



FOTIS Ordinary General Assembly Meeting
28 October 2022
President's Report for 2021-2022

In 2021-2022, after the disruption caused by the pandemic, some normalcy returned for the students supported by FOTIS, although school calendars and curriculums remained affected. In many cases, schools met the challenge of recovering time lost to the pandemic by introducing creative and innovative educational tools, effectively managing the demands of exams and new curriculums. There have been many inspiring examples of great efforts being made by the teachers and our local partners. Most notably, our partners have reported that all of the students who were sponsored by FOTIS returned to school after the pandemic, while many of the others not supported by FOTIS did not. This demonstrates the value of FOTIS interventions in education. Over the course of the year, we sponsored 132 students in 11 programs in 7 countries, with 31 students successfully graduating. We have sent a "FOTIS Certificate of Completion of Secondary Education" to all of our recent graduates and these have been warmly received by students and partners alike. Thank you to Catherine Latsis for designing and completing all of the certificates.

The committee has recommended financial prudence for the year to come and it has been decided not to replace the students who have graduated in 2021-2022. The sponsorship of 5 girls at the Balika Program in India was ended after 3 years as planned and the collaboration with the Rwanda Girls Initiative has also ended now that the final student has graduated. This brings the number of students at the end of June 2022 to 96 across 10 programs.

The main fundraising event was launched in January 2022 using the same format as the previous year, "FOTIS 100 Resolutions for Education" via the internet platform Chuffed. The committee members once more showed creativity and dedication to the Challenge. The financial return of CHF 27,628 was not as high as in 2021, but including the donation that were sent to us directly on the occasion the total funds received were CHF 43,622. This year again, our thanks to Atalanti Moquette for managing the platform and for sending a thank you message on behalf of the committee to each of the almost 200 donors.

Before the launch of the fundraiser the FOTIS website was totally redesigned: technical features were upgraded and content was updated with the help of the committee members and partners. We are grateful to Kathleen Holmund who oversaw and organized the project.

FOTIS work is best reflected in the many graduates of this year: to them our best wishes for the future, and to the committee a well done!

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FOTIS President
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