Solidarity in action

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Poverty is gaining ground. No question. More than a third of French people have experienced poverty at some time in their lives, and 19% are living in debt. Covering the costs of rent and medical care is becoming increasingly difficult for the poor. Not to mention the cost of leisure, culture and holidays, which all get neglected.

This dreadful situation is witnessed by over 80,000 Secours populaire volunteers on a daily basis. More and more people are coming to our welcome and healthcare centres. In some parts of France, requests for help have risen by up to 50%. A wave of poverty is also extending beyond our borders. Famine in Africa, earthquakes in Mexico, hurricanes in the West Indies, the migrant-refugee crisis, the list goes on. The Secours populaire has responded to these disasters by actioning its vast network of partner associations around the world.

But what can we do in the face of all this suffering? Give up? Definitely not!

Every day, our volunteers are doing more and more to help those less fortunate. Whether through food aid, clothing, access to healthcare, rights, housing, education, sports, holidays, culture, or leisure, this year, more than three million people have been supported by the Secours populaire, in France and around the world.

We are also working to sow the seeds of solidarity in young people with our “copain du Monde” children’s movement, in which children learn to love rather than hate each other, to meet and play together rather than turn their backs on one another. In 2017, 29 “copain du Monde” villages were organised, in which children from 34 countries met to create and develop solidarity projects.

The Secours populaire believes that the fight against poverty is not a losing battle, and while our actions cannot solve everything, they can certainly help to lay the foundations for a fairer world. We are witnessing a new “Resistance”, with a huge amount of goodwill being shown, by people from all walks of life, situations, opinions or religions, and who strive to work hand-in-hand to make our world just that little bit better.
Launch of the Don’actions campaign
The Secours populaire launched Don’actions, its major fundraising campaign. Until the month of March, volunteers got involved with collecting the essential funds that the association needs to do its work. Jumble sales, fairs, concerts, street collections, etc. all took place, and the campaign included many different initiatives.

Cold weather: increased support for the homeless
As temperatures dropped, Secours populaire volunteers were hard at work throughout France collecting the much-needed resources to help the most vulnerable populations. Services provided by street operations and day centres were stepped up to help the homeless find a little warmth and comfort.

Beating infant malnutrition in Benin
A delegation from the association travelled to Benin, where Secours populaire federations from Brittany, Sarthe, and Vaucluse are running an infant nutrition improvement programme. Co-funded by the French development agency, the project aims to prevent malnutrition in children and provide food security for families.

Text message donations
Since January it has been possible to donate to associations by text message, and the Secours populaire is one of the first associations to benefit from this system. If you send Don10 or Don20 to the telephone number 92222, you donate €10 or €20 to the Secours populaire. The amount of your donation is deducted from your mobile telephone bill.

Solidarity with Madagascar as it suffers a famine
After three years of drought, the situation in Madagascar has reached a critical point. 1.2 million people, half of whom are children, are victims of famine. Alerted to the situation by its local partner, the Comité de Solidarité de Madagascar (Madagascar solidarity committee), the Secours populaire launched an appeal to provide assistance to the population.

Fête de la solidarité in La Rochelle
On 23 and 24 February in La Rochelle, the Secours populaire held the sixth edition of the Fête de la solidarité (Solidarity festival). More than 2,000 people took part in the giant festival, which is part of the Don’actions campaign, and raised funds of over €12,000.

Ten libraries for Haiti
Since the earthquake that shook Haiti in 2010, the Haute-Vienne federation of the Secours populaire raised the funds required to carry out projects in Jacmel. In March, a delegation visited the area to donate ten mobile libraries for local schools.

Don’actions draw
On 24 March, the Secours populaire organised a Don’actions draw. To mark the occasion, members of the association from all over France, and various personalities came to the SPF headquar ters. After three months of campaigning, almost €823,000 were raised.

Support for refugees in Europe and around the world
A Secours populaire mission travelled to Athens to visit our partner, Solidarité populaire. Food distributions were organised for refugee migrants seeking safety in Europe. The SPF is working to help these people both in France and around the world.

Opening of a school in Nepal
In the wake of the horrific earthquake that shook Nepal in April 2015, almost a million children have been deprived of an education. Following emergency aid and with the support of various donors, the Secours populaire committed to rebuilding the first Nepalese school that respects earthquake standards. It opened on 14 March, and can now accommodate 207 pupils.
April

380 Easter egg hunts in France
To mark the start of the Secours populaire international solidarity campaign, the association organised 380 Easter egg hunts all over France. The funds raised will go towards more than 200 programmes, run by the SPF in almost 60 countries.

Support for Mocoa victims in Colombia
On 1 April, fatal flooding led to 320 deaths and left thousands of victims in Mocoa, a town in the south of Colombia. Given the scale of the disaster, the Secours populaire and its Spanish partner ACP have made an appeal for donations and released an emergency fund to provide crucial assistance for victims.

May

An 800km cycle ride to give children a chance to go on holiday
12 volunteer cyclists from Haute-Garonne rode from the Pyrenees to the Alps. They were sponsored for doing the challenge and raised money to help send children on holiday.

Movement for European solidarity
To mark Europe Day, the Secours populaire called upon all the players in the association to take part in the consultation launched by the European Commission relating to the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD), and support the programme that is essential to European solidarity.

Boîte à bonheur project
The Boîte à bonheur happiness box project organised at Carrefour stores, in partnership with canning factories, helped the Secours populaire to raise €727,800, earmarked for helping to send children on holiday who wouldn’t otherwise be able to go.

Launch of the Holiday campaign
For the launch of the association’s Holiday campaign on 24 May, 450 people came with the Secours populaire federations of Île-de-France and Nouvelle-Aquitaine headed to Tarnos in the Landes department, for a five-day family holiday.

Journée des oubliés de la santé, with Secours populaire doctors
On 7 April, which is World Health Day, the SPF organised an event known as the Journée des oubliés de la santé - a day for those who lack proper healthcare. Throughout France, prevention and healthcare awareness raising exercises were organised by Secours populaire doctors for people who benefit from the association’s help.

Secours populaire, a partner for Paris 2024
The Secours populaire has pledged their support to the Paris 2024 committee to enable vulnerable people to gain access to sports and share these exciting celebrations. On 24 April, an agreement was signed between the association and the Paris 2024 committee.

June

Urgo-Le Figaro solitaire
The Ovimpex-Secours populaire boat took part in the Solitaire Urgo-Le Figaro regatta for the third time. At each stage of the race, the skipper Anthony Marchand introduced families receiving support from the Secours populaire to the world of sailing. At the first stage, 46 children, accompanied by the Gironde federation of the Secours populaire, were even able to make the crossing aboard boats taking part in the race.

Basketball with Rudy Gobert
While in Paris, Rudy Gobert, the French NBA star, shared his love of basketball with young people whose families have received help from the Secours populaire. They were able to measure their height against the 2.16m giant, who plays centre for Utah Jazz and is from Salt Lake City.

Copain du Monde on the airwaves
On 6 June, the copains du Monde (Friend of the World) movement in Marseille recorded their first radio broadcast. They were guests on the Mets de résistance programme on Radio Galère. It was an opportunity for them to share their commitment as part of the children’s movement initiated by the Secours populaire, and talk about the many projects that they carry out over the course of the year.
August

Palestinian youth welcomed in Marseille

As part of a project in association with our Palestinian partner MRS, five young Palestinians were hosted by the Secours populaire in Marseille. They were able to discover the city, how the association works, and what projects it runs. This exchange came following an initial trip made by young volunteers from Marseille to Palestine.

35 Journées des oubliés des vacances holiday initiative throughout France

The Secours populaire organised 35 Journées des oubliés des vacances holiday initiative days throughout France. Whether at the beach, in the mountains, or at amusement parks, 50,000 children who had not been able to go on holiday during the rest of the summer were able to experience a day of holiday activities and leave with their heads full of happy memories. These days were made possible with the help of thousands of volunteers, and support from donors and various partners.

New school year project

Going back to school is always a tricky time for families in difficulty. With the help of funds raised and the distribution of school supplies, Secours populaire got involved throughout France so that children can return to school in the best conditions.

Ipsos-Secours populaire barometer

For the launch of its Pauvreté-Précarité (poverty-instability) campaign, the Secours populaire and Ipsos have published an annual barometer on poverty, focusing on the vulnerability of seniors. It shows that half of seniors fear spiralling into poverty. During the campaign, many different projects were carried out to benefit seniors in difficulty.

September

Hurricane emergencies

On 6 September, Irma, one of the most powerful hurricanes ever recorded in the Atlantic, devastated many Caribbean islands. Jose, Katia and Maria followed, and were also highly destructive. Given the scale of the disaster, Secours populaire sprung into action immediately by releasing €100,000 from its emergency fund, and launching an appeal for donations to help the victims. SPF delegates went to the area to meet partner associations in Guadeloupe, Saint Martin and Dominica.

Earthquakes in Mexico

On 7 September, an initial earthquake with a magnitude of 8.2 on the Richter scale struck Mexico, and was followed by an equally devastating second earthquake on 19 September. The Secours populaire immediately sprung into action to raise funds and provide emergency assistance to thousands of people affected by the disaster.

July

Help for the victims of Cyclone Mora in Sri Lanka

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Like a duck to water

During the October half-term holidays, nearly 500 children, accompanied by the Secours populaire, got the chance to learn to swim in 40 leisure centres throughout France, through a partnership with Récréa. The swimming champion Camille Lacourt even came to give some advice to a handful of lucky children from Ile-de-France.

Departmental conferences and congresses

After the Local Committees’ Annual General Meetings in all the departments of France, volunteers from the federations of the Secours populaire met for their departmental Conferences and Congresses. These events provided the opportunity to take stock of the actions, define future directions and elect directors and delegates to the National Congress.

Emergency action in the West Indies

A month after the hurricanes that caused devastation throughout the Caribbean, the Secours populaire continued its tireless work. The Secours populaire implements many different projects to help the population. The SPF can count on its local partner associations, but especially on previous victims who have become volunteers.

Assises européennes de la solidarité (European solidarity conferences) and the Secours populaire National Congress in Bordeaux

1200 delegates from the Secours populaire gathered in Bordeaux for the Assises européennes de la solidarité (European solidarity conferences) and the association’s National Congress. About fifty foreign partners and copain du Monde (Friend of the World) children were with them, to build the European solidarity network of tomorrow.

Secours populaire receives FEAD members

While European countries are preparing to set the amount for the next budget Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD), the Secours populaire received around fifteen members of the FEAD-Network to present the how the food aid programme fits into the provision of general and unconditional support.

Launch of the Pères Noël verts Green Father Christmas campaign

On 4 December, the Secours populaire launched its Pères Noël verts Green Father Christmas campaign. Seven hundred guests came to the fairground museum in Paris, in a magical setting. It was also an opportunity for copain du Monde (Friend of the World) children to collect donations to help victims of the hurricanes in the West Indies.

Solidarity in Houston for the victims of Hurricane Harvey

The Secours populaire and its partner the Texan French Alliance for the Arts organised a Christmas gift and refreshments event for 200 students at a Houston state school that had been affected by Hurricane Harvey when it wreaked havoc throughout the city at the end of August.

A party for migrant-refugees in Val d’Oise

In Val d’Oise, Secours populaire volunteers organised a Christmas party for refugee-migrants who benefit from the support of the association. Around one hundred people came to the event and a great time was had by all. Assistance with food, administrative procedures, French classes, and much more. The SPF works all over France for the benefit of those who have fled poverty or war.

800 people at Futuroscope

On 23 December, nearly 800 parents and children enjoyed a magical experience at the Futuroscope park. Coming from Creuse, Vienne and Haute-Vienne, they were able to enjoy the park and its attractions for a day. A magic show was even organised for the families.
Getting people involved and promoting education for all are key to the Secours populaire’s approach. The Secours populaire’s aim is to build and develop a network of people from all generations, backgrounds and beliefs to ensure solidarity is shared through everything it does. Its volunteers do much more than just lend a hand. They also collect money and are committed to developing the resources they need to put their solidarity into practice. They participate in the decision-making process for future projects. They develop unconditional solidarity, and reflect Pasteur’s intention when he said: “One does not ask of one who suffers: What is your country and what is your religion? One merely says: You suffer, that is enough for me. The association is committed on all fronts, it brings solidarity to people in distress all around the world.

The Secours populaire is decentralised, it is organised into federations within departments, and local committees. It also has branches in companies, and places of work, study and training, as well as in city neighbourhoods and villages. It has built up a network of partners in Europe and around the world. This means that it can get closer to the people who want to give, or those who need to receive. It is committed to providing education for all, so its focus is on fraternal solidarity, where everyone learns from each other and it is determined to reject the concept of charity, to focus on maintaining dignity.

The Secours populaire wants to be a thorn in the public authorities’ side. It comes to them with the actions it plans to carry out independently, to keep them informed about injustice and ask them for support.

The Secours populaire is 72 years old, but still young at heart. Many departmental and national leaders are under the age of 30 and, inspired by the International Convention on the Rights of the Child, the association runs a network of solidarity for children that spans the entire world, through the copain du Monde holiday initiative.
Our presence in France

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Legend:
- local committees
- departmental federations

Inactive areas in France

We had the idea to organize a bus service so that the people helped could come to the welcome centre.

In some departments, shuttles bring people to the SPF offices.

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Getting closer to citizens and covering inactive areas

Through its network of members, the Secours populaire has an unparalleled reach across the whole of France. But in some rural areas or in certain city neighbourhoods, the association could do much more. The Secours populaire’s 80,000 volunteers-collectors-facilitators, as well as thousands of other people who support the association, are motivated to find new ways of bringing assistance to those who need it. In some departments, Solidaribus initiatives have been set up to meet donors as well as people in difficulty. Collections have been organised at markets, and help has been provided where it is needed. In other places, SPF volunteers have set aside a garage or a room to ensure local solidarity is possible. Sports clubs or senior citizens’ groups are becoming active, village schools are allowing children to become friends of the world with the copain du Monde initiative... and in some large cities, the SPF is offering its services with the help of local branches, all staffed by volunteers. Not forgetting that in their places of work, their neighborhoods, their schools, universities, and villages, volunteers-collectors-facilitators are making tireless efforts to mobilise their networks and spread the support of the Secours populaire.
Secours populaire volunteers build the chain of solidarity every day. Good will guides everyone and is essential for the Secours populaire. There’s no need to have specific premises or even whole days free if you want to help. Everyone gives whatever support they can, and through this relationship of trust, knowledge flourishes and is shared. Whether children, young people or adults, all ages are welcome at the Secours populaire. Any help is met with enthusiasm, and without prejudice. There are plenty of reasons to volunteer: emergencies, help for the poor, international projects, original fundraising initiatives, excursions for the elderly, support for migrants and refugees, etc. Unconditional aid is the only rule for people who want to make a difference. Solidarity can grow anywhere, all it takes is a seed to be sown. A desire to help others can generate ideas. Nothing exists without a desire to act, to meet other people, without reserve. This popular, welcoming and borderless solidarity is expressed through the Secours populaire’s commitment and attachment to its human values. And this annual report is encouraging evidence of that. Many thanks to all the volunteers.

The training institute celebrates its 20th anniversary

For 20 years now, the training institute has been supporting the movement and its players, to bring the Secours populaire’s plans to fruition. Since it was founded, more than 40,000 people have taken training courses. There are around thirty courses available, and they have all been designed with the same objective: to support those involved with the movement as they carry out their initiatives. Training sessions, as well as public seminars, theme days, symposia, group action-research workshops and so on increase the quality of solidarity and strengthen the development of the association’s financial resources and its progress as a whole. These are also opportunities to share, discuss and take the time to put the projects into perspective. During the training courses, each volunteer becomes an active collector and an enlightened citizen who is aware of the identity of the Secours populaire and can defend its independence and its strategy.

Still with the vital support of the Secours populaire, the association comes to help welcome new volunteers and these meetings are always very enjoyable occasions.

I first found out about the Secours populaire when I benefited from their help. As I learnt more about the association and its volunteers, I wanted to give more of my time to it.

These young people are between 9 and 15 years old and the excitement of the initiative they are preparing can be seen on their faces. It’s not every day that a bike rally in solidarity with the Copain du monde children’s holiday initiative is organised!

I have been a volunteer with the Secours populaire for 17 years, mostly in food aid, because I think that’s where there are the best chances of meeting people.

He’s daydreaming as he looks at some of the photos that have been brought back from Benin. Thanks to their combined efforts – from villagers, the partner association and the Secours populaire – a school has been built.

Volunteering is so rewarding. It brings you into contact with new people, new ways of looking at the world, new ways of thinking, and gives you a chance to work together to help others.
The Thalys partnership takes various forms, but it’s based on children’s travel. We get support from three sources: financial donations, calls for donations from our customers, and a call for volunteers internally to provide support for the children.

Helping migrant refugee families and children

The Paris Saint-Germain corporate foundation supports the Secours populaire with its initiatives to help migrant-refugee families and children through in-kind and financial sponsorship. Projects are run to improve social inclusion for migrant-refugees: French lessons, assistance with schooling, psychological support and various sporting, educational and cultural activities. This sponsorship also provides emergency food aid, clothing, personal care kits or school equipment, toys and baby products.

For 35 years, the ANCV has been supporting Secours populaire as it strives to give everyone the chance to go on holiday. In 2017, 13,500 people were able to experience the joy of a welcome break, thanks to a donation of more than €1.5 million, because holidays are vital for everyone.

Supporting young people in Lebanon

Lebanon is currently home to more than one million Syrian refugees and nearly 300,000 Palestinians, who live in extreme poverty. The Lebanese are also victims of the migrant crisis. Unemployment rates and poverty have increased dramatically. Between 2016 and 2017, the Secours populaire ran a professional integration programme for young people in Lebanon. Co-funded by the Ministry of Foreign Affairs’ Crisis and Support Centre, the project was aimed at 185 young Lebanese, Syrian and Palestinian refugees. They received training and were then able to put the skills they had acquired into practice during paid work, which involved painting, or the maintenance of streets, beaches or green spaces.

Private and institutional partners are an essential pillar of solidarity

In addition to commitment from volunteers and public generosity, donations from businesses and institutions are a fundamental pillar to secure the framework of solidarity that the Secours populaire strives to build around those who require it. Working with companies is essential to develop solidarity. But in addition to the professional relationships that are formed, we make sure that companies become genuine partners in the projects they support, for example by allowing them to involve their employees or their clients in the initiatives. In doing this, we are able to build high quality cooperation by creating projects based on common values, which we can then share with pride. In our relationships with institutions, we must also understand the constraints that are faced by public authorities. Budgets are limited and resources have been in decline over recent years. But the institutions know the essential role played by associations, and by Secours populaire in particular, in the cohesion of our society. We strive to keep them aware of their responsibilities to everyone, including the most underprivileged populations. In order for us to carry out our work for solidarity to the best of our ability, they give us access to premises, logistics resources, contacts, financing etc. Like companies, public institutions are our partners, and in the long term, provide support for our solidarity projects.
Key partners

Companies and corporate foundations

Carrefour

Conforama

Disneyland Paris

Ferrero

Fondation GSK France

Vision for Life ESSilor

Fondation de France

Fondation JM. Bruneau

LA Fondation Paris Saint-Germain 15 ans d’engagement

Total

Fondation FDJ

JCDecaux

Institutions

AFD

ANCV

France

Europe

They also support us

Companies and corporate foundations

Airfrance

Altran

Auchan

BIC

CA

Cap France

CIAT

Confédération des Ruralistes

Crédit Mutuel ARKEA

EDF

FDJ

Glénans

KPMG

le Robert

MACIF

Natixis

Peugeot

PNP

Rue du Monde

SNCF

Thalys

Touristar

UNESCO

MINISTÈRE DE LA JUSTICE

FDNA

MINISTÈRE DE L’ÉCOLOGIE

CGET

MINISTÈRE DE LA CULTURE
Thanks also to
Deciding to take a step towards the Secours populaire français is not easy. In 2017, 2,950,820 people came to our healthcare and welcome centres (PASS, Permanences d’accueil de solidarité et relai santé). More than in previous years, Secours populaire volunteers have come into contact with people from different walks of life: children, students, the working poor, single-parent families, migrating populations, retirees, etc. Instability and poverty unfortunately have many different faces. To respond to these ever-increasing needs, volunteers welcome people unconditionally at PASS centres, and this ensures that they are listened to confidentially, which means that the best advice and solidarity solutions are put forward.

There are many forms of solidarity outside the centres as well, which means that the most vulnerable, the most unstable, those living on the street or in squats and emergency shelters can be included as well. The first form of assistance is very often food. It is often an emergency response, and is therefore all the more vital. To provide this assistance throughout the country, the association relies on donations, and the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD). This fund, which will be renegotiated in 2020, must be upheld in order to guarantee access to a diverse source of food aid for the greatest number of people. In addition to this assistance, many forms of solidarity have also been implemented: help with clothing, access to rights (legal and civil rights), access to holidays, culture, sport and leisure, school support programmes and the fight against illiteracy, workshops to acquire knowledge and create social ties, etc. All these actions are part of a journey, depending on individual situations, in which the ultimate goal is to emancipate everyone in their everyday lives, whatever obstacles or difficulties they encounter.
Our actions
France

Nicole Rouvet
National Secretary

Secours populaire takes constant strides to cope with the huge migration crisis.

Since its creation, the Secours populaire has been helping people who have had to flee their country due to war, famine, economic situations or natural disasters. The Secours populaire created an emergency fund in 2015 in response to the migration crisis, to help refugee migrants. In 2017, a working group was set up to better understand how to manage these people’s arrival in France.

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Our actions
France

Christian Causse
National Bureau member

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The Secours populaire is active throughout France to help the victims of emergencies that have struck our country.

Storms, floods, fires, tidal waves, extremely cold weather, etc. While anyone can be faced with these disasters, the situation is often much more tragic for those living in unstable conditions. That is why, as soon as an emergency is reported, the Secours populaire gets its entire network into action to provide immediate help and identify needs, so that volunteers can be as effective as possible.

Provisions of food, clothing, water, emergency shelter, legal and administrative advice and support are all handled by the association from its emergency fund and with the support of donor generosity.

From experience, the Secours populaire knows that support shouldn’t be limited to emergency assistance. First, because after a disaster, it takes time for people to be able to return to normal life. But also because emergencies can cause an unstable situation to worsen, or even develop into poverty. The SPF is always vigilant, and provides long-term guidance for the victims. It helps with rebuilding society, establishes projects to kick start economic activity, and gets children back into school, so that everyone can come to terms with the trauma.

Emergencies

57%
French people are afraid they can’t face an unexpected expense

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Béatrice
Volunteer in Saint-Martin

After the hurricanes, I went to my local area in Saint-Martin to see which families needed water, food, tarpaulins, etc.

Support for flood victims in Haute-Loire

On 13 June 2017, heavy rains brought widespread flooding to the Haute-Loire, leaving hundreds of people with damaged property. The Secours populaire immediately took action to support the victims of the disaster. A junior school in Landos raised money to assist the most underprivileged who had experienced damage as a result of the bad weather. The Secours populaire bought household appliances and furniture, helped to repair cars or paid for part of the repairs, for five families in difficulty.

In action

Haute-Loire / Le Puy-en-Velay

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Food aid

The Secours populaire sees food aid as a lever for getting to know people, it helps to clear the path towards working together and facilitating education for all.

Should emergency situations be the only justification for food aid? If they were, we would focus our energy on handouts. But at the Secours populaire, food aid is much more than that. Food aid is about meeting people. It breaks through isolation, which can ruin people’s lives and end up killing humanity. It is an open door towards more solidarity: access to rights, holidays, recreation, housing, etc. It enables our volunteers to identify the other needs experienced by people in difficulty and to respond to them with concrete solutions; but that’s still not enough.

In many cases, these meetings lead to actions, in addition to the main sources of food supply from supermarkets or European aid programmes, in the form of workshops on cooking, nutrition or health, shared gardens, small markets, and gleanings, etc. in partnership with local producers. These initiatives, which are helped along by the people they support, and backed up by our donors and volunteers, bring a new meaning to food aid.

Our actions

France

Éric Ollier
National Bureau member

Violetta
Volunteer in Strasbourg

I am Albanian and I volunteer because Secours populaire helps me learn French and I wanted to say thank you. I volunteer every Saturday afternoon, I prepare the fruit and vegetable boxes.

In action

A community garden with the Montauban agricultural school

The Secours populaire has set up a solidarity garden in Montauban in partnership with the town’s agricultural college. Created and maintained by people who have received support from the association and students on horticultural further education courses, the garden is home to 37 species of fruits, vegetables and herbs, which, once harvested, are distributed to those in need. The project serves two purposes. First, it allows people who receive assistance from the Secours populaire to have access to fresh produce, and it also raises awareness about the importance of a healthy and balanced diet. Second, these people are directly involved in the project, because they are trained in organic farming and help to look after the garden. In 2017, ten tons of fruits and vegetables were harvested.

Thanks to the solidarity gardens, people helped can consume fresh produce. © Jean-Marie Rayapen / SPF

Food distribution in Roubaix, North. © Mara Mazzanti / SPF

1,826,090
people received food assistance
Our actions France

Access to rights is becoming a priority for those who push open the door of the Secours populaire’s welcome centres.

Lack of knowledge, complexity, difficulties in understanding terms, complicated procedures, etc. can all contribute to leaving people who have experienced an accident, a job loss, a disease or a handicap even more vulnerable.

The association’s role isn’t to make lawyers from our volunteers, but rather for them to identify situations, and to guide beneficiaries to the right specialists. This involves creating networks of specialised partners and legal professionals. Because in the end, we must be able to guarantee access to places of justice, to allow people to defend themselves properly, and therefore be able to rely on lawyers who can understand what the people we help are going through. Fortunately, we can count on volunteer lawyers.

Through the training, exchanges, and partnerships they create, federations, committees and branches of Secours populaire can help get people out of their situation. And through volunteers creating a bond of trust by listening, they can help them recover all their rights.

Volunteers offer administrative and legal support to students who often do not know how to assert their rights. © Céline Scaringi / SPF

Rights

Volunteers have much more experience than we do, they can tell us all the help and rights we can claim.

The people who come to the Secours populaire are having to cope with many different issues, and sometimes face real problems when it comes to administrative procedures and exercising their rights. In Toulouse, a legal advice centre has been set up to provide a solution to these issues. Volunteers listen, advise and refer people who have difficulty exercising their rights to the appropriate organisations. Assistance with the drafting of letters and help with administration is also available. In 2017, 407 people were given assistance with exercising their rights in Toulouse. The majority of the requests involved rights and assistance for people from other countries, administrative assistance and housing.

In action

A legal advice centre in Toulouse

Volunteers help people assert their rights. © Joël Luminet / SPF

People helped with guidance, advice, mediation and legal assistance

128,680

Volunteers have much more experience than we do, they can tell us all the help and rights we can claim.

Pascal Rodier
National Bureau member
Housing

Trained to provide assistance to people in many different forms, our volunteers also support those who need access to shelter, and help keeping a roof over their heads.

The Secours populaire welcome centres are resources where we offer a listening ear and a little comfort. They help to create a relationship of trust between the volunteers and those who benefit from the service. Beneficiaries can share their troubles and concerns, and housing is one of their major sources of anxiety.

Faced with increasingly complex and unstable situations, volunteers work to assist beneficiaries with access to housing. They guide them and accompany them as they draft their housing applications and request help for housing.

Our volunteers also strive to ensure that families are allowed to stay in their homes. The overall support provided by the association helps to prevent situations of debt. Volunteers re-establish dialogue with social housing landlords when an at-risk situation is detected, and they organise workshops to improve the residence, etc. They also advise the people assisted on how they can save energy and form partnerships with electricity providers to prevent the power from being cut off in the homes of vulnerable people.

The Secours populaire doesn't neglect those who find themselves out on the street. Throughout the year, volunteers organise street campaigns to meet the homeless and provide them with help and comfort.

In Lyon, we help families living in squats.

© Pascal Montary / SPF

48,350 people accompanied on assistance in maintaining and accessing housing

The reception centres are ideal places to discuss housing issues.

© Pascal Montary / SPF

In action

Support for families in Lille to obtain and maintain housing

In Lille, Secours populaire reception centres are special places where housing issues are addressed for people in difficulty. Volunteers make every effort to help them find accommodation or stay where they already are. Over the last few years, partnerships have been set up with the Métropole Européenne de Lille and social property owners to ensure that better support is provided.

Families can therefore access social housing more easily, and they are given financial assistance to pay for home insurance or in case they cannot manage to pay their rent. The Secours populaire also works with social residences, which allocate temporary housing to people while they wait for social housing.
Our actions

Houria Tareb
National Secretary

The rise in poverty comes with a shift away from access to healthcare, and the most disadvantaged populations are the first victims of this change.

The Secours populaire has set itself the primary goal of reducing social inequalities in terms of healthcare by enabling access to care and prevention for everyone. Our goal: to guide and bring the people who would not have naturally concerned themselves with these issues to the right services. The association brings healthcare awareness into the daily experiences of its beneficiaries. Whether it's in the context of food aid, clothing, sports or cultural events, our ambition is to provide access to good health, whether it is physical, moral or social.

The Secours populaire develops healthcare centres throughout France to raise awareness and provide information about preventive actions, which are led by SPF Doctors, professionals from the medical, social and medico-social fields, who give their time freely to provide guidance and support for people in difficulty.

In keeping with its determination to “make the first move”, the Secours populaire also sets up mobile branches to support people who live far away from preventive services or treatment centres.

Access to healthcare and preventive services is now part and parcel of our solidarity, just like food aid, access to holidays, leisure, etc.

130,510
people assisted on access to care and prevention

Healthcare

The Secours populaire Doctors listen to and refer people to appropriate health structures.

© Olivier Pasquier / SPF

Today, one in five French people have difficulty accessing healthcare. We refer the people who receive our help to a suitable healthcare centre and provide screening and preventive actions.

Alexis
SPF Doctor in Reims

After realising that there was a worrying lack of knowledge about how sexually transmitted infections (STIs) are transmitted among young people, and the risks associated with them, the Secours populaire decided to set up a permanent mobile health service at Paul Valéry University in Montpellier. On two Wednesdays afternoons each month, a Secours populaire doctor brings the Solidaribus onto the campus to inform and educate students about the ways in which AIDS and STIs can be spread, then refers them to appropriate services for free and anonymous screening. Five afternoon sessions were held between October and December 2017, during which 57 students were made aware of these issues.

In action

A permanent mobile health centre at the university of Montpellier

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Holidays

Holidays are a right, for children, families, or seniors, in summer or in winter, in France or around the world.

In 1946, the Secours populaire launched its first holiday campaign with the slogan "Du grand air pur pour les enfants" (the great outdoors for children). Since then, the association has constantly made access to holidays a priority. Throughout the year, more and more volunteers create holiday opportunities, allowing children, families, young people, and seniors to escape from their often very challenging daily lives. Whether these holidays take the form of stays with families, holiday camps, or group excursions, they create projects with the people who benefit from them, provide assistance with budget and logistics management for travel, that might otherwise scare off those who are not used to going on holiday.

Summer is always a highlight for the association, as it carries out its wonderful holiday campaign. It’s an opportunity to ensure that everyone can experience the joys of getting away from it all.

For those who have not had the chance to go away during the summer, we also organise the Journée des oubliés des vacances holiday initiative. Throughout France, children and families get to spend a day at the seaside, in the mountains, or at an amusement park, and come back with lots of memories to talk about when they return to school in September.

Going on holiday means making memories and restoring the hope of making something good with your life. Going on holiday is a chance to be like everyone else.
In Paris, people attending literacy classes visit the Louvre Museum.
© Céline Scaringi / SPF

Christian Lampin
National Secretary

The road to emancipation for everyone, everywhere.

In order to grow, the Secours populaire likes to say that everyone needs culture, recreation and sport. Growing and helping others to grow throughout their lives is exactly what thousands of the association’s volunteers strive to achieve. By setting up partnerships, seeking funding, building projects and accompanying families as they carry out an increasingly diverse range of activities, we do face a great many challenges. Going to the theatre or a museum, seeing a basketball game, attending a concert or going out for a day at the seaside are all opportunities for an experience of shared happiness. Our work provides a breath of fresh air, a tool to use in the fight against isolation and withdrawal.

Often, the people we come into contact with usually turn away from leisure or recreational activities, because they think they are only for those who can afford them. But that simply isn’t true! It’s all about getting people back into normal situations, so that the greatest number possible can benefit. Very often we move mountains and clear away obstacles so that the poor can simply be allowed to enjoy life. When the lives of the people we help are difficult, they must at least be given the right to freedom.

Leisure, Culture, Sport

Since I’ve been doing karate, I have more self-confidence, I have many more friends than before, I know how to defend myself better and I am much stronger than I was!

In action

A creative summer for the young people of the Secours populaire

Between June and September, the Secours populaire supported nine young people who had not been able to go on holiday, with the development of a creative project. In partnership with the communication agency Havas, they were able to discover various forms of artistic expression, and use them to create something of their own. The young people came from the Ile-de-France region, but were able to take part in the Arles photography festival in the South of France. They then each worked on a personal project, which was overseen by Havas employees. Through photography, sculpture and even rap, the nine young people presented their thoughts on the theme “What are holidays when you have nowhere to go?”. They exhibited their projects in September at the Havas head office, and they remained on display for a month.

Nine young people discovered the Arles photography festival. © Charlène Rolée / SPF

115 300 people were helped to access culture and leisure activities
34 570 people were helped to access sport
The school support initiative has improved my understanding, because at school the teacher speaks to the whole class, whereas here I get one-to-one support and I can work better.

The Secours populaire strives to give the same opportunities to everyone. Yet when a family is faced with poverty, buying books is low down on the list of priorities, and yet reading is essential for children to progress at school. Given this fact, the Secours populaire and a group of independent bookstores set up the Donnez à lire (Give to read) campaign: between October and November, customers of independent bookstores were able to add a children’s book to their purchases, so that it could be given to a child receiving support from the Secours populaire. 2,500 books were collected in order to give children access to reading.

In action
Providing books for children who have no access to them

Sharing knowledge
The Secours populaire is an authorised provider of popular education, and plays its role with great enthusiasm.

As access to education is the first step in the process whereby people can get themselves out of the poverty spiral, the association offers a host of solidarity initiatives to ensure that the people who benefit from them enjoy academic, social or personal success.

School support is offered to children and teenagers, to ensure that family life and life at school can co-exist peacefully. This support is not limited to special support classes, but also involves a cultural element. Children discover places they see but don’t often visit (museums, theatres, concert halls), and can become players in society.

There are lots of projects for adults, to help them better master the French language, both orally and in written form. This fight against illiteracy obviously involves French classes or conversation workshops, as well as other types of group activities (sewing workshops, visits to places of culture, etc.), which encourage people to talk, and help them restore their self-confidence. Similarly, literacy courses should enable refugee migrants to find their place in a society that seems less frightening to them when they can master its language.
Socio-professional integration

Isolation, lack of training, qualifications, or equipment, etc. there are many barriers to socio-professional integration.

Given the many obstacles that people receiving help from the Secours populaire have to face, volunteers are now striving to support them to achieve socio-professional integration. They first invite those who come to seek help from the association to participate in our actions, which is the first step to regaining self-confidence.

The Secours populaire offers various opportunities to gain access to employment, but always takes care not to be a substitute for specialised official avenues. Volunteers advise and guide people in their efforts, seeking to ensure they gain autonomy in their search.

Throughout France, the SPF also welcomes many young interns or civic service participants to give them an experience of the world of work and discover the values of solidarity that our movement upholds.

As volunteers find it unacceptable that a material issue should prevent someone from professional integration, the Secours populaire organises clothing distributions, provides transport tickets, and promotes access to driving lessons or facilitates a microloan, for example, to start up a business or acquire a vehicle.

In action

Steering away from unemployment in Brest

In Brest, the Secours populaire has implemented the Entr’Emploi programme, which is designed to support people in their return to work. The project aims to address the main obstacles that people face when looking for a job. A “Self-esteem” workshop helps to boost their self-confidence, driving theory lessons are available for people who don’t have a licence, and there are also French classes, CV writing workshops and mock interview sessions. The volunteers, who come from the human resources sector, guide and support people as they create their career plan. In 2017, 337 people received help. Of these, nearly 30% found either a permanent contract, a fixed-term contract, a seasonal job or a place on a training course.
In Benin, we are running a program to overcome child malnutrition. © Pascal Montany / SPF

Our actions around the world

Taking action locally and internationally to develop global solidarity.

Corinne Makowski
National Secretary

Humanity begins on our own doorstep, in our neighbourhood, our school, our business, our city, our country. But it can also extend well beyond our borders, to other countries and other continents.

Our partners, non-profit organisations all over the world, make a difference in their own countries, in places where they live, dealing with issues they understand, alongside people they know. They fight against hunger and poverty, and for justice and freedom. They make the world a better place, a more human place. We give them a hand so that their work is more effective.

But solidarity never goes just one way, neither in France nor around the world. Through their actions, our partners share their culture, their know-how, and their experience. This helps us grow, and develops solidarity in France.

In these troubled times, the rise of exclusion, violence, racism, rejection or stigmatisation of “the other” still isn’t inevitable. Every day, popular solidarity strives to combat the injustice that affects millions of people in France, Europe and around the world, through concrete actions with a view to creating better days and to building new resistance. Money is obviously an essential resource if we are to do our work successfully. But global solidarity also draws its energy locally, on the ground, with people who offer their help, as well as those who receive solidarity, to collect, give time, take action, etc. So, in 2017, our efforts paid off. Secours populaire carried out 204 actions and programmes in 64 countries, working with 151 partners around the world.

135
development projects

66
solidarity exchanges

46
Pères Noël verts actions

17
emergency actions

“This helps us grow, and develops solidarity in France”
Some disasters are deafening: earthquakes, tsunamis, hurricanes, etc. But there are also human dramas that are played out in silence: droughts, famines, epidemics, conflicts, etc. As soon as a tragedy occurs, the SPF calls for financial donations and material aid is provided depending on the needs expressed by the populations themselves: food, drinking water, hygiene products, tents, etc. When daily life can get underway once more, the SPF sets up programmes to ensure that economic, social and medical activities can resume, and to ensure people have access to schooling, water and energy, etc. The SPF also takes a look at the issue of risk prevention: buildings with earthquake and cyclone protection and raising public awareness.

Our priority in 2017 was to work with Syrian refugees in Lebanon and Greece. The shelling in Syria is ongoing, and more and more refugees are arriving. In Lebanon, the Secours populaire has been carrying out a large-scale professional integration programme for 185 young refugees. They have received training, and then carried out general interest projects in return for payment.
Building solidarity across Europe was the goal of the Secours populaire national congress, to meet the challenges that lie ahead.

Yes, the future of Europe, the rise of poverty, and the massive arrival of migrant refugees fleeing misery and war are all issues that concern us. Yes. It is time to get organised, to bring European associations together to decide on projects to be carried out in our countries, to help the populations who are victims of poverty as best we can. We’re not starting from scratch. We are already active in 16 European countries, where we are particularly focused on food aid, access to culture and healthcare, but also with our copain du Monde children’s village initiative, which brings young people together to enhance the values of solidarity. Of course, there is much still to do and lots of ideas are coming to light. That is why setting up a network of European associations is essential to help develop solidarity, but also to influence the European Parliament and to make the voices of the 87 million Europeans living under the breadline heard. Make no mistake: we’re going to have to work hard to maintain European food aid. The Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD) is in danger of being repealed, and its survival depends on us.

Jean-Louis Callens
National Bureau member
« We are already active in 16 European countries »

Promoting agriculture and agrotourism

In 2016, Italy was hit by several devastating earthquakes. The Marche region was particularly affected and still bears some of the scars. Many families have fled the region and economic activity, which relies heavily on agriculture and agrotourism, is slowing down. The Secours populaire, along with its Italian partner ARCI, has set up a programme to support agricultural development and agrotourism. Purchases of hay, generators and equipment, shelters for animals, etc. An initial emergency aid programme helped to support the hardest hit farms. The second phase of the project aims to regenerate rural areas through social actions, and cultural and educational activities.

Serb children hosted in France

For several years now, the Secours populaire has been involved with solidarity projects in Serbia. In August, with the help of its local partner, the Red Cross in Pozega, the Haute-Vienne federation of the Secours populaire welcomed eight young Serbs in a copain du Monde children’s village set up in Meschers sur Gironde. It was an opportunity for participants to meet French and Haitian children, but also to become aware of their role as players in solidarity. Upon their return, they volunteered to help with the Red Cross in Pozega, with whom they provide assistance to children in difficulty.

Grigory Sverdlin
President of the association Nochlezhka, Russie
The Secours populaire has supported us in the building of a hostel for the homeless in Saint Petersburg.
As the second most populous continent, Africa faces many social, economic and environmental challenges. Despite a decline in extreme poverty, Africa is still a fragile continent, and is plagued by climate change, poverty and violence. But it is also becoming the region with the youngest population in the world. By 2050, half of the population will be under 25 years old. The Secours populaire is taking action with this young Africa, working with its local partners on many different projects. Food security is still the main issue on a continent where undernourishment is on the rise, affecting 224 million Africans. The association sets up agricultural projects to fight against child malnutrition and stem this dreadful scourge. While 30 million children do not go to school, most of them girls, Secours populaire is developing a range of projects to fight against child malnutrition and stem this dreadful scourge. While 30 million children do not go to school, most of them girls, Secours populaire is developing a range of projects to create access to education, to focus on literacy or to raise awareness about women’s rights. Not to mention its other programmes to ensure access to water, energy, healthcare, etc. These projects are always carried out with a long-term vision, and have the same objective: to enable these populations to solve their own problems.
Providing villagers with access to drinking water

The Rhône federation of the Secours populaire has been working in Vietnam since 1993, and spearheads projects to provide access to water, healthcare, and education, in partnership with the Vietnamese Red Cross. In 2017, the two associations set up a water supply project in the village of Na Lan in the north of the country. Faced with a challenging climate and environmental context, the population has only minimal access to water, which is often undrinkable, and can cause health problems. Consequently, the aim is to facilitate access to drinking water for the village’s 85 homes and public institutions, and in doing so, curb diseases and release women from the hardship of constantly having to find clean water.

An exchange between young French and Palestinian people

The Secours populaire and its Palestinian partner PMRS organised an intercultural exchange during the summer. In July, four young volunteers from the Bouches-du-Rhône visited the Palestinian territories and East Jerusalem, working with local volunteers to offer cultural activities to Palestinian children who are not able to go on holiday. In August, five young volunteers and three children came from Palestine to Marseille. They were able to visit the city and learn about the projects carried out by the Secours populaire, but also to participate in a copain du Monde children’s village initiative, organised in the Vaucluse.
In 2017, public generosity was overwhelming, and it’s growing every year.

During 2017, the number of people and families seeking help from Secours populaire reception centres increased yet again. The 80,000 facilitators-collectors-volunteers, as well as the employees of our association were able to meet all these needs, through their unswerving commitment to everyday solidarity, both in France and around the world. In 2017, the value of volunteer hours represented 30% of our financial and material resources.

As individual donors, as well as public and private partners, rise to the occasion with each call for solidarity, we are able to provide some relief for those who are in distress. Once again this year, we were able to rely on the generosity of the public for material and financial donations, as well as bequeaths, provisions in testaments, and life insurance policies.

Between 2016 and 2017, this generosity increased by 14%. We would like to extend our utmost gratitude and respect to all these generous donors. This relationship of trust unites the Secours populaire with its donors. We make a point of fostering our relationships with everyone who supports our work. The association also bears the “Don en confiance” (give in confidence) label, which ensures that the donations we receive are handled transparently and properly.

In this document, we explain very precisely just how your donations are being used to help those in need. Thank you for your loyal support, and for your humanity.
Resources

In 2017, 92% of the funds raised by means of public donations were used during the year. These financial resources stemming from public generosity represent 30% of the financial resources for the 2017 tax year, as recorded in the company’s income statement. These figures do not include voluntary contributions of material and equipment.

### Resources collected from the public

**€ 29.3 million**

These are mainly donations and bequests. Financial gifts or bequests are recorded and monitored so they can be used for whatever specific purpose the donor has indicated. If none has been specified, then the SPF can direct the funds to where they are most urgently needed: to carry out social missions, to cover operating costs or to supplement the financing of solidarity actions.

### Subsidies and other public contributions

**€ 17.3 million**

These originate from various sources: local authorities, the government, social organisations or the European Union.

### Other proceeds

**€ 4.6 million**

This category mainly includes sales and other proceeds generated by daily management.

### Funds and resources carried over from previous years

**€ 3.1 million**

This corresponds to allocated resources from previous years that the SPF used in 2017, in accordance with the donor’s wishes that were expressed at the time of the donation.

### Other private funds

**€ 40.6 million**

These are contributions received from companies and foundations (partnerships, sponsorships, etc.), the proceeds collected as a result of initiatives or voluntary fundraising, and the amounts collected from people during our solidarity campaigns.

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### Voluntary contributions in kind

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In 2017, 65% of the resources received from public generosity were allocated to social missions, 17% to fundraising costs, 14% to fundraising operations and other expenses and 4% to financial investments. These figures do not include voluntary contributions of material and equipment.

### Social missions
- **€61.8 million**
  - Social missions are the activities carried out by the structures of the Secours populaire français, in accordance with its statutes. They contribute directly to the initiation and implementation of solidarity in France and abroad. They contribute directly to encouraging and implementing solidarity projects in France and around the world. Out of 61.8 million euros in social actions, 17.8 were financed by public generosity.

### Fundraising costs
- **€7.2 million**
  - The cost of appealing for donations from the public includes requests from the major SPF campaigns, bequests, donations, life assurance policies and emergency appeals. Out of 7.2 million euros, 4.8 million are financed by public generosity.

### Operating costs
- **€15.7 million**
  - The SPF finances its solidarity and health relay centres, where its 80,000 volunteers work throughout France. These costs are restricted to funding the solidarity projects in progress, as illustrated by the distribution of uses, whether financial or material. Out of a total of €15.7 million, €5.8 million was financed by public generosity.

### Commitments to be made on allocated resources
- **€3.7 million**
  - These are donations collected in 2017 that the SPF is committed to using, in accordance with donor wishes, as part of planned or ongoing projects.

### Surplus resources for the financial year
- **€8.4 million**
  - This year’s income statement is positive. The SPF is therefore building a working capital reserve to secure the sustainable financing of its missions over the long term.

### Employment

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<td>Total employment for year figuring in profit and loss account – I</td>
<td>84,764,848</td>
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<td>Allocations to provisions – II</td>
<td>327,980</td>
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<td>Commitments to be realized with designated funds – III</td>
<td>3,675,354</td>
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<td>Surplus funds for the year – IV</td>
<td>6,401,087</td>
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<td>Grand total – V (I+II+III+IV)</td>
<td>95,169,269</td>
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### Proportion of gross fixed assets of the year financed by funds collected from the public
- **1,203,618**

### Grand total employment funded by resources collected from the public
- **27,574,474**

### Voluntary contributions in kind

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<th>Movement</th>
<th>Amount</th>
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<td>Social missions</td>
<td>219,754,598</td>
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<td>Fund raising expenses</td>
<td>11,347,292</td>
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<tr>
<td>Operating costs and other overheads</td>
<td>24,763,146</td>
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<td>Total</td>
<td>255,865,036</td>
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Simplified balance sheet

The balance sheet is a photograph taken on 31 December of the estate and financial situation of the SPF.

Active

Fixed assets
includes property, plant and equipment (premises, vehicles, office and handling equipment, etc.). These investments ensure that the accompaniment and solidarity activities are carried out and that the SPF’s structures can be maintained, while guaranteeing the association’s independence.

Current assets
mainly include liquid assets, which are made up of marketable securities and other liquid assets. In comparison to last year, marketable securities have increased by 27 million euros, while liquid assets have fallen by 6 million euros. This evolution should be taken into account with the amount of the 2017 tax year.

Passive

Capital liabilities
comprise the statutory funds for €37 million. Net income for the year amounted to €6.4 million.

Dedicated funds
are resources that were not fully consumed during 2017 (donations, bequests, subsidies and other resources) and which the association undertakes to use in accordance with the donor’s wishes. They amounted to €11 million, down slightly from 2017.

Debts
 correspond to the amounts remaining due on the last day of the year and which may be settled as of the following January (social and tax debts, for example).

Net assets in euros

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<th>Description</th>
<th>2017</th>
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<tr>
<td>Fixed assets</td>
<td>50,608,632</td>
<td>48,356,660</td>
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<td>On-going inventory</td>
<td>244,548</td>
<td>360,703</td>
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<td>Debt</td>
<td>7,077,496</td>
<td>7,018,964</td>
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<tr>
<td>Treasury</td>
<td>74,066,782</td>
<td>67,074,349</td>
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<tr>
<td>Accruals and pre-paid expenses</td>
<td>710,935</td>
<td>694,687</td>
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<td>Total fixed assets</td>
<td>82,529,761</td>
<td>76,238,283</td>
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<td>Total assets</td>
<td>133,138,393</td>
<td>124,594,943</td>
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Net liabilities in euros

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<td>Association funds</td>
<td>95,088,395</td>
<td>88,199,917</td>
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<td>Combined difference</td>
<td>2,165</td>
<td>-50,264</td>
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<tr>
<td>Provisions</td>
<td>571,014</td>
<td>549,568</td>
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<tr>
<td>Designated funds</td>
<td>11,583,688</td>
<td>11,038,206</td>
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<tr>
<td>Debts</td>
<td>23,536,731</td>
<td>22,362,938</td>
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<tr>
<td>Deferred income</td>
<td>2,347,623</td>
<td>2,502,577</td>
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<tr>
<td>Total liabilities</td>
<td>133,138,393</td>
<td>124,594,943</td>
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Use of financial and material resources in 2017

€ 341 million
(excluding provisions, income from the tax year and commitments to be completed)

Distribution of financial and material resources in 2017

€ 351 million

Solidarity in France

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<td>Social projects in France, 81%</td>
<td>276,381,677</td>
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<td>Social projects abroad, 2%</td>
<td>5,206,724</td>
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<tr>
<td>Operating costs, 12%</td>
<td>40,488,235</td>
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<td>Fundraising costs, 5%</td>
<td>18,583,047</td>
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Solidarity around the world

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<td>Emergencies, 27%</td>
<td>139,019</td>
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<td>Africa, 27%</td>
<td>1,367,053</td>
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<tr>
<td>Multi-country projects, 21%</td>
<td>1,119,703</td>
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<tr>
<td>Asia, 16%</td>
<td>830,295</td>
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<tr>
<td>America, 8%</td>
<td>339,673</td>
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<td>Europe, 3%</td>
<td>133,529</td>
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