

*Regardless of the continent, country or culture – the credit union ethos is the same the world over.*

## 2017 Stats and Overview

**Thanks to the support of almost 200 credit unions in 2017 we have provided support to many credit union movements and their members around the world.**

- Through our provision of financial and technical assistance we have supported 9 credit union movements to assist over 1,000 credit unions and 800,000 members
- In our core countries – Ethiopia, The Gambia and Sierra Leone - we have supported 476 credit unions and 142,501 members
- In 2017 for every €2 received in core funding from credit unions we leveraged almost €1 from government funding.

### What did we do?

- We continued the implementation of a three-year programme (2015-2018) co-funded by Irish Aid to support the credit union movements in Sierra Leone and The Gambia
- Graduation Microfinance (GMF) members received training in financial literacy
- We began implementation of a new donor funded project to undertake development of national and regional apex bodies in Ethiopia
- A social performance management (SPM) audit was conducted in The Gambia
- We produced a number of technical manuals and toolkits including a strategic planning toolkit, country diagnostic study toolkit, stabilisation technical note, PEARLS manual and market research toolkit
- We provided technical support to credit union movements in Albania, Moldova, Russia and Ukraine
- The first Volunteer Coaching Programme took place in Sierra Leone.
- We hosted a study visit delegation from Russia, Kazakhstan and Moldova
- We visited a number of credit unions to update them on our work



**Thank you to all the credit unions and your members who support our work.**

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