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A historical year

It is not likely that we forget the year of 2020 any time soon. In the wake of Covid-19, civil society actors, ForumCiv included, swiftly shifted to work from home through the digital sphere. The steps we have taken to improve digital systems and routines are vast and have made us take a leap into the future of remote and functional workplaces.

Many of ForumCiv's members attest to increased participation in events and annual meetings due to the ease of digital attendance. Global gatherings were made possible without physical presence and the digital contact with decision makers sometimes brought value of increased intimacy and impact.

On the other hand, the social and economic effects of restrictions have overturned progress and thrown several countries decades back on the developmental scale. Global hunger has increased by 82 per cent compared to pre-Covid-19 and the global wealth gap has widened, while far too many governments took advantage of the pandemic and cracked down on civic rights.

Civil society stepped in to fill gaps of social services where governments failed; spreading information, combating disinformation, setting up help-lines and distributing food, face masks and other equipment.

For some regimes, the disability to listen to the concerns of the people amidst the crisis proved fatal.

In Belarus, Lukashenko broke the social contract to the citizenry when dismissing the severity of Covid-19. The following election results were disputed and the start of an uprising where civil society has shown almost unimaginable resistance and resilience.

ForumCiv's partners in Kenya have protested the excessive use of police violence excused by restrictions. In Colombia, continental networking was supported to exchange strategies of organising. In Liberia, rural women came together in a safe manner to claim their right to land, while Cambodia, which had very low infection rates had to battle a huge economic blow due to decreased international trade.

Organising in times of a pandemic has tested and challenged civil society but we adapted to meet the new needs. The year in review has proven the need for a strong civil society. Cross border civil society support will continue to be important and the lessons learned in 2020 will be crucial instruments to regain the losses made.

If 2020 taught us anything, it is that human relations can be deepened even in social distancing and people's solidarity prevails in a world where states are inadequate or unwilling to solve the task at hand.



Anna Stenvinkel, Secretary General
Victoria Enström, Chairperson

This year we celebrated 25 years of defending democracy. We are proud to contribute to a world where everyone has the power to effect change.

ForumCiv was founded in 1995 and is a politically and religiously unaffiliated development cooperation organisation with 148 member organisations from Swedish civil society.

All of ForumCiv's work aims to strengthen civil society, in Sweden and around the world. A diverse and strong civil society is the foundation of democracy and a prerequisite when reaching our vision: a world where everyone has the power to effect change.

ForumCiv has its head office in Sweden, regional offices in Belarus, Colombia and Kenya and country offices in Cambodia, Liberia and Somalia.

We provide direct support to civil society organisations, we mediate grants to Swedish civil society organisations cooperating with local partners in 70 countries and we advocate for a just and sustainable development wherever we are.

“ In 2020 we changed our name to ForumCiv to better reflect the most important role of our organisation - that we are a platform for civil society.

Viktoria Enström, Chairperson

WHAT WE DO



Development cooperations



Provide development grants



Advocate for change



Learning and sharing



Sweden's largest platform for civil society

ForumCiv's members are Swedish civil society organisations. Our collective efforts defend and strengthens democracy and human rights in a world where civil rights are under attack. Together we form Sweden's largest platform for civil society. As a platform, ForumCiv facilitates forums for sharing experience and building on strengths. ForumCiv advocates for and safeguards civil society interests, and can act as a megaphone and represent members in relevant national and international forums.

Defending development during the Covid-19 pandemic



When the pandemic cancelled the Swedish annual political event of Almedalen – an important platform to reach decision makers – ForumCiv together with civil society and Sida organised “Omstart världen”. A digital seminar series that addressed the consequences of Covid-19 on poverty, women, democracy and development.

148
Member
organisations

101 persons at
Annual Meeting

Re-launch of Right(s) Way Forward. Two day workshop on tools that assist us to work rights based.

Workshop on how to improve cooperation between development and humanitarian aid actors.

The members meeting dealt with issues of diversity, fundraising, advocacy and Covid-19 consequences.

E-learning on procurement and internal control.

2020

Platform activities

Environmental mainstreaming – sharing and creating tools.

RNW Media shared a Roadmap on how to build digital communities that are effective and impactful.

Following up on Swedish civil society's effectiveness in development.



ADVOCACY

We are a platform organisation that aims to strengthen civil society in everything we do. Advocacy is one tool out of many employed to enhance civil society's influence to safeguard democratic rights. We influence decision makers to ensure that political frameworks contribute to just and sustainable global development.

Advocacy efforts are always anchored in relevant contexts. ForumCiv works within the EaP Network to strengthen democratic forces within Belarus. Advocacy in Sweden is directed towards the government and the EU and includes issues such as human rights regulations for companies or the development aid budget.

In Colombia and the Latin America and Caribbean region, advocacy is oriented towards national governments, the EU and multilateral organisations, concerning issues related to peace, business and human rights.

The failing trust in politicians, institutions and state democracy in Kenya has prompted working with actors that creatively reach the ears of the public such as musicians, documentary producers, community journalists or poets. In Liberia, the land issue is key to peace and development and our advocacy is geared towards women's right to land.

The narratives on this page and the next are a few results achieved through advocacy in 2020.

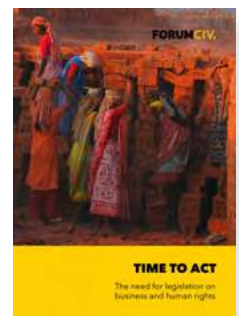
Demand for a legislation on business and human rights

Child labour, violations of trade union rights, dangerous work environments and threats towards indigenous people. These are some of the violations of human rights linked to businesses worldwide. The Covid-19 pandemic has seriously aggravated the situation with millions of workers being thrown into unemployment and increased poverty. Still, there are only voluntary guidelines on business and human rights.

This is why ForumCiv and other Swedish CSOs initiated a campaign demanding a legislation that requires companies to respect human rights. The campaign received broad support as 21 070

people signed a petition, which was handed over to Sweden's Minister for foreign trade.

In April, the EU launched an initiative for a harmonised EU-wide legislation. ForumCiv produced the report "Time to act", which urges the Swedish government to work actively in the EU for a legislation and to investigate how it can be integrated in the Swedish legal system. The report analyses the main components needed in a law.



Active youth engagement

The purpose of the digital platform Globalportalen is to assist young people to find an entry into civil society and find their journey of activism and active citizenry. Through Globalportalen 55 organisations reach youth in Sweden.

“ For someone with no knowledge or contacts, Globalportalen shares great tools that gives an overview of what I can do that feels meaningful and constructive.

Globalportalen user



Glappet - financing development

Financing for sustainable development is not a matter of available resources, it is a matter of gaps in policies. The report Glappet takes a holistic view of the financial resources available to eradicate poverty.

It places international aid in a wider context of different ways of financing the 2030 Agenda and analyses the role of taxation, private sector investments and international aid in financing sustainable development. The findings were discussed with Swedish parliamentarians, the Ministry for Foreign Affairs, the Ministry of Finance, Sida, EBA and Swedfund.



Anchoring Agenda 2030

ForumCiv has with civil society, advocated for broader accountability in the implementation of the 2030 Agenda in Sweden. This work resulted in the inclusion of the commitment to leave no one behind and policy coherence that ensures that all policies support sustainable development, nationally and internationally, in the overall goal proposed by the government. The Parliament adopted the proposition which means that the government must report on the implementation to the Parliament every second year.



EaP Network - connecting support to Eastern Europe



The Swedish Civil Society Network for Eastern Partnership and Russia (the EaP Network) has grown in size and scope during the past two years, and does today include 37 Swedish organisations active in the region. An assessment conducted in 2020 shows that the EaP Network is reaching results far beyond its first expectations.

“The network is a platform that provides opportunities, helps to find partners and helps with the realisation of ideas.

Network member

“In summary, the EaP network provided a piece of the puzzle on what is ongoing in the EaP for the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs.

Swedish Ambassador of the EaP

The network has become a platform for the Swedish civil society organisations engaged in the EaP region and Russia. Many members testify that it is a hub of knowledge and a strong joint voice when doing public awareness and political advocacy towards the Swedish Ministry for Foreign Affairs and the EU.

The network has also, through its coordinated activities, managed to build the capacity of its members and facilitated new collaborations and projects to be established between Swedish and local CSOs. In addition, the network has during the past years significantly increased its role and influence in the Eastern Partnership Civil Society Forum where the network coordinator is currently elected as co-chair.

DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION

Having a rights-based approach implies local ownership of development interventions. Local partnerships are therefore key and in 2020 ForumCiv had partnerships with 102 civil society organisations in Belarus, Cambodia, Colombia, Kenya, Liberia and Somalia.

The work of ForumCiv's partners stretches between a broad range of social justice issues and methodologies. Support is dedicated to strengthening actors in their context specific pursuit of claiming space to secure civil society's influence on democracy.

Local ownership equals sustainable development

“ With increased technical capacity our confidence grew. The purpose of the financial training was fulfilled when we could secure funding for ecotourism sites in our forest community.

Chhoeun Sody, Community leader
in Changkran Roy Forest Community, Cambodia

We distributed

75

million SEK to

102

partners.

Through offices in:

Colombia
7 partners

Cambodia

In Cambodia, ForumCiv mainly work with forest and fishery communities. Through supporting their organising and advocacy the communities have managed to protect forests and safeguard biodiversity in water.

42 million tons of carbon prevented from polluting the air through protecting 361,000 hectares of forest.



Investigating possibilities to open office in Armenia.



Ground breaking national land conference in Liberia

Before the 2018 Land Rights Act, the law did not recognise women's rights to land, although women constitute 80 per cent of the agricultural labour. The previous land law allowed communities to collectively own land, but since decision making in communities traditionally only involves men, women were left out and remained landless.

Women from 10 counties out of 15 together with policy makers, media practitioners and civil society institutions gathered to change the skewed balance of land ownership.

The conference provided a platform for the voices of rural women to be heard and increased the knowledge on the Land Rights Act of 2018. It enabled networking and experience sharing to influence the national agenda of women's rights.

On the last day when the declaration had been drafted, Secretary General of the National Rural Women, Deddeh Kanmoh, said:

-Today, we speak to our fathers, we speak to our brothers, and we speak to our husbands, who still think that we are not candidates to inherit family land or community land; we speak to our chiefs and elders who think that we only have rights to access and use land, but not to claim ownership.

The next step is to strategise on how to best roll out advocacy to make the resolution that was drawn out of the conference a reality.



Women sustain resistance in Belarus

2020 was nothing if not historical in Belarus. The world was in panic over the Covid-19 virus and countries across the globe introduced lock-downs, closed borders and were stocking up on medical supplies. The Belarusian dictator of 26 years decided that this virus is nothing more than a flu, advising his citizens to drink vodka and visit saunas. The overarching, powerful state apparatus he has created, chose to abandon its citizens in the time of need.

Citizens organised themselves, spurred by civic leaders and using civic tech crowd-funding platforms to collect money for hospitals and sewed medical equipment. The unprecedented civic mobilisation transformed into political mobilisation. When the official results of the presidential elections announced 80 per cent support for the sitting president the country erupted. Industrial workers went on strikes and peaceful protests were met with brutal force.

Thousands of women came out to protest the police violence. They took to the streets, dressed in white, holding flowers and singing traditional lullabies. This brave act turned the tide and threw the regime into disarray and protests continued for months.

“ The regime is still clutching on but its demise is inevitable.

The work of civil society was always timid in Belarus. With all the pressure from the regime, civil society never had an easy time influencing policies or building a membership constituency. Assessing the impact of projects always seemed as a futile exercise. How do you assess impact in a country where all decisions depend on the whims of one person and can change in a day? But looking at all those thousands of women, many of them participants of seminars and lectures, many of them activists from civil society, we can see the impact of years of commitment from civil society.

“ While the perfect storm of the pandemic, political mobilisation, stolen election and police brutality, created the demise of the regime, it was the women who dealt the crucial blow!

Ognjen Radonjic, Regional Manager
Eastern Europe, ForumCiv



Communities demand a slice of the natural resources cake

Natural resources are often more a curse than a blessing to people living close to them. So when an energy company declared their intention to build a power plant in Kenya, ForumCiv together with the International Labor Organization (ILO) launched the project 'Inclusive Growth through Decent Work in the Great Rift Valley'.

Communities surrounding the power plant received support in organising themselves. The communities identified several plans for actions that would enable them to acquire skills needed for employment and influence over infrastructure that would accompany the building of the plant.

Two years down the line, the communities have carried out half of what they set out to do. Literacy levels have improved as 520 people signed up for adult reading courses. This also proved beneficial for gender relations as elderly men took part in classes with women and consequently broke down stereotypes of who owns knowledge.



Cynthia Mututua holding community workshop. PHOTO: TITUS KURIA

Knowledge on constitutional rights have improved which has resulted in 79 per cent knowing where to turn to for air concerns. Five service delivery proposals have been submitted to the state in the areas of health, education and water.

Communities are actively engaging with county budgeting processes. The confidence of women and youth has drastically improved and women now hold 35 per cent of the leadership positions in community based organisations.

Democracy and human rights festivals in Kenya

“Teach the nation poetry because they cannot shoot tear-gas at rhymes.”

Stella Nyanzi, Ugandan doctor of social anthropology, feminist and human rights activist who participated in the festival.



On two occasions during 2020, ForumCiv co-hosted the “Democracy and human rights festival” in Kenya. They were week-long events with both virtual and live sessions. The festivals brought together a mix of civil society practitioners, young activists and policy practitioners. The interactive format allowed participants to exchange views and reflect on people, power and change.

The festivals are part of the Wajibu Wetu programme that supports media, cultural, art and gender-focused civil society organisations. With “activism” these actors seek to reach out to a critical mass to deepen democracy, strengthen inclusive citizen participation and accountability.



SUB-GRANTING

Swedish civil society has a long history of cross-border linkages with global civil society. ForumCiv acknowledges the diversity and multifaceted experiences of these civil society relationships, and channels funding to further this development cooperation.

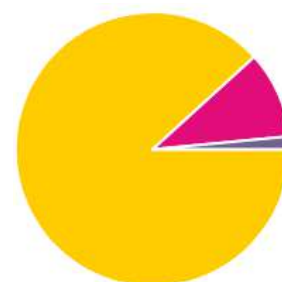
In 2020, 264 MSEK was distributed to 123 Swedish organisations that funded 197 projects in 70 countries. All projects funded have a rights-based approach and contributes to ForumCiv's overall goal where everyone has the power to effect change.

The examples here are a few of many projects implemented during 2020 that achieved change.

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Type of grant



- Development
- Communication
- Trainee

Percentage of own contribution decreased

In dialogue with civil society, Sida decided to temporarily drop the requirement of own funding contribution to development cooperations, due to the devastating effects of the pandemic. The own funding became 1,5 per cent for 2020.

Achieving climate change action

Climate change affects the livelihood of farmers in Indonesia. A survey shows that 90 per cent of lobster farmers experienced a severe lobster disease called white spot disease. 58 per cent of salt producers reported that erratic rainfall made the salt production decrease, and according to more than half of rain-fed farmers an erratic season affected their rice production. Communities further lacked information to predict and analyse weather conditions.

Islamic Relief together with the Indonesian organization KONSEPSI has supported communities to increase knowledge on climate change. The community demanded authorities to improve their information channels on weather predictions. Their efforts resulted in an app. The communities further put pressure on the provincial and district governments to ensure adequate and ambitious climate change mitigation and adaptation measurements. Multi-stakeholder forums have been legally established at provincial and district

levels. Their organising paid off as government committed to climate change adaptation mainstreaming through a sub-National Action Plan. The communities will be part of the Action Plan's follow up processes.

The project reached 1644 people but its accomplishments in policy formulation, forum creations and climate change advocacy will ultimately reach and benefit many more. The achievements are a receipt on how a small number of people can change the lives of many.



PHOTO: ISLAMIC RELIEF INDONESIA

Rainbow Reach Out

The pandemic poses an existential crisis to organizations. RFSL and their Southeast Asian partner ASEAN SOGIE Caucus (ASC) quickly set up the Rainbow reach out emergency fund in order to save organizations from going under. 10 organizations have so far received support in order to retain staff and adapt their work to function under pandemic conditions, so that they can continue to provide support to the LGBTIQ community.



PHOTO: SHUTTERSTOCK

Carlos Beristain
Celmira Romero



Colombian Truth Commission in Sweden

Following the peace agreement in Colombia, a truth commission was established. This commission includes the participation of refugees, conflict victims' organisations and the Colombian diaspora. 28 support groups were set up for this purpose. The work in Sweden is supported and accompanied by the Swedish Foundation for Human Rights. Within this framework, 25 testimonies were taken in 2020 and information and recognition events for victims and survivors living in Sweden were held.

Building a movement amidst a pandemic

The initial plan for Clowns Without Borders was to assist their Brazilian sister organization to start-up and manage projects. Then came Covid-19, and out came something much bigger than anticipated.

Clowns Without Borders use performance and laughter to approach children's trauma and psychosocial well-being. The pandemic turned their usual pedagogy upside down. Videos became the vehicle when crowd gatherings were banned.

Digitally they managed to train 169 artists and social workers, 60 per cent more than aimed for. The digital outreach further moved the psychosocial support

beyond the one region it was first intended for, to no less than seven regions.

Amidst the pandemic, Clowns Without Borders Brazil managed to build an organisation with a wide network gathering 29 child welfare organisations that helped spread the videos and workshops. Furthermore, the spread of videos on social media has promoted the organization in the country, reaching almost 100 000 people by the end of 2020.

“Clowning has changed my life, today the depression is no longer here and my desire is to express my joy to other people using clowning.”

Piter Donner
workshop participant



PHOTO: DAVID ALVES

LEARNING & METHODS

Equal participation of sharing and reflection is key when trying to shape alternatives for non-discriminatory, sustainable and just societies.

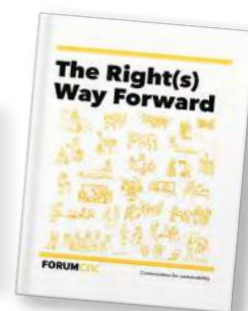
The ability to listen is at the core of ForumCiv's approach to capacity development. A rights-based approach implies inclusivity and strengthening existing capacities while using different learning perspectives adapted to the context and needs.

The very definition of a platform is a common ground for actors to meet and share insights. ForumCiv sees itself as a learning organisation. Internally we share and build on experiences and lessons learned and externally we aim to be a flexible partner.

Right(s) Way Forward

Our methodology is developed for anyone; organisations, individuals or informal networks, wanting to adopt a rights-based approach when working with community mobilisation.

During 2020 ForumCiv launched a new set of easy to access material on the rights-based approach methodology. Download the book or start learning at the digital courses on our Changers Hub.



Organising that caught the ear of power



35 villages in Odisha State, India, successfully mobilised for environment, gender equality and children's rights. Adoptionscentrum's partner Open Learning Systems (OLS) used the Right(s) Way Forward method to support the communities' organising.

It has led to changes in people's awareness about environmental issues, climate change and how they can all contribute to creating change.

300 farmers participated in trainings on organic farming and 60 per cent stated that they have either already started using their new knowledge or will start. When floodings hit the area, local committees took responsibility for rescue and relief operations.

No less than 560 members from the villages mobilised to safeguard children's rights during the restrictions that followed the Covid-19 pandemic.

Women now constitute one third of decision making bodies and their organising caught the ear of people in power. The communities now see a higher degree of accountability among duty bearers who execute community demands such as road repairs, supply of drinking water and community centres.

The project reached roughly 7 400 people directly but is spreading as new villages ask to join the initiatives.

“Right(s) Way Forward is a method that takes us farther than any other method we have used.

Eva-Maria Rask, Adoptionscentrum



Civil society rethinking civic spaces in Latin America

Protests and mobilisation against shrinking democratic space in Latin America and the Caribbean was abruptly forced to a halt in 2020. The state measurements that was supposed to curb the pandemic further violated fundamental liberties of civil society. There was a great need to re-strategise methods and means for organising and advocacy. ForumCiv therefore initiated the virtual forum “Civil society rethinking civic spaces” as an opportunity for dialogue and exchange of initiatives driven by civil society in the region.



Forum for Change is a podcast about civil society around the world. It focuses on civil society’s resistance and resilience in a context of shrinking civic space. The global pandemic affects the ability to manoeuvre an already difficult space. Forum for Change offers an accessible way to keep updated with struggles around the world. You find the podcast on forumciv.org/int.

The webinar series Glocal Voices

gathers civil society actors from around the world; bringing local experiences to a global context. The webinars seek to promote exchanges of experiences and knowledge sharing within civil society. Find the webinars in our social channels.



Stronger environment and climate justice position

Thanks to strong environmental member organisations, ForumCiv’s position on environment and climate justice have been strengthened.

Friends of the Earth Sweden, Future Earth, FIAN and Latinamerikagrupperna shared their expertise and best practices. The group has been approached by Sida and the Gender and Environmental Network (GEMINI) to share their knowledge.

Jointly, the group aims to give support to policy formulation, improve environmental and climate change PME systems and strengthen advocacy.



Direction and management ForumCiv is based in Stockholm. The Annual Meeting is ForumCiv's highest decision making body where every member organisation has one vote. The participants at the Annual Meeting elect the board, nomination committee, and auditors based on nominations from the member organisations. ForumCiv's operations are based on the framework that the Annual Meeting decides in the overall Plan for Operations. ForumCiv's day-to-day operations are led by the Secretary General, who is directly subordinate to the Board.

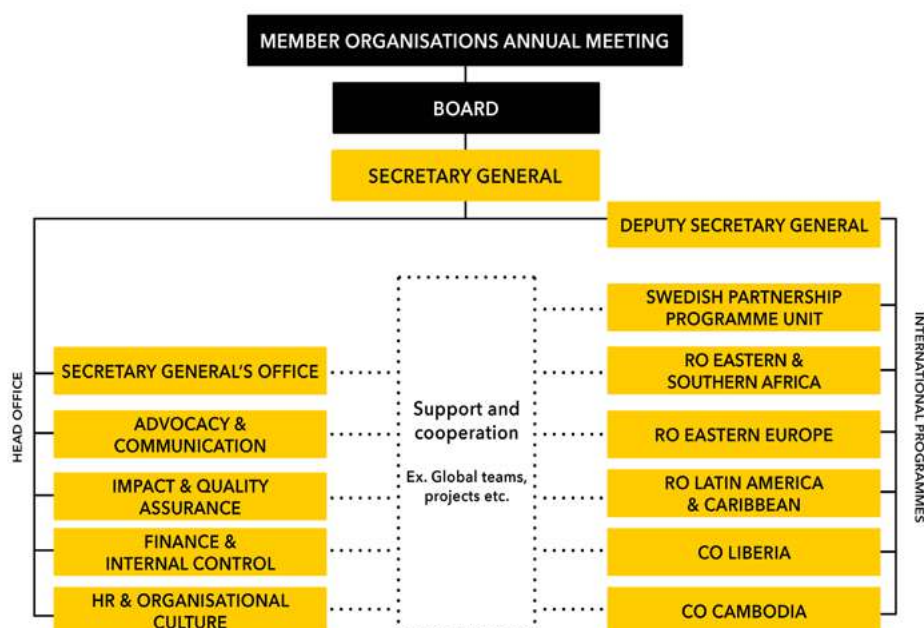
In 2020, the Board held 10 of planned 10 meetings and appointed a working committee which has had 9 (9) meetings. Parts of the Board participated in the Annual Meeting and the Members' Meeting. During the year, the Board followed up ForumCiv's internal control system, evaluated its own and the Secretary General's work, and decided that membership will be required before organisations can apply for funding from ForumCiv. Member organisations were consulted, and discussions preceded this decision. It was debated upon for a large part of the year. The decision will be effective from 2021.

Organisation In 2020, ForumCiv consisted of six units and four regional offices. During the latter half of the year, the names and roles of parts of the organisation were adjusted. Hubs were replaced by regional offices and are located in Belarus (located in Vilnius), Colombia and Kenya. Local offices are in Cambodia and Liberia. The office in Sweden regained its role as the head office. In addition to this, the Swedish Partnership Program (SPP)

was added as a unit on January 1st following a decision in 2019. Three offices in Somalia were shut down as no financing could be secured. During the second half of the year, a decision was made to close Hub Multiregional, but this change will not take effect until 2021. During the year, all offices worked with direct support to local organisations. Sub-granting to Swedish organisations is handled by the Swedish Partnership Program and the regional offices based in Vilnius, Nairobi and Bogotá.

Staff Of ForumCiv's 135 (134) employees, 41 (43) per cent are men and 59 (57) per cent women. In 2020, the Stockholm office had 47 (50) employees, of which 24 (24) per cent were men and 76 (76) per cent women.

Internal processes 2020 began with big plans to celebrate that ForumCiv has existed for 25 years! After a few years marked by internal challenges, much of the new organisation had settled. The Secretary General and Deputy Secretary General had started in 2019, which contributed to a measure of calm and the opportunity to focus forward, concurring with staff turnover returning to healthy levels. A major evaluation of the organisational project was planned and carried out with constructive and good results and recommendations that the organisation was ready to embark on. A big branch festival to celebrate the anniversary was planned and in connection with this, fundraising came on the agenda. Then Covid-19 came and overturned all plans. Although the celebration was limited, the year has involved changing the name Forum Syd to ForumCiv, to clarify that we are a platform for civil



society and leave behind the outdated view of the global south and north. A further step in clarifying ForumCiv as an organisation was that the board decided that from 2021 there will be a requirement for membership to apply for funding from ForumCiv.

The spring of 2020 was also marked by the Black Lives Matter movement, and the development aid sector as a whole received legitimate criticism for its lack of diversity. Several internal activities were carried out, and the work in the Equal Treatment Group was further intensified.

The evaluation of the organisational project "Going Global," which was initiated in 2017, showed that much has gotten better but that there is still room for improvement. Twelve action processes were identified, and these have been worked on during the second half of the year. Some adjustments in the organisational structure, some new strategic roles were established, and a lot of clarifying work has been done. The system audit that Sida carried out at ForumCiv during 2019 showed that much was in place, but that there were parts to improve and work on further, which continued into 2020.

Operations ForumCiv's policy program and Theory of Change governs the direction of operations, which consists of four parts: direct support, sub-granting, capacity development and advocacy. Development cooperation is intended to strengthen civil society and is achieved partly through sub-granting to Swedish civil society organisations and partly by directly supporting local organisations in partner countries.

ForumCiv's work reaches many parts of the world and includes a variety of partners. The results of all projects supported by ForumCiv are since 2014 reported in the

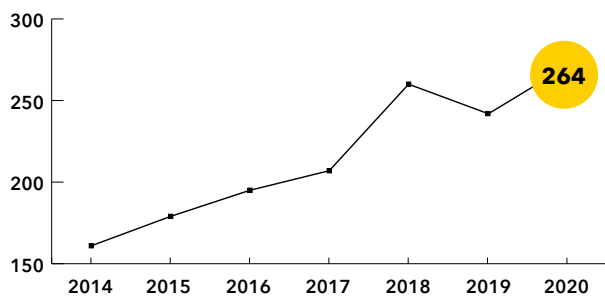
project database Dira. ForumCiv's results model measures result at levels of: rights bearers, civil society, duty bearers and legal/political frameworks. The different levels are all important elements in ensuring increased democratic influence, human rights, and more just and sustainable societies.

2020 has been a special year as the world is faced with enormous challenges due to the Covid-19 pandemic. The consequences have been clear at the national level in regard to politics, economy and social issues and have also affected ForumCiv's operations in a number of ways. It is not just about negative consequences, but it has been a challenging year in several ways. Despite this, the work has progressed for most offices and programs.

Funding ForumCiv's operations are financed through grants from Sida, the EU, other Swedish authorities, private organisations, and through sales and membership fees. Sida Civsam remains the main donor. 4 of the 13 donors were others than Sida (Swedish Council for Higher Education, the EU, MAC Foundation, ILO). ForumCiv received responses for 12 (13) applications, of which 3 (7) were approved, 9 (5) were rejected, while 2 applications at the end of the year were still pending.

Sub-granting In 2020, SEK 264 million (SEK 242 million) was paid out to 197 (206) development, trainee, and information projects granted to 123 (140) Swedish organizations. Of these, 63 (57) of the organizations, or 51 per cent (41 per cent), were members of ForumCiv. The sub-granting was financed by grants from Sida Civsam, Sida Partnership Forum, Sida Europe, Sida Africa, and the Swedish Council for Higher Education (UHR). The projects were carried out in collaboration with local civil society

Overview	2020	2019	2018	2017	2016
Framework Sida (mSEK)	300,3	267,2	277,2	243,4	222,8
Grants to other units (mSEK)	66,7	85,5	67,6	72,1	80,9
Other grants (mSEK)	19,6	17,2	13,5	12,1	17,4
Member fees (mSEK)	0,5	0,5	0,5	0,6	0,6
Number of members	148	134	137	143	149
Number of employees, Sweden	47	50	46	48	52
Number of employees, country offices	88	84	56	62	54
Number of country offices	6	6	6	5	5
Number of donors	12	12	13	12	11



Total sub-granting funds (mSEK).

organisations in 70 (67) countries, and the information projects were carried out in Sweden. All projects that are granted support from ForumCiv must have a rights-based perspective and contribute to both the Government's strategies for each grant and to ForumCiv's purpose.

Development grants are sub-granted to Swedish organisations that engage in development cooperation with civil society organisations in other countries. In 2020, SEK 233 (210) million was transferred to 137 (152) projects and programs that financed development in 70 (67) countries.

Infocom grants are sub-granted to Swedish organisations that conduct information and advocacy work in Sweden. All projects contribute to one or more of the goals within Agenda 2030. In 2020, SEK 27 (24) million was distributed to 45 (43) Swedish organisations that funded 49 (44) information and communication projects.

Internship grants are sub-granted to Swedish organisations that wish to place young people abroad for internships. Interns are expected to gain increased interest and understanding of development cooperation and other cultures. In 2020, SEK 4,6 (8) million was sub-granted to 7 (9) trainee projects in 12 (10) countries.

Direct development support In total, ForumCiv supported 102 (125) local organisations through 12 (11) programs through its country offices and regional offices. The operational cost for ForumCiv's direct support program via country offices in Africa, Asia, Latin America and Europe was SEK 75 (76) million. The programs were mainly financed by various departments at Sida (not Sida Civsam) and/or the EU, as well as by Swedish embassies abroad and other organisations.

The Eastern European Regional Office focuses partly on advocacy work but also on strengthening Belarusian civil society through the exchange of experience with Swedish

organizations. During the year, a longer project with the EU funding was to be started, but it was postponed first due to Covid-19 and then due to the political situation after the election.

The Latin America and Caribbean Regional office has continued the work together with five other Swedish organisations in Colombia on a program on rural development from the European peace fund. Due to the pandemic, the regional office has focused on communication, mainly on social media and this has begun to have an effect.

The Eastern & Southern Africa Regional Office in 2020 worked on two programs: Wajibu Wetu, which supports democracy and human rights through art, media and new forms of organization and a public-private development partnership with the International Labor Organization (ILO) in Kenya.

Hub Multiregional gathered the work that takes place at ForumCiv's country offices in Cambodia, Liberia, Somalia and Sweden, the management of the Somali diaspora program, the Swedish Somalia Business Program (SSBP) and the Eastern Partnership Network. Due to the evaluation of the organisational project, Hub Multiregional will be phased out from 2021.

Cambodia: During the year, the work has focused on successfully implementing the two programs and building relationships and networks. Despite the pandemic, much has been implemented as Cambodia has been relatively spared and many activities have been carried out in rural areas where the spread of infection has been minimal.

Liberia: The society has been kept relatively open and implementation has taken place to a large extent and we support a number of small local organisations. A major land rights conference has been held which put ForumCiv on the map in Liberia.

Somalia: The programs implemented in Somalia came to an end as no further funding could be secured. Due to this, the three Somali offices were closed down in 2020. A final report was submitted to Sida late in the autumn of 2020 with very good reactions.

Sweden: This part of the regional office largely switched to the Swedish Partnership Program at the beginning of 2020.



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