



2021

IMPLEMENTATION AND FINANCIAL REPORT

INTRODUCTION

2021 AT A GLANCE



ANGOLA



SOMALIA



FAMILIES OF 3 CHILDREN

> **USD 10 000**

FUNDS IN 2021

During its first year of operation, the Polio Survivors Fund provided the families of three children in Angola and Somalia with financial assistance to pay for immediate needs resulting from their polio paralysis. This support ranged from purchasing wheelchairs and ensuring that homes are accessible, to paying for schooling and physiotherapy. Our work has been enabled thanks to the generosity of our many supporters and donors worldwide.

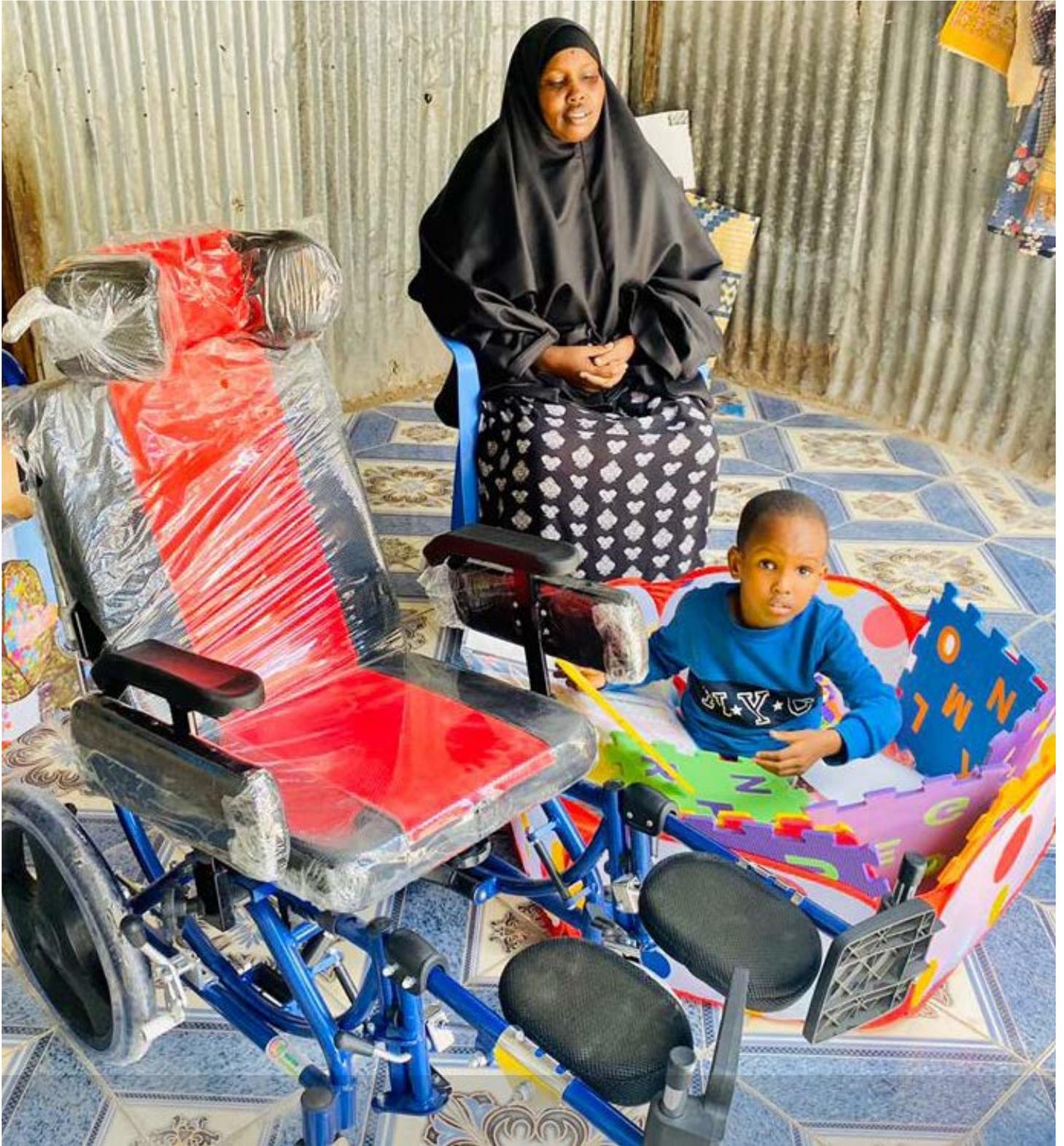
This support is needed for one simple reason: With each year that polio still exists in the world, there are children left with devastating paralysis. Most children newly affected by polio are from the poorest households, in countries with inadequate health infrastructure and acute humanitarian need. Many Polio Survivors Fund volunteers are officially engaged with the global effort to eradicate polio. By using the personal relationships that Polio Survivor's Fund volunteers have with the families of polio-affected children, the Fund aims to provide tailored support to the households hit by a worst-case scenario.

In this report, we outline the key activities of the Fund in 2021. In a single year, over US\$10,000 were raised through extraordinary fundraising efforts, undertaken during a global pandemic. With the assistance of volunteers, supporters, advisors and advocates, the Fund successfully piloted our model of support and has steadily built a solid foundation for the future scaling of our work. Our efforts to provide funds as directly as possible to families are informed by the expertise of the many individuals who have experienced or witnessed the devastating impact of polio, and who are moved to help families cope with the ongoing effects of this terrible disease.

Looking ahead, the strength of the fund relies on long-term financial support, commitment and advocacy from volunteers, donors and leaders. We must continue to spread the word and raise the funds to scale our work to reach more children newly affected by polio paralysis. We must also continue to learn from other rehabilitation efforts, and advocate for universal provision of services for children with polio.

Through this report, we are pleased to share with you everything we have achieved so far. With your support, we are committed to ensuring that our efforts grow even further.

"The effects of polio paralysis can be life-long, and life-limiting, particularly in poorer contexts. We are delighted that through the support of the Polio Survivors Fund we have been able to provide a basic package, which allows Hamza to continue with his education and lead a more active childhood." - Dr Asma Ali, WHO Somalia



In March 2021, six-year-old Hamza, from Mogadishu, Somalia, began to receive support through the Polio Survivors Fund. In addition to receiving a wheelchair-stroller, the floor and doorway of his home were rebuilt to allow him easy access to the outside.

The Fund also provided Hamza with toys, schoolbooks and milk powder. As he lives far from the nearest school, a tutor was recruited to provide him with temporary home-schooling.

Since beginning education, Hamza has made strong progress. It is hoped that Hamza may be able to attend a local school in the future – an opportunity that many children with polio paralysis miss out on.

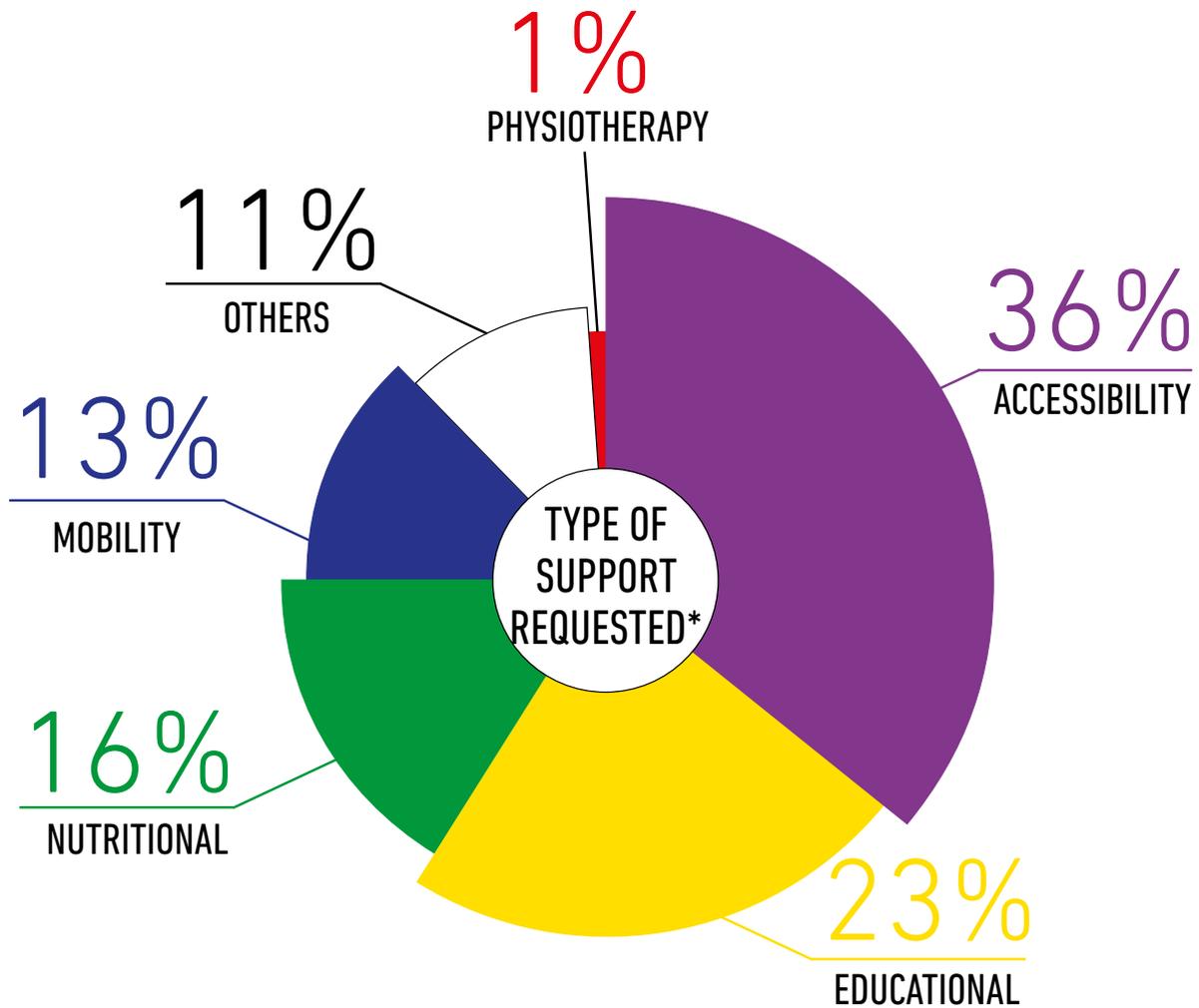
IMPLEMENTATION

During the year of 2021, total of 3 individual applications (attached) with needs assessment were received by the fund to be considered for support. All of them were approved and we were able to support 3 children affected by polio from 2 countries Somalia (2) and Angola (1).

These children were all under 15 years old, and were all affected by paralytic polio during the last cVDPV2 outbreak in country.

The type of support requested covered different needs, from: accessibility, mobility, physiotherapy, educational, nutritional and others. The mean of total funds requested per child was US\$2,130 – per one time support.

Graph with distribution of support according the different needs (all children):



*by percentage of funds allocated

The main delivery strategy was through the WHO Polio focal point in country, and services were directly provided to the

families. A final report from countries was received with pictures from the children supported. On the last follow up,

LESSONS LEARNED IN 2021 & GOALS FOR 2022

The Polio Survivors Fund was officially launched on 3 December 2020, on the occasion of the International Day of People with Disabilities, at a virtual online event entitled 'Let's Eradicare'. So what have we learned so far?

Quite a lot actually!

1 First, we have learned that this Fund has struck a chord with people from around the world. Individuals and organizations from around the world have joined the network of Eradicarers, including friends and colleagues on the ground who are in daily contact with children affected by polio and their families; global infectious disease experts; polio survivors; people intricately engaged in the global effort to eradicate polio; and, the general public at large. Clearly, there is wide recognition and growing consensus that even as efforts to eradicate polio once and for all are intensifying, those already affected by the disease cannot be left behind. Thank you to everyone who has joined this network of Eradicarers, and please continue to use your network to promote this Fund. So that is the first thing we learned – there is clearly a recognition of the need to support children who are now newly-infected by polio and their families.

2 Second: how we had intended to work, works! Although we are a private initiative, all engaged in this on a voluntary basis, we are all in one capacity or another officially engaged with the global effort to eradicate polio. Through this effort, an existing infrastructure of staff is already in place at country level, to implement the eradication effort. That means we have friends and colleagues on the ground, who are personally in contact with children with polio and their families. They know precisely what each individual's child needs are, and are able to organize and operationalize the local support. We do not need to establish new systems or infrastructures, nor work through third parties. We are able to deliver the most relevant and appropriate support, to individual children, on a case-by-case basis. Our method of work has clearly been validated in 2021, which is great!

3 Third: we learned a lot through experiences from different countries, which have in fact institutionalized support to polio survivors, notably Pakistan. The work

done in Pakistan is truly incredible, as the country provides systematic support to any child/family newly-affected by polio. What is extremely encouraging to us is that the type of support that is provided, and the costs associated with it, is very similar to the experiences we have had with providing our support. This means we are on the right track: we are providing the right type of support, at the right cost.

4 Fourth: we have learned of the importance of social support. We all know about the physical aspects of polio, and the need to alleviate physical suffering and improve mobility. What we learned is of the critical need to ensure appropriate social support is given. Very often, people affected by polio are social outcasts, and condemned to leading a life of begging on the street. It is critical to keep children and their families within society. That is why it is so important to ensure in the first instance that children are able to continue to go to school, and we are proud that our support has also focused on ensuring educational support. Our Fund aims to follow the families it supports in the long-term, to help ensure social integration is maintained and fostered.

5 Fifth: This Fund should not exist! Clearly, providing support to children affected by polio and their families is realistically achievable, at a very moderate cost with a significant positive effect. We are able to provide this, but on a very limited basis. The reality is that children continue to be left behind. We have limited resources. Some countries, notably Pakistan, have shown what can be done if such support is systematically integrated in public health efforts. In Pakistan, more than 800 families currently receive the support they need. Without this support, they would not receive physical support, nor the social support to keep them engaged in society. As it is, all these families are able to continue to contribute to the social and economic development of their communities. Therefore, it is our continued belief that such support should be systematically provided in all countries. Evidence has in fact also shown, in Pakistan, that providing such support has in turn further strengthened support for polio vaccination campaigns. There a clear public health and economic benefit to such support. And it is the right thing to do, from a humanitarian point of view. We will therefore continue to advocate for the need to integrating

support systematically, and nullify the need for this Fund to exist.

6 Sixth: We can and should be doing much more! And that is our focus for 2022. 2021 has shown that support can be realistically and effectively provided. It works! Now is the time to take it to scale! Too many children continue to miss out on support which could otherwise help them. We will continue to reach out to our regional and country

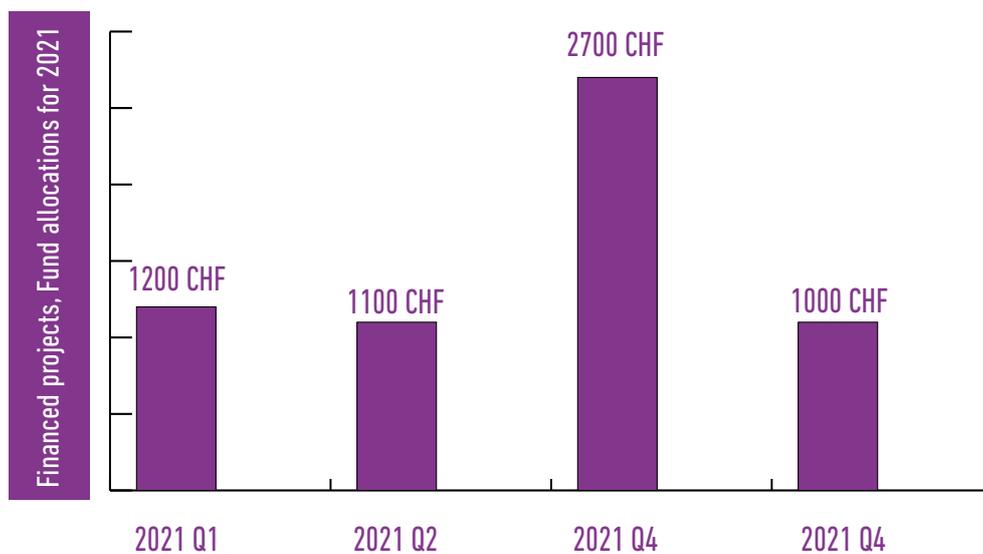
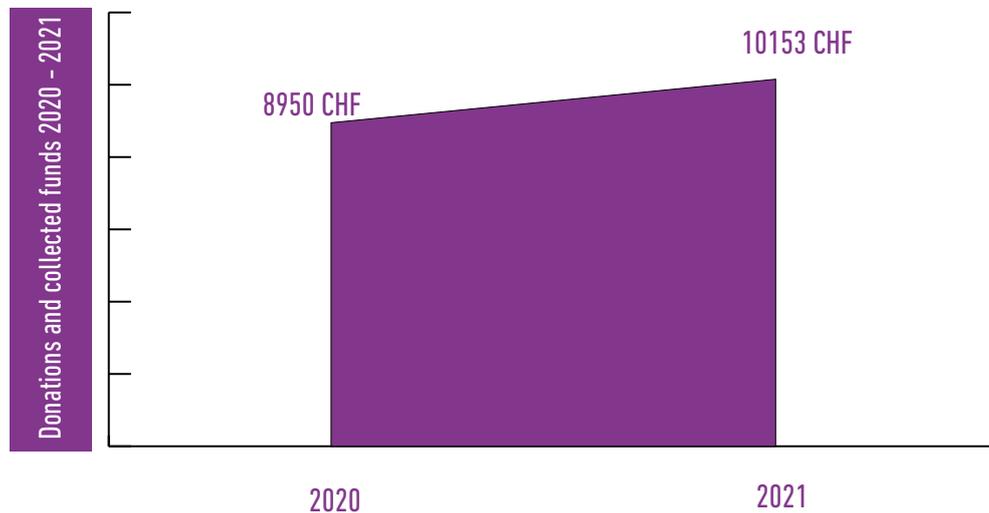
colleagues on the ground, to ensure they are aware of this Fund and the resource that it represents. Please help us in this regard: tell your colleagues, friends, networks and counterparts everywhere about this Fund... get the word out! The more people that know about us, the more they will consider us a resource!

Thank you to **all Eradicarers** for a successful first year of the Fund! Let's take it to scale in 2022!



FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS 2021

In 2021, donations to the Polio Survivors Fund increased by 13% compared to 2020. The Polio Survivors Fund would like to thank all of the individuals and organizations who have supported it.



SUMMARY OF FINANCIAL SITUATION

- The Polio Survivors Fund started the year with a solid balance of more than **CHF7,000** in cash.
- The Polio Survivors Fund's largest operating costs are bank charges (**2%** of income), as well as website hosting (**5%**).
- The Polio Survivors Fund supports the cost of currency conversion.
- Other charges are related to maintaining a bank account.
- Given the increasing budget of support projects, the reserve was theoretically raised to **CHF2,500**.
- The balance remains positive at the end of 2021, allowing the Fund to plan for supporting at least **4 projects in 2022**.

ANNEX: INCOME STATEMENT 2021

POLIO Survivors Fund

COMPTE DE RESULTAT		(in Swiss Francs)	
<i>Income Statement</i>			
	Début de l'exercice, <i>Fiscal year start</i>	01-Jan-21	
	Fin de l'exercice, <i>Fiscal year end</i>	31-Dec-21	
PRODUITS D'EXPLOITATION	Période en cours, 2021	Période précédente, 2019-2020	
<i>Income</i>	<i>Current period</i>	<i>Previous period</i>	
Report période précédente, <i>previous period carryover</i>	7590	0	
Dons et Collecte, <i>Fundraised</i>	10153	8950	
Subventions, <i>Subsidies</i>	0	0	
Adhésions, <i>Membership</i>	0	0	
Total produits, <i>Total Income</i>	17743	8950	
CHARGES D'EXPLOITATION			
<i>Operational costs</i>			
Enregistrement Association Registre Commerce, <i>Fund registration</i>	0	-580	
Projets financés, <i>funded projects</i>	-5970	0	
Frais bancaires, <i>Bank Fees</i>	-216	-298	
Hébergement web, <i>Website hosting</i>	-482	-482	
Total Charges, <i>Total Operational costs</i>	-6668	-1360	
AUTRES PRODUITS D'EXPLOITATION			
<i>Autres, Other</i>	0	0	
Total Autres produits d'exploitation, <i>Total Other (Income)</i>	0	0	
AUTRES CHARGES D'EXPLOITATION			
<i>Autres, Other</i>	0	0	
Total Autres charges d'exploitation, <i>Total Other (Operating costs)</i>	0	0	
BILAN			
<i>Income Statement, in Swiss francs</i>			
	Au, As at		31-Dec-21
ACTIF	PASSIF		
<i>Asset</i>	<i>Liability</i>		
Immobilisations, <i>Property-Equipment</i>	-	Autre (Capitaux, Dettes), <i>Other (Equity, Debt)</i>	-
Stock, <i>Inventory</i>	-	Provisions, <i>Retained surplus</i>	2,500
Créances	-	Dettes et Emprunts, <i>Debts & Loans</i>	-
Trésorerie, <i>Cash Balance</i>	11,075	Résultat, <i>Financial position</i>	8,575
Total	11,075		11,075



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