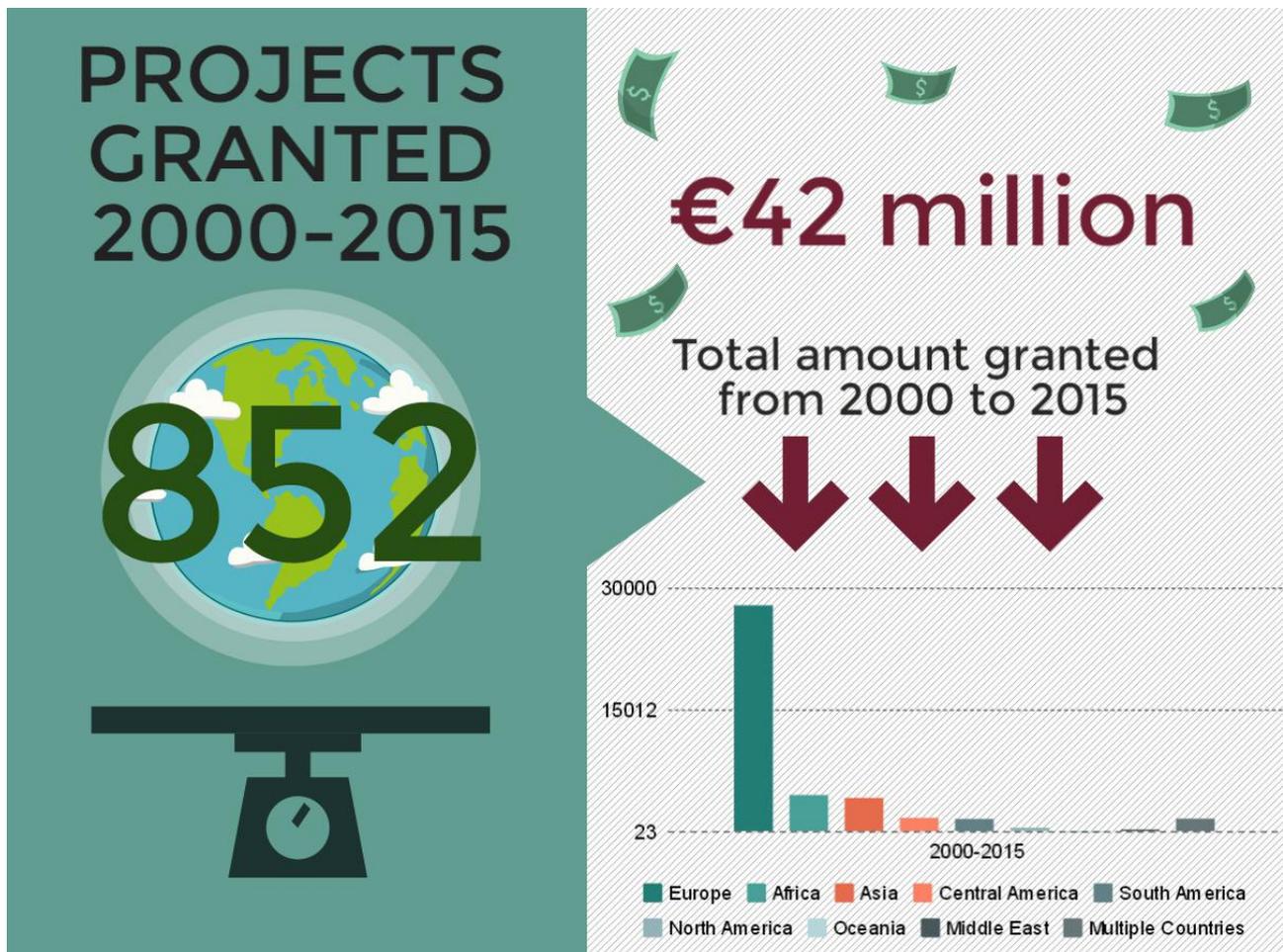


# The Nando and Elsa Peretti Foundation



The Nando and Elsa Peretti Foundation was founded in 2000 as a philanthropic foundation, at the initiative of Elsa Peretti. The Foundation is dedicated to the memory of Elsa's father, Nando, who built Anonima Petroli Italiana (API) into one of the leading European oil companies.

Over its 16 years of activity, the Foundation has awarded grants to over 852 projects in 79 different countries all over the world, for an overall estimated value of more than 42.300.000 euros.



The NaEPF has granted resources to global issues such as the fight against climate change, but valuing and encouraging at the same time smaller, more specific and time-limited projects, such as the support to local disadvantaged communities. This two-fold approach towards the global and the local level is one of the strongest points of the NaEPF.

Initially, its mission was characterized by two major commitments: a major focus on **humanitarian and charity programs**, with a particular attention to first-aid interventions for relieving poverty and suffering, and an emphasis on environment and wildlife conservation.

The very idea of setting up a Foundation comes from Elsa's desire to help out the less fortunate and most deprived. This initially resulted in a prevalent commitment in favor of developing countries. Over the years, as European governments were minimizing their support for social welfare and the economic crisis resulted in the dramatic increase in poverty levels, the NaEPF has been devoting an increasing share of its resources to poverty relief projects in Europe, particularly in Italy. An example is the support consistently given since 2003 to projects of material assistance to the residents of some suburbs of Rome, through monthly distributions of food, medicines, clothing items, as well as through services of legal and medical aid.



Over time, the areas and the range of activities funded by the NaEPF's grants have been significantly expanded to match the widening of the overall philanthropic vision of the Foundation and its President. As the requests for assistance have multiplied over the years, it has become evident that in order to make a difference for improving the general welfare of people, relieving immediate suffering was crucial, but not sufficient. A further commitment to improve people's opportunities and expand their choices and rights was also needed. Therefore, today the Nando and Elsa Peretti Foundation awards grants to finance projects aiming at a wider variety of purposes than originally planned.

An important part of the Foundation's endowments is destined to the **promotion of physical and mental health**. In sixteen years the Foundation awarded 65 medical scientific research projects (ranging from the researches on rare diseases to those on infant leukaemia) in partnerships with some of the most important Italian and International Universities and Research Institutes for an amount of almost 5.000.000,00 euros. For the same purposes, the Foundation also supports the building of entire hospitals or sanitary facilities, and the purchase of technological and medical equipment in advanced, as well as poor countries. Among the most recent and special causes we have taken up is the creation of a specialized network of hospice and palliative care services for terminally ill children in Italy.

The commitment for issues concerning the **environment and wildlife conservation** has remained unaltered over time, funding several public awareness campaigns, and projects for the conservation of endemic species. In Madagascar, we supported the upgrade of the Centre ValBio, an important laboratory for the protection of biodiversity and the study of sustainable development in the Ranomafana National Park, where the endemic specie of the golden bamboo lemur was first discovered in 1986. In Congo, we sustained the Jane Goodall Institute's tireless commitment to ensure the well-being of orphaned chimpanzees confiscated by the Congolese authorities in their efforts to stop the illegal commercial bushmeat and pet trades. We are currently supporting a three-year project by Birdlife International aiming at fighting the illegal and indiscriminate trapping of

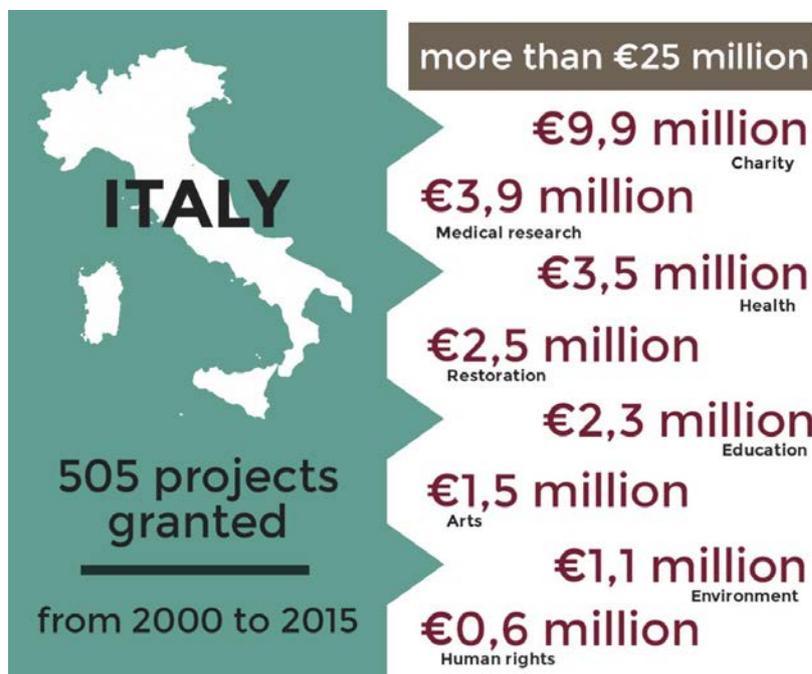
migrating birds along around 700 kilometers of Egypt's Mediterranean coastline; as well as a project to protect and improve the living conditions of the elephants used in the touristic sector in the area of Jaipur, in India. One of our most recent commitments in this sector is also one of the most ambitious: the support to the Wildlife Justice Commission's goal of setting up a global judicial action against crimes of poaching and trafficking of endangered species.

Firmly believing in **the right to education** and in the crucial link between education and development, the Foundation has financed many projects tackling schooling issues in areas where it was lacking or endangered by environmental or social factors. Education proves to be of vital importance in developing countries, as it tends to break the cycle of poverty offering opportunities, which could not otherwise be taken advantage of. The NaEPF allowed for the construction of 5 schools in Africa and Asia, and is particularly dedicated to ensuring the right to education through the provision of scholarships for disadvantaged students.

In most recent years, The NaEPF has also committed itself to the **promotion of human rights**, supporting in particular the requests of unrepresented people, and oppressed minorities for the defense of their right to exist and the preservation of their culture. Most of the financed projects have been aimed at offering concrete material support for the daily well-being of assisted communities, without forgetting that on the long term maintaining a civilization's culture alive means strengthening its backbone and moving towards self-sustenance. One of the most important examples is the constant support the Foundation has been providing over the years to the Tibetan cause, financing pro-Tibetan projects both in Tibet and abroad. The NaEPF has been a strong supporter for many years of the Gaden Jangtse Monastery, the largest and most ancient Tibetan Monastery currently in existence. On the advice of the Dalai Lama, the Foundation financed the construction of a Tibetan school in Litang (Tibet) as well as the Dalai Lama Institute for Higher Education in India for the construction of a new library.

Similarly, the NaEPF has supported the cause of the Ogoni in Nigeria, Mapuche in Chile and Argentina, Batwa in Uganda and Montagnard- Degar Peoples in Vietnam through the Unrepresented Nations and Peoples Organization.

With the number of people forced to leave their home having reached a record high of 60 million, the global migration crisis is the most dramatic humanitarian emergency of our times. The Nando and Elsa Peretti Foundation is trying its best to help alleviate the sufferings of as many refugees and displaced people as possible. We finance both the precious work of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR) supporting its refugee camps all over the world, as well as smaller organizations of volunteers actively committed to help refugees and asylum seekers on their arrival in Europe. In Rome, for example, we are currently supporting the invaluable work of a small Italian association who is taking care of the basic needs of about 1500 residents of the so-called Selam Palace, a former university building on



the outskirts of the city now occupied by desperate refugees, all fugitives from war or persecution in Sudan, Ethiopia, Eritrea and Somalia.

A final, albeit smaller, part of the funds is devoted to the **promotion of culture and the arts**: from individual scholarships granted to talented artists, to the funding of public exhibitions and concerts, and to the recovery and restoration of ancient artistic works. The NaEPF firmly believes that investing in culture means investing in the positive resilience capacity of the human being. Through the prestigious work of the Georg Solti Accademia, for example, the NaEPF has granted resources to educate highly talented young singers and piano repetiteurs from all over the world in the art of Bel canto. Through the University of Rome, the Foundation has established a two-year post-graduate course in Restoration of Historical Gardens.

Elsa Peretti's love for Spain, the country where she has chosen to live, led to the recent establishment of a permanent delegation of the NaEPF in Catalunya, whose goal is to finance valuable not-for-profit projects in the region. The delegation supports Catalan artists like Oriol Maspons, Manel Rovira and Roberto Llimos, and the activities of a small theatre in Barcelona, which stages plays of international relevance in the Catalan language. Also in homage to Catalan culture, it allowed for the recent publication of Ramon Llul's writings, a philosopher and logician credited with writing the first major work of Catalan literature, as well as the inspirational father of Alan Turing's computational analysis. Finally, the delegation in Catalunya is also committed to the promotion of projects of assistance to elderly people and immigrant women.

None of the results the Foundation has achieved over the years could have been possible without our numerous partners with whom a long-term and trusted relationship has been built. Whilst strongly believing in partnership, the NaEPF particularly cherishes its independence and freedom, and above all, the freedom to rely on its own intuition to sometimes make bets on visionary or risky projects. Undeniably, all this implies a certain risk of failure. The NaEPF has demonstrated to be willing to take such risk. Elsa's decisions are as informed as possible, but, ultimately, instinct plays a big role in the choices made and so far the outcome has validated them.



## Some of our beneficiaries

UNHCR, UNICEF's Italian National Committee, UNPO, Human Rights Watch, Ordine di Malta, Fondazione Umberto Veronesi, Ospedale Pediatrico Bambino Gesù, Foundation "Georg Solti Accademia", Alzheimer Uniti Roma Onlus, AIRC - Associazione Italiana per la Ricerca sul Cancro, Università Cattolica del Sacro Cuore, Università La Sapienza, Università di Tor Vergata, Università dell'Aquila, Università di Napoli Federico II, Università di Firenze, Università di Milano, Sheffield University, Birdlife International, Fondazione Il Faro di Susanna Agnelli, The American University in Bulgaria, AMREF, Fundación Menudos Corazones, American Academy in Rome, Emergency Onlus, Fondazione Ermitage, INTERSOS, Progetto Rwanda Onlus, Cherie Blair Foundation, Fondazione Operation Smile, Fondazione Adriano Olivetti, Consiglio Italiano per le Scienze Sociali, Accademia di Santa Cecilia, Fondazione Teatro alla Scala, Associazione Dynamo Camp, Fondazione Terre des Hommes Italia onlus, Lega Italiana Protezione Uccelli (LIPU), Museum of the City of New York, Hands Off Cain, Oxfam, Survival International, Susan G. Komen Italia Onlus, The Jane Goodall Institute, ARMR - Associazione per la Ricerca delle Malattie Rare, WWF, Istituto Superiore di Sanità, CNR - Istituto di Scienze e Tecnologie della Cognizione, ANLAIDS, Medici per i Diritti Umani.