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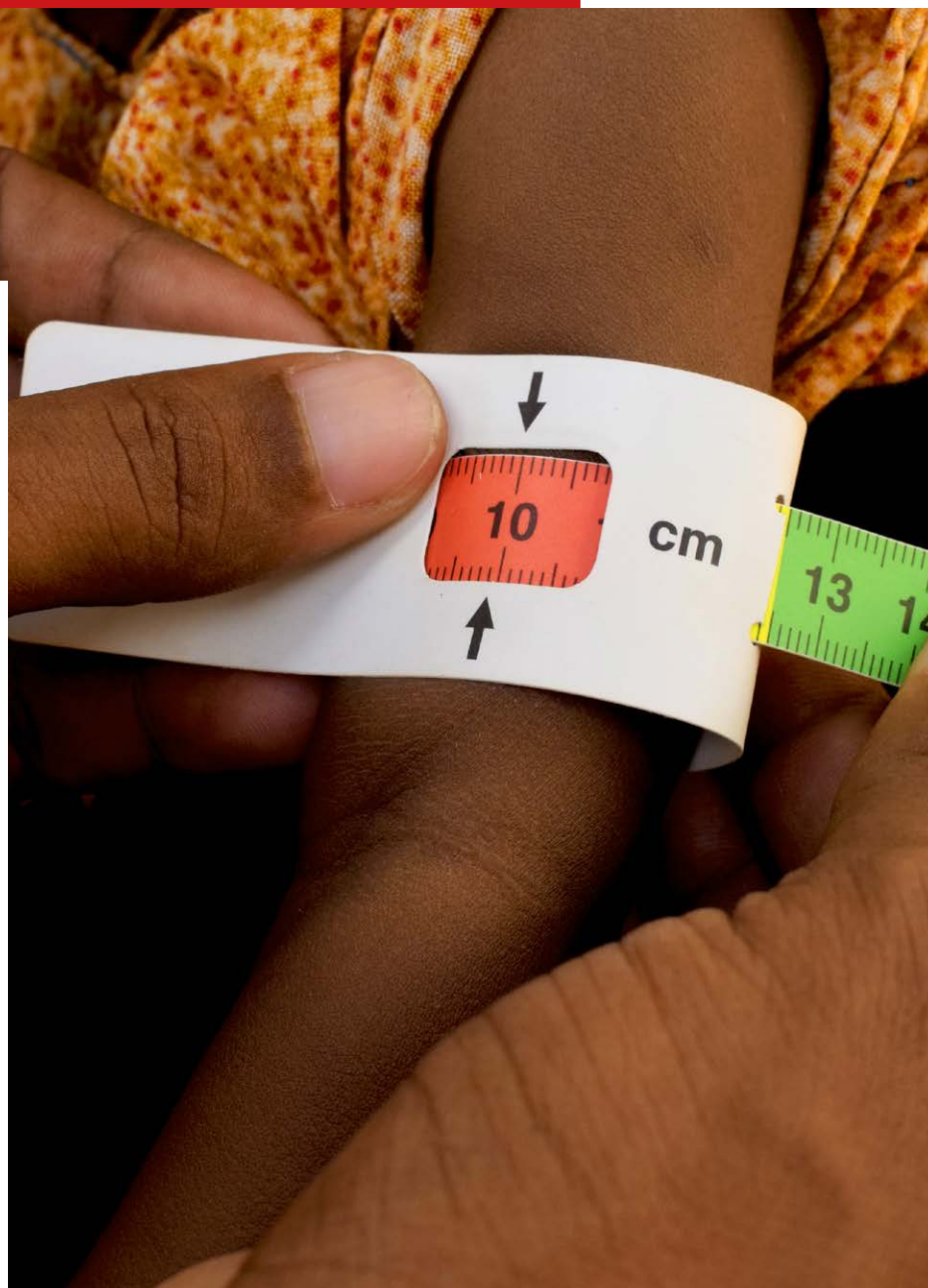
INTRODUCTION

CISP FACING THE GLOBAL CHALLENGES OF 2024

Reflection and consolidation after the 40th anniversary

The year 2024 has represented for CISP a moment of profound reflection and consolidation along the path initiated on the occasion of its 40th anniversary.

The initiatives carried out across all the countries of intervention have offered an opportunity to reflect on the meaning of our commitment in a present shaped by complex transitions, chronic crises, and growing vulnerabilities. The challenges we face today, increasingly interconnected, continuously threaten the delicate political, economic, and environmental balances that have been built with great effort, while the results achieved through years of work can risk being undone in just a few weeks.



Global Crises and the Fragility of Development Goals

The case of Sudan is emblematic: the outbreak of conflict in 2023 triggered a humanitarian crisis with over 13 million displaced persons and 26 million facing severe food insecurity.

CISP has continued to operate in Port Sudan and Gedaref, supporting the most vulnerable families with nutritional, food security, and livelihood programs, thanks also to collaboration with local organizations. This situation is part of a broader international scenario marked by unresolved conflicts, overlapping crises, and deep inequalities, where humanitarian access is often denied, as in Palestine, and where media and diplomatic attention remains selective, leaving many “forgotten crises” in the shadows. At the same time, there is a troubling reduction in funding from international donors for contexts considered less strategic, while the climate crisis further exacerbates vulnerabilities, making integrated interventions in adaptation, mitigation, prevention, and resilience indispensable.

The 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development appears increasingly out of reach, with indicators regressing, especially in conflict areas, highlighting a collective failure to ensure dignity and security.

INTRODUCTION



Reorienting Cooperation: A Strategic Investment for Justice

In this context, the international aid system is facing significant challenges, with increasing overlap between humanitarian assistance and development cooperation that calls for a strategic rethinking. Administrative complexity risks draining operational capacities in the field.

However, this critical juncture can become an opportunity for profound change, strengthening efficiency, effectiveness, and transparency, while reducing fragmentation and engaging new actors. The renewed commitment of Italian Cooperation, if consistent with the principles of sustainable development, can represent an important step forward. For CISP, this means continuing to operate with clarity and coherence, grounded in solidarity-based alliances, equal partnerships, and the promotion of local ownership and rights. International cooperation is no longer an accessory option, but rather a strategic investment in justice, peace, and global security. This report summarizes the work carried out in 2024 and outlines the path we are building toward a stronger organization, capable of generating change alongside communities and partners.



ABOUT CISP

CISP is an Italian NGO founded in 1983, operating in over 30 countries to promote development, self-determination, human rights, and social inclusion. It implements humanitarian aid, rehabilitation, and development projects worldwide while also fostering training, education, and international solidarity. CISP collaborates with a wide range of partners, guided by the principles of accountability, professionalism, local ownership, innovation, and resilience. Committed to the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development, it actively engages in networks with numerous organizations and associations both in Italy and around the world.

THE 13 PRIORITIES

Since 2018, CISP's commitment has been outlined in its Declaration of Intent titled "Rights, Change, Sustainability", which highlights the 13 priorities guiding our action.



01
Building bridges, promoting dialogue and integration



02
Social justice and inclusion



03
Access to quality services



04
Ensuring equal opportunities



05
Ensuring the right to humanitarian protection



06
Support to vulnerable and marginalized groups



07
Developing innovation and seeking new solutions



08
Gender equality



09
Migration and migrants' rights



10
Promoting peace



11
Supporting the development of inclusive policies



12
Environment and climate change



13
Preserving cultural heritage

OUR
ACTION
IN 2024HEALTH
AND WATER**Improving access and quality of services**

CISP is actively committed to ensuring equitable and sustainable access to quality services in the health and water sectors, with particular attention to vulnerable populations and contexts of extreme fragility. In 2024, in Lebanon, we continued to promote projects aimed at improving the availability and distribution of drinking water and the sustainable management of waste. Through the construction of new water networks, the

enhancement of waste management systems, and the remediation of illegal dumpsites, CISP is working to improve the living conditions of approximately 138,000 people, while also supporting the development of local policies for effective and integrated systems.

In Sudan, faced with the worsening humanitarian situation, we intensified essential health and nutritional assistance for displaced and vulnerable populations. In Argentina as well, we worked to reduce the risks of acute malnutrition, especially among children. In Somalia, we ensured the continuity of integrated health services for maternal and reproductive health and basic childhood care, with particular attention to the prevention of neonatal and childhood diseases. In Ethiopia, we strengthened civil registration services, contributing to the legal recognition of fundamental rights. CISP's approach always seeks to support local structures, strengthen community resilience, and contribute to a healthier and more dignified future for all.

OUR ACTION IN 2024

EDUCATION AND CULTURE

Promoting dialogue, cohesion, and opportunities for development

CISP recognizes education and culture as fundamental tools for social cohesion, peacebuilding, and the creation of new opportunities, especially for young people. In Bosnia and Herzegovina, in 2024, we strengthened cultural, sports, and musical initiatives, as well as youth exchanges, to foster peace education and active citizenship, engaging both young people and associations. In the Sahrawi Refugee Camps in Algeria, we expanded the Accelerated Education Program for children at risk of dropping out of school and reinforced the relationship between society and institutions in the fields of education and social reintegration of marginalized groups. In Italy and other European countries, through the project "GET – It's Global Education Time", we connect formal education, global citizenship education, and youth activism, focusing on crucial issues such as migration, inequality, and climate change. In Colombia, educational and cultural programs for youth continued, aimed at strengthening socio-emotional skills and

preventing violence, also including the use of sport as an enabling factor for achieving the Sustainable Development Goals. In Cuba, the "Fondo Arte Joven" continues to support young artists, offering concrete professional opportunities and contributing to countering emigration. CISP's commitment to higher education also continues through its role in the first-level Master's in Cooperation and Development at the University of Pavia, its participation in the Cooperation and Development Network, a consortium of Master's programs in Italy, Colombia, Kenya, Palestine, and Nepal, as well as through the continuation of dedicated projects.



OUR ACTION IN 2024

FOOD AND INCOME

Economic resilience, food security, and livelihoods

CISP focuses its efforts on promoting food security and creating income opportunities, particularly for the most marginalized groups and in contexts of crisis or structural vulnerability.

In Sudan, we strengthened the resilience of displaced families and host communities by supporting livelihoods and food security, with an approach centered on local leadership and solidarity among groups.

In Niger, our work translated into the promotion of the socio-economic inclusion of women and persons with disabilities in agropastoral systems, through training, technical skills transfer, and support for the creation of income-generating activities, thereby enhancing their role in local economies.

In Argentina, in response to chronic food insecurity and high child malnutrition rates, we initiated a strategic dialogue for the establishment of a local therapeutic food production facility. This will strengthen response capacities and improve access to treatment for thousands of at-risk children.

Furthermore, in Mozambique, Kenya, and Malawi, we actively supported the creation of income opportunities for women and women's groups in the agricultural sector, reinforcing sustainable agri-food value chains.

In Bosnia and Herzegovina, support for women entrepreneurs continues through training and technical assistance.

CISP's work also extends to promoting equitable access to natural resources, supporting community-based models of inclusive and participatory management to ensure autonomy and dignity.



OUR ACTION IN 2024

ENVIRONMENT AND CLIMATE

Adaptation, mitigation, and sustainable resource management

CISP addresses the impacts of climate change through programs that strengthen community resilience and promote the sustainable management of natural resources, adopting an integrated approach to adaptation, mitigation, and prevention.

In Bosnia and Herzegovina, in 2024, collaboration continued with universities and protected areas to improve governance, monitoring, and biodiversity protection, supporting the integration and implementation of European environmental directives.

In Malawi, through the "Smart Climate" project, we developed and made accessible systems for the collection and dissemination of meteorological and climate data, essential for guiding agricultural decisions and reducing risks. In Kenya, we are advancing the study of innovative insurance tools designed for agropastoral communities affected by droughts

and floods, helping to protect their livelihoods.

Projects in Guatemala, Colombia, and Venezuela promote disaster risk reduction, reforestation, tree planting, efficient use of water resources, and agroecological practices.

In the Mediterranean, CISP is preparing a regional initiative to promote climate change adaptation and environmental risk prevention in disadvantaged urban areas, contributing to more resilient communities.



OUR ACTION IN 2024

PROTECTION AND RIGHTS

Safeguarding vulnerabilities, fostering inclusion, and building peace

The protection of fundamental rights and the inclusion of vulnerable groups are at the core of CISP's action in every context.

In Kenya, we strengthened the child protection system through an innovative digital application that integrates social and health services and enables the tracking of child abuse cases.

In Sudan, Ethiopia, and Somalia, we provide life-saving humanitarian and survival assistance, with particular attention to internally displaced persons, migrants, and victims of violence, ensuring access to essential health services, nutrition, and psychosocial protection.

In Mali, CISP offers legal, health, and psychological assistance to victims of trafficking

and exploitation.

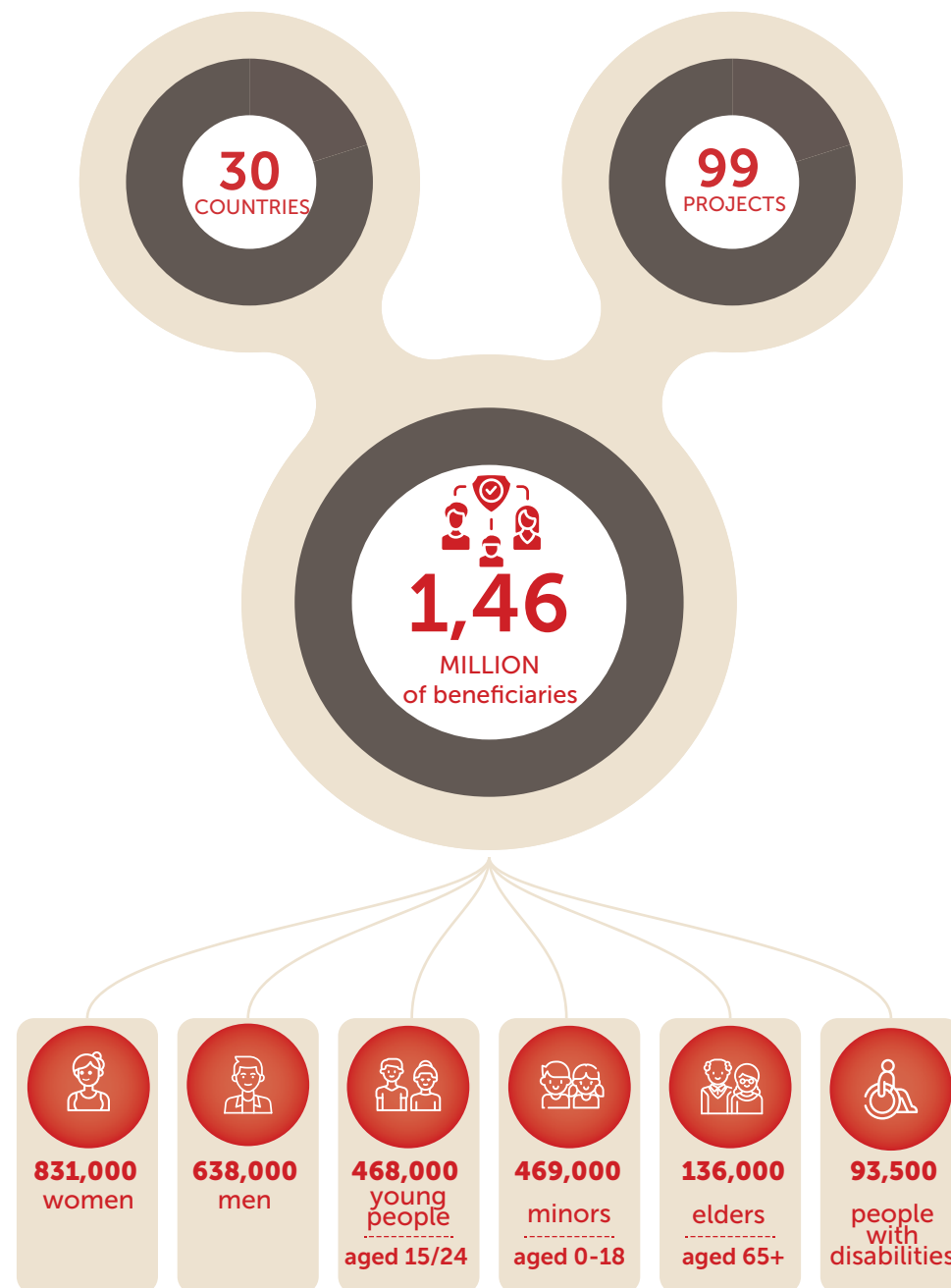
In the Sahrawi Refugee Camps, the Post Distribution Monitoring system—a pioneering model managed by Sahrawi women—ensures transparency and effectiveness in humanitarian assistance.

CISP's efforts in Latin America have focused on the protection and inclusion of Venezuelan migrants, support for victims of armed conflict, and the promotion of the rights of persons with disabilities and indigenous populations, through a human rights-based and socially inclusive approach.

In Lebanon, CISP rehabilitated housing units and public schools to benefit those displaced by the Israel–Hezbollah conflict of October/November 2024.



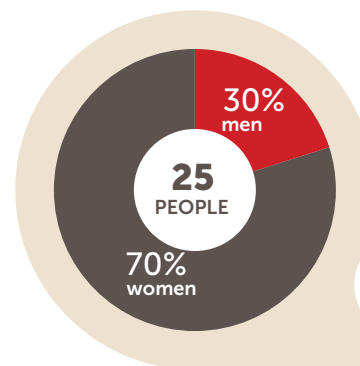
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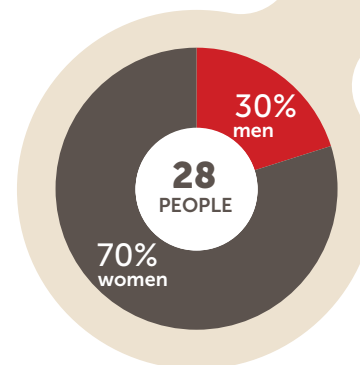
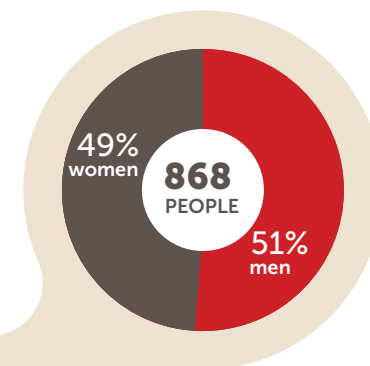
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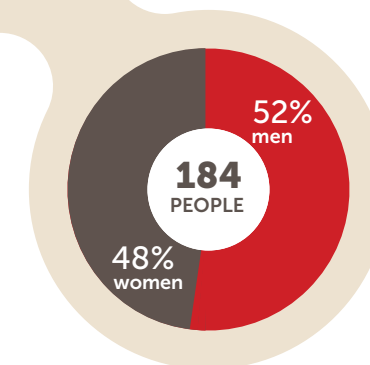
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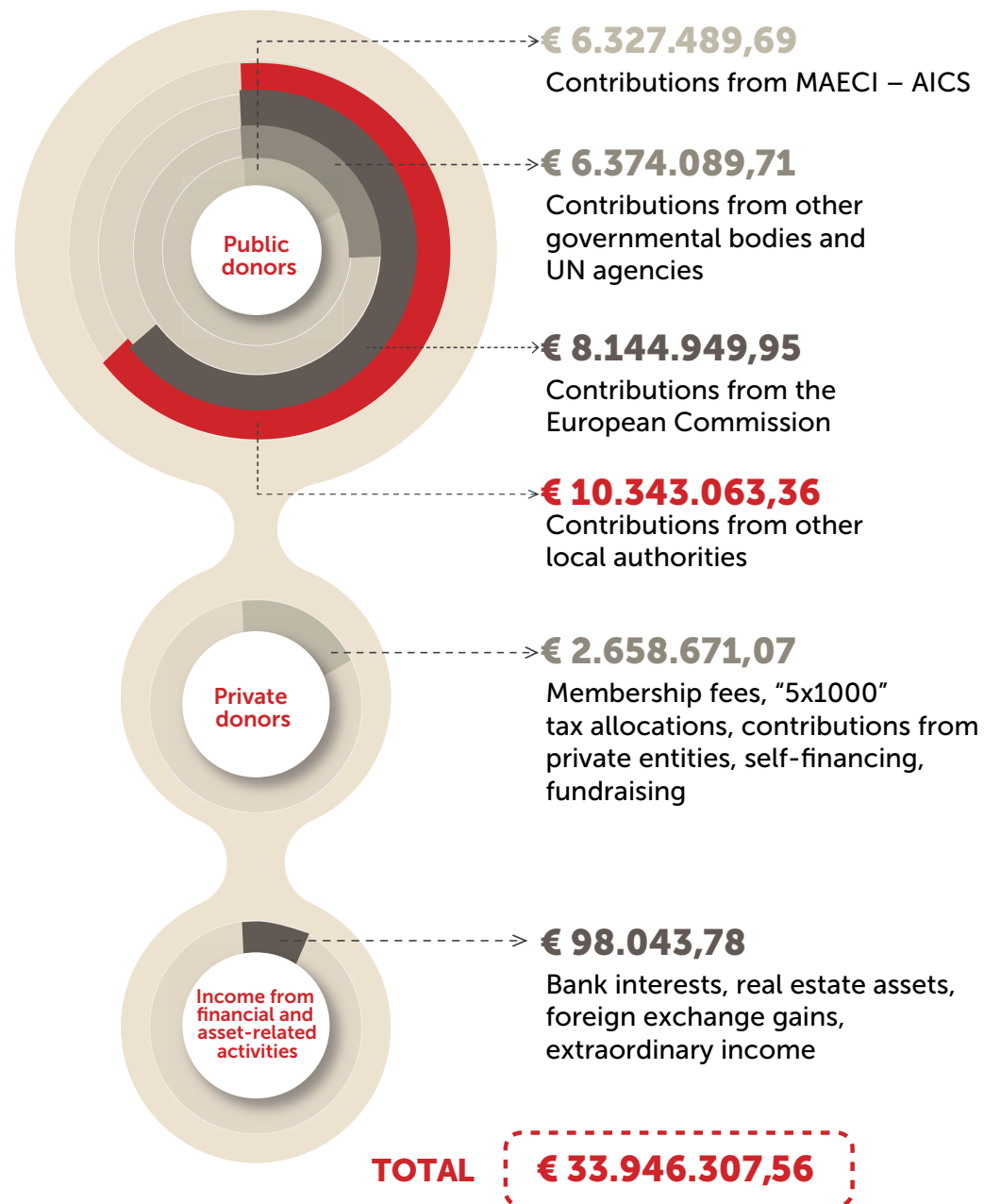
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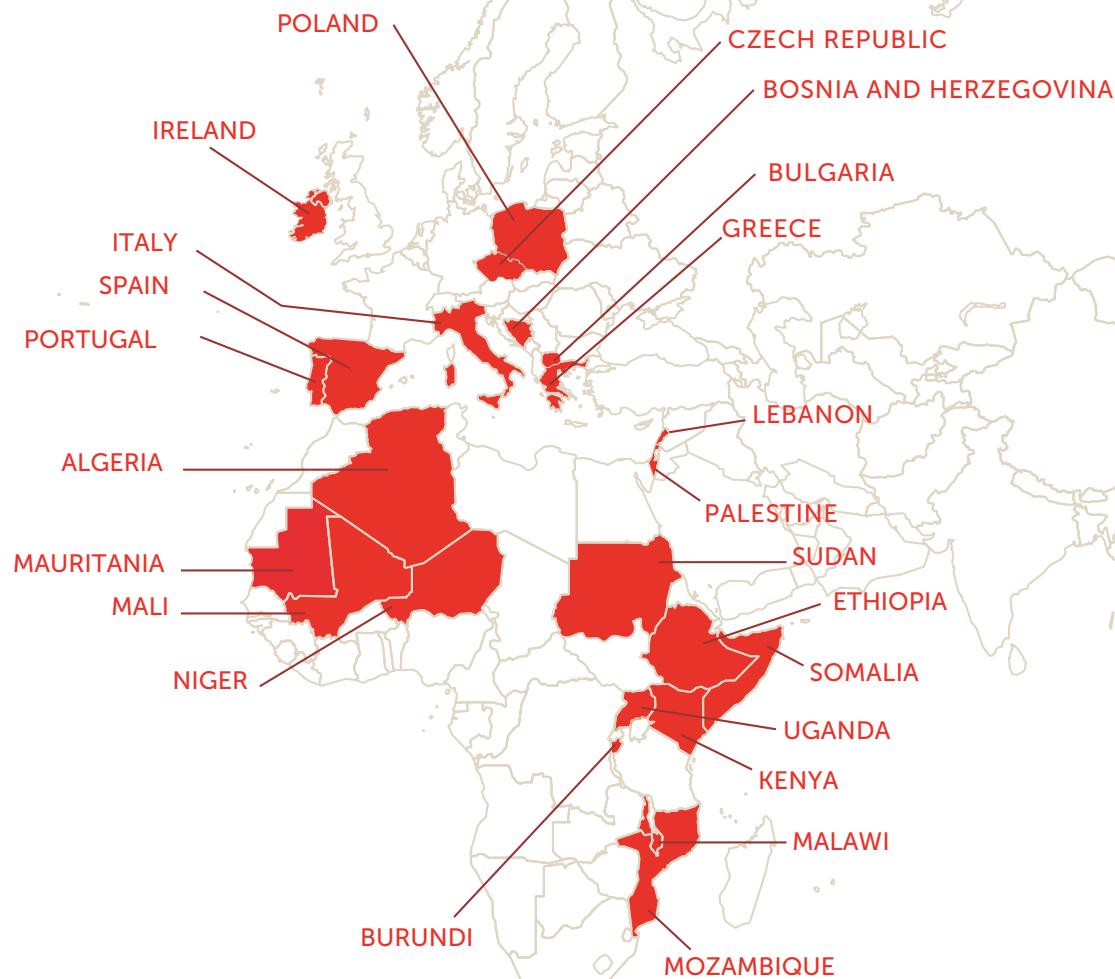
With management and leadership role

CISP IN
NUMBERS

2024 BUDGET VALUE



WHERE WE WORKED IN 2024







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