



## Country Report Finland 2021

The pandemic seriously limited most of our activities during the year but, fortunately, the First Aid courses in schools project continued and even managed to increase the number of events and the numbers of pupils and teachers attending. In addition, other First Aid teaching events were held at church camps and an informative video was produced.

### First Aid

Our First Aid team assisted (Pro Bono) at three mayor public events and so far at one commercial event, the Espoo Rantamaraton, where we were very pleased to have two SJA volunteers assisting us. Two public events were cancelled at the last moment due to Covid but, we hope the situation will improve during the rest of this year.

### Cooperation

We have increased our cooperation with Arcada, a university of applied sciences in Helsinki, where we welcome their medical students to participate in our events and we lend them our fully equipped ambulance for teaching purposes and a member of our International Catastrophe Relief team has been lecturing at Arcada.

### Charity

We plan to continue our tradition of providing food coupons to poor families in Helsinki during Christmas together with mayor food market chains. The coupons are distributed to the needy by the city social care authorities.

### Fundraising

Our fundraising has been successful but, we need to find new donors in industrial and commercial sectors

We sincerely hope that 2022 will be a "normal" year allowing us to resume and increase all our activities - including JOIN SWAPs