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  How we put international solidarity into practice at Emmaus

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Emmaus Saint-Marcel (France) ©Charly Hopp

#### Important note

This Solidarity Report focuses on actions taken in 2022 with the funds raised by the 2021 annual solidarity sales held by the Emmaus groups worldwide.



n many ways, 2022 was a year of transition and recovery. Many countries were just starting to get back on their feet after the Covid-19 pandemic that depleted their resources and pushed populations to depend on international aid. However, Russia's unjustified and brutal invasion of Ukraine upended the post-pandemic economic recovery, directly affecting the most vulnerable with an often-unsustainable rise in food and energy prices.

Against this backdrop, Emmaus International continued to run a food aid programme which, although modest, enabled the Emmaus groups in the worst-affected areas to provide essential, much-needed - and in some cases vital - support to the most vulnerable sections of the population. However, we have also refocused our solidarity programmes with the Emmaus groups on economic self-sufficiency, which is becoming increasingly important in the current global context.

The World Assembly in Uruguay was also a time of revival: international solidarity, with the inclusion of the annual solidarity sales in our statutes, was relaunched; our political campaigns were also restored with the adoption of our Global Report requirements as a common basis for our advocacy and awareness-raising campaigns.

That is why I am proud to present the 2022 Solidarity Report to you, because it speaks volumes what we are all about at Emmaus: we are both a practical, grassroots organisation working for the most disadvantaged to alleviate as much of the world's poverty as possible, and at the same time we raise our voice in protest against the inequalities and injustices in the unequal distribution and destruction of the world's resources.

Let us always be guided by this two-pronged approach - as Abbé Pierre asked us to do - and let us find the strength to fight our struggles together as one big family of "the hopeless who now give hope to others"\* but who have "rediscovered what it is to love "\*: Emmaus.

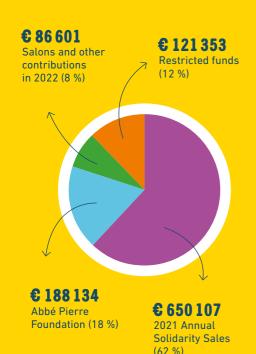
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(\*) Abbé Pierre, Appeal from San Francisco, 1955 "EMMAUS INTERNATIONAL CONTINUED TO RUN A FOOD AID PROGRAMME WHICH, ALTHOUGH MODEST, ENABLED THE EMMAUS GROUPS IN THE WORST-AFFECTED AREAS TO PROVIDE ESSENTIAL, MUCH-NEEDED - AND IN SOME CASES VITAL - SUPPORT TO THE MOST VULNERABLE SECTIONS OF THE POPULATION."

# BREAKDOWN OF RESOURCES BY SOURCE IN 2022





# RESOURCES FOR INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY AND CAMPAIGNING

he financial resources we have available to undertake initiatives mainly stem from funds raised in the previous year, in order to meet our commitments to our groups.

In 2022, €1,046,195 was raised to run the various international solidarity and campaigning programmes.

It must be stressed that all the funds raised through annual solidarity sales and salons were allocated directly to the various programmes and initiatives, and were not used to cover any of the head office's operating costs (wages, head office expenses, etc.).

# AN ESSENTIAL RESOURCE: THE ANNUAL INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY SALES

The annual sale is the movement's main resource for implementing solidarity and campaigning programmes. Without it, some groups would not be able to continue their struggles and initiatives to assist the most disadvantaged people. It is therefore a

meaningful act involving contributions from groups worldwide.

In 2022, annual sales amounted to €650,107 (amount collected during the year 2021), representing 62% of Emmaus International's annual solidarity and campaigning budget.

#### **ADDITIONAL RESOURCES**

#### **SALONS (FAIRS)**

In addition to the annual sales, many national groups and organisations hold salons (second-hand fairs), and donate all or part of the proceeds to Emmaus International for its international solidarity and campaigning initiatives.

#### **RESTRICTED FUND RESERVES**

The additional funds contributed by the groups and the unspent balance at the end of the year are still earmarked for the programmes to which they were allocated and can be used at a later date. They provide a stable financial reserve that Emmaus International can use to carry out its work independently.





In 2022, Emmaus International allocated 121 353 € from its restricted funds to finance its international solidarity and campaigning programmes.

# FUNDS FROM THE ABBÉ PIERRE FOUNDATION

Each year, the Abbé Pierre Foundation allocates 10% of its annual international solidarity funds to Emmaus International. These funds are specifically earmarked for pro-

jects to improve accommodation and housing for the most excluded. In 2022, the funds used for the Housing programme amounted to €149,183. This year, a special contribution of €38,951 was also made to fund the emergency programme run by Emmaus Burkina Faso to help people in the country fleeing the threat of terrorist groups.

Emmaus Hauts-de-France Salon in Cambrai, May 2023

# FUNDS USED IN 2022

n 2022, Emmaus International set up four restricted funds to put international solidarity into practice as a fundamental value of our movement and a means of fighting poverty. In addition to these restricted funds, which account for the bulk of our international solidarity initiatives, we also run the Housing Programme financed by the Abbé Pierre Foundation.

## → Support for Emmaus groups and regions

These funds are intended to support economic activities, our struggles and social initiatives to help the poorest people.

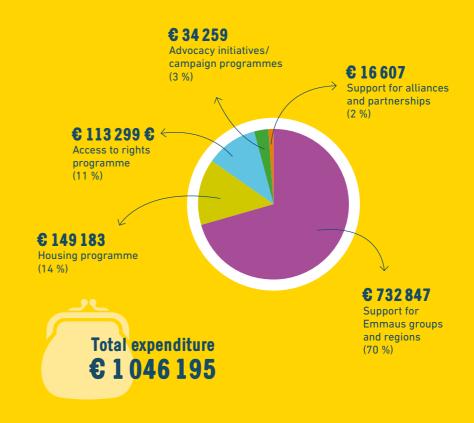
#### → Access to rights programmes

These funds are intended to support collective access to rights programmes (right to education, health, and water). These are collective programmes to support the most excluded in fighting for their fundamental rights: the Nokoué programme in Benin for access to and management of water by citizens, mutual health organisations in Africa and Asia and programmes for access to education.

#### → Advocacy and campaign initiatives

These funds are intended for campaigns and advocacy initiatives to make our voices, our analysis and our proposals heard in the

#### **USE AND BREAKDOWN OF FUNDS IN 2022**



fight against poverty and its causes: international volunteer missions, promotion of welcoming migration policies, a call for the end of impunity for multinational companies and the fight against the criminalisation of social protests and human rights activists, etc.).

#### → Support for alliances and partnerships

These funds intend to support other organisations and social movements that share our struggles and campaigns.

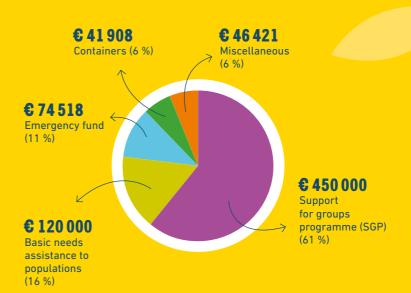


everal measures were put in place in 2022 to support social projects and boost our groups' economic activities, respond to emergency situations and support the most vulnerable populations. For example, a special food aid fund was set up to help people still suffering from financial difficulties in the wake of the Covid-19 pandemic, compounded by the Russian invasion of Ukraine.





# BREAKDOWN OF FUNDS FOR THE SUPPORT FOR GROUPS PROGRAMME IN 2022



#### 1. SUPPORT FOR GROUPS PROGRAMME

This programme helped the groups run or boost their economic and social activities in countries still impacted by the consequences of the pandemic, rampant inflation, and mounting instability. The projects funded have focused on strengthening groups and their capacity to take action, to help them reach a sufficient level of self-sufficiency in an increasingly difficult economic, social and political climate.

Here is the budget breakdown for this initiative:

- €157,500 for the Africa region (35%)
- €202,500 for the Americas region (45%)
- €45,000 for the Asia region (10%)
- €45,000 for the Europe region (10%)



### € 450 000 TOTAL AMOUNT USED

Nearly 7,244 people were able to benefit from these projects, in addition to 30,627 indirect beneficiaries.

73% of the projects improved self-sufficiency thanks to income-generating activities. Others supported social and environmental undertakings and a regional collective initiative to train group leaders.

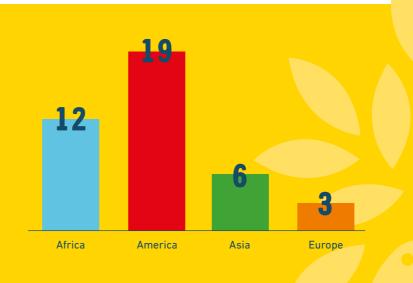
40
NUMBER OF GROUPS
THAT RECEIVED FINANCIAL
SUPPORT

€ 11 250

AVERAGE AMOUNT

RECEIVED PER GROUP

NUMBER OF GROUPS PER REGION RECEIVING FUNDS UNDER THE 2022 GROUP SUPPORT PROGRAMME





#### **TESTIMONIAL**

"Project to strengthen the carpentry workshop's production capacity", led by Association de lutte contre la délinquance et la pauvreté (ALDP) in Burundi.

- → Direct beneficiaries: 16 people
- → Indirect beneficiaries:
  170 people

"Thanks to the movement's solidarity, the financial support given to our group has helped us greatly to restart our carpentry workshop and ensure job security for our 16 employees. We are able to produce much more, thus increasing our revenues and helping us towards financial independence."

In the words of Thomas Hekima, carpenter at the ALDP workshop

## 2. BASIC NEEDS ASSISTANCE TO POPULATIONS

This fund was provided to groups to help vulnerable populations by covering part of their food necessities through soup kitchens, distribution of meals or food parcels.

## Here is the budget breakdown for this initiative:

- €42,000 for the Africa region (35%)
- €54,000 for the Americas region (45%)
- €12,000 for the Asia region (10%)
- €12,000 for the Europe region, which decided not to use the funds in order to make them available to other regions

In total, over 10,000 people have benefited, along with a further 30,000 indirect beneficiaries.

Due to the high inflation in food prices, the number of malnourished people has been growing all over the world. For our groups that provide food aid to local populations, this complicates the choice of beneficiaries.



€ 120 000 TOTAL AMOUNT USED

43
NUMBER OF GROUPS
THAT RECEIVED FINANCIAL
SUPPORT

€ 2 790

AVERAGE AMOUNT

RECEIVED PER GROUP

#### **TESTIMONIAL**

"I received a food parcel with essential supplies. I would like to thank Emmaus and those who made it possible for us, those most in need, to put food on the table for our families at this time of crisis".

María Rosa de la Campiña Catacaos, a beneficiary of Emmaus Piura's work in Peru.

#### 3. EMERGENCY FUND

Emmaus International designated part of its solidarity funds to emergencies. The objective is to support groups facing major difficulties, such as the health crisis, armed conflicts, natural disasters, etc., which pose a risk to their members and undermine their activities. Each request for financial support must be approved by the regional office concerned. The Executive Committee makes decisions on support granted and manages this emergency fund.

#### In 2022, this fund helped:

- the Emmaus Recife group in Brazil, which suffered devastating floods (€6,000)
- groups in Burkina Faso who joined forces to help displaced people fleeing terrorist attacks (€29,567). Given the scale of the action in Burkina Faso (7 groups actively helping 700 displaced families), the Abbé Pierre Foundation also provided financial support to respond to this emergency (€38,951).

The Emmaus movement also took exceptional steps following the Russian invasion of Ukraine. This appeal for solidarity was made directly by Emmaus Europe and groups' donations sent to Emmaus International for this emergency were transferred to Emmaus Europe.





COUNTRIES THAT RECEIVED EMERGENCY AID: BRAZIL, BURKINA FASO

#### IN FOCUS

#### **BURKINA FASO**

For the past 4 years, Burkina Faso has been facing a series of unprecedented crises due to political instability and recurring attacks by jihadist groups that control large swathes of the country. The consequences are atrocious for the populations, with loss of life, mass displacements, not to mention school closures and economic disruption.

Millions of people are suffering from a food crisis. Indeed, the violence and internal displacements caused by the security crisis are severely limiting agricultural production in a country where more than 80% of the population is heavily dependent on agriculture for food security. According to the United Nations, 2.6 million Burkinabe – i.e., more than one in ten – required emergency assistance in 2022.

In October 2022, the 7 Emmaus groups in Burkina Faso joined forces to assist displaced persons. In partnership with social services, village and community leaders, the groups identified priority beneficiaries in their areas and drew up an emergency project to cover the refugees' basic needs during what is known as the "lean season".



In Burkina Faso, Emmaus groups organised the distribution of kits in makeshift camps and to host families where displaced people have found refuge.

Kits were distributed in makeshift camps and host families, where displaced persons have sought refuge. The groups in Burkina Faso received funding from the Emmaus International emergency fund to run these initiatives. This was possible thanks to the proceeds from Emmaus groups' annual solidarity sales, along with funds from the Abbé Pierre Foundation. The Burkinabe groups also made their own contribution to this project.

#### **TESTIMONIAL**

"Thanks to Emmaus International's solidarity funds, during the last quarter of 2022 we were able to provide vital aid to displaced people in the form of: food, which is a priority need given the precarious situation of displaced people who no longer have access to land; accommodation for families and schooling for displaced children; protection of women and children (prostitution, child labour);

support in setting up income-generating activities, as a medium-term solution to cope with the situation; psycho-social support, for people who have experienced trauma; promotion of social cohesion and peacebuilding."

Emmanuel Siambo, leader of the Emmaus Solidarité Ouagadougou (ESO) group 4. CONTAINER PROGRAMME

The container programme was set up to organise resource sharing within the movement. Emmaus groups in Europe share resources with their Latin and African counterparts, providing them with equipment, enabling them to hold bric-a-brac sales, and helping other local stakeholders.

In 2022, maritime trade was still disrupted by the Covid-19 pandemic and the blockage of the Suez Canal due to a ship that had run aground. As a result, the number of containers shipped this year dropped. During the calendar year, 31 containers were sent to the Emmaus groups (22 to Africa and 9 to the Americas), compared to 44 the previous year. 19 member organisations benefited from this specific type of international solidarity (local groups, national or mutual health organisations).

Thanks to the International Container Fund, a special mechanism that provides financial support to groups with few financial resources to cover shipping container costs, 10 containers were shipped over the year.



€ 41 908
TOTAL AMOUNT USED

31
NUMBER OF
CONTAINERS SENT

10
NUMBER OF CONTAINERS
FINANCED BY THE
INTERNATIONAL
CONTAINER FUND



#### **TESTIMONIAL**

"Through this initiative, we have not only fulfilled our duty to share our resources, but also experienced something different from our usual daily activities. Also, new colleagues and volunteers have shown up, representing the solidarity of their sector. It was more than just any other activity for them. We can safely say that sending this first container was a great success for our community, and the question that comes up most often is: when will we send another container?"

**Enrik Rronja,** head of Emmaus Touraine, new sender group

With stricter customs rules and a sharp increase in shipping costs to certain countries, a pooling system has been implemented in Africa: groups in countries with less strict customs procedures receive containers on behalf of groups located in countries where it is more complicated, or impossible, to receive a container. The "intermediary" group unloads and sells the goods from the container, and the proceeds are then transferred to the originally intended recipient. Using this procedure, groups from Benin, Burkina Faso, and Togo have received containers on behalf of groups from South Africa, Cameroon, Burundi, Côte d'Ivoire, and the DRC.



#### **5. HOUSING PROGRAMME**

With the support from the Abbé Pierre Foundation (FAP), the housing programme aims to help people access housing or suitable accommodation, and improve the living conditions of the members of Emmaus groups and the people for whom they provide accommodation.

The consequences of the pandemic, socio-economic crises, violence, and discrimination are all factors that accentuate the exclusion and impoverishment of already weakened populations, directly impacting the possibility of decent housing.

In 2022, 5 projects were carried out under the housing programme: expansion of CORDIS housing (South Africa), equipment of the Pag-la-Yiri girls' home (Burkina Faso), construction of the Villa El Salvador community (Peru), renovation of the Recife community house (Brazil), renovation of the FHF residence and construction of a dining hall (India).



€ 149 183
TOTAL AMOUNT USED

5
NUMBER OF GROUPS
THAT RECEIVED FINANCIAL
SUPPORT



#### **TESTIMONIAL**

"My name is Kavitha. I am 44 years old. I am a companion and have been at the FHF centre for 8 years. I belong to a tribal community called Irulas. We received support for the renovation of our children's home and the construction of a kitchen with a dining hall. Our centre is located near the seashore and for the past 19 years, it has been significantly damaged on a regular basis by natural disasters, such as cyclones and floods. Due to its location near the coast, our building was cracked, the roof was damaged. along with doors and windows, our septic tank was also damaged with significant rust. With the support from the FAP fund, we have renovated, extended and constructed a new kitchen because nowadays we prepare meals for 290 people on a daily basis. Our old kitchen is damaged and does not have a proper space for cooking. We have renovated our accommodation and constructed a new kitchen with a dining hall with this FAP support. We sincerely thank the Abbé Pierre Foundation for supporting this project."

Kavitha, FAP project beneficiary in India

## 6. THE EMMAUS ETHICAL FUND: LOANS AS ANOTHER TYPE OF SOLIDARITY

In addition to the usual funding for Emmaus International's solidarity programmes, the Emmaus Ethical Fund (EEF) is funded by voluntary financial contributions from Emmaus groups and organisations worldwide. Its purpose is to support solidarity economy projects run by Emmaus groups that do not have access to the traditional banking system. Loans bolster the movement's drive to encourage self-sufficiency and independence, by giving borrower organisations responsibility whilst also providing them with support.

It can guarantee bank loans or lend funds directly to these organisations, thus fostering an ethical approach to credit for nonprofit economic and social activities.

This fund is a response to more global issues related to the need to fight for a truly ethical and solidarity-based economy. Its current amount is € 735.000.

Since its relaunch in 2018, the EEF has extended its scope to include:

- Guarantee of bank loans to support the development of solidarity economic activities and to finance infrastructure
- Direct loans to support solidarity economic activities and to finance infrastructure
- Loans as cash bridge awaiting receipt of grants or other resources

#### **IN FOCUS**

#### THANAPARA SWALLOWS DEVELOPMENT SOCIETY (BANGLADESH)

#### Support for the group's micro-credit initiative: €28,050

In the rural areas of north-western Bangladesh, Thanapara Swallows assists the most marginalised populations who work the land, revive traditional agroecology practices and stimulate economic opportunities. Their micro-credit programme supports 2,900 people, mainly women.

The €28,050 contribution from the Emmaus Ethical Fund, disbursed in December 2022, will help the organisation to expand its work and reach an additional 1,500 people whose needs are immense.

Apart from the loan, borrowers also receive training on debt management, agricultural and/or livestock business consolidation, and raising awareness on the rights of young girls and women.

 Support for the Emmaus groups' microcredit initiatives through medium-term financial contributions

In 2022, 5 loans are outstanding for groups in Romania, Benin, Italy and Poland. A Croatian organisation has already paid its loan, and a loan application from a group in India is being studied.

To find out more about the Emmaus Ethical Fund, watch our explanatory video:





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# OUR COLLECTIVE PROGRAMMES ON ACCESS TO RIGHTS



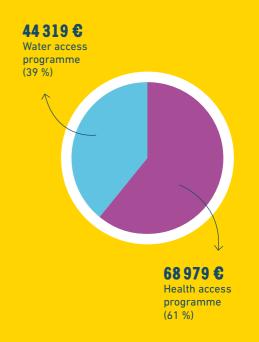
or over 20 years, Emmaus International has been running large-scale, collective programmes to help populations in extreme poverty to develop alternatives to access and manage their rights, with the support of several of the movement's groups. These alternatives show that a different development model is possible, and serve as examples for fair public policies.

### In 2022, two programmes were funded by Emmaus International:

- "Citizens in Solidarity for Water", access to water programme
- Emmaus Mutual Health Organisation, access to health programme

Research was carried out into the groups' education initiatives, and consolidation work was done on the health programme in conjunction with the people involved in these, to analyse the progress made, identify our strengths and weaknesses, and understand what these programmes represent in terms of political alternatives. At the same time, the financial support of the movement groups has allowed the actors involved in the access to water and health care programmes to continue their work alongside the most marginalised people to help them collectively manage their fundamental rights.

# AMOUNTS USED FOR ACCESS TO RIGHTS PROGRAMME IN 2022





#### → HEALTH CARE RIGHT AND ACCESS

Emmaus International has been developing mutual health systems for its members in Africa (Benin and Burkina Faso) since the 2000s, and in Asia (India and Bangladesh) since 2010. Thanks to these mutual health systems, more than 5.000 people and their families now have access to quality health care, can manage their "mutual health organisation", and have become actors of social transformation.

#### Following the in-depth report carried out in 2021, the mutual health programmes have worked on the identified areas for improvement:

- In Asia, the beneficiaries have mainly gone back "business as usual" after Covid. The community health centres in the Tara and Thanapara Swallows groups were back up and running, along with health awareness sessions, the search for new partnerships with health organisations, consolidation of the achievements of the monitoring teams. the endeavour to achieve financial autonomy, etc.
- In Africa, activities have also gradually resumed after the pandemic. The work of the groups' local representatives, the monthly meetings of the national management committees, and health education sessions were able to take place normally - even in Burkina Faso - despite the difficult humanitarian situation. Benin and Burkina Faso held their Ordinary and Extraordinary General Assemblies in November,

respectively, to renew their executive committees, boards and steering committees. and to initiate the testing of more solidarity mechanisms between mutual members in order to better share the health risk.

- In Burkina Faso, work within the Social Mutual Funds of Burkina Faso Federation. or FEMUSCO (Fédération des mutuelles Sociales communautaires du Burkina Faso. ) has increased a little more. The Emmaus mutual health fund has strengthened ties as it advocates universal health protection in the country.

The work of Emmaus International alliances on the health programme also began in 2022. Meetings were held between the National Federation of French mutual insurers (FNMF) and the International Association of mutual benefit societies (AIM), between the end of 2021 and the beginning of 2022. Because of this. Emmaus International was able to participate in the Dakar International Conference on March 15 and 16, 2022, and lead an AIM workshop in June 2022.

Finally, in an effort to communicate and encourage involvement of groups and members of the movement, a video was created to understand better how Emmaus mutual health organisations work.







Scan this QR Code to watch the video

#### **TESTIMONIAL**

"The mutual health organisation has a scholarship programme to train participants, including myself, in the health care sector. We learn to take blood pressure, measure body temperature and test for anaemia. I am also trained in first aid and can handle emergency situations until a doctor becomes available."

Preeti, mutual member and health worker within the mutual health organisation in India



#### → RIGHT AND ACCESS TO WATER

Emmaus International has supported the Citizens in Solidarity for Water Project in Nokoué (PCSEN) in Benin for many years. Residents around Lake Nokoué took part in developing this ambitious programme as well as managing, operating, and maintaining the water access and sanitation infrastructures. In the 9 villages covered by this programme, continuous capacity-building and hygiene awareness-raising work were implemented at the same time.

Women's groups were formed to carry out health campaigns and raise awareness to combat domestic violence and forced marriages, with the guidance of social facilitators.

But at the end of 2022, a reform by the Beninese government put a stop to this: all water access infrastructures were entrusted to the private sector in the form of leases. The

44 319 €
TOTAL AMOUNT USED
FOR THE WATER ACCESS
PROGRAMME

association that managed the infrastructures set up by Emmaus at Lake Nokoué was not selected by the municipality to continue this work. The transfer of infrastructure and staff management was sudden and took place without consultation. The movement obviously remains attentive and active to defend the populations' rights to good quality water, to continue social work and raise awareness on hygiene practices.



#### **TESTIMONIAL**

"Although the Beninese state is finally taking on the management of this fundamental right, the method used casts doubt on the full involvement of local populations. In fact, the town councils, whose resources remain very limited and who are responsible for water management, were strongly encouraged to delegate to private operators (in the form of leasing). Since December 2022, a Tunisian operator has been managing the infrastructure on Lake Nokoué. Therefore the population of Sô-Ava was not consulted when the water infrastructure that they were managing was confiscated. The consequences are already being felt: the price of water has increased by 50% (the price per m<sup>3</sup> of water goes from 405 FCFA to 605 FCFA), water tests are no longer carried out, defective infrastructure equipment is no longer replaced (damaged taps, pierced pipes, etc.), and the company's staff is rarely seen on site."

José Hounsa, responsible for monitoring the operation of water and sanitation facilities within the "Citizens in Solidarity for Water Project in Nokoué", in Benin

# OUR ADVOCACY AND CAMPAIGNING WORK

o resist, let us join forces in collective and political initiatives and campaigns!

After the Covid-19 pandemic, Russia's invasion of Ukraine in 2022 highlighted our global interdependence and once again challenged the world economy. This system and the lifestyles it has generated have led to multiple crises.

As such, Emmaus International is well-positioned to be a driving force behind a necessary and urgent change. From the outset, the Emmaus groups have developed actions and alternatives locally while affirming the need to build a collective political voice and offer proposals to transform society. Initiating the transition through the regional groups, taking into account their specificaties while denouncing the causes of poverty and inequalities everywhere in the world this is what makes Emmaus International unique.

At the May 2022 World Assembly in Piriápolis, Uruguay, our movement pledged to carry out collective initiatives and campaigns, which involve all of Emmaus Internation-



al's regions, particularly on climate justice, international migration and education to raise awareness. This decision is in line with several initiatives carried out throughout 2022:

- A call for an end of impunity for multinational corporations;
- The fight against trade liberalisation agreements that threaten human rights and the environment;
- A rally to defend democracy and human rights activists in Brazil and Africa.



€ 34 259
TOTAL AMOUNT
OF AID ALLOCATEDE



**ALLOCATED** 

#### → THE GLOBAL REPORT

In May 2022, the World Assembly adopted the requirements of the first Emmaus International Global Report as a common basis for building and disseminating our political message.

From the very beginning, this document was conceived as a tool for the Emmaus groups to make their common voice heard on the structural causes of poverty and the alternatives proposed by the movement's stakeholders. Emmaus International, together with the French association Échanges et Partenariats, launched an international volunteer assignment to encourage groups to take on board this report. The objectives of this project were:

- To establish an overview of the political and activist initiatives within the movement, as well as their alliances;
- To collect information on the needs of



Emmaus groups to better disseminate and defend the content of the Global Report through their grassroots actions;

- To discuss updating the Global Report with the Emmaus groups, in terms of its content and format:
- To gather information for the 2nd World Forum of Alternatives carried out with the socially excluded.

In October, 3 volunteers - Alexia Regas, Anaïs Leclercq and Caroline Thiel - embarked on assignments in the 4 regions of the movement. 65 groups in 23 countries participated in this "international survey". The information gathered will be analysed next year given that the assignments ended in May 2023.



## → THE ORGANISATION FOR UNIVERSAL CITIZENSHIP (OUC)

Since 2013, the OUC, which now includes Emmaus International, Mouvement Utopia, the CCFD-Terre Solidaire and Espacio Sin Fronteras (Latin America), has made it possible to strengthen the advocacy work for global governance of migration and promote the freedom of movement and settlement of people worldwide.

In 2022, the OUC focused on strengthening the "Migration Alliance". Launched in October 2019, it aims to bring together civil society stakeholders and local authorities from around the world to build, from exemplary regions, a credible alternative to the

currently dominant, anti-immigration policies. The Migration Alliance has developed a common basis between territories for unconditional welcome and universal citizenship around 3 axes:

- Endorse a positive stance on migration based on interculturality for the recognition of everyone's rights
- Promote universal access to rights
- Encourage foreign residents to participate in political issues and exercise their citizenship

Emmaus International, the CCFD and Mouvement Utopia support the financing of OUC initiatives and operations.

Meeting of the Migration Alliance in Lisbon in January 2023.



# SUPPORT FOR ALLIANCES AND PARTNERSHIPS

he May 2022 World Assembly reaffirmed the need to consolidate our partnerships in order to join forces with other movements that share the same values. This was also an opportunity to invite people or associations with whom Emmaus International wishes to continue working: Idas y Vueltas, Madres y Familiares de Detenidos Desaparecidos, Red Sin Fronteras, etc.

At the same time, Emmaus International continued to participate in several reflection spaces run by the Collectif d'organisations de solidarité internationale et de mobilisation citoyenne, or CRID (collective of international solidarity and citizen mobilisation organisations). In particular, we co-sponsored the organisation of the Citizen's Summit on Migration on 30 September and 1 October 2022 in conjunction with the initiative of the "March to Brussels".

Finally, we used some of our resources to support other social movements and civil society organisations that defend human rights and work with the most vulnerable people. In 2022, €12,607 was allocated to CRID for organising the Citizen Summit on Migration, and to SOS Méditerranée for its sea rescue operations.



€ 16 607

TOTAL AMOUNT OF AID

ALLOCATED





#### IN FOCUS

The Peoples' Summit on Migration was held in Brussels in 2022 on 30 September and also on 1 October in conjunction with the "March to Brussels" initiative. The event brought together nearly 250 people from 120 associations from about thirty countries. Its objective was to propose a space for reflection on establishing or strengthening international activist and campaigning networks to combat the violence of migration policies and work on alternatives.

The participation of a dozen members and elected representatives of the four regions of Emmaus made it possible to (re)discover the European movements for migrant rights and spread the word and promote the Emmaus movement's work on unconditional welcome and the protection of fundamental rights.

# HOW WE PUT INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY INTO PRACTICE AT EMMAUS

he international solidarity initiatives of our movement are carried out thanks to the annual solidarity sales of groups around the world and regional salons. Therefore, it is vital that all groups organise this sale, which was enshrined in the statutes at the last World Assembly.

For groups that do not have a regular economic activity, Emmaus International suggests organising an event specific to each region, based on the group's circumstances, so that everyone contributes, even symbolically, to this great moment of sharing and solidarity.

The annual solidarity sale is a tangible example of sharing within the Emmaus movement. A fundamental value shared among the groups, which must be implemented on an international scale to strengthen our impact and show that another world is possible.

It is also an opportunity to make it a moment of exchange and awareness at the local level, to gain a better understanding of what it means to be part of this international



movement and to express our requirements and demands to fight against the causes of poverty.

After all, this is what international solidarity is all about: getting together and talk-

ing about world issues, understanding the causes of poverty, reflecting on what we can do to remedy it - locally and globally - and sharing our struggles with colleagues, volunteers, employees, and friends of Emmaus around the world!



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