

ANNUAL REPORT 2025



SOLAFRICA



# PREFACE

Dear readers,

The global situation is tense, with crises overlapping. Especially in turbulent times we need stories that inspire confidence. This annual report brings some of them together: It showcases tangible progress and people who are jointly driving solutions forward and actively shaping the future. For a just energy transition and greater resilience in the climate crisis.

A few rays of hope from our projects:

- **Newly trained solar technicians:** At the end of August, 160 graduates from the Solar Learning projects in Kenya received their state-recognised diploma as solar technicians. Most of them come from economically disadvantaged regions. They have worked hard to build a professional future – with perseverance and the support of our local partner organisations [\(pages 15–20\)](#).
- **Better healthcare thanks to solar power:** In Burkina Faso and Togo, 12 health centres were equipped with solar power. Reliable light and energy are now available around the clock, improving safety during childbirth – even at night. This enhances care for mothers and newborns [\(pages 7–12\)](#).
- **An international network is growing:** In summer, 14 scout leaders in Egypt were trained as solar ambassadors. The network already includes 155 ambassadors in 74 countries who are implementing solar projects [\(pages 13–14\)](#).
- **Knowledge exchange between universities:** In November, the Kenyan ambassador to Switzerland, Fouzia Abass, visited the Power-to-X department at the Eastern Switzerland University of Applied Sciences (OST). This provided the impetus for closer collaboration with Strathmore University in Nairobi in the field of solar fuels based on green hydrogen.

- **Made possible by the Solar Vignette:** The Wylergut kindergarten in Bern now has 125 panels on its roof. The solar installation produces almost 40,000 kWh per year. The proceeds from the sale of the solar power flow back into our projects.
- **Award-winning commitment:** Adidémé Koutangni, our project coordinator in Togo, received the "WWSF Prize for Women's Creativity in Rural Life 2025". Our partner organisation Solar Mtaani in Kenya was also honoured: they received the "Kenyan National Award" in the category "Best Organization Working with Clean Energy".

And 2026? There is even more to come. We aim to launch new training cohorts, electrify additional health centres, strengthen South-South partnerships, address the issue of climate adaptation and expand the Solar Vignette community in Switzerland. Above all, however, we want to inspire even more people to support a just energy transition.

The successes in our projects are only possible thanks to you – whether through direct projectsupport, a supporting membership, a donation, a bequest or the purchase of Solar Vignettes.

We thank you from the bottom of our hearts!



**Flora Conte**  
Co-President



**Kuno Roth**  
Co-President



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# 01 VISION AND APPROACH

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# OUR VISION IS A WORLD IN WHICH ADEQUATE, MODERN ENERGY SUPPLY FOR ALL AND CLIMATE PROTECTION GO HAND IN HAND.



## VOCATIONAL SOLAR TRAINING

Disadvantaged young people gain access to training and internships in the solar sector. As qualified professionals, they help expand climate-friendly solar energy and reduce energy poverty.

## EMPLOYMENT IN THE SOLAR MARKET

Trained solar technicians are supported in their job search and in setting up their own business. This leads to the creation of solar companies and jobs with fair working conditions. It also helps to reduce youth unemployment.



## PRODUCTIVE USE OF SOLAR ENERGY

Improved access to capital, expertise, technology and networks supports the productive use of solar energy. This enables more people and businesses to use solar power in economically viable ways: Productivity and incomes rise, while dependence on CO<sub>2</sub>-intensive energy sources declines.

## SOLAR INFRASTRUCTURE

Shared community facilities are upgraded with solar energy. This strengthens health, education and the supply of food and water. Basic services and quality of life improve, and solar energy gains in reputation.



## RAISING AWARENESS OF SOLAR ENERGY

People in Switzerland and around the world are becoming more aware of energy and climate issues and are turning this knowledge into concrete action. This strengthens awareness of sustainable energy among the general public, businesses and public institutions.

# OZ NEWS FROM OUR PROJECTS

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**Switzerland**

**Niger**

**Senegal**

**Burkina  
Faso**

**Togo**

**Ethiopia**

**Kenya**

**Tanzania**

# PROJECT OVERVIEW

## SOLAR LEARNING ETHIOPIA

📍 Ethiopia 📅 since 2017

In Ethiopia, young adults receive training in solar technology, laying the foundation for a self-determined future. During hands-on training they bring sustainable energy to schools, health centres and villages ([pages 15–20](#)).

## SOLAR LEARNING FOR WOMEN

📍 Kenya 📅 since 2023

Women in Kenya are learning solar technology and gaining new independence. With their knowledge and skills, they bring light to their communities and open doors to new opportunities ([pages 15–20](#)).

## SOLAR PERSPECTIVES

📍 Senegal 📅 from 2026

Training in solar technology opens up new opportunities for young people and returnee migrants in Senegal: It enables local income generation, strengthens career prospects on the ground and contributes to a sustainable future.

## SOLAR FUELS

📍 Ethiopia 📅 since 2021

At the Adama Science and Technology University in Ethiopia, a centre for solar fuels is being established. Renewable fuels such as methanol are produced using solar power. In addition, specialists for the energy transition are being trained.

## SOLAR LEARNING YOUTH CENTERS

📍 Kenya 📅 since 2021

In youth centres in Kenya, disadvantaged young people receive training in solar technology, leading to a state-recognised diploma. This enables them not only to shape their own future, but also the energy future of their country ([pages 15–20](#)).

## SOLAR LEARNING TANZANIA

📍 Tanzania 📅 from 2026

In Mbeya, Tanzania, young people receive practice-oriented training in solar technology. This creates incomes, qualified professionals for the growing solar sector and new pathways towards a sustainable future.

## SOLAR ENERGY FOR A REFUGEE CAMP

📍 Kenya 📅 from 2026

In the Kakuma refugee camp in Kenya, solar power is sustainably improving living conditions: A school, a clinic, a water pump and 60 households are supplied with electricity. At the same time, young people are being trained in solar technology.

## SANTÉ SOLAIRE

📍 Burkina Faso, Niger, Togo 📅 since 2020

Solar power is bringing light to rural health centres in Burkina Faso, Niger and Togo. This is making treatment for patients safer, especially during births and emergencies at night. From 2026, Senegal will be added as a project country ([pages 7–12](#)).

## SCOUTS GO SOLAR INTERNATIONAL

📍 Worldwide 📅 since 2014

Scout leaders from around the world are trained as solar ambassadors. Through their own projects, they bring solar energy to their communities and thereby promote education and climate protection (*pages 13–14*).

## SOLAR VIGNETTE

📍 Switzerland 📅 since 2012

The Solar Vignette enables private individuals and companies to visibly support the energy transition in Switzerland (*pages 21–22*). The revenue from the electricity generated by the installed solar systems flows into solar projects in the Global South.

## SCOUTS GO SOLAR SWITZERLAND

📍 Switzerland 📅 since 2022

Scouts in Switzerland explore the topics of solar energy, energy efficiency and climate protection through workshops and experiments. In this way, they are inspired to take concrete action within and beyond the scouting movement.



You can find more information about the projects here:

➤ <https://solafrica.ch/en/where-we-work/>



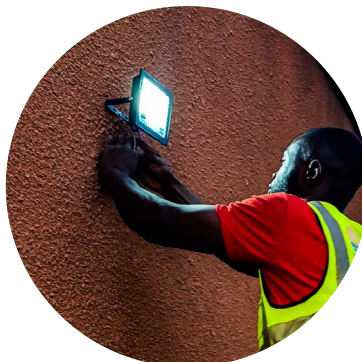
# ELECTRICITY SAVES LIVES

More than half of the health centres south of the Sahara have no electricity or only an unreliable supply, yet light is what makes treatment at night possible in the first place. In many facilities, staff have to resort to torches in the dark because there are no alternatives.

The lack of light severely affects the quality of medical care at night: Emergency treatments become more difficult, medical procedures are riskier, and patients – especially women giving birth and newborns – bear the sometimes fatal consequences.

The Santé Solaire programme brings solar power to rural health centres in Burkina Faso, Niger and Togo. The centres are equipped with high-quality solar systems that provide lighting in and around the buildings, power fans and, at selected sites, keep vaccine fridges cool. A central focus is the long-term functionality of the systems. That is why the programme builds knowledge and ownership on the ground:

- To strengthen community ownership, local stakeholders are involved and the population is actively integrated into planning and construction.
- Health staff receive regular training in the operation, maintenance and use of the systems.
- Local solar companies carry out repairs when needed.
- The programme promotes knowledge exchange between the project countries in order to learn from one another and harness synergies.





## IMPACT ON THE GROUND

With reliable light, staff can work more safely, procedures can be carried out more precisely and patients seek help at night rather than waiting until morning. A doctor from the Toangha health centre in Burkina Faso says: "Previously, I often had to find a way to insert a drip in complete darkness. That was risky. Thanks to the solar system, that is a thing of the past."

Immaculée Yawa Miafo from the village of Gapé Wonougba in Togo reports: "The midwife had to hold the torch in her mouth or between her shoulder and neck while I was giving birth to my children. Each time I was full of fear that something terrible might happen to the baby or to me." At the birth of her fourth child, everything was different thanks to solar energy: "The room was brightly lit, I felt safe and we were all happy. I could see my baby directly after the birth, which had not been possible before."

The village community also benefits, as Mariam from Gorpilla in Burkina Faso explains: "At night we now orient ourselves by the light of the health centre in our village. Children even come in the evenings to study; it has become our meeting point."



Between 2023 and 2025, Santé Solaire sustainably covered the basic electricity needs of 47 health centres and improved medical care for around 365,000 people. At the same time, the programme reduces CO<sub>2</sub> emissions or prevents them in advance and strengthens local skills in the installation, maintenance and operation of solar technology.

## OUTLOOK 2026-2029

Together with local partner organisations Solafri-ca is implementing an enhanced version of the Santé Solaire programme. By 2029, a further 42 health centres are to be electrified in order to reach an additional 290,000 people.

In addition, a regional competence centre is being set up in Senegal to pool expertise, qualify professionals and embed photovoltaics in the health sector on a lasting basis.



Immaculée Yawa Miafo



## A SPECIAL MOMENT FOR TAGALALT

A simple wooden cart in the light of the headlights in the village of Tagalalt in Niger. On it, a pregnant woman in labour. She is just arriving at the health centre – on the evening of the inauguration celebration for the newly installed solar system.

On the night before, the centre was still in complete darkness. Childbirths after sunset were a risk. In case of complications, people often had no choice but to wait anxiously for daylight.

Thanks to the new solar system, the health centre is now brightly lit. The woman gave birth to her healthy child that very same night.



## SOUTH-SOUTH EXCHANGE IN TOGO

The solar technician and managing director of Viniim Soo Sarl in Burkina Faso, Aristide Baowendmanegré Ouédraogo (pictured on the right), travelled to Togo three times in 2025. He supported the team of the solar company Egent Togo in installing their first solar systems with lithium batteries (instead of lead batteries)

and in carrying out maintenance visits in health centres. Joint training sessions also offered an opportunity to share technical and organisational experience. This South-South exchange strengthens local expertise, accelerates technical uptake and fosters the gradual self-reliance of Togolese technicians.



## AWARD-WINNING COMMITMENT

Adidémé Koutangni, our project coordinator for Santé Solaire in Togo, received the "WWSF Prize for Women's Creativity in Rural Life" in 2025 – an international award for rural women's initiatives presented by the Women's World Summit Foundation in Geneva. Adidémé leads the Santé Solaire programme in Togo. Under her coordination, 18 health centres have already been electrified – giving more than 100,000 people better access to healthcare.



# 365,000 PEOPLE

have access to better medical care thanks to Santé Solaire.

PROGRAMME

SANTÉ SOLAIRE

📍 Burkina Faso, Niger, Togo

📅 since 2020

🔗 <https://solafrica.ch/en/projects/sante-solaire/>

# SOLAR ENERGY STARTS WITH PEOPLE

**"I want to be a role model – an ambassador for solar energy!" Rahab Al Saadi has a clear goal: Children and young people should experience solar energy in their everyday lives.**

Rahab (27), a scout leader from Oman, took part in the Scouts go Solar regional training in Egypt in July 2025. At the beginning, she seemed reserved. "When I arrived, I had concerns about whether I could keep up with the other participants. Some were engineers; I am an art teacher," she said.

Two weeks later, there was no sign of this. Rahab soldered her own solar lamp. She discussed renewable energy. And she articulated a clear objective: "I want to inspire children and young people to get excited about solar energy. Solar energy should become part of their everyday lives."



Rahab Al Saadi

## INSPIRATION STARTS WITH A SPARK

Someone holds a solar lamp in their hand for the first time. They understand what solar energy means in the climate crisis. And they pass this knowledge on. In this way, many small solar projects emerge: in scout groups, in schools, in communities.

For an idea to have impact, more than knowledge is needed. It takes courage, materials and a network. This is exactly where Scouts go Solar comes in. Solar trainings take place every year in one world region. Scout leaders from different countries are trained there as solar ambassadors and then go on to implement their own projects. In July 2025, 14 scout leaders from the Arab region acquired these skills in Egypt. They are bringing solar energy to their communities and, in addition to the local scouting movement, are also reaching the wider public.

During the regional training, Rahab developed a concept that she then put into practice at home: In eight YouTube episodes she explains the basics of solar energy. Pupils in the upper primary and lower secondary levels should understand the power of the sun and be able to experience it themselves through simple experiments. Through her channel, Rahab reaches many people and makes renewable energy playfully accessible.

## THE SOLAR NETWORK IS GROWING

Already 155 solar ambassadors from 74 countries in all world regions are engaged with smaller and larger solar projects in their communities. This is making solar energy more visible, more understandable and more taken for granted. "Solar energy should be there for everyone, not just for a particular group," said Rahab. This aspiration fits the project. And it shows how impact is created: Step by step, driven by participants who take responsibility.



# 14 SOLAR AMBASSADORS

from the Arab region were trained at the regional training in Egypt in 2025.

## PROJECT

SCOUTS GO SOLAR INTERNATIONAL

📍 Worldwide

📅 since 2014

🔗 <https://solafrica.ch/en/projects/scouts-go-solar-international/>

# VOCATIONAL SOLAR TRAINING CREATES PROSPECTS

**The Solar Learning projects offer hands-on training in solar technology and make it easier for participants to enter the solar industry. At the same time, the trained professionals bring electricity to households, schools and businesses – thereby strengthening economically disadvantaged regions.**

"It is not always easy to work as a woman in a male-dominated profession. On construction sites you are often underestimated. But if you believe in yourself, you can make it," said Damaris Kamau (24) with a proud smile.

Damaris grew up with four siblings. There was not always enough money to pay all the school fees. Nevertheless, she completed compulsory schooling in 2019. Then the financial difficulties were compounded by the Covid-19 pandemic: "I had no prospects", she said.

This is exactly where Solar Learning comes in: The projects target young, socially disadvantaged people who have no access to further education. They provide practical, hands-on know-how and support entry into the labour market. In every project, at least 40 per cent of participants are women.

## **FROM ACCEPTANCE TO THE CONSTRUCTION SITE**

Damaris was offered a place in the Solar Learning Youth Centers project. At the beginning, she was quiet and shy. With support during the training and through psychosocial counselling, her self-confidence grew. She completed an internship with a solar company and was hired.

In 2025, Damaris worked on the installation of large solar systems. She has long since earned respect on construction sites through her skills.

The Solar Learning projects in Kenya and Ethiopia enable hundreds of young people like Damaris to complete a recognised qualification as solar technicians and gain a foothold in a sector that is urgently in need of staff. At the same time, every installation, every repair and every reliably functioning solar system improves the energy supply of households, schools and businesses. This strengthens local development and, in times of climate crisis, contributes to a sustainable energy future.

## **WITHOUT PROSPECTS – UNTIL A DOOR OPENS**

Tabitha Nduguti (22) also knows what it feels like to be stuck. She worked as a domestic worker under harsh conditions. "When I was ill, I still had to keep going. As soon as I said anything, I was shouted at," she said.

The turning point came when a friend told her about the Solar Learning for Women project. The project is designed to give young women and single mothers access to training. Tabitha applied, was accepted in 2024 and passed her final exams in summer 2025.

With a state-recognised diploma as a solar technician under her belt, Tabitha is gaining her first work experience in an internship. At the same time, she is planning her next step: She wants to obtain a higher-level diploma to further deepen her knowledge of solar technology.

## NEWLY QUALIFIED SOLAR TECHNICIANS ARE TAKING OFF

In August 2025, 160 participants from the Solar Learning for Women and Solar Learning Youth Centers projects in Kenya received their state certificate as solar technicians. For many, this is the decisive step from having no prospects into a career with a future. Solar Mtaani, our partner organisation in Kenya, supports the graduates as

they enter the labour market. The team connects them with solar companies and supports them on their way to self-employment. In this way, young people gain a reliable income. At the same time, they improve access to electricity in economically disadvantaged regions.



## PROFESSIONALS WHO BRING ELECTRICITY

As in Kenya, many young adults in Ethiopia face structural barriers at the start of their working lives: no access to training, limited job opportunities, little support when entering a profession. Endale Tsega (30) described unemployment as the greatest challenge of his life: "I had the will to change something, but no means, no access to education, no prospects."

Through Solar Learning Ethiopia, Endale was able to train as a solar technician. "I have always been interested in solar technology because it has the potential to solve the energy crisis in Hagere Mariyam, my home town, and in all of Ethiopia."

Today, he is working towards this vision. Together with five other project participants – three of them women – he founded a company in 2025 with the help of a small loan. The team installs solar systems, repairs equipment and thus brings electricity to households, schools and small businesses.



Damaris Kamau



Tabitha Nduuti

## STRONG PARTNERSHIPS

The stories of Damaris Kamau, Tabitha Nduuti and Endale Tsega are three among hundreds. They stand as examples of what the projects are achieving on the ground. Change does not happen by itself – it is created where strong partners stand up for participants day after day.

In the Solar Learning projects, Solafrika works with long-standing local partner organisations: in Kenya with Solar Mtaani, in Ethiopia with Education for Sustainable Development (ESD). Tsegaye Hailye, the project manager in Ethiopia, said: "It is moving to see how many young people work in the solar market and become financially independent after completing their training. But it is also painful to know: We are still far from reaching everyone who needs support."



Endale Tsega



## TABASAMU: SOLIDARITY THAT MAKES A DIFFERENCE

For many women in Kenya, the year starts with the same concern: Is there enough money for school fees, uniforms and learning materials for children and grandchildren? At the beginning of the year, the financial pressure is particularly high – especially for women who shoulder everyday life with children on their own. In Kilifi, widowed women have joined forces in the self-help group Tabasamu. The name means "smile" in Swahili.

Tabasamu stands for solidarity in action: Reliable cooperation, mutual support and saving together. What began within Solar Learning for Women with a solar-powered mill has grown further. Today, the group also works with a solar-powered dehuller and a solar-powered sewing machine. The income gives them room to manoeuvre – even when school fees are due.



## EDUCATION HAS IMPACT – EVEN ACROSS BORDERS

Three participants from the Solar Learning Youth Centers project in Kenya are applying their knowledge where it is needed: In 2025, they worked in Uganda on the construction of a 1-megawatt solar plant – a project almost as large as a football pitch. Vanessa Juma also shows what training can make possible: In August 2024, she received her state-recognised

diploma as a solar technician in Kenya. Only one year after completing her training, this participant in the Solar Learning for Women project is working on a 5.2-megawatt solar installation in Rwanda. These examples show: Education lasts. Its impact continues – even after a project has ended. And sometimes across national borders.



## AWARD-WINNING COMMITMENT

Solar Mtaani, our long-standing partner organisation in Kenya, was honoured with the "Kenyan National Award" in the category "Best Organization Working with Clean Energy". Solar Mtaani is responsible for the operational implementation of the Solar Learning for Women, Solar Learning Youth Centers and Solar Energy for a Refugee Camp projects.

# 160 PARTICIPANTS

in the Solar Learning projects in Kenya received their state-recognised diploma as solar technicians in 2025.

### PROJECT

## SOLAR LEARNING FOR WOMEN

📍 Kenya

📅 since 2023

➤ <https://solafrica.ch/en/projects/solar-learning-for-women/>

### PROJECT

## SOLAR LEARNING ETHIOPIA

📍 Ethiopia

📅 since 2017

➤ <https://solafrica.ch/en/projects/solar-learning-ethiopia/>

### PROJECT

## SOLAR LEARNING YOUTH CENTERS

📍 Kenya

📅 since 2021

➤ <https://solafrica.ch/en/projects/solar-learning-youth-centres/>

# SOLAR VIGNETTE

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News from our projects

**Many colourful stickers financed a new solar installation in 2025: Thousands of people bought a Solar Vignette or donated a solar panel – thereby making the next Solar Vignette project possible.**

When you buy a Solar Vignette, you finance a share of a solar installation in Switzerland. This share produces as much electricity as the chosen device consumes on average in one year. This means: With every Solar Vignette purchased, our solar installation grows. The Solar Vignette is available for mobile phones, computers, e-bikes, fridges and electric cars.

Whether on a mobile phone case, bike frame or laptop lid: Across Switzerland, countless people are sending a visible signal for the energy transition. Those who wish can donate a whole solar panel. Or even several: In 2025, LerNetz AG contributed 30 donated solar panels to the new installation. Thank you very much!

## SOLAR INSTALLATION AT WYLERGUT KINDERGARTEN

In the summer of 2025, the Solar Vignette solar installation on the roof of the Wylergut kindergarten in Bern went into operation. The 125 solar panels have a capacity of 43 kWp and produce around 39,000 kWh of solar power per year. The electricity is used directly on site, with surplus power fed into the Swiss grid.

"I grew up in Wylergut and went to kindergarten here," says Tim Bacher from the Solafrica team. "I am absolutely delighted that, with the Solar Vignette, we are having an impact in the neighbourhood."

## DOUBLE IMPACT

The Solar Vignette is 100 per cent non-profit: All revenue from the electricity generated by our solar installations flows directly back into Solafrica's other projects. This means the Solar Vignette has a double impact: It promotes solar power in Switzerland while at the same time strengthening our projects in economically disadvantaged regions.



## SOLAR INSTALLATION AT WYLERGUT KINDERGARTEN

Since August 2025, 125 panels have produced 8,349 kWh of solar power. This has saved 3,331 kg of CO<sub>2</sub>.

## SOLAR INSTALLATION AT TSCHARNERGUT DAY-CARE CENTRE

In 2025, 98 panels produced 22,225 kWh of solar power. This saved 8,868 kg of CO<sub>2</sub>.

## SOLAR INSTALLATION AT FANTASIA DAY-CARE CENTRE

In 2025, 115 panels produced 42,871 kWh of solar power. This saved 17,105 kg of CO<sub>2</sub>.

## SOLAR INSTALLATION AT HOTEL ROTHORN

In 2025, 25 panels produced 7,642 kWh of solar power. This saved 3,049 kg of CO<sub>2</sub>.



**Order solar vignettes now!**  
➔ [www.solarvignette.ch](http://www.solarvignette.ch)



81,087 KWH OF  
SOLAR POWER

our solar installations in Switzerland produced  
this amount of electricity in 2025.

PROJECT

SOLAR VIGNETTE

📍 Switzerland  since 2012

🔗 [www.solarvignette.ch](http://www.solarvignette.ch)

03 THE ORGANISATION

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# TEAM



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**THEO WERLEN**  
Finances



**TIM BACHER**  
Marketing



**SIMON MOSIMANN †**  
Central services

Simon Mosimann passed away on 30 June 2025. With his expertise, he left a lasting mark on Solafrica. Above all, however, we remember him as a person. We miss his open, warm manner, his humour and his laughter.

# SOLAFRICA ASSOCIATION

Solafrica is organised as an association. Its members are the Board of Directors and its permanent employees. It is not possible for private or legal persons to hold shares in Solafrica.

In 2025, 14 permanent staff shared 895 per cent FTE (as at 31.12.2025. 2024: 13 people, 765 per cent FTE).

In addition, Solafrica staff and board members contributed 559 hours of voluntary work.

## SOLACRACY

Since 2021, Solafrica has been working within the structures of "Solacracy", an organisational model adapted to our needs, inspired by Holacracy and Sociocracy. Instead of hierarchies, Solafrica focuses on purpose-built roles and circles that represent the different responsibilities and fields of activity. In this way, we promote dynamism and equality in our processes.

Solafrica attaches great importance to progressive working conditions for its employees. A fair, comprehensible and transparent salary system is also part of Solacracy. Decisions concerning the development of the organisation are discussed in meetings and are endorsed by the staff.

We maintain close cooperation and communication on equal terms with our partner organisations in the project countries. Strategic decisions are prepared and made together.

## BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The executive body of Solafrica is the Board of Directors. As at 31 December 2025, it is composed of the following people:

- **Flora Conte** (Co-President), MSc Environmental Sciences, project manager at Carbotech AG
- **Kuno Roth** (Co-President), Dr rer. nat. Chemistry, human ecologist, environmental educator, author
- **Claudio Clematide**, MSc Business Administration and Management, Deputy Director of the Swiss Refugee Council
- **David Stickelberger**, MSc Geography, postgraduate degree in Environmental Studies, Deputy Managing Director of Swissolar
- **Isabelle Meier-Glauser**, MLaw, federally certified Real estate trustee, head of residential property management at Von Graffenried AG Liegenschaften
- **Marta Ra**, Dr. rer. oec., Economics HSG, co-founder of Women in Sustainable Finance, author





**HANS WEBER**  
President  
Gugger-Sunne

"The Gugger-Sunne Solar Cooperative has been supporting Solafrica for many years – with this we want to 'give something back'. Since our founding in 1991, we have been promoting solar power generation through knowledge sharing and by building our own installations. After some difficult early years, our financial situation gradually improved. With our regular contribution to the training of solar professionals in Kenya and Ethiopia, we want to help solar energy develop as rapidly as possible in these countries too – after all, the sun shines there even more intensely than here."

"Solafrica convinces me with its partnership-based approach: Projects are implemented by local organisations and embedded on the ground. I particularly value the way women are specifically included and empowered. At Solafrica, solar energy is not only about climate protection; it also creates opportunities for young people. That is why I support Solafrica as a sponsoring member."



**NANA ADRIAN**  
Sponsoring member

"The solar health project Santé Solaire, implemented by Solafrica with the support of the Swiss Cooperation Office SDC Niger, is clearly improving healthcare provision in rural regions. Solar-powered fridges secure the cold chain and improve access to vaccines in areas without reliable electricity. Continuous electricity also enables treatment at night and improves working conditions for healthcare professionals."



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Swiss Cooperation Office  
SDC Niger

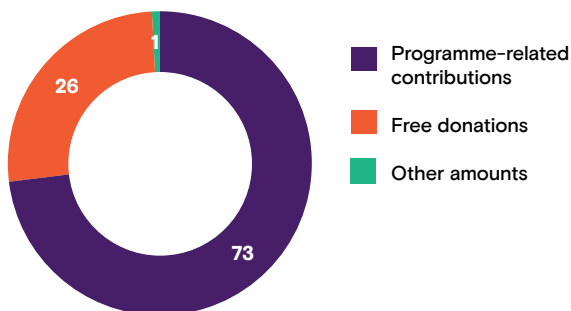
# 04 FINANCES AND ACCOUNTING C

# FINANCIAL SITUATION AND PLANNING

The year 2025 was marked worldwide by numerous crises and geopolitical tensions. Climate action and international cooperation came under severe pressure, leading in many places to noticeable funding cuts. These developments did not leave Solafrica untouched, and total income declined compared with the previous year. Despite the challenging environment, we succeeded in implementing our projects largely as planned and achieving a positive annual result of CHF 57,331.

## REVENUE

INCOME (IN %)

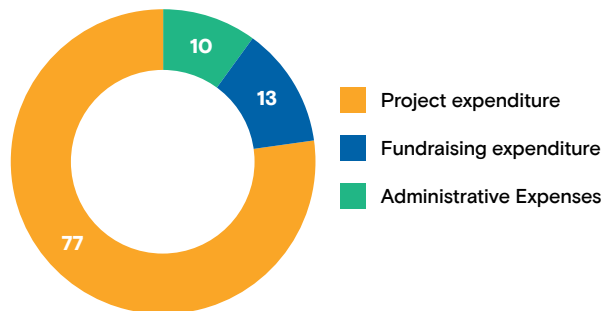


With total income of CHF 2,395,285 our revenues are below the record level of the previous year. Unrestricted donations amounted to CHF 628,295 and remained pleasingly stable compared with the previous year. In contrast, programme-related contributions fell to CHF 1504 358. This decrease is due in part to the discontinuation of a project in the preparatory phase.

## EXPENDITURE

Thanks to strict cost discipline, total expenditure also fell slightly to CHF 2,376,734. Of this, 77% was used directly to implement our projects promoting solar energy for people and the climate. Fundraising accounted for 13% of expenditure, administration for 10%.

EXPENDITURE (IN %)



## RESULT AND FINANCIAL POSITION

After taking changes in funds into account, this results in an annual surplus of CHF 57,331. Organisational capital now amounts to CHF 638,782. Due to this, we are within the target range for appropriate financial reserves under the Zewo guidelines. It should be noted that fixed assets have increased due to investment in another solar installation, meaning that almost half of our organisational capital is tied up in the long term.

## OUTLOOK 2026

Solafrica is well positioned for the future. An attractive project portfolio, committed and skilled people in the office and on the board, solid structures and a new strategy form a strong foundation for the years ahead.

We have set ourselves ambitious goals for 2026. Targeted investments are planned in expanding project acquisition and in building up the field of climate adaptation. A particular focus will also be the new programme for financing productive solar installations through repayable loans.

# P/L STATEMENT

OPERATING ACCOUNT	2025	2024
Donations and legacies	628 295	634 173
Program-related contributions	1 504 358	1 937 281
Contributions from programs	235 898	299 868
Supplies and services	-	-
Other income	26 734	26 041
<b>Operating income</b>	<b>2 395 285</b>	<b>2 897 363</b>
Cost of goods and materials	-	-
Direct programme services	-1 205 568	-1 311 699
Personnel	-894 329	-872 000
Real estate, furniture and vehicles	-29 589	-30 927
Other operating expenses	-228 431	-274 161
Depreciation of property, plant and equipment	-18 817	-17 722
<b>Operating expenses</b>	<b>-2 376 734</b>	<b>-2 506 509</b>
<b>OPERATING RESULT</b>	<b>18 551</b>	<b>390 854</b>
Financial income	704	596
Financial expenses	-147	-239
Income from sideline operations	900	2500
Non-operating and extraordinary income	2553	-1485
<b>Other income</b>	<b>4010</b>	<b>1372</b>
<b>RESULT BEFORE CHANGE IN FUND CAPITAL</b>	<b>22 561</b>	<b>392 226</b>
Allocation of fund capital	-1 504 359	-1 930 445
Use of fund capital	1 539 129	1 622 446
<b>Change in fund capital</b>	<b>34 770</b>	<b>-307 999</b>
<b>RESULT BEFORE CHANGE IN ORGANISATION-AL CAPITAL</b>	<b>57 331</b>	<b>84 228</b>
Allocation of organisational capital	-732 708	-801 295
Use of organisational capital	675 377	717 067
<b>Change in organisational capital</b>	<b>-57 331</b>	<b>-84 228</b>
<b>RESULT</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>-</b>

All amounts are stated in CHF and rounded.

# BALANCE SHEET

BALANCE SHEET	2025	2024
Cash and cash equivalents	1 090 839	1 130 420
Securities	-	-
Accounts receivable supplies and services	17 421	1100
Other receivables	-	-
Inventories and unbilled services	10 665	12 977
Prepaid expenses and deferred charges	8344	177
<b>Current assets</b>	<b>1 127 269</b>	<b>1 144 674</b>
Financial assets	-	-
Property, plant and equipment	255 570	172 750
Intangible assets	45 484	49 205
<b>Fixed assets</b>	<b>301 054</b>	<b>221 955</b>
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>1 428 323</b>	<b>1 366 629</b>
Accounts payable supplies and services	94 210	50 773
Current interest-bearing liabilities	-	-
Other current liabilities	4304	4304
Accrued expenses and deferred income	2900	2900
<b>Short-term liabilities</b>	<b>101 414</b>	<b>57 977</b>
Long-term interest-bearing liabilities	-	-
Other long-term liabilities	-	4304
Provisions and similar items	-	-
<b>Long-term liabilities</b>	<b>-</b>	<b>4304</b>
<b>fund capital</b>	<b>688 127</b>	<b>702 944</b>
Free capital	638 782	601 404
<b>Organisational capital</b>	<b>638 782</b>	<b>601 404</b>
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>1 428 323</b>	<b>1 366 629</b>

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# FUNDING SOURCES

Solafrica is financed primarily through institutional contributions, public-sector grants and donations from private individuals.

## INSTITUTIONAL FINANCING PARTNERS

Our sincere thanks go to all foundations, cantons, municipalities and church parishes that made Solafrica's projects possible in 2025. The financing partners include, among others:

- atDta – Stiftung Hilfe zur Selbsthilfe
- Claire Sturzenegger-Jeanfavre Foundation
- Däster-Schild Stiftung
- Fondation Philanthropique Famille Sandoz
- Canton of Basel-Stadt
- Lorzenstrom Fund
- Lottery Fund of the Canton of Aargau
- Lotteriefonds Kanton Bern
- Lotteriefonds Kanton Glarus
- Lottery Fund of the Canton of Lucerne
- Lotteriefonds Kanton Obwalden
- Lottery Fund of the Canton of Schwyz
- Lottery Fund of the Canton of Thurgau
- Megasol Energie AG
- Roman Catholic Parish Association of Bern and Surroundings
- Swiss Cooperation Office SDC Burkina Faso
- Schweizer Kooperationsbüro DEZA Niger
- Stiftung Fourfold
- Stiftung Temperatio
- Stiftung fokus frauen
- Gugger-Sunne Solar Cooperative
- Solarspar
- Greenpeace Environmental Foundation
- Association of Roman Catholic Parishes of the City of Zurich

And many others.

## PRIVATE PERSONS

In 2025, Solafrica was supported by 4,126 people. This includes private donations, sponsoring memberships, solar vignettes, climate tickets and legacies. This resulted in donations amounting to 628,295 Swiss francs.

## SPONSORING MEMBERSHIP

Solafrica's sponsoring members pay a contribution to the organisation once a year:

- **Sponsoring membership (standard):**  
CHF 80 per year
- **Sponsoring membership (high voltage):**  
CHF 240 per year

Sponsoring memberships are particularly valuable to us because they are consistent and we can build on them.

Thank you very much!

➤ <https://solafrica.ch/en/support-us/supporting-membership/>



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## DILIGENCE AND TRANSPARENCY

Solafrica has been Zewo-certified since 2015. This quality label stands for:

- purposeful, efficient and effective use of your donation
- transparent information and meaningful financial reporting
- independent and appropriate control structures
- honest communication and fair fundraising practices



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