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The logo of our NGO is composed of two elements: the arrow and the word "RESCATE":

- The arrow symbolises "The Circle of Return", a metaphor that describes the situations refugees face: escape, stay in a transit country, resettlement, shelter and return to the country of origin. It is a "circle" in motion, constantly changing, unexpectedly.
- The word "RESCATE" (RESCUE) stands for the association's mandate: to rescue refugees. The word is placed under the arrow, thus implying that our NGO strives to be the place where refugees find support during their transit through the "circle of return".

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For the development of our projects, RESCATE receives funds from various public and private donors, but we need the support of new members and donors to complement them. THANK YOU!



The UN General Assembly proclaimed the year 2012 the International Year of Cooperatives. RESCATE carries out activities in Bié (Angola) to support sustainable and environmentally-friendly agricultural production systems.



Dear friends,

Once more we are pleased to present you RESCATE's Annual Activity Report, which gathers information about our initiatives and projects carried out through the year 2012.

Beyond reporting on our efforts to continue our work in favour of refugees in Spain and in countries, in which the department of Cooperation carries out activities, as well as within the most disadvantaged communities in these geographic areas, this report also shows a clear cut in funding for our activities allowing us to address the more than ever increasing needs of these people at both national and international levels.

One thing that marked the activities in 2012 was the Syrian conflict. Clashes have escalated thus reducing the possibility of helping the population that still remains in the country, and it has made the needed assistance of the great number of people, who have fled to neighbouring countries, more difficult.

However, RESCATE went on trying to appropriately direct the received economic financial support for projects in Syria and in that way carry out activities, which meet a part of the population's needs.

Throughout 2012, we also continued to work in the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) owing to the TELVA magazine, which has believed in RESCATE's work and granted us an extraordinary award for having implemented a modest project, thanks to which a training centre for women, victims of violence in the country, has been rebuilt. Nevertheless, this was the first country in which we have had to suspend our activities in the middle of the year, due to lack of resources, despite already planned projects and the efforts we've made for getting them financed.

In Spain, we have received a great number of requests for emergency assistance from applicants for international protection, including from those who have already been granted asylum, as they have been affected by widespread unemployment too.

In the autonomous community of Castilla-La Mancha, where we have relied on the estimable collaboration of the Asociación Cultural San Andrés since 2007 and in the Comunidad Valenciana, where we have been very active over the last five years, we were constrained to reduce our presence in the end of the year, due to few projects and scarce economic local resources. However, we can tell that there have been done great efforts for assuring the NGO's continuation in these regions.

To sum up, both difficulties and significant achievements have shaped this year. On the one hand, the accomplishments embraced legal and psychosocial support to applicants for international protection in favour of their integration and assistance for the reunification of families and humanitarian return. On the other hand, they included projects promoting food security, professional training, creation of job opportunities and improvement of sanitarian infrastructures in **Colombia**; activities to encourage pacific co-existence in **Lebanon**, support of sustainable and environmentally-friendly agricultural production systems in **Angola** and continuation of the strategic scheme that aimed at meeting the most basic needs of female Iraqi and Palestine refugees and of poor local women in **Syria and Jordan**; as well as audits, monitoring and evaluation of projects in general, which were maintained without serious difficulties.

Furthermore, in 2012, RESCATE took the first steps on the paths of multistakeholder alliances (NGO, companies, local institutions etc). An example of this is the support from FERROVIAL for a project for improving access to clean drinking water benefitting the agropastoralist families' children in Gode in the Somali region of **Ethiopia**.

Moreover, we continued to attract new members and guarantee the continuation of the support from previous years, despite the circumstances. We have also pursued active awareness raising campaigns carried out especially in the communities of Madrid, Valencia and Castilla-La Mancha.

In general, the year was marked by many more conflicts, a lot more work, increased needs and fewer resources to address the latter and therefore also marked by more initiatives and in particular by increased efforts made to provide assistance, to make new headway and to accomplish our mission.

And what is now required? We need your support, we need a lot of support and we need that instead of sounding as something distant, the word "refugee" must sound as something very near, real and conceivable, because tomorrow you and I, anyone, might become a refugee. In addition to the regular difficulties that we all have to cope with, they are confronted with supplementary and particularly complex circumstances.

With this presentation, we would like to invite you to read our activity report 2012.

Nora Avés | Director

# Who we are: MISSION, VISION and VALUES

RESCATE's **MISSION** is to work in favour of refugees and communities suffering oppression, armed conflicts and major political and social crises by helping them find long-term solutions to their situations and facilitating access to their basic rights.

Our **VISION** is to:

**Cooperate** for the reconstruction and empowerment of developing countries, where groups of displaced people and refugees live, who, together with the local population, need protection and assistance in order to meet their needs.

**Maintain** the attention on displaced people and refugees during the whole process of internal displacement and/or exit and potential resettlement in another country, until they integrate or decide to return to those countries of origin, in which conditions for their integration and security have become prosperous.

**Raise awareness** in the society on the basis of the national and international work. This is essential in order to guarantee sustainability of results of the work carried out.

The fundamental **VALUES** for our work are: solidarity, responsibility, respect, dignity, equality, justice and peace promotion.

## Projects and Activity Lines

To carry out this mission, ONG RESCATE relies on a professional managing team (employed personnel) that currently develops three activity lines or projects:

**Social Action or Direct Attention** for people in need of international protection, applicants or/and beneficiaries, and immigrants in Spain.

**International Cooperation** in countries that suffer and/or have suffered wars and/or with refugees and displaced people, and/or affected by conflicts and natural disasters.

**Awareness and Education for Development** for the Spanish society in order to bring about awareness and make the Spanish population committed to our mission.

RESCATE forms part of the following NGO networks: European Council on Refugees and Exiles. [www.ecre.org](http://www.ecre.org); Coordinadora de ONGD de España. [www.congde.org](http://www.congde.org); Red Española contra la Trata de Personas. [www.redcontralatrata.org](http://www.redcontralatrata.org); Federación de ONGD de la Comunidad de Madrid. [www.fongdcam.org](http://www.fongdcam.org); Coordinadora Valenciana de ONGD. [www.cvongd.org](http://www.cvongd.org); Coordinadora de ONGD de Castilla-La Mancha. [www.ongd-clm.org](http://www.ongd-clm.org); Federación de Entidades de Voluntariado de la Comunidad de Madrid. [www.fevocam.org](http://www.fevocam.org); Fundación para la Solidaridad y el Voluntariado de la Comunidad Valenciana. [www.fundar.es](http://www.fundar.es); and to the Plataforma contra la Pobreza de Valencia.

# History of ONG RESCATE

RESCATE began its activity in 1960, in Madrid, as the delegation of the North American organisation IRC in Spain. Since then, RESCATE has evolved to adapt to the changes.

- **1933.** **Albert Einstein** establishes a support network for Europeans, who sought to escape the Nazi regime. This is how the International Rescue Committee (IRC) was born.
- **1960.** **IRC opens an office in Spain:** IRC-Spain. This office was initially dedicated to the resettlement of refugees to the United States, Canada and Australia, for refugees who came to our country.
- **1980.** IRC-Spain collaborates with **UNHCR** as an implementing agency for projects. This partnership continues until december 1995.
- **1985.** Thanks to the first Spanish Asylum Act (1984), IRC-Spain begins to provide **legal counselling** to asylum seekers in Spain, and also begins to work in the areas of **family reunification and return**.
- **1992.** IRC-Spain reconstitutes itself as a **legally autonomous, Spanish NGO**, giving birth to the current organisation. It continues with its work in legal counselling, and introduces **integration programs** for asylum seekers and refugees.
- **1996.** RESCATE launches **International Programs**, which operates in the fields of relief, **rehabilitation and development**, supporting populations and communities affected by conflicts and natural disasters.
- **2002.** RESCATE is declared an **Association of Public Utility**.
- **2005.** RESCATE comply with all the principles of **Transparency and Good Practices** set out by the **Fundación Lealtad**.
- **2007.** RESCATE obtains the status of a **qualified NGO by the AECID**, necessary to sign Cooperation Agreements with the Agency.
- **2008.** RESCATE **changes its previous name** “Comité Internacional de Rescate España - RESCATE” to the current name: **ONG RESCATE Internacional**.
- **2009.** RESCATE obtains the **Development Cooperation Award of the Fundación José Entrecanales Ibarra** for a project that aimed at improving health and living conditions in the region of Oromia (Ethiopia).
- **2010.** RESCATE receives a “Ciudadanos” Award for its work during twelve years in the Balkans.
- **2011.** RESCATE´s projects have benefited nearly one million people, in 10 countries, of 4 continents.
- **2012.** The TELVA Magazine grants RESCATE one of TELVA's Solidarity Awards.

**A Global Citizen Association.** ONG RESCATE Internacional is an apolitical, secular and non-for-profit Spanish association, made up by 238 members, of which 59 are donor members. The Board of Directors is composed of the following members, elected by a General Assembly:

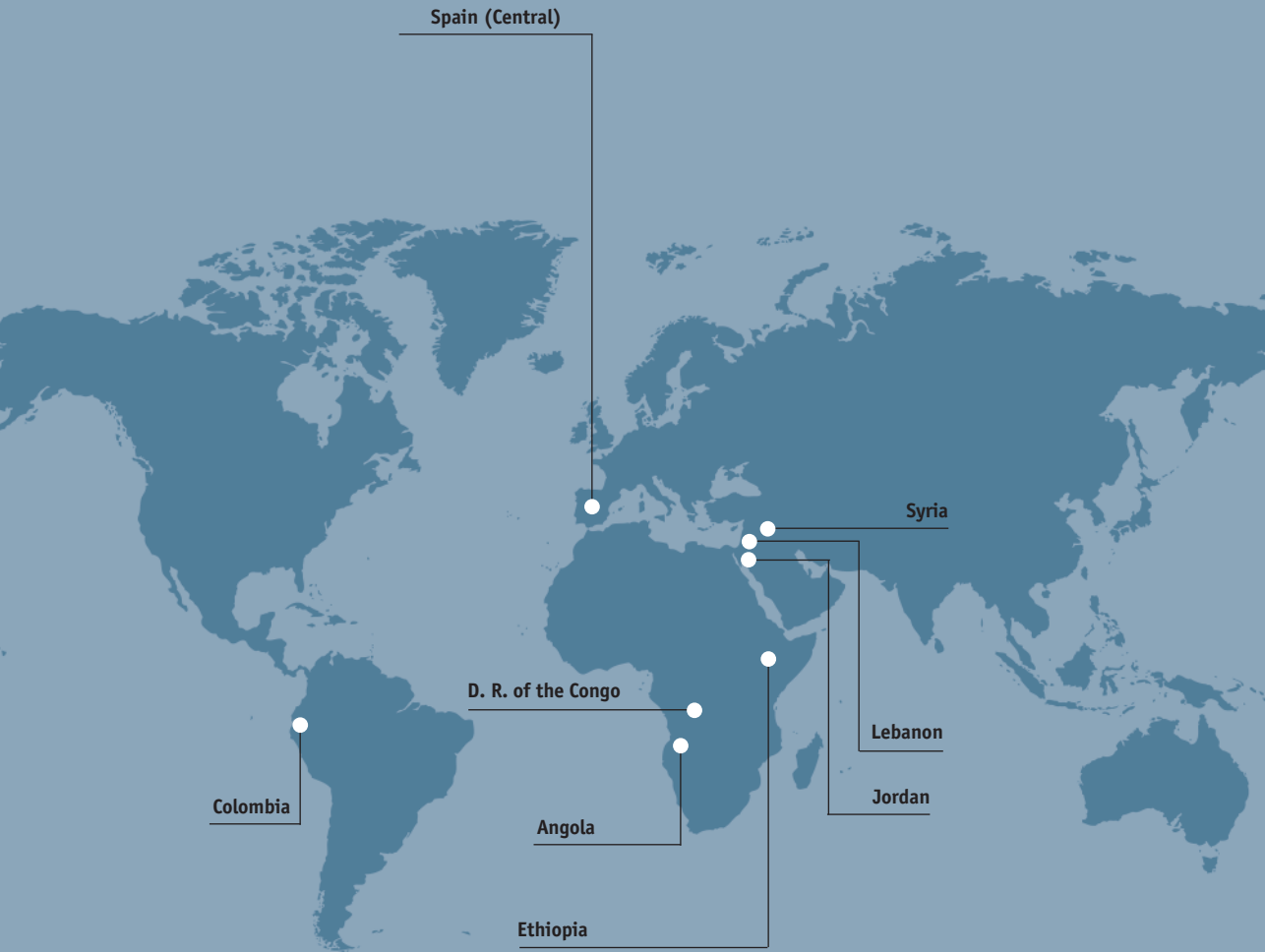
**President:** Juan Ángel López Romero. Auditor of accounts and fiscal accountant.

**Treasurer and Secretary:** Nicolás Ramo Kalkus. Financial Director of the DIMA group.

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The members are people with different nationalities, global citizens, who share RESCATE's mission and decide to become part of the association. For more information, please contact: [rescate@ongrescate.org](mailto:rescate@ongrescate.org)

# Where we work?



**RESCATE's mission is to:** work in favour of refugees and communities suffering oppression, armed conflicts and major political and social crises by helping them find long-term solutions to their situations and facilitating access to their basic rights.

Our work is based on **values** of solidarity, responsibility, respect, dignity, equality, justice and peace-building.



# Social Action

## Introduction

The Social Action Department carries out different national activities by implementing **Direct Attention Programs for refugees: people in need for international protection, applicants for and/or beneficiaries from international protection as well as immigrants** in Spain.

The department is composed of a Legal and a Psychological Section, with a team of multidisciplinary experts, which in 2012, was made up by five professionals with a background in Psychology, Social Education and Law. Furthermore, we have benefitted from the vital collaboration of volunteers and interns who have contributed with their efforts and devotion to the defense of Human Rights relating to asylum and migration in general.

In 2012 the department provided assistance to 525 people.

Likewise, Social Action develops other activities, such as participating in different national and European working groups, drawing up information materials on asylum, coordinating with different social agents etc.

**People in need for international protection in Spain.** Those are people who have been forced to leave their country because of a well-founded fear of being persecuted due to their race, religion, gender, nationality, membership of a particular social group or political opinion and who are within the Spanish State.

The essential legal standards, which protect these people, are the Geneva Convention (1951) and its Protocol of New York (1967). These standards were ratified by Spain in 1978 and the content is also included in the Spanish Constitution of that same year.

Spain is thus bound to protect people in need for International Protection - people who have been subject to violence, torture, and/or any other violation of the Human Rights.

beneficiary from RESCATE shows the documents which prove that he is an asylum seeker in Spain.



## Direct services: Table of projects, 2012

Project	Donor	Funding	Beneficiaries
<b>INTEGRATION LINE</b>			
Legal Services and Psychosocial Care specialised in International Protection	Ministry of Employment and Social Security (SPAIN). General Secretary of Immigration and Emigration. General Directorate of Migrations. Call for proposals - European Refugee Fund.	€45,000	53 people
Legal Advice specialised in International Protection	Centre for Social Responsibility of Lawyers-Madrid Bar Association.	€5,000	12 people
Structural Maintenance, Operation and Regular Activities	Ministry of Employment and Social Security (SPAIN). General Secretary of Immigration and Emigration. General Directorate of Migrations. Call for proposals – general scheme	€30,000	58 people
Family Reunification	Ministry of Health, Social Services and Equality (SPAIN). Secretary of State for Social Services and Equality. General Directorate of Family and Children. Call for proposals - IRPF	€29,131	73 people
<b>VOLUNTARY RETURN LINE</b>			
Voluntary Return	Ministry of Health, Social Services and Equality (SPAIN). Secretary of State for Social Services and Equality. General Directorate of Family and Children. Call for proposals - IRPF	€41,820	139 people
Voluntary Return – People in a vulnerable situation	Ministry of Employment and Social Security (SPAIN). General Secretary of Immigration and Emigration. General Directorate of Migrations. Call for proposals – the European Return Fund	€60,000	190 people

# DIRECT ATTENTION PROJECTS IN SPAIN

## Integration Line

**1 LEGAL SERVICES AND PSYCHOSOCIAL CARE SPECIALISED IN ASYLUM:** Legal and psychological support aiming at facilitating and promoting the integration process of stateless persons, people who have obtained the refugee status or another form of international protection. **Total number of people assisted: 53.**

GENDER		NATIONALITY				LEGAL STATUS		
Male	Female	Africa	America	Asia	Europe	Applicants for International Protection	Refugee Status	Subsidiary Protection Status
17	36	31	7	14	1	35	15	1

**2 LEGAL ADVICE SPECIALISED IN ASYLUM:** Legal assistance to people in need for international protection. **Total number of people assisted: 12**

GENDER		NATIONALITY		LEGAL STATUS	
Male	Female	Africa	America	International Protection Regime	Foreign Regime
10	2	10	2	11	1

**3 STRUCTURAL MAINTENANCE, OPERATION AND REGULAR ACTIVITIES:** Legal and psychosocial assistance to people of foreign origin. **Total number of people assisted: 58**

GENDER		NATIONALITY				LEGAL STATUS
Male	Female	Africa	America	Asia	Europe	Foreign Regime
27	31	20	28	8	2	58

**4 FAMILY REUNIFICATION:** Information, counselling and advice on requirements and procedures linked to family reunification; application procedures, financial travel assistance and monitoring of cases. **Total number of people assisted: 73**

GENDER		NATIONALITY				LEGAL STATUS	
Male	Female	Africa	America	Asia	Europe	International Protection Regime	Foreign Regime
31	42	19	42	11	1	18	55



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## Voluntary Return Line

**1 VOLUNTARY RETURN FOR FOREIGN PEOPLE IN A VULNERABLE SITUATION:** Information and advice on voluntary return and management of selected cases.

The aim of these projects is that the people concerned have access to all the information regarding the decision to return, the alternatives and the situation of the country of origin in order to avoid any hasty decisions.

**Call for proposals – IRPF scheme:** Total number of people assisted: 139. Total number of people returned: 25.

GENDER		NATIONALITY: AMERICA					NATIONALITY: EUROPE	LEGAL STATUS	
Male	Female	Bolivia	Colombia	Chile	Ecuador	El Salvador	Russia	International Protection Regime	Foreign Regime
11	14	7	3	6	3	2	4	1	25

**Co-financed by the European Return Fund:** Total number of people assisted: 190. Total number of people returned: 33.

GENDER		NATIONALITY						LEGAL STATUS		
Male	Female	Africa	America				Europe		Foreign Regime	
26	8	1	30				2		33	
		Ghana 1	Bolivia: 5	Brazil: 6	Colombia: 1	Mexico: 1	Venezuela: 1	Croatia 1		Ukraine 1
			Ecuador: 2	Nicaragua: 2	Honduras: 9	Paraguay: 1	Peru: 2			





In 2012, RESCATE provided assistance to 525 people with African, American, Asian and European origin either in need for international protection, applying or benefiting from international protection or being part of the immigrant population.



# International Cooperation

## Introduction

The basis of our work in the International Cooperation Department is to provide assistance to refugees, displaced persons and victims of conflicts and natural disasters. In 2012, we have carried out projects in various countries, which are suffering or have suffered natural disasters or conflicts, while paying special attention to the most vulnerable: women, children, youngsters and minorities as well as indigenous people and Afro descendants in Latin America.

Throughout 2012, RESCATE carried out projects in Africa, Latin America and Asia and benefitted 370,000 people with a resilience-based approach.

RESCATE has continued to work in 6 countries within the framework of five pluriannual agreements (a set of projects) signed with the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID), in Colombia, with the Afro descendants in Cauca and in Valle del Cauca; in Syria and Jordan, with female Palestinian and Iraqi refugees and low-income local inhabitants; in Ethiopia, with Somali agropastoralist communities; in Angola, with people who strive to regain their means of livelihood and restore their ways of live after a murderous 20-year long war; in the Democratic Republic of Congo, with children and women, victims of the Kivu conflict, and with displaced women, who have suffered the violence in Kinshasa; and in Lebanon, with young Palestinian refugees and Lebanese people, in order to restore peace.

Furthermore, 11 development cooperation and

humanitarian aid projects have been carried out in order to contribute to the physical, social and economic reconstruction of the countries in conflict or in a post-conflict situation, in which we work. All the interventions place special emphasis on meeting the civilian populations' basic needs, such as access to drinking water, food security, education, health and a decent work. The objective to build a more solid foundation for the development of the countries, in which RESCATE works, has been achieved through interventions supporting initiatives that favour empowerment of institutions and projects that benefits the development of civil society, which together promote the democratisation process and the establishment of good governance.

Owing to these projects, refugees, displaced persons, people in a return procedure or simply local inhabitants, whose livelihood has been affected by a conflict or by the massive influx of displaced persons or refugees, have succeeded, in decent conditions, to reintegrate into and/or adapt to the new context engendered by an armed incident.

Through our international cooperation programmes, RESCATE intends to create a favourable environment for peacebuilding in countries, which are suffering or have suffered from any kind of conflict or which receive refugees from neighbouring countries. What is more, we help empowering communities in order for them to develop sufficient capacity to recover, in case they might be affected by another conflict or catastrophe.

Angola



# Africa



**ANGOLA.** In 2012, RESCATE has continued to work in the Bié province, which is one of the areas the most ruined by the more than 20-year long armed conflict. In order to promote restructuration and growth of the economic fabric, which has been destroyed and transformed by a war economy, we have focused our activities on supporting sustainable and environmentally-friendly agricultural production systems. Furthermore, we have placed special emphasis on promoting associativism and the empowerment of municipal and provincial institutions in the Cuemba and Nharea districts. We have also focused on improving health conditions of inhabitants in Cuemba by building sanitation infrastructures and providing training in hygiene habits.



**ETHIOPIA.** RESCATE has continued to work in the regions of Somali, Oromia and Sidamo pursuing food security and safe drinking water projects. During 2012, in the Somali Regional State, various water points for human and animal use and water storage tanks have been built. Moreover, nurseries, intended to create community woods with ornamental and fruit trees that respectively avoid erosion and guarantee food security, have been put in place. This work has, in particular, been carried out within agropastoralist communities.



**D. R. OF THE CONGO.** In 2012, RESCATE kept working in the North and the South of the Kivu province. These areas are those which have been the most affected by the two wars that have occurred in the country. Moreover, outbreaks of violence in the region this year provoked situations of humanitarian emergencies. Through these interventions, we aim to provide the civil society access to the most basic social services by carrying out projects in the field of access to drinking water, basic sanitation, health (construction of Primary and HIV attention centres) and education (literacy, training of teachers, construction of schools and awareness campaigns on access to education).



Through these interventions, we aim to provide the civil society access to the most basic social services by carrying out projects in the field of access to drinking water, basic sanitation, health (construction of Primary and HIV attention centres) and education (literacy, training of teachers, construction of schools and awareness campaigns on access to education).

RESCATE has also worked in Kinshasa, the capital, in order to provide women with the necessary training, which makes them able to cope in an urban context, find a job and earn a living in a decent way. Furthermore, we have supported their children and the children living in socially excluded neighbourhoods in Kinshasa by offering the necessary educational reinforcement that makes them able to finish their studies.

## Africa: Table of projects in 2012

Project	Local counterpart	Donor	Funding	Direct beneficiaries
<b>ANGOLA</b>				
<b>Improvement of health conditions in Cuemba</b> by the construction of sanitation infrastructures and value-based training in hygiene and sanitation	People in Need (PIN)	AECID	€458,070	10,000 people
<b>Support and promotion of inclusive, fair and sustainable economic growth</b> through the creation of an economic fabric, promotion of associativism and empowerment of municipal and provincial institutions in the country	People in Need (PIN)	AECID Agreement	€2,000,000	50,000 people
<b>ETHIOPIA</b>				
<b>Comprehensive Development Programme</b> in the Kebri Beyah District	HFH/ECC-SDCOH	Obra Social La Caixa	€600,000	60,500 people
<b>Food security, diversification of income sources, improvement of production, reinforcement of the associative network</b> and marketing systems including sustainability and gender equality in Somali	ECC-SDCOH	AECID-Agreement	€1,760,000	42,184 people
Access to food security by <b>promoting diversification of the agricultural production and efficient use of water resources</b> in Gode	ECC-SDCOH	AECID	€556,457	8,000 people
<b>D. R. OF THE CONGO</b>				
<b>Access to early childhood education</b> in South Kivu	People in Need (PIN)	AECID	€537,380	100,000 people
Creation of a future for displaced women and youngsters in Kinshasa through <b>comprehensive training</b>	Misioneras del Sagrado Corazón de Jesús	TELVA	€14,000	1,000 people



Ethiopia



Ethiopia

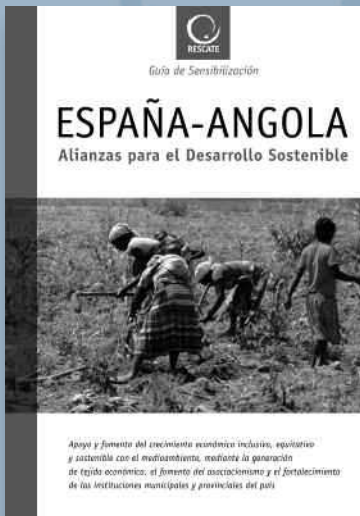
# Publications

## Guide: SPAIN - ANGOLA

### *Alliances for Sustainable Development*

In collaboration with *ONGAWA Engineering for Human Development* and thanks to the financing of the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID), RESCATE published, in October 2012, the awareness-raising guide “Spain-Angola: Alliance for Sustainable Development”.

The aim of the publication is to highlight the importance of cooperation on development between countries and the necessity for Spanish companies to adopt a responsible approach to internationalisation by promoting fair and equal alliances.



## Guide: ETHIOPIA

### *Water for Peace*

In 2012, RESCATE fulfilled 11 years of undertakings in Ethiopia. In order to gather the information about the activities carried out during these years in the Somali region, the awareness-raising guide “Ethiopia: Water for Peace” was published in December 2012 thanks to the financing of AECID.

Besides making up a capitalisation of the work carried out by AECID, RESCATE and local organizations altogether, this publication aims at stressing that it is necessary to know the main keys, which facilitate the “Water Cycle”, and at valuing the work carried out by Spanish Cooperation in Ethiopia.



In case you would like to get hold of any of the publications, please send an e-mail to: [rescate@ongrescate.org](mailto:rescate@ongrescate.org)



# 2012, TELVA Solidarity Award Ceremony

In 2012 TELVA Magazine granted one of its solidarity awards to ONG RESCATE, more precisely the second award in the International category for the project: “Creating a future for displaced women and youngsters in Kinshasa (Democratic Republic of Congo) through comprehensive training”.

Thanks to this award, RESCATE will be able to reinforce an educational centre for young women, who find themselves being head of the household and widows after having survived the long-lasting war in DR Congo, and who have been forced to leave for the capital, Kinshasa. In this centre, these women receive classes on reading and writing and professional training (needlework, typing and computing).

We would like to address our acknowledgements to TELVA Solidarity’s award committee and to the sponsoring companies the Cortefiel Group and Unidad Editorial.

This is the third award that RESCATE has received in the last few years, following the Development Cooperation Award from the José Entrecanales Ibarra Foundation (in 2009) for the project “Access to drinking water and basic sanitation for the rural population in Boke. Oromia Region. Ethiopia” and the award delivered by Asociación Premios Ciudadanos (2010 edition) in recognition of RESCATE’s work in favour of peacebuilding in the Balkans.



María Ángeles Sebastián, member of the board of directors, receiving the TELVA Solidarity Award



# Latin America



**COLOMBIA.** According to data published by the UNHCR (United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees), the number of displaced persons reaches more than 3 millions in Colombia. In 2012, RESCATE mainly focused its efforts in the Cauca Department, which is one of the areas that are the most hard-hit by the armed conflict and in which the population is characterised by its ethnic variety, including large communities of indigenous people and Afro descendants.

The lack of basic services and the scarcity of jobs, a situation which is worsened by perpetual outbreaks of violence, make up the key issue in the region. RESCATE's projects in this area aim at addressing this insufficiency through promoting food security, professional training, creation of jobs and the improvement of sanitation infrastructures in order to support civil society by respecting and protecting their Human Rights, whether they might be economic, social or cultural. Taking into account that rural poverty constitutes almost 63% of world poverty, RESCATE essentially operates in rural areas in which agricultural production makes up a necessity for the different communities to survive, (whether they are displaced people, local inhabitants, indigenous people or Afro descendants). Support to rural families intended to improve their sanitary conditions and increase and ameliorate their production is, without any doubt, a way to guarantee basic food and a means of earning an income owing to potential generated surpluses. Furthermore, RESACTE helped small producers establishing trade relations with local markets (supermarkets or distribution companies). What is more, we helped create links with local, national and international companies in order to lay the foundation for continuous and steady sales.

During 2012, an agroindustrial plant, which process cacao and chocolate, in Guachené and Villarrica, was completed. It is the only such plant in the south west of Colombia that includes a social aspect. It benefits directly some 220 families and indirectly more than 1,200.

## Latin America: Table of ongoing projects in 2012

Project	Local counterpart	Donor	Funding	Direct beneficiaries
<b>COLOMBIA</b>				
<b>Comprehensive support to Afro descendants</b> by guaranteeing their economic, social or cultural Human Rights (Cauca)	UOAFROC/FUNIC	AECID-Convenio	€800,000	5,000 people
<b>Access to income generating activities and to drinking water</b> for extremely low-income Afro Colombian families by the <b>construction of a banana processing plant</b> in the village of Gelima and the construction of the Caloto-Ciénaga Honda section of the regional aqueduct in the North of Cauca. Suarez and Guachene municipalities.	FUNIC	Ayuntamiento de Madrid	€250,000	42,000 people
Improvement of income level and access to <b>food security</b> and jobs for low-income Afro descendant families by creating a <b>banana processing plant</b> and supporting cultivation of crops and household gardens in the North of Cauca.	FUNIC	Junta de Comunidades de Castilla-La Mancha	€276,985	2,015 people
<b>Food security</b> and development of an economic fabric for extremely low-income farmer communities in Piendamó (Cauca) by supporting the productive chain of sugarcane and its organisational empowerment	FUNIC	Comunidad de Madrid	€193,678	1,000 people

# Asia. The Middle East

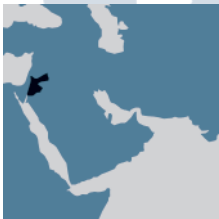
Throughout the year 2012, RESCATE continued the activities in Syria and Jordan, programmed within the framework of the agreement signed with the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID), in order to cover the basic needs of the most vulnerable and low-income female population, might they be refugees from the Palestinian Territories or from Iraq, women in rural areas or those living in the suburbs of big cities. Moreover, we have been working on peacebuilding and resolution of conflicts between Lebanese communities and Palestinian refugees, following the settlement in refugee camps or reinstallation of the latter, and on capacity building of the civil society in order to favour their involvement in the respect of good governance.



**SYRIA.** During the year 2012, our activities have been marked by the ferocious conflict that the country faces. According to the UNHCR almost 500,000 refugees fleeing from Syria to neighbouring countries, especially to Lebanon and Jordan, were registered. Within Syria, more than 2.6 million lives are threatened, including especially children, who suffer violence, large-scale displacements as well as scarcity and lack of access to basic resources such as water, food, health and education.

RESCATE has succeeded in continuing working in the service centre designed to support women in the Neirab refugee camp, which is situated in the region of Aleppo in the North of the country, where 19,000 Palestinian refugees live. This centre was designed to provide services to 1,850 beneficiaries. However, it has been necessary to redefine the services provided, such as organisation of training in first aid and nutrition (with special attention devoted to children and pregnant women), basic health care and distribution of basic food baskets to the families.

In the Raqqa area, a rural development project was completed benefiting 110 women, who were given pregnant ewes and training on breeding, feeding and veterinary care as well as on processing and commercialising ovine products in order to generate an income for their families.



**JORDAN.** This country was, in 2012, one of the main countries that received Syrian refugees. This had a serious impact on the country's capacity of providing basic services to the whole population.

RESCATE has continued working in the Women's Service Centre in the suburb of Hashmi, which is one of the most deprived areas in East Amman and where thousands of Iraqi, Palestinian and Syrian refugees together with low-income Jordanians are concentrated. The centre provides education services and offers professional training for vulnerable women in order to prevent unemployment and gender-based violence. This centre is being extended thanks to a subsidy granted by the Generalitat Valenciana.

During 2012, we have finished setting up a clinic in Yayous (Zarqa), which provides health care for women in this pocket of poverty, where Palestinian, Iraqi and Syrian refugees and low-income Jordanians live. What is more, we have continued working in Beirein where we have accomplished a vegetable processing plant, which is already being managed by local rural low-income women. These women have received training in production methods, processing and packaging techniques and the drawing up of market plans. Training sessions on health, hygiene and nutrition were also organised.

In order to guarantee the proper development of all of the activities basically intended for women, awareness campaigns were organised targeting especially men to make sure that they would support their wives unconditionally in entering the labour world.

Furthermore, we have kept on working in the field of democratisation and good governance with two projects aiming at empowering the Jordanian civil society by strengthening associative structures and training their members in order to favour their participation in public life. In the Misherfi area we have assisted the extremely low-income population, which has begun to strengthen its associative network, so that they will be able to offer their most needy co-citizens professional training and microcredit.



Jordan



**LEBANON.** In 2012, this country has been largely affected by the Syrian crisis and thus by the massive influx of fleeing people crossing the border every day. The Syrian refugees find themselves dispersed in around 700 Lebanese locations thus creating tensions and violent

situations between the refugees and the local hosting communities regarding access to basic resources spurred by high unemployment rates. Hundreds of refugees have found themselves in highly devastated areas without access to electricity and drinking water.

In RESCATE we have continued to carry out activities in the framework of the agreement signed with the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID) favouring peacebuilding and conflict resolution. We consider that lack of education is one of the major obstacles that hinder poor people to get a job that would allow them to live a decent live. Moreover, lack of education blocks economic and social progress thus contributing to a perpetual state of poverty and in some countries, such as Lebanon, this has been partly responsible for major instability. In RESCATE we believe that facilitating access to training with a focus on integration of the population into the labour market without distinguishing between people with different backgrounds (Palestinian refugees living in 12 different refugee camps for 60 years now, Syrian refugees and low income Lebanese people), is essential in order to create an enduring economic and social development an constitutes a key element in reconciliation and peacebuilding in the area.

In 2012, we have pursued working with the training centres, which are managed by our local partners and that aim at guaranteeing appropriate labour integration of the persons who have received training. Due to the delicate balance of the country, a travelling theatre has kept on working in the different refugee camps, settlements and Lebanese villages in order to promote peacebuilding between the two groups (the refugees and the local people).



Lebanon



Lebanon

## Asia: Table of ongoing projects in 2012

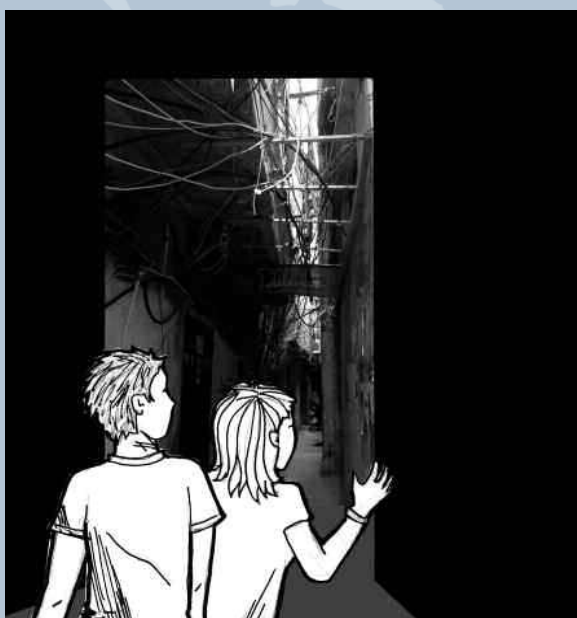
Project	Local counterpart	Donor	Funding	Direct beneficiaries
<b>MIDDLE EAST</b>				
<b>Comprehensive integration of women in vulnerable situations</b> , refugees, women living in rural areas or in poverty: access to basic education, professional training, creation of job opportunities, health care and promotion of Human Rights in Syria and Jordan	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>- Jordanian National Forum for Women (JNFW)</li> <li>- Jordan River Foundation (JRF)</li> <li>- Asociación Cooperativista para la Capacitación de la Mujer (HAJW), in Jordan</li> <li>- Fund for Integrated Rural Development (FIRDOS), in Syria</li> <li>- Asociación Bissan para el Desarrollo Social (Syria)</li> <li>- ACSAD (Syria)</li> </ul>	AECID -Agreement	€2,000,000	30,720 people
		JNFW	Generalitat Valenciana	€231,130
<b>Access to labour market for Jordanian women</b> with a low income and women from Palestine and Iraq living in East Amman (Jordan)	JNFW	AECID	€172,000	9,600 people
<b>Improvement of living conditions through training, access to microcredit and empowerment of the civil society</b> in the Misherfi community (Jordan)	JNFW	AECID	€236,446	13,770 people
<b>Empowerment of civil society organisations</b> and promotion of public participation (Jordan)	JNFW	AECID	€2,500,000	26,000 people
Promotion of peacebuilding between the Palestinian and the Lebanese population through <b>access to jobs and decent housing</b> as well as support of <b>initiatives promoting coexistence</b> between Palestinian and Lebanese children and youngsters in refugee camps and settlements (Lebanon)	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>-NAVTTs</li> <li>-Najdeh</li> <li>-ARCPA</li> <li>-NISCVT</li> </ul>	AECID -Agreement	€2,500,000	26,000 people



# Refugee families in Lebanon

RESCATE implements programs set out by the agreement on Lebanon, thanks to the financing granted by the Spanish Agency for International Development Cooperation (AECID), in order to promote pacific coexistence between the Palestinian and Lebanese population by reducing tensions related to access to employment and decent housing, with special attention devoted to children and youngsters.

Following this work carried out in Lebanon thanks to the local organisations' assistance, the blog "Refugee Families in Lebanon" ([www.familiasrefugiadasenlibano.org](http://www.familiasrefugiadasenlibano.org)) was launched in May 2012 as a tool designed to raise awareness. It shows the living conditions of Palestinian refugees in Lebanon, the coexistence between cultures and populations and the projects carried out by RESCATE owing to the financing granted by AECID and the collaboration with local counterparts. These projects aimed at improving the families' prospects.



## Story writing contest

In the same vein, the story writing contest "Refugee families in Lebanon – What do you see?" was launched in November 2012 with the objective to render the vulnerable situation, in which Palestinian refugees are living in refugee camps and settlements in Lebanon due to the lack of resources and opportunities, visible.

Through this contest, which went on until mid-2013, RESCATE intends to raise awareness about the reality that refugees in Lebanon face.





RESCATE works in Africa (Ethiopia and Democratic Republic of Congo), Latin America (Colombia) and Asia (Syria, Jordan and Lebanon) and the activities have benefited more than 370,000 people this year.

In 2012, our work was marked by the ferocious conflict in Syria.

According to UN figures, at least 5,000 people flee the country every day and more than 2.6 million lives are put at risk within Syria.

# External Relations

## Introduction

The Department of External Relations elaborates awareness and educational development projects and inform on the organisation’s general activities **in order to raise awareness within the Spanish society about refugees’ and displaced persons’ reality** so that they become aware and committed to act in favour of this group of people by supporting RESCATE’s projects.

External Relations is divided into two sections: the Awareness and Education for Development section and that of Communication and Fundraising. The tasks are carried out by employed personnel and thanks to the assistance of volunteer staff throughout Spain, in Madrid (head office), Valencia and Talavera de la Reina (Toledo).



In line with last year, various awareness educational activities and initiatives in favour of development as well as institutional events and training sessions have been carried out. The common objective of all these activities was to promote Human Rights in general and especially the economic, social and cultural Rights (ECS) as a way to guarantee a lasting and sustainable peace.

The target group was constituted of adult citizens, young students and children.

As a novelty in 2012, new technologies (such as social networks, web 2.0 etc.) continued to play a particularly important role combined with the use of traditional tools, such as roundtables and intergenerational activities.

### Awareness and Education for Development: Table of projects, 2012

Project	Donor	Grant	Beneficiaries
<b>INTEGRATION LINE</b>			
Angola agreement	AECID - agreement	€11,575.95	1,000 people
Ethiopia agreement	AECID - agreement	€2,372.92	800 people
Lebanon agreement	AECID - agreement	€8,924.43	3,000 people

# 20<sup>th</sup> June 2012, the World Refugee Day

ONG RESCATE organised and participated in various activities in the framework of the World Refugee Day, 20<sup>th</sup> of June, together with other organisations working along the same line aiming at reminding people of the violations of Human Rights, from which refugees and displaced people suffer around the world, and making them visible.



The 20<sup>th</sup> June 2012, RESCATE organised in collaboration with the UNHCR, Accem, CEAR, Red Cross and Womens Link a press conference in Madrid with the participation of the Spanish Secretary of State for Immigration and Emigration, Mrs Marina del Corral, and the General Director of Internal Policy, Mrs Christina Díaz, in order to remind of the protection that Spain has to provide refugees as a State that has signed the Geneva Convention. The participants gathered subsequently on the square of Lavapiés with an “umbrella”, an event that took place in various European capitals at the initiative of the European Council on Refugees and Exiles (ECRE). The umbrellas were meant to symbolise the protection given to refugees in the EU.

As every year, RESCATE celebrated the day in Valencia along with Red Cross, CEAR, CAR of Mislata and the UNHCR participating in the usual week full of amusing activities and the Arcoris event organised by the Refugees Centre (CAR) in Alcobendes (Madrid).



▲ Ceremony “Water for Peace”. Right to Water to build peace in Ethiopia”, Madrid.

In the Comunidad de Madrid, RESCATE carried out an operation for integration on 28<sup>th</sup> June between users and their families, the volunteers, professionals and people interested in the organisation. Our exhibition, “Water management in Ethiopia” was shown in the Ethiopian restaurants, NURIA, showing the close link between the vulnerable situations in which the displaced persons in the Somali region live and the work carried out by RESCATE in the region.

► Intergenerational Ceremony “A letter for Salim” in Talavera de la Reina.

The World Refugee Day in Castilla-La Mancha also dealt with Ethiopia. RESCATE organised an intergenerational activity, “A letter for Salim”, which aimed at showing youngsters and their attendants the importance of the right to water in Ethiopia through a joyful activity loaded with messages of solidarity.



# Financial information

<b>INCOME (Euros)</b>		
<b>INCOME THROUGH THE ORGANISATION'S OWN ACTIVITIES</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
<b>Subsidies, donations, legacies allocated to the year's result</b>	<b>3,982,430.20</b>	<b>4,666,037.73</b>
Public funds	3,728,927.76	4,459,404.83
Private funds	253,502.44	206,632.90
<b>Other income sources</b>	<b>7,858.77</b>	<b>3,528.91</b>
<b>Subsidies, donations and legacies of capital deferred income transferred to the result of the year</b>	<b>5,249.76</b>	
Financial income	4,067.58	16,134.09
Positive exchange rate differences	1,066.13	
<b>Total income</b>	<b>4,000,672.44</b>	<b>4,685,700.73</b>
<b>EXPENDITURES (Euros)</b>		
<b>PROGRAMMES</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
Social Action	224,598.55	281,083.11
International Cooperation	3,423,001.02	4,034,838.15
Awareness and Education for Development	22,349.35	60,317.05
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>3,669,948.92</b>	<b>4,376,238.31</b>
Administration and fundraising	319,914.96	308,063.37
<b>Total expenditures</b>	<b>3,989,863.88</b>	<b>4,684,301.68</b>
<b>BALANCE</b>	<b>10,808.56</b>	<b>1,399.05</b>



# Managed grants and donations in 2012

<b>FROM PUBLIC FUNDS (Euros)</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
AECID	3,262,365.11	3,526,843.43
Ayuntamiento de Madrid	15,588.29	248,966.49
Generalitat Valenciana	60,626.24	37,183.29
Ministry of Employment and Social Security (SPAIN)/ European Refugee Fund	45,024.90	45,093.44
Comunidad de Madrid	65,232.41	140,117.59
Ministry of Employment and Social Security (SPAIN)/ European Return Fund	60,000.00	59,624.80
Ministry of Employment and Social Security (SPAIN)	37,419.18	33,943.06
Ministry of Employment and Social Security (SPAIN)/ European Integration Fund		27,000.00
Junta de Comunidades de Castilla la Mancha	115,723.90	267,093.88
Ministry of Health, Social Security and Equality (SPAIN)	70,951.00	70,951.00
Ayuntamiento de Talavera de la Reina		450,00
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>3,732,931.03</b>	<b>4,457,266.98</b>
<b>FROM PRIVATE FUNDS (Euros)</b>	<b>2012</b>	<b>2011</b>
Membership fees from affiliates and users	8,127.94	8,449.24
Foundation Obra Social La Caixa	174,094.97	137,911.21
Obra Social Caja de Ahorros del Mediterráneo		6,000.00
Donations from CAM		51,498.24
Ilustre Colegio de Abogados de Madrid	5,000.00	
Group Cortefiel	9,000.00	
Unidad Editorial	5,000.00	
Movistar	409.03	
itm,s.l	837.46	
Donations from SabadellCAM	47,372.00	
Other income from private donors	4,907.53	2,774.11
<b>Subtotal</b>	<b>254,748.93</b>	<b>206,632.90</b>
<b>Total subsidies and donations managed in 2012</b>	<b>3,987,679.96</b>	<b>4,663,899.88</b>

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*Rivero & Asociados***Informe de auditoría de cuentas anuales**

A la Junta Directiva de la Asociación ONG RESCATE INTERNACIONAL:

Hemos auditado las cuentas anuales de la asociación ONG RESCATE INTERNACIONAL, que comprenden el balance al 31 de diciembre de 2011, la cuenta de pérdidas y ganancias y la memoria correspondientes al ejercicio anual terminado en dicha fecha. La Junta Directiva de la Asociación es la responsable de la formulación de las cuentas anuales de la entidad, de acuerdo con el marco normativo de información financiera aplicable a la entidad (que se identifica en la Nota 2 de la memoria adjunta) y, en particular, con los principios y criterios contables contenidos en el mismo. Nuestra responsabilidad es expresar una opinión sobre las citadas cuentas anuales en su conjunto, basada en el trabajo realizado de acuerdo con la normativa reguladora de la actividad de auditoría de cuentas vigente en España, que requiere el examen, mediante la realización de pruebas selectivas, de la evidencia justificativa de las cuentas anuales y la evaluación de si su presentación, los principios y criterios contables utilizados y las estimaciones realizadas, están de acuerdo con el marco normativo de información financiera que resulta de aplicación.

En nuestra opinión, las cuentas anuales del ejercicio 2011 adjuntas expresan, en todos los aspectos significativos, la imagen fiel del patrimonio y de la situación financiera de la asociación ONG RESCATE INTERNACIONAL, al 31 de diciembre de 2011, así como de los resultados de sus operaciones correspondientes al ejercicio anual terminado en dicha fecha, de conformidad con el marco normativo de información financiera que resulta de aplicación y, en particular, con los principios y criterios contables contenidos en el mismo.

Madrid, a 25 de octubre de 2012

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Just like last year, in 2012, one of the organisation's main objectives was to suggest new persons, who are familiar with our mission, to become members of RESCATE, so as to increase the organisation's support within the civil society. This is, indeed, essential in order to guarantee the perpetuation of our activities. For more information, please contact: [rescate@ongrescate.org](mailto:rescate@ongrescate.org)

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