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TACKLING THE TIDAL WAVE OF POVERTY

There is no doubt about it. Poverty is gaining ground. There are now nearly nine million poor people in France. That is a million more than ten years ago. Behind these figures there are children, men and women, in distress, major catastrophes on an everyday basis, desperate families coming to our branches for help.

In the space of a year, requests for help at our centres have skyrocketed. Volunteers are facing sudden increases ranging from 15% to 50% in some departments, such as the Hérault. The situation is getting worse for vulnerable workers, people who no longer have access to benefits, young people, the elderly, those who have been denied the right to asylum, and many others.

The fear of falling into poverty is also spreading throughout our society. More than half of all French people (55%) fear that they are living their daily lives under the threat of poverty. That number was already at 45% before the 2008 economic slump. Things are no more optimistic for future generations; 83% of French people believe that the risks of experiencing poverty will be greater for their children.

Poverty and exclusion cause damage to people. The poorest French people cannot afford anything at all: holidays, leisure, culture, but also food. They end up sacrificing their health. As such, 50% of them have ruled out a consultation with their dentist (up 22% compared to 2008). That is why the Médecins du Secours populaire (Secours populaire doctors) strive to provides access to healthcare for everyone.

And what about the people beyond our borders who are suffering from hunger or are confronted with violence and natural disasters, as in Ecuador or Italy in 2016? Even today, 10% of the world’s population is facing poverty.

How can we possibly sit idly by and watch the millions of displaced people fleeing violence, misery or war? Over 300,000 migrants and refugees crossed the Mediterranean in 2016, risking their lives in the hope of a better future. Four thousand, seven hundred and forty two people have perished during the journey.

HATE WILL NEVER WIN

So how can we deal with this explosion of poverty? Leave so many people to deal with it as best they can? Accept a society where it’s each to his own? Acknowledge the growth in racism during these turbulent times? Or call for new resistance?

This year, the Secours populaire was confronted with violent words and aggressive acts. In Hayange, the Front National...
mayor tried to expel volunteers from the SPF’s premises as they were helping nearly 770 people. Because we will never allow ourselves to be intimidated by those who advocate hatred, we have refused to give in to these attacks and continue, even today, to practice solidarity in Hayange.

We at the Secours populaire believe that the only possible answer is solidarity, in the face of all this heartache. We intend to go out and do more. We hold on to the hope that brighter days are to come. That people will help each other.

Our 80,000 volunteers are mobilised throughout the year to respond to emergencies and to support the most vulnerable. Food aid, access to rights, prevention and access to healthcare, support for housing, extra-curricular assistance, access to culture, sports, and holidays. In 2016, we accompanied more than 3.3 million people in France and beyond our borders. We have helped them to find a foothold, regain confidence in the future and bring hope back into their lives.

I would like to express my pride to all those dedicated people from many different backgrounds and with many different beliefs, and to the “Copain du monde” (“Friend of the world”) children who devote their time and effort on a daily basis to reducing poverty and exclusion.

Along with our partners and sponsors, we believe that the fight against poverty will not be in vain, and that while our work will not resolve all of humanity’s problems, it will help to lay the foundations for a fairer world.

Thank you for your involvement. We wish you every success for today and for the future.

Julien Lauprêtre
President of the Secours populaire français
THE ASSOCIATION
MISSIONS OF THE SECOURS POPULAIRE

The French Secours populaire was created in 1945, and aims to uphold the Universal Declaration of Human Rights by supporting the victims of social injustice, natural disasters, poverty, hunger, underdevelopment, and armed conflict, by means of material, medical, moral and legal assistance. The association, which is a popular education organisation, calls upon the goodwill of all citizens, encouraging them to work together for the benefit of society. The SPF is a decentralised movement made up of committees and branches, and raises funds to help those in need.

In France, the Secours populaire is particularly focused on problems of exclusion, and offers emergency relief in the form of a listening ear, food and clothing. Emergency housing or referrals to care structures are the cornerstones of the SPF’s work. It also provides guidance for people in terms of procedures to follow and what rights they have: access to housing, healthcare, education, holidays, sports, culture and leisure, and support with professional integration.

Throughout the world, the SPF works closely with associations during emergencies and rehabilitation or development projects, to identify the needs of the populations affected and to coordinate projects and actions that provide assistance, while respecting their dignity and culture.

OUR VALUES

- **Work independently**
  The association has 80,000 collectors-leaders-volunteers from all generations and backgrounds, regardless of their political views or religious beliefs, and works with them to develop its projects. Its independence is also financial: the SPF relies first and foremost on fundraising, which is carried out by its own collectors-leaders-volunteers.

- **Respect the dignity of each person, without prejudice**
  The SPF fights against hand-outs, it strives to encourage each person to take part in the life of the association and more generally in the life of the community, by playing their own role in France, Europe and throughout the world.

- **Refuse to accept poverty, instability and exclusion as inevitable**
  The SPF is determined to bring happiness and to build new resistance by working together. Beyond material needs, providing access to holidays, sports, knowledge and culture, talking to people and offering advice helps people to find their own way.

- **Advocate for the poor**
  The Secours populaire gives a voice to the most destitute among us, and flags up injustices that occur on a daily basis, through its experience and concrete actions to promote solidarity.

- **Motivate and implement actions through popular education**
  At the SPF, collectors-leaders-volunteers make the decisions during Annual General Meetings, and each donor has a voice. Children from all backgrounds can get involved with the Copain du monde movement.

AUTHORISATION

- **Recognised as a public utility**
• Grande cause nationale in 1991 (allowing the organisation to campaign free of charge on national television and radio, among other benefits)
• Popular education status
• Supplementary education association for public instruction
• NGO holding consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council
• Ability to collect bequests and donations

MEMBER OF NATIONAL, EUROPEAN AND INTERNATIONAL ORGANISATIONS

• Alliance of Lawyers for Human Rights
• ANESM – National Agency for Social and Medico-Social Evaluation
• CFSI – French Committee for International Solidarity
• CNAJEP – Committee for national and international relations among youth and popular education associations
• CNLE – National council for policies to combat poverty and social exclusion
• COFRADE – French council of associations for children’s rights
• Committee for the follow-up of the DALO Act
• Donner en confiance committee
• Supervisory Board of the CMU supplementary protection financing fund
• Coordination SUD
• CRID – Research and Information Centre for Development
• ESAN – European Social Action Network
• Eurochild
• F3E – Fund for the promotion of preliminary studies, cross-sectional studies, evaluations
• FONDA
• FONJEP – Fund for the cooperation of youth and popular education
• France Bénévolat
• France Générosités
• High council for family, childhood and the elderly
• High council for equality between women and men
• High council for associations
• IDAF – French Institute for leaders of associations and foundations
• ILC – International Land Coalition
• Semaine Bleue
• UNIOPSS – National inter-federal union of private healthcare and social organisations
• Remedes – Euro-Mediterranean solidarity network
• UNAT – National union of tourism associations
• VOICE – Voluntary Organisations in Cooperation in Emergencies
1.2 History

1945
CREATION OF THE SECOURS POPULAIRE FRANÇAIS
The Secours populaire de France et des Colonies and the Association Nationale des Victimes du Nazisme merged to form the Secours populaire français.

1946
FIRST HOLIDAY SEASON
The Secours populaire led its first campaign for access to holidays with the slogan “Good fresh air for the children of France”. For twenty years, children were able to go on holiday to Roquefort-la-Bédoule, in the Bouches-du-Rhône.

1959
EMERGENCY ACTION IN THE VAR
The bursting of the Malpasset dam was one of the most severe French civil disasters of the 20th century, bringing a death toll of 423 along with extensive damage. The SPF collected donations throughout France and provided emergency help for the victims in Fréjus.

1965
HUMANITARIAN AID DURING THE VIETNAM WAR
Between 1965 and 1973, 17 ambulances were delivered to Vietnam. Medical and surgical equipment, clothes and food were also shipped out.

1967
FORMAL RECOGNITION OF THE VOLUNTEER WORKERS
The creation of the “collector” charter given to each volunteer formally acknowledges the role played by volunteer workers.

1970
MAJOR YOUTH RALLY
For the first time, the Secours populaire organised a youth rally in Champigny-sur-Marne (94): the young signed up to work on solidarity projects.

1973
MOBILISATION FOR THE CHILEANS
The association organised support for victims of the dictatorship. A record was cut thanks to the support of some of the biggest performers of the time, such as Georges Brassens and Jean Ferrat, and was sold in support of Chilean children.

1974
CREATION OF THE NATIONAL CENTRE FOR VOLUNTARY WORK
With a number of other associations, the Secours populaire created an institution that is now known as “France Bénévolat” that promotes and develops engagement in the voluntary sector.

1975
FAMINE IN THE SAHEL
The SPF led actions in the fields of food security, health and the fight against desertification, in particular via the operation “100,000 trees for the Sahel”.
1976
CHRISTMAS CAMPAIGN
This was the first year in which our green Father Christmas brought gifts and organised evening celebrations for deprived families and isolated individuals.

1980
CREATION OF “SPF DOCTORS”
In the wake of the El Asnam disaster in Algeria, “SPF Doctors” was created to facilitate access to healthcare in France and across the world.

1987
ORGANISATION OF EUROPEAN FOOD AID
Thanks to its insistent fight against the waste of European food “surpluses”, the SPF joined the ranks of associations that support people in vulnerable circumstances.

1989
“NEW REGISTER OF GRIEVANCES”
The SPF recorded the testimonies of deprived persons to mark the bicentenary of the French Revolution.

1992
LAUNCH OF “COPAIN DU MONDE” (FRIEND OF THE WORLD)
This movement engages children in a process in which they become the authors and actors of solidarity, acknowledging them a fully fledged citizens and helping them to achieve numerous solidarity projects.

2000
“SOLEILS 2000”
60,000 children who never go on holiday came together at the Stade de France stadium in Paris for a big show, with the participation of celebrities such as Ronaldo and Zidane.

2003
“La Culture, ça change la vie” (Culture Changes Life)
During its annual congress, the Secours populaire decided that access to culture was to become a priority.

2004
TSUNAMI IN SOUTH-EAST ASIA
The Secours populaire collected 15.3 million Euros. A total of 53 programmes were rolled out, working with local partners in Indonesia, Sri Lanka, India and Thailand.

2010
EARTHQUAKE IN HAITI
Secours populaire operations, working with Haitian associations, provided shelter, food and medical aid and basic necessities for the affected population.

2011
MOBILISATION FOR EUROPEAN FOOD AID
In 2011, a judgement of the European Court of Justice pronounced the end of the European aid programme for those most in need. After three years of intensive mobilisation to save European food aid, the associations obtained its continuation.

2015
70TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE ASSOCIATION
The Secours populaire celebrated its 70th anniversary in 2015. The year was organised around a number of major solidarity events. To mention but one: on the 19th August, 70,000 “oubliés des vacances” (deprived of holidays), were brought to Paris and to the Champ-de-Mars for a big celebration that reached its climax with a surprise concert.
1.3
A decentralised movement

UNITY
Within the Secours populaire, authorities are established at various local levels. The SPF has been able to successfully combine this local representation with the overall unity of the movement. All the authorities that make up the association are focused on a common goal, which is decided upon during the national congresses, but each structure has individual legal status which allows it to act alone and to innovate.

Each authority has a specific role, which contributes to the coherence and effectiveness of the actions taken. The National Committee is responsible for ensuring that the guidelines laid out by the Congress are applied. It also elects the National Bureau and the National Finance Commission. The National Bureau prepares the work to be completed by the National Committee, and helps to determine the cornerstones of the Secours populaire’s work. The National Finance Commission examines the association’s accounting books. It also takes a keen interest in the development of financial resources. The Board of Directors is responsible for the management and operations of the SPF. It elects the National Executive Secretariat from among its members, which oversees the smooth running of the association.

At departmental level, the Departmental Committee administers the federation: it develops the audience, structures, finances and solidarity actions in the department, in accordance with the guidelines that are laid out collectively and nationally. It receives support in this undertaking from the Departmental Secretariat, which is the executive body of the federation and the Departmental Finance Commission, which technically helps committees and branches to manage their cash flow and raise funds.

AUTHORITY MEMBERS
Anyone who has a collector-leader-volunteer card can take on responsibility. This responsibility not only involves playing a role in the authorities but also being a member, by taking part in daily projects such as shouldering responsibility for a branch, an initiative, or a project, being a representative in your neighbourhood or company. That’s why these people are called “collectors-leaders-volunteers”.

The members of the authorities are chosen from among the volunteers, however involved they are or where they are. That’s one of the unique features of the Secours populaire. They come from the association and are not “externally recruited”. There is no prerequisite to be a member of an authority, and there are no quotas either. No criteria are established, whether in terms of qualifications, age, or experience. Tools, training, and advisors are available to accompany the new members as they take on their roles.

The authorities reflect social diversity: people with all different opinions, of all denominations, of all backgrounds, and of all ages are members. What makes them effective is this mixing of people who contribute their own experience, ideas and skills for the benefit of others.
The key mission for the Secours populaire is to ensure that children, young people, and adults demonstrate goodwill, whatever their opinions or situation. Anyone can be an SPF volunteer. You just need to share its mindset. That is why everyone has a role to play in the Secours populaire.

ZOOM

REIMS GENERAL MEETING

From 25 to 27 November 2016, 300 SPF delegates from all over France gathered together in Reims to review the activities of the association, to vote on the 2017 budget and to continue building solidarity in the twenty-first century.

For this General Meeting, the themes of communication and resources were top of the agenda. Over the course of workshops, discussions and plenary sessions, the 300 delegates in attendance came together to discuss the best ways of boosting the association’s financial resources and of redesigning how we communicate. Several priorities were identified:

- Build a close relationship with our donors.
- Diversify our resources through the use of new fundraising methods such as SMS donations.
- Pursue the dynamics of popular initiatives that are specific to our association.
- Develop digital communication to enable the association’s 80,000 collectors-leaders-volunteers to convey and transmit the values of the Secours populaire and to participate in the life of the association.
A local network

**WORKING TOGETHER**

In France, the structure of the Secours populaire covers the entire country via a network of committees and federations. Federations from the same region may also form a regional bureau. This territorial network makes it possible to implement many different local projects, by being responsive and adapting to real situations on the ground. Collectors-leaders-volunteers come into direct contact with the most vulnerable populations. In addition to these structures, solutions are put into place to reach out to people who may be isolated, whether they are in urban or rural areas. These involve going out on the street, running mobile centres or being active in public places, schools and universities and workplaces. These initiatives help to support people who are often far removed from traditional social assistance schemes.

This close-knit network also brings together donors, volunteers and partners locally to raise the funds required to carry out the projects. Thousands of collection initiatives are organised locally, drawing on the voluntary, sporting and cultural networks.

The Secours populaire is also active on all continents, through a network of local associations that are best able to estimate local needs. This approach respects local cultures and populations, as well as their experiences, environments and autonomy.

**BRANCHES AND COMMITTEES**

Branches are small groups of collectors-leaders-volunteers who work on a local level, whether within a neighbourhood, a village, a workplace or an educational environment. They are not legal entities, unlike the committees, which are associations that have been declared at the prefecture and are managed by a bureau that is elected during a general meeting. The branches are linked to a committee or departmental federation of the SPF. Most commonly active at city or district level, but also within companies, the 663 committees bring together volunteers around group-based actions. Like committees, branches organise fundraising initiatives to carry out the work of the Secours populaire in France, Europe and throughout the world.

**FEDERATIONS**

There are 97 federations coordinating and developing the work of the SPF at departmental level: they federate the committees of the Secours populaire in their territory, seek to create others and run the branches. They are headed up by the departmental committee, which is elected every two years during departmental congresses. There is also a federation of electricians and gas fitters.
Being able to provide help wherever we can, to everyone who wants it and everyone who needs it is one of the main concerns of the Secours populaire. With its 1,256 centres for solidarity and health-relay services throughout the country, the association benefits from an unparalleled presence all over France. But in certain rural areas or even in some urban districts, more branches of the Secours populaire are needed.

To allow everyone to take action and get involved so that the most underprivileged people, wherever they live, can have access to solidarity, SPF has created Solidaribuses (support buses). These mobile branches are manned by those who can participate, give their time, funds or resources to isolated and vulnerable people. Whether in Lozère or Sarthe, Hérault or Essonne, 17 Solidaribuses travel along the roads of France. Providing material assistance, a listening ear and guidance, the solidaribus are SPF branches on wheels. Others are intended to provide assistance to a more specific audience. In Nîmes, for example, volunteers run their Solidaribus once a week at the University of Nîmes to help students who are finding it harder and harder to make ends meet. In addition to providing support, Solidaribus aims to motivate people to lend a hand themselves, whether they benefit from the SPF or simply want to help out.

**REGIONAL BUREAUS**

These are a group of federations in the same region. By valorising the actions carried out by the federations and committees at the regional level, they ensure that the association is represented in the eyes of institutional players and regional media, which makes it possible to raise funds and collect resources. They can coordinate training actions and projects on a regional scale.

**NATIONAL ASSOCIATION**

The national association represents the Secours populaire at the national and international levels. It defines what the association is doing and steers it towards carrying out the decisions made during the general meetings and congresses. It also runs the SPF’s decentralised network and liaises with a network of partner associations abroad. Its mission is to coordinate the work of the movement and to centralise the results and financial balance sheets. To do this, it gets the network involved in solidarity campaigns, fundraising, development of the movement and mobilisation, communication and management. It also develops the pooling of resources and best practices among the players involved in the movement. It acts as a spokesperson for the media, organisations, companies and national, European and international public authorities.
The men and women of the Secours populaire

80,000 VOLUNTEERS

With its 80,000 volunteers, Secours populaire is one of the associations in France that relies heavily on the dedication of generous people. Most volunteers join without being solicited: 6 out of 10 say they came to us because they wanted to, not because they were asked. What made them decide? The values of the association, our work on the ground, and the friendly atmosphere.

The majority of them are active throughout the year, but volunteers may also work on a specific event or project, such as a vacation or an excursion to a museum. People can help in many different ways: the provision of food and clothing, assistance for caregivers, fundraising, collections, childrens’ activities, etc. Everyone can find a project that suits their availabilities, interests and talents.

In order to provide these services independently, the collectors-leaders-volunteers of the Secours populaire work together to raise funds or collect in-kind donations. According to article 3 (c) of the federation regulations, “Any person collecting donations in kind or in cash and/or participating actively in the solidarity organisation” is called a collector. Collectors are those who give their time to benefit others.

They may indeed collect financial or in-kind donations, but may also “collect” networks, knowledge, or expertise. They organise solidarity projects and carry them out, taking care to ensure that the original objectives are achieved and that the resources for the project are available. They drive solidarity, collect for solidarity, and do it all on a volunteer basis.

They may work within an SPF structure or somewhere else. Since 1967, the Secours populaire has awarded “collector” cards to everyone involved with the association who takes part in collecting and organising volunteer projects. The term “collector” is the seal of trust granted by the association to its volunteers.

We have been running a computer workshop in the Cher federation for the last 10 years. Our aim is to help unemployed people. We support job seekers in writing and sending out their CVs, and offer them the chance to sign up for and consult job sites. Two people who were taking part in our training programmes found new employment.

Michel, a volunteer in Bourges
There are no prerequisites to becoming a Secours populaire volunteer. Each person brings his or her own experience and individual talents. Volunteers can carry out many different missions. Special expertise is sometimes required to be involved with certain projects. The 20-year-old Secours populaire training institute responds to these needs with its 143 volunteer trainers.

The Institute offers numerous and varied training courses throughout the country. The new volunteers then share the values and running of the association to help people in difficulty, just like the Secours populaire itself. Depending on their occupations, others are trained on the development of financial resources, the roles and missions of the Secours populaire centres, the “Copain du monde” (“Friend of the world”) workshops, etc. As for authorities and leaders, they benefit from guidance and can carry out their missions more effectively having received proper training. Since its creation in 1997, the Institute has trained 38,213 volunteers, including 3,692 in 2016 (38,710 hours of training in 2016).

A resource centre with information and open seminars, with the participation of external speakers, complements the volunteer support system: they enable field expertise to be compared with more theoretical and societal approaches on various themes.
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I’m 23 and I’m on a training course. But as soon as I have some free time I join the volunteers in my committee to give them a helping hand. Food distributions, loading trucks, logistics, etc. I help out with all kinds of activities, depending on the needs of the SPF. Some weekends I’m also available for excursions. I’ve discovered that the SPF is a wonderful organisation.

Islam, a volunteer in Grigny”

“The Green Father Christmas campaign is very important, and has been going on for over 40 years now. I cannot imagine having families excluded from these celebrations. That’s why we ensure everything is organised so they can celebrate Christmas like everyone else. For two months, with 200 volunteers from the department, we are on the ground practically every day.

Jean-Claude, a volunteer in Saint-Étienne

“I joined the Secours pop at 16 years old, and that was when I experienced my first “Festival des solidarités” (Solidarity Festival) with the organisation. That was my very first time! I stressed out about it quite a bit but in the end it went very well. The festival inspired me to devote even more time to the organisation. Here on the Toulon campus, I’m handing out food aid and giving students in difficulty advice about the questions they have in terms of access to rights.

Théo, a volunteer in Toulon

“My experience as a holiday family dates back to 2010. My husband and I wanted to give children who couldn’t go away on holiday a chance to enjoy a break. So I contacted the SPF in my department, which gave me a very clear explanation of how the host programme works. And we’ve hosted children each summer since then.

Christiane, a volunteer in Orne”
Sixty per cent of the volunteers who have joined the Secours populaire over the last three years are under 34 years of age. They are high school students, students, employees or people looking for work. Through their energy, the teams are strengthened, and innovative collection projects are emerging: concerts, sports challenges, participatory financing operations, etc.

Like older volunteers, young people help out in all areas: poverty, school support, food aid, finding ways to send people on holiday, assistance for access to sports, culture, international solidarity work, etc. For example, 10 young volunteers from the Secours populaire in Puy-de-Dôme have taken on a challenge for the summer: they are cycling from Clermont-Ferrand to Frontignan (Hérault). The goal? To raise funds to enable 80 disadvantaged children to go on vacation.

In addition, the Secours populaire has set up 14 branches for young people and students, offering various forms of support: food and material donations to ensure they pass their exams (computer equipment, helping students to buy university books), advice about social structures (university canteen access, housing subsidies, etc.), and guidance with access to healthcare, culture and holidays.

Every two years, the Secours populaire organises a massive meeting to focus on solidarity among young people. It’s an incredible opportunity that enables young people involved with the association to meet, talk, share their experiences and work together to create the solidarity of tomorrow.

This year, 300 youth delegates from the Secours populaire, along with some 100 leaders from the national association, foreign partners and “Copain du monde” children gathered in Rennes for the Festival des solidarités (Solidarity festival). From 21 to 23 October, eight workshops gave young people the chance to reflect on the themes of commitment, communication, vulnerability among young people and fundraising. The 400 participants worked together to develop solidarity in France and around the world. The highlight of the meeting was a large-scale collection campaign on the streets of Rennes, which raised more than €1,000 to support migrants and refugees.
The Secours populaire’s “Copain du monde” (“Friend of the world”) movement involves thousands of children in a massive solidarity initiative. The aim of “Copain du monde” is to raise awareness among the young generations about the fate of people living in difficult and sometimes unbearable conditions in France and abroad, and to encourage them to become players for solidarity. Those involved with “Copain du monde” learn about the International Convention on the Rights of the Child, and what it is to become responsible citizens and to defend their rights. As such, they assert their right to have beliefs, to express them and to be players in the social field. These children, accompanied by adults, implement solidarity projects. They have competitions to find the most creative and original ideas that promote solidarity. In line with Secours populaire campaigns, they collect funds and goods, and show their sympathy and support to isolated people through letters and drawings.

In 2016, 70 federations welcomed thousands of “Copain du monde” children all over France, following initiatives taken by the Secours populaire. Each summer, since 2008, the SPF has played host to children of many different nationalities as part of its “Copain du monde” villages, who come to spend their holidays together and take part in solidarity projects.

In 2016, no fewer than 27 “Copain du monde” villages were organised, including 15 in Europe and around the world.

I strive to defend the rights of the child through the children’s movement “Copain du monde”. I meet regularly with other young people to help others, adults and children alike. Throughout the year we work within neighbourhoods, schools, colleges and high schools.

Jordan, bénévole « Copain du monde »
volunteer in Tours

I live in Marseille and I have just started junior school. I meet other children at the Secours populaire every Wednesday. We talk to each and suggest projects, especially for Christmas. I have also been part of the Pères Noël verts (Green Father Christmas) parade. I try to talk about the “Copain du monde” movement with my friends and I explain that all children do not have the same rights.

Shanya, bénévole « Copain du monde »
volunteer in Marseille
The French Secours populaire doesn’t work alone when it carries out solidarity projects around the world. It works in partnership with a huge network of other organisations in 60 countries that implement solidarity and rehabilitation and development programs. These partners share the same values and are in the best position to identify the needs of the populations, while respecting their cultural traditions.

In 2016, Secours populaire carried out 206 development projects and programmes, with 145 local partners in 60 countries.

The SPF focuses above all on the search for local skills. It works to boost the potential of players within the countries where it operates, and strives to find ways to ensure that they become financially independent. These partners are key players in our international solidarity. In addition to their knowledge and expertise, local associations provide financial, material and human resources. This networking enables us to act quickly, efficiently and in a concerted manner.

Our association has worked closely with the SPF for several years. We share the same values, the same understanding of solidarity, and the same perspective on the work we need to do together. Right from the beginning of the economic slump, the SPF has done everything possible to support us in helping the Greek population, just as it always has. SPF donations of food and basic necessities has enabled us to implement a large-scale assistance project to benefit vulnerable populations in several cities: we were able to provide them food and balanced meals. This aid is vital, given that malnutrition increases the likelihood of contracting a disease. We have also developed regional partnerships with federations in the Nord, Gironde, Haute-Garonne, Rhone, and Essonne departments, etc. Greek children have even been invited to a “Copain du monde” village in the Loire. This solidarity cannot be a one-way street, we have created a solidarity movement for the children of France: we hosted the first group of children from Villetaneuse in 2015 and from Alsace in 2016. We plan to extend this project to other French federations.

Haïk Apamian, Treasurer of the Greek association Solidarité populaire
For its 70th anniversary in 2015, the Secours populaire doubled its number of patrons. Consequently, in 2016, the Secours populaire was able to rely on the support of 210 patrons, including:

- Singers: Olivia Ruiz, Lââm, M.Pokora, Grand Corps Malade, etc.
- Actors: Virginie Lemoine, Agnès Jaoui, Ariane Ascaride, Robin Renucci, Gérard Klein, etc.
- Sports personalities: Marie-José Pérec, Tony Estanguet, Philippe Candeloro, Stéphane Diagana, etc.
- Figures from the cultural and academic world: Françoise Barré-Sinoussi, Catherine Wihtol de Wenden, André Grimaldi, Cédric Villani, Axel Kahn, etc.
- Television presenters: Maitena Biraben, Isabelle Ithurburu, Raphâël Yem, Nagui, etc.
- Artists: Reine Mazoyer, Miss Tic, Pierre Buraglio, Ernest Pignon-Ernest, etc.
- Writers: Irène Frain, Pierre Lemaître, Marc Lévy, Lola Lafon, etc.
- Comedians: Anne Roumanoff, Sophia Aram, Dedo, Kyan Khojandi, etc.
- Michelin-starred chefs: Thierry Marx, Ghislaine Arabian, Caroline and Sophie Rostang, etc.

Holidays are a time for idleness, discovery, enrichment and freedom; we all need them. And when daily life is a series of painful experiences, holidays are no longer just needed, they are absolutely vital! Thanks to the Secours populaire for enabling each person to create memories from different horizons.

Virginie Lemoine, actress

For a child, Christmas without joy and without gifts, is like a lost memory for life. And it is a sickening injustice for children to experience that, simply because their parents are poor. Congratulations to the Secours populaire’s Pères Noël verts (green Father Christmas) who, for 40 years, have been pulling so much happiness from Santa’s sack for those who aren’t lucky enough to receive gifts! And thank you to those who have the generosity to fill these sacks!

Nagui, television presenter
Donors play a special role at the SPF because they are invited to attend the committees’ General Meetings and conferences organised by the federations. The SPF offers them the chance to really be part of the movement, because it is not about giving on one side and receiving on the other. Generosity from donors can take many different forms: financial donations, in-kind donations, volunteering, financial sponsorship, skills contributions and the donation of services by businesses. They all focus on the same objective: solidarity. Each means of support enables us to develop our solidarity projects to benefit those who need them most, in France and throughout the world.

In 2016, more than 200,000 donors made an initial donation or renewed their financial support to the Secours populaire. Whether it’s a one-time gift, a monthly bank transfer, a bequest, or a donation, each person can contribute solidarity in their own way, and with the means they have at their disposal. In 2016, 15,784 donors (14% more than in 2015) opted for the monthly direct debit option. These regular donations allow the association to make substantial cost savings, because the donors no longer receive calls for donations. They also make it possible to develop long-term solidarity projects. More and more donors are also thinking of naming the Secours populaire as the beneficiary of their life assurance contract, which they subscribe to with their bank or insurance company.

I have no suggestions to make, only praise for what you do. I saw your volunteer members on TV going out on the city streets this winter when it was very cold, looking for homeless people to support. You give them soups, sandwiches, and warm blankets, and I admire you enormously. I regret not having the means to give more because I know that my modest gifts are just a drop in the ocean.

Jeannine, donor

NEW COLLECTION TOOLS: THE MICRO-DONATION

Many innovative collection tools are emerging in France. These mainly revolve around very small donations, or micro-donations, which enable associations to reach out to a wider audience and therefore collect more financial donations, which are needed for their work to continue further.

Whether it is the rounding-up system on wages, receipts or invoices, Secours populaire is building partnerships to expand its collection capabilities. In Ile-de-France, the SPF has partnered with Franprix stores since 2013 on a project where customers can choose to round up the price of their shopping to the nearest euro, and donate the difference to the association.

The biggest innovation of 2016 was the establishment of the SMS gift system. Since 20 December, it has been possible to make a donation to the Secours populaire from your telephone. With the French population spending an average of 3 hrs and 40 min per day on their phones, this new means of collection allows the association to address new donors. SMS donations can range from one to ten euros, and will allow the Secours populaire to raise awareness about its actions among a younger audience.
Food assistance, holidays, emergencies, access to culture, recreation or sports, development of our healthcare activities, access to rights, etc. The wide range of activities undertaken by the Secours populaire enables our partners to fully invest in many projects and contribute their expertise to their chosen fields.

More than just sponsors, the organisations who support the Secours populaire are valued partners with whom it strives to achieve an essential objective: meet the needs of the people who come to the SPF for help. The relationships the SPF fosters with its partners are ones of trust, sometimes lasting decades.

The partner companies also enable their employees to get involved with the solidarity work carried out by the Secours populaire. Volunteering, collecting, skills sponsoring, profit sharing, etc. There are many ways to get involved.

The partners club now has more than 100 devoted members. We sincerely thank them for their trust and support.

In 2016, their commitment reached new heights: 4 093 000 € was collected, which is an increase of 30% compared to the year 2014.

KEY PARTNERS
COMPANIES AND CORPORATE FOUNDATIONS

As a key partner of the SPF, Carrefour once again provided food, clothing, toys, sporting goods and accessories. In December, the barcode operation, carried out jointly with Carrefour Banque, raised funds for the Pères Noël Verts (Green Father Christmas) campaign.

The eleventh edition of the product-sharing operation La Fois à la conserve (canned food fair) organised by the partner and canned food brands (La Belle Chaurienne, Bonduelle, Carrefour, Cassegrain, Connétable, D’aucy, Garbit, Géant Vert, Hénaff, Jean Larnaudie, Parmentier, Petit Navire, Raynal & Roquelaure, Saupiquet, William Saurin and Zapetti) enabled almost 12,000 children to take part in one of the 50 Journées des oubliés des vacances holiday activity days.

The group also helped to send families on a trip to the Île de Ré for the launch of the holiday campaign.
**Ferrero** showed its support to the SPF again with its Kinder + Sport programme. This year, hundreds of children were once again able to play a variety of sports at the Village Kinder in Temple-sur-Lot. It was a wonderful opportunity to enjoy an unforgettable experience and to meet famous athletes such as Jo-Wilfried Tsonga and Tony Estanguet. The project was extended with the financing of sports licences for the beginning of the school year so that each child could go on playing the sport of his or her choice.

In 2016, Ferrero also launched the Qui court donne (run to give) campaign, enabling runners to support solidarity actions to give young people access to sport. Ferrero also works with the SPF throughout the year, by means of product donations, egg hunts and for the Pères Noël Verts (Green Father Christmas) campaign for example.

The **Fondation Carrefour** underscored its support for the Secours populaire following the emergency call to help migrants and refugees, which was issued by the association. The foundation provides food aid to migrants and refugees who have arrived on French soil and are accompanied by the SPF. It also distributed essential products to the victims of the floods that affected western France, as well as offering support for flood victims in the Ile-de-France region.

As a long-term partner of the Secours populaire, the **Fondation FDJ** repeated its Run & Bike solidaire campaign in September, which is a race to finance hundreds of sports licences for the children of SPF beneficiary families. During the summer, the Fondation FDJ invited 1,200 children on 11 stages of the Tour de France. The children were given an introduction to BMX biking, and were able to watch Tour de France publicity cars and the cycle racers, which offered them incredible insight into this wonderful competition. These initiatives were organised in partnership with Amaury Sport Organisation and the Fédération Française de Cyclisme (French cycling federation).

The **Fondation J.M. Bruneau** helps to equip departmental federations of the Secours populaire with the material resources they need to develop their food aid campaigns. This year, the foundation also provided exceptional support to the SPF, which enabled it to work with the victims of famine in Mauritania.

**Conforama** donated more than 110 new furniture kits to families in difficulty. During the floods in western France, the brand responded to the call for solidarity by providing the affected families with new furniture. During the Pères Noël Verts (Green Father Christmas) campaign, its stores welcomed SPF volunteers for gift-wrapping operations. The company has also been a major partner in the Don’actions campaign for many years.

As a loyal partner of the SPF, the **SNCF** laid on a special train to take 450 Île-de-France residents on holiday in April. The Group also donated tickets to the Euro 2016 football championships in France.

The **Fondation GSK** and the Secours populaire set up a project to boost the welcoming, support and guidance of SPF beneficiaries in the field of health and access to care. This national pilot scheme helped to bolster the Médecins du SPF (SPF Doctors) movement, with the involvement of new volunteers, in particular healthcare and/or medico-social professionals, volunteer training, organisation of information and exchange days on the issues of health, preventive actions and the development of healthcare relays. The SPF was able to count on the commitment of GSK employees as volunteers in several of its initiatives.


Societe Generale has been supporting the Secours populaire for many years by providing training for its volunteers so as to offer better advice for people in financial difficulty. The Filigrane programme allows the bank’s customers to support the SPF by converting any gift points they collect into financial donations. The company also donates €5 to the SPF each time a bank account is opened. Lastly, for every payment made by holders of the SPF bank card, the company donates 5 euro cents to the association, with an extra 10% being donated by Societe Generale and Banque mutualiste.

For several years now, the Fondation Monoprix has encouraged contact between local SPF structures and Monoprix stores, where food products have been made available. Significant donations are made every year.

**INSTITUTIONS**

The Agence française de développement (French development agency - AFD) supported two development programmes: one aimed at combating child malnutrition in South Benin and the other at strengthening the mobilisation of young people in East Jerusalem through community and solidarity initiatives.

As a key source of support for the SPF’s holiday campaign, the Agence nationale pour les Chèques-Vacances (national agency for holiday vouchers - ANCV) made access to holidays and leisure activities possible for 12,357 people. Families, in particular single-parent families, young adults, the elderly and people with disabilities were able to go on holiday with the help of their social initiatives: Aides aux projets vacances (holiday planning support - APV), Bourses Solidarité Vacances (financial assistance for holidays - BSV), Séniors en Vacances (seniors on holiday) and Départ 18:25 (18:25 departure).

Ministry of Social Affairs and Health, represented by the Directorate General for Social Cohesion (DGCS). The Directorate-General for Social Cohesion (DGCS) renewed its three-year support for the networking action carried out by the SPF’s national association in order to strengthen the federations’ ability to take action. The DGCS also supports the SPF’s food aid action by co-financing the Fonds Européen d’Aide aux plus Démunis (Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived - FEAD).

In France, the European Union provided its support for the SPF’s food action through the Fonds Européen d’Aide aux plus Démunis (Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived - FEAD), which benefited 1.8 million people.
They also support us

Companies and corporate foundations

Altran makes its skills available for the creation of a CRM tool that is designed to meet the association’s needs.

At the end of August, 120 Auchan hypermarkets organised a collection of new school supplies from consumers, with the support of SPF volunteers.

At the end of 2015, Café Grand’Mère joined forces with the Secours populaire français for a solidarity project. A product-sharing campaign on the brand’s packaging, followed by an original online clicking tool helped send 250 children on holiday in the summer of 2016.

For the seventh year, Chèque de Table gives each beneficiary of its restaurant vouchers the chance to donate to the SPF. This annual collection helps to support the Journées des oubliés des vacances holiday initiative in Île-de-France.

To mark the anniversary of the vote on paid annual leave, the André Trigano group lent its support to the Secours populaire. In addition to taking part in the Don’actions campaign, the company donated 200 week-long stays on Campéole campsites. Finally, the partner organised the auction of 36 works by 36 contemporary artists on the theme of paid annual leave. A portion of the money collected was donated to the Secours populaire.

In 2016, Disneyland donated 5,000 tickets for children and families accompanied by the SPF as well as the children who took part in the Copain du monde (Friend of the world) villages.

As part of their three-year partnership, EDF’s Pôles Solidarité (solidarity clusters) work with the SPF’s departmental federations to prevent energy debt and support those who struggle with it. They also train SPF volunteers on these issues.

Through its partnership with the Fondation Essilor - Vision For Life, the Secours populaire has helped 291 people in difficulty to obtain an eye exam, have consultations with specialists, and receive suitable glasses. In addition, during the Journées des oubliés des vacances holiday initiative in Cabourg, the foundation handed out 5,000 pairs of sunglasses to children.

As a faithful supporter of the Secours populaire, the Confédération des Buralistes shopkeepers confederation promoted the Don’actions campaign among 27,000 affiliated shopkeepers, and helped to acquire the top raffle prize.
The Fondation AREVA continued to support a schooling programme for nomadic children in Niger, giving several hundred children access to education.

The foundation renewed its product-sharing operation with its Christmas beer initiative, bringing national and local support to the Pères Noëls Verts (Green Father Christmas) campaign. In honour of the Euro 2016 football championships, the partner also donated tickets for children, who were able to attend the matches accompanied by the SPF.

As part of its multi-annual partnership, the mutual aid fund governed by the Fondation de France provides financial support for people whom the usual social channels have failed, in order to bring them out of the poverty spiral.

The Fondation Mustela supported the emergency relief missions that were carried out in Italy by the SPF and its partner ARCI following the earthquakes.

The PSG Foundation supports SPF’s actions towards migrants-refugees in France, through emergency material assistance and support to social integration.

Française des Jeux supports the SPF in its training institution by sponsoring its day of information and discussions for volunteers who run SPF centres, on the topics of debt and addiction.

Henkel is a loyal partner, and donates products throughout the year. Since 2014, the company has been offering salary rounding to its employees and adds to the amounts it collects.

In 2016, the Imestia Group supported the SPF holiday campaign and its community development project in El Salvador, as well as its emergency actions following Hurricane Matthew in Cuba and Haiti.

JCDecaux has been providing the SPF with free advertising space for many years. In 2016, 4,000 spaces were made available for the association.
KPMG supported the SPF through all of its solidarity projects.

For the fifth year, the Pâques au stade (Easter at the stadium) operation made it possible to dedicate a day of League 1 and League 2 games to the Secours populaire. Many families were invited to the matches and met the players. Calls for donations and volunteering were made during the matches.

For the sixth year running, new toys were collected over Christmas, during the three days of Pro A and Pro B.

The Loisirs Numériques association promotes video games through playful and ethical values. In November, the association organised the Desert Bus de l’Espoir (desert bus of hope), a 60-hour online marathon that helped support the 2016 Pères Noël Verts (Green Father Christmas) campaign.

The group helped to finance the Solidarity Festival, which took place in Rennes from 21 to 23 October. This event brought together more than 400 young volunteers, including 30 young people from international partner associations to discuss and reflect on the solidarity of tomorrow.

Since 2016, the Secours populaire has also been a founding partner of the Diffuz platform launched by Macif. It connects associations in need of volunteers with citizens who want to do something to help.

Ovimpex, sponsor of skipper Anthony Marchand’s boat, gave exceptional visibility to the SPF during four boat races in the 2016 season: children and parents were able to meet the skipper during the various stages of the race, visit his boat and discover the world of sailing competitions.

Forty children participated in the Solitaire du Figaro as part of the pre-race parade on board the boats entering the race, and sailed between Le Havre and Deauville. For the last stage, 180 people attended the departure off the coast of La Rochelle aboard a boat.

The salary rounding operation with Pepsico went towards supporting the Journée des oubliés des vacances holiday initiative. The company also donated a variety of products, showing particular enthusiasm for the Pères Noël Verts (Green Father Christmas) campaign.

To mark the Euro 2016 football championships in France, Kia gave children accompanied by the SPF the chance to carry the ball onto the field and to attend several matches of this major sporting event.

During two operations in libraries and cultural spaces, the Secours populaire was able to collect more than 3,000 dictionaries. The publisher also supported the Don’actions campaign.
For the thirteenth edition of the l'été des bouquins solidaires (summer books for charity) campaign, one book was given to each child taking part in the Journée des oubliés de vacances holiday initiative.

The group supports volunteer training as part of a three-year programme. Exceptional support was also provided for the Solidarity Festival.

For the ninth year, Touristra organised entertainment and fundraising days in its 18 villages to promote access to holidays. During the Don’actions campaign, the company also donated ten one-week stays for two people in one of its holiday villages.

For the 80-year anniversary of paid annual leave, Touristra welcomed 300 families to its Ile-de-Ré holiday village.

As a new partner for the Secours populaire, Thalys provided financial support to the Pères Noël Verts (Green Father Christmas) campaign by donating loyalty points from its customers to the association. Children also received gifts from Thalys employees.

The Centre des Monuments Nationaux (national monuments centre) is committed to making it easier for SPF beneficiaries to access national monuments: special entrance fees, training of volunteers on heritage and free provision of space.

The Centre de Crise et de soutien (crisis and support centre - CDCS) in the department of foreign affairs and international development provides financial support for a Cash for Work campaign in Lebanon to allow young Syrian and Palestinian refugees and young Lebanese people to work for a wage. The CDCS also facilitates the action of the Secours populaire on the ground, particularly its emergency programs.

The Fonds pour le développement de la vie associative (fund for the development of associations - FDVA) gives its backing to the training of Secours populaire volunteers, and provides them with funding to support their work.
The Ministry supported the production of a film on the 80-year anniversary of paid annual leave, which was put into perspective by means of the history of the Secours populaire.

The **Ministry of Culture and Communication** provides structural support for the cultural activities implemented by the SPF. It contributes to the development of the Le Dire pour Agir (speak out for action) initiative and promotes access to major cultural events (Printemps de Bourges, Avignon Festival, etc.)

The **Ministry of Justice** provides support to ensure people experiencing poverty have access to their rights and to justice.

The Ministry encourages the involvement of young people in the Secours populaire, as well as the development of the children’s movement Copain du monde (Friend of the world).
THANKS ALSO TO:
Our thanks also go to all the local authorities, water authorities, and small and medium-sized companies that have supported our solidarity projects in France and all around the world.
OVERVIEW OF THE YEAR 2016
JANUARY

DON’ACTIONS
From January to the end of March, the entire association focuses its efforts on raising the funds it requires for its social missions. Numerous collection initiatives organised throughout France set the pace for the campaign. At the end of the campaign of 18 March, the Don’actions prize draw took place at the headquarters of the Secours populaire, with a host of personalities in attendance. €877,380 was raised by the collectors, to enable them to keep up their excellent work.

11TH FOIRE A LA CONSERVE
For the eleventh year running, Carrefour and 11 agri-food companies joined forces with the SPF for the Foire à la Conserve (canned food fair) campaign. 7% of the revenue made from the sale of canned foods raised more than €580,000. And that was enough to send thousands of children on holiday as part of the Journées des oubliés des vacances holiday initiative.

FLOODING IN SOUTHERN INDIA
After the heavy flooding that devastated southern India in December, the Secours populaire and the NGO Karunalayam Rural Welfare Society distributed basic necessities to 365 families.

CALL FOR SOLIDARITY FOR MIGRANTS / REFUGEES HERE AND ABROAD
In order to face the challenge posed by the ongoing migratory crisis, the Secours populaire increased its calls for solidarity to help migrants and refugees in France, Europe and the world.

MISSION IN MADAGASCAR
Following three years of devastating droughts in Madagascar, the SPF called for donations to help the 200,000 people who are starving in the country. The FPS and the Comité de Solidarité de Madagascar (CSM - solidarity committee of Madagascar) provided emergency food aid to 6,507 people.

FEBRUARY

LE ZÉNITH DE LA SOLIDARITÉ
On 14 February, in Lille, more than 4,000 children and parents, along with the Secours populaire, took part in the Zénith de la solidarité concert event. Many artists took to the stage and treated the audience to a magical and unforgettable moment.

POP SHOW
On 13 February on the France 2 TV channel, Nagui was the host of the «Pop Show», a game show that raised funds for the Secours populaire. Celebrities such as Arnaud Ducret, Anthony Kavanagh, Michèle Bernier and Stéphane Rousseau raised €65,000 for the SPF.

LAUNCH OF THE BENIN PROJECT
In February, the SPF and the Conseil des activités éducatives du Bénin (CAEB) launched a project to improve infant nutrition in Benin. Co-funded by the French Development Agency and the regional council of Brittany, the program supports 3,371 malnourished children under five in four communes in southern Benin and is expected to last three years.
On 2 March, Tony Estanguet, the three-time Olympic canoe champion, joined Ferrero as part of its Kinder + Sport programme to launch the digital tool Qui court donne (run to give) to promote access to sport for children whose parents are beneficiaries of the SPF. Participants ran enough kilometres for 1,246 sports licenses to be issued, and 585 children were provided financial assistance to purchase their equipment.

SOLIDARITY EGG HUNT
To help finance the work of the Secours populaire on an international level, thousands of children from the Copain du monde (Friend of the world) movement came together to enjoy 330 solidarity egg hunts that were organised in 88 departments.

NEPAL, A YEAR LATER
A year after the devastating earthquake in Nepal, millions of people still have no access to safe drinking water and a million children have not returned to school. In addition to its emergency response, the SPF and its local partner, Urban Environment Management Society, renovated the village school in Khokana to earthquake-resistant standards. Before the disaster, the school could accommodate 207 pupils.

30 YEARS AFTER CHERNOBYL
Since 1991, families in the Nord and Pas-de-Calais regions have welcomed more than 5,000 Belarusian children on a voluntary basis. From year to year, with subsequent visits to the French families, the links grow and become stronger. To mark the 30th anniversary of this solidarity, a delegation from the SPF and a group of SPF doctors visited Ukraine and Belarus.

Printemps de Bourges
From 12 to 17 April, 30 young people between the ages of 18 and 25 took part in a musical immersion: meetings with artists, instrument discovery workshops, a backstage tour, a concert, and much more. On 15 April, 300 young people joined them for the Happy Friday concert.

A HOLIDAY TO THE ÎLE DE RÉ
This year, the summer holiday campaign took on a special meaning with the celebration of the 80th anniversary of paid annual leave. The launch took place at the Gare Montparnasse train station in Paris, with the announcement of results from an Ipsos/Secours populaire poll about access to holidays. On this occasion, 400 people from the Île-de-France hit the road and spent five days holidaying on the Île de Ré with their families.

MAY
MAIDEN FLIGHT
In three successive sessions, volunteers from the Secours populaire and its partners CDVI Group and the Aéroclub de Saint-Cyr-l’École accompanied more than 40 children from Yvelines as they went up in a plane for the very first time.
HELP FOR FLOOD VICTIMS
Fourteen departments suffered from devastating weather conditions. Many houses were flooded, leaving entire families homeless. During the month of June, emergency aid was provided to hundreds of families with the support of the Fondation Carrefour and the Fondation Orange: cleaning operations, distribution of sleeping bags, bedding, household appliances, etc.

JUNE

ARTERANCE EN SOLIDARITÉ WITH COPAIN DU MONDE (FRIEND OF THE WORLD) CHILDREN
Six thousand children from around the world came together as part of the ArTolérance en solidarité project (solidarity and tolerance through art) in partnership with the French national education department. Throughout the year, they produced artistic creations (songs, texts, videos) on the theme of tolerance and solidarity, to share over the summer. The project raised €14,000, to go towards the education of 850 children in Morocco, Nicaragua and Madagascar.

EURO 2016
In partnership with KIA, the “UEFA for Children” Foundation and the Fondation Kronembourg, more than 1,100 children were able to attend Euro 2016 football championship matches. Some even had the chance to be official ball bearers during eleven matches in the competition.

SUMMER SOLIDARITY AT CAMPÉOLE
A fundraising campaign took place from 1 June to 31 July: for any stay booked in one of the 83 Campéole campsites, the Compagnie Internationale André Triagano (CIAT) donated the equivalent stay for a beneficiary family. In total, more than 1,300 people were able to go on holiday as a result of this initiative.

A DAY AT DISNEY
Seven thousand people from Ile-de-France had the chance to experience an unforgettable day at the Disneyland Paris amusement park. The children and their parents were delighted to be able to enjoy the many attractions.

COPAIN DU MONDE (FRIEND OF THE WORLD) VILLAGE IN LEBANON
A Copain du monde (Friend of the world) village, set up in partnership with the Lebanese association Development for People and Nature Association (DPNA), was inaugurated. Through many different workshops, this village aims to ease tensions and promote peace and solidarity between children of different origins and nationalities, especially Lebanese, Syrian and Palestinian children.

EMERGENCY DISTRIBUTION IN LEBANON
Living in extreme poverty, 3,000 refugees and migrants received food aid from the SPF and its partner Development for People and Nature Association (DPNA) in Saida, southern Lebanon.

HUGE JUMBLE SALE IN DIJON
On 12 June, 7,000 people gathered at the Zénith de Dijon for the annual Fnac - Secours populaire jumble sale. €171,250 was collected to enable the association to continue its solidarity work.

LA SOLITAIRE DU FIGARO
Two hundred children and their parents who benefited from the help of the SPF took a boat off the coast of La Rochelle to witness the start of the La Solitaire Bompard - Le Figaro boat race, before taking a trip on the ocean around Fort Boyard and the island of Aix.
KINDER VILLAGE HOLIDAYS
Six hundred and seventy children, accompanied by the SPF, spent a week’s holiday at the Kinder village. Spurred on by accomplished sports personalities like tennis player Jo-Wilfried Tsonga, they discovered many different sports such as sailing, swimming, canoeing, tennis, basketball or football.

HOLIDAYS IN SWITZERLAND AND THE NETHERLANDS
Coordinated with the KOVIVE and Europa Kinderhulp associations, 250 children supervised by the SPF went on a three-week holiday staying with families in Switzerland and the Netherlands. They were welcomed by families with children of a similar age, and were able to create new friendships while discovering a new region in Europe and its culture.

ARTS EVENT AT THE AVIGNON FESTIVAL
Five groups of young people aged between 18 and 25 attended the Avignon Festival. In partnership with the Association Nationale des Centres d’Entraînement aux Méthodes d’Éducation Active (national association of active education learning methods - CEMEA), they were able to attend theatre performances and participate in artistic expression workshops.

TERROR ATTACK IN NICE
Following the terrible attack which struck the city of Nice, the Secours populaire expressed its sadness and pledged its support to help the victims and their families. It underlined the need to develop solidarity to stamp out such barbaric acts.

LES OUBLIÉS DU SPORT AT THE TOUR DE FRANCE
From 2 to 24 July, the Secours populaire, in partnership with the Fondation FDJ, Amaury Sport Organisation (ASO) and the Fédération française de cyclisme (French cycling federation - FFC), allowed 1,200 children to attend 11 stages of the Tour de France.

THE TOUR DE FRANCE BY AIR
With the support of the Fédération française aéronautique (French aeronautical federation - FFA) and to mark the Hop Tour / Tour de France Aérien, 300 Copain du monde (Friend of the world) children discovered the world of aeronautics through a visit to flying clubs and meetings with the pilots. Some were even able to sit in flight simulators.

TOUR DE FRANCE A LA VOILE
From 9 to 31 July, for the sailing Tour de France, the Secours populaire français and the Amaury Sport Organisation (ASO) took children that were not lucky enough to go on holiday for a day trip by the sea.

AUGUST

JOURNÉES DES OUBLIÉS DES VACANCES « HOLIDAY EXCURSION INITIATIVES THROUGHOUT FRANCE »
For children who have not been able to go on holiday in the summer, the SPF ran 50 Journées des oubliés des vacances holiday excursion initiatives throughout France. 36,385 children enjoyed a day by the sea, at amusement parks, in the mountains, and much more. For example, on 24 August, 420 children from Brittany participated in a giant treasure hunt on the Ile-de-Groix.

EARTHQUAKE IN ITALY
On the night of 24 August, an earthquake struck central Italy, killing nearly 300 people. Together with the ARCI association, a delegation from the Secours populaire visited the people affected to express their solidarity and initiate actions for children, farmers and breeders.

LE BANQUET DES CHEVEUX BLANCS
In order to break through the isolation of the elderly, Secours populaire invited 400 seniors from...
Ile-de-France for a cruise on the Seine, followed by a dinner dance at the famous Chez Gégène restaurant on the banks of the Marne.

**SEPTEMBER**

**10TH IPSOS–SECOURS POPULAIRE BAROMETER**

On 6 September, the SPF published the 10th Ipsos-Secours populaire barometer on the theme of access to healthcare. The survey showed that a renunciation of or delay in access to healthcare has increased sharply among the most modest, especially with regards to dental and eye care. It can be assumed that 50% of the poorest people have already had to give up or delay a consultation with a dentist, and 42% have been unable to purchase glasses or contact lenses.

**BACK TO SCHOOL WITH SOLIDARITY**

In order for the poorest families to be able to cope with the costs generated by the beginning of the school year, Secours populaire partnered with the Auchan brand. SPF volunteers collected school supplies in 199 stores. As part of an agreement with the MAE (Mutuelle assurance de l’éducation –school insurance provider), low-cost school insurance was also offered to families in difficulty.

**RUN & BIKE SOLIDARITY**

For the third edition of Run & Bike solidaire, Marie-José Pérec, the three-time Olympic athletics champion, as well as Thomas Sotto, a journalist and sponsor of the Secours populaire, participated in the race. €25,368 was raised to enable underprivileged children to practice the sport of their choice.

**HATE WILL NEVER PREVAIL**

The Secours populaire stepped up after repeated attacks by the Front National mayor of Hayange and as a result of his decision to expel the association from its premises. The volunteers, who help 770 inhabitants of Hayange, with the support of the SPF from all over France, decided to refuse to leave the premises, and to continue their solidarity actions to benefit families in need.

**OCTOBER**

**SOLIDARITY FESTIVAL**

More than 300 young people from all over France and 14 European countries gathered in Rennes to develop new ways of helping people in difficulty. For three days, the young people shared ideas and discussed ways they could work differently. They returned to their region with new ideas to act for solidarity. They also raised €1,000 that will go towards helping migrants and refugees.

**NOVEMBER**

**FIRST COPAIN DU MONDE (FRIEND OF THE WORLD) CHILDREN’S VILLAGE IN PARIS**

For the first time in Paris, 24 children...
of nine nationalities were welcomed by their friends from the Secours populaire français, as part of the Copain du monde (Friend of the world) village initiative. The children were able to discuss issues such as pollution and poverty while reflecting on the development of solidarity in major cities, at the same time as the world Cities For Life summit.

VOLUNTEERING IN NICARAGUA

Seven young SPF volunteers from Avignon and Marseille went to Nicaragua for a solidarity adventure. Working with our local partner Aprodesa, in the region of Pueblo Nuevo, they helped out with farm work and took 54 children from rural communities on holiday. The children, who had never left their village, were able to enjoy a four-day stay in Managua, the capital, and San-Juan del Sur, by the sea.

SUPPORT FOR THE HOMELESS

With the onset of the cold weather, the Secours populaire, which stays active throughout the year to provide assistance to the homeless, stepped up its usual work and launched a call for solidarity for those who find themselves on the street.

GENERAL MEETING IN REIMS

300 Secours populaire directors from all the federations gathered in Reims for the association’s national general meeting. For three days, members of the SPF worked together on the best ways of increasing the financial resources of the association, which are essential if it is to continue its solidarity work, and redesign the Secours populaire’s communication tools. During the meeting, delegates voted on 2017 budgets and forecasts for the upcoming year.

DECEMBER

40 YEARS OF GREEN FATHER CHRISTMAS

In 2016, the Secours populaire celebrated the 40th anniversary of the Pères Noël Verts (Green Father Christmas) campaign. For the launch of this 40th campaign, 600 people were invited to the Musée des Arts Forains in Paris. The little ones received gifts and everyone was able to enjoy the museum’s rides. This year, the SPF Pères Noël Verts (Green Father Christmas) campaign gave 180,350 people the opportunity to celebrate in France and 24 countries around Europe and the rest of the world.

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PÈRES NOËL VERTS ON ICE

In Colombes, 800 children and their parents from the Hauts-de-Seine attended an ice show given by the company of Philippe Candeloro, and received gifts which were handed out by the Secours populaire’s Pères Noël Verts (Green Father Christmases).

HOMELESS IN MOSUL

Following the mid-October bombing of Mosul city in northern Iraq, more than 70,000 Iraqis fled the region. To help families that found themselves cast out onto the roads having to deal with the winter cold, the SPF released an emergency fund of €50,000 with its Iraqi partner Al Amal, in a camp near Erbil in the north of the country, for the distribution of basic necessities, as well as medical and psychological support for children.

SOLIDARITY AT CHRISTMAS IN LENS

In Lens, 450 families accompanied by the SPF were able to enjoy a real day of celebrations. On the agenda were rides, a magic show, a visit to the Louvre museum, and gifts for everyone.

PÈRES NOËL VERTS (GREEN FATHER CHRISTMASES) IN ATHENS

For the end-of-year celebrations, the SPF and its local partner Solidarité populaire organised the screening of a cartoon in an Athens cinema for Greek families suffering from poverty. Traditional gifts and biscuits were also distributed in one of the city’s hotels that houses migrants and refugees. In 2016, the Pères Noël Verts (Green Father Christmas) campaign carried out 59 solidarity actions in 24 countries in Europe and around the world.

SKI TRIP

In partnership with the UCPA, the Secours populaire enabled 81 children aged 6 to 12 years old from the Alpes de Haute-Provence, Haute-Savoie, Isère and the Var to discover skiing for a week at the Les Orres and Val Cenis resorts.

CHRISTMAS ON THE SEINE

On 24 December, 350 people accompanied by the Secours populaire were able to discover Paris from the Seine. To ensure they could celebrate Christmas properly that evening, festive packages were handed out to participating families.
### Key figures

- **80,000** collectors-leaders-volunteers
- **7,736** SPF doctors
- **38,213** volunteers trained
- **€25,3 million collected from the general public**
- **1,103,451** donors
- **3,310,370** beneficiaries
- **2,941,440** beneficiaries in France
- **368,930** beneficiaries in Europe and around the world
1,809,100 people received food aid.

545,700 people received clothing aid.

185,840 people were helped with access to holidays. 36,385 people participated in the Journées des Oubliés des Vacances initiative for people who cannot afford to go on holiday. That is the equivalent of 416,700 annual leave days.

135,660 people received guidance, counselling, mediation and legal support.

123,980 people received access to medical care and prevention.

115,500 people received access to culture and recreation.

53,430 people were helped with maintaining and securing a home.

47,220 people received guidance for socio-professional integration.

43,110 people received school support or help in the fight against illiteracy.

38,750 people were given access to sports.
2.3 Presence

The Secours Populaire is supported by:

- 1 national association
- 21 regional bureaus *
- 1,256 reception, solidarity and health relay centres
- 2 non-federated professional committees
- 661 local committees
- 97 departmental federations
- 1 professional federation

* Up to 2015, the SPF had 22 regional councils. Since the reshuffle of France’s regions, it has restructured its organisation to have 13.
THE SECOURS POPULAIRE IS PRESENT IN 60 COUNTRIES AND HAS 145 PARTNERS

AFRIQUE
83 actions and programmes
19 countries
96,219 beneficiaries

AMÉRIQUES
42 actions and programmes
12 countries
118,200 beneficiaries

ASIE
51 actions and programmes
15 countries
52,269 personnes

EUROPE (OUTSIDE FRANCE)
30 actions and programmes
14 countries
102,235 beneficiaries

206 ACTIONS AND DEVELOPMENT PROGRAMMES TO BENEFIT
368,930 PEOPLE
3 ACTIONS
**3.1 Emergencies**

**IN FRANCE**

**REACTING TO EMERGENCIES**

Floods, storms, severe weather, extreme cold, natural or industrial disasters, fires, and so on. The consequences of these tragedies are even more devastating for families living in poverty. The Secours populaire endeavours to support them.

When an emergency develops, the SPF identifies the needs of those affected by means of its network of volunteers, mobile and permanent centres, by liaising with town halls, social services and prefectures. It campaigns to get people involved, solicits partners and donors and organises public fundraising initiatives to obtain the financial backing required to handle the emergency.

Meanwhile, it also mobilises volunteers to carry out cleaning operations, provide administrative support to the families affected by the disaster (insurance) and send material donations (food and hygiene products, cleaning utensils, furniture, household appliances, etc.).

In addition to these exceptional events, families who come through the doors of the Secours populaire are very often in severe difficulty and require emergency solutions. The Secours populaire then offers them emergency temporary assistance to prevent them from being removed from their home or to fulfil an immediate need (food parcel, access to medical care) before taking steps to find a permanent resolution to their vulnerable situation.

**FLOODS IN FRANCE**

Between the end of May and the beginning of June 2016, heavy rains hit much of France, causing severe flooding. Four people lost their lives, 24 were injured and more than 15,000 people were evacuated in the Seine-et-Marne, Loiret, Essonne, Indre-et-Loire, Cher, Loir- Et-Cher, Indre, Meuse, Meurthe-et-Moselle, Nord and Pas-de-Calais departments of France. Right from the beginning, Secours populaire volunteers came out to help the victims. They set to work cleaning houses and handing out food, clothing and blankets.

Then, with the support of partners such as the Fondation Carrefour or the Fondation Orange, the Secours populaire handed out appliances (gas cookers, washing machines, refrigerators, etc.) and bedding. Support was also put in place to enable families to benefit from insurance.

After the initial emergency, volunteers continued to provide help for the victims of the devastating weather conditions. In December, in Nemours, a town which was heavily affected by the floods, the volunteers prepared a Christmas tree for the families. Three hundred people attended a musical performance and each child received a gift.
As a member of many European organisations, including the Euro-Mediterranean Network of Solidarity (Remedes) and the European Social Action Network (ESAN), Secours populaire is actively involved in dealing with emergencies throughout Europe. Through its European network of partner associations, the SPF can act as quickly as possible to help those in need, in the most efficient way possible.

EARTHQUAKE IN ITALY

On the night of 24 August, a terrible earthquake measuring 6.2 on the Richter scale hit Umbria in central Italy. A few hours later, an aftershock measuring 5.5 occurred, followed by about sixty others of more minor intensity. The impact was devastating: nearly 300 dead, hundreds injured and thousands of people left homeless. The material damage was equally catastrophic, as many infrastructures had to be completely rebuilt.

Faced with the scale of the disaster, Secours populaire immediately responded by releasing an emergency fund of €50,000 to help the many victims. Together with its partner, ARCI (the Italian Cultural Recreation Association), the SPF set up the Jouer pour reconstruire (Play to rebuild) programme in nurseries and primary schools, hotels where the victims were housed and public places. Pending the rebuilding of cultural infrastructure, a mobile library drove around earthquake-stricken areas handing out more than 1,000 books. Cultural and recreational activities (cinema and theatre performances) were also organised for the families affected. A total of 1,200 children participated in the programme.
As soon as a humanitarian tragedy occurs, the SPF calls for financial donations, and material aid is provided in response to the needs expressed by the populations: food, hygiene products, tents, etc. Very quickly, everyday life resumes, and the SPF then sets up programmes to support the revival of economic, social and medical activities, the schooling of children and young people, and access to water and energy. The SPF also incorporates the issue of risk prevention: antiseismic and anticyclonic building work, raising awareness among the population, and respect for the environment.

EARTHQUAKE IN ECUADOR

On 16 April, a devastating earthquake measuring 7.8 on the Richter scale struck the coastal provinces of Ecuador. With 659 deaths, thousands of injured and nearly 30,000 people affected, this was the worst disaster the country had experienced since 1979.

As soon as the extent of the destruction caused by the earthquake was understood, the Secours populaire mobilised its local contacts to determine the needs on the ground. Along with C-CONDEM, its local partner, and with the help provided by Ecuadorian associations in France, an SPF mission was dispatched to Chamanga and Muisne, in the province of Esmeraldas, a region particularly affected by the disaster. From 30 April, the first distributions of food (fruit, pasta, cereals, milk powder, oil, eggs, etc.), hygiene products and mosquito nets were put in place. 1,500 people, including 500 children, received these donations.

Because emergency aid is only the first step, the Secours populaire then embarked on a reconstruction phase in the devastated region. The association set up training courses for construction using bamboo in the town of Baya de Caraquez and the surrounding area. With its 90 participants, the programme has a twofold objective: to relaunch economic activity and help to rebuild the affected area.

HURRICANE MATTHEW

On 4 October 2016, Hurricane Matthew swept across Cuba and Haiti, causing immense damage. Floods, landslides, lack of electricity, drinking water, etc. 1.4 million Haitians needed humanitarian assistance, including 592,000 children.
In close cooperation with its partners in Haiti and Cuba, the SPF was able to quickly identify the most urgent needs and implement emergency programmes for the victims. For example, in coordination with the Association haïtienne des citoyens pour le développement (Haitian association of citizens for development - AHCD), the SPF distributed food aid, hygiene products and water purification tablets to 1,000 families affected in Fond Jean-Noël, Saint-Louis du Sud and Rivière Froide.

From 9 October, a Secours populaire mission was dispatched to Jacmel. To combat the risk of starvation, the school canteen was made a priority and was soon up and running. Thirteen disaster victims working there received support. And a microcredit program was developed to help 200 people in financial difficulty.

As economic activity, particularly fishing, was severely impacted by the hurricane, Secours populaire helped to repair boats and fishing nets to enable people to return to work quickly and to provide for themselves.

The Secours populaire worked with its local partners to help 69,036 Haitian and 947 Cuban victims.

FAMINE IN MADAGASCAR

After three years of devastating drought, the regions of Anosy, Androy and Moyen Ouest, in southern Madagascar were hit by a famine of unprecedented magnitude. It affected 1.2 million people, nearly half of whom suffered from a very serious lack of food. Secours populaire could not ignore this situation.

Between April and May 2016, along with the Comité de solidarité de Madagascar (solidarity committee of Madagascar - CSM), the association distributed 9,900 kg of food to 1,000 vulnerable families affected by the famine. Rice, flour, manioc, infant formula, all the products that the population needed to survive.

AFTER THE EARTHQUAKE, REBUILDING SCHOOLS IN NEPAL

It is essential to think about reconstruction right after an emergency, so that the affected populations can move on with their lives. After providing emergency aid to the victims of the 25 April 2015 earthquake in Nepal, which left 9,000 dead and a million children without education, Secours populaire is committed to rebuilding the schools that were destroyed. In 2016, work began on the Shree Rudrayanee secondary school in the village of Kokhana. It will be the first school in the country to be rebuilt to antiseismic standards, using environmentally friendly techniques. It will also be equipped to accommodate people with disabilities. The school will allow 207 students to return to their lessons. In addition to reconstruction, the SPF is continuing its work with Nepalese children through its “Copain du monde” (“Friend of the world”) children’s movement. In August 2016, five Nepalese children participated in the “Copain du monde” (“Friend of the world”) children’s village in La Bourboule, France.
In 2016, 85,244 asylum applications were filed in France, up 10% on 2015. Often, those arriving in France from countries such as Syria, Afghanistan, Sudan, Iraq, and Eritrea have had to leave everything behind. SPF helps these families, children, and individuals, all of whom need to begin a new life.

EMERGENCY MATERIAL SUPPORT
Secours Populaire starts by responding to the most urgent needs of migrants and refugees who arrive in France utterly destitute. At its information, solidarity, and health points, SPF assists migrants and refugees, providing food and clothing. Volunteers distribute toiletries and baby kits, as well as school materials – so that children can once again attend school normally, in France. The “international solidarity space”, first set up in Lille in 2001, is specially dedicated to migrants and refugees, responding as best it can to the many requests for help it receives. Volunteers who speak several languages welcome asylum seekers who walk in of their own accord or are sent by other organisations (préfectures, town halls, etc.). Secours Populaire is also active in the migrant camps that have sprung up in several cities in France. A solidarity scheme has been rolled out at the La Linière camp in Grande-Synthe. A drop-in centre has been set up to diagnose individuals’ needs, provide a listening ear, and offer guidance and advice on how to complete the administrative procedures for asylum application. Distributions of food, toiletries, clothing, bedding, and sleeping bags are also organised on site.

HELP IN REJOINING SOCIETY
As well as providing emergency aid, the Secours populaire also helps migrants and refugees rejoin society at large. Many of them have faced traumatic situations; they can benefit from a listening ear and psychological support. Learning to speak and write French is also a major concern for those who arrive in France. French lessons for foreigners are provided by volunteers. Catch-up classes are offered to children – along with sports activities, cultural outings, and holidays, to help families recover and get back to a normal life.

SPF is working with a large number of partners to expand initiatives of this type directed at migrants and refugees. For instance, in 2016, the PSG Foundation helped Secours Populaire provide food aid and/or clothing for 7,335 migrants and refugees, toiletries kits for 1,898 individuals, and school supplies for 547 children.
AROUND THE WORLD

In 2016, there were 65.3 million displaced people worldwide. This figure includes 21.3 million people fleeing conflicts, persecution, and serious breaches of human rights. Half of them are children. Backed by an extensive network of partners throughout Europe and worldwide, Secours populaire works at ground level alongside uprooted people.

WORKING WITH MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES IN GREECE

Greece is the leading gateway for migrants and refugees seeking shelter in Europe. Together with its local partner People Solidarity, SPF is on the ground there, providing them with emergency aid. In 2016, Secours populaire organised distributions of essential items such as food, toiletries, and clothing for 815 people in a camp near the port of Piraeus, Athens, which houses 5,000 migrants and refugees, many of whom are young children. Other distributions were also carried out in Athens in the Attica region. Still other actions benefiting families are organised during the festive season. At Christmas, presents and traditional Greek cakes were distributed to migrant and refugee children living in a hotel in Athens.

TRAINING FOR YOUNG MIGRANTS AND REFUGEES IN LEBANON

Lebanon is one of the states most affected by the migrant crisis. One in every three people in the country is a refugee. To cope with this unprecedented challenge, Secours populaire and its partner Development for People and Nature Association (DPNA) have engaged in a number of initiatives benefiting Syrian refugees. In June 2016, SPF distributed food parcels to some 3,000 people in a camp in Sidon. Together with its local partner, Secours populaire also ran a programme entitled “Cash for work” aimed at young Syrian and Palestinian refugees, as well as unemployed young Lebanese people. To stem the tide of unemployment affecting young people and to reduce tensions between migrants, refugees, and the local Lebanese, those on the programme were provided with training and public-benefit activities in exchange for pay. 185 young people took part in the scheme.
In 2016, 1,809,100 people received food aid from the Secours populaire. Food aid responds to the vital needs of people in difficulty. It can be provided as a basket of groceries at self-service facilities where people can choose their food like they would in a shop, or as a mobile outreach service. This system respects the people that need it while preserving their freedom of choice. Whatever people’s circumstances, they are encouraged to make a donation, no matter how small, to support the SPF’s work in France and around the world.

Often, the first time people knock at the door of an aid organisation, it’s because they need food. The SPF responds to this requirement immediately. They are then offered personalised support in an attempt to address their overall situation. Volunteers can also help with other problems they face, offering assistance with health matters, housing, debt, and so on, and providing access to leisure activities and holidays. The fact that food aid is offered after a friendly chat with someone who wants to listen, and in a self-service setting designed to encourage mutual support, means it provides so much more than just food – it paves the way to integration.

Poverty has a direct impact on the dietary habits of the people it affects. They skip meals. They fill up on cheap products that contain high amounts of fat and sugar. This in turn affects their health, causing obesity, heart disease, hypertension and diabetes. It is therefore essential that any food aid provided helps to improve the nutritional quality of their meals. The SPF raises awareness about better nutrition at its food banks, often with the input of Secours populaire doctors. Friendly gatherings and cooking workshops are also organised in a bid to inspire people on a budget to cook, even when it requires imagination and resourcefulness. These events are a great way to emphasise the importance of a healthy, balanced diet. Several SPF federations have also set up community gardens where families can grow vegetables on a plot of land.

Food is supplied from a number of sources:
- The Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD) which provides basic foodstuffs and processed products;
- Collecting food from individuals;
- Partnerships with manufacturers, supermarkets, and local producers;
- Pick-ups at supermarkets;
- Buying products.

The SPF fights food waste by collecting unsold products and food that would otherwise be thrown away, to cover the needs of a growing number of people living in poverty and to offer a varied selection of suitable foods.

France’s anti-waste law, which came in during February 2016,
has reinforced this approach and helped to increase the quantity of food collected.
Due to its experience gained over time, its volunteer network, and its structured framework, the SPF is a major player in this field. In 2016, more than 11,000 tonnes of products were collected.

AGRICULTURAL DONATIONS
Food waste is common in farming, where rapidly perishable produce is more sensitive to the vagaries of a fluctuating market. In 2013, France introduced a tax system allowing milk producers to donate part of their production to an accredited nonprofit organisation of their choice. In 2014, the system expanded to the egg sector, and in 2015 to the fruit and vegetable sector.
These products help to complete the SPF’s supply networks and enable us to offer a varied selection of foods to those in need. For example, in Guilvinec, a town in the coastal department of Finistère, the Secours populaire sources vegetables and eggs from two organic producers. This gives people on a tight budget access to fresh, healthy products, which would otherwise be too expensive.

Fresh products are not always affordable for beneficiaries of the Secours populaire, and they don’t always know how to cook them. In Saint-Andrés-de-Sangonis, in the Hérault department of southern France, SPF volunteers and four families helped set up a local produce market, cooking workshops and visits to a local farm.
More than 100 families that are helped by the organisation participated in these initiatives and learned about the importance of eating good quality food. Besides the food aspect, the volunteers and families got to know each other, learned about the issues that farmers have to deal with, and gained a better understanding of the food production and distribution chain. Above all, getting families actively involved helps to empower them and encourage self-sufficiency.
The project has since continued, with other initiatives being undertaken, like collecting surplus production, apple picking, and setting up a communal garden. Three similar projects have got off the ground in the Hérault, Lozère and Pyrénées-Orientales regions.
IN EUROPE

FOOD DISTRIBUTION IN GREECE

Greece has been in a recession since 2007, with alarming social consequences. Two point five million Greeks now live below the poverty line. Unemployment affects 23.3% of the working population, hitting highs of 47.4% among young people. After a year of unemployment, job seekers are no longer entitled to benefits or health insurance. Almost 23% of Greek citizens have no access to healthcare. Behind these rising figures lies the distress and daily struggles of many. The Secours populaire has responded to the growing poverty in the country, which affects all social classes. Since 2012, the Secours populaire has organised regular food distribution campaigns to benefit vulnerable populations and runs special schemes for children, including holidays in France to Copain du monde (Friend of the world) children’s villages, Christmas shows and afternoon events, as well as handing out school supplies.

In April 2016, a delegation from the Secours populaire visited the city of Lavrio, 40 km from Athens, which has been particularly hard hit by unemployment and instability. The SPF team brought five pallets of food to distribute at a refugee migrant camp and in the town’s poorest neighbourhoods. Packets of flour, milk, pasta, jam and jars of baby food, all collected by the Secours populaire in France, were distributed to nearly 500 migrants and refugees and more than 400 Greek families. Similarly, in December 2016, the SPF teamed up with its local partner Solidarité populaire, to hand out festive products and warm clothing to Greek families, migrants, and refugees from Athens.
ONE IN NINE PEOPLE SUFFERS FROM HUNGER

There are 840 million undernourished people in the world – that’s one in nine people suffering from hunger and the diseases it causes. And worse, 3.1 million children under the age of five die of hunger each year. There are great disparities between continents, but none is spared. The situation is critical in Sub-Saharan Africa, where one in four people suffers from hunger. Asia alone accounts for two-thirds of the world’s undernourished population.

ENSURING FOOD SECURITY FOR FAMILIES

Aware of this major challenge, the Secours populaire and its local partners encourage the development of environmentally-friendly vegetable farming, particularly in Mali, El Salvador, and Nicaragua. The SPF also carries out nutritional health initiatives for the most vulnerable children, such as those it benefits in India. Because malnutrition causes many illnesses in children, the Secours populaire is spearheading a nutritional health programme to benefit 205 school children. Among other services, dietary supplements are distributed to reduce anaemia. The SPF also takes urgent action when it responds to food crises.

ETHIOPIA: IMPROVING CHILDREN’S NUTRITION AT SCHOOL

Ethiopia is one of the poorest countries in Africa, with 33.5% of the population living below the poverty line. Regular droughts mean the country faces severe food shortages. With 53% of deaths caused by infant malnutrition, children are the first victims. In light of this observation, since September 2016 the Secours populaire and its local partner, the Family Service Association, have been running a programme to improve access to food and education at two schools in Addis Ababa. Well-balanced meals are served every day to 100 pupils who are sick, victims of violence, or from very poor families. Because many children drop out of school due to their families’ lack of resources, students are also offered material assistance. The project, which is funded by a bequest received by the Secours populaire, also aims to boost the economic capabilities of the families of the children it helps. Through training, they manage to reach a position of financial independence where they can afford school meals for their children.
STANDING UP FOR YOUR RIGHTS

Every year, almost €10 billion in social benefits, in particular RSA (a supplement to earned income), universal health coverage, or complementary health benefits, are not claimed by individuals who are eligible for the payments. People do not claim these rights because there is a lack of information, social service centres may be far away, and people feel discouraged when faced with the required administrative procedures.

In 2016, the SPF supported 135,660 people through guidance, counselling, mediation and legal assistance.

SPF volunteers provide administrative support for people who do not claim their benefits. They offer technical assistance for administrative procedures or access to social assistance schemes (RSA, universal health coverage, state medical assistance, etc.). They also play an active role in bringing people to the appropriate organisations.

For more complex procedures, the Secours populaire offers legal consultations with professionals. A legal expert listens, guides, and provides advice for people in their dealings with public legal departments. The experts monitor their case in complete confidentiality. These consultations may concern employment law, international law, criminal law, social law, family law, etc. The Secours populaire has partnerships with the Bar, and specialised organisations and institutions such as the Paris Court of Appeal and departmental councils for rights.
Respect for dignity is the cornerstone of everything the Secours populaire does in France, and around the world. The association promotes and takes action to protect the rights of children, women, minorities and those who have been displaced. As part of its development programs, the Secours populaire works to resolve situations that undermine the most basic rights, and to improve the social and economic rights of the most vulnerable populations.

For example, the Secours populaire is continuing its Mangeuse d’âme (soul eater) project in Burkina Faso. Since 1999, it has been striving to combat the exclusion of women who have been accused of witchcraft, and whose houses have been burnt down by villagers. Along with ARVOSPI, its local partner, the SPF is rebuilding these women’s homes and setting up reconciliation committees so that they can return to live in their community. Since the beginning of the programme, 55 women have returned to their villages. Two women joined the programme in 2016.

SPF volunteers also offer educational activities in schools or during important events such as Children’s Rights Day, International Water Day, and International Women’s Day. Through meetings, conferences, exhibitions, and screenings of documentaries, they raise awareness among the general public on the issues of development and inequality around the world.
### Housing

#### HOUSING WORKSHOPS IN LIMOGES

Settling into housing and taking care of it isn’t easy, especially when your situation is unstable. The people who come to the Secours populaire may be faced with a lack of resources, insufficient technical know-how and little knowledge of their rights and duties as tenants. This can cause their living conditions to deteriorate, leading to discomfort for those living there, and may even end in eviction. In Limoges, the Secours populaire set up housing workshops to help those in greatest difficulty to make their homes their own. Every Monday, four volunteers run painting, wallpapering, DIY and decorating workshops for ten or so council tenants. In an empty flat made available by local social landlord Limoges HABITAT, participants learn how to maintain and improve their flats. The programme is a tool in the fight against unfit accommodation. It gives people an opportunity to help themselves by acquiring new skills and making savings, and restores some of their dignity through improved living conditions.

#### IN FRANCE

**GOING OUT TO MEET HOMELESS PEOPLE**

SPF street volunteers go out to meet homeless people, travellers and people staying in emergency accommodation. They bring a comforting hot drink or a meal and build trusting relationships, which is the first step in getting people to say what they want and need. The SPF sometimes sets up mobile centres in places its beneficiaries might go to. They can rest and get help in daytime centres. In south-east France, for example. Activities aimed at making them feel less isolated are sometimes on offer: Christmas meals, outings and weekend trips to the coast. In emergencies, particularly during periods of extreme cold, volunteers step up their action and supply sleeping bags and warm clothing.

**HELPING PEOPLE TO ACCESS AND REMAIN IN ACCOMMODATION**

In 2016, the SPF helped 53,430 people to remain in accommodation or find a new home through:

- Emergency accommodation: volunteers support homeless people in their efforts to access accommodation.
- Access to housing: it contributes to putting people in touch with housing associations and support them with administrative procedures, particularly when they take possession of their accommodation.
- Remaining in accommodation: the SPF offer mediation services with housing associations, both public and private, to avoid eviction.
- Improving living conditions: through its partnerships, the SPF makes it possible for people to acquire electrical goods and new furniture, and alleviate poverty caused by energy requirements.
Access to housing is a recognised problem in France, where 3.8 million people are poorly housed and nearly 1.5 million households have had difficulties keeping warm due to poverty, and it is also a major challenge in developing countries.

FINDING SOMEWHERE TO LIVE AND STUDY
As it may in France, further education sometimes involves leaving home, going far away, and therefore needing accommodation. It is an obligation that may drive many into giving up education, for want of financial means. The Secours populaire is active in helping make sure housing issues do not get in the way of young people continuing their education.

In Mali, from January to June 2016, the Secours populaire helped to rehabilitate a young women’s hostel in Bamako. Fifty young women from surrounding villages are now housed there in order to continue their education.

REHABILITATING HOUSING
In post-emergency situations, the Secours populaire helps victims renovate their homes. After the earthquake in Ecuador and Hurricane Matthew in Haiti, the victims’ first concern was to find accommodation again quickly in order to be able to face weather hazards and go back to normal life and economic activity as soon as possible. Along with its local partners, the SPF is involved in rebuilding homes that have been destroyed by disasters.
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Energy / Water

IN FRANCE

FIGHTING FOR ACCESS TO ENERGY AND WATER

A lack of access to energy is central to the concerns of everyone who benefits from the services of the Secours populaire. These people set aside an increasing portion of their budget to energy spending. People who have difficulty accessing energy find that a knock-on effect occurs: the inability to pay bills, the gradual build-up of debt, experiencing cut-offs, restrictions and deprivation of heating all have an impact on health. The Secours populaire forges bonds with its partners to protect and monitor water and energy consumption, and offers mediation services with operators to prevent people from being cut off.

A PRIVILEGED PARTNERSHIP WITH EDF

Since 2011, the Secours populaire and EDF have joined with SPF organisations and EDF solidarity services to support people in need: guidance, support tools, mediation for unpaid bills, payment deadline flexibility, assistance for people to help them understand how to manage their energy consumption better, etc.

RESPONSE TO DISASTROUS SITUATIONS

In 2016, as part of the “Fonds d’entraide” (mutual assistance fund) under the banner of the Fondation de France, the SPF’s federations were able to help people in financial and moral dire straits which are aggravated by a lack of access to energy. This support is designed to be a way of helping those who, after all the regular channels of social assistance have been exhausted: special social energy prices and accompaniment by EDF solidarity services, Fonds de Solidarité pour le Logement (solidarity housing fund), and occasional assistance from social community centres. The help provided may take various forms: assistance with paying bills, purchasing goods such as radiators, repairing or maintenance for boilers, insulation materials, etc.
IN THE WORLD

AN INTERNATIONAL EMERGENCY
A child dies from diseases caused by dirty water or a lack of basic sanitary facilities every 15 seconds. Access to water and energy is often a prerequisite for access to healthcare and hygiene, but is also required for nutrition, as well as local and agricultural development. And that’s why the SPF and its partners have made it a priority. They enable the building of wells, cisterns, and water treatment stations. They implement large-scale water transportation systems in areas where drinking water is difficult to access or where epidemics such as cholera are frequent. Projects to install solar panels and to electrify certain areas have also been carried out.

With only 19% of the population having access to electricity, Burkina Faso is one of the countries where a lack of access to energy is felt most prominently. 60% of urban dwellers use power, while only 3% have access to it in rural areas. In addition, the proportion of Burkinabe children attending school is still very low, at just 60%.

Based on this knowledge, the Secours populaire worked with its local partner, the Association Pour la Promotion des Initiative Locales de Développement (APPILO, association to promote local development initiatives), to equip three classrooms with solar electricity. In the rural community of Lumbila, solar panels have been installed on the roof of the primary school in the village of Goué. This programme has fulfilled two objectives: take an ecological approach by promoting renewable energies, and provide primary school children with an environment that encourages them to study. They can now attend school each evening to study their lessons, guided by their teachers.
PROMOTE ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE

One in five French people delay medical care or give up on the idea completely. And the trend is growing among those most deeply impacted by the economic crisis. In September 2016, an Ipsos-Secours populaire survey showed that among the most underprivileged families, 50% had not had a dental appointment or had delayed going to the dentist. That’s 22 points more than in 2008. In addition, 42% said they had decided not to purchase their glasses or contact lenses, or had put off doing so.

One of the causes of this lack of medical care is often the lack of knowledge with regards to the various complex conditions that allow access to the care itself. Legal and regulatory texts are difficult to understand, and often change. At SPF shelters and healthcare centres, people can explain the challenges they face to the volunteers, who can then act as mediators to ensure that medical rights are upheld (such as Couverture Médicale Universelle – universal medical coverage), or as facilitators to direct people to suitable healthcare establishments. These volunteers can also help people to obtain special rates, so that those in difficulty can benefit from additional healthcare coverage.

PRE-EMPTIVE MEASURES AND ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE

In 2016, the SPF helped 123,980 people gain access to healthcare and preventive medicine. In many different departments of France, SPF healthcare centres provide information on preventive healthcare (smoking, contraception, health check-ups, dental hygiene), and provide screening for certain diseases (STDs, breast cancer), as well as information on eating a balanced diet. For this access to healthcare and preventive medicine, volunteers use the networks of specialist structures and healthcare professionals known as Médecins du SPF (SPF doctors).

Partnerships have been established with various French healthcare providers (CPAM, Union Française pour la Santé Bucco-dentaire - UFSBD -, family planning units, departmental healthcare associations such as the Ligue contre le Cancer) and healthcare companies. In 2016, in partnership with the Fondation Essilor Vision for life, the Secours populaire enabled 291 people in difficulty to benefit from a check-up with an ophthalmologist. They were then provided with specialist consultations and received glasses that suited their vision needs. In addition, since 2014, the Fondation GlaxoSmithKline has provided its support in the development of SPF healthcare services by:
- Developing the volunteer professional healthcare movement Médecins du SPF (SPF doctors).
- Evaluating the needs of people who receive help from the association.
- Organising spaces to provide guidance for people on access to healthcare.
- Training and enhancing the skills of volunteers on healthcare issues.
- Developing public and/or private partnerships to facilitate access to healthcare and rights for families.
- Implementing pre-emptive measures and raising awareness about healthcare.
OPENING OF A HEALTHCARE AND WELL-BEING CENTRE IN LYON

For those in difficulty, healthcare often takes a back seat to issues such as finding food, clothing and shelter. Since February 2016 the Secours populaire has been running a healthcare and well-being centre in Lyon. Every Wednesday morning, while food is being distributed, volunteers from hospitals meet with the people receiving the food, and listen to their needs, provide advice and guide them towards suitable healthcare centres. Volunteers also help them to secure a medical appointment and provide help with administration. Once a month, the SPF also organises well-being services. Relaxation, food workshops and preventive medical care are all provided by a professional who presents a session on a different theme each month and offers practical advice.

"MÉDECINS DU SECOURS POPULAIRE"

SPF doctors are healthcare professionals or other players involved in the field (doctors, dentists, ophthalmologists, psychologists, nutritionists and other specialists, nurses, nursing auxiliaries, social workers, researchers, agronomists, etc.) who volunteer their time to provide access to healthcare for people in difficulty, both in France and internationally. They identify the healthcare needs of the people receiving assistance. They advise, raise awareness, guide and support people towards suitable healthcare centres. They also organise information days on rights to healthcare, preventive medicine and screening for diseases (AIDS, STDs, breast cancer) as well as on balanced nutrition and contraception.
IN EUROPE

In Europe, the Secours populaire provides healthcare assistance to weak and fragile populations.

EXCHANGE WITH THE REGIONAL HOSPITAL CENTRE IN KIEV

For several years now, the Secours populaire has been working with the regional hospital centre in Kiev, which encompasses 17 departments and 21 medical disciplines. More than half the patients treated there are from a rural environment and many cannot finance their own medical care. The hospital strives to guarantee access to healthcare for as many people as possible. This involves a variety of services, including the running of an Accidents and Emergencies department. The Kiev hospital’s board of directors approached the SPF to organise a meeting between the SAMU (French emergency services) and the Hospices Civils de Lyon. In July 2016, the Secours populaire played host to three representatives from the Kiev hospital centre, who were able to discuss issues with the staff at Lyon’s Accidents and Emergencies department to gain insight and inspiration into their practices, and to implement their own project in Ukraine.

SUPPORT YOUNG HOMELESS PEOPLE IN ROMANIA

Since 2013, the Secours populaire has been working with the Romanian STEA organisation, which provides assistance for young homeless people in the town of Satu Mare. With 67% of the population addicted to either drugs or alcohol, the SPF provides preventive care and runs awareness programmes on the issues of hygiene, nutrition, contraception and the risks of addiction. It also provides a mobile structure to offer assistance to young people living on the street. In July 2016, a Secours populaire team even cycled to Satu Mare as part of a fundraising holiday project. Those involved were able to meet the partner there and hand out “maternity” kits to families in difficulty.
Providing Preventive Medicine and Access to Healthcare

During epidemics, natural disasters and wars, the Secours populaire provides additional resources for healthcare centres and provides psychological support for people suffering from trauma. In 2016, in Erbil, Iraq, the SPF and its local Iraqi partner Al Amal provided medical assistance and psychological support for women and children who had been displaced by the fighting that is wreaking havoc in their country.

Along with its local partners, the Secours populaire works with fragile populations with no access to healthcare, in remote areas where healthcare services are poor or even non-existent. It helps to build healthcare centres, set up mobile clinics, and support pre-emptive measures and screening, nutritional health programmes or childcare projects as well as access to drinking water. In Senegal, a project to build wells for around fifty residences has been underway since 2016, to collect waste water and contribute to preventing the diseases it can cause. The Secours populaire also carries out prevention and healthcare programmes on AIDS, malaria, cholera, etc.

Beating Childhood Malnutrition in Benin

In Benin, where 35% of the population live below the poverty line, 40% of children in rural areas suffer from malnutrition. As such, since February 2016, in four villages of southern Benin and in partnership with the Conseil des activités éducatives du Bénin (CAEB, Benin’s board for educational action), the Secours populaire has been running a food improvement programme for children under five, co-funded by the French Development Agency and supported by the region of Brittany.

The project involves the prevention, identification and treatment of malnutrition. Weighing sessions are organised to identify and monitor children suffering from the disease. The most severe cases are referred to healthcare centres and followed up by CAEB representatives during home visits. Cooking demonstrations and awareness sessions about nutrition are also carried out by the CAEB, to teach families how to cook local products with high nutritional value. An agricultural project is also in the pipeline for families who benefit from these services. Certified seeds will be distributed and training given to fathers who farm the land, to improve their crops and fight effectively against malnutrition.

Since the project began, 650 malnourished children have been identified and treated, and 3,371 children have joined the programme.
Many French people have to forego the idea of a holiday due to financial difficulties. While we celebrated the 80th anniversary of paid annual leave in 2016, one child out of three and one adult in two still do not go on holiday. Because holidays are a chance to get away from the stresses of everyday life, create memories, and strengthen family ties, the Secours populaire runs initiatives throughout the year to help families in difficulty enjoy a few days away.

In 2016, 185,840 people were given the chance to go on a holiday – that’s 416,700 days of annual leave.

GETAWAYS TAILORED TO THEIR NEEDS

With an SPF holiday, the less fortunate can choose the type of break they need. Different lengths and types of holidays are available, to accommodate each person’s preferences and circumstances. Some people want to go and stay with their family. Others want to escape to new horizons. But for all of them, transport and accommodation costs are a huge barrier. With partners like the French holiday voucher provider ANCV, the SPF pays for part of their holiday, and helps them to find additional resources.

• Family holidays
The Secours populaire helps underprivileged families to organise their holidays. Getting away strengthens family ties, far from the stresses and strains they have to deal with every day.
**Staying with a host family**
Children supported by the SPF are hosted by volunteer families with children of the same age. It gives them a chance to make new friends, discover a new region, and experience a different way of life. In 2016, the Secours populaire had 1,050 host families, who took in 1,310 children.

**Holiday camps**
Partnerships with businesses and works councils allow children to go to holiday camps. For example, Kinder Village has been open to children every summer for the last seven years. 670 children aged between 7 and 12 meet up in Temple-sur-Lot where they get to do lots of different sports. Canoeing, sailing, tennis, basketball, football, you name it! A wide choice for children who are also treated to a visit from some well-known athletes.

**Group trips**
With the support of specialised partners, the Secours populaire offers group trips so that people in need can enjoy a holiday without the anxiety of having to organise it. These group trips cater specially to the needs of people with disabilities, adults and isolated elderly people.

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**PLAN YOUR OWN HOLIDAY**

Set a budget, manage it, organise the trip, rent accommodation, plan activities... These formalities can be an obstacle for those who aren’t used to going away. This is why the Secours populaire, through its partnership with the French holiday voucher provider ANCV, helps the less fortunate to take a break. Through the VPA holiday planning scheme, volunteers help families to plan their holiday, which is partly paid for using holiday vouchers. In Moselle, for example, SPF volunteers helped 43 people to plan their holiday in the Dordogne. They made recommendations on how to organise their stay, manage their budget, plan their activities and boost their independence. The families spent five days in Cadouin, from 8 to 13 August, where they enjoyed cultural visits, walks and even a day out at a theme park.
JOURNÉES DES OUBLIÉS DES VACANCES HOLIDAY INITIATIVE

By 15 August, a child who hasn’t been on holiday will probably not get the chance to go. That’s why the SPF has organised unforgettable day trips for thousands of children and families since 1979. Outings are organised all across France, such as visiting a castle, a trip to the seaside, visiting a zoo, going on a boat trip, or a day at a theme park. In 2016, 36,385 children took part in one of the 50 daylong holiday initiatives organised by the Secours populaire throughout France. From Calais to Cabourg via Futuroscope, SPF volunteers rally the troops to do everything they can to ensure that as many children as possible have at least one fantastic day out. That way, when they go back to school in September, they can talk about what they did in the holidays, just like everyone else. Children from all over the world who come to France to stay at one of the Copain du monde villages also take part in the holiday initiative. It’s a way for them to open up to the world, forge relationships, make friendships and create unforgettable memories.

5,000 CHILDREN ON CABOURG BEACH

On 25 August 2016, 5,000 children from the eight departments of the Ile-de-France region who weren’t able to go away on holiday headed off on a fun-packed day trip to the seaside in Cabourg. 120 buses chartered by the Secours populaire pulled up in Cabourg early in the morning. After getting up at dawn, 5,000 young people from the Ile-de-France tumbled out onto the Normandy beach. For some, it was their only summer holiday treat, for others, the first time they had ever seen the sea.

And what could be better, just a few days before going back to school, than an action-packed, laughter-filled day of swimming, sandcastles and picnicking on the beach? The 1,500 volunteers involved in the trip had planned a whole host of things to do. Spirits were high throughout the day, with the sounds of a batucada group playing traditional Brazilian percussion instruments, and dancers who taught the children a routine that was produced specially for the event.

Thanks to the participation of the SPF’s many partners, the children were even given a present. At the end of the day, the children returned home with a heart full of happy memories.
COPAIN DU MONDE (FRIEND OF THE WORLD)
CHILDREN’S VILLAGES

Copain du monde children’s villages are an opportunity for kids to enjoy holidays with a difference. The aim is to enable them to get to know children from different countries.

In 2016, 822 children and accompanying adults from France and other countries took part in one of the 13 Copain du monde children’s villages organised in France.

Young people from all over the world – from places as diverse as Haiti, Nepal, and Germany – came to spend a few days with French children. Together they enjoyed sports and cultural activities and organised solidarity projects, including entertainment in old people’s homes and for sick children. Solidarity isn’t just something adults do! Many young people are also keen to take action to help the destitute. Copain du monde children’s villages give them an ideal setting in which to think about how they want to get involved, as well as an opportunity to meet other children from France and around the world, make friendships, and learn how to exercise tolerance and respect for those who are different from them.

By spending time together, children from France and elsewhere learn about other cultures and lifestyles. In Ardèche, seven children from Greece were welcomed to the Meyras Copain du monde village. They were able to explore the region, get to know the French children, and organise solidarity projects together.

Some of the foreign children invited to Copain du monde villages took part in one of the 50 Journées des oubliés des vacances (days for those without holidays) organised nationwide in France for deprived children.

Children from Copain du monde villages who go on these holidays can share their experiences with their classmates when they go back to school. In doing so, they become ambassadors for the Copain du monde movement, and for solidarity as a whole.
IN EUROPE

The Secours populaire facilitates intercultural exchanges by means of holidays all across Europe.

HOLIDAYS IN SWITZERLAND AND HOLLAND

In partnership with the KOVIVE and Europa Kinderhulp charity organisations, the Secours populaire has been organising three-week holidays with Swiss and Dutch families since 1962. This year, 250 French children took part in the scheme, which gave them a chance to discover a foreign culture, develop their curiosity, and open their mind. The programme tries to place the same children with the same families year after year. Some of them stay in regular contact and sometimes visit at other times. This experience means a lot to the children who take part, and in turn they help to run it: from the age of 16, they can become an accompanying guide.

COPAIN DU MONDE (FRIEND OF THE WORLD)
CHILDREN’S VILLAGES

With its partner Solidarité populaire, Secours populaire invites French children to a Copain du monde village in Greece. In 2016, five Copain du monde children from Colmar went over to Greece. Aged 11 to 12 years, they spent 12 days with Greek children in Agios Andreas. Through games, sporting activities, cultural visits and discussions about children’s rights and solidarity, Greeks and French learned to live together, struck up friendships and discovered each other’s culture.

The French children spent a lot of time preparing for this unforgettable stay. They held fundraising events at school, did research on Greece, its history, culture and current affairs, and passed their swimming certificate. To ensure they got the most out of the trip, these friends of the world left nothing to chance!
COPAIN DU MONDE (FRIEND OF THE WORLD) CHILDREN’S VILLAGES

Copain du monde children’s villages have gone global, and are now being developed in other countries. As in France, these villages seek to teach children about living together, and intercultural exchanges, while encouraging children to strive for a more caring world. In 2016, 15 Copain du monde children’s villages were organised abroad. 1,409 children and teenagers from Europe and around the world met up in Gaza, Greece, Japan, Lebanon, Madagascar and Serbia.

SOLIDARITY EXPEDITION

Volunteering holidays develop young people’s skills by encouraging them to raise funds for their trip and plan the project together. In April 2016, seven young volunteers from Marseille, Perpignan and Montpellier travelled to Tazzarine in Morocco, to discuss community support matters with the young volunteers at our local partner organisation, a youth centre in Tazzarine. During their stay, they organised an egg hunt, painted the walls of the school in the Copain du monde colours, and went to a theatre and traditional music festival. In July, the French hosted young Moroccans who came to discover the region and learn about the community work done by the SPF.

LEBANON. COPAIN DU MONDE (FRIEND OF THE WORLD) CHILDREN’S VILLAGES

On 5 June 2016 in Lebanon, the Secours populaire and its partner, Development for People and Nature Association (DPNA), inaugurated a Copain du monde children’s village. The centre is a permanent building that can accommodate children from Lebanon or other countries of the world for stays with an emphasis on solidarity all year round. In 2016, 300 children were hosted for one-week breaks throughout the summer. Lebanese, Syrian and Palestinian refugees were able to get to know each other, chat and take part in initiatives involving cohesion, conflict resolution, sport and art. In a country that is severely affected by the migratory crisis, the Copain du monde children’s village near Jezzine enables children from different countries to meet and make new friends.
Breaking through loneliness and isolation

In France, five million people are victims of solitude. One in eight French people does not even have any relations within the five networks of sociability: family, professional, friend, affinity or neighbourhood. And poverty further accentuates the risk of isolation. Suffering increases further when a person does not have the means to live. It is difficult to take steps to change the situation, and you are cut off from the outside world. But the provision of basic needs is not enough to offer a solution to instability issues: one of the keys lies in social bonds and openness to others.

That is why the Secours populaire organises cultural excursions, leisure activities, holidays, sports, cooking or sewing workshops, growing produce in shared gardens, etc. All these activities help people meet each other and forge friendships. These projects can be carried out in very specific contexts, especially among the elderly. Seniors can find themselves isolated when they stop working, experience a drop in income, live far away from their families, or encounter health concerns. Through boat trips on the Seine, intergenerational holidays, festive meals, etc. the Secours populaire works to help the elderly break through their solitude.

More action during the Christmas period

At the end of the year when people enjoy spending time with their loved ones, those facing hardship should not have to suffer further by feeling frustrated that they are completely excluded from the celebrations. In 2016, the SPF celebrated the fortieth anniversary of its wonderful Pères Noël verts (green Father Christmas) campaign. Since 1976, the association’s volunteers have been organising self-service facilities where families can choose from a selection of Christmas products, home decorations, Christmas trees and new toys to enjoy over the holiday season. Meals, outings, excursions, and entertainment for children are organised. For example, on 21 December, 450 families spent the day in Lens where they were able to enjoy the fair rides and visit the Louvre-Lens museum. At the ice rink in Colombes, 800 children and their parents attended a show given by the famous skater and sponsor of the association, Philippe Candeloro. These wonderful experiences are unforgettable for both young and old. The homeless are not forgotten: determined volunteers go to meet them and hand out warm clothes, sleeping bags, food, or just a little comfort and human warmth. In Paris, a Christmas meal was organised during which these volunteers and homeless people were able to meet.
PÈRE NOËL VERTS TRAVEL THE GLOBE

In 2016, 13,950 people in 24 countries throughout Europe and the world benefited from the SPF at the end of the year. There were opportunities to enjoy some family time, to bring together people from the same neighbourhood or village, and to encourage meetings and dialogue. We take a look back at some of the projects.

In the Philippines, a huge Christmas party was thrown for 150 children from families in difficult circumstances. Games, dancing, balloon distribution and a meal in a restaurant were laid on specially for them. The children left with treats and a gift.

In Mauritania, the SPF and its partner El Karamat set up Les journées pour le bonheur des enfants (days for children’s happiness). It meant two days of celebration during which 450 children enjoyed a party, which included the distribution of school kits and clothing, while awareness sessions on children’s rights were made available for parents.

The Secours populaire’s Pères Noëls verts also stopped off in Mali. In Bamako, 70 children from deprived areas, orphans of war, or those from poor families, gathered to watch a wonderful show that included music, dance and sketches. Everyone left with clothes as a gift.

In Iraq, following the terrible fighting in Mosul that drove thousands of people out of the city, 500 displaced children were able to put their daily lives at the backs of their minds for a moment. In the Nazrawa refugee camp, the children flocked together to play games, enjoy musical entertainment and receive gifts.
Leisure, culture, sport

GETTING OUT TO MAKE IT THROUGH

The instability experienced by many families often leads to a break with the outside world: extra-curricular activities are too costly for modest budgets, which need to be set aside for essential needs (food, clothing, hygiene products, household bills). Cultural activities make it possible to learn more about the world, to understand it better, to be exposed to other points of view.

In 2016, the Secours populaire helped 115,500 people by giving them access to culture and recreation. The Secours populaire, was officially recognised as a popular education organisation in 1983, with the establishment of many different partnerships, outings to cinemas, museums and national monuments, theatre, the circus and concert venues. Throughout the year, Secours populaire volunteers also encouraged vulnerable people to participate in artistic workshops: visual arts, theatre, creative writing, reading, discovery of their country's heritage, etc.

They also took part in major cultural events. For the Printemps de Bourges, for example, 300 young people were invited to attend Happy Friday, the festival's major concert. They were able to enjoy performances by Caravan Palace and Synapson. For five days, 30 of these young people took part in a musical immersion experience supervised by instructors from Centres d’Entrainement aux Méthodes d’Education Active (CEMEA - training centres with an active approach to education), which involved meetings with artists, instrument discovery workshops, behind-the-scenes visits, etc.

From 13 to 25 July 2016, 50 young people aged between 18 and 25 took part in the Avignon Festival. In conjunction with
the CEMEA, these young people were able to take part in this important cultural event, attend numerous performances and participate in artistic workshops.

Giving everyone access to recreation is also part of the Secours populaire’s mission. A trip to an amusement park, the zoo or the cinema makes it possible to escape from a daily life which is sometimes very challenging. It helps people to integrate socially, especially children. The SPF offers more and more initiatives for the families that benefit from its work. For example, on 4 June 2016, 7,000 people from all over the Ile-de-France were invited to spend the day at Disneyland Paris.

**SPEAK OUT FOR ACTION**

Since 1989, the Secours populaire has strived to give a voice to those people who benefit from its projects, about their living conditions, as well as what makes them angry, what gives them hope and what makes them happy. This approach, entitled Le dire pour agir (speak out for action), gives a mouthpiece to the “voiceless”, the “jobless” and the “homeless”, as well as those who have no access to medical care, holidays or leisure. Speaking out means being able to take a stand, to make suggestions, to have a meaningful existence. Being able to speak means existing socially, being a player, and rewriting your own destiny. At the same time, people who are welcomed to the Secours populaire are also encouraged to play a role to promote solidarity. This chance to get involved as a volunteer – which is offered without force or obligation of any kind – is an undeniable way for people to get their lives back on track. By bringing together cultures, ages and know-how, this volunteering maintains and even re-establishes social ties, while offering people the opportunity to get involved with volunteering and shouldering the responsibilities it brings.
Playing a sport helps to keep us fit and active, as well as promoting a positive mindset and a team spirit. It helps people to look beyond themselves. It is a wonderful means of expression and encourages social bonds, which helps to reduce inequalities.

In 2016, the Secours populaire gave 38,750 people access to sport. The association helped to increase access to sport for as many people as possible through partnerships with sports federations, to obtain licenses and equipment at a lower cost. For several years, the Fondation FDJ and Kinder + Sport have reinforced these initiatives. For example, Kinder has set up a new platform Qui court donne (run to give), which allows participants to convert every kilometre they run into a donation to finance sports licences. In 2016, with the support of these two partners, 1,940 children were able to enrol in a sports club of their choice and 881 of them received funds towards the acquisition of suitable sports equipment. Around fifty different sports were played. In addition to the usual sports such as football or dancing, there was also archery, American football, baton twirling and hip-hop dancing.

Whether it’s parachute jumping, horseback riding, canoeing and kayaking, the Secours populaire strives to introduce new sports to children. For the first stage of the Solitaire du Figaro, 40 children were able to board the boats in the race and make the crossing between Le Havre and Deauville with the skippers, including Anthony Marchand, who captained the Ovimpex-Secours populaire boat.

The SPF also gives thousands of people access to major sporting events. Between 10 June and 10 July, during the Euro 2016 football championships that were held in France, more than 2,000 children attended football matches during the competition.
PROMOTING ACCESS TO CULTURE AND SPORTS

As part of its development programmes, the Secours populaire encourages access to culture and sports. In order to compensate for the lack of cultural and leisure infrastructures in Hebron, Palestine, the Secours populaire and its partner Association d’Echanges Culturels Hébron France (AECHF - the Hébron France association for cultural exchange) worked on renovating a toy library. Sports activities, cultural outings and academic support courses were also organised for children. In 2016, 200 children participated in the programme.

DEVELOPING INTERCULTURAL EXCHANGES

The Secours populaire promotes intercultural exchanges between children and young people from different countries. This is reflected in the development of solidarity exchanges among young people or Copain du monde (Friends of the world) villages in France, Europe and the world. Children from different countries meet and discover new cultures. In 2016, more than 2,200 children participated in a Copain du monde children’s village.

ITALY. AFTER THE EARTHQUAKE, REBUILDING THROUGH ACCESS TO CULTURE

In August and October 2016, Italy was hit by several earthquakes, leaving thousands of people desperate and causing enormous damage, including the destruction of cultural infrastructure. With its Italian partner ARCI (the Italian cultural recreational association) the SPF developed the Jouer pour reconstruire (play to rebuild) project. In four of the affected villages, film screenings and shows were organised in nursery and primary schools, public spaces and at the hotels which housed the victims of the earthquake. A mobile library was set up to distribute books to the affected areas, and 1,200 children were able to access many other cultural activities.
OPEN TO LEARNING

Literacy and numeracy are major issues. However, social inequality hinders the poorest people's access to this knowledge. What is more, communication between schools and parents in unstable situations is often difficult because of the apprehension they may feel towards an institution that hands on knowledge of which they themselves have only a poor grasp. The Secours populaire encourages access to knowledge so that both children and adults can learn, thrive, and take part in the development of the society they live in.

In 2016, the SPF provided 43,110 people with educational and schooling support, and contributed to the fight against illiteracy.

SUPPORTING CHILDREN IN SCHOOL

A child living an unstable life doesn't have the same chances of succeeding as other children do. Potentially difficult housing conditions, a lack of means to pay for tutoring, parents who cannot keep up with their children's education, limited access to culture, the list goes on. There are many obstacles that may get in the way of a child's learning experience.

The Secours populaire provides children with full learning support to rekindle their taste for learning and discovery. Sessions led by volunteer support workers (mostly students and retired teachers) are available for groups, on the association's premises, or for individual children. In the latter case, volunteers go to the children's homes after school to provide tutoring sessions. They come into the families' homes, experience the real situations the children are facing, and meet their families. This means that parents are directly involved in the children's education; they follow their development and see them progress. Tutoring sessions are coupled with outings for cultural, artistic or sporting activities. The aim is to allow children to open their minds, discover new things and not see learning as confined to school and homework. The volunteers and children choose the activities together. It may be a trip to see a show, a museum visit or a football match. The outings may be organised as a group, with the family, or one-to-one. Children can find a source of satisfaction and build close relationships with their support volunteers.
ZOOM

BUILDING AN EARTHQUAKE-PROOF SCHOOL.

The earthquake that hit Nepal on 25 April 2015 left devastating damage in its wake. With schools destroyed, nearly a million children went without education. That is why the Secours populaire made rebuilding the country’s schools a priority.

In the town of Khokana, which was badly hit by the earthquake, the Secours populaire and its partner, Urban Environment Management Society (UEMS), led the rebuilding of the first school, meeting anti-earthquake standards: Shree Rudrayanee school, was renamed “the Copain du Monde school” (Friend of the World). By virtue of its quality and modernity, the school has become a pilot in the region and has been copied in other villages. The equipment includes a drinking water supply system, new furniture, and girls’ and boys’ toilets. It has even been designed to be able to take children with disabilities. It was inaugurated in 2017, and 207 pupils were able to go back to school. Those same pupils exchange regular letters with schoolchildren in France and, since 2015, have had stays in French Copain du Monde (Friends of the World) villages.

THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

HELPING CHILDREN GAIN ACCESS TO EDUCATION

Nearly 60 million children, mostly girls, still do not receive schooling. After disasters, the SPF makes getting children back to school one of its top priorities: setting up schools in tents, rebuilding and refurbishing schools, and distributing school supplies.

The SPF also takes part in development programmes: building schools, buying school buses so children don’t have to walk miles to go to school, equipping libraries and school canteens, and so on. It also supports its partners in setting up vocational training for adults.

As such, to help the development of Fonkounmey village in Benin, the Secours populaire and its partner association ID Pêche Ouidah built a community nursery school in January 2016. It takes 64 boys and girls from two and a half to five years old. Having the children in school has made it possible for their mothers to gain employment and expand the village’s economy.
More than one young person in four (18-24 years old) lives below the poverty line, and receives less than €900 a month. And the situation is getting worse. Young people are particularly hard hit by unemployment; 24% in this age bracket are jobless. In addition, many are in unstable employment. In France, only half of working young people under the age of 25 have non-fixed term contracts (permanent or civil servant status). The others have fixed-term, part-time or temporary contracts. These jobs do not always allow employees to meet their full scope of needs, especially those with a dependent family. Therefore, the poverty rate among young households (under 30) is at 24%, compared with 10.5% for the oldest households (75 years or more). Poverty also affects students. With an average cost of €800 per month for a student tenant, studies can be a money pit for many. These young people may sink into poverty following a family breakup, delays in scholarship payments, the birth of a child, etc. They then encounter financial, food, and health difficulties. Most students experience temporary insecurity, and can expect a better future once they graduate, if instability does not prevent them from finishing their studies.

The Secours populaire français has observed that young people are increasingly vulnerable. In 2016, the Secours populaire supported 167,830 young people, including 28,310 students. Since 2009, 14 branches have been opened in universities or near places frequented by young people, to meet their specific needs: at the University of Toulon, Evry (University of Evry-Val-d’Essonne), Avignon, where a centre for young people was set up at the SPF, Nîmes (a mobile grocery store in the car park of the Vauban University), and in Marseille (a mobile branch that parks near young workers’ halls of residence), etc. Whether or not they are used by students, these spaces are entirely given over to young people and their needs. And this is essential, because coming to one of our centres isn’t a natural reflex for them.

Food aid, someone who will listen to them, mediation and guidance are all available to meet the needs of the most vulnerable young people. Volunteers provide support for them to ensure they are aware of their rights, to help them find out how they can access healthcare, culture, holidays, etc. Some branches offer professional integration advice, offer help with writing CVs, and organise workshops to prepare for job interviews. Some branches offer a volunteer-run grocery store for students. Others offer various forms of support: study materials (computer equipment, a financial boost at the beginning of the school year to buy textbooks and classroom supplies), advice and guidance on other social structures (university canteen access, housing subsidies, etc.).
THROUGHOUT THE WORLD

Young people are also confronted with the challenges of entering the labour market all around the world. The SPF supports a multitude of vocational training programmes with the aim of offering young people a brighter future. The Secours populaire pays particular attention to young people facing especially difficult situations: young people who live on the streets, those who are disabled or HIV-positive, or those bearing a cultural burden in terms of the emancipation of young women, etc.

For example, in Nicaragua, Secours populaire runs a family and professional reintegration programme for young mothers who live on the streets. With its partner Inhijambia, the association goes to meet new mums and their babies to ensure they receive access to healthcare. It also offers psychological support for young girls who have experienced the violence of the street very early on in their lives. Support to get them into education and training will eventually help them to develop a profitable occupation and help pull them out of poverty.

NICARAGUA. A SOLIDARITY EXPEDITION TO OFFER CHILDREN A CHANCE TO GET AWAY

From 3 to 27 November, seven young volunteers from the Secours populaire took part in a volunteering trip to Pueblo Nuevo, Nicaragua, with three objectives: to provide holidays for the children of the region’s rural communities, take part in farm work and build a water reservoir.

As part of a comprehensive programme to benefit the people of Pueblo Nuevo, along with the local association Aprodesa, the young people from the SPF were able to learn more about Nicaragua and share the daily lives of Nicaraguan farmers, working with them in coffee and potato plantations. They were also involved in building a water reservoir, which is essential to prevent women from having to walk between three and four hours a day to meet their water needs. The volunteers also enabled 54 children from the rural community of Pueblo Nuevo to go on holiday for the first time. They spent four days discovering, enjoying leisure activities and talking about solidarity and the rights of children. All of this was organised and run by young people from the SPF.
3.13 Integration and Employment

Zoom

In Seine-Maritime, an IT Training Workshop for Job Seekers

Computer literacy is often an indispensable skill for finding work. While it is a prerequisite for most employers, knowing how to use word processing tools or how to browse the Internet is also vital for a job seeker. However, not all job seekers have these skills, and the most unstable among them sometimes have no access to a computer or to the Internet. In Seine-Maritime, the Secours populaire provides IT workshops in partnership with Orange for people who would like to improve their knowledge of IT tools. Volunteers provide training courses in word processing software programs with the aim of being able to write a CV, as well as workshops that teach participants how to use the Internet. They can then go to the Pôle Emploi job seekers’ website and reply to online offers. They can also gain access to a computer and a web connection, and work on acquiring new skills. In 2016, 42 people attended these courses.

Employment Advice

In 2016, the Secours populaire supported 47,220 people with socio-professional integration.

The services made available in Secours populaire centres offer valuable support for people in difficulty: volunteers offer advice and refer them to the relevant organisations. It starts with a boost in their search for employment or training: support for writing a CV and preparing for interviews, provision of computer tools and materials for apprentices, provision of telephone cards, public transport tickets, etc. The SPF also facilitates access to microcredits or driving licences in association with its specialised partners (Caisse des Dépôts, banks, local youth missions, local authorities, volunteer driving schools).

In addition, the Secours populaire receives a number of young people on internships, public service programmes and subsidised employment, as well as young people who have been sentenced by the courts to carry out their community service with the association. This time devoted to investing in solidarity activities is time spent making young people feel useful, to learning, to enriching their experiences and starting them out on the best path towards integration. Insertion workshops are also organised on garment sorting, furniture renovation, food stock management and market gardening activities.
PROVIDING VOCATIONAL TRAINING
The Secours populaire encourages vocational training, especially for women and young people. This gives them a certain autonomy and has a lasting and positive effect on their living conditions. For example, in Brazil, the Secours populaire and its local partner Amigos Do Bem purchased computer equipment to equip a training and professionalisation centre for 810 young people. Education and vocational training gives them access to the job market and offers a means of escape from their vulnerable position.

DEVELOPING INCOME-GENERATING ACTIVITIES
The SPF sets up income-generating activities: sewing workshops, craft production, fish farming, cooperatives, etc. These programmes are carried out in the field of agriculture: livestock and vegetable production give participants a chance to be self-sufficient, but also generate income through the sale of food surplus. As a continuation of an initial planting project that was carried out at the junior school in Pentenga, Burkina Faso, the Secours populaire has made it possible for participants to build a warehouse for processing and storing future crops. The income generated by the sale of fruit will make it possible to support the families of people involved in the plantations and provide the college with new financial resources. Six hundred people are benefitting from this program.

After a disaster, the SPF also works to encourage economic recovery. For example, sewing machines were sent to Jacmel, Haiti after Hurricane Matthew to allow women to quickly resume their income-generating activities.
RESOURCES AND HOW THEY ARE USED
Nothing can be done without donations

The solidarity work put into place by the Secours populaire français would quite simply be impossible without the support of its donors, its many financial partners, and its volunteers.

The association’s resources derive largely from public generosity, in the form of gifts and bequests, but also from popular initiatives that are organised in France by the Secours populaire’s 80,000 collectors-leaders-volunteers. Fundraising is managed by our collectors-leaders-volunteers who set up collections at events, jumble sales, sports meetings, etc. They contact companies to create partnerships, they apply for subsidies, and much more. Goodwill, experience and know-how are set in motion in whatever ways possible.

This fundraising is used by the Secours populaire to encourage more donations, to set up solidarity projects in many different fields and implement large-scale programmes. As a result, a number of different players support the actions of the SPF: donors, public institutions, local authorities, sponsors, companies, foundations, cultural associations, sports associations, etc. and this allows the SPF to take steps towards raising more financial resources.

The generosity of the public, whether financial, material, or translated into a commitment to the work of the association, is a wonderful lever for solidarity.

BEQUESTS, DONATIONS AND LIFE INSURANCE POLICIES

As poverty increases, the SPF must increase its resources in turn. Bequests, donations and life insurance policies are three ways of raising more funds. Recognised as a public interest organisation, the SPF is exempt from inheritance taxes. All the funds received are therefore directly channelled into financing its projects. By giving away all or part of an estate, donors can support the causes that are close to their hearts and, if they wish, leave their estate to a departmental SPF structure of their choice. A donation is a document that is signed in the presence of a notary, by which the donor transmits part of his property during his lifetime. If you receive a bequest, you can make a donation to the SPF. A life insurance policy is a simple and effective way of supporting the SPF while retaining the option of using the savings if you need them. These are three ways of helping others and transmitting the values of solidarity.
Transparency

4.2

Diligent Management

The Secours populaire offers its donors and partners the guarantee that it has made use of various tools to ensure the effective and ethical management of its funds. The success of projects carried out by the SPF, as a solidarity and popular education movement, is closely related to the involvement of volunteer leaders on the ground within local committees, departmental federations and regional councils. The association therefore has an audit team that provides the federations with support and advice on introducing procedures and methods for managing and running the association’s accounts. A training course for departmental treasurers, all of whom are volunteers, is also available.

Within its organisation, the SPF benefits from three financial bodies: a national finance commission which ensures that all federations and regional councils comply with management rules and provide reports on their activities. Similarly, the departmental finance commissions ensure that the rules are followed, and help the committees to properly manage the funds and commodities they collect. They encourage the development of financial resources.

The Secours populaire also regularly undergoes many different external audits issued by the Court of Audit, as well as certain ministries or government agencies.

Donating with Peace of Mind

The Secours populaire is a member of the Comité de la Charte du Don en confiance (giving in confidence charter), an organisation that approves and supervises associations and foundations that call upon public generosity. It is a group of 80 associations and foundations that are certified members. Since 1989, the committee’s objective has been to promote transparency and diligent management in order to allow people to give their money with complete peace of mind. It drew up an ethics charter and gives its approval to organisations that voluntarily undertake to uphold it and agree to inspections. The Secours populaire français received this approval once again in 2015.

Accounts Certification

The 2016 SPF accounts were certified by a statutory auditor and voted on at the Annual General Meeting on 24 June 2016. Every year, each donor receives a copy of association’s accounts in a specific publication entitled l’Essentiel, and is regularly updated about what the SPF is doing in its bimonthly magazine Convergence.

The 2016 accounts are available on request from: Secours populaire, 9-11 rue Froissart 75140 Paris cedex 03 or may be viewed on www.secourspopulaire.fr/finances
RESOURCES
In 2016, 97% of the funds raised by means of public donations were used during the year. These financial resources stemming from public generosity represent 28% of the financial resources for the 2016 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
€25.3 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.

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.

SUBSIDIES AND OTHER PUBLIC CONTRIBUTIONS
€18.4 million
These originate from various sources: local authorities, the government, social organisations or the European Union.

OTHER PROCEEDS
€3.9 million
This category mainly includes sales and other proceeds generated by daily management.

FUNDS AND RESOURCES CARRIED OVER FROM PREVIOUS YEARS
€3.2 million
This corresponds to allocated resources from previous years that the SPF used in 2016, in accordance with the donor’s wishes that were expressed at the time of the donation.
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Use of resources account

(Use of resources account of the Secours populaire français, as at 31 December 2016)

EMPLOYMENT

In 2016, 68% of the resources received from public generosity were allocated to social missions, 15% to fundraising costs, 14% to fundraising operations and other expenses and 3% to financial investments. These figures do not include voluntary contributions of material and equipment.

SOCIAL MISSIONS

€59.2 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: the volunteers who welcome and provide guidance for people in difficulty, holidays, the Pères Noël Verts (Green Father Christmas) campaign, food and clothing distributions, the Journée des oubliés des vacances holiday initiative, the Solidarity Festival, etc. But they also go towards providing emergency relief in France (floods in June). Solidarity in the world means dealing with emergencies (Hurricane Matthew, the earthquakes in Ecuador and Italy, projects with refugees and migrants) and the many development programmes. Out of a total of €59.2 million in social actions, €17.7 million was financed by public generosity.

FUNDRAISING COSTS

€6.9 million

The costs of appealing to public generosity are composed of invitations to donate during major SPF campaigns, bequests, donations, life insurance and emergency calls, and calls for donations in the Convergence magazine. Out of a total of €6.9 million, €4 million was financed by public generosity.

OPERATING COSTS

€15.8 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 €15.8 million, €3.6 million was financed by public generosity.

COMMITMENTS TO BE MADE ON ALLOCATED RESOURCES

€3.2 million

These are donations collected in 2016 that the SPF is committed to using, in accordance with donors’ wishes, as part of planned or ongoing projects.

SURPLUS RESOURCES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR

€6.3 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 in Euros

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Summary overview of accounts
As at 31 December 2016

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<td>Investment securities and National Solidarity fund</td>
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<td>Accruals and pre-paid expenses</td>
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<td><strong>TOTAL II – FIXED ASSETS</strong></td>
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<td><strong>GRAND TOTAL (I + II)</strong></td>
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**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.

**CURRENTS ASSETS** mainly comprise cash, consisting of marketable securities and cash equivalents. Cash and cash equivalents increased by nearly €6 million compared to 2015. This change is to be compared with the amount of profit for the financial year 2016.
### NET LIABILITIES IN EUROS

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<td>36,999,684</td>
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<td><strong>DEBTS</strong></td>
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<td>Debts to suppliers and accounts payable</td>
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<td>Fixed asset liabilities</td>
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<td>Other debts (among which accruals)</td>
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### PASSIVE

**CAPITAL LIABILITIES** comprise the statutory funds for €36 million. Net income for the year amounted to €6.3 million.

**DEDICATED FUNDS** are resources that were not fully consumed during 2016 (donations, bequests, subsidies and other resources) and which the association undertakes to use in accordance with the donors’ wishes. They amounted to €11 million, down slightly from 2016.

**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).

**Reserve policy** is governed by decisions made by management bodies (committees, federations and the national association), given the decentralised nature of the association. A discussion on how to take a single approach is under way within the national finance commission and the board of directors.
PUBLIC GENEROSITY AS A LEVER FOR SOLIDARITY

The multiplier effects illustrate the complementarity of financial and material solidarity. This is calculated on the basis of the costs of our social missions in France and worldwide (€59.2 million), plus material solidarity (valued at €140.5 million) and volunteering (valued at €102.5 million). This amount is then applied to the financial resources collected in 2016 (€88.2 million). In 2016, for every €10 it received, the Secours populaire was able to generate the equivalent of €34 worth of material or financial solidarity. This ratio illustrates precisely how important it is to set volunteer work in motion, and how vital it is that the various forms of popular solidarity work together.

SOLIDARITY IN FRANCE

Breakdown of budgets by activity (€54.4 million)

This chart shows the social missions carried out in France. The majority is composed of the solidarity actions due to poverty and vulnerability (€31 million), which were carried out in the 1,256 offices of the Secours populaire français. 2016 saw the Solidarity Festival (the new version of the young people’s meetings) in Rennes, the increase in activities related to the Pères Noël Verts (Green Father Christmas) campaign, and emergency flood relief.

SOLIDARITY IN THE WORLD

Breakdown of budgets by geographical area (€4.8 million)

This graph shows a breakdown of our actions in different regions of the world. The Secours populaire français intervenes both in the context of emergencies and through longer-term projects. In 2016, the association carried out 206 actions and solidarity programmes with 145 local partners in 60 countries.
PUBLIC GENEROSITY

Allocation of publicly funded resources (€26 million)

Amounts received from the public represent 8% of the 2016 total for the SPF. In the case of allocated donations, the SPF levies a flat-rate amount of 8% to cover its operating costs. These (management of material donations, volunteer coordination, etc.) represent 14% of the funds contributed by the public.
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