned and evaluated at the checkout register, where CLEVER staff gives visitors practical tips.



The year 2021 was very successful despite the coronavirus pandemic. Green Party National Councillor Meret Schneider and influencer Nina Botzen together opened the travelling exhibition in Uster. With two smaller indoor supermarkets, the CLEVER team was invited to the cities of Glarus and Basel and visited numerous schools in both German- and French-speaking Switzerland. The French-speaking Switzerland team reported record attendance at Automnales in Geneva, one of the area's largest trade fairs. There, too, the awareness-raising team shared shopping tips on sustainable consumption with the public.

In 10 years, CLEVER has...

- developed 6 evaluation criteria
 - involved 39 celebrities in exhibition openings
 - trained 52 interns
 - been exhibited in 29 locations throughout Switzerland
 - created over 400 sustainability ratings for products
 - guided more than 1,000 school classes through the exhibition
 - reached over 69,000 interested visitors
-



”There will not be one golden solution that solves all our problems. We need an array of sustainability solutions. Biovision’s work to raise awareness starts there.”

***Yvonne Lötscher**
Director of Sustainable Nutrition, City of Zurich*

Highlights from 2021: Switzerland Program

We promoted Switzerland’s implementation of the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and convinced people to commit to an agroecological transformation of the food system.

We implement our Switzerland program through networks with competent and renowned partners and under well-known names such as **CLEVER sustainable consumption**. Nothing is more convincing than concrete, operational examples to inspire people for more sustainability. Such examples were presented last year at the first Agroecology Days series organized by the “agroecology-works!” network, which Biovision co-founded. During one week, 45 organizations held 33 public online and in-person events about agroecology – from discussions among farmers to farm visits and exchange about latest research results with experts. Around 850 people attended. More than 7,500 people signed the petition “Promote agroecology – in Switzerland and worldwide”.

Through **Sounding Soil** (www.soundingsoil.ch), we raised awareness about living and healthy soil throughout Switzerland. In 2021, we gained two new important implementation partners: the Gantrisch Nature Park and GLOBE, an international science and education program for schools that focuses on sustainability. Despite the difficult circumstances caused by the pandemic, we held Sounding Soil events and workshops for over 1,500



participants. Remarkable was the great international response to our soil sounds, with coverage from BBC UK to Deutschlandfunk and Radio Canada.

The **Sustainable Development Solutions Network Switzerland** (www.sdsn.ch) successfully expanded its network to universities, research centers, civil society, and political and private sectors in 2021. It launched the nonpartisan parliamentary group Sustainable Development Goals 2030 (SDGs), whose members will be increasingly involved in the National Council and the Council of States in the spirit of the UN Agenda 2030. Two projects were selected to further accelerate the implementation of the global sustainability goals: “Campus- 4Biodiversity” and “Curriculum Change @ Business Education”. These solution initiatives receive SDSN funding and are implemented together with its member network.

Foundation Board

This is the highest body within Biovision; it takes overall responsibility for the organisation and sets its strategic direction.

The Foundation Board currently consists of seven independent members who all provide their services on an honorary basis. It appoints the CEO, approves the Annual Financial Statements and Annual Budget and decides which projects to support and what level of contributions it will provide.



Dr. Barbara Frei Haller
Pharmacist and ethno-pharmacy lecturer at ETH Zurich. Research includes malaria prevention in East Africa. Member of the governing council of icipe.



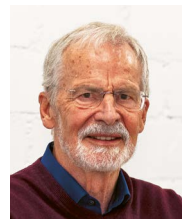
Paula Daeppen-Dion
Longstanding UN NGO representative who builds and fosters international contacts. Involved in numerous non-profit organisations with a focus on women's issues.



Mathis Zimmermann
Lawyer whose specialist areas include foundation law. Partner in the law firm Steinbrüchel Hüssy and Biovision founding member.



Maya Graf
Organic farmer, member of the Council of States (Green Party BL). Commitment, among other things, to the implementation of IAASTD Report and a GMO-free, sustainable agriculture and food economy.



Prof. Dr. Ruedi Baumgartner
Former co-director of NADEL Center for Development and Cooperation at ETH Zurich. Active in continuing education programmes for development and cooperation.



Shruti Patel
Senior lecturer at NADEL Center for Development and Cooperation at ETH Zurich. Focus areas in food and nutrition security and in building partnerships for development.



Dr. Hans Rudolf Herren
Biovision founding member; Foundation Board president; agronomist/entomologist; Right Livelihood Award laureate. Core activities: sustainable development policy design and implementation.

Biovision

Foundation for ecological development

What we do

Through concrete projects, we show that enough nutritious food can be produced without endangering natural resources. We show how the food system – from the production to consumption – can be made sustainable. In doing so, we develop, test and disseminate solutions to overcome hunger, poverty, consequences of climate change and biodiversity loss.

Where we work

- In Switzerland we impart knowledge and tips for sustainable consumption, and we are an active part of the sustainable food system movement.
- In Africa we disseminate knowledge about and practical skills for organic agriculture to farmers, agricultural advisers and authorities.
- Globally we are building new alliances with governments, international organizations and businesses for ecological and social framework conditions

How we work

Our core competence is in imparting knowledge about organic agriculture and responsible consumption and in strengthening the capacity to act. We build networks and form durable alliances to realize our vision. Our approaches are science-based and practically tested. We maintain close cooperation with competent, locally rooted partners.

Since 1998 we have been working at different levels worldwide, in Africa and in Switzerland towards sustainable, healthy nutrition and ecological development. We orient our work towards the UN's Sustainable Development Goals, with a focus on Goal 2: "Zero Hunger".

Our vision:

"A world with enough food for all, produced by healthy people in a healthy environment."

Executive Board Report

Equipped with a new strategy and in association with strong partners, Biovision is reinforcing its commitment to bringing about a change of course in agriculture and nutrition. Even as a small player, it is exercising a major role on the world stage.

Frank Eyhorn, Biovision Executive Director

A new strategy period for Biovision began in 2021. A holistic, agroecological approach and the use of synergies across all areas of involvement are gaining even more influence in our work. Meanwhile, we and our partners are resolutely trying to expand other actors' involvement in achieving a systemic change in food systems.

Thanks to an increased programme contribution from the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation SDC, we were able to considerably expand our commitment in sub-Saharan Africa and in the area of policy dialogue and advocacy. In particular, we were able to launch additional projects that promote sustainable vegetable and fruit production. With our alliance partner Centre Ecologique Albert Schweizer (CEAS), we established our first cooperative project in Burkina Faso, in which we are jointly supporting the development of a national agroecology strategy.

Agroecology on the rise

Leading up to the national referendum in June, our focus on pesticides was met with great public interest. At our spring event in Solothurn, we showed methods that enable synthetic pesticides to be avoided. With the help of various allies, we succeeded in strongly positioning the agroecology approach at the United Nations Food System Summit in mid-2021. In a video presentation at the virtual summit, Biovision Executive Director Frank Eyhorn was able to stress the importance of a supportive political framework and the inclusion of broad interest groups to over 50,000 participants from 193 countries. More than 30 countries, plus the African Union and the European Union, have already joined the newly founded Agroecology Alliance that Biovision co-initiated.

At the summit, Switzerland also advocated for a sustainable transformation of food systems based on the principles of agroecology. We took the Swiss Federal Council at its word and, with the Sustainable

Development Solution Network Switzerland and the association Landwirtschaft mit Zukunft (agriculture with a future), prepared the project "Future of Food in Switzerland". You can look forward to hearing more about it in 2022!

A solid basis for growth and development

In the second year of the pandemic, we and our partners were better prepared for the challenging situation. Nevertheless, some project activities could only take place with restrictions. We were therefore all the more grateful to be able to hold our traditional symposium in person again at Volkshaus Zurich in the autumn. Together we experienced the importance of diversity, from field to fork, for healthy people in a healthy environment – in Africa, in Switzerland and globally.

While Biovision continues to grow and develop, we remain true to the vision of ecologically and socially sustainable development. Our projects are increasingly having a broad impact, which gives us hope. All this would not be possible without the loyal support of our numerous patrons and institutional partners. For this we would like to thank you from the bottom of our hearts.



The Biovision Executive Board 2021/2022 (from left to right):
Conny Gwerder, Frank Eyhorn, Sabine Lerch, Ueli Würmli, Stefanie Pondini, Alexandra Arnold, Loredana Sorg

Team successfully established in French-speaking Switzerland

In the two and a half years since the first employees started working in the Geneva office, Biovision's "Antenne romande" has been growing ever stronger and more effective.

Léna Quéant, Communication and Public Fundraising Officer in French-speaking Switzerland

Biovision has succeeded in developing closer connections with local and international partners in French-speaking Switzerland – and in expanding its nationwide commitment to a more sustainable Switzerland – since opening its office there in autumn 2019. “Geneva is the perfect base for strengthening positive international ties by building personal contacts,” explains Charlotte Pavageau, Programme Officer of Policy Dialogue and Advocacy. “We now work more closely with international organisations such as the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the United Nations Environment Programme (UNEP). We can also more easily foster synergies between different stakeholders and more directly contribute Biovision’s expertise in sustainable food systems.”

Our “Antenne romande” team has linked Biovision even more deeply with French-speaking Switzerland (from left to right: Capucine Musard, Sébastien Dutruel, Léna Quéant).

Local proximity brings advantages

Proximity plays an important role in maintaining contact with donors and institutional sponsors, as Sébastien Dutruel, who is responsible for institutional partnerships, notes: “Thanks to our local presence, we are very close to regional partners and we can communicate with them in an ideal way. It’s not just about speaking the same language; above all it’s about understanding the characteristics of French-speaking Switzerland’s traditions of international solidarity.” The campaigns for sustainable consumption and building awareness of soil have also met great interest in French-speaking Switzerland: “Despite the pandemic crisis, we held many events,” emphasises Event Coordinator Capucine Musard. She is pleased with the results: “Both 'CLEVER' and 'Sounding Soil' received a lot of media attention through positive newspaper, radio and even television reports.” Léna Quéant, responsible for communications and fundraising, confirms: “The response here is extremely encouraging.” She looks to the future with confidence: “We now have a strong connection to the public in French-speaking Switzerland, especially our members. The network of people here who share our vision and work with Biovision towards sustainable development and a transformation in the food system is constantly growing!”



Partners and networks

Biovision relies on strong partnerships, local institutions and diverse networks to implement its projects.

Biovision works globally, with a focus on sub-Saharan Africa and Switzerland. We develop projects in sub-Saharan Africa in collaboration with the beneficiaries and experts from renowned partner organisations and research institutions. Local project officers remain in close contact with programme coordinators in Switzerland. This ensures that we can provide professional guidance. Our local involvement often includes training programmes and professional support, which contributes to achieving sustainable project success. Besides the applied project work, we are active in various national and international networks. In Switzerland, we endeavour to create better political framework conditions, raise awareness about sustainable consumption among the population, and mobilise support for the implementation of the 2030 Agenda. At the international level, we work with influential organisations, pass on knowledge and propose solutions related to sustainable food systems to groups of specialists, and bring together decision-makers from the worlds of politics, business and civil society.

In 2021, Biovision invested financial and human resources in 52 projects and collaborated with more than 80 partners in Switzerland and abroad.

73-NRP – Sustainable Economy, National Research Programme, Switzerland

AfSA – Alliance for Food Sovereignty in Africa

Agrarallianz, Switzerland

Agroecology Coalition

Agroecology works!, Switzerland

Agropolis Foundation, France

Bibliosuisse Association

bioRe® Foundation, Switzerland

BFH – Bern University of Applied Sciences

BMZ – German Federal Ministry of Economic Cooperation and Development

BvAT – Biovision Africa Trust, Nairobi, Kenya

Cabi International, Uganda

Caritas Meru, Kenya

Caritas Austria – Feldkirch dioceses

CDE – Centre for Development and Environment of the University of Bern

CEAS – Centre Écologique Albert Schweitzer, Schweiz

Civil-Society Platform Agenda 2030

CLARA group (Climate Land Ambition and Rights Alliance)

CAN – Climate Action Network

Climate Alliance, Switzerland

CNS FAO – Swiss national FAO Committee

Collaboratio Helvetica

ECC-SDCOM – Ethiopian Catholic Church – Social Development Coordinating Office of Meki, Ethiopia

ECOSOC – UN Economic and Social Council (General Consultative Status)

ecovia – Landschaft, Wasser, Bildung, Switzerland

ETH Zurich

FAO – Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations

FSO – Federal Statistical Office, Switzerland

FGC – Fédération Genevoise de Coopération

FH – Food for the Hungry, Burundi

FiBL – Research Institute for Organic Agriculture, Switzerland

GAFF – Global Alliance for the Future of Food

Gantrisch Nature Park, Switzerland

Globe Switzerland

HAFL – School of Agricultural, Forest and Food Sciences, Switzerland

ICCASA – Inclusive Climate Change Adaptation for a Sustainable Africa

ICE – Institute for Culture and Ecology, Kenya

icipe – International Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology, Kenya and Ethiopia

ICRAF – International Centre for Research in Agroforestry

ICRISAT – International Crops Research Institute for the Semi-Arid Tropics, Tanzania

IFOAM – Organics International

ILRI – International Livestock Research Institute

Impact Hub Switzerland

Initiative “4 pour 1000”

IPES-Food – International Panel of Experts on Sustainable Food Systems

Jigjiga University, Ethiopia

Landwirtschaft mit Zukunft, Switzerland

LED – Liechtensteinischer Entwicklungsdienst

MAI/MOALFI – Ministry of Agriculture and Irrigation, Kenya

MAK – Makerere University Kampala, Uganda

MI – Millennium Institute, USA

NABO – Swiss Soil Monitoring Network

One Planet Network – Sustainable Food Systems Programme

PELUM Kenya – Participatory Ecological Land-Use Management Kenya

PELUM Uganda – Participatory Ecological Land-Use Management Uganda

PPIZ – Practical Permaculture Institute Zanzibar

Prometra Uganda

SAT – Sustainable Agriculture Tanzania

scaling4good, Switzerland

SCNAT – Swiss Academy of Sciences

SDC – Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation

SDSN – UN Sustainable Development Solutions Network

SDSN Switzerland

Shona – Business service provider, Uganda

Slow Food Kenya

Slow Food Uganda

SMG – Swiss Malaria Group

Soil & More Impacts, Germany

Soils, Food and Healthy Communities, Malawi

Sustainability Week Switzerland

Swiss TPH – Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute

Tanzania – NGO Roundtable

The Alliance of Bioversity International and CIAT

TPP – Transformative Partnership Platform for Agroecology

TIFS-Initiative – Transformational Investing in Food Systems

Uganda Martyrs University

UNEP – UN Environment Programme

University of Lausanne

University of St. Gallen

VSF Suisse – Vétérinaires Sans Frontières Switzerland

World Vegetable Center

WSL – Swiss Federal Institute for Forest, Snow and Landscape Research

WWF International

WWF Switzerland

ZHAW – Zürcher Hochschule für Angewandte Wissenschaften

ZHdK – Zurich University of the Arts

ZOI – Zanzibar Organic Initiative, Tanzania

Many thanks!

Biovision is dedicated to transforming food systems worldwide. This commitment would not be possible without institutional partnerships and the generous support of private donors.

While there is an oversupply of food in the industrialised nations, malnutrition and undernourishment are on the rise in poor countries. Biovision tackles the root of the problem by promoting organic farming methods that reduce hunger and poverty while protecting the environment. Biovision's systemic approach extends 'from field to fork' and promotes the development of sustainable food systems. We sincerely thank all donors who financially supported our global commitment in 2021.

The following organisations have supported our projects with particularly generous contributions:

Foundations

ABZ Solidaritätsfonds, atDta Foundation – helping others to help themselves, CHARISMA Stiftung für nachhaltige Entwicklung, Fondation Philanthropique Famille Sandoz, Foundation Alfred et Eugénie Baur, Foundation Audemars Piguet, Foundation Corymbo, Foundation Dreiklang für ökologische Forschung und Bildung, Foundation Eckenstein Geigy, Foundation Drittes Millennium, Foundation Fredy's Plantation, Foundation Fürstl. Kommerzienrat Guido Feger, Foundation Gottfried und Ursula Schächli-Jecklin, Foundation Leopold Bachmann, Foundation Mercator Switzerland, Foundation Nord-Süd,

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Project expenses

In 2021 Biovision financed its most comprehensive project portfolio to date with a total of CHF 9.2 million. This was around CHF 2.1 million more than went into projects in the previous year (an increase of 29.9%). The global Covid-19 crisis again impeded project work for our partners in sub-Saharan Africa, the work of our policy and advocacy team, and project work in Switzerland, and as a result reduced expenditure. The decreased expenses were primarily due to delays in development projects; cancelled, postponed, or virtual international conferences and meetings; and a reduced scope of awareness-raising activities in the Switzerland programme.

Revenue

Within the framework of an institutional partnership with the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC), we received a programme contribution of CHF 4.05 million. Private individual donations and earmarked donations from institutional partners continued to support us generously in the 2021 pandemic year. Benefactors' member contributions amounted to CHF 1.1 million. Biovision received bequests of around CHF 0.6 million in 2021. Overall, Biovision logged a record total revenue of CHF 14.6 million in 2021. Due to the reduced project expenditure, the capital funds (earmarked assets) increased to CHF 0.96 million.

Fundraising and general advertising expenses

Collective expenditure is calculated according to the current ZEWO regulations. Expenditure on fundraising and advertising is around CHF 1.84 million, which corresponds to 15.3% of Biovision's total expenses. These expenses enable Biovision to have diversified financing with a strong donor base.

Administrative expenses

Administrative expenses amounted to CHF 0.99 million in the financial year, which corresponds to 8.3% of Biovision's total expenses.

Results

Biovision's investments recorded positive returns of CHF 2.086 million in 2021. The positive balance will be allocated to its organisation capital, of which CHF 1.886 million will be earmarked for projects and CHF 200,000 allotted as free capital.

Outlook

Biovision is confident about the future and is expecting around CHF 12.7 million to flow into projects in 2022 (an increase of CHF 3.5 million compared to 2021). Additionally, the earmarked funds of CHF 0.96 million accumulated in the fund due to the pandemic will be used, and part of the capital earmarked for projects will be invested. Thanks to the positive financial performance in 2021, Biovision can ensure the planned reserve quota in accordance with ZEWO guidelines and the planned increase in the scope of its programme.

We would like to express our sincere thanks for the trust of our loyal donors, whose contributions have always formed the foundation for Biovision and enabled us to implement the foundation's mission. We would also like to thank our institutional partners and SDC, whose project and program contributions in 2021 again enabled us to maintain our sustainable commitment to our priority themes – in Switzerland, globally and with our project partners in sub-Saharan Africa.



“With 9.2 million Swiss francs, last year Biovision financed its most far-reaching project portfolio to date. This was made possible by our loyal members, patrons and institutional donors.”

Alexandra Arnold
Head of Finance, HR & Administration

Balance sheet in CHF¹

Assets	2021	2020
Current assets		
Cash and cash equivalents	7,959,508	6,195,911
Other short-term receivables	138,140	140,873
Project accounts – partner organisations	732,220	460,369
Inventories	4,103	5,129
Prepayments and accrued income	2,331	2,331
Outstanding donations	1,008,686	269,000
Total current assets	9,844,988	7,073,612
Non-current assets		
Tangible and intangible assets	12,298	19,575
Total non-current assets	12,298	19,575
Total assets	9,857,286	7,093,188
Liabilities		
Current liabilities		
Payables from goods and services	174,838	212,560
Other short-term liabilities	97,337	190,171
Project accounts – partner organisations	371,049	98,889
Accrued liabilities and deferred income	269,180	205,548
Total current liabilities	912,404	707,167
Restricted fund capital²		
Health of people	0	0
Health of animals	0	0
Health of plants	95,736	178,982
Health of the environment	0	83,804
Dissemination of information	31,912	0
Project development	0	0
Political dialogue and advocacy	60,729	229,531
Programme for Switzerland	0	0
Programme contribution IP SDC	776,024	0
Total restricted fund capital	964,401	492,316
Organisation capital		
Foundation capital	50,000	50,000
Restricted reserves	3,125,625	1,238,849
Unrestricted reserves	4,804,856	4,604,856
Total organisation capital	7,980,481	5,893,705
Total liabilities	9,857,286	7,093,188

Income statement in CHF¹

Income	2021	2020
Unrestricted donations	4,560,236	3,844,902
Earmarked donations and project contributions ³	4,252,646	3,835,748
Programme contribution IP SDC ⁴	4,050,500	1,165,000
Donor membership contributions ⁵	1,139,705	1,104,998
Legacies	599,749	877,763
Other income	39,896	37,013
Total operating income	14,642,733	10,865,423
<i>Change compared with previous year</i>	35%	9%
Expenses		
Project expenses		
Development and cooperation	-4,769,799	-3,549,242
Political dialogue and advocacy	-1,838,640	-1,018,955
Programme for Switzerland	-2,341,775	-2,242,657
Other project expenses	-240,131	-261,278
Total project expenses	-9,190,346	-7,072,132
<i>Change compared with previous year</i>	30%	-6%
Fundraising and advertising expenditure	-1,865,147	-1,544,228
Management and administration		
Staff costs	-888,951	-802,729
Administrative expenses	-125,663	-176,481
Total for management and administration	-1,014,614	-979,210
Total expenses	-12,070,107	-9,595,570
<i>Change compared with previous year</i>	26%	-0.2%
Operating result		
before financial result,		
extraordinary result and change in fund capital	2,572,626	1,269,853
Financial income	-8,083	-4,976
Extraordinary result	-29,994	2,522
Currency translation gains	24,312	-49,460
Total financial result,	-13,765	-51,914
extraordinary result and currency translation gains		
Result before change in fund capital	2,558,861	1,217,939
Withdrawal of restricted fund capital	7,561,562	4,963,719
Allocation of restricted fund capital	-8,033,646	-5,000,748
Total change in fund capital	-472,085	-37,028
Annual financial result		
after financial result and change in fund capital	2,086,776	1,180,911
(before allocation to organisation capital)		
Allocation restricted reserves	-1,886,776	-980,911
Allocation unrestricted reserves	-200,000	-200,000

Project expenses

in CHF¹

Biovision invests in three areas of activity: development projects, political dialogue and advocacy; projects and raising awareness in Switzerland (implementation of Agenda 2030). Expenses before financial result/extraordinary result:

<i>Development projects</i>		2021	2020
Health of plants			
DPP_001	Push-Pull: Diversity through Participatory Research	202,676	214,967
DPP_002	Long-Term System Comparison	156,362	113,683
DPP_005	Fruit Fly Control	93,453	90,025
DPP_008	Food security in rural Ethiopia	95,496	146,642
DPP_011	Agroecology Centre in Tanzania	362,169	308,369
DPP_012	Combatting the Tomato Leafminer Moth	101,899	150,338
DPP_013	Promoting food security through sustainable ecological farming systems	77,002	26,659
DPP_014	Agroecology for more Food Security in Burundi	153,553	49,335
DPP_015	Strong Communities and Organic Farming in Malawi	110,183	94,972
DPP_016	Evidence for the feasibility of scaling up agroecology	110,402	48,267
DPP_017	Ethiopian mangoes take off	103,295	0
DPP_018	Kenyan farming families become more resilient	45,317	0
Total, Health of plants		1,611,807	1,243,258
Health of the environment			
DPE_002	Reviving Traditional Knowledge	79,216	86,434
DPE_003	Forest School Mpigi	88,866	79,145
DPE_006	Local seed increases biodiversity	169,192	134,008
DPE_007	Bees for young entrepreneurs	86,810	111,863
DPE_008	Beekeeping and Mangrove Protection in Zanzibar	116,330	75,696
DPE_009	More resilient communities in Tanzania's drylands	121,751	0
DPE_010	Regreening Kenya	144,818	0
DPE_011	Access to healthy food in Kenya	29,577	0
DPE_012	Organic Zanzibar	32,286	0
Total, Health of the environment		868,846	487,146
Health of animals			
DPA_002	Camels for Drought Areas	152,216	148,354
DPA_005	Tsetse fly control	0	137,301
DPA_007	Information system for diseases and droughts	73,980	63,445
DPA_008	Sustainable Rangeland Management in Kenya	107,903	69,441
DPA_009	Trees for Animal Welfare	63,150	31,689
DPA_010	Harvesting and use of desert locusts by local communities	0	14,321
DPA_011	Plant and animal clinics in rural Uganda	76,379	0
DPA_012	Silvopastoralism and Welfare of Animals in Ethiopia	103,234	0
Total, Health of animals		576,862	464,551
Health of humans			
DPH_003	Innovative Disease Prevention for Animals and People	222,476	192,365
DPH_004	Developing a Mosquito-repellent biofuel product	11,804	0
DPH_005	Promotion of sustainably produced food	28,555	0
Total, Health of humans		262,835	192,365

Dissemination of information			
DPI_001	TOF Farmer Magazine	187,445	203,942
DPI_002	TOF Radio	178,238	184,186
DPI_003	Advice in the Field	297,601	340,367
DPI_004	Farmer Magazine in Swahili	207,994	204,557
DPI_005	Infonet-Biovision	169,042	152,387
DPI_006	EOA BvAT Capacity Building	0	28,938
DPI_009	The New Agroecology Seminar	70,227	25,334
DPI_010	Impact assessment of MkM farmer magazine	0	22,211
DPI_012	Interactive radio for smallholder farmers	176,506	0
DPI_013	Partner Capacity Building Workshop	42,714	0
DPI_014	Transdisciplinary Training	25,414	0
DPI_015	Infonet-GIZ	94,269	0
Total, Dissemination of information		1,449,448	1,161,922

<i>Project development, advice and support</i>			
DPG	Small grants and project development funds	79,839	107,950
DPG	Contribution to Covid-19 Emergency Response Agroecology Fund	0	45,234
PPF_001	Operational Support and Capacity Building BvAT	160,292	108,095
Total, Project development, advice and support		5,009,930	3,810,521

<i>Political dialogue and advocacy</i>			
PDA_002	More research for agroecology	596,538	423,778
PDA_003	Agroecology against climate change	494,371	356,482
PDA_004	Peer-to-peer exchange among policy makers	492,279	183,642
PDA_005	Building Capacity at the Local Government Level	36,058	214
PDA_006	Investing in Food Systems Transformation	59,938	0
PDA_007	East African Agroecology Accelerator set-up (E3A)	86,448	0
PDA_010	Agroecology Coalition support	67,676	0
PPF_002	Book project "IAASTD – 10 years later"	5,332	54,840
Total, Political dialogue and advocacy		1,838,640	1,018,955

<i>Programme for Switzerland</i>			
CHC_001	Sustainable consumption	244,287	257,689
CHC_002	Sustainable consumption in Romandie	126,796	79,110
CHS_001	Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN), Switzerland	455,913	499,957
CHS_002	Sounding Soil	149,457	118,495
CHS_003	Transforming food systems in Switzerland	109,560	82,022
KST_705	Transformation of the Swiss food system in French-speaking Switzerland	9,903	0
CHS_004	Pioneers in building sustainable food systems – examples from Switzerland	100,643	0
CHI_000	Raise awareness for sustainability issues	1,145,216	1,037,274
Total, Programme for Switzerland		2,341,775	2,074,547

¹ Centimes rounded up or down

² The reported restricted funds indicate the capital that is earmarked for certain purposes but has not yet been spent.

³ In 2021, Liechtenstein Development Service (LED) transferred a contribution of CHF 600,000. In 2021, the IKEA Foundation transferred a contribution of CHF 452,991.

⁴ In 2021, the SDC transferred a Programme IP contribution of CHF 4,050,500.

⁵ Biovision uses the term "member" to denote a donor to the Foundation rather than in the legal sense of an affiliation.

The full, audited Financial Statements are available on demand from our office or as a download from www.biovision.ch.

Biovision in figures

Founded in: 1998

Priority countries: Ethiopia, Burundi, Kenya, Malawi, Zimbabwe, Switzerland, Tanzania, Uganda

Number of projects undertaken in 2021: 52

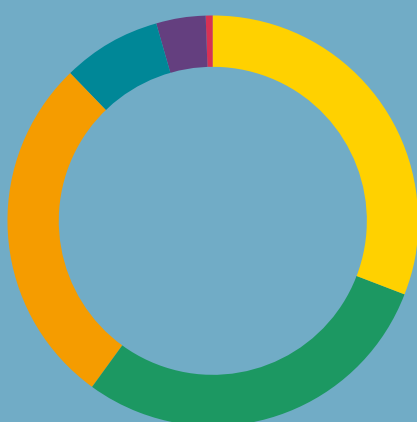
Project partners in Africa in 2021: 23

Project investment in 2021: 9.2 million Swiss francs

Employees in Switzerland 2021: 52 (39.6 full-time positions)

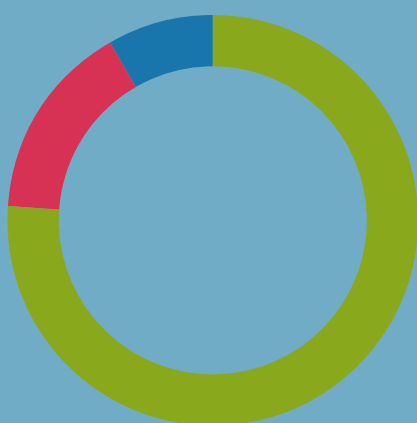
Private donors in 2021: 26,000

Performance Indicators 2021



Source of funds

- 31.1% Unrestricted donations
- 29% Earmarked donations
- 27.7% Programme contribution IP SDC
- 7.8% Donor membership contributions
- 4.1% Legacies
- 0.3% Other income



Deployment of funds*

- 76.4%** Projects
- 15.3% Fundraising and marketing expenses
- 8.3% Administrative expenses



Expenditure by fields of action

- 54.8% Development and cooperation
- 20% Political dialogue and advocacy
- 25.3% Programme for Switzerland

* Expenses including financial income/ Extraordinary result

** Lower than usual due to the Covid-19 pandemic

Accountability and Transparency

We always strive to use donations and membership fees purposefully, efficiently and effectively, and to provide information transparently about how the money is spent.

Biovision Foundation is politically and financially independent. It reports to the Swiss supervisory body for foundations and is certified by ZEWÖ. It makes prudent, targeted use of its funds. The annual accounts are prepared according to the Swiss GAAP FER 21 expert recommendations on financial reporting, legal requirements, ZEWÖ standards and provisions of the statutes of the Foundation. The auditor's report on the annual accounts for 2021 is available for inspection at www.biovision.ch, along with the statutes.

Auditor

KPMG AG, 8004 Zurich

Status in the USA

Biovision Foundation has public charity equivalency in the United States in accordance with Section 501(c)(3); donations are tax-deductible in the USA.

General consultative status

Biovision has general consultative status in the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). Biovision is represented on the national FAO committee in Switzerland (CNS-FAO).

Ecological footprint

As an organisation that operates globally, Biovision often finds business travel unavoidable: to attend meetings with project partners in East Africa, for example, or to take part in international conferences. In our operational activities, we pay even greater attention to minimising our ecological footprint and continue to ensure that travel necessary for our international work is organised as efficiently and effectively as possible. In 2021, we produced the equivalent of 56 tonnes of CO₂ (2020: 31.1 tonnes). We offset this amount via MyClimate and the funds were used to support the 'Savings Groups Enable Women to Afford an Efficient Cooking Stove' project in Kenya. We use certified ecoelectricity at our offices in Zurich and Geneva. The production and Swiss postage of our mailing materials (Biovision Magazine, donation receipts, etc.) are climate neutral.

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Marylaure Crettaz Corredor

Co-Head of the Global Programme Food Security at the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation SDC



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