



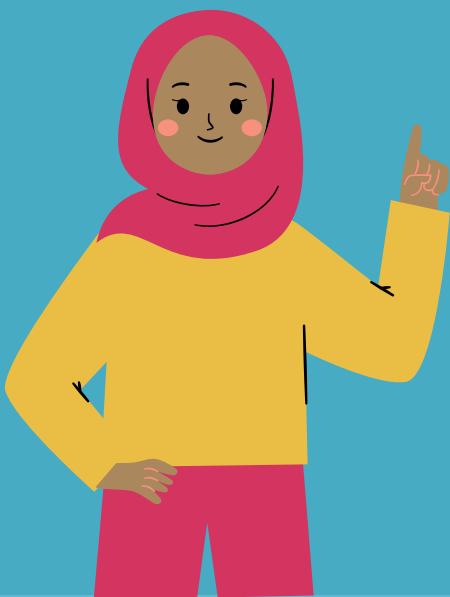
IFM • SEI

Annual Report

2024



Who we are





The International Falcon Movement - Socialist Educational International is an international educational movement working to empower children and young people to take an active role in society and fight for their rights. We are an umbrella organisation for child and youth-led movements all over the world, delivering socialist education based on our values of equality, democracy, solidarity, peace, cooperation and anti-capitalism.

It is our firm belief that children's voices are valuable in decision-making processes both on issues directly affecting them and on global issues. IFM-SEI non-formal education principles and methods aim to empower and equip children and youth to be active participants in civil society and to have their voices heard, despite their background.



Every year around October, the IFM-SEI Presidium and Secretariat develop the implementation plan for the year to come, which is subsequently circulated among the members addressing the activities that would be implemented based on the Strategy and Work Plan 2022-25. As the year draws to an end, it is important for us as a movement to pause for a moment of introspection to enable us to critically reflect on our achievements and challenges in the last year. This is an essential component of growth and evolution for us as an organisation. In this annual report, we'll present to you our work in 2024, examining what went well and the areas that present opportunities for improvement.

This report is based on our Strategy and Work Plan 2022-25.

Our Message



**By children and young
people, for children
and young people**

MISSION

WHAT OUR ORGANISATION DOES

The mission of IFM-SEI is to contribute to the education of young people, through socialist values and non-formal education, enabling children and young people to become critical thinkers and active decision-makers in their lives and communities. We believe that through empowering our members to bring about smaller, local changes we can bring about a bigger, further reaching change in society - we call this education for social change.

VISION

WHERE WE WANT TO GO

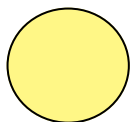
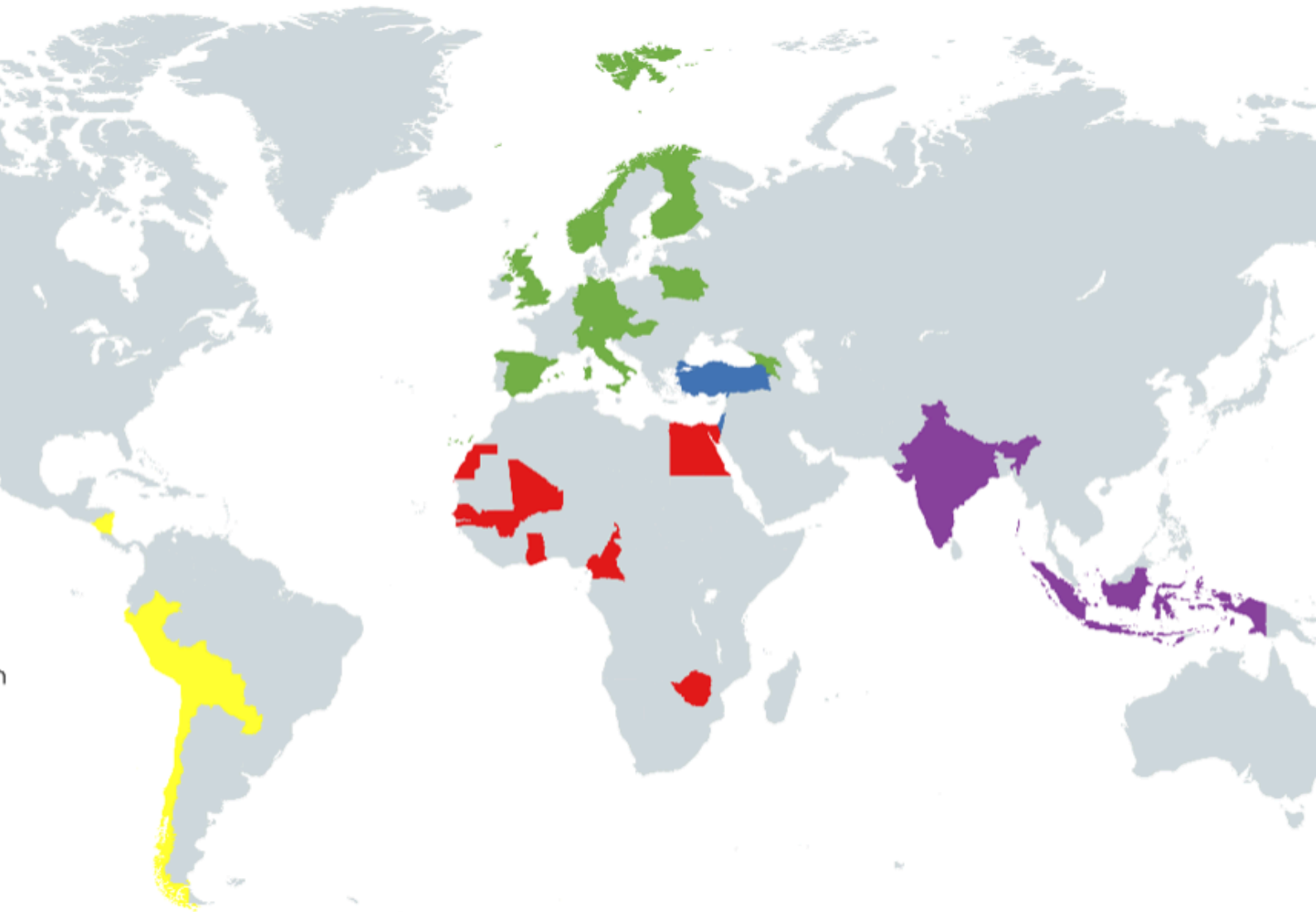
By 2025, our vision is to create more spaces within the movement where children and young people from different socio-economic backgrounds feel empowered to raise their voice and are able to actively and meaningfully impact and participate in decision-making process that affect their lives.



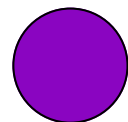
Our member organisations



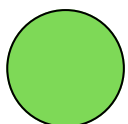
With this map, you will get a glimpse of our member organisations all over the world.



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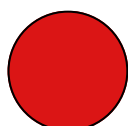
Asia



Europe



Middle-East



Africa

Projects and activities



OVERVIEW

Within the framework of our ongoing Strategy and Workplan 2022-2025, we carried out different projects and activities on the topics of children's rights, the rights of LGBTQI+ refugees and peace education, digital competencies, and meaningful youth participation.



We kicked off the year by promoting the outputs of “Choosing Anti-Racism: choosing the radical re-orientation of our consciousness”. This project was an annual workplan funded by the European Youth Foundation of the council of Europe, aiming to provide a space for IFM-SEI and its members to reflect on the power structures that perpetuate racism.

E-MPACT
YOUTH FOR INCLUSIVE E-EDUCATION

We continued with the three-year project “E-mpACT: Youth for inclusive e-education” which focuses on addressing digitalisation and developing young people's understanding of peace education and non-violence.

NEW PROJECTS



In 2024, we kicked off the implementation of 3 projects.

“Special Call for Ukraine - Beyond Boundaries: The Realities of LGBTQI+ Ukrainian Refugees”, a project that aims at raising awareness on the realities of Ukrainian LGBTQI+ refugees and provide resources that help them.

“Working Together for Peace”, aiming at building the capacity of 50 youth workers to better manage conflict and develop activities focused on the three levels of peace: global, relational and inner peace.

“Our Voices: Misinformation and Debate in a pluralistic world”. This project aims at training young people to critically evaluate information, and empowering them to engage in politics, society, and debates.



BEYOND BOUNDARIES

THE REALITIES OF LGBTQI+ UKRAINIAN REFUGEES

This is a short-term project funded by the European Youth Foundation of the Council of Europe. In the turbulent times we live in, with the full-scale Russian invasion of Ukraine and increasing conflict around the world, we are committed to advancing the peace and security agenda for young people.



The aim of Beyond Boundaries is to strengthen youth organisations' capacity to advocate for and support Ukraine and Ukrainian LGBTQI+ refugees, and to create tools to explain the challenges of Ukrainian LGBTQI+ refugees and showcase the support systems available to them.

ACTIVITIES



SEMINAR (16-23 AUGUST 2024)

The first phase of the project was an 8-day seminar that brought together 20 young people from Ukraine, the council of Europe, Africa and the Middle East. During this seminar, participants engaged in non-formal education activities connecting with one another to exchange experiences and knowledge.

The final objective of the activity was to empower participants to become advocates for LGBTQI+ refugees rights, and to increase their understanding on the different realities of Ukrainian LGBTQI+ refugees.

Before the seminar ended, Participants worked together to create contents for the project outputs which included: an interactive chart, a digital suitcase, and posters explaining the current realities of LGBTQI+ refugees from Ukraine.

ACTIVITIES

FOLLOW UP ACTIVITIES

The follow up activities took place after the seminar. Participants in different countries in Europe and Africa organised a series of events to share their findings to their organisations, local stakeholders, and the public.

These events ranged from organising workshops with other Ukrainian refugees in Berlin, art for human rights workshop in Brussels, theatre advocacy on LGBTQI+ human rights issues in Zimbabwe, to human right workshops in Georgia.

E-MPACT

YOUTH FOR INCLUSIVE E-DUCATION



E-mpACT is a 3-year project launched in 2022 to make education more inclusive through e-learning, digitalisation and international solidarity.

With a consortium of 7 IFM-SEI member organisations and 1 research partner, all coming from different countries across 4 continents, E-mpACT is a truly global project!

E-MPACT

YOUTH FOR INCLUSIVE E-DUCATION

We train young people in important skills like e-learning and research and use their insights, experiences, and ideas to create tools for youth organisations to engage in e-learning, as well as develop resources such as a toolkit and an e-learning platform to generate long term change.

2024 has been another busy year for E-mpACT with the publications of a research report and policy papers, an international activity in Peru, and over 15 national events. The focus of this year has been to showcase the many different E-mpACT resources and findings created so far, and use the lessons to create change nationally and at the EU level.

ACTIVITIES

ADVOCACY CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP

For 5 days, 16 participants from 6 IFM-SEI partners met in Lima (Peru) to attend the Advocacy Capacity Building Workshop, hosted by our Peruvian member Los Cachorros. The participants were trained to become advocates in e-learning and inclusive education using the results from the E-mpACT research and policy papers by 2 facilitators.

ACTIVITIES

ADVOCACY CAPACITY BUILDING WORKSHOP

All this knowledge gathering and sharing of experiences were pooled together to create two new policy papers, which will be turned into an EU policy paper. There was also time to explore Peruvian culture with a fun day trip around central Lima, and an incredible inter-cultural evening involving lots of dancing!



ACTIVITIES

NATIONAL ROUNDTABLE AND PUBLIC EVENTS

Each of the 7 IFM-SEI E-mpACT partners held a Public Event and Roundtable to showcase the results and lessons of the E-mpACT project, focusing on their policy papers and research. These activities marked the beginning of the final phase of E-mpACT, to spread awareness about the wide variety of resources and lessons that have been developed for 3 years.



ACTORS FROM PATSIME TRUST PERFORM A PLAY ABOUT MENTAL HEALTH AND COVID-19, TO RAISE AWARENESS ON THE IMPACT OF THE PANDEMIC ON YOUTH WELFARE

The power and benefit of the diversity of E-mpACT's consortium was proven once again with how each partner chose very different methods to showcase the project. In Norway, they created an interactive museum; in Zimbabwe, they held theatre performances; in Peru, they held community meetings with local MPs, plus many others.

WORKING TOGETHER FOR PEACE

THE UNDERSTANDING OF PEACE AT ALL LEVELS

“Working Together for Peace” is a project for 50 youth workers coming from different organisations in Europe, including: SJD die Falken, Kinderfreunde, Esplais Catalans, Framfylkingen, NKK, Unga Örnar and IFM-SEI.

The aim of the project is to enable youth workers to acquire and build knowledge and skills to better manage conflict. The project seeks to build their capacity to work for peace within their organisations and in the world, and to provide them with educational tools to develop seminars and workshops about the three levels of peace.

The project works on peace on three different levels: relational, in the world and inner peace. The main activity of this project will be a workshop in Utøya, Norway, The workshop will be implemented with non-formal education and will explore peace on multiple levels, combining mental health workshops, interpersonal communication strategies, and discussions about the state of the world and ongoing conflicts.

ACTIVITIES

KICK OFF MEETING



Arranging to meet online on the 13th of June 2024, IFM-SEI and the partner organisations gathered in the first meeting for Working Together for Peace. In this kick off meeting the next steps of the project and logistical details such as venue, budget, number of participants and visual identity were discussed.

The meeting served as a catalyst for the project, setting objectives and deadlines and resolving general doubts. Furthermore, participants discussed the planned outputs - namely, a documentary on the history of Utøya, its relation to peace education and the experiences of the participants, and a guide for youth workers to work on the 3 levels of peace.

Finally, the dates for the implementation of the international activity in Utøya, Norway were confirmed as 24th-30th March 2025.

OUR VOICES

MISINFORMATION AND DEBATE IN A PLURALISTIC WORLD

The study session aims to address the growing threat of misinformation and the need for young people to develop skills to navigate through pluralistic societies. In the current era of digitalisation after Covid-19, we are witnessing an increase in the use of online and digital tools, as these are now used in education, work, and to make communication more accessible. However, the multiplicity of information sources raises the challenges in discerning truth and reliability.

Our Voices aims at equipping young people with skills to evaluate information critically, identify misleading or manipulated content, and engage in political, social, and civic debates.

As an outcome, up to 40 young participants from around the world will gain skills and tools to identify misinformation, combat hate speech, and engage in tolerant, non-violent dialogue. They will be the ones creating online video series on misinformation, debate and participation in democratic life. Additionally, National activities will be conducted in their local organisations around the topic of misinformation and debate, to share what they have learned.

EUROPEAN SOLIDARITY CORPS

This year, we had the chance to host Dea Bakashvili. Dea engaged in different areas within the Secretariat, including non-formal education, facilitation, communications, project coordination, and capacity building in the youth field.

The project aimed to create an intercultural platform for Dea to connect with a diverse group of local and international volunteers, strengthening intercultural dialogue, and promoting an intersectional and inclusive perspective while doing youth work. Practically, this meant that the volunteer contributed to organising and delivering non-formal education activities and participated in facilitating seminars and training courses. Additionally, Dea helped the team to develop educational resources, online platforms, and campaign materials.



External Representation



EXTERNAL REPRESENTATION

After a somewhat delicate transitional phase, IFM-SEI has been able to recover a high degree of stability by electing the current Presidium and increasing the number of staff. The Presidium was elected during the 2024 International Committee, held online on the 26th-28th of April; subsequently, three new long-term staff members joined the IFM-SEI Secretariat between May and August 2024, allowing IFM-SEI to re-establish some long-standing partnerships and reiterate its commitment to engage in different cross-spectrum networks (e.g. the Children's Rights Action Group). Being back in full force, the Presidium of IFM-SEI has significantly advanced our mission of cross-border collaboration and reactivating regional networks.

The current Presidium is composed as follows:

★ Shes Paez Gularte - President

★ Adalit Collantes - Vice-President

★ Babacar Toure - Presidium Member (Africa)

★ Estefania Casajus - Presidium Member (Europe)

★ Jorge Gómez - Presidium member (Latin America)

★ Mohammed Diab - Presidium member (Middle East)

EXTERNAL REPRESENTATION

Over the course of 2024, after being elected, the Presidium resolved to make all the necessary efforts to strengthen the relations between Member Organisations and world regions. To this end, the Presidium undertook a series of Representation Visits to some project-related activities and to Member Organisations' celebratory events.

In July 2024, the IFM-SEI Vice-President Adalit joined the E-mpACT capacity-building workshop, held in Lima (Peru), to showcase the Presidium's steadfast commitment to the IFM-SEI mission, and to reinforce the educational importance of our projects and activities. During the same period of time, Babacar visited the Kinderfreunde Rotefalken camp in Döbriach (Austria), taking the opportunity to underline the key role of international solidarity as one of the pillars of IFM-SEI.

In August 2024, Estefania joined the international activity for the Beyond Boundaries project in Berlin (Germany), where she took the opportunity to liaise with some representatives from the Youth Department of the Council of Europe, and to express the Presidium's unwavering support to the cause of the Ukrainian LGBTQI+ refugees. A few weeks later, she also joined the Kinderfreunde Rotefalken annual assembly on behalf of the IFM-SEI Presidium.

EXTERNAL REPRESENTATION

Shes and Mohammed visited the SJD Die Falken's celebrations at the end of September 2024, as a way to reiterate the meaningfulness of the partnership with the German organisation, and the dedication to honouring the milestones of our member organisations while fostering shared learning experiences.

In order to consolidate and broaden the scope of its educational mission, the IFM-SEI Presidium decided to devote a substantial amount of their time to a more solid interaction with transnational youth networks all throughout 2024. IFM-SEI participated in both General Assemblies of the European Youth Forum (Mollina, May 2024, and Gent, November 2024), and it's currently in the process of exploring potential future partnerships with Youth Forums in other world regions (i.e. Africa, Asia, Middle East), while reviving some of the historical partnerships (i.e. Latin America Youth Forum).



EXTERNAL REPRESENTATION

Furthermore, the Secretariat has reconnected with strategic technical partners and advocacy networks (e.g. the Solidar foundation, the Anna Lindh foundation, Civicus, and the Children's Rights Action Group), reestablishing IFM-SEI's active status in them and liaising with their individual members on specific events, campaigns, or activities.

IFM-SEI has also regained an active status within the EU Transparency Register, which allowed the Movement to implement a more complete and thorough Children's Rights advocacy both within the institutions and at the grassroots level.

Overall, these activities have not only brought us closer to our members but have also been instrumental in reactivating all regions and strengthening our global network. This year's efforts represent a significant stride in our ongoing journey towards creating a more interconnected and impactful global community.



Statutory Meetings



STATUTORY MEETINGS

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING, APRIL 2024 – HYBRID

The International Committee (IC) is IFM-SEI's highest decision-making and administrative body during the Congress period. It is made up of all member organisations of IFM-SEI, together with the Presidium. The International Committee (IC) is convened every year in which an ordinary Congress is not held. The Presidium will ensure that this meeting takes place within six months of the end of the preceding financial year.

The meetings shall be prepared and convened by the Presidium. There shall be a period of at least 12 hours between the end of one International Committee meeting and the beginning of another.

The main tasks of an International Committee are to implement the resolutions adopted by Congress, develop activities in the framework of the work plan, agree on the annual balance, decide on the annual budget and arrange the necessary elections, whenever the Presidium and/or Control Commission's mandates are through.

STATUTORY MEETINGS

INTERNATIONAL COMMITTEE MEETING, APRIL 2024 – HYBRID

From the 26th to the 28th of April 2024, we held an international IC meeting bringing together the delegates from the different Member Organisations. The International Committee meeting was conducted as a hybrid meeting, with the members participating online while the Presidium participated from the IFM-SEI Secretariat in Brussels, Belgium.

The delegates had the opportunity to go through the financial, activity, and Presidium reports, and assess the overall situation of IFM-SEI. During the meeting, the following new members of the Presidium were also elected to office:

★ Shesica Paez (President)

★ Adalit Collantes (Vice-President)

★ Estefania Casajus

★ Jorge Gómez

The meeting was productive, as the delegates had time to deliberate and contribute to the advancement of our movement.

STATUTORY MEETINGS

PRESIDIUM MEETINGS

The role of the Presidium is vital to our movement. This is the foremost elected, political body of IFM-SEI, and it leads the implementation of our Strategy and Work Plan, to ensure that resolutions are taken into account and carried out, to discuss political issues concerning IFM-SEI and to liaise with member organisations. Throughout 2024, the Presidium continued to hold its biweekly meetings online.

CONTROL COMMISSION MEETINGS

The Control Commission's role is to monitor the finances of IFM-SEI and our compliance with the IFM-SEI Constitution and Rules of Procedure. The Control Commission meets at least twice per year. So far in their mandate, the Control Commission has approved IFM-SEI's Budget for 2024 and it supported the Presidium and the Secretariat in the further development of a fundraising strategy for IFM-SEI.

The Control Commission consists of the following people:

★ Martin Adrians - Control Commission Member

★ Deborah McCahon - Control Commission Member

★ Etaka Bibiche - Control Commission Member

The IFM-SEI Secretariat



THE IFM-SEI SECRETARIAT

In 2024, the secretariat experienced a few changes throughout the year. In February 2024, we said our goodbyes to Gigi Solans and our long-term office secretary Ingrid Decock, who retired.

Ingrid worked with IFM-SEI for about 45 years, and was the backbone and living encyclopaedia of the organisation.

In May 2024, we welcomed Caterina Battilana as the new Operations Manager, and in July 2024 we welcomed Martin Gjoni as the new Bookkeeper and Office Secretary. In August 2024, Iris García also joined the team to assist with projects. Finally, we said goodbye to long term ESC volunteer Dea Bakashvili in November 2024.

THE SECRETARIAT IN 2024

- ★ Caterina Battilana - Operations Manager (from May 2024)
- ★ Marifé Gómez - Project Manager (from July 2023)
- ★ Ingrid de Kock - Office Secretary (retired in 2024)
- ★ Delphine Konda - Project Coordinator (from December 2021)
- ★ Gigi Solans - Project Coordinator (August 2023 - February 2024)
- ★ Max Homan - Project Coordinator (from September 2023)
- ★ Martin Gjoni - Bookkeeper and Office Secretary (from July 2024)
- ★ Iris García - Office Assistant (from August 2024)
- ★ Dea Bakashvili - ESC Volunteer (December 2023 - November 2024)

IFM-SEI Finances



IFM-SEI FINANCES

In 2024, IFM-SEI continued to advance its mission to empower young people through non-formal education, despite facing several challenges. The year was marked by ongoing financial support through grants, membership fees, and projects, allowing us to further our work.

Although we are grateful for the support we received, we also recognize that some Member Organizations faced financial difficulties, which impacted membership fee payments. Nevertheless, we remain committed to working together to overcome these challenges and continue our important work.

INCOME

Grants remain the cornerstone of our income, underscoring the strong external support that sustains our work. When combined with the project-specific grants, this category accounts for 77% of all income received in 2024, highlighting the critical role these funds play in enabling our mission and activities.

Membership fees, while crucial, represent a smaller portion, amounting to less than 20% of IFM-SEI's income. This is why we encourage all member organizations to fulfil their commitments in the upcoming year to maintain our operational stability.

IFM-SEI FINANCES

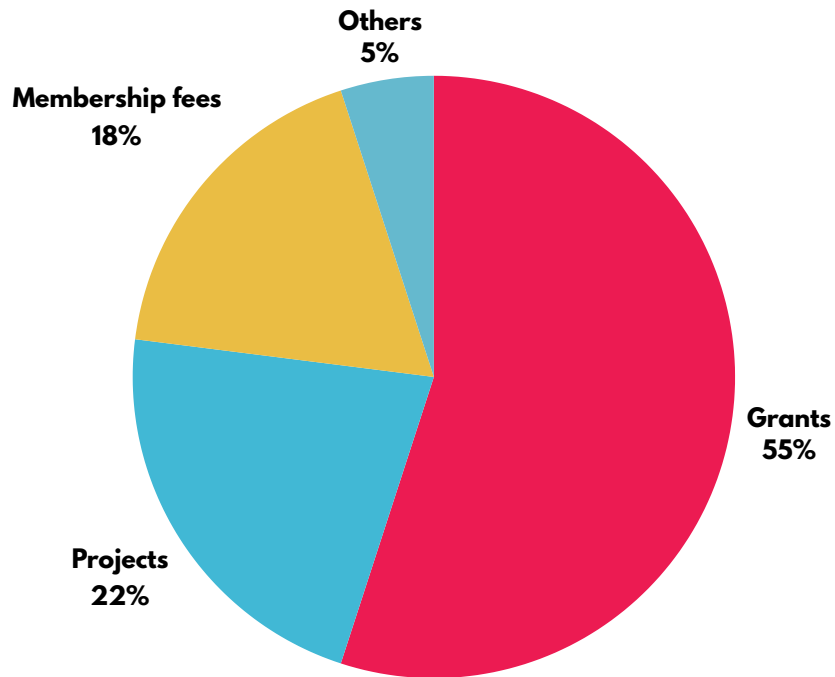
EXPENDITURE

In 2024, IFM-SEI's expenditures reflected a strong commitment to operational efficiency and project implementation, with a significant portion of resources dedicated to staff costs and project activities. Here's a breakdown of the expenditure:

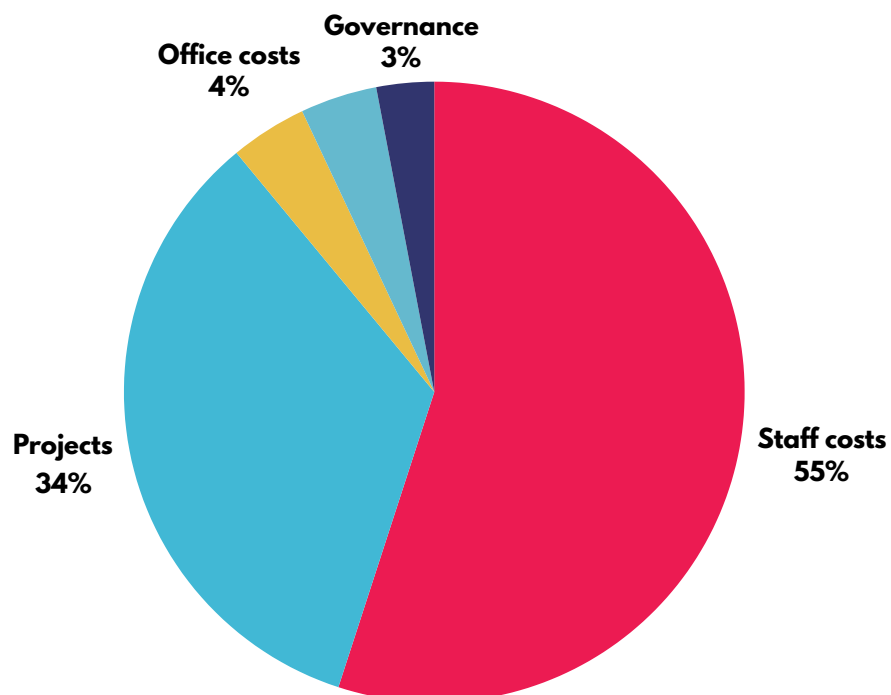
- Staff costs accounted for 55% of total expenditures,
- At 34% of total expenditures, Project-related expenses are a crucial investment in international activities.
- Governance costs amounted to 3%, exceeding the original budgeted limit.
- Operational Office costs accounted for just 4% of total expenditures, reflecting efficient use of resources for day-to-day operations.

IFM-SEI FINANCES

INCOME



EXPENDITURE



Educational Resources



EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

We have expanded our library of educational resources with publications and toolkits on the topics of youth work, digitalisation and international solidarity.

E-MPACT TOOLKIT



In this toolkit you will find information, activities, and guidance on how to use different electronic-based resources in your youth-based activities. If you are a facilitator, a youth organisation or anyone that engages with young people using non-formal education, this will be helpful for you! E-learning and digitalisation can help you reach more young people, engage with people living remotely or who cannot travel, and engage younger generations using new methods - there are so many benefits!

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

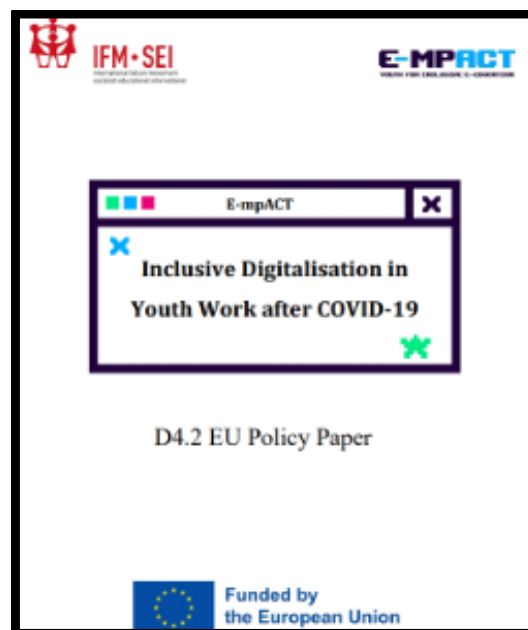
E-MPACT RESEARCH: EXPLORING COVID-19'S IMPACT ON YOUTH AND YOUTH WORK



The partners in this project worked together to conduct youth-led research to understand the pandemic's impact on their volunteers, communities, and youth organisations. This research highlights the challenges and opportunities that they have faced, to be used as evidence to create Policy Papers and bring about governmental change to improve e-learning accessibility.

EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

E-MPACT POLICY PAPER: INCLUSIVE DIGITAL YOUTH WORK



The Policy Paper offers five key recommendations for the EU and other institutions to implement policies on inclusive education through digitalisation. Created by 18 youth workers from eight IFM-SEI partner organisations during a 6-day training in Lima, Perú, this policy paper tries to synthesize the findings from the E-mpACT research report. It highlights the inequalities exposed by the COVID-19 pandemic, such as limited access to technology and insufficient training for educators, and it provides actionable solutions.



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This year's achievements could not have been possible without our funders. IFM-SEI extends its gratitude to our generous funders whose contributions have been instrumental in advancing our work in 2024. We look forward to a continued collaborations and even greater milestones in 2025.



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