



# WAPA

GIVE CHILD SOLDIERS THEIR FUTURE BACK.

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SOUTIEN AUX PROJETS DE REINTEGRATION SCOLAIRE ET SOCIO-ECONOMIQUE DES FILLES LIBEREES DES FORCES ARMEEES ET GROUPES ARMES AU SUD-KIVU, REPUBLIQUE DEMOCRATIQUE DU CONGO.  
CTO POUR LES FILLES

**WAPA**  
WOMEN AND PEACE ACTION



# 2021

## ANNUAL REPORT



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## 2021 MEANT FOR WAPA :



**Renewing** ties with the young people we support and with our partners we hadn't seen since the start of the pandemic.

**Set up** a new team, with one departure, one expatriation and two newcomers.

**After** this long period of disruption (closure of schools, interruptions of training and programs, rehabilitation centers left on their own, ...) we had to redefine the primary meaning of our work, our programs, of all our activities.

**Re-establish** contacts with the DRC to fund programs for the reintegration of child soldiers whose recruitment increased during the pandemic.

**Reconnect** with all of you at our events, as well as with our volunteers, donors, friends and partners.

**Revive** little by little!

The WAPA's

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## WAPA'S MISSION



## WAPA

**WAR-AFFECTED PEOPLE'S ASSOCIATION**  
FIGHTS AGAINST THE USE OF CHILDREN  
IN ARMED CONFLICTS AND FOR  
THEIR REINTEGRATION INTO  
REINFORCED COMMUNITIES.

### How ?

In the South, **WAPA** works with local partners in areas affected by armed conflict, or with partners who have implemented and financed their reintegration programs.

In the North, **WAPA** conducts awareness-raising and advocacy campaigns on the issue of child soldiers to end their recruitment (prevention, demobilization, reintegration).

THE WAPA PROGRAMS ARE BASED ON **3** PILLARS :

**WAPA** aims to fund (in whole or in part) holistic programs that provide concrete and sustainable care for demobilized children from armed forces and groups, prioritizing **3** specific pillars :

- Healthcare and well-being
- Education and professional training
- Micro-entrepreneurship





## PROGRAMS / COUNTRIES / LOCAL PARTNERS

# Results 2021 :

DISCOVER HOW, ALL OF US TOGETHER,  
HAD IMPACT IN 2021:

### DRC (Kivu)

**10** children (5 boys and 5 girls) have access to primary school for 1 year (packages with school supplies, registration fees, national test if necessary, follow-up of the children).

**10** children (5 boys and 5 girls) have 1 year access to secondary school (packs of school supplies, registration fees, national test if necessary, follow-up of the children).

The families of these **20** schoolchildren receive the means to start an income-generating activity (trade and catering) in order to finance the education of their child(ren) in the medium and long term.

**5** young people (3 girls and 2 boys) have access to professional and economic (re)integration activities: opportunity studies, learning kits, registration fees at Master Craftsmen Trainers, fees for professional juries, materials for production unit and follow-up of each young person for 12 months.

## COLOMBIA

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In **Cali**, **25** children were able to attend art therapy workshops and plant a vegetable garden thanks to funding from the program: human resources (program manager, artist, methodologist, coordinator, administrative support), purchase of technical and artistic materials (computer and camera), transport, artistic and fun outings, ...

In **Medellin**, **50** young people had access to art therapy workshops thanks to the co-financing of the program along with the financial contribution to artistic and fun outings.

## UGANDA

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**50** children received a grant, 47 in primary education and 3 in secondary education. We also financed the school coordinator's salary, the children's meals, and teaching materials during school closures.

The **Agonga maternity hospital** was completed and inaugurated in October. It is equipped with medical equipment (pediatrics).

**2** The operating costs of the Unyama maternity are financed: salary of midwives and domestic help to **facilitate 1 to 2 deliveries per day**, pre- and post-natal follow-up, family planning and vaccination of babies.

The operation of our model farm was financed for the training of future **farmers in dairy farming**.

## SRI LANKA

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**38** scholarships were awarded to female ex-combatants/former child soldiers who became householders after the war to start an income-generating business.

**35** micro-credits have been granted to women to expand their income-generating activities.

**150** children of ex-combatants/ex-child soldiers were supported with grants during the year.

The program has been put on hold for part of the year due to the health restrictions, also some of the money sent by **WAPA** has been used for emergency aid for the purchase of respirators.



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## EVENTS / CAMPAIGNS / IMPORTANT FACTS

### Events

#### WFL 6

7 clubs,  
100 teams,  
1,283 attendees,  
€60,875 raised,  
4 weeks in June.  
No grand final  
(COVID). New club:  
Crossing (Schaerbeek).

#### 6H Paddle

5<sup>th</sup> edition,  
11 teams,  
€17,415 raised,  
September 5, 2021,  
at the Lac du Chalet  
Robinson in Bruxelles.

#### WCFL

1<sup>st</sup> edition,  
€6,150 collected,  
11 teams,  
nearly 140 players.  
September 9, 2021,  
at Royal Ixelles  
Sporting Club.

#### 20KM

€6,718 collected,  
33 runners,  
September 12, 2021,  
in Bruxelles.



# Campaigns

## «The Hardest Dictation»

(February 2021): developed with the support of the communication agency SecondFloor. This awareness campaign on the problem of the use of children in armed conflict was broadcast in the Belgian media (TV, radio, press, social networks) and sent to almost 1650 French speaking schools in Belgium.

## Charidy

(December 2021): an absolute record for WAPA during its annual campaign crowdfunding, €143,355 collected through solidarity companies and patrons who promise to double the private donations collected within a 36 hour period on December 14 and 15, 2021.

## Challenge 4WAPA

(Spring 2021): a sport challenge from March to June 2021 which mobilized about 262 donors for a track of 20,000 km, €14,000 raised.





# Important facts

In May 2021, WAPA is recognized as Civil Society Organization, a great recognition for our young association. The road to financing and developing our project in the DRC through grants from the Belgian federal authorities is beginning to unfold! WAPA will therefore continue to make every effort to obtain this public support for the next 5 years (2022-2026 program). Part of the team spends several months on: workshops, training courses, research, concluding partnerships, ... in order to draw up a holistic and sustainable program in order to obtain a strong case.

Every effort is made to convince the DGD of the impact of our program and of our collaboration with the BVES (Bureau du Volontariat pour la protection de l'Enfance et de la Santé) in the DRC. A substantial investment for the association, which will bear fruit for years to come.

## BUT 2021 WAS ALSO...

- The exploratory mission in the DRC and meeting with 5 potential partners (07/01).
- The choice of the new BVES partner in the DRC confirmed by the Board of Directors (27/01).
- The installation of solar panels thanks to PTC in Palenga, Uganda (3/02).
- The creation of the "Guapa" ring by the Taohé workshop for the benefit of WAPA (24/03).
- WAPA becomes an official member of Acodev (16-06) and of the Educaid network (18/06).
- A major awareness project: exhibition by students from College Sainte-Marie (17/06) and meeting with students from Schaerbeek (23/06).
- New ambassadors: Alia Cardyn, Tom Boon and Jacques Borlée
- The inauguration of the maternity ward in Agonga (20/10) and the follow-up mission to Uganda.
- The arrival of 2 new WAPAs: Florence & Valentine (16/11).
- The follow-up mission in Colombia (28/11).



## WAPA in the press

1. Solveig on LN24 with Philippe Hensmans from Amnesty International (27/02)
2. Véro on Nostalgie + article (09/03)
3. Article by Olivia Borlée in Femmes d'Aujourd'hui (05/05)
4. Solveig in the News 24 with Dany Boon (01/10)
5. Véro on BX1 with Cargo TV (23/04)



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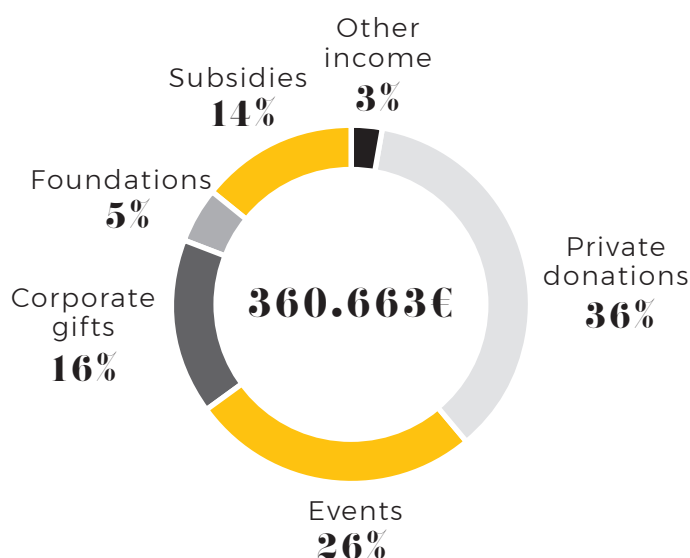
## FINANCIAL REPORT

### The most important figures

FOLLOWING THE HEALTH CRISIS THAT STRONGLY AFFECTED 2020, **WAPA** COULD RELAUNCH AND EXTEND ITS MAIN EVENTS (THE WAPA FOOTBALL LEAGUE AND WAPA'S 6H PADDLE) IN 2021.

We could count on the great generosity and loyalty of the **WAPA** community, but we also recruited many new donors (x2 vs 2020), especially during the Charidy campaign. This has made it possible to raise **€ 360,663** in 2021, i.e. an increase of almost 53% compared to the year 2020.

# revenues



Until 2021, **WAPA's** revenues mainly come from the private sector (individuals and businesses). The share of public support on all revenues remained around 14% (APE employment subsidies, municipal subsidies, regional, provincial).

The total expenditure for 2021 was **€348.413**, leaving a benefit of **€12.250**. This positive balance will be carried over to 2022 and will make it possible to partially finance the projects at the beginning of the year.

## WAPA'S EXPENDITURES IN 2021 WILL BE DISTRIBUTED AS FOLLOWS:

- **60%\*** has enabled the funding of our reintegration projects, awareness-raising and advocacy campaigns.
- Fundraising costs (marketing, events, etc.) amount to **28%\*\*** of the total expenditure.
- The operating costs of the non-profit association amount to approximately **12%\*\*\*** des dépenses.

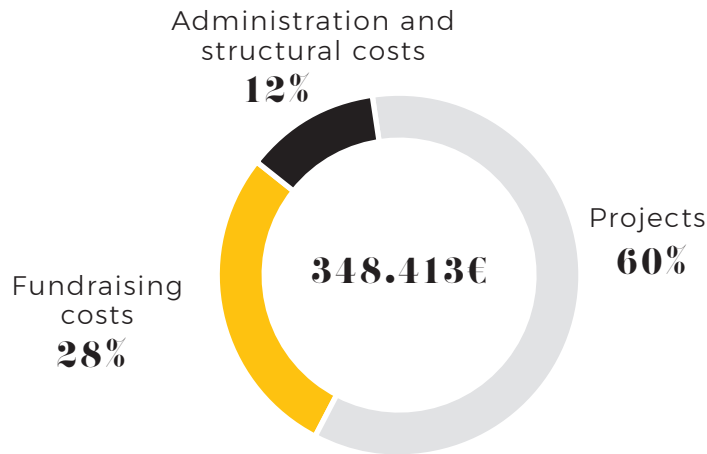
2021 was a pivotal year in terms of raising public funds (federal). This fundraising strategy explains the increase in the structural costs of the association by investing in its expertise to make this financing possible (training costs, consultancy, manpower).

\*Salary costs - 1.2 FTE intended for project management North and South. Project financing.

\*\*Wage costs - 1.9 FTE dedicated to raising public and private funds. Marketing, events.

\*\*\*Wage costs - 0.5 FTE intended for administrative, HR and financial management of the NPO. Rent, publication costs, subscriptions,...

# expenses



## • TRANSPARENCY:

**WAPA International** pays a lot of attention to the proper management of the funds raised. Our accounts are audited by the Board of Directors and audited annually by our accredited accountant (C2 & associates), they are then approved by the General Assembly. Costs for our projects are regularly verified and can only be started after following strict internal procedures.

The accounts are registered at the Commercial Court where they can be consulted. **In 2021, our accounts were again approved without reservation.**

**WAPA** is also a member of the Association for Ethics in Fundraising (AERF) and publishes its accounts on Donorinfo. Based on the checks carried out by the FPS Finance, **our NGO is recognized by the State and authorized to issue tax certificates**, in accordance with Article 104.4 of the 1992 Income Tax Code.



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**WAPA ECOSYSTEM:  
TEAM, VOLUNTEERS, DONORS,  
BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEMBERS,  
PARTNERS**

ALL THIS WAS ONLY POSSIBLE **THANKS  
TO ALL OF YOU:** OUR DONORS,  
OUR PARTNERS, OUR VOLUNTEERS,  
OUR DIRECTORS AND OUR COLLEAGUES.

**Team**

**Board of Directors**

**Volunteers at the office**

**Volunteers at events**

**Partners in kind**

**Financial Partners**

**Locations of events**

**And all our generous donors**



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FUTURE 2022

## The year 2022 looks gorgeous

In February, during the International Day Against the Use of Child Soldiers, an awareness event is organized, **a film meeting evening** around Damien Castera's film: «Water Get No Enemy», a documentary about child soldiers in Liberia who exchanged their weapons for surfboards.

**WAPA** was delighted to have received in February 2022 for the next 5 years the favorable decision from the Minister for **Development Cooperation regarding the financing of our program** set up together with BVES in eastern DRC. This decision includes an in-depth collaboration with our local partner and at least two follow-up missions per year.

We also plan our annual monitoring missions **in Sri Lanka and Colombia**.

After almost 10 years of work in **Uganda**, the project will come to an end at the end of 2022. We made this choice because the conflict has been over for 15 years and we can no longer carry out actions specifically aimed at the reintegration of former child soldiers, which is the core of **WAPA's** mission.

In order to make these different projects possible, **WAPA** will, as usual, organize the **WAPA Football League** in Belgium, as well as its corporate version and the **6h paddle of WAPA**.

Finally, we close our year with the traditional 36-hour fundraising campaign: **CHARIDY**.

SEE YOU NEXT YEAR!

The WAPA's



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**SEE  
YOU  
SOON...**