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## INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY REVIEW



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## EDITORIAL

### 2016 world assembly international solidarity high on the agenda

As part of the preparations for the 2016 world assembly, the first sets of feedback from our member groups show groups place solidarity and pooling resources first out of the five values that will be most important for our movement's future. This is hardly surprising given Emmaus International's history and founding principles and the increasingly difficult social context in which we're living and will need to tackle. At the same time, we're continuing to conduct an in-depth analysis of solidarity data and practices from the past five years. This has produced some mixed results, to say the least.

This booklet firstly aims to provide a handful of recent examples of initiatives undertaken in a spirit of solidarity and pooling resources. Some of these initiatives are conventional, while others are highly inventive. It goes without saying that with the world assembly just around the corner, this booklet offers everyone the chance to reconsider the type and reach of their, and of our international solidarity initiatives.

Jean Rousseau,  
Chair of Emmaus International

# The Emmaus movement's international chain of solidarity

## How does it work? What's it for?

The first essential step to international solidarity in the movement is the annual solidarity sale, which has been a requirement for all groups since 1996. For the past 16 years, groups in France and the rest of Europe have also been able to take part in the annual Paris salon, although this isn't compulsory and it doesn't replace the annual solidarity sale.

The proceeds of the annual sale and the salon enable the movement to support groups' solidarity actions in the four Emmaus regions worldwide, and to top up several solidarity funds. The following pages contain all the details.

### Groups in Europe are also specifically asked to participate:

- in intra-European solidarity programmes (projects and shipment of goods) coordinated by Emmaus Europe to support groups in Eastern Europe (Ukraine, Poland, Romania and Bosnia)
- in regional salons in France organised by the French regions, or in other countries (Switzerland or Italy for example). Sometimes the proceeds of these regional salons go towards Emmaus International's priority areas.

A lot of requests are made. But they respond to a great deal of different needs and realities, which aren't at odds with one another, but rather go hand in hand. Together, they make up this distinctive, international chain of solidarity, which makes the Emmaus movement unique.

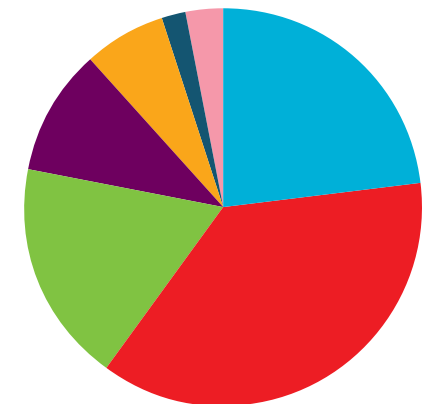
# Where the proceeds of the 2014 solidarity sales went

Solidarity is essential to the Emmaus movement. Member organisations worldwide pool their resources to support member organisations with the least resources, thereby ensuring a form of fairness between them all. Every year, member groups organise a solidarity sale, the proceeds of which go towards the solidarity programmes:

- > Solidarity projects put forward once a year by the regions – this is called the “annual solidarity programme”
- > Shipping containers – this is the “annual container programme”
- > Decentralised funds for each region to support other projects – the “regional solidarity funds”
- > The executive committee's fund for emergencies and other activities.

## Distribution of the 2014 solidarity sales proceeds

Projects in Africa: €114 750  
Projects in South America: €182 972  
Projects in Asia: €89 756  
Regional solidarity funds: 50 000 €  
International Container Fund: €33 000  
Executive committee emergency fund<sup>1</sup>: €9000  
Other activities: €15 000



1. Not to be confused with the emergency appeals made by one or several groups in emergency situations. Emmaus International supports and relays these appeals.

# Solidarity projects financed in 2014

## AFRICA – Financed by the solidarity sales

CORDIS (SOUTH AFRICA)	
Construction and renovation of CORDIS rooms	€14 400
AFA (BENIN)	
Construction of a building to house a shop	€22 500
METOKAN (BENIN)	
Setting up the Emmaus Metokan farm school	€19 800
ZODNEERE (BURKINA FASO)	
Renovation of a well and construction of a water tower	€4050
CPSS (CAMEROON)	
Completion of building work and fitting out the CPSS shop/granting microcredit loans to groups of women	€21 150
JEKAWILI (CÔTE D'IVOIRE)	
Support to modernise the farm's activities	€20 700
MARS ONG (TOGO)	
Setting up an affordable granary for a social economy	€12 150

## SOUTH AMERICA – Financed by the solidarity sales

EMMAUS PARANA (ARGENTINA)	
Repairs to the roofs of the community's workshops and warehouse	€27 608
EMMAUS IGUALDADE NO BRASIL (BRAZIL)	
Construction of a warehouse for sorting through waste and materials	€23 548
CUNA NAZARETH (PERU)	
Construction of the Nazareth bric-a-brac store in Pachacamac	€20 529
EMMAUS PIURA (PERU)	
Clearing and redeveloping fallow land for agricultural crops	€21 617
EMMAUS NUEVO PARIS (URUGUAY)	
Construction of a warehouse for storage, workshops and offices	€89 670

## ASIA – Financed by the solidarity sales

Water programme	7 organisations in Asia x €4 390	€30 731
Microcredit programme	7 member organisations x €4 390	€30 731
Ecotourism programme	7 member organisations x €1 280	€8959
Training programme	7 member organisations x €2 762	€19 335
Financed by the Paris salon		
SEMUS (BURKINA FASO)		
Support to structure the self-help groups		€15 000
EMMAUS AMERICA		
Regional discussion about ethical finance		€15 000
EMMAUS ASIA		
Strengthening microcredit activities for women and people suffering from disabilities		€15 000
IFS (BOSNIA)		
Modernisation of the HANA farming cooperative		€15 000

# CORDIS

## South Africa

Set up in 1999

Member of Emmaus International since 2004

### ACTIVITIES

CORDIS provides work for 20 people, including migrants from neighbouring African countries. The organisation collects goods (clothing, furniture, domestic appliances, building materials etc.) in Johannesburg, which it then sorts and sells at affordable prices to the residents of the neighbouring township, Orange Farm. CORDIS also has a brick manufacturing and building materials transport business and occasionally provides a removals service.

Funding amount of

€14 400

### Build and renovate bedrooms

The bedroom construction and renovation project submitted by CORDIS should enable the group to have six bedrooms available. The bedrooms could be used to house companions, could be rented at an affordable rate to people working in the surrounding area, or could be used to house volunteers wishing to work at CORDIS.

This project will first and foremost benefit the companions and people who stay in the rooms. It will increase the organisation's residential capacity and enable it to generate some income by renting out the rooms.



Brick manufacturing



Building the bedrooms

## AFA (Association of Women Friends)

### Benin

Set up in 2000

Member of Emmaus International since 2004

#### ACTIVITIES

AFA works with women and children in difficulty. The group works to combat child trafficking by developing prevention and awareness-raising initiatives, such as reading lessons, cultural and awareness-raising activities for children close to Cotonou Market, awareness-raising and vocational training in villages where trafficking is happening. AFA also works with women, raising their awareness about human rights, health, hygiene and environmental protection, and offering them microcredit loans.



Training centre

#### Funding amount of

€22 500

#### Construct a building for the shop and warehouse

The organisation has been headquartered to date in rented premises. This solidarity project will enable AFA to erect a building on a plot of land that it has already purchased.

The building will contain four offices and two bedrooms to be used by guests. A warehouse and shop will also be created, notably for the goods sent to the group in containers.

This project will help raise AFA's profile, while also enabling the organisation to reduce its outgoings and be able to focus more on its social work.



Constructing a building for the shop and warehouse

# METOKAN

## Benin

Set up in 2000

Member of Emmaus International since 2004

### ACTIVITIES

Metokan works with vulnerable young people. It helps young workers to develop an income-generating activity and offers them French lessons. Metokan also used to run a home for orphans and child victims of human trafficking in Bohicon. The children were given training in IT, cookery and hairdressing but the centre now stands empty; discussions are underway to understand why this activity supported by Emmaus International has been discontinued. The organisation also grants microcredit loans to the families of these children so that they can set up their own income-generating activity to meet their needs.

Metokan also runs a second-hand shop, a bakery, a shoe-mending service and a dressmaking workshop aimed at the local community, enabling the group to generate income.



Meeting of female microcredit beneficiaries

Funding amount of

€19 800

### Set up the Emmaus Training Farm

Metokan is currently developing a training farm project.

Every year the farm will give full board to six young people from rural areas who are not in education or have dropped out of the education system and will train them in modern stockbreeding and farming techniques. They will then receive support for six months as they set up their own farming businesses.

The group will be able to build hen and chicken breeding infrastructure (henhouse and storage area), admin premises (offices) and dormitories thanks to the 2014 solidarity sales.



Training farm project

# ZOD-NEERE

## Burkina Faso

Set up in 1994

Trial member of Emmaus International since 2013

### ACTIVITIES

Zod-Neere is working to improve the living and working conditions of rural communities in order to reduce poverty in Burkina Faso. The organisation promotes culture and handicrafts as local development levers and helps men, women and children to develop individual or collective income-generating micro-projects.

Funding amount of

€4 050

### Renovate a borehole and build a water tower

The organisation has dug a borehole providing free drinking water access for over 1000 poor families. The number of people using this water supply point – the only operational public water point in the area – has grown and the point has started to break down on a regular basis.

The solidarity project is enabling the organisation to renovate the infrastructure and build a water tower, enabling water to be adequately redistributed, water storage capacity to be increased, and the borehole to be protected from the recurrent breakdowns caused by improper handling.



Residents of the region



Water supply point

# CPSS (Centre for the Promotion of Health and Social Care)

## Cameroon

Set up in 1978

Member of Emmaus International since 1991

### ACTIVITIES

CPSS and its 25 members work with disadvantaged communities in a very isolated forest area in the Mom Dibang region. The organisation helps women to develop income-generating activities and provides children with support for their education. CPSS also manages a health centre. The group funds its activities by producing palm oil, breeding pigs and chickens and growing plantain bananas, with these income-generating activities also creating part time jobs.

### Funding amount of

€21 150

### Build and fit out sales premises

### Extend microcredit loans to groups of women

A motorway is set to be built in the near future close to the group's premises and CPSS wants to seize the opportunity offered in order to increase its income and bolster its activities. Building and renovation work on its currently dilapidated premises has therefore got underway in order to extend the premises to create shops where fish, drinks and second-hand goods can be sold, make a recreation room for young people, create accommodation for motorway users and friends of Emmaus, and office space. CPSS is also extending microcredit loans to groups of women to increase their income and improve their living conditions.



Women from the organisation



Building the second-hand shop

# JEKAWILI

## Ivory Coast

Set up in 1999

Member of Emmaus International since 2004

### ACTIVITIES

Jekawili works to improve the living conditions of deprived social groups, particularly single women and widows with children, child mothers, families affected by HIV/AIDS, children from broken homes and with no social ties, and elderly people. The group also runs human rights promotion, health prevention and solidarity activities in deprived neighbourhoods of Bouaké, the country's second city. Jekawili also has income-generating activities.

Funding amount of

€20 700

### Help to modernize the farm business

Jekawili was able to finish fitting out new poultry breeding facilities on its farm in Gnankoukro thanks to the solidarity sales. The organisation bought new laying chicks to increase production, a range of equipment and a vehicle to cut the cost of transporting supplies and their products (Jekawili previously had to use the services of a road haulage company). The organisation is also starting to breed African chickens for which it is building a 200m<sup>2</sup> henhouse. This new income-generating activity is going to provide full-time work for two people and will generate resources for the group.



Female beneficiary who bought a sewing machine



The group's henhouse

# MARS ONG (Movement of Action for Social Renewal)

## Togo

Set up in 1991

Member of Emmaus International since 2012

### ACTIVITIES

MARS works mainly in the area of education, supporting children in difficulty (providing school equipment and covering education costs) and facilitating access to vocational training for young adults (farming, bread-making and chalk production).

The group also extends microcredit loans, runs health and hygiene awareness-raising initiatives, defends child workers and migrants, and helps distribute food packs to the area's poorest families.

### Funding amount of

€12 150

### A social farm store to develop the solidarity economy

The organisation's solidarity project aims to support farmers in order to combat malnutrition and hunger in Togo. The project guarantees the availability of agricultural products, provides local producers with adequate financial and technical resources, develops an agricultural policy based on respecting the ecosystem and the environment, and supplies villages in the country with agricultural products grown locally and by small-scale farmers.

The organisation is also going to develop its own farm where it will grow cereals and vegetables (maize, rice, beans, yams, manioc and taro), and market garden products, will breed chickens and will develop a water conveyance system (borehole and well) to supply the poultry and water the plants.

MARS is also going to manage an agricultural products store where the local community can obtain products to sell in the surrounding towns in times of shortage.



Training for adults



Women peeling potatoes

# EMMAUS PARANA

## Argentina

Set up in 1998

Member of Emmaus International since 2004

### ACTIVITIES

At Emmaus Paraná, used clothing, goods and materials are collected to be resold in the second-hand shop and to be recycled in the group's workshops. Second-hand goods are repaired in the carpentry workshop so that they can be sold.

The group also runs social initiatives: it helps the homeless (providing public showers, donating goods and giving social support) and people in difficulty in schools, health centres and children's hospitals (offering legal assistance, social support and donating goods).

Funding amount of

€27 608

### Repair the roof of the community's workshops and storage area

Emmaus Paraná runs its carpentry business and receives and stores donations in a warehouse. The group has been concerned about the premises' deteriorating state of repair for a number of years, with this having a negative impact on working conditions and therefore on the group's business.

Repairing the roof will enable the area available for work and storing goods to be extended and will mean that the group's production and income will increase. The project will therefore benefit the vulnerable groups supported by Emmaus Paraná.



Family support work



Carpentry workshop in the organisation's warehouse

# EMMAUS IGUALDADE NO BRASIL

## Brazil

Set up in 1985

Member of Emmaus International since 2007

### ACTIVITIES

Emmaus Igualdade no Brasil (Emmaus Equality in Brazil) is home to about 20 formerly homeless men who have experienced a range of problems (such as alcoholism or drug addiction) and who, through the community, have found work and a place in society. Other vulnerable people take part in the group's activities. The community collects used goods, restores them and sells them in one of its two shops. They also collect recyclable material in order to sell it on to recycling companies.

Funding amount of

€23 548

**Build a warehouse where solid waste and used goods can be sorted**

In 2014, Emmaus Igualdade began building a warehouse for its sorting work. Working conditions outdoors were previously very difficult, on both rainy and sunny days. The community therefore felt the need to build this 480m<sup>2</sup> warehouse, which will improve companion working conditions and enable the community's work process – from collecting goods to selling them – to be more efficiently organized.



Sorting collected goods



The group's new warehouse

# CUNA NAZARETH

## Peru

Set up in 1962

Member of Emmaus International since 1987

### ACTIVITIES

Cuna Nazareth has been working for 52 years with the neediest children in the district of Chorrillos in Lima. The group's nursery school provides comprehensive support for 130 boys and girls aged one to five.

In 2007, the group started its second-hand goods business in order to fund its social activities. To date, the group has built a number of premises: soldering and carpentry workshops, the kitchen, dining room and bathroom. However, the community is still missing a key component: a shop.

Funding amount of

€20 529

### Build a second-hand goods shop in Pachacamac

Cuna Nazareth has started to build a shop in order to continue developing its second-hand goods business. This investment will improve companion working conditions and will enable additional resources to be generated to strengthen the community's activities, offer stable work and provision for the companions, and cover part of the costs of the Cuna Nazareth (the group's nursery school). The long-term goal is to achieve funding self-sufficiency for the nursery school.



Children from the organisation



Cuna Nazareth's soldering workshop

# EMMAUS PIURA

## Peru

Set up in 1991

Member of Emmaus International since 1992

### ACTIVITIES

Emmaus Piura's 61 companions mainly collect and recycle cardboard, newspapers and plastic bags, helping to protect the environment and raising funds for the community's social activities by selling goods in their second-hand shop. The group also runs a nursery school and a play centre for children with no access to education, as well as a physical therapy centre offering massages, hydrotherapy and physiotherapy, and psychological and family support, with users (on average 780 per month) paying according to their means.

Funding amount of

€21 617

### Cleaning up and preparing fallow land for crop growing

Emmaus Piura has transformed its nine hectare plot of fallow land in order to start organically growing profitable fruit and vegetables. These crops will feed the community and the produce will also be sold throughout the Piura area. There are also plans to build a small house for the companions working on the farm. This project will benefit the community and the local population, as they will be able to access quality produce. The income generated by this activity will help fund the group's social activities.



The group's shop



Work being done on the plot of land under development

# EMMAUS NUEVO PARIS

## Uruguay

Set up in 1960

Member of Emmaus International since 1971

### ACTIVITIES

This Emmaus group has always recycled and trained the young people that it supports. Emmaus Nuevo París delivers cookery, hairdressing and IT training to 62 young people. The group also runs initiatives in two prisons in Montevideo, one with 1,200 inmates and the other with about 500 female inmates. The group's 39 companions collect and recycle donated goods but do not have enough room to create repair and training workshops.

Funding amount of

€89 670

### Build premises for storage, workshops and offices

The group has decided to build a warehouse to grow its income-generating business and to fund and secure the long-term future of its increasing number of social projects. The community is going to set up workshops to train companions to repair domestic appliances (washing machines, TV sets, audio equipment etc) using its increased resources. They will also be able to recycle the large quantity of electronic equipment received by the group. Space is needed to do this work without damaging the environment.



Hairdressing workshop



TV repair workshop

# THANAPARA SWALLOWS

## Bangladesh

Set up in 1972

Member of Emmaus International since 2001

### ACTIVITIES

Handicrafts are Thanapara's main activity. 250 women make items such as blankets, bags and clothing, which are sold in Japan, South Korea and Europe as Fair Trade products. The income generated by the handicrafts business enables the group to run a primary school and informal schools catering for close to 600 children from poor families. Thanapara grants microcredit, used by beneficiaries to develop their farming and fish farming businesses. Thanapara Swallows is also involved in organic farming, access to healthcare, tackling domestic violence and pollution of water by arsenic.

In all the Emmaus organisations in Asia, the solidarity sales fund programmes that link up the right to water, ethical finance, eco-tourism and training.



Weaving workshop

### Funding amount of €4390 – WATER programme

The group is working to tackle the presence of arsenic in drinking water: arsenic detection (600 wells were tested in 2014 and 300 have already been tested in 2015), marking water points/wells, informing and raising awareness amongst villagers, medical examinations and treatment where necessary (about 40 people are being supported).

### Funding amount of € 4390 – ETHICAL FINANCE programme

Over 3,000 microcredit beneficiaries, mainly women, work together to manage loans that enable a wide range of income-generating activities to be set up, supported and developed. In 2014, 300 people benefited from microcredit, for example using the loans to buy a cow or goat.

### Funding amount of €1280 – ECO-TOURISM programme

Thanapara wishes to use eco-tourism to show tourists that Bangladesh is not simply a country stricken by floods and disasters, but instead is home to numerous sustainable development initiatives. The organisation provides bed and board in its fitted-out premises thanks to Emmaus' support and offers visitors (over 600 in 2014, of whom some 100 came from abroad) the chance to discover its activities. Some of the income generated by eco-tourism is an additional source of funding for the education of a number of poor people from the village.

### Funding amount of €2762 – TRAINING programme

This Emmaus organisation runs a three-day training course for female microcredit beneficiaries in order to teach them to manage their businesses (basic principles of selling, keeping accounts, repaying the loan). These training courses are delivered in the group's premises, with the group providing accommodation and meals.



Training women about their rights

## FHF (Florence Home Foundation)

### India

Set up in 1992

Member of Emmaus International since 2004

#### ACTIVITIES

FHF defends the rights of women and children in poor and rural regions of India. The group accommodates and educates children who have been abandoned by their families. FHF has set up an organic farm and sells the farm produce in local markets, as well as welcoming eco-travellers, in order to fund its schools. The group also produces palm leaf cups and plates as part of its environmentally-friendly activities. The group grants microcredit to about 200 widows, single and poor women in the surrounding areas, helping to ensure their self-sufficiency.

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Making palm leaf plates

#### Funding amount of €4390 – WATER programme

FHF has raised the awareness of school children in Cuddalore about groundwater dwindling and becoming saline and about the importance of saving and responsibly using water. The group also informs local communities about the involvement of multinationals in these issues. The group organized an event on World Water Day on 22 March 2015. The event was attended by schools, over 400 students and local representatives.

#### Funding amount of €4390 – ETHICAL FINANCE programme

Over 150 women who benefit from microcredit loans granted by FHF attended the organisation's annual event to mark International Women's Day. Successful businesswomen were also invited to share their stories with the female microcredit beneficiaries. FHF also identified 15 new beneficiaries and extended loans to 10 of them for income-generating activities such as selling fish, growing peanuts, growing jasmine, breeding goats etc.

#### Funding amount of €1280 – ECO-TOURISM programme

FHF has been able to do building work in its Killai Children's Development Centre: repairing staircases, the water tank and pipes. Eco-travellers are housed in the centre and participate in the activities run for the centre's children (cooking, painting, pottery and dance).

#### Funding amount of €2762 – TRAINING programme

FHF has run training sessions for students, village residents and its own employees about facets of Abbé Pierre's life, the importance of education, food security, the Emmaus values and staff roles and responsibilities.



Water management awareness-raising day

# KUDUMBAM

## India

Set up in 1982

Member of Emmaus International since 2000

### ACTIVITIES

The group fights for responsible water usage and a return to traditional farming techniques in order to maintain soil quality. Kudumbam grows traditional varieties of vegetables and starches on its organic farm and enables farmers to receive organic farming training. Eco-travellers also stay with the group. This Emmaus group is involved in defending women's rights, offering them training about the issue of migration to big cities (and providing support for women returning to their home villages) and qualification-based training courses (including dressmaking and embroidery) enabling women to generate income without having to leave their home areas.

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Sustainable farming training

### Funding amount of €4390 – WATER programme

An awareness-raising event was run with a school in the village of Odugampatti about the drop in groundwater levels over the past decade (from 10 to 300m). The group has also worked together to increase the size of the community's water storage facility.

### Funding amount of €4390 – ETHICAL FINANCE programme

El's support has enabled microcredit to be extended to some 15 beneficiaries, including a single woman who is setting up a small grocery store in Tranquebar. Kudumbam is encouraging mutual support groups to be created at village level and then trains the leaders of these groups in financial management and keeping accounts. The group also organized a discussion with a microcredit organisation about community marketing of vegetables.

### Funding amount of €1280 – ECO-TOURISM programme

Many people from Europe and from Afghanistan, Bangladesh, Bhutan, Nepal and Indonesia have visited Kudumbam's Kolunji training farm, as they are keen to learn organic farming techniques. Students from an Indian school also paid a visit to the farm and chatted with the farmers. Kudumbam has recently published eight articles about the development alternatives implemented in the villages that work with the Kolunji farm.

### Funding amount of €2762 – TRAINING programme

Kudumbam offers the following courses: seed production, preparing organic inputs, water conservation and stockbreeding techniques. Training on growing organic vegetables is delivered at Kolunji farm and in the village of Udaiyalipatti. A training course was also delivered in the Arezzo training centre, aiming to compare conventional and organic farming.



Children's garden at Kolunji training farm

# TARA PROJECTS ASSOCIATION

## India

Set up in 1999

Member of Emmaus International since 2004

### ACTIVITIES

Tara Projects provides work for 1,000 craftspeople, who also benefit from the group's various social projects. The organisation manages medical centres and has set up a mutual health care scheme to facilitate access to healthcare for the poorest members of society. Tara Projects sponsors over 200 children so that they can continue their education and manages 11 learning centres where young people are given training in dressmaking and IT. The organisation also supports over 500 people, mainly women, through its microcredit programme.

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Children whose education is being funded by the group

### Funding amount of €4390 – WATER programme

Tara Projects runs responsible water usage awareness-raising sessions and trains students and village residents about rainwater collection and saving water. The group also has several environmental projects, including rainwater collection and tree planting.

### Funding amount of €4390 – ETHICAL FINANCE programme

In 2015, Tara Projects is supporting an additional 20 beneficiaries from marginalized communities, bringing the total number of beneficiaries to 750. The microcredit beneficiaries have used this support to set up micro-enterprises (selling fruit, vegetables, eggs and snacks, and other income-generating activities).

### Funding amount of €1280 – ECO-TOURISM programme

The funding has enabled the existing accommodation facilities to be renovated and the education programme to be supported. The group has also arranged several visits for its partners and students from the Tara Projects' learning centres.

### Funding amount of €2762 – TRAINING programme

Four micro-enterprise management training programmes were delivered over the first quarter of the year. Beneficiaries were able to improve their working methods and develop new techniques to strengthen their micro-enterprises. Health, first aid and fire safety training courses were also held.



Raising the population's awareness about the importance of water

## VCDS (Village Community Development Society)

### India

Set up in 1980

Member of Emmaus International since 1992

#### ACTIVITIES

VCDS mainly works with the untouchables, a social group that is still marginalized in Indian society despite the abolition of the caste system. In addition to helping children with their education, the group encourages them to play an active role in community life and put forward solutions to local problems. Sewing, IT and farming workshops are run for young adults, opening up their possibilities of finding work. VCDS also campaigns for women's rights and for improvements in their economic status. The organisation also supports sustainable farming with its 4.5 hectare farm and by delivering training.

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#### Funding amount of €4390 – WATER programme

The organisation helped the village of Kanniyam to clean its water point. They dug deeper down to help 'replenish' groundwater. The group is also planning to use machines to dig.

#### Funding amount of €4390 – ETHICAL FINANCE programme

Microcredit beneficiaries were identified at a first meeting in early April 2015. Each beneficiary is now being assessed in order to find out what income-generating activities they wish to set up and their resulting needs.

#### Funding amount of €1280 – ECO-TOURISM programme

Working with VCDS staff and students from the dressmaking school, eco-travellers were able to take part in the setting-up of a compost pit and in cleaning the area.

#### Funding amount of €2762 – TRAINING programme

Two activities are being implemented: a youth camp on 1-10 May and domestic violence training aimed at women, which will take place in June 2015.



IT training



Work being done on the compost ditch

# YAYASAN PENGHIBUR

## Indonesia

Set up in 1984

Member of Emmaus International since 1999

### ACTIVITIES

The group's centre for children takes in abused, sick and extremely poor children. The group funds its programmes through its agricultural activities (production of milk, mushrooms, tapioca and wood) and handicrafts (furniture-making). The income generated through Yayasan's activities has enabled the installation of toilets and wells, benefitting 600 people, and a small medical centre to be developed.

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Weighing a child at the medical centre

### Funding amount of €4390 – WATER programme

The group is continuing with its awareness-raising programme targeting rural communities. The programme focuses on conserving rainwater and implementing techniques such as reforestation and Biopore, which involves digging a hole in the ground and filling it with organic waste; the compost then attracts worms and insects to the hole; they aerate the soil and make the earth more absorbent.

### Funding amount of €4390 € – ETHICAL FINANCE programme

In response to the difficulties encountered by rural communities and primarily women when attempting to access bank loans, Yayasan Penghibur is continuing to extend microcredit loans to low-income women, enabling them to manage small businesses: to date, 87 women in nine villages have benefited from the programme.

### Funding amount of €1280 – ECO-TOURISM programme

The group's aim is to convey a message of peace and togetherness among young people. The current project therefore targets young people and consists of a work camp and training to be delivered in the camp that the group has in the mountains. The group is also maintaining and fitting out the visitor accommodation in its premises.

### Funding amount of €2762 – TRAINING programme

The group delivers electronics, sewing and IT training to its staff and local people. It also delivers IT training to 26 of the children that it houses, informing them about the positives and negatives of the internet. Yayasan Penghibur also provides the children with school materials.



Eco-tourism programme in the mountainous area

# AEP (Occupational Mutual Support Organisation)

## Lebanon

Set up in 1984

Member of Emmaus International since 1995

### ACTIVITIES

AEP is a microfinance organisation. It grants microcredit to people excluded from the mainstream banking system so that they can set up businesses.

AEP runs Parabanque, a social credit fund, which grants loans based on economic and social criteria. The organisation supports borrowers with their projects, while giving them full responsibility for them. AEP is also involved in the priority area of the right to water, particularly as regards borrowers' agricultural projects.

In all the Emmaus organisations in Asia, the solidarity sales fund programmes that link up the right to water, ethical finance, eco-tourism and training.



Microcredit beneficiaries making chocolates

### Funding amount of €4390 – WATER programme

AEP has identified three regions in which to conduct an assessment of the main water-related issues (areas of Saida, Bekaa and Akkar in northern Lebanon) and has run training sessions there to raise people's awareness about optimal water usage and developing irrigation techniques.

### Funding amount of €4390 – ETHICAL FINANCE programme

AEP is continuing its capacity building work aimed at women and is identifying other sectors in which to organize awareness-raising and training sessions. AEP will evaluate the whole programme and will assess its impact on the beneficiaries when it ends in 2017.

### Funding amount of €1280 – ECO-TOURISM programme

AEP is training young people (aged 16 to 30) from among the beneficiaries and children of borrowers in the regions where it works so that they can work as guides, both to their regions and micro-projects, and obtain an additional source of income.

### Funding amount of €2762 – TRAINING programme

AEP is continuing to run its training sessions for borrowers. Training focuses on ethical finance in general, accounting, communication, leadership qualities and empowerment (particularly for women in rural areas), the principles of Fair Trade, and sales. Other more specific training courses are delivered to certain groups of borrowers, such as saving water, protecting the environment and pesticide-free farming.



Training session

# PARIS SALON

The resources raised on 22 June 2014 by the 2014 Paris Salon were allocated to ethical finance.

€60 000 was used to fund or strengthen ethical finance or solidarity economy projects in each of the four Emmaus regions worldwide, while €90 000 was allocated to ethical finance restricted funds.

## ASIA

The funds raised by the Salon will help to bolster the microcredit work done by the Emmaus organisations in the region (India, Bangladesh, Lebanon and Indonesia), particularly microcredit for women and people with disabilities, who are the most vulnerable population groups in Asia.



Information meeting about microcredit at FHF (India)

## AFRICA

The Emmaus group S.E.M.U.S in Burkina Faso is going to develop its women's savings groups programme in rural areas. Training is being delivered on awareness-raising and networking techniques (joining together in groups, village groups, villages, districts and provinces in order to improve bargaining power and more effectively champion members' interests). Village groups have been set up in the eight districts covered by the programme.



S.E.M.U.S. microcredit beneficiaries (Burkina Faso)

## THE AMERICAS

Emmaus America is planning to organize discussion events in order to reflect upon the issues surrounding ethical finance, using information and training activities to achieve this goal. The issue will be discussed in 2015 at two regional meetings: the meeting of community and social work leaders in Brazil in August, and the regional assembly in Montevideo (Uruguay) in late October.



Event organized at the work and training camp in Cachoeira (Brazil)

## EUROPE

The funds raised by the 2014 Salon will enable Emmaus ISF from Bosnia-Herzegovina to expand the work done by its farming cooperative (IFS-HANA) in Srebrenica. The group is launching a jam-making business and is therefore creating jobs for particularly vulnerable people (including women and refugees).



Jam-making at the ISF (Bosnia-Herzegovina)

# THE INTERNATIONAL CONTAINER FUND (The ICF)

Proceeds from the annual solidarity sales go towards the international container fund, which makes it possible:

- to finance part, or all, of the cost of shipping containers sent by groups with little financial means as part of the international container programme
- to cover the cost of travel of companions who take part in preparing or receiving containers
- To organise meetings and training such as the container information and training days and the meeting to draw up the annual programme
- to respond to unforeseen events (extra customs clearances costs, for example)

Groups unable to send containers can also take part in the programme by collecting goods for sending groups to ship or by making a donation to the fund.

## The ICF in 2014

Allocated funding:

€33 000

### HOW IT WAS USED:

- Holding container training days at Emmaus Toulouse in France: participants were given information about shipping containers, practices were discussed, and a container for Burkina Faso was loaded.
- Support for six sending groups to fully or partially cover the shipping cost or the legalisation and translation of shipping documents.
- Support for one receiving group to clear a container through customs.
- Funding all or part of the travel costs of eight people under the receiving / sending group exchange programme.



International container training days at Emmaus Toulouse (France)



2014 container review meeting in Chatou (France)

# THE EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE EMERGENCY FUND

The solidarity sales also go towards this fund, which is used to help Emmaus groups and surrounding populations that have been affected by disasters.

In 2014, the fund enabled Emmaus to respond to an emergency situation: Emmaus HOME in the US was able to restore its premises which had been damaged by the cold snap. Outside of the framework of the fund, Emmaus International also relayed two other emergency appeals for Bosnia and the Syrian refugees in Lebanon, put forward by Emmaus movement member organisations.



Restoring HOME's building (United States)

## 2014 EMERGENCIES

January	HOME (UNITED STATES)	Damage caused by the cold snap to the organisation's premises and the affordable homes it provides for low-income families.	€4360	The group was able to respond swiftly using the funding: > It moved the families to emergency accommodation. > It repaired the heating in the premises (houses, workshops and offices). The group then restored the roofs (including the sawmill roof), pipes and heating systems damaged by the cold.
July	EMMAUS BJÖRKA (SWEDEN)	Support the work of Emmaus Björkä (Sweden) and its local partners in Lebanon in the Palestinian refugee camps receiving refugees from Syria.	€23 599 9 groups	The local partners used the funds to: > Deliver healthcare to newly arrived refugees. > Provide schoolbags and materials to enable refugee children to go to school. > Run social activities for refugee children and provide food parcels for their families. > Provide food to prevent malnutrition in young children and babies.
October	INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY FORUM (BOSNIA)	Flooding	€23 240 13 groups	The ISF organized: > Distribution of meals (soup kitchen) with logistics support from Doboj Council. > Rebuilding/renovating houses in Doboj and Samac for six families identified by social services.

# REGIONAL SOLIDARITY FUNDS

The regional solidarity fund is made available to the regions every year. The 2014 solidarity sales raised proceeds of €50 000, which will be shared out as follows and sent to the regions in 2015 (as soon as reports are received on how the 2013 solidarity sale funding was used in 2014):

- Two-thirds of the budget makes up the regional solidarity support budget, shared equally between the four Emmaus regions.
- One-third of the budget is the regional projects monitoring and evaluation budget, shared between regions based on the number of groups in each Emmaus region.



Handing out school materials to pupils from Gasenyi school



Emmaus Amor e Vida's truck (Brazil)



Child from the Missing Persons' Families Support Centre



Usha Rani during her trip to southern India

## A few examples of how the regions use this funding:

### AFRICA

€762 was donated to ALDP (Association to Fight Crime and Poverty) to enable it to buy, transport and distribute school materials to pupils at Gasenyi School following the flooding that hit the northern areas of Bujumbura (Burundi) where ALDP works.

### THE AMERICAS

In the Americas region, Emmaus Amor e Vida (Brazil) received €2500 of solidarity funding from the region to repair its truck, its main means of collecting goods.

### ASIA

In Asia and specifically in India, the monitoring fund enabled Usha Rani (a regional representative on the World Council for Political Action and International Solidarity) to visit three groups in southern India during the second half of 2014. She was able to see the projects run by the groups, meet their leaders and the various project stakeholders, and take part in the training organized by the groups.

### EUROPE

In Europe, the regional solidarity support budget was allocated to the Missing Persons' Families Support Centre (MPFSC) in Lithuania to bolster its human trafficking prevention and awareness-raising work with children and young people.

## OTHER ACTIVITIES

Thanks to funds earmarked from the 2013 sales, the world council on political action and international solidarity was able to meet in November 2014 in Montreuil. The format was a little different from usual, with presentations and discussions about the two surveys underway on Emmaus International's campaigns and policy and international solidarity. There were also talks given by outside speakers which yielded productive discussion about the meaning of solidarity and its role within Emmaus International, and about our campaigns and policy.

**ADDIE STEVENSON, Emmaus Gloucestershire Chief Executive, UK**

At Emmaus Gloucestershire we have a strong commitment to solidarity and meet each month to discuss activity and sharing of our money. We believe that it's in serving others in greater need than ourselves that we grow as people and feel good about life. It's fundamental to our community. We try to balance local, national and international solidarity. *For me, what's most important is sharing information between companions and communities in order to strengthen ties and raise awareness about solidarity between Emmaus organisations.*

**BERNARD SALAMAND, Chair of the CRID in France, a collective bringing together some 50 international solidarity organisations.**

Emmaus International is ahead of other organisations: you boast experience that demonstrates that the different types of solidarity do not compete against each other. Working with one's peers and an equal relationship between the donor and beneficiary are also a plus point in terms of mutual recognition.

**GUS MASSIAH, member of the Attac-France advisory board and a member of the World Social Forum's international committee.**

Emmaus' stance is legitimate because it draws on the organisation's concrete initiatives and it is strong because it bases its stance on a constant yet evolving practice.



Addie Stevenson and Bernard Salamand during their presentation

## INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY SURVEY

To meet the 2014 board meeting's request to put forward a plan to coordinate the solidarity initiatives at the different levels (regional and international), a survey on the international solidarity initiatives got underway in August 2014 and will continue up to this year's board meeting.

Firstly, the involvement of the groups in the international solidarity initiatives was gathered and analysed over a five-year period, overall and by region. Secondly, we have begun a study into the destination of the international solidarity funds, the initiatives they help support, by region, by country and by type of project. The first sets of results will be presented to the board in 2015, in view of preparations for a world assembly discussion in 2016.



World Council on Political Action and International Solidarity in November 2014

# SOLIDARITY IN 2015

In 2014 the sales and solidarity projects calendar was changed. Up until now, the sales held one year financed projects put forward during the same year. This meant there was a long time lag between the submission of project applications and their financing. Some projects even became obsolete.

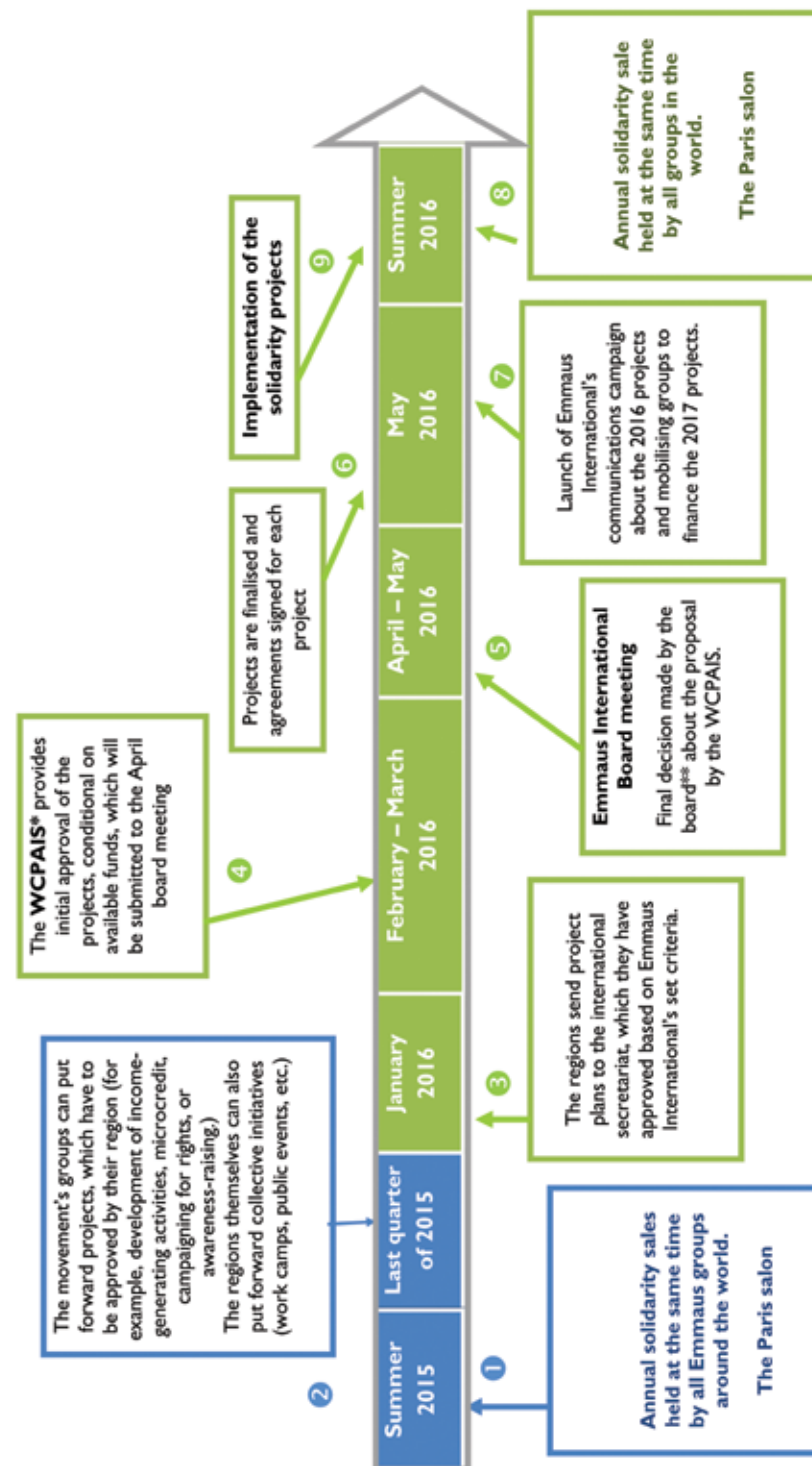
The new annual solidarity programme calendar, approved by the board in 2014, was sent to the regions in September 2014 and will take effect this summer.

The proceeds of sales held in 2015 will finance project applications put forward in 2016. These projects can be implemented as soon as they have received the board's approval in 2016. The 2016 board meeting will take place immediately after the world assembly in April 2016.



Kael, Companion, at the Emmaus Cambridge solidarity sale

## The 9 stages of the annual international solidarity programme



\* World council on political action and international solidarity: comprises elected members from each Emmaus region to work specifically on these issues  
 \*\* Board: official decision-making body made up of elected members from each Emmaus region

# Key figures in 2014



## Solidarity sales

**€495 280** raised

**186** Emmaus organisations mobilised



## Emmaus organisations mobilised

**€45 838** raised

**22** Emmaus organisations have responded to the appeals



## Shipping containers

**51** containers sent

**22** sender groups




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