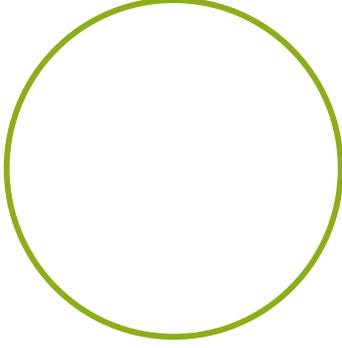


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PREFACE

Dear Reader,

From the Philippines to Brazil, over Burundi, DR Congo and Morocco to Belgium, KIYO made it possible, together with its partners, for children and youth to speak up and break taboos. At school, within their family or in their community, children and youth are determined to stand up against discrimination and promote tolerance.

2017 has been a comprehensive and dynamic year in which KIYO has started its new five year program '*Stand up together for the rights of everybody 2017-2021*', which has been approved by the Belgian government. For the first time a joint program was launched in consortium with G3W, who are focusing on the right to health, and Solidagro, who are focusing on the right to food security.

In this new program, KIYO continues to support children and youth to stand up for their rights. In Brazil, we train youth to become young leaders who represent their peers at youth conferences. In Morocco, we support young mothers and their illegitimate children. In Burundi, we let street children determine their own training program. In DR-Congo, we reintegrate child soldiers into their families. And in the Philippines we bring children and youth together to exchange ideas and opinions, and to debate around children's rights.

Highlights of 2017:

- © The KIYO-volunteers have been active this year. Some of them organised 'Passion4KIYO' for the first time, an art&craft event that raised more than 3000€.
- © Visit from Bilall Fallah, Belgian film director of movies 'Black' and 'Image', to two KIYO-projects in Brazil.

- © Extension of the UNICEF project where street children in the north of Burundi can go to the Drop-In center for psychosocial and medical support, and assistance in family and school reintegration.
- © For the first time, KIYO managed to get funding from the European Union for her project in Burundi, that focuses on the socio-economic empowerment of youth.
- © For the same project KIYO received 50.000€ from Alexander De Croo, Belgian minister of development cooperation, through Music For Life.

In this annual report you will find out more about how KIYO works on children's rights, the impact of its programs in the lives of thousands of children and youth, and you will get a financial overview of last year.

Thank you very much for listening to us, and the millions of children and youth from vulnerable communities, and to support us in realising everyone's rights.

Enjoy your reading,

Iris Bogaerts, Director KIYO
Jan De Paepe, President KIYO



Music for Life 2017

BELGIUM



Partners

KIYO works with **Karama Solidarity** for the 'Action4Rights'-project, with partners **Plan International Belgium, Djapo, UNICEF Belgium, VIA Don Bosco** and **DGDE** for the 'School4Rights'-project, and with partners **Kleur Bekennen, Plan International Belgium** and **School zonder racisme** for the project 'Buitengewone wereldburgers'. '**Steunpunt 4^{de} pijler**' is our partner in our work with Belgian actors in development cooperation. Together, we look for private development initiatives (4^{de} pijler organisaties) that want to take part in an individual guidance project around children's rights. In the context of advocacy, KIYO works with the Platform voor Kinderrechten in Ontwikkelingssamenwerking (**PKIO**) and the Kinderrechtencoalitie (**KIRECO**) to influence policy-makers. Lastly, KIYO collaborated with **11.11.11** on its campaign on migration and refugees.



Context

KIYO commits itself to empower young people worldwide, and to stand up for their rights. Belgium is no exception. Here KIYO also wants to offer young people equal opportunities to identify and use their talent. KIYO departs from the Convention on the Rights of the Child with participation as its principle, because in many parts of our society our youth still do not have a voice. KIYO is committed

to supporting the implementation of the SDGs, working with partners with diverse expertise to see that the Goals deliver results for every child and for generations to come. In 2017, we were able to build on our mission to strengthen and mobilise youth, teachers and development actors in Belgium, and actively stand up for children's rights.

Results

- © In our '**Action4Rights**' project youth become actors of change by initiating small-scale projects in their school or neighbourhood. Empowerment and mobilisation of youth is key to this project. The introductory sessions have ended, and the actions of 40 students look promising. Some of them wanted to raise awareness on the right to a better living environment, others were worried about refugee children living in Belgium.
- © In our '**School4Rights**' project, **17 teachers** assessed their school context, and made plans on adopting children's rights within their school culture.
- © In our project '**Buitengewone wereldburgers**' (extra-ordinary cosmopolitans), **14 schools for children with special needs and 30 teachers** were reached.



A theoretic framework around global citizenship education was given, as well as time to exchange good practices between schools.

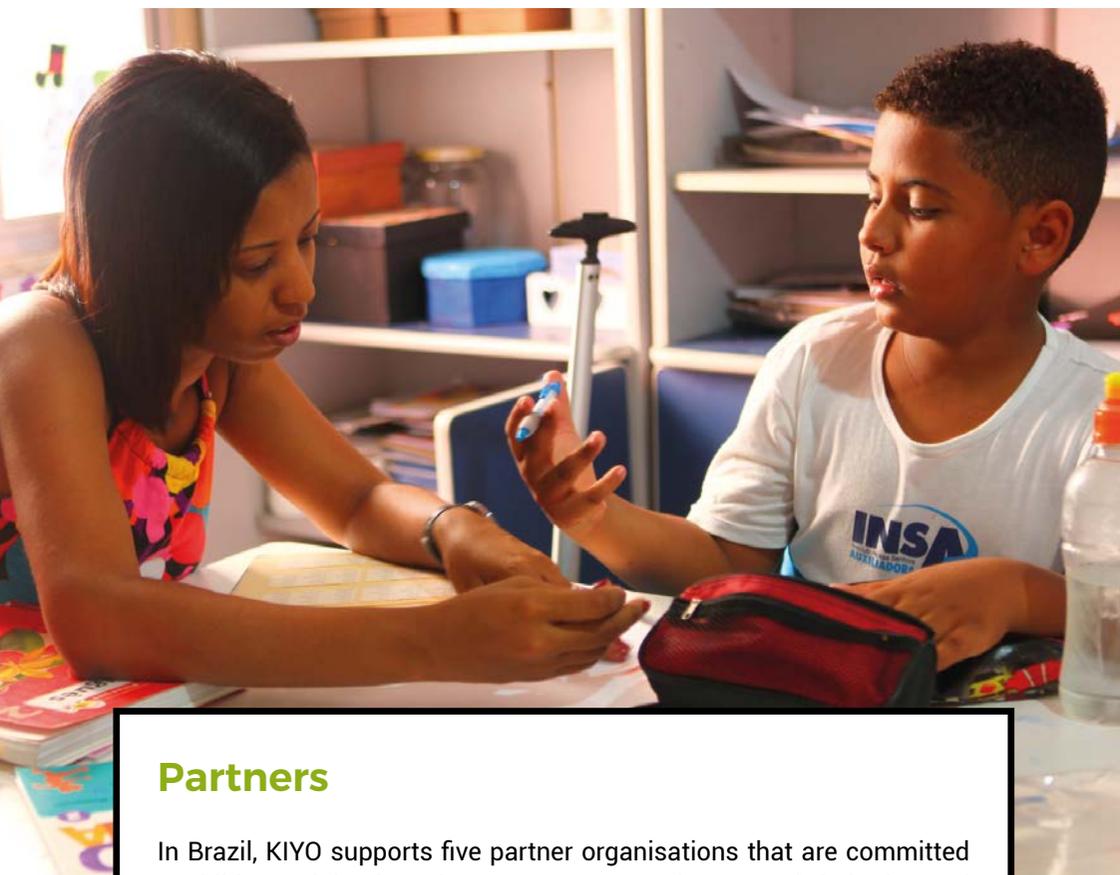
- © KIYO started an individual guidance process with two development initiatives (4th pillar), with the aim to reinforce their capacities regarding integration of children's rights in their actions.

- © KIYO advocated on children's rights through its participation in the network 'Platform voor Kinderrechten in Ontwikkelingssamenwerking (PKIO)' and through the 'Kinderrechtencoalitie', with whom we collaborated to develop the alternative report for Belgium, that will be presented in June 2018 at the UN Children's Rights Committee in Geneva.



Passion4KIYO collected over 3000 euros

BRAZIL



Partners

In Brazil, KIYO supports five partner organisations that are committed to children's rights in various ways. **AMAR** takes care of sheltering and reintegration of street children. **PAMEN** offers alternative education to children in child labour and trains young leaders to speak at national youth conferences. **CEDECA** provides important work on advocacy as a children's rights center and works with child lawyers to support youth in conflict with the law. **SER**, our newest partner, offers talent development workshops for excluded Afro-Brazilian children and young people through the social circus methodology. Finally, **RRC** is a network that unites and strengthens 12 street children organisations.

Context

Last year KIYO observed a continuous decrease of social rights in Brazil. This evolution is very disturbing from a socio-economic viewpoint and mostly impacts children and youth, the most vulnerable of society. Increased levels of poverty lead to increased levels of crime, and an increased feeling of insecurity, causing the drug-industry to become a powerful “employer” to many children and youth. In addition, the government uses more violence to silence the poor population and their protests. In particular the poorest children and youth became victims of lethal violence in Brazil, caused by social inequality and further deteriorates by ignoring the underlying problems and causes.



Results

- © **1,855 children** were re-integrated into their families and schools through circus methodology, alternative schooling, educational day-care centers and street work organised by our local partners. Our actions took place around big and often violent favelas.
- © **387 young** leaders were trained to represent their peers in youth conferences.
- © **800 students** took part in a one year trajectory focusing on themes such as non-discrimination and inclusion. It was organised in eight different schools, located in and around Rio de Janeiro.
- © KIYO and its partners took care of shelter and reintegration for **820 youths** who faced punitive measures.

BURUNDI



Partners

During this DGD program of 2017-2021, KIYO supports **FVS-AMADE** who raises awareness among communities on their duty to protect vulnerable children. A second partner is **OIDEB**, who provides legal support and runs the project with **UNICEF** where vulnerable children are offered basic services, receive documentation as well as psychological support, and guidance with their re-integration into socio-economic life at the Drop In Center. In September 2017, we started working with **Handicap International** on helping youth to find a profession with the support of the European Commission.

Context

The economic and social crisis in Burundi is deteriorating. Inflation, unemployment and poverty paralyse the population. Vulnerable children are less able to benefit from the support offered by the community. In spite of the complexity of these difficulties, KIYO continues to support its Burundian partners to be able to promote and protect the rights of children that are the least able to do so.



Results

- © Solidarity groups support **8,300 orphans and other vulnerable children** through the provision of basic services, school materials and health care.
- © **70 children living with HIV** benefited from medical coverage as well as psychological support.
- © Awareness-raising activities on the right to identity for all children has resulted in **the registration of 2.600 children** at the Civil Registry.

DR CONGO



Partners

KIYO has been collaborating with **AVREO** to get children out of places of exploitation. Since October 2017, we have started a partnership with **OCET**, a specialist in providing legal assistance for children who's rights have been violated. KIYO also shares technical and financial support with **ADED**, a partner who helps 240 youth to kick-off their own agro-business project.

Context

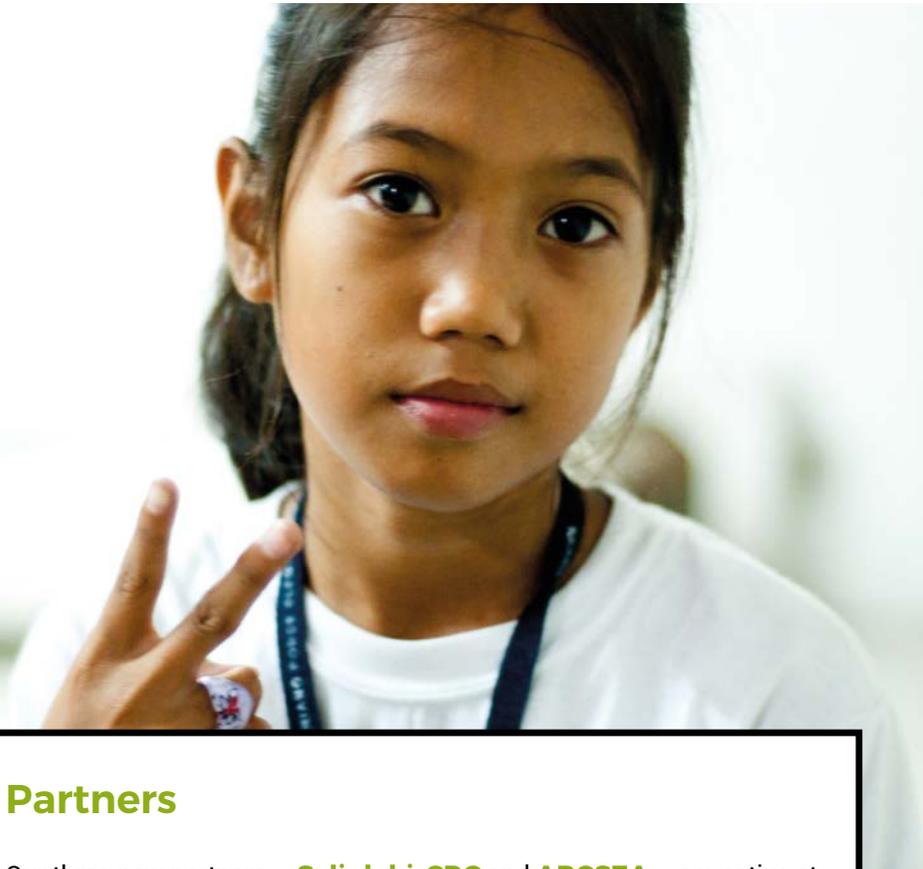
In the Democratic Republic of Congo, the political climate is extremely tense ever since the delay of the elections. Organised protests in several cities have been violently repressed, leaving people injured and sometimes killed. In terms of security, attacks of armed groups have been reported. Especially the ones on multiple towns, including Uvira, had negative effects on the protection of citizens and on the access to basic services. Subsequently, the repercussions of poverty on children's rights became clear by the rising number of out-of-school children, street children, sexually exploited girls, children exploited in the mining industry and building sites...



Results

- © **90 children** have been released from places of exploitation like armed groups and prostitution houses.
- © **Five new Temporary Foster Families (FAT, *Familles d'Accueil Transitoires*)** have been formed, in order to guarantee the safety of released children from places of exploitation.
- © **30 minor victims of abuse** have benefitted from a legal and/or judiciary support and three juridical clinics have been built in Bukavu, Goma and Uvira for the benefit of children who have been victim of abuse.

THE PHILIPPINES



Partners

Our three new partners – **Salinlahi**, **CRC** and **ARCSEA** – are active at the national level and in Metro-Manila. They focus on organising children and youth, and are able to reach out to policy makers at national level. In September, the director of Salinlahi made a stop in Belgium on his way to the Human Rights Council in Geneva to defend the rights of children and indigenous communities. Our two long-time local partners in Cebu and Iloilo – **CLB** and **ICWF** – maintained good relationships with the local governments, and achieved remarkable progress in local policy changes and institutionalisation of best practices.

Context

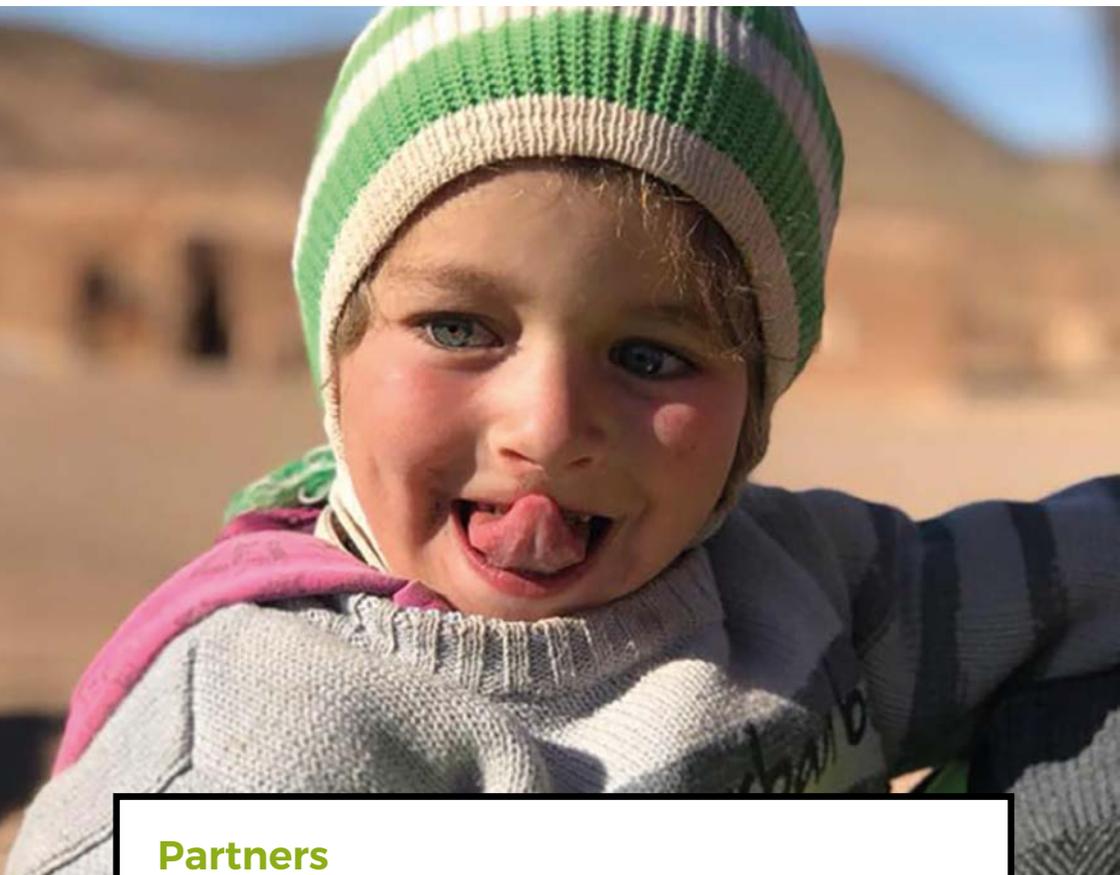
In 2017, the Philippines have seen continued killings, human rights violations and growing poverty in Filipino families. Also the growing authoritarian rule of the Duterte administration played its part in the country last year. President Duterte responded to his critics by committing legal attacks and a crackdown of civil society organisations. The Philippines have been called the “fastest growing economy in the Association of South-east Asian Nations”, but the benefits of economic growth do not trickle down to the average Filipino. The present and future will be challenging and will continue to have an influence on the most vulnerable people, particularly children. Social and political challenges include: the rising poverty situation of the majority of Filipino families, the “war on drugs” led by the government, military attacks on Lumad community schools, the reintroduction of the death penalty and the lowering of the Minimum Age of Criminal Responsibility from 15 to 9 years old.



Results

- ③ Our public awareness raising activities on children's rights have mobilised **4,360 individuals**; the majority of them were children and youth who attended various forums and advocacy activities.
- ③ More than **400 children and 50 adults** were trained as child leaders or child rights advocates to assert individual and collective rights of children as well as participate in activities like speak out sessions, campaigns and protest actions.
- ③ **34 child victims** of human rights violations actively participated in various advocacy initiatives and mobilisations after undergoing psychological therapy and empowerment activities.

MOROCCO



Partners

Our three organisations in Morocco each work on different aspects of children's rights. KIYO aims to strengthen its partner organisations to be able to carry out their social mission. By building their capacities and professionalising their work, we are contributing to lives of hearing-impaired children, through our partner **ATTAWASOL** based in Tanger, child victims of sexual violence (**AMANE**) and single moms and their children (**KARAMA**). We support each of our Moroccan partners in their direct services, awareness raising activities and advocacy projects.

Context

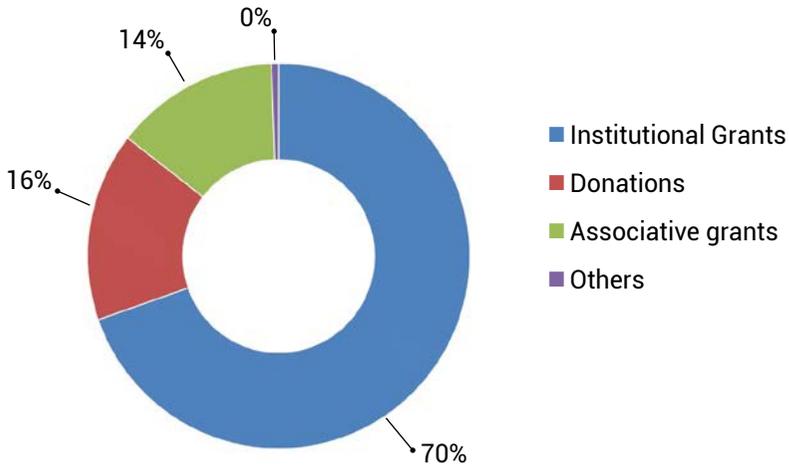
In terms of politics and security, Morocco is the most stable country of North Africa. The country has been spared from terrorist attacks and is well situated at the gate of Europe. Its economy is growing at an accelerated pace which also allows the development of a middle class. Nevertheless the geographical inequalities, the rural depopulation and privatisation of the public sector, in particular education, generate social tension and emphasise the economic gap. This unequal development evoked debates around social development in society, which collide with the cultural and religious habits of the country. In this light, children's rights are of particular concern. Prohibition of abortion, the problem of illegitimate children who are not recognised by their father and violence against women as well as against children have been debated on heavily in society, parliaments and justice courts.



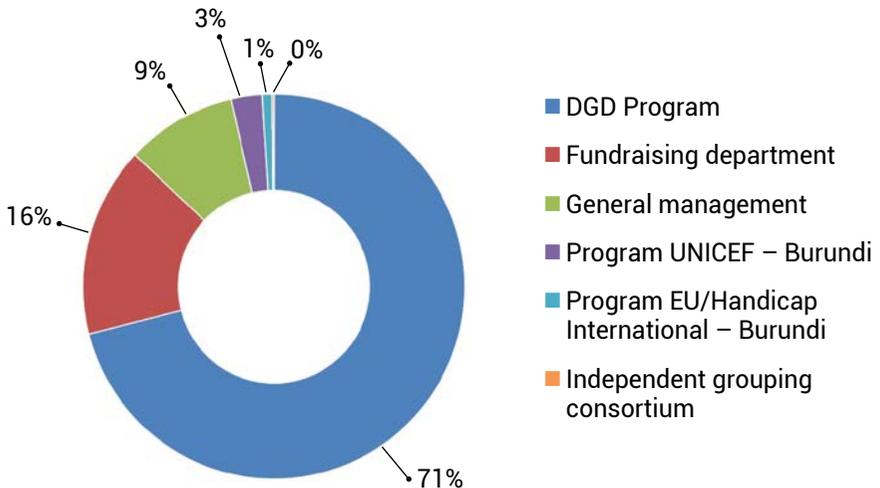
Results

- © **111 hearing-impaired children** from the Attawasol School participated in a workshop to enhance their self-confidence.
- © **18 people representing 10 members of childhood protection** from Rabat-Salé (six organisations and four institutions) have participated in trainings on prevention and identification of sexual crimes against children, on providing support to child victims of violence and psychosocial support to their families.
- © **20 youth between the ages of 14 and 18 years** have participated in a play aiming to raise awareness on the risks linked to sexual abuse.

WHERE DOES OUR MONEY COME FROM?



HOW DO WE SPEND OUR MONEY?



FINANCIAL RESULTS AND PROSPECTS FOR 2018

In 2017, KIYO had net assets of 7,891 euros on a total revenue of 1.764 million. 70% of her funding sources were institutional grants, 16% donations and 14% associative grants.

Last year KIYO succeeded in diversifying its institutional donors. Besides the Belgian government (DGD), who supports our joint program with G3W & Solidagro "Let's act together for everyone's right" during the period of 2017-2021. KIYO secured grants from UNICEF and the European Union for programs in Burundi. With UNICEF we started the program "Community and participative protection of street children in Ngozi" covering the period of 2017 and 2018. With the EU we kicked off a three year program named "Social and economic empowerment of youngsters in service of peace and social cohesion".

The co-financing opportunities were also diversified with grants from MARIBEL, DGD/Music For Life, but also from the city and province of Antwerp, the communities of Overpelt and Puurs. In addition, there is also

an increase and diversification of our other funding sources. Our institutional partner Karama Solidarity co-finances 50% of our DGD program (2017-2021). YOUCA, with the project "Developing young leaders in Brazil" covering the period 2016-2021, 11.11.11, Stichting Sint-Martinus, together with a few other solidarity groups such as SOS Kids, Steunfonds Filipijnen Overpelt and Steungroup Puurs, provided KIYO with their generous support. The number of private donations decreased. To overcome this problem in the future, we assessed our fundraising strategy with DSC and adjusted our copywriting.

In 2017, our total revenues decreased with 5% compared to 2016. This downswing was due to a slightly delayed launch of the new program due to a double budget cut imposed by the government. All Belgian NGOs that submitted a program in September 2016 experienced these cuts. The first cut concerned the complete program (-20% on average for KIYO or 2,710 million euros over five years in relation to the quality score obtained per coun-

Income Statement 2017

Total Revenue **1.764.140**

Institutional Grants	DGD	1.084.776
	UNICEF CPA	81.236
	MARIBEL SOCIAL	21.500
	EU	13.295
	UNICEF SSFA	11.872
	CITY OF ANTWERP	4.750
	PROVINCE OF ANTWERP	3.500
	INDEPENDENT GROUPING CONSORTIUM	3.256
	VIA	2.253
	DGD (via MUSIC FOR LIFE)	1.811
	VIVO	300
Associative Grants	KARAMA SOLIDARITY/IRB	124.687
	YOUCA	44.000
	11.11.11	29.031
	FOUNDATION SINT MARTINUS	24.000
	SUPPORT FUND PHILIPPINES OVERPELT	7.400
	SOS KIDS	5.140
	SUPPORT FUND OVERPELT (LIMBURG)	3.563
	SUPPORT FUND COMMUNE OVERPELT LIMBURG	3.000
	MUSIC FOR LIFE (Fundraiser StuBru)	1.478
	COMMUNE PUURS (LIMBURG)	1.442
	SUPPORT FUND BUDDY'S ROAD TO BRAZIL	717
SUPPORT FUND PUURS (LIMBURG)	558	
Donations	DONATIONS VIA DIRECT MAILING	268.682
	OTHER GIFTS	6.268
	DONATIONS VIA PASSION 4 KIYO	3.294
	DONATIONS VIA KINDEREN VAN RIO	1.731
Others		10.601

Total Expenses **1.756.249**

Program DGD	1.247.706
Program UNICEF - Burundi	46.384
Program EU/Handicap International - Burundi	14.058
Fundraising Department	280.536
General Management	164.303
Independent grouping consortium	3.262

Net Assets **7.891**

try file). The second cut decreased the 2017 budget with -87.742 euros. In addition, the government has also announced further annual budget cuts during the course of the program. The sector hopes that this will not weaken the operational and financial commitments of all Belgian NGOs.

The operational and financial prospects for KIYO in 2018 are looking good. We will continue to implement our various programs (DGD, UNICEF and EU) and will also start some new projects. From a financial point of view, we are expecting a positive result in 2018. Within the DGD program, the focus of 2018 will be on our "monitoring & evaluation" processes. This from a perspective of globalisation within KIYO and the consortium

(and to prepare the evaluation of our midterm evaluation in 2019) but also to reinforce the capacities of our partner organisations especially on advocacy and awareness raising.

From a strategic point of view, KIYO keeps focusing on the global issues relating to human rights in general and children's rights in particular. This in a world full of terrible news, fear, doubt about identity and limited freedom. As members, volunteers, partners and staff we will do everything we can to keep promoting our vision. A vision of a world where participation of citizens is the most important link for humanity and sustainable development.

“Fantastic work, KIYO! I can feel that the children and young people in your projects can overcome their difficulties and grow as a person. That way we can all become a “superstar” one day!” – Bilall Fallah visited two KIYO-projects in Brazil





WITH THE SUPPORT OF





Based on the Children's Rights Convention, which states that children have rights, KIYO, as a recognized Belgian NGO, wants to ensure that all children have the opportunity and are able to claim their rights. In order to get there, KIYO raises awareness about the existence of children's rights and provides expertise in realizing children's rights in its countries of operation.

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