



**Biovison – Foundation for ecological
development, Zurich**

Report of the Statutory Auditor on the Limited
Statutory Examination to the Board of Trustees

Financial Statements 2019



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As statutory auditors, we have examined the financial statements (balance sheet, statement of operations, cash flow statement, statement of changes in capital and notes) of Biovison – Foundation for ecological development, for the year ended 31 December 2019. In accordance with Swiss GAAP FER the information in the performance report is not subject to audit or examination work performed by the statutory auditor.

The board of trustees is responsible for the preparation of the financial statements. Our responsibility is to perform a limited statutory examination on these financial statements. We confirm that we meet the licensing and independence requirements as stipulated by Swiss law.

We conducted our examination in accordance with the Swiss Standard on the Limited Statutory Examination. This standard requires that we plan and perform a limited statutory examination to identify material misstatements in the financial statements. A limited statutory examination consists primarily of inquiries of personnel and analytical procedures as well as detailed tests of documents of the unit as considered necessary in the circumstances. However, the testing of operational processes and the internal control system, as well as inquiries and further testing procedures to detect fraud or other legal violations, are not within the scope of this examination.

Based on our limited statutory examination, nothing has come to our attention that causes us to believe that the financial statements do not give a true and fair view of the financial position, the results of operations and the cash flows in accordance with Swiss GAAP FER and do not comply with Swiss law and the foundation's charter and regulations.

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Zurich, 29 May 2020

Enclosure:

- Financial statements (balance sheet, statement of operations, cash flow statement, statement of changes in capital and notes)

Balance Sheet as of 31 December in CHF	2019	2018
Assets		
<i>Current assets</i>		
Cash	5,274,625	4,830,865
Project partner receivables	1 358,229	148,034
Other short-term receivables	2 143,963	134,090
Inventories	6,412	8,014
Prepayments and accrued income	3 92,556	297,750
<i>Total current assets</i>	<i>5,875,785</i>	<i>5,418,752</i>
<i>Non-current assets</i>		
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Tangible fixed assets	28,421	39,329
Intangible fixed assets	0	0
<i>Total non-current assets</i>	<i>28,421</i>	<i>39,329</i>
Total Assets	5,904,206	5,458,081
Liabilities, fund capital and organisation capital		
<i>Current liabilities</i>		
Payables from goods and services	189,666	151,023
Other short-term liabilities	209,302	171,780
Project partner liabilities	173,326	153,006
Accrued liabilities and deferred income	163,830	162,637
<i>Total current liabilities</i>	<i>736,124</i>	<i>638,446</i>
<i>Restricted fund capital</i>		
Dissemination of information	0	0
Political dialogue and advocacy	0	0
Health of humans	24,683	0
Health of animals	59,189	42,042
Health of plants	184,175	361,955
Health of environment	22,872	25,002
Programme Switzerland	164,370	0
Other Project expenditure	0	3,925
<i>Total restricted fund capital</i>	<i>455,288</i>	<i>432,923</i>
<i>Total liabilities and restricted fund capital</i>	<i>1,191,412</i>	<i>1,071,370</i>
<i>Organisation capital</i>		
Foundation capital	50,000	50,000
Restricted reserves	257,938	257,938
Unrestricted reserves	4,404,856	4,078,773
<i>Total organisation capital</i>	<i>4,712,794</i>	<i>4,386,711</i>
Total liabilities, fund capital and organisation capital	5,904,206	5,458,081

Income statement in CHF		2019	2018
Income			
<i>Donations and project contributions</i>			
Unrestricted donations		3,710,055	3,356,311
Restricted donations		3,519,650	3,531,954
Program contributions	5	1,165,000	1,007,500
Membership contributions ¹⁾		1,080,524	1,072,221
Legacies without earmarking		413,339	164,421
<i>Total donations and project contributions</i>		9,888,569	9,132,407
<i>Other income</i>	6	63,824	76,464
Total operating income		9,952,392	9,208,871
Expenses			
<i>Project expenses</i>			
Dissemination of information	7	-1,266,690	-1,443,754
Health of humans		-183,162	-639,525
Health of animals		-390,214	-288,507
Health of plants		-1,631,820	-1,908,470
Health of the environment		-416,696	-459,421
Political dialogue and advocacy		-928,273	-917,927
Program Switzerland		-2,563,438	-2,302,141
Other project expenses		-115,755	-115,525
<i>Total project expenses</i>		-7,496,048	-8,075,271
<i>Fundraising and advertising expenditure</i>	8	-1,010,508	-1,123,151
<i>Administrative expenses</i>	9	-1,107,403	-911,229
Total expenses		-9,613,959	-10,109,651
Operating result before financial result and change in fund capital		338,433	-900,781
Financial income		271	399
Financial expenses		-5,657	-6,101
Currency translation gains		6,656	19,189
Extraordinary result		8,744	0
Result before change in fund capital		348,447	-887,294
Withdrawal of restricted fund capital		4,662,286	4,764,686
Allocation of restricted fund capital		-4,684,650	-4,539,454
<i>Change in fund capital</i>		-22,364	225,232
Annual result (before allocation to organisation capital)		326,083	-662,061
(Allocation)/withdrawal restricted reserves		0	662,061
(Allocation)/withdrawal unrestricted reserves		-326,083	0

1) The term "membership" is not used in the legal sense of an association membership, but as a term for regularly donating patrons

Cash flow statement in CHF	2019	2018
<i>1 Cash flow from operating activities</i>	443,761	-231,904
Annual result before allocation to organisation capital	326,083	-662,061
Change in restricted fund capital	22,364	-225,232
Depreciation of tangible and intangible fixed assets	10,908	10,908
Change in project partner balances	-189,874	516,934
Change in other short-term receivables	-9,873	-13,788
Change in inventories	1,602	2,004
Change in accrued income	205,194	276,796
Change in payables from goods and services	38,643	-57,498
Change in other short-term liabilities	37,521	-36,132
Change in accrued liabilities and deferred income	1,193	-43,835
<i>2 Cash flow from investing activities</i>	0	0
Outflows for investment (purchase) of fixed assets	0	0
Inflows from disposal (selling) of fixed assets	0	0
<i>3 Cash flow from financing activities</i>	0	0
Total change in cash	443,761	-231,904
<i>Verification of change in cash</i>		
Cash as of 1 January	4,830,864	5,062,769
Cash as of 31 December	5,274,625	4,830,865
Total change in cash	443,761	-231,904

Statement of changes in restricted fund capital
in CHF

Restricted fund capital

2019	Starting balance	Allocations	Appropriation	Ending balance
Dissemination of information	0	812,999	-812,999	0
Political dialogue and advocacy	0	438,035	-438,035	0
Health of humans	0	136,000	-111,317	24,683
Health of animals	42,042	384,813	-367,666	59,189
Health of plants	361,955	1,397,411	-1,575,191	184,175
Health of the environment	25,002	399,591	-401,721	22,872
Project development	3,925	0	-3,925	0
Program Switzerland	0	1,115,802	-951,432	164,370
				0
Total restricted fund capital	432,923	4,684,650	-4,662,286	455,288

2018	Starting balance	Allocations	Appropriation	Ending balance
Dissemination of information	0	830,310	-830,310	0
Political dialogue and advocacy	0	354,084	-354,084	0
Health of humans	0	298,500	-298,500	0
Health of animals	0	316,573	-274,531	42,042
Health of plants	643,133	1,578,674	-1,859,852	361,955
Health of the environment	4,161	370,162	-349,322	25,002
Project development	0	22,200	-18,275	3,925
Program Switzerland	10,861	768,950	-779,811	0
Total restricted fund capital	658,156	4,539,454	-4,764,686	432,923

Statement of changes in organisation capital
in CHF

Organisation capital

2019	Starting balance	Allocations	Appropriation	Ending balance
<i>Foundation capital</i>	50,000	0	0	50,000
<i>Restricted reserves</i>	257,938	0	0	257,938
<i>Unrestricted reserves</i>	4,078,773	326,083	0	4,404,856
<i>Total organisation capital</i>	4,386,711	326,083	0	4,712,794
2018	Starting balance	Allocations	Appropriation	Ending balance
<i>Foundation capital</i>	50,000	0	0	50,000
<i>Restricted reserves</i>				
Project commitments*	920,000	0	-662,061	257,938
Dissemination of information	0	0	0	0
Health of humans	0	0	0	0
Health of animals	0	0	0	0
Health of plants	0	0	0	0
Health of the environment	0	0	0	0
<i>Unrestricted reserves</i>	4,078,773	0	0	4,078,773
<i>Total organisation capital</i>	5,048,773	0	-662,061	4,386,711

*In accordance with the decision of the Board of Trustees, the restricted reserves were consolidated under project commitments as of 31 December 2018.

The organisation capital of the Biovision foundation contains both restricted and free reserves. The reserves earmarked by the Board of Trustees (restricted reserves) serve to ensure that medium and long-term project obligations can be met at all times. The annual profit not allocated to the restricted reserves is allocated to the free reserves in order to be prepared for economically difficult times and to be able to fully fulfil the foundation's purpose in the future.

Notes to the financial statement

in CHF

Accounting principles

Purpose of the foundation

The purpose of Biovision - Foundation for Ecological Development, Zurich, is to promote the preservation of the natural foundations of life for present and future generations. It supports projects in Switzerland and in developing regions of the Third World which promote the sustainable use of natural resources under social conditions, while at the same time helping to preserve plant and animal diversity and promoting ecological thinking and action.

Accounting principles

The financial statements are prepared in accordance with the Swiss Generally Accepted Accounting Principles (Swiss GAAP FER, in particular Swiss GAAP FER 21) and complies with the Swiss Code of Obligations, with the guidelines of the ZEWO Foundation and the statutes of the foundation. The financial statement gives a true and fair view of the financial position and results of operations.

As a smaller organisation within the meaning of Swiss GAAP FER 1, the foundation makes use of the possibility to apply only the core FER (Swiss GAAP FER 1 to 6) as well as FER 21, the specific standard for charitable non-profit organisations.

Principles of accounting and valuation

The accounts are kept in Swiss francs. Biovision follows the valuation principle of acquisition or production cost, which is based on the principle of individual valuation of assets and liabilities. Unless otherwise stated in the notes to the individual balance sheet items, the balance sheet items are valued at nominal value on the balance sheet date.

Foreign currency translation / derivative financial instruments

Items held in foreign currency are translated using the closing rate method. With the exception of the items mentioned below, which are accounted for using historical exchange rates, assets and liabilities are translated at the exchange rate on the balance sheet date. Transactions in foreign currencies are translated at the respective daily exchange rate. The effects of foreign currency adjustments are recognized in the result of the period.

Derivative financial instruments are used exclusively to hedge future cash flows. These instruments are not recognized in the balance sheet, but are disclosed in the notes to the financial statements until the hedged underlying transaction is realised. When the underlying transaction is realised, the fair value of the derivative financial instrument is recognized in the balance sheet simultaneously as the hedged transaction. The ineffective portion of a hedging relationship is recognized immediately in accordance with the impairment principle. All changes in the value of the hedging instrument are recorded in the income statement under the same financial position as the changes in the value of the underlying transaction. As of 31.12.2019 there were no forward exchange transactions.

Income

Donations and other income are recorded after receipt of money. Project contributions and programme contributions are accrued according to project progress.

Cash

Includes cash in hand, postal and bank account balances. These are valued at nominal value.

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Accounting principles (continuation)

Project partner balances

The project partner balances in favour of foundation or the project partners are shown in the respective project reports as of 31 December 2019. With the exception of a few smaller projects, the partner organisations are audited by local auditing firms.

Tangible / intangible fixed assets

Tangible / intangible fixed assets are valued at acquisition or production cost less accumulated depreciation. Depreciation is calculated using the straight-line method over the estimated useful life of the asset. Estimated useful lives are as follows:

- Office furniture 10 years
- IT hardware 5 years

Restricted fund capital

The foundation maintains eight restricted funds. The development of the funds during the financial year is shown in the statement of changes in restricted fund capital.

Other information

Compensation to executive bodies

The members of the Foundation Board do not receive any compensation for their activities on the boards. Actual expenses, in particular travel expenses, are reimbursed. In 2019, CHF 35,520 was reimbursed to the Foundation Board for actual, mainly project-related expenses. Of this amount, CHF 35,406 was paid to the President of the Foundation Board (2018: CHF 33,456). The compensation to the Executive Director amounts to CHF 178,308 (2018: 178,000). In addition, a one-off contribution to the NEST pension fund was made on behalf of the Foundation Board in December 2019 in the amount of CHF 41,148 to reduce the pension gap for the Executive Director. This gap arose due to the financially uncertain initial phase of Biovision (start-up phase without joining the pension fund).

Non-remunerated contributions

In the 2019 calendar year, the members of the Foundation Board contributed unpaid services amounting to around 1,328 hours (2018: 1'828 hours).

Furthermore, voluntary work of around 58.5 hours (previous year: 335 hours) was performed by third parties.

Contingent liabilities

Biovision has no outstanding leasing liabilities. Tenant liabilities that do not expire or cannot be terminated within 12 months amount to until the next termination date: Heinrichstrasse 147, Zürich CHF 1,157,184 (previous year: CHF 275,520) and Chemin de Balaxert 7-9, Châtelaine/Genève CHF 44,403 (previous year: CHF 0).

Number of employees and personnel expenses

The average number of full-time equivalents in the financial year and in the previous year was no more than 50, and total personnel expenses including project implementation and project support amounted to CHF 4,353,666 (previous year: CHF 3,734,836).

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Other information (continuation)

Events after the balance sheet date

The financial statements were approved for publication by the Board of Trustees on 4 May 2020. There have been no events between 31 December 2019 and the date of the publication of these financial statements (29 May 2020) that would require an adjustment to the financial statements. The COVID-19 outbreak also has no impact on the book values of assets and liabilities in the 2019 financial statements. Due to the uncertainties regarding the further development of the current situation, the Biovision Foundation does not currently consider itself in a position to make a reliable estimate of the future impact on its assets, finances and earnings. Biovision is closely following developments in Switzerland and in partner countries and is in contact with project partners in order to take necessary measures. The continuation of the company is not endangered by this event.

Liabilities to pension funds

As of 31 December 2019, the liabilities to pension funds amount to CHF 114,282.

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Explanatory notes to financial statement positions

1 *project partner balances*

Project partner balances are maintained with various partner organisations, through which the Foundation's projects are carried out locally. Project accounts are also maintained with related organisations (Millennium Institute, Biovision Africa Trust):

Balance as of 31 December	184,902	-4,972
thereof receivables	358,229	148,034
thereof payables	-173,326	-153,006
<i>Int. Centre of Insect Physiology and Ecology, Kenia (icipe)</i>	205,996	52,383
<i>Sustainable Agriculture, Tansania (SAT)</i>	2,661	71,232
<i>FiBL</i>	0	-15,000
<i>Vétérinaires Sans Frontières, Schweiz/Kenia (VSF)</i>	59,843	-10,817
<i>The Institute for Culture and Ecology, Kenia (ICE)</i>	6,334	452
<i>Prometra, Uganda</i>	-1,896	1,254
<i>Millenium Institute, USA (MI)</i>	-5,805	-18,389
<i>IPES Food, Begien</i>	-5,805	0
<i>The Institute of Development Studies, UK (IDS)</i>	-3,490	0
<i>Ethiopian Catholic Church. Meki. Äthiopien (ECS) Euro</i>	-1,581	-21,709
<i>Initiative prospective agricole et rurale, Senegal (IPAR)</i>	0	-4,868
<i>Makarere University Kampala, Uganda (MUK)</i>	-4,968	0
<i>Bioversity International, Italien/Kenia (IPGRI)</i>	37,175	22,714
<i>Swiss Tropical and Public Health Institute, Switzerland (Swiss TPH)</i>	7,515	0
<i>Small Grants Stocks (USD)</i>	-11,916	0
<i>- Spurk Media</i>	-11,916	
<i>Biovision Africa Trust, Kenia</i>	-99,160	-82,224

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Explanatory notes to financial statement positions (continuation)

2 *Other short-term receivables*

Includes mainly rent deposit CHF 119,604 (previous year: CHF 110,252).

3 *Prepayments and accrued income*

Outstanding donations for the reporting year	90,225	270,000
Other accrued income	2,331	27,750
Total prepayments and accrued income	92,556	297,750

4 *Tangible / intangible fixed assets*

	Tangible fixed assets	Intangible assets
Acquisition values		
Balance as of 1.1.2019	71,674	0
Additions	0	0
Disposals	0	0
Balance as of 31.12.2019	71,674	0
Accumulated depreciation		
Balance as of 1.1.2019	32,345	0
Additions	10,908	0
Disposals	0	0
Balance as of 31.12.2019	43,253	0
Net book value as of 31.12.2018	39,329	0
Net book value as of 31.12.2019	28,421	0

5 *Project and program contributions*

In 2019 the SDC transferred CHF 1.165 million for the current phase of this project.

6 *Other income*

Rental income from subtenants	12,358	10,800
Other income	51,465	65,664
Total other income	63,824	76,464

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Explanatory notes to financial statement positions (continuation)

7 Project expenses

Biovision invests in three overarching fields of action: Development Cooperation / 4H+i (Development Cooperation), Policy Dialogue and Advocacy (P&A) and Switzerland. In the following, the project expenses for the areas mentioned are shown separately (project accounting without direct income from the projects). Personnel expenses include personnel expenses for project support CH and personnel expenses of the project partners.

Development Cooperation (4H + i)

Health of plants

DPP_001 Push-Pull, research projekt	152,480	174,119
DPP_002 long-term system comparison	115,086	106,024
DPP_003 Marketing of ecological agricultural products	0	11,300
DPP_005 Fruit fly control	119,498	160,195
DPP_006 Push-Pull programme	0	115,837
DPP_008 food security in rural Ethiopia	98,295	122,197
DPP_009 Ecological coffee production in Rongo	0	478
DPP_010 Push-Pull Subsahara-Afrika	723,269	887,952
DPP_011 Training centre for ecological agriculture □	300,102	330,368
DPP_012 Control of Tuta absoluta □	123,090	0
Total health of plants	1,631,820	1,908,470
thereof personnel expenses	756,365	606,328
thereof operating expenses	875,045	1,301,659
thereof depreciation	410	484

Health of the environment

DPE_001 Modern beekeeping Tolay	0	25,565
DPE_002 Reviving traditional knowledge	88,242	78,470
DPE_003 Forest school Mpigi	101,035	92,729
DPE_005 Protecting biodiversity	0	79,468
DPE_006 Local seed increases biodiversity	95,629	75,998
DPE_007 Beekeeping for young entrepreneurs	131,790	107,191
Total health of the environment	416,696	459,421
thereof personnel expenses	190,182	181,284
thereof operating expenses	226,312	277,897
thereof depreciation	202	240

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Explanatory notes to financial statement positions (continuation)

7 Project expenses (continuation)

Health of animals

DPA_002 Camels for drought areas	99,501	130,991
DPA_004 Early warning system for Rift Valley Fever	0	44,558
DPA_005 Tsetse fly control	71,820	39,460
DPA_006 One Health - disease prevention for humans and animals	142,172	73,498
DPA_007 Information system for diseases and droughts	76,721	0
Total health of animals	390,214	288,507
thereof personnel expenses	192,853	149,258
thereof operating expenses	197,165	139,057
thereof depreciation	196	192

Health of humans

DPH_001 Stop Malaria	32,809	639,525
DPH_002 Stop DDT	39,036	0
DPH_003 Control of insects that transmit diseases	111,317	0
Total health of humans	183,162	639,525
thereof personnel expenses	60,023	431,743
thereof operating expenses	123,090	207,673
thereof depreciation	49	109

Dissemination of information

DPI_001 TOF farmer magazine	202,882	315,968
DPI_002 TOF Radio	162,510	169,283
DPI_003 Advice in the Field	303,085	333,665
DPI_004 Farmer Magazine in Swahili	230,257	274,570
DPI_005 Infonet - Biovision	255,330	239,332
DPI_006 EOA Capacity Building	30,374	103,658
DPI_009 Agricultural Seminar	30,948	7,278
DPI_010 Impact Evaluation farmer magazin MkM	51,303	0
Total dissemination of information	1,266,689	1,443,754
thereof personnel expenses	778,250	781,990
thereof operating expenses	487,957	661,256
thereof depreciation	482	508

Project development, consulting and support ¹⁾	115,755	115,525
Total Development Cooperation (4H + i)	4,004,336	4,855,203

1) Project development, consulting and support includes primarily the establishment and maintenance of cooperation partnerships and their networks as well as project development in the superordinate areas of operation.

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Explanatory notes to financial statement positions (continuation)

7 *Project expenses (continuation)*

Political dialogue and advocacy

PDA_001 Changing course in global agriculture	0	178,285
PDA_002 More research for agro-ecology	540,399	323,316
PDA_003 Agro-ecology to mitigate climate change	387,874	346,210
PDA_004 CCGA	0	70,116
Total political dialogue and advocacy	928,273	917,927
thereof personnel expenses	702,536	679,729
thereof operating expenses	223,788	236,350
thereof depreciation	1,949	1,847

Program Switzerland

CHC_001 Sustainable consumption	376,193	324,892
CHS_000 Implementation of Agenda 2030	0	31,451
CHS_001 Sustainable Development Solutions Network (SDSN) Switzerland	429,677	383,780
CHS_002 Sounding Soil	141,525	41,793
CHS_003 Transforming food system in Switzerland	62,730	0
CHI_000 Raise awareness for sustainability issues	1,553,314	1,520,225
Total Program Switzerland	2,563,439	2,302,141
thereof personnel expenses	1,678,673	1,296,536
thereof operating expenses	881,095	1,004,002
thereof depreciation	3,670	1,604

Total project expenses **7,496,048** **8,075,271**

8 *Fundraising and advertising expenditure*

As in previous years, 50% of the costs for address procurement and address administration, postage and printing costs and the costs for public relations work are transferred to the project "Nachhaltigkeitsakteurin in der Schweiz" (dissemination of knowledge), as the communication of information is explicitly one of the Foundation's tasks. Expenses for the preparation of the annual report as well as general advertising expenses are reported in full as fundraising expenses.

Total fundraising and general advertising expenses	1,010,508	1,123,151
thereof personnel expenses	454,094	553,085
thereof advertising	180,598	226,837
thereof operating expenses	375,816	343,229

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Explanatory notes to financial statement positions (continuation)

9 *Administrative expenses*

Total administrative expenses	1,107,403	911,229
Personel expenses	834,242	637,524
Other administrative expenses	273,161	273,705