

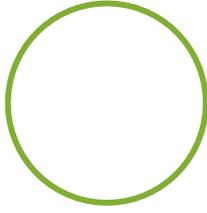
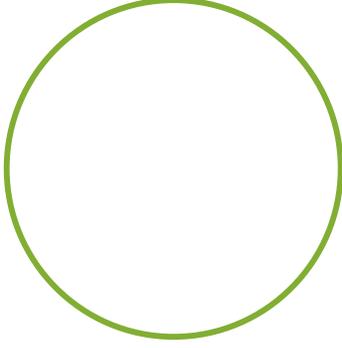
# 2019

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EMPOWERING YOUTH TOGETHER

ANNUAL REPORT





**#CHILDRENSRIGHTS**

## A LETTER FROM OUR CHAIR

Dear reader, supporter, friend,

There are 1.8 billion young people in the world today, nearly 90 per cent of whom live in low- and middle-income countries — the largest cohort ever<sup>1</sup>. Yet most of them do not have the opportunity to **develop their full potential**. Too many do not have access to education or the labour market. Too many are being exploited and experience different forms of violence. Even a rising number of youth growing up in high-income countries like Belgium are facing a widening range of difficulties.

This is why we have decided to focus our work on **youth empowerment** as we fully believe in their potential as active agents of change. This has been outlined in our new ambitious Global Strategic Plan 2020-2025 that was adopted by our General Assembly in September 2019.

Youth are experts on their own lives and experiences. We want to put them in the driver seat to be able to create a better world for themselves. We recognise that while talent is universal, opportunity is not. We believe in all of them and it is our mission to provide them with **opportunities to take charge of their lives and realise their rights**.

Some 2019 highlights I want to share with you:

- ⊙ We have been empowering **over 35,000 children and youth** through the KIYO programmes in our six countries.
- ⊙ We launched our **virtual youth platform** with the support of the BNP Paribas Foundation and connected youth from Brazil with youth from Belgium.
- ⊙ We organised the first edition of the **KIYO global seminar in Manila in April** involving team members from all KIYO countries, many eye-openers, les-

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<sup>1</sup> <https://www.unicef.org/innovation/upshift>

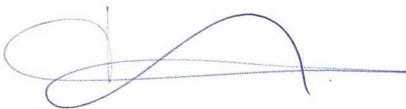
sons learned and similarities between the different contexts.

- © We conducted the **midterm evaluation** of our DGD programme (2017-2021). We learned a lot not only from the external evaluators but also from the cross-country evaluations.
- © We moved to the **Impact House**, a hub for positive and societal impact to surround us with like-minded organisations.
- © We welcomed **Kaat Boon, Jan Truyens, Heleen Callens, Trees Van Eyckeren & Hannah Carlotta Osaer** to our governance board which has never been more dynamic and motivated.
- © We welcomed **Charlotte Vroemans** and **Alessandra Tranquilli**, who are pumping up the team spirit and strength!

This annual report focuses on what we have achieved in 2019 in each of our countries of operation and will inform you about our activities and partnerships. We hope this will give you more insight into how we are empowering children and youth, day after day.

We sincerely appreciate your interest and your support, which is so crucial to us as an organisation to keep doing what we are doing. Enjoy your reading and exploring of KIYO's work!

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of a large, stylized initial 'J' followed by a long, horizontal stroke that ends in a small hook.

Jan De Paepe, Chair of the Governance Board of KIYO

# BELGIUM



*'Comparing the reality and the way of life in other countries and in my country made me understand my own culture better and appreciate my way of life'* – **Pablo, Belgian participant Action4Rights, 15 years**

*'Schools are intensively promoting values around citizenship and sustainability that thrive among students. With the support of KIYO we managed to directly interact with the students to hear their views and discover opportunities that we did not see in the first place.'* - **Kelly Detavernier, Deputy of Education of the City of Kortrijk**



## ACTIVITIES

In 2019 youth climate activists organised climate strikes demanding urgent climate action. Yet many youth had the feeling that adults and policy makers were not taking them seriously and that they were not able to participate fully in society. KIYO is empowering youth to realise this right to participation.

Within the school context, KIYO is partnering with Karama Solidarity to implement the project 'Action4Rights' in Brussels and Antwerp. This year a global dimension was added as we connected youth from Brazil and Belgium over a digital platform. They shared videos on rights violations in their environment and ideas for social action to respond to these violations. In addition, KIYO is working with school management and teachers within the 'School for Rights' project. In light of this project and together with the city of Kortrijk, 50 youth shared their recommendations with the city of Kortrijk for adoption in future policies.

KIYO partners with 4de Pijlersteunpunt, who supports 4de Pijler ['4th Pillar'] organisations that are active on a voluntary basis with their own citizen initiatives. KIYO organised seven individual coaching sessions on integrating children's rights as transversal theme in the work of 4<sup>th</sup> pillar organisations. As an active member of the Platform for Children's Rights in Development Collaboration (PKIO) and the Children's Rights Coalition (KIRECO), KIYO is working on advocacy regarding children's rights within development cooperation and in Belgium. Finally, KIYO was actively working with 11.11.11 in the context of the 2019 campaign on change makers sharing the story of its youth ambassador Ned from the Philippines.

## Results

- ◎ **Action4Rights** supported 87 students to stand up for their rights and the rights of others. 32 youth from Belgium connected with 20 youth from Brazil over a virtual platform.
- ◎ Teachers from the schools in Kortrijk & Mechelen participating in the **Schools for Rights** project are working hard on the visibility of the rights of their students and youth participation.
- ◎ Together with the city of Kortrijk, KIYO organised the event "**Jong Kortrijk Spreekt**" during which nearly 60 students advocated for more public spaces and better mobility.
- ◎ KIYO was selected as the new partner for the YOUCA campaign of 2020. KIYO & YOUCA will actively stand up against shrinking space for youth participation.
- ◎ KIYO coached four **4<sup>th</sup> pillar organisations** Afractie, Añāñāu, NIÑOS de la LUNA and BhaloBangla in strengthening the integration of children's rights into their work. Afractie has finished their coachings successfully. We also welcomed a new organisation : Light for the children. The NGO Solidagro also strengthened the dimension of children's rights in their programmes on the right to food in their partner countries. This coaching was also successfully completed.
- ◎ Together with the PKIO platform, KIYO developed a vision text on how taking children's rights into account can contribute to the achievement of the SDG's.

# BRAZIL



*"AMAR gave me this opportunity to become an electrician. Not one professional training center accepted me because I was pregnant or they did not accept girls to start a course to become a plumber or an electrician. Once my baby was born and I recovered, I could take my child with me to the daycare of AMAR. This way I was able to fully focus on my training course. They believe in women and children and this helped me to start to dream again and work very hard on my own future. Now I am hired at a building company as a professional and even have a health care. I feel like a real citizen now." - Maiara 18 years*

## ACTIVITIES

KIYO continued its work on enhancing children's rights at the national and local levels. Together with its five Brazilian partner organisations (**AMAR, PAMEN, SER, CEDECA** and **RRC**), KIYO:

- ⊙ Trained **youth leaders** on leadership, communication, organisational development and rights awareness.
- ⊙ **Virtually connected youth** from Brazil and from Belgium to come up with solutions to rights violations.
- ⊙ Advocated on the importance of children's rights in public policy. Successful **campaigns** on prevention against violence towards minors and against lowering the imprisoning age of children below 18 years were led by the KIYO partners and their youth leaders.
- ⊙ **Reintegrated** street children and imprisoned children and youth into their families and at school.
- ⊙ Worked on **non-discrimination** of afro-Brazilian youth via circus methodology.



## Results

**2,834** children and youth were reached via **direct services**.

- ⊙ Reintegration of street children through the educational care system from AMAR brought **687** children back to their families and back to school.
- ⊙ Alternative education was provided by PAMEN for **133** children who got out of child labour and **100** youth were trained to be youth leaders.
- ⊙ **1,914** children and youth were empowered through circus workshops of SER and alternative schooling.

Through **advocacy and legal support** **2,360** youth were supported.

- ⊙ **CEDECA** and **RRC** mediated a total of **1,900** youth in conflict with the law to alternative counseling for rehabilitation.
- ⊙ They also empowered **460** children to take up children's rights defense themselves.

# BURUNDI



*« When my grandfather died, I had no family member left and I chose to take refuge in the streets. The OIDEB team invited me to go to the Drop In Centre. Without delay I regularly participated in the activities organised by the Centre such as awareness sessions and socio-sports activities. I ended up accepting with peace of mind to be reinserted in school. Today, I am studying in the 3rd year of primary school and I am in the top two of the class. I feel good and I am confident that I will finish my studies to become a teacher. » - Ferdinand, 12 years*

## ACTIVITIES

KIYO has supported its partners **APRODEM, FVS-AMADE, JJB** and **OIDEB** in order to:

- ⊙ Establish **youth participation frameworks** in schools to address both school-based violations and school dropout.
- ⊙ Support **community structures** to fully realize their role in caring for vulnerable children.
- ⊙ Promote the **Empowerment of children and youth** by supervising them in clubs that encourage them to participate in awareness-raising activities and claim respect for their rights.
- ⊙ Provide **psycho-social and legal assistance** to children victims of abuse.
- ⊙ Develop mixed committees between students and teachers to increase the participation of children within the school environment.
- ⊙ Contribute to **job creation and social cohesion** through organising vocational training, supporting income generating activities and peace-building activities in the communities.



## Results

- ⊙ 381 **savings groups** set up in 7 communes by the FVS, enabled **10,990** children to receive financial support.
- ⊙ Awareness-raising on the right to education led to **the reintegration of 192 children into school**.
- ⊙ **291** vulnerable children have been **exempted from school fees** by the education authorities thanks to advocacy by youth in school clubs.
- ⊙ With the support of the European Union, **470** youth have acquired **new skills and technical knowledge**. Among them, 236 young people already have a source of income and are safe from exploitation due to poverty. **16 peace clubs** have been set up and are active. 580 youth are members of these peace clubs. **43 awareness-raising** activities have been organized in the neighbourhoods by these peace clubs on themes such as the prevention and peaceful resolution of conflicts and non-discrimination in all its forms, the right to education, etc. ... .

# DR CONGO



*"The Agricultural entrepreneurship training has changed my life and created new opportunities for me. I also learned how to diversify my funds. In addition to my farming activities, I also bought a goat. My future is looking brighter and brighter ». - Emmanuel Omari, 24 years*

## ACTIVITIES

KIYO continued to work with its partners OCET, AVREO and ADED to achieve :

- ⊙ Monitoring of child rights violations and the care of children in need of **legal assistance**;
- ⊙ **Reinforcement of the community capacities & structures**, and awareness raising on the protection of children's rights within these community structures;
- ⊙ Awareness raising and advocacy for the removal of children from places of exploitation;
- ⊙ Youth empowerment by promoting income-generating activities, particularly **agricultural entrepreneurship**.



## Results

- ⊙ **251 children** have been **released from exploitative situations** thanks to advocacy by AVREO and community structures.
- ⊙ **54 radio programmes** were produced in three different cities (Uvira, Bukavu and Goma) with the participation of 84 children and youth.
- ⊙ **242 cases** of violations of children's rights were monitored and managed by OCET.
- ⊙ **81 agricultural lands** were registered thanks to ADED's advocacy with parents.
- ⊙ **19 girls** gained access to family land and obtained a land session deed issued by their parents as proof of access to this land.
- ⊙ **96 beneficiaries** were trained in agricultural and entrepreneurial skills.

# PHILIPPINES



*"When I was a teenager I became a member of the Child Rights Advocates (CRA) initiated by the KIYO partner, Children's Legal Bureau in our province. Now I am 20 years old and still an active CRA who is serving as the voice of the youth. Aside from teaching other children about their rights, I am also one of the active youth radio broadcasters trained by CLB. We have our own weekly radio programme where we discuss the problems of the youth and their rights. I can see that there are a lot of youth and street children who need assistance in claiming their rights. Thus, I will not get tired as a CRA even if I am now very busy as a working student." – Cybel Tantay, 20*

## ACTIVITIES

KIYO continued its work on enhancing children's rights at the national and local levels. Together with its seven partners (**ARCSEA**, **Bidlisiw**, **CLB**, **CRC**, **CYC**, **ICWF** and **Salinlahi**), KIYO:

- ⊙ Trained youth leaders, members and child rights advocates on leadership, communication, organisational development and rights awareness;
- ⊙ **Strengthened** community and school-based, cultural and LG-BTQ+ **youth organisations** to lead on advocating for their rights and welfare;
- ⊙ **Raised public awareness** on children's rights through traditional and social media, public events and dissemination of information, educational and communication materials;
- ⊙ **Facilitated acquisition of technical and life skills** as well as access to government social services of economically disadvantaged youth, and victims of child labour or human rights violations.



## Results

- ⊙ **1,590** children and youth and 71 civil society organizations joined activities and advocacies on children's rights.
- ⊙ **85** children and youth became **skilled child rights advocates**.
- ⊙ Children's rights issues were featured 265 times in newspapers, radio and TV, and gathered almost 55,000 shares and likes in social media.
- ⊙ Our partners were invited 64 times by **media** and other child rights actors to give their opinion on arising children's rights issues.
- ⊙ **20 local government officials** supported children's rights issues.

# MOROCCO



*« I used to think I could never hear or speak. I had no shelter, few friends and no social life. I had a lot to say, to tell and to ask like any child of my age, but fate had chosen a different childhood for me... A silent childhood! Over time, with the support of my parents and the Attawasol association, I learned to do everything: to integrate, to dare, to take the initiative, to share, to admire myself as I am and to believe in myself above all. From now on I see myself as another person, and thanks to the project, I discovered a passion for painting and I really intend to invest myself in it thoroughly. Thanks to you I have become an artist! » - Yousra, 16 years old*

## ACTIVITIES

Under the coordination of our partner Patriotic Relief Maroc (PRM) and through the mobilization of our operational partners (**Attawasol** for Hearing Impaired Children, **Karama** pour le Développement de la Femme (KPDF) and the Association Meilleur Avenir pour Nos Enfants (**AMANE**)), our program supports children who face discrimination due to their hearing impairment those who are considered illegitimate because born out of wedlock and children who are victims of sexual violence to access their rights:

- ⊙ By developing children's **creativity and self-confidence** through participatory educational activities so that they can feel like citizens and actors of change;
- ⊙ By **making the population aware of their responsibilities** through communication campaigns, family mediation or the dissemination of messages on social networks;
- ⊙ By bringing together other key actors to give **credibility** to the situation of the Rights of the Child in Morocco;
- ⊙ By **questioning decision-makers** on their responsibilities and by supporting them in their efforts to better integrate the Rights of the Child into public policies and service provision.



## Results

- ⊙ The participatory teaching methods introduced to **51** hearing-impaired children through motor skills activities, group work and gender sensitization has fostered team spirit, exchange, tolerance, listening to others and empowerment of children.
- ⊙ **154** children were informed about the risks of sexual violence through theater play.
- ⊙ KPDF's legal service has taken care of **53** children and has assisted single mothers in a family mediation process leading to paternal recognition of the child.
- ⊙ **29** member associations of the Platform for the Rights of the Child in Morocco have been trained in and are involved in the collection of data to feed the Database on Violence against Children developed by AMANE.

## Resultatenrekening 2019

Income (EUR)		2,248,730
<b>Institutional Grants</b>	DGD	1,570,245
	EUROPEAN UNION	192,362
	PROVINCIE ANTWERPEN	5,028
	PROVINCIE LIMBURG (VIA STEUNFONDS FILIPIJNEN OVERPELT)	12,000
	SOCIALE MARIBEL	22,250
	STAD ANTWERPEN	5,000
	STAD BRUSSEL - INTERNATIONALE SOLIDARITEIT	2,000
	UNICEF	28,449
	VIA	2,529
	<b>TOTAL</b>	1,839,863
<b>Associative Grants</b>	11.11.11.	27,055
	ACODEV	4,000
	BNP PARIBAS FORTIS FOUNDATION	5,459
	GEMEENTE PUURS (LIMBURG)	1,500
	KARAMA SOLIDARITY	182,995
	KLM - WINGS OF SUPPORT	13,144
	LA TRAPPE	2,000
	STEUNFONDS FILIPIJNEN OVERPELT (NAJAARSACTIE)	4,175
	STICHTING SINT MARTINUS	24,000
	YOUCA	47,016
	OTHER	1,282
	<b>TOTAL</b>	312,626
<b>Donations</b>	DIRECT MAILING	68,120
	GIFTEN	14,536
	<b>TOTAL</b>	82,657
<b>Andere</b>	<b>TOTAL</b>	13,585

<b>Expenses (EUR)</b>	<b>2,243,758</b>
Program DGD	1,801,739
Program UNICEF - Burundi	24,153
Program EU/Handicap International - Burundi	185,623
Fundraising department	42,397
Operations	181,372
Other	8,475
<b>Net Income (EUR)</b>	<b>4,972</b>

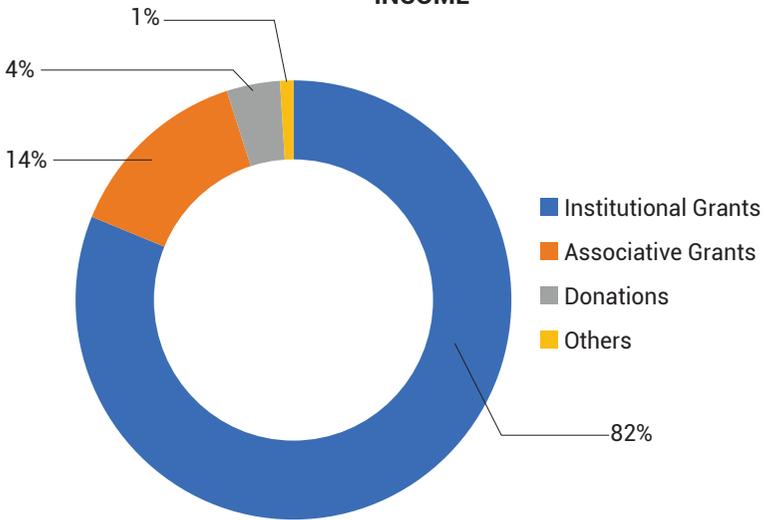
## INCOME AND EXPENSES

In 2019 KIYO's revenue was **€ 2,248,730**. This is a decrease of 10% (€ -255,809) compared to 2018. The main reasons for this decrease are 1) a lower grant from UNICEF PCA as our project in Burundi ended (as foreseen) end of March 2019; and 2) lower income from direct mailing (which is in line with lower costs for our fundraising department) as fewer campaigns were done in 2019.

In 2019 KIYO's expenses were **€ 2,243,758**. This is a decrease of 11% (€ -264,879) compared to 2018. This is in line with our 2019 revenues. Hence a **profit of € 4,972** is reported for 2019.

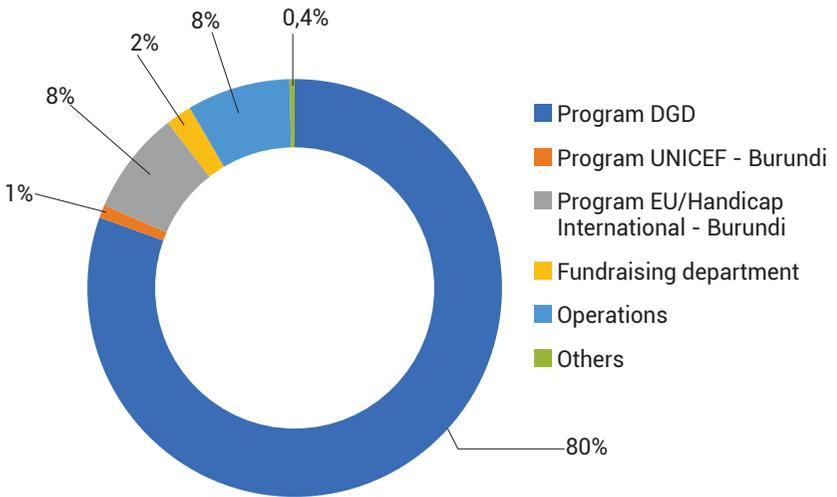
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## INCOME



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## EXPENSES



## BALANCE SHEET AS AT 31/12/2019

ASSETS	2018	2019
<b>NON-CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>14,573</b>	<b>29,742</b>
Property, plant & equipment	12,000	27,269
Financial assets	2,573	2,473
<b>CURRENT ASSETS</b>	<b>2,694,919</b>	<b>2,612,447</b>
Amounts receivable within one year	2,097,536	1,986,793
Cash	579,147	597,257
Accrued income and deferred charges	18,236	28,397
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>2,709,492</b>	<b>2,642,189</b>

EQUITY AND LIABILITIES	2018	2019
<b>EQUITY</b>	<b>66,763</b>	<b>93,551</b>
<b>NON-CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	-	
<b>CURRENT LIABILITIES</b>	<b>2,642,729</b>	<b>2,548,638</b>
Short-term borrowings of more than one year	-	
Short-term borrowings of less than one year	377,179	294,307
Accrued income and deferred charges	2,265,550	2,254,331
<b>TOTAL EQUITY AND LIABILITIES</b>	<b>2,709,492</b>	<b>2,642,189</b>

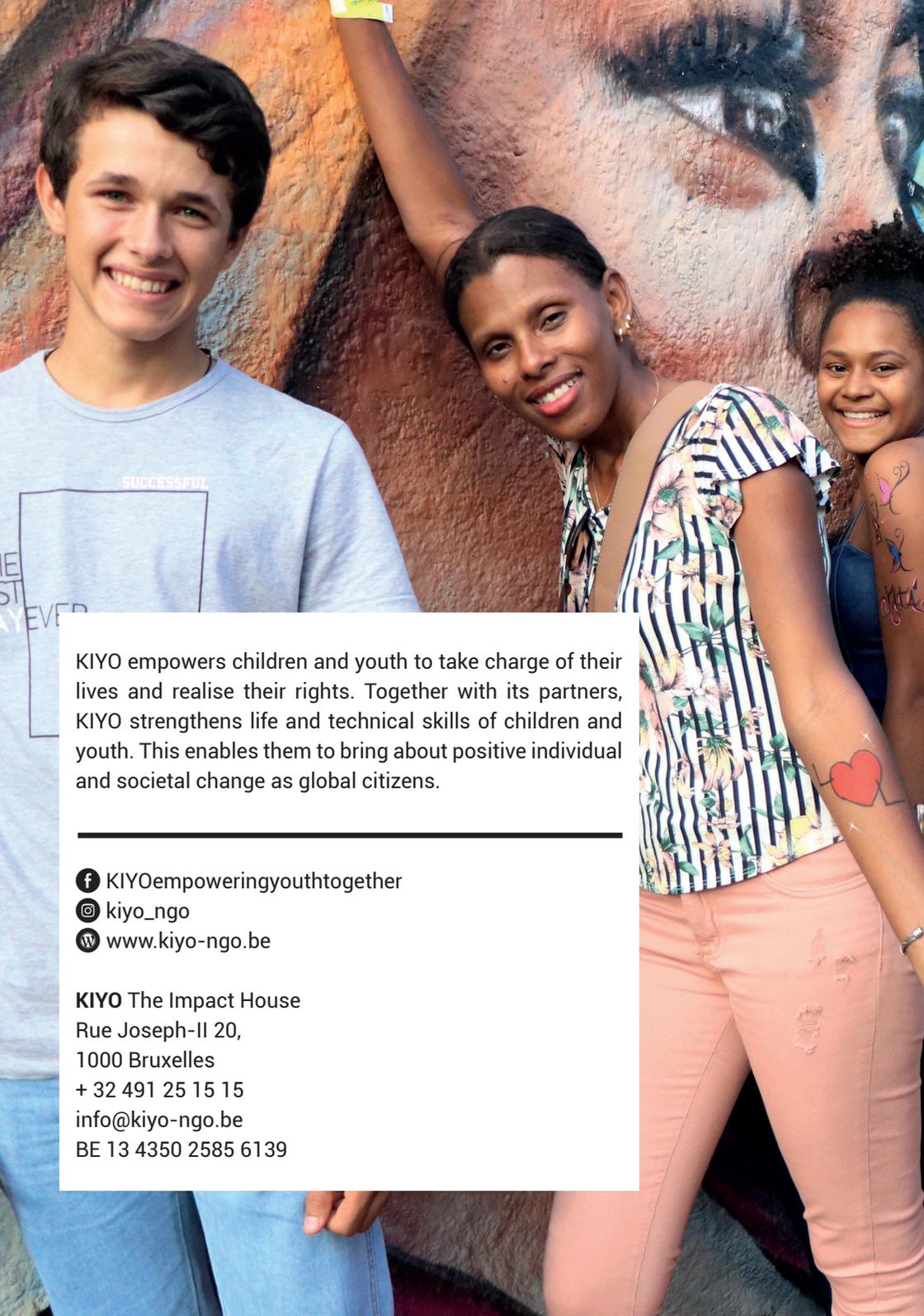
In 2019 the balance sheet total decreased with € 67,303 compared to 2018. This is mainly because of a lower amount of amounts receivable within one year. There is a higher amount of property, plan & equipment in 2019 linked to delivery of a vehicle for KIYO in Burundi.

As for the equity and liabilities side of the balance sheet, KIYO's own equity increased because of positive carried over result compared to 2018 and a capital subsidy of € 21,816 taken on the income of DGD for the depreciation of the vehicle in the years to come.

# WITH THE SUPPORT OF







KIYO empowers children and youth to take charge of their lives and realise their rights. Together with its partners, KIYO strengthens life and technical skills of children and youth. This enables them to bring about positive individual and societal change as global citizens.

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