

TAKE ACTION AND SPEAK OUT



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Emmaus International's member organisations take action in six priority areas: the right to water, healthcare and education, ethical finance, international migration and fighting human trafficking.

BACKGROUND

BEGINNINGS

From the very start, Emmaus aimed to speak out – 'To raise awareness and share struggles (...) until the cause of each ill is eliminated' – as stated in Emmaus's Universal Manifesto.

DEVELOPMENT

Gradually, as the movement came together, Emmaus organisations decided to draw on their experiences on the ground to develop a political stance and work together to come up with alternatives.

PRIORITY AREAS

The 2003 general assembly, held in Ouagadougou, identified three priority areas, which went up to six in 2012.

SIX PRIORITY AREAS

- Right to water
- International migration
- Healthcare
- Education
- Ethical finance
- Human trafficking

"It's not up to people to conform to the law. It's up to the law to change so it respects human rights."

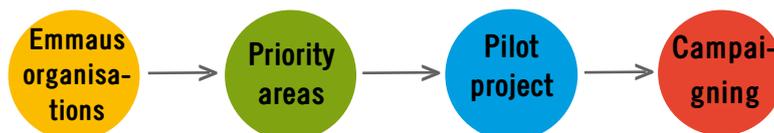
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OUR CHARACTERISTICS

- > The marginalised people we work with find their own solutions
- > They take ownership of their rights
- > Our credibility comes from our action on the ground
- > Proof that our alternatives work – they're implemented by our groups
- > We pool our efforts – stakeholders take action together at local, national, regional and international levels.

HOW WE DO IT



- > Issues affecting member organisations around the world highlight priority areas on which to take action and speak out
- > Together, the marginalised people with whom our organisations work, and stakeholders in and outside the movement develop a pilot project
- > The pilot project provides a basis for the whole movement's campaigning.



OUR CAMPAIGN

Access to drinking water is a fundamental human right. Emmaus International campaigns for public and community-based management to make water and sanitation accessible to all.

KEY WORDS

Human right

Access to water and sanitation

Public and community-based management

SLOGAN

Water – a right for all

EMMAUS INITIATIVES WORLDWIDE

Asia: Kudumbam, India

Water access programme in 3 villages

The Americas: Emmaus Uruguay

Campaign in 2005 for a national referendum to ban the privatisation of water

Africa: Benebnooma, Burkina Faso

Between 2005 and 2010, 4 wells dug in nearby villages

Europe: Pointe-Rouge, France

Co-organiser of the Alternative World Water Forum in 2012



95 groups worldwide are supporting the pilot project

93% of the population of Nokoué has access to drinking water

25% of the population has access to sanitation

A vast network of partners: experts, Beninese authorities and other organisations

Creation of an organisation for Lake Nokoué water users

OUR ARGUMENTS

> **One in 3 people in the world** doesn't have access to safe drinking water. That's 2.4 billion people (WHO 2013)

> **To date, nearly 4 billion people** do not have access to proper sanitation (WHO 2013)

> **Only 3% of all Earth's water** is fresh water, making it a major global and commercial concern (National Centre for Scientific Research, France)

> **The United Nations recognises it** as a fundamental human right in its July 2010 resolution

> **Nearly all countries in the global South** have introduced neoliberal policies and have privatised water management. The right to water is being done away with and instead water is being made into a commodity (The Europe Third World Centre (CETIM))

PILOT PROJECT

Nokoué



In Africa, Emmaus International has set up a collectively-run, water-access programme on Lake Nokoué in southern Benin.

Local people appealed to our movement via the Emmaus group located there, which revealed shockingly that only 10% of the 70,000-strong

population of Lake Nokoué had access to drinking water and 2% had access to sanitation.

Together, they set up the 'Citizens in Solidarity for Water on Nokoué' project, which is to reach completion in 2015. As well as accessing water and sanitation for the whole lake population, a water users' organisation has been set up to ensure public and community-based management of the infrastructure.

International migration



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OUR CAMPAIGN

Emmaus International is calling for an urgent rethink about migration policy, which is largely security-based, and kills thousands of people every year. Emmaus International supports international freedom of movement and settlement.

KEY WORDS

Freedom of movement and settlement
Universal citizenship
Migrants' rights

SLOGAN

No one is illegal

EMMAUS INITIATIVES WORLDWIDE

Asia: Thanapara Swallows, Bangladesh
Awareness-raising and mobilisation

The Americas: Recife, Brazil
Welcoming migrants

Africa: CORDIS, South Africa
Welcoming migrants

Europe: Emmaus Italy
Campaigning and mobilisation



70 Emmaus groups are supporting the programme

2 global campaigns:

- 'A Visa for the World' in 2009 (migrants' stories)

- 'Citizen of the World, stand up and be counted' in 2014: OUC campaign

30 debates organised around France

OUR ARGUMENTS

- > **Article 13 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights** asserts the right to freedom of movement and settlement
- > **Only 3% of the world's global population** migrates abroad, and the rate hasn't changed for the last 50 years (UN 2013)
- > **60% of this migration** is to the global South (UNDP 2013)
- > **20,000 people have died** on the Mediterranean borders since 2000 (The Migrants Files)
- > **On average, each deportation** costs the French State 27,000 Euros (Cimade, 2008)

PILOT PROJECT

The OUC



Emmaus International set up the Organisation for Universal Citizenship (OUC) with France Libertés and Utopia in 2013, and is calling for acceptance of international freedom of movement and settlement. The OUC is campaigning for a round of UN conferences to be held on the issue of

migration, with the full involvement of migrants and civil society.

Launched on 23 May 2013, on that day every year the OUC presents universal citizenship passports, which have no legal value, but which are held by migrants and public figures who are committed to supporting the initiative. The OUC is also seeking support from States and civil society organisations for its proposals.

www.o-c-u.org/en/

OUR CAMPAIGN

The right to healthcare is a fundamental right. Emmaus International is supporting alternatives to enable marginalised people to get together to gain access to treatment through community-based healthcare schemes.

KEY WORDS

Fundamental right
Access to healthcare
Solidarity

SLOGAN

I'm poor, but I still have healthcare

EMMAUS INITIATIVES WORLDWIDE

Asia: Tara Projects, India

Hygiene, prevention and awareness-raising and organising medical camps

The Americas: Piura, Peru

Physiotherapy centre open to all

Africa: SEMUS, Burkina Faso

Support for AIDS sufferers

Europe: Emmaus Solidarité, France

Medical appointments for homeless people



55 groups support the pilot project
10 groups in four countries – Benin, Burkina Faso, India and Bangladesh – are directly involved in implementing the healthcare schemes

Around 5,800 people are benefitting from healthcare coverage through these schemes

OUR ARGUMENTS

- > Every year, 100 million people worldwide fall below the poverty line because of their spending on healthcare (WHO 2013)
- > Health problems disproportionately affect people in vulnerable and marginalised social categories (WHO 2013)
- > Every day, up to 800 women die of complications related to pregnancy or childbirth (WHO 2013)
- > The probability of dying before the age of 5 is 16 times more likely for children in low-income countries than in high-income countries (WHO 2013)
- > 23 million Africans have AIDS – that's 70% of the world's AIDS sufferers (WHO 2013)
- > In India, the private sector now possesses 93% of hospitals and employs 85% of doctors (Oxfam)

PILOT PROJECT

Healthcare schemes



For several years now, Emmaus International has been developing community-based health schemes, based on solidarity and run by users themselves.

These initiatives have involved 8 Emmaus groups in Africa (in Benin and Burkina Faso) since 2000 and two groups in Asia (in India and Bangladesh) since 2008.



OUR CAMPAIGN

Education is a key way of fighting against the causes of poverty. Emmaus International manages a fund for its member organisations so they can run campaigns and activities for disadvantaged social groups.

KEY WORDS

Prevention

Right to education

Training

Non-formal education

SLOGAN

Knowledge is power

EMMAUS INITIATIVES WORLDWIDE

Asia: Yayasan Penghibur, Indonesia

Accommodating and providing education for orphaned and abandoned children

The Americas: Cuna Nazareth, Peru

Education for disadvantaged children

Africa: CAJED, Democratic Republic of the Congo

Education and support for street children and child soldiers

Europe: Fundación social, Spain

Formal and informal education in cooperation with partner organisations (education centres, universities, summer camps, etc.)



For more than 10 years, over 40 groups have been involved

Actions run in all the regions worldwide

OUR ARGUMENTS

> **The right to education is enshrined** in Article 26 of the Universal Declaration of Human Rights

> **Women make up almost two thirds** of the world's illiterate population (Global Partnership for Education)

> **Providing all children with access to education** would avoid seven million cases of HIV and AIDS in the coming decade (Global Campaign for Education)

> **A child with a literate mother** has a 50% greater chance of surviving beyond the age of 5 (Global Campaign for Education)

> **71% of young illiterate women** live in only 9 countries, including India, Burkina Faso and Bangladesh (Unesco)

PILOT PROJECT

Meetings



Each of the Emmaus International regions manages its actions and campaigns in this area.

In the Americas for example, groups taking action in this area meet once a year.

In 2011, a global meeting of Emmaus groups running educational activities was

held in Montevideo in Uruguay for them to discuss their practices and know-how and set up joint campaigns.



OUR CAMPAIGN

We can only build a world based on solidarity if wealth is shared equally. That's why Emmaus International is campaigning for an alternative, solidarity-based economy to fight against the "financialisation" and privatisation of commonly-held resources.

KEY WORDS

Sharing wealth
An alternative economy
Commonly-held resources
Financialisation

SLOGAN

An alternative economy that's working

EMMAUS INITIATIVES WORLDWIDE

Asia: AEP, Lebanon

Microcredit: professional advice and support for borrowers

The Americas: Emmaus Uruguay

Campaigning for debt cancellation (2006)

Africa: Emmaus Pahou, Benin

Microcredit for groups of women

Europe: Ferrara, Italy

Campaigning for Emmaus communities to open accounts with ethical banks



For almost six years, more than 50 groups have used the ethical fund

Over 1 million Euros in contributions

7 projects supported using the ethical fund

OUR ARGUMENTS

- > **50% of global trade passes through tax havens** (Tax and Legal Havens Platform, France)
- > **Each year, ten times the equivalent of international aid (ODA) flows out of developing countries to tax havens** (Global Financial Integrity)
- > **50% of international bank loans are registered in tax havens** (Tax and Legal Havens Platform, France)
- > **In these countries, 80% of microcredit beneficiaries are women and 70% of them in rural areas** (Microfinance barometer 2012, www.convergences.org)
- > **In 2011, microcredit grew by 15% in the Americas and Africa** (Microfinance barometer 2013, www.convergences.org)

PILOT PROJECT Emmaus Ethical Fund



Banca Etica is a cooperative bank, set up in 1999 by several Italian organisations including Emmaus Italy.

After the world assembly in 2003 set out guidelines encouraging the development of ethical finance, Emmaus International set up links with the bank.

Then, in 2007 came the launch of the Emmaus Ethical Fund, which aims to put Emmaus groups' savings to good use. It is used to guarantee loans granted by Banca Etica to Emmaus groups for their projects promoting a solidarity-based economy, and to other organisations that share the same values.

Human trafficking



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OUR CAMPAIGN

Every day, Emmaus International takes in trafficking victims and raises awareness about this threat. It's calling for more robust laws to protect victims of contemporary slavery.

KEY WORDS

Contemporary slavery
Protecting victims
More robust laws
Fighting against human trafficking

SLOGAN

Down with slavery!

EMMAUS INITIATIVES WORLDWIDE

Asia: Thanapara Swallows, Bangladesh

Awareness-raising and tackling domestic violence

Africa: AFA, Benin

Supporting abandoned children working on the markets

Europe: Lithuania

Missing Persons' Families Support Centre

OUR ARGUMENTS

- > **After arms and drug trafficking**, human trafficking is the third most widespread form (UN 2013)
- > **It generates 32 billion Euros a year** (UN 2013)
- > **In June 2012, the European Commission embarked** on a strategy to eradicate human trafficking (Document on the 2012 – 2016 strategy)
- > **Every year, around 2.5 million victims** – mainly women and children – are recruited and exploited worldwide (France Diplomacy)
- > **The type of exploitation varies:** sexual exploitation, forced labour, domestic slavery, forced begging (France Diplomacy)

PILOT PROJECT In Europe



Emmaus Europe has been committed to this area since its creation in 2005.

Member organisations of Emmaus Europe run three types of activity:

> **Awareness-raising** lobbying authorities about the legal status of trafficking victims, and calling for international

agreements to be respected

> **Prevention** to raise awareness and find effective answers to problems

> **Rehabilitating** victims by welcoming them unconditionally and by setting up pathways to economic and social integration.



The International Forum of Solidarity in Bosnia-Herzegovina has set up an online resource centre devoted to this issue: www.eurcenter.net

The proceeds of the Paris Salon were used to finance the website.