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PRESENTATION

Founded in 1971 by Abbé Pierre, Emmaus International is a non-denominational solidarity movement committed to fighting against poverty and exclusion. It brings together nearly 450 organisations in over 40 countries across Europe, Africa, America, and Asia. They all uphold the same values of welcoming others, solidarity, openness, respect and sharing in their very different social, economic, and political circumstances. The aim of our Movement is to fight against the structural causes of poverty and promote social transformation, so that each and every person can find a place in society through dignified welcome and work.

The Emmaus organisations around the world carry out social and political actions around three main struggles: a truly ethical and solidarity-based economy for a sustainable world, social and environmental justice to guarantee access to fundamental rights, peace and freedom of movement and settlement for people for universal citizenship.

As the universal legatee of Abbé Pierre, Emmaus International also has the responsibility of preserving and sharing the memory of Abbé Pierre and the struggles he relentlessly waged throughout his life.



EDITORIAL

The year 2023 illustrates the reality of a world that is as concerning as ever. Russia's invasion of Ukraine continues, with its trail of destruction, death, and injury. The Israeli-Palestinian war, the persecution of populations in Iraq, Iran and Afghanistan, the ongoing conflicts in Africa, in Rwanda and the Democratic Republic of Congo, the incursions of terrorists in Mali, Burkina Faso and Niger do not augur lasting peace for our world.

In every respect, it seems that the desire to live together for a world of peace, justice and solidarity no longer preoccupies our political leaders.

In almost all of our countries, inequalities are growing all the time, and we're wondering: what is the destiny of our peoples? Against this backdrop, the Emmaus groups must continue and step up their work on behalf of vulnerable people and those who suffer most.

The issue of climate justice spares no region of the world, and we need to develop our collective response to the disastrous effects of climate change, while fighting to reduce inequalities, which are a source of poverty and insecurity.

At an international level, we are taking steps in this direction with the introduction of new solidarity mechanisms to provide better support for groups and reduce their vulnerability. Training modules and a Group Support Programme are currently being developed. We have also launched a gender equality working group in our actions and operations, because balanced development cannot be achieved if all the people concerned, whatever their gender, are not at the heart of public policies.

Finally, in this international context, which is sombre to say the least, I would like to share with you the hope that I feel through the dynamics of our Movement. In 2024, we

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will be hosting our second World Forum of Alternatives, focusing on such important issues as social and climate justice, education, and migration. This event will be an opportunity for us to leave the beaten track and, together with our allies, propose new alternatives and perspectives so that our Movement can take a stance with regard to actions and campaigning.

So yes, I dare say that our Movement still makes me dream, and I'm convinced of the rightness of our fights and the relevance of our mode of action.

Patrick ATOHOUN

Chair of Emmaus International



ORGANISATION

EMMAUS INTERNATIONAL
Board/Executive Committee
International Secretariat (Montreuil, France)

AFRICA REGION
Regional Executive Committee
Regional Secretariat
(Ouagadougou, Burkina Faso)

AMERICAS REGION
Regional Executive Committee
Regional Secretariat
(Montevideo, Uruguay)

ASIA REGION
Regional Executive Committee
Regional Secretariat
(Pondicherry, India)

EUROPE REGION
Regional Executive Committee
Regional Secretariat
(Montreuil, France)

GOVERNANCE

Emmaus International's operations are based on democratic and international governance, embodied by elected members from the ground from the 4 regions: Europe, Africa, America, and Asia.

Every four years, the member organisations meet at the World Assembly. This major event in the life of the Movement provides an opportunity to define the broad collective guidelines. This is when the member groups elect the Chair of Emmaus International. In each region, Regional Assemblies elect the 24 Board members who, alongside the Chair, form Emmaus International's Board.

The regional decision-making bodies oversee the implementation of these guidelines with the support of teams of employees: the Emmaus International Secretariat (EIS) and the Regional Secretariats.

In October 2023, the mandates of the 12 European Board members were renewed at the Emmaus Europe General Assembly. New elected members have therefore joined the Emmaus International Board.

→ Emmaus International Executive Committee in 2023

Chair: Patrick ATOHOUN (Benin)
1st Vice-Chair: Aurore QUEREL (France)
2nd Vice-Chair: Gloria ZULUAGA (Colombia)
Treasurer: Xavier RENARD (France)
Secretariat: Camille CHEDID (Lebanon)
William TSOLENYANU (Togo)
Thierry KLATOVSKY (France)

→ Other Board members

Board members elected by the Africa region

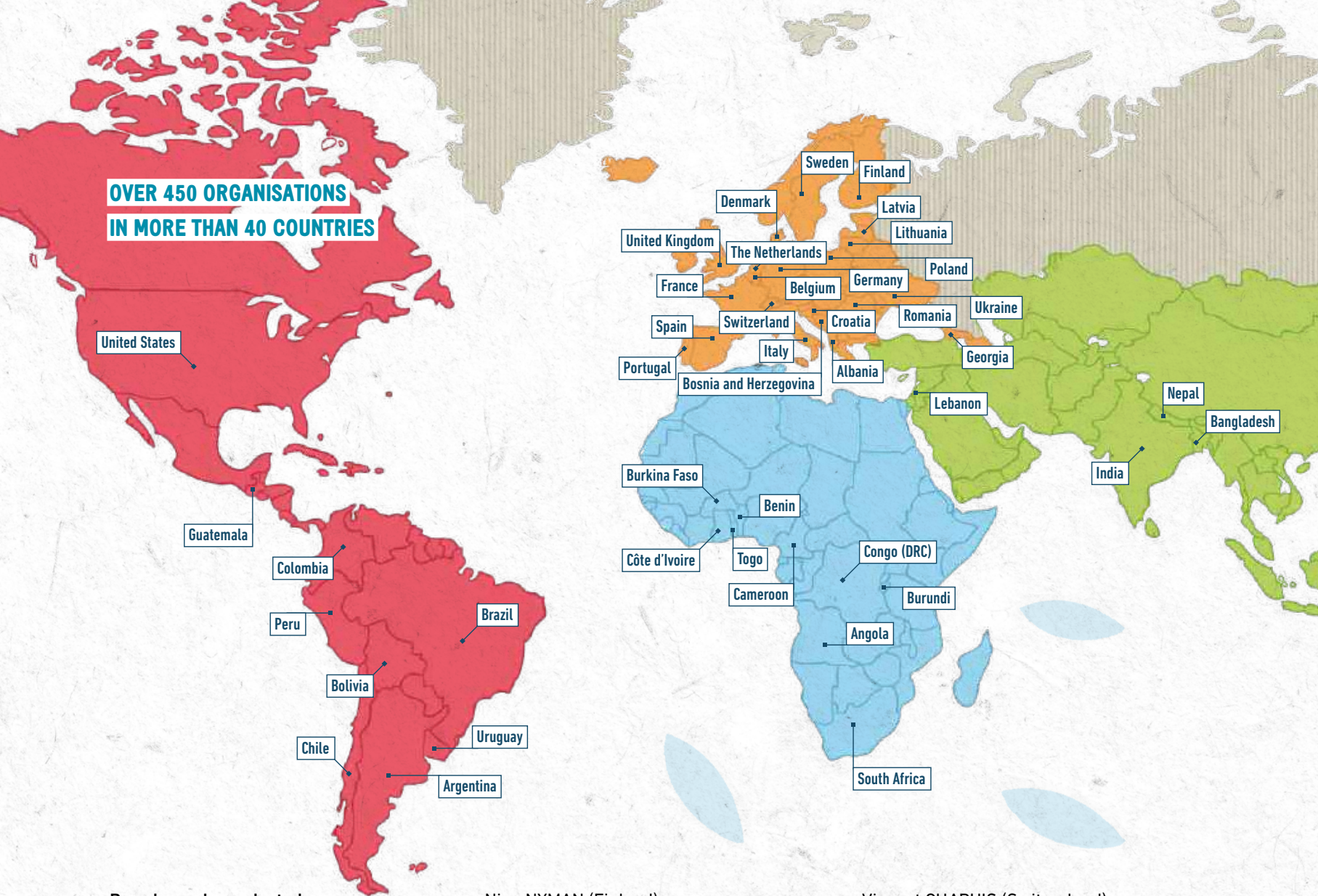
Faustin BUSIMBA (Democratic Republic of Congo)
Anaclet KATUMBULU (Burundi)
William TSOLENYANU (Togo)
Madeleine MBOM (Cameroon)

Board members elected by the Americas region

Rogelio COITIÑO (Uruguay)
Manuel GAVILÁN (Chile)
Anita MOORE (Peru)
Gloria ZULUAGA (Colombia)

Board members elected by the Asia region

Selva ALEXANDER (India)
Camille CHEDID (Lebanon)
Abu HASSANAT (Bangladesh)
Poppy PANGAYAVALLI (India)



**Board members elected
by the Europe region**
Cédric MARREC (Poland)
Carina AALTONEN (Finland)
Duncan LEWIS (United Kingdom)
Herbert BITTER (The Netherlands)

Nina NYMAN (Finland)
Nika SIPRAK WENDLING (Croatia)
Sabina ARNAUT JAHIC
(Bosnia and Herzegovina)
Aurore QUEREL (France)
Sonia HURCET (France)

Vincent CHAPUIS (Switzerland)
Xavier RENARD (France)
Thierry KLATOVSKY (France)

→ **Chief Executive:** Adrien CHABOCHE

SOLIDARITY REPORT

RESOURCES FOR INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY AND ACTIVISM

The resources available to us to carry out actions come mainly from funds raised in the previous year, in order to guarantee our commitments to the groups.

This year, a total of €1,085,234 was mobilised to carry out the various international solidarity and campaigning programmes.

It should be emphasised that all the funds raised through the annual solidarity sales and salons have been allocated to the various programmes and actions.

The mobilised resources come from 3 sources:

→ Annual Solidarity Sales

Every year, all Emmaus groups organise a solidarity sale, as per our Movement's statutes. These resources are then collected by Emmaus International to implement solidarity and campaigning programmes. Without these sales, certain groups would not be able to continue their struggles and actions



TOTAL RESOURCES MOBILIZED

€1,085,234

on behalf of the most disadvantaged. So it's a powerful act to which groups from all over the world are contributing.

→ Salons

In addition to the annual sales, many national groups and organisations organise sales fairs where all or part of the proceeds are donated to Emmaus International for its international solidarity and campaigning work.

→ Funding from the Abbé Pierre Foundation

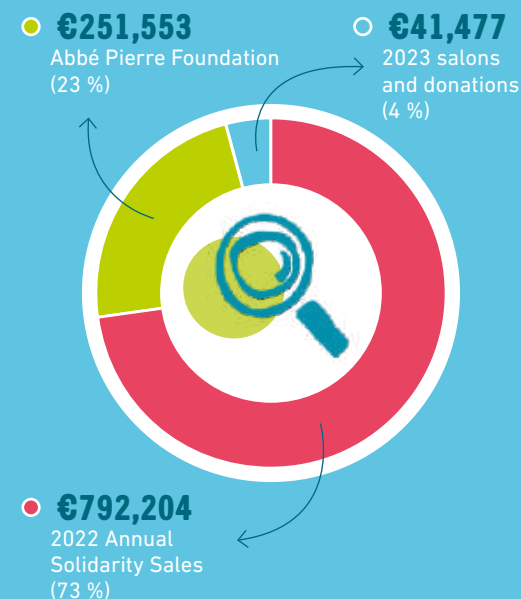
Every year, the Abbé Pierre Foundation dedicates 10% of its annual fund earmarked for international solidarity to Emmaus International. These resources are specifically intended to fund projects to improve the welcome and housing of the most excluded.



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Regional salon in Pontivy, in Brittany, May 2023.

ORIGIN OF RESOURCES USED IN 2023



USE OF FUNDS IN 2023

Solidarity, the cornerstone of our Movement's strength, is spread across a wide range of programmes in 2023. This wide range of initiatives has made it possible to improve the quality of welcoming people in the groups, to support their daily and specific actions, to be present with the populations who are victims of natural disasters and to convey our political stance through various advocacy events.

The use of funds in 2023 has been allocated to five programmes and actions:

- Support for Emmaus groups and regions
- Housing programme
- Campaigns and advocacy initiatives
- Access to rights programmes
- Emergencies and support for populations
- Support for Alliances and Partnerships

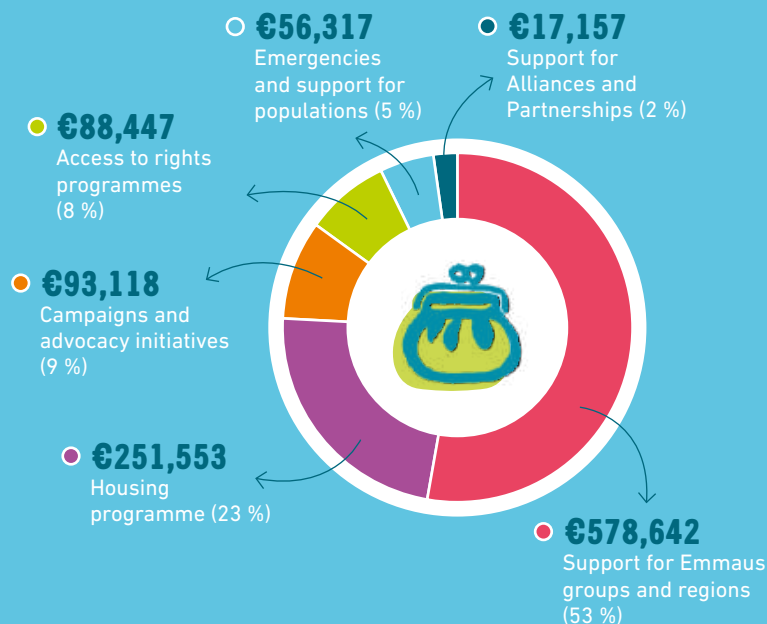
Support for the Emmaus groups and regions, which helps to support the groups' economic activities, social initiatives and struggles on behalf of the poorest members

of society, is itself made up of several programmes and initiatives:

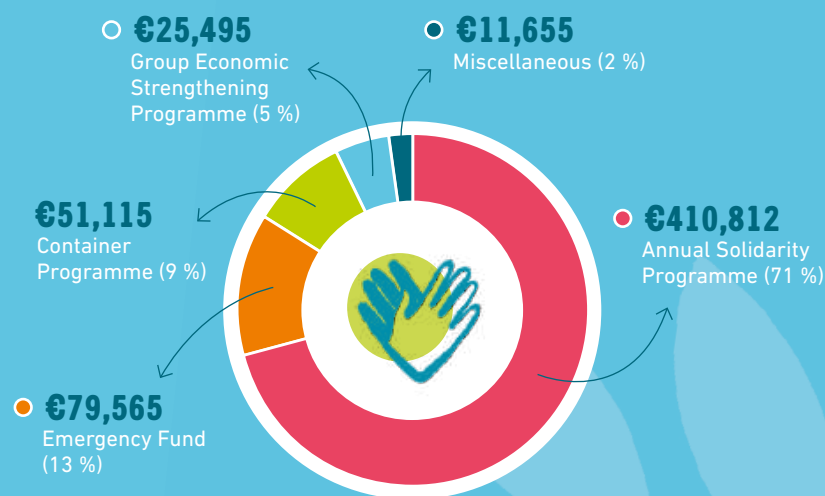
- Annual Solidarity Programme
- Emergency Fund
- Container Programme
- Group Economic Strengthening Programme
- Miscellaneous

The 2023 Solidarity Report highlights the actions taken by individuals and groups, as well as political action to combat the causes of poverty.

USE AND DISTRIBUTION OF FUNDS IN 2023



THE SUPPORT FOR EMMAUS GROUPS AND REGIONS





€410,812
TOTAL AMOUNT USED

€13,694
AVERAGE AMOUNT
OF AID PER GROUP



30 NUMBER OF
SUPPORTED GROUPS

ANNUAL SOLIDARITY PROGRAMME (ASP)

The aim of this programme is to support groups in carrying out or strengthening their economic and social activities in contexts that are becoming tougher, giving priority to projects that strengthen groups and their capacity for action. The projects supported under this programme are most often centred on investments: building, renovations, repairs, equipment purchases, etc., to maintain the day-to-day economic and social activities of the groups.

Nearly 5,385 people directly benefitted from these projects, in addition to 40,709 people who benefitted indirectly.

TESTIMONIAL

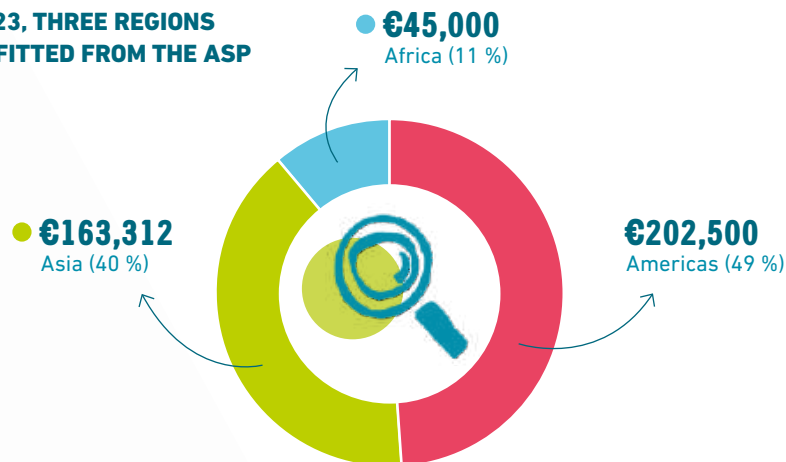
Rabeya Khatun (POLLEE UNNYON
PROKOLPO, Bangladesh)



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"I am Ms Rabeya Khatun (Rita), 35 years old, working with PUP's Handicraft Producer Group since 2022. I have one daughter and two sons. My husband is not staying with me because he made a second marriage and staying with his new wife in his house. Therefore, I was looking for an earning source. Fortunately, I got the opportunity to join PUP's handicraft section as a quality control assistant. It is really a great remit for me and my family as now from my income I can spend money for the betterment of my children. Thanks to PUP and EMMAUS INTERNATIONAL for their great support."

IN 2023, THREE REGIONS BENEFITTED FROM THE ASP





A road in the city of Piura, Peru, damaged by severe weather.

EMERGENCY FUND

The aim of this fund is to support groups facing major difficulties that threaten their members and their activities, such as health crises, armed conflicts and natural disasters.

In 2023, this fund was mobilised in connection with the following events:

→ **Chronic crisis in Lebanon:** the AEP group in Lebanon received €38,847 in July to respond to the social, economic, monetary and financial crisis, which is having a major impact on its ability to provide microcredit and support for local entre-

preneurship in response to the needs of the local population

- **War in Ukraine:** €29,620 was donated to the Ukraine solidarity fund run by the Europe Region of Emmaus International
- **Flooding in Peru:** €6,000 was paid to Emmaus Aguilas Piura and Emmaus Trujillo, and €1,860 to Emmaus Lambayeque to repair their premises after Cyclone Yaku
- **Fire in Chile:** €3,000 was paid to the Emmaus Talca group for repairs following a fire that devastated the group's premises in October
- **Miscellaneous:** €238



€79,565
TOTAL AMOUNT USED



**COUNTRIES HELPED
BY THE EMERGENCY AID:**
**LEBANON, UKRAINE,
PERU, CHILE**



€51,115
TOTAL AMOUNT USED



34

NUMBER OF CONTAINERS
SHIPPED

10

NUMBER OF CONTAINERS
FUNDED BY THE INTERNATIONAL
CONTAINER FUND



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Loading a container at Emmaus Angoulême

CONTAINER PROGRAMME

The International Container Programme pools material donations within the Movement by sending solidarity containers from Emmaus groups in Europe to Emmaus groups in Africa and America. The goods received allow the recipient groups to equip themselves, to fund part of their operations and social activities, to organise bric-a-bracs to facilitate access to certain goods for local people and to help other local stakeholders.

Emmaus International coordinates this programme and accompanies the shipment of the containers, with the aim of ensuring

that the containers are distributed as fairly and transparently as possible between the recipient groups.

An educational booklet, including a social impact study of the programme, is being produced to encourage people to send containers again. In 2023, several shipper and recipient groups have already been able to share their analysis of the impact of container shipments. The initial results of this study are encouraging: the impact of sending a container is positive overall, provided that the goods sent are of high quality and meet local needs.

There is also a fund dedicated to the programme, the International Container Fund

(ICF), which groups can apply to for financial support to send a container or for an exchange between group members to prepare/receive a container. A total of 10 container shipments were part-funded by the ICF in 2023.

TESTIMONIAL

Anita Moore, head of the Cuna Nazareth group in Peru



"For us it is a pleasure, when we get the news that a group from the North is preparing the goods to be sent to our group, we take it with great responsibility. From manage-

ment until the container arrives to our group, we get organised and we start to plan the activities that we will carry out thanks to the solidarity of the Emmaus Movement. Internally we value this programme, for the work they do to motivate and support the groups that are part of this platform, we are a Movement that keeps solidarity alive, among all those who are part of it. With this in mind, during this time we developed a donations programme internally and externally with other grassroots organisations in the most vulnerable areas of Lima and surrounding areas, with whom we work each year. Many families benefit from this."

GROUP ECONOMIC STRENGTHENING PROGRAMME (GESP)

The aim of this new programme, which will be defined and readapted in 2023, is to support economic experiments, changes of scale and external support for groups in difficulty.

In 2023, 3 initiatives were led by the groups and funded by the GESP:

- **Svalorna in Sweden:** external support to redefine their business model following a reduction in Swedish state subsidies > €7,000
- **AIPH in Burundi:** financial support for the purchase of a carbonisation kiln (to produce charcoal from palm nuts) > €7,000
- **Cordis in South Africa:** financial support for the purchase of a waste shredder to develop brick manufacturing > €7,000
- **MARS NGO in Togo:** support for the purchase of a container of second-hand clothes to develop a local resale activity > €4,495



€25,495
TOTAL AMOUNT USED



**COUNTRIES HELPED
BY THIS PROGRAMME:**
**SWEDEN, BURUNDI, SOUTH
AFRICA, TOGO**

EMERGENCIES AND SUPPORT FOR POPULATIONS

The Turkey-Syria fund responded to the emergency following the earthquake that devastated southern Turkey and part of north-west Syria in February 2023. Emmaus International launched a solidarity appeal, with the aim of focusing on funding medium-term support initiatives for the affected populations. As a result, only part of the €169,722 received thanks to the contributions of more than 35 groups was used in 2023:

- **€25,000** to finance the first 3 semi-trailers of flour, various foodstuffs and hygiene products for women and children, sent by IFS, the Emmaus group in Bosnia-Herzegovina
- **€2,522** to fund a solidarity convoy organised by the French group Emmaus Synergie



Distribution of food parcels in a camp in the municipality of Samandağ, Turkey

HOUSING PROGRAMME

With support from the Abbé Pierre Foundation (APF), the Housing Programme aims to promote access to dignified housing or accommodation and to improve the living conditions of members of Emmaus groups.

In 2023, 8 projects were funded:

- **AFA Centre in Benin:** building a boarding school for the centre's students
- **CPSS in Cameroon:** extending the community centre
- **AIPH in Burundi:** building the accommodation centre
- **Buenaventura in Colombia:** refurbishment of the children's welcome centre
- **Thanapara Swallows in Bangladesh:** renovating the house
- **Bosnia-Herzegovina:** building a shelter for women and children who are victims of domestic violence
- **Oxford in the United Kingdom:** conversion of the move-on house
- **Oselya in Ukraine:** extension of the community

Since 2023, in addition to the projects, the Abbé Pierre Foundation has financed enhanced support for the groups. This helps to develop the quality of the projects submitted through training and support from experts, while helping to build the groups' capacity on housing issues.



€251,553
TOTAL AMOUNT USED

TESTIMONIAL

Madeleine Mbom, head of the Health and Social Promotion Centre (CPSS in French) in Cameroon, in MomDibang



"Here at the CPSS, we don't have enough space to house all the companions with dignity and decency. So we discussed it within the group and decided to set up a Housing project so that the Abbé Pierre Foundation could help us. This project will enable us to welcome more people, as there will be 7 extra rooms. The ground floor will be reserved for children: the CPSS has around 15 children attending school in the area. They arrive and stay at the centre with us during the 3-month school holidays. The upstairs will be for companions and other CPSS members who are not always in the village, but who travel back and forth from Douala, for example."

EMMAUS ETHICAL FUND (EEF)

In addition to Emmaus International's usual solidarity funding, the Emmaus Ethical Fund (EEF) is made up of voluntary financial contributions from Emmaus groups and organisations around the world. Its aim is to bring the savings of Emmaus groups to life by supporting solidarity economy projects run by organisations around the world that do not have access to the traditional banking system. Based on a lending approach, it helps to strengthen the Movement's efforts towards self-sufficiency and autonomy, by giving responsibility and support to borrowing organisations.

It can guarantee bank loans or lend funds directly to these organisations, thereby fostering an ethical approach to credit that serves non-profit economic and social activities.

This fund is a response to more global issues, linked to the need to fight for a truly ethical and solidarity-based economy and finance. The current amount is €793,965.

In 2023, 7 loans, currently being repaid, were granted to support groups in Bangladesh, India, Benin, Spain, Italy, Romania, and Poland for a total amount of €350,000.



To fully understand the Emmaus Ethical Fund, watch our explanatory video

THE COLLECTIVE ACCESS TO RIGHTS PROGRAMMES

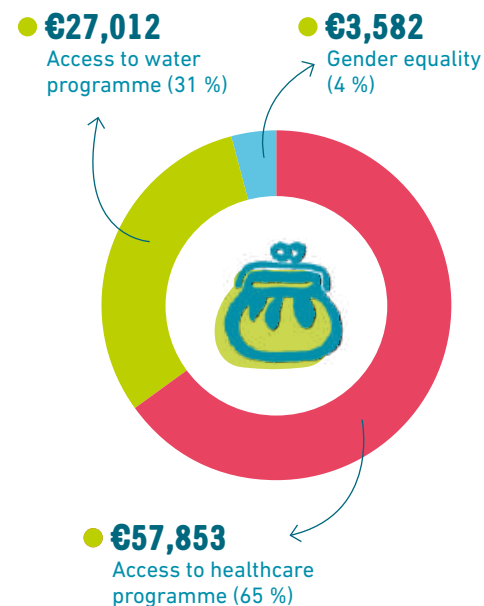
For over 20 years, Emmaus International has been running large-scale collective programmes that enable people living in extreme poverty, with the support of many of the Movement's groups, to develop alternatives for accessing and managing their rights as citizens. These alternatives strive to show that another development model is possible, one that includes the most excluded populations. They set an example for fair and equitable public policies.

From 2023, new programmes have been launched to collectively strengthen the Emmaus groups' actions in 3 areas: social and climate justice, education and migration. In addition, from 2023 onwards, the Board will also be working on gender equality.



€88,447
TOTAL AMOUNT USED FOR COLLECTIVE PROGRAMMES

AMOUNTS USED BY ACCESS TO RIGHTS PROGRAMMES IN 2023



RIGHT AND ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE

Emmaus International has been developing mutual health systems for healthcare access for members of its groups in Africa (Benin and Burkina Faso) since 2000, and in Asia (India and Bangladesh) since 2010. More than 5,000 people and their families have access to high-quality healthcare, while participating in the management of their mutual health insurance scheme. These community mutual healthcare systems, which are exceptions in countries where healthcare is generally left to the private sector, are fully adapted to local contexts and function thanks to a dual form of solidarity:

- **Internal solidarity within each mutual health organisation (MHO):** members support each other by paying contributions to access care and thus share the health risk
- **The solidarity of the Emmaus Movement,** which supports these MHOs both financially and politically

In 2023, a mission was carried out to meet the different stakeholders of the MHO in Benin. Equivalent missions are planned for Thanapara (Bangladesh) and Tara (India) in 2024. A visit to the MHO in Burkina Faso will be organised as soon as the security situation allows. These various elements will be used to draw up a strategic proposal for the programme over the 2025/2026 period.



A mutualist and health worker in India takes a patient's temperature.

TESTIMONIAL

Ms Sunita, a community representative and a beneficiary of Mutual Health Project in India



"In 2011, we started Mutual Health Program in the community with the support Emmaus. We realized that it is important to have health support. Many people do not

have access to affordable health care. They had been going to the doctors and also sometimes to quacks (faux médecins). They were very expensive and many quacks were fake. We learnt that how helpful it can be when we started our own action and also organize it. With the time we became the members. It took some time for us to understand that it will help us to become the member. This will benefit us as well as we will be able to help other members with our subscription of

250 Rs a year. We attended many meetings. We got also more information about First Aid and the medicines, as we started to buy our own medicines."



To find out everything you need to know about our access to healthcare programme, watch our video



€57,853
TOTAL AMOUNT USED

RIGHT AND ACCESS TO WATER

The management of the drinking water infrastructure, built as part of the Citizens in Solidarity for Water on Nokoué (PCSEN in French) project since 2007 and which had provided drinking water to 100,000 people in 9 villages, was taken over by the State at the end of 2022 as part of a reform of drinking water management. Since then, Emmaus International has continued to support an activity that was previously part of the PCSEN: training and awareness-raising for women's groups on hygiene, economic empowerment, and domestic violence. This temporary support is designed to give this essential activity time to fund itself in other ways.

Unfortunately, monitoring of the infrastructure takeover shows a constant deterioration in the quality of service and facilities, which clearly illustrates that private management is less efficient than community management. In addition, the private operator has not taken over the wastewater services. It is managed by the Town Council, which does not currently maintain it.

The Board is also working on identifying new avenues for action on the topic of access to water and sanitation.



€27,012
TOTAL AMOUNT USED



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Lake Nokoué in Benin.

CAMPAIGNING REPORT

OUR ADVOCACY AND CAMPAIGNING ACTIONS

From the outset, the Emmaus groups have developed actions and alternatives at local level while asserting the need to build a collective political stance. Emmaus International's originality lies in the fact that it initiates the transition through the regions, taking into account the specific characteristics of each region and, at the same time, speaking with one voice. As a result, we have developed a number of political campaigns and initiatives to make our voices, our analysis and our proposals heard in the fight against poverty and its causes.

THE ORGANISATION FOR UNIVERSAL CITIZENSHIP (OCU) AND OUR FIGHT FOR A DIGNIFIED WELCOME AND THE FREEDOM OF MOVEMENT

In January 2023, the OCU co-organised the 2nd meeting of the Migration Alliance. More than 150 people from Africa, the Americas and Europe, including 18 representatives of the Emmaus Movement from 14 countries, met in Lisbon to discuss and co-build welcome policies for exiled persons that respect human rights.

The Migration Alliance, co-founded by the OCU and ANVITA (National Organisation of Welcoming Cities and Territories), aims to bring together local authorities (municipalities, local administrative bodies, etc.) and civil society organisations from different countries around the world that are keen to work together on alternative governance of migration.

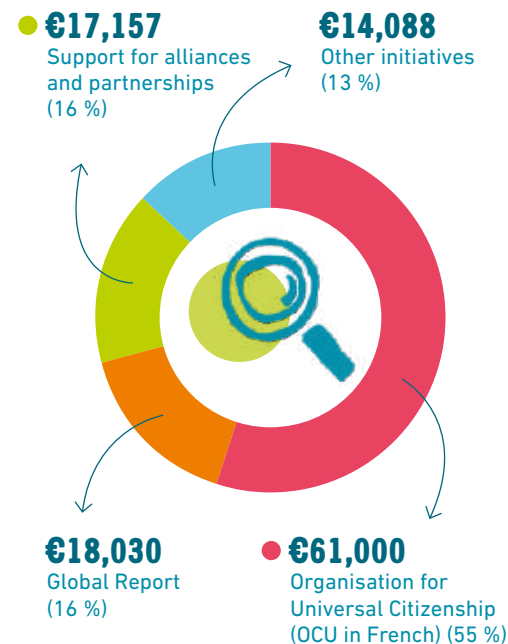
Two other events marked 2023: the OCU took part in the political meetings on welcoming people in Strasbourg in June and in the launch of the national network of welcoming cities in Brasilia, Brazil. The work of the OCU in forging alliances between local authorities and civil society was highlighted at these two regional meetings.

Too many areas in the world are still reluctant to welcome exiled persons, or do not allow them to live in dignity. The Emmaus groups are in the best position to be the driving force behind this alliance dynamic in their areas!



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Migration Alliance meeting in Lisbon, January 2023.

IN 2023, €110 275 WAS EARMARKED FOR THE FOLLOWING ACTIONS



THE GLOBAL REPORT: CONTINUING VOLUNTEER MISSIONS IN EMMAUS GROUPS

To understand how Emmaus International's demands resonate and are supported by Emmaus groups around the world, we launched an international volunteering mission in October 2022, with the French programme Echanges et Partenariats (Exchanges and Partnerships).

The three volunteers, Alexia Regas (Africa and Southern Europe Region), Anaïs Leclercq (Asia and North/Eastern Europe Region) and Caroline Thiel (Americas Region), were welcomed in around sixty Emmaus groups from October 2022 to April 2023 and ended their mission with a collective in-depth evaluation.

To complete the picture, a fourth and final volunteer, Clotilde Avenel, started a tour of Europe in September 2023.

All the information gathered will enable Emmaus International to prepare the second World Forum of Alternatives, update the Global Report and consider new advocacy and mobilisation initiatives based on the demands of the Global Report and our common struggles.

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Volunteer Anaïs Leclercq visits the Emmaus group VCDS in India.

SUPPORT OUR ALLIANCES AND PARTNERSHIPS

Emmaus International supports other organisations and social movements that share our struggles.

In 2023, €17,157 was raised to support initiatives in which we are directly involved:

- **"Space without borders" Network** (Brasil)
- **Solidarity with Brazil Coalition** (France)
- **CRID** (France)

OTHER CAMPAIGNING INITIATIVES

Emmaus International was involved in two major events co-organised by the CRID. In March 2023, we took part in the World Water Day campaign in Paris. An international delegation came to discuss the issues surrounding access to and management of water, and the various conflicts that exist in certain regions of the world over this increasingly scarce common good. We took advantage of this event to discuss the recent legislative changes in Benin that have led to a new form of water privatisation.

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The Summer Universities of Social Movements and Solidarity took place in Bobigny (France) in August 2023.

During the summer of 2023, the CRID and ATTAC co-organised the Summer Universities of Social Movements and Solidarity. This event brings together hundreds of representatives and activists from local and national movements in France, as well as from social movements on other continents. Every 2 years, it serves as a forum for discussion, meetings and training on the major issues facing our societies today.

Emmaus International formed an international delegation made up of 4 representatives of the Movement from India, Burundi, and Benin. These people were able to take part in various workshops on social and climate justice, racism and neo-colonialism, education, feminism and gender equality, etc. The Emmaus International team co-facilitated two workshops with allied movements: one on Brazil and trade agreements, and the other on the fight for the rights of exiled persons. Faced with the rise of authoritarianism around the world, the delegation also held a discussion with other organisations on the action of social movements in a repressive context.

HERITAGE REPORT

KEEPING OUR HERITAGE ALIVE

TESTIMONIAL

Cynthia Atohoun, General Secretary
of Emmaus Benin



"Taking part in the Summer Universities of Social Movements in August 2023 as well as having had an incredibly rewarding experience, was a revelation for me. The debates in the workshops and plenary sessions on the climate crisis and social and environmental justice inspired me to take action. What's more, the discussions on decolonisation, France-Africa, feminist struggles and the various forms of resistance had a profound effect on me. Interacting with activists from all over the world has strengthened my conviction that our local struggles are universally connected. This event is an indispensable crucible for anyone with a thirst for social change".

As Abbé Pierre's sole legatee, Emmaus International's first task is to "share his thoughts and his work, and protect his legacy"; thereby preserving and enhancing his personal archives and communicating the values and vision of the world that he defended.

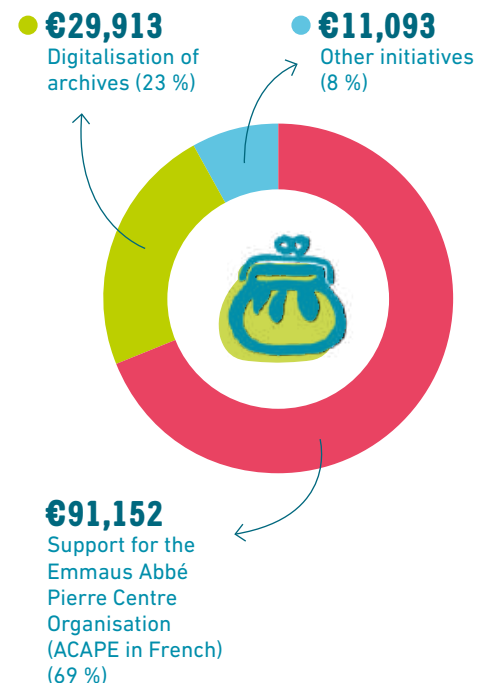
We are also working on presenting Abbé Pierre's struggles and the history of Emmaus, with the aim of uniting the movement and raising awareness of its history and its historic and current struggles among as many people as possible.

EMMAUS ABBÉ PIERRE CENTRE

The Emmaus Abbé Pierre Centre Organisation (ACAPE in French) is a place of remembrance (museum) that presents the life of Abbé Pierre, his message and the current status of his work along a scenographic route. It is located north of Rouen, in Esteville, the village where Abbé Pierre lived and is buried. Emmaus International chairs this organisation, to whose funding we contribute every year.



€132,158
TOTAL AMOUNT USED



PRESERVATION AND DISTRIBUTION OF ARCHIVES

The archives processed by Emmaus International are increasingly in demand and are gaining notoriety thanks to the precise and serious work carried out over a number of years, enabling journalists, producers and directors to make increasing use of this material. Here are some of the key actions from 2023:

- **Internal communication** for the release in France in November, then in other countries, of the film: Abbé Pierre - A life of struggles
- **Support for the production of two documentaries:** Lucie Coutaz, the lady of Emmaus and the Winter of 1954, the resurrection of kindness
- **Supply of archives** for numerous articles and reports on Lucie Coutaz
- **New campaign to digitise** audio-visual archives

At the same time, there are still many requests for archives from Emmaus groups, and those from individuals or organisations very often encourage us to delve into research that brings to light lesser-known aspects of the Movement's history.

PUTTING TOGETHER A HERITAGE WORKING GROUP

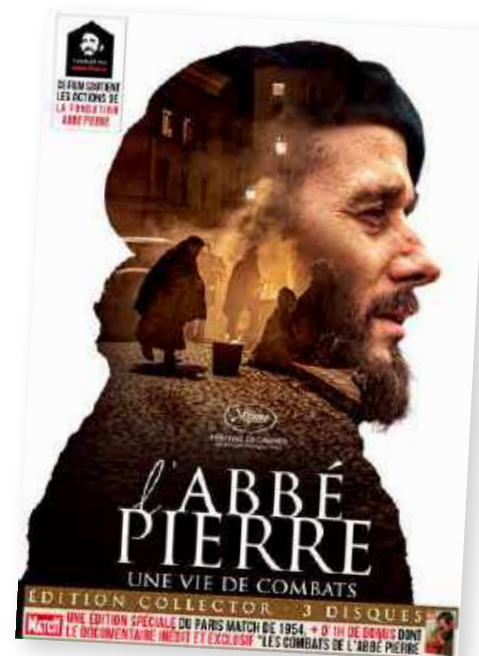
To further enrich this topic, the Heritage group is slowly getting up and running, following two webinars held in September 2023, which between them brought together

41 participants from 13 countries from the 4 regions. The missions have been specified, the participants have made their choices, and the missions should begin concretely during April 2024, notably on recently digitised archives that will be easily accessible for a work of analysis (Faim et Soif magazine), viewing and description (audiovisual archives whose digitisation was completed at the end of 2023).

Emmaus International also develops tools such as the guide to good archiving practice, which was made available to the Emmaus groups in 2023, to help them process and safeguard their archives.



Abbé Pierre's reputation continues to grow, and in 2023 his name will have been given to two squares (in Dreux and Charenton le Pont – France) and to the Health Space at the Saint Jean Institution in Douai.



COMMITMENT AND COMMUNICATION REPORT

COMMITMENT

The year 2023 was rich in commitment actions at the heart of the Movement. The emphasis was on meetings and exchanges between regions, nations and groups. On average, more than one intervention from Emmaus International was made each week at the various levels of the Movement. This presence strengthens the stakeholders' knowledge of one other and their sense of belonging.

→ Interventions in the groups

- 32 interventions in the groups
- 22 interventions in decentralised spaces
- 6 interventions in regional salons



Regional Salon Emmaus Normandy

→ The preparation of the 70th anniversary of Abbé Pierre's appeal

A large part of the year was devoted to preparing the commemoration of the 70th anniversary of the appeal of 1 February 1954, a key date in the construction of our Movement.

To prepare for this major event, the groups got involved in the run-up to 1 February 2024 in their respective regions, using tools specially developed by the Emmaus International and Emmaus France teams. This mechanism will be detailed in the 2024 Annual Report

COMMUNICATION

→ The website

2023 saw the launch of a brand new website. New features include:

- Optimised ergonomics with clearer headings and improved accessibility for mobile phones and tablets
- An interactive map with all the Emmaus groups in the world and a specific sheet for each of them
- An interactive map showing examples of grassroots initiatives carried out by Emmaus groups
- A resources area with publications, videos, posters, etc.
- A space reserved for members of the Movement, with a page dedicated to the elected members of the Board and the Executive Committee
- The option of subscribing to our newsletter directly from the website

Discover our new website:
www.emmaus-international.org

→ The newsletter

In 2023, Emmaus International's digital newsletter got a makeover. We are now offering a series of recurring features



124 091
VISITS

261 044
PAGE VIEWS

designed to give greater prominence to the actions carried out in the field by our groups around the world, in line with topical issues. For example, we devoted a special report to global warming, illustrated by articles on groups in Peru, victims of torrential rain, and in Bangladesh, on the front line of global warming.

We are also now giving more space to the political stances of our Movement in the "Our Voices" section, as well as to the Emmaus International and Abbé Pierre archives, of which we are the universal legatee.

Ultimately, we want to open this newsletter up to the general public to raise awareness of the international dimension and diversity of the battles fought by our Movement.



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EVENTS

Every year, the Emmaus organisations get together to organise regional salons. All or part of the proceeds from sales are then donated to Emmaus International to fund its solidarity initiatives around the world. In 2023, 6 salons were held in France: Brittany, Normandy, Grand Est, Nord-Pas-de-Calais, Nouvelle Aquitaine, Rhône Alpes.

This was an opportunity for Emmaus International to run a stand in order to exchange ideas and pass on communication tools to the representatives of the groups present on site. At the 6 regional salons, around a hundred communication kits were distributed to French groups, enabling them in turn to communicate about our struggles. These events are also a way for us to reach out to the general public and raise awareness about the solidarity and political action we take throughout the year.



Emmaus International had a stand at the Printemps de Bourges festival in 2023.

With the same aim in mind, we decided to set up stalls in the community villages of 3 festivals, namely in collaboration with Emmaus France: Printemps de Bourges, Solidays and the Emmaus Solidarity Festival. It's a way for us to raise our profile among young people, the key targets defined at our last World Assembly in 2022.

SOCIAL MEDIA

To share our values and our fight with as wide an audience as possible, we have invested in several social media platforms

in recent years: Facebook, Instagram, Twitter, Linkedin, Youtube. These platforms primarily enable us to relay articles published on our website as part of our newsletters or campaigns.

They are also a good way of encouraging links between groups around the world, thanks to our ActEmmaus Facebook group. Members of our Movement can express themselves and share news which can then be relayed more widely on our public pages.

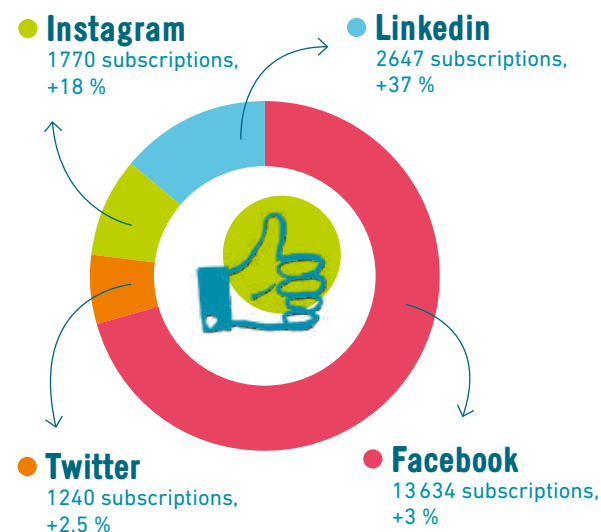


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KEY FIGURES

The number of people subscribed to our various social media platforms and is today at **19,291**. Our posts also caught people's attention: they were viewed **534,641** times and generated **34,162** reactions, comments and/or shares.

INCREASE IN THE NUMBER OF SUBSCRIPTIONS COMPARED TO 2022



FINANCIAL REPORT

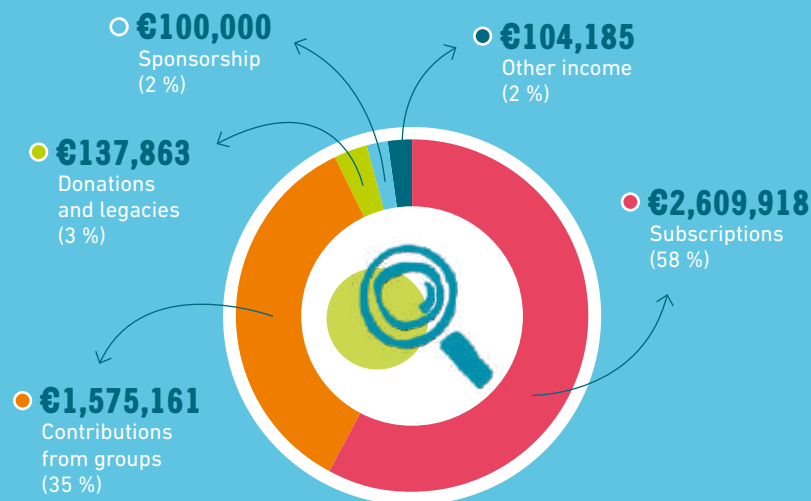
DISTRIBUTION OF RESOURCES AND EXPENDITURE

The 2023 financial year closed with an operating surplus of €521,915, due to a high level of subscriptions, combined with a year in which new projects were set up and the Emmaus International Secretariat was reorganised, a year in which a large number of planned actions could not be implemented. This result has been allocated to the organisation's reserves to ensure the financial security of our Movement, guarantee our solidarity commitments and enable everyone to take part in the upcoming World Assemblies.

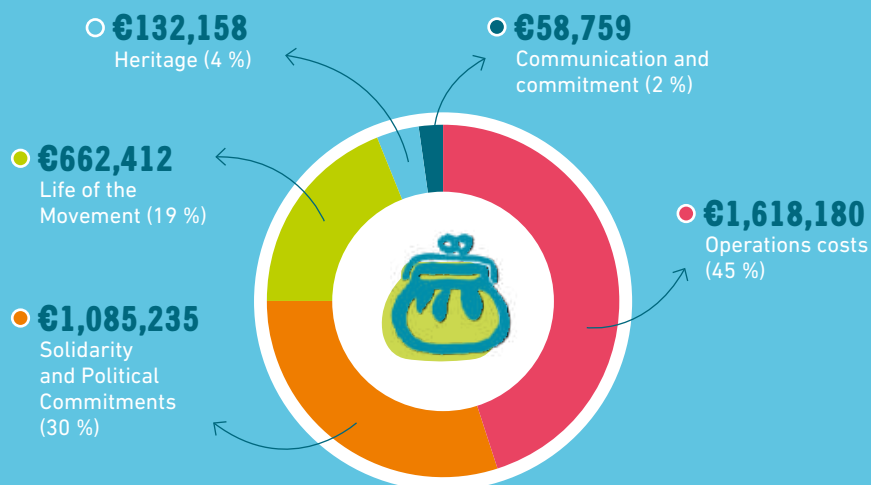
With regard to the contributions earmarked for the allocated funds, the result for the year was also positive at €448,468, an amount that remains entirely available for our future solidarity commitments, as well as for our actions in memory of Abbé Pierre and the Emmaus Movement.

92 %
**OF RESOURCES COME
FROM GROUP MEMBERS**

OVERALL DISTRIBUTION OF RESOURCES IN 2023



OVERALL DISTRIBUTION OF COSTS IN 2023



FOCUS ON INCOME AND EXPENDITURE

1. OPERATIONS AND LIFE OF THE MOVEMENT

| INCOME | €2,986,614 | EXPENDITURE | €2,339,351 |
|---|------------|---------------------------------|------------|
| Group subscriptions | €2,609,918 | Staff costs | €1,369,285 |
| Subsidies and Sponsorship | €133,848 | Coordination of the Movement | €662,412 |
| Donations and legacies | €137,863 | Communication | €58,759 |
| Other income (including World Assembly) | €104,885 | General and miscellaneous costs | €248,895 |

2. SOLIDARITY AND POLITICAL COMMITMENTS

| INCOME | €1,085,234 | EXPENDITURE | €1,085,234 |
|------------------------------|------------|---|------------|
| 2022 Annual Solidarity Sales | €792,204 | Support for groups and regions | €578,642 |
| Abbé Pierre Foundation | €251,553 | Housing Programme | €251,553 |
| 2023 Salons and donations | €41,477 | Campaigns and advocacy initiatives | €93,118 |
| | | Access to rights programmes | €88,447 |
| | | Emergencies and support for populations | €56,317 |
| | | Support for alliances and partnerships | €17,157 |

3. HERITAGE

| | | | |
|---|-------------------|-------------------------------|-------------------|
| INCOME | €32,253 | EXPENDITURE | €132,158 |
| Voluntary contributions | €32,253 | Support for the ACAPE | €91,152 |
| | | Archive digitalisation | €29,913 |
| | | Other initiatives | €11,093 |
| Unused earmarked revenue | €423,026 | | |
| Total income | €4,527,127 | Total expenditure | €3,556,744 |
| Positive balance | €970,383 | | |
| <i>Of which income not dedicated to allocated funds</i> | €521,915 | | |
| <i>Of which income dedicated to allocated funds</i> | €448,468 | | |

REPORT EXTRACT (IN EUROS)

| | ACTIVE BALANCE SHEET | | At 31/12/2023 | At 31/12/2022 |
|-----------------------------|-----------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|-------------------|
| | Gross | Depreciation | Net | Net |
| Total Fixed Assets | €1,705,454 | €393,223 | €1,312,231 | €1,417,883 |
| Total Current Assets | €5,979,063 | €12,823 | €5,966,239 | €4,890,446 |
| Overall Total | €7,684,516 | €406,046 | €7,278,471 | €6,308,329 |

| | PASSIVE BALANCE SHEET | | At 31/12/2023 | At 31/12/2022 |
|---|------------------------------|-------------------|---------------|---------------|
| | Net | Net | | |
| Associative funds | €3,365,320 | €2,843,405 | | |
| Allocated funds and funds carried over | €2,747,409 | €2,204,780 | | |
| Reserves | €522 | €623 | | |
| Debts | €1,165,219 | €1,259,521 | | |
| Liability Conversion Differential | - | - | | |
| Overall total | €7,278,471 | €6,308,329 | | |

**“Faced with new forms of exclusion
and the new human tragedies
our societies are generating, solidarity
is no longer enough. We need to bring
back our community spirit.”**

Fraternité, Paris, Bayard, 1999





*Abbé Pierre's trip to Lebanon,
with Lucie Coutaz, January 1959.*

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