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Founded in 2001, KOFF is a dialogue and exchange network facilitated by swisspeace connecting Swiss state and non-state actors active in peacebuilding. Its mission is to ensure that Swiss peacebuilding activities are strengthened, relevant, and visible.

To do so, KOFF facilitates dialogue and learning processes in Switzerland and abroad and fosters information sharing with a view to develop strategic alternatives, policy recommendations and joint initiatives for peace with its member organizations.

## Editorial

In many respects, the events of 2015 have had a significant impact on KOFF, which is approaching its 15th anniversary. At national level, the Swiss Federal Department of Foreign Affairs (FDFA) presented its new Dispatch on Switzerland's International Cooperation 2017-2020, which is due to be discussed and approved in Parliament in 2016. Meanwhile, various key milestones were also reached on an international scale with the 2030 Agenda for Sustainable Development and the review of the United Nations' peace and security architecture. In addition, 2015 saw international conflicts creep closer and closer to Europe, causing much concern also in Switzerland. The fundamental question facing us now is how new challenges such as violent extremism or migration are fitting into peacebuilding and human rights work.

In this context, KOFF held three consultation meetings with its member organizations in Bern, Zurich and Geneva as part of its strategy process. It was evident from the discussions that peacebuilding and human rights work, as well as working in fragile contexts, are still of crucial importance. It also became clear that members need a platform for dialogue and would like to see KOFF to play a stronger political role in Switzerland.

Due to government budget cuts, KOFF will not be able to fully implement its new strategy in 2016. With this in mind, it will focus on its function as a platform and will no longer be offering training courses and free consultations for members. One new development, however, is the incorporation of KOFF into the new swisspeace topic area "Policy & Platform", making it possible to step up efforts to network with other platforms – such as, at international level, the European Peacebuilding Liaison Office (EPLO) or the Civil Society Platform for Peacebuilding and Statebuilding (CSPPS), of which KOFF is a member. The aim is also to use international, national and local platforms to create entry points for influencing policy and to enable findings from practice-oriented learning processes to be transposed for policy processes and integrated into them. Other initiatives which serve this purpose are the "Conflict Sensitivity Community-Hub" (CSC-Hub) set up by KOFF, which now counts 15 international NGOs amongst its members, and the learning process on the topic of "shrinking space for civil society" in Honduras, which has been initiated in cooperation with seven member organizations and their partners.

Aside from the launch of the CSC-Hub and learning processes in local contexts, in this annual report we want to draw attention to further highlights in 2015. These include the establishment of a parliamentary group on peacebuilding, the activities of the "Women Peace Security – reloaded" working group, which was founded by KOFF, on the limits and opportunities offered by the UN agenda on women, peace and security, and the roundtable series run in parallel with the election and peace processes in Myanmar.

The KOFF team has been consolidated this year and has managed to deal with the many changes it has faced in a constructive and creative way. We are confident that, despite the cutbacks, KOFF will assume an increasingly important role and raise relevant issues at both strategic and political level. On that note, we are looking forward to an eventful 2016!

Sidonia Gabriel, Project Director, KOFF



# 1. Joint Learning Process in Honduras



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In spring 2015, KOFF – on the initiative of its member organizations HEKS and Peace Watch Switzerland – kicked off a joint learning process on the topic of “space for civil society action in Honduras”. This issue was a pressing one, since political, legal, economic and social developments in Honduras are making the work of local, national and international civil society organizations increasingly difficult. With this in mind, KOFF joined forces with five more Swiss NGOs and, with the support of the Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation (SDC) in Honduras, set itself the following goals: to prepare a participatory and differentiated analysis of Honduran civil society and its space for action using a method developed by ACT Alliance, and to develop joint strategies for preserving and expanding this space.

In the course of this process, the immense scale of the challenges became clear: Honduran civil society is faced with a state that is going to greater and greater lengths to cut itself off from the concerns of sectors of society. To do this, it takes

advantage of legislation, corruption in the judicial and political systems, heavy surveillance, disinformation in the media and repression. The state is thus acting in the interests of national and transnational elites and is paving the way for implementing a neoliberal development model. What’s more, this policy generates and condones extreme criminal violence, which is having an impact on everyday life and poses a serious risk to security. Although they are nothing new, these dynamics have intensified and gained momentum since the coup in 2009.

Social organizations are being overwhelmed by the profusion and pace of these developments. Although they are putting up resistance, they often remain reactive, focusing on defending sectoral rights and interests or even on simply safeguarding their existence. The result is a high degree of fragmentation amongst civil society organizations, which is further exacerbated by the competition surrounding funds for international cooperation. There is therefore no basis for building a common long-term strategic vision.

This is where the joint learning process is meant to come in. Yet for all the potential it offers, it also brings with it challenges of its own. While a joint analysis involving different perspectives undoubtedly creates a space for dialogue and mutual understanding, it also requires a certain degree of trust, which needs to be built up first through such spaces. Jointly developed strategies certainly benefit from synergies and from pooling the knowledge of various actors, but they will not be effective as long as the individual organizations involved are having to battle with existential threats that can only be tackled through these strategies.

As far as the Swiss organizations are concerned, however, one preliminary conclusion that can be drawn is that processes like these, which go beyond program implementation and promote collective and innovative approaches and synergies, are hugely important – specifically, as a way of providing positive impetus in a long-term process of transformation towards a fairer and more peaceful Honduras. KOFF will therefore continue to support such processes in future.

## 2. Strengthening KOFF's Political Role in Switzerland

In June 2015, the Swiss Federal Administration presented the first draft of the new Dispatch on Switzerland's International Cooperation 2017-2020 to civil society organizations across all fields. To ensure coherence, this Dispatch brings together five framework credits (SDC's regional cooperation, humanitarian aid and the global programs, SECO and the Human Security Division) in a single document for the first time. A wide variety of issues were therefore raised during the civil society consultation process. However, there proved to be little scope for more in-depth discussion on a range of topics from peacebuilding to fragility, despite the fact that Switzerland is keen to step up its engagement in conflict-affected and fragile contexts and it would be important not only to be aware of the tools and approaches available to Switzerland in various areas, but also to work together on applying these resources in a more strategic way.

KOFF and 22 of its member organizations therefore decided to issue a statement which emphasizes both the importance of strong peacebuilding and human rights work and the interconnectivity between areas (development cooperation, humanitarian aid, peace and security). Pinpointing the key interfaces between these areas could prove to be precisely where the new Dispatch demonstrates its innovative strength. For this interconnectivity to be put into practice, however, financial resources and basic structures would need

See the [statement](#) issued by KOFF and its members on the Dispatch on Switzerland's International Cooperation 2017-2020.

to be made available, as one joint document is not enough to ensure actual implementation. The statement also stresses the importance of cooperation with civil society and the security sector.

2015 also saw the establishment of a parliamentary group on peacebuilding, with KOFF/swisspeace holding the secretariat and a committee made up of representatives from the FDP (The Liberals), the SP (Social Democratic Party), the GLP (Green Liberal Party) and the CVP (Christian Democratic People's Party) leading the group. This group provides a platform within the Swiss Parliament for highlighting specific issues relating to peacebuilding and the niche role Switzerland can play on the international stage and for bringing up risks and problems. The aim is to increase awareness amongst parliamentarians in order to raise the profile of peacebuilding as an instrument for foreign policy and to show how it fits into international cooperation in general. In 2016, the parliamentary group on peacebuilding will also be in contact with the existing bodies involved in development cooperation, the parliamentary group "Groupe Suisse – Solidarité Internationale" and the Advisory Committee on International Cooperation.

In 2016, KOFF would like to carry on the political discussion that has already been started with a wide range of actors from different areas, opening up various perspectives. After all, interaction between all partners concerned is essential for cultivating a coherent peace and development policy in Switzerland which is effective and relevant in local contexts.

### 3. „Women Peace Security – reloaded“

The FDFA's regional examples of how the Swiss National Action Plan to implement UN Security Council Resolution 1325 (UNSCR 1325) is being put into practice are showing some encouraging results. In Africa's Great Lakes region, for example, women's organizations with support from Switzerland are taking action, despite attacks by UN soldiers on women and young people, to secure their environment and improve basic services. Nevertheless, conditions remain difficult, the situation is fragile and people are undergoing traumatic experiences. What's more, 15 years on from the signing of UNSCR 1325, doubts over its effectiveness have grown.



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In 2015, the working group “Women Peace Security – reloaded”, which was set up by KOFF and consists of Swiss feminist NGOs specialized in women's rights, explored the question of what long-term social and economic changes would be needed to transform the living conditions of these people in a more gender-appropriate way. This also called for critical reflection on the limits of the UN agenda on women, peace and security and creating scope for a more gender-sensitive peace policy.

In connection with this, the working group organized three in-depth workshops on Syria, Bosnia and Herzegovina and Switzerland. The aim of these events was to analyze the discourses on conflicts, conflicting parties, humanitarian aid, peace negotiations and victims of war in order to gain an understanding of how they make use of gender differences and how they produce their effect. For instance, the working group wanted to know how security in Bosnia and Herzegovina has changed from the point of view of women today and what part civil society plays in this, how the various actors involved in the conflict in Syria attribute certain roles to men and women which go against the emancipatory intentions of the UN agenda, and – finally – what Swiss peace and security policy would have to look like in order to meet the requirements of a gender-sensitive approach.

The case study on the security of women in Bosnia and Herzegovina, for example, shed light on the failure of actors to see the UN agenda as a comprehensive, long-term project. Although war is now a thing of the past, discrimination against women from rural areas, the lack of a budget for benefits and everyday infrastructure, the high tolerance threshold for sexist discrimination, shortages in the regular labor market and increasing domestic violence are giving rise to social, political and economic insecurities amongst many women which are being obscured by a gender policy focused on war. These insecurities are being picked up by local civil society organizations, but they have limited space for action.

The findings from these discussions are also being incorporated into an alternative report on the Swiss National Action Plan 1325 aimed at NGOs, experts and state actors. This report, the first of its kind, is due to be presented to the public in the course of 2016 and is intended to highlight new opportunities for action to promote gender-sensitive peacebuilding.

## 4. Launch of the Conflict Sensitivity Community-Hub



Participants at the international expert retreat on conflict sensitivity organized by KOFF in autumn 2014 identified a kind of crisis in the area of conflict sensitivity: twenty years after insights were gained into the role of international engagement in the conflicts in Rwanda, Somalia and the Balkans, the need for conflict-sensitive working approaches may be generally acknowledged, but attempts to implement them still tend to falter. Even in the crucial discourse on the effectiveness of development aid, scant consideration was given to conflict sensitivity, and it risked being overshadowed by new trends in international cooperation.

Together with over 20 international NGOs, think tanks, donor organizations and research institutes – the “conflict sensitivity community” – KOFF is keen to give conflict sensitivity fresh impetus and raise its profile. With this in mind, it instigated the establishment of the “Conflict Sensitivity Community-Hub” (CSC-Hub) in 2015. As a global nucleus for conflict sensitivity, this hub is designed to help organizations address this topic by joining forces and cooperating across sectors. The CSC-Hub aims to ensure that conflict sensitivity has a stronger presence in international and national development policy and is given the chance to make a greater impact in programs in the field. To this end, it focuses on the following areas of activity:

- Community of practice: mutual learning and exchanging analyses, information and resources relating to conflict sensitivity
- Synergies: networking within the community and promoting coordination and cooperation between local, national and international actors
- Raising awareness and accountability: developing quality standards for conflict sensitivity and raising awareness of accountability amongst actors involved across various sectors (including the private sector)
- Advocacy and policy dialogue: pooling and supporting existing initiatives and efforts aimed at embedding conflict sensitivity in discourses on development policy

This strategic focus of the CSC-Hub was determined on the basis of thorough consultations with national and international actors involved in peacebuilding, which were carried out by KOFF last year in collaboration with the American NGO CDA Collaborative Learning Projects. A second expert retreat was also held in Bern in October 2015 involving 14 organizations from the “community”. The survey and the retreat provided clear confirmation that there is interest in a CSC-Hub which combines discourse, learning and information and is coordinated and run by a secretariat. The next step now is to secure the funding required for this.

KOFF led the CSC-Hub initiative until the end of 2015 before relinquishing the leadership at the start of 2016. Until external financing is obtained for the secretariat, the members of the working group will coordinate the hub on an alternating basis.



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## 5. 2015: A Pivotal Year in Myanmar

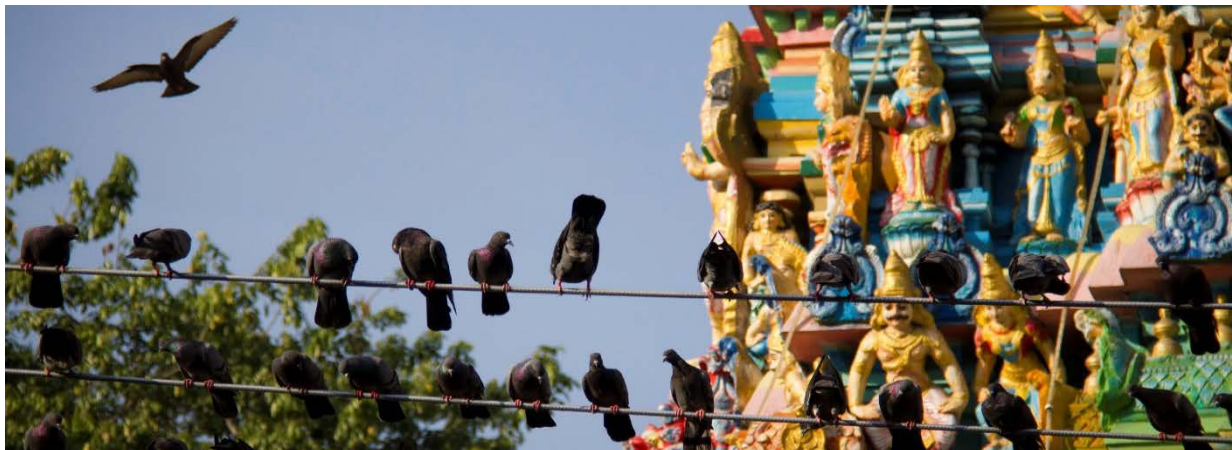
2015 has been a pivotal year in Myanmar. Aung San Suu Kyi's National League for Democracy (NLD) has won a landslide victory after general elections on 8 November. It was the country's first national vote since a civilian government was introduced in 2011, ending nearly 50 years of military rule. In parallel, after more than two years of intense negotiations, the government of Myanmar and eight out of a 15-member coalition of diverse ethnic armed organizations signed a historic ceasefire agreement on 15 October. With several key groups declining to sign the agreement amidst ongoing fighting in the country's border areas, the ceasefire agreement is not truly as 'nationwide' as interlocutors have hoped it would be. Nevertheless, it is an additional step forward on the bumpy road to peace. Another fundamental element to take into consideration to understand the current dynamics in the country is the issue of race and religion between Muslims and Buddhists, which crystallizes in communal violence, as well as the dire politics of Rakhine State that could destabilize the country's democratic transition.

National actors involved in these processes are under an enormous amount of pressure: pressure to push these processes forward into new phases; to retain Myanmar's international image abroad as a former pariah state joining the international community; and simply put, pressure for a peaceful and prosperous future. While Myanmar's peace process has been uniquely homegrown and nationally driven, the influx of international peacebuilders offering support and advice to national actors has also added to this pressure. In this critical point in time, international actors should reflect and ensure that their presence leaves space for national actors to remain in the driving seat of these processes, no matter the outcome.

KOFF dedicated the November issue of its [newsletter](#) to the situation in Myanmar.

The extraordinary speed at which these transitions from a military to a civilian government, from armed conflict towards peace are unfolding also adds to this pressure. International actors should take into account that even with a ceasefire agreement in place, many deep grievances remain unaddressed and key issues are not yet included in the agreement. A long road towards implementation and political dialogue lies ahead. Similarly, how the new government will fare remains difficult to anticipate.

In 2015, KOFF accompanied these processes by offering a platform to exchange views and analysis on the recent developments. It has also fostered interactions between actors in Myanmar and in Switzerland. For instance, participants in KOFF roundtables explored how national and international peacebuilders can work during a transitional year; how elections are affecting peace processes and how to protect space for building peace in a changing political environment. These questions, and many more, will continue to fuel the debate at future roundtables organized by KOFF.



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## 6. Communication

2015 allowed KOFF to increase its presence and visibility, not only among its member organizations and the Swiss public, but also abroad.

Firstly, KOFF used its strategy process to strengthen its presence and its role among its member organizations. The three consultation meetings in Geneva, Bern and Zurich in April and May 2015 allowed KOFF to provide the member organizations with more detailed information about its role and activities, to strengthen the ties between the various organizations, to revitalize the network, to create a sense of “ownership”, and lastly to get a feel for the current trends and issues in peacebuilding.

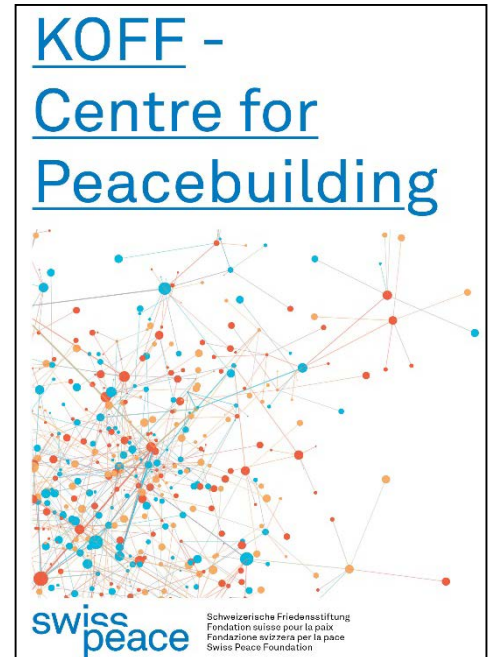
These included the will to make peacebuilding more visible in Switzerland and to discuss the opportunity to strengthen the strategic cooperation between the various entities of the Swiss administration and the civil society in the areas of peacebuilding, fragility and development. KOFF launched the discussion via its newsletter, which now has over 8,000 subscribers, in the issue on Switzerland’s peace architecture published in June. The discussion continued at the annual meeting of KOFF members, also held in June, which brought together many of the interested parties. The conversation was further fuelled by the creation of the parliamentary group and the statement issued by Swiss NGOs on the Dispatch on International Cooperation 2017–2020 (read more on page 6), and the discussion is set to carry on in 2016.

For more information on Switzerland’s peace architecture, please read our [newsletter](#) dedicated

KOFF also created an informative flyer in 2015 that clearly and succinctly outlines KOFF’s mission, its structure, its areas of expertise and the services it offers to its members. This flyer, published in English, allowed KOFF to strengthen its position and visibility not only in Switzerland but also abroad, where KOFF is looking to enhance cooperation with its international partners. KOFF will update the flyer with 2016 developments shortly.

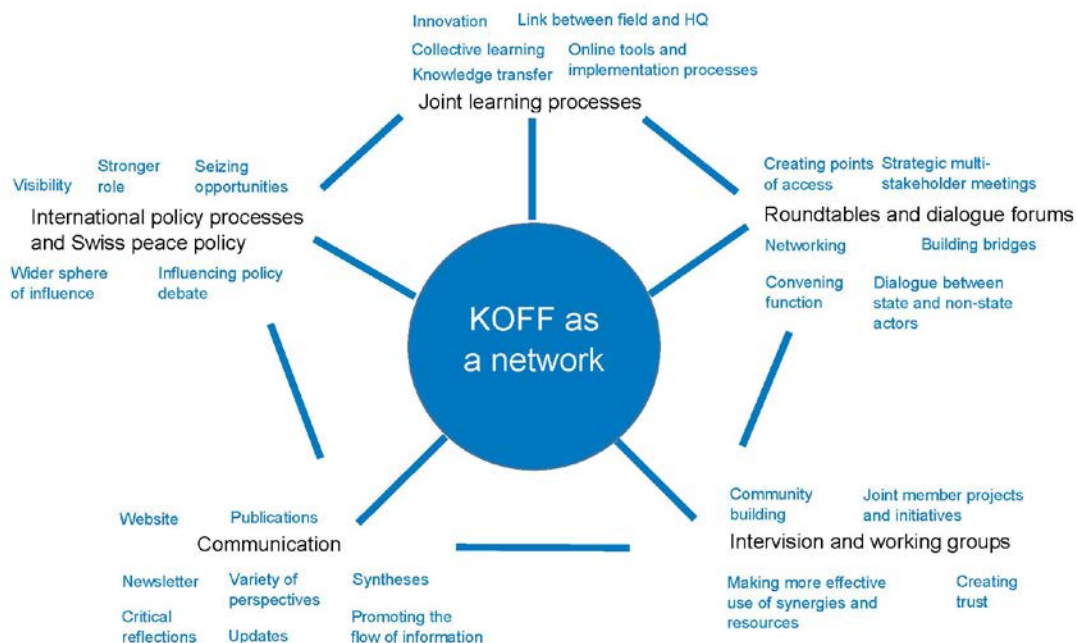
Lastly, KOFF employees attended the meeting of the German FriEnt network in January 2015. The teams used this experience to learn more about and discuss current challenges involved in peacebuilding, networking and possible thematic parallels. KOFF also became a member of the Civil Society Platform for Peacebuilding and Statebuilding (CSPPS), a South-North non-governmental coalition of peacebuilding organizations that coordinates and supports civil society participation in the International Dialogue on Peacebuilding and Statebuilding (IDPS).

All of these initiatives contributed to making KOFF’s peacebuilding activities stronger, more relevant and more visible during 2015, and ultimately aim to influence national and international peace policy.



## 7. Appendix

### A) KOFF Profile



### B) List of KOFF activities in 2015

KOFF Dialog-platforms: roundtables, events, workshops, working group...

Date (DD/MM)	Topic
21-23/01	Work exchange with FriEnt in Bonn: How can the two networks in Germany and Switzerland strengthen their collaboration and international peace policy?
17/02	KOFF Intervision group meeting: Review New Deal and post-2015 Agenda
04/03	KOFF Roundtable on "Working in and on Myanmar during a transitional year"
19/03	Expert discussion on "Gender and Syria – a variety of facets"
27/03	KOFF informal discussion on „Sicherheit und Friedenspolitik - Wie gehören sie zusammen und welche Rolle spielt dabei Gender?“
30/03	Working Meeting with QUNO, FAO, UNHCR on Natural Resource Conflicts: Voluntary Guidelines on Land Tenure. Potential steps for action
30/03 & 21/04	Working group 1325 Women Peace and Security/FemFriPol (with IZFG, cfd, PWAG, FfF): planning of the civil society report on national action plan 1325
14,20/04 05/05	Consultation with about 35 NGOs about new KOFF Strategy in Geneva, Bern and Zürich
27-29/04	Consultation visits of various UN organizations and NGOs in New York regarding the UN Peacebuilding Architecture Review and the Peace Operations Review
30/04	KOFF Roundtable on "Colombia - Between Peace Process and Resource Conflicts"

04/05	KOFF Roundtable on "Myanmar During a Transitional Year: Elections and the Role of Switzerland"
07/05	KOFF Roundtable on "Engaging in Sri Lanka - Looking Forward"
21/05	Working meeting coorganized by KOFF and FriEnt at ZIF Berlin on „Ukraine: Zivilgesellschaftliche Aktivitäten zur Begleitung der deutschen OSZE-Präsidentschaft 2016“
04/06	KOFF Roundtable on "Peacebuilding from Beijing to now – A Woman Leader's Perspective"
08/06	KOFF Roundtable on "Should Switzerland bilaterally recognize Palestinian statehood?"
09/06	KOFF Member's assembly on the new KOFF strategy (part 1) and the Swiss Peacebuilding architecture (part 2)
12/06	KOFF Roundtable on "the Politics of Natural Disasters: Reflections from Nepal"
22/06	KOFF Intervision group meeting: Shrinking Space for Civil Society
30/06	Screening of the documentary "Burden of Peace" (Swiss Premiere) and panel discussion on "The fight against impunity in Guatemala"
20/08	KOFF Roundtable on Guatemala and Honduras: "Neue Perspektiven für Frieden und Menschenrechte?" with the participation of Jürg Benz
08/09	Tuesday Lunch Debate feat. Michaela Ledesma & Sibylle Stamm: "Testing the Waters for the Peacebuilding Leadership Atelier"
10/09	KOFF Roundtable on the Status of Women in the DRC with the participation of Anny Modi and Rino Kamidi
18/09	KOFF Roundtable on the Current Context in Sri Lanka: Opportunities & Challenges Ahead
21/09	Panel discussion organized by the Swiss Peace Council in collaboration with KOFF to discuss the current review of the UN peacebuilding architecture
26-27/10	Hosting of the Conflict Sensitivity Community (CSC) Hub meeting with 18 conflict sensitivity experts discussing concrete steps for the establishment of a global CSC Hub.
30/10	KOFF Intervision group meeting: Psychosocial Conflict Analysis
10/11	Informal Meeting at Maison de la Paix, Genève on Swiss peace policy and the upcoming dispatch to Parliament on International Cooperation 2017-2020
12/11	KOFF Roundtable on "The Conflicts of the South Caucasus: Frozen and Shelved?"
27/11	KOFF Expert discussions organized jointly with FemFriPol on gender dimensions of the Syrian Crisis; meaning of security in the daily life of Women in Bosnia and Herzegovina; and the role of Switzerland in defining human security
27/11	Public panel discussion on „Sicherheitspolitik und Friedensförderung aus der Genderperspektive“ jointly organized by KOFF and FemFriPol
28/11	Public symposium on „Sicherheitspolitik und Friedensförderung aus der Genderperspektive“ jointly organized by KOFF and FemFriPol
09/12	KOFF Roundtable on "International Cooperation in South Sudan at a Crossroads"
17/12	KOFF Intervision group meeting: Impact Assessment and Indicators of peacebuilding and human rights projects



### KOFF Newsletter

<b>Date (DD/MM)</b>	<b>Topic</b>
01/02	KOFF Newsletter 134: <a href="#">Human Rights Defenders at Risk</a>
01/03	KOFF Newsletter 135: <a href="#">Western Balkans: A Region in Transition</a>
01/04	KOFF Newsletter 136: <a href="#">Art and Peacebuilding</a>
01/05	KOFF Newsletter 137: <a href="#">The Great Lakes Region in 2015</a>
01/06	KOFF Newsletter 138: <a href="#">Swiss Peacebuilding Architecture</a>
01/07	KOFF Newsletter 139: <a href="#">2015: A Key Year for Peace, Development and Security</a>
01/09	KOFF Newsletter 140: <a href="#">Swiss Actors in the Israeli-Palestinian Conflict</a>
01/10	KOFF Newsletter 141: <a href="#">Women, Peace and Security</a>
01/11	KOFF Newsletter 142: <a href="#">Myanmar at a Crossroads</a>
01/12	KOFF Newsletter 143: <a href="#">Ukraine Conflict: Overcoming the Deadlock</a>

### KOFF Publications: Critical Reflections, Research Mirror, Reports and Articles

<b>Date (DD/MM)</b>	<b>Topic</b>
15/02	Research Mirror - <a href="#">February 2015</a>
15/03	Essential on "Gender-oriented peace policy - Peace work and women's rights through the lens of KOFF". Available in <a href="#">German</a> and <a href="#">English</a>
02/04	Annual Report 2014: KOFF is gaining Momentum. Published in <a href="#">English</a> , <a href="#">French</a> and <a href="#">German</a>
15/04	Research Mirror - <a href="#">April 2015</a>
28/05	Impulse article: „Die Ukraine als Herausforderung für die Friedensförderung. Erfahrungen aus dem Schweizer OSZE-Vorsitz und dem Engagement mit der Zivilgesellschaft“ In: FriEnt-Impulse 05/2015
15/06	Research Mirror - <a href="#">June 2015</a>
15/08	Critical Reflection: <a href="#">Rubber in a Rice Bowl: Dynamics and effects of large-scale land acquisitions on local communities in Cambodia</a>
15/11	Research Mirror - <a href="#">November 2015</a>

### Capacity Development: tailor-made training workshop/consultation

<b>Date (MM/YY)</b>	<b>Activity/Contractee</b>
02/15	Facilitation of a 3-days training in Haiti on fragility and conflict sensitivity for: SDC, Conflict and HR Network
04-07/15	Conflict Sensitivity Online Course, Development of module 3: Strategic Level for: Working Group Online Course (Caritas, Helvetas SI, HEKS, SDC)
04/15	KOFF Training: Working in fragile and conflict affected contexts - conflict sensitivity.
04/15	Leaving briefing (Entsendegespräch) with Stephanie Guha, future Deputy at SDC KoBü Mali for: SDC
04/15	Development of concept for online course on sensitization regarding gender issues for: HSD

04-12/15	Facilitation of the joint learning process on „shrinking space for civil society“ in Honduras for: HEKS, PWS, PBI, Helvetas SI, Brücke Le Pont, SRK, Honduras Forum Schweiz
05/15	First consultation about further development and implementation of a PCM-Course for: HSD
06/15	Share & Learn Space of Solidar Suisse: KSPM Input for: Solidar Suisse
06/15	Briefing of security policy commission about current situation regarding 1325 and Women Peace Security for: SP Schweiz
06/15	Presentation and launch of the CS Online Course at the CHRnet meeting of SDC for: SDC
08/15	Input on Current Trends in peacebuilding for: artasfoundation
08/15	Inputs on Gender and Peacebuilding as well as the Role of Civil Society in Peacebuilding for: Swiss peacebuilding training course Stans
10/15	Institutional capacity building of the Rwandan peacebuilding platform Noyau de Paix as part of a shared learning process between swisspeace/ KOFF, Caritas and Noyau de Paix for: Caritas Switzerland
10/15	Strategy workshop on implementing the multi-track approach in the context of the Swiss Peacebuilding Program in Colombia (workshop in Bern) for: Consortium SUIPPCOL Follow-Up Program Colombia
11/15	Consultation on reproductive rights and sexual education for: medico international schweiz
12/15	Presentation and launch of the CS Online Course for: HEKS

#### KOFF Trainings

Date (DD/MM)	Topic
29/04 – 01/05	KOFF Training Course: Managing Programs in Fragile and Conflict-Affected Situations
10-12/06	KOFF Training on Human Rights and Conflict Transformation
11/11	Consultation Brownbag Lunch for Peacebuilding Leadership Atelier at swisspeace
17/11	Consultation Brownbag Lunch for Peacebuilding Leadership Atelier at HEKS (Zurich)
02/12	Consultation Brownbag Lunch for Peacebuilding Leadership Atelier at Interpeace (Geneva)

#### External conferences where staff members made an input

Date (DD/MM)	Topic/Organized/Venue
25/02	Panel discussion organized by foraus Geneva on “La diplomatie suisse au cœur du conflit ukrainien”
27/02	Geneva Peacebuilding Platform: Launch of the White Paper and Advisory Board Meeting
2-6/03	Regional Expert Conference of the Civilian Peace Service in Antigua, Guatemala on Human Rights & Conflict Transformation.
08/03	Switzerland - World Bank Group High Level Strategic Consultations on fragility
16/03	Federation of Swiss Protestant Churches: Women’s Conference: „Hoffnungsgeschichten gegen die Macht von Krieg und Gewalt“
23-24/04	EPLO-General Assembly in Brussels

27-29/04	WILPF 2015 Conference on "Uniting a Global Movement of Women's Power to Stop War with the participation of KOFF in the panel discussion "The Face of War is Economy"
27-28/04	Participation in the meeting of INEE (International Network on Education in Emergencies) working group on fragility and education.
27-28/04	Meeting on Human Rights and Conflict Transformation organized by Brot für die Welt in Berlin
02/05	Annual meeting of Women for Peace, Switzerland. A summary of Annemarie's presentation has been published in "Frauenstimme" 2015/2 (p. 17-19)
12-13/05	Expert discussion on peace and human rights organized by Misereor
19/05	Information Events on swisspeace Postgraduate Education Program
16-19/06	Participation at Civil Society Platform for Peacebuilding and Statebuilding (CSPPS) conference on "the role of Civil Society in New Deal Implementation" in Helsinki, Finland
15-16/07	Civic Solidarity Platform-Workshop on Human security Dimension, how to do a critical monitoring/evaluation in the frame of OSCE and its existing tools
18/07	Meeting with the Parliamentary Group Peacebuilding. Discussion about the space for peace promotion in Swiss International Cooperation
09/09	International conference on „15 Years of UN Security Council Resolution 1325 on Women, Peace and Security organized by FDFA – Review and Outlook
07/09	Women's Peace Table: Discussion with members of the Swiss National Council on how to contribute to a more gender-oriented peace and security policy
02/10	Panel discussion on the "Overview of Switzerland's role in the UN" organized by the Swiss Peace Council
29/09 – 01/10	FriEnt Peacebuilding Forum on peacebuilding challenges and pressing issues
23/10	Panel discussion on Women's Participation in Peace Talks - Challenges and Solutions as part of 10 <sup>th</sup> anniversary of Peace Women Across the Globe in Bern
26-27/10	Conflict Sensitivity Community Hub: 2-day Workshop with other leading international peacebuilding organizations for the development of a proposal for the creation of a CSC-Hub
29/10	Symposium in Bonn organized by the National Committee for UN Women in Germany to mark the 15th anniversary of UNSCR 1325
12/11	"Challenges, practices, and the impact of research" at Annual Conference of the KFPE – Swiss Commission for Research Partnerships with Developing Countries: Doing research in conflict areas: being sensitive to conflict and managing risks
16-18/11	UN Forum on Business & Human Rights in Geneva. Side-Event on Land, Corruption & Human Rights organized together with QUNO and ICAR
20/11	Annual Conference of the Geneva Peacebuilding Platform on Responses of Peacebuilding to future conflict risks and trends
22/11	Panel discussion on 15 Years 1325 organized by PWAG
25/11	International Conference "UN-Frauenpolitik aktuell Brennpunkte Ägypten, Libyen und Syrien/Nordirak" organized by AMICA and the Heinrich Böll Foundation in Germany
02/12	Panel of civic solidarity platform - parallel conference of OSCE ministerial conference in Belgrade on migration from a gender and women's rights perspective
02/12	Panel discussion on women, peace and security, organized by the Swiss Peace Council
16/12	Panel discussion on migration policies, civil society involvement, human rights and refugees, organized by the Swiss Peace Council

### Other activities

Date (MM/YY)	Activities
05/15	Country-specific group Bosnia and Herzegovina: local implementation of UNSCR 1325; Research trip to Bosnia and Herzegovina for cfd
05/15	Establishment of a parliamentary group "Peacebuilding"
06-08/15	Conflict Sensitivity Community Hub: international survey about content and structure of the CSC Hub
07/15	KOFF as core group member of the Civil Society Platform for Peacebuilding and Statebuilding (CSPPS) of the International Dialogue on Peacebuilding and Statebuilding (IDPS)
08/15	Offer for Fact Sheets on International Human Rights Mechanisms (AL), proposal not accepted by SDC
06-09/15	Development of training concept and outline on Impact Orientation for HSD
12/15	Development of proposal with regard to translation of CS Online-Course in Spanish and French for SDC

### Steering Committee Meeting

Date (DD/MM)	Topics
24/02	Presentation of the KOFF annual report 2014 Presentation of first draft of KOFF Strategy + information about the strategy process
18/05	Report of the three strategy meetings and information about the strategy process Presentation of first ideas for the KOFF member's assembly
17/09	KOFF 2016: causes and consequences of the budget cuts KOFF statement on International Dispatch 2017/2020

### C) KOFF Head Office

#### Annual figures - 2015 (in CHF)

	Accounts 2015	Budget 2015
<b>INCOME</b>		
FDFA	809'297.87	807'000.00
Trainings	20'031.80	25'000.00
NGOs	17'118.50	15'000.00
Other income	1'511.55	4'706.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>847'959.72</b>	<b>851'706.00</b>
<b>EXPENSE</b>		
Personel costs	554'269.31	532'000.00
Activities	100'729.06	119'160.00
Organizations & members	2'652.30	9'500.00
Direct costs (ZEWO)	129'709.05	120'274.00
Indirect project costs	60'600.00	70'772.00
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>847'959.72</b>	<b>851'706.00</b>



## Staff members

Sidonia Gabriel	Project Director KOFF
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Ursina Schönholzer	Assistant Program Officer
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Annemarie Sancar	Gender and peacebuilding
Marie Seidel	Communication, newsletter
Ursina Bentele	Trainings

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Rachel Gasser	Roundtable on Myanmar
Mathias Zeller	Roundtable on the Balkans
Nicola Diday	Roundtable on Dealing with the Past
Roland Dittli	Roundtable on Israel and Palestine

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## Steering Committee 2015

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## D) List of acronyms

CSC-hub	Conflict Sensitivity Community-Hub
CSPPS	Civil Society Platform for Peacebuilding and Statebuilding
EAER	Federal Department of Economic Affairs, Education and Research
EPLO	European Peacebuilding Liaison Office
FDFA	Federal Department of Foreign Affairs
FriEnt	Working Group on Peace and Development
HEKS	Swiss Church Aid
HRD	Human Rights Defenders
HSD	Human Security Division
IDPS	International Dialogue on Peacebuilding and Statebuilding
NAP	National Action Plan
NLD	National Ligue for Democracy
OSCE	Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe
SECO	State Secretariat for Economic Affairs
SDC	Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation

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