

GVC - Civil Volunteer Group, is a non-governmental, secular, and independent organization founded in Bologna in 1971. Working in international development projects with complex strategies of action: from humanitarian aid to populations suffering from conflicts and natural disasters to reconstruction, hygiene and food security, from rural development to education, to the protection of women's and children's rights.

In over forty years of activity, GVC has been in different parts of the world, carrying out thousands of projects. Partnering with public institutions, local associations, cooperatives, NGOs to find appropriate solutions to the need for food, clean water, health, education and reaffirm social and economic sustainability, as well as respect for the environment.

Last year GVC carried out 77 development projects in more than 22 countries to build a concrete future for nearly 1 and a half million women, men and children. Furthermore, GVC provided relief to the many victims of humanitarian disasters, with the aim to create independence beyond the emergency.

Today GVC is dealing with the consequences of the Syrian crisis, for which 4 million people have escaped from war, most are children under 10 years of age. Entire families live in precarious shelters, close to the Syrian border, hoping to be able to return to their homes. Here GVC's work has different goals: support Syrian refugees and guarantee decent living conditions to both syrian refugees and lebanese hosting communities, in order to improve the relationship between the two communities.

Furthermore, GVC is one of the 18 organizations worldwide authorized to work in Syria, where it is implementing the reconstruction of schools, training of teachers and distribution of school kits for the children of Aleppo.

This year GVC also intervened in Nepal, after the tragic earthquake that struck the country, The intervention was carried out in Rasuwa, one of the most damaged and remote districts. The aim was to guarantee basic needs for nepalese families: providing shelter and reactivating school activities for children. Until now 570 families have received shelter, 30 temporary schools have been built and equipped with sanitary and hygienic services, allowing 2100 students to get back to school.

This Christmas, thanks to Esse Caffè's support, GVC continues and increases its support around the world.

Together we can promote change, because changing the world is a team effort.