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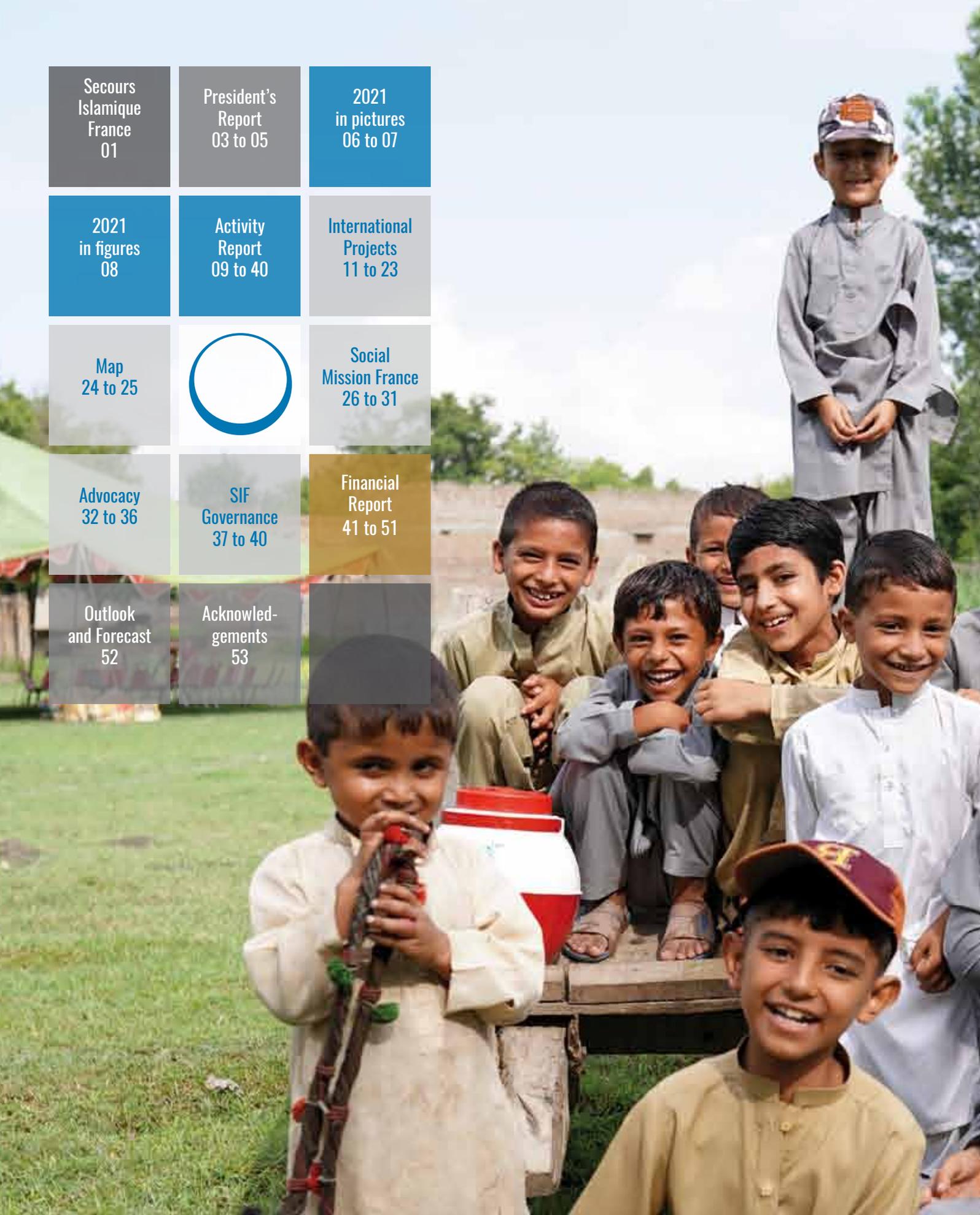
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○ SECOURS ISLAMIQUE FRANCE

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 over 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 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 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 its core concerns:

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 alterity.

PRINCIPLES

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

Impartiality & universality

- > To help the most vulnerable, fairly and with humanity, regardless of origin, gender, culture, religion, political beliefs or affiliations, etc.;
- > To always strive to reach them, 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, ensuring the quality of the actions implemented, 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;
- > Respect for 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
29th Ordinary General Assembly, June 18th 2022

On December 10th 2021, SIF celebrated its 30-year anniversary and launched the celebratory events that will continue throughout 2022. We are proud to have led and developed our organisation over all these years and would like to thank all those who have loyally supported us throughout this magnificent humanitarian, social and, above all, human adventure. This anniversary is a mere milestone and we are only too well aware of all that remains to be done to improve a situation that has significantly deteriorated, both in France and in many other regions of the world, following two years of the COVID-19 pandemic.

As in 2020, each and every one of us were affected by this pandemic over the course of 2021. And we would once again like to acknowledge our private donors' tremendous generosity and outpouring of solidarity. Their support, coupled with that of our institutional donors, enabled SIF to provide help to even more vulnerable people in need.

This 2021 annual report thus describes how we have been continuing and developing our programmes and sets out our determination to constantly increase and improve our support, even if our contribution remains relatively small when compared to the huge scale of the needs to be met, as evidenced during my trips to Syria, Lebanon and Senegal in 2021.

THE IMPACTS OF 2 YEARS OF COVID-19

According to INSEE, there are more than 9 million people living (or surviving) in poverty in France today, which is nearly 15% of the population. Exacerbated by the pandemic, poverty continues to undermine the living conditions of millions of our fellow citizens, especially with the rise in energy costs and inflation that is increasing the price of basic goods. These include people living in the street, single men, vulnerable women, low-income families, the elderly at risk of exclusion, and students in financial hardship. By way of example, 70%¹ of students made use of food aid schemes for the first time ever in 2021.

According to a UN² report published in July 2021, there are now more than 820 million people suffering from hunger worldwide, which is 130 million more than in 2019.

Unfortunately, the COVID-19 pandemic has accentuated, and continues to accentuate, this trend by triggering extremely severe economic recessions. Foodstuffs are becoming rarer and thus more expensive, and are often no longer affordable for the poorest among us.

This situation is further compounding the dire impacts that armed conflicts and natural disasters are having on the food security of the communities affected. One person in ten struggles to procure healthy and sufficient quantities of food on a regular basis.

Also according to the UN, 150 million additional children have fallen into poverty since the beginning of the pandemic. Their future prospects have deteriorated, as have those of the 1.6 billion children whose education has been disrupted. These include 463 million children who missed out on all education during the height of the pandemic as they did not have the technology and tools required to continue their lessons remotely.

This continuing crisis, which is generating more poverty and thus inequalities, is posing challenges all around the world. It is our duty to continue taking action over the long-term to support the world's most vulnerable people, particularly as due to recurring variants, lack of vaccines and the rise in the price of basic foodstuffs in a large number of developing countries, the prospects for emerging from the crisis are less than encouraging.

POOLED INITIATIVES

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, having participated in numerous meetings over the course of 2021, predominantly still by videoconference.

As a member of the NGO college of the French national council for international solidarity and development (Conseil National pour le Développement et la Solidarité internationale - CNDSI), SIF is committed to highlighting humanitarian issues, as well as issues relating to water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) and the rights of the child. The new college, proposed by Coordination SUD and of which I will be a member for 3 years, was appointed by a decree signed by the French Minister for Europe and Foreign Affairs.

SIF has again taken part in joint campaigns, particularly those run by Coordination SUD on the measures used to tackling the funding of terrorism and the screening of people who ultimately benefit from projects implemented in the field.

While we recognise the legitimacy of governments' efforts to tackle terrorism, we and our fellow NGOs request that adjustments be made to some of these measures to enable NGOs to fulfil their social mandates, without discrimination.

¹ Source: Study conducted and presented to the Senate by the NGO Cop'1-Solidarité Étudiante in 2021.
² United Nations (UN).

Screening ultimately excludes people without identity papers, yet these are often among the most vulnerable.

We also continue to keep a close eye on the resources allocated by the French government to financially support humanitarian organisations with their programmes around the world, including in France, and with their COVID-19 specific projects.

Lastly, our joint work with other organisations has focused on the projects areas in which we work. In addition to publishing our own SIF advocacy reports, the Activity Report contains details of our involvement in joint initiatives, such as our collaboration with Coalition Eau on an expert review of the human rights-based approach within the water and sanitation sector.

REVIEW OF THE SIF 2017-2021 STRATEGY

Our 2017-2021 strategic plan came to an end in December 2021, with generally positive results. SIF, which has grown significantly, is on the right track thanks to the ambitious decisions and efforts of our committed teams; however, there are also many projects that remain to be completed due most notably to the two years of the COVID-19 pandemic.

We have expanded our social projects, both in volume (with new projects abroad) and in terms of quality and impact; however, better use could be made of the related indicators.

SIF has never before implemented so many projects in other countries and we have invested heavily to ensure that we are able to accompany all the young orphans and children we support or sponsor directly through our programmes.

In France, we had to scale back our social projects once the subsidies received for housing migrants came to an end. The lack of human resources and subsidies meant we were unable to develop this project or extend it to other cities in France, or expand on our work to grow the solidarity economy. In contrast, we have consolidated our position in Île-de-France, where we have increased both the number of our beneficiaries and the support we provide to help them find sustainable solutions.

We have increased our advocacy efforts, predominantly as part of groups and networks, but also by focusing more and more on our own individual SIF campaigns. Our positions and expertise on our focus areas of humanitarian assistance, WASH, and children's issues are recognised by our peers and policymakers alike. Work remains to be done to further develop our advocacy efforts on needs in France.

SIF has become undeniably more embedded in Île-de-France over the period, and improvements in how we highlight both our ethics and specific expertise have improved stakeholder buy-in to our aims. We have developed an active presence on social media and SIF is now well-known and recognised in France for our social and humanitarian work and for promoting diversity and living well together.

We have started to review our socio-economic model and grown our resources, even if some human resources have been lacking. Our financial resources, predominantly private donations, have increased



considerably, whereas subsidies and other funding have not reached the level expected. The main structural and organisational reforms have now been completed: separation of the second-hand clothes activity; a new procedures management system; and improved activity monitoring tools, etc.

The strategic plan was developed following intensive and collaborative discussions that culminated in the publication of a 1st booklet, the aim of which remains relevant to both the identity and ambition of our organisation.

The annual monitoring of budget allocations and strategic objectives has enabled us to stay on course throughout the period, and was coupled with a mid-term review following which several adjustments were made to the resources in place.



ON TOWARDS 2027

2021 was the year in which we all had the opportunity to participate in developing the new 2022-2027 strategic plan. Building on our 30 years of experience, our projects increasingly focus on the human rights-based approach and results-based management. We have highlighted the cross-cutting objectives that we value the most, such as quality, respect for the environment and innovation; the common thread being to improve the impact that our projects have on our beneficiaries.

It is to this end that the Board of Directors decided to set up a new Programmes commission to oversee implementation of the operational strategy both in France and abroad.

It is to be noted that our management bodies played a particularly active role in developing the strategic plan, despite the fact that most of the meetings had to be held via videoconference.

Finally, we would like to sincerely thank our beneficiaries, donors, partners, volunteers and staff for their commitment to implementing our projects and for their firm resolve in ensuring 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.



Student hardship has been exacerbated by COVID-19. To help address this situation, SIF has distributed 440 food parcels to students at University of Paris 8 and provided 930 hot meals at a students' halls in Massy.

Nearly 1 in 2 people around the world lacks access to hygiene and sanitation facilities. SIF conducts advocacy to improve this situation and has published a study entitled "Accelerating action for rural sanitation, challenges and recommendations".



To help hospitals in need in Algeria and Morocco to deal with COVID-19, SIF has donated medical equipment (oxygen concentrators, electrical resuscitation beds, blood pressure monitors, etc.) and trained staff on its use.

Somalia is a very poor country that is prone to natural disasters. SIF has developed a project in Somalia to support innovative and eco-friendly agriculture that is adapted to climate change and has built resource conservation infrastructure.



At the COP 26 in November, SIF presented a project we are implementing in Gaza where we are installing wastewater recycling plants for 370 poor families. In addition to helping conserve water, this project is also enabling people to create vegetable plots.



In May, SIF provided emergency support to the people affected by the bombing in Gaza: 48 hours after the ceasefire, our teams distributed food parcels, blankets, hygiene kits, etc. to 12,600 people.



In Syria, SIF rehabilitated a 30.5km canal, making it possible to irrigate 525 hectares of farmland and enabling more than 14,000 farmers to resume work on the land. The canal has revived the local economy, having an impact on more than 72,500 people.



Steve Larranaga, Deputy Mayor of Saint-Ouen, came to visit EpiSol: SIF's social grocery shop sells products at 30% of their market value to support people in extreme poverty.



In September, two SIF teams made up of students experiencing hardship and SIF staff competed against 15 other non-profit organisations in Saint-Denis. The day focused on sport, as well as on providing participants with an opportunity to socialise and meet other people, both an essential part of social support.



As part of our work to tackle poverty and exclusion, SIF Social Mission France also conducts activities to help our beneficiaries rebuild their social and cultural lives. One example of this was the visit to the Château of Versailles that we organised at the end of August.

> New income in 2021 €51.1 million

Income in euros

Donations and other funds received from the public
€36.3 million

Grants and financial contributions
€14.3 million

Other income
€0.5 million

Secours Islamique France received funding from nearly 80,000 private donors in 2021. SIF was also able to make use of €127,401 of voluntary contributions in kind (donations in kind and volunteer work).

> Staff in 2021

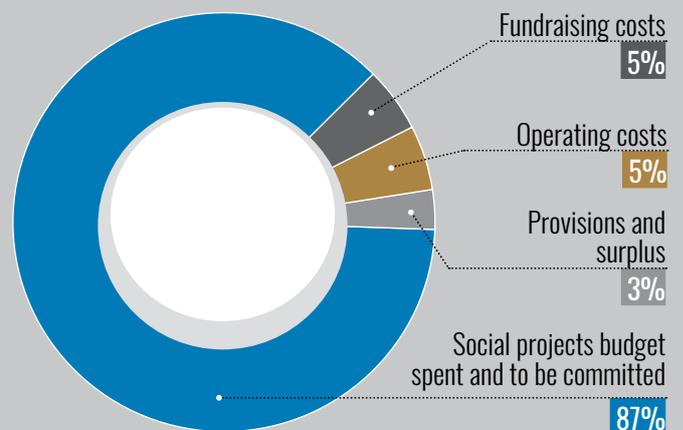
- > Staff in France (average full-time equivalent): **116**
- > Staff abroad (expatriate and local employees): **795** (all contracts combined)
- > Volunteers: **403**



In 2021, SIF had 15 international field offices and a presence in 7 other countries through our partners.

> Expenditure (total 2021 expenditure: 56.9 million euros)

The total amount spent in 2021, namely 43.4 million euros, includes 2021 project costs (37.5 million euros), fundraising costs (3.1 million euros) and operating costs (2.8 million euros).



Social projects budget spent and to be committed: 87%

- **66%: 2021 projects**
 - **4%** France, i.e. **€2.4 million**
 - **61%** International, i.e. **€34.9 million**
 - **0.4%** Advocacy, i.e. **€0.2 million**
- **21%: 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

Just like 2020, 2021 was particularly intense, notably due to the ongoing health crisis. In France and abroad, we strengthened our programmes while continuing to adapt to the unique situation and the new needs that have emerged as a result of the pandemic.

As highlighted by our President in his report, the most vulnerable remain badly affected by the global pandemic, mainly due to a lack of health facilities and increased economic and social distress, etc. 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 once again proved themselves to be extremely responsive. We would therefore like to thank all of our staff and volunteers who, for the second year running, have continued to carry out all of our distribution activities despite the difficult circumstances.

OUR HUMANITARIAN PROJECTS

Our field offices have continued to implement specific pandemic-related projects or adapted their programmes to comply with the necessary hygiene measures.

In Algeria, SIF, in partnership with the NGO Algériens Solidaires COVID-19, sent 5,000 respiratory kits to healthcare centres and hospitals. During my visits to the country at the beginning and end of 2021, I personally oversaw the smooth delivery of our initiatives in Algeria (both our COVID-specific operations and the work we carried out following the fires that hit the country), and I can confirm that this equipment proved absolutely vital.

In addition, our field offices had to adapt the implementation of certain programme activities due to the worsening economic situations in the countries in which we work (Palestine, Yemen, etc.). On a visit to Iraq in 2021, I saw how badly living conditions have deteriorated, with the pandemic only exacerbating the situation. In addition to our work in Palestine, whose population has been considerably impacted by bombing campaigns, SIF has provided emergency humanitarian assistance both in Madagascar to help tackle the impacts of an unprecedented drought, and in Haiti following the earthquake that hit the country on August 14th...

During 2021, while temporarily closing our field office in Chad, we received the approvals required to open our field offices in Burkina Faso and Sudan.

Lastly, our talibé children programmes were officially launched by our Founding President, Rachid Lahlou. These programmes include a regional project in Mali and Senegal funded by the AFD³.

OUR SOCIAL PROJECTS

In France, we were not alone in seeing the number of our beneficiaries continue to grow; a trend that began in 2020 at the start of the COVID-19 pandemic. Fortunately, the institutional recognition enjoyed by our organisation, particularly in the department of Seine-Saint-Denis, provided us with access to the funding required to meet some of the additional needs.

Due to the pandemic and the lockdown, our major annual 'Tables du Ramadan' programme was once again transformed into 'Table du Ramadan Visits'.

Our women's emergency shelter (CHU) in Massy, normally only open for certain times of the year, remained open all year round in 2021 because of the pandemic.

In addition, we at SIF became increasingly aware of the impoverishment⁴ of students in France due to the pandemic depriving them of their usual incomes. That is why we introduced initiatives to support students in 2021, which began with the distribution of food parcels to students at University of Paris 8.

ADVOCACY PUBLICATIONS

Our advocacy team also continued with its work, remaining actively involved in events, many of which were held by videoconference.

Our team also published key WASH-related publications, including a study entitled 'Accelerating Access for Rural Sanitation – Challenges and Recommendations' and an expert note on 'The Human Rights-Based Approach within the Water and Sanitation Sector', which was produced in conjunction with Coalition Eau.

GENEROSITY OF OUR DONORS

As in 2020, like us, our donors were doubtless only too well aware of the growing insecurity affecting people not only in France but also in the other countries in which they traditionally provide us with support.

Both private donors and institutional funding agencies provided considerable financial support to SIF in 2021. We received a record amount in private donations and substantial support from funding agencies and we hope that both of these trends continue in the future. We also hope to receive grants to finalise the partnership certificate from ECHO⁵ that we received at the very start of 2021 following the major EY ECHO audit conducted in 2020.

Our Communication and Development department was once again severely impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic as they were unable to organise their fundraising campaigns as planned and were forced to cancel all of their fundraising events (SIF Solidarity Cup, the solidarity evening, etc.).

³ Agence Française de Développement (AFD) (French Agency for Development).

⁴ Lowered standards of living; impoverishment of a social class.

⁵ Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations (ECHO).

The department continued with the flexible and cross-cutting remote approach it adopted in 2020 at the start of the pandemic, which no doubt contributed to the record amount received in private donations.

During 2021, our Communication team created a website for our donors' newsletter, www.lepartenairehumanitaire.org, which celebrated its 100th issue, and produced a brochure on the options available for making bequests and gifts to SIF, which resulted in us being awarded a donation immediately upon its publication.

ORGANISATIONAL CHALLENGES

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, the majority of our permanent SIF staff have had to continue using the working methods adopted in 2020, which has included homeworking and videoconferences as and when required. After two years of operating under these arrangements, there is no doubt that working practices have now changed for ever. This can be seen in the internal agreement signed at the end of 2021 to keep homeworking days in place even after the end of the pandemic. We also held our Annual Field Office Seminar via videoconference.

Despite being less convivial than a face-to-face meeting, it was not without its advantages.

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. To this end, in 2021, we created a Green Team responsible for improving our environmental practices.

As far as our IT systems are concerned, we have finalised our donor relations tool and now have an extranet.

Despite virtual meeting constraints and some delays, we have also made good progress on two key strategic projects. The first is our management system, which contains all of our processes, procedures and soon our operating procedures, and the second is our integrated management software package (accounting, procurement, etc.).

The executive 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 (89/100), 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, which include 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 nearly 80,000 active donors, who have remained at our side, responding to our appeals for donations and supporting our campaigns.



INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS

Through our International Operations and Programmes Department, SIF has been helping the most vulnerable in Africa, the Middle East, Asia, Europe and the Caribbean for over 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.

The areas in which SIF works are as follows:

- > Shelter and accommodation for vulnerable people: constructing or rehabilitating shelters, schools, community infrastructure and housing and healthcare centres, etc.

- > Ensuring the food and nutritional security of people affected by the increasingly frequent food crises that have been occurring over recent years by distributing food, supporting training and developing income-generating activities, etc.
- > Improving access to water, sanitation and hygiene, recognised as human rights by the UN General Assembly by implementing projects to drill wells, install sanitation facilities, promote hygiene and supply water tanks, etc.
- > Promoting access to rights for every child, particularly the right to be protected against violence and the right to a decent education, by implementing programmes to support the most vulnerable children (such as young orphans and talibé children), especially by supporting teaching activities, providing psychosocial 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 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.

2021 budget: 5.7 million euros

Project countries: Burkina Faso, Haiti, Kenya/ Somalia, Pakistan, Palestine, The Philippines, Syria.

Key achievements:

- Distributing emergency supplies to Palestinians affected by the bombing campaigns of May 2021 (1,150 households in Gaza) and replenishing contingency supplies with 1,000 emergency kits
- Distributing emergency kits to 700 families in the Sindh region of Pakistan
- Constructing and rehabilitating 1,243 houses or community spaces in Syria and 269 houses in Lebanon
- Providing more than 300 tarpaulins and 50 kits for temporary shelters to house victims of the earthquake in Haiti



FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOOD

In its global report on food crises, the FAO⁶ indicated that, in 2021, 155 million people around the world were on the brink of famine⁷, most of whom were in Africa. We are seeing a sharp rise in food insecurity, with the leading causes being climate shocks and conflicts, as well as the economic impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic, 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.

2021 budget: 11.3 million euros

Project countries: Algeria, Burkina Faso, Chad, Haiti, Indonesia, Iraq, Jordan, Kenya/Somalia, Lebanon, Madagascar, Mali, Morocco, Nigeria, North Macedonia, Pakistan, Palestine, Senegal, Sudan, Syria, Tunisia, Yemen.

Key achievements:

- Constructing mini-greenhouses and repairing farm roads in the West Bank in Palestine. Plus distributing food vouchers to 1,400 households in Gaza following the bombing campaigns of May 2021
- Distributing monthly food parcels to 1,408 vulnerable people in Aden governorate of Yemen
- Supporting 106,381 beneficiaries through integrated approach-based seasonal projects in Pakistan
- Providing seeds (peanuts, rice, peas, cowpeas and corn) and farming equipment to more than 2,540 farmers in Madagascar

⁶ Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO).
⁷ Source: Global report on food crises 2021



WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE

In 2021, on World Water Day, the UN raised awareness of the fact that 2 billion people in the world continue to lack access to drinking water and 3.4 billion, i.e. 45% of the world's population, are without safely managed sanitation facilities⁸. This situation is being exacerbated by major entropic (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.

2021 budget: 4.1 million euros

Project countries: Algeria, Bangladesh, Burkina Faso, Chad, Haiti, Jordan, Kenya/Somalia, Lebanon, Madagascar, Mali, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan, Palestine, Senegal, Syria.

Key achievements:

- Implementing the Grey Water project⁹ in Gaza, Palestine, for 109 households
- Raising hygiene awareness with 500 people, constructing/repairing water infrastructure for 1,100 households and building latrines for 40 households in Pakistan
- Rehabilitating 30.5km of an irrigation system for 14,015 direct beneficiaries and 72,516 indirect beneficiaries in Syria and installing/repairing 3,789m of sewer pipes
- Drilling 17 new boreholes and repairing 12 other boreholes in Senegal, 7 of which are fitted with solar pumps
- Funding the procurement of 220 oxygen concentrators for hospitals in Algeria to help them treat patients during the COVID-19 pandemic



EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE

The COVID-19 pandemic has exacerbated the education crisis that now affects over half of the world's children, who already live under the threat of war, poverty or discrimination. According to UNESCO¹⁰, more than 259 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: SIF's Education and Promotion of Child Welfare interventions are guided by the child rights-based approach and seeks to protect and promote these rights across all sectors (protection, education, food security, etc.). Thus, SIF addresses the root causes of the lack of fulfilment of the rights of the child and tackles inequality and discrimination by targeting the most vulnerable and marginalised children. We focus on building the capacities of children, families, communities, civil society, and government stakeholders to ensure they all play an active role in realising these rights.

2021 budget: 13.1 million euros

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

Key achievements:

- Sponsoring more than 9,500 children and young orphans in 10 countries
- Supporting around 2,800 talibé young people and children in Mali and Senegal through programmes to improve their living conditions and their access to apprenticeships to facilitate their socio-economic integration
- Providing nutritional support to nearly 3,900 children through school canteens, providing additional learning and refresher training support to more than 1,500 pupils and issuing school supplies to around 770 pupils in Madagascar
- Rehabilitating 17 schools and providing formal and informal education to more than 3,100 children in Syria

⁸ Source: Valuing Water, UN World Water Development Report 2021.

⁹ Our teams have set up a wastewater recycling project to help the people of Gaza preserve their meagre drinking water resources. Our team presented this humanitarian initiative at the COP26 global summit organised by the United Nations in November 2021.

¹⁰ United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO).





Kenya & Somalia



- > Year SIF field office opened: 2012
- > Budget used: €1,721,849
- > Including 15% institutional funding
- > Team (staff in budget of 31/12/2021): 3 expatriates and 59 local staff
- > Project themes:    

According to the IOM¹¹, bad weather, plagues of locusts (crickets) and the COVID-19 pandemic have exacerbated the humanitarian crisis in Somalia, displacing more than 2.6 million people. SIF has distributed shelter construction kits to 4,076 people, provided scholarships to 500 vulnerable children and organised cash transfers for 845 households in financial difficulty.

At the same time, according to the OCHA¹², climate shocks and intercommunity conflict in the Marsabit region of Kenya have left 160,900 people in need of humanitarian assistance. SIF has worked to increase communities' access to water by rehabilitating 10 wells,

building two 50,000m³ water storage facilities and supplying water via tanker truck and water purification products to 3,900 households. In both countries, SIF has promoted food security by distributing food parcels to 15,321 people in Somalia and 23,707 people in Kenya during Ramadan and Eid Al Adha.

In response to the COVID-19 pandemic, SIF also provided medical equipment to Kismayo general hospital in Somalia and handwashing facilities to the Marsabit regional referral hospital in Kenya.

Sudan



- > Year SIF field office opened: 2020
- > Budget used: €115,619
- > Including 0% institutional funding
- > Team (staff in budget of 31/12/2021): Projects implemented through partners
- > Project themes: 

Sudan's 2018 economic crisis deepened further in 2021. According to the WFP¹³, inflation stood at 388% in August 2021, directly impacting the population's food security. At the same time, the IOM estimates that, as a result of the conflict in Ethiopia, 58,000 Ethiopians have fled the country into Sudan and that Sudan is currently home to 3.1 million displaced persons. In addition, the OCHA revealed that 13.4 million people were in need of humanitarian assistance in Sudan in 2021. The humanitarian crisis

has been exacerbated by flooding, epidemics (dengue, chikungunya, malaria and COVID-19) and political instability.

Following our initial flood response project in December 2020, we continued to provide assistance to the same families during Eid Al-Adha in 2021. As a result of SIF's efforts, 2,500 vulnerable families in 7 areas of Khartoum received meat parcels, providing them with a vital source of protein.

¹¹ International Organisation for Migration (IOM).

¹² United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA).

¹³ World Food Programme (WFP).



Senegal



- > Year SIF field office opened: 2008
- > Budget used: €2,627,182
- > Including 6% institutional funding
- > Team (staff in budget of 31/12/2021): 8 expatriates and 77 local staff
- > Project themes:   

To address the social, economic and territorial fragility and instability of local communities, SIF's projects in Senegal focus on building the resilience of households living in the peri-urban areas of Dakar and the Kaffrine and Koumpentoum departments by developing income-generating activities for young people and women, especially through crop and livestock production. In addition, SIF is improving people's access to water supply services through boreholes, with 17 new wells dug and 12 rehabilitated in 2021, 19 of which are fitted with solar panels.

SIF is also working to promote the socio-economic reintegration of young talibé¹⁴ boys and girls in Senegal through lessons on job search skills, business creation and management, financial management, budgeting, personal development, etc.

In 2021, the field office continued its orphan sponsorship programme, sponsoring a total of 957 children and distributing over 2,000 socio-educational kits as gifts during Eid Al Fitr.

Mali



- > Year SIF field office opened: 2013
- > Budget used: €4,514,548
- > Including 29% institutional funding
- > Team (staff in budget of 31/12/2021): 13 expatriates and 133 local staff
- > Project themes:   

In Mali, years of conflict, drought and flooding have resulted in severe food insecurity. In Mopti, where the security situation deteriorated in 2021, SIF distributed food to 398 households, i.e. 3,184 people, displaced by conflict. In addition, to provide food aid to the people SIF supports in the areas in which we work (sponsored children, young talibé, internally displaced or highly vulnerable people), we helped nearly 12,000 people through our Ramadan activities and 50,000 people through the campaigns we ran for Tabaski¹⁵.

SIF's Mali field office is also focusing on improving the living conditions of young talibé in the areas in which we work (Timbuktu, Mopti, Segou and Bamako), particularly by improving water, sanitation and hygiene through the rehabilitation of latrines, installing water supply facilities and raising the children's awareness of hygiene.

SIF is further working to ensure that state and local authorities recognise and integrate Koranic schools into Mali's education system.

¹⁴ Children entrusted by their (often poor) families into the care of a religious studies teacher for their education; etymologically: 'students'.
¹⁵ Eid Al Adha.



Nigeria



- > Year SIF field office opened: 2017
- > Budget used: €701,276
- > Including 0% institutional funding
- > Team (staff in budget of 31/12/2021): 3 expatriates and 10 local staff
- > Project themes:  

The North-east of Nigeria is suffering from a humanitarian crisis caused by prolonged conflict, population displacement and the COVID-19 pandemic.

In 2021, the UNHCR¹⁶ estimated that there were more than 2.2 million internally displaced persons in Nigeria, 2 million of whom were in the three north-eastern states. Due to insecurity and conflict, these people had had to flee their homes to live in camps or host communities.

Following a major fire in Farm Center displaced persons camp in Borno state, SIF distributed shelter construction and hygiene kits to 40 vulnerable households. During the Ramadan and Eid Al Adha campaigns, we also distributed food parcels to 7,377 people.

SIF also improved access to drinking water for more than 1,200 households in Borno state by installing 4 boreholes with handpumps and 8 boreholes with solar-powered pumps.

Haiti



- > Year SIF field office opened: open intermittently between 2010 and 2021
- > Budget used: €117,508
- > Including 0% institutional funding
- > Team (staff in budget of 31/12/2021): Head office staff on field assignments
- > Project themes:    

The earthquake that shook Haiti on August 14th 2021 exacerbated the country's humanitarian situation. According to the OCHA, it affected more than 800,000 people, left 2,200 people dead and 12,700 people injured. The OCHA also reported that 754,200 people were suffering from food insecurity in the Sud, Grande Anse and Nippes departments, 500,000 people required immediate humanitarian assistance to provide them with water, the schools of 300,000 children had been destroyed or damaged, and many people had lost their homes. The situation resulted in the involuntary displacement of numerous communities, thereby adding to their insecurity.

In December 2021, the FAO noted that 46% of the population were suffering from acute food insecurity.

After having suspended our operations in Haiti in 2019, SIF helped respond to this humanitarian crisis by distributing food parcels to 2,500 vulnerable people in the region of Torbeck, an area that is difficult to access and was badly affected by the earthquake. At the same time, we distributed more than 300 tarpaulins as temporary shelters for victims of the earthquake. SIF also built 50 shelters to provide temporary lodgings for 250 people.

¹⁶ United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).



Madagascar



- > Year SIF field office opened: 2009 (work suspended in 2012/2013)
- > Budget used: €1,429,550
- > Including 32% institutional funding
- > Team (staff in budget of 31/12/2021): 6 expatriates and 95 local staff
- > Project themes:   

Madagascar is one of the countries most vulnerable to natural disasters (cyclones, flooding, drought, etc.). In 2021, the COVID-19 pandemic led to several months of border closures and travel bans, which exacerbated the population’s vulnerabilities and hampered the delivery of humanitarian assistance. In order to improve the resilience of communities and institutions, SIF worked with 55 public primary schools, who now have contingency plans in place that identify the risks specific to each type of disaster and set out the steps to be taken before, during and after a disaster occurs.

SIF distributed emergency food parcels to more than 560 families to help address the large-scale food crisis that has hit the Madagascar population, particularly people living in the Grand Sud. We also worked on development projects, including projects to introduce people to agroecology and provide training on managing microenterprises. The food crisis has led to children dropping out of school and so our teams have been providing learning support to children in difficulty in Tananarive and the district of Morombe. We supported 1,021 year 6 pupils in 2021.

Morocco



- > Year SIF field office opened: 2019
- > Budget used: €593,048
- > Including 0% institutional funding
- > Team (staff in budget of 31/12/2021): Projects implemented through partners
- > Project themes:   

Morocco continues to suffer from deeply rooted socio-economic problems, particularly high unemployment, dependence on an unpredictable agricultural sector, social inequalities and a persistent gulf between towns and the countryside. These problems have been exacerbated by the considerable impact of the COVID-19 pandemic. To address these issues, SIF financed the procurement of medical equipment for COVID-19 patients in hospitals in Kenitra and Fes provinces. 600 aid parcels were also distributed to help mitigate the social and economic repercussions of the pandemic.

In 2021, SIF continued to work in partnership with the NGO SANAD. 200 orphans joined our sponsorship programme, thereby providing these young girls and boys with access to education. In addition, via SANAD, SIF provided food parcels to 1,900 households during Ramadan and parcels to 2,000 households for Eid Al Adha. Medical equipment – including 15 intensive care beds, 12 oxygen concentrators, 19 monitors, 3 automatic high-flow oxygen therapy devices, etc. – was also distributed to healthcare facilities in Al-Houceima and Kenitra during the COVID-19 pandemic.



Palestine



- > Year SIF field office opened: 2008
- > Budget used: €5,005,704
- > Including 1% institutional funding
- > Team (staff in budget of 31/12/2021): 5 expatriates and 56 local staff
- > Project themes:    

In 2021, travel restrictions, the security situation and the pandemic exacerbated Palestinians' already difficult living conditions. The escalation of hostilities in May 2021 had devastating humanitarian repercussions, heightening the impact of nearly 14 years of blockades in the Gaza Strip.

Following the ceasefire, SIF's stock of emergency supplies meant we were able to provide a rapid response, distributing blankets, kitchen utensils and hygiene kits to more than 1,000 households. Our orphan

sponsorship scheme helped provide 5,109 children with psychosocial support and care throughout the year. At the same time, the Palestine field office worked with 350 farmers to improve agricultural resilience through sustainable projects. These projects rehabilitated 8km of farm roads and built 21 domestic greenhouses.

To improve access to water in Gaza, our teams also installed greywater treatment facilities¹⁷ (to treat domestic wastewater) for 100 households.

Lebanon



- > Year SIF field office opened: 2012
- > Budget used: €1,059,834
- > Including 27% institutional funding
- > Team (staff in budget of 31/12/2021): 3 expatriates and 17 local staff
- > Project themes:   

According to the UNCHR, political instability, the influx of Syrian refugees, financial collapses and the COVID-19 pandemic have plunged around 55% of Lebanon's population and 89% of displaced Syrians into poverty. Furthermore, as reported by the OCHA, the explosion in the Port of Beirut in August 2020 caused large-scale damage and disrupted economic activities throughout the country. In 2021, SIF rehabilitated 269 houses damaged by the port explosion. We provided food aid to 1,950 families during Ramadan and Eid Al Adha and monthly financial assistance to 150 families of orphans.

SIF also provided psycho-social support and organised social and recreational activities for 612 vulnerable children. In the north, we distributed food vouchers and hygiene kits to 420 families during the winter, and school equipment for 2,000 children in five public schools. In partnership with the World Food Programme, we offered vocational training to 400 extremely vulnerable people on urban farming, food processing and cooking.

¹⁷Wastewater from domestic activities (showering, washing up, doing laundry, cooking, etc.) that does not contain human excreta from flushing toilets, for example.



- > Year SIF field office opened: 2016
- > Budget used: €691,617
- > Including 0% institutional funding
- > Team (staff in budget of 31/12/2021): 2 expatriates and 11 local staff
- > Project themes:  

After years of war, the security situation in Iraq remains fragile. According to the UNHCR, as houses have been destroyed and there is no public infrastructure, the closure of internally displaced persons camps has resulted in many people moving to informal sites. The COVID-19 pandemic has had a devastating impact on the country's already unstable economy.

In 2021, in Erbil, Baghdad and Fallujah, we provided food parcels to 6,479 people during Ramadan, and to 9,667 people during Qurbani¹⁸.

In order to build farmers' capacities, training and financial assistance were provided prior to implementing these projects.

In addition, we supported 300 children through our sponsorship programme, organising psycho-social support activities and activities to raise awareness of the rights of the child. 40 members of the families hosting these children also received vocational training for working in traditional and innovative sectors to help improve their financial autonomy.



- > Year SIF field office opened: 2008
- > Budget used: €11,519,290
- > Including 83% institutional funding
- > Team (staff in budget of 31/12/2021): 3 expatriates and 103 local staff
- > Project themes:    

2021 was the tenth year of Syria's prolonged humanitarian crisis. According to the OCHA, 13.4 million people are in need of assistance and 90% of the population live below the poverty line. The scale of these humanitarian needs has been exacerbated by the country's economic collapse and the COVID-19 pandemic.

In Syria, SIF's partnerships with various UN agencies have enabled us to develop projects in 6 governorates. Our projects helped 2,139,623 direct and indirect beneficiaries in 2021; projects that focused on

protection, education, water and sanitation, reconstruction, improving livelihoods and food security.

In 2021, the field office's work also included rehabilitating 17 schools, registering 3,122 schoolchildren onto formal and informal teaching programmes, helping 8,376 people through activities to promote child welfare, distributing 986 hygiene kits, building 680 solar street lights, developing 30.5km of irrigation systems and distributing 1,350 food vouchers during Ramadan.

¹⁸ Eid Al Adha.



Pakistan



- > Year SIF field office opened: 2008
- > Budget used: €2,155,228
- > Including 0% institutional funding
- > Team (staff in budget of 31/12/2021): 2 expatriates and 146 local staff
- > Project themes:    

In 2021, the security situation in north Pakistan deteriorated significantly, adding to the country's many other issues, such as climate disruptions and the endemic food insecurity that is being exacerbated by the current economic crisis.

Since 2008, SIF has been meeting the humanitarian needs of the people of Pakistan through innovative and sustainable approaches that include developing bio-saline agriculture, which helps boost the local economy.

In 2021, we also provided assistance to vulnerable and marginalised groups living in hard-to-reach tribal areas.

Utilising all our resources, SIF distributed emergency kits to 1,000 households affected by flooding and hygiene kits to 6,216 people to help them through the COVID-19 pandemic.

In addition, our food security and livelihoods and water, sanitation and hygiene projects (water facilities and latrine construction, etc.) have helped improve the population's resilience. SIF has also worked to improve child welfare and education by sponsoring 583 extremely vulnerable boys and girls and by providing vocational training to their guardians.

Yemen



- > Year SIF field office opened: 2019
- > Budget used: €579,291
- > Including 0% institutional funding
- > Team (staff in budget of 31/12/2021): 4 expatriates and 19 local staff
- > Project themes: 

Yemen has been suffering from a conflict-induced humanitarian crisis since March 2015. According to the IOM, more than 4 million people have been displaced. The OCHA reported that, in 2021, 81% of Yemen's population lived below the poverty line and 66% were in need of humanitarian assistance or protection.

Also according to the OCHA, fighting and the collapse of the economy have exacerbated people's vulnerabilities, rendering basic foodstuffs unaffordable and pushing people into famine.

The COVID-19 pandemic, heavy rains and flooding, as well as the escalation in fighting, have further increased the population's vulnerabilities.

In response to this emergency situation, SIF distributed monthly food parcels to improve the food security of displaced persons living in informal camps and of vulnerable host communities, which equated to 1,408 people in the governorate of Aden. SIF also delivered food parcels to 2,836 people during the month of Ramadan.



Indonesia



- > Year SIF field office opened: 2018
- > Budget used: €201,628
- > Including 0% institutional funding
- > Team (staff in budget of 31/12/2021): Projects implemented through partners
- > Project themes: 

Despite Indonesia's great economic potential, growing inequalities are damaging efforts to tackle poverty, thereby hampering growth and jeopardising social cohesion. The main challenges that Indonesia need to address are the lack of infrastructure, unemployment and protecting the environment. SIF conducted seasonal food aid projects with our partner Yayasan Kemanusiaan Muslim Indonesia (YKMI).

During Ramadan 2021, 4,500 households from Aceh province received food parcels. This equated to 18,122 people who were selected using vulnerability criteria that included under-nutrition and lack of income. In addition, 4,489 meat parcels were distributed for Qurbani.

Bangladesh



- > Year SIF field office opened: 2017
- > Budget used: €219,391
- > Including 0% institutional funding
- > Team (staff in budget of 31/12/2021): Projects implemented through partners
- > Project themes:  

In spite of the government's policy to expand education provision, according to UNICEF¹⁹, more than 4 million children still have no access to education and the school drop-out rate remains high. The COVID-19 pandemic has dramatically increased these inequalities, particularly for young girls. Parents' growing concerns over unemployment, poverty, food shortages and insecurity are considered as being responsible for a rise in the number of child marriages. For the last two years, SIF has been working with the NGO Friendship in the north of the country, an area that suffers from recurrent flood-

ing and soil erosion that makes building physical infrastructure futile. The project conducted in the district of Kurigam in Bangladesh has helped improve access to an inclusive and equitable education system for 540 children and teenagers, as well as for 300 adults, through the construction of easily dismantled schools. It has also focused on the quality of the teaching by helping to build the capacities of the teaching staff. The project has incorporated awareness-raising for children and their parents using a rights-based approach and including civic education lessons.

¹⁹United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF).



Projects for specific commitments

Sponsorship projects

2021 was a busy year for our sponsorship programme, which was expanded to include Morocco and sponsored an additional 1,392 children and young orphans.

The sponsored orphans 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 improve their living conditions, 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 (through income-generating activities). All of these activities ensure that children are able to access their basic rights of education, health and a safe environment.

In 2021, the generosity of SIF's donors enabled us to award individual grants to more than 9,500 children. When including the families and communities receiving support via the participatory sponsorship fund, our orphan sponsorship project helped more than 10,000 beneficiaries.

Budget used: €5,842,009

Project theme: 

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

Aqiqah²⁰

In 2021, Aqiqas were distributed in Senegal and Pakistan. In Senegal, 6 social centres that care for a total of 450 children received meat parcels. In Pakistan, 583 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 1,083 Aqiqas (446 in Senegal and 637 in Pakistan) were distributed in our partner centres in 2021.

Budget used: €173,087

Project theme: 🍲

Project countries: Pakistan, Senegal

Ramadan

During Ramadan 2021, more than 130,000 people in 14 countries 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 at small shops run by people who have also been supported by SIF projects. Where this is not possible, we deliver food parcels to beneficiaries directly, ensuring that these parcels contain nutritious food that meets both minimum standards and local needs.

We are also increasingly working with local suppliers rather than wholesalers to support small businesses and short-circuit retail. In some countries such as Pakistan, the cooperatives trained by our field offices then go on to deliver food parcels to our other project beneficiaries.

Budget used: €1,971,182

Project theme: 🍲

Project countries: Indonesia, Iraq, Kenya/Somalia, Lebanon, Mali, Morocco, Nigeria, Pakistan, Palestine, Senegal, Syria, Yemen.

Eid Al Adha

In 2021, more than 320,000 people were supported by our projects during Eid Al Adha. These people were able to share a meal with their families and communities and benefit from a good quality source of protein. For some, it is one of the only times in the year that they eat meat.

SIF works constantly to improve our 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 2021, the programme was expanded to include 2 additional countries: Sudan and North Macedonia.

Budget used: €2,759,742

Project theme: 🍲

Project countries: Indonesia, Kenya/Somalia, Lebanon, Mali, Morocco, Nigeria, North Macedonia, Pakistan, Palestine, Senegal, Sudan.

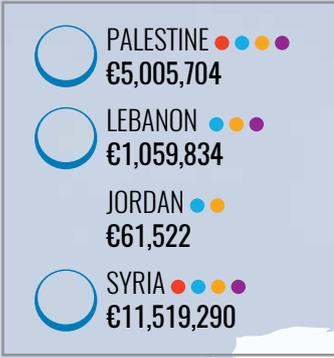


²⁰Based on the prophetic tradition, this programme enables donors to provide, not only a sheep, but an entire meal to families in need or vulnerable children to celebrate a birth.

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 €2.4 MILLION

- SOCIAL EMERGENCY**
 €2.1 MILLION
- SOCIAL-EDUCATIONAL AND VOCATIONAL INTEGRATION**
 €0.2 MILLION

WORLDWIDE €34.9 MILLION

- SHELTER AND ACCOMMODATION**
 €5.7 MILLION
- WATER, SANITATION AND HYGIENE**
 €4.1 MILLION
- FOOD SECURITY AND LIVELIHOODS**
 €11.3 MILLION
- EDUCATION AND CHILD WELFARE**
 €13.1 MILLION

ADVOCACY €0.2 MILLION

OTHER €0.6 MILLION

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ORTH MACEDONIA
0,482

IRAQ
€691,617

PAKISTAN
€2,155,228

BANGLADESH
€219,391

YEMEN
€579,291

YEMEN
€115,619

KENYA & SOMALIA
€1,721,849

INDONESIA
€201,628

MADAGASCAR
€1,429,550

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



SOCIAL MISSION FRANCE

The SIF Social Mission Social 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, and younger and younger, men) 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 begun with 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 EMERGENCY

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.

2021 budget: 2.1 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, Romainville, 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. **Overseas territories:** Kawéni (Mayotte), Saint-Denis (Reunion).

Key achievements:

- 73 women housed at the CHU in Massy (13,714 overnight stays)
- 186 women housed at the shelter in Massy (8,760 overnight stays)
- 10 women housed for one month at the shelter in Livry Gargan (280 overnight stays)
- 1,603 meals served at solidarity dinners
- 1,486 food parcels and hygiene kits distributed to poor families and students in Seine-Saint-Denis (3,972 beneficiaries)
- 8,762 parcels distributed to prison inmates
- 16,824 services provided for 572 people by the day centre (CAJ) in Massy
- 244 new people registered at the CAJ in Massy



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 integration pathways, which consist of several steps:

- hygiene;
- access to rights;
- healthcare;
- 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.

2021 budget: 0.2 million euros

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

Key achievements:

- 91 households were able to settle their debts, notably through the support of EpiSol
- 5 socio-linguistic sessions held
- 3 digital literacy sessions held

SOCIAL EMERGENCIES

RECEPTION AND SUPPORT FACILITIES

Massy Emergency Accommodation Centre (CHU)

Initially opened on February 24th 2020 for a 5 month period, the CHU continued to offer its service throughout 2021 at the request of DDETS²¹ 91.

It is open 24/7 and hosts 50 single homeless women referred to us by the 115 emergency housing service.

These women are provided with comprehensive care, including meals, access to laundry facilities and showers, etc. In addition to hosting these women, the CHU helps them put together a personalised and realistic plan to help them back on their feet. Taking a holistic view of their needs, we support them with improving their social inclusion and integration by ensuring they are able to exercise their rights, and have access to healthcare, employment or vocational training, and cultural and leisure facilities. We also prepare and support pregnant women for parenthood and refer women to mental health professionals when necessary. At the CHU, the aim of our work is to improve the daily lives of the women we host, promote dialogue between them and help them live well together.

To this end, we offer relaxing and recreational activities for the women to participate in during their stay, including jumble sales, cultural trips, themed evenings and group meals, etc.

Since 2020, the CHU Community-Living Council, which comprises 3 female members elected by their peers and CHU staff, have been meeting every two months. Its aim is to encourage the women to get involved in the running of the accommodation centre. Together, the SIF team and residents' representatives discuss rules of procedure, address day-to-day issues, and define new projects to be developed or implemented. 73 women, including 27 new arrivals, stayed at the CHU in 2021. 10 of these women were later referred to the Île-de-France region CHU or CHRS²².

The Massy Women's Shelter (MAB)

The women's shelter has been in place since 2013 and provides overnight accommodation to single homeless women referred to us by the 115 emergency housing service. Depending on the number of spaces available, 24 women are hosted by the MAB for one week on a renewable basis.

Our MAB teams welcome them and give them respite from roaming the streets, while at the same time helping them to plan for their social inclusion.

Hosting services were provided from January 1st to May 31st 2021 thanks to financial assistance from DDETS 91. Opening hours were 18:00 to 08:30, during which time the women were provided with a hot evening meal and breakfast, as well as other services (furnished bedroom, toilets and showers, hygiene kits). These extended opening hours were reinstated on December 1st for the 2021/2022 winter period in order to protect the women hosted by the MAB from the pandemic, the cold and from the violence to which they are often subjected.



The Livry-Gargan Shelter

As for the previous 5 years, the DRIHL²³ in Seine-Saint-Denis, in partnership with the CCAS²⁴ in Livry-Gargan, appointed us to manage this homeless people's shelter, which was set up in the Gutenberg gymnasium from February 1st to March 1st 2021.

In 2021, due to the hygiene measures in place, instead of the usual 20, 10 single women were provided with shelter from 18:00 to 09:00. These 10 women, who are often vulnerable as a result of the time they have spent on the street, were thus provided with a quiet and safe place in which to spend the night. They received comprehensive support and access to a range of services, including 2 meals, bedding, social support, and referral to the Livry-Gargan medical and social centre. Opening hours were extended during the cold spell that began in the 3rd week of February, with the shelter remaining open all day. At the end of their stay, the 10 women were referred to other housing organisations within the 93 department.

The Massy Day Centre (CAJ)

In 2021, 572 people used the CAJ services, including 244 new beneficiaries. The CAJ provided them with meals, snacks, showers, laundry facilities, and hygiene kits. A total of 16,824 services were provided in 2021.

The team diversified the beneficiary projects and workshops, which included socio-linguistic workshops, digital literacy sessions, jumble sales, and cultural trips. In addition, school supplies were provided to 53 children and 3 students to help them better prepare for the new academic year.

²¹ Direction Départementale de l'Emploi, du Travail et des Solidarités de l'Essonne (DDETS) (Essonne Departmental Directorate for Employment, Work and Solidarity).

²² Centre d'hébergement et de Réadaptation Sociale (CHRS) (Accommodation and Social Rehabilitation Centre).

²³ Direction Régionale et Interdépartementale de l'hébergement et du logement (DRIHL) (Regional and Inter-Departmental Directorate of Accommodation and Housing).

²⁴ Centre Communal d'Action Sociale (CCAS).



A social worker provided support and follow-up services to 90 beneficiaries, helping them to claim or re-claim their benefits (state medical aid (AME), top-up health insurance (CSS), earned income supplement (RSA), etc.). Their main constraint remains a lack of knowledge of their rights and the French administrative system. In addition, SIF has set up a partnership with the NGO Vision Solidaire that helped provide 10 beneficiaries with suitable optical packs.

For those beneficiaries who were eligible, vocational integration and housing support was also provided.

Lastly, psychological support was provided by the mobile team from DIAPSY²⁵, SIF's partner.

The day centre received a one-off grant to improve its premises.

Work has thus been carried out to repaint the building and improve energy savings (installation of LED lighting), etc.

Accommodation/Housing Services

In 2021, 2 women referred to us by the SIAO²⁶ were housed by our accommodation and housing service in Evry and 7 men were housed in Saint-Denis (up to the end of June).

This service is open to people who have left emergency accommodation, for instance the Accommodation and Social Rehabilitation Centre (CHRS), Stabilisation Accommodation Centre (CHS), Emergency Accommodation Centre (CHU) or family-run boarding houses. As well as providing them with accommodation, these people are supported by a social worker to help them find their own housing solutions.

Social, food aid and enhanced patrols

In 2021, our 3-volunteer teams carried out 142 social patrols. These social patrols took place every Tuesday, Friday and Sunday from 19:00 to 01:00.

Around 10% of the people met were provided with social support (help claiming benefits or with creating or updating their SIAO records) to enable them to request a housing referral from the 115 emergency housing service, submit a request for social housing, or request a referral to a healthcare service such as the Ville-Evrard EMPP²⁷ in Saint-Denis.

During the winter period, from December 2020 to March 2021, we reinforced our patrols by extending the patrol times and distributing additional kits. In total, during these social patrols, we distributed 360 food kits, 474 hygiene kits, 219 winter kits, 278 duvets or sleeping bags, 280 soups and 702 hot drinks.

In partnership with the DRIHL 93, 5 food aid patrols per week were also carried out between December 2020 and June 30th 2021.

Counselling Centre

Every Tuesday, SIF runs a walk-in counselling centre that is open to everyone living in the department of Seine-Saint-Denis.

In 2021, the social worker saw 316 households, who were set up with social support or referrals to other partner organisations.

66% of them received personalised support, including help with claiming universal healthcare coverage (CMU) or AME, drafting their CV and covering letters, coordinating with the job centre, applying for family reunification or for their first resident permit, etc.

²⁵ Dispositif Intersectoriel d'Appui pour l'accès aux soins Psychiatriques (DIAPSY) (Inter-Sector Support Programme for Access to Psychiatric Care).

²⁶ Service Intégré d'Accueil et d'Orientation (SIAO) (Integrated Reception and Referral Service).

²⁷ Equipe Mobile Psychiatrie Précarité (EMPP) Vulnerability / Psychiatry Mobile Team.



SOLIDARITY PARCELS AND MEALS

Tables du Ramadan Visits

Similar to last year, due to the pandemic, the 'Tables du Ramadan' were replaced by Tables du Ramadan Visits. A restaurant kitchen prepared 23,633 meals (soup, hot dishes, fruit, dates), which were distributed to people living in hostels, social care homes, accommodation centres and on the street. These meals were packaged up and handed out by dozens of volunteers overseen by SIF teams. This large-scale solidarity campaign is much appreciated by the beneficiaries as it provides comfort and company during a period when many of them would otherwise be on their own.

Solidarity Parcels

In conjunction with the Muslim chaplains and management teams of 29 prisons in Île-de-France and the North and Brittany regions, 8,762 parcels were distributed to inmates, without discrimination, during the month of Ramadan. These parcels, containing soup, caramelised dates, cakes, chocolate bars, musk and sanitary towels, were prepared by volunteers overseen by SIF teams.

238 parcels were also distributed to single men living in social care homes in the Plaine area of Saint-Denis.

1,300 additional parcels were provided to vulnerable families in Mayotte (in Kaweni) and Saint-Denis (Ile de la Reunion, in the Le Bas de la Rivière, La Petite Île and Les Lataniers Marcadet districts).

Solidarity Dinners

The solidarity dinners campaign is run from the Saint-Denis Maison de la Solidarité. This campaign is carried out in the winter and provides meals to around 30 homeless people a day.

SIF volunteers and teams served 1,603 meals prepared by the Saint-Denis central kitchen to 127 socially isolated men from Monday to Friday between December 2020 and March 2021.

Meat Parcel Distribution

For Eid Al Adha, SIF distributed nearly 1,100 meat parcels to people living in the social care homes of Plaine-Saint-Denis, as well as to students at University of Paris 8, beneficiary families of EpiSol, and vulnerable households in Massy and Saint-Denis (Ile de la Reunion). More than 1,300 people benefited from this meat parcel distribution campaign.

One-Off Emergency Food Parcels

During the summer period when other charitable organisations were closed, SIF, in partnership with the CCAS of Saint-Denis, distributed 30 food parcels to families experiencing food security emergencies. 116 one-off food parcels were distributed to households in difficulty following referrals from the SIF patrol volunteers and our local partners.

64 hygiene kits and 55 infant kits (baby milk, nappies, bottles, etc.) were provided to vulnerable or homeless families.

In addition, 7 students were provided with school supplies before the start of the new school year.



SPECIAL COVID-19 SOCIAL ACTIVITIES

Food Parcel Distribution

In order to tackle food insecurity, SIF worked in partnership with DRIHL 93 to deliver 1,486 food parcels between December 2020 and July 2021. Food parcel beneficiaries included 3,531 people housed in hostels or social care homes and referred to us by the Saint-Denis CCAS, as well as 441 students at University of Paris 8.

Each parcel contained essential food items (milk, oil, pasta, flour, etc.), as well as hygiene products (shampoo, soap, toothpaste, etc.) and baby milk and nappies when required.

SOCIO-EDUCATIONAL AND VOCATIONAL INTEGRATION

Domiciliation 91

The SIF welfare services support programme, Domiciliation 91, provided 494 people with no fixed address with the means to receive and read their mail on a long-term and confidential basis.

There is one full-time social worker allocated to this programme, who meets around a dozen people each week during advice sessions. In addition to providing an address for receiving mail, the SIF Domiciliation 91 programme also helps people to complete their benefit claims (to obtain access to healthcare, accommodation, housing, employment, and cultural and recreational activities).

In 2021, 128 additional people used this address service.

44% of the people using the Massy Day Centre address were being housed by a third party, 19% in emergency shelters (CHU, hostels, etc.) and 37% were homeless, living in mobile homes or in squats.

DDETS 91 awarded us a one-off programme support grant to improve the reception centre and the quality of the services provided (procurement of IT equipment, continuous training for the social worker, etc.).

Since August 2021, the Domiciliation 91 programme has been using the DOMIFA software, which was developed in conjunction with government agencies, in order to improve the quantitative and qualitative management of our beneficiaries. The people using the address service are now sent an SMS to let them know when they have mail.

The Solidarity Grocery Shop - Epi'Sol

Our solidarity and social grocery shop, Epi'Sol, opened in 2007 for use by people referred by Saint-Denis and Saint-Ouen social services (93).

It enables our beneficiaries to buy food and hygiene products (and school supplies) at a price that is equivalent to 10% to 30% of their retail value.

The savings made by households, coupled with the support of a social worker, help them to further their career plans (by clearing their debts, repaying overpayments, or settling an unpaid invoice, for instance). The shop is run by a team of three staff members and three volunteers who work all year round to receive customers, manage the tills, fulfil orders and restock the grocery shop's food and hygiene products.

In 2021, 106 households (equating to 196 people) used this grocery shop and were consequently able to repay their rent arrears, and unpaid energy and canteen bills.

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 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 inclusively and unconditionally respected without discrimination.

In 2021, 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

2021 budget: €244,651

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:

- Advocacy on the new law governing France's international development policy in order to ensure progress on humanitarian aid commitments, promotion of the rights of the child, education, and access to water and sanitation.
- Publication of the study entitled *Accelerating Action for Rural Sanitation – Challenges and Recommendations*.



HUMANITARIAN CONFERENCES

- Face-to-face
- By videoconference



ADVOCACY REPORTS



Ensure the voices of the most vulnerable are heard





PRESERVING THE HUMANITARIAN SPACE AND PROMOTING COMPLIANCE WITH INTERNATIONAL HUMANITARIAN LAW

The number of people in need of humanitarian assistance continues to increase. According to the OCHA, this figure stood at 235 million people in 2021 and is expected to rise to more than 270 million in 2022²⁸. More action is required. However, the humanitarian space needed to enable the most vulnerable to access the vital assistance and protection to which they are entitled continues to shrink. In addition, humanitarian workers are increasingly coming under attack: in 2021, 214 major attacks were carried out against people working on humanitarian projects²⁹.

In light of this situation, we ceaselessly campaign to ensure that humanitarian programmes can be preserved and developed based on the principles of humanity, neutrality, impartiality and independence. In 2021, SIF continued with our advocacy campaign at the MEAE³⁰ and the Élysée (office of the French President) to ensure that France makes protecting humanitarian workers and preserving the humanitarian space a priority. In July 2021, during a high-level meeting on this issue at the United Nations Security Council, SIF and 18 other NGOs warned of the risks being run by their staff and requested that decisive action be taken to protect the humanitarian space.

SIF also remained committed to highlighting the impact that counter-terrorism measures are having on humanitarian assistance. We conducted an advocacy campaign with our NGO partners to find suitable solutions to the problems being caused by anti-money laundering and counter-terrorism legislation. In 2021, our advocacy efforts particularly focused on the donor requirement to check whether project beneficiaries are

subject to sanctions or embargos, which runs counter to the principles of non-conditionality of assistance and non-discrimination that underpin humanitarian action.

In preparation for France's presidency of the EU Council in 2022, SIF campaigned to ensure that these issues were given priority in the work being carried out on humanitarian-related topics at the European level.

Given the deterioration of the situation in the Sahel, in 2021, SIF continued to participate in the Coalition Citoyenne pour le Sahel campaign to influence a response to the crisis that focuses on improving the protection of civilians. A report entitled 'Sahel: What Needs to Change; Promoting a New Approach Based on People's Needs' was published in April 2021.

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

In 2021, SIF continued to advocate for improving the assistance and protection provided to people who are forced to leave their homes to escape the repercussions of political and security crises or natural disasters. In October, we co-signed a letter coordinated by the International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA) to the Secretary-General of the United Nations requesting that he takes immediate action to help internally displaced persons. In December, following COP26 and on International Migrants Day, we raised awareness of the impact that climate change is having on the world's most vulnerable people, who have no choice but to leave their homes. We presented emergency actions that need to be implemented to reduce the risk of future forced displacements.

²⁸ Source: OCHA, Global Humanitarian Overview 2021 and 2022.

²⁹ Source: Aid Worker Security Database 2021.

³⁰ French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (MEAE).



As part of our advocacy work to promote responsible debate on migration, in 2021, SIF helped produce a book on eradicating the misconceptions surrounding migration, a publication overseen by the Migration General Assembly and which seeks to explain and deconstruct sixty received ideas about migration.

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

We are facing a major water crisis: 52% of the world's population will be living in water stress by 2050³¹. Today, one person in three lacks access to drinking water and one in every two people has no decent sanitation service³².

Although UN member states have recognised access to water, sanitation and hygiene (WASH) as a human right and, through the SDGs³³, have committed to the sustainable management of water and universal access to WASH by 2030, progress remains too slow. Governments, including that of France, need to introduce robust policies and allocate the funding required to meet the internationally-agreed targets.

The United Nations 2023 Water Conference provides an unmissable opportunity to reinforce the multi-lateral system for water and sanitation.

The World Water Forum in Dakar in March 2022 gave us the ideal opportunity to disseminate our recommendations prior to the conference. Thus, SIF participated in the Forum's preparatory process throughout 2021. We were able to influence the agenda and highlight the issue of access to sanitation, a sector in which governments need to intensify their efforts, as well as the issue of improving access for the most vulnerable through the application of human rights principles. In 2021, SIF published two expert notes, the first with Coalition Eau on the human rights-based approach in the water and sanitation sector, and the second on rural sanitation. This rural sanitation publication puts forward recommendations for accelerating progress on sanitation in developing countries, particularly in rural areas, and for ensuring that the most vulnerable people are not left behind.

REALISING THE RIGHTS OF THE CHILD

Even before the COVID-19 pandemic, one in every two children between the ages of 2 and 17 were the victims of violence each year and one in five children did not attend school³⁴. These ever-increasing figures deepen inequalities: 1 in 5 children in the world lives in a conflict area and nearly half of the world's children (1 billion) live in a country with an 'extremely high risk' of being affected by climate change³⁵. In light of this situation, SIF continues to conduct advocacy campaigns to prompt France and development and humanitarian agencies to do more to ensure the realisation of the rights of the child worldwide.

³¹ Source: UN-Water 2020.

³² Source: WHO/UNICEF 2021.

³³ Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs).

³⁴ Source: UNICEF 2021.

³⁵ Source: UNICEF 2021.

SIF is monitoring the Committee on the Rights of the Child's review of France's implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. The Committee assesses the progress made by the conventions' signatory member states every 5 years. SIF notably met with the French Ministry of Solidarity, who is charged with compiling the report that France is to submit to the Committee on the work that France conducts abroad to promote the rights of the child.

Focusing on education and protection, our talibé children inclusion programme, which is being implemented in Mali and Senegal, was particularly showcased in 2021. At the end of 2020, out of the 100 projects presented at the Paris Peace Forum, ours was selected for mentoring throughout 2021. Stefania Giannini, the Assistant Director-General for Education at UNESCO, and Olivier Lavinal, Programme Manager for the World Bank, helped us to improve visibility of the situation of talibé children and urge aid organisations and governments in the Sahel region to take more decisive action to realise talibé children's rights. This mentoring programme enabled us to lay the foundations for joint advocacy campaigns in Mali and Senegal and to join the regional coordination group for SDG4-Education in West and Central Africa (GRC4-AOC).

We attended the Paris Peace Forum again in 2021. We facilitated a workshop on the talibé and were on the panel of an official session on young people's vulnerabilities, during which we drew attention to the current education crisis.

INTENSIFYING OUR ADVOCACY ON ENVIRONMENTAL AND CLIMATE ISSUES

In 2021, SIF enhanced our commitment to addressing environmental and climate issues and their link with humanitarian assistance. At the start of the year, we joined the working group set up by the MEAE

to help implement the commitment made by the French President, Emmanuel Macron, to incorporate a significant environmental aspect into France's humanitarian work.

During COP26 on climate change, SIF participated in a round table organised by the French Water Partnership on how water and sanitation services can mitigate the effects of climate change.

We used this opportunity to reiterate our recommendations to governments on tackling climate change, especially in relation to water.

ADVOCACY ON FRANCE'S NEW DEVELOPMENT POLICY ACT

The French 'Solidarity Development and Tackling Global Inequalities Programming Act' was passed on August 4th 2021.

This Act sets out the guiding principles of France's development policy and includes financial programming for achieving its objectives. Throughout the drafting of this Act, SIF worked alongside a variety of groups to conduct advocacy with the MEAE, the Economic and Social Council and MPs.

Our efforts led to progress being made on a number of humanitarian assistance-related topics, as well as on issues linked to our main project themes: the rights of the child were recognised as one of the key objectives in Article 1 of the policy (whereas they were not mentioned at all in the initial versions of the text), and access to water and sanitation, education, and food security are listed as sector priorities.

SIF welcomes these commitments and will continue to actively monitor implementation of this Act and remind the French government of its duty to report back to both members of parliament and civil society.



GOVERNANCE

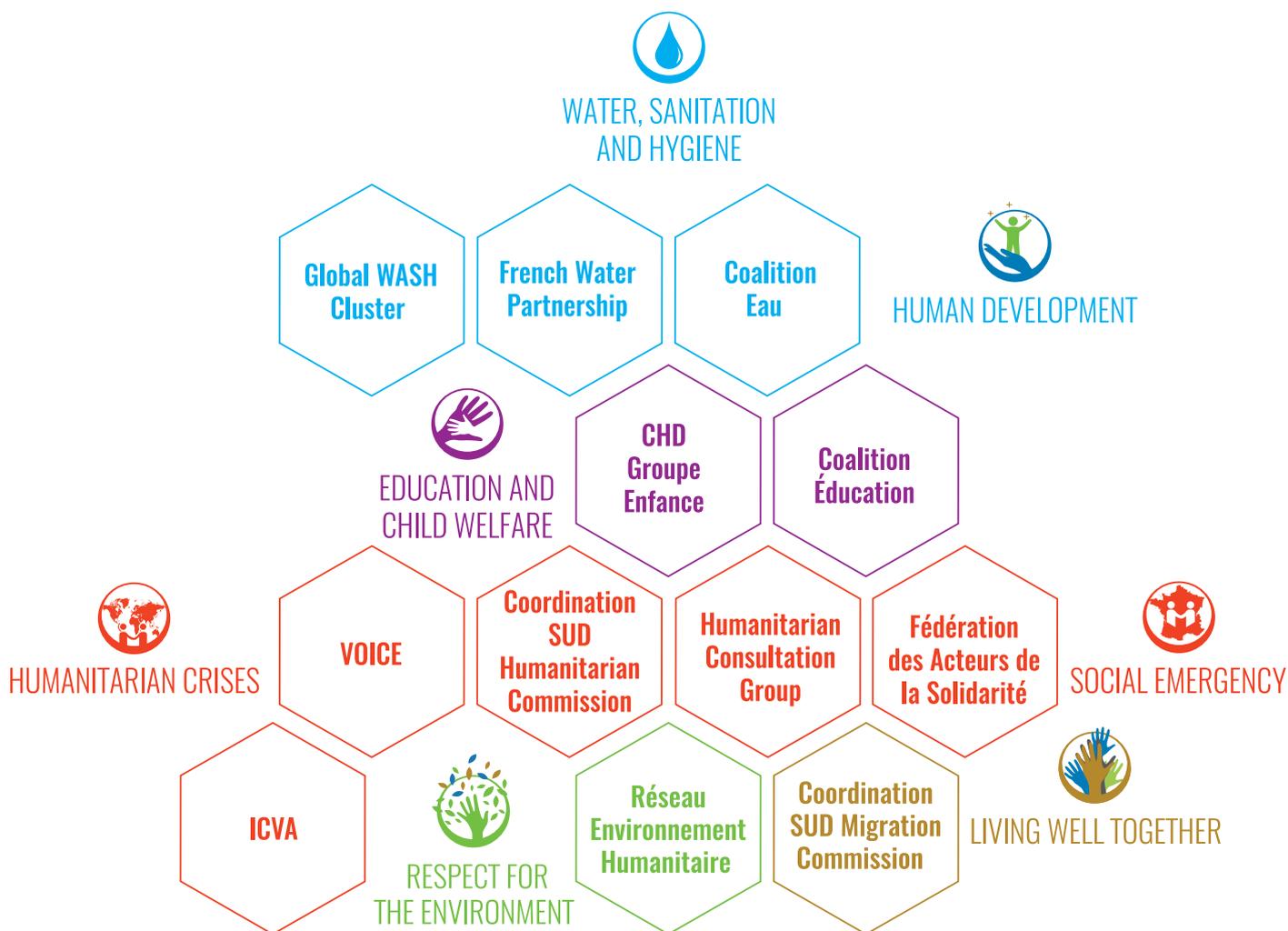
EXTERNAL RELATIONS

NETWORKS

SIF is a member of a number of solidarity platforms, both in France and abroad. In 2021, SIF remained committed to the governance of these platforms, 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 Commission. Outside of France, SIF has taken part in the activities initiated by Voluntary Organizations in Cooperation in Emergencies (VOICE) and the International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA). We have expanded our commitment to tackling environmental and climate issues and have been involved in the actions led by the Réseau Environnement Humanitaire.

SIF is a member of:

- > International solidarity platforms:
Coalition Eau, Coalition Éducation, Coordination Humanitaire et Développement and the Groupe Enfance, Coordination SUD, Butterfly Effect, Global Wash Cluster, ICVA, French Water Partnership (FWP), Réseau Environnement Humanitaire, VOICE, Global Interagency Security Forum (GISF).
- > French platforms:
Don en Confiance, Fédération des Acteurs de la Solidarité (FAS), France Générosités.





SIF BOARDS & COMMISSIONS

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY (GA)

The GA, SIF's ultimate decision-making body, met twice in 2021, both times by videoconference due to the pandemic:

- > On June 19th to approve the annual accounts following their unqualified certification by the statutory auditors, EY (Ernst & Young): the accounts, report and key information for 2020 were published on our website;
- > On December 11th to approve the 2022-2027 strategic plan.

The GA has four categories of member who adhere to our values. As of December 31st 2021, there 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 member concerned 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 seven times in 2021 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 videoconference.

At the end of 2021, 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 were all re-elected 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. He also manages the Board's Finance Commission. 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 DIRECTORS' 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 five commissions and one 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 2021, 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 2021, it met on six 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 its members include 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 Programmes Commission

Created in 2021, this commission is to work on the operational strategies of the programmes we implement both in France and abroad, focusing particularly on our three-year country strategies.

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 five 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 whistleblowing procedure, and the principle of voluntary management. Based on the cases escalated, and preferably reported, we continuously enhance the training of our teams and improve our tools.

Furthermore, we have formalised the following board-approved policies: Security, Risk Management, and Bequests & Gifts, Environment, and Child Safeguarding. 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. It is to be noted that, following a large-scale audit, we received the ECHO Partnership Certificate at the beginning of 2021 meaning that we are now eligible for EU³⁶ humanitarian funding over the 2021-2027 period.

As part of the Don en Confiance label (for which SIF received our initial certification in 2011), in addition to his regular annual audit visit, the Don en Confiance auditor attended the General Assembly meetings of June 19th and December 11th 2021 and the Board of Directors' meeting in December 2021.

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 five 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.



³⁶ European Union.

SIF BOARD MEMBERS

SIF Board of Directors as at December 31st 2021**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

**2^{en} 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

**Board Member***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 2021, a year when humanitarian and social needs again continued to grow both in France and around the world, SIF significantly increased our spending on social projects (€37.5 million compared to €30.1 million in 2020) 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 pandemic and our private donors' support for the most vulnerable, there was a 7% rise in the amount of private donations received by SIF in 2021 (€36.3 million compared to €33.9 million in 2020) and a 50% increase in grants and financial contributions (€14.3 million compared to €9.5 million in 2020).

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 15 field offices (managed through branch accounting and incorporated into the head office accounts after validation) and we work in 7 other countries through our partners.

EXTERNAL AUDITS & FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY

The statutory auditor EY (Ernst & Young) presented their report at the General Assembly of June 19th 2021³⁷, whereby they certified and verified our 2020 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 18th 2022 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 all of the SIF entities, their accounts and reports are available on the SIF website: www.secours-islamique.org.

³⁷ 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.

CHANGES IN REPORTING METHODS AND ERROR CORRECTIONS

SIF's annual accounts, certified since 2005, are established using the accounting methods and principles set out in the accounting standards. The accounts are presented using a breakdown of income and expenditure that remains the same year on year to enable comparison. In 2021, there were no corrections to accounting errors required in the SIF financial statements to ensure compliance with regulation CRC no. 99-01 and the French accounting standards authority, Autorité des Normes Comptables (ANC), regulation no. 2018-06.

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 Waqf³⁸ 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 SIF³⁹ for its social projects (cf. the Waqf policy on page 44 for the latest programme financed).

Balance sheet 31/12/21	Net assets: €5,874,814		Liabilities: €5,874,814	
	Fixed assets: € 2,831,846		Endowments from SIF: €5,838,460	
IS ⁴⁰	Income €112,765	Expenditure €112,765	Total €0 ⁴¹	

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 31/12/21	Net assets: €376,108		Liabilities: €376,108	
	Fixed assets: €144,458		Debts owed to SIF: €0	
IS ⁴⁰	Income €172,800	Expenditure €91,596	Total €81,204	

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 manages in Massy. SIF holds 99 of SCI SIFHABITAT's 100 shares; the remaining share is held by DOTASIF. The SCI had no tenants in 2021 as it has not yet purchased any property.

Balance sheet 31/12/21	Net assets: €50,436		Liabilities: €50,436	
	Fixed assets: €0		Debts owed to SIF: €50,210	
IS ⁴⁰	Income €0	Expenditure €264	Total - €264	

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 owners 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. SIF owns 60% of the shares and DOTASIF holds the remaining 40%.

Balance sheet 31/12/21	Net assets: €281,775		Liabilities: €281,775	
	Fixed assets: €0		Debts owed to SIF: €390,268	
IS ⁴⁰	Income €62,482	Expenditure €44,578	Total €17,904	

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 31/12/21	Net assets: €108,668		Liabilities: €108,668	
	Fixed assets: €29,817		Debts owed to SIF: €54,351	
IS ⁴⁰	Income €112,613	Expenditure €95,964	Total €16,650	

³⁸ Inalienable donations from which any profit made is used on SIF social and humanitarian projects.

³⁹ Net rate of return from rental income: as one of DOTASIF's tenants, SIF provides a significant guarantee of payment.

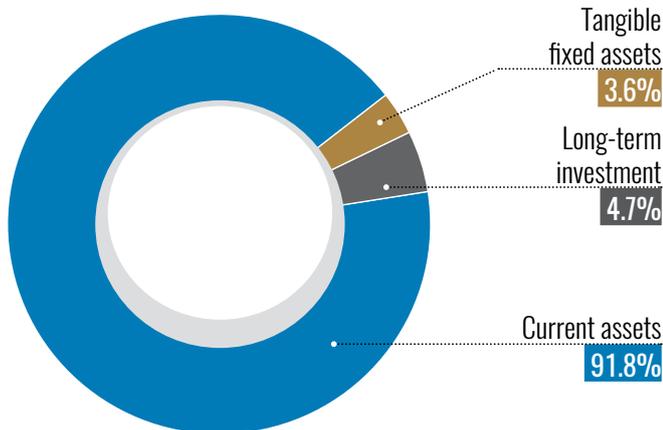
⁴⁰ Income Statement.

⁴¹ This total is 0 because the net rate of return has already been transferred to SIF (€52K for 2021).

MAIN SIMPLIFIED BALANCE SHEET ITEMS

As at December 31st 2021, SIF had a total balance sheet of 66 million euros, which is higher than at the end of 2020 (56.9 million euros), as the influx of private donations in 2021 resulted in more funds being available. Consequently, SIF remains in a strong financial position.

ASSETS: 2021 Net Assets



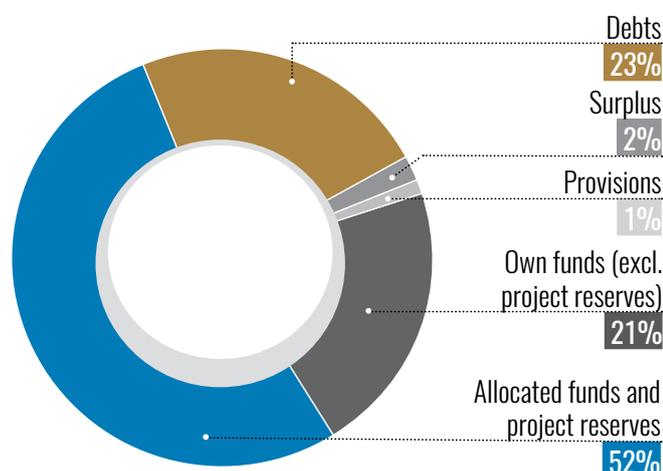
Fixed assets

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: 2021 Liabilities



Own funds (excl. project reserves)

Predominantly reserves from ‘unutilised’ gifts (see the section on unutilised donations at the end of the period), these have increased, excluding surplus, and now stand at €14.1 million compared to €12.9 million at 31/12/2020.

More information on the surplus is provided on page 49.

Allocated funds and project reserves

There were allocated funds of €22.8 million as at 31/12/21, compared to a total of €16.8 million on 31/12/20. Part of this sum, which comes from ‘restricted’ gifts collected in 2021 (see the section on unutilised donations at the end of the period) will be partly used in 2022 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 €11.4 million as at 31/12/21 (see the ‘unrestricted gifts’ paragraph in the same section).

Debts

Closely linked to SIF’s routine operations, these debts rose slightly in 2021 (€14.8 million compared to €13.7 million in 2020).

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’ gifts (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 Maal⁴² donations.

No more operating or fundraising costs will be levied on this project reserve, which is specifically for humanitarian and social projects.

⁴² Obligatory alms given each year by all Muslims as per the solidarity rules established by Islam. The project reserves are not used for Zakât Al Maal donations that are ‘restricted’ to a specific country (France, Palestine) and unutilised, as these are allocated funds.

RESERVES POLICY

In order to ensure the sustainability of our projects, at the end of 2021, the SIF GA approved continuing with the placement of 6 months' budget cover into the free reserve, outside of self-financed programmes. The aim of this responsible management approach is to 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 2021

The GA of June 19th 2021 approved the Board's proposals to:

- > Increase the free reserves by €1.1 million. This sum is taken from 2020's income and includes some of the bank interest accrued (around €2,000) to prevent devaluation of the reserves. On 31/12/2021, a total of €14.1 million of free reserves was listed on the SIF balance sheet.
- > Place €0.2 million from a bequest into the Waqf reserve, bringing the balance of this reserve to €0.2 million at 31/12/2021.
- > Utilise €4.3 million of the project reserve to fund 2020 humanitarian and social programmes.

The Board also approved the proposal to place €6.8 million of unutilised 2020 Zakât Al Maal donations in the project reserve, net of costs. At 31/12/2021, the SIF project reserve had a balance of €11.4 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 2021, DOTASIF transferred its net profit of €49,198 gained exclusively from Waqf, to Secours Islamique France. In turn, SIF used this sum to partially fund our 2021 programme to provide shelter and WASH services and upgrade educational and community childhood protection infrastructure for returning internally displaced persons in Syria.

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 2021

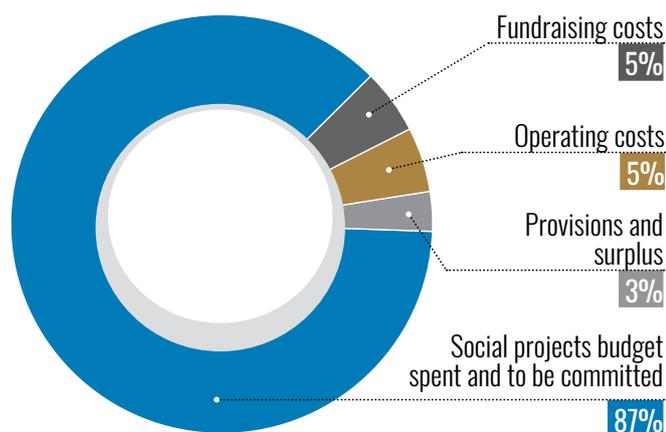
The following table shows the expenditure section of the 2021 income statement by source and function (CROD) from the annual accounts.

	FINANCIAL YEAR 2021		FINANCIAL YEAR 2020	
	TOTAL	From funds raised from the public	TOTAL	From funds raised from the public
EXPENDITURE BY FUNCTION				
1 - SOCIAL ACTIVITIES	€37,530,153	€23,714,476	€30,059,829	€19,903,730
1.1 Conducted in France				
- Actions implemented directly by SIF	€2,419,971	€1,167,132	€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	€34,865,532	€22,302,693	€27,556,573	€19,046,446
- Payments to a central agency or to other organisations working abroad				
1.3 Advocacy	€244,651	€244,651	€243,130	€243,130
2 - FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	€3,081,386	€3,081,386	€2,340,962	€2,340,962
2.1 Public fundraising actions	€3,065,722	€3,065,722	€2,328,536	€2,328,535
2.2 Other fundraising actions	€15,664	€15,664	€12,426	€12,426
3 - OPERATING COSTS	€2,781,046	€2,557,968	€2,890,843	€2,552,746
4 - PROVISIONS AND DEPRECIATION	€244,997	€244,997	€704,208	€325,320
5 - INCOME TAX	€9,228		€8,071	
6 - ALLOCATED FUNDS CARRIED OVER AT YEAR-END	€11,660,242	€10,064,032	€8,927,296	€8,228,837
TOTAL	€55,307,053	€39,662,859	€44,931,210	€33,351,595
SURPLUS	€1,574,270	€1,513,071	€3,909,600	€4,002,523

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 2021 is 56.9 million euros.

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

BREAKDOWN OF 2021 EXPENDITURE



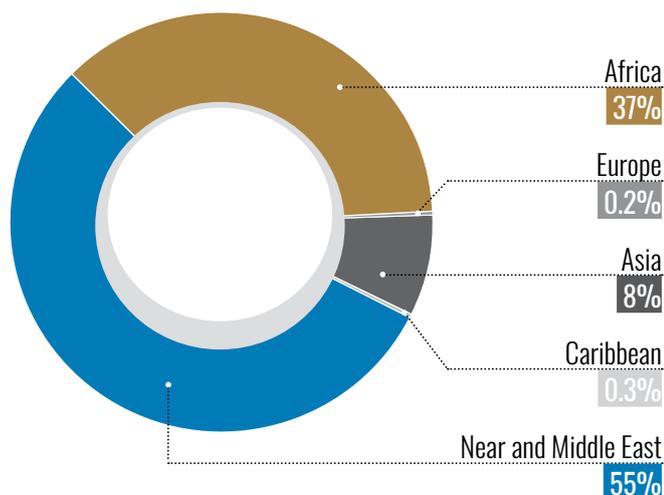
87% was allocated to implementing social projects.

The breakdown of this 87% is detailed on page 8, '2021 in figures'.

- 5%** was used for fundraising.
- 5%** was spent on operating costs.
- 3%** was for provisions and surplus for the period (for surplus, please see the surplus section on page 49).

The total amount spent in 2021, namely 43.4 million euros, is made up of project costs (66%), fundraising costs (5%) and operating costs (5%).

Social projects



Spending on social projects increased (+25%), rising from €30.1 million in 2020 to €37.5 million in 2021.

Our international operations grew (+27%) and we had a total of 15 active field offices around the world in 2021. In addition to these 15 field offices, we have been working through a number of local partnerships.

In France, spending on social projects rose slightly (+7%) compared to 2020.

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 2021.

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 remained stable in proportion to the donations collected. 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 2020 (-4%).

Provisions

These fell in 2021 to €0.2 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 €11.7 million, which is 23% 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	62%
Proportion of fundraising costs	100%
Proportion of operating costs	92%

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

VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS IN KIND

Over the 2021 financial year, SIF once again received donations in kind, albeit fewer than in 2020, as well as valuable support from our volunteers, which has also been calculated:

ASSESSMENT OF VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS IN KIND

Social projects	€127,401	Volunteering	€65,105
Fundraising costs	€0	Benefits in kind	€0
Operating costs and other expenses	€0	Donations in kind	€62,296
Total	€127,401	Total	€127,401

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



INCOME 2021

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:

	FINANCIAL YEAR 2021		FINANCIAL YEAR 2020	
	TOTAL	From funds raised from the public	TOTAL	From funds raised from the public
INCOME BY SOURCE				
1 - INCOME LINKED TO PUBLIC DONATIONS	€36,318,018	€36,316,618	€33,862,565	€33,861,665
1.1 Unconditional contributions	€1,400	-	€900	-
1.2 Donations, bequests and sponsorship				
- Individual gifts	€36,316,618	€36,316,618	€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	€11,886,218		€8,434,392	
2.1 Conditional contributions	-		-	
2.2 Corporate sponsorship	€72,000		-	
2.3 Unconditional financial contributions	€11,342,260		€7,215,220	
2.4 Other income not linked to public donations	€471,957		€1,219,172	
3 - GRANTS AND OTHER STATE SUBSIDIES	€2,937,869		€2,324,888	
4 - REVERSAL OF PROVISIONS AND DEPRECIATION	€152,626	€152,626	€434,029	
5 - UTILISATION OF ALLOCATED FUNDS FROM PREVIOUS PERIODS	€5,586,593	€4,706,686	€3,784,936	€3,492,453
TOTAL	€56,881,323	€41,175,931	€48,840,810	€37,354,118

SIF's new income amounted to 51.1 million euros for 2021.

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 €33.9 million in 2020 to €36.3 million in 2021, a rise of 7%.

FINANCIAL CONTRIBUTIONS, GRANTS AND OTHER PUBLIC SUBSIDIES

The amount received for all 3 of these categories increased from €9.5 million in 2020 to €14.3 million in 2021.

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 UNHCR for our programmes in Syria.

The grants and other public subsidies received predominantly consisted of a grant from the AFD for our programmes in Mali and Senegal and a grant from DDCS91⁴³ for our Massy emergency accommodation centre in France.

The total amount of these 3 budget categories equates to 28% of all income for 2021, 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 €0.5 million predominantly came from currency gains.

ALLOCATION OF UNUTILISED RESTRICTED FUNDS (FROM PREVIOUS PERIODS)

Project funding of €5.6 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 €0.6 million in 2021 compared to €1.3 million in 2020. 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 € 7.7 million of Zakât Al Maal donations to the project reserve and the utilisation of €6.8 million from the project reserve. Thus, the overall total for 2021 came to €1.6 million.

FOCUS ON FUNDS RAISED FROM THE PUBLIC

The 3rd column of the CROD serves to highlight the funding generated from public donations. In 2021, 71% of our new income came from our private donors.

Income from funds raised from the public and utilised

In 2021, 79% of the funds collected from the public were spent during the financial year.

⁴³ Direction Départementale de la Cohésion Sociale de l'Essonne (DDCS91).



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 2021	FINANCIAL YEAR 2020
1 - SOCIAL ACTIVITIES	€23,714,476	€19,903,730
1.1 Conducted in France		
- Actions implemented directly by SIF	€1,167,132	€614,154
- Payments to a central agency or other organisations working in France	-	-
1.2 Conducted abroad		
- Actions implemented directly by SIF	€22,302,693	€19,046,446
- Payments to a central agency or other organisations working abroad	-	-
1.3 Advocacy	€244,651	€243,130
2 - FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	€3,081,386	€2,340,962
2.1 Public fundraising actions	€3,065,722	€2,328,535
2.2 Other fundraising actions	€15,664	€12,426
3 - OPERATING COSTS	€2,557,968	€2,552,746
TOTAL EXPENDITURE	€29,353,831	€24,797,438
4 - PROVISIONS AND DEPRECIATION	€244,997	€325,320
5 - ALLOCATED FUNDS CARRIED OVER AT YEAR END	€10,064,032	€8,228,837
PUBLIC DONATIONS SURPLUS AT YEAR END	€1,513,071	€4,002,523
TOTAL	€41,175,931	€37,354,118

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 2021	FINANCIAL YEAR 2020
1 - INCOME LINKED TO PUBLIC DONATIONS	€36,316,618	€33,861,665
1.1 Unconditional contributions	-	-
1.2 Donations, bequests and sponsorship		
- Individual gifts	€36,316,618	€33,612,217
- Bequests, donations and life insurance	-	€249,448
- Sponsorship	-	-
1.3 Other income linked to public donations	-	-
TOTAL INCOME	€36,316,618	€33,861,665
2 - REVERSAL OF PROVISIONS AND DEPRECIATION	€152,626	-
3 - UTILISATION OF ALLOCATED FUNDS FROM PREVIOUS PERIODS	€4,706,686	€3,492,453
PUBLIC DONATIONS DEFICIT AT YEAR-END	-	-
TOTAL	€41,175,931	€37,354,118
PUBLIC DONATIONS INCOME CARRIED OVER AT THE START OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR (EXCL. ALLOCATED FUNDS)	€19,636,373	€15,588,410
Public donations surplus (+) or deficit (-)	€1,513,071	€4,002,523
Net investment (-) and divestment (+) linked to public donations for the financial year	- €198,655	€45,440
PUBLIC DONATIONS INCOME CARRIED OVER AT THE END OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR (EXCL. ALLOCATED FUNDS)	€20,950,789	€19,636,373

For more information, please refer to the end of the 2021 annual accounts that contain this CER.



○ 2022 OUTLOOK & FORECAST

More humanitarian and social needs to be financed

In 2022, given that needs continue to grow exponentially around the world, and having been exacerbated over the last 2 years by COVID-19, SIF will 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.

We are planning to open our own SIF field offices in Niger and Indonesia, and set up a partnership in Tunisia to provide equipment to treat COVID-19. We also intend to launch a large-scale health sector programme in Burkina Faso and Mali.

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 at the start of 2022. New social structures are also being planned for Bordeaux and its surrounding areas.

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 and 2021, on our projects and programmes. However, the pandemic could result in a drop in our activities and funding.

Achieving our 2017 – 2021 objectives

Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, some of the projects scheduled for 2021 have been postponed until 2022.

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

In addition, we have begun to reorganise, and thus optimise, some of our operations. In 2022, we will start to look at reorganising our legal entities.

Celebrating 30 years of SIF

December 10th 2021 marked 30 years since SIF was founded. Pandemic permitting, there will be a number of events held throughout 2022 to celebrate this anniversary, as well as some in 2023. As with our other planned communications, these festive occasions will focus on the humanitarian and social issues close to SIF's heart and help raise awareness among our donors, funding agencies and partners, as well as the general public.

Furthermore, a new 2022-2027 strategic paper will be published in 2022. This paper will reflect our commitment to developing and continuously improving the impact of our projects to help the most vulnerable 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 2021, we were able to:

- distribute 23,633 meals during the Tables du Ramadan Visits
- provide solidarity parcels to 8,762 prison inmates
- serve 1,603 meals to 127 people at the SIF dinners in Saint-Denis
- support 106 households (196 beneficiaries) through EpiSol in Saint-Denis
- support 3,972 people through the packaging and distribution of 1,486 food and hygiene parcels

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

- Association of International Development Agencies (AIDA)
- Butterfly Effect
- Coalition Education
- Coalition Eau
- Coordination Group for SDG4 in West & Central Africa (GRC4-AOC)
- Coordination Humanitaire et Développement (CHD)
- Coordination SUD
- Damascus INGO Forum in Syria (DINGO)
- Fédération des acteurs de la solidarité (FAS)
- Forum Espace Humanitaire (FEH)
- Forum des ONG Internationales au Mali (FONGIM)
- France Générosités
- French Water Partnership (FWP)
- Global WASH Cluster
- Groupe Enfance
- International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA)
- Jordanian INGO Forum (JIF)
- Kenya Humanitarian Partnership Team (KHPT)
- Lebanon Humanitarian INGO Forum (LHIF)
- NGO Coordination Committee Iraq (NCCI)
- Nigeria INGO Forum
- Pakistan Humanitarian Forum (PHF)
- Plateforme des ONG de l'UE au Sénégal (PFONGUE)
- Plateforme des ONG Internationales au Madagascar (PINGOS)
- Réseau Environnement Humanitaire (REH)
- Somalia NGO Consortium
- Voluntary Organizations in Cooperation in Emergencies (VOICE)

Institutional Partners and financial support

- Agence Française de Développement (AFD)
- Assemblée Nationale
- Association Coup de Cœur
- Association Nationale de Développement des Épiceries Solidaires (ANDES)
- Conseil Général de l'Essonne
- Conseil Général de Seine-Saint-Denis
- Conseil Islamique Rhône Alpes
- Crisis and Support Centre of the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs
- Delegation of the European Union to Mali
- Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)
- Direction Départementale de la Cohésion Sociale de l'Essonne (DDCS 91)
- Direction Départementale de l'Emploi, du Travail et des Solidarités de l'Essonne (DDETS 91)
- Direction Régionale et Interdépartementale de l'hébergement et du logement de la Seine-Saint-Denis (DRIHL 93)
- Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations, European Commission (ECHO)
- Directorate-General for International Cooperation and Development, European Commission (EuropeAid)

- Fonds de renforcement institutionnel et organisationnel (FRIO), project supported by l'AFD
- French Embassy in Pakistan
- Grande Mosquée de Lyon
- Ile-de-France region
- Municipalities of Saint Ouen, Saint-Denis, Massy
- Muslim Relief Foundation
- United Nations Children's Fund (UNICEF)
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- United Nations Educational, Scientific and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO)
- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
- United Nations Human Settlements Programme
- United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)
- World Bank
- World Food Programme (WFP)

Operational Partners

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