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Foreword

2016 was a year with lots of political changes. We witnessed how in many countries the support for human rights was questioned. The United States chose Trump as their new president. In the Philippines Duterte came to power, who unleashed a brutal war on drugs and pleaded to lower the age of criminal liability to nine years old. In Brazil, the new government started with the decrease of socio-economic programs and the country witnessed a severe repression against the poor population in response to the Olympic Games in August. There were increasing tensions and a relapse of violence in Burundi and RDC because of Presidential elections. Even in Belgium people pleaded to pin down human rights under the guise of public safety and stability. Despite all this, the will to keep fighting for a better world did not die.

Also at KIYO we wanted to focus on a positive discourse, but we should not shy away from more difficult topics. With the project Karama 'Une histoire de citoyen' we went to schools and together with the students we looked at ways to make sure their voice is heard in our society. Because of the attacks in Brussels, the focus of the project eventually changed. At the teachers' request, we started a dialogue with the students about these events. At one point, the news of a teacher being killed in the attacks brought the events really close to the students' social environment. For us it was a huge challenge to handle incidents like this in an appropriate way. It showed us the continuing importance of this project. In Congo, together with the RECOPE networks, we made it possible to talk about sensitive subjects like child soldiers in local communities.

Alongside our expert partners we guided children in conflict with the law in Burundi, the Philippines and Brazil during and after their trial. Alternative programs helped these children to re-integrate in the society. In Brazil, 80% of them did not relapse into crime. This model, where we encourage them to learn from their mistakes, and try to give them new confidence, is a clear success and stands in sharp contrast with the repressive policies.

We can learn a lot from each other by listening to others and try to imagine what they are going through. This way we can debunk stereotypes. In a theatre project with young people with a refugee background, these young people showed lots of courage to come forward and share their experiences with peers from Belgium. By doing so, they were also able to extend their own views. By giving these young people trust and space to share their story, we created an enthusiastic dynamic in which they were able to gain self-confidence. In this context, a 13 year old was able to share his story with 300 students. In cooperation with Zuiddag (now 'Youca') we made it possible for 12 Brazilian kids participating in our projects, to share their story with 17.000 Belgian kids. These are very inspiring examples of how young people can use their strengths to create change in their environment. In the future, we want We want to continue working on this!

Behind the scenes, KIYO worked hard on writing a new 5-year program in cooperation with G3W-M3M and Solidagro. We decided to combine forces to come out stronger and create wider support for human rights. In the beginning of 2017, our collective program got the approval in 11 countries, which means we can continue our efforts undiminished and reinforced. We will especially remember 2016 as a resilient year, with a bright look at the future!

Enjoy your reading



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Overview activities 2016

Endfase of the 3-year program 2014-2016 in Belgium, Brazil, the Philippines, Burundi and Congo (with Federal Public Service Foreign Affairs)

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Sensibilisation actions by KIYO and Karama (Islamic Relief) in Schools in Brussels

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Children's rights event with Vierdepijler steunpunt (11.11.11) in Antwerp and Leuven

•
Theatre project 'The Five Like You' for and by young people with a refugee background (with the 'Participatiefonds')

•
Support of the community Drop-in center for street children in Burundi (with Unicef)

•
Visit of the Belgian King and Queen to our projects (AMAR) in Brazil during the Olympic Games

•
Exchange between young people from YOUCA (Zuidag) and Brazilian youngsters (PAMEN) about the rubbish dump problems

•
Preparations of the new program 2017-2021 together with Solidagro (right to food) and G3W-M3M (right to health)

•
Final piece of the No Rights No Glory-project: Noite Brasileira! In Antwerp





Who is KIYO?

KIYO (Kids & Youth) is a Belgian ngo that fights for the rights of the most vulnerable children.

KIYO wants to contribute to a world where all young people have equal chances, can evolve and can take matters in their own hands. Every child – boy or girl – has to be able to grow up in an environment in which parents, communities and governments fulfill their **rights at services and facilities, protection and participation in society**. KIYO wants to invigorate international solidarity to achieve children's rights. In accordance with the Convention on the rights of the child, without gender distinction.

Wat does KIYO do?

- **In the south** the ngo fights against injustice, poverty and inequality and offers children and their communities chances to stand up for their rights.
- **In Belgium** she points out the importance of children's rights to schools, actors in development aid, media and politicians and sensitizes the population.

How does KIYO achieve & promote children's rights?

- KIYO wants to shape the Convention on the Rights of the Child, with attention to the most vulnerable children. All actions and decisions are made **in the interest of the child**.
- Each project by KIYO and her partners takes strict account of the **4 basic principles** of the Children's Rights Comité (see page 10) which control if the rights in the convention are applied. KIYO wants:
 - To increase the **vigilance of the national and international community** concerning children's rights
 - To support the **social and economic re-integration and food security of vulnerable children and young people** in countries with a weak or upcoming economy

*KIYO wants to generate an **impact** in Belgium as well as in partner countries with:*

- **Children and young people**. KIYO encourages young people to stand up for their rights, knowing that they have the right to participate in decisions that affect them.
- **Citizens, civil organisations and policy makers**. KIYO wants this target group to critically think about children's rights, involve them in the problems around these rights and make them apply children's rights.
- **Partnerorganisations**. KIYO works with organisations/partners that defend children's rights in their country and implement their social mission individually and collectively (through networks) in the most efficient way.

What are Children's rights?

Children's rights are fundamental human rights which answer to the specific needs of people below the age of 18. These children's rights were decided upon in 1989 in the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CRC). Today this convention is the universally acknowledged standard when it comes to children's rights. Belgium has signed and ratified it together with all other United Nations member states (except for the United States).

In the CRC children's rights are divided into 3 categories:

Right to protection: These rights include protection from all forms of child abuse, neglect, exploitation and cruelty, including the right to special protection in times of war and protection from abuse in the criminal justice system.

Provision rights: These are the rights to the resources, skills and contributions necessary for the survival and full development of the child. They include rights to adequate food, shelter, clean water, formal education, primary health care, leisure and recreation, cultural activities and information about their rights. These rights require not only the existence of the means to fulfil the rights but also access to them.

Participation rights: Children are entitled to the freedom to express opinions and to have a say in matters affecting their social, economic, religious, cultural and political life. Participation rights include the right to express opinions and be heard, the right to information and freedom of association.

The children's rights, same as human rights, are...

- **Universal**, which means that all children in the world have the same rights - regardless of age, sex, race, religion, nationality, income level or any other status or condition in life.
- **Inalienable**. We cannot give up our rights and the rights cannot be taken away —

even if governments do not recognize or protect them.

- **Interdependent and indivisible**. It isn't enough for children to only get part of their rights. All rights in the convention should be respected, all rights are of equal importance.





In the convention the child is an entitled person to fundamental human rights. The Committee on Rights of the Child sees to the four basic principles for this.

1. Participation

Children have the right to be heard, to freely express their opinion, they have the right to freely unite and have access to information.

2. Non-discrimination

This means that all children have the same rights. The convention applies to all children below 18, and demands special attention to vulnerable groups.

3. The child's interest

We have to keep the child's interests in mind with everything we do and when making social and political decisions.

4. Right to life, survival and development

Every child has a right to a dignified life. Governments should make sure children survive and develop well. All children have a right to be protected from manipulation, violence, abuse and extortion.



KIYO

in the Great Lakes region

In times of continuous unsafety, poverty, hunger and sadly also a rising number of cases which violate children's rights, KIYO continued to work in the DRC with our partners AVREO, CEFADES and Centre Dorika, and in Burundi with OIDEB, AFEV and FVS-AMADE.

AVREO supports the so-called RECOPE networks in South Kivu, where they keep track of cases of child rights violations in communities and report them to the authorities. Through their awareness raising sessions about sensitive subjects such as child labor and child soldiers, they reached 9.312 people and succeeded in the successful removal of 331 children from situations of exploitation and their reintegration into their families. 54 child soldiers were also removed from armed organisations. In collaboration with CEFADES, 43 of these vulnerable children participated in professional education. 27 of them immediately found a job and eight were integrated into co-operations that allowed them to be re-integrated into society.

KIYO established four children's clubs together with Centre Dorika which, through peer-education, reached 89 children. Centre Dorika also took the lead in the development of the "MAERDE" project, an alternative education model focusing on the promotion and the protection of children's rights in the school context.

The schools that were involved in the project adopted children's rights explicitly in their school policies and ensured the participation of children in order to become actors able to claim their rights. This project is supported by the Congolese government.

To ensure the quality of the underlying strategies and effectiveness of the actions in DRC, KIYO provided direct technical support and helped each partner organisation in building its capacities in regards to project cycle management and strategy development.

One of the most important accomplishments of the program in DRC is that 75% of the children and families that were reached indicated that they feel better protected and have a better future ahead of them because of their participation in the program. In light of our continued engagement with partners in the DRC as part of our next five year program, we aim to reach more children and families through actions that empower them.



In cooperation with OIDEB, specialised in social and legal support for vulnerable children, 751 children benefitted from legal services. 93 out of them could be kept from being detained. Our lawyers were able to close 12 trials in favor of children and settle 26 trials. 19 juridical clinics were conducted in detention centers, and 10 others in different communities which also supported children to find their way back to their families and school. Through the work of our partner AFEV, 28 youth that were in conflict with the law enrolled in culinary schools. Eight girls and three boys already found a job through which they are able to make a living that meets their basic needs.

With the help of FVS-AMADE, 113 solidarity groups were supported with regards to developing a saving and credit system for households. These groups are locally embedded and create a feeling of trust, solidarity and social cohesion. They are a sign of resilience towards the socio-political degradation in Burundi, and kept supporting children's rights in their actions in general and of the most vulnerable children in particular.

The solidarity groups are such a success that more groups have been established than originally planned.

Lastly, the work of all the members of the 36 child protection committees was reinforced. In 2016, almost 80% of these committee members from the provinces of Rumonge, Bururi, Makamba, Kayanza en Nozi shared they felt supported in their work by the government and partner organisations. A great example of how civil society and government can stand up together against violations of children's rights.

KIYO wants to keep investing in capacity building in the future. We aim to work with our partners towards an integrated children's rights approach, where the CRC and its 4 principles are promoted and implemented, and where a healthy and safe environment for children is realised.

KIYO in Brazil

In 2016, we continued to work with our Brazilian partner organisations AMAR, FAVOS DE MEL and PANEM, Children's rights center CEDECA, CESAC and the network RRC which consists of 12 street children organisations.

The biggest challenges were: the social 'cleaning practices' related to the Olympics; the economic crisis and a further dismantling of social programs by the Brazilian government. Against the one-sided repressive policy of the government, we worked on developing alternative, human and durable models for reintegrating exclu-

KIYO focuses on alternative services and reintegration models. We continued to contribute to reinforcing the right of culture appropriate education for indigenous children and an additional educational system for children from dumping grounds. Our partner organisations use child-friendly shelter models as a counter example to the Brazilian government to convince them of an inclusive policy. Alternative guidance for youth who committed a first offense provided by our partners PAMEN, AMAR and CEDECA resulted in reintegrating 80% or 2.930 children.

Against the backdrop of the Olympic Games in Rio, alternative sport events were organised which mobilised over 2.500 children and youngsters and shared positive images of excluded groups through empowerment activities, publications and efforts of young leaders. A milestone was the exchange between youth ambassadors from Brazil and Belgium in light of ZUIDDAG (YOUCA) in October. 12 of these youth

ambassadors from the Brazilian projects came to Belgium to participate in children's rights campaigns which engaged about 17.000 Flemish youth for worldwide solidarity.

Through networks of both national and international human rights organisations, KIYO CEDECA continued its role as watchdog.



The royal pair's visit in the context of the opening of the Olympic Games in Rio to AMAR's street children's project also left a lasting impression. A delegation of street children requested the king and queen for fair opportunities for street children.

This visit was covered by international media and reached the Belgian government and focused on the still necessary fight for children's rights in Brazil.

Lastly, KIYO provided continued support to the organizational reinforcement of the partners while mapping and exchanging all knowledge. This in consultation with the local universities which helped to find acknowledge the solution models of the partner organisations and their contribution to Brazilian society.



KIYO in the Philippines

In 2016, we continued working on promoting children's rights and the right to a dignified life in the Philippines with our partners Bidlisiw, CFSPi, Childhope, CLB, HLAf, ICWF and Tambayan. In 2006, the Philippine congress approved the Youth Law after years of lobbying by children's rights activists. The law was a milestone for children's rights in the Philippines, but as a consequence of limited knowledge and awareness of children's rights the implementation of the youth law by the local government is slow and only a limited part of children in conflict with the law, street children and children in risky situations are reached by the protective measures where they are entitled to as a vulnerable group.

Together we took action by creating alternative services and exemplary models in the cities of Manila, Cebu, Davao, Iloilo and in the province Benguet. We organized courses about children's rights, psychological guidance, life and career planning, earning a living and access to (alternative) education and healthcare. Together with our seven partners the program reached 1.732 children and 661 families in total.

To reinforce public support, we established 51 volunteer groups among children, youth and adults to protect the situation of vulnerable children and to continue to raise awareness on children's rights. Our partners organised street theater groups for this purpose and also published educative materials and a documentary.

In 77 villages and towns, child protection committees were trained and coached in collaboration with the local government. As stated by law,



1% of their annual budget now goes to interventions for vulnerable children and youth, and this in a more effective and efficient way. Children and youth who were trained by the program participate in 49 of the councils. Through these councils 5.876 youth in conflict with the law managed to receive restorative justice for offences such as theft, violence, conspiracy or not abiding to local rules.

The partners also developed good practices which were shared with the local government such as an online databank for children in conflict with the law, a specific intervention methodology for children and their families and inter-professional networking groups with NGO's, government and the private sector.

KIYO continued to work on capacity building of our local partners. In light of reinforcing the Rights-Based Approach, we paid special attention

on to their potential to promote the importance of children's rights. This way KIYO, together with our partners, will support the promotion of best practices related to child protection in the field and the efficient implementation of the youth law by a growing number of local governments.

circulation of the best child protection offices locally and applying the law through a growing number of local governments more efficiently.

KIYO in Belgium

In 2016, we continued to work in Belgium on raising awareness of students, teachers and other actors of development cooperation on the importance of children's rights so they can actively stand up for their rights and start change processes.

Specific attention was paid to integrating the voice of the youth. Wide-ranging subjects were taken as a starting point to look at children's rights from different angles. The theme of refugees was inserted in the theater project 'The 5 Like You', a project where 5 non-accompanied minors from Poelkapelle shared their refugee story on stage in different schools. The project with partner KARAMA, 'Une histoire de citoyen' elaborated on the importance of children's rights and the linkages with rights in Islam in schools in Brussels. The project remained relevant, most certainly in the context where, after the attacks in Paris, attacks happened in Brussels and other cities. The need remains for a framework in which concepts such as solidarity, tolerance, the right to identity and religion are clearly positioned. The school project with KARAMA also continues in 2017.

In addition, we also supported different organisations with the integration of children's rights in their work. This became possible through our engagement in the project 'School for Rights' (S4R) and through our work with '4depijlersteunpunt'.

In 2016, the 'children's rights schools' project continued with one high school, which already

participated in 2015. A challenge that was faced was the fusion of this school with another school from the same campus. However the project continued and we hope to land in 2017. From this pilot project, we have learned many lessons for the future. A strategy to introduce the children's rights schools project into secondary education has been completed in December 2016 and we were proud to introduce the new name of the project 'School For Rights' (S4R).

KIYO also started a new partnership in 2016 with Kleur Bekennen, Vormen VZW and School Zonder Racisme to kick-off a pilot project on World Citizenship in secondary schools for children with special needs. We noticed that this group was often overlooked regarding this theme. Since this project was greatly received and positively evaluated, we decided to continue to work on this in the next programme.

Together with '4depijlersteunpunt' we worked on the integration of children's rights in the South through the work of '4depijlersteunpunt'.

Four brochures were developed based on the core principles of the CRC to help 4th pillar organisations with the application of a children's

rights approach into their projects. It was an interactive process where we aimed at strengthening our collaboration with 4th pillar organisations. Their input and experiences in the South served, together with the experience of KIYO's southern partners, as specific examples as to how children's rights can be applied. Together with '4depijlersteunpunt', we organised two evening sessions on integrating children's rights (one in Leuven and one in Antwerp) during which 70 4th pillar organisations got to know the children's rights approach and shared their knowledge about children's rights.

KIYO also advocated for children's rights in Belgium, through our commitment within the Platform for Children's Rights in Development Cooperation (PKIO) and through the children's rights coalition (KIRECO), where we helped with the publication on 'Paper rights' where rights of children on the run in Belgium are scrutinized and policy recommendations were given.

KIYO raised awareness on children's rights violations in light of the organisation of big sport events, such as the Olympic Games in August 2016 in Rio de Janeiro. In 2016 the final piece

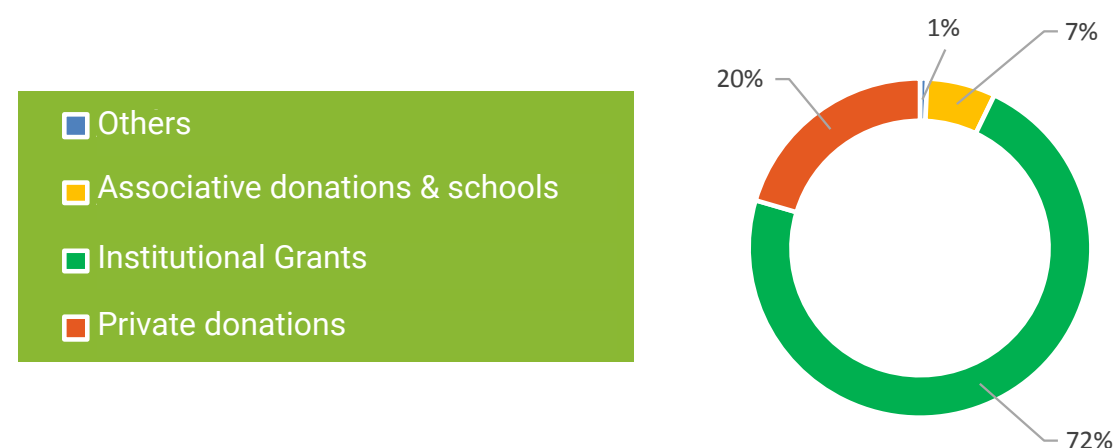
of the 'No Rights No Glory' project took place: 'Noite Brasileira!' in Antwerp. This evening was the result of a participatory process with a core group of youth, about how to raise public awareness about this issue. It was a pleasant evening, with live music, a movie and an exhibition where broad problems of children's rights violations in the world were addressed. In August this subject gained even more attention, when the royal pair went to Rio and talked to some of the beneficiaries from our partner Amar.

The new project concerning the 'Sustainable Development Goals' (SDG's) specifically states that everyone's lives on this planet should be improved, in the South and the North. By raising awareness on children's rights and reinforcing different target groups to promote and protect these rights, we will also contribute to this mission in the years to come!

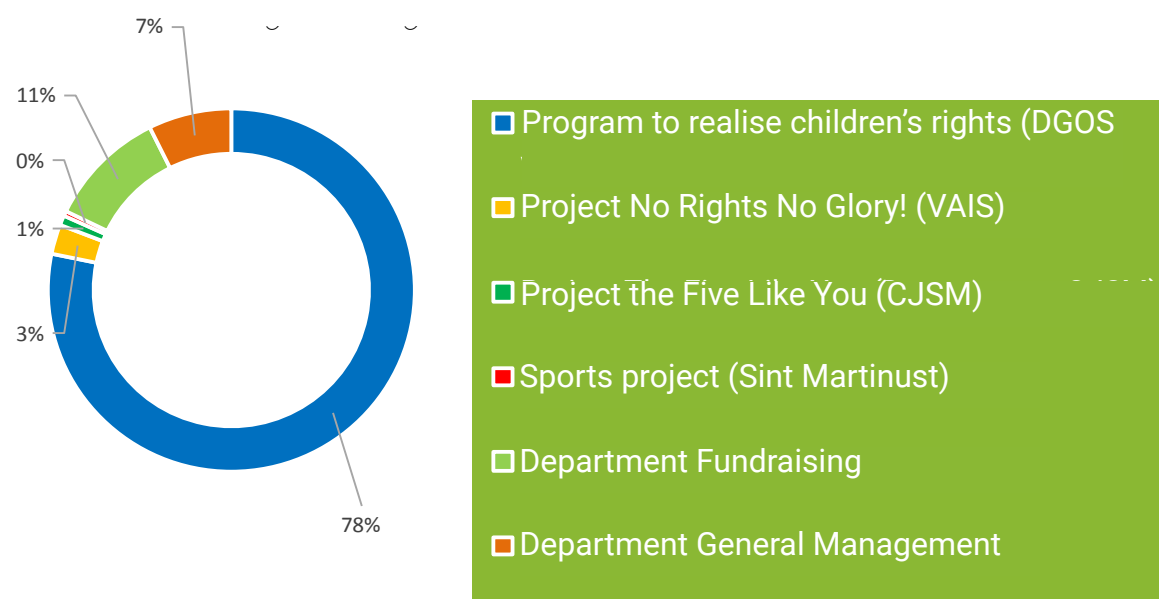


Income and expenses in 2016

INCOME



EXPENSES



INCOME STATEMENT 2016

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Institutional Grants

DGD	1 237 427
VAIS	41 111
PARTICIPATIE DECREET	36 634
PORTICUS/STICHTING BENEVOLENTIA	15 000
UNICEF	5 120
PROVINCIE LIMBURG	5 000
PROVINCIE ANTWERPEN	3 534
VIA	2 516
STAD BRUSSEL	1 000

Associative donations

SINT MARTINUS	34 914
11.11.11	30 735
YOUCA	30 000
SOS KIDS	8 370
ISLAMIC RELIEF	6 075
MUSIC FOR LIFE	3 440
KVR	2 181
SCHOLEN	2 147
GLOBELINK	2 136
ARK	535

Private donations

DIRECT MAILING	322 653
IGO POST	50 000
OP SECRETARIAAT REK	7 554
ON LINE	590

Others

	12 468
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Total Income	1 862 138
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Programma Naar het realiseren van rechten voor alle kinderen (DGOS)	1 453 650
Project No Rights No Glory! (VAIS)	48 989
Project The Five Like You (Departement CJSM)	16 231
Sport Project (SINT MARTINUS)	8 028
Afdeling Fundraising	195 417
Afdeling Algemeen Beheer	136 479

Total Expenses	1 858 795
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RESULT	2 343
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Visions for 2017

Financial situation

To ensure financial health, KIYO also aims to balance the books in 2017. We are confident about our stability and growth in many ways. On the one hand, we successfully completed the quality screening by DGD in January 2016, which ensured another 10 years of our accreditation as official Belgian NGO. On the other hand we gained approval from the Ministry of Development Cooperation in February 2017 for our joined consortium program with Solidagro and Third World Health Aid. The total budget consists of 23.6 million euro – of which 8.784.000 is directly controlled by KIYO. In addition, KIYO and Karama Solidarity (previously Islamic Relief Belgium) signed an MoU providing both 50% own means for the development of the next five year program, which is necessary to balance the budget.

We will keep investing in our relations with supporters, donors and credit providers. For our individual donors this will happen through DSC. In the meantime we will also create a communications department with the purpose of gaining young supporters and mobilising them to organise social initiatives.

We also want to strengthen our relations with associations, schools and institutional donors in the long run. With this in mind, we established a six-year agreement with YOU-CA (previously known as Zuiddag), an association that aims to improve the active participation of youth in having exchanges between Belgium and Brazil. Our cooperation with 11.11.11 has also been ensured for another 5 years. On a national level it is also of strategic importance for KIYO to regain support from the institutions of Brussels, Wallonia and Flanders, and to confirm our position as a Belgian NGO. Internationally it is of fundamental importance to invest in donor diversification. KIYO is developing a proposal with UNICEF in Burundi and will submit a proposal to the European Union.

Operations

After a year full of preparations to get ready for the next five year programme, KIYO has taken a fresh start in 2017! Firstly, KIYO will continue to promote and protect children's rights in Belgium, Brazil, the Philippines, Burundi and DRC Congo, and also in its new partner country Morocco together with Karama Solidarity.

Being part of the consortium with Solidagro and Third World Health Aid, KIYO will also implicitly promote children's rights in all other consortium countries (Senegal, Mali, Burkina, Faso, Palestine, Bolivia). This through direct services, empowerment of youth, public awareness raising, advocacy, and by supporting all actors of change.



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