





## Message from the President

Children borrowing books from a new school library in Indonesia; women gathering at a new water and sanitation facility in Haiti; families attending a workshop on food hygiene and balanced nutrition in Colombia... These are just some of the real outcomes you might witness if you visit the projects supported by the Givaudan Foundation around the world.

In the five years of its existence, the Givaudan Foundation has contributed to more than 40 projects in 14 countries. This translates into 17,000 people directly benefitting from the different activities that have been rolled out, mainly in the areas of improving access to education and health as well as preservation of natural resources.

The projects we engage in have in common their strong focus on the way they will benefit the communities concerned; they are carefully selected and we ensure the project teams have the necessary knowledge and capabilities to implement them successfully. To help

achieve our goals we partner with NGOs and other organisations that bring, for example, technical expertise or knowledge of the local context.

In Haiti, for instance, we have leveraged the expertise in drinking water production of Swiss international children's aid organisation Terre des hommes Foundation, and in the Caura river basin in Venezuela we are working with Conservation International, an NGO specialising in nature protection and partnerships with indigenous peoples and local communities. We know that together we are stronger.

We want our projects to deliver significant results and we insist that from the start they include clearly defined milestones so their progress can be regularly evaluated. This helps us accompany the projects over time and steer them in the right direction to ensure they result in substantial social or environmental impacts.

*André Hoffmann,  
President of the Board of Trustees*



# Who we are

The Givaudan Foundation is a non-profit organisation created by Givaudan in 2013 as a result of the company's desire to reinforce its commitment towards the communities in which it operates. Its purpose is to initiate and support projects as well as to grant donations in areas defined by our vision and mission.

## OUR VISION

We want to make a difference in the communities where Givaudan is active. Our contributions are enriched with sensory expertise and employees' dedication.

## OUR MISSION

Our aims are to support education, contribute to health, protect the environment and create awareness about the causes we care for: Communities at source, Blindness and Family nutrition.

*"Givaudan employees are providing invaluable support to the Foundation through their commitment and involvement in our activities. Increasing numbers of Givaudan's partners and customers are also embracing our causes, and we greatly appreciate this support. By joining forces, we can do more."*

Matthias Währen, Member of the Board of Trustees



## OUR CAUSES

### Communities at source

We believe that Givaudan has a responsibility towards the communities who produce precious natural ingredients unique to the Fragrance and Flavour world. At the Givaudan Foundation we work to safeguard the future of these communities and their fragile environment.



### Blindness

We believe that Givaudan and its employees have much to offer to people whose sight is impaired. The Givaudan Foundation enables and supports projects to explore and offer the magic and emotions of taste and smell to the blind. Our initiatives provide creative learning opportunities by developing sensory experiences and its practical applications.



### Family nutrition

We believe that Givaudan and its employees can make a positive impact on public health in a way that is rooted in Givaudan's deep understanding of food and beverages. The Givaudan Foundation provides food support and offers nutrition advice to families in need.

The Givaudan Foundation works closely with and relies on resources provided by Givaudan to conduct and monitor its projects. It also operates with local partners to ensure the efficient deployment of projects and their relevance for those who are intended to benefit from them.





# Our projects



		LOCATION	DESCRIPTION	KEY FIGURES
		Venezuela (Caura)	Conservation agreements with local communities protecting Amazonian forest where tonka trees grow	100 families involved 150,000 hectares of land protected
		Haiti (Les Cayes)	Organisational strenghtening of vetiver cooperative and support to their community	270 farmers joined the cooperative 100 families with access to clean water
		France (Drôme)	Research for new ways of fighting diseases affecting lavender and lavandin crops	2 research institutes supported 2 diseases-specific applied reasearch programmes
		Madagascar (Sava)	Rural development in 32 vanilla growing villages for better education, health and food security	26 schools, 42 water wells built 650 farmers optimising rice cultivation
		Madagascar (Analanjirifo)	Fuelwood tree planting in collaboration with clove leaf oil producing communities	23 producer associations involved 300,000 trees planted
		Madagascar (South East)	Promotion of ginger cultivation for smallholder farmers to generate additional revenues	280 farmers trained in good agricultural practices
		Comoros (Mohéli)	Energy efficient distillation units to reduce the environmental footprint of the ylang ylang essential oil production	50% reduction in fuelwood use 350 individuals trained in good distillation practices
		Indonesia (Sulawesi)	Training programme in good agricultural, distillation, nutritional and financial practices for patchouli producing communities	1,000 producers and families trained

	9 	Indonesia (Sulawesi & Java)	School libraries and teacher training to improve literacy in patchouli and vetiver producing communities	4 school libraries established 560 children
	10 	Brazil (South Bahia)	Organic soil fertilization and technical counselling for a cooperative of guarana producers	1 cooperative supported 67 producer households improved cultivation
	11 	France (Paris)	Partnership with the Louis Braille Museum to increase awareness of blindness among the public	Sensory path and garden created Museum web site in development
	12 	Switzerland (Geneva)	Novel research project on olfactory stimulation as a communication tool with disabled children	Pilot study phase completed
	13 	Mexico (Pedro Escobedo)	School children screening programme to detect vision defects, provide good quality spectacles and medical treatment	8 communities supported 1,000 eye-sight evaluations
	14 	France (Paris)	Creation of a didactic garden at the INJA School (Institute for Young Blinds)	Project plan developed 200 visually impaired students
	15 	Hungary (Mako)	Open access computer room for visually impaired with training on informatics skills	1 fully equipped room with specific IT equipment and furniture
	16 	Brazil (Instituto Givaudan)	Improvement of nutritional intakes of Brazilian children for a balanced diet Trainings to raise awareness on blindness and support visually impaired	180 children reduced their sugar intake by 50% 530 eye examination carried out
	17 	USA (Florida)	Provision of nutritious food backpacks to sustain food insecure children during week-ends when they do not have access to school meals	50 children sponsored 7,000 meals packed by volunteers
	18 	Colombia (Bogotá)	Promoting better alimentary and health practices in daily life for families in need	60 families sponsored 11 workshops conducted
	19 	Argentina (Misiones)	A nutrition project consisting of new school canteen, an orchard and nutritional workshops for families	35 schoolchildren benefitting from better food quality in a safer environment
	20 	Mexico (Cuernavaca)	Improved and sustainable nutrition at the Nuestros Pequeños Hermanos home for orphans and abandoned children	Canteen repaired after a major earthquake
	21 	Jordan (Zaatari)	Training and equipment for women in a refugee camp to make and sell fragranced soaps	20 women trained in soap creation 4 caravans with laboratory, beauty salon and daycare centre





*“We let the kids visit the library and every day they don’t want to leave. We even have to tell them to go home!”*

Ms. Rahmania, School Principal in Katoi



### Using school libraries to encourage reading and tackle illiteracy in Indonesian rural farming communities

The livelihoods of farmers in Indonesian communities are affected by a number of external factors, including the variations of weather conditions and the uncertainties inherent to the crops they grow. Another key challenge they face in order to ensure long-term prospects for the communities is to provide their children and youth with a solid education that will enable the next generations to pursue and further develop their parent’s economic activity.

On the islands of Sulawesi and Java, among smallholder producers of patchouli and vetiver (two iconic natural perfumery ingredients), one of the obstacles to quality primary education is the lack of infrastructure and resources. This situation led to a project that aims to nurture the 5-13 year-old children’s love of reading, in order to help tackle basic education issues. The project is supported by the Givaudan Foundation and conducted in partnership with the local Non Governmental Organisation Taman Bacaan Pelangi (Rainbow Reading Gardens). It consists of renovating or building libraries associated with primary schools, equipping them with a selection of books for children to read or borrow, and training teachers to help them manage the libraries and develop reading-related activities.

In 2018, three libraries were opened in patchouli-growing villages on Sulawesi island and one was opened in a vetiver-growing area, on Java island. These libraries are now operating and will serve as stepping stones for the school children on their way to education.

#### 2018 facts and figures

- 4 libraries opened
- 47 teachers trained
- 5,000 books purchased

#### Beneficiaries:

- 560 school children



### Preserving the Venezuelan rainforest ecosystem and tonka through conservation agreements

Tonka trees are native to Central America and northern South America where they grow in tropical rainforests, in particular in the Caura River basin between Venezuela and Brazil. Tonka bean collection has been a traditional income-generating activity for generations of indigenous and criollo inhabitants who live a semi nomadic life dedicated to the harvesting of forest products, fishing, hunting and small-scale agriculture.

Nowadays, illegal mining, timber extraction, illegal hunting and fishing and agricultural expansion all threaten the biodiversity and natural resources in this region, weakening the communities who depend on them.

The Givaudan Foundation, through an agreement with Conservation International, supports a programme aimed at improving local livelihood and protecting the forest in the Caura basin. The local communities are part of a conservation agreement by which they receive support and guidance on techniques for the handling and selling of beans. In exchange, they commit to actions preserving the flora and the fauna of their ecosystem. They patrol the 150,000 hectares of the conservation area, they control the expansion of the agricultural frontier in the forest. They also survey several animal species that serve as key indicators of the ecosystem's health, such as the American tapir, jaguar, or spectacled caiman.

In 2018, the emphasis was put on reinforcing the community's technical, financial and organizational capacities. Despite the difficult political, social and economic situation in Venezuela, the communities continued to fulfil the conservations commitments, to maintain the existing tonka collection routes and became more autonomous in handling the project activities.

#### 2018 facts and figures

- **607 animals surveyed**
- **280 patrolling days**

#### Beneficiaries:

- **2 communities representing more than 100 families benefited from the program**



*“By building partnerships that bring real benefits to the community, and to the biodiversity of the area, we can ensure that vital conservation activity is enduring in the long term.”*

Juliette, Conservation International





*“The new water and sanitation facility in my village is of great importance to me. In my community we have been waiting for a project like this for a long time.”*

Judith, Faucault villager



### Improving the life of vetiver-growing villages in Haiti with drinking water and washing facilities

Farmers across three villages in the region of Les Cayes, South Haiti have formed a cooperative for the cultivation of vetiver roots. More than 270 farmers benefit from price premiums and technical support through the cooperative, which also has a development fund for community projects that include, for instance, the repair of the road that serves the three villages and the electrification of the villages.

The Givaudan Foundation has supported the cooperative members and their families since 2014, covering the cooperative office rent and encouraging organisational improvements with the hiring of a manager.

More recently, a project was initiated by a group of women and conducted with the support of the cooperative manager and funding from the Givaudan Foundation. It aims to improve access to drinking water and sanitation facilities for inhabitants of the area, as most of them do not have access to water at home. The newly built sanitation and hygiene facility with showers, toilets as well as a washing area for clothes was inaugurated in May 2018.

A drinking water kiosk was installed on the same premises, in partnership with the Swiss NGO Terre des hommes Foundation. Purified water is sold at low prices to the community. The kiosk is managed by the same group of women who initiated the project, and the profit from the water sales is used to ensure the maintenance of the water kiosk and sanitation facility over time. Trainings were provided to villagers to raise awareness of all users about the importance of clean water. Technical training on the maintenance of the purification system was also delivered to the group of women in charge.

#### 2018 facts and figures

- **Water and sanitation facility operational**
- **Over 40,000 litres of purified water produced**
- Beneficiaries:**
  - **Approximately 100 families (500 individuals)**





### A scientific approach to explore the power of scents for children with profound intellectual and multiple disabilities

Children with profound intellectual and multiple disabilities are severely affected in their development as they present multifold impairments such as motor and cognitive disabilities associated with sensory disabilities (blindness or vision impairment occurs in 40% of cases). They have very limited or no autonomy and are most often taken care of in specialised institutions.

Founded in Geneva in 1975, Clair Bois is an institution dedicated to the care and education of children and adults with such disabilities. For several years, Givaudan has created and provided scented tablets to stimulate the children who live and attend school at Clair Bois. These tablets are a tool highly appreciated by the educators and therapists as they facilitate communication and interactions with children whose language and cognitive capacities are severely affected. For instance, a chlorine-scented tablet evokes swimming pool activities much more powerfully than any words or pictures.

The PolyOlf research project supported by the Givaudan Foundation arose from the desire to further explore and validate what was observed empirically. It aims to evaluate in scientific manner the olfactory function of these children and expand the understanding of the potential benefits of the use of scents to interact with them. With the consent of their parents and the agreement of an ethical committee, about 25 children will participate in a study conducted by researchers in Special Needs Education of University of Fribourg in Switzerland and their response to a range of selected scents will be evaluated.

In 2018, a pilot study that included five children was conducted to refine the experimental protocol. It confirmed the relevance of the approach, paving the way for the full study to start in 2019.

#### 2018 Facts and Figures

- **Pilot study completed**
- **11 behavioural indicators analysed**
- **20 experimental sessions**



*“I am really touched to see the efforts that are being made to better understand our children so they can be cared for even better in the future.”*

Natalia, mother of a child participating to the programme

*“As Givaudan employees we are absolutely delighted to be able to share our knowledge and experience to promote and contribute to healthy nutrition for babies and little children thanks to the Givaudan Foundation.”*

Diana, Givaudan Bogotá employee



## Improving nutrition for vulnerable children and their families

Quality nutrition is essential for children to thrive and develop and be able to fulfil their potential. Children are especially vulnerable and families in Bogotá living with limited income or under the threshold of poverty may not always have the adequate resources and education to provide for the necessary care for the well-being of their children.

Givaudan Colombia employees in Bogotá initiated a family programme to promote better alimentary and health practices in daily life through the implementation of appropriate hygiene and feeding practices. Supported by the Givaudan Foundation, the programme is conducted in partnership with Bambi Homes, a foundation that aims to protect children and reinforce families, giving shelter to children in situations of extreme vulnerability such as abandon, child labour, mistreatment and abuse, and provides them with food, education and emotional support until they can return in their family or in a foster family. It leverages their experience in early childhood support programmes in homes located in major Colombian cities for over 30 years.

Counselling is being proposed both to parents on topics such as proper handling of food, balanced and healthy nutrition, as well as to children, with fun activities around personal hygiene for instance. As indicators of welfare, children's weight and size are monitored on a regular basis.

In 2018, workshops were conducted with the participation of Givaudan employees to provide families with training in good nutritional, health and financial practices. Health and hygiene kits were also distributed.

### 2018 facts and figures

- **8 workshops conducted**

**Beneficiaries:**

- **60 families with children under 6 years old**

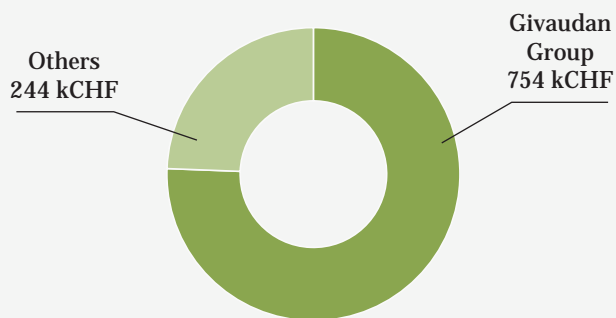


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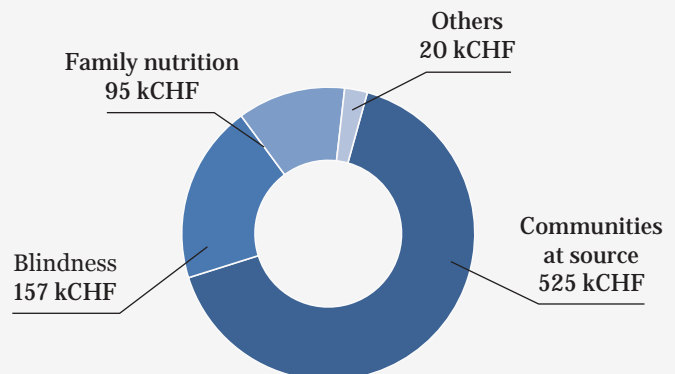
We are pleased to report that donations received in 2018 reached CHF 998,000 while funds granted to projects reached CHF 797,000.

The foundation has financial commitments in connection with existing projects over several years, which will be funded by the foundation's general reserve as well as new donations.

**Donor Income 2018**



**Project Expenses 2018**



## Funding

The Givaudan Foundation is principally funded by the Givaudan Group. It supports projects that are within the scope defined by its guidelines and relevant to its areas of focus:

- Communities at source  
(support of local communities from which Givaudan sources natural ingredients)
- Blindness
- Family nutrition

Our grants are awarded to organisations selected by the Givaudan Foundation, with a priority to projects in which Givaudan employees can have a direct involvement.

We are unfortunately not able to review unsolicited funding requests. However, we may occasionally open selected topics to external applications.

The Givaudan Foundation also accepts donations to help it pursue its goals.

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