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Foreword

2023 was a significant year of growth for Fourfold as we embarked on new partnerships that are true to our identity and mission.

As innovation multiplier: We partnered with dynamic organisations that are keen to transition from start-up to scale, their programmes having undergone successful pilots and testing. With Acker Schweiz and Tiny Farms Academy, Fourfold aims to bring to Switzerland unique learning experiences with gardening, farming and Nature for people of all ages. With FUNDES Catalyst, we are supporting the evolution of an effective social project into a viable natural food enterprise, based on its proven impact model.

As catalytic investor: The ability to take on greater risk and provide flexible funding that best matches on-the-ground conditions underpins Fourfold's additionality. In our partnership with the Impact-Linked Finance Fund, we are enabling loans to high-impact enterprises in Tanzania engaged in climate adaptation and mitigation. As an early funder of PUSCH and its Biodiversität. jetzt initiative, we hope to forge a path for other supporters of this ambitious multistakeholder movement to bring wildlife back to Switzerland's urban landscapes.

As knowledge translator: A wealth of exciting science for sustainability is being unlocked every day, with vast implications for both humans and the environment. For Fourfold, transforming this knowledge into guiding principles for policy, education and awareness are vital. We believe the SEED Biocomplexity Index by the ETH Crowther Lab can become an important metric to holistically approximate Nature's immeasurable value, in ways that can influence financial, business and political incentives and decision-making.

With each current and new partner, Fourfold expands its understanding of the world's challenges and of the solutions being explored by creative and talented trailblazers in sustainability. In 2023, we were able to sharpen our focus with four strategic levers: **Skills for Sustainability, Movement-Building, Science and Entrepreneurship**. These are showcased in this Annual Report through interviews with selected partners: Smartfeld, the Periodic Table of Food Initiative, the Global Alliance for the Rights of Nature and Ekolé.

We thank the Fourfold Board for its leadership and commitment to continuous learning, which allow us to venture into new themes and modes of engagement, and the team for its dedication and enthusiasm for our mission. Finally, we thank our partners for making possible this important year of growth – another step **fourward** for sustainability.



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Vision, Mission and Purpose

Fourfold is a private foundation committed to a healthy and equitable world that respects all forms of life. We educate and empower individuals to make conscious and fact-based decisions for the health and wellbeing of people and planet.

We face a global crisis: The way we produce and consume resources is harming the planet and its people. Environmental and social degradation threatens many communities and their rights to life, dignity and prosperity.

We believe there needs to be a shift in mindsets and patterns of behavior to enable people to adopt more sustainable means of production and consumption, to break out of the current system that is exploitative of nature and of people.

We act in two ways: We test and scale innovations that can unlock positive transformation, and we create access to objective information as well as education so that individuals are empowered to make better choices for themselves and for the planet.



Initiative Areas

Fourfold is focuses on three main themes to advance its sustainability agenda.



Mindful Consumption

1. Drive public awareness and action around the ecological and social footprints of consumption and production
2. Trigger transparency in supply chains to drive positive change
3. Bring sustainability data into the mainstream through widely-accessible applications



Clean Air and Water

1. Support widespread adoption of effective and appropriate technologies that protect natural resources and promote the circular economy
2. Empower communities affected by air and water pollution and exploitation, or threats to these resources, to find lasting solutions
3. Regenerate fragile ecosystems



Healthy Way of Life

1. Cultivate broad recognition of health and wellbeing as a basic human right
2. Preserve sustainable food systems and practices and promote food sovereignty
3. Transform scientific data on health and its various dimensions into widely-accessible information to combat obesity, malnutrition and poor nutrition

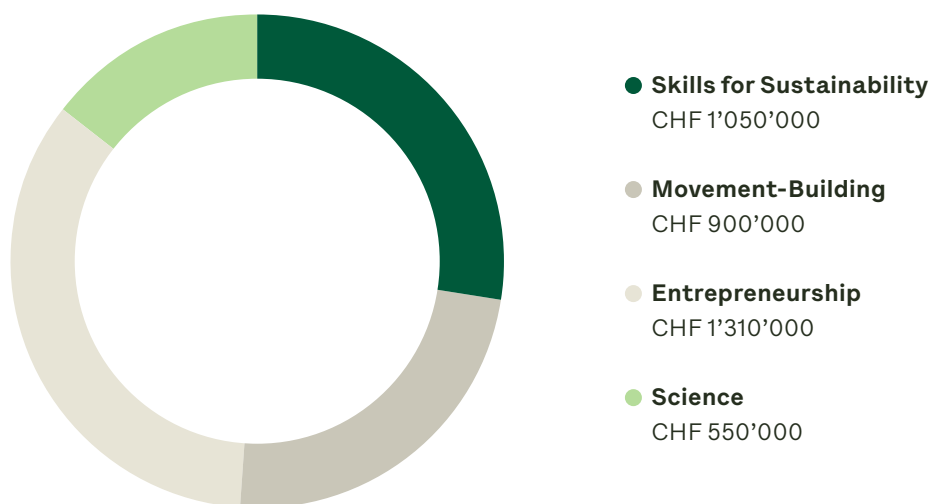
Our Partners in Sustainability

Partner	Programme	Scope	Duration
elea Foundation	Philanthropic impact investments focused on poverty alleviation and sustainability	Global, low and middle income countries	2022–2024
ETH Zurich Crowther Lab	SEED Biocomplexity Index: a metric create a holistic measure of Nature’s value	Global	2023–2024
FUNDES Catalyst	Validation and scale of Ékole, a social business offering healthy snacks	Mexico and Peru	2023–2025
Global Alliance for the Rights of Nature	Strengthening institutional capacity and support hubs	Global	2022–2023
Healthy Food Healthy Planet	Outreach, new governance structure and strategic regranting	Europe	2023–2024
Periodic Table of Food Initiative	Enabling national institutes to build scientific skills to analyse regional edible biodiversity	Global, with specific support in Ethiopia, India and Japan	2022–2024
Smartfeld	Development of FuturePitch: immersive learning experiences on sustainability for young learners in Switzerland	Switzerland	2022–2025
swisscleantech	Core funding to strengthen network-building and membership	Switzerland	2022–2025

Partners approved in 2023 with activities from 2024

Partner	Programme	Scope	Duration
Acker Schweiz	Expansion and scaling	Switzerland	2024–2026
Biodiversität.jetzt	Building a movement to transform Switzerland’s urban habitats	Switzerland	2024–2028
Impact-Linked Finance Fund	Climate change mitigation and adaptation	Tanzania	2024–2028
Tiny Farms Academy	Expansion into Switzerland and establishment of Academy farms	Switzerland	2024–2026

Funding by strategic lever



2023 in Numbers

8

Partners
in sustainability

11

Teachers enlisted
in creative learning

12

Countries
where Fourfold grants
are deployed

1110

Individual members
mobilized for rights
of nature

4

Social enterprises
supported

1109

Organisations
convened for climate
and food systems

10

Scientific partners
activated

CHF 1.7m

Grant funding
released

180

Young learners
engaged in SDGs

CHF 4m

Total funding
committed

Fourfold's Strategic Levers



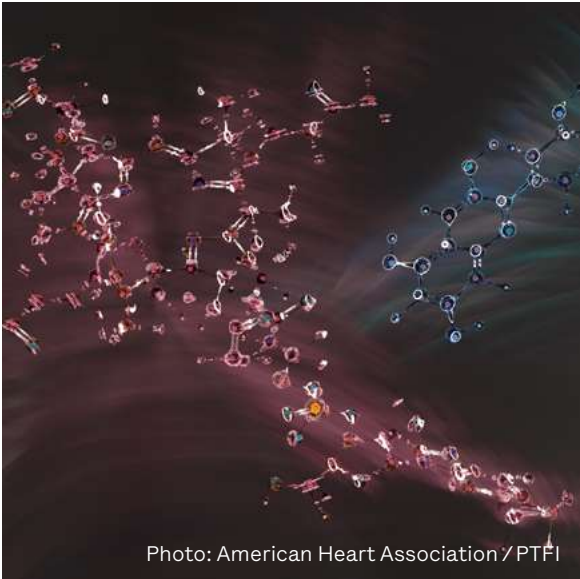
Skills for Sustainability
We enable the dissemination of practical knowledge and critical skills that influence mindset and behavior change.



Movement-Building
We provide access and inclusive platforms for multi-stakeholder groups, particularly to strengthen the rights of vulnerable communities.



Entrepreneurship
We invest in innovative solutions that create economic incentives and self-reliance.



Science
We promote relevant groundbreaking science and make it accessible to a wider audience.

Skills for Sustainability

Interview with Prof. Dr. Mathias Kirf,
Project Lead for FuturePitch at [Smartfeld](#)



In his work at the University of Teacher Education St. Gallen, Mathias is fascinated by the universe of chemistry – and the tricks of how to teach it. Coming from a background in systemic marine research, he is also interested in the connections between modern educational opportunities and a respectful and sustainable understanding of the environment.

Can you tell us about the significance of FuturePitch to Smartfeld's mission?

FuturePitch is a frog leap forward in the way Smartfeld is co-developing its educational environment with schools, with the aim of closer and more productive interaction between the two learning places. By linking SDG education with creativity-techniques, rapid prototyping, and STEM capacity building, we are at the heart of Smartfeld's educational goals, but the underlying entrepreneurial team spirit and pitch format are what really make the format shine: You'll come up with good ideas, of course, but you'll also learn that that alone is not enough. To really make an impact, you must be able to "sell" your ideas – and to do that, you need to be able to present your vision as succinctly as possible – welcome to FuturePitch!

Experiencing self-efficacy during such a "tour de skills" – and maybe figuring out, what skillset shines best in you or your team – excellent. But contextualizing this with SDGs and a proactive, positive perspective on the future is even better!

What themes does FuturePitch focus on? How do you identify the topics to explore?

The challenges developed for FuturePitch work with the SDG framework. Currently, eight goals (2, 3, 6, 7, 9, 11, 12, 13) are linked to these challenges. We co-developed them with classes and their teachers which helped to match them to the students' interests. With the workshop up and running, students now have an insight into its

goals and can suggest further topics or complete challenges that are interesting for them to explore.

We are currently reaching out to local companies, research institutions and stakeholders who are planning or even implementing real-world solutions for SDG-related challenges. Listening to them and their experiences, we can design locally contextualised challenges that can then be taken up by the students. This approach will help to show students that sustainability is not just a theoretical topic in school, but is driving change in the real world.

FuturePitch is geared towards students in the 7th to 13th grades. What makes learning more engaging and effective for today's kids?

One of the “tricks” of FuturePitch is its product-orientation combined with a strong emphasis on ownership by the students. As the workshop offers several challenges, up to four of which can be worked on in parallel in the classroom, it provides scope for individual interests of the teams. In conjunction with exploring the conceptual-technical aspect of the “technologization process”, students can venture into areas of experience that they have rarely ventured into before. Appar-

ently, this not only provides but provokes multiple levels of self-efficacy experiences, or, to quote our students: You’ll experience “that you can do more than you think.” Isn’t that what learning is all about?

Teachers are equally important in building skills for sustainability. How is FuturePitch involving educators in its approach and what opportunities and challenges exist?

As the analogue prototype is created within the school, the creative conceptual phase happens at school. This is another trick which strengthens the perception of the school as the creative part, whereas Smartfeld “just” provides the means to conceptually realise the ideas invented in school.

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Thus, the role of the teacher is strengthened, as she and the class decide about how to dive into the SDG-context and what kind of solutions will be brought up. As a result, the contextualization of the actual solutions and learning-experiences during the development of the actual solutions can be more easily integrated into follow-up lectures, which is the biggest challenge for out-of-class learning places.

What are some highlights or lessons you've gathered since the launch of this project? What lies ahead?

My personal highlight was the challenge of offering the students as many degrees of freedom as possible during rapid prototyping - even though many of them are not yet experts at programming and have little experience with the multitude of sensors and actuators they could use. That was the pivotal question of the course, and we had no tested ideas on how to do it. In the end, some Smartfeld-magic happened. We applied our own creativity techniques, designed, redesigned and enhanced our ideas until our partner EMPA could produce a brilliant prototype as solution: The Smartfeld bit:board. It's a classical icebreaker. It presents complex circuitry and programming concepts in a touch-try-explore context. Students love to interact with it, as they start with good examples and can evolve from that.

In fact, we had the same learning curve as our students: Success is not just about having new technology available, but about exploring new technology with creativity to extract good ideas. What's still ahead? Further advocating the SDGs!

Movement- Building

Interview with Natalia Greene, Global Director of the [Global Alliance for the Rights of Nature](#) & Secretary of the International Rights of Nature Tribunal



Natalia is an Ecuadorian activist and political scientist. She holds a Bachelor of Arts at Hampshire College, Massachusetts, Master's degree in Social Sciences from FLACSO-Ecuador, and a Master's degree in Climate Change and Sustainable Development from UASB-EC. She has promoted the recognition of Rights for Nature in Ecuador's Constitution. She was involved in the environmental and indigenous aspects of the Yasuní-ITT Initiative to keep oil underground in the Amazon. She is currently Vice President of the Ecuadorian Coordinator of Organizations for the Defense of Nature and the Environment (CEDENMA). Since 2016, Natalia has been an expert of the UN Harmony with Nature Initiative Network.

Rights of Nature has been gaining momentum in recent years. To what do you attribute the growing interest? What has the impact been for GARN?

When GARN was founded in 2010 only two countries had Rights of Nature (RON) provisions. Today over 39 countries have adopted Rights of Nature policies, from local ordinances to national legislation. The growth of the Rights of Nature movement can be attributed to several factors. First, there is growing urgency to address environmental issues and protect the natural world. Rights of Nature offers a systematic solution to the poly-crises we face. Secondly, the success of cases like Los Cedros, Ecuador demonstrate the effectiveness of RON law to protect whole ecosystems. For over a decade, GARN has been at the center of the growing Rights of Nature movement – working with social movements, frontline communities, Indigenous communities, and Rights of Nature defenders around the world. GARN brings a track record of successful campaigns; a history of effective public education; partnership-building and coalition work; and a demonstrated ability to mobilise a growing global constituency, with a strong membership and activist network on six continents.

What are the principles GARN adheres to in coordinating a truly global movement? How is the dynamic between and among the various hubs and geographies?

GARN's mission is to serve as a global hub for connecting and fostering relationships, exchanging knowledge, building an intersectional movement,



and nurturing collaboration to advance the understanding and implementation of Rights of Nature. GARN has regional hubs in Latin America, Africa, Asia-Pacific, North America, and Europe, and theme-based hubs – Indigenous Councils, Academics, Legal, and Youth, that facilitate cultural and linguistic connections, unity, and shared goals. Through events like Rights of Nature Tribunals, General Assemblies, and hub exchanges, we foster knowledge exchange and capacity building, advocating for a future where Nature's Rights are universally acknowledged and protected.

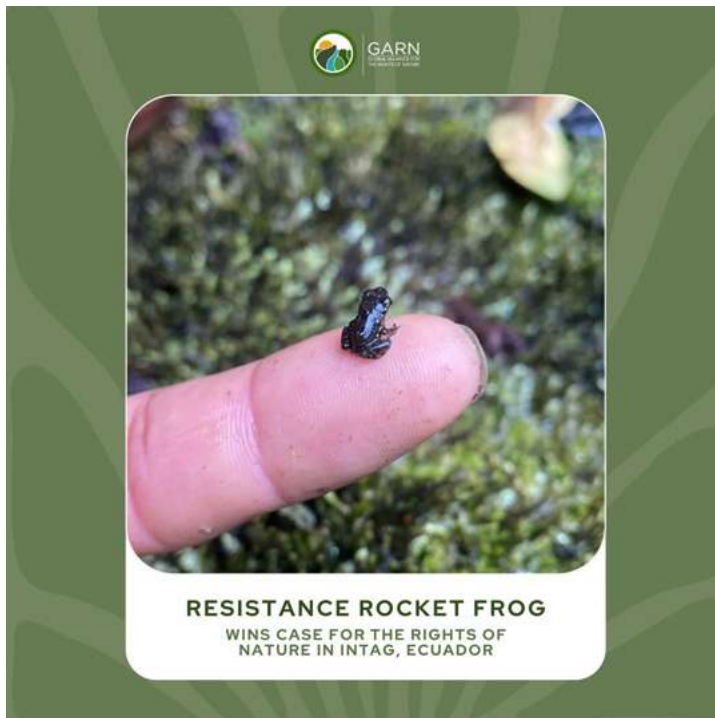
Local communities, particularly indigenous communities, are often in the frontlines in safeguarding RON. What has proven most effective for GARN in empowering them? How do they feel connected to the wider movement when their challenges may seem locally-rooted?

Recognising the Indigenous communities' invaluable knowledge and connection to the land, GARN amplifies their voices and offers support resources. This includes involving them in decision-making processes, capacity building and access to networks and resources. GARN also facilitates knowledge sharing between communities, enabling them to learn from each other's experiences and strate-

gies. GARN helps amplify the cases and campaigns of Indigenous and local communities through our global communications, taking up cases at the International Rights of Nature Tribunal, and raising awareness at international events such as Climate Week, the UN COPs and more.

How does GARN break silos and build a broad base of supporters and members? How does it break the barriers so that individual interests can give way to common goals?

The Rights of Nature movement requires collective efforts of diverse stakeholders. To break the barriers between individual interests and common goals, GARN emphasises the interconnectedness of environmental issues under the understanding that we are Nature defending itself. GARN facilitates dialogue and encourages stakeholders to find common ground, focusing on the long-term



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benefits of a sustainable and rights-based approach. By fostering a sense of shared purpose and highlighting the importance of collective action, GARN helps individuals and organizations align their interests with the broader goals of the Rights of Nature movement.

What are the bigger goals of the RON movement for the next years? What lies ahead for GARN?

The Rights of Nature movement aims to expand the recognition and implementation of Rights of Nature principles at national and international levels. GARN's future lies in empowering local communities and fostering a paradigm shift towards a more sustainable and rights-based approach to environmental protection.

The Global Alliance for the Rights of Nature will collaborate and expand by building partnerships, organising events, and strengthening regional networks to advance the RON agenda. GARN also aims to make the Rights of Nature a mainstream debate and multiply the cases and victories on behalf of Nature in more places around the globe.

Entrepreneurship

Interview with Victoria Lizárraga, CEO & Co-Founder of [Ékole](#)



Victoria has been the CEO of Ékole Mexico and Peru since 2023. Her entrepreneurial journey began in 2014 when she established Raíces del Huerto, a Mexican company that specializes in the distribution of organic superfoods and health-conscious products. Raíces del Huerto has successfully entered major retail markets in Mexico and gained international recognition through exports to the USA. Victoria holds an MBA from ITAM and has over a decade of hands-on experience in sales management. She has collaborated with local producers throughout Latin America, represented brands, developed new business strategies, and excelled in regional marketing initiatives.

Ékole grew out of a social program piloted by FUNDES Catalyst. What inspired the shift to this social business model? When did you know the time was right?

It started when I joined forces with FUNDES Catalyst to make a significant step towards this transformation. Inspired by the success of FUNDES's pilot Ecobodegas in connecting local producers with markets, we saw the potential to empower agroecological producers on a larger scale. With the support of key funders and a thorough market analysis, we transitioned to launch Ékole ("let's go" in Spanish) in June 2023. Our aim was twofold: to increase public awareness of local, healthy products and to connect producers with modern distribution channels beyond local Mom&Pop stores. We recognised this was the right time as we observed increasing demand for quality, sustainable food and identified opportunities to build a local and sustainable value chain in the agri-food sector where Ecobodegas was operating, México and Perú.

Small producers are important partners of Ékole. What are their challenges and how does ékole help to them to overcome these?

Producers face several major challenges. First, restricted market access forces them to sell through intermediaries, who claim a significant share of the profit margin. Additionally, limited access to capital due to the lack of formalization hinders their ability to secure formal credit and compete with established snack food brands. Marketing challenges, economic constraints, and manufacturing issues further impede their progress. Furthermore, a deficiency in capacity for product development and innovation, spanning new products and formats, poses a considerable hurdle. At Ékole, our approach involves identifying



and addressing these barriers, with a commitment to: enhancing their income by offering fair compensation for their raw materials; providing valuable information to empower producers, mitigating their dependence on our organization; and fostering independence among producers by equipping them with the necessary tools to autonomously navigate the market and sell their products.

Ékole operates in Mexico and Peru. How are these markets different and how have you adapted the approach for each?

The consumer landscapes in Mexico and Peru exhibit significant similarities. However, the Peruvian market stands out for its higher level of formalization compared to Mexico. The Mexican market, marked by a more developed agro-industrial sector and intensified competition, is influenced by its proximity to the United States, resulting in a dynamic interplay between local and foreign brands. Notably, the exporters in Mexico tend to favor larger entities, limiting opportunities for smaller producers. In our strategic approach, we have discerned distinctive opportunities in each market. In Peru, where a pronounced sense of nationalism shapes consumer preferences, we focus on identifying and

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promoting local and regional products, establishing a dedicated brand for retail outlets. In contrast, the more expansive and globally connected Mexican market prompts us to diversify our distribution channels to navigate the heightened competition more effectively.

FUNDES Catalyst is an “impact venture studio” focused on innovations for microenterprises. What are some of the most exciting solutions you have (co-)developed?

In 2023, we achieved significant milestones with FUNDES Catalyst, notably with the development of Ékole to drive positive impact in the agro-food microenterprise landscape. Using Catalyst’s Problem-Solution fit model, we rigorously evaluated commercial feasibility, operational viability, and product desirability, leading to the launch of



Ékole. Integrating our impact strategy with Catalyst, we will reinvest a portion of income to support producers' growth, sustain demand, improve production processes, and secure working capital. By Q4 2023, we also enabled value generation across various distribution channels, including partnerships with B2B corporates like H&M, modern channels such as HEB and YEMA, B2C e-commerce platforms like Mercado Libre, and the traditional retail network of 620+ mom-and-pop stores across Mexico and Peru.

What key lessons have you gathered from the journey of Ékole that you want social investors to know about?

Small-scale producers in Mexico and Peru share remarkably similar needs and opportunities. They represent a type of micro-beneficiary group that needs the most support in Latin America. The primary sector is the slowest-growing in the region and is most threatened by large industries. These producers struggle with setting market prices and face significant limitations in access.

Recognising that production is their primary focus, we aspire to be their ally, enabling them to concentrate on their core strengths while we

manage other aspects. Our product embodies simplicity, naturalness, and, most importantly, accessibility, facilitating an optimal means to connect with producers. Our goal is to democratise healthy products, challenging the notion that wellness comes at a high cost.

Initially, we experimented with a more limited brand, but the strategy proved ineffective as our access to all available sales channels was restricted. We now aim to maintain a presence across various channels. In the past, we also directed our efforts towards targeting grocery stores, but it proved challenging to impact them significantly. Establishing a robust and appealing brand is crucial for market competitiveness.

Science

Interview with Dr. Selena Ahmed, Global Director of the [Periodic Table of Food Initiative \(PTFI\)](#) based at the American Heart Association



For the past 20 years, Selena has carried out community-engaged food systems research including in Indigenous communities. She joined the PTFI from Montana State University where she was an Associate Professor of Sustainable Food Systems and Director of the Translational Biomarkers Core. Her research focuses on food quality, wild and cultivated food environments with a focus on agroforests, and sustainable diet interventions. The ultimate translational goal of her research and outreach is to inform food system solutions to improve human and planetary health. Selena has postdoctoral training in chemical ecology and human clinical nutrition, a PhD in biology, a Masters of Science in ethnobotany/cultural anthropology, and a BA in economics.

The Periodic Table of Food sets out to catalogue the biomolecular composition of the world's edible species. How has the global scientific community responded to this large and ambitious undertaking?

Overall, the global scientific community has responded to our undertaking with eagerness and curiosity.

There are over 35'000 edible species on our planet. Each species is composed of thousands of biomolecules. Only a small percentage of species and components have been catalogued for their composition. The scientific community has eagerly responded to our undertaking to expand food knowledge of edible species.

The scientific community has also responded with curiosity. What is in food? How does this impact us? Analytical advances are allowing us to understand what is in our food in unprecedented ways to fulfill our collective curiosities and enable its translation to support people and the planet.

As you note, this is an ambitious undertaking. What makes this undertaking possible is our globally coordinated approach as well as the power of partnership and capacity strengthening activities.

What did you discover to be the biggest challenges to the PTFI initiative? How are these being addressed?

The greatest challenge of the Periodic Table of Food Initiative is the ambitious nature of our mission and vision. We must ensure we are achieving these in ways that are place-based, inclusive, and actionable.

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Our team is addressing these challenges through building a democratised global ecosystem of Centers of Excellence and National Lab Hubs to champion efforts in their regions in ways that are locally- and culturally- relevant. This includes providing standardised tools to not only map the composition of local food, but to capture its variation with how food is produced in a changing climate.

Food EDU is our educational arm. Through this hub, we are building capacity of diverse stakeholders to generate and translate food knowledge. Our team is creating innovative training materials, supporting students and early-career scientists through our Good Food Fellows program in low- and middle- income countries, and developing curriculum for stakeholders to translate knowledge to advance sustainability.

What are the practical applications of PTFI that are in development and how are these accessible to a wider audience?

Translation is fundamental to our vision to empower stakeholders with data to inform solutions to pressing societal challenges.

We are conducting a landscape assessment to hear from priority stakeholder groups about what applications are most relevant to them.

On the production side of food systems, we anticipate this food knowledge will inform more sustainable agriculture and how to maximise agriculture for nutrition and health through guidelines, practices, and policies.

On the process, procurement, and consumption sides of food systems, we anticipate data to be applied to develop best practices, guidelines, labels, and consumer applications to formulate recipes, menus, and diets to meet the dynamic needs of individuals and populations as well as sustainability targets. We further anticipate PTFI's data will be used for evaluating dietary diversity and dietary quality. As we begin to understand the health attributes of food biomolecules, we anticipate emerging precision nutrition and health applications.

There seems to still be much to uncover about food, even for experts. In the course of this project, have you learned something entirely new and fascinating about a common plant or food item?

The most compelling learning for me to date is the incredible diversity of biomolecules in food and their dynamic shifts across food systems. Our team expected foods to be more similar to each other than what we are learning.



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For example – take two commonly consumed green vegetables: broccoli and spinach. Our data to date shows that while broccoli has about 1,600 specialised metabolites and that spinach has about 850 metabolites, only 130 metabolites are shared between these foods. Fascinatingly, not only are not all green vegetables alike, not all broccoli is the same. Looking at a single food item, we see variation based on how that food was produced, stored, processed, and consumed.

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diverse diets. Diversity of food choice can drive diversity at the landscape level, elevating planetary health goals.

What's next for PTFI? What are its priorities going forward?

I am thrilled to announce that in April 2024, the PTFI will launch a suite of foundational resources – including tools, data, and training – to map food quality and inspire the next generation of food system leaders.

We have dedicated the past three years to develop a suite of foundational resources. Now, we are ready to distribute these to an expanding ecosystem to collectively build the world's most in-depth global commons on food quality. This is an exciting moment in our long-term journey.

We are prioritizing scaling efforts to enable partners to apply PTFI's foundational resources to address pressing societal questions such as: How can we best produce and consume food in ways that are best for us and the planet? Our activities will focus on regenerative agriculture and agroecology as well as solutions for diet-related chronic disease and climate change to enable diverse communities to manage food systems for human and planetary health.

Humanitarian Aid: Ukraine

Can't Wait to Learn Ukraine

Partner: [War Child International](#), in collaboration with the Jacobs Foundation and the UBS Optimus Foundation

As a response to the ongoing war in Ukraine, Fourfold has supported the creation of a learning tool to support young Ukrainian learners. Can't Wait to Learn is a digital application that teaches Math and Reading to primary school aged children in the Ukrainian language. It uses specially developed educational videos and games to make the lessons engaging and effective, enabling children to learn through play.

A significant number of Ukrainian kids remain refugees in other countries. A connection to the Ukrainian language will be important for them. For those inside Ukraine, the war continues to disrupt education, with damage to schools

and infrastructure, among others. As CWTL is a portable learning tool that works on any device, online and offline, kids have opportunities to learn regardless of the conditions. Where classroom teaching is possible, teachers also use CWTL to supplement lessons. In this way, CWTL has helped to reduce damaging learning setbacks that confront children in conflict areas and in disruptions like the COVID pandemic.

As a continuation of its commitment to the project, Fourfold contributes to funding the second phase of Can't Wait to Learn focused on sustainability and scaling. The goals of this effort are to expand the reach of the CWTL to up to 14'000 primary school teachers and over 300'000 Ukrainian primary school kids, and to ensure the quality of the learning games supports active usage of this larger audience.

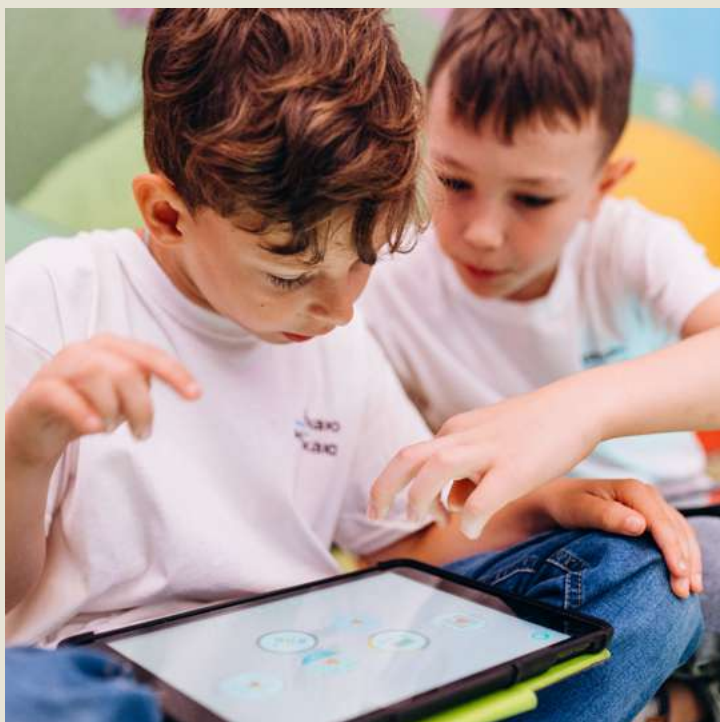


Photo: War Child International

**Strom, Wärme und Licht
(Electricity, Heating and Light)**

Partner: [Verein 1019.ch](https://verein1019.ch)

A continuing grantee of Fourfold, this student association has been operating directly within Ukraine since 2022. This specific project provides power generators, power banks, ovens and lamps for the local population, due to the attacks on Ukraine's power generation and distribution infrastructure. The focus is on hospitals, military hospitals, homes and schools as well as families in small villages.

**Medical, psychological
and rehabilitation projects**

Partner: [Verein Hilfswerk Ukraine](https://verein-hilfswerk-ukraine.ch)

Fourfold provided funding for the association's various medical support activities. The association concentrates on targeted supplies of required medical and sanitary care. It works entirely on a volunteer basis in Switzerland and the donations are used entirely for Ukraine and the local people. It only delivers relief supplies to Ukraine that are not only urgently needed, but can also be distributed and used at the moment.

Affiliate Foundations and Other Activities

As the umbrella foundation for the philanthropic activities of the Thomas Schmidheiny Family, Fourfold provides staff and funding to various affiliate foundations and activities.

atDta Stiftung Hilfe zur Selbsthilfe

Established in 1997, the atDta-Foundation advocates a world in which everyone can lead an autonomous, fulfilled life. It supports individuals residing in Switzerland, with specific support to people wishing to make a lasting change to their life and livelihood, through direct, uncomplicated but highly specific contributions for education and essential retraining. It also funds small to medium-size, semi-professional organizations in Switzerland and in these developing countries: Ethiopia, Guatemala, India, Kenya, Mexico, Myanmar, Namibia, Peru, South Africa and Tanzania. atDta has a special focus on Vocational Training and Continuing Education for disadvantaged people; Capacity Building in Agriculture and Nutrition and Human Rights.

Stiftung FUTUR

Founded in 1997, Stiftung FUTUR actively pursues its vision of a thriving community in Rapperswil-Jona where technological innovation and know-how can be transferred to the market. To this day, FUTUR continues to support young and driven entrepreneurs from the local community to have a physical space where they can put their creative ideas into commercial execution.

Stiftung Kunstsammlung Thomas Schmidheiny

The foundation makes the art collection of Thomas Schmidheiny and his family, in particular works by the Swiss painter Ferdinand Hodler, available to the interested public in Switzerland and abroad. It aims to promote public understanding of European art in general and of the works of Ferdinand Hodler in particular. The foundation manages the private collection as well as the upkeep, professional care and maintenance of these works, the preparation and execution of exhibitions, and the preparation of catalogues and publications, among other activities.

Workshop: “THEATRON OR A PLACE OF SEEING”

The annual arts programme took place once again at the College of Arts (COTA) in Katutura, Windhoek, Namibia from March 13 to 17, 2023. Twenty-five students and alumni participated in the five-day workshop led by lecturer and curator Hedi-K Ernst and Fourfold Co-Chair Meret Schmidheiny.

Thomas Schmidheiny Centre for Family Enterprise at the Indian School of Business

Launched in 2015, the Centre combines knowledge, practice and innovation in the field of family business to foster the prosperity and continuation of family businesses across generations. It is housed in the Indian School of Business in Hyderabad. In February 2023, the Centre held its 8th Asian Invitational Conference on Family Business – the first since the COVID pandemic. Around 250 guests, mainly entrepreneurs, corporate leaders and family advisors gathered to discuss the theme “The Future of Family Business”.



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