

Since

**1969**

the  
**Swiss development  
organisation**  
for young people

**horyzon**  
POWER TO THE YOUNG PEOPLE

Part of the international  
**YMCA / YWCA**

(Young Men's / Women's Christian Association)



Horyzon works in harmony with the  
**international objectives for  
sustainable development**



To strengthen civil society, Horyzon supports young people through

- **education**
- **health promotion**
- **Rights and peace building**



Budget  
**CHF 1.5 Mio.**



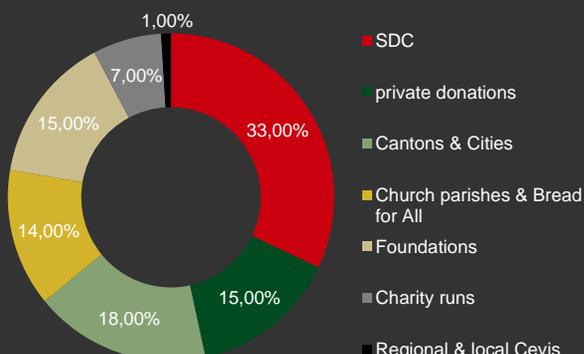
**6 employees**



Active with  
**5 programs in Haiti,  
Colombia, Palestine  
& South Sudan**



**Source of donations**



Location  
**Olten**

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## Factsheet Foundation Horyzon

### Who is Horyzon?

Horyzon is the Swiss development organisation for young people. It was founded in 1969 as a non-profit association and is based in Olten. Since 2009, Horyzon has been a foundation which pursues no commercial purposes, makes no profit and works within the framework of the legal regulations of the Confederation and the Canton.

The Horyzon Foundation and its partners work in a worldwide interdisciplinary network of development cooperation organisations. This applies in particular to aid organisations in Switzerland and donor coordination. Horyzon is part of the international YMCA / YWCA (Young Men's / Women's Christian Association or Christian associations of young people or Cevi).

### What does Horyzon do?

Horyzon with a budget of around CHF 1.5 million in 5 programmes / projects in national and local YMCA / YWCA in Latin America/Caribbean, Middle East and Africa. Horyzon is committed to improving the living situation of young people and to education in the practical field of life. The project work invests mainly in vocational training, health education and supports young people in standing up for their rights.

### How does Horyzon work?

Horyzon has the advantage of being able to work in programmes and projects with national and local partners who have lived in the target countries for generations and know the needs of the local population. Horyzon meets the challenges of relevance, effectiveness and sustainability in development cooperation (DC) by clearly focusing its commitment and involving competent volunteers in these processes. With this background, Horyzon acts flexibly and proactively with professional managers when developments in the environment occur. Expertise and experience in international youth work and development cooperation make Horyzon a recognised and reliable partner.

### Where does Horyzon work?

Horyzon is currently active in Colombia, Haiti, Palestine and South Sudan. In Switzerland Horyzon raises awareness in the north-south topic through sensitization and by making possible inter-cultural contact between young people.

### How are Horyzons programmes financed?

33% of the funds come from the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC). Swiss cantons, municipalities, private donations, church parishes and charity runs organised by Horyzon bring in the additional funds.

### How does Horyzon guarantee that funds reach the beneficiaries?

Horyzon is a holder of the ZEWÖ seal of approval. In 2017 Horyzon received the ISO 9001 recertification. In addition, Horyzon is organised and efficient with a quality management system which guarantees careful and transparent handling of donations.

In order to align with international standards, the financial accounting department was adapted to the GAAP FER 21 regulations. Horyzon accompanies its project partners with professional monitoring, reporting, controlling and evaluations.