

OVERVIEW 2021

Understanding Secours Catholique – Caritas France,
its missions and its work

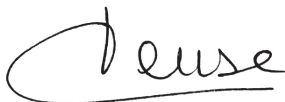
A STRATEGY THAT IS EQUAL TO THE CHALLENGES

During 2021, following two years of health crisis, poverty has become more acute. Short term measures taken by public authorities have not enabled the most vulnerable to sustainably escape poverty. Unavoidable expenditure, particularly on energy, is an increasing burden on the budgets of the poorest households, especially as a result of rising energy prices. Our advocacy for a fair ecological transition is more relevant than ever. We share our concern with our international partners who are making us increasingly aware of our common future, making us consider this post-crisis period at both local and global levels.

In this context, the constraints linked to the pandemic have to a large extent set the pace for the Secours Catholique teams in 2021, with all that this has meant in terms of their resilience and inventiveness. They have stepped up, adapting their activities to the restrictions, and inventing new ways of doing things in response to the poverty that the crisis engendered: the isolation to which our societies abandon the most vulnerable and food insecurity faced by 10% of the French population, including many young people and children!

As evidence of this creativity, all over France, projects have been set up to reach out to people, re-establish connections, and to bring food aid in line with our national project, which means respecting people's dignity and involvement while at the same time enlisting local experts to provide quality food. Support in response to the call for France relaunch projects and the generosity of our donors has made it possible to find the resources to do what was necessary to get them up and running.

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SECOURS CATHOLIQUE – CARITAS FRANCE

Secours Catholique – Caritas France is a branch of the Catholic Church in France, a member of Caritas Internationalis confederation and an officially recognised non-profit organisation

OUR MISSION

Founded on the Gospel, the mission of Secours Catholique – Caritas France is to offer love and awareness of solidarity in France and around the world. Secours Catholique invites everyone to engage with and support others and experience the joy of fraternity. Its members work to increase everyone's ability to act so that people can live in dignity. The organisation fights the causes of poverty, inequality and exclusion and proposes alternatives that serve the common good.

OUR VALUES

Trust: believing in everyone, having hope for them and valuing their abilities.

Commitment: the desire to serve, to receive and to give, to take action for justice.

Fraternity: quality relationships based on respect, affection, mutual support and the pleasure of being together.

OUR PRINCIPLES FOR ACTION

- ▶ Work with people living in poverty.
- ▶ Pay attention to each person's spiritual needs.
- ▶ Take time to build relationships and adopt a long-term approach.
- ▶ Work in partnerships and networks, locally and globally.



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ACTIONS



▶ In France, 938,600 people were supported in 2,400 centres.



▶ Internationally, 426 projects were carried out in 2021, in 52 countries or regions, in association with the Caritas Internationalis network (162 Caritas groups). In the course of a year, nearly 2.4 million people benefited from international aid from Secours Catholique – Caritas France.

OUR NETWORK

- ▶ On 31 December 2021, there were 72 delegations, divided into 3,500 local teams in mainland France and French overseas territories. Through this network of volunteers working in local teams, people are given emergency support and assisted in every aspect of life to regain their place in society. In particular, action is taken to support social interaction and integration through community shops, back-to-work courses and more...
- ▶ The network has 58,900 volunteers and 890 employees (on average, full-time equivalent) across the territory.

3 CENTRES:

- ▶ The Cité Saint Pierre is a centre in Lourdes that welcomes pilgrims living in poverty from all cultures, religions and nationalities. It is also a training centre where experiences are shared, and fraternal service is the norm. (Budget: €4M)
- ▶ La Maison d'Abraham in Jerusalem provides shelter for vulnerable pilgrims of all religions, particularly those from the Middle East, but also for members of the Caritas network and the Church diaconia. (Budget: €1M)
- ▶ The CEDRE Asylum Seeker and Refugee reception centre aims to support the network of delegations in the reception of overseas nationals and to welcome and assist vulnerable asylum seekers in Ile de France. (Budget: €1M)

GOVERNANCE AND CONTROL

The General Assembly has 151 members, divided into two categories: 118 active members – qualified administrators, presidents and vice-presidents from delegations, and one treasurer per region – and 33 honorary members. The age limit is 75 years old.

The Board of Directors comprises 21 members, all voluntary; 12 are presidents or vice-presidents from delegations, nine are qualified individuals. They each have a three-year term of office, renewable twice. The board meets 11 times a year. The committee is made up of a president, two vice-presidents, a treasurer and a secretary.

The general chaplain and the secretary general attend committee and board meetings, without voting rights.

SOURCE OF GLOBAL FUNDING 2021

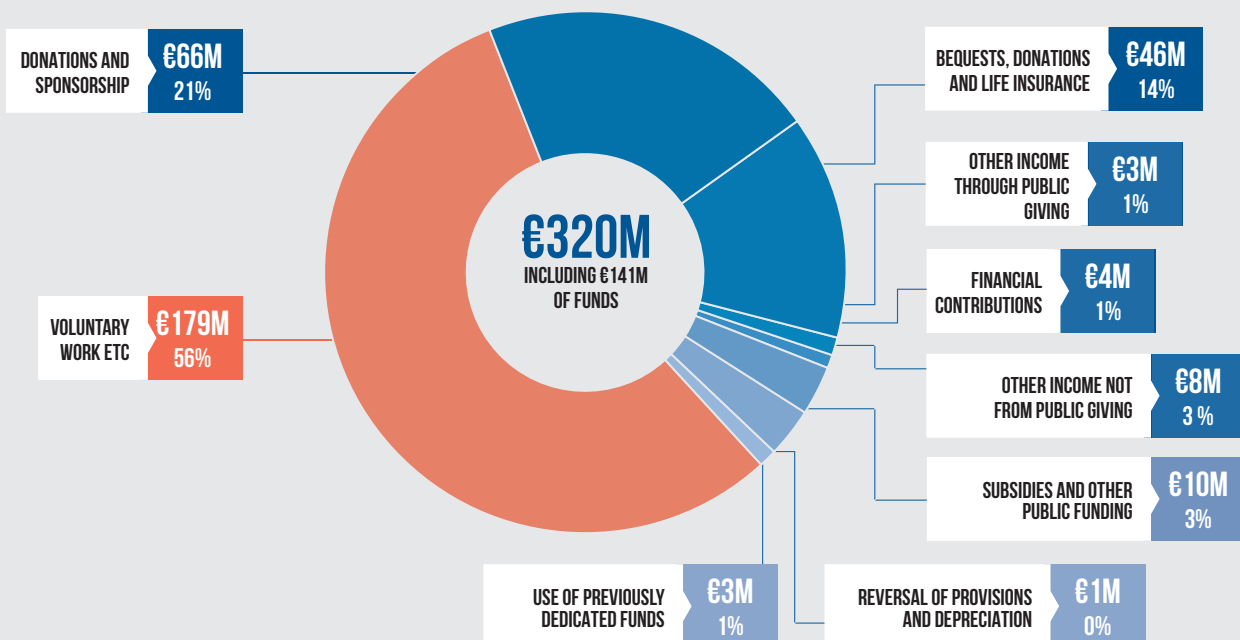
The socio-economic model of Secours Catholique – Caritas France is underpinned by the commitment of 58,900 volunteers. Most of the estimated value of €320M is primarily made up of voluntary work (valued at €176M) and financial resources (€141M, including €118M or 84% is from public donations).



Value of volunteer involvement: in 2021, 58,900 volunteers dedicated an average of 25 days to Secours Catholique activities. Based on the hourly minimum wage 'SMIC' and twice the 'SMIC' for volunteers in positions of responsibility, this donated time is valued at €176M. On top of this amount are donation of skills (€1M), support in kind received, holiday vouchers received for families supported and goods made available (€2M), which make up the total voluntary contributions in kind (€179M).



Public giving also enables Secours Catholique – Caritas France to operate. By mobilising donors, especially at the end of the year, we managed to collect €66M in donations to finance our actions. Including bequests, donations and life insurance worth €46M and €3M in other donations, public giving, excluding use of pre-existing funds (€3M), amounted to €115M (82% of total funds for the year). Income not linked to public giving amounts to €12M (including €4M in financial contributions) to which can be added government subsidies (€10M), funds rolled over from previous years (€3M) and reversal of provisions (€1M).



USE OF OVERALL RESOURCES 2021

Secours Catholique carries out community actions to fight poverty and exclusion and involves public institutions to raise the profile of its activities and to promote social justice. It carries out its mission in France through 3,500 local teams of volunteers who have supported 938,600 people, and internationally through 426 projects supporting 2.4 million people.

€245M

ACTIVITIES CARRIED
OUT IN FRANCE

€245M including a value of €168M in respect of volunteer commitment. 938,600 people were supported and assisted by 58,900 volunteers in 2,400 centres. After an initial contact during which individuals are allocated emergency support, they are provided with further assistance to integrate them into society through community shops of different kinds, back to work courses etc. This action enables people in need to find their place in the community and receive support throughout the year from our network of volunteers.

€320M

OF WHICH 83% IS DEDICATED
TO SOCIAL PROJECTS

€20M

INTERNATIONAL
ACTIVITIES

€20M including a value of €1M in respect of volunteer commitment. 2.4 million people benefited from international aid through some 426 projects in 52 countries, in association with partner organisations, mainly members of the Caritas Internationalis network.

FUNDING ALLOCATED
TO SOCIAL MISSIONS
STILL TO BE USED

€5M

This relates to funds allocated to a particular cause, raised in 2021 and not spent by 31 December 2021. They are retained for that specific purpose.

€26M

FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

€26M including €21M in financial resources and €5M in respect of volunteer commitment. These actions cover spending on fundraising activities targeting public generosity and businesses, calls for volunteers and the cost of inviting and handling bequests, donations and life-insurance.

SURPLUS

€3M

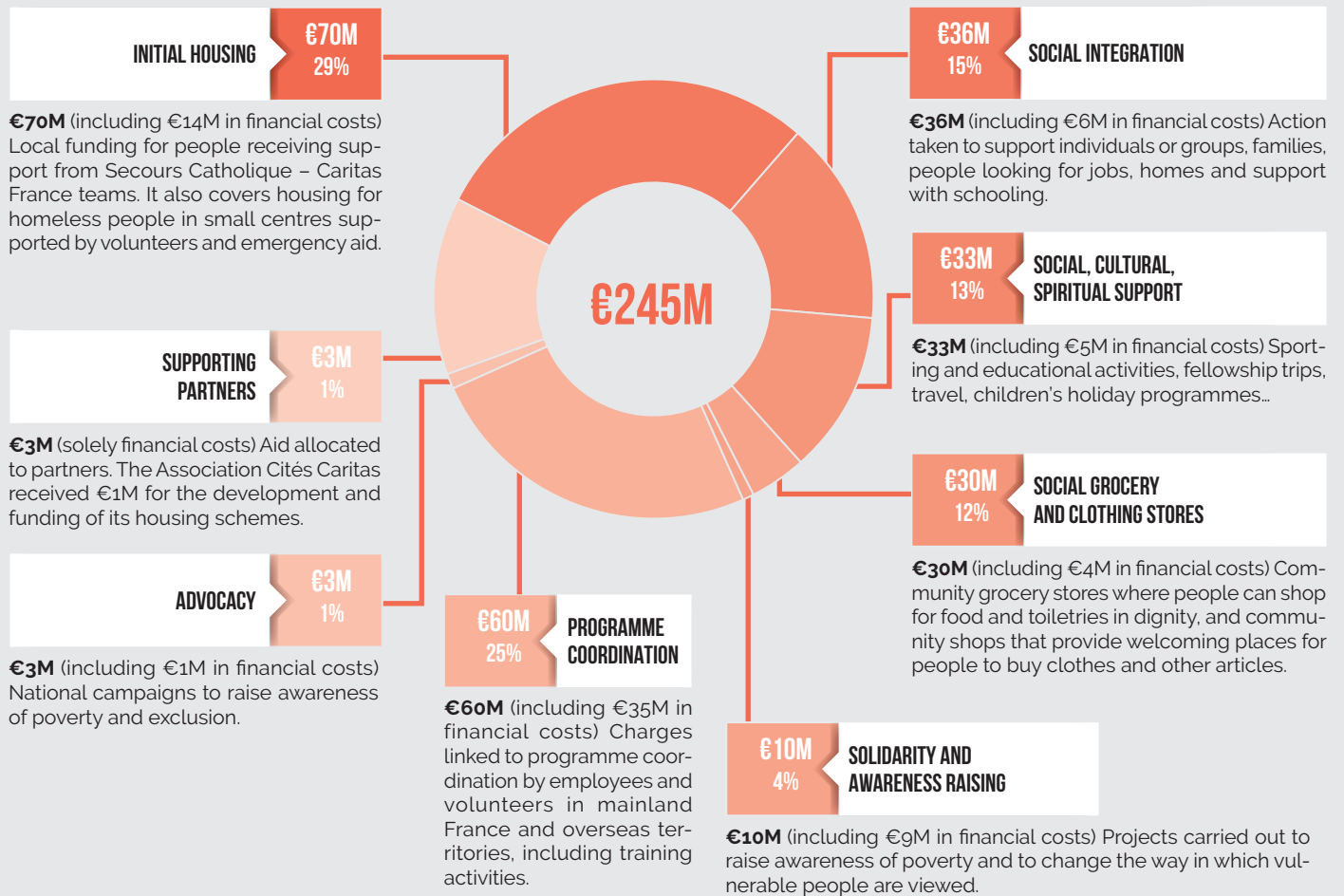
These resources will boost the organisations assets to enable us to carry out our missions in the long term while allowing us to respond to emergency situations.

€21M

OPERATING COSTS

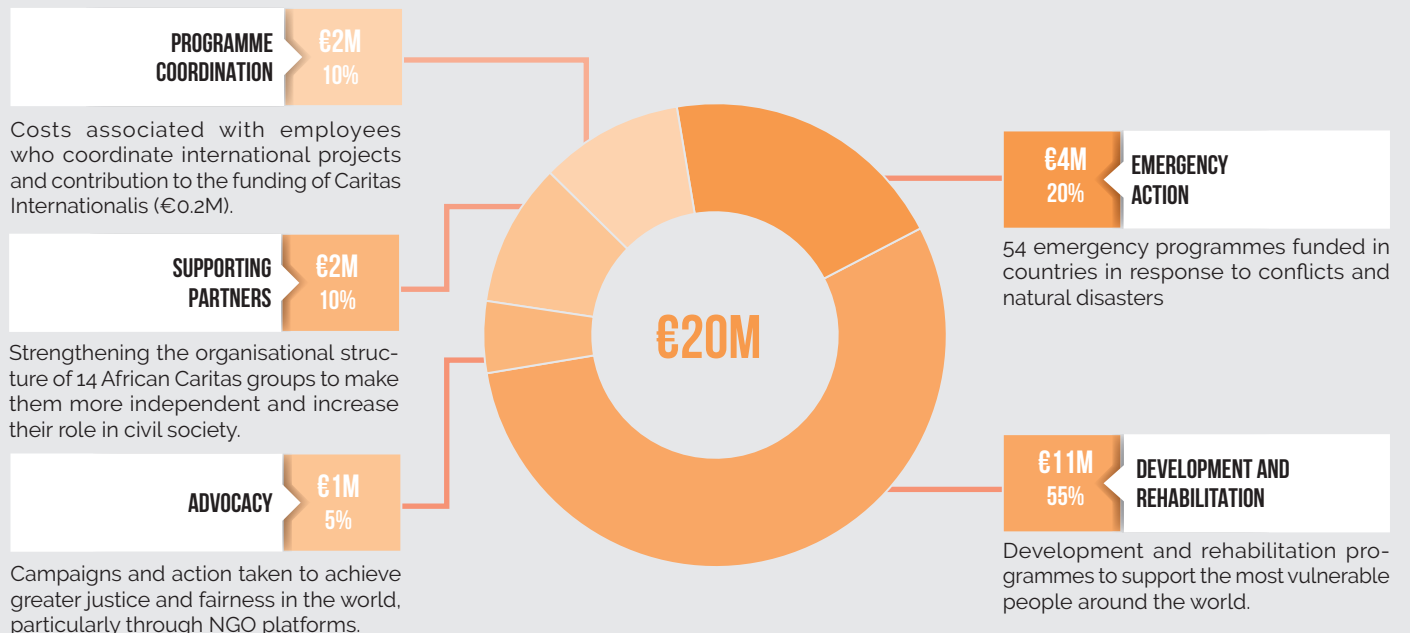
€21M including a value of €5M in respect of volunteer commitment. This covers the operating costs associated with the organisation (budget, accounting, human resources, IT, statutory bodies etc).

938,600 PEOPLE SUPPORTED IN FRANCE



2.4 MILLION PEOPLE SUPPORTED OVERSEAS

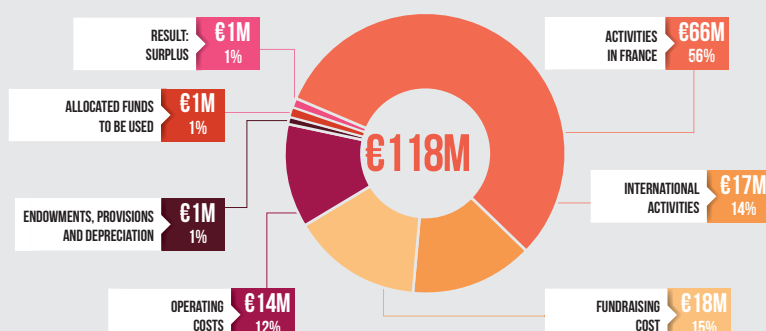
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USE OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES 2021

The annual account of funds collected from the public only records financial activity connected with public giving. Income from public giving was €118M while expenditure was €117M. The balance from public giving was €1M. Without considering the value of the commitment of volunteers, the cost of activities carried out in France was €66M and for international activities it was €17M. Fundraising costs were €18M and operating costs were €14M.

Methodology: using the analytical accounting plan, we can directly allocate the cost of community programmes carried out in France and abroad, to fundraising and operational expenditure. Expenses that cannot be directly allocated are distributed on the basis of a predetermined formula according to the activities of the organisation. Employee costs and costs not directly attributable to these jobs have been divided on the basis of predetermined formulae according to the main direction of the project.



INCOME FROM PUBLIC GIVING CARRIED FORWARD

Income from public giving carried forward has been reassessed in the light of Articles 432-19 etc of the new accounting regulations which include:

- Available equity which has been agreed by the organisation in accordance with statutory provisions. Funds were retained and placed in the 'Working Capital Reserve' and the 'Reserve Fund' ensuring the continuity of operations and representing freely disposable funds.
- The net book value of all fixed assets.

On the basis of the organisation's financial structure which combines income from public giving or not, operating and investment ratios have been established to highlight the share of public giving included in these items. Income carried forward from public giving was estimated at €37M on 31 December 2021. This allows the organisation to continue its mission and operations, to commit to and develop new projects and to respond to emergency situations.

SUMMARY BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2021

Net fixed assets (€98M) were essentially made up of property assets and various items used to support people or operations (€60M), assets bequeathed for disposal (€26M) and financial investments (€12M). Current assets (€130M) mainly comprise investment securities and available funds (€97M). On the liabilities side, equity of €138M is made up of the results of the financial years and their allocation according to management rules based on statutory provisions. They include statutory funds of €51M and reserves of €80M. Deferred assets which represent the consideration of bequeathed assets net of debt pending disposal are €39M and dedicated funds pending realisation are €9M. Debts (€41M) are made up in part of social security, fiscal debts (€10M), other debts (€9M including €7M to be paid to international partners), legacy debts (€8M) and supplier debts (€9M). The purpose of these posts is to ensure the financial stability of the organisation. They are also supported by subsidies that finance investment projects.

SUMMARY BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS (IN €M)	2021	2020	LIABILITIES	2021	2020
FIXED ASSETS	98	106	ACCUMULATED SURPLUS	138	132
REALISABLE AND AVAILABLE ASSETS	130	115	DEFERRED AND DEDICATED FUNDS AND PROVISIONS	49	57
TOTAL ASSETS	228	221	DEBTS	41	32
			TOTAL LIABILITIES	228	221

RESERVE POLICY

The association's reserves of €80M are not intended to be retained. Part of it is used to fund part of the following year's on-going activity (€46M) and the other the implementation of projects allowing the development of its mission and the means to act (€34M).

THE CARITAS FRANCE NETWORK



The Caritas France network was formed by Secours Catholique – Caritas France to bring together organisations it helped to create, or with shared values, outcomes and principles for action. Its purpose is to encourage innovation and cooperation, combining the skills and resources of its members to increase overall support and help people living in precarious situations or exclusion to take action. It also aims to awaken solidarity and fraternity and to work on the causes of poverty.

HOUSING AND ACCOMMODATION

ASSOCIATION CITÉS CARITAS

Established in 1989, the Association Cités Caritas (formerly ACSC) received from SC-CF a contribution to operating costs of €1M to help it carry out its mission to support, house and help people in a vulnerable situation, the socially excluded or with disabilities, to find their place in society.

acsc.asso.fr

CARITAS HABITAT

Established in 2015, Caritas Habitat is a property company, officially recognised as Solidarity based Enterprise of Social Utility (Esus), intended to facilitate access to social and solidarity housing and to enable capital to be raised from solidarity funds to support a social project. SC-CF has invested €9M capital in Caritas Habitat. A contribution of €0.2M was granted in 2021.

caritashabitat.org

FONCIÈRE CHÊNELET

Established in 2009 near Calais, Foncière Chênelet develops good quality, low cost, social housing, predominantly in rural areas.

fonciere-chenelet.org

AGENCE IMMOBILIÈRE À VOCATION SOCIALE (AIVS) CARITAS ILE-DE-FRANCE

At the end of 2018, Secours Catholique and Cités Caritas set up the AIVS Caritas (social housing agency). SC-CF contributed €0.13M to operating costs and a loan of €50K to support the agency who plan to hand over operations in 2022.

RÉSEAU ECO HABITAT

Established in 2014 at the initiative of the Picardy Secours Catholique groups, a Social Impact Contract repayable over five years was set up in 2020 with SC-CF, the National Housing Agency (ANAH) and the Eco Habitat network to enable very low-income households to carry out energy efficiency improvements to their homes with up to 90% subsidy.

reseau-ecohabitat.fr

EMPLOYMENT AND INCLUSION

COMITÉ CHRÉTIEN DE SOLIDARITÉ AVEC LES CHÔMEURS ET LES PRÉCAIRES

Established over thirty years ago, the CCSC (Comité chrétien de solidarité avec les chômeurs et les précaires) aims to maintain focus on the consequences of unemployment. SC-CF contributed €0.01M to operating costs for the production and distribution of the VLC magazine and to run the Parole de chômeurs group.

ccscfrance.com

FÉDÉRATION SOLIDARAUTO

Solidarauto is the brand of solidarity garages set up by groups from Secours Catholique – Caritas France. A contribution to operating costs of €0.08M was granted to facilitate professional and social integration through the sale of second-hand cars, maintenance repairs and vehicle hire.

solidarauto.org

PHILANTHROPY, INNOVATION, RESEARCH LA FONDATION CARITAS FRANCE

Set up by Secours Catholique – Caritas France in 2009, Fondation Caritas France encourages philanthropy by supporting foundations which are dedicated to fighting poverty, raises funds to give priority to supporting projects run by Secours Catholique-Caritas France and its network (€3M in 2021), and backs research and experimentation. Services provided by Secours Catholique – Caritas France were invoiced at €0.8M.

fondationcaritasfrance.org

LA FONDATION JEAN RODHAIN

The Jean Rodhain foundation was established in 1981. A contribution to operating costs of €0.08M was granted to contribute to Christian thinking on charity in its wider sense, to promote the study of the theology of charity in university research, to develop dialogue with field workers through the words of people living in poverty.

fondationjeanrodhain.org
servonslafraternite.net

PRESENCE IN ALSACE FÉDÉRATION DE CHARITÉ CARITAS ALSACE

Founded in 1903 by Monseigneur Paul Müller-Simonis, the Fédération de Charité Caritas Alsace has been operating for over 100 years in the Diocese of Strasbourg.

federation-de-charite.org



Le Secours Catholique – Caritas France belongs to the Caritas Internationalis network, a confederation of 162 Catholic organisations that operate around the world. Caritas shares the same mission as the Church. Caritas responds to disasters, promotes integral human development and fights poverty and conflict. National Caritas organisations are independent under the authority of their episcopal conference, but they are united within the same confederation, a body of the universal Church. Caritas Europa unites 49 Caritas organisations, operating in 46 European countries. Together, they focus their activities on poverty, exclusion and social inequality, as well as migration and asylum. Based in Brussels, Caritas Europa ensures the voice of its members is heard within European institutions, by EU member states and many other public and private partners.

SECOURS CATHOLIQUE – CARITAS FRANCE IN FIGURES



€320M

IN FUNDS OF WHICH 83% DEDICATED TO SOCIAL PROJECTS

2021 IN FRANCE



938,600

PEOPLE SUPPORTED IN FRANCE



58,900

VOLUNTEERS



5,000

CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS SUPPORTED WITH SCHOOLING



2,400

RECEPTION CENTRES



201,200

FAMILIES SUPPORTED



3,000

PEOPLE HELPED GETTING INTO WORK



1,300

CHILDREN WENT ON HOLIDAY IN A FAMILY HOME



977

CURRENT MICRO-LOANS INCLUDING 364 NEW LOANS

2021 WORLDWIDE



2.4 MILLION

PEOPLE SUPPORTED INTERNATIONALLY



426

PROJECTS IN 52 COUNTRIES OR REGIONS



40

EMERGENCY PROGRAMMES

TRANSPARENCY AND CHECKS 2021

Information provided in the 2021 Overview is taken from the 2021 Annual Report and Financial Statement. The annual accounts, including the accounts on income by origin and use, and on the allocation of funds, have been certified by our auditors, Ernst and Young, and approved at the annual general meeting on 14 June 2022.

- The accounts are available on the website secours-catholique.org
- Or by written request to Secours-Catholique - 106 rue du Bac - 75341 Paris Cedex 07

The Auditor, in addition to certifying the accounts, carries out checks on 10 commissions every year. Along with the internal audit department, a total of one third of commissions are checked every year.

The Don en Confiance (Charter Committee) is a non-profit organisation which carries out checks on fundraising activity which targets public generosity. It draws up ethical rules, issues the 'Don en Confiance' label to non-profit organisations and carries out continuous and independent checks on their commitments. These are based on the principles of respect for donors, transparency, and the quest for efficiency, integrity and impartiality in three areas: governance, management and communication. On 11 March 2021, the accreditation committee extended the 'Don en Confiance' label to Secours Catholique Caritas France for a further three years.

