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Annual report

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DEAR FRIENDS, SUPPORTERS AND COMMUNITY

Reflecting on the past year, we are reminded of both the immense challenges Trans communities face worldwide and the incredible resilience, solidarity, and care that keep us moving forward. The work of the Trans Safety Emergency Fund - TSEF has never been more urgent or challenging. Despite a systematic defunding of LGBTIQ causes, we have managed to distribute emergency funds to vulnerabilized Trans people facing crisis situations—including those fleeing violence, seeking medical care, or securing safe housing. Each grant we provide is a statement for the dignity of Trans people and their communities.

We do this work because we believe in a future where all Trans people, no matter where they are, have the safety and resources to thrive. Unfortunately, the need only keeps growing. The continuous rise in anti-trans legislation, economic instability, and increasing violence against our communities remind us that we cannot slow down. Our commitment remains unwavering; we will continue to believe in every single Trans person and their worth.

None of this would be possible without our donors, volunteers, and activists who show up, again and again, to support Trans lives. We see you, we appreciate you, and we are grateful you are here with us. Your generosity fuels and inspires our work, and together, we are making a tangible difference.

As we step into the next year, we invite you to continue this journey with us. Let's stay resilient, support each other and push harder to ensure that our community receives the care they deserve.

With gratitude and solidarity,



Sandro Niederer
Co-chairs



Deven Lawrence

TRANS SAFETY EMERGENC FUND

We're dedicated to providing low-threshold financial assistance to Trans people* around the world in crisis, facing marginalization and gender-based violence, or lacking basic necessities.

We supports Trans people with costs related to:

- Housing
- Relocation
- Food
- Medical expenses
- Gender affirming care
- Physical needs
- Education

*We use the term Trans for binary Trans people, non-binary people, and all gender-diverse individuals to keep the text easy to read

Vision

Our vision is a world where Trans and gender-diverse people, especially BIPOC, live free from fear, discrimination, and violence.

We envision a future where they all have equal access to basic necessities, healthcare, and housing. Where they enjoy a living standard that contributes to their overall well-being, thus empowering them to thrive and live with dignity.

Mission

Our mission is to redistribute resources to support the well-being of these communities, increase resilience, and foster their sense of dignity by offering direct support.

Our focus is on those experiencing difficult intersectional discrimination.



2025 in numbers

Thanks to your support, we have been able to provide life-saving assistance to those in urgent need. In the past year, we have distributed emergency funds to Trans people facing acute crisis situations—including those fleeing violence, seeking medical care, or securing safe housing. Each grant we provide is a lifeline, ensuring that no one is left behind when systemic barriers threaten their survival.

1600

Applications

140

Supported applicants

110

People supported all year round

2

Support projects

2025 in numbers

With global war and persecution of Trans people, the support for relocation has significantly risen from 6 % in 2024 to 20 % in 2025.

Medical care, food and basic needs such as clothing, gas and electricity account for the majority of support.

With our support projects in place, requests for emergency housing could be caught earlier and more reliably in areas of high need, lessening the numbers of people searching individual support for housing only.

27%

Basic Needs

21%

Medical Care

20%

Relocation

17%

Food

8%

Housing

4%

Transition

3%

Education

2025 in numbers

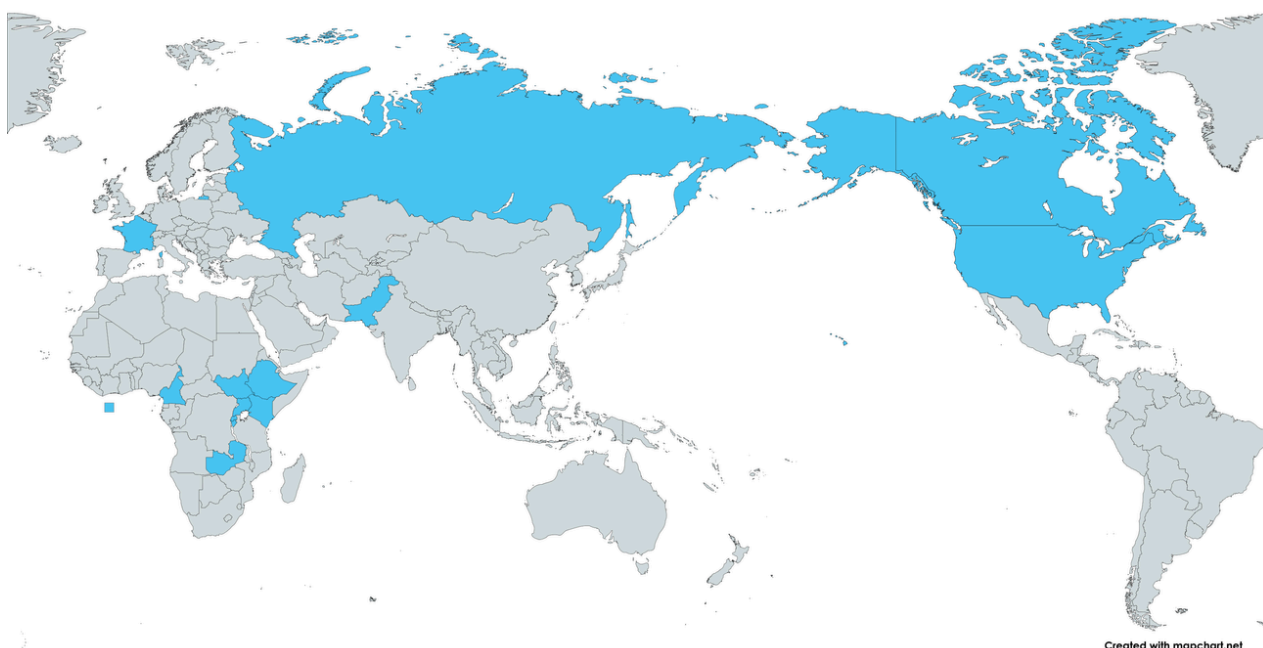
The TSEF is mainly found through community based recommendations and online searches. Support could be granted to applicants in 13 countries on 4 continents.

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Countries

4

Continents



Application cycle

With ever-growing numbers of applications from many different corners of the world, the TSEF follows a standardized application process to ensure the fairest process possible.

Applications

Can be made from the 1st to the 3rd of every month using a simple online form

Follow up

Reports measure the impact of the grant and allow for feedback

Fraud checks

Making sure fraudulent applications are found and excluded

Funding

Transferred to the granted applicants

Grading

Based on fixed criteria taking in to consideration impact of the grant and urgency of the situation

Verification

Processes make sure all funding reaches the right people in need as fast as possible

Granting

As many applications as possible, based on the scores received during grading

Support projects

In areas with particularly high application numbers and guided by the needs and voices of the local Trans communities, the TSEF has deepened its commitment to supporting displaced and criminalized Trans individuals through dedicated pilot projects in Kakuma (Kenya) and Kampala (Uganda). These initiatives were shaped by the urgent realities faced by Trans people in these regions, where systemic discrimination, violence, and lack of resources create life-threatening conditions.


These projects are not just about immediate relief— they represent a long-term investment in trans resilience, safety, and self-determination, ensuring that those most at risk have the tools and support they need to thrive.

Kampala

In Kampala, we are collaborating with FEMA, a local grassroots network. FEMA offers sustainable, community-led resources such as shelter and housing, healthcare, and livelihood support to 40 people all year round.

Kakuma

In Kakuma, financial support enabled the local team, led by established activist Lucretia Ssenyonjo and Nisha Shalom, to provide emergency aid, food, medical relief, and access to housing for 70 Trans refugees fleeing violence in the Kakuma refugee camps.



“TSEF’s support has not only sustained an organization. It has directly protected lives, preserved access to healthcare, and upheld the dignity and safety of a vulnerable community.”

Multiyear Strategy

With the TSEF's longevity and sustainability in mind, the Executive Board follows a four-year strategy. With the goal to guide the organizational development of the TSEF following its values to help even more Trans people find the support they deserve.

Developed through collaboration with the Mentoring Board and individuals who have accessed our fund, it prioritizes sustainable, long-term solutions alongside rapid-response aid.



Funding

With a mapped out fundraising strategy the TSEF aims at diversifying its funding both with private and institutional donors. Over the year, the strategy has proven moderately successful in stabilizing the funding lost due to political changes.



Work force

Due to systematic funding cuts to LGBTIQ-associations, the TSEF was unable to enlarge its paid work force.

With great support from the community, the TSEF was able to stabilize its capacity through well organized volunteering work.



Organizational Development

Faced with an ever-growing demand, the TSEF streamlined its processes further, ensured transparency, and improved its communication strategy.



Education

Making Trans realities heard and advocating for the rights of trans people, the TSEF continues to provide educational resources to allies.

In 2025 TSEF provided training to both women's shelters and universities as well as key notes at festivals and congresses on various Trans-related topics.

The Team

The strength of the TSEF lies in the dedication and expertise of our team, which continues to grow in response to the evolving needs of our community.

The Mentoring Board

Our Mentoring board is a group of experienced Trans activists and organizers who provide guidance, ensuring our strategies take into consideration the lived realities of as many different Trans communities as possible.

The Executive Board

At the heart of our leadership is our Executive Board, a group of skilled advocates and professionals committed to driving the TSEF's sustainability and development on a volunteering basis.

The Office

The TSEF has grown its operation to a scale where volunteering can no longer provide the quality of work needed and has proven unsustainable. At the same time, funding cuts due to political development in the US had an impact on resources available to hire people. To ensure the TSEF can continue its mission and distribute the largest amount of funding possible to Trans people in need, we had to focus our available funding to ensure our application manager can keep our vital processes going. Our 30% Application Management position works tirelessly to manage daily operations, coordinate emergency support, and build partnerships that expand our reach and our funding.

The Volunteers

Still, none of this would be possible without our volunteers, whose unwavering commitment ensures that Trans people in crisis receive the urgent care and resources they need. Together, we are building a future where Trans safety and security are not just reactive measures, but a fundamental right.

Annual Financial Statement 2025

Revenue (CHF)	2025	2024
Private Donations	96'892.79	75'396.41
Corporate Donations	16'073.18	76'672.98
Service Income	500.00	500.00
Book Sales	75.00	1'660.00
Total Revenue	113'540.97	154'229.39
Expenses (CHF)	2025	2024
Support Payments - Individual	19'694.30	72'326.95
Support Payments - Support Projects	52'024.00	31'285.00
Materials, products	-	1'380.60
Personnel	51'349.67	31'907.85
Rental	450.00	250.00
Insurance	1'393.25	804.65
Marketing	846.09	-
IT	3'125.81	881.31
Depreciations	995.88	368.00
Mentoring Board	883.80	1'124.65
Various	154.70	541.75
Financial	332.69	1'976.13
Total Expenses	131'250.19	142'846.89
Earnings	-17'709.22	11'382.50

Balance Sheet 2025

Balance Sheet as of December 31st, 2025, with comparison to the previous year.

Assets (CHF)	2025	2024
Current Assets		
Bank Accounts	37'414.03	53'166.72
Deferred Assets	-	508.85
Rent Deposit	-	100.00
Total Current Assets	37'414.03	53'775.57
Noncurrent Assets		
Rent Deposit	100.00	-
Hardware and Software	1'493.82	552.00
Total Noncurrent Assets	1'593.82	552.00
Total Assets	39'007.85	54'327.57

Liabilities (CHF)	2025	2024
Current Liabilities		
Liabilities Social Security	503.60	184.40
Liabilities Insurances	353.25	182.95
Other Accounts Payable	1'900.00	-
Total Current Liabilities	2'756.85	367.35
Association Capital		
Previous Association Capital	53'960.22	42'577.72
Earnings	- 17'709.22	11'382.50
Total Association Capital	36'251.00	53'960.22
Total Liabilities and Association Capital	39'007.85	54'327.57

Audit

The 2025 annual financial statement and the 2025 balance sheet were viewed, checked and found to be correct by the auditor.

Thank You!

We extend our deepest gratitude to everyone who has contributed to the Trans Safety Emergent Fund's mission this year.

To our incredible volunteers—your dedication and hard work make this vital work possible. To our former employees Renan Carvalho and Micheline Bader—your work and commitment have left a lasting impact, To our former board members Ivy Monteiro for your never ending support of the TSEF and its team.

To our generous donors and steadfast supporters—your belief in our mission ensures that trans people in crisis receive the care and resources they need. This work is only possible because of you, and we thank you for standing with us in solidarity and action.

