ACTIVITIES – RESULTS – PROSPECTS

2013 REPORT

EMMAUS INTERNATIONAL
In the context of a market economy which is still recovering from the 2008 financial crisis, the long-lasting effects of which can still very much be felt, the data we are receiving from poverty and social exclusion indicators are extremely worrying: income inequality is widening and targets for meeting basic needs are being missed in many areas. Emmaus groups, active in 37 countries on 4 continents, see this every day, as there is more demand than ever for our work, and the people we work with are increasingly vulnerable.

Although this annual report cannot include all the important work that every Emmaus group in the world does, be it responding to emergencies or developing new initiatives, it can show what our groups have achieved together and how they have put solidarity into practice at international level. This may be by coming to the aid of groups who are struggling under the weight on their shoulders, or by teaching and learning from each other. This year has seen much progress on our priority areas – education, health, water, ethical finance and a solidarity-based economy, and protecting migrants – with major achievements. We are now moving in the direction that was decided on at the 2012 Emmaus World Assembly, particularly in terms of training and communication.

This annual report is a photograph, which captures the Emmaus movement as it is now: we believe it shows the energy, creativity and vitality of all those involved in the movement - of whom there are more every year!

Jean Rousseau
Chair of Emmaus International

Emmaus International is governed globally and democratically. Decisions are taken by elected members from all regions. At both the international and regional levels, elected bodies (board, executive committee and regional boards) make decisions on strategy and the secretariats are responsible for implementing these decisions.

Set up in 1971 by Abbé Pierre, Emmaus International is a secular, solidarity-based movement, which is actively working against poverty and exclusion. It brings together 336 organisations in 37 countries on 4 continents. Working in diverse social, economic and political conditions, they all support the same values of sharing, humanity and justice. They all share the same objective: empower the most disadvantaged people to take back control of their own lives and demonstrate that a fairer world is possible.

Emmaus International also coordinates its organisations’ collective commitment to 6 areas of action and campaigning: access to water, healthcare and education, ethical finance, migrants’ rights and fighting human trafficking. It organises solidarity between its organisations, in order to share human, material and financial resources.

As Abbé Pierre’s sole legatee, Emmaus International gives a voice to the voiceless, throughout the world.
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AEP (PROFESSIONAL MUTUAL AID ASSOCIATION, LEBANON)

During the war in Lebanon, the AEP began to provide microcredit loans to people who were shut out of the banking system so that they could generate an income. Since it was founded in 1984, the organisation has made 3,500 loans, worth a total of 15 million dollars. In 2013, it opened its 13th newsstand. These newstands are staffed by disabled people, creating work opportunities that otherwise they wouldn’t have.

FACT FILE

EMMAUS AROUND THE WORLD

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15 groups
9 countries

Board members from the region
→ Jean Busqui (RDC)
→ François d’Assise Toloka (Benin)
→ Mahamady Sawadogo (Burkina Faso)
→ Nantegue Kone (Côte d’Ivoire)

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14,580 women received a microcredit loan through Emmaus Africa groups in 2013.

14 and 15 December: inauguration of the water supply at Lake Nokoué.
→ The Chair of Emmaus Africa gave a speech to the regions’ groups, concluding that participatory water management is possible.

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Access to drinking water is a basic human right. Emmaus International campaigns for participatory water management, giving all citizens access to water.

**PROGRESS OF PILOT PROJECT**
65,000 of the 70,000 people living around Lake Nokoué now have access to water.

**CAMPAIGNING**
Emmaus has promoted participatory water management, which we consider not only possible but necessary, by highlighting the project’s success in public debates and forums.

**SPOTLIGHT ON…**
**EMMAUS PIURA (PERU)**
Emmaus Piura’s physical therapy centre, which opened in 2005, provides care for disabled people who otherwise wouldn’t have access to such services. In 2013, care was provided to 13,800 people. In 2014, Emmaus Piura hopes to establish a chemist’s in the community and to take on a speech and language therapist, to provide even better care for its patients.

Emmaus International stresses the importance of rethinking policies on migration all over the world so that they are based on the principle of freedom of movement and settlement.

**SPOTLIGHT ON…**
**EMMAUS SEVRAS (FRANCE)**
With its local partners, the community is fighting to ensure that asylum seekers’ rights are respected. Its weapons are political lobbying and offering material support to asylum seekers. In 2013, the group gave 120 asylum seekers somewhere to live by occupying a building. Every month, these asylum seekers join local organisations’ protests in defence of their rights.

**ETHICAL FINANCE**

Because a better world is not possible unless wealth is shared equally, Emmaus International is campaigning for an economic alternative, based on solidarity.

**SPOTLIGHT ON…**
**EMMAUS FERRARA (ITALY)**
For Emmaus Ferrara, the economy should be a tool to use against poverty. By protesting in front of the Bank of Italy’s former headquarters every week and by holding exhibitions and conferences, the group continued to raise awareness of the relationship between the economy and democracy in 2013.

**PROGRESS OF PILOT PROJECT**
The Organisation for Universal Citizenship, of which Emmaus International is a founding member, was launched on 23 May 2013.

**CAMPAIGNING**
Emmaus International campaigns for the recognition of universal citizenship, and is lobbying for an international conference on migration to be held.

**PROGRESS OF PILOT PROJECT**
2013 saw an increase in contributions from groups to the Emmaus Ethical Fund, which is used to guarantee loans for projects related to this programme.

Emmaus International has requested that groups use the services of ethical banks.

**CAMPAIGNING**
Emmaus International is preparing to lobby for universal healthcare coverage.

**PROGRESS OF PILOT PROJECT**
In 2013, national mutual organisations were established in Benin and in Burkina Faso. In Asia, the mutuals are growing, with many new members.

**SPOTLIGHT ON…**
**EMMAUS KUDUMBA (INDIA)**
Faced with the consequences of climate change, the Kudumbam group decided to work on environmental protection. It has founded an organic farm, developed water conservation and recycling systems, and supported local farmers. In 2013, the group shared its expertise through demonstrations and on-the-ground training.

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**Kudumbam (India)**

Emmaus Sevras (France)
SOLIDARITY

PROGRESS OF PILOT PROJECT
Since 2000, a collective fund has existed so that groups can pool resources for educational projects.

CAMPAIGNING
Those involved in educational projects in the Americas meet annually to set regional and international objectives and policies.

groups benefitted from gestures of solidarity between groups (emergency appeals, containers, funding for projects)

44 groups held a solidarity sale

EMERGENCY APPEALS
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Solidarity is at the heart of the Emmaus movement. The sharing of resources between groups throughout the world allows the movement to come to the aid of the groups with least resources through its solidarity programmes.

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In 2013, the partnership between groups from France (Limoges, Angoulême, Ruffec and Niort), Bosnia (International Solidarity Forum) and Burkina Faso (Emmaus Solidarity Ouagadougou), which have been working together since 2008, entered a new phase. The groups met in Burkina Faso in November 2013 to agree on their priorities: women’s shelters, education and training. In 2014, this partnership will continue, with the French and Bosnian groups sending a container to Burkina Faso.

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Access to education is an important weapon in the fight against the causes of poverty and empowers the least privileged in society.

COHESION REINFORCED
Groups hold regional and international projects to reinforce cohesion.

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2013 BALANCE SHEET

2013 ended with a small deficit of €6824, not including extraordinary expenditure and income, which shows income and expenditure are fairly balanced.

1 - INCOME: €6824 DEFICIT (NOT INCLUDING EXTRAORDINARY EXPENDITURE AND INCOME)

INCOME
- Write-back of provisions €11 644
- Donations and legacies €58 774
- Sponsorship €156 918
- Subscriptions €55 127
- Solidarity sales €523 650
- Non-allocated donations €17 435
- Subsidies and external funding are sought.
- Dedicated funds €4 446

BALANCE SHEET EXTRACT (IN EUROS)

1 - ASSETS
ON 31/12/2013 31/12/2012
TOTAL FIXED ASSETS €2,296,334 €2,870,676
TOTAL CURRENT ASSETS €2,780,884 €2,257,670
ASSET CONVERSION DIFFERENTIAL - €2,505,233
OVERALL TOTAL €5,090,416 €4,113,346

2 - LIABILITIES
ON 31/12/2013 31/12/2012
TOTAL ORGANISATION'S FUNDS €1,049,177 €1,002,413
RISK AND CONTINGENCY PROVISIONS €577,246 €663,540
DEDICATED FUNDS €1,539,358 €1,539,358
DEBTS €1,561,794 €1,561,794
LIABILITY CONVERSION DIFFERENTIAL €44 €44
OVERALL TOTAL €4,977,069 €4,977,069

2014 BUDGET (IN EUROS)

Expenditure for 2014 is divided in two: firstly, the Operating budget itemises figures relating to the organisation’s regular activities (subscriptions, salaries and management costs, etc). Secondly, the Priority Areas and Solidarity budget contains figures specifically relating to our action around the world.

1 - EXPENDITURE

OPERATIONS AND HERITAGE
- Staff costs €325,000
- Overheads €105,500
- Finances and resources €38,800
- Administration €25,000
- Communications and heritage €142,220
- Meeting costs €166,000
- Coordination and mobilisation €14,000
- Training and exchanges €32,000
- Support for decentralised organisations €300,000
- Statutory and organisational matters €300
- Depreciation €40,000
- Reserves €100,000
- Net total €1,491,550

PRIORITY AREAS AND SOLIDARITY BUDGET
- Priority areas €1,919,500
- International solidarity €607,500
- Coordination and general management of the priority areas and solidarity €325,000
- Net total €3,152,500

EXTERNAL FUNDING SOURCES

To ensure its independence, the sustainability of its action and safeguard its freedom of speech, Emmaus International’s resources primarily come from its member organisations. However, to reinforce specific international solidarity initiatives, ethical partnerships and external funding are sought.
- The partnership with Orange supports the development of mobile telephone recycling workshops in France, Burkina-Faso, Benin and Madagascar.
- The European Commission, the French region of Ile-de-France, the Abbé Pierre Foundation and the San Zeno Foundation (via Emmaus Italy) contribute towards the Nokoué project (see p.20).

The content of the publication is the responsibility of Emmaus International alone and may in no way be considered as a reflection of the European Union’s viewpoint.
The Emmaus movement brings together people (...) who, seeing others in distress, decide to work together to do something about it ... I think that’s the foundation of the movement.

Abbé Pierre