



Humanium

Children first!

2020 Annual Report



Who we are

Humanium is an international, independent and neutral NGO, committed to promoting, defending and realizing the rights of every child across the globe

The organization was founded on November 20, 2008 in Geneva, Switzerland, then established in France and Germany the following year.

Our action is based upon three axes:

- **To promote** clear and accessible information to as many people as possible on children's rights and their situation in the world.
- **To defend** children whose rights have been violated and plead their cause to both public and private decision makers.
- **To realize** the full spectrum of children's rights by enabling each person to be an agent of change and by developing projects that help children reach their full potential.

Our impactful work benefits hundreds of thousands of people around the world: with the help of volunteers, **every year, 4 million people throughout the world** are directly sensitized to the fundamental rights of children and the important need to protect them.

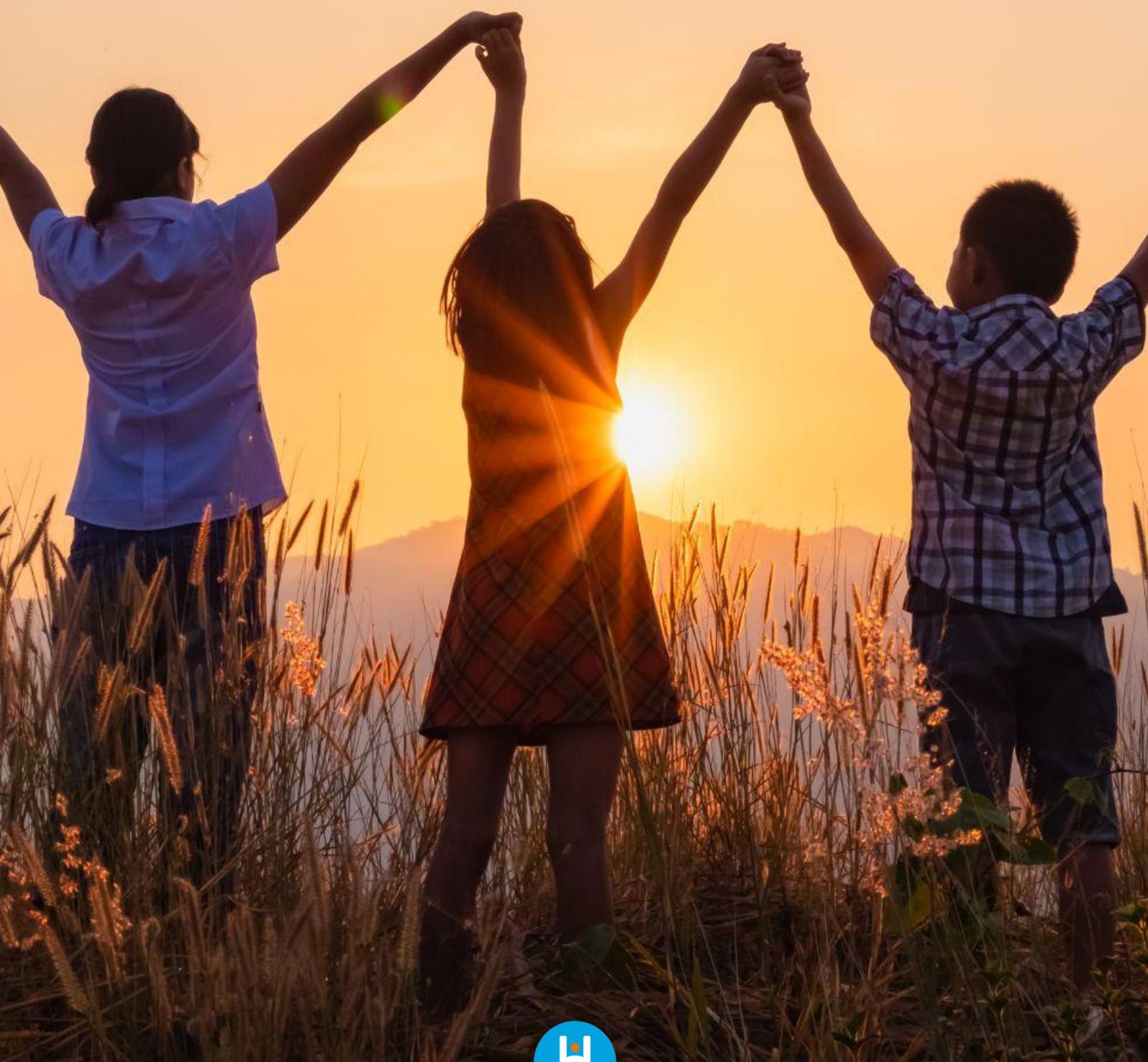
Our on-the-ground approach in India and Rwanda facilitates human development from the inside out. Our innovative method focuses on protecting and supporting children in order for them to become fully aware of their ability to make their dreams come true.

Since 2008, our projects in support of children have improved the lives of over 150,000 people.

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**We firmly believe that
humankind can create a
world where every child's
rights are respected.**



Foreword

Olivier Soret
Co-Founder, President



In 2020, the Covid-19 pandemic struck countries all over the world, bringing devastating consequences, particularly for the most vulnerable. Aid organisations had to adapt, and Humanium was no exception. While our global and multicultural Internet-based way of working did not require us to implement any special measures, we had to entirely reshape our operational activities to tackle the economic, health, social and educational consequences of the pandemic.

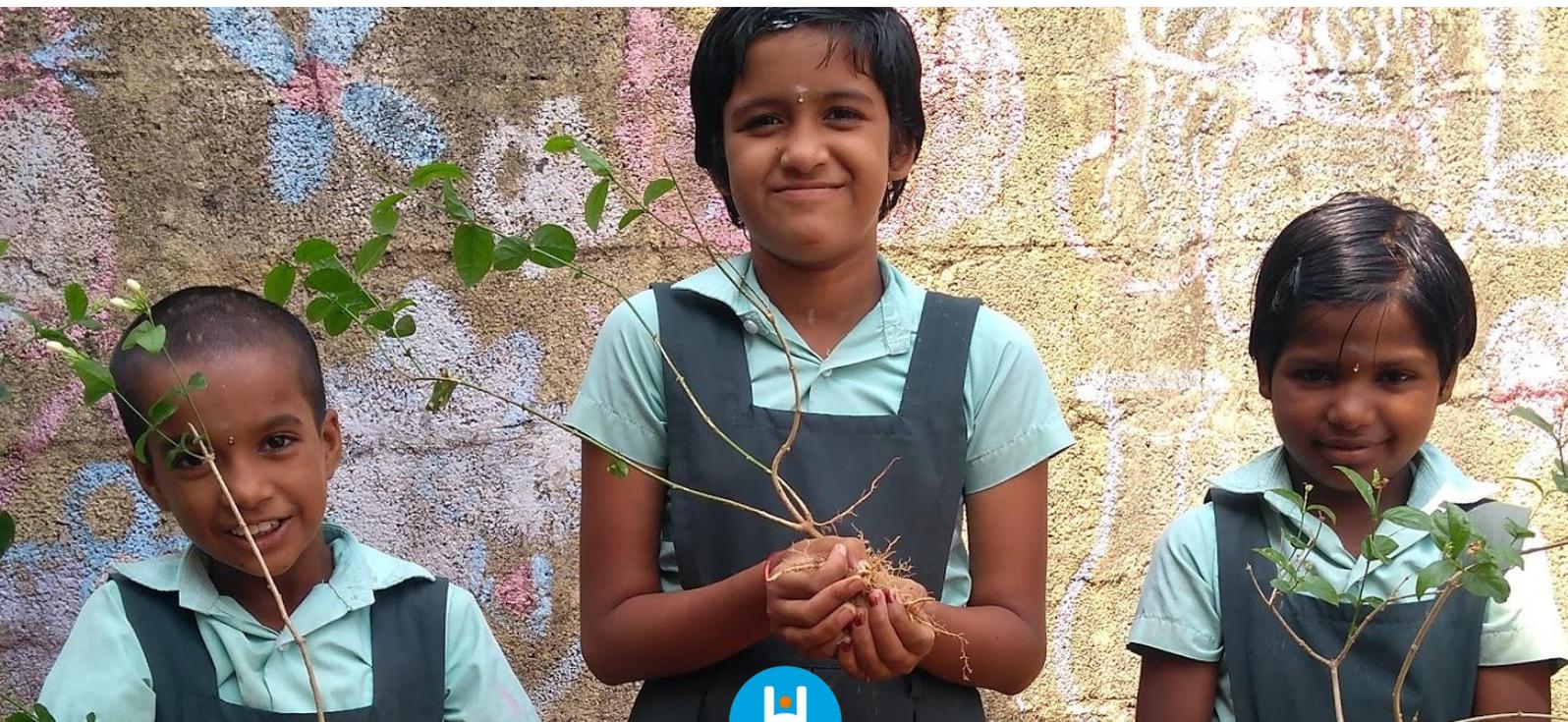
We revised project schedules, adapted our activities and rolled out new ways of taking action to respond to the challenges faced by our local partners and beneficiary populations in order to protect children's rights to the greatest possible extent, especially their rights to food and education.

In Rwanda, our emergency aid, for example, helped tackle the economic and educational consequences of the health measures that were put in place.

In India, we adapted our projects to mitigate the closure of schools and residential centres to protect children's right to education and to avoid a resurgence of forced labour and child marriage.

All of these measures were made possible thanks to the support and flexibility of our donors, funders and partners.

Words can't express how grateful we are for your commitment!



Protecting children's rights during the pandemic



We are immensely grateful for your support, which helps us to ensure that children's rights are respected during this pandemic.

In 2020, we transformed our projects in India and Rwanda and we put preventative measures in place: social distancing, hand sanitiser, masks, and outdoor and online activities. But our commitment to children remained as strong as ever. We also focused our efforts on the mental health of children, teenagers and their parents.

In addition, we continued to develop our online activities to promote and defend children's rights. Almost 4 million people have directly benefited from our activities all over the world. We also set up coaching for other non-governmental organisations so that they could include greater expertise and empathy in their awareness-raising work and help make voices heard that otherwise would not be.

Something that is particularly new and that I am very proud of is our advocacy efforts, which have undergone astounding growth thanks to our committed team.

Thank you all for your support!

Arndt Soret
Co-Founder, Director



Promoting children's rights



Humanium promotes commitment to children's rights worldwide through awareness-raising and educational activities aimed at a wide audience, including via the internet.

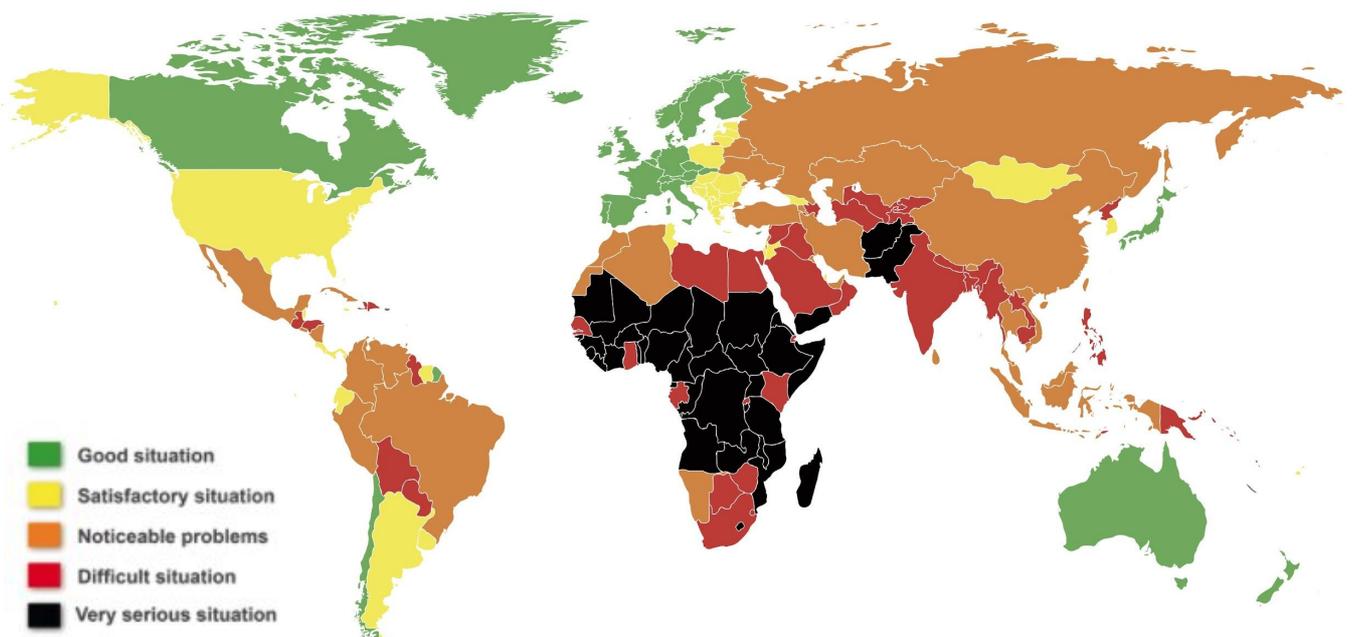
Raising awareness of children's situation worldwide

We raise awareness of the situation experienced by children worldwide and the issues they face through content and information campaigns aimed at the general public.

In 2020, we directly reached more than **3.8 million people** via our website and posted 51 information articles in four languages. Dozens of country guides and themed pages have also been updated.

The many **themed campaigns** that we have run have allowed us to reach a vast international audience and raise their awareness of children's rights, particularly among our online community, which has over 300,000 members.

The **map of children's rights worldwide** developed by Humanium demonstrates the contrast in the situation children experience in 194 countries, leaves an impression, and sparks real interest. It has been used at a wide range of conferences and in more than twenty school textbooks.



Education on children's rights

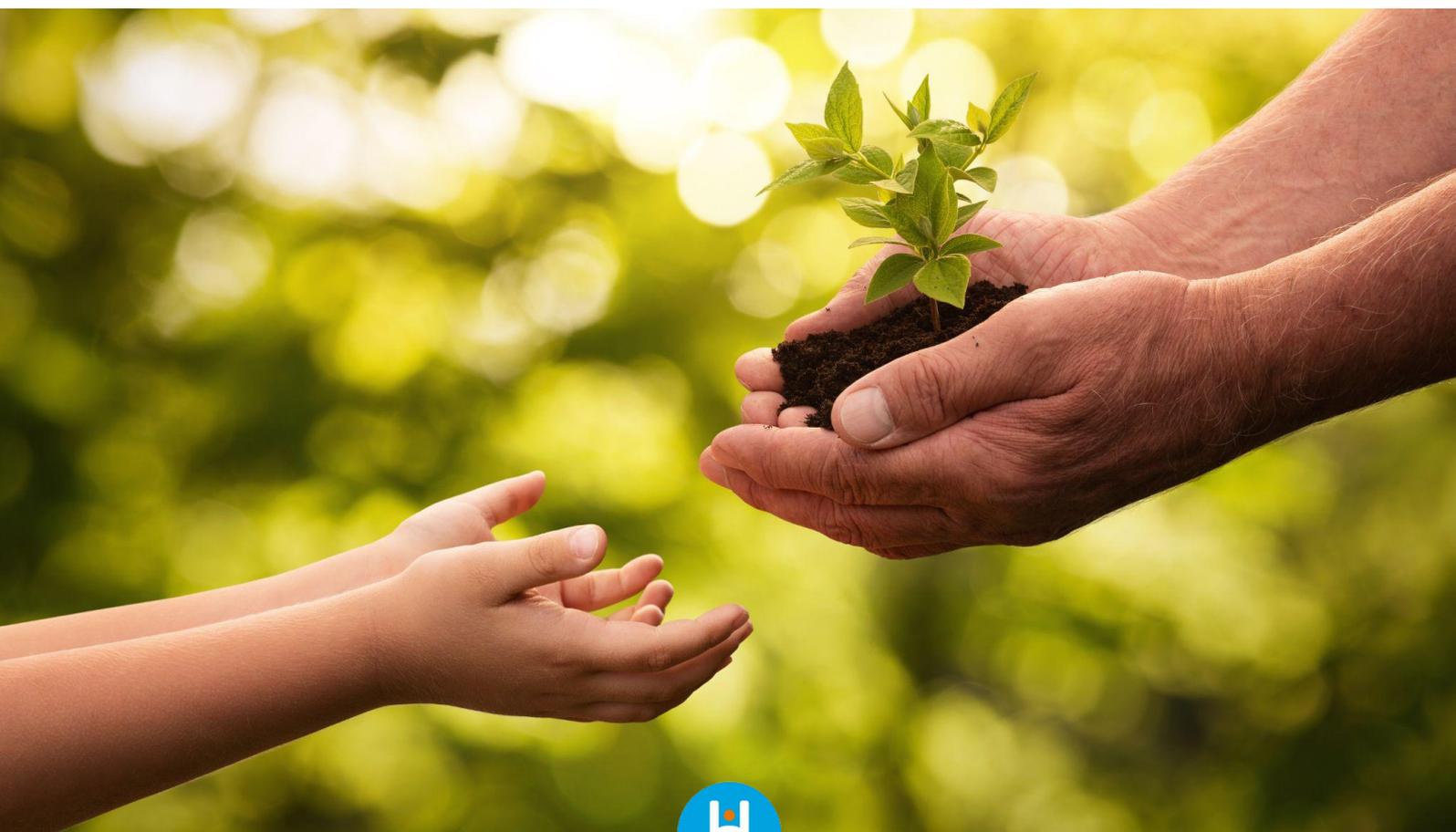
We work with children, teenagers and adults to develop their knowledge of children's rights through introductory training. On our "Children's Rights Portal", we also offer online access to unique educational resources designed to suit as wide an audience as possible.

In 2020, almost **2 million children and teenagers** directly accessed our content in four languages. Tens of thousands of teachers all over the world use our resources, allowing us to indirectly reach many more children.

Our content is also very popular among **non-governmental organisations (NGOs)**, which use it to train their local staff and introduce the beneficiaries of their projects to children's rights.

While it was not possible to organise in-person training as a result of the health measures in place, Humanium delivered **online coaching webinars** on children's rights to professionals from international NGOs all over the world.

We also published a range of content on children's environmental rights online, as well as information on related topics, such as the climate emergency, child climate change refugees, and the child defenders of environmental rights who are working all over the world to protect and promote human rights and environmental causes.



Defending children's rights



We advocate for children and support them when their fundamental rights are violated.

Children's rights advocacy

We mobilise public opinion to carry out children's advocacy aimed at public and private decision-makers, and we work with other organisations to make progress in children's rights at the international level.

In early 2020, Humanium began to implement its first advocacy activities, with a series of new initiatives focused on the climate emergency and children's environmental rights.

At the institutional level, Humanium has worked with United Nations mechanisms by submitting recommendations on a range of topics linked to children's rights, including:

- the digital environment;
- a sustainable and resilient recovery following the consequences of Covid-19;
- the right to assembly, after consulting children on the topic.

Humanium has also worked with other non-governmental organisations by supporting 18 joint initiatives on children's rights.

The *Case for universal recognition of the right to a safe, clean, healthy and sustainable environment* was signed by almost 1,000 other international organisations and drove a group of governments to publish their own statements, heralding potential recognition of the right to a healthy environment.

A new partnership was also signed with the *Children's Environmental Rights Initiative* (CERI) and Humanium joined a number of working groups on the sustainable development goals and children's participation.

The general public was mobilised through a petition entitled "*Stop the destruction of the Amazon rainforest*", addressed to the Brazilian government. In its very first petition, Humanium greatly exceeded its initial goal of 5,000 signatories.





Helpline : online assistance when children's rights are violated

Humanium has created a dedicated team to provide support and assistance to victims of children's rights violations. We offer free legal information and specific guidance to anyone who contacts us, adults or children alike. We also provide pro bono legal advice thanks to our partnership with a worldwide network of lawyers.

In 2020, our Helpline handled 165 cases, the majority of which were from European countries. More than half were sexual abuse cases.

We are also continuing our partnership with the Alliance des Avocats pour les Droits de l'Homme (Alliance of Lawyers for Human Rights).

Their vast network of pro bono lawyers worldwide means we can respond to the most complex situations that require the assistance of specialist local lawyers. Two cases were referred to this network.



Activities in Rwanda



Since 2015, in Rwanda, our actions have been primarily aimed at ending childhood violence. In 2020, the Covid-19 pandemic meant that we refocused on emergency aid.

Emergency aid in response to the pandemic

Since the first Covid-19 case was detected in Rwanda in March 2020, a series of government measures have been taken, including the immediate closure of schools and early years centres. A general lockdown was imposed to limit the spread of the virus.

As elsewhere, these measures have severely affected the lives of the most vulnerable, including those who earn their income from day labouring. Many people lost their jobs, leaving large numbers of families without means of supporting themselves.

With its local partner AVSI Rwanda, Humanium has provided food and financial aid in the districts of Gatsibo, Gicumbi, Kamonyi, Nyanza and Ruhango.

2020 Impact

714 people received food aid

395 children under 5 received additional nutritional support

392 children were given radios to continue learning remotely

55 teachers were mobilised to help children

195 women from cooperatives were given support to make soap and masks for the community





**Radios to continue
learning remotely**

Activities in India



Present in India since 2008, our organisation's top priority is to eradicate child labour and guarantee high-quality education to the most vulnerable children in rural areas.

Launching satellite education centres

To compensate for the closure of schools and our girls' residential centre as a result of the health measures taken by the government, we adapted the activities we have developed with our partner Hand in Hand India to protect the right to education.

Since March, when the 54 girls at the centre who escaped forced marriage and forced labour were sent back to their families, our social workers have taken action to carry out individual follow-up with each and every girl.

Between March and May 2020, teachers continued to be trained and to develop relevant educational content. All staff continued to receive their salaries.

When lockdown was lifted, satellite education centres were launched to allow groups of five to six children to continue learning.

This temporary approach seems to have borne fruit, providing access to education despite the difficult conditions. The residential centre will once again welcome girls when the health situation allows.





Ranjana, 10

Ranjana comes from a village in the district of Nalcha in Madhya Pradesh State in India. She comes from a family of five children, and her parents are day labourers whose income is not enough to meet their needs.

Ranjana stopped going to school at the age of 7, and began working with her parents at the brickworks as well as carrying out some farming work.

Thanks to the perseverance of our social workers, her parents agreed to allow her to join our residential centre.

Sanitya, 12

"I love my teachers and living at the centre, which is a really nice change from my old school. Here, I have good food to eat and I can play with my friends. I'm happy being able to dance and do yoga."

Sanitya had left her village school, where she felt uncomfortable and demotivated. She then turned to domestic work. She now wants to work hard to become a police officer.



The child-friendly village of Perumbakkam

Since the end of 2017, Humanium has been working in the village of Perumbakkam in Tamil Nadu State in India. This project helps 760 children. Its goal is to sustainably improve living conditions for the village's 5,860 residents.

The project has been designed around four pillars:

- Getting children back to school and ending child labour through awareness-raising campaigns in the community to identify children who are not in education, and improving and modernising infrastructure and educational material in schools.
- Making children's rights a reality through capacity-building workshops. These workshops are directly led by Humanium for the community with the help of coaching and leadership tools and the creation of children's rights committees.
- Improving access to health through medical camps and by paying special attention to malnutrition and anaemia, which are widespread in rural areas.
- Teaching the community to generate income to enable adults to meet their family's needs, both by developing women's entrepreneurial and microfinance skills and by supporting small farmers to adopt organic farming.

2020 Impact

2 learning centres work with
49 pupils experiencing problems at school

1 smart classroom allows
56 pupils to learn to use IT

80 families given hygiene training to help combat Covid-19

2 wells and **1** canal renovated to improve access to water



Financial statements: Switzerland

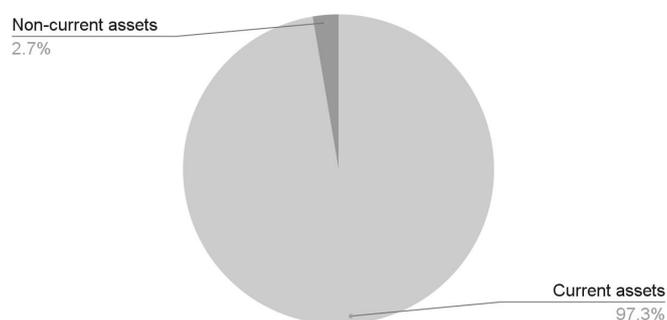
(Summary – the full version, which complies with the Swiss GAAP FER 21 standards, is available on demand in French)

Statement of financial position (in CHF)

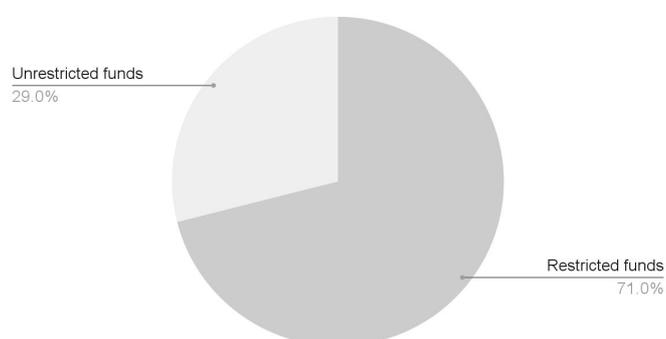
Assets	2020	2019
Current assets	87,513	42,255
Cash	87,513	42,255
Non-current assets	2,407	1,464
Tangible fixed assets	2,328	1,225
Intangible fixed assets	79	238
Total	89,921	43,719

Liabilities	2020	2019
Restricted funds	63,874	16,874
Rwanda	40,000	0
India	23,874	16,874
Unrestricted funds	26,046	26,844
General reserve	26,046	26,844
Total	89,921	43,719

Assets



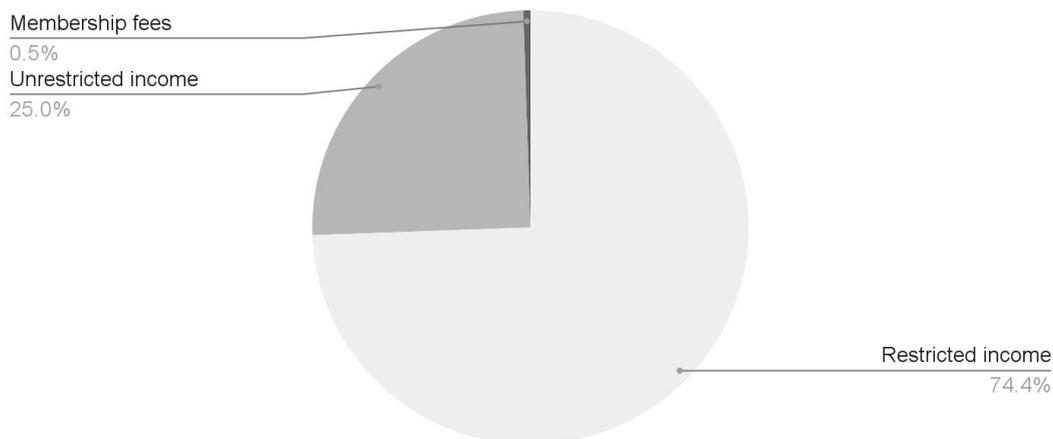
Liabilities



Statement of operations (in CHF)

Income	2020	2019
Restricted income	159,600	163,956
Individuals	0	1,500
Foundations and associations	61,500	85,000
Cantons and municipalities	68,823	45,000
Humanium France and Germany	29,277	32,456
Unrestricted income	2,407	1,464
Individuals	5,020	7,641
Humanium France and Germany	48,657	26,877
Membership fees	1,150	1,550
Membership fees	1,150	1,550
Total	214,428	200,025

Income



Expenditure	2020	2019
Programme	147'100	219'580
Children's rights	7'836	4'030
Rwanda	49'599	48'902
India	81'048	138'601
Programme support	8'615	28'046
Administration & Fundraising	18'724	16'147
Management & Administration	6'974	10'109
Fundraising	11'750	6'037
Total expenditure	165'824	235'728
Other operating expenses	2'402	1'146
Financial expense	146	169
Depreciation	2'256	976
Result before change in capital and funds	168'227	200'025
Change in funds	46'201	-36'849
Change in restricted funds	47'000	-13'125
Change in unrestricted funds	-798	-23'724
Result for the financial year	48'604	-35'703

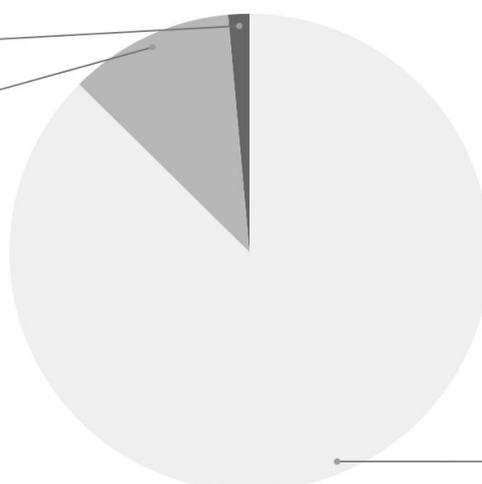
Expenditure

Other operating expenses

1.4%

Administration & Fundraising

11.1%



Programme

87.4%



Financial statements: France

Statement of financial position (in EUR)

Assets	2020	2019
Current assets	15'242	21'418
Cash	15'242	21'418
Non-current assets	0	0
Tangible fixed assets	0	0
Intangible fixed assets	0	0
Total	15'242	21'418
Liabilities	2020	2019
Net surplus/deficit for the previous financial year	21'418	29'156
Result for the financial year	-6'175	-7'738
Total	15'242	21'418



Income - Expenditure (in EUR)

Income	2020	2019
1. Income linked to public generosity	33'125	78'272
1.1 Membership fees	5'220	6'870
1.2 Donations	27'905	71'402
Expenditure	2020	2019
1.1 Social mission > Carried out in France	6'135	15'796
Implemented by the organisation	6'135	15'796
Transfer to a central body or others in France	0	0
1.2 Social mission > Carried out abroad	31'752	66'938
Implemented by the organisation	4'952	12'012
Transfer to a central body or abroad	26'800	54'926
2. Fundraising costs	0	0
2.1 Costs of appealing to the public's generosity	0	0
2.2 Costs of appealing for other resources	0	0
3. Operating costs	1'412	3'275
Total	1'412	3'275
Not allocated to a budget	0	0



Financial statements: Germany

Statement of financial position (in EUR)

Assets	2020	2019
Current assets	4'177	18'478
Cash	4'177	18'478
Non-current assets	0	0
Tangible fixed assets	0	0
Intangible fixed assets	0	0
Total	4'177	18'478
Liabilities	2020	2019
Net surplus/deficit for the previous financial year	18'478	1'653
Result for the financial year	-14'301	16'824
Total	4'177	18'478



Income - Expenditure (in EUR)

Income	2020	2019
1. Produits liés à la générosité du public	32'917	16'994
1.1 Membership fees	900	510
1.2 Donations	32'017	16'484
Expenditure	2020	2019
1.1 Social mission > Carried out in Germany	0	0
Implemented by the organisation	0	0
Transfer to a central body or others in Germany	0	0
1.2 Social mission > Carried out abroad	47'000	0
Implemented by the organisation	0	0
Transfer to a central body or abroad	47'000	0
2. Fundraising costs	0	0
2.1 Costs of appealing to the public's generosity	0	0
2.2 Costs of appealing for other resources	0	0
3. Operating costs	218	169
Total	218	169
Not allocated to a budget	0	0



Humanium Switzerland, France and Germany

These annual accounts have been independently audited and verified by internal audit.



Rapport de vérification des comptes annuels 2020

Rapport de vérification aux comptes de l'Association Humanium, domiciliée à Meyrin.

En notre qualité d'organe de révision assurant le contrôle interne indépendant de l'Association Humanium, nous avons vérifié la comptabilité et les comptes annuels (bilan et compte de résultats) pour l'exercice arrêté au 31 décembre 2020. Ceux-ci présentent un total du bilan de 89'921 CHF et un bénéfice/une perte de l'exercice de 0 CHF (utilisation de réserve).

La responsabilité de l'établissement des comptes annuels incombe au Comité alors que notre mission consiste à vérifier ces comptes et à émettre une appréciation concernant la gestion financière de l'Association Humanium. Nous attestons que nous remplissons les exigences nécessaires de qualification et d'indépendance.

Notre révision a été effectuée de manière telle que des anomalies significatives dans les comptes annuels puissent être constatées avec une assurance raisonnable. Nous avons révisé les postes des comptes annuels et les indications fournies dans ceux-ci en procédant à des analyses et examens par sondages. En outre, nous avons apprécié la manière dont ont été appliquées les règles relatives à la présentation des comptes et la mise à disposition de l'ensemble des pièces comptables et des justificatifs.

Nous estimons que notre révision constitue une base suffisante pour former votre opinion. Selon notre appréciation, les comptes annuels donnent une image fidèle du patrimoine, de la situation financière et des résultats. La comptabilité et les comptes annuels correspondent à la loi suisse et aux statuts. Nous recommandons à l'Assemblée générale d'approuver les comptes annuels qui lui sont soumis.

Lieu et date : Gland, le 30/03/2021

Signature : 

Léna Leclaire, vérificatrice aux comptes élue par l'Assemblée générale de l'Association.

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Lieu et date : Gland, le 09/07/2021

Signature : 

Léna Leclaire, vérificatrice aux comptes élue par l'Assemblée générale de l'Association.

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In 2021, our commitment to children continues, and with your support we can continue our work and increase their impact. Thank you!



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