

Clowns Without Borders International

# Annual Report 2019



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# CWBI in Brief

Clowns Without Borders International (CWBI) is an international, non-governmental, independent, and non-profit association, without any affiliations to religious or political organizations.

Founded in 2012, Clowns Without Borders International (CWBI) aims to facilitate communication and cooperation between Clowns Without Borders chapters around the world as well as to protect and support the common identity and the quality of the work of existing and future Clowns Without Borders chapters through accountability and governance.

Clowns Without Borders (CWB) gathers professional performing artists (clowns, musicians, magicians, dancers, acrobats, puppeteers, etc.) who offer their skills on a voluntary basis to bring laughter, dreams and poetry to populations around the world who live in areas of crisis including refugee camps and territories in situations of emergency.

CWBI chapters share a common mission : to offer joy and laughter to relieve the suffering of all persons, especially children, who live in areas of crisis including refugee camps, conflict zones and territories in situations of emergency.

**Clowns Without Borders International is comprised of 14 national chapters :**

Australia	France	Sweden
Belgium	Germany	Switzerland
Brazil	Ireland	UK
Canada	South Africa	USA
Finland	Spain	

## 2019 in numbers



**89** Projects have been carried out during the year



**61** of them were international projects



**43** Different countries were visited



**14** Joint projects in 6 different countries



**1079** Shows were offered



**234 570** Children and adults attended CWB shows



**1906** Workshops were conducted



**16 801** People participated in workshops

# Activities in 2019

The year 2019 marked the beginning of a new team, with Claire Rozier who joined the organization in January 2019 as the international coordinator, and Manon Provost, as a civic service volunteer from March 2019 to August 2019.

The steering committee has been actively involved all year long in the on-boarding process for both of them.

During the General Assembly, CWBI's members defined six main development areas, organized around six working groups to reflect on the following topics :

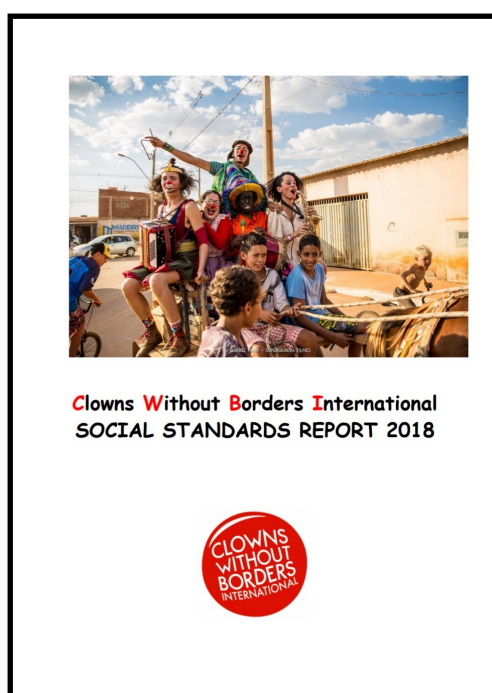
- Budget and financial sustainability
- MoU between chapters and CWBI
- Impact measurement
- Communication policy
- On-boarding new chapters
- Diversity, equity and inclusion

CWBI Internal Vision Statement has also been defined :

*“ Be the heart within the diverse network of CWB chapters to ensure quality and empower each other through solidarity, trust and joy. Together we will create a world where all people can experience laughter, play, and feel hope, especially in humanitarian crises”.*



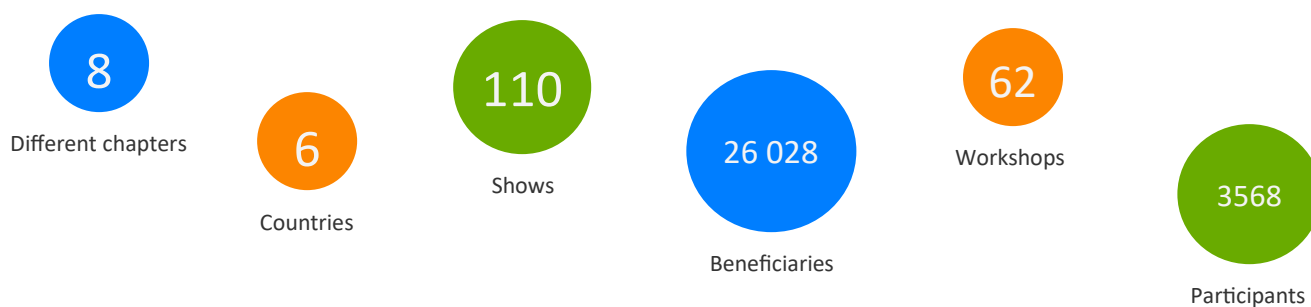
CWBI Social Impact Report 2019 which was also updated and published in September.



## Joint Projects

The aim of CWBI is to facilitate collaboration and communication between its national chapters, and a lot of shows have been created through joint projects. CWBI favors these initiatives because having artists joining from different nationalities and cultures enriches the projects.

**In 2019, 14 joint projects were led by CWB chapters in 6 different countries :**



CWB Sweden\_South Sudan\_Sofi Lundin\_2019

Peacebuilding Together will provide a psychosocial platform for youth, community members, NGO staff and artists in Juba, South Sudan to share and learn from peacebuilding and reduction of violence interventions. Another peace agreement was signed in July 2019 between warring factions in South Sudan, it is one of many agreements that have been signed since 2011 when the country was swept into a brutal civil war. Clowns Without Borders is able to through creative and innovative interventions develop tools with an aim in this project to empower communities in particular youth to initiate local peacebuilding projects which can strengthen national cohesion, as well as ensuring through capacity building of local artists that initiatives will continue after Clowns Without Borders are no longer in the country. The aim of this joint project organized by CWB South Africa and CUG Sweden was to understand the new context of the peace agreement and how WPDI works with peace-building in order to identify key points to support their work with creative methods in the future.



CWBUSA\_Brazil\_@RicardoAvellier\_2019

The Brazilian Midwest has always been marked by land disputes between farmers and the indigenous population. This situation has intensified in recent years and many indigenous leaders are being exterminated. This exploratory project sought to operate in areas of land conflict, we present to the Guarani and Kaiowa people who are native to the land and who live in extreme poverty today. The clowns performed for indigenous Guaraní communities and Kaiowa people who are native in Mato Grosso do Sul and live in extreme poverty today. They are internally displaced and threatened by loss of lands, deforestation, and export-agriculture.



## Strengthening our partnership with PLAN INTERNATIONAL

Since 2015, CWBI and Plan International have signed a global Memorandum of Understanding (MoU) to formalize a global partnership in providing psychosocial support to and with children and young people in development and humanitarian settings.

In May 2019, the steering committee organized an in-person meeting in Sweden with Lotte Claessens, Technical Advisor- Adolescents in Emergencies based in the Netherlands, to discuss about how to reinforce partnership in each country where both PLAN and CWB chapters are present.

CWBI has developed a toolkit to support chapters in building connections with the PLAN office in their respective countries.

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International  
&  
Plan International



MoU Toolkit





# Associative Life and Management

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The CWBI board is composed of representatives from every chapter and the steering committee is elected once a year. For the year 2019, it was voted as follows:

President: Alexander Strauss (Germany): alex.strauss@clownsohnegrenzen.org

Secretary: Sarah Liane Foster (USA): sarah@clownswithoutborders.org

Treasurer: Anneli De Wahl (Sweden) : anneli.dewahl@gmail.com

Four Board meetings took place during the year on: 12th of March, 31st of May, 19th of September, and 18th of December 2019.

The General Assembly happened between the 29th and 31st of May 2019 in Barnens Ö, in Sweden.

CWBI had one employee (Claire ROZIER), as international coordinator and working 10 hours per week from January 2019 until the end of August 2019 (beginning of her maternity leave). The team was also composed of Manon PROVOST, working as a civic service volunteer based in France, 28 hours per week from March 2019 until August 2019.

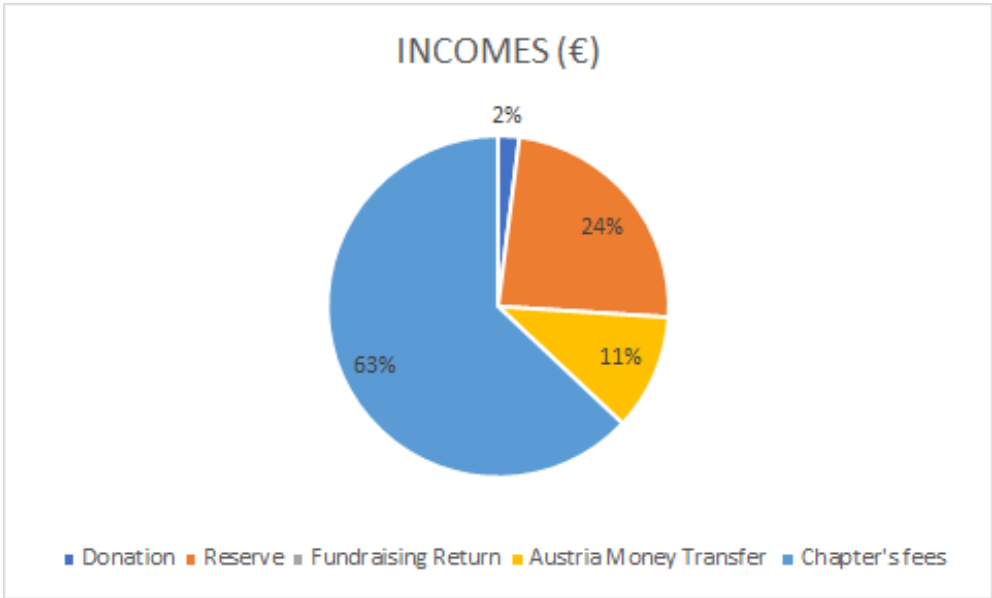
In december 2019, one chapter (CWB Austria) decided to end their activities.



Clowns Without Borders International's General Assembly 2019 in Sweden, © CUG

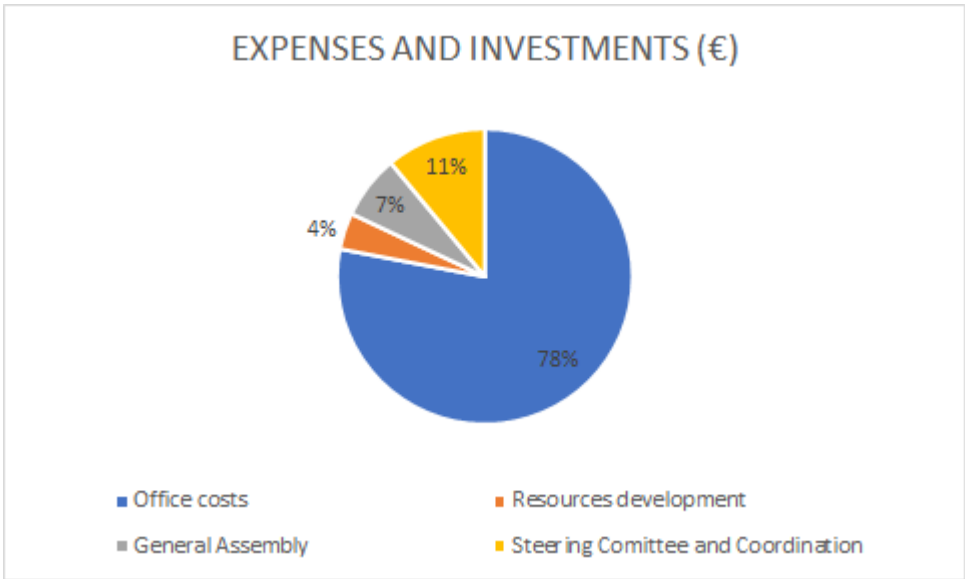
# Financial Report

## INCOMES (€)



**Total Incomes : 35 101 €**

## EXPENSES AND INVESTMENTS (€)



**Total Expenses And Investments: 8620€**

**Balance between income and expenses: 26 479€**



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