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○ SECOURS ISLAMIQUE FRANCE

Founded in 1991, Secours Islamique France (SIF) is a national and international solidarity Non-Governmental Organisation that has been working in France and around the world for nearly 30 years, taking action wherever there are humanitarian and social needs to be addressed.

VISION

Secours Islamique France believes in a more just and caring world where the basic needs of vulnerable people are met.

MISSION

Secours Islamique France is committed to reducing poverty and vulnerability in France and around the world, without proselytising or discriminating.

SIF takes action wherever there are humanitarian and social needs that require emergency relief, development programmes and advocacy campaigns.

ACTIVITIES

Abroad, Secours Islamique France works mainly in four sectors:

- > Education and promotion of child welfare
- > Food security and livelihoods
- > Water, sanitation and hygiene
- > Shelter and accommodation

In France, SIF focuses on three areas to tackle insecurity and exclusion:

- > Social emergencies
- > Social-educational and vocational integration
- > Solidarity economy

Alongside our operational aid activities, Secours Islamique France has developed advocacy campaigns to inform and make the public and international community aware of the living conditions of the most vulnerable communities.

Our messages are primarily disseminated to policymakers in order to prompt them to find new resolutions to difficult situations.

VALUES

Secours Islamique France is built on Islam's human values of solidarity and respect for human dignity, which are central to everything we do.

Solidarity

Through our commitment, values and projects, SIF advocates for the creation of a human solidarity that transcends both differences and borders. We focus on solidarity and sharing with disadvantaged people, and with the organisations that support them, through partnerships.

Respect for human dignity

SIF particularly strives to ensure respect for human dignity and, in all our solidarity initiatives and approaches, we make genuine efforts to learn about and understand the specific social, cultural and religious backgrounds of the people we help. Furthermore, we work to ensure we can all live well together through an ethics of respect for otherness.

PRINCIPLES

Ever since our creation, Secours Islamique France has undertaken to respect the principles that form the basis of humanitarian action:

Fairness & inclusiveness

- > To help the most vulnerable, fairly and with humanity, and regardless of origin, gender, culture, religion, political beliefs or affiliations, etc.
- > To always strive to achieve these objectives, even under difficult conditions
- > To also apply these principles to staff and management boards.

Neutrality & independence

- > To abstain from taking sides in conflicts and crises
- > By remaining independent from all political, economic, financial or religious organisations.

Responsibility & transparency

- > Towards beneficiaries to provide them with the assistance they need in the most appropriate manner, particularly by considering the longer-term impacts of the aid provided
- > Towards donors by using their donations properly and conscientiously
- > More generally, by adopting a socially and environmentally responsible approach and ensuring compliance with contracts and commitments.

SPECIFIC EXPERTISE WORKING TOWARDS ONE GOAL

In order to have greater impact when helping the most vulnerable, SIF, with our wealth of diversity and interculturality, seeks to be a leading humanitarian and social actor. In keeping with our Muslim values and as an integral part of the French and international NGO network, SIF is fully committed to:

- > Human development
- > Living well together
- > Respecting the environment

Focusing our work on these 3 pillars, SIF uses our experience and funding, provided mainly by our donors, to conduct swift, ambitious and increasingly integrated projects. In implementing these projects, we ensure that we honour humanitarian principles and Muslim ethics when using the donations collected.

AUDITS AND REGULATIONS WITH WHICH SIF COMPLIES

- ① External auditors for the annual certification of our accounts (published on www.secours-islamique.org)
- ② Don en Confiance, a labelling body that audits non-profit organisations that receive public donations. SIF has been working under this label since 2011 and is committed to upholding its governance, management and communication principles and rules of conduct
- ③ Donors for subsidised programmes.





PRESIDENT'S REPORT

By the Founding President Rachid Lahlou
28th Ordinary General Assembly, June 19th 2021

Over the course of 2020, each and every one of us were affected by the unprecedented COVID-19 pandemic, which is set to leave its mark on the lives of millions of people around the world. Given this situation, we would particularly like to recognise our private donors' tremendous generosity and outpouring of solidarity throughout 2020. Their support, coupled with that of our institutional donors, enabled Secours Islamique France (SIF) to continue with our work and provide help to some of the most vulnerable people in need.

This 2020 annual report thus describes how we have been continuing and developing our programmes in France and around the world and sets out our determination to constantly increase and improve our support, even if our contribution remains relatively small when compared to the scale of the needs to be met.

This enduring pandemic, which is increasing poverty across the globe, is creating new and numerous international challenges. Overcoming all of these challenges will require courage, solidarity and perseverance.

THE IMPACTS OF COVID-19

Nobody is safe from social and economic insecurity in France today. There are now nearly 10 million people – one-sixth of France's population – living in poverty, with an additional 1 million people having fallen into it due to the pandemic¹. There is therefore a pressing need to take action and, as a French social actor, SIF intends to be fully involved in this work. It is both our duty and our responsibility. This commitment to helping the most vulnerable people, who are often overlooked, marginalised and isolated, forms part of our social mandate and our ethics.

In 2020, we were able to keep virtually all of our support structures open, even expanding them when necessary; however, there is still an enormous amount of work to be done to address growing poverty levels.

Abroad, poverty has significantly increased and inequalities have continued to widen. Unfortunately, this pandemic continues to spread and the indicators can only be described as bleak: new strains of COVID-19; slow vaccination campaigns with vaccines still not yet available in many developing countries; and 270 million people set to suffer from extreme hunger in 2021².

Along with other NGOs, we are the spokespersons for the most vulnerable and we need to draw attention to these injustices – as the rich become even richer – as well as to the extremely worrying health and economic situations for which political intervention is required to ensure proper wealth distribution.

In 2020, we helped tens of thousands of people to protect themselves from the coronavirus and met their food needs during a year marked by lockdowns and price surges.

However, although 2020 was the year of COVID-19, it cannot be defined solely by the pandemic. With our partners, we continued and improved the majority of our short, medium and long-term programmes. We would like to sincerely thank our teams, staff and volunteers, our loyal donors and our beneficiaries for their support in helping set up our projects.

ESSENTIAL JOINT EFFORTS

As we at SIF believe in knowledge-sharing and in pooling initiatives, we have remained actively involved in the work being carried out by the platforms and groups to which we belong, with ICVA³ being added to this list in 2020. This international network notably works with the United Nations agencies and the UN humanitarian coordination system. In 2020, COVID-19 further weakened the economic models of some NGOs, whereas others were hit hard by insecurity and even death, as in the case of our humanitarian colleagues in Niger.

These situations, coupled with restrictive laws, are having a severe impact on humanitarian action, which is sometimes being impeded in regions where civilians are in serious need and awaiting support. This is why, last year, SIF once again took part in joint campaigns, particularly those run by Coordination SUD, to ensure the delivery of humanitarian assistance and to call for the protection of humanitarian workers.

We consider it vital that governments guarantee the specific nature, compliance with and enjoyment of international humanitarian law, in particular its fundamental principles of independence and neutrality.

Governments' counter-terrorism measures and requirements can increase the risks faced by staff working in particularly tense regions where the slightest perceived non-neutrality can be extremely dangerous.

¹ Source: Fédération des acteurs de la solidarité – article published in Le Monde on 06/10/2020.

² Source: World Food Programme (WFP) – article published in Le Monde on 17/12/2020.

³ International Council of Voluntary Agencies

These measures are also affecting cash transfers to certain countries' programmes, which has a knock-on effect for beneficiaries, and this even for programmes funded by government or institutional agencies. While we recognise the legitimacy of governments' efforts to counter terrorism, we also request that adjustments be made to some of these measures to help protect NGOs from security and legal risks and enable them to fulfil their social mandate of supporting the most vulnerable.

With regard to the pandemic in particular, we are calling for a steady increase in official development assistance, as well as additional resources both to help fund programmes implemented in response to the pandemic and to support the organisations affected by the global economic downturn.

In France, we continue to pay particular attention to reception conditions for migrants and, with our colleagues, we are pursuing our advocacy campaigns to ensure freedom of expression and testimony for non-profit organisations working in administrative detention centres, and for all non-profit and civil society organisations who work in the public interest.

It is even more important that this fundamental right, guaranteed by both the French Constitution and the European Convention of Human Rights, is exercised to cover the waiting times, overcrowding and stress experienced by those being held in detention, most of whom are vulnerable and who include men, women, families, children and people who are ill.

MOMENTUM RETAINED

To help address all of these critical areas, we have participated in a range of predominantly video-conference-based events, such as the French National Humanitarian Conference where we highlighted the importance of the triple nexus, the continuum that seeks greater effectiveness and coherence between emergency humanitarian action, development work and peace initiatives. During this conference, we also reiterated the importance we afford to environmental issues by signing the Statement of Commitment on Climate by Humanitarian Organisations, alongside 9 other NGOs.

At the Paris Peace Forum, SIF presented the talibé⁴ children's inclusion programme that we are implementing in Senegal and Mali. From the 100 projects presented, ours was chosen by the Forum jury to receive one year of sponsorship from two mentors to help bolster our programme's impact by increasing the visibility of talibé children and encouraging aid organisations and governments in the Sahel region to work harder to realise their rights.

We are proud of the way we are implementing this programme in the field and honoured by its selection at the Paris Forum, as this is tremendous recognition of our work.

In 2020, this recognition also involved the renewal of our certification by the Don en Confiance label, with whom we have been certified since 2011 as part of our continuous improvement approach.



2020 was also a busy year for our governance bodies, who were able to meet as usual, albeit for a time by video-conference rather than face-to-face. We thus proceeded with the statutory replacement of one-third of our Board of Directors and, at the General Assembly meeting at the end of the year, we began initial discussions on our strategic plan for 2022-2027.

⁴ Children entrusted by their (often poor) families into the care of a religious studies teacher for their education.



Finally, as mentioned at the beginning of this report, the dynamism of our donors, coupled with that of our teams and partners, has enabled us to reinforce our action and adapt to the health situation, both in terms of meeting the needs of the most vulnerable and for organising our operations. We would once again like to thank of those who have supported us through the pandemic, and this despite the health risks involved.

Not only has everybody conscientiously complied with the required safety measures, but they have also ensured that solidarity and the respect for human dignity have not suffered in any way. Buoyed by these good intentions and the substantial support that we have gratefully received, and drawing on Muslim values that themselves are aligned to universal values, SIF must continue to help build a more just and caring world where the basic needs of vulnerable people are met.



SIF has adapted to the COVID-19 pandemic and continued our work with the most vulnerable. In Syria, for instance, we continued with the project that we are jointly implementing with UNICEF to provide children with access to non-formal education, even remotely on occasion through online classes.

We also adapted to the pandemic in France. The 'Tables du Ramadan' became the 'Tables du Ramadan Visits' during which our volunteers delivered a total of 19,000 full meals (around 600 meals a day) directly to beneficiaries' homes.



SIF's talibé children's inclusion project in Mali and Senegal was one of 10 out of a 100 projects presented at the Paris Peace Forum to be selected for 1 year of mentoring by Paris Peace Forum committee members.

We also adapted our advocacy campaigns. SIF held our first ever webinar during World Water Week to raise awareness of the good environmental issue and climate change adaptation practices that can be used on water projects.



Ceremony to launch the Koranic schools' integration project in Mali. This project is being led by SIF in partnership with the European Union, Mali's Ministry of National Education and the National Federation of Koranic School Teachers' Associations.



In 2020, Sudan suffered its worst flooding for 30 years. In partnership with the Sudanese Red Crescent, SIF provided emergency food aid to 572 people in Khartoum State.



During the National Humanitarian Conference in France, two female SIF staff members (working in Madagascar and Palestine) had their photos displayed in front of the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs building as part of an exhibition to illustrate the work of female humanitarian workers in the field.



In 2020, the SIF orphan sponsorship programme helped support more than 10,000 people: 8,000 children received individual grants, and specific projects were implemented to improve the living conditions of their relatives.

Following the explosions that occurred in Lebanon in August, SIF provided emergency assistance to the people of Beirut by distributing food and survival kits to victims and by helping rehabilitate around a hundred damaged homes.



In France, SIF strengthened our support to homeless people through both our patrols and our reception and emergency accommodation centres, including the Emergency Accommodation Centre in Massy (MAB), which opened in February and has so far provided shelter for 112 women.

> New income in 2020 €44.6 million

Income in euros

Donations and other funds received from the public
€33.9 million

Grants and financial contributions
€9.5 million

Other Income
€1.2 million

Secours Islamique France received funding from 90,200 private donors in 2020. SIF was also able to make use of €177,155 of voluntary contributions in kind (donations in kind and volunteer work).

> Staff in 2020

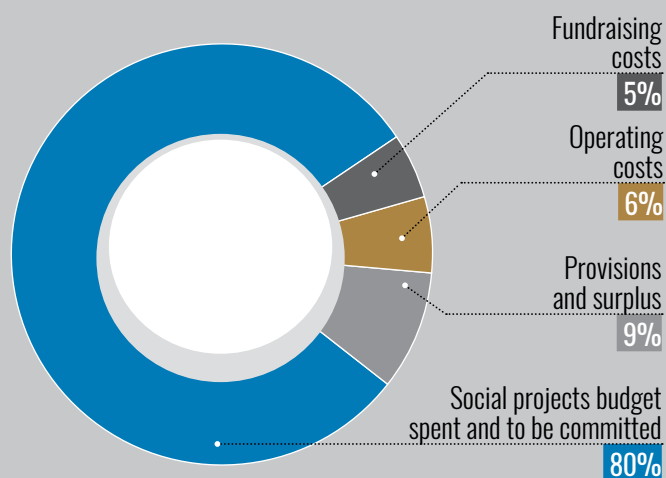
- > Staff in France (average full-time equivalent): **95**
- > Staff abroad (expatriate and local employees): **792** (all contracts combined)
- > Volunteers: **389**

In 2020, SIF had 14 international field offices and a presence in 6 other countries through our partners.



> Expenditure (total 2020 expenditure: 48.8 million euros)

The total amount spent in 2020, namely 35.3 million euros, includes 2020 project costs (30.1 million euros), fundraising costs (2.3 million euros) and operating costs (2.9 million euros).



Social projects budget spent and to be committed: 80%

- **62%: 2020 projects**
 - **5%** France, i.e. **€2.3 million**
 - **56%** International, i.e. **€27.6 million**
 - **0.5%** Advocacy, i.e. **€0.2 million**

- **18%: Social projects budget to be committed**
Allocated funds for which SIF will pay no more operating or fundraising costs.

The majority pertain to funds received at the end of the financial year and which could not be allocated during that year.



○ ACTIVITY REPORT

by the Executive Director Mahieddine Khelladi

2020 was particularly intense, both despite and because of the COVID-19 pandemic. In France and abroad, we were able to reinforce our programmes by adapting to the very particular conditions and to the emerging needs resulting from the pandemic.

THE IMPACTS OF COVID-19

As highlighted by the President in his report, the most vulnerable have been the most affected by the global pandemic, mainly due to a lack of health resources and increased economic and social distress. In order to provide basic immediate responses to this unprecedented crisis, while also respecting the strict public health protocols in place, our teams in France and around the world have been extremely responsive and shown great composure. We would therefore like to thank all of our teams, staff and volunteers, who have continued to carry out all of our distribution activities despite the difficult circumstances.

Social projects

Virtually all of our international field offices distributed hygiene kits (masks, hand sanitiser, soap) to people in need. Campaigns to raise awareness of the recommended safety measures were also carried out, predominantly using illustrated teaching materials, such as those developed by our Mali field office and which were subsequently showcased at the National Humanitarian Conference in Paris.

Our field offices also had to adapt their working methods and revise the implementation of our programme activities. The majority of our 2020 programmes went ahead, albeit with some adaptations, which was vital given the worsening economic situations in the countries in which we work (Palestine, Yemen, etc.).

In France, as was the case for many organisations, our beneficiaries increased (the number of calls doubled and there was a significant rise in the demand for food parcels). As a result, we had to reorganise our activities, not only to continue to fulfil our social assistance mandate, but also to put specific COVID-19 social arrangements in place to help the people most in need to weather this crisis.

Due to the pandemic and the lockdown, our major annual 'Tables du Ramadan' programme was transformed into 'Table du Ramadan Tour'. Our organisation also received strong institutional recognition within the Seine-Saint-Denis department, where we were asked to deliver food parcels to hostels and where we were given masks and hand sanitiser to distribute to the most vulnerable.

Our advocacy team also continued with its efforts and even launched a new advocacy campaign with the French authorities to encourage them to support the international COVID-19 response. The majority of the events in which SIF were scheduled to take part were ultimately held by video-conference. In addition, SIF organised our very

first webinar, which was entitled "Being climate-compatible in water and sanitation development projects: reducing communities's vulnerabilities".

General organisation and donor generosity

More generally, all of SIF's permanent staff had to review their ways of working and for many of them, this involved temporarily working from home and via video-conference. Continuity plans were also put in place to ensure that the SIF 'machine' could continue to operate effectively.

Our Communication and Development department was particularly impacted as they were unable to organise their fundraising campaigns as planned and all of their fundraising events (SIF Solidarity Cup, the solidarity evening, etc.) had to be cancelled. The department thus adopted a flexible and cross-cutting remote approach that enabled them to conduct two simultaneous campaigns, the Urgence COVID campaign and the Ramadan campaign, the largest of the year, at the start of the pandemic.

There is no doubt that this revised organisation contributed to the record amount received in private donations in 2020. Our donors were particularly generous throughout the year. Like us, they were most certainly aware of the growing insecurity and vulnerability affecting people not only in France but also in the other countries of the world where they traditionally provide us with support.

SIF was also proud to have got more than 300,000 subscribers on Facebook, as this further motivates our teams to provide updates on our work.

NUMEROUS NON-COVID-19 RELATED CHALLENGES

The pandemic should not distract us from the many other challenges that we had to address in 2020, not least our response to humanitarian emergencies.

Emergency response

SIF rapidly mobilised our teams in the aftermath of the double explosion at the Port of Beirut that heavily impacted the Lebanese capital and exacerbated the country's existing humanitarian crisis. In addition to our usual beneficiaries, mainly refugees, especially from Syria, our field office was also called upon to support vulnerable people from Lebanon itself. SIF also worked in three countries severely affected by flooding, as well as by the pandemic: in Somalia, which was also plagued by an invasion of locusts that put the country at risk of famine; in Sudan, a country with great food insecurity and which is dealing with an influx of refugees from neighbouring Ethiopia; and in Pakistan.

As highlighted above, Palestine and Yemen, where the situation was alarming even before the pandemic, are cause for particular concern and we have worked hard to reinforce our projects to address food insecurity and alleviate people's suffering.

In Sahel, where conflicts continue to increase people's vulnerability, SIF conducted a fact-finding mission to Burkina Faso, similar to that previously carried out in Niger, in order to define our future projects.

In contrast, although needs remain high, we have placed our projects in Haiti on hold, as the country has become particularly unstable, and we have reoriented our orphan sponsorship to focus on countries that have active SIF field offices in place.

Important work with donors

During 2020, SIF devoted considerable time responding to the audits that our donors (ECHO⁵, UNICEF⁶, CDCS⁷) carried out with all of their partner NGOs to ensure compliance with their requirements, particularly activity management and abuse prevention. All of these audits went well, and ECHO also renewed our framework agreement. This encouraged us to continue developing our tools and practices, a process that included the roll-out of our Child Safeguarding Policy. As far as grants are concerned, we were able to maintain high levels of institutional funding for our international programmes in 2020. In particular, we received approval from the AFD⁸ for our Senegal-Mali sub-regional talibé children inclusion project, the same project that was selected for mentoring at the Paris Peace Forum.

With the recognition we received in the French Île-de-France region during the pandemic, we hope to be able to secure the future of the Women's Emergency Accommodation Centre (CHU) in Massy, which

we were able to keep open throughout 2020 thanks to the grants we received.

Organisational challenges

The SIF organisational framework is constantly being adapted to take changes in our commitments and experience into account to ensure that our various activities are organised efficiently.

We have made good progress on two key strategic information system projects, despite meetings having to be held remotely: the first is our management system, which will contain all of our processes, procedures and soon our operating procedures; and the second is our integrated management software package (accounting, procurement, etc.).

The board has maintained a good relationship with the elected members and staff on the Social and Economic Committee. We have also ensured that we continue to satisfactorily integrate people with disabilities and maintain a high score on the legal Gender Equality Index, thereby demonstrating our commitment to pursuing a policy of inclusiveness at all levels. As part of our work towards continuous improvement, we also frequently review our management charter and regularly discuss good practices with our managers.

Through our staff and volunteers, both our employees in France and abroad and all of our volunteers, SIF has successfully achieved our objectives in spite of the pandemic. We would like to sincerely thank all of you for your professionalism and commitment.

We would also like to thank our more than 90,000 active donors, who are constantly at our side, responding to our appeals for donations and supporting our campaigns.

⁵ European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations

⁶ United Nations Children's Fund

⁷ French Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Crisis and Support Centre

⁸ Agence Française de Développement



INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS

Through our International Operations and Programmes Department, SIF has been helping the most vulnerable in Africa, the Near East, Asia, Europe and the Caribbean for almost 30 years. In coordination with our local and international partners, SIF strives to meet the needs of people affected by climate disasters or conflict. We work on the ground to improve shelter and access to basic services for people in these emergency situations through programmes that are adapted to both the context and the needs of the most vulnerable. We also take action to reduce these communities' vulnerabilities as part of a longer-term approach of improving their resilience and enabling them to rebuild their lives sustainably and with dignity.

Reflecting this mandate, in 2020, our teams were called upon to demonstrate the full range of their determination and ability to adapt in order to complete our projects and respond to the urgent needs that arose as a result of the challenging COVID-19 situation. This year, SIF set up 15 projects in 10 countries in response to COVID-19. In addition, the SIF Child Safeguarding Policy came into force. This policy has been developed to ensure that, as an organisation, we "cause no harm" to children and discharge our responsibilities to protect them. It applies to the entire SIF organisation and all of our field offices and partners.

The areas in which SIF works are as follows:

- > Shelter and accommodation for vulnerable people: constructing or rehabilitating shelters, schools, community infrastructure and housing healthcare centres, etc.
- > Access to water, sanitation and hygiene, recognised as human rights by the UN9 General Assembly: implementing projects to drill wells, install sanitation facilities, promote hygiene and supply water tanks, etc.
- > Ensuring the food and nutritional security of people affected by the increasingly frequent food crises that have been occurring over recent years: distributing food, supporting training and developing income-generating activities, etc.
- > Access to rights for every child, particularly the right to be protected against violence and the right to a decent education: implementing programmes to support the most vulnerable children (such as young orphans and talibé children), especially by supporting teaching activities, providing psycho-social support and rehabilitating schools, etc.



SHELTER AND ACCOMMODATION

In the conflict zones in which SIF works, increased violence has created huge waves of refugees and displaced persons. Incomplete, with no sanitation facilities, electricity or insulation, many of the collective shelters are overcrowded and unsuitable for housing and preserving the dignity of families. Yet, these shelters are vital, particularly for these people's survival and security, as well as for safeguarding their health, privacy and human dignity.

Our approach: To improve access to accommodation for vulnerable people by building and rehabilitating temporary shelters and accessible community infrastructure.

2020 budget: 5.1 million euros

Project countries: Kenya/Somalia, Lebanon, Palestine, Syria.

Key achievements:

- 200 houses renovated and rehabilitated in Gaza, in Palestine, and material support provided to 500 families through the distribution of winter kits
- Distribution of shelter kits to more than 9,000 internally displaced persons affected by flooding in Somalia
- More than 134,000 people benefited from shelter projects in Syria.



FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOODS

In its global report on food crises, the FAO¹⁰ indicated that, in 2020, over 135 million people around the world were on the brink of famine, most of whom were in Africa.

We are seeing a sharp rise in food insecurity, with the leading causes being climate shocks and conflicts, and these are having severe impacts on nutrition and health.

Our approach: This is participatory and encourages the responsible involvement of communities in adapting agro-pastoral farming systems to climate change and providing women with equal access to the proceeds of their work.

2020 budget: 10.1 million euros

Project countries: Chad, Haiti, Indonesia, Iraq, Jordan, Kenya/Liban, Madagascar, Mali, Maroc, Nigeria, Somalia, Pakistan, Palestine, Senegal, Sudan, Syria, Yemen.

Key achievements:

- More than 65,700 food parcels distributed during Ramadan and Eid Al Adha (Tabaski)
- 4 grain banks built in Mali to meet the needs of the poorest households during the lean season
- 150 farmers supported by SIF in Palestine as part of a sound agriculture project to improve people's agricultural resilience
- Food aid provided to more than 6,000 families affected by flooding in Sindh Province in Pakistan.

⁹ United Nations

¹⁰ United Nations Food and Agriculture Organisation



WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

In 2020, on World Water Day, the UN raised awareness of the fact that more than 2.2 billion people in the world continue to lack access to drinking water and 4.2 billion are without safely managed sanitation facilities. This situation is being exacerbated by major anthropogenic (conflicts, etc.) and natural humanitarian crises.

Our approach: SIF is committed to strengthening our activities to ensure universal access to drinking water and to suitable sanitation and hygiene services (WASH), prioritising the most vulnerable and focusing on integrating our efforts with our food security, livelihood and children's programmes.

2020 budget: 2.5 million euros

Project countries: Algeria, Chad, Indonesia, Iraq, Jordan, Kenya/Somalia, Lebanon, Madagascar, Nigeria, Pakistan, Palestine, Senegal, Syria, Yemen.

Key achievements:

- Over 120,000 WASH project beneficiaries
- Around 50,000 people benefiting from WASH-related projects that integrated other SIF project themes, such as shelter, food security or education and child welfare
- Helping to tackle the COVID-19 pandemic by distributing more than 10,000 kits and raising awareness of good hygiene practices
- 84 wastewater treatment units for irrigation and toilet water supply built to improve rational water use in Palestine.



EDUCATION AND PROMOTION OF CHILD WELFARE

More than half of all children in the world live under the threat of war, poverty or gender discrimination. According to UNESCO¹¹, nearly 258 million children aged between 6 and 17 do not attend school, which equates to nearly a sixth of the world's children in this age group.

Our approach: In both emergency and development situations, SIF implements projects to nurture and support formal and informal education by adapting to local settings. SIF's added value is the work that we do with the children overlooked by other development programmes and who partners find difficult to reach.

2020 budget: 9.5 million euros

Project countries: Bangladesh, Chad, Haiti, Iraq, Kenya/Somalia, Lebanon, Madagascar, Mali, Morocco, Pakistan, Palestine, Senegal, Syria.

Key achievements:

- 8,121 children and young orphans sponsored
- Improved access to education for nearly 9,000 girls and boys in Madagascar, and the promotion of a healthy environment to enable their development
- More than 1,100 Palestinian children participated in activities to improve their quality of life and psycho-social well-being
- Nearly 1,800 talibé young people and children supported in Mali and Senegal through programmes to improve their living conditions, realise their fundamental rights and their educational and socio-economic inclusion
- More than 45,000 particularly vulnerable children benefited from more equitable access to education and protection in Syria.

¹¹ United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation.





Kenya & Somalia



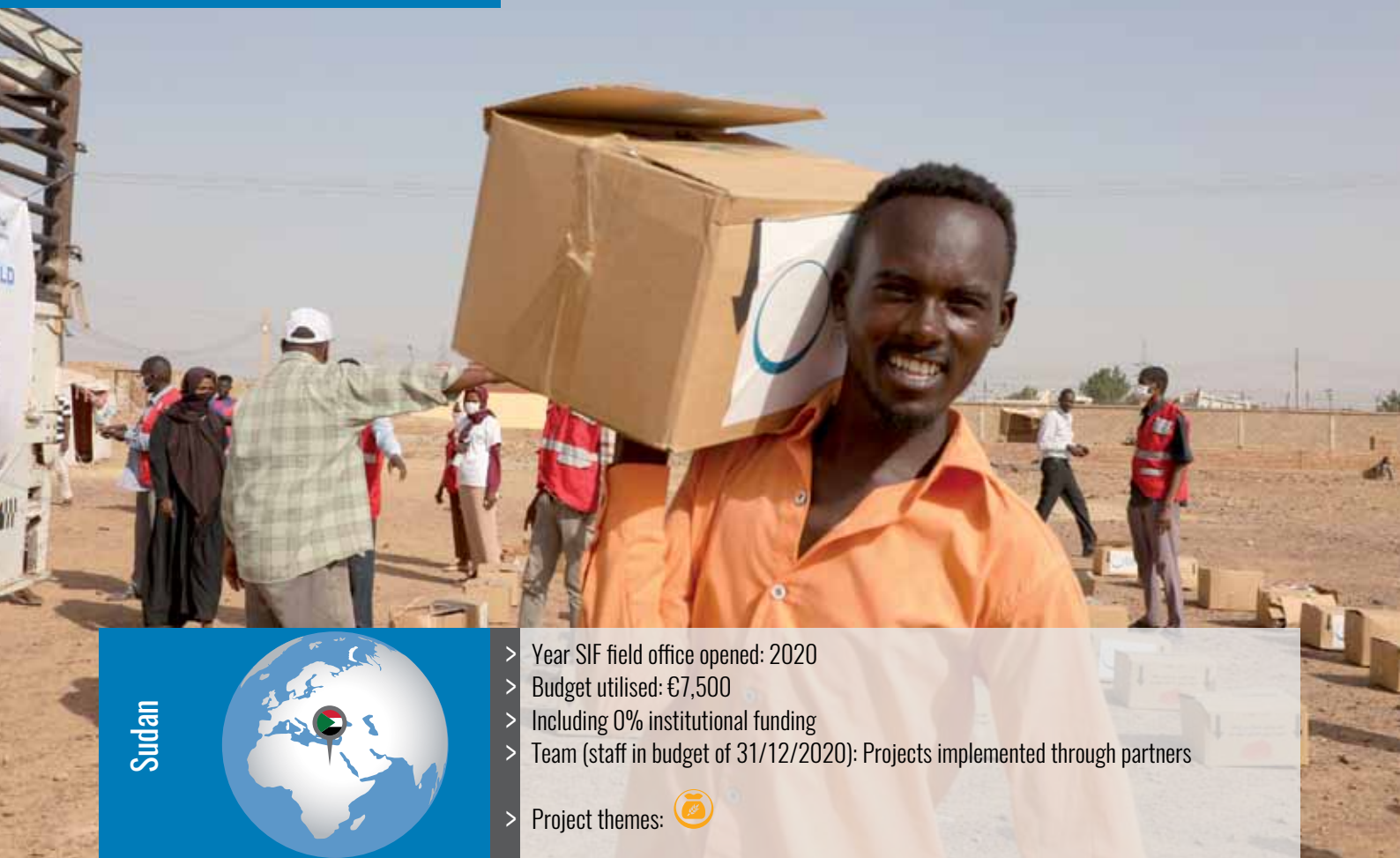
- > Year SIF field office opened: 2012
- > Budget utilised: €1,607,136
- > Including 15% institutional funding
- > Team (staff in budget of 31/12/2020): 1 expatriate and 47 local staff
- > Project themes:    

The already fragile situation in Somalia has been further exacerbated by a series of climate shocks. At the end of 2019, the abnormally heavy rains during Deyr season resulted in widespread flooding that forced 370,000 people to abandon their homes, adding to the country's 2.6 million internally displaced persons.

In 2020, SIF provided assistance to the host population and internally displaced persons in Kismayo, Somalia. More than 9,900 people affected by the floods received kits containing essential items (blankets, mattresses, mosquito nets, etc.). SIF helped to improve the food security and livelihoods of 523 vulnerable families through cash transfers and entrepreneurship trainings.


Willing to improve people's resilience to the COVID-19 pandemic, SIF also distributed medical supplies (including 8,000 washable face masks) and provided The Kismayo General Hospital with two ambulances (one as part of a COVID-19 project funded by the CDCS).

At the same time, more than 1,000 families were provided with food aid in the form of cash assistance and 300 orphans received sponsorship to support their access to education. In addition, SIF focused on distributing seasonal food parcels to vulnerable households in Kenya, supporting 1,180 families during Ramadan and 3,800 families for Eid Al Adha.



Sudan



- > Year SIF field office opened: 2020
- > Budget utilised: €7,500
- > Including 0% institutional funding
- > Team (staff in budget of 31/12/2020): Projects implemented through partners
- > Project themes: 

After the internal conflicts that led to South Sudan's independence in 2011 and the great political instability that has been affecting the country since 2019, Sudan is now facing a severe economic crisis brought about by years of stagnation and under-investment in public services. OCHA¹² estimated that 23% of the population was in need of humanitarian support in 2020, which equates to 9.3 million people (compared to 5.4 million in 2015). The country is also suffering from the impacts of the current climate crisis (desertification, droughts, floods), which is further degrading people's socio-economic conditions.

In 2020, Sudan suffered its worst flooding in 30 years. In partnership with the Sudanese Red Crescent, SIF decided to focus its support efforts on Khartoum State, home to the majority of the people affected by the disaster.

In order to provide relief to vulnerable victims of the flooding, SIF distributed food parcels to 100 households. As a result, 572 people received food items to help them meet their most immediate needs.

Chad



- > Year SIF field office opened: 2008
- > Budget utilised: €1,323,568
- > Including 5% institutional funding
- > Team (staff in budget of 31/12/2020): 4 expatriates and 21 local staff
- > Project themes:   

In 2020, the Chad field office focused our efforts on improving the food security of vulnerable people in the south of the country and on our COVID-19 response. By organising food parcel and beef distribution campaigns during Ramadan and Tabaski (Eid Al Adha) respectively, the field office was able to meet the food needs of beneficiary households whose vulnerability has been exacerbated by the COVID pandemic.

The distribution of handwashing facilities, face masks and soap, prior to our seasonal campaigns, also helped beneficiary households to better protect themselves against COVID-19. SIF supported a total of nearly 4,250 vulnerable people during Ramadan, provided 1,350 people with protective equipment to fight COVID-19, and helped 51,840 people during our Eid Al Adha campaigns.

¹² United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs



Mali



- > Year SIF field office opened: 2013
- > Budget utilised: €4,517,750
- > Including 40% institutional funding
- > Team (staff in budget of 31/12/2020): 13 expatriates and 113 local staff
- > Project themes:  

In Mali, one of the field office's objectives is to improve the integration of talibé children and young people into society and facilitate their access to protection and a decent education.

To achieve this aim, SIF has launched an ambitious regional project for talibé children and young people in Senegal and Mali. By targeting the areas of Bamako, Mopti and Segou, these projects are supporting numerous children and young people, helping them to improve their living conditions and fostering their social inclusion. In addition, food parcels and vouchers were distributed to 16,100 talibé children during our Ramadan campaign.

Furthermore, 1,000 girls and boys were supported in 2020 as part of our sponsorship programme, our other flagship project in Mali. The Mali field office is also focusing its efforts on food security by revitalising grain banks. SIF has decided to open grain banks in response to the growing vulnerability of communities affected by climate shocks and conflicts; a situation that has been exacerbated by the COVID-19 pandemic. In Mopti, 125,000 people benefited from these grain banks, which provided them with foodstuffs at discounted prices, thereby improving their food security during the lean season¹³.

Senegal



- > Year SIF field office opened: 2008
- > Budget utilised: €1,809,308
- > Including 0% institutional funding
- > Team (staff in budget of 31/12/2020): 8 expatriates and 23 local staff
- > Project themes:   

In Senegal, our child welfare projects are promoting access to healthcare, educational and social and vocational integration for more than 1,600 girls and boys.

In addition to the Mali-Senegal regional project to improve the inclusion of talibé children and young people (targeting 750 young talibé in Senegal), SIF has developed a project to protect children from the most vulnerable communities in Dakar through a sponsorship programme. 971 orphaned children and their families benefited from this programme in 2020.

Senegal is situated in the Sahel band, which is affected by recurring climate shocks and food crises that erode people's resilience. SIF has set up a productive social safety nets programme to help 200 vulnerable yet self-driven young people and women in the suburbs of Dakar and in Kaffrine and Koumpentoum.



We have also carried out seasonal campaigns, such as voucher distributions during the month of Ramadan, which provided 7,282 people with food.

¹³The period before the harvest when the food stored from the previous year's harvest has run out



Nigeria



- > Year SIF field office opened: 2017
- > Budget utilised: €604, 798
- > Including 0% institutional funding
- > Team (staff in budget of 31/12/2020): 3 expatriates and 12 local staff
- > Project themes:  

Since 2009, the North-East of Nigeria has been at the centre of a conflict that has triggered a large-scale humanitarian crisis. The influx of people fleeing the fighting is exacerbating food shortages and putting pressure on basic services. In 2020, there were 2.1 million internally displaced persons in Nigeria, including 1.5 million in Borno State alone, the area in which SIF works.

In Farm Center camp in Maiduguri, SIF has helped improve access to water for 576 internally displaced families by drilling a borehole and building the capacities of community-based organisations to maintain the facilities.

In order to alleviate the added difficulties created by the COVID-19 pandemic, SIF provided support to healthcare workers and vulnerable communities by donating protection kits, including 2,400 masks, and by installing 10 handwashing facilities in 5 internally displaced persons camps. At the same time, SIF worked to improve the resilience of 84 internally displaced women by training them to make face masks, soap and hand sanitiser.

Lastly, SIF distributed food parcels to 31,200 people during Ramadan.

Madagascar



- > Year SIF field office opened: 2009 (work suspended in 2012/2013)
- > Budget utilised: €1,050,808
- > Including 17% institutional funding
- > Team (staff in budget of 31/12/2020): 6 expatriates and 103 local staff
- > Project themes:   

In 2020, Madagascar was hit by three successive shocks: flooding, drought and famine in the south of the country. The entire country was also affected by the COVID-19 pandemic, plunging numerous households into situations of extreme vulnerability.

Additional support was therefore provided to families already being targeted by other SIF projects, particularly the 400 families involved in the orphan sponsorship programme. SIF also carried out distribution campaigns to help 1,000 homeless people through the lockdown and assisted the local authorities with communicating and applying health and safety measures.

As Madagascar is regularly affected by climate shocks, SIF is involved in a climate-disaster preparedness and response project in the Morombe area that seeks to foster communities' recovery following a disaster.



SIF has also continued its project to support rural development and community-based resilience in the Morombe district, where nearly 2,600 farmers have been assisted, as well as fishermen, winnowers and small traders, etc.

In total, over 12,000 people have benefited from SIF support.



Morocco



- > Year SIF field office opened: 2019
- > Budget utilised: €276,534
- > Including 0% institutional funding
- > Team (staff in budget of 31/12/2020): Projects implemented through partners
- > Project themes:  

Along with inequality and insecurity, poverty remains a major challenge in Morocco. According to the World Bank, nearly 9 million Moroccans are considered either poor or at risk of poverty. People in rural areas are particularly vulnerable; however, extreme poverty and inequality are also to be found in urban settings.

The rise in food prices during Ramadan and Eid Al Adha make it even more difficult for vulnerable families to establish a good nutritional base.

Consequently, and in order to ensure that families can celebrate these special occasions and periods with dignity, SIF has worked in partnership with SANAD to develop seasonal projects in Kenitra province.

Thus, in 2020, 1,500 vulnerable families, i.e. around 7,500 people, received food parcels as part of our Ramadan project and 1,620 families, i.e. 8,100 people, were provided with meat parcels for Eid Al Adha.

Lebanon



- > Year SIF field office opened: 2012
- > Budget utilised: €841,348
- > Including 10% institutional funding
- > Team (staff in budget of 31/12/2020): 2 expatriates and 26 local staff
- > Project themes:    

In 2020, Lebanon was hit by the worsening of its socio-economic crisis, the explosion at the Port of Beirut and the impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. At the same time, Lebanon remains on the front line of the humanitarian crisis in Syria and this country of 6 million inhabitants is now hosting 1.5 million Syrian refugees. This influx of people is having a profound impact on host communities and public services, which are no longer able to meet people's needs. SIF has been helping to improve the protection of vulnerable people by strengthening community protection systems and implementing psycho-social support activities for 160 at-risk children and their





families. SIF teams have also helped to improve women's socio-economic conditions and food security through our project to provide training on sustainable agriculture and workplace integration support; a project that will be continued in 2021.

In addition, SIF provided an emergency response to the explosion that occurred in the Port of Beirut by distributing food parcels to 640 families, re-building 186 damaged homes and providing hygiene kits to 1,084 families to improve their resilience to the COVID-19 pandemic.



Syria



- > Year SIF field office opened: 2008
- > Budget utilised: €5,090,178
- > Including 75% institutional funding
- > Team (staff in budget of 31/12/2020): 5 expatriates and 122 local staff
- > Project themes:    

Civilians continue to be the main victims of the conflict in Syria and there are more than 11 million people in the country in need of humanitarian aid. The crisis remains complex and severe and the widespread destruction of infrastructure and basic services is heightening the extreme vulnerability of Syria's population.




In 2020, SIF implemented a large-scale assistance project for displaced persons and host communities in partnership with the UNHCR¹⁴. This multi-sector programme improved access to basic services through the installation and maintenance of key socio-economic infrastructure and shelters, improved access to water, sanitation

and hygiene conditions, strengthened livelihoods, improved access to decent education and created a safe environment for children. For the children's component, SIF worked in partnership with UNICEF to set up 5 centres in which 9,101 out-of-school children received non-formal education and took part in recreational activities.

At the same time, the programme provided capacity-building to 770 teachers, as well as to child welfare practitioners, to help them better protect vulnerable children from abuse, violence and exploitation.

Iraq



- > Year SIF field office opened: 2016
- > Budget utilised: €1,048,981
- > Including 57% institutional funding
- > Team (staff in budget of 31/12/2020): 1 expatriate and 7 local staff
- > Project themes:   

Prolonged displacements, political uncertainty and insecurity have all led to growing humanitarian needs in Iraq. There is an extremely high prevalence of chronic malnutrition among children and lack of family income strongly increases the likelihood of children abandoning their studies to focus on earning a living.

SIF has launched a school feeding project in Qal'at Saleh to improve children's food and nutritional security and thereby help to keep them in school. In 2020, 97,372 healthy meals were distributed to 19,580 children in 65 primary schools.





At the same time, SIF has helped create a safe learning environment for 3,000 children in Al-Qaim governorate by improving their access to water and decent sanitation facilities and by rehabilitating 5 schools. In Erbil, SIF is providing financial support to 200 vulnerable orphans to improve their access to education. Lastly, 120 vulnerable people in Salah al-Din governorate received training and grants to create small businesses, and 40 others received assistance to help them manage savings groups to revitalise their resilience.

¹⁴United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees



Palestine



- > Year SIF field office opened: 2008
- > Budget utilised: €5,821,321
- > Including 9% institutional funding
- > Team (staff in budget of 31/12/2020): 6 expatriates and 51 local staff
- > Project themes:    

The lives of the Palestinian people are severely impacted by the recurring conflicts that restrict their movement and their already limited livelihoods. SIF is supporting vulnerable communities through WASH, child welfare, food security and shelter projects.

In 2020, SIF focused on agricultural resilience through a responsible and environmentally-friendly agriculture project that targeted 150 farmers. 4.9km of farm roads were rehabilitated and 21 mini-green-houses were installed. The Palestine field office also rehabilitated 1,500m³ of water network and installed greywater treatment units (to treat domestic wastewater) for 120 households.

To improve child welfare, we implemented a psycho-social support project to assist 964 young orphans and children and 542 widows in Gaza.

SIF also conducted a shelter project that supported 400 households by rehabilitating their homes and distributing cash vouchers to enable them to purchase non-food items.

To help deal with the impacts of COVID-19, SIF distributed hygiene and food kits to 3,353 families and 6,800 high school students.

Jordan



- > Year SIF field office opened: 2014
- > Budget utilised: €66,736
- > Including 0% institutional funding
- > Team (staff in budget of 31/12/2020): Projects implemented through partners
- > Project themes:  



Jordan is one of the most affected countries by the Syrian crisis, notably due to both the influx of refugees and the severe economic crisis from which the country has been suffering since 2014. Mafrq governorate in the north of the country is one of the areas that hosts the largest number of Syrian refugees. According to the UNHCR, there were 162,317 Syrian refugees in 2020.

In 2020, SIF launched a food parcel distribution project to help not only these refugees, whose living conditions are especially difficult, but also the Jordanian host communities: 1,350 predominantly Syrian families were provided with food products during the month of Ramadan.



Yemen



- > Year SIF field office opened: 2019
- > Budget utilised: €489,255
- > Including 0% institutional funding
- > Team (staff in budget of 31/12/2020): 3 expatriates and 18 local staff
- > Project themes:  

According to the United Nations, Yemen is suffering the world's worst humanitarian crisis. The humanitarian and food security situation has considerably deteriorated over the last 5 years of conflict and this is posing a serious threat to the country's population, around half of whom living in poverty. The fighting has severely amplified existing inequalities and weaknesses, devastated the economy and destroyed essential services and infrastructure. Yemen has also been hit by the impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic and between 17 and 19 million people are estimated to be in need of food aid.

Given this emergency situation, SIF provided support to 1,610 internally displaced persons living in extremely poor conditions in Aden, meeting their immediate food needs through regular food parcel distribution campaigns.

To reduce the risks arising from the COVID-19 pandemic, SIF also distributed 400 emergency hygiene kits to cover the needs of 2,800 people and disseminated key awareness-raising messages. These same 400 families also received a food parcel during Ramadan.

Pakistan



- > Year SIF field office opened: 2008
- > Budget utilised: €1,741,376
- > Including 14% institutional funding
- > Team (staff in budget of 31/12/2020): 2 expatriates and 195 local staff
- > Project themes:   

Pakistan is a country severely affected by poverty and a lack of access to water. It is also increasingly vulnerable to the impacts of climate change. In addition, the country is being plagued by a number of internal conflicts, particularly in the tribal areas in which we work. In 2020, SIF continued to work in the tribal areas of Orakzai district, rehabilitating 47 hectares of land and constructing 40 household latrines. In response to the drought affecting the Sindh region, SIF supported 3,702 families and farmers by providing them with resistant trees and seeds, as well as with food parcels and home gardening



kits. Community amenities in these two regions were also rehabilitated (bodies of water, latrines, domestic kitchens, cattle shelters, etc.), which benefited 9,105 people.

As part of SIF's emergency response (to flooding and COVID-19), SIF distributed 2,370 food parcels and winter kits to vulnerable families and provided cash vouchers to more than 6,300 households to help them meet their immediate needs. Lastly, in Islamabad, an income-generating activity support programme was launched to improve the economic opportunities of 25 legal guardians of orphans.



Indonesia



- > Year SIF field office opened: 2018
- > Budget utilised: €60,182
- > Including 0% institutional funding
- > Team (staff in budget of 31/12/2020): Projects implemented through partners
- > Project themes:  

Since the tsunami of 2004, on average, Indonesia has been hit by a major natural disaster once a month. These have included earthquakes, tsunamis and extreme climate-related weather events such as floods, droughts and landslides. These recurring disasters are seriously compromising and jeopardising the food security of the most vulnerable communities.

Access to food is not uniform and high food prices are only exacerbating the situation (rice is 50 to 70% more expensive than in neighbouring countries). As a result, 19.4 million people are unable to

meet their basic food needs. In response to this situation, SIF and its partner YKMI¹⁵ have been implementing seasonal food aid projects.

In Sulawesi Centre and Lombok, areas that have been particularly hard hit by natural disasters since 2018, around 4,000 people, i.e. 1,020 vulnerable families were provided with food parcels (including rice, sugar, milk, oil, pasta, eggs, flour, etc.). At the same time, 889 families from 5 provinces received between 2.5 and 3kg of meat during our Kurban (Eid Al Adha) campaigns.

Bangladesh



- > Year SIF field office opened: 2017
- > Budget utilised: €418,020
- > Including 0% institutional funding
- > Team (staff in budget of 31/12/2020): Projects implemented through partners
- > Project themes:  

Over the course of the last twenty years, Bangladesh has made tremendous progress in access to education. However, governance problems, teacher absenteeism, overcrowding in classrooms and lack of infrastructure maintenance are undermining the government's efforts.

Around 5 million children – predominantly from poor families and remote areas – still do not attend school and, due to factors including poverty and early marriage, the school dropout rate remains high, particularly among girls.

In Kurigram district, SIF has worked in partnership with the NGO Friendship to set up a project to improve access to an inclusive and fair education for 420 children and adolescents, as well as for 296 adults: providing capacity-building to primary and secondary school teaching staff, supporting 15 adult education centres, raising pupils' and their families' awareness of the rights-based approach and introducing civic education sessions (ethics, good hygiene practices, COVID-19 prevention, environmental issues, etc.).

¹⁵ Yayasan Kemanusiaan Muslim Indonesia

Projects for specific commitments

Sponsorship and projects for children and young orphans

Our sponsorship project was expanded to new field offices in 2020 and is now being implemented in 9 countries following the launch of 3 new programmes in Lebanon, Iraq and Somalia.

Sponsored children receive a monthly grant to cover their schooling and healthcare costs. The orphan sponsorship programme seeks to offer holistic support that includes providing each child with health insurance, for example. Many field offices also run related activities for the families of orphans and their communities to help build their capacities, notably through the participatory sponsorship programme. This programme has been developed to enable donors to pool their funding contributions and, in addition to awarding grants, finance other activities for children (school and psycho-social support) and help empower their relatives (income-generating activities for the orphans' guardians), thereby improving the children's access to their basic rights of education, health and a safe environment. In 2020, SIF helped provide more than 8,000 children with individual grants. When including the families and communities receiving support via the participatory sponsorship fund, our orphan sponsorship project helped more than 35,000 beneficiaries.

Budget utilised: €4,874,606

Project theme: 

Project countries: Iraq, Kenya/Somalia, Lebanon, Madagascar, Mali, Pakistan, Palestine, Senegal.

Aqiqas¹⁶

In 2020, Aqiqas were distributed in Senegal and Pakistan. In Senegal, 6 social centres, which care for 450 children, received meat parcels. In Pakistan, 366 families of orphan children received meals through this programme. These meals provide the children with the calories and nutrients they need for their health and education. The regularity of this meal distribution project also enables the centres to make operating budget savings and reallocate the funds to educational, medical and psycho-social services. A total of 1,102 Aqiqas (676 in Senegal and 426 in Pakistan) were distributed in SIF partner centres. 2020 saw an increase in the number of Aqiqas due to COVID-19 (as many donors found it impossible to distribute Aqiqas themselves).

Budget utilised: €153,225

Project theme: 

Project countries: Pakistan, Senegal.

Ramadan

During Ramadan 2020, more than 150,000 people benefited from the generosity of our donors. For several years now, the SIF teams have been working hard to increase the impact of these projects by integrating them into existing food security projects. We respect beneficiaries' dignity by enabling them to do their own shopping wherever possible, sometimes at shops run by people who have also been supported by SIF projects.

In addition, SIF distributes food parcels to beneficiaries directly. During this year's distribution campaigns, SIF took extra care to protect its teams and beneficiaries by strictly adhering to health and safety measures and by staggering its food delivery times. We are also focusing on increasingly working with local suppliers rather than wholesalers to support small businesses and short-circuit retail. In countries such as Pakistan, cooperatives trained by SIF field office go on to deliver food parcels to SIF beneficiaries.

Budget utilised: €1,958,840

Project theme: 

Project countries: Chad, Indonesia, Iraq, Jordan, Kenya, Lebanon, Mali, Morocco, Palestine, Senegal, Yemen.

Eid Al Adha

In 2020, more than 265,000 people were supported by SIF projects during Eid Al Adha. The meat from nearly 19,600 animals (sheep or similar) was distributed during Eid, thus enabling these 265,000 plus people to benefit from this source of protein and share a meal with their families and communities.

SIF works constantly to improve its projects to enhance their impact and quality. This is why we are reducing our animal imports and use of large-scale suppliers. We also adhere to strict technical specifications that cover animal welfare, Muslim ethics and environmental standards. In 2020, the main challenge involved preventing the spread of COVID-19 among our teams and beneficiaries during the meat parcel distribution campaigns. We therefore took care to adhere to health and safety measures, staggered the distribution times and provided our teams with protection equipment.

Budget utilised: €2,211,229

Project theme: 

Project countries: Chad, Indonesia, Kenya, Lebanon, Madagascar, Mali, Morocco, Pakistan, Palestine, Senegal, Somalia.

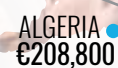
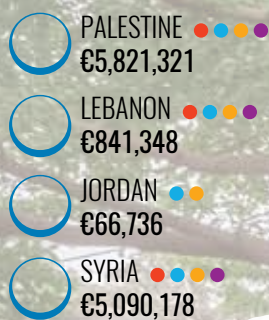


¹⁶ Based on the prophetic tradition, this programme enables donors to provide, not only a sheep, but an entire meal to families in need or vulnerable children to celebrate a birth.

SIF is founded on the human values of Islam



“SIF is founded on the human values of Islam, those of solidarity and the respect for human dignity.”









SIF FIELD OFFICES AND REPRESENTATION

IN FRANCE €2.3 MILLION

-  **SOCIAL EMERGENCIES**
€2 M
-  **SOCIAL-EDUCATIONAL AND VOCATIONAL INTEGRATION**
€0.2 M

WORLDWIDE €27,6 M

-  **SHELTER AND ACCOMMODATION**
€5.1 M
-  **WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE**
€2.5 M
-  **FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOODS**
€10.1 M
-  **EDUCATION AND PROMOTION OF CHILD WELFARE**
€9.4 M

ADVOCACY €0.2 M
OTHER €0.4 M

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IRAQ
€1,048,981

PAKISTAN
€1,741,376

BANGLADESH
€418,020

YEMEN
€489,255

SUDAN
€7,500

KENYA & SOMALIA
€1,607,136

INDONESIA
€60,182

MADAGASCAR
€1,050,808

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“Suffering has no origin, religion, or gender.
Neither does solidarity.”



SOCIAL MISSION FRANCE

The SIF Social Mission France teams work to tackle insecurity and exclusion.

The main groups targeted by SIF's support services, assistance and activities are people in precarious situations, families with or without children, the homeless (often single men and, increasingly, young people) and socially isolated women.

These services include outreach, emergency social assistance and social integration support, all of which is provided through our

patrols, our day centre, our shelters, our emergency accommodation centres and our social grocery shop in Saint-Denis (department 93).

After having carried out emergency and stabilisation work, SIF has started to introduce integration support through accommodation and housing, as well as through employment and the solidarity economy. The aim of the Social Mission France teams is to help people living in France's major cities affected by unemployment and poor housing.



SOCIAL EMERGENCIES

As a result of successive economic crises and the rise in unemployment, there is an ever increasing number of people and families in 'social distress', i.e. homeless, penniless, and/or suffering from family-related, socio-economic and health issues. These problems lead to exclusion and to an increase in the number of people with nowhere to live. These include people with jobs, also known as the working poor.

This situation has meant we have had to adapt our social support and outreach services in line with public policy, and put emergency facilities in place to provide an immediate response to needs that include access to food, hygiene and to administrative and social rights.

2020 budget: 2 million euros

Cities in which we work: Île-de-France: Massy, Saint-Denis, Aubervilliers, Saint-Ouen, Stains, Villetaneuse, La Courneuve, Osny, Villepinte, Livry-Gargan, Le Blanc-Mesnil, Bobigny, Aubervilliers, Chamarande, Alfortville, Choisy-le-Roi, Orly, Poissy, Meaux, Melun, Fleury-Mérogis, Fresnes, Nanterre, Réau, Porcheville, Bois d'Arcy, Versailles. **Province :** Bapaume, Valenciennes, Quievrechain, Nantes, Saint-Brieuc, Coutances, Laval, Brest, Lorient, Cherbourg, Octeville, Vannes, Caen, Rennes.

Key achievements:

- 1,288 visits to 385 beneficiaries through our patrols
- 111 women housed at the CHU in Massy, i.e. 13,074 overnight stays
- 117 women housed at the shelter in Massy for an average of two-and-a-half months stays, with the shelter remaining open 24 hours a day since the lockdown in March, i.e. 8,568 overnight stays
- 19 women hosted each evening for a one-month period as part of the winter plan programme in Livry-Gargan
- 19,002 meals served during the 'Tables du Ramadan Visits'
- 1,730 meals served at the solidarity dinners in Saint-Denis
- 8,961 meals distributed in Seine-Saint-Denis and Essonne between April and June
- 8,239 parcels distributed to inmates of around twenty prisons
- 191 new people registered at the Day Centre in Massy, i.e. 90 visitors per day and 50 meals served each day on average.



SOCIO-EDUCATIONAL AND PROFESSIONAL INTEGRATION

Our social-educational and professional integration services are a counterpart of our social emergencies work. They follow on from our social emergencies care and outreach programmes, helping people and families in hardship and supporting them to become steadily more independent by setting them on integration pathways, which consist of several steps:

- hygiene
- access to rights
- health
- training
- sustainable employment
- stabilisation accommodation and individual housing

It is vital that the most vulnerable people are provided with rapid support, as the longer a person lives with poverty and insecurity, the harder it is for them to regain their rights and reassume their responsibilities on their own.

2020 budget: 0.2 million euros

Cities in which we work: Île-de-France: Massy, Saint-Denis, Saint-Ouen.

Key achievements:

- 141 families (equating to 482 beneficiaries) supported through EpiSol, including 11 people who secured permanent employment and 129 households who were able to settle their debts
- 517 people assisted by the welfare services provided by SIF (provision of an administrative address), including 171 new applications.

SOCIAL EMERGENCIES

RECEPTION AND SUPPORT FACILITIES

Massy Emergency Accommodation Centre (CHU)

Since February 24th 2020, the Massy Emergency Accommodation Centre (department 91) has hosted 112 women experiencing a social emergency. 30 of these women were provided with 'positive' referrals, meaning that they were referred to the housing services best suited to their social situations (e.g. council flat, Accommodation and Social Rehabilitation Centre, social housing, shared flat, hostel, etc.). These are socially isolated women with no housing solutions and who were referred by the 115 emergency housing service. Some of these women are pregnant and most are undocumented migrants. By their own account, the majority of them arrived in France after crossing the Mediterranean by boat, fleeing their countries of origin to escape a forced marriage, conflicts or lack of healthcare. Some had to leave children behind and try to send money back home from time to time, whenever they can find work. These are extremely fragile and vulnerable women. Some of the women suffer from serious illness and require complex medical care that is unavailable to them in their home countries. To help them receive this care, our social worker supports them through the process of obtaining their identification documents and claiming healthcare benefits (universal health insurance, state medical assistance).

Through the social support provided by the team at the Emergency Accommodation Centre, these women are able to regain their dignity and self-esteem. There is also a socio-cultural facilitator on-site who helps them develop their skills during group workshops and promotes living together. A community-living council has been set up to encourage the women to get involved in the running of the accommodation centre.

The Massy Women's Shelter (MAB)

A more long-term set-up than the CHU, the Massy Women's Shelter for socially isolated women has played a vital role as one of the housing solutions available in the Essonne department. The Social Cohesion Department renewal of their trust in SIF since 2013 through annual grants is thanks to the Social Mission France team's knowledge and skills, which are widely recognised by the public authorities and social partners alike. These professional skills were in high demand this year because of the pandemic, which severely exacerbated the vulnerability of women already affected by social insecurity. In 2020, we supported 117 women, more than a third of whom were under thirty years old. 54% of these women were unable to afford or access basic hygiene products and so were provided with hygiene kits to cover all of their needs, which helped them to retain their dignity and get back on their feet. Our shelter provides the women we host with effective protection against the insecure environment of the street. As a result of the pandemic, we had to adapt our services in 2020 and the women supported were housed and cared for 24 hours a day in order to prevent any risk of contamination.



The Livry-Gargan Shelter

In 2020, as part of the winter plan programme, SIF provided shelter for one month, in a gymnasium made available by the Livry-Gargan municipality, to 19 socially isolated women referred to us by the Seine-Saint-Denis (93) 115 emergency housing service call centre. These women received comprehensive support from our social workers, including social support (benefit claims, evaluation, referrals and healthcare), as well as a bed and food.

The Massy Day Centre (CAJ)

Through its reception and referral facilities, the day centre played a considerable role in helping to curb the negative effects of the COVID-19 pandemic. 191 new beneficiaries sought social assistance throughout the year, adding to the 565 people already registered. They all had access to showers and laundry facilities, both of which were vital during this period of stricter hygiene measures. Beneficiaries also suffered from food hardship, as many of them were left without jobs. To address this, 13,000 meals were served over the course of the year. The majority of people in greatest social need were young; more than a third of the beneficiaries in 2020 were under 30 years old. 65% were men living in makeshift housing, squats or on the street. Our social support essentially consists of helping them to claim benefits, access basic healthcare and obtain psychological support from the mobile team from DIAPSY¹⁷, SIF's partner. Vocational integration assistance for young people is provided by MEIF¹⁸ who has offices at the CAJ.

During the lockdown, with the help of our volunteers, food parcels equating to a total of 651 meals were delivered directly to the homes of 45 household.

¹⁷ Inter-Sector Support Programme for Access to Psychiatric Care (Dispositif Intersectoriel d'Appui pour l'accès aux soins Psychiatriques).

¹⁸ Employment, Integration and Training Centre.



Social Patrols 93

In 2020, SIF volunteers carried out 152 social patrols during both the winter and summer (heatwave) periods, providing support to 385 people during a total of 1,288 visits. These patrols help us to get out and meet people who are excluded from society, enabling us to forge, maintain and develop social ties, and provide them with blankets, duvets, food and hygiene kits so that they can survive the winter with their dignity intact.

Our teams of between 3 and 5 trained volunteers, who are overseen by an advisor, go out to meet people living in the streets 3 times a week throughout the year. The teams help people with their housing (registering them with the 115 emergency housing service) and refer them to a SIF social worker for help with administrative paperwork and benefits claims. In addition to the usual provisions (food parcels, hygiene kits, winter kits, duvets, blankets, soup, tea and coffee), the teams can also issue people with clothes provided by our donors. The SIF social patrols are carried out in around a dozen towns throughout the 93 department in partnership with DRIHL 93¹⁹, the 115 emergency housing service, the SIAO²⁰, the Samu Social ambulance service, the Red Cross and Restos du Cœur.

To address needs exacerbated by the pandemic, between October and December, we also distributed service-vouchers to people in need to enable them to buy food and hygiene products.

Accommodation/Housing Services

In 2020, 2 women referred to us by the SIAO were housed by our accommodation and housing service in Evry (department 91). In Saint-Denis, our temporary housing and accommodation centre has 6 rooms available for socially isolated men referred to us by the Seine-Saint-Denis 115 emergency housing service. This centre is for men leaving emergency accommodation who have been approved for social housing or integration centres (Accommodation and Social Rehabilitation Centre, Stabilisation Accommodation Centre, or family-run boarding houses). Beneficiaries have regular meetings with a social worker, who provides a wide range of support, including with healthcare and budget management, finding employment, developing their independence and, in the medium-term, obtaining stable accommodation, etc.

Counselling Centre

SIF runs a walk-in counselling centre that is open twice a week for the inhabitants of Saint-Denis. Between April and September 2020, 384 households were provided with social support, and referrals to our partners or to other social services. In addition to families eligible for support from our social grocery shop and to the homeless people referred by the SIF social patrols, we also saw the emergence of a new group of people requiring aid: illegal and temporary workers out of work because of the pandemic. The demand for food parcels also increased due both to Restos du Cœur's closure during the first lockdown and to referrals from social welfare services.

¹⁹ Seine-Saint-Denis Housing and Accommodation Directorate

²⁰ Integrated Reception and Referral Service



SPECIFIC COVID-19 SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Service-Vouchers

In 2020, DRHIL 93 issued SIF with an allocation of service-vouchers. 438 households were able to use these vouchers to buy essential items. These service-vouchers were a great help to these households, most of whom were out of work or suffering from a substantial loss of earnings (short-time working, etc.).

An additional allocation of service-vouchers in December enabled us to add hygiene products to our food parcels (shampoo, shower gel, toothpaste, toothbrushes, detergent, sanitary towels, baby milk and nappies).

Food Distribution

In order to help those most in need during the lockdown, SIF distributed 2,511 meals during special food patrols carried out in Seine-Saint-Denis, and through deliveries to hostels in Essonne.

In partnership with Samu Social and Refettorio (an anti-food waste social restaurant), SIF distributed meals prepared by Parisian restaurants (main course and dessert) to hostels in Seine-Saint-Denis over a period of one month. Our volunteers, overseen by SIF teams, visited the selected restaurants to collect between 50 and 100 meals from each one (4 to 5 restaurants per shift) that they then delivered directly to beneficiaries in the hostels.

Around 6,450 meals were distributed during this environmentally-friendly solidarity campaign.

SOLIDARITY PARCELS AND MEALS

Tables du Ramadan Visits

For its 12th year, the 'Tables du Ramadan' was forced to adapt to the pandemic situation and thus became the 'Tables du Ramadan Visits'. From April 27th to May 24th, nearly 19,000 meals were prepared in a restaurant kitchen. These full meals of soup, hot dishes, fruit, dates and bottled water were distributed each evening in the streets, hostels and social care homes of Île-de-France by volunteers overseen by SIF teams.

Ramadan Parcels

This SIF flagship project also had to adapt to the pandemic. Usually distributed during the month of Ramadan, these parcels containing a ready-meal, a pack of cakes, two bars of chocolate, musk and sanitary towels for the women, were prepared and distributed this year during Eid Al Adha. 8,239 parcels were delivered to prisons in Île-de-France, the North and Brittany regions, where they were distributed in conjunction with the chaplains and management of the prisons concerned.

Solidarity Dinners

In partnership with the CCAS²¹ in Saint-Denis and the charity Les Petites Sœurs des Pauvres, SIF oversaw the distribution of 1,730 meals provided by the Saint-Denis central kitchen (between December 2019 and March 2020). This campaign provided the socially isolated homeless men of Saint-Denis with a hot meal, social contact and administrative support.

²¹ Communal Center for Social Action



Distribution of Meat Parcels

In 2020, SIF distributed nearly 600 meat parcels to beneficiaries in Adoma hostels in Saint-Denis, as well as to our solidarity grocery shop beneficiaries and the beneficiary families of the Solidary Baskets in Saint-Denis.

This aid enables people in short or long-term financial difficulty to feed themselves properly and provides them with meat, which they are not able to afford on a regular basis.

Solidary Baskets, Saint-Denis

In July and August 2020, and in partnership with CCAS in Saint-Denis, SIF distributed food parcels to people in need. This food aid was provided to 189 households, or 661 people, including 73 single-parent families.

The beneficiaries are registered for the programme with CCAS, following which our teams and volunteers provide them with a parcel each week that contains basic food products (rice, pasta, oil, coffee, etc.), fresh fruits and vegetables and hygiene products (nappies, etc.). Each parcel is adapted to the specific needs of each family.

During Eid Al Adha, the families also received a meat parcel, snacks and presents for children.

Emergency Food Parcels

During the summer, a period when many other charitable organisations are closed, SIF worked in partnership with the CCAS in Saint-Denis to distribute 60 food parcels to families in urgent need of food aid.

SOCIAL-EDUCATIONAL AND VOCATIONAL INTEGRATION

Domiciliation 91

The SIF welfare services support programme, Domiciliation 91, helped 517 people to provide the authorities with an address, without which they would be unable to claim benefits. SIF actively supports these households to gain access to their most basic rights (obtaining state medical assistance, applying for regularisation, claiming family allowance, etc.).

The Solidarity Grocery Shop - Epi'Sol

The solidarity and social grocery shop opened 14 years ago. For use by the inhabitants of Saint-Denis and Saint-Ouen (93), Epi'Sol enables vulnerable people referred by social services to buy basic food and hygiene products at a price that is equivalent to 10% of their retail value. The shop is run by a team of volunteers. In 2020, Epi'Sol provided support to 141 families, i.e. 482 people, helping them to make substantial savings and teaching them how to manage a budget. 139 families were able to partially or fully clear their debts. At the same time, workshops on eating a balanced diet were delivered by a dietician and 16 people were provided with job seeking support, 11 of whom gained permanent employment.

Epi'Sol was able to remain open throughout the pandemic, thereby ensuring its beneficiaries did not fall into even greater need.

SIF works to build a solidarity that transcends our differences.

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ADVOCACY

As SIF's third social activity, in addition to our international projects and our programmes in France, our advocacy work seeks to influence public policy in France, Europe and around the world in order to increase the impact of projects on the living conditions of the most vulnerable people.

Drawing on our expertise and on issues encountered in the field, our advocacy campaigns ensure that the voices of the people most in need are heard by policymakers and that their fundamental rights are respected.

In 2020, SIF continued with this advocacy work by making institutions aware of the circumstances of people living in crisis situations. We called on these institutions to improve humanitarian aid mechanisms, campaigned for the promotion of the rights of the child, and provided our expertise in national and international fora to address water and sanitation issues.







ADVOCACY

2020 budget: €243,130

Geographic areas: France and abroad

Topics covered:

-  International humanitarian law, humanitarian access and space
-  Access to water, sanitation and hygiene
-  The rights of the child, child protection and education
-  Protection of forcibly displaced persons and migrants

Key achievements:

- Helped to organise the French National Humanitarian Conference, a consultation, review and dialogue forum initiated by the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs' Crisis and Support Centre and French international solidarity NGOs.
- Took part in the Paris Peace Forum to present the SIF talibé children inclusion programme being implementing in Mali and Senegal and to disseminate our advocacy report that sets out talibé children inclusion issues and SIF's recommendations.

HUMANITARIAN CONFERENCES

- ☒ Face-to-face
- ☒ By videoconference



WEBINARS



Ensure the voices of the most vulnerable are heard



ADVOCACY REPORTS



REPORTING ON THE CHANGING NATURE OF CRISES

According to OCHA, nearly 168 million people needed humanitarian assistance in 2020²². This equates to 1 in about 45 people in the world and is the highest figure in decades. Due to the complexity of current crises, SIF remains highly committed to highlighting and addressing this new humanitarian situation.

In 2020, SIF became a member of the ICVA, a network of over 100 humanitarian NGOs operating in 160 countries and who work together to make humanitarian action more effective and based on humanitarian principles. Being an ICVA member enables SIF to engage with the operational and policymaking levels of international bodies (particularly UN agencies) and develop more proactive humanitarian advocacy. The French National Humanitarian Conference was one of the major events of the year and was attended by both the French President and the French Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs. During the conference, we highlighted the priority issues affecting humanitarian action on the ground (protection of humanitarian space and workers, the impact of counter-terrorism measures on humanitarian assistance, compliance with international humanitarian law, etc.).

As a member of the steering committee and of three working groups (climate and humanitarian action, triple nexus, COVID-19), SIF was also involved in organising the conference. We were particularly involved in the round table session on the triple nexus (an approach that promotes coordination between humanitarian, development and peace-building practitioners to improve the response to conflicts), for which our president acted as rapporteur. We also worked on developing the messages conveyed by the NGOs, took part in a meeting with members of parliament aware of humanitarian action issues,

co-signed an op-ed article on counter-terrorism measures published in *Le Monde*, and signed a Charter of Commitment to reduce our environmental impact and carbon footprint. In addition, we provided images for a photo exhibition highlighting the engagement of female humanitarian workers, with these photos being displayed on the fence in front of the Quai d'Orsay in Paris.

RAISING AWARENESS OF THE RISKS FACING PROJECTS FOUNDED ON HUMANITARIAN RIGHTS PRINCIPLES

SIF actively raised awareness of the impact of counter-terrorism measures on humanitarian action throughout 2020. The increasing number and complexity of these measures can hamper the work of humanitarian organisations operating in areas occupied by identified terrorist groups. NGOs must remain mobilised to ensure that humanitarian aid reaches all the vulnerable people that need it and that humanitarian principles are respected. It is for this reason that SIF co-signed op-ed articles on this subject and called on the French President to approve humanitarian exemptions to counter-terrorism laws.

PROMOTING COMPLIANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW

Following the attacks in Niger on seven humanitarian workers from ACTED, SIF and other French humanitarian NGOs conducted a joint advocacy campaign at the Élysée (office of the French President) and MEAE²³. This campaign helped influence the speech given by the President of France to the United Nations General Assembly in September 2020, where he reaffirmed France's focus on ensuring compliance with international humanitarian law and its commitment to

²²Source: OCHA, Global Humanitarian Overview 2020 Monthly Funding Update, July 31st 2020.

²³ French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs



ensuring the protection of humanitarian workers and tackling impunity. In addition, SIF joined a call for action to urge the United Nations Security Council to introduce an attack monitoring and surveillance system to bring an end to impunity for these crimes. This advocacy issue will remain a priority throughout 2021.

Over the course of 2020, we also joined an advocacy campaign coordinated by Crisis Action, which seeks to influence the international response to the crisis in the Sahel by focusing on improving the protection of civilians. A 'People's Coalition for Sahel' was launched in July 2020 by 22 of the sub-region's civil society organisations, who were supported by 13 international NGOs, including SIF. We call on governments to formulate their interventions in Sahel around four 'people's pillars' as set out in the People's Coalition manifesto.

IMPROVING THE PROTECTION OF PEOPLE WHO ARE FORCIBLY DISPLACED AND PROMOTING A RESPONSIBLE DEBATE ON MIGRATION

When governments were developing their response to COVID-19, a number of campaigns were carried out to urge the public authorities to ensure that this response did not result in the discrimination or criminalisation of migrants and refugees. We notably endorsed an international campaign to guarantee the protection of displaced persons, migrants and refugees and signed an open letter to the French President to legalise the status of all undocumented individuals in France.

In June 2020, SIF contributed to the report published by the UN's Special Rapporteur on the Human Rights of Internally Displaced Persons on internal displacement linked to natural hazards caused by the adverse effects of climate change.

We produced recommendations on ensuring access to the right to water and sanitation for the most vulnerable.

Lastly, as part of our membership of the migration convention, SIF has entered into a partnership to write a book on the misconceptions surrounding migration, which is due to be published in March 2021.

LEAVING NO-ONE BEHIND WHEN PROVIDING ACCESS TO WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE (WASH)

SIF advocates for the effective realisation of WASH human rights, including in crisis situations. Although 2020 marked 10 years since the UN officially recognised the human rights to water and sanitation, one-third of the world's population is still being left behind. In 2019, 2.2 billion people lacked access to drinking water and 4.2 billion (2 out of 3 people) were without access to toilet facilities (WHO²⁴/UNICEF 2019). In 2020, SIF therefore continued to take action through our 'L'eau ne se mérite pas, l'eau est un droit!' campaign (water isn't earned, it's a right) to raise awareness not only of newly elected local officials, but also of the government and members of parliament.

The COVID-19 pandemic further highlighted the importance of having access to WASH to ensure protection against epidemics and water-borne diseases. Water supply should be a priority and is governments' primary responsibility. To this end, we and another forty organisations signed an op-ed article entitled 'COVID-19 and water supply: the government on the front line' published in the *Libération* newspaper in May 2020.

In order to expand our advocacy to the international arena, SIF has been involved in the preparatory process of the World Water Forum set to take place in Dakar in 2022.

²⁴World Health Organization

SIF is a member of the working group on ensuring universal access to sanitation in rural areas, as well as of several other of the Forum's consultative groups (water and climate change, water and sustainable farming practices, access to water in schools and other public places). This event holds particular significance as it will be the first World Water Forum to be held in sub-Saharan Africa.

During World Water Week in August, an international event attended by all water sector stakeholders, SIF organised a webinar entitled 'Being climate-compatible in water and sanitation development projects: reducing communities' vulnerabilities'. This webinar focused on good climate change adaptation practices to be used in water sector development projects and looked at the challenges involved in reducing communities' vulnerabilities. Participants included staff from the SIF Pakistan field office, the French Agency for Development and Save the Children Niger.

PROMOTING THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

UN statistics on the situation for children around the world remain grim: before the pandemic, there were 258 million children that did not attend school. Although it is not yet possible to fully assess the impacts of the pandemic, the restrictions introduced have undoubtedly exacerbated the situation. An additional 150 million children have fallen into poverty (UNICEF). SIF remains committed to promoting the rights of the child.

SIF has notably been working to ensure the inclusion of talibé children. There are thousands of talibé children in Mali and Senegal enrolled in informal, traditional Koranic schools who lack access to a decent education and basic social services, and who are potentially at risk of abuse. SIF has developed a report entitled 'The Inclusion of Talibé Children in Mali and Senegal: Challenges and Recommendations' as a call for action to expand our definition of inclusion and improve the visibility of this issue. In November, SIF presented its talibé children inclusion project at the Paris Peace Forum. Out of the 100 projects presented, ours was selected by the Forum jury for sponsorship by two mentors for a one-year period. Stefania Giannini, the Assistant Director-General for Education at UNESCO, and Olivier Lavinal, Programme Manager for the World Bank, will help us to urge aid organisations and governments in the Sahel region to take effective action to realise talibé children's rights.



On the anniversary of the international Convention on the Rights of the Child in November 2020, SIF and the collective dynamic De la Convention aux Actes! published a monitoring report entitled 'Yet Another Year With No Guarantee of the Rights of the Child'. This report follows on from the booklet of 69 recommendations for policymakers published last year. In this latest publication, the collective dynamic listed the progress, stagnation and reversals of France's policy for realising the rights of the child.

This action was part of the advocacy work conducted with the public authorities in France to encourage them to prioritise the rights of the child. SIF thus continued to take part in the CHD²⁵ Groupe Enfance and helped conduct its study on the extent to which France has integrated the rights of the child into its international solidarity policy. SIF also contributed to an alternative report submitted to the United Nations Committee on the Rights of the Child in preparation for the committee's review, in 2021, of France's implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child.

Alongside Coalition Éducation, a group of CSOs calling for the right to inclusive and decent education for all, SIF worked on developing a report entitled 'French Assistance for Education: Mixed Progress', which was widely disseminated following the publication of an op-ed article in Le Monde. SIF also presented the non-formal education and child protection in Syria project that we are implementing in partnership with UNICEF at the 'Champions de l'éducation' event organised by Coalition Education and AFD, which was attended by French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs officials, and which focused on the education response to COVID-19, and particularly on the issues of equity and inclusion.

INTENSIFYING OUR CALLS FOR INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY

In 2020, we had to adapt our advocacy priorities to the COVID-19 pandemic and called on the public authorities to implement an emergency response that leaves nobody behind. We were involved in numerous campaigns over the course of the year, including #GlobalCeaseFire, a campaign to urge world leaders to adopt a comprehensive ceasefire, as well as a specific campaign on the Sahel (see above). We also called on our country's leaders to support international solidarity and help the world's most vulnerable people during the COVID-19 pandemic (through a letter sent to the President of France), which culminated in a series of meetings and the release of an additional 20 million euros in funding for NGOs to implement COVID-19 response projects.

Alongside the various groups to which we belong (Coordination SUD, Coalition Éducation, Groupe Enfance, Coalition Eau), SIF was also, and continues to be, actively engaged in campaigning for adoption of the bill on solidarity-based development and on tackling global inequalities. The aim of this bill, first announced in 2018, is to set out France's global international solidarity policy. SIF proposed amendments to the wording of the bill to the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, and submitted recommendations to the Economic, Social and Environmental Council mandated to issue an opinion on the bill prior to its discussion at the cabinet meeting held in December 2020. The bill is set to be introduced in Parliament in the first quarter of 2021. SIF will continue to work actively with members of parliament and senators to ensure that our messages and priority areas are taken into account.

²⁵ Coordination Humanitaire et Développement

GOVERNANCE

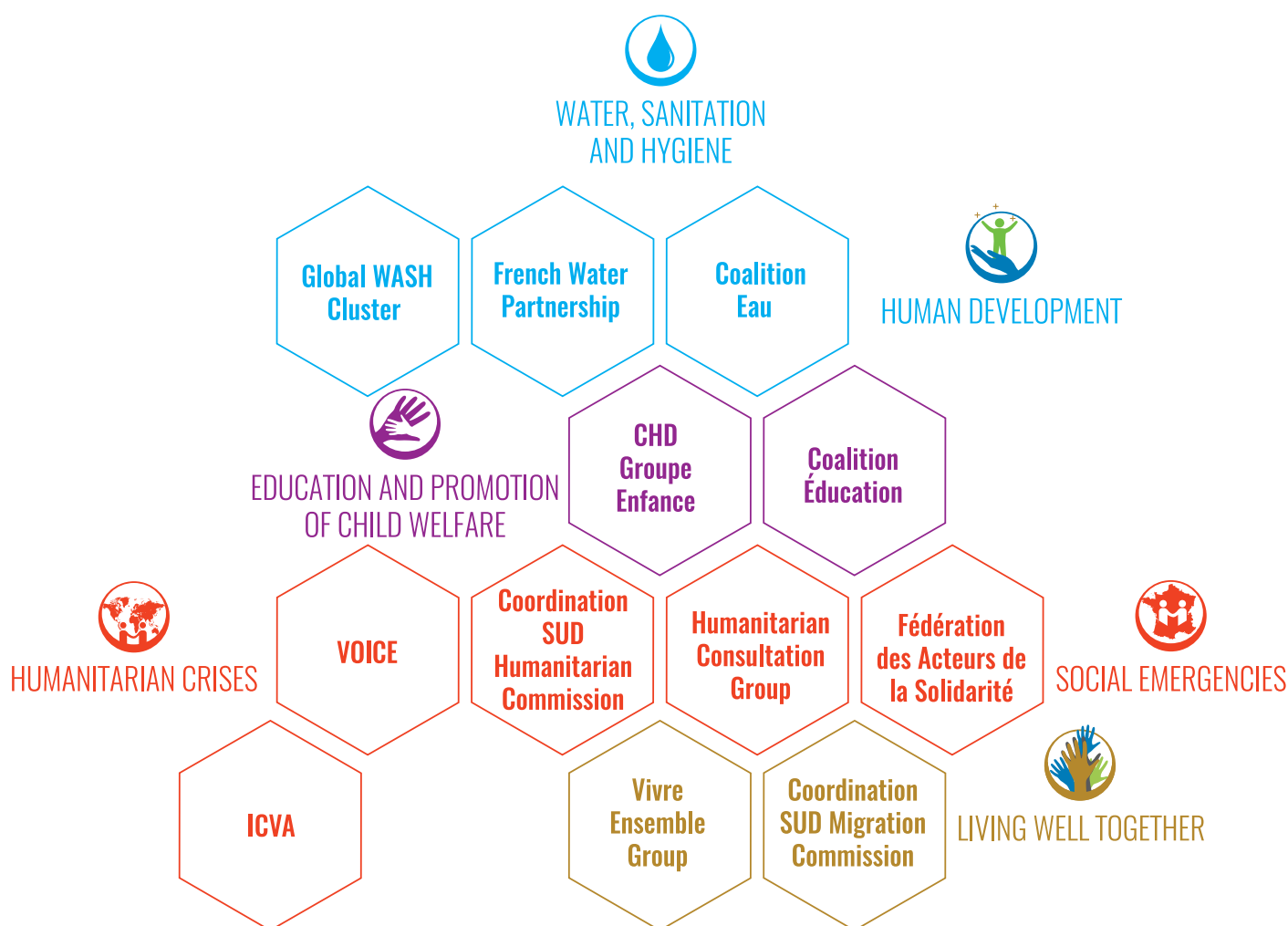
EXTERNAL RELATIONS

WORKING GROUPS

SIF is a member of a number of solidarity platforms, both in France and abroad. In 2020, SIF remained committed to participating in the work of these different organisations, particularly as members of the Coordination SUD, the Coordination Humanitaire et Développement and the French Water Partnership management boards. SIF sits on the Coalition Eau coordination group and was actively involved in the work conducted by Coalition Éducation, Groupe Enfance and the Coordination SUD Humanitarian and Migration Commissions. In 2020, SIF continued our involvement in the collective dynamic 'De la Convention aux Actes!' to improve the enforcement of the rights of the child in France and abroad. In addition, SIF joined the ICVA in May 2020.

SIF is a member of:

- > The main international solidarity platforms: Coordination SUD, Coordination Humanitaire et Développement (CHD) and the Groupe Enfance, Coalition Éducation, Voluntary Organizations in Cooperation in Emergencies (VOICE), Global Wash Cluster, Coalition Eau, French Water Partnership (FWP), Butterfly Effect, International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA).
- > The main French platforms: France Générosités, Fédération des Acteurs de la Solidarité (FAS), Don en Confiance.





SIF BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY (GA)

Despite the pandemic, the GA, SIF's ultimate decision-making body, met twice in 2020, both times by video-conference:

- > On June 13th to approve the annual accounts following their unqualified certification by the statutory auditors, EY (Ernst & Young): the accounts, report and key information for 2019 were published on our website;
- > On December 12th to replace one-third of the SIF Board members and conduct a workshop on the future strategic plan.

The GA has 4 categories of member who embrace our values. As of December 31st 2020, these were:

- > 1 founding member, Rachid Lahlou – also our current President – who has been leading SIF since its creation. He has the right to vote on GA matters and is a full member of the Board of Directors;
- > Members co-opted from the Board of Directors and who are full members of the GA while they are co-opted;
- > Ordinary members appointed by the Board of Directors upon application. They pay fees, have voting rights and are eligible for all posts;
- > Potentially, although there are currently none in place at the moment, honorary members appointed for their outstanding service to SIF. They pay no membership fees, are not eligible to take on GA posts and have no voting rights.

The Board of Directors can decide to remove members for non-payment of fees. Where there are more serious grounds for expulsion, the board will ask the concerned member to provide an explanation for their actions.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

The management body under the mandate adopted by the GA, the Board of Directors met 8 times in 2020 to discuss strategic issues and approve key documents (forecast budgets and development plans, financial statements, end-of-year accounts, etc.). Despite the pandemic, the work and meetings of our management body continued as planned and all meetings were held by video-conference.

At the end of 2020, the Board of Directors had 10 members, with 2 co-opted members still to be appointed. Under its statutes, the Board can have between 9 and 12 members, including the founding member:

- > Some members are elected by the GA, one-third of whom are replaced every 3 years in order of length of service: 7 elected members, including 2 at the GA of December 2020;
- > The other members, up to a third of the board, are co-opted by the Board of Directors: 2 members were co-opted at the board meeting of December 2020.

Elections are held each time that a third of the board is replaced. Following the December 2020 GA, the Board of Directors re-elected Rachid Lahlou as President. The other board members will be voted in at the beginning of 2021.

In addition to his statutory roles, the President oversees SIF External Relations and Advocacy and is the SIF legal representative and spokesperson in all civil acts. He is vested with all the powers required for this, as well as for ensuring the smooth running of SIF and for carrying out his role. Similarly, in addition to the authority defined in the statutes, the Treasurer is a member of the board's Audit/Evaluation and Finance Commissions, which he manages and co-manages respectively.

Due to the significant amount of time they spend on these specific mandates, and on working for SIF, our President and Treasurer, and the board member appointed President of the SIF Ethics Committee, receive remuneration, as permitted under current legislation.

BOARD OF DIRECTOR'S COMMISSIONS

Under the SIF statutes, the Board of Directors can delegate authority to ad hoc commissions.

To ensure greater effectiveness and expertise, the Board of Directors has thus created 4 commissions and 1 committee for whom the board has drawn up the Terms of Reference and appointed their members (a mix of board members and management). These commissions are automatically disbanded the day before the scheduled date of the GA at which a third of the board members are to be replaced.

The Ethics Committee

This committee is in charge of providing ethical advice on issues that may arise on SIF projects. In 2020, the committee also continued to organise seminars for our teams on our social doctrine (values and principles) and our foundations in order to improve understanding of our ethical choices and strategies.

The Finance Commission (COFI)

This Commission reviews and provides advice on financial documents. In 2020, it met on 4 occasions to facilitate decision-making on financial statements, estimated budgets and annual accounts.

The Audit and Evaluation Commission (COMEC)

Its role is to ensure that the activities carried out are in line with our donors' wishes and to prevent errors, conflict of interest and fraud. The aim is to safeguard the integrity of our assets and resources by conducting audits and evaluations of the programmes being implemented.

The Human Resources Commission

This Commission is chaired by the Secretary General and includes the HR Director and Executive Director. It oversees staff management and enhances the HR policy based on the principles of fairness and motivation. As part of the budget approval process, the Board of Directors has given this Commission the mandate of approving overall changes and benefits, excluding individual modifications, for all staff and management.

The Image and Reputation Commission

This Commission monitors the perception of our written and visual communication. It can also provide feedback on some of our communication projects.

THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE

The Executive Director, an employee, is appointed by the Board of Directors based on a proposal from the President, who then delegates the day-to-day management of SIF to this Executive Director, who works under the President's supervision.

The Executive Director chairs the Executive Committee, which is in charge of coordinating operations and implementing the SIF strategy and action plans. Committee members include the heads of 5 departments (recruited by the Executive Director and at least one board member): International Operations & Programmes, Social Mission France, Communication & Development, Administration & Finance and Human Resources.

TO ENSURE GOOD GOVERNANCE

SIF has its own ethical standards, which are set out in the SIF Charter, our Code of Conduct and Code on Conflict of Interest. We also ensure that our teams are all aware of our zero tolerance approach (to fraud, abuse, etc.), for which we have a whistle-blowing procedure, and the principle of voluntary management. Furthermore, we have formalised the following board-approved policies: Security, Risk Management, and Bequests & Gifts... and more recently, our Environment and Child Safeguarding policies. Each year, we update the mandatory master risk assessment document, as well as a risk mapping document and supporting action plans.

These policies constitute one part of our internal audit process, set up to monitor our management – externally audited each year by our statutory auditor and at any time by our donors and the Court of Auditors – and the impact of our programmes, which are assessed both internally and externally, particularly by our donors.

Furthermore, in 2020, SIF's certification with the Don en Confiance label was renewed for a further three years (initial certification was in 2011). In addition to his regular annual audit visit, the Don en Confiance auditor attended the General Assembly meetings of June 13th and December 12th 2020 and the Board of Directors meeting in December 2020.

As well as adhering to the Don en Confiance charter, we follow the ethical and transparency criteria defined by Coordination SUD and the Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.

SIF also looks after the mutual interests of our 5 associated bodies, more information on which can be found in the Financial Report. Each year, they detail their economic ties with SIF, as part of the regulated agreements verified by the statutory auditor.

This continuous improvement process is being enhanced by the work carried out by our Governance Coordinator and through the development of tools to monitor management and strategic indicators and quality markers.



SIF BOARD MEMBERS

SIF Board of Directors as at December 31st 2020**President of the SIF Board of Directors***Rachid Lahlou*

Profession: SIF Founding President; Knight of the Legion of Honour

**1st Vice-President***Mohamed Ouazza*

Profession: Teacher

**2nd Vice-President***Hadija Oubrou*

Profession: Supervisor in the Social and Education sector

**Secretary General***Moustapha Mbodji*

Profession: IT Specialist

**Treasurer***Rabeh Fartassi*

Profession: Administrative and Financial Director

**Vice Treasurer***Mounib Saballah*

Profession: Pricing Manager

**Board Member***Ismael Locate*

Profession: Company Manager and Customs Agent

**Board Member***Anne Hery*

Profession: Head of Advocacy and Institutional Relations at Handicap International

**Board Member***Tareq Oubrou*

Profession: Imam at Bordeaux Mosque

**Board Member***Louise Avon*

Profession: Former Diplomat



○ FINANCIAL REPORT

In 2020, a year when humanitarian and social needs once more continued to grow both in France and around the world, SIF maintained our spending on social projects at almost 2019 levels (€30.1 million compared to €32.7 million in 2019) using part of our allocated funding and part of our project reserves to help our beneficiaries.

As a result of the numerous enduring humanitarian crises, the COVID-19 pandemic²⁶ and our private donors' support for the most vulnerable, there was a 22% rise in the amount of private donations received by SIF in 2020 (€33.9 million compared to €27.6 million in 2019), whereas grants and financial contributions remained relatively stable (€9.5 million compared to €10.9 million in 2019).

To effectively carry out our social programmes in France, SIF still has 3 offices (Saint-Denis, Massy, Lyon). At the end of 2019, we acquired premises for an office in Marseille, which is not yet up and running. Abroad, SIF has 14 field offices (managed through branch accounting and incorporated into the head office accounts after validation) and we work in 6 other countries through our partners.

A major reform was applied for the first time to our 2020 accounts. In this financial report, we have endeavoured to retain our regular accounting format as much as possible.

EXTERNAL AUDITS & FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY

The statutory auditor EY (Ernst & Young) presented their report at the General Assembly of June 13th 2020, whereby they certified and verified our 2019 annual accounts without qualification. In turn, this financial report and the annual accounts for the year up to December 31st 2020 were submitted for approval at the GA of June 19th 2021 following their certification by EY.

Furthermore, in order to guarantee the professionalism of our work, SIF is continuing to improve our internal and external audit and evaluation procedures, a process that is also being monitored by the Don en Confiance label, whose audit scope covers SIF, DOTASIF and SCI SIFMASSY (see the 'Subsidiaries and Affiliates' section on page 42).

It should be noted that SIF has opted not to combine the accounts of these entities in order to clearly differentiate between the assets of each one, such as those irrevocably transferred to DOTASIF. To ensure transparency for these 3 entities²⁷, their accounts and reports are available on the SIF website: www.secoures-islamique.org.

²⁶ According to the France Générosités barometer of generosity, there was an exceptional increase of +13.7% in donations in France in 2020 compared to 2019, and this during the COVID-19 pandemic.

²⁷ The GA of 01/07/2017 appointed Ernst & Young Audit – Tour First – 1 place des Saisons – Courbevoie – 92037 Paris La Défense Cedex as our statutory auditor. The 2 associated entities, DOTASIF and SCI SIFMASSY appointed Global Audit – 91 rue La Fayette – 75009 Paris to audit their accounts.

CHANGE IN THE ACCOUNTING METHOD

SIF's annual accounts, certified since 2005, are established using the accounting methods and principles set out in the accounting standards.

In 2020, there was an accounting reform, all the impacts of which are explained in the SIF annual accounts available online.

The 2020 accounts therefore adhere to the first application of the French accounting standards authority, Autorité des Normes Comptables (ANC), regulation no. 2018-06 of December 5th 2018.

SUBSIDIARIES AND AFFILIATES

To structure our activities, SIF has created or bought entities that we undertake to manage with the same standards and requirements of accountability and transparency. All accounts and reports are available online.

DOTASIF

The Secours Islamique France endowment fund, DOTASIF, has been managing Waqf²⁸ donations from SIF (by endowment each year of all Waqf donations net of expenses) since 2010.

The statutory purpose of DOTASIF is to earn a return on these Waqf investments and pass this onto SIF²⁹ for its social projects (cf. Waqf on page 44 for the latest programme financed).

Balance Sheet 31/12/20	Net assets: €5,186,670		Liabilities: €5,186,670	
	Fixed assets: €2,846,446		Endowments from SIF: €5,155,758	
IS ³⁰	Income €107,960	Expenditure €107,960	Total €0 ³¹	

The SIF Board of Directors is also the supervisory body of the endowment fund and it appoints its own board members to the DOTASIF board.

In addition, DOTASIF is required to have an Expert Committee that helps choose its risk-free investments (property investment thus far), ensuring they comply with the ethics that underpin Waqf donations.

SCI SIFMASSY

The Société Civile Immobilière (SCI – a type of non-trading management company) SIFMASSY is the owner of the building in which the SIF administrative head office is based in Massy (department 91). It made more sense for SIF to purchase our offices via a SCI than directly.

SIF holds 14,999 of SCI SIFMassy's 15,000 shares; the remaining share is held by DOTASIF. As in previous years, SIF has extended our traditional rental agreement with the SCI for 10 rue Galvani in Massy.

Balance Sheet 31/12/20	Net assets: €294,875		Liabilities: €294,875	
	Fixed assets: €160,853		Debts owed to SIF: €0	
IS ³⁰	Income €188,551	Expenditure €93,023	Total €95,528	

SCI SIFHABITAT

The Société Civile Immobilière SIFHABITAT, created on January 10th 2019 (with capital of €1,000) has been set up to manage any future properties purchased for social projects in France, such as day centres and/or accommodation centres like the one SIF is already managing in Massy. SIF holds 99 of SCI SIFHABITAT's 100 shares; the remaining share is held by DOTASIF. The SCI had no tenants in 2020 as it has not yet purchased any property.

Balance Sheet 31/12/20	Net assets: €50,700		Liabilities: €50,700	
	Fixed assets: €0		Debts owed to SIF: €50,210	
IS ³⁰	Income €0	Expenditure €402	Total - €402	

SCI SIFINVEST

In September 2019, SIF purchased 100% of the Société Civile Immobilière SIFINVEST's shares (with capital of €152.45) as it is the owner of the historical premises we rent in Saint-Denis (93) that, in the future, could be transformed into a large space for the most vulnerable people living in Seine-Saint-Denis. In 2020, SIF sold 40% of its shares to DOTASIF.

Balance Sheet 31/12/20	Net assets: €267,776		Liabilities: €267,776	
	Fixed assets: €0		Debts owed to SIF: €394,874	
IS ³⁰	Income €56,857	Expenditure €55,218	Total €1,638	

SAS SOLECOINSERT

The simplified joint stock company, Société par Actions Simplifiée SOLECOINSERT, created on January 10th 2019 (with capital of €57,000 provided by SIF) has been set up to manage SIF's second-hand clothes shop (Vet'Sol). To grow the proceeds from this activity, SIF, a non-profit organisation, has had to split from Vet'Sol (partly to finance our humanitarian projects, but mainly to develop Vet'Sol in accordance with social economy and solidarity legislation).

Balance Sheet 31/12/20	Net assets: €133,542		Liabilities: €133,542	
	Fixed assets: €40,609		Debts owed to SIF: €76,317	
IS ³⁰	Income €81,579	Expenditure €115,529	Total - €33,950 ³²	

²⁸ Inalienable donations from which any profit made is used on SIF social and humanitarian projects

²⁹ Net rate of return from rental income; as one of DOTASIF's tenants, SIF provides a significant guarantee of payment.

³⁰ Income statement

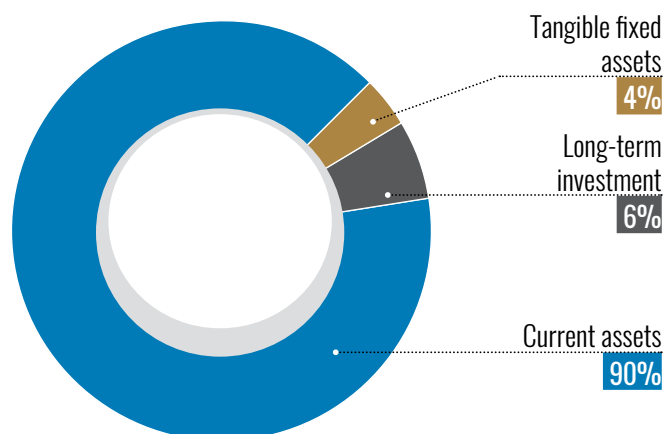
³¹ This total is 0 because the net rate of return has already been transferred to SIF (€49K for 2020).

³² A loss was returned in 2020 as a result of the costs incurred to set up Vet'Sol as an independent activity (recruitment, purchase of containers).

MAIN SIMPLIFIED BALANCE SHEET ITEMS

As at December 31st 2020, SIF had a total balance sheet of 56.9 million euros, which is higher than at the end of 2019 (49.9 million euros), as the influx of private donations in 2020 resulted in more funds being available. Consequently, SIF remains in a strong financial position.

ASSETS: 2020 Net Assets



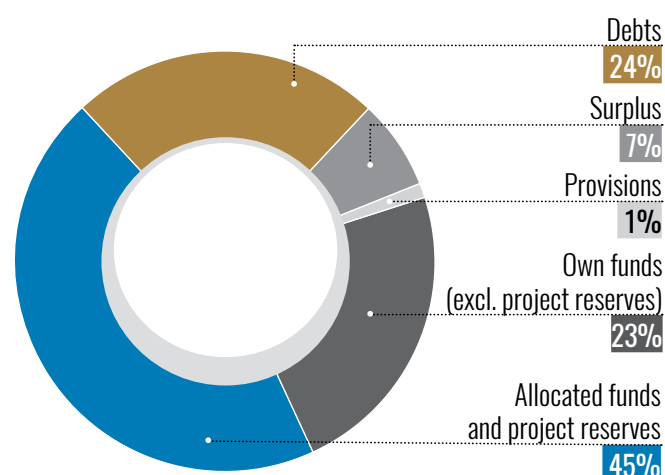
Fixed assets

These include property or investment (tangible assets and long-term investments) that are to remain SIF assets on a long-term basis and that give us a solid foundation on which to implement our humanitarian and social projects under good conditions.

Current assets

These are items – predominantly cash flow from our allocated funds and project reserves awaiting utilisation – that are likely to be listed in the assets for a shorter period of time. SIF has invested funds that we are not currently using to ensure they keep their value and generate as much profit as possible, and in particular to ensure that the allocated funds awaiting utilisation and the free reserve do not lose value relative to inflation.

LIABILITIES: 2020 Liabilities



Own funds (excl. project reserves)

Predominantly reserves from 'unutilised' gifts (see the section on unutilised donations at the end of the period), these are relatively stable, excluding surplus, standing at €12.9 million compared to €12.2 million at 31/12/2019. More information on the surplus is provided on page 49.

Allocated funds and project reserves

There were allocated funds of €16.8 million as at 31/12/20, compared to a total of €12.8 million on 31/12/19. Part of this sum, which comes from 'restricted' gifts collected in 2020 (see the section on unutilised donations at the end of the period) will be used in 2021 to implement humanitarian and social projects in line with the donors' wishes.

The same applies to the project funds held in reserve, which amounted to €8.8 million as at 31/12/20 (see the 'unrestricted gifts' paragraph in the same section).

Debts

Closely linked to SIF's routine operations, these debts fell slightly in 2020 (€13.7 million compared to €14.9 million in 2019). They mainly consist of tax payable and social security debts (owed to social security bodies, etc.), supplier debt, other debts owed mainly to donors and partners and deferred income.

UNUTILISED DONATIONS AT THE END OF THE PERIOD

'Restricted' gifts

Unutilised 'restricted' gifts (restricted for use on a specific project, theme or geographic area) are recorded as allocated funds and always used for their intended purpose (according to the donor's wishes). We make sure we use these funds within a reasonable timeframe to ensure the relevance and quality of the projects. These allocated funds, which are closely monitored from the moment the restricted gifts are received, can under no circumstances be included in the reserves and no more operating or fundraising costs can be levied on them.

'Unrestricted' gifts

Unutilised 'unrestricted' gifts³³ (specified in ANC regulation 2018-06 as funds not intended for a specific project) can be listed as surplus (profit), then placed in reserve following validation from the board and approval from the GA:

- > Free reserve for unutilised general funds.
- > Waqf reserve for Waqf donations (cf. Waqf policy and bequests on page 44) that have not been disbursed.
- > Project reserve for unutilised Zakât Al Maal³⁴ donations.

The board, with GA approval, can also choose to place general funds in this project reserve, given that no more operating or fundraising costs will be levied on this reserve, which is specifically for humanitarian and social projects.

³³ These do not include Zakât Al Maal donations that are 'restricted' to a specific country (France, Palestine) and unutilised, as these are allocated funds.

³⁴ Obligatory alms given each year by all Muslims as per the solidarity rules established by Islam

RESERVES POLICY

In order to ensure the sustainability of our projects, the SIF GA has approved putting 6 months' budget cover into the free reserve, outside of self-financed programmes. This responsible management approach will provide the financial security required for SIF to continue to implement our humanitarian and social programmes regardless of any changes in our economic circumstances.

Source of funds

The sources of the funds in the three SIF reserves are detailed above (cf. the section on unutilised 'restricted' and 'unrestricted' gifts at the end of the period).

Reserves management rules

Precautionary principles are applied to the utilisation of SIF reserves, which may be invested. The aim of this investment is to prevent the depreciation of these reserves pending their use.

To ensure any urgent funding needs can be met, some of this secure investment must remain available for withdrawal at any time. A further portion can be invested as long as it can be accessed within a reasonable and workable timeframe. All reserves are properly and transparently managed.

Reserves at the end of 2020

The GA of June 13th 2020 approved the Board's proposals to:

- > Increase the free reserves by €0.8 million. This sum is taken from 2019's income and includes some of the bank interest accrued (around €7,000) to prevent devaluation of the reserves. On 31/12/2020, a total of €12.8 million of free reserves was listed on the SIF balance sheet, which is enough to cover the cost of our humanitarian and social programmes for 6 months.
- > Ensure that the Board directly manages allocations to DOTASIF, thus the Waqf reserve had a balance of €0 at 31/12/2020.
- > Utilise €5.9 million of the project reserve to fund 2019 humanitarian and social programmes.

The Board also approved the proposal to place €5.8 million of unutilised 2019 Zakât Al Maal donations in the project reserve, net of costs. At 31/12/2020, the SIF project reserve had a balance of €8.8 million.

WAQF POLICY & BEQUESTS

At SIF, Waqf (which means 'inalienable endowment') is used for humanitarian purposes, like other charitable donations. Waqf donations are thus invested via DOTASIF and, each year, the profit made is allocated to our programmes.

SIF continues to manage bequests and other donations, the acceptance and management policy for which is based on the reference document published by Don en Confiance, particularly with regard to good practice and ethics.

SIF would like bequests and donations – which can take the form of lifetime gifts (one of these being Waqf) – to be made to us directly, both to maximise their profitability and simplify their management.

Similarly, SIF would prefer to always receive financial Waqf donations, even if these are subsequently to be managed by our endowment fund DOTASIF, so that we can continue to conduct standardised monitoring of our donors. Whatever the initial funding provided by our donors, DOTASIF transfers the profits to SIF to help fund either one or several of our humanitarian or social projects.

In 2020, DOTASIF transferred its net profit of €39,865, gained exclusively from Waqf, to Secours Islamique France. In turn, SIF used this sum to partially fund our 2020 programme to improve the food security and livelihoods of vulnerable people in Kismayo, Somalia.

This is a perfect example of the coherent use of Waqf profits that, through these programmes, have helped to improve the living conditions and livelihoods of large numbers of beneficiaries.



EXPENDITURE 2020

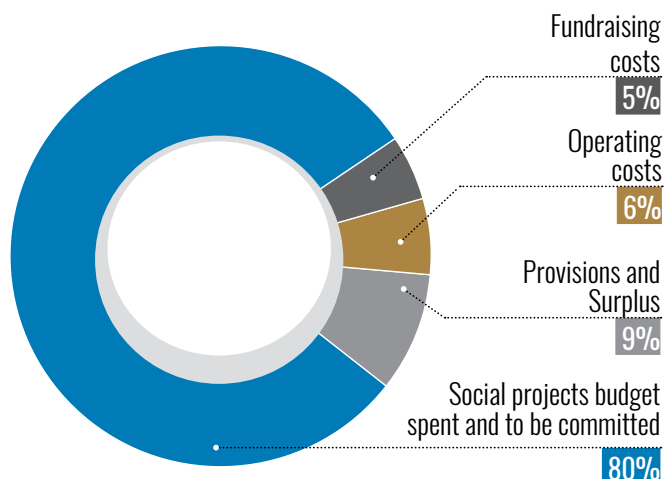
The following table shows the expenditure section of the 2020 income statement by source and function (CROD) from the annual accounts.

	TOTAL	From funds raised from the public
EXPENDITURE BY FUNCTION		
1 - SOCIAL ACTIVITIES	€30,059,829	€19,903,730
1.1 Conducted in France		
Actions implemented directly by SIF	€2,260,126	€614,154
Payments to a central agency or to other organisations working in France		
1.2 Conducted abroad		
Actions implemented directly by SIF	€27,556,573	€19,046,446
Payments to a central agency or to other organisations working abroad		
1.3 Advocacy	€243,130	€243,130
2 - FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	€2,340,962	€2,340,962
2.1 Public fundraising actions	€2,328,536	€2,328,536
2.2 Other fundraising actions	€12,426	€12,426
3 - OPERATING COSTS	€2,890,843	€2,552,746
4 - PROVISIONS AND DEPRECIATION	€704,208	€325,320
5 - INCOME TAX	€8,071	
6 - ALLOCATED FUNDS CARRIED OVER AT YEAR-END	€8,927,296	€8,228,837
TOTAL	€44,931,210	€33,351,594
SURPLUS OR DEFICIT (surplus)	€3,909,600	€4,002,524

The CROD shows the organisation's expenditure and costs broken down by function to detail how SIF has used our funding. The total expenditure for 2020 is 44.9 million euros.

The expenditure section of the CER, the annual statement of public donations collected and used, is provided in Annex 1.

BREAKDOWN OF 2020 EXPENDITURE



80% was allocated to implementing social projects.

The breakdown of this 80% is detailed on page 8, '2020 in figures'.

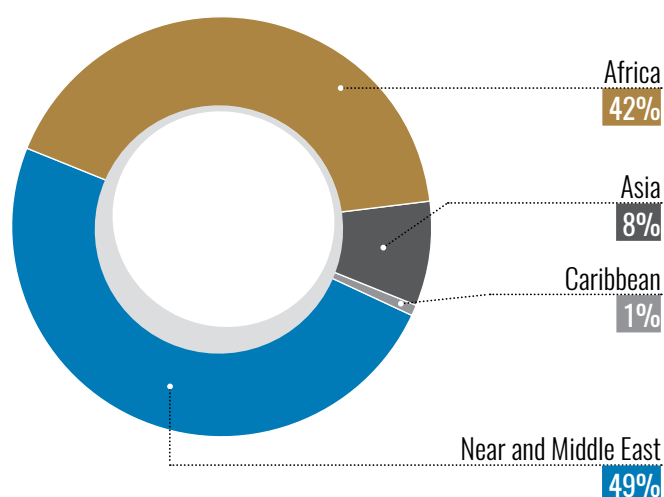
5% was used for fundraising.

6% was spent on operating costs.

9% was for provisions and surplus for the period (for surplus, please see the surplus section on page 49).

The total amount spent in 2020, namely 35.3 million euros, is made up of project costs (62%), fundraising costs (5%) and operating costs (6%).

Social projects



Spending on social projects fell slightly from €32.7 million in 2019 to €30.1 million in 2020 (-8%).

Our international operations grew (despite a drop in spending of -9%) and we had a total of 14 active field offices around the world in 2020. In addition to these 14 field offices, we have been working through a number of local partnerships.

In France, spending on social projects was stable compared to 2019.

SIF's External Relations and Advocacy team continued to conduct awareness-raising and advocacy campaigns that were fully integrated into our social projects.

For these three social project components (International, France and Advocacy), the expenditure listed includes project support costs, allocated in proportion to the amounts spent on the programmes conducted in 2020.

These costs include head office staff working on the projects, as well as logistics costs, project set-up, monitoring and evaluation expenses and the bank transfer costs incurred on our humanitarian programmes, etc.

Fundraising costs

These mainly relate to 'public fundraising actions', expenditure on which fell by 22% in 2020. The continuing aim of these actions is to seek funding from donors and maintain donor loyalty in order to raise more funds and thus implement more programmes.

Information campaigns were carried out to raise public awareness of what we do and provide all of our donors with an insight into how their donations have helped the people supported through our work.

These costs thus include fundraising appeals and their management, as well as the cost of radio spots, fairs and events, and of developing supporting materials, etc.

Operating costs

These include the costs of running the SIF offices and support services, such as administration, accounting and IT, as well as overhead costs (rent, insurance, etc.). Operating costs were lower this year than in 2019 (-3%).

Provisions

Despite our rigorous monitoring of disputes, these rose in 2020 to €0.7 million.

UNUTILISED RESTRICTED FUNDS AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR

When the amount of restricted funding allocated to a programme is too large to be used in its entirety in the year it is received, the unutilised funds are placed in an easily identifiable account to be used in accordance with the donors' and development partners' initial wishes at a later date.

This year, this unutilised funding amounted to €8.9 million, which is 19.9% of all donations, grants, financial contributions and private funds. The money not used within the financial year is placed in a dedicated fund (except for unutilised Zakât Al Maal donations, which are placed in the project reserve, see page 43), from which it will be disbursed at a later date.

FOCUS ON PUBLIC DONATIONS

SIF has opted not to use an allocation formula to identify the expenditure funded through donations from individuals.

As SIF is predominantly financed through public donations, it is easy to differentiate between the donation funding spent and other expenditure. Other types of funding can include grants, financial contributions or other income (from solidarity sales, financial products, etc.).

PROPORTION OF EXPENDITURE COVERED BY FUNDS RAISED FROM THE PUBLIC (MAINLY DONATIONS)

Proportion of social projects expenditure	66%
Proportion of fundraising costs	100%
Proportion of operating costs	88%

For greater transparency, SIF has not applied an allocation formula but has used tangible distinctions.

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS IN KIND

Over the 2020 financial year, SIF once again received donations in kind, albeit fewer than in 2019, as well as valuable support from our volunteers, which has also been calculated:

ASSESSMENT OF VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS IN KIND

Social projects	€175,413	Volunteering	€104,242
Fundraising costs	€0	Benefits in kind	€0
Operating costs and other expenses	€1,742	Donations in kind	€72,913
Total	€177,155	Total	€177,155

The social project-related expenditure corresponds to volunteers' involvement in our projects and to the distribution of donations in kind (Tables du Ramadan in France, Epi'Sol, Day Centre, etc.).



INCOME 2020

Income is recorded here in accordance with the rules set out in CROD (income statement by source and function), which are clearer than those of the income statement:

	TOTAL	From funds raised from the public
INCOME BY SOURCE		
1 - INCOME LINKED TO PUBLIC DONATIONS	€33,862,565	€33,861,665
1.1 Unconditional contributions	€900	-
1.2 Donations, bequests and sponsorship		
Individual gifts	€33,612,217	€33,612,217
Bequests, donations and life insurance	€249,448	€249,448
Sponsorship	-	-
1.3 Other income linked to public donations	-	-
2 - INCOME NOT LINKED TO PUBLIC DONATIONS	€8,434,392	
2.1 Conditional contributions	-	
2.2 Corporate sponsorship	-	
2.3 Unconditional financial contributions	€7,215,220	
2.4 Other income not linked to public donations	€1,219,172	
3 - GRANTS AND OTHER PUBLIC SUBSIDIES	€2,324,888	
4 - REVERSAL OF PROVISIONS AND DEPRECIATION	€434,029	
5 - UTILISATION OF ALLOCATED FUNDS FROM PREVIOUS PERIODS	€3,784,936	€3,492,453
TOTAL	€48,840,810	€37,354,118

SIF's new income amounted to 44.6 million euros for 2020.

The income section of the CER, the annual statement of public donations collected and used, is provided in Annex 2.

INCOME FROM FUNDS RAISED FROM THE PUBLIC

Virtually all of this income is from private donations collected in France from individuals and associations. This funding increased from €27.7 million in 2019 to €33.9 million in 2020, a rise of 22%:

- > Donations allocated to a specific project or country grew from €17.8 million in 2019 to €21.7 million in 2020.
- > General funds rose from €9.9 million in 2019 to €12.2 million in 2020.

We also received a bequest in 2020 of €249,448.

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS, GRANTS AND OTHER PUBLIC SUBSIDIES

The amount received for all 3 of these categories fell from €10.9 million in 2019 to €9.5 million in 2020.

As far as financial contributions are concerned, as in previous years, we received substantial financial support for our international programmes from the United Nations, particularly from UNHCR³⁵ for our programmes in Syria, and from GIZ³⁶ and the European Union for our programmes in Mali.

The grants and other public subsidies received predominantly consisted of a grant from the AFD for our programmes in Mali and a grant from DDOS³⁷ for our emergency accommodation centre in France.

The total amount of these 3 budget categories equates to 21% of all income for 2020, which shows that SIF continues to rely heavily on the generosity of our donors.

OTHER INCOME NOT LINKED TO PUBLIC DONATIONS

The other income figure of €1.2 million predominantly came from currency gains and from the settlement of a dispute in SIF's favour.

ALLOCATION OF UNUTILISED RESTRICTED FUNDS (FROM PREVIOUS PERIODS)

Project funding of €3.8 million came from donations collected in previous years.

INCOME SHORTFALL OR SURPLUS

SIF had a surplus, excluding additions to/utilisation of the project reserve, of €1.3 million in 2020 compared to €0.8 million in 2019, €0.2 million of which was a net bequest placed in the Waqf reserve. Each year, as SIF has positive financial health indicators, the Board proposes to allocate funds to the free reserve. As detailed on page 41, SIF also requested the addition of €6.8 million of Zakât Al Maal donations to the project reserve and the utilisation of €4.3 million from the project reserve. Thus, the overall total for 2020 came to €3.9 million.

FOCUS ON FUNDS RAISED FROM THE PUBLIC

The 3rd column of the CROD serves to highlight the funding generated from public donations. In 2020, 76% of our new income came from our private donors.

Income from funds raised from the public and utilised

In 2020, 73% of the funds collected from the public were spent during the financial year.

³⁵ The United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

³⁶ Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit

³⁷ Essonne's Departmental Directorate of Social Cohesion



ANNEX 1

EXPENDITURE SECTION OF THE CER (Annual statement of public donations collected and used)

Following the accounting reform, the CER lists only the expenditure of income received from public donations (please refer to the CROD on page 45 for a list of all expenditure):

EXPENDITURE BY FUNCTION	FINANCIAL YEAR N
1 - SOCIAL ACTIVITIES	€19,903,730
1.1 Conducted in France	
Actions implemented directly by SIF	€614,154
Payments to a central agency or other organisations working in France	-
1.2 Conducted abroad	
Actions implemented directly by SIF	€19,046,446
Payments to a central agency or other organisations working abroad	-
1.3 Advocacy	€243,130
2 - FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	€2,340,962
2.1 Public fundraising actions	€2,328,535
2.2 Other fundraising actions	€12,426
3 - OPERATING COSTS	€2,552,746
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	€24,797,438
4 - PROVISIONS AND DEPRECIATION	€325,320
5 - ALLOCATED FUNDS CARRIED OVER AT YEAR-END	€8,228,837
PUBLIC DONATIONS SURPLUS AT YEAR END	€4,002,523
TOTAL	€37,354,117

For more information, please refer to the end of the 2020 annual accounts that contain this CER.

ANNEX 2

INCOME SECTION OF THE CER (Annual statement of public donations collected and used)

Following the accounting reform, the CER lists only the income received from public donations (please refer to the CROD on page 48 for a list of all income):

INCOME BY SOURCE	FINANCIAL YEAR N
1 - INCOME LINKED TO PUBLIC DONATIONS	€33,861,665
1.1 Unconditional contributions	-
1.2 Donations, bequests and sponsorship	
Individual gifts	€33,612,217
Bequests, donations and life insurance	€249,448
Sponsorship	-
1.3 Other income linked to public donations	-
TOTAL INCOME	€33,861,665
2 - REVERSAL OF PROVISIONS AND DEPRECIATION	-
3 - UTILISATION OF ALLOCATED FUNDS FROM PREVIOUS PERIODS	€3,492,453
PUBLIC DONATIONS DEFICIT AT YEAR-END	-
TOTAL	€37,354,117
PUBLIC DONATIONS INCOME CARRIED OVER AT THE START OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR (EXCL. ALLOCATED FUNDS)	€15,588,410
Public donations surplus (+) or deficit (-)	€4,002,523
Net investment (-) and divestment (+) linked to public donations for the financial year	€45,440
PUBLIC DONATIONS INCOME CARRIED OVER AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR (EXCL. ALLOCATED FUNDS)	€19,636,373

For more information, please refer to the end of the 2020 annual accounts that contain this CER.



○ 2021 OUTLOOK & FORECAST

Humanitarian and social needs to be financed

For 2021, given that needs are not only growing exponentially around the world, but are also unfortunately being exacerbated by COVID-19, SIF has to focus on implementing our scheduled humanitarian and social programmes both in France and abroad. We also need to be able to respond to any crises or disasters that may occur.

SIF is planning to open new offices in Sudan and Burkina Faso, two countries that suffer from very high food insecurity.

In France, our social projects are set to expand with the opening of a new office in Marseille and the re-launch of our programmes in Lyon. To ensure we are able to achieve all of these aims, SIF will thus focus on developing our institutional financing and funding from private donations in France and abroad.

It is to be noted that, at the time of writing this report, it has not been possible to reliably assess the impact of COVID-19, the overriding event of 2020, on our projects and programmes. However, the pandemic could result in a drop in our activities and funding.

Achieving our 2017-2021 objectives

To continue improving SIF management, our 2017-2021 strategic objectives included modernising our working methods by enhancing our tools.

The aim was to increase our efficiency, reduce the number of documents we print, improve our knowledge management and reinforce our internal audit resources.

In 2021, the tools that SIF has been introducing as part of our organisational development process should be operational. These tools will improve our effectiveness, thereby enabling us to better support our humanitarian and social projects. They include donor management software, integrated management software (procurement, accounting, etc.) and a procedures management system.

In addition, we are planning to reorganise, and thus optimise, some of our operations. In 2021, we will start to look at reorganising our legal entities to supplement the work carried out over the past few years.

Developing our future strategic plan

A whole series of participatory workshops will be held with our management bodies and staff in 2021 to determine our future strategic objectives. Our next strategic plan will extend over 6 years, from 2022 to 2027, so that it dovetails with two of our international field offices' three-year strategies.

We will strengthen our aim of developing and continuously improving the impact of our projects to help the most vulnerable while, at the same time, remaining faithful to our organisation's mission and focusing on human development, living well together and respect for the environment in order to build a solidarity that transcends our differences.

○ ACKNOWLEDGEMENTS

Our donors and volunteers

On behalf of everyone at Secours Islamique France, we would like to sincerely thank our generous donors and our volunteers for their contributions, time, energy and involvement. Without their support, we would not be able to continue our work.

AN HOMMAGE TO OUR VOLUNTEERS

Thanks to the commitment and availability of our volunteers working on our social emergencies projects and our social-education and vocational integration programmes, in France, in 2020, we were able to:

- Conduct 1,288 visits to homeless people through the 152 patrols carried out (385 different people supported)
- Distribute 19,000 meals during the Tables du Ramadan Visits
- Provide solidarity parcels to 8,239 prison inmates
- Help 95 people on average through the nearly 1,730 meals served at the SIF dinners in Saint-Denis
- Support 141 families (482 beneficiaries) through EpiSol in Saint-Denis
- Receive 756 people registered at the Day Centre in Massy
- Help 117 women at the shelter in Massy

It is also thanks to their support that we were able to carry out public fundraising events.

Our partners

We would also like to thank our partners who have supported our humanitarian work by financing our operations or working closely with us to implement projects.

NGO platforms and coordination forums of which SIF is a member

- Forum Espace Humanitaire (FEH)
- International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA)
- Damascus INGO Forum in Syria (DINGO)
- International NGO Forum in Mali (FONGIM)
- Jordanian INGO Forum (JIF)
- Kenya Humanitarian Partnership Team (KHPT)
- NGO Coordination Committee Iraq (NCCI)
- Nigeria INGO Forum
- Pakistan Humanitarian Forum (PHF)
- International NGO Platform in Madagascar (PINGOS)
- EU NGO Platform in Senegal (PFONGUE)
- Association of International Development Agencies (AIDA)
- Coalition Education
- Coalition Eau
- Coordination Humanitaire et Développement (CHD)
- Coordination SUD
- Butterfly Effect
- Fédération des acteurs de la solidarité (FAS)
- France Générosités
- Global WASH Cluster
- Groupe Enfance
- Lebanon Humanitarian INGO Forum (LHIF)
- French Water Partnership (FWP)
- Somalia NGO Consortium
- Voluntary Organizations in Cooperation in Emergencies (VOICE)
- Réseau Environnement Humanitaire (REH)

Institutional Partners and financial support

- Agence Française de Développement (AFD)
- French Embassy in Pakistan
- French National Assembly
- Association Coup de Cœur
- United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)
- Crisis and Support Centre of the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (CDCS)
- General Council of Essonne, General Council of Seine-Saint-Denis
- Conseil Islamique Rhône Alpes - Grande Mosquée de Lyon
- Delegation of the European Union to Mali
- Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)
- Essonne's Departmental Directorate of Social Cohesion (DDCS 91)

- Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development, European Commission (EuropeAid)
- Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations, European Commission (ECHO)
- Seine-Saint-Denis Housing and Accommodation Directorate (DRIHL 93)
- Fonds de renforcement institutionnel et organisationnel (FRIO), project supported by the AFD
- The United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
- Muslim Relief Foundation
- Islamic Relief Belgium
- Islamic Relief Netherlands
- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
- World Food Programme (WFP)
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN Habitat)
- Ile-de-France region
- Municipalities of Saint Ouen, Saint-Denis, and Massy

Operational Partners

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