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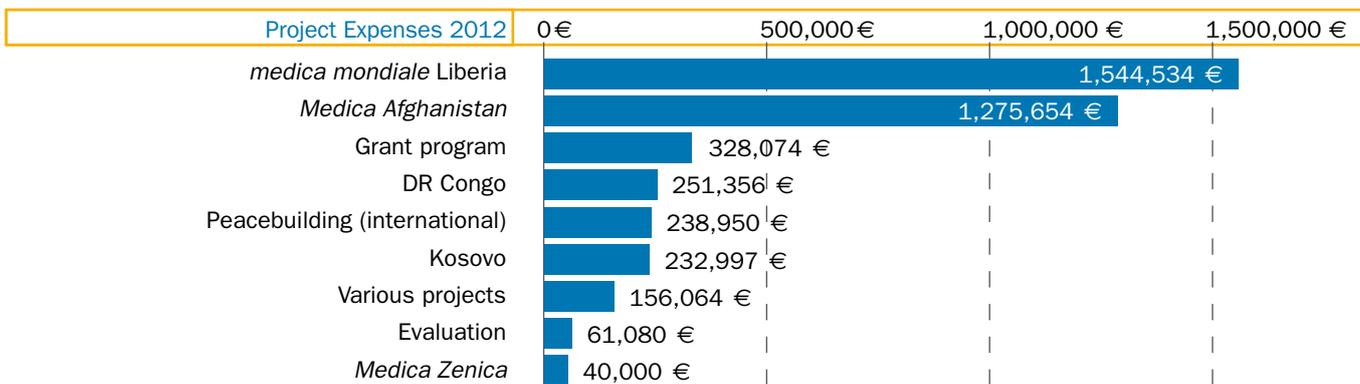
Strong and committed

medica mondiale is an internationally active, feminist women's rights and aid organisation founded in 1993 which actively works for the rights of women and girls in regions of war and crisis. Our work is carried out in an uncompromising spirit of commitment and solidarity. We have made it our mission to combat sexualised wartime violence and other forms of gender-specific violence against women and girls on all levels.

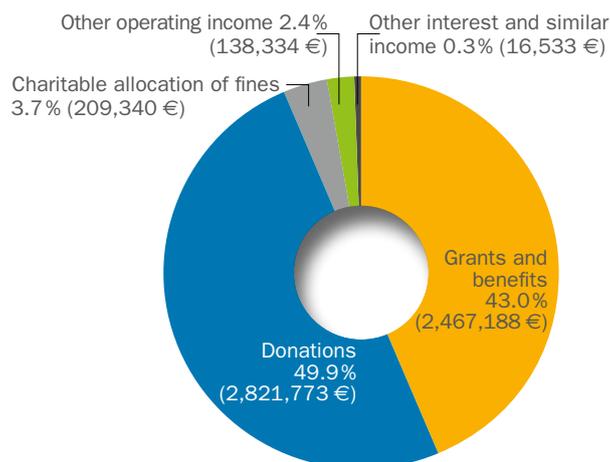
By offering local medical, psychosocial, legal and economic support, *medica mondiale* helps affected women to process their traumatic experiences and empowers them in their efforts to provide for themselves. In addition, *medica mondiale* carries

out public awareness and human rights work in its project countries, in Germany and internationally in order to bring about societal and political changes in favour of women.

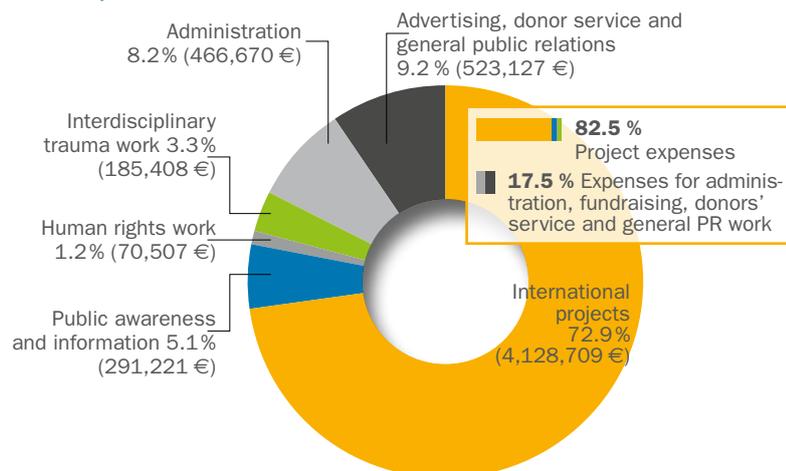
medica mondiale operates its own projects and programmes and it also works together with local women's organisations. Local expertise is strengthened through the provision of training and advice on topics such as trauma-sensitive psychosocial work, project management or organisational development. This is the only way to ensure lasting assistance and a supportive society for women and girls affected by violence.



Income 2012



Expenses 2012



Minor discrepancies are caused by rounding up or down.

Commitment has many faces

February

Putting the “fun” in fundraising: At his appearance at the Comedia Theater in Cologne in February, the cabaret artist Hagen Rether appeals for donations for women and girls in war and crisis areas. Rether sets a good example himself and donates his fee for the evening: 3,600 euros.

April

For his crimes during the civil war in Sierra Leone the Liberian rebel leader and former president Charles Taylor is found guilty by the Special Court for Sierra Leone in April. *medica mondiale* sees this judgement as an important sign for the prosecution of sexualised violence in war zones. In previous trials, rape had always been dealt with under the charge of genocide or “ethnic cleansing” but in the Taylor trial three of the eleven counts refer directly to gender-based violence.

May

The panel discussion “Women in charge – the (one) world needs strong women” at the “Forum” in the Cologne adult education centre in May is very well received. In addition to our programme manager for Liberia, Sybille Fezer, one of the other speakers is the Kenyan women’s rights campaigner Rebecca Lolosoli, who reports on her women’s village “Umoja”. It is the first of its kind in East Africa and offers a new home to more than 50 women affected by violence.

July

In July, alarming news from the Democratic Republic of Congo reaches the staff at Cologne. Rebels from the “M23” militia are fighting to take control of the provincial capital Goma in North Kivu – home to several *medica mondiale* partner organisations. With financial and organisational support from Germany, the project partners were able to get to safety.

August

The end of the Peace Building project in August sees *medica mondiale* publish a practical manual in order to document the results from the three years of work. It contains proven training methods and guidelines for the active participation of women and girls in the peace process. It is designed to serve as an orientation for other organisations as well.

September

In Guatemala the first trial to deal with sexualised crimes during the civil war starts. The court case is a milestone in the history of the country. Many Guatemalan women’s and human rights organisations, among them partners of *medica mondiale*, have been striving for this for years.



Hannelore Kraft presents the NRW State Prize to Monika Hauser.
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November

For her tireless commitment for women and girls in war zones and developing countries, Monika Hauser is awarded the State Prize of North Rhine-Westphalia on November 19, 2012. The “Staatspreis” is the highest honour which this German federal state awards. The prize money is 25,000 euros and will be used to help establish a shelter network in Liberia.

December

The newspaper editor Astrid Wirtz, Afghan psychologist Zarghona Ahmadzai and Monika Hauser participate in a discussion about “Women in Afghanistan – Between Fear and Hope” at the ‘studio dumont’ in Cologne in December. Their emphatic message is that despite many years of military action by NATO, women in Afghanistan continue to experience massive oppression. By organising this event, *medica mondiale* is appealing to the international public to assume more responsibility and demand determined action.



We support traumatised women and girls in war and crisis zones.

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