



Who is COOPI - Cooperazione Internazionale

COOPI – Cooperazione Internazionale is an Italian Non-Governmental Organisation, founded by Father Vincenzo Barbieri in Milan on 15 April 1965. **Over the last 50 years, its aim has been to break the cycle of poverty** and help populations affected by wars, socio-economic crises or natural disasters to reach recovery and lasting development. In order to do so, it makes use of the professionalism of local and international operators, as well as partnerships with public and private subjects and the civil society.

In 2018, it was present in 30 Countries distributed between Africa, Latin America, the Caribbean and the Middle East. Its **241 humanitarian projects** reached **4,739,543 people**. **Still in 2018**, it expanded its presence in 2 new Countries – **Gambia** and **Mauritania**.

COOPI operates with an **integrated approach**, based on the inclusion of multiple sectors such as food security, nutritional security, water and sanitation, protection and education. By doing so, the Organization is able to provide support to people in need in a more structured way, both in **development and emergency contexts**.

The three major crises - to which it is now committing - take place in West Africa, the Middle East and Latin America. In the **Lake Chad Region**, COOPI works in the 4 countries affected by the attacks of the extremist group Boko Haram (Nigeria, Niger, Chad and Cameroon); in the **Middle East**, it intervenes in the countries affected by the humanitarian emergency due to the **Syrian crisis** (Syria, Iraq, Lebanon and Jordan), while in **Latin America** it offers support to **Venezuelan migrants** fleeing the country (Peru, Ecuador and Colombia). To better respond to these emergency contexts, COOPI follows a **regional approach**.

Known as the “NGO in action”, from 1965 to date COOPI – Cooperazione Internazionale has helped more than 100 million people and carried out more than 2,200 projects in 69 Countries, employing about 4,700 expatriate operators and 60,000 local operators.

COOPI is a Participatory Foundation, listed in the registry of legal entities of the Prefecture of Milan; **it is also a NGO**, registered in the List of the Civil Society Organisations according to the Article 26 of the Italian law 11.08.2014 n. 125. **COOPI is an ONLUS as well**, according to the Italian law D. Lgs. 4.12.1997 n. 460.

Vision

COOPI aspires to a world without poverty, able to achieve the ideals of equality, justice, sustainable development and social cohesion thanks to the encounter and partnership between all peoples.

Mission

Through the commitment, involvement, resolution and professionalism of all its staff, COOPI wants to contribute to the process of fighting against poverty and to the growth of the communities with which it cooperates all over the world, intervening in situations of emergency, rehabilitation and development, in order to reduce the unbalance between the North and South of the world and between developed areas and depressed or developing areas.

Values

Solidarity – Transparency – Neutrality – Participation – Sustainability of Interventions – Responsibility – Knowledge Transfer – Innovation – Respect for Diversity and Fight against Discrimination – Valorization of Human Resources