



Bambini nel Deserto ETS: A Humanitarian Organization Committed to Sustainable Development

Bambini nel Deserto ETS is a humanitarian organization founded in Modena in 2000 with the mission of improving the living conditions of children and their communities wherever a "desert" exists—not only of sand or stones but also of opportunities, rights, and the future. Through concrete and sustainable interventions, the organization operates in key sectors of international cooperation and humanitarian emergency response, promoting projects that address the essential needs of the most vulnerable populations.

Bambini nel Deserto's approach is based on an integrated development model that takes into account the cultural, social, and economic specificities of the territories in which it operates. By working closely with local communities, the organization implements projects aimed at creating a lasting positive impact, improving not only immediate conditions but also the long-term prospects of beneficiary populations.

Over 550 Projects in 19 African Countries

Since 2000, Bambini nel Deserto has implemented over 550 projects in 19 African countries, often intervening in contexts characterized by extreme poverty, political instability, and resource scarcity. The main areas of intervention include:

- **Access to Water and Hygiene** – Construction of wells, filtration systems, latrines, and hygiene education programs.
- **Education and Childhood** – Building and renovating schools, providing educational materials, and offering scholarships to ensure access to education.
- **Literacy Projects** – Basic educational programs for children and adults, with a particular focus on the most vulnerable groups. One of the NGO's most innovative initiatives is the promotion of the **Lettoscrittura** system, developed by a team of pedagogists and teachers affiliated with Bambini nel Deserto, which facilitates reading and writing learning through an accessible and inclusive method.
- **Healthcare** – Support for healthcare facilities, provision of medicines and medical equipment, and training of local medical personnel.
- **Food Security and Economic Autonomy** – Development of community gardens, livestock farming, and sustainable agriculture programs.
- **Climate Change Adaptation** – Promotion of agroecological techniques and innovative solutions to mitigate the effects of desertification.

A Model Based on Tangibility and Sustainability

Bambini nel Deserto's operational approach is distinguished by transparency, efficiency, and sustainability. Each project is designed to be economically and socially sustainable over time, avoiding forms of assistance dependency and instead promoting the active participation of local communities. Thanks to collaboration with local partners, government institutions, and international organizations, the NGO optimizes available resources, maximizes the impact of its interventions, and ensures the efficient management of collected funds. Furthermore, each initiative is constantly monitored to evaluate its outcomes and implement necessary improvements.

With over two decades of experience and a continuous commitment in the field, Bambini nel Deserto remains a reference point in international cooperation, providing effective and lasting solutions to ensure a more dignified future for new generations.



Updated List of Countries Where Bambini nel Deserto Has Implemented Projects

Angola, Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, Chad, Congo, Côte d'Ivoire, Ethiopia, Ghana, Kenya, Mali, Morocco, Mauritania, Mozambique, Niger, Senegal, Sierra Leone, Togo, Tanzania.

Albania and Ukraine (humanitarian interventions related to the emergency caused by the conflict).

Bambini nel Deserto continues to operate in these countries with targeted projects aimed at improving the living conditions of the most vulnerable communities.

Structure and Governance of Bambini nel Deserto ETS

Bambini nel Deserto ETS is regulated by a transparent and structured governance system that ensures the proper management of activities and the adherence to its humanitarian mission.

The organization is based on a **Board of Directors**, which is responsible for defining strategies, approving projects, and ensuring the sustainability of initiatives. Additionally, a **Supervisory Body** is in place to guarantee administrative transparency and compliance with current regulations.

Board of Directors

The **Board of Directors** is composed of members elected by the General Assembly and is responsible for directing, coordinating, and overseeing the organization's activities. Its main functions include:

- Defining the organization's strategies and objectives.
- Approving the annual budget and operational plans.
- Monitoring projects and partnerships with local and international collaborators.
- Managing resources and fundraising campaigns.
- Representing the organization institutionally.

Supervisory Body

To ensure maximum transparency and correct management, Bambini nel Deserto relies on a **Supervisory Body**, which is responsible for:

Verify compliance with financial and operational regulations

Ensure transparency in the management of resources

Supervise financial audits conducted by an external auditor

Financial Transparency and Resource Management

Bambini nel Deserto ETS is committed to ensuring maximum transparency in the management of funds.

The organization adheres to strict financial control procedures, and all budgets, reports, and financial statements are publicly available on its official website.

Each year, at least **75% of the funds** are allocated directly to projects and humanitarian missions, while **only 25%** is used to cover operational costs, such as salaries, rent, utilities, and professional services (e.g., accountants and auditors). This structure ensures that the majority of donations are used to create tangible and lasting impacts for the communities in need.