

# ICCO 1965 - 2015: 50 YEARS JOURNEY FOR JUSTICE

**1964**



**30 December 1964**  
Dr. Jo Verkuyl is founder and first chair. ICCO (*Interkerkelijke Coördinatie Commissie Ontwikkelingshulp*) was established by Protestant churches and organizations ICCO and starts with small a subsidy from the Dutch government.

**1970**



ICCO signs a contract with a Philippine partner. Second from left is Jone Bos, ICCO's first secretary. In 1970, ICCO becomes an independent foundation. The start-up capital is 100 florins.

**1975**



The support of the Dutch government to ICCO increases rapidly. Relations are extended to organizations outside the traditional church networks. In 1980 ICCO moves from Utrecht to Zeist.

**1980**



ICCO is now officially an independent co-financing organization (MFO). It justifies its actions by means evaluations to the Dutch government. ICCO campaigns in the Netherlands.

**1990**



Cooperation is started with private companies. MFOs start an extensive impact study and realize that good intentions do not automatically mean good results.

**1995**



The mission statement is reformulated: "Working in a world without poverty and injustice". ICCO wants to make civil society organizations less dependent on Western donors.

**2000**



ICCO connects again with churches and church-related organizations. Dienst over Grenzen (cross-border services) and the Stichting Oecumenische Hulp (the latter partially) merge with ICCO.

**2005**



An alliance with Edukans, Kerk in Actie, Oikocredit, Prisma, Share People and ICCO is established. ICCO and Kerk in Actie put together their international program.

**2008**



Fair & Sustainable Holding B.V. is established, a 100% subsidiary of ICCO. FairClimateFund B.V. and F&S Advisory Services B.V. are part of this structure. In 2014 ICCO Investments B.V. joins the F&S Holding. And in 2015 Business Booster B.V.

**2010**



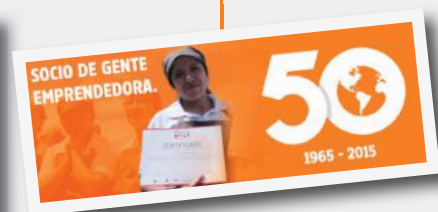
Between 2007 and 2010 seven Regional Offices in Africa, Asia and Latin America are opened. They get support from Regional Councils, consisting of independent experts, that carry co-responsibility in the policy and strategy of ICCO.

**2012**



The cooperative is founded from the ICCO Alliance, a unique construction in the development sector in the Netherlands. Its members are coPrisma, Kerk in Actie, and Edukans.

**2015**



ICCO Cooperation celebrates its 50th anniversary. The co-financing program with the government has ended. Funding comes from diverse sources. Cooperation with the ACT Alliance and European sister organizations intensifies.