

In brief

The Rütli-Foundation is a tax-exempt umbrella foundation established in 2000 and based in Lucerne. Through the foundation, we provide people who want to get involved in philanthropic activities an efficient and cost-effective way of offering financial support to charitable organisations and projects.

The Rütli-Foundation has many years' experience in providing professional support to donors on all matters relating to foundations and advising them on inheritance issues. The umbrella foundation also takes care of all the administrative tasks associated with its donors' individual sub-foundations and ensures that they comply with legal guidelines.

2023 was a very successful year in which we were able to support a large number of fascinating and useful projects on behalf of our donors. Total donations to charitable organisations and projects rose by 10% to around CHF 3.46 million. This annual report provides general information about the Rütli-Foundation along with insights into some of the individual projects we have supported.

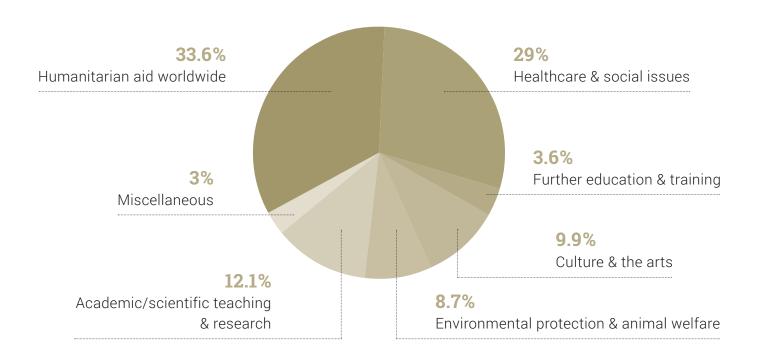
We would like to take this opportunity to thank our donors for enabling us to act philanthropically and 'do good' for them.

Claudia Ineicher

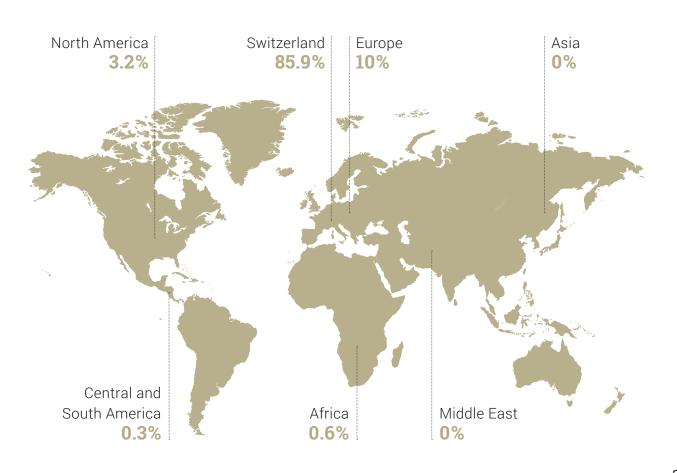
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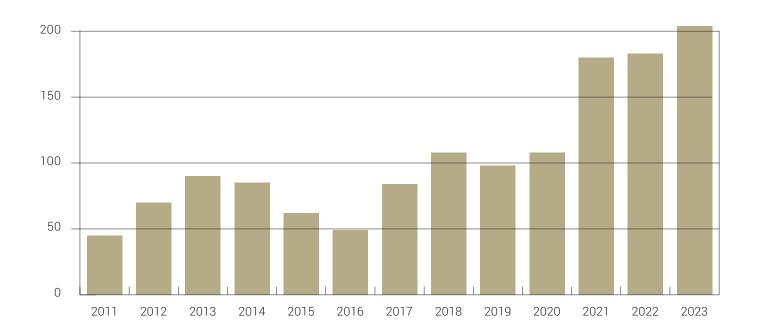
Donations by purpose



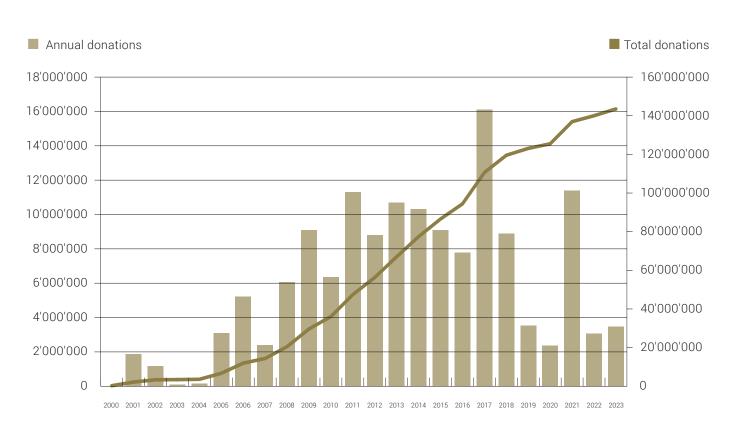
Location of recipients



Number of projects



Donations since establishment



Selection

The Rütli-Foundation made around 200 donations last year to support various charitable organisations and projects in Switzerland and abroad. The volume of donations in 2023 was CHF 3.46 million. We have listed some of the recipients below.



Education and health in Peru

Lacitos de Luz Association

Donation amount in 2023: CHF 44'000

Founder and current managing director Simone Dahli spent over a year in Iquitos in the Amazon region, where she worked as a physiotherapist at a school for children with disabilities. With help from the 'Lazos de Vida' AIDS organisation, she then founded the 'Lacitos de Luz' children's home for children who are HIV-positive or suffering from AIDS. The association runs numerous

additional support services and projects, including a support programme for blind children, massage therapy training for blind adults and education for children from the slums through to degree level. The association also supports disabled children through therapy, operations, medicine and resources such as prostheses and wheelchairs.

lacitosdeluz.com



Animal welfare in Switzerland and abroad

Susy Utzinger Animal Welfare Foundation

Donation amount in 2023: CHF 10'000

The Susy Utzinger Animal Welfare Foundation (SUST) provides direct help wherever animals are in need. Its immediate assistance ensures that animals in need receive expert care. The SUST animal orphan hospitals are a place of refuge and safety for street animals. All over the world, countless animals live a miserable existence in

overcrowded shelters or struggle for their survival in wild colonies. Day after day, animals that have become inconvenient are still abandoned, deported or mistakenly kept for lack of better knowledge. SUST uses effective means to help sustainably reduce and even prevent animal suffering in Switzerland and many other countries.



Further education and training in Switzerland

Educa Swiss Foundation

Donation amount in 2023: CHF 117'000

EDUCA SWISS works to promote and finance education. Its goal is to support motivated people in achieving their academic goals. This is done by providing free support with the planning and budgeting of vocational training projects and by arranging low-interest student loans.

The organisation firmly believes that education not only strengthens the economy but also promotes a healthy society. Granting student loans should have a sustainable impact by increasing the number of graduates, and the money repaid can then be reinvested.



Reforestation and education in Ethiopia

Green Ethiopia Foundation

Donation amount in 2023: CHF 285'000

The Green Ethiopia Foundation focuses on reforestation in four regions of Ethiopia in order to improve the climate and protect nature and the environment. Creating new forests helps save water and improve local microclimates, which in turn improves nutrition and living conditions for the people living there.

In addition to reforestation, the foundation is also involved in projects aimed at obtaining water, growing fruit trees and vegetables, producing honey and supporting donkeys and schools. This provides long-term benefits for both people and animals.



Dementia care

Hof Rickenbach Foundation

Donation amount in 2023: CHF 60'000

At Hof Rickenbach, people with dementia can feel at home in familiar surroundings. Huge value is placed on ensuring that residents enjoy a varied daily routine and receive the support they need. Daily schedules are tailored to their specific needs, capabilities and potential,

ensuring that they engage in meaningful activities. Some of the residents like sport and day trips, some prefer spending time in the herb garden and helping take care of the animals, and some enjoy the peace of a spiritual environment or helping with simple domestic chores.



Research into biological diversity in rainforests

BiodivX - ETH Zurich

Donation amount in 2023: CHF 240'000

BiodivX develops autonomous robots that can be controlled remotely and gather environmental DNA (eDNA), sounds and images from complex environments such as the rainforest tree canopy. The project's main objectives are to develop new technologies, in particular special drones, to quickly and comprehensively collect biodiversity data in the rainforest, and to use this data to improve our understanding of this ecosystem and promote sustainable management practices and bioeconomies. The BiodivX team took part in the international XPRIZE Rainforest competition run by the XPRIZE Foundation and qualified in summer 2023 for the finals in 2024.

biodivx.org

Stiftungsrat



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Chairman of the Supervisory Board and Senior Partner of PMG Investment Solutions in Zug.



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Member since 2012

Lawyer



Othmar SomFoundation Board
Member since 2019

Finance expert who sits on various foundation boards and boards of directors.



Prof. Dr. Georg von SchnurbeinFoundation Board
Member since 2016

Professor of Foundation Management and founder of the Center for Philanthropy Studies at the University of Basel.



Claudia Ineichen Managing Director since 2011

Passionate Managing Director for the past 13 years, following various roles in private banking.



Nicole BrastDeputy Managing Director since 2019

Customer Relations Manager at the private bank Reichmuth & Co, specialising in ESG.

Nothing good happens unless you make it happen.

Erich Kästner