



# TRAFIGURA FOUNDATION

## In a few words...

Launched in 2007, the Trafigura Foundation supports sustainable development programmes in more than 30 countries. The Foundation's vision is a world where people reach their full potential through self-sustaining solutions, of which they can gradually take full ownership. Helping people help themselves through income-generating activities is central to the Foundation's mandate and its desire to create a sustainable model for corporate philanthropy.

From improving the lives of remote rural communities in China to supporting the development of social enterprises in Africa, and from promoting the inclusion of young people with disabilities in Argentina to providing vocational training to marginalised youth in the USA, the Trafigura Foundation invests in the different routes of a holistic approach to philanthropy which ensures genuine impact on individuals and communities.

The Foundation's three areas of focus are:

- **Sustainable development** 
- **Education & integration** 
- **Health** 



## Values & beliefs

**Helping people help themselves:** We believe in individual empowerment through employment. We view income generation as a key to dignity, hope and reinsertion. As such, we strive to put in place structures within which jobs can be created, including the development of professional skills that will pay off in the long run.

**Supporting social entrepreneurship:** We believe that simply providing financial assistance cannot solve problems on a long-term basis. The Trafigura Foundation prioritises financial grants for local, social enterprises. We support charities that are run as businesses but have the ultimate goal of helping those around them.

**Long-term, genuine impact:** Once the Foundation agrees to fund a charity, we assist them to help them reach their goals. We can also provide coaching and mentoring support. For us, the most important thing is to develop a strong and trusting relationship with all our partners, so that together we can achieve the best long-term results.

**Philanthropy starts at home:** Philanthropy as we see it is not only about how Western developed countries can help developing countries. In 2011 we focused many of our efforts on education & integration programmes in Europe and North America.

## Organisation

Run as a separate and independent entity from the Trafigura Group, the Foundation is located in Trafigura's Geneva office. The Secretariat selects, manages and monitors the programmes to which the Foundation grants its support, and is led by **Executive Director** Vincent Faber.

**Our Board** is made up of accomplished professionals who lend their expertise to guide and support the Foundation in its strategic decisions and investments. Since August 2012, the positions within the Board are allocated as follows: Eric de Turckheim (Chairman), Daniel Posen (Vice-Chairman), Philippe Blavier (Treasurer), Sabine Simkhovitch-Dreyfus (Secretary), and Graham Sharp.

A dozen **Charity Committees** have been set up by Trafigura employees around the world, reflecting the Group's deep-rooted commitment to helping the communities in which it operates. Committees typically meet once a month to organise fundraising activities for a philanthropic cause of their choice. Every dollar raised by our employees is matched by the Foundation.

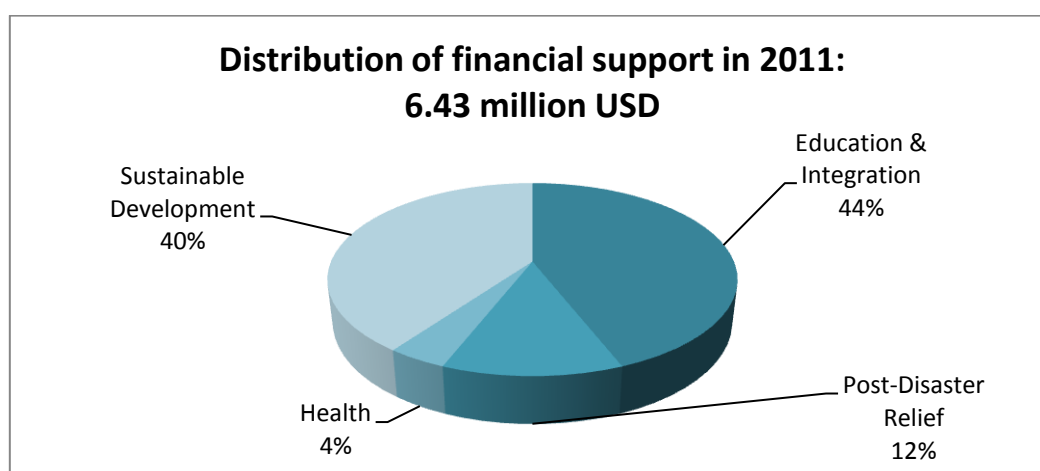
## Key Figures

In **2011**, a total **USD 6.43 million** (up from USD 5.7 million in 2010) was donated worldwide by the Trafigura Group as a whole to charitable endeavours.

Forward commitments for more than **USD 12 million** were taken at end 2011, through multi-year funding pledges from 2012 till 2015.

Since the establishment of the Trafigura Foundation, the Trafigura Group has dedicated a **total of close to USD 21 million** for charity and philanthropy.

In 2011, **53 programmes** were funded, carried out with **38 different partners**.



## On the ground: Success Stories

### **USA: Social integration & vocational training**

In the USA, with our partner Domus we developed a new social business in Stamford, Connecticut. The Trafigura Work and Learn Center helps young people who have experienced social and emotional problems, struggled at school or were involved in criminal activity. They are taught skills such as bicycle and small engine repair and woodworking. In its first year, the Work & Learn Center had a graduation rate of 95%. Forty per cent of participants secured jobs with 22 local businesses.

### **Switzerland: Social inclusion of marginalised individuals**

In Geneva, where Trafigura headquarters are established, we support 'Le Bateau Genève,' a passenger boat that welcomes homeless, undocumented and marginalised people, migrants and people suffering from addictions. On board, they are given the opportunity to try their hand at carpentry, plumbing, and painting against a small stipend. These short-term jobs help restore their confidence and motivation to go back to work and equip them with the professional skills and know-how to succeed.

### **Philippines and Bangladesh: Access to clean water in urban slums**

In Asia, we are working with Eau & Vie to provide clean water to communities in the Philippines and Bangladesh. With our help, the local population are developing small companies to create and manage water supply networks. By the end of 2011, 232 families across the Philippines were connected to a water network and 185 of them are already supplied with water.