

OVERVIEW 2024

UNDERSTANDING
LE SECOURS CATHOLIQUE – CARITAS FRANCE,
ITS MISSIONS AND ITS WORK.

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ENSEMBLE,
CONSTRUIRE
UN MONDE JUSTE
ET FRATERNEL

BUILDING BRIDGES IN A FRAGMENTED SOCIETY

Against a very troubled and worrying economic and political backdrop, at its General Assembly in June 2024, Secours Catholique was pleased and proud to reaffirm, the simple Gospel inspired intention, which has been the foundation of the association since 1946: to provide help and support, *"wherever the need arises, to the exclusion of any national or religious bias"* (article 1 of the Articles of Association). It is this principle that continues to guide us, each and every day, in France and around the world. In our centres, our solidarity shops, our shared meals, it is not peoples' status or nationality that we are meeting, but simply Sonia, Jean-Luc, Latifa and their children... We chat with them over a coffee, we help them with procedures, regardless of their life history, the colour of their skin, their religion, or whether or not their papers are in order. The dignity and destiny of every person are important to us.

At Secours Catholique, we meet people who we wouldn't otherwise meet, we build

bridges in this society which is so fragmented, and these encounters move us, leading us to overcome our fears and prejudices, to see others differently than before. They enable us to grow, to recognise that we have so much in common with these people who we thought were so different. This very real experience of fraternity also helps us to see at first-hand what people in difficulty in our country are going through: the pain of isolation, the fear of tomorrow, the difficulty of accessing essential needs, especially in deprived areas, the courage it takes to withstand the trials of life, the willingness to make sacrifices for loved ones, the injustice of so many situations, the feeling that you count for nothing in the eyes of the powerful, that you are despised and constantly judged.

The work that we do to help the most vulnerable is made possible by our many volunteers and our even greater number of benefactors, who join forces because the quest for a just and fraternal world is a team effort that we all undertake together!

Didier Duriez
National President



Adélaïde Bertrand
Secretary General



François Odinet
Chaplain General



LE SECOURS CATHOLIQUE CARITAS FRANCE

Le 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 everyone 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 act 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

ACTIONS

IN FRANCE

1,120,000
PEOPLE WERE SUPPORTED

2,500
RECEPTION CENTRES

WORLDWIDE

335 PROJECTS WERE CARRIED
OUT IN 2024 IN

48 COUNTRIES OR REGIONS: IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE
CARITAS INTERNATIONALIS NETWORK (160 CARITAS).

3.4 MILLION
PEOPLE BENEFITED FROM
INTERNATIONAL AID FROM SECOURS
CATHOLIQUE – CARITAS FRANCE.

OUR NETWORK

- **On 31 December 2024, there were 72 delegations**, divided into 2,800 local teams in mainland France and French overseas territories, covering the whole nation. 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...
- **The network has 58,000 volunteers** and 916 employees across the territory.

3 BRANCHES

- **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 disadvantaged 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)

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

has 141 members, including 138 active members (paid-up members) – qualified administrators, presidents and vice-presidents from delegations, and one treasurer per region – and 11 honorary members. The age limit is 75 years old.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

comprises 21 members, all voluntary; 13 are presidents or vice-presidents from delegations, eight are qualified individuals. They each have a three-year term of office, renewable twice. The board meets 6 times a year, or more, at the discretion of the board. 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 2024

The **economic model** of Secours Catholique – Caritas France is underpinned by the commitment of 58,000 volunteers. The estimated value of €340M is primarily made up of voluntary work and contributions in kind (valued at €188M) and financial resources (€152M), including €119M or 78% from public donations.



VALUE OF VOLUNTEER INVOLVEMENT:

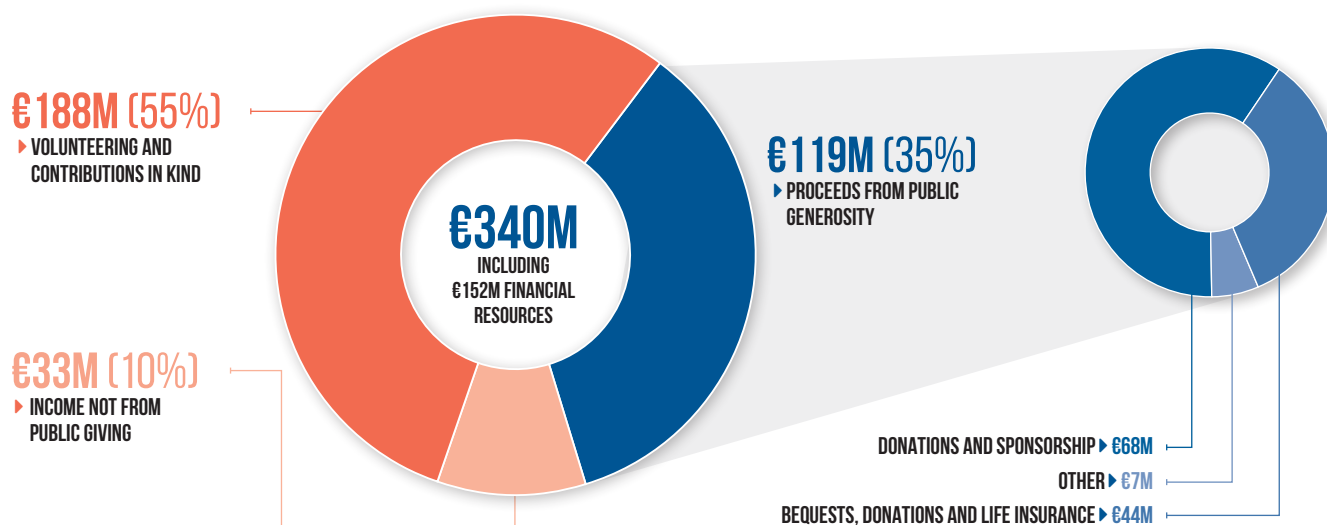
In 2024, 58,000 volunteers dedicated an average of 25 days to Secours Catholique activities. Based on the hourly minimum wage 'SMIC' and, depending on levels of commitment, up to twice the 'SMIC' for volunteers in positions of responsibility, this donated time is valued at €184M. On top of this amount are donation of skills (€3M), support in kind received, holiday vouchers received for families supported and goods made available (€1M), which make up the total voluntary contributions in kind (€188M).

€188M VOLUNTARY WORK
AND DONATIONS
IN KIND



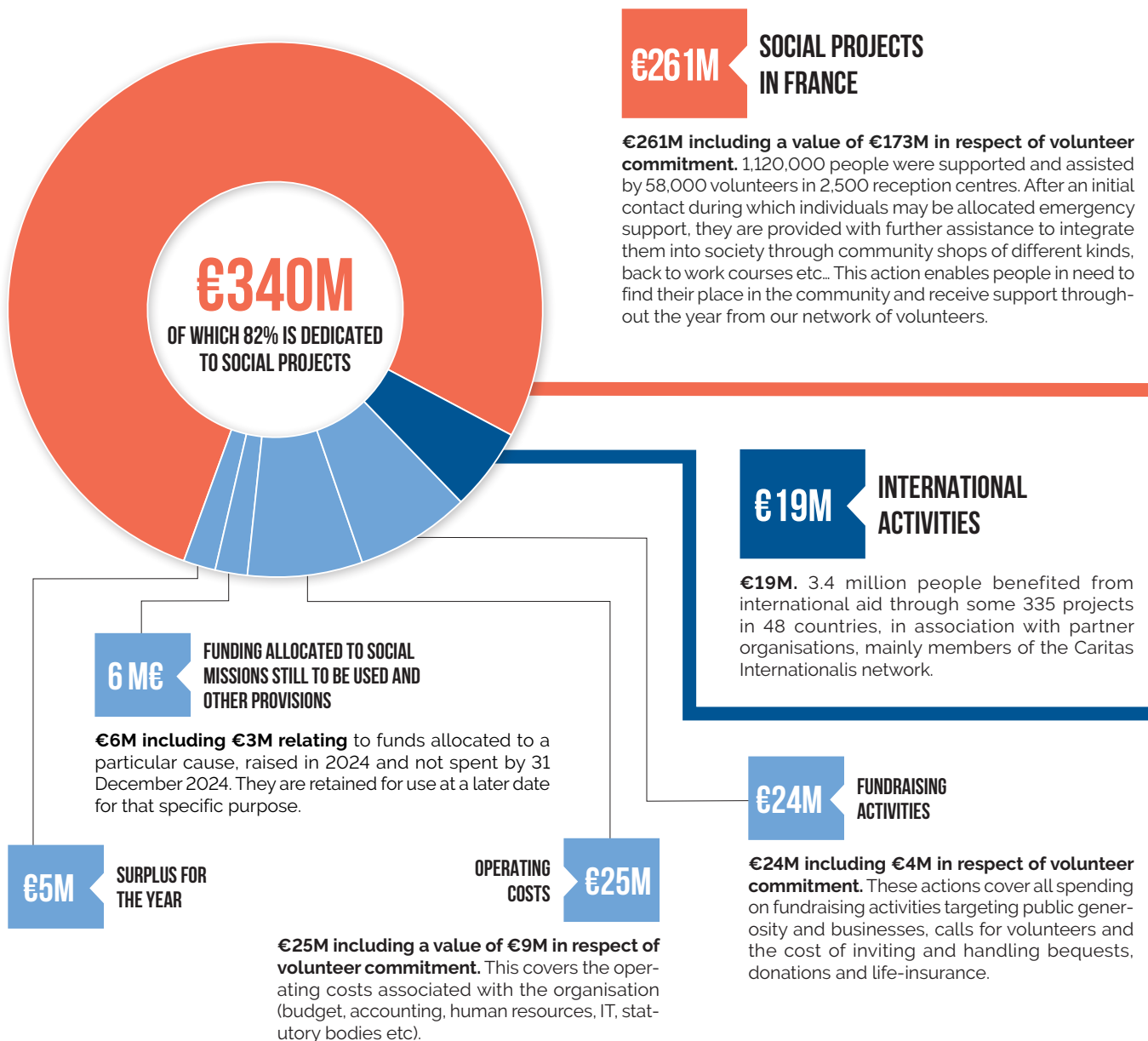
€152M FINANCIAL
RESOURCES

Public giving also enables Secours Catholique – Caritas France to operate. By mobilising donors, especially at the end of the year, we managed to collect €68M in donations to finance our actions. Including bequests, donations and life insurance (€44M) and other income from public generosity (€7M), donations from public giving amounted to €119M. Income not linked to public giving amounts to €33M including, primarily, €15M in government subsidies, €12M in business contributions and €4M in financial contributions and a call on reserves or funds previously earmarked for an action, €2M.



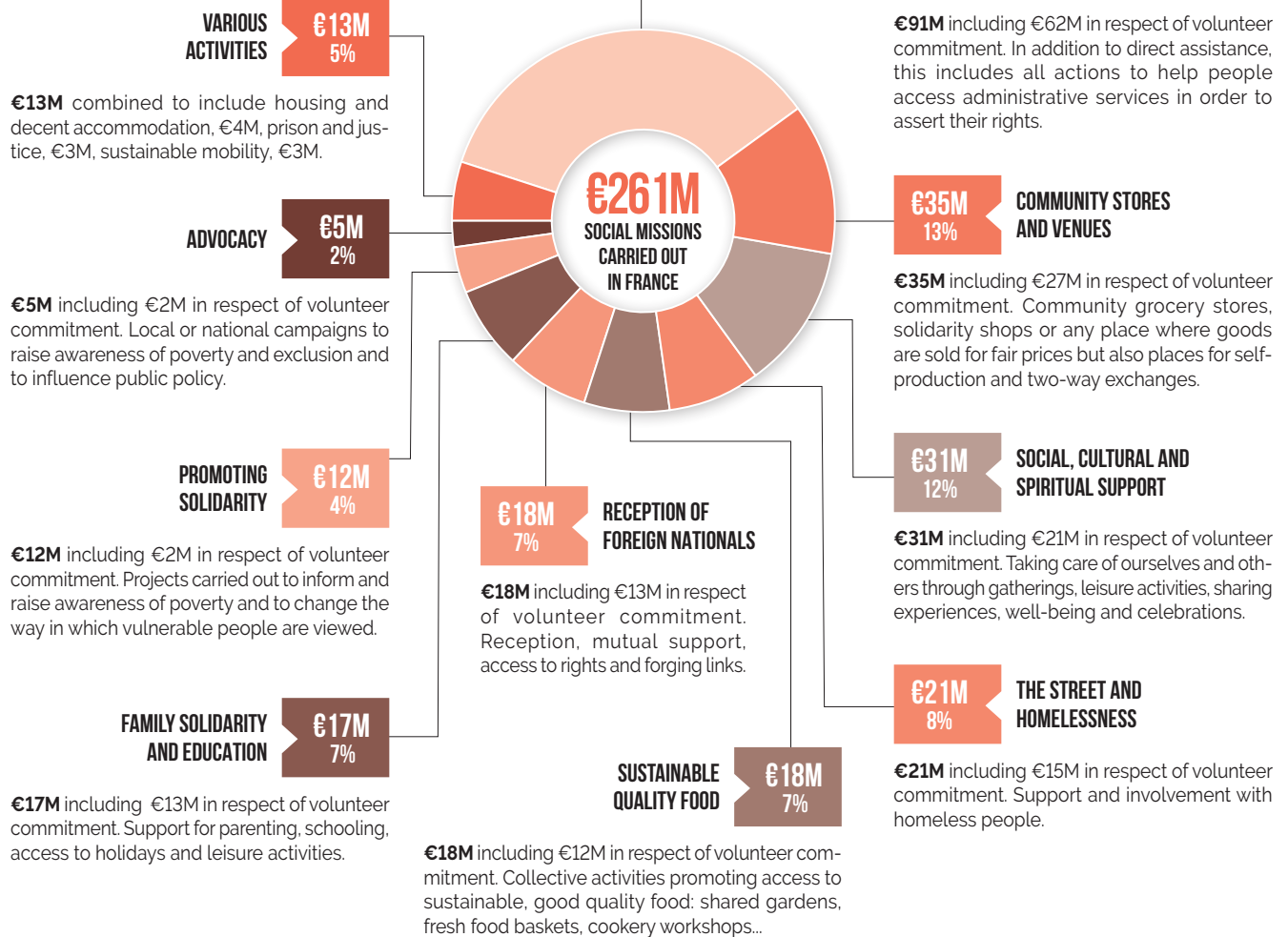
USE OF OVERALL RESOURCES 2024

Secours Catholique carries out community actions to fight poverty and exclusion and calls upon public institutions to raise the profile of its activities and to promote social justice. It carries out its mission in France through 2,800 local teams of volunteers who have supported 1,120,000 people, and internationally through 335 projects supporting 3.4 million people.



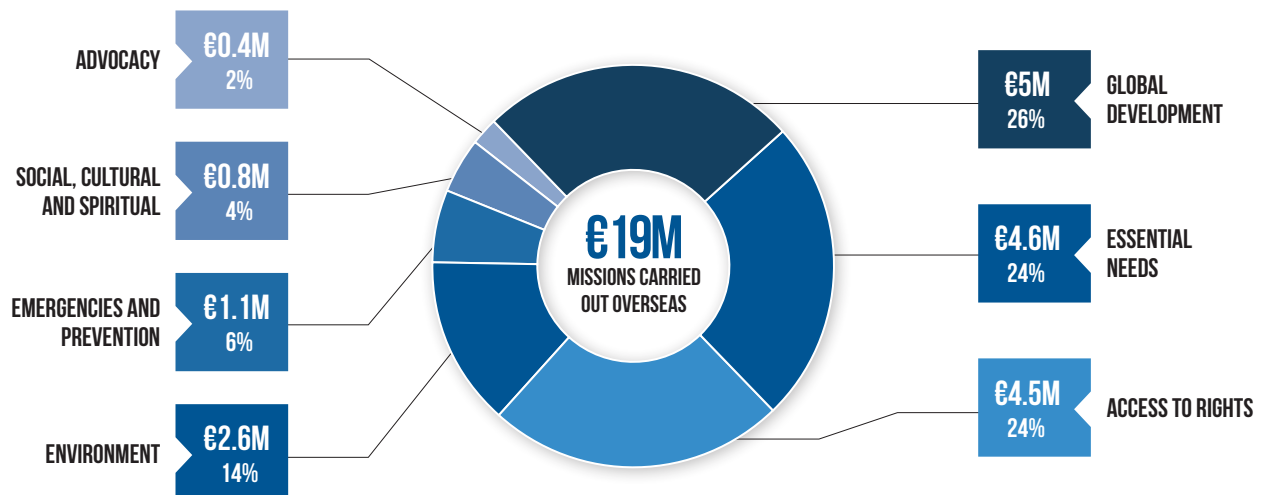
Social missions in France and Overseas are detailed in the latest guidelines implemented in 2024 and approved by the Board of Directors. Whilst the allocation of jobs to missions remain the same, the themes under which these missions are grouped have been redefined to better reflect the activities carried out.

1,120,000 PEOPLE SUPPORTED IN FRANCE



3.4 MILLION PEOPLE SUPPORTED OVERSEAS

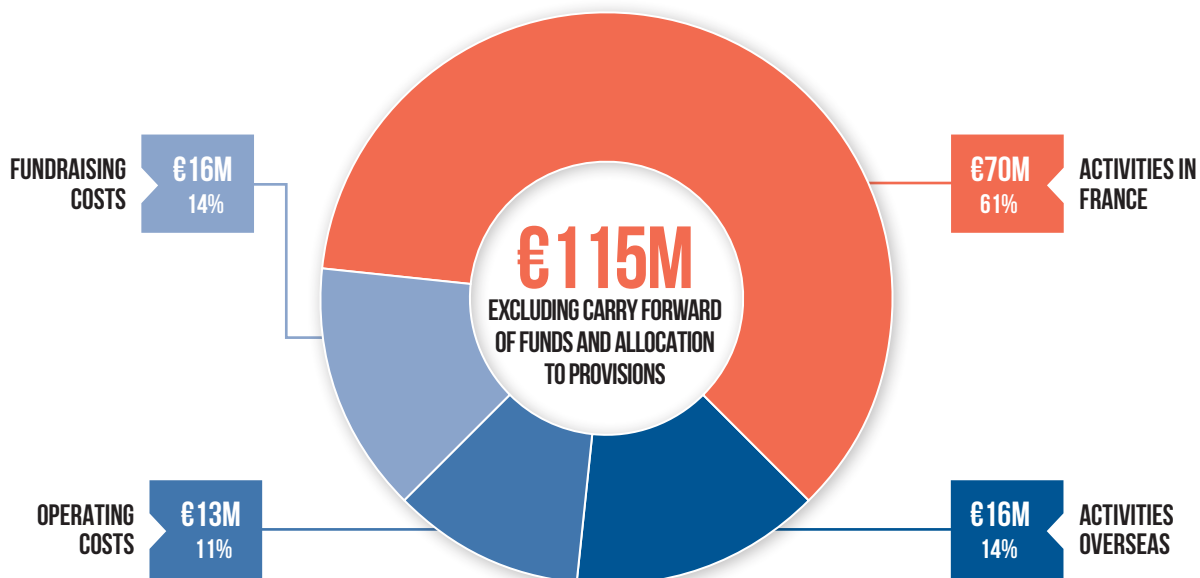
335 operations were carried out in 48 countries, in association with international partners, mainly members of the Caritas Internationalis network.



USE OF FUNDS RAISED FROM PUBLIC GENEROSITY 2024

The annual account of funds collected from the public only records financial activity connected with public giving, without taking into account the value of volunteer commitment. Total income from public giving was €119M whilst expenditure was €117M. The balance from public giving, net of variations in dedicated funds and endowments, was a surplus of €2M. The cost of activities carried out in France was €70M and for international activities amounted to €16M. Fundraising costs were €16M and operating costs were €13M.

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 organisations. Employee costs not directly attributable to these jobs have been divided on the basis of predetermined formulae according to the main direction of the projects.



INCOME FROM PUBLIC GIVING CARRIED FORWARD

Income from public giving carried forward was estimated at €15M on 31 December 2024. 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 2024

Net fixed assets (€107M) were essentially made up of property assets and various items used to support people or operations (€60M), assets bequeathed for disposal (€28M) and financial investments (€19M). Current assets (€120M) mainly comprise investment securities and available funds (€81M) and bequests and donations (€27 M). On the liabilities side, equity (€129M) is made up of the results of previous financial years. They include statutory funds (€49M) and reserves (€69M) which are intended to ensure the financial stability of the organisation, subsidies (€6M) that finance investment projects and net profit for the year (€5M). Deferred assets which represent the consideration of bequeathed assets and receivables net of debt pending disposal are €47M, dedicated funds pending realisation are €11M and provisions amount to €2M. Debts (€38M) are made up of social security and fiscal debts (€12M), debts from legacies or donations (€8M), supplier debts (€5M) and other debts (€13M including €4M relating to projects to be paid to international partners).

SUMMARY BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS (IN €M)	2024	2023	LIABILITIES	2024	2023
FIXED ASSETS	107	108	ACCUMULATED SURPLUS	129	125
REALISABLE AND AVAILABLE ASSETS	120	118	DEFERRED AND DEDICATED FUNDS AND PROVISIONS	60	54
			DEBTS	38	47
TOTAL ASSETS	227	226	TOTAL LIABILITIES	227	226

RESERVE POLICY

The association's reserves (€69M) are partly used to fund some of the following year's on-going activity (€51M) and partly the implementation of projects allowing the development of its missions and the means to act (€18M). Despite the surplus in 2024, the financial structure in terms of changes in resources and the growing need to support activities, is structurally in deficit. Work is underway to move towards a new, more balanced business model. As a result, the association has decided to set aside a reserve of €2.4M to finance maintenance work on its properties in order to ensure a fitting environment and maintain the value of the property.



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.

ASSOCIATION CITÉS CARITAS



Established in 1989, the Association Cités Caritas (formerly ACSC) has the mission to support, house and help people in a vulnerable situation, the socially excluded or those with disabilities, towards social and professional integration. cites-caritas.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 €15M capital in Caritas Habitat including a new capital contribution of €6M in 2024. caritashabitat.org

FONCIÈRE CHÊNELET



Established in 2009 near Calais, Foncière Chênelet develops good quality, low cost, social housing for tenants, predominantly in rural areas. fonciere-chenelet.org

RÉSEAU ECO HABITAT



Established in 2014 on the initiative of the Picardy Secours Catholique group. A Social Impact Contract (CIS) 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. A loan of €2.3M had previously been granted, repayment of which will run into 2025. reseau-ecohabitat.fr

COMITÉ CHRÉTIEN DE SOLIDARITÉ AVEC LES CHÔMEURS ET LES PRÉCAIRES



Established over thirty years ago, the Comité chrétien de solidarité avec les chômeurs et les précaires (CCSC) aims to maintain focus on the consequences of unemployment. 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 €0.02M was granted in 2024 to facilitate professional and social integration through the sale of second-hand cars, maintenance repairs and vehicle hire. solidarauto.org

ASSOCIATION D'ÉPARGNANTS KAORI (OUTSIDE CARITAS NETWORK)



Launched in 2022 by Secours Catholique – Caritas France, the Kaori association is an association of ethical and socially responsible savers that provides dedicated savings to individuals and corporate bodies. A financial operating subsidy of €0.31m was made in 2024. www.kaori-association.org

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, raising funds to give priority to supporting projects run by Secours Catholique – Caritas France and its network (€3.2M in 2024), and backs research and experimentation. Services provided by Secours Catholique – Caritas France were invoiced at €1.2M. fondationcaritasfrance.org

LA FONDATION JEAN RODHAIN



The Jean Rodhain foundation was established in 1981. In 2024 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

FÉDÉRATION DE CHARITÉ CARITAS ALSACE



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

UNION DIACONALE DU VAR



Created in 1983, the Union diaconale du Var is a social and solidarity based economic union made up of 18 associations with a variety of aims (integration, family, accommodation, health, street emergencies) that fight against social exclusion, work together to promote human development and respect for all and take part in the Church's diaconal work in the Var by pooling their skills and know-how thanks to a general secretariat that supports its activities. www.udv-asso.fr

CARITAS INTERNATIONALIS

Le Secours Catholique – Caritas France belongs to the Caritas Internationalis network, a confederation of 160 Catholic organisations that operate around the world. Caritas shares the same mission as the Church. Caritas responds to disasters, promotes all-round human development and campaigns against 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.



LE SECOURS CATHOLIQUE — CARITAS FRANCE IN FIGURES



€340M

IN FUNDS OF WHICH 82%
DEDICATED TO SOCIAL PROJECTS

2024 IN FRANCE



1,120,000

PEOPLE SUPPORTED
IN FRANCE



58,000

VOLUNTEERS



5,000

CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS
SUPPORTED WITH SCHOOLING



2,500

RECEPTION
CENTRES



235,000

FAMILIES WITH
CHILDREN SUPPORTED



80,000

PEOPLE MET ON
THE STREETS



50,000

VISITS TO SOLIDARITY
GROCERIES



20,000

PEOPLE HELPED TO
LEARN FRENCH

2024 WORLDWIDE



3.4 MILLION

PEOPLE SUPPORTED
INTERNATIONALLY



335

PROJECTS IN 48
COUNTRIES OR REGIONS



38

EMERGENCY
INTERVENTIONS

TRANSPARENCY AND CHECKS 2024

Information provided in the 2024 Overview is taken from the 2024 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 18 June 2025.

- The accounts are available on the website www.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 approximately 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 7 March 2024, the accreditation committee extended the 'Don en Confiance' label to Secours Catholique Caritas France for a further three years.

