



FACT SHEET

**KOGE PROGRAMME 2021-2024  
DELIVERING SDG 16+:  
PEACEFUL, JUST AND INCLUSIVE  
SOCIETIES**

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## The Community of Cooperation (KoGe)

The Community of Cooperation (KoGe)<sup>1</sup> is the umbrella organisation of nine Swiss member organisations with a Protestant background: cfd, Connexio, Horyzon, International Blue Cross (IBC), Mission 21, Mission Evangélique Braille (MEB), Service de Missions et d'Entraide (SME), Salvation Army Switzerland and TearFund Switzerland.

In a participatory process, the Community of Cooperation has developed a programme on **peace, justice and inclusive societies** covering more than 40 countries, to which all nine member organisations contribute with their worldwide programmes. Over 150 local partner organisations implement this joint programme, delivering their work in mostly fragile and conflict-affected situations to especially marginalized and vulnerable people.

### What does SDG 16+ mean?

The KoGe programme "Delivering SDG 16+: Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies" builds on a concept of the "Pathfinders for Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies", a movement which was co-founded by the Government of Switzerland (see also [www.sdg16.plus](http://www.sdg16.plus)). This concept recognizes that targets across many Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) are closely inter-linked to SDG 16 "Peace, Justice and Strong Institutions".

It will indeed be impossible for many of the poorest communities in the world to reach the SDGs as long as violence and insecurity continue to prevail. By 2030, more than 80% of the extreme poor<sup>2</sup> are expected to live in countries affected by violence and conflict<sup>3</sup>. Accordingly, significant improvements in peace, justice and inclusion will yield the greatest benefits for those who are the furthest behind.

SDG 16+ states that Sustainable Development Goal 16 must not be considered in isolation from the other SDGs. The "plus" therefore emphasises the link between SDG 16 and other SDGs.



**Graph 1:** SDGs relevant to the KoGe Programme 2021-2024

<sup>1</sup> [www.koge.ch](http://www.koge.ch)

<sup>2</sup> According to the World Bank, extreme poverty is defined as an income of less than USD 1.90 per day. <https://www.worldbank.org/en/topic/poverty>

<sup>3</sup> The Global Alliance for Reporting Progress on Peaceful, Just and Inclusive Societies, 'Enabling the implementation of the 2030 Agenda through SDG 16+: Anchoring peace, justice and inclusion', UN, New York, 2019, auf: <https://www.sdg16hub.org> (p. 37).

## SDG 16+ at the KoGe

KoGe's decision to adopt the SDG 16+ framework of the Pathfinder movement was preceded by a comprehensive mapping exercise. As part of this analysis, all projects and programmes of the KoGe member organisations were mapped against the SDGs and their targets. This complex mapping has allowed the KoGe to understand more precisely its contribution to the SDGs.

The Pathfinders Initiative originally identified 36 SDG targets from a total of 169 targets that directly measure aspects of peace, justice and inclusion. The KoGe included four additional targets directly related to the inclusion of marginalised and vulnerable populations, focussing especially on the universal access to basic services. Of the 40 targets thus identified, five were found to be particularly relevant to the experience of the KoGe member organisations and their partners. As long-term outcomes, they form the backbone of our Programme 2021-2024.

SDG targets prioritised by KoGe:

SDG Target	Description
1.4	By 2030, ensure that all men and women, in particular the poor and the vulnerable, have equal rights to economic resources, as well as access to basic services, ownership and control over land and other forms of property, inheritance, natural resources, appropriate new technology and financial services, including microfinance
4.7	By 2030, ensure that all learners acquire the knowledge and skills needed to promote sustainable development, including, among others, through education for sustainable development and sustainable lifestyles, human rights, gender equality, promotion of a culture of peace and non-violence, global citizenship and appreciation of cultural diversity and of culture's contribution to sustainable development
10.2	By 2030, empower and promote the social, economic and political inclusion of all, irrespective of age, sex, disability, race, ethnicity, origin, religion or economic or other status
16.1	Significantly reduce all forms of violence and related death rates everywhere
16.7	Ensure responsive, inclusive, participatory and representative decision-making at all levels

The SDG 16+ approach is in line with the DNA of the Community of Cooperation as a network of faith- and human rights-based organisations. Tailoring the framework to the needs of the KoGe and its partners has fostered this identification even further and allowed the KoGe to embrace the SDG 16+ framework in a positive and creative way.

## What we do

We promote peaceful, just and inclusive societies in which every person exercises their rights and lives in dignity.

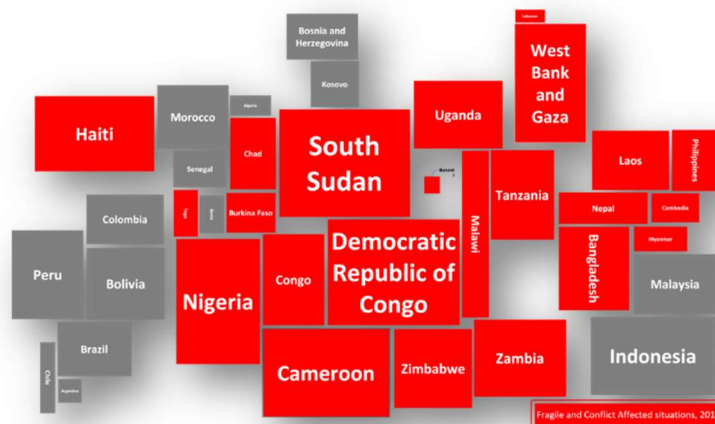
**Peaceful societies:** in order to promote peaceful societies and to reduce all forms of violence, a focus of the KoGe partners is their work with survivors of Sexual and Gender-Based Violence and children. In addition, the KoGe members and their partners have developed initiatives designed to sensitise communities as a whole on issues of violence, and how to resolve conflicts peacefully. The focus of these activities includes government and community leaders, peace agents, and others such as caretakers of children and youth influencers.

**Just societies:** the KoGe members are working towards societies where equal rights and opportunities are guaranteed for all. Particular attention is paid to where communities are excluded from basic services (education, WASH, health etc.) although their governments have made commitments by adopting the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development<sup>4</sup>. Equal access to quality primary health care and education for marginalized and vulnerable persons, as well as their social, economic and political inclusion and empowerment, are at the core of our programme 2021-2024.

**Inclusive societies:** KoGe’s focus on the most vulnerable and marginal members of societies echoes the “leaving no one behind” pledge in the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development<sup>5</sup>. Proactive inclusion is achieved through targeted economic programmes (with small scale farmers, persons with disabilities, mothers of school children). To empower the targeted groups as citizens, the KoGe partners work with community members (especially women and girls) as well as community leaders (including teachers and other government personnel) to promote participatory processes across whole communities.

## Where we work

Approximately 56% of the programmes are implemented in situations that are considered fragile by the World Bank<sup>6</sup>. As illustrated below, many of KoGe’s largest investments, including in the DRC and Republic of Congo, South Sudan, Haiti and oPt, are in fragile areas.



**Figure 2:** Cartogram illustrating KoGe’s 2021-24 funding volume per country

<sup>4</sup> United Nations (September 2015). “Transforming our world: the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development” Resolution A/RES/70/1.

<sup>5</sup> *Ibid.* p.1

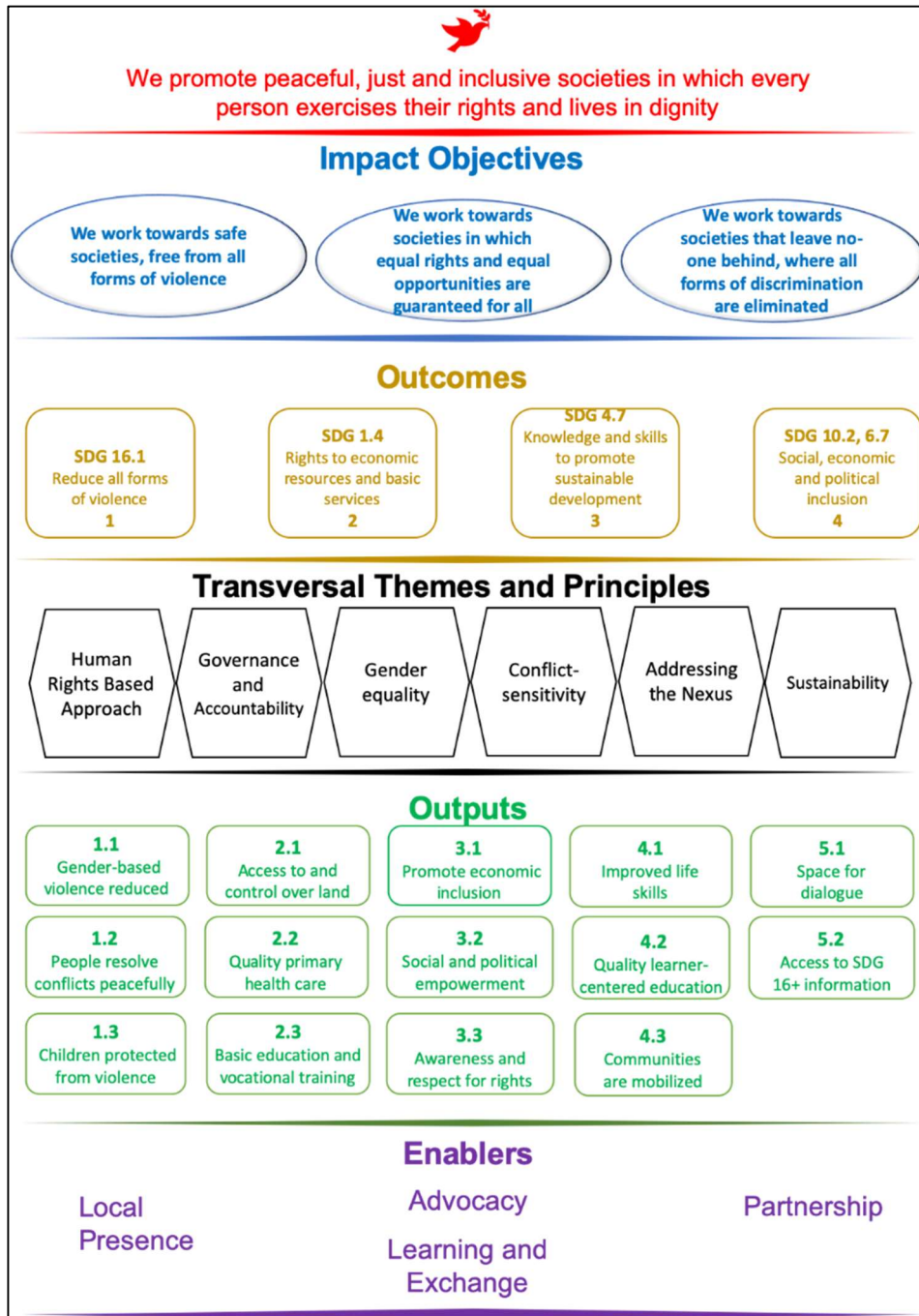
<sup>6</sup> World Bank, Harmonized List of Fragile Situations 2018.

## **How we guarantee quality and measure progress**

The KoGe Quality Management provides its member organizations with binding instruments and criteria for programme management. KoGe has developed a detailed programme appraisal and grant allocation process including performance-based funding allocation (20% of the total amount). Based on pre-defined programme criteria, the External Quality Commission (EQC) assesses and rates the quality of each member organisation's proposal and formulates recommendations. KoGe's EQC is comprised of senior staff from the Center for Development and Cooperation (NADEL) of ETH Zurich and the Centre on Conflict, Development and Peacebuilding (CCDP) of the Graduate Institute Geneva. Our close collaboration with both institutions has a strong learning focus, with the aim of ensuring a continuous evidence-informed programmatic steering of the programme.

KoGe's Monitoring, Evaluation and Learning (MEL) system follows a results-based management approach. It is based on the shared results framework of the KoGe programme and the M&E systems of all member organisations. The joint MEL system builds on the following five pillars: Key Indicators, qualitative elements (e.g. Most Significant Change method), annual reports, targeted evaluations and KoGe's Learning Groups on SDG16+ and Good Governance & Partnership. Through these instruments, data from all nine members and their 150 worldwide partner organisations are aggregated, compared, and analysed. The critical analysis of the results promotes shared learning among the KoGe members and their local partners. With the two learning groups, KoGe offers a platform for learning and exchange and fosters an active dialogue on the programme and its further development. On the level of the KoGe, the joint MEL system allows the KoGe to steer its programme and sustain or improve its efficiency and effectiveness in the long run.

## KoGe's SDG 16+ Programme in a nutshell



**Figure 3:** KoGe SDG 16+ programme based on the Pathfinders' roadmap ([www.sdg16.plus](http://www.sdg16.plus))

## Funding



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