

OVERVIEW

2025

UNDERSTANDING
LE SECOURS CATHOLIQUE – CARITAS FRANCE,
ITS MISSIONS, ITS ACTIVITIES.

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CONSTRUIRE
UN MONDE JUSTE
ET FRATERNEL

ECOLOGY AND POVERTY: ONE AND THE SAME STRUGGLE

“The cry of the earth and the cry of the poor can no longer be ignored. There is an urgent need to respond to this cry.” The year 2025 marks the tenth anniversary of Pope Francis's call to care for our common home. Environmental concern was already a feature of Secours Catholique – Caritas France's work and thinking at that time – and is now more relevant than ever. This is the very essence of our long-standing commitment to defining and implementing a shared vision of what a just ecological transition would look like.

'Just', because there is a profound injustice in the fact that the poorest people – who pollute the least – should bear the heaviest burden of the consequences of climate change. We formalised and documented this insight in 2025 by giving a voice to more than 150 people who had experienced an extreme weather event in France and around the world. The new forms of poverty and insecurity that these disasters have caused for them underpin the recommendations in our 'Climate and Poverty' report, a summary of which was presented at COP30.

'Just', because it is deeply unfair that solutions to climate change are being developed without

taking the most disadvantaged residents into account, or even to their detriment.

The fight against poverty can no longer be separated from the fight for the environment, and the fight for the environment cannot be waged without the poorest members of society. This is, in essence, the message of the policy document entitled 'Towards a Just and Fraternal Ecology: Secours Catholique's Vision and Commitment', adopted at our General Assembly in 2025. This document has been drafted on the basis of scientific and ecclesiastical writings, existing publications and the work carried out by our international partners and our delegations working on this topic. But it also drew on the reflections of the National Action Council, whose members – who have personal experience of precarious living conditions – have sent out a cry for help that we have taken to heart.

Ecology and poverty are one and the same struggle – a struggle dictated to us by the people we support, and one we wish to carry out alongside them. And to bring as many people as possible on board, we are inviting our networks and partners to make use of an awareness-raising tool designed and tested in 2025: 'The Ecology-Poverty Odyssey'!

Didier Duriez
National President



Adélaïde Bertrand
Secretary General



François Odinet
Chaplain General



LE SECOURS CATHOLIQUE CARITAS FRANCE

Secours Catholique – Caritas France is a branch of the Catholic Church in France, a member of the 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. Le 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 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 ensure our actions are sustainable.
- ▶ Work in partnerships and networks locally and globally.

ACTIONS

IN FRANCE

1,060,000
PEOPLE WERE SUPPORTED

2,560
LOCAL TEAMS

INTERNATIONALLY

340 PROJECTS WERE CARRIED
OUT IN 2025, IN

47 COUNTRIES OR REGIONS, IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE CARITAS
INTERNATIONALIS NETWORK (165 CARITAS GROUPS)

3.3 MILLION
PEOPLE BENEFITED FROM INTERNATIONAL AID FROM
SECOURS CATHOLIQUE – CARITAS FRANCE

ORGANISATION OF NETWORK FRANCE

- **On 31 December 2025, 72 delegations**, divided into 2,560 local teams, in mainland France and French Overseas Territories, cover the entire national territory. Thanks to this network of volunteers working in local teams, people are given emergency support, then assisted in every aspect of life to help them regain their place in society. In particular action is taken to support social interaction and integration, through community shops, back to work courses etc...

- **The network has 59,800 volunteers** and 894 employees 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 a welcome and shelter to impoverished pilgrims of all religions, particularly those from the Middle East, but also for members of the Caritas network and the church diaconia. (Budget: €1M)

- **CEDRE the 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 2025

has 140 members, of whom 132 are active members - members who have paid their membership fee - administrators, qualified people, presidents and vice-presidents from delegations, as well as treasurers co-opted by region - and 8 honorary members. The age limit is fixed at 75 years old.

The General Meeting held on 18 June 2025 approved the association's new articles of association, which aim to broaden its membership base and strengthen the involvement of all stakeholders at every level of the organisation. Following a favourable ruling by the Council of State, these articles of association were approved by the Ministry of the Interior in January 2026.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

comprises 21 members, all voluntary; 12 are presidents or vice-presidents from delegations, 9 are qualified individuals. They have a three year term of office, renewable twice. The board meets 6 times a year, or more if requested by 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 meetings and board meetings without any voting rights.

SOURCE OF GLOBAL FUNDING 2025

The economic model of Secours Catholique – Caritas France is underpinned by the commitment of 59,800 volunteers. The economic value, estimated at €330M, is made up of the value of voluntary work and donations in kind (€181M) and financial resources (€149M), including €117M, 78% from public donations.



THE VALUE OF VOLUNTARY WORK:

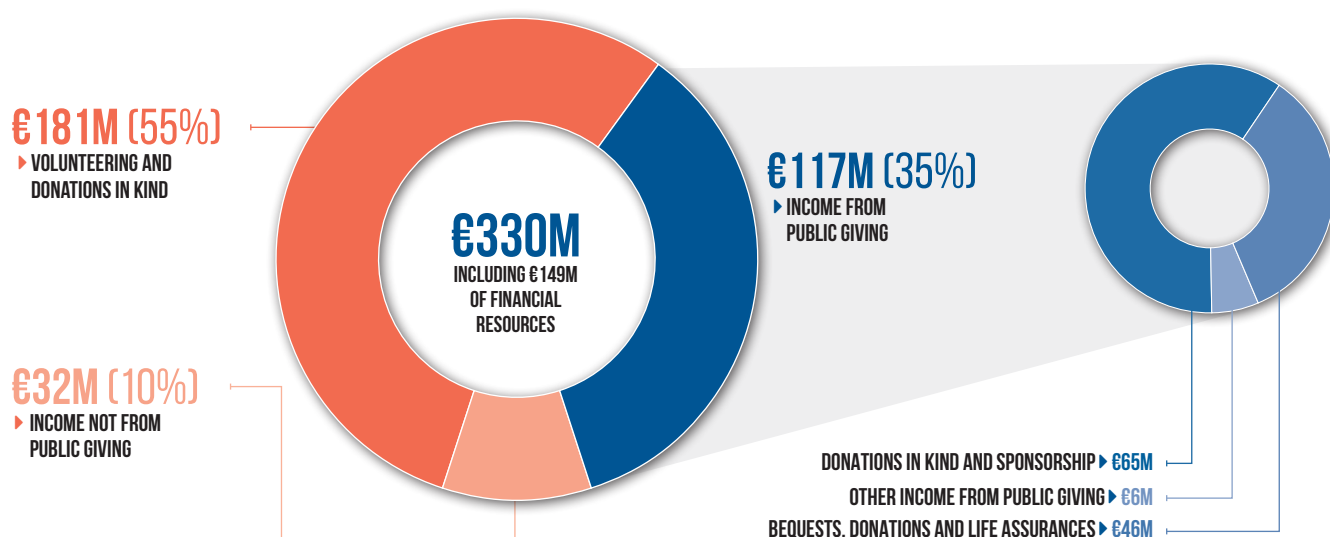
In 2025, 59,800 volunteers dedicated an average of 25 days to Secours Catholique's activities. Based on the hourly minimum wage of SMIC and, depending on levels of commitment, up to twice the 'SMIC' for volunteers in positions of responsibility, this donated time is valued at €176M. On top of this amount are donations of skills (€3M), support in kind received, holiday vouchers received for families supported and goods made available (€2M), which make up the total voluntary contributions in kind (€181M).

It is also thanks to public generosity that Secours Catholique – Caritas France is able to carry out its mission. By mobilising donors, especially at the end of the year, it was able to collect €65M in donations to fund actions. Including bequests, donations and life insurance (€46M) and various products linked to public giving (€6M), funds from public generosity amount to €117M. Income not linked to public giving amounts to €32M, including mainly €11M in government subsidies, €9M in participation in activities, €6M in financial donations funds rolled over from previous years or funds earmarked for a particular project, €3M.

€181M VOLUNTEERING
AND DONATIONS
IN KIND

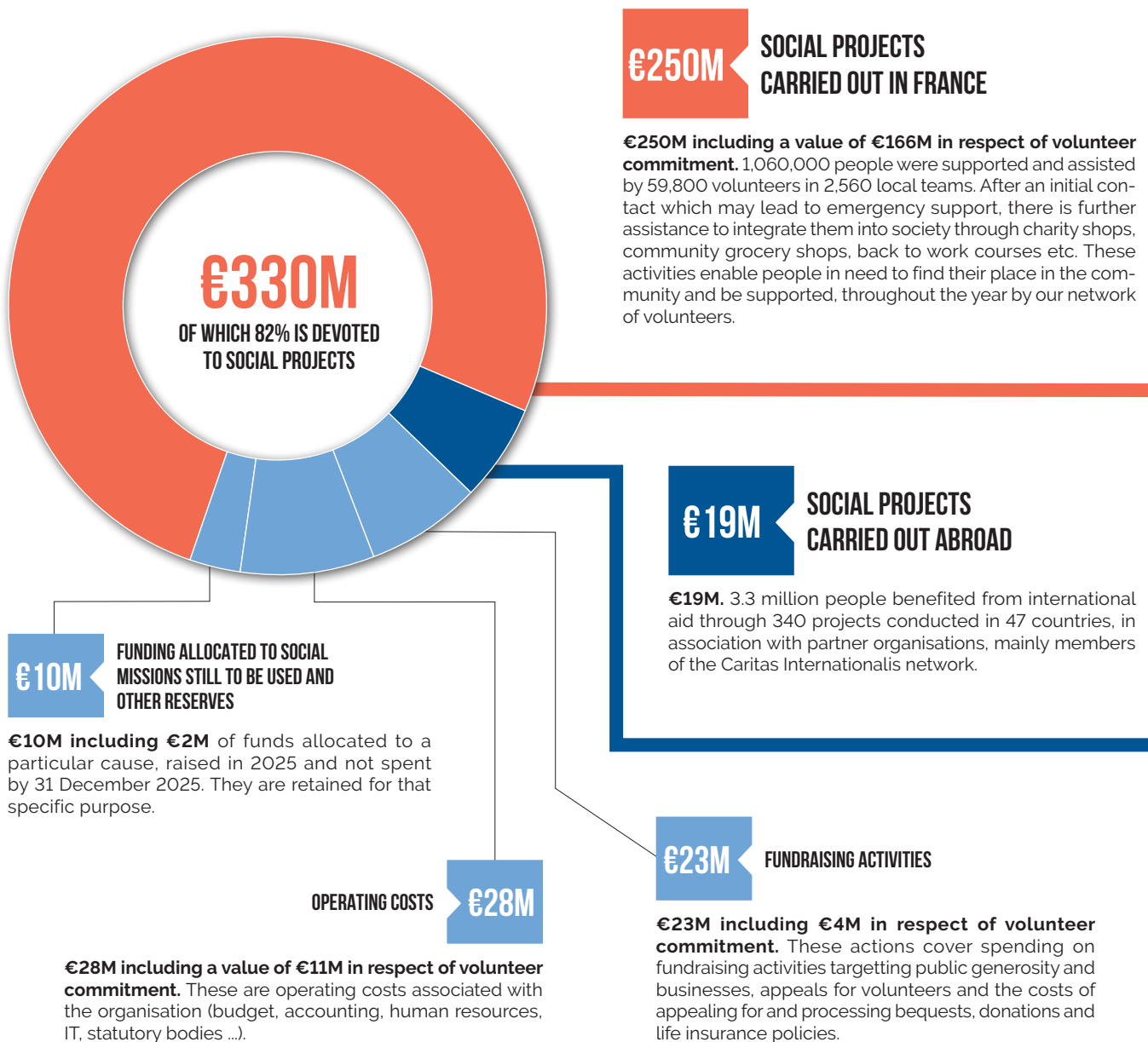


€149M FINANCIAL
RESOURCES



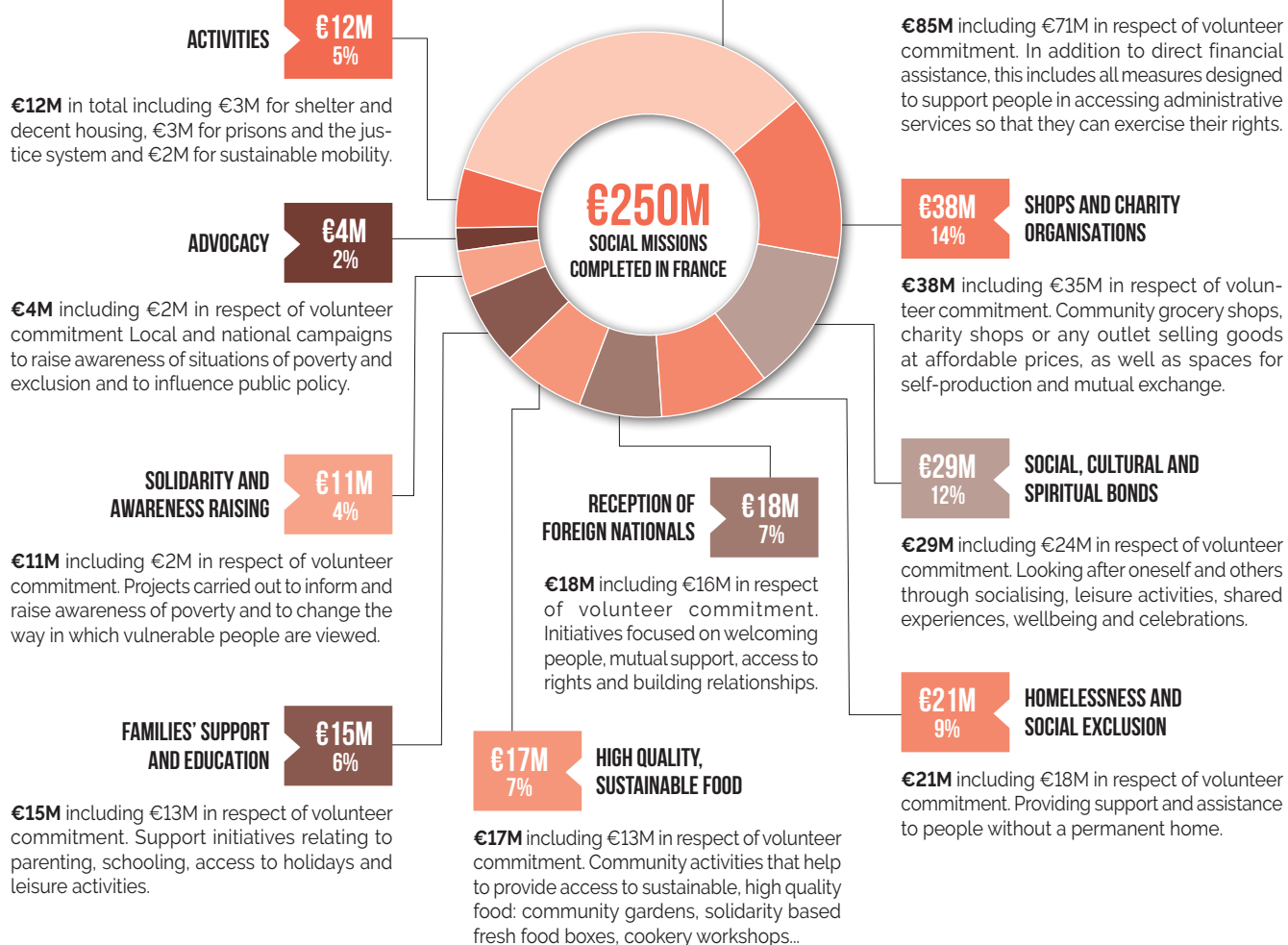
USE OF OVERALL RESOURCES 2025

Secours Catholique carries out meaningful solidarity actions to combat 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 2,560 local teams of volunteers who have supported 1,060,000 people, and internationally through 340 projects supporting 3.3 million people.



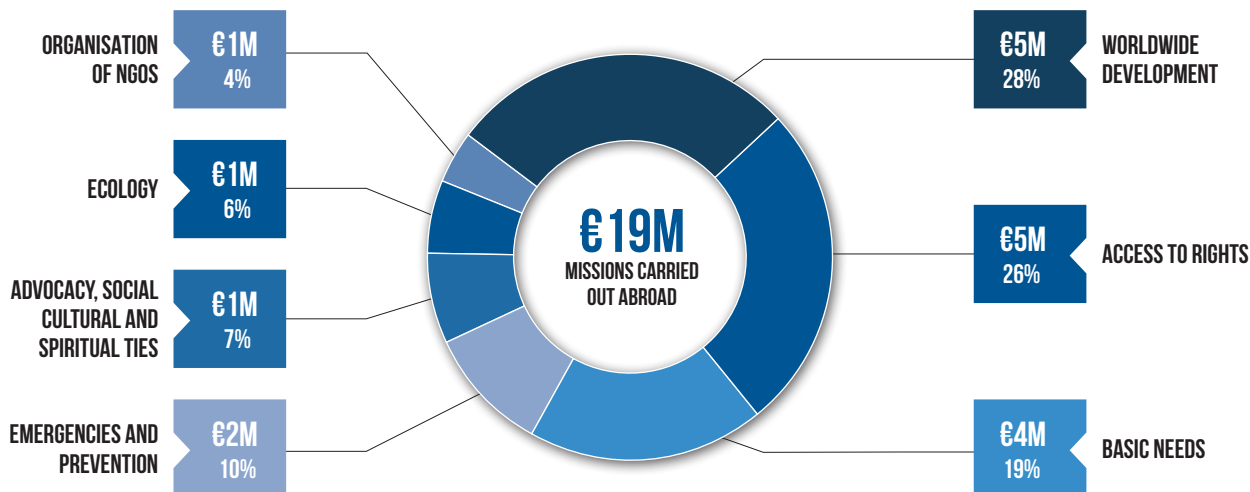
Social initiatives in France and internationally are set out in accordance with the updated framework introduced in 2024 and approved by the Board of Directors.

1,060,000 PEOPLE SUPPORTED IN FRANCE



3.3 MILLION BENEFICIARIES OF OVERSEAS ACTIONS

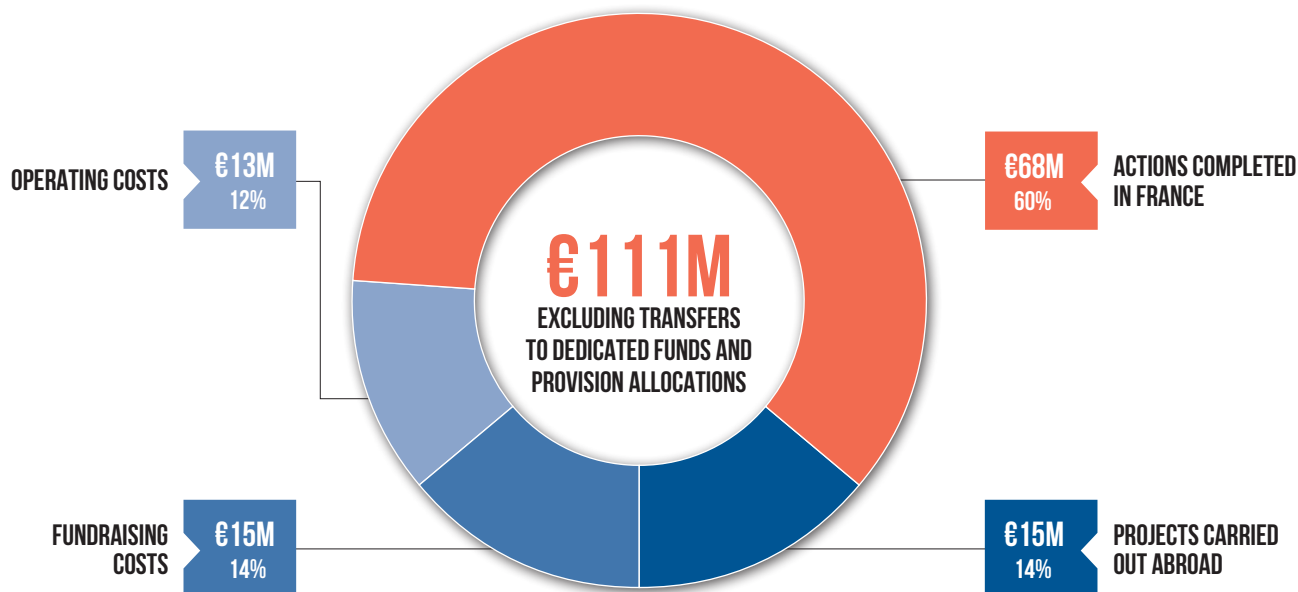
340 operations were carried out in 47 countries, in collaboration with international partners, primarily members of the Caritas Internationalis network.



USE OF FUNDS RAISED FROM PUBLIC GENEROSITY 2025

The annual account of funds collected from the public only records financial activity connected with public giving, without taking into account the value of the volunteers commitment. The total income from public giving was €117M and the total expenditure was €118M. The result derived from public donations, net of changes in dedicated funds and donations is a deficit of €1M. The cost of activities carried out in France was €68M and for international activities €15M. Fundraising costs were €15M 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 to 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 project.



INCOME FROM PUBLIC GIVING CARRIED FORWARD

Accounting policies remained unchanged during the financial year. A review of the methods used to calculate the income and expenditure arising from public generosity has led to an adjustment to the balance of public generosity. Deferred income relating to public donations is valued at €25 million as at 31 December 2025. They enable the association to continue its work and operations, to undertake and develop new projects, and to respond to emergencies.

SUMMARY BALANCE SHEET

AT 31 DECEMBER 2025

The financial statements have been prepared in accordance with the new ANC Regulation 2022-06, which comes into force from the 2025 financial year.

Net fixed assets (€112M) were essentially made up of property assets and various items used to support people or operations (€52M), assets bequeathed for disposal (€29M) and financial investments (€26M). Net current assets (€126M) consist mainly of marketable securities and cash and cash equivalents (€83M), and receivables received through bequests and donations (€32M). On the liabilities side, equity (€129M) consists of profits from previous financial years. These comprise the statutory funds (€50M) and reserves (€74M), which are intended to ensure the association's financial stability; grants (€5M), which finance investment projects; and the profit or loss for the financial year, which is in balance. Deferred funds, which represent the counterpart to the bequeathed assets and receivables net of debts pending realisation, amount to €52M; dedicated funds awaiting commitment amount to €7M; and contingencies amount to €8M. Liabilities (€42M) consist of social security and tax liabilities (€12M), liabilities arising from bequests or donations (€9M), bank credit balances (€5M) resulting from optimised cash flow management, trade payables (€7M) and other liabilities (€9M, of which €4M relates to payments due to international partners for projects).

SUMMARY BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS (IN €M)	2025	2024	LIABILITIES	2025	2024
FIXED ASSETS	112	107	ACCUMULATED SURPLUS	129	129
REALISABLE AND AVAILABLE ASSETS	126	120	DEFERRED AND DEDICATED FUNDS AND PROVISIONS	67	60
			DEBTS	42	38
TOTAL ASSETS	238	227	TOTAL LIABILITIES	238	227

RESERVES

The association's reserves (€74M) are partly used to fund some of the following year's ongoing activity (€50M), projects allowing the development of its missions and the means to act (€22M) and maintenance work on its housing stock to ensure a befitting welcome and to maintain the value of the properties (€2M).



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 whose mission is to support, house and to help people in a vulnerable situation, the socially excluded or those with disabilities to find their place in society. A loan of €4.5M with a term of 24 months was granted in 2025. It is secured by a mortgage pledge on a property owned by the association which will be put up for sale. cites-caritas.fr

RÉSEAU ECO HABITAT



Established in 2014 at the initiative of the Picardy Secours Catholique group. A Social Impact Contract (CIS) repayable over five years was set up in 2020 avec le 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, the repayment of which will be completed in 2026. reseau-ecohabitat.fr

CARITAS HABITAT



Established in 2015, Caritas Habitat is a property company, officially recognised as a 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 €18M capital in Caritas Habitat taking into account a new capital subscription of €3M in 2024. caritashabitat.org

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

FONCIÈRE CHÊNELET



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

FÉDÉRATION SOLIDARAUTO



Solidarauto is the brand of solidarity garages set up by groups from Secours Catholique – Caritas France. It aims 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, Kaori is an association of ethical and socially responsible savers that provides dedicated savings to individuals and corporate bodies. A financial operating subsidy of €0.2M was paid in 2025. 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 2025), and backs research and experimentation. Services provided by Secours Catholique – Caritas France were invoiced at €1.3M.

fondationcaritasfrance.org

LA FONDATION JEAN RODHAIN

The Jean Rodhain Foundation was established in 1981. In 2025 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 165 Catholic organisations that operate around the world. Caritas shares the same mission as the Church. Caritas responds to disasters, promotes integral 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 on migration and asylum. Based in Brussels, Caritas Europa ensures that 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



€330M

IN FUNDS OF WHICH 82%
DEDICATED TO SOCIAL PROJECTS

2025 IN FRANCE



1,060,000

PEOPLE SUPPORTED
IN FRANCE



59,800

VOLUNTEERS



5,000

CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS
SUPPORTED WITH SCHOOLING



2,560

LOCAL
TEAMS



218,000

FAMILIES WITH
SUPPORTED CHILDREN



80,000

PEOPLE MET ON
THE STREET



640,000

VISITS TO FOOD
AID CENTRES



600,000

VISITS TO DAY
CARE CENTRES



22,000

PEOPLE SUPPORTED WITH
LEARNING FRENCH

2025 WORLDWIDE



3.3 MILLION

PEOPLE SUPPORTED
INTERNATIONALLY



340

PROJECTS IN 47
COUNTRIES OR REGIONS



50

EMERGENCY
INTERVENTIONS

TRANSPARENCY AND CHECKS 2025

Information provided in the 2025 Overview is taken from the Annual Report and the Financial Statement for 2025. 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 then approved at the annual general meeting on 16 June 2026.

- They 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 checks.

The Don en Confiante (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 Confiante' 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 Confiante' label to Secours Catholique - Caritas France for a further three years.

