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Annual Report **2018**

IMPROVING  
THE HEALTH  
OF VULNERABLE  
POPULATIONS  
LOCALLY  
AND ACROSS  
THE GLOBE





This programme began in 2012 and aims to **improve the health & nutrition of the most vulnerable kids at local level.**



#### **RAI\_School meal support**

Guarantee one healthy meal a day in the school cafeteria.



#### **RAI\_Summer programmes**

Provide young people with social tools, education and one healthy meal a day in a safe environment.



#### **RAI\_Healthy habits**

Promote healthy living through activities involving young people, caregivers and families.



Programme launched in 2018 to sustain projects with the shared goal of **improving health and quality of life** of children, teenagers, and their families, offering services that are not covered by the national health system.



Programme developed in 2010 with the aim of **strengthening the capacities of clinical diagnostic laboratories** in different regions of the world, based on the work of a multidisciplinary team.



**PHASE 1**  
Situation Analysis  
**"Needs Assessment"**



**PHASE 2**  
Strengthening infrastructure and providing laboratory equipment



**PHASE 3**  
Training local staff in diagnostic techniques and laboratory management



**PHASE 4**  
Promoting community health programmes



**PHASE 5**  
Measuring efficacy, efficiency and impact

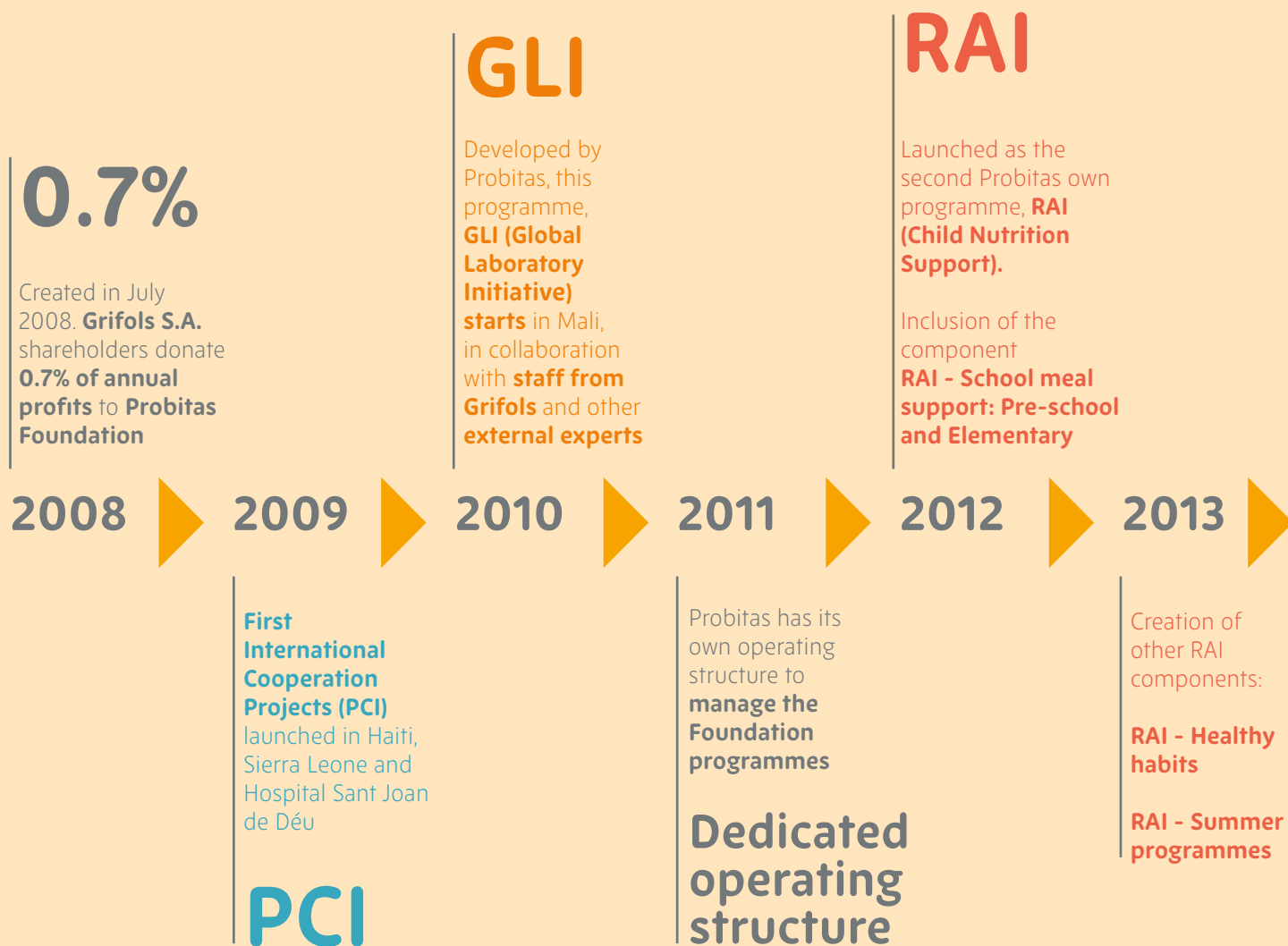


This programme commenced in 2010 to support projects developed by international aid organizations working in the health sector. The projects are selected annually through a call for proposals process.

We work with international organizations to **improve health and quality of life of vulnerable people.**



# 10 years : Probitas Foundation



## Consolidation of in-house programmes: **RAI** and **GLI**.

Greater number of  
beneficiaries and  
increased quality of  
projects

## 1<sup>st</sup> Funding Round

for International Cooperation  
Projects in Health

## GLI

**10** projects in **10** countries  
**28** laboratories

## ICP with SDG

The ICP are aligned with  
Goal 3 (Health and  
Well-being) of United  
Nations **Sustainable  
Development Goals (SDG)**.

Specialized in projects  
related to Neglected  
Tropical Diseases (NTD)

2014



2015



2016



2017



2018



Programme launch  
**RAI - Time for a  
snack!**

Launch of new  
RAI programmes:

**AI - High school  
Let's have lunch!**

**RAI - Summer  
programmes  
August for everyone!**

**RAI - Breakfasts**

**RAI consolidation  
(22,000 beneficiaries)**

RAI - School meal support

RAI - Summer programmes

RAI - Healthy habits

**1<sup>st</sup> Local Call for  
Proposals for Social  
Action and Health  
projects**

**SIT programme  
launch** (Health,  
Innovation &  
Therapies)

## SIT

# PROBITAS, A DECADE COMMITTED TO IMPROVING ACCESS TO HEALTH CARE

The creation of PROBITAS Foundation ten years ago aimed to improve access to health and healthcare resources in those regions of the world suffering from scarcity and situations of vulnerability.

The **"International Cooperation Program" (PCI)** was born to provide resources and experience to small local entities working in remote areas, or complementing the work carried out by international organizations acting in these vulnerable areas. In these past ten years, PROBITAS Foundation has collaborated in 130 projects with 100 entities in 41 countries in Africa, Latin America and Asia.

In 2010 the foundation started up the **Global Laboratory Initiative Program (GLI)** the first program of its own. Through the work of a multidisciplinary team, which includes the PROBITAS team, employees of Grifols group, external experts and professionals from local entities, this program reinforces professionalized, sustainable clinical diagnosis laboratories adapted to the context and needs of the most vulnerable regions of Africa and Latin America. The main objective is to improve access to diagnose and basic treatment of their specific most prevalent diseases. To date, PROBITAS foundation has strengthened 28 GLI laboratories in 10 countries.

As a result of the economic crisis, the **"Child Nutrition Support" program (RAI)** was created in Spain. This new project owned by Probitas broadened the scope of action by addressing the needs of children in situations of vulnerability in our local context, to ensure that minors and young people at social risk had at least one healthy meal per day. Initially, scholarships were funded in primary schools to later expand technical and economic support to non-class periods (summer programs) and to secondary school, collaborating with schools, social entities and local administrations. This past year, the RAI program has helped to improve the nutrition, protection and promotion of healthy habits for more than 22,000 children.

Through the creation of the **"Health, Innovation and Therapies" (SIT) program**, PROBITAS foundation collaborates with hospitals, associations and other foundations: the Cuida'm program at Sant Joan de Déu Hospital has offered complex surgical treatments to more than 120 children from countries with scarce resources; with the pediatric Palliative Care unit, support has been given to more than 300 families with children with serious illnesses; at the Vall d'Hebron Hospital in Barcelona the Foundation has supported the inclusion of innovative complementary therapies for the treatment of minors with mental health disorders. The lessons learned from all these activities led to the creation of "this program to raise awareness and train professionals from different fields through innovative approaches.

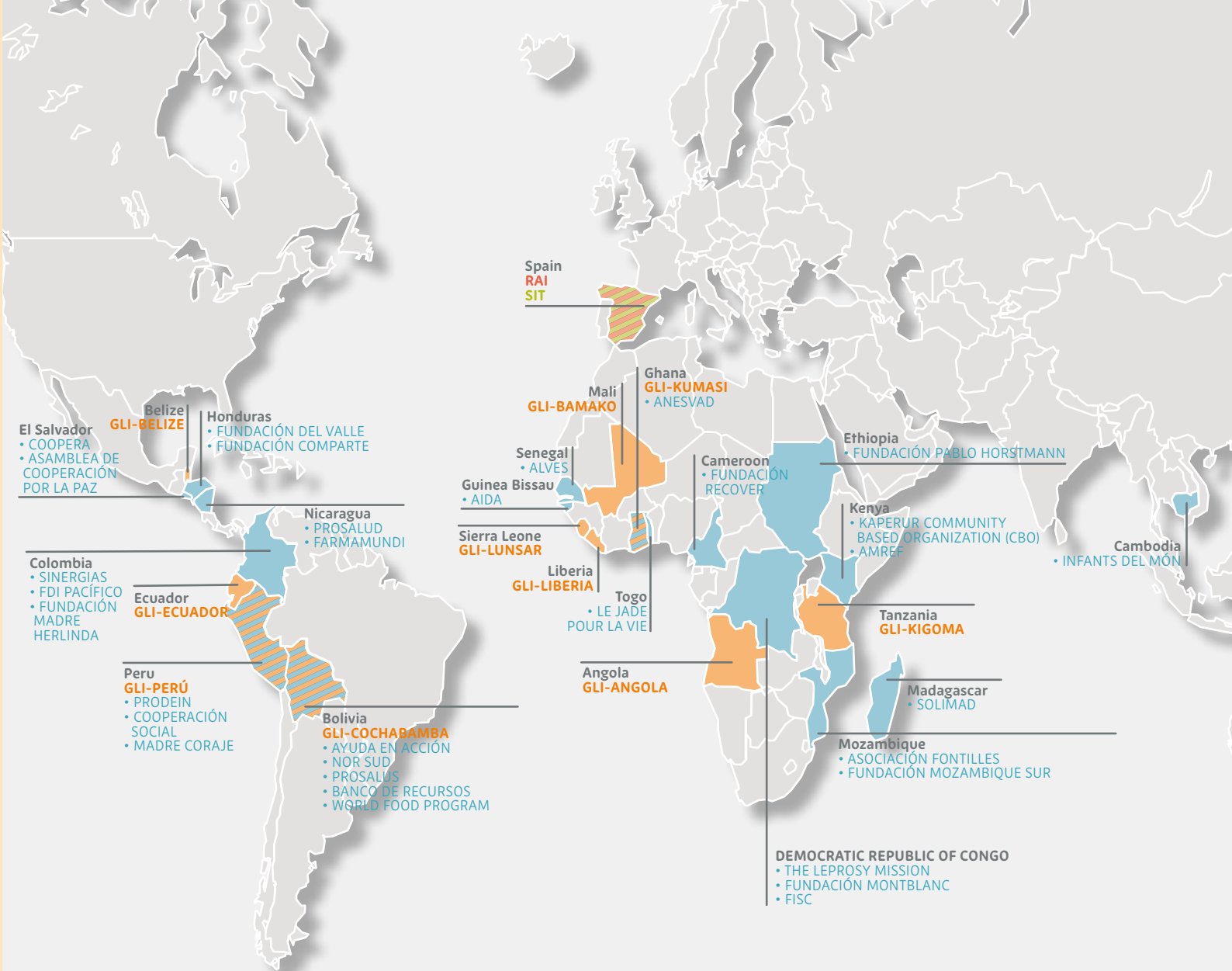
Thanking the generosity of the GRIFOLS, S.A. shareholders and the effort and involvement of the team of PROBITAS professionals who design, monitor and ensure sustainability of all programs launched by the Foundation, the Board has decided to seek additional support and, on the occasion of this 10th anniversary, implement a fundraising plan that invites third parties and individuals to participate with the PROBITAS Foundation in their projects and foundational purposes to improve access to health, *Here and There*.



**Sergi Roura Adell**  
President Fundación Probitas  
(2008-2012)



**Tomás Dagá Gelabert**  
President Fundación Probitas  
(current)



## THE FOUNDATION AT A GLANCE



# RAI

Child  
Nutrition  
Support



The **RAI** programme (Child Nutrition Support) takes an integrated approach to **improving the health of the most vulnerable young people in our society**, focusing on enhancing **nutritional status** without neglecting other important issues, such as **mental and emotional health**.

The **RAI** programme consists of **3 components** (RAI - School meal support, RAI - Summer programmes and RAI - Healthy habits) with a **holistic approach** to meeting children's needs throughout the year.

We work with schools, local authorities and social organizations to offer children and youth the option of at least one **healthy meal** a day, accompanied by **socio-educational activities** and free time in a **safe space**.

We address **healthy habits** (nutrition, sport, hygiene, rest and emotional well-being) in an integrated manner, holding **workshops and training events** for teens, families and educators.

In 2018, the **RAI** programme had **more than 22,000 beneficiaries**.



## RAI\_School meal support

**7,583 beneficiaries**  
**€1,824,385**

Access to school canteen at **pre-school, elementary and high school**, providing the option of a healthy meal in a safe space.



## RAI\_Summer programmes

**6,761 beneficiaries**  
**€1,030,365**

Socio-educational and sporting activities during school holidays, ensuring **healthy nutrition in a healthy setting**.



## RAI\_Healthy habits

**7,724 beneficiaries**  
**€272,923**

To organize **activities and workshops** to promote the acquisition of healthy habits for eating, rest, hygiene, sport and emotional well-being.





RAI\_School meal support



RAI\_Summer programmes



RAI\_Healthy habits





**RAI\_School**  
meal support  
Pre-school  
and  
Elementary



**6,128** teenagers  
**171** schools  
**41** municipalities

### Meals

**6,128 young people** in **171 schools** in **41 municipalities** receive a Probitas Foundation school meals grant.

This is the result of schools, social services and the Probitas Foundation working together, with the aim of guaranteeing a balanced diet and providing a safe space at lunchtime.

**Budget 2018: €1,223,085**

**720** young people  
**10** schools  
**3** municipalities

### Breakfasts

**720 young people** in **10 schools** in **3 municipalities** receive a breakfast grant.

This grant enables minors in greatest need to start the day with a healthy breakfast.

**Budget 2018: €136,013**

RAI\_School  
meal support  
High school



**735** minors  
**15** high schools  
**11** municipalities

## RAI\_ESO Let's have lunch together!

**Project created by Probitas Foundation** to offer a socio-educational resource to high schools during the **lunch break**.

Probitas works in partnership with high schools, social organizations and the local authorities.

**Socio-educational, sporting and educational support activities, after a balanced lunch, in a safe space.**

During 2018, **735 young people** took part in the RAI\_ESO programme, Let's have lunch together!

This resource is available in **15 high schools** in **11 municipalities** in Catalonia, benefitting young people from a total of **31 schools**.

**Probitas Budget 2018: €455,285**

Other funding entities: Consell Comarcal del Vallès Occidental, Ayuntamiento de Cornellà de Llobregat and Ayuntamiento de Santa Coloma de Gramenet.







## RAI\_ Summer programme



**6.761** children and teens  
**92** organizations  
**44** municipalities

Designed to ensure that the needs of the most vulnerable young people are met throughout the year, the **RAI programme runs during July and August**, with **92 organizations** in **44 municipalities** so that 6,761 **children and young people** can enjoy summer activities.

**Budget 2018: €1,030,365**

### PARTNERSHIP ACTIVITIES

**We work with social organizations throughout the month of July** to maximize the access of kids to summer activities, **guaranteeing a healthy lunch, and sports and games to enrich young people's experiences.**

### AUGUST FOR EVERYONE!

**We organize activities during August**, a period during which there is less socio-educational provision, and young people's needs often go unmet. These are delivered **in partnership with local authorities and social organizations.** In 2018, "August for everyone!" benefitted young people in **10 municipalities:** Barberà del Vallès, Barcelona, Canovelles, Granollers, Mollet del Vallès, Montcada, Parets del Vallès, Sabadell, Sant Adrià and Santa Coloma de Gramenet.



**7.724** teenagers

**7,724 young people** have benefitted from activities organized to promote healthy habits.

**Budget 2018: 272,923 €**



## TIME FOR A SNACK!

We work with **80 centres** in **50 municipalities** to purchase **fresh food** and prepare **healthy snacks**.

## TRAINING

We have held more than **100 workshops on healthy habits and healthy cooking** in **37 municipalities** aimed at youth, families and educators.

We have facilitated a **course for leisure monitors specializing in healthy habits** for young people with limited resources.

## LEARNING THROUGH PLAY

We have organized **4 events with Fundació F.C. Barcelona** to **promote sport and healthy eating**.







Learning  
through play  
Probitas Foundation

## Time for a snack!

On May the 6<sup>th</sup>, Probitas Foundation organized events at two schools in Barcelona and Hospitalet de Llobregat to **promote healthy eating and sport** among young people, by learning through play.

**Chefs Albert Adrià** and **Jordi Cruz** and their teams taught the adolescents to make **healthy snacks** that were **tasty** and **easy to prepare**.

**More than 100 children** took part in the **cookery workshop** and in **cooperative play**, designed to promote reflection on the value of **team-working** and **cooperating** with classmates.





Health,  
Innovation &  
Therapies



Fundación Probitas, through its **SIT** (Health, Innovation and Therapies) programme, supports projects with the shared goal of **improving the health and quality of life** of children, young people and their families, offering services that are not covered by the National Health System.

The programme addresses the following areas:

- **Training, prevention and awareness-raising** at home, at school and during free time, and for health professionals who work with children and youths every day.
- Consolidation and support for projects delivering **direct intervention and innovative therapies**.



## TRAINING, PREVENTION AND AWARENESS- RAISING

Fundación Probitas supports **awareness-raising, prevention and training projects** for professionals working in educational and leisure settings, with the aim of expanding their knowledge and giving them tools to use **in the Mental Health Care environment**.

The goal is to **strengthen understanding** among our partners regarding the reality for young people with mental disorders, promoting **best practice and sharing approaches** among professionals, with the principal aim of eliminating stigma, improving integrated care and ensuring social inclusion for the youths.



## DIRECT INTERVENTION

12 young people  
180 families

### \_HOSPITAL SANT JOAN DE DÉU

Since 2010, Fundació Probitas has been working with the **Cuida'm** programme. In 2018, it funded care for 12 people from low-resource countries, to provide access to complex **medical treatments** which they would have been unable to receive in their countries of origin.

Probitas also works with the **Palliative Services Unit**, which has cared for and accompanied more than 180 families, both in hospital and at home.

62 teenagers

### \_FUNDACIÓ TIERRA DE HOMBRES

The **"Viaje hacia la vida"** project was launched in 1995, with the aim of guaranteeing the right to healthcare for young people from Africa, with serious illnesses and **no option of medical treatment in their countries of origin**. In 2018, Fundació Probitas supported travel for 62 young people.

+400 youths

### \_FUNDACIÓ CONCEPCIÓ JUVANTENY

The project **"Prevention, education, detection and care for child and juvenile sexual abuse"** promotes the health and physical, mental and emotional well-being of young people.

**More than 400 young people** affected by this issue have benefited from the programme.

+100 kids

### \_FUNDACIÓ CATALANA SÍNDROME DE DOWN

Since 2016, the Fundació Probitas has worked to improve the health of children and adolescents with Down syndrome, providing **comprehensive support** to more than 100 young people in the educational sphere, and accompanying families through the lives of their children. Its goal is to promote emotional well-being and support full social inclusion.







# INNOVATIVE THERAPIES

## 40 patients

The Fundación Probitas has undertaken a pilot programme in partnership with **Hospital Vall D'Hebron Institut de Recerca (VHIR)**, **Hospital Universitario Vall d'Hebron (HUVH)** and **Centro de Terapias Asistidas con Canes (CTAC)** – **therapies assisted by dogs** – with the aim of improving the quality of life of children with **Foetal Alcohol Spectrum Disorder (FASD)**.

The programme is provided at psychiatry outpatient services under the supervision of Dr Ramos-Quiroga and his team, facilitating **interaction between the patient** and an animal that has been specially selected, socialized and trained: **a therapy dog**. Working side by side with the health professionals of Vall

d'Hebron, these animals help facilitate interactions and motivate patients to achieve their therapeutic goals

The pilot phase consisted of 5 hours of therapy per week, with evaluation of **40 patients**, 36 with FASD and 4 with Autism Spectrum Disorder (ASD).



The **GLI** (Global Laboratory Initiative) programme aims to improve the health of the most vulnerable populations, **strengthening the capacities of clinical diagnostics laboratories through multidisciplinary work**. The GLI programme has been improving access to high-quality healthcare for remote communities since 2010. Better diagnosis means that treatment can be tailored to match the disease, and avoids creating drug resistance. A direct consequence of this is a **local community with better global health indicators**.

The GLI programme consists of 5 phases:



**PHASE 1: "Needs Assessment"**



**PHASE 2:**  
Strengthening infrastructure and providing laboratory equipment



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**PHASE 5:**  
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# USING A HOLISTIC APPROACH TO IMPROVE HEALTH

The most vulnerable people have access to high-quality diagnosis in their own community, instead of having to travel miles to the nearest clinic.

## FAIRNESS

Equitable access  
to healthcare

## QUALITY AND RELIABILITY

Quality control  
and validation  
using standardized  
techniques

# GLI

## SPEED

Rapid results

## PROXIMITY

Providing  
diagnosis centres  
close to the  
most vulnerable  
populations





**10** projects  
**10** countries  
**28** laboratories

## SELF-SUFFICIENT PROJECTS

**6** autonomous projects:  
Mali, Ghana, Sierra Leone,  
Ecuador, Peru and Bolivia.

## CONSOLIDATION PROJECTS

**3** projects in final phase:  
Tanzania, Belize, Angola.

## PROJECT AT INITIAL PHASE

**1** project at situation  
diagnosis phase:  
Liberia.

## GLI Activities in 2018:

In 2018 more than **650,000 analytic tests** were performed at laboratories belonging to the GLI programme. Rapid diagnosis services of various diseases, including HIV and malaria, were improved. And there was improved diagnosis of neglected diseases, including

leishmaniasis and Chagas. Ante-natal and post-natal care services have been strengthened, and molecular diagnostic services for tuberculosis provided in remote communities like Cubal (Angola).

# Status of GLI programme

**\_Mali** was the first GLI project, and the Valentin de Pablo health centre now receives more than **17,000 patient visits** per year and has been **autonomous for 5 years**.

**\_Bolivia:** creation of e-learning platform to deliver continuous staff training in Chagas disease for greater project sustainability. More than **6,000 specific tests** performed to diagnose Chagas.

**\_Ghana:** the Kumasi laboratory has become a reference centre for the Ashanti region, processing more than **170,000 diagnostic tests each year**.

Final evaluation of the project concluded that the GLI had delivered a very significant improvement in the centre's diagnostic service. It also identified the need to strengthen biochemistry and bacteriological cultures.

**\_Sierra Leone:** final project evaluation recommendations include ongoing monitoring reports to enable Probitas to support interventions, and implementation of community project to address management of the most prevalent diseases.

**\_Tanzania:** final training activity, in preparation for opening of 3 refurbished laboratories. During 2018, **the 6 programme centers performed a total of 213,175 analytical tests**, a significant increase over the previous year. The availability of high-quality diagnostic services in the region has increased and now covers a large portion of the population that previously had no access.

**\_Belize:** the new Dangriga laboratory has doubled the number of tests performed, from **35,533 to 74,084**. Time from testing to results at the San Antonio laboratory was reduced from 72 to 12 hours. The impact of GLI has prompted the country's Ministry of Health to consider including diagnostic labs in health centres in remote communities.

**\_Angola:** introduction of GLI-SOLAR, a new mobile, modular system that uses photovoltaic energy to generate and supply electricity so that the laboratory can operate self-sufficiently.

The laboratory was also supplied with basic equipment, materials and reagents to improve the quality of diagnosis of the most prevalent diseases in the region.

**\_Monrovia:** initial needs assessment and preparation of engineering plans for complete refurbishment of Hospital de Saint Joseph laboratory.

This hospital treats **27,000 people** per year.





9 laboratories

## GLI\_Software

**GLI software** is a laboratory management tool, created by a multidisciplinary team. It has been upgraded by specialists at the **Universitat Politècnica de Catalunya (UPC)**, is versatile and user-friendly, enabling the creation of electronic databases, data analysis and management, reporting and logistics management.

It is currently installed at **9 laboratories** in Sierra Leone, Mali, Bolivia, Peru, Ecuador, Liberia and Ghana. The Ghana laboratory's productivity has improved and it also has computers on a local network to enable it to handle its high workload.

## Other projects that apply the GLI model:

These are projects that meet the requirements of the GLI programme (improved structure and equipment, and training of local staff) but that are applied over **large geographic areas** and for **specific diseases**.

2018 saw the start of collaboration with **FIND – Foundation for Innovation New Diagnostics** which is being implemented in **4 regions of Kenya**, where **visceral leishmaniasis** is endemic. Working in close partnership with the Ministry of Health, the project seeks to increase diagnostic capacity for this neglected disease, improve rapid testing and, as a result, help improve detection and early treatment, and prevent complications.







## GLI Programme... What comes next?

One of Probitas' main objectives is to ensure that its projects are **sustainable over the long term**, and this is why **training local staff**, suitable infrastructure and **efficient laboratory management** are all essential.

Within the framework of the GLI programme, and once the evaluation phase at the end of project has been reached, Probitas provides ongoing partnership and technical support, involving one or more of the following:

### QUALITY CONTROL:

International quality control system, managed by the WHO, through Probitas.

### MAINTENANCE OF LABORATORY EQUIPMENT:

Agreements with specialist companies to ensure equipment is correctly calibrated and in good working order.

### SPECIFIC PROJECTS:

One-year projects, so that GLI can be rolled out to the wider community, with resultant impact on population health, whether locally, regionally or nationwide.

### ORGANIZING WORKSHOPS WITH INTERNATIONAL EXPERTS:

Specialized workshops about the most common health problems in each region, attended by technical staff from remote locations where project is implemented.



# PCI

International  
Cooperation  
Programme



In **2016**, the **United Nations presented its Sustainable Development Goals (SDG)** as a framework for **all countries to improve the quality of life of their inhabitants**. Target 3.3 of the health and well-being goal includes the struggle against Neglected Tropical Diseases (NTD), HIV/AIDS, malaria and tuberculosis.

More than a million people suffer from at least one of the 20 NTD included in the World Health Organization list.

The list includes a number of communicable diseases with shared characteristics: they are debilitating, often chronic, and have traditionally been ignored because they primarily affect the poorest strata of the population.

In **2018 the Foundation decided to align its efforts with the general guidelines** of the WHO and decided to focus its efforts on achieving **target 3.3** through its **International Cooperation Programme**.

# New Projects from 2018 call for proposals

## SICKLE CELL DISEASE

**Solimad:** Strengthening and improving care for sickle cell disease in [Madagascar](#).

**Fundación Montblanc:** Reducing the mortality rate of people living with sickle cell disease in Alto-Katanga, by improving diagnosis and access to high-quality healthcare, and tackling social stigma. [Democratic Republic of the Congo](#).

Sickle cell disease is a hereditary disorder that affects the red blood cells. These become rigid and are shaped like a sickle moon. When this happens, oxygen is unable to circulate efficiently throughout the body, causing fatigue, acute pain, organ damage and even stroke. The majority of children with the most serious form of the disease die before the age of 5. In countries such as Cameroon and the DRC, prevalence is between 20 and 30%.

## CHAGAS

**Ayuda en Acción:** Consolidation and application of shared management model for the prevention, diagnosis, investigation and treatment of Chagas disease in Districts 6 and 7 in Sucre municipality. [Bolivia](#). (Phase II)

**Nor Sud:** Prevention and reduction of incidence of Chagas disease in municipalities of San Pablo de Huacareta and Monteagudo in the Chaco region, Chuquisaca Department, [Bolivia](#).

Chagas disease consists of two distinct phases: the acute phase is followed by a chronic phase, which affects the heart and digestive muscles. The infection may eventually cause sudden death due to cardiac arrhythmia. It is estimated that there are almost 8 million sufferers and up to 20,000 deaths, annually, in South and Central America.







## LEISHMANIASIS

**Kaperur Community Based Organization (CBO):** Improved clinical laboratory infrastructure at Chemolingot hospital for management of visceral leishmaniasis. Baringo, [Kenya](#).

**Prosalud:** Mapping, diagnosis and early treatment of leishmaniasis in communities where it is endemic, in northern Nicaragua 2018–2020. [Nicaragua](#).

There are three main forms of leishmaniasis:

1. Visceral leishmaniasis or Kala-Azar is fatal in more than 95% of cases if untreated.
2. Cutaneous: most common form. Causes cutaneous lesions and ulcers, which leave permanent scars and cause serious disability.
3. Mucocutaneous. Causes partial or complete destruction of mucous membranes of the nose, mouth and throat.

Each year there are between 700,000 and one million new cases of leishmaniasis, causing between 20,000 and 30,000 deaths

## ECHINOCOCCOSIS

**Prodein:** Prevention and treatment of cystic echinococcosis in Acopía and Pomacanchi. [Peru](#).

There are two major forms of the disease: cystic echinococcosis (hydatidosis) and alveolar echinococcosis.

Alveolar echinococcosis is characterized by the slow development of a primary tumoral lesion. If untreated, it is progressive and fatal. More than one million people are affected by echinococcosis, across the globe. Treatment is often expensive and complex, and may require surgery or extended pharmacological treatment.

## MALARIA

**Asociación Fontilles:** Prevention of malaria in pregnant women and in infants aged 5 or less in rural communities in the Meluco district in Cabo Delgado, [Mozambique](#). 2<sup>nd</sup> phase.

**Farmamundi:** Reduced incidence of malaria, strengthening community and institutional capacities to complement the anti-malaria plan in vulnerable communities in the municipality of Rosita. RACCN. [Nicaragua](#).

**Cooperación Social:** Improving health conditions by developing innovative uses of the quinine tree (*Cinchona pubescens*) as an alternative form of malaria control in at-risk populations in San Ramón district, Junín region, [Peru](#).

Africa is home to 90% of cases and 91% of deaths from the disease, and strategy there continues to focus on disease control. By contrast, in South American the focus has shifted towards elimination and eradication. In 2018, the disease was eliminated in Paraguay.

## VIH/SIDA

**Fundación Recover:** Unit providing care and regular monitoring of patients with HIV/AIDS and opportunistic infections at Obout Medical Centre, [Cameroon](#).

**Le JADE pour la Vie:** Expanded health care provision in response to HIV related health needs of population of district 4 and surrounding areas in Lome, [Togo](#).

**Fundación Mozambique Sur:** Improved prevention and compliance with treatment of HIV-AIDS and malaria in rural communities in southern [Mozambique](#).

**Fundación Pablo Horstmann:** Expansion and capacitation of the laboratory in "Let Children have health" Pediatrics Clinic in Meki, [Ethiopia](#).

In 2016, one million people around the world died from AIDS-related causes. Only 54% of infected adults and 43% of children are receiving antiretroviral treatment. Of the 37 million people living with HIV in 2017, 26 million were on the African continent; in other words, Africa supports approximately 70% of those with the virus.





## LEPROSY

**The Leprosy Mission:** Strengthening the community health system in Kasai, [Democratic Republic of the Congo](#).

Leprosy can be cured with multidrug therapy.

If left untreated, it can cause progressive, permanent lesions on the skin, nerves, extremities and eyes.

## SKIN DISEASES (Buruli ulcer, Yaws & Leprosy)

**Anesvad:** A support for network of national diagnostic laboratories for control and elimination of neglected tropical diseases. [Ghana](#).

Buruli ulcer typically affects the skin, and sometimes also the bone, and can cause permanent disfigurement and long-term disability.

Yaws is a chronic contagious disease, that is both disfiguring and debilitating. Approximately 75 to 80% of those affected are younger than 15.







## TRACHOMA

**Amref:** Sustainable clean water for the Maasai (SUSWamaa). [Kenia](#).

Trachoma causes blindness or visual impairment in 1.9 million people.

In 2017, more than 231,000 advanced cases of trachoma received surgical treatment, and 83.5 million people (52% of the total) were treated with antibiotics.

## OTHER NEGLECTED TROPICAL DISEASES (NTD)

**Sinergias:** Improved access to health services with intercultural focus on indigenous communities in rural regions of Vaupés. [Colombia](#).

**Coopera:** Comprehensive preventive health system and accessible treatment for population suffering from NTD in nine communities in the Municipality of Tacuba, Ahuachapán. [El Salvador](#).

**Fundación del Valle:** Reduced incidence of NTD with greatest impact in marginal region of Nueva Capital in Tegucigalpa, [Honduras](#), based on community intervention model.

More than a million people suffer from at least one of the 20 NTD included in the World Health Organization list.





# EBOLA PROJECT

The affected communities represent around **5,000 people**, have received **direct support** from Probitas via AfroMedical, including food and medical care.

TOTAL  
RESULTS AT  
31/12/2018

**436** Ebola  
survivors attended by  
Plasmapheresis Unit.

**3,208** visits  
to Plasmapheresis  
centre.

**2,130** 500 ml plasma  
units collected and tested.

## Ebola Survivor in Liberia

***"I lost a lot of my family members to this disease, but I'm here donating my plasma because I want to help others survive"***



Isaac Seeman was born in Dolo, one of the cities that was quarantined during the Liberian Ebola epidemic of 2014.

"I make a living doing bits and pieces of business, selling DVDs and mobile phone cards, and also changing money.

"It all began in 2014, when my mother-in-law got sick. She didn't want to go to the hospital so we didn't know what was wrong with her, and a few weeks later she died of Ebola.

My wife and I were expecting our third child; then one day she started to feel ill, she had a fever and was vomiting, her eyes changed colour, she had a miscarriage, and in the end she couldn't hold on and she bled to death.

My two kids and me looked after my wife, but shortly after she died, they both died as well. Then I got sick too. I didn't know about Ebola, but I had the same symptoms as all the other family members who had lost their lives.

I was admitted to ELWA III treatment unit in Monrovia, and even-

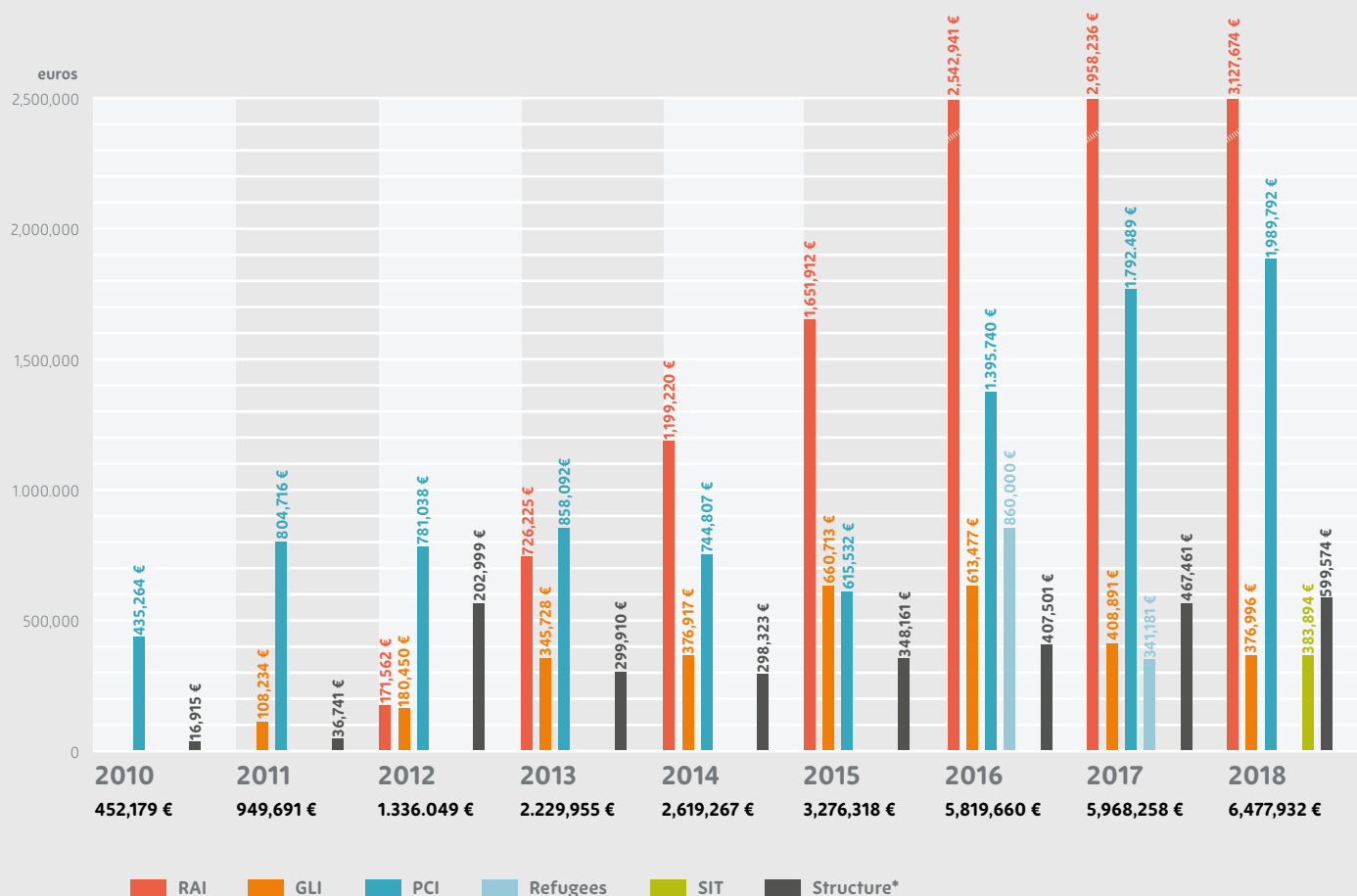
tually I recovered. I found out about the programme to donate plasma to help fight Ebola from the community activists. They gave us clothes, food and other things. I realized this programme was an opportunity for me to help people survive, by donating my plasma.



# 10 YEARS OF PROBITAS FOUNDATION IN FIGURES:

Since 2008, the shareholders of Grifols S.A. have donated 0.7% of the company's annual profits to Probitas Foundation.

In total **29,1 million euros** have been invested in social and health projects, both locally and internationally.



\* Structure includes HR, Communication and other operating costs.

29.1 million euros invested to benefit  
4.7 million people

Through **RAI Programme since 2012:**

**3.8 million meals** offered to more than  
**80,000 children and young people** with limited resources



Working in  
**80 municipalities**, with  
**130 organizations** in  
**195 schools**, with a total investment of  
**12.4 million euros**

Through **SIT Programme since 2018:**

More than **2,000 children and young people** receive specialist healthcare and innovative mental health therapies



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