

# ANNUAL REPORT FAP 2024

Fondation pour l'aide  
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## A word from the President

### « Persevere in your witness »

This encouragement, inspired by Hebrews 12:1, is the theme of the General Assembly of the World Communion of Reformed Churches (WCRC), to be held this October in Thailand. It also aptly reflects FAP's work in 2024: strengthening internal operations, deepening relationships with partners, staying alert to the root causes of suffering, and recognizing initiatives that bring life and hope across diverse contexts.

In 2024, FAP approved support for **23** projects, totaling CHF **560 608**. These include **11** training initiatives and several academic scholarships. We also took time to review and update our funding criteria, our website (now available at [www.fondationfap.ch](http://www.fondationfap.ch)), and the principles guiding our capital management. We've also begun re-establishing in-person connections with longstanding partners, making the most of opportunities for meetings, visits, and travel—often in collaboration with the World Council of Churches

(WCC). Finally, together with staff from the WCC, ACT Alliance, and other organizations, we have moved into the «Kyoto» building in the Green Village, located just behind the WCC's historic centre. We continue to adapt to this new collaborative environment, and our secretariat would be delighted to welcome you on the first floor of our new premises.

All of this only makes sense when viewed through the lens of a long-term vision. This is the true meaning of persevering in faith and bearing witness—a calling we are privileged to fulfill through the support we offer our partners.

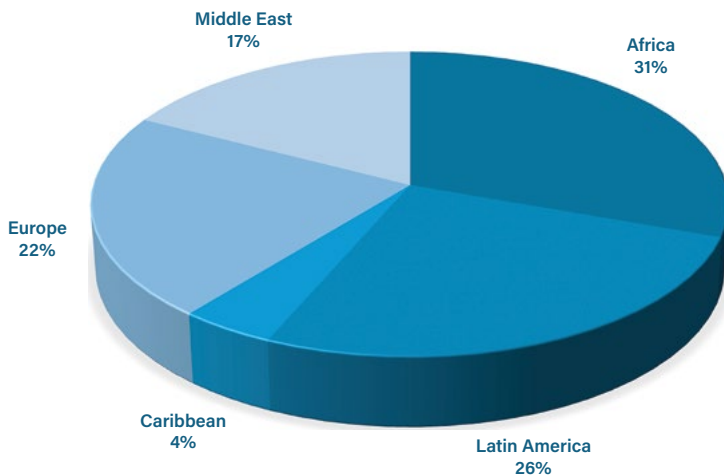
Founded in 1979, FAP's mission is «to award grants to projects carried out by organizations within the Reformed Protestant tradition, or with their involvement. These projects may take place anywhere in the world and may be of any nature, including ecclesiastical, social, or cultural.»

*(Art. 2, FAP By-laws)*

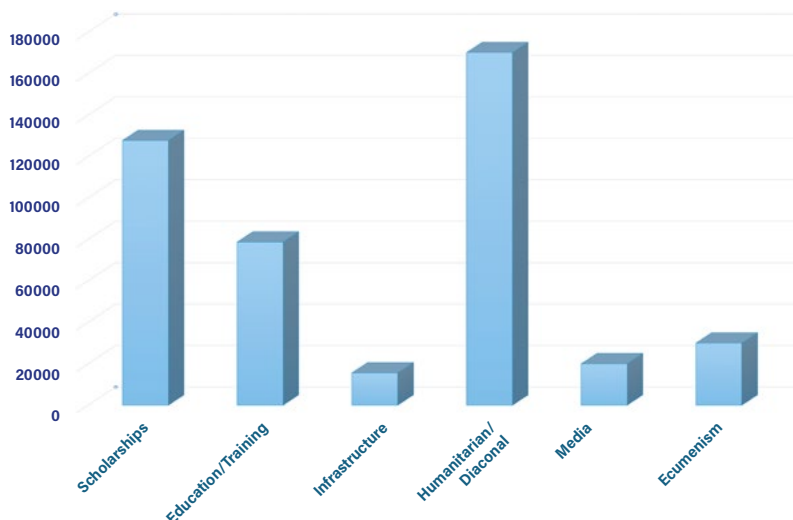
# The FAP figures in 2024

CHF 560 608 granted

## PROJECTS APPROVED IN 2024



## AMOUNTS ALLOCATED BY TYPE OF PROJECT



# Supported projects

Up to CHF 20 000



Up to CHF 40 000



Up to CHF 40 000



Over 12 months



## Education & Training

Morocco	Master's degree scholarship, Faculty of Protestant Theology, Strasbourg
Switzerland	Course in Intercultural Theology, Bossey
Argentina	Training in Theology and Leadership
Zambia	PhD scholarship, Protestant University of Pretoria (South Africa)
Uruguay	Training in Eco-theology and Agroforestry
Switzerland	Building Interfaith and Ecumenical Leadership, Ecumenical Institute at Bossey
Brazil	PhD scholarship, Vitória University
Lebanon	PhD scholarship, Protestant Theological University of the Netherlands
Togo	Pastoral Training in Holistic Development
Morocco	Bachelor's degree scholarship in Theology, Al Mwafaqa Ecumenical Institute
Ghana	PhD scholarship in Eco-theology, Protestant Theological University of the Netherlands



## Diakonia

Colombia	Combating violence against children
Argentina	Social inclusion of teenagers
Central Africa	Urban vegetable gardens
Romania	Combating domestic violence
Armenia	Mobile social centre
Syria	Humanitarian emergency: distribution of food and hygiene kits
Syria	Youth activity centre



## Infrastructure

Cuba	Renovation of the equipment in the classrooms of the Theological Seminary
France	Renovation of the Romans temple, United Protestant Church

## Media

Costa Rica	3rd Latin American and Caribbean Bible Congress
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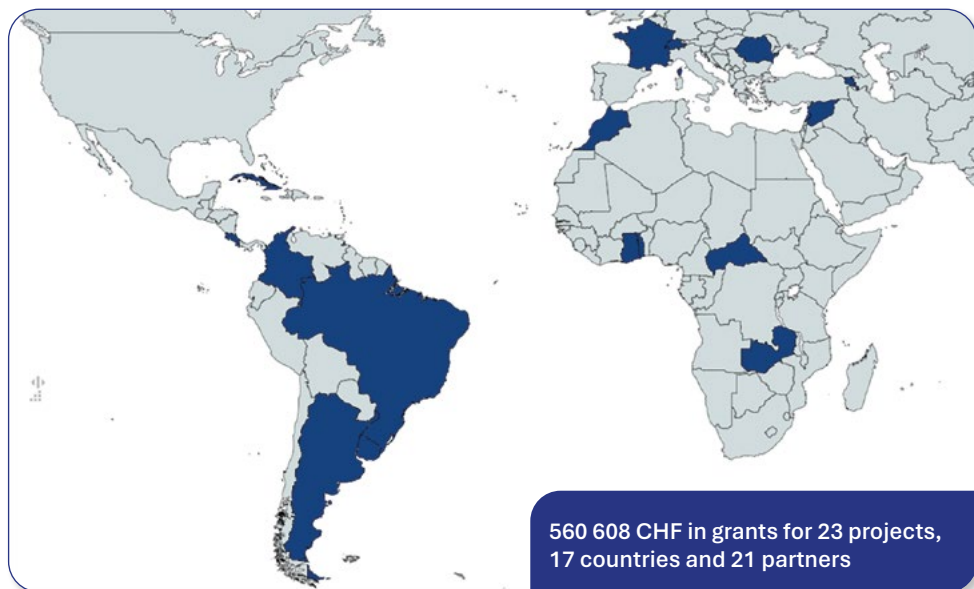
## Ecumenism

Ghana	4th meeting of the Global Christian Forum
Switzerland	Youth conference in the ecumenical movement





## Where we work



In 2024, FAP met with international and ecumenical partners based in French-speaking Switzerland and received around ten delegations or representatives of partner churches at the secretariat. By taking part in several meetings of the international Reformed community, FAP tries to maintain living links with the churches with which it collaborates. It remains anchored in its mission in a context that sometimes changes precipitously because of economic, social or geopolitical circumstances.

## SOME PROJECTS COMPLETED IN 2024

### Humanitarian aid in Syria

After fifteen years of war, the situation in Syria further deteriorated in 2023 due to a devastating earthquake. Humanitarian needs among the remaining population continue to grow. The National Evangelical Synod of Syria and Lebanon (NESSL), a minority within the country's Christian minority, offered a sign of hope by launching a humanitarian aid programme distributing food and hygiene kits. Approximately 300 families have benefited from this initiative, which contributes to strengthening community resilience.



**Location:** Aleppo, Syria  
**Sector of activity:** Diakonia and Humanitarian Aid  
**Project title:** Distribution of food and hygiene kits  
**Partner:** Union of Armenian Evangelical Churches in the Near East (UAECNE)

### From Indonesia to Australia, via the Netherland

Rev. Dr. Daniel Sihombing of the Christian Church in Indonesia (GKI) pursued advanced theological studies through distance learning at the Protestant Theological University in the Netherlands, where he prepared a doctoral thesis offering a contextual reading of Karl Barth's doctrine within the Indonesian setting. After serving for several years as the leader of the Indonesian community within the Uniting Church in Australia (UCA), he is now a lecturer in systematic theology at Pilgrim Theological College in Australia.



**Location:** Indonesia, Australia  
**Sector of activity:** Education  
**Project title:** Barth and the shadow of nothingness. A post-Soeharto contextual reading  
**Partner:** Indonesian Christian Church (GKI)

## Social work on the outskirts of Buenos Aires

The four social centres located on the outskirts of Buenos Aires operate in a context where over 40% of the population faces precarious access to housing, healthcare, and education. The programme—comprising workshops for women, community meals for the homeless, activities for adults with disabilities, and youth workshops—benefits approximately 500 individuals. By fostering self-sufficiency, the programme has a positive impact on the entire community.



**Location:** Buenos Aires, Argentina  
**Sector of activity:** Diakonia  
**Project title:** Strengthening the diaconal witness of Reformed Church communities in Argentina  
**Partner:** Iglesias Reformadas en la Argentina (IRA)

## Bible and intercultural training in Mexico City

More than eight hundred people—including pastors, community leaders, and volunteers—were able to participate in at least one of the seventeen weeks of training offered on a wide range of topics: supporting women who have experienced violence, families with desaparecidos, abused children, migrants, and strengthening facilitation and leadership skills. The level of interest exceeded expectations, highlighting the deep need to address the wounds of a society scarred by violence and poverty.



**Location:** Mexico City, Mexico  
**Sector of activity:** Training  
**Project title:** Training in intercultural pastoral care for social defense, diakonia and development  
**Partner:** Comunidad Teológica de México



**For donations:**

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**If you have any questions about the criteria or process for submitting a project, please contact the secretariat:**

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