

2017 OVERVIEW

Understanding Secours Catholique-Caritas France,
its mission and its work.

SHARE THE JOURNEY

With nearly a million and a half vulnerable people in France, Secours Catholique-Caritas France is a privileged witness to their difficulties and will to play a part in building our society. Through this, our political conviction has emerged, and it is this conviction that has underpinned and sustained our actions and advocacy in 2017. For vulnerable people to feel safe in our society, people must be considered, be able to contribute to it, and feel protected by it.

At the beginning of the year, our priority was to campaign against prejudices that feed fear and lead to exclusion. Together with the most vulnerable citizens, we have worked hard to rebuild our social protection system. Fairer, more supportive protection is essential, as it forms the basis of our collective ability to rise to another challenge: to welcome people from other countries who live among us and help them integrate in the long term.

At the end of 2017, Pope Francis launched the "Share the Journey" campaign, which encourages us to support migrants and refugees. Secours Catholique is taking part in this campaign, alongside Caritas groups around the world. Migration is a global issue. There is no longer a single subject today that can be considered without taking both a local and a global perspective. We therefore have a dual commitment: internationally, to support our partners, and on our own territory, to work with a wide variety of organisations.

By holding its first "University of Solidarity and Diakonia", which brought together community workers and vulnerable members of society, the Catholic Church in France has also shown its commitment to recognising everyone's knowledge and to being even more open to cultural and religious diversity among the most fragile. This is another – joyful – challenge of our time, as we saw in August, when 700 Young Caritas members from 40 countries came to celebrate being together at our Summer School in Saint Malo.

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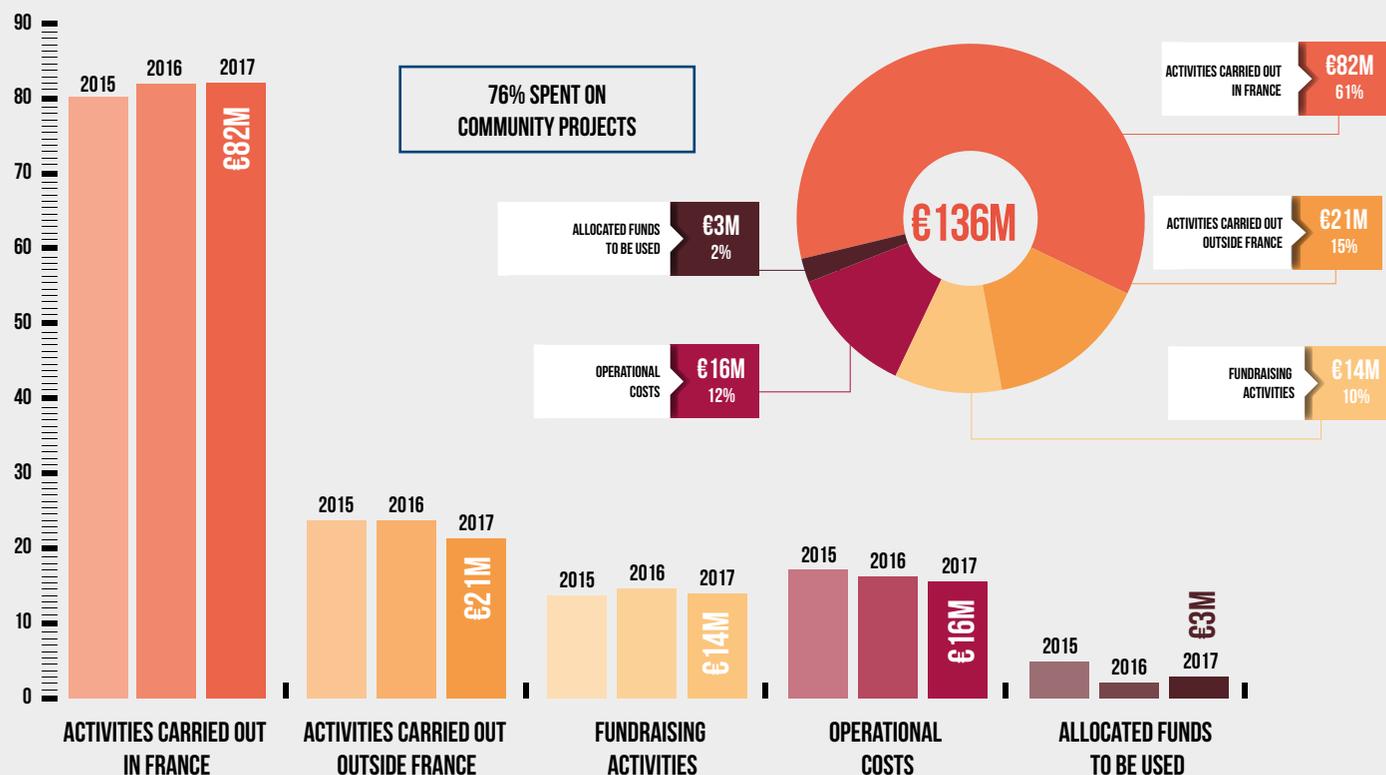
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USE OF FINANCIAL RESOURCES

Projects carried out in France were stable at €82m: activities carried out locally by the network of volunteers amounted to €78m, while funds allocated to partner organisations totalled €4m, including €1.3m for ACSC (Association des Cités du Secours Catholique). International activities accounted for €21m. Fundraising costs were €14m, while operational expenses were €16m.



Methodology: Using the analytical accounting plan, we can directly allocate the costs of community programmes carried out in France and internationally to fundraising and operational expenses. Employee costs and costs not directly attributable to these employments were divided on the basis of time spent by employees on these different activities.

SUMMARY BALANCE SHEET AT 31 DECEMBER 2017

Fixed assets (€67m) were essentially made up of property assets used to support people.

Current assets (€88m) mainly covered investment securities and available funds.

In terms of liabilities, the accumulated surplus included capital of €68m and reserves of €52m.

Debts (€26m) included €7m in funds to be paid to international partners for their projects, and €10m in social security and fiscal debts.

ASSETS (IN €M)	2016	2017	LIABILITIES	2016	2017
FIXED ASSETS	68	67	ACCUMULATED SURPLUS	126	120
REALISABLE AND AVAILABLE ASSETS	98	88	DEDICATED FUNDS	10	9
			DEBTS	30	26
TOTAL ASSETS	166	155	155 TOTAL LIABILITIES	166	155

RESERVE POLICY

The capital was mainly made up of the consideration for property owned.

Secours Catholique retained in its accumulated surplus the consideration for its properties, the working capital reserve (€47m) corresponding to the funds required for its current activities (six months), in line with its statutes, and the reserve fund (€11m) for one-off projects that become necessary during its activities.

THE CARITAS FRANCE NETWORK

The Caritas France network was formed in 2016 by Secours Catholique-Caritas France to bring together organisations it helped create or that share its values, outcomes and principles for action. Its purpose is to encourage innovation and co-operation in the regions to increase overall support and help people take action when living in precarious situations, to raise awareness of community action, and to fight the causes of poverty. In 2017, an employee was appointed to expand the network, and a new member joined the network: the CCSC or Christian Committee for Solidarity with the Unemployed.

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ASSOCIATION DES CITÉS DU SECOURS CATHOLIQUE



The purpose of the ACSC is to support and house people in vulnerable situations

and/or with disabilities, and help them to live independently and find their place in society and the workplace. It runs 19 "cités" or housing schemes - 14 in the social sector and five for people with disabilities - in three regions: Île-de-France (Paris region), Centre-West and South. In 2017, more than 1,000 employees, mainly social workers, and nearly 400 volunteers supported more than 13,000 people including 350 with disabilities, through 127 projects managed by the association.

FONDATION CARITAS FRANCE



Set up by Secours Catholique-Caritas France, the Fondation Caritas France is the first and only umbrella foundation in

France dedicated to fighting poverty. Its main aim is to encourage philanthropy and fight exclusion by sheltering foundations under its aegis (94 in 2017). Its second purpose is to raise funds to support projects that fight poverty run by Secours Catholique-Caritas France and other partners in France and around the world.

FONDATION JEAN RODHAIN



The Fondation Jean Rodhain contributes to Christian thinking on charity in its wider sense (justice, solidarity, social doctrine), promotes the study of the theology of charity in university research, and fosters dialogue with organisations on the ground through the words and experience of people living in poverty.

TISSONS LA SOLIDARITÉ



Founded in 2004 by Secours Catholique-Caritas France to bring together its community

shops, this network has grown considerably and today numbers 70 enterprises and professional integration programmes. Employees work in different areas of the textiles industry and benefit from training approved by industry professionals: sales training designed in partnership with Chanel, and dressmaking training sponsored by Christian Lacroix. Some of the professional integration projects within the network co-operate locally with Secours Catholique commissions through their community shops. In 2017, the network led a debate to draw up a new national partnership agreement.

CARITAS HABITAT



Caritas Habitat is a property company that owns social housing schemes, hostels and community shops for the benefit of vulnerable people. It helps provide housing solutions through social projects supported by our commissions or by ACSC housing

schemes, as well as managing funds provided by foundations, congregations and our commissions, and received through property taxes from local authorities and developers.

FÉDÉRATION DE CHARITÉ CARITAS ALSACE



The Fédération de Charité Caritas Alsace has been operating for 114 years in the Diocese of Strasbourg. A branch of the Diocesan Church of Alsace and a local non-profit organisation, it works in three areas: bringing together community actions, promoting community initiatives, and challenging and formulating proposals for greater social justice.

COMITÉ CHRÉTIEN DE SOLIDARITÉ AVEC LES CHÔMEURS (CCSC)

This non-profit organisation works to keep public opinion and Christian communities focused on the consequences of unemployment. By raising awareness and fighting indifference through the words of people living with unemployment, CCSC invites people to take action so that the unemployed find their place back in society.



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 integrative 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 refugees. Based in Brussels, Caritas Europa ensures the voice of its members are heard within European institutions and EU member states and by many other public and private partners.

SECOURS CATHOLIQUE - CARITAS FRANCE IN FIGURES



€345M

IN FUNDS, OF WHICH 86% IS DEDICATED TO SOCIAL PROJECTS

FRANCE



1,440,000

PEOPLE SUPPORTED IN FRANCE



68,200

VOLUNTEERS



2,400

RECEPTION CENTRES



7,000

CHILDREN AND TEENAGERS SUPPORTED WITH SCHOOLING



317,000

FAMILIES SUPPORTED



3,000

PEOPLE HELPED GETTING INTO WORK



1,750

CURRENT MICRO-LOANS INCLUDING 540 NEW LOANS



4,000

PEOPLE SUPPORTED WITH HOLIDAYS



1,600

CHILDREN WHO HAVE BENEFITED FROM FAMILY HOLIDAY SCHEMES

WORLD



3 MILLION

PEOPLE SUPPORTED INTERNATIONALLY



687

PROJECTS



82

EMERGENCY PROGRAMMES

TRANSPARENCY AND CHECKS

Information provided in 2017 overview is taken from the 2017 annual report and financial statements. The annual accounts, including the accounts on the allocation of funds, have been certified by the auditors Deloitte and approved at the annual general meeting on 6 June 2018.

- 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 one-third of commissions are checked every year.

The "give with confidence" Charter Committee is a non-profit organisation that carries out checks on fundraising activities that target the public. It draws up ethical rules, issues the "give with confidence" label to non-profit organisations, and carries out continuous and independent checks on their commitments. These commitments 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. In May 2018, Secours Catholique saw its "give with confidence" label renewed for a further three years.



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. 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. Secours Catholique-Caritas France 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 others, to receive and to give, to take action for justice.

Fraternity: quality relations 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
- ▶ To take time to build relations and adopt a long-term approach
- ▶ Work in partnerships and networks, locally and globally



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ACTIONS



▶ In France, 1,440,000 people were supported in 2,400 centres.



▶ Internationally, 687 operations were carried out in 2017 in 66 countries or regions, in association with the Caritas Internationalis network (165 Caritas groups). In one year, nearly three million people benefited from international aid from Secours Catholique-Caritas France.

OUR NETWORK

- ▶ At 31 December 2017 there were 75 delegations, divided into 3,500 local teams in mainland France and French overseas territories, covering the entire national territory. Through its network of volunteers working in local teams, people are given urgent support and aided in every aspect of life, in order to regain their place in society. Action is taken to support social interaction and integration into society, through community shops, back-to-work courses and more.
- ▶ The network numbers 68,200 volunteers and 935 employees across the territory.

THREE CENTRES:

- **La Cité Saint Pierre** is a centre in Lourdes that welcomes pilgrims living in poverty from all cultures, religions and nationalities (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 diakonia (budget: €1m).
- **The CEDRE migrant reception centre** aims to support the network of delegations in their reception of overseas nationals and to welcome and accompany vulnerable asylum-seekers in Ile-de-France (Budget: €1m).

GOVERNANCE AND CONTROL

The General Assembly has 179 members divided into two categories: 148 active members – qualified administrators, presidents and vice-presidents from delegations, and one treasurer per region – and 31 honorary board members. The age limit is 75.

The Board of Directors comprises 21 members, all voluntary. Twelve are presidents or vice-presidents from delegations, nine are qualified individuals. Each member has a term of office of three years, renewable twice. The Board meets 11 times per year. The committee is made up of a President, two vice-presidents, a treasurer and a secretary.

The general chaplain and the general secretary attend committee and board meetings, without a deciding vote.

SOURCE OF GLOBAL FUNDING

The socio-economic activity of Secours Catholique-Caritas France is based on voluntary work, and represents €345m. The work of Secours Catholique-Caritas France depends essentially on private donations and volunteers.



Methodology: a database recorded the activities of the 68,200 volunteers who dedicated time to Secours Catholique in 2017. Each volunteer gave an average of 25 days over the year. Based on the hourly minimum wage ("SMIC", including social security), or twice the SMIC rate for volunteers in positions of responsibility, this donated time is valued at €204m, added to which are costs not reimbursed to volunteers (€2m). On top of this amount is the donation of skills and holiday vouchers received for families supported (€2m), support in kind received, and goods made available (€1m).

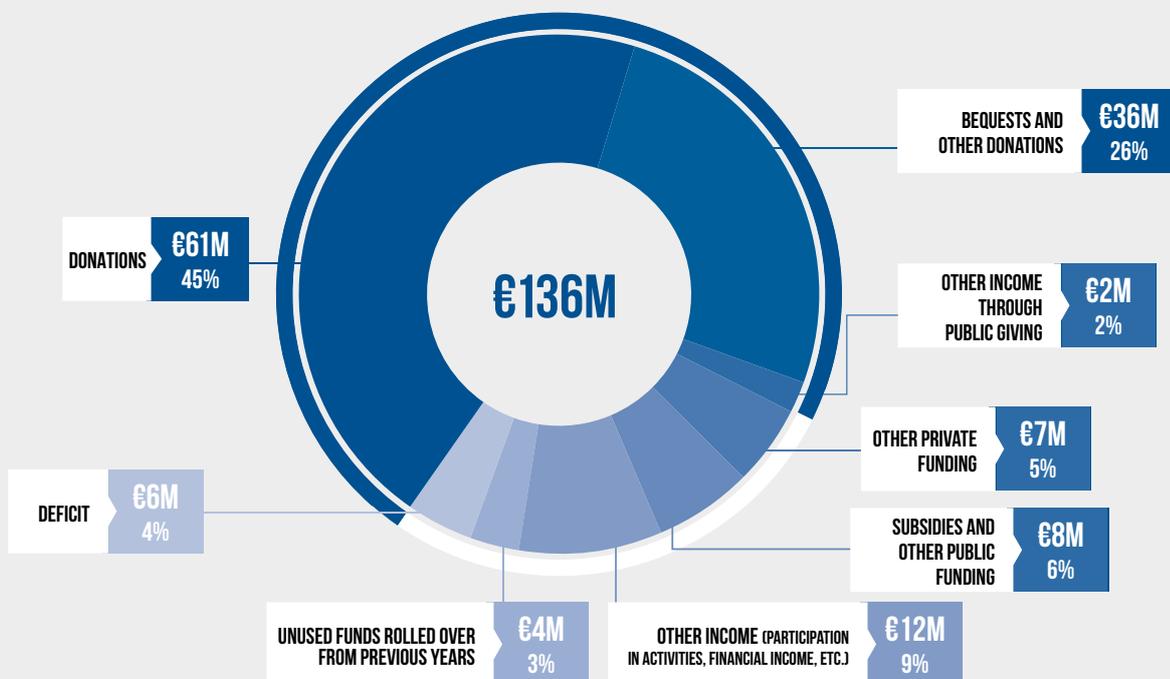
VOLUNTARY WORK (AND OTHER)

€209M

FINANCIAL RESOURCES

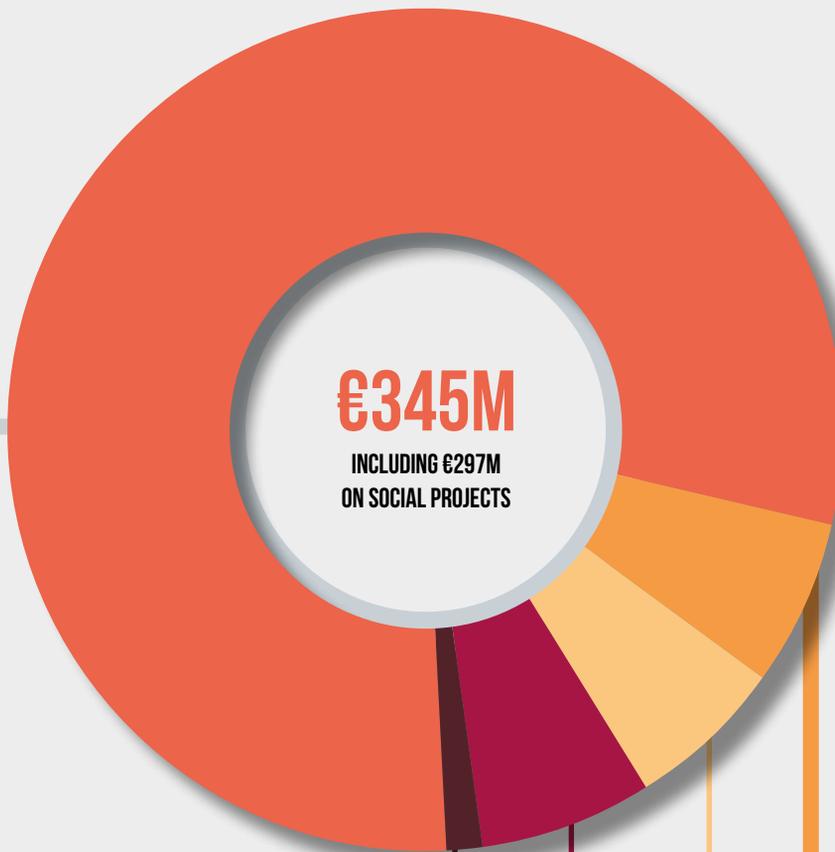
€136M

Public generosity is the main resource that allows Secours Catholique-Caritas France to operate. Donors have been very generous (€61m), although donations remained almost stable, particularly due to increased competition. Including bequests, donations and life insurance, totalling €36m, and events, which raised €2m, public giving amounted to €99m (73% of total funds), to which can be added €4m in funds rolled over from previous years. Through fundraising for the year, and funds raised in previous years, public giving financed €81m in charitable activities, €12m in fundraising activities, and €13m in operational costs. Other private funding (€7m including €5m from the Fondation Caritas France), public subsidies (€8m) and other income (€12m) were down.



USE OF OVERALL FUNDS

€297m spent on community projects. Secours Catholique carries out community actions with real benefits for all, and challenges institutions on situations of poverty and exclusion. It carries out its mission in France through 3,500 local teams of volunteers, and internationally by funding projects carried out by its international partners.



€275M

ACTIVITIES CARRIED OUT IN FRANCE

€275m including €82m in financial resources. Nearly 1,440,000 individuals were supported by 68,200 volunteers in 2,400 centres. After an initial contact, during which individuals are allocated emergency support, they are then provided with further support to integrate them into society, through community shops of different kinds, back-to-work courses, etc. This action enables individuals to find their place in the community and receive support throughout the year from our network of volunteers.

€22M

ACTIVITIES OUTSIDE FRANCE

€22m, including €21m in financial resources. Nearly three million people benefited from international aid through some 687 projects in 66 countries, in association with partner non-profit organisations, mainly member groups of the Caritas Internationalis network.

FUNDING ALLOCATED TO FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES FOR COMMUNITY PROGRAMMES THAT REMAINS TO BE USED

€3M

This relates to funds allocated to a particular cause, raised in 2017 and not yet spent at 31 December 2017. These are kept aside for that specific purpose.

€22M

FUNDRAISING ACTIVITIES

€22m, including €14m in financial resources and €8m in promoting voluntary activities. This action covers spending on fundraising activities targeting the public and corporations, calls for volunteers, and the costs of inviting and handling bequests, donations and life-insurance.

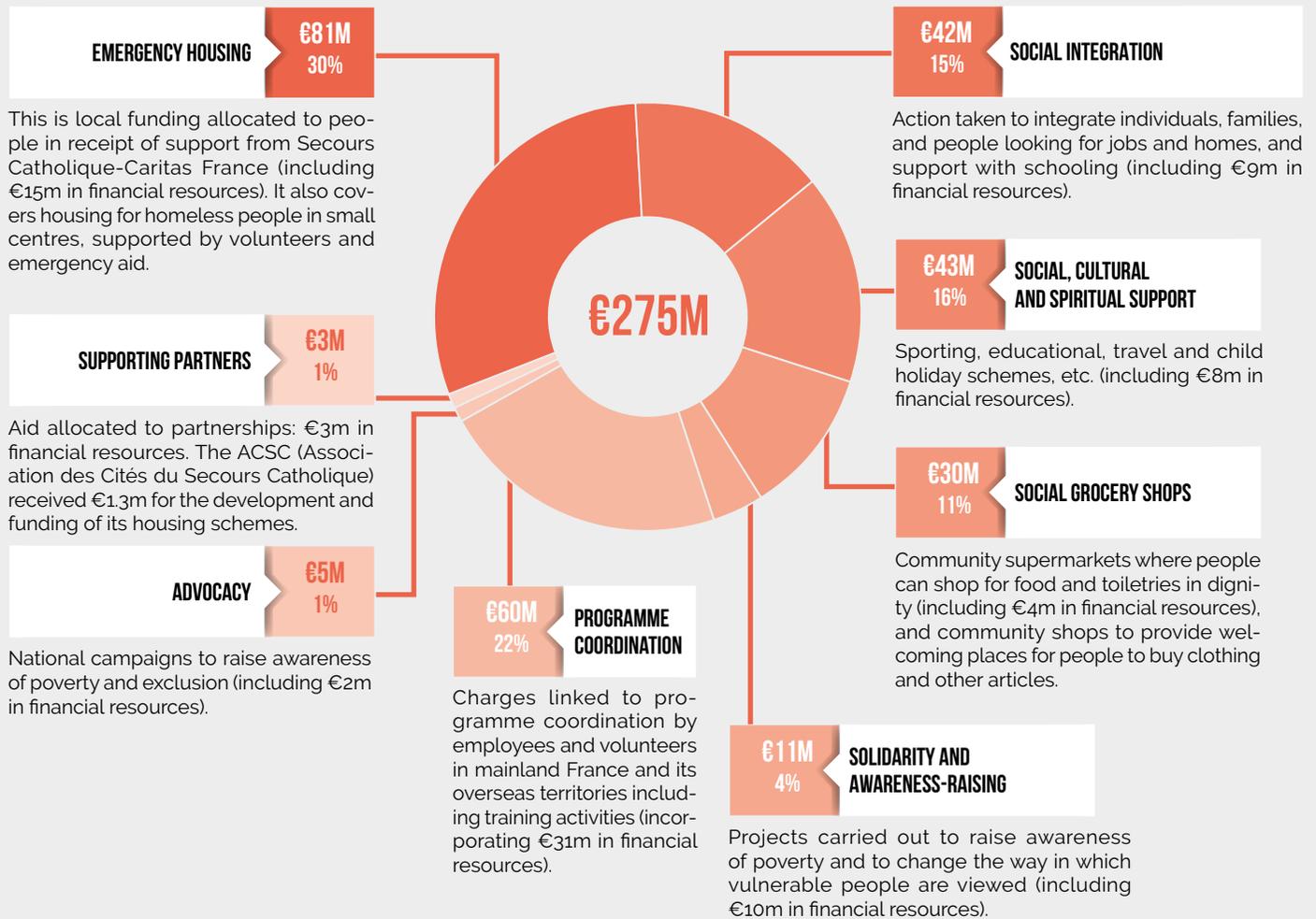
€23M

OPERATIONAL COSTS

€23m, including €16m in financial resources and €7m in promoting voluntary activities. This covers operational costs associated with the organisation (budget, accounting, human resources, IT, statutory bodies, etc.).

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1.5 MILLION PEOPLE SUPPORTED IN FRANCE



3 MILLION PEOPLE SUPPORTED OVERSEAS

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