



# Annual Report 2022

President's • Activity  
Financial • Projects

# SIF in 2022

€ **53.1** million

of new income in 2022



**68%**  
private funds

**32%**  
institutional funds



**78,381**

private donors

**1,145**

staff members

**604**

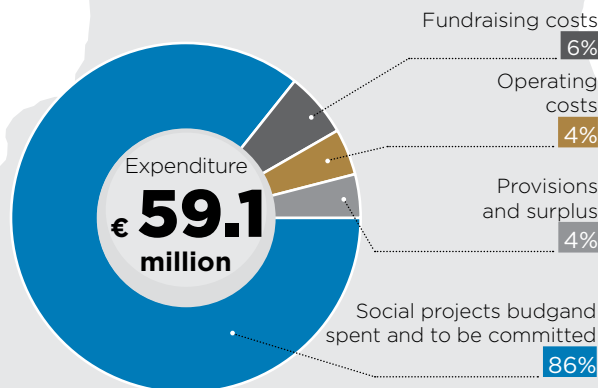
volunteers

**20**

project countries

**1.7 million**

beneficiaries



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carbon footprint of

# 916

tons/year of CO<sub>2</sub> eq in France

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**Rachid Lahlou**  
Founding President

“2022 was a year rich in achievements yet the situation in France and around the world also gave great cause for alarm.”

It is with great emotion that I share this 2022 report with you as, while 2022 was a year rich in achievements, the situation in France and certain regions of the world, also gave great cause for alarm. Although our vital private and institutional funding enabled SIF to provide help to even more people in need, we are only too well aware of all that remains to be done to improve a situation that has significantly deteriorated and reduce vulnerabilities that continue to increase.

### A volatile global situation

France is in the midst of a social, economic, climate and energy crisis, one of the most devastating impacts of which is inflation. It is pushing millions of our fellow citizens even deeper into poverty. At the same time, the national wealth being produced is growing, yet there are 7 million people in France who are food insecure<sup>1</sup>. Along with FAS<sup>2</sup>, who has called for a multi-annual and structural housing policy, SIF urges the government to rely more on stable and permanent organisations. After several years of operation, our centre CHU<sup>3</sup> had to close its doors in August due to a lack of state funding, leaving a large number of homeless people with nowhere to go. In a country the size of France, 197,000

emergency accommodation places is nowhere near enough, particularly considering that the number of homeless children has doubled in 12 months<sup>4</sup>.

Worldwide, highly publicised crises (Ukraine), enduring crises (Syria, Yemen, Palestine, etc.), forgotten crises (such as Ethiopia), and climate-related crises (e.g. Pakistan) are affecting more and more people, who are often internally displaced or become refugees, and this is resulting in an increase in the death rate: there are 59.1 million internally displaced people around the world, 55.8% of whom are under the age of 25<sup>5</sup>. For these people, access to their universally recognised human rights is no longer assured resulting in food insecurity, lack of drinking water, no access to education, etc. However, there is a baffling mismatch between the severity of this situation and the commitments of countries such as France. In 2023, a second United Nations Water Conference is set to be held, 46 years after the first; yet in 20 years time, half of the world's population could be without water<sup>6</sup>.

On this, as on many other issues, international efforts need to produce joint, coordinated and sustained commitments.

<sup>1</sup>According to the food bank network - Banques alimentaires.

<sup>2</sup>Fédération des Acteurs de la Solidarité.

<sup>3</sup>Massy Emergency Accommodation Centre (department 91), with a capacity of 70 places.

<sup>4</sup>Collectif des Associations Unies, for whom FAS is a spokesperson - press conference to mark the launch of the cold weather plan in December 2022.

<sup>5</sup>Data from the end of 2021 - Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre - IDMC's Global Report on Internal Displacement 2022.

<sup>6</sup>UN-Water 2020.



### **A need to coordinate efforts**

SIF, who believes in knowledge-sharing and pooling initiatives, has remained actively involved in the work being carried out by the platforms, groups and other networks to which we belong.

SIF has again taken part in joint campaigns, including Coordination SUD's campaigns to adapt certain measures so as to enable us to fulfil our social mandates without discriminating against beneficiaries.

We can but welcome the UN Security Council's resolution, adopted in December 2022, to establish a humanitarian exemption to UN sanctions. This historic resolution should help remove obstacles to delivering aid by reducing the risks and legal, administrative, logistical and operational barriers. SIF will continue campaigning to ensure that this resolution has a domino effect and that people in great hardship, often those who are without identity papers or undocumented, are no longer penalised.

We will also continue to keep a close eye on the resources allocated by the French government to financially support humanitarian organisations with their programmes around the world, including in France.

And, of course, we will urge governments to guarantee that humanitarian aid be provided solely on the basis of need, as set out in the principle of impartiality, and is in no way linked to any political or security agenda. We deplore the impact that the breakdown in the relationship between France and Mali has had on the delivery of aid to the most vulnerable. Luckily, SIF has been able to continue with our programmes in Mali thanks to the generosity of our private donors.

### **Good momentum**

The new layout of this report, more visual and concise, reflects the energy of our teams and management bodies, which has been boosted by the launch of our new six-year strategy and the publication of our '2022-2027 SIF Project Programme and Strategic Plan'.

2022 was also marked by events to commemorate SIF's 30-year anniversary, which are described later in this report. This provided us with the opportunity to reflect on 30 years of humanitarian and social achievements, the well-deserved recognition we enjoy from our donors and funding agencies, as well as on the external challenges and occasional internal issues that we have had to overcome. It has definitely not been all plain sailing. A real human adventure!

For 2022, as for the last 30 years, we would like to sincerely thank our beneficiaries, donors, partners, volunteers and staff for their commitment to implementing our projects, with both solidarity and respect for human dignity. To help build a more caring and just world where the basic needs of the most vulnerable people are met, we at SIF must continue our efforts by focusing more than ever on our three pillars: human development, living well together and respect for the environment.



## Our ambassador and sponsors

“Childhood is a cause that is very close to our hearts”, Jessica Houara-d’Hommeaux, SIF Ambassador and patron of our SIF Solidarity Cup for the second time, who is passionate about humanitarian work. At the beginning of November 2022, the former French international and PSG footballer was in Dakar for the 4<sup>th</sup> SIF Solidarity Cup, which we took to Senegal as part of our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. More than 500 footballers of both genders came together for this one-day event, held to support children and young people in the Sahel. Jessica Houara-d’Hommeaux was accompanied by her co-patrons for this ‘Special 30-year’ SIF Cup: Ladjji Doucouré, a former French athlete, double world champion and 110m hurdler; Harold Correa, former triple-jumper, three-time champion of France; and Féthi Harek, a former professional footballer who played for Bastia and Nimes. Ricardo Faty (FC Nantes, AS Rome), also a co-patron, watched and supported the event remotely. In addition to watching the football tournament, the co-patrons visited 2 daaras, schools attended by talibé children and young people. In Senegal, SIF delivers projects to improve the social and educational inclusion of these highly vulnerable children and young people, who receive informal schooling from Koranic teachers. The athletes met with these teachers and talibé students, and the advocacy group of talibé young people that we support. The co-patrons presented these talibé young people with mattresses and IT equipment (PCs and printers).



## Key figures

- **5** ambassadors, all top athletes
- **2** visits to daaras, informal schools for talibé children and young people
- **30** mattresses provided as well as IT equipment

**Harold Correa,**  
Top-level athlete, SIF Cup co-patron

“It was a real pleasure to see what SIF is doing to help make the futures of the talibés easier. These visits were a very humbling experience.”



## The SIF Cup in Dakar

On 5<sup>th</sup> November 2022, SIF held our football tournament, the SIF Solidarity Cup, at the Dakar Sacré-Coeur sports complex. This was the 4<sup>th</sup> SIF Cup, and one of the highlights of SIF's 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations. It was also the first time it had been held outside France. The host country was not chosen at random. Senegal is home to one of SIF's largest and oldest field offices. Over the course of the day, 500 footballers, of both genders, played in a friendly and entertaining tournament to support children and young people in the Sahel living in hardship. The orphans being supported by SIF's sponsorship programme also took part in the event, as did talibé children and young people.

SIF works in Senegal, as well as in Mali, to help these young talibés meet their basic needs, and also to create pathways to the formal education system.

The leitmotif is simple: to facilitate their inclusion into society. The SIF Cup provided an ideal opportunity to highlight the issues they face, as well as the solutions provided by SIF, while giving these children and young people the chance to socialise outside their usual circle. It also served to raise the awareness of the media, general public and local authorities of the importance of children's and young people's education, welfare and protection, especially those living in such hardship and deprivation.



## Key figures

- **Nearly 500 players**, teenagers and adults
- **140 beneficiaries** took part in the tournament
- **1<sup>st</sup> SIF Cup** held **abroad**

**Jessica Houara d'Hommeaux,**  
Former PSG football player, SIF Cup patron

“ I loved the diversity. It's what makes the world so rich and interesting! We know that football can be fiercely competitive: this wasn't the case with the SIF Cup, where a spirit of solidarity reigned! ”





## The Symposium

Long committed to education and child protection in the Sahel, SIF is concerned about the deteriorating living conditions of children and young people, the violence they face and the lack of access to education and employment. This is why the theme of the SIF 30-year Symposium in Senegal was 'Childhood and Youth in the Sahel: Factors of Exclusion and Drivers of Inclusion'.

Presentations were given by high-level speakers, national authorities, and development partners. In addition, members of civil society were on-hand to shed light on these issues, presenting field-tested solutions and public policy recommendations. There was a succession of three key sessions: an introductory panel that provided an overview of the vulnerabilities affecting children and young people in the Sahel as a result of protracted crises; a second session that focused on the challenges of accessing education in emergency situations and of establishing inclusive and resilient education systems; and, finally, a round table to discuss how best to protect children and better understand the mechanisms that can lead young people into violence.

The perceptions and opinions of girls and boys, collected during a survey conducted in Senegal, Mali and Burkina Faso, were also presented. In addition, we invited talibé young people and vulnerable children from informal Koranic schools to talk about their aspirations and their perceptions of the vulnerabilities that affect their living conditions. SIF's ethical vision of children's education, particularly in informal schools, was also set out at the Symposium by the chair of SIF's Ethics Committee, Tareq Oubrou.



## Key figures

- **55%\*** of young people consider that the quality of education in their country is poor.
- **77%\*** of young people fear insecurity.
- **6 out of 10 respondents\*** are concerned about young people's living conditions in their country.

\*Data from a survey carried out with 1,597 young people in Burkina Faso, Mali and Senegal.

**Student,**  
22 years old, Burkina Faso

**“ We lack the skills, proper training and knowledge required to get jobs. ”**

## The Board Members' field visit

Between 2<sup>nd</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> November 2022, three of our Board Members travelled from the SIF office in Massy to experience the realities of the situation in the field. Accompanied by the Executive Director, Mahieddine Khelladi, and the SIF Governance Coordinator, Karine Bensaadi, the Secretary General, Moustapha Mbodji, the Treasurer, Rabeh Fartassi, and Tareq Oubrou, Board Member and also Chair of the SIF Ethics Committee, visited Senegal, home to one of our largest and oldest field offices. Once there, they took part in the Symposium held in Dakar as part of our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebrations, where Tareq Oubrou presented SIF's ethical vision of education, particularly in Koranic schools. They also spent two days visiting SIF programmes outside Dakar. They visited two daraas (Koranic schools) in the Kaffrine region, attended by talibé children and young people being supported by our assistance and support schemes. Our Board Members also attended a meeting of the Federation of Koranic teachers, who teach in the daraas. In another region, Koumpentoum, they visited two villages, one where SIF has drilled water wells, and a second where our teams have set up income-generating activities, such as marketing gardening. Lastly, our Board Members and colleagues were either on the pitch or in the stands for our football tournament, the SIF Solidarity Cup, the 4<sup>th</sup> edition of which was held just before the Symposium.



## Key figures

- **3** Board Members in Senegal
- **5** projects visited
- **1** presentation at the Symposium given by Tareq Oubrou, Chair of the SIF Ethics Committee

### Rabeh Fartassi SIF Treasurer

“ It was a really great visit, full of emotion thanks to the many conversations we had with the beneficiaries, including the talibés, and our on-site teams. We were able to see the value of SIF's work and the impact of our projects. ”

# ACTIVITY REPORT



**Mahieddine Khelladi**  
Executive Director

“ In 2022, the new SIF strategy was launched. There were a number of challenges we had to overcome! ”

The new 2022-2027 SIF strategy was effectively launched in 2022. Following a significant increase in institutional funding, we strengthened our programmes and projects. There were also a number of challenges we had to overcome, including developing logistics and human resources in the field.

## Our humanitarian and social projects

2022 was a year marked by two humanitarian emergencies. In Ukraine, SIF head office quickly sprang into action to distribute basic necessities. We had one team working out of Poland, predominantly helping foreign students leaving Ukraine, then another working via Romania providing assistance in Lviv. From Chernivtsi, we first helped people arriving in the region, working in partnership with two female-led Ukrainian organisations. We then launched a winter project, distributing food parcels, tarps and wood burners for cooking and heating in Kharkiv, Izyum, and the liberated areas of Kherson, Zaporzhzhia and Mykhailova.

The second emergency was in Pakistan, which suffered unprecedented and devastating floods. More than half of the population were affected. In partnership with the WFP<sup>7</sup>, SIF succeeded in setting up more than 8 operational field offices in the worst affected regions in a very short space of time. We were able to help tens of

thousands of families. Our teams also started working on two new projects. In Burkina Faso, we distributed food parcels. In Sudan, we completed the set-up of a project to provide food to schools. With the support of our donors, we were able to deliver a number of large-scale projects: with AFD<sup>8</sup> in Lebanon to empower young women by improving their job prospects; in Palestine to introduce responsible farming; with the United Nations in Syria to rehabilitate two vocational training schools for women (UNHCR<sup>9</sup>), and to support internally displaced people (UNICEF<sup>10</sup>). In France, with the pandemic still a threat at the beginning of 2022, we once again had to adapt our major annual “Tables du Ramadan” programme, instead carrying out T“Tables du Ramadan” visits. Our other facilities and projects were able to operate as normal: our Massy Day Centre, now in its 10<sup>th</sup> year; and our shelter, which was fully funded by our donors over the period. SIF continued to advocate for the rights of the child (c.f. special 30-year Symposium) and the human rights to water and sanitation, particularly at the World Water Forum. For this forum, SIF published a number of notes, including ‘Improving water conservation in the Gaza Strip through wastewater treatment and recycling’.

SIF also carried out more advocacy work to support internally displaced people, which included us making a speech at the 84<sup>th</sup> meeting of the UNHCR Standing Committee.

<sup>7</sup> World Food Programme.

<sup>8</sup> French Agency for Development.

<sup>9</sup> United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees.

<sup>10</sup> United Nations Children’s Fund.





### Generosity of our donors

SIF was able to count on the generosity of both our private and institutional donors in 2022, receiving substantial support from our private donors and higher grants from institutional funding agencies, which we hope will be long-term.

Our Communication and Development department was once again impacted by the pandemic at the start of the year (cancellation of the solidarity dinner), but was subsequently able to carry out their fundraising campaigns and special 30-year anniversary events (SIF Solidarity Cup and the Symposium) in Senegal as planned, which, due to the distance from head office, was a real organisational challenge.

### Environmental challenges

Led by our Green Team<sup>11</sup>, SIF further invested in our environmental approach, producing a tailored policy and head and field office action plans.

We also organised additional internal awareness-raising sessions ('climate mural').

In addition, we defined our carbon footprint assessment method to monitor our commitment to reducing our emissions by 50% by 2030<sup>12</sup>.

<sup>11</sup> An internal multi-disciplinary team set up to roll-out the SIF environmental policy.

<sup>12</sup> Declaration of Commitment published by the REH (Réseau Environnement Humanitaire) of which SIF is a signatory.

<sup>13</sup> Social and Economic Committee comprising elected members of staff.

The more frequent climate crises are impacting our work in the field. A number of our projects focus on helping people affected by disasters to meet their basic needs. SIF then provides them with longer-term support to enhance their ability to cope with future crises: training on improving resource management; capacity-building; retrofitting buildings, etc. SIF also attended COP27 in Egypt.

### Organisational challenges

The SIF organisational framework is constantly being adapted to take changes in our commitments and experience into account to ensure that our various activities are organised efficiently. To ensure efficient inter-departmental operations, the head office and head office-field office approval system is currently being updated. We have made good progress on our two key projects: our Management System containing our processes, procedures and operating methods; and our integrated management software package, the accounting component of which has been up and running since January.

The executive board has maintained a good relationship with the SEC<sup>13</sup>. We have also ensured that we continue to satisfactorily integrate people with disabilities and maintain a high score on the legal Gender Equality Index (87/100), thereby demonstrating our commitment to pursuing a policy of inclusiveness. As part of our work towards continuous improvement, we continue to review our management charter and regularly discuss good practices with our managers.

Through our staff, which include our employees in France and abroad and all of our volunteers, SIF successfully achieved our 2022 objectives. We would like to sincerely thank all of you for your professionalism and commitment. We would also like to thank our 78,381 active donors and our 499,000 plus Facebook followers, who have remained at our side, responding to our appeals for donations.





# INTERNATIONAL PROJECTS



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Our International Operations and Programmes Department (DPOI) has been overseeing SIF's activities abroad for over 30 years. In coordination with our local and international partners in Africa, the Middle East, Asia, Europe and the Caribbean, SIF provides support to people affected by disasters (climate-related, earthquakes, flooding, etc.) or conflict. SIF's aim is therefore to ease people's suffering, both in emergency situations and as part of a longer-term approach, to enable them to rebuild their lives sustainably and with dignity.

The areas in which we work are as follows:

- **Shelter and accommodation** for vulnerable people by building and rehabilitating shelters, schools, community infrastructure, housing, healthcare facilities, etc.
- **Food and nutritional security** for people affected by the recent increase in food crises by providing food parcels, supporting training, developing income-generating activities, etc.
- **Access to water, sanitation and hygiene** (human rights recognised by the UN General Assembly) via boreholes, sanitation facilities, hygiene promotion activities, provision of water storage facilities, etc.
- **Education and child welfare** (using the CRBA<sup>14</sup>), in particular the right to protection from violence and to decent education, through programmes to support the most vulnerable children "such as" children and young orphans and talibés) by supporting educational activities, providing psycho-social support, rehabilitating schools, etc.

<sup>14</sup>CRBA: Child Rights-Based Approach.

 SHELTER & ACCOMMODATION

€ **3.9** million

 FOOD SECURITY & LIVELIHOOD

€ **14.5** million

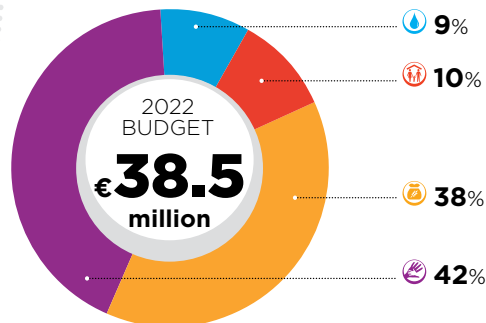
 WATER, HYGIENE AND SANITATION

€ **3.4** million

 EDUCATION & CHILD WELFARE

€ **16.4** million

Other € **0.3** million  
(Waqf endowments and bequests)





Field office opened in 2022  
 Budget: €441 K  
 Including 0% institutional funding  
 Team of 5 expatriates and 13 local staff

Project themes:



In this country, which is suffering from a rapidly deteriorating security situation, there are currently estimated to be 3.4 million people who are food insecure<sup>15</sup>. This is why, after opening the field office in 2021, SIF's first project in 2022 involved distributing meat parcels for Tabaski<sup>16</sup> to ensure that our beneficiaries were able to celebrate this feast with dignity. These parcels were provided to around 12,000 people, predominantly those in reception centres for vulnerable people and in the hospitals of the capital city Ouagadougou.

2022 also saw our team undertake a fact-finding mission to the Cascades region, where there are very few

humanitarian organisations addressing the area's needs. Our team met with the practitioners working in the area and conducted a needs assessment with a view to launching a range of projects in 2023.



## AFRICA



Field office opened in 2012  
 Budget: €3,015 K  
 Including 22% institutional funding  
 Team of 6 expatriates and 35 local staff

Project themes:



In 2022, the drought in Kenya led to the depletion of resources and left more than 2.9 million people in urgent need of humanitarian assistance<sup>17</sup>.

In Somalia, drought, prolonged conflicts and inflation have resulted in a famine that is affecting around 7.8 million people<sup>18</sup>. In 2022, SIF supported 6,610 families during Ramadan and Eid Al Adha through the distribution of food parcels. 1,050 orphans were sponsored and received social and educational support. In partnership with ACTED and ACF (Action against Hunger), we were able to provide financial assistance to 9,780 internally displaced people (IDP) suffering from acute malnutrition.

Two multi-sector project enabled us to provide emergency aid to 800 internally displaced people in the form of emergency kits and trucked water.



<sup>15</sup> Plan International, August 2022 <https://reliefweb.int/report/burkina-faso/food-insecurity-burkina-faso-summary-rapid-gender-analysis-august-2022>.

<sup>16</sup> Eid Al Adha, known also as Eid el Kebir, Qurbani, or Tabaski depending on the region, is the sacrifice feast (in reference to the Abrahamic tradition).

<sup>17</sup> OCHA Kenya | OCHA (unocha.org).

<sup>18</sup> OCHA About OCHA Somalia | OCHA (unocha.org).





Field office opened in 2009  
 Budget: €1,892 K  
 Including 25% institutional funding  
 Team of 6 expatriates and 85 local staff

Project themes:



Madagascar has been hard hit by the effects of climate change (drought in the south and recurring natural disasters). The capital, Antananarivo, suffered heavy flooding this year, which affected at least 100,000 people<sup>19</sup>.

SIF provided support (food, schools, etc.) to around 1,600 of the households impacted. However, in addition to providing emergency relief, our organisation is committed to strengthening people's resilience to help them cope with future climate events. This is why we are conducting a range of projects to build the capacities of both communities and institutions, particularly by setting up early warning systems<sup>20</sup>

and developing sustainable agriculture. In addition, as only 1 in 3 children in Madagascar completes their primary education<sup>21</sup>, SIF has been implementing an education project for 4,300 pupils.



## AFRICA



Field office opened in 2013  
 Budget: €4,338 K  
 Including 46% institutional funding  
 Team of 13 expatriates and 129 local staff

Project themes:



Insecurity and conflicts have led to continuing humanitarian needs in Mali. SIF has adopted a multi-sector approach for the country. We have continued to work with nearly 3,500 vulnerable young people and children, talibés<sup>22</sup> and orphans, providing them with a comprehensive support package: support to meet the children's basic needs and improve their inclusion (health, education, protection and socio-professional integration).

SIF has also continued with our project to revitalise grain banks<sup>23</sup> and distributed food parcels to around 56,500 people during Ramadan and for Tabaski.

With political decisions resulting in the suspension of activities by French government-funded NGOs, SIF began focusing on our other activities at the very end of 2022.



<sup>19</sup> France Info, January 2022, <https://lalere.francetvinfo.fr/reunion/madagascar-41-morts-et-100-sinistres-depuis-le-17-janvier-2022-1214311.html>

<sup>20</sup> These make it possible to monitor, assess and forecast climate hazards, issue warnings to the public and evaluate local capacities for responding to these warnings.

<sup>21</sup> UNICEF, Education, <https://www.unicef.org/madagascar/programme/education>.

<sup>22</sup> Etymologically: 'students', children entrusted by their (often poor) families into the care of a religious studies teacher for their education.

<sup>23</sup> This is a structure used to store grain in order to ensure sufficient grain is available throughout the lean period before the next harvest.





Field office opened in **2017**  
 Budget: **€937 K**  
 Including **0%** institutional funding  
 Team of **5** expatriates and **11** local staff

Project themes:



In 2022, Nigeria suffered its worst floods in a decade. Over 3.2 million people were affected<sup>24</sup>. Flooding meant that 1.4 million people were forced to leave their homes, adding to the already high level of displacement in the country. More than 300,000 houses were damaged or destroyed. Over the course of this year, 19.5 million people faced severe food insecurity and there was a cholera epidemic that killed over 465 people.

In 2022, SIF supported 1,700 families during Ramadan through the distribution of food parcels.

In addition, 15 boreholes were drilled, providing 13,000 people with water. 2,794 people also attended awareness-raising sessions on good hygiene practices.



## AFRICA



Field office opened in **2008**  
 Budget: **€3,476 K**  
 Including **26%** institutional funding  
 Team of **9** expatriates and **86** local staff

Project themes:



In 2022, Senegal suffered from both economic and social problems. SIF further developed our child protection expertise by continuing our work with nearly 1,000 talibé young people and children in the Dakar and Kaffrine regions. We also sponsored more than 900 children and young orphans in Dakar.

In a country where 54.82% of households live in rural areas<sup>25</sup>, the field office has continued to support nearly 500 farming and pastoralist families in the rural region of Tambacounda. In this same region, SIF has installed 15 solar boreholes to provide 15 villages with sufficient quantities of drinking water.

In the peri-urban areas of Dakar, SIF has also supported 120 women and young people to realise their farming initiatives with training and direct financial assistance.



<sup>24</sup> OCHA Nigeria | Situation Report, 1 November 2022 - Nigeria | ReliefWeb.

<sup>25</sup> UN News, January 2023



Field office opened in 2020  
Budget: €263 K  
Including 0% institutional funding  
Team of 2 expatriates and 2 local staff

Project themes:



In 2022, conflict between communities, predominantly over the control of and access to resources, have continued to displace and impact civilians in certain regions of Sudan.

Around 310,000 people were displaced and 991 people were killed as a result of conflict and localised violence over the course of the year<sup>26</sup>. There were also reports of a number of epidemics in the country, particularly malaria and dengue fever.

On top of this, the prices of basic food staples rose from 32 to 182%.

This year, SIF supported 1,720 households, i.e. 10,340 people, during

Ramadan through our food parcel distribution campaign. SIF also established a partnership with Sudan's Ministry of Education as part of our work to set up a school canteen project, which is to be launched in 2023.



## AFRICA



<sup>26</sup> OCHA Sudan | Humanitarian Update, December 2022 (No. 11) - Sudan | ReliefWeb.

# FOCUS on Sub-Saharan Africa

## Projects for talibé children and young people

In predominantly Muslim sub-Saharan African countries, Koranic schools remain a popular agent of socialisation for children and young people. The middle of the 20<sup>th</sup> Century saw the expansion of modern schools known as 'madrassa', which use modern teaching and learning methods.<sup>27</sup> Traditional Koranic schools continue to operate in parallel, yet are often not recognised by the state.

These schools are created around a Koranic master and focus mainly on learning the Koran. The talibé children and young people live and study at the school, often in poor conditions and with insufficient access to basic social services, such as health and food assistance.

This is why, since 2014 in Senegal, 2016 in Mali and 2022 in Burkina Faso, SIF has been implementing projects to improve talibé children and young people's social inclusion. The primary aim of these projects is to improve their living conditions (access to water, hygiene, health services, family reunification, recreational activities, rehabilitating school buildings and promoting child welfare).



However, the aim is also to foster their educational and socio-professional inclusion (secular courses, pathways to the formal education system, career guidance). Ultimately, we seek to raise awareness and improve the integration of talibé children and young people into society in general (research, national and international consultation frameworks, advocacy).

<sup>27</sup> Qualé for UNICEF, 2018

## Key figures

- **3,270** talibés helped by SIF in 2022
- **1,089** in Senegal
- **2,181** in Mali

## Boubacar Diao

19 years old, young talibé

“ I would like the project to continue to support us so that the other young talibés can benefit from it and start their training. ”





Field office opened in **2018**  
 Budget: **€220 K**  
 Including **0%** institutional funding  
 Projects implemented through partners

Project themes:



Although considered to have the largest economy in South-East Asia<sup>28</sup>, in 2022, Indonesia recorded negative GDP growth for the first time since 1998 as a result of the COVID-19 pandemic.

The pandemic also exacerbated inequalities in the country, and the rate at which these inequalities are growing is one of the fastest in the region<sup>29</sup>. Within the space of several months, the pandemic undid a number of hard-won well-being and food security-related gains<sup>30</sup>.

To help address these issues, SIF carried out seasonal projects in collaboration with Yayasan Kemanusiaan Muslim Indonesia (YKMI).

In 2022, 4,000 households received food parcels during the month of Ramadan, with 4,579 households receiving food parcels for Eid Al Adha, known locally as Qurbani.



## NORTH AFRICA, NEAR EAST, ASIA



Field office opened in **2016**  
 Budget: **€836 K**  
 Including **0%** institutional funding  
 Team of **3** expatriates and **11** local staff

Project themes:



As a result of decades of conflict and violence, millions of Iraqis have been forced into leaving their homes. There are more than two million displaced people in Iraq, 360,000 of whom are living in temporary shelters<sup>31</sup>. The COVID-19 pandemic has caused the malnutrition already being suffered by a large part of the population to get worse. There are more than a million children under the age of five suffering from malnutrition in Iraq<sup>32</sup>. In 2022, during the month of Ramadan, food parcels were distributed to 1,155 households (just over 6,400 beneficiaries) through a campaign set up by SIF, and more than 1,590 households, i.e. nearly 8,000 people, received food parcels for Eid Al Adha.

SIF also helped improve the living conditions of the most vulnerable children through our sponsorship programme. This programme provided support to 300 children in 2022.



<sup>28</sup> Index Mundi, 2021.

<sup>29</sup> World Bank data. Official website: World Bank.

<sup>30</sup> Data from the Organisation for Economic Cooperation and Development. Official website: OECD home page (oecd.org).

<sup>31</sup> Data from the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR). Official website: UNHCR - The UN Refugee Agency (unhcr.org).

<sup>32</sup> Official UN website. URL: UN News | Global perspective Human stories.





Field office opened in 2012  
 Budget: €1,036 K  
 Including 7% institutional funding  
 Team of 4 expatriates and 15 local staff

Project themes:



Lebanon's economic collapse, coupled with political instability and the COVID-19 crisis, have continued to exacerbate the challenges facing the country. According to humanitarian coordination, there are 1.5 million Syrian refugees, 1.5 million Lebanese and nearly 200,000 Palestinian refugees in need<sup>33</sup>. In 2022, SIF supported 7,087 families by distributing food parcels during Ramadan and Eid Al Adha. 250 families of orphaned children also received financial assistance and took part in social and recreational activities. At the same time, SIF provided financial support to 500 families who attended our awareness-raising sessions on nutrition and on tackling the cholera

outbreak that hit the country at the end of the year. In addition, SIF launched our AFD-supported project to promote the empowerment of 540 young women by improving their employment prospects.



## NORTH AFRICA, NEAR EAST, ASIA



Field office opened in 2019  
 Budget: €336 K  
 Including 0% institutional funding  
 Projects implemented through partners

Project themes:



In 2022, a number of factors combined to slow the pace of economic activities in Morocco. The current drought that has severely impacted crop yields<sup>34</sup>, coupled with the global food market pressures caused by the war in Ukraine, are compromising the country's food security.

holidays. As a result, 6,000 people received food aid during the month of Ramadan and 1,200 families were provided with food parcels for Eid<sup>35</sup>.

In 2022, SIF continued our collaboration with the Moroccan organisation SANAD. 200 children benefited from our education sponsorship programme. In light of Morocco's economic problems, SIF also worked through SANAD to distribute food parcels during the Muslim



<sup>33</sup> Lebanon Crisis Response Plan (LCRP) 2022-2023 - Lebanon | ReliefWeb.

<sup>34</sup> The World Bank in Morocco, World Bank official website.

<sup>35</sup> Eid Al Adha.



Field office opened in 2008  
 Budget: €4,027 K  
 Including 43% institutional funding  
 Team of 1 expatriate and 332 local staff

Project themes:



Pakistan is one of the countries most affected by climate change. More than 1,600 people have lost their lives and more than 12,800 have been injured in the heavy rains that began falling in June 2022. A total of over 33 million people have been affected<sup>36</sup>. This is having an impact on food security and on people's ability to access sanitation facilities. In addition, the geo-political situation in neighbouring Afghanistan has led to a mass influx of more than 3 million refugees<sup>37</sup> who also need substantial humanitarian assistance. SIF has implemented an emergency project to distribute food parcels and rehabilitate water, sanitation and hygiene infrastructure in Balochistan.



As part of our work to improve child welfare and education, SIF has also expanded our sponsorship project to a further 100 children, bringing the total of orphans supported to 683.

## NORTH AFRICA, NEAR EAST, ASIA



Field office opened in 2008  
 Budget: €5,421 K  
 Including 17% institutional funding  
 Team of 3 expatriates and 42 local staff

Project themes:



In 2022, repeated armed clashes coupled with the restrictions in place meant that humanitarian aid needs in Palestine continued to rise: access to drinking water, shelter, food security and livelihoods, psychosocial support, etc. SIF continued to help orphaned children in Gaza and the West Bank through our sponsorship programme. Over the course of the year, an additional 100 children joined the programme and started to receive psychosocial support. This programme helped a total of 5,209 children in 2022. At the same time, SIF worked to improve food security and access to water for these vulnerable communities.

This involved projects to improve agricultural resilience through sustainable farming methods, and projects to install domestic greywater treatment plants.



<sup>36</sup> Data from Pakistan's National Disaster Management Authority.  
<sup>37</sup> According to Pakistan authorities.



Field office opened in 2008  
 Budget: €10,357 K  
 Including 95% institutional funding  
 Team of 5 expatriates and 98 local staff

Project themes:



With Syria entering into its twelfth year of conflict, the Syrian people remain in critical need of humanitarian assistance. Not only does the country now have the highest number of internally displaced people (6.8 million), but a 5% increase in the 14.5 million people requiring assistance is also expected in 2023, making this the highest number of people in need since the conflict began according to the UNHCR<sup>38</sup>. In cooperation with UN agencies, SIF worked in all sectors in 2022 to help meet the needs of the most vulnerable people: shelter, food security and livelihoods, child welfare and education, WASH (water, sanitation and hygiene).

Through the work carried out in 6 governorates, SIF was able to help more than 260,000 beneficiaries.



## NORTH AFRICA, NEAR EAST, ASIA



Field office opened in 2019  
 Budget: €699 K  
 Including 0% institutional funding  
 Team of 3 expatriates and 20 local staff

Project themes:



After more than 7 years of war, millions of people continue to suffer from the combined effects of the armed conflict, the economic crisis and the collapse of Yemen's public services. According to the UNHCR, 70% of the population continue to rely on humanitarian assistance for their survival and nearly 4.3 million people are now internally displaced<sup>39</sup>.

To support the people of Yemen, who are facing shortages and limited access to resources, particularly food, SIF ran a food parcel distribution project during the month of Ramadan, helping 3,769 people, and also distributed food parcels for 13,906 people for Eid Al Adha.

In addition, 820 people received financial support through money transfers. In 2023, SIF will seek to expand our activities in Marib governorate, one of the areas of the country in greatest need.



<sup>38</sup> Syria: UNHCR Operational Update, December 2022 - Syrian Arab Republic | ReliefWeb.

<sup>39</sup> Needs mount as conflict in Yemen rages on (unhcr.org).





Field office opened in 2022  
Budget: €267 K  
Including 0% institutional funding  
Projects implemented through partners

Project themes:



With the outbreak of the crisis between Ukraine and Russia, the humanitarian situation of the Ukrainian people deteriorated almost overnight, prompting numerous humanitarian organisations to step up to provide assistance, including SIF.

From the very outset of the war in Ukraine, SIF has been working to provide relief to civilians. We conducted two missions in March 2022, one via Poland and the other via Romania. We organised the distribution of food and other essentials to help some of the people who had been displaced. SIF provided direct support in Chernivtsi in Ukraine, where we opened a field office with a local team.

We also conducted distribution campaigns in the Kharkiv region. In addition, we distributed child-specific food parcels, providing food to more than 500 children. We also provided hospital chairs and cots for paraplegic children.



EUROPE



# FOCUS on Pakistan

## A rapid emergency response to the devastating floods

Since June 2022, more than 1,600 people have died as a result of flooding in Pakistan. These are the deadliest floods the world has seen since the 2017 floods in South Asia. Over 300,000 people have been displaced and are now living in temporary camps. Balochistan is one of the regions that has been hardest hit: 34 districts and at least 360,000 people have been affected by these floods. As at 27<sup>th</sup> August 2022, 238 people had been killed and a further 106 people injured. 61,000 houses have been partially or totally destroyed.

The SIF team quickly set up an assessment in Lasbela district and in Balochistan to determine the extent of the flood damage. During the group discussions, it became clear that the priorities for the communities affected were ensuring they had food, and being able to repair and rebuild their homes.

SIF initiated an emergency response funded by the French Ministry of Foreign Affairs (MEAE) Crisis and Support Centre (CDCS). This project sought to improve the living conditions of the people impacted by the floods in Balochistan through integrated multi-sector emergency aid.

The project began in September 2022 and had an end date of March 2023.



It was rolled out in the districts of Lasbela, Quetta, Killa Saifullah and Pishin, providing assistance to 6,800 households. The main aims of this project are to ensure that the communities affected have sufficient access to drinking water and to decent sanitation facilities, to provide immediate food and livelihood assistance, and to offer emergency protection services to children impacted by the floods.

## Key figures

- **3,000** food parcels distributed
- **34** villages covered
- **19,500** people supported

### Nazeemullah

80 years old, beneficiary

“ We lost our harvest because of the floods. Our friends from SIF and the WFP arrived just after the devastating floods and gave us foodstuffs each month. This is the third time that I have received this donation, which helps me provide for my family over the whole month. ”

# PROJECTS FOR SPECIFIC COMMITMENTS

## Sponsorship projects

Budgets and project themes



**10,463**

orphans supported



**8,268**

via individual sponsorships

**2,195**

via participatory sponsorship



Iraq, Kenya/Somalia, Lebanon, Madagascar, Mali, Pakistan, Palestine, Senegal.

**€7,568 K**



## Ramadan



**143,326**

food parcel beneficiaries

**2,000**

gifts given to vulnerable children



Indonesia, Iraq, Kenya/Somalia, Lebanon, Mali, Nigeria, Pakistan, Palestine\*, Senegal, Sudan, Syria, Yemen...

**€2,698 K**



## Eid Al Adha



**294,928**

meat parcel beneficiaries

**8,204**

gifts given to vulnerable children



Burkina Faso, Indonesia, Iraq, Kenya/Somalia, Lebanon, Madagascar, Mali, Nigeria, Pakistan\*, Palestine\*, Senegal\*, Yemen...

**€3,258 K**



## Aqiqah\*\*



**600**

aqiqas

**3,000**

beneficiaries



Pakistan

**€78 K**



<sup>(\*)</sup> Countries in which we ran Eid gift distribution campaigns in addition to distributing food parcels.

<sup>(\*\*)</sup> Based on the prophetic tradition, this programme enables donors to provide, not only a sheep, but an entire meal to families in need or vulnerable children to celebrate a birth.





# FRANCE SOCIAL MISSION



# SOCIAL MISSION FRANCE

SIF's Social Mission France teams work to tackle insecurity and exclusion. The main groups targeted by SIF's support services, assistance and activities are people in precarious situations, families with or without children, the homeless (often single, and younger and younger, men) and socially isolated women.

These services include outreach, emergency social assistance and social integration support, all of which is provided through our patrols, our Massy day centre (department 91), our shelters, our emergency accommodation centres and our social grocery shop in Saint-Denis (department 93).

Following initial emergency and stabilisation work, SIF provides integration support through accommodation and housing, as well as through employment and the solidarity economy.

To achieve this, SIF focuses on three areas:

- > Social emergency
- > Socio-economic support
- > Professional integration and the solidarity economy (under development).



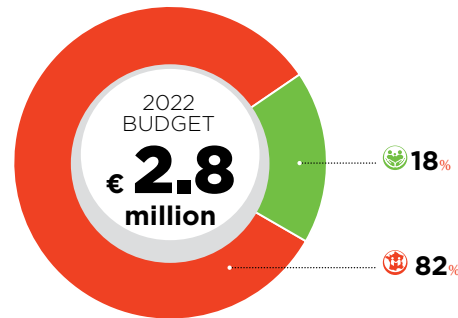
## SOCIAL EMERGENCY

€ **2.3** million  
budget in 2022



## SOCIO-ECONOMIC SUPPORT

€ **0.5** million  
budget in 2022



### Shelter (MAB)

**8,760**

overnight stays for single women

### Day centre (CAJ)

**10,246**

services provided to homeless people

### Tables du Ramadan visits

**25,107**

meals distributed

### Epi'Sol

**79**

families in difficulty supported

# 91 ESSONNE

## Massy Emergency Accommodation Centre (CHU)

Since it first opened on 24<sup>th</sup> February 2020, in partnership with DDETS<sup>40</sup> 91, 139 people have been referred to us by SIAO<sup>41</sup>. Over the course of 2022, we hosted 55 women, equating to 9,933 overnight stays plus meals, access to laundry services, showers, etc. Our welfare team helped them to claim their benefit entitlements and gain access to healthcare, employment or vocational training. We also prepared and supported pregnant women for parenthood, etc.

## The Massy Women's Shelter (MAB)

As an emergency shelter, every night between 18:00 and 09:00, the MAB provides accommodation to 24 women referred to by SIAO and hosts them for one week, on a renewable basis. In 2022, we provided 227 women with accommodation, meals and bathroom facilities for a total of 8,760 overnight stays. With financial support from DDETS 91, we were able to extend our opening hours during winter to provide the women with shelter 24 hours a day.

## Temporary Accommodation/Housing Service

In 2022, this service housed 2 women leaving emergency accommodation in housing in Evry. They were provided with support to help them find their own housing solutions.

## The Massy Day Centre (CAJ)

The Massy CAJ provides a range of services for the homeless: meals, snacks, showers, laundry facilities, and hygiene kits. In 2022, we provided 308 people, including 174 new beneficiaries, with 10,246 meals, 1,494 laundry services and 2,159 showers. A social worker provided support to 93 beneficiaries to help them claim or re-claim their benefits, including state medical aid (AME), top-up health insurance (CSS), and earned income supplement (RSA), etc.



## Address service

In 2022, this service enabled 554 people of no fixed address (including 167 new beneficiaries) to receive a total of 6,031 letters.

The social worker was able to provide support to 175 of these people, helping them to complete their benefit claims (CMU, AME, etc.).

## Cultural and recreational activities

SIF further supports the people that use our services by offering them the opportunity to take part in cultural and recreational projects and workshops to boost social inclusion. We conducted 20 socio-linguistic and well-being workshops and also created a shared garden using eco-friendly materials. With the support of our partners ANCV<sup>42</sup> and FAS<sup>43</sup>, we helped two families to plan and fund trips away, thus enabling them to go on holiday for the very first time. 42 people also went on a daytrip to the beach at Deauville. In addition, we held an end-of-year party at the community hall in Massy, which was attended by the mayor and by 102 beneficiaries.

<sup>40</sup> Direction Départementale de l'Emploi, du Travail et des Solidarités de l'Essonne (DDETS) (Essonne Departmental Directorate for Employment, Work and Solidarity).

<sup>41</sup> Service Intégré d'Accueil et d'Orientation (SIAO) (Integrated Reception and Referral Service).

<sup>42</sup> Agence Nationale pour les Chèques-Vacances (ANCV) (National Holiday Vouchers Agency).

<sup>43</sup> Fédération des Acteurs de la Solidarité (FAS).



## 93 SEINE-SAINT-DENIS

### The solidarity grocery shop - Epi'Sol

Our solidarity grocery shop, Epi'Sol, enables vulnerable people in Saint-Denis and Saint-Ouen (93) to buy food and hygiene products at a price equivalent to 30% of their retail value. The savings made by these poor households, coupled with the support of a social worker, help them boost their employment prospects (by clearing their debts, repaying overpayments, or settling an unpaid invoice, for instance). In 2022, 79 households (equating to 209 people) used this grocery shop and were able to achieve their goals. We also ran healthy eating awareness-raising workshops and 3 cooking workshops.

### Social patrols

Since 2009, we have been going out on social patrols, meeting vulnerable people living on the street in Seine-Saint-Denis. Our teams go out three times a week, from 19:00 to midnight. The aim is to maintain or re-create social ties and prevent social isolation. In 2022, our teams of volunteers distributed 371 food kits, 284 hygiene kits, 76 winter kits and 121 duvets. In partnership with DRIHL<sup>44</sup> 93, we reinforced our patrols by extending the patrol times and distributing additional kits, including hot meals.

### Emergency food parcels

In partnership with the Saint-Denis CCAS<sup>45</sup>, SIF distributed 30 food parcels to families experiencing food security emergencies over the summer of 2022. 55 one-off food parcels were also distributed to poor households.

### The Livry-Gargan shelter

For 6 years now, and with the support of DRIHL 93 and Livry-Gargan municipal council, SIF has been managing the temporary shelter that is set up for a

month each year under the Cold Weather Plan. In 2022, SIF hosted 13 women between, providing them with comprehensive support and services, including meals, bedding and social support, etc.

### Solidarity dinners

Three times a week over a five-month period, SIF teams provide dinners to around thirty homeless people per day at the Saint-Denis Maison de la Solidarité. 1,451 meals prepared by the Saint-Denis central kitchen were served to 95 socially isolated men in 2022.

### Counselling centre

Every Tuesday, SIF runs a walk-in counselling centre that is open to everyone living in the department of Seine-Saint-Denis. Around 205 households used this counselling centre in 2022 and were provided with support (to claim CMU or AME healthcare coverage, drafting their CV, etc.) or a referral to the organisation best-placed to assist them.



<sup>44</sup> Direction Régionale et Interdépartementale de l'Hébergement et du Logement (DRIHL) (Regional and Inter-Departmental Directorate of Accommodation and Housing).

<sup>45</sup> Centre Communal d'Action Sociale (CCAS)

## OTHER DEPARTMENTS AND SEASONAL PROJECTS

### The Panier Solidaire in Lyon

The Panier Solidaire campaign has been set up to address the food insecurity of people in need or in distress. The aim is to tackle all forms of social exclusion and help the people supported to become more independent by providing them with food parcels. In 2022, 494 households were provided with comprehensive food parcels twice a month, equating to 3,943 parcels in total (with each household receiving more than one parcel). Each parcel contains basic food items, including milk, oil, flour, pasta, cereal, fruit and vegetables.

### Tables du Ramadan visits

In 2022, the Tables du Ramadan visits once again provided comfort and company during a period where many people in need can feel particularly isolated. A restaurant kitchen prepared 25,107 meals (soup, hot dishes, fruit, dates), which were packaged up by SIF volunteers and distributed to people living in hostels, care homes, accommodation centres and on the street.

For Eid Al Fitr, we organised a festive meal in Massy, which was attended by 185 beneficiaries. In addition, 700 kilos of dates were distributed in Reunion Island during the month of Ramadan.

### Solidarity parcels

In conjunction with around thirty prison chaplains and 35 prisons across 6 regions of France, a total of 10,500 parcels were distributed to inmates, without discrimination, during the month of Ramadan. These parcels, containing soup, caramelised dates, cakes, chocolate bars, musk and sanitary towels, were prepared by volunteers overseen by SIF teams.

### Eid meat parcels

For Eid Al Adha 2022, SIF distributed around 557 meat parcels to 1,063 people, including students at University of Paris 8, families using Epi'Sol, vulnerable households in Massy and Saint-Denis, and people living in the social care homes of Plaine-Saint-Denis. We also ran a meat parcel distribution campaign in Reunion Island.

In addition, a festive meal was provided to 120 people to celebrate Eid Al Adha.



# FOCUS on food parcel distribution in Saint-Denis

## Tackling food insecurity

According to INSEE<sup>46</sup>, there are over 9 million people living in extreme hardship in France.

In partnership with DRIHL 93, SIF distributed 2,615 food parcels containing milk, oil, pasta, flour, rice, canned food, tinned tuna, fruit, vegetables, etc. These parcels were supplemented with baby milk and nappies.

The food parcels were distributed twice a month between December 2021 and July 2022, with 117 volunteers helping us with the packaging and deliveries.

4,389 people living in hostels and social care homes, and referred to us by the CCAS in Saint-Denis, received parcels, as did 1,164 students of University of Paris 8 and University of Paris 13. The SIF food parcels provided the beneficiaries with basic foodstuffs and fresh fruit and vegetables.

Fatima, who works in SIF's Mission Sociale France department, considers this aid to be vital for the most vulnerable:

"I've seen people crying with emotion upon receiving their food parcel. Many of them usually live alone on the street. There are also a lot of single women who struggle to feed their children. The vast majority have no income, nor enough food to last even a couple of days. This social campaign provides them with a huge amount of breathing space ..."



Each time we implement a social project, our volunteers are there to offer us their support.

In 2022, we had around 600 volunteers helping us deliver our social projects in France.

We would therefore like to take this opportunity to express our sincere appreciation and gratitude to them all for their support.

<sup>46</sup>Institut National de la Statistique et des Etudes Economiques (2019 figure) (French National Institute of Statistics and Economic Studies).

## Key figures

- **2,615** parcels distributed
- **117** volunteers helped prepare the parcels
- **600** volunteers supported us all year round

## Thank you to our volunteers

“Our volunteers are fully involved in helping us successfully carry out our activities, never failing to provide us with their ideas, energy and commitment. Our heartfelt thanks go out to #TeamSIFbénévole.”





# ADVOCACY



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As SIF's third activity, our advocacy work seeks to influence public policy in France and around the world in order to increase the impact of projects on the living conditions of the most vulnerable people. Drawing on our expertise and on issues encountered in the field, our advocacy campaigns ensure that the voices of the people most in need are heard by policymakers and that their fundamental rights are inclusively and unconditionally respected without discrimination.

In 2022, SIF continued with this advocacy work by making institutions aware of the circumstances of people living in crisis situations and by calling on these same institutions to improve humanitarian aid mechanisms. We also worked to promote the human rights to water and sanitation and campaigned for the realisation of the rights of the child.

In alignment with the SIF 2022-2027 strategy, this year we focused on further integrating advocacy into projects and into our overseas field offices' overall strategic plans. The aim of this approach is to defend the humanitarian space, and positively and sustainably change local public policy for the most vulnerable.



ADVOCACY

€ **0.5** million

2022 budget



**Ensure the voices  
of the most vulnerable  
are heard**

## **Preserving the humanitarian space and promoting compliance with international humanitarian law**

The number of people in need of humanitarian assistance stood at 274 million in 2022, and is expected to rise to 339 million in 2023. These figures continue to increase, meaning that humanitarian organisations have more and more work to do to meet the needs of the most vulnerable communities. However, NGOs face numerous barriers to delivering aid, as well as growing insecurity for their teams. There are also greater risks for people seeking to access the help and protection to which they are entitled under international humanitarian law.

In 2022, SIF presented our humanitarian advocacy messages to the first ever European Humanitarian Forum, which was held in March 2022 and organised by the European Commission. We took part in a session on education in crisis situations where we presented our projects in Syria. At this forum, SIF also continued our advocacy campaign to highlight the disproportionately negative impacts of counterterrorism legislation on humanitarian aid. Along with many other NGOs, we signed a joint statement urging governments to introduce systematic humanitarian exemptions to counterterrorism measures and sanctions. In 2022, SIF's advocacy work also focused on the French legislative and presidential elections. We actively contributed to joint NGO advocacy campaigns by ensuring that humanitarian issues were raised with political parties and candidates.



With Coordination Sud, we submitted recommendations to the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs (MEAE) for France's new Humanitarian Strategy, due to be adopted in 2023, in order to ensure that ambitious commitments are made to preserve the humanitarian space.

A joint advocacy campaign was also carried out on the dangers of placing crises in competition with the war in Ukraine and to request that more funding is provided for humanitarian responses instead of being diverted to Ukraine.

### **Improving the protection of people being displaced within their own countries**

At the end of 2021, there were 59.1 million people<sup>47</sup> living in internal displacement, 33 million of whom were under 25 years old.

These figures, the highest ever recorded, reveal the protracted nature of this displacement and a failure to provide sustainable solutions for these internally displaced people.

In response to these findings, on World Refugee Day, SIF published a position paper on the situation of internally displaced people. Through this paper, as well as through meetings with the MEAE and AFD, we have provided recommendations to the French government to ensure that internal displacement is properly included in both its diplomatic efforts and development aid policy. On the international stage, in June 2022, SIF campaigned on behalf of NGOs and ICVA members on this same subject at the 87<sup>th</sup> meeting of the Standing Committee of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR).



<sup>47</sup> Data from the end of 2021 - Internal Displacement Monitoring Centre - IDMC's Global Report on Internal Displacement 2022.





## Realising the rights of the child

Throughout the world, children and young people are particularly affected by violence, conflicts and disasters. 250 million children live in a conflict area and nearly half of these are impacted by violence. 222 million children affected by crises are in urgent need of educational assistance. In light of this situation, SIF continues to conduct advocacy campaigns to prompt France and development and humanitarian agencies to do more to ensure the realisation of the rights of the child.

This is why, in 2022, SIF worked with the Coordination Humanitaire et Développement's Groupe Enfance on the second alternative report to be submitted by French NGOs to the UN Committee on the Rights of the Child in preparation for this committee's review of France's implementation of the Convention on the Rights of the Child. This Committee assesses the progress made by the convention's signatory member states every 5 years. We were also involved in publishing and disseminating a position paper, and helped organise the Objectif Enfance event that is held each year to promote the realisation of the rights of the child.

In addition, SIF continued to advocate for the realisation of the right to education. We worked alongside Coalition Education on a number of publications, including an opinion piece on education in crisis situations and *Observatoire 2022* on the official development assistance that France allocates to education.

In 2022, to mark our 30<sup>th</sup> anniversary, SIF organised an international symposium on 'Childhood and Youth in the Sahel: Factors of Exclusion and Drivers for Inclusion' with the aim of prompting institutional actors to do more to realise the rights of the child in this region, particularly for talibé children, who are some of the most vulnerable.

In order to ensure that the views of young people from the Sahel were heard during the debates, SIF presented a MEAE-funded survey conducted by OpinionWay with nearly 1,600 children and young people to improve

understanding of their aspirations and perceptions of the vulnerability factors that inhibit their social and economic inclusion

## Leaving no-one behind when providing access to water, sanitation and hygiene

Although the United Nations has recognised access to water and sanitation as a human right, there are still 2.2 billion people around the world who lack access to drinking water and 3.6 billion without toilets. Thus, each year, more than 829,000 people die from diarrhoea caused by unsafe drinking water and a lack of sanitation and hygiene.

This is why SIF conducts advocacy in France and at international forums to accelerate the realisation of this right. It was with this aim that, in March 2022, SIF teams took part in the World Water Forum held in Dakar in Senegal. The forum was attended not only by a delegation from head office, but also by representatives from some of our field offices (Senegal, Pakistan and Gaza) to ensure that our advocacy messages were heard (see the focus on page 35).

During France's presidency of the European Union, in April 2022, SIF set out the water and humanitarian crisis-related issues being exacerbated by climate change to the EU Council Working Party on Humanitarian and Food Aid at a meeting attended by representatives of member states and European institutions. The aim was to urge European states to adopt strong commitments at the March 2023 UN Water Conference by including humanitarian issues.

Along with other civil society organisations, SIF was consulted on the agenda for this conference and took part in the European region preparatory meeting held in April 2022. This 2023 event provides a real opportunity for strengthening the multi-lateral system for water and sanitation.

# FOCUS on Advocacy

## SIF at the 2022 World Water Forum

From 21<sup>st</sup> to 26<sup>th</sup> March 2022, SIF attended the World Water Forum, in Senegal. This was the 4<sup>th</sup> time that our NGO has participated in this major event, which brought together government authorities, businesses and NGOs.

The theme of the forum was water security for peace and development. SIF had already spent over a year conducting preparatory work for this forum to ensure that all of the issues we encounter in the field were included. Due to water scarcity and climate change, SIF argues that there is a pressing need for action to improve the management of both resources and services.

SIF took part in the session on governance for rural drinking water, where we defended the principles of the human rights to water and sanitation. We also organised and moderated a session on sanitation innovations for rural development, as sanitation is a sector that remains overlooked but which has a dramatic impact on people's health. Our field offices presented some of their projects, including the project being implemented in Pakistan to improve access to water and introduce



sustainable agricultural solutions to address climate change, the aim of which is to tackle soil salinization and droughts. We also presented our project to install wastewater treatment and recycling plants in Palestine to irrigate crops and orchards without having to use groundwater, which is being depleted too rapidly.

## Key figures

- **1 expert note** “Accelerating Action for Rural Sanitation”
- **1 position paper** “Overcoming the Water and Sanitation Crisis”
- **6 appearances** at roundtables

## Our partners

- **Coalition Eau**
- **French Water Partnership**
- **Butterfly Effect**
- **Programme Solidarité-Eau**





“ We increased our spending to support the most vulnerable ”

In 2022, a year when humanitarian and social needs again continued to grow in France and around the world, we increased our spending to support the most vulnerable: SIF significantly increased our investment in social projects (€41.7 million compared to €37.5 million in 2021) using part of our allocated funding and part of our project reserves to help our beneficiaries.

The funding received to support the most vulnerable remained relatively stable: private donations fell slightly (€35.8 million compared to €36.3 million in 2021), whereas there was a modest rise in the amount received from grants and financial contributions (€16.8 million compared to €14.3 million in 2021).

To effectively carry out our social programmes in France, SIF still has 3 offices (Saint-Denis, Massy, Lyon). At the end of 2019, we acquired premises for an office in Marseille, which is not yet up and running.

Abroad, SIF has 13 field offices (managed through branch accounting and incorporated into the head office accounts after validation) and we work in 7 other countries through our partners.

### External audits & financial transparency

The statutory auditor EY (Ernst & Young) presented their report at the General Assembly of 18<sup>th</sup> June 2022<sup>48</sup>, whereby they certified and verified our 2021 annual accounts without qualification. In turn, this financial report and the annual accounts for the year up to 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022 were submitted for approval at the GA of 24<sup>th</sup> June 2023, following their certification by EY.

Furthermore, in order to guarantee the professionalism of our work, SIF is continuing to improve our internal and external audit and evaluation procedures, a process that is also being monitored by the Don en Confiance label, whose audit scope covers SIF, DOTASIF and SCI SIFMASSY (see the ‘Subsidiaries and Affiliates’ section on page 43).

It should be noted that SIF has opted not to combine the accounts of these entities in order to clearly differentiate between the assets of each one, such as those irrevocably transferred to DOTASIF. To ensure transparency for all of the SIF entities, their accounts and reports are available on the SIF website: [www.secours-islamique.org](http://www.secours-islamique.org).

<sup>48</sup> The GA of 01/07/2017 appointed Ernst & Young Audit – Tour First – 1 place des Saisons – Courbevoie – 92037 Paris La Défense Cedex as our statutory auditor. The 2 associated entities, DOTASIF and SCI, SIFMASSY appointed Global Audit – 91 rue La Fayette – 75009 Paris to audit their accounts.

## Expenditure 2022

The following table shows the expenditure section of the 2022 income statement by source and function (CROD) from the annual accounts.

	FINANCIAL YEAR 2022		FINANCIAL YEAR 2021	
	TOTAL	From funds raised from the public	TOTAL	From funds raised from the public
<b>EXPENDITURE BY FUNCTION in €K</b>				
1 - SOCIAL ACTIVITIES	41,712	23,983	37,530	23,714
1.1 Conducted in France				
- Actions implemented directly by SIF	2,709	1,610	2,420	1,167
- Payments to a central agency or to other organisations working in France				
1.2 Conducted abroad				
- Actions implemented directly by SIF	38,464	21,844	34,866	22,303
- Payments to a central agency or to other organisations working abroad				
1.3 Advocacy	539	529	245	245
2 - FUNDRAISING EXPENSES	3,660	3,660	3,081	3,081
2.1 Public fundraising actions	3,472	3,472	3,066	3,066
2.2 Other fundraising actions	188	188	16	16
3 - OPERATING COSTS	2,602	2,259	2,781	2,558
4 - PROVISIONS AND DEPRECIATION	366	366	245	245
5 - INCOME TAX	24		9	
6 - ALLOCATED FUNDS CARRIED OVER AT YEAR-END	10,709	9,639	11,660	10,064
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>59,072</b>	<b>39,907</b>	<b>55,307</b>	<b>39,663</b>
<b>SURPLUS</b>	<b>2,091</b>	<b>2,265</b>	<b>1,574</b>	<b>1,513</b>

The CROD shows SIF's expenditure and costs broken down by function to detail how we have used our funding. Total expenditure for 2022 is 59.1 million euros.

## Income 2022

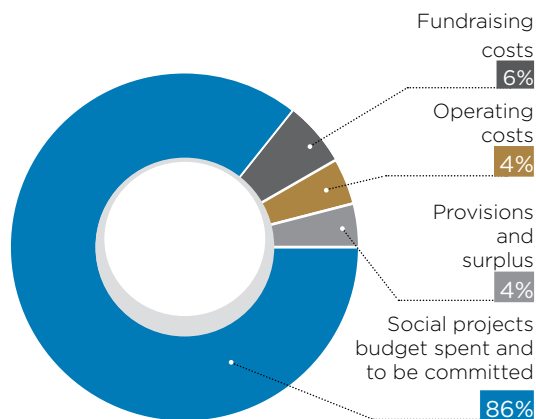
Income is recorded here in accordance with the rules set out in CROD (income statement by source and function), which are clearer than those of the income statement:

	FINANCIAL YEAR 2022		FINANCIAL YEAR 2021	
	TOTAL	From funds raised from the public	TOTAL	From funds raised from the public
<b>INCOME BY SOURCE in €K</b>				
<b>1 - INCOME LINKED TO PUBLIC DONATIONS</b>	<b>35,825</b>	<b>35,825</b>	<b>36,318</b>	<b>36,317</b>
1.1 Unconditional contributions	1	1	1	-
1.2 Donations, bequests and sponsorship		-		
- Individual gifts	35,824	35,824	36,317	36,317
- Bequests, donations and life insurance	-	-	-	-
- Sponsorship	-	-	-	-
1.3 Other income linked to public donations	-	-	-	-
<b>2 - INCOME NOT LINKED TO PUBLIC DONATIONS</b>	<b>13,993</b>		<b>11,886</b>	
2.1 Conditional contributions	-		-	
2.2 Corporate sponsorship	74		72	
2.3 Unconditional financial contributions	13,507		11,342	
2.4 Other income not linked to public donations	412		472	
<b>3 - GRANTS AND OTHER STATE SUBSIDIES</b>	<b>3,310</b>		<b>2,938</b>	
<b>4 - REVERSAL OF PROVISIONS AND DEPRECIATION</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>150</b>	<b>153</b>	<b>153</b>
<b>5 - UTILISATION OF ALLOCATED FUNDS FROM PREVIOUS PERIODS</b>	<b>7,885</b>	<b>6,197</b>	<b>5,587</b>	<b>4,707</b>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>61,163</b>	<b>42,172</b>	<b>56,881</b>	<b>41,176</b>

SIF's new income amounted to 53.1 million euros for 2022.



## Breakdown of 2022 expenditure



**86%** was allocated to implementing social projects: 68% of this was spent in 2022 and a further 18% has been committed (allocated funds for which SIF no longer pays operating or fundraising costs. The majority pertain to funding received at the end of the financial year and which could not be allocated during that year).

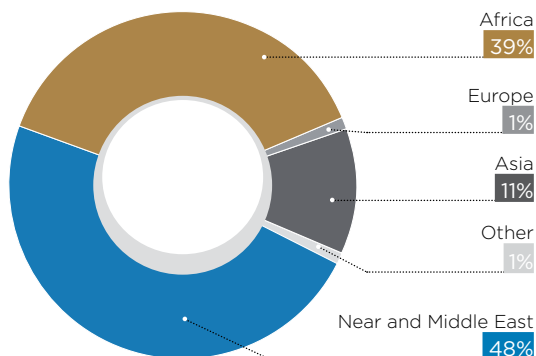
**6%** was used for fundraising.

**4%** was spent on operating costs.

**4%** was for provisions and surplus for the period (for surplus, please see the surplus section on page 41).

The total amount spent in 2022, namely 48 million euros, is made up of project costs (68%), fundraising costs (6%) and operating costs (4%).

### Social projects



Spending on social projects increased (+11%), rising from €37.5 million in 2021 to €41.7 million in 2022.

Our international operations grew (+10%) and we had a total of 13 active field offices around the world in 2022. In addition to these 13 field offices, we have been working through a number of local partnerships. In France, spending on social projects grew more sharply (+12%) than in 2021.

SIF's External Relations and Advocacy team continued to conduct awareness-raising and advocacy campaigns that were fully integrated into our social projects. For these three social project components (International, France and Advocacy), the expenditure listed includes project support costs, which are allocated in proportion to the amounts spent on the programmes conducted in 2022. These costs include head office staff working on the projects, as well as logistics costs, project set-up, monitoring and evaluation expenses and the bank transfer costs incurred on our humanitarian programmes, etc.

### Fundraising costs

These mainly relate to 'public fundraising actions', expenditure on which increases in proportion to the donations collected. The continuing aim of these actions is to seek funding from donors and maintain donor loyalty in order to raise more funds and thus implement more programmes.

Information campaigns were carried out to raise public awareness of what we do and provide all of our donors with an insight into how their donations have helped the people supported through our work. These costs thus include fundraising appeals and their management, as well as the cost of radio spots, fairs and events, and of developing supporting materials, etc.

### Operating costs

These include the costs of running the SIF offices and support services, such as administration, accounting and IT, as well as overhead costs (rent, insurance, etc.). Operating costs were lower this year than in 2021 (-6%).

## Voluntary contributions in kind

Over the 2022 financial year, SIF once again received donations in kind, albeit fewer than in 2021, as well as valuable support from our volunteers, which has also been calculated:

ASSESSMENT OF VOLUNTARY CONTRIBUTIONS IN KIND			
Social projects	€81 K	Volunteering	€30 K
Fundraising costs	€0	Benefits in kind	€0
Operating costs and other expenses	€0	Donations in kind	€51 K
<b>Total</b>	<b>€81 K</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>€81 K</b>

The social project-related expenditure corresponds to volunteers' involvement in our projects and to the distribution of donations in kind (Tables du Ramadan Visits in France, etc.).

## Income from funds raised from the public

Virtually all of this income is from private donations collected in France from individuals and associations. This funding decreased slightly from €36.3 million in 2021 to €35.8 million in 2022, a modest fall of 1%.

## Financial contributions, grants and other public subsidies

The amount received for all 3 of these categories increased from €14.3 million in 2021 to €16.8 million in 2022. We received substantial financial support for our international programmes from the United Nations, particularly from UNHCR and OCHA for our programmes in Syria, and from the WFP in Pakistan. We also received financial support from the AFD in Madagascar, Mali and Senegal, from CDC in Mali, and the EU for our programmes in Mali and Madagascar. In France, we received a grant from DDCS91<sup>49</sup> for our reception facilities in Massy and from DRIHL93 for our social patrols.

The total amount of these 3 budget categories equates to 32% of all income for 2022, which shows that SIF continues to rely heavily on the generosity of our donors.

## Income shortfall or surplus

SIF had a surplus, excluding additions to/utilisation of the project reserve, of €0.7 million in 2022 compared to €0.6 million in 2021. Each year, as SIF has positive financial health indicators, the Board proposes to allocate funds to the free reserve. As detailed on page 43, SIF also requested the addition of €8 million of Zakât Al Maal<sup>50</sup> donations to the project reserve and the utilisation of €6.7 million from the project reserve. Thus, the overall total for 2022 came to €2.1 million.

## Main simplified balance sheet items

As at 31st December 2022, SIF had a total balance sheet of 72 million euros, which is higher than at the end of 2021 (66 million euros), as the increased income received in 2022 resulted in more funds being available. Consequently, SIF remains in a strong financial position.

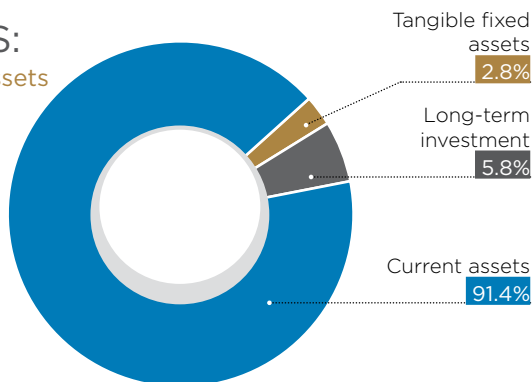


<sup>49</sup> Direction Départementale de la Cohésion Sociale de l'Essonne (DDCS91).

<sup>50</sup> Obligatory alms given each year by all Muslims as per the solidarity rules established by Islam. The project reserves are not used for Zakât Al Maal donations that are 'restricted' to a specific country (France, Palestine) and unutilised, as these are allocated funds.

## ASSETS:

2022 net assets



### Fixed assets

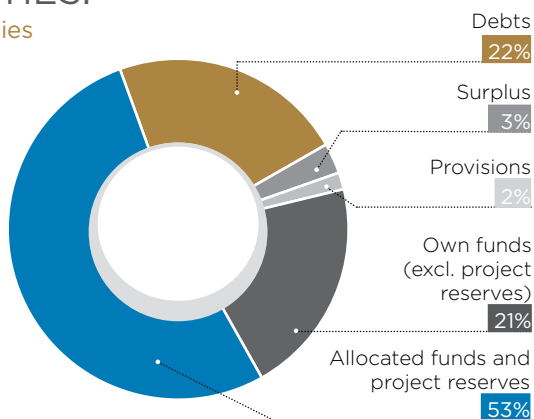
These include property or investment (tangible assets and long-term investments) that are to remain SIF assets on a long-term basis and that give us a solid foundation on which to implement our humanitarian and social projects under good conditions.

### Current assets

These are items – predominantly cash flow from our allocated funds and project reserves awaiting utilisation – that are likely to be listed in the assets for a shorter period of time. SIF has invested funds that we are not currently using to ensure they keep their value and generate as much profit as possible, and in particular to ensure that the allocated funds awaiting utilisation and the free reserve do not lose value relative to inflation.

## LIABILITIES:

2022 liabilities



### Own funds (excl. project reserves)

Predominantly reserves from ‘unutilised’ gifts (see the section on unutilised donations at the end of the period), these have increased, excluding surplus, and now stand at €14.9 million compared to €14.1 million at 31/12/21. More information on the surplus is provided on page 41.

### Allocated funds and project reserves

There were allocated funds of €25.7 million as at 31/12/22, compared to a total of €22.8 million on 31/12/21. Part of this sum, which comes from ‘restricted’ gifts collected in 2021 (see the section on unutilised donations at the end of the period) will be used in 2023 to implement humanitarian and social projects in line with the donors’ wishes. The same applies to the project funds held in reserve, which amounted to €12.3 million as at 31/12/22 (see the ‘unrestricted gifts’ paragraph in the same section).

### Debts

Closely linked to SIF’s routine operations, these debts rose slightly in 2022 (€16.1 million compared to €14.8 million in 2021). They mainly consist of tax payable and social security debts (owed to social security bodies, etc.), supplier debt, other debts owed mainly to donors and partners and deferred income.

## Unutilised donations at the end of the period

### “Restricted” gifts

Unutilised ‘restricted’ gifts (restricted for use on a specific project, theme or geographic area) are recorded as allocated funds and always used for their intended purpose (in line with the donor’s wishes). We make sure we use these funds within a reasonable timeframe to ensure the relevance and quality of the projects. These allocated funds, which are closely monitored from the moment the restricted gifts are received, can under no circumstances be included in the reserves and no more operating or fundraising costs can be levied on them.



## “Unrestricted” gifts

Unutilised ‘unrestricted’ gifts (specified in ANC regulation 2018-06 as funds not intended for a specific project) can be listed as surplus (profit), then placed in reserve following validation from the board and approval from the GA:

- > Free reserve for unutilised general funds.
- > Waqf<sup>51</sup> reserve for Waqf donations that have not been given to DOTASIF.
- > Project reserve for unutilised Zakât Al Maal donations.

No more operating or fundraising costs will be levied on this project reserve, which is specifically for humanitarian and social projects.

## Changes in reporting methods and error corrections

SIF’s annual accounts, certified since 2005, are established using the accounting methods and principles set out in the accounting standards, via a new ERP for the 2022 accounts. The accounts are presented using a breakdown of income and expenditure that remains the same year on year to enable comparison. In 2022, there were no corrections to accounting errors required in the SIF financial statements to ensure compliance with regulation CRC no. 99-01 and the French accounting standards authority, Autorité des Normes Comptables (ANC), regulation no. 2018-06.

## Subsidiaries and affiliates

To structure our activities, SIF has created or bought entities that we undertake to manage with the same standards and requirements of accountability and transparency. All accounts and reports are available online.

## DOTASIF

The Secours Islamique France endowment fund, DOTASIF, has been managing Waqf donations from SIF (by endowment each year of all Waqf donations net of expenses) since 2010.

The statutory purpose of DOTASIF is to earn a return on these Waqf investments and pass this onto SIF<sup>52</sup>

for its social projects (c.f. the DOTASIF activity report for details of the latest programme financed). The SIF Board of Directors is also the supervisory body of the endowment fund and it appoints its own board members to the DOTASIF board. In addition, DOTASIF is required to have an Expert Committee that helps choose its risk-free investments (property investment thus far), ensuring they comply with the ethics that underpin Waqf donations. In 2022, SIF provided supplementary support to DOTASIF through a one-off payment of €1 million.

Balance sheet 31/12/22	Net assets: <b>€6,245 K</b>		Liabilities: <b>€6,245 K</b>	
	Fixed assets: <b>€1,738 K</b>		Endowments from SIF: <b>€6,212 K</b>	
IS <sup>53</sup>	Income <b>€1,303 K</b>	Expenditure <b>€1,303 K</b>	Total <b>€0<sup>54</sup></b>	

## SCI SIFMASSY

The Société Civile Immobilière (SCI – a type of non-trading management company) SIFMASSY is the owner of the building in which the SIF administrative head office is based in Massy, France (department 91). It made more sense for SIF to purchase our offices via a SCI than directly. SIF holds 14,999 of SCI SIFMassy’s 15,000 shares; the remaining share is held by DOTASIF. As in previous years, SIF has extended our traditional rental agreement with the SCI for 10 rue Galvani in Massy.

Balance sheet 31/12/22	Net assets: <b>€5,421 K</b>		Liabilities: <b>€5,421 K</b>	
	Fixed assets: <b>€4,767 K</b>		Debts owed to SIF: <b>€5,006 K</b>	
IS <sup>53</sup>	Income <b>€174 K</b>	Expenditure <b>€142 K</b>	Total <b>€33 K</b>	

## SCI SIFHABITAT

The Société Civile Immobilière SIFHABITAT, created on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019 (with capital of €1,000) has been set up to manage any future properties purchased for

<sup>51</sup> Inalienable donations from which any profit made is used on SIF social and humanitarian projects.

<sup>52</sup> Net rate of return from rental income; as one of DOTASIF’s tenants, SIF provides a significant guarantee of payment.

<sup>53</sup> Income Statement.

<sup>54</sup> This total is 0 because the net rate of return has already been transferred to SIF (€45K for 2022).

social projects in France, such as day centres and/or accommodation centres like the one SIF manages in Massy. SIF holds 99 of SCI SIFHABITAT's 100 shares; the remaining share is held by DOTASIF. The SCI had no tenants in 2022 as it has not yet purchased any property.

Balance sheet 31/12/22	Net assets: <b>€50 K</b>		Liabilities: <b>€50 K</b>
	Fixed assets: <b>€0</b>		Debts owed to SIF: <b>€50 K</b>
IS <sup>53</sup>	Income <b>€0</b>	Expenditure <b>€0.2 K</b>	Total <b>- €0.2 K</b>

### SCI SIFINVEST

In September 2019, SIF purchased 100% of the Société Civile Immobilière SIFINVEST's shares (with capital of €152.45) as it is the owner of the historical premises we rent in Saint-Denis (93) that, in the future, could be transformed into a large space for the most vulnerable people living in Seine-Saint-Denis. SIF owns 60% of the shares and DOTASIF holds the remaining 40%.

Balance sheet 31/12/22	Net assets: <b>€317 K</b>		Liabilities: <b>€317 K</b>
	Fixed assets: <b>€0</b>		Debts owed to SIF: <b>€390 K</b>
IS <sup>53</sup>	Income <b>€60 K</b>	Expenditure <b>€26 K</b>	Total <b>€34 K</b>

### SAS SOLECOINSERT

The simplified joint stock company, Société par Actions Simplifiée SOLECOINSERT, created on 10<sup>th</sup> January 2019 (with capital of €57,000 provided by SIF) has been set up to manage SIF's second-hand clothes shop (Vet'Sol). To grow the proceeds from this activity, SIF, a non-profit organisation, has had to split from Vet'Sol (partly to finance our humanitarian projects, but mainly to develop Vet'Sol in accordance with social economy and solidarity legislation).

Balance sheet 31/12/22	Net assets: <b>€97 K</b>		Liabilities: <b>€97 K</b>
	Fixed assets: <b>€19 K</b>		Debts owed to SIF: <b>€14 K</b>
IS <sup>53</sup>	Income <b>€104 K</b>	Expenditure <b>€85 K</b>	Total <b>€19 K</b>



# 2023 outlook

## More humanitarian and social needs

As needs continue to grow exponentially around the world, while being exacerbated by the energy crisis and the impacts of COVID-19, in 2023, SIF will focus on implementing our scheduled humanitarian and social programmes both in France and abroad.

We also need to be able to respond to any crises or disasters that may occur, such as the earthquakes that hit Turkey and Syria at the start of 2023, which resulted in us registering a new field office in Turkey. SIF plans to open our own field office in Niger and resume our programmes in Chad.

For Social Mission France, we hope to finalise the launch of a second-hand clothes shop professional integration project. Work is also due to get underway in preparation for opening new social structures in Marseille, most likely in 2024. In addition, we hope to re-open our emergency accommodation centre in 2023, as the grant for this came to an end in August 2022, and to once more deliver our flagship campaign, the Tables du Ramadan, providing hot meals inside a marquee in Saint-Denis (93) during Ramadan.

To ensure we are able to achieve all of these aims, SIF will focus on developing our institutional financing and funding from private donations in France and abroad.

## Progress made on our 2022-2027 objectives

The tools that SIF has been introducing as part of our organisational development process are due to be operational and will improve our effectiveness, enabling us to better support our humanitarian and social projects. They include integrated management software (procurement, accounting, etc.), which is set to be rolled out in our international field offices, and a procedures management system, which needs to be expanded to include more operating procedures.

In addition, we have begun to reorganise, and thus optimise, some of our operations. In 2023, we will continue to look at how best to reorganise our legal entities.

## Continuous improvement

Our 2022-2027 strategic paper reflects our commitment to developing and continuously improving the impact of our projects to help the most vulnerable in order to build a solidarity that transcends our differences.

As part of this commitment, in 2023, we plan to publish a policy on preventing sexual exploitation and abuse; a policy that is also required by our funders. This will supplement our business and risk management policy, as well as our child safeguarding policy. We also hope to make progress on the Keeping Children Safe standards, for which we conducted a positive self-assessment in 2022.

We further intend to develop how we assess the impacts of our projects. We will focus on using the impact measures set out in our environmental policy, which is scheduled for Board approval at the beginning of 2023, starting with an annual objective of a reduction in our carbon footprint of at least 10%.

# Acknowledgements

**To our donors and volunteers:** thank you so much for your contributions, time, energy and involvement. Without your support, we would not be able to continue our work.

**To our partners:** thank you for supporting our humanitarian work by providing funding and working closely with us to implement projects.

## NGO platforms and coordination forums of which SIF is a member

- Forum Espace Humanitaire (FEH)
- International Council of Voluntary Agencies (ICVA)
- Coordination Group for SDG4 in West & Central Africa (GRC4-AOC)
- Damascus INGO Forum In Syria (DINGO)
- Forum des ONG Internationales au Mali (FONGIM)
- Jordanian INGO Forum (JIF)
- Kenya Humanitarian Partnership Team (KHPT)
- NGO Coordination Committee Iraq (NCCI)
- Nigeria INGO Forum
- Pakistan Humanitarian Forum (PHF)
- Plateforme des ONG Internationales au Madagascar (PINGOS)
- Plateforme des ONG de l'UE au Sénégal (PFONGUE)
- Association of International Development Agencies (AIDA)
- Coalition Education
- Coalition Eau
- Coordination Humanitaire et Développement (CHD)
- Coordination SUD
- Butterfly Effect
- Fédération des acteurs de la solidarité (FAS)
- France Générosités
- Global WASH Cluster
- Groupe Enfance
- Lebanon Humanitarian INGO Forum (LHIF)
- French Water Partnership (FWP)
- Somalia NGO Consortium
- Voluntary Organizations in Cooperation in Emergencies (VOICE)
- Réseau Environnement Humanitaire (REH)

## Institutional partners and financial support

- ACTED
- Agence Française de Développement (AFD)
- Aide Alimentaire Programmée (AAP)
- Alliance Sahel
- French Embassy in Pakistan
- French Embassy in Senegal
- Assemblée Nationale
- Association Coup de Coeur
- Association Nationale de Développement des Épiceries Solidaires (ANDES)
- World Bank
- United Nations Office for the Coordination of Humanitarian Affairs (OCHA)
- Crisis and Support Centre of the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs
- Conseil Général de l'Essonne, Conseil Général de Seine-Saint-Denis
- Conseil Islamique Rhône Alpes - Grande Mosquée de Lyon
- Delegation of the European Union to Mali
- Délégation pour la société civile, l'engagement citoyen et la jeunesse, Ministère de l'Europe et des Affaires étrangères (MEAE)
- Deutsche Gesellschaft für Internationale Zusammenarbeit (GIZ)
- Direction Départementale de la Cohésion Sociale de l'Essonne (DDCS 91)
- Direction départementale de l'emploi, du travail et des solidarités de l'Essonne (DDETS 91)
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- Muslim Relief Foundation
- Ministry for Women, the Family and Child Protection, Senegal
- Ministry of Education, Literacy, and the Promotion of National Languages, Senegal (MENAPLN)
- Ministry of Education, Burkina Faso
- Ministry of Education, Mali
- United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees (UNHCR)
- United Nations Educational, Scientific, and Cultural Organisation (UNESCO)
- World Food Programme (WFP)
- United Nations Development Programme (UNDP)
- United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN Habitat)
- Ile-de-France region
- Municipalities of Saint Ouen, Saint-Denis, Massy

## Operational Partners

Action contre la Faim (ACF), Action Mopti, Agence du Don en Nature (ADN), Agence Nationale pour la Promotion de l'Emploi des Jeunes (ANPEJ), AGEVAM, Agir Ensemble Contre la Pauvreté, Al-Azhar University Gaza (AUG), Alliance Sahel, Al Karama, Amec-Ba, Amec-Mo, ANDES Potager de Marianne, ARDD, Association des Maîtres d'écoles Coraniques de Ségou, Association de santé communautaire (ASACO) de Bankass, Association des relais communautaires pour le développement local de Mopti, Association Musulmane de Bienfaisance, Aumônerie musulmane régionale d'Ile de France, Association Unir Océan indien, Association SANAD pour l'action sociale, the Parents' Associations (FEFFI) of the 18 schools we support in Morombe, Antananarivo and Ampanihy in Madagascar, ATPIR, Baluchon, Banque Alimentaire de Paris et d'Ile-de-France, Basmeh & Zeitooneh, BLDA, Brigade régionale des ressources en eau de Tambacounda, Burj Barjane, CARE France, Cart'ONG, Centre Action Enfance Sénégal (CAES), CDC Habitat Adoma, Centre de Formation et d'Alphabétisation des Souds (CFAS), Centre de Santé Communautaire Bandigara, CMDD, Coalition Nationale des Associations et ONG en Faveur de l'Enfant (CONAFE), Djenné, Koro, Bankass, Niono, Macina, Bla, Ségou centre, Centre for Mind and Body Medicine (CMBM), Commissariat à la Sécurité Alimentaire (CSA), the rural local authorities of Sebikotane and Kaffrine, the urban local authorities of Mopti, Fatoma, Sio and Socoura, Daara Cheick Moussa Gaye, Dar El Amal, Digicel, Direction inter-régionale des services pénitentiaires de Paris (DISP), Direction nationale de l'enseignement fondamental (DNEF) - Mali, Dons Solidaires, El Wafa, Environnement et Développement du Mali (ENDA Mali), Fédération des Associations Islamiques du Burkina Faso (FAIB), Fédération des Banques Alimentaires, Fédération Nationale des Associations des Maîtres d'Écoles Coraniques du Mali (FENAMEC), Fédération nationale des associations d'écoles coraniques du Sénégal (FNAEC), FINADEV, FOFIFA, Friendship International, Fundacion Muslim Relief (FMR), Interlogement 93, Global Coalition to Protect Education from Attack (GCPEA), Global Community Engagement and Resilience Fund Social Change Factory (GCERF), GREF, Groupement de Promotion Féminine (GPF) Book Joom de Diagalé Sine - Senegal, Handicap International (HI), Helvetas, Institut Islamique Nouroul Maahide, Jafra Foundation for Relief & Youth Development, JP MORGAN, Legal Aid, Mairie de l'arrondissement 6 de Ouagadougou, Maison Rose (Unies Vers Elles), Maqsood Welfare Foundation, Medair, Ministry of Social Affairs in Lebanon, Ministries of Education in Madagascar, Mali and Senegal, Ministry for Women, Family, Gender and Child Protection - Senegal, Ministry of Faith and Religious Affairs in Mali, Mutuelle du Mandrara, Observatoire Pharos Organisation Internationale de la Francophonie (OIF), OpinionWay, Othman Consulting, PARC, PARD, PKPU Human Initiative, Pouponnière de Bamako, Qualé, SAMI Foundation, Refetorio, Réseau Inter-agences pour l'éducation en Situations d'urgence (INEE) Doniblog-média Benbé, Réseau Migration Développement (REMIDEV), RLS, Samu Social 93, SCI and AICRL, SIAO 91, SAF ANDES, Fundación Save the Children España, Save the Children Senegal, SARC, SIAPEP, SMA, SOCADIF, Somali Lifeline Organization (SOLO) SPHP, Sudanese Red Crescent Society (SRCS), Sukaar Foundation, Taliboul Khourane, Terre des Hommes Fondation (TDH), UNRWA, Vétérinaires sans Frontières Germany (VSF Germany), Wathi African Security Sector Network (ASSN), Women's Program Association, World Vision France, World Vision Senegal, YKMI (Yayasan Kemanusiaan Muslim Indonesia).



# About Us

Founded in 1991, Secours Islamique France (SIF) is a national and international solidarity Non-Governmental Organisation (NGO) that has been working in France and around the world for over 30 years, taking action wherever there are humanitarian and social needs to be addressed.

## VISION

SIF believes in a more just and caring world where the basic needs of vulnerable people are met.

## MISSION

SIF is committed to reducing poverty and vulnerability in France and around the world, without proselytising or discriminating.

SIF takes action wherever there are humanitarian and social needs that require emergency relief, development programmes and advocacy campaigns.

## ACTIVITIES

Abroad, SIF works mainly in four sectors:

- > Education and child welfare
- > Food security and livelihoods
- > Water, sanitation and hygiene
- > Shelter and accommodation

In France, SIF focuses on three areas to tackle insecurity and exclusion:

- > Social emergency
- > Socio-economic support
- > Professional integration and solidarity economy

Alongside our operational aid activities, SIF has developed advocacy campaigns to inform and raise awareness of the public and international community, regarding the living conditions of the most vulnerable communities.

Our messages are primarily disseminated to policymakers to prompt them to find new resolutions to difficult situations.



## Values

SIF is built on Islam's human values of solidarity and respect for human dignity, which are our core concerns.

### Solidarity

Through its commitment, values and projects, SIF advocates for the creation of a human solidarity that transcends both differences and borders. We focus on solidarity and sharing with disadvantaged people, and with the organisations that support them, through partnerships.

### Respect for human dignity

SIF particularly strives to ensure respect for human dignity and, in all our solidarity initiatives and approaches, we make genuine efforts to learn about and understand the specific social, cultural and religious backgrounds of the people we support. Furthermore, we work to ensure we can all live together in harmony with an ethic of alterity.

## Principles

Ever since our creation, SIF has undertaken to respect the principles that form the basis of humanitarian action:

### Impartiality & universality

- > To help the most vulnerable, fairly and with humanity, regardless of origin, gender, culture, religion, political beliefs or affiliations, etc.;
- > To always try to reach them, even under difficult circumstances;
- > To also apply these principles to staff and management boards.

### Neutrality & independence

- > To abstain from taking sides in conflicts and crises;
- > By remaining independent from any political, economic, financial or religious organisations.

### Responsibility & transparency

- > Towards beneficiaries to provide them with the assistance they need in the most appropriate manner, ensuring the quality of the actions implemented, particularly by considering the longer-term impacts of the aid provided;
- > Towards donors by using their donations properly and conscientiously;
- > More generally, by adopting a socially and environmentally responsible approach and ensuring compliance with contracts and commitments.

### Specificities serving an ambition

In order to have greater impact on the living conditions of the most vulnerable individuals, SIF, with through its wealth of diversity and interculturalism, seeks to be a leading humanitarian and social actor. By keeping with our Muslim values and as an integral part of the French and international NGO network, SIF is fully committed to:

- > Human development;
- > Living well together;
- > Respect for the environment.

Focusing its work on these 3 pillars, SIF develops an approach based on human rights and in particular, on the rights of the results-based management. SIF uses its experience and funding, provided mainly by the generosity of our donors, to conduct relevant, swift and increasingly integrated projects. In implementing these projects, we ensure that we honour humanitarian principles and Muslim ethics when using the donations collected.

### Audits and regulations with which SIF complies

- 1 External auditors for the annual certification of our accounts (published on [www.secours-islamique.org](http://www.secours-islamique.org)).
- 2 Don en Confiance, a labelling body that audits non-profit organisations and foundations that receive public donations. SIF has been working under this label since 2011 and is committed to upholding its governance, management and communication principles and rules of conduct.
- 3 Donors for subsidised programmes.

# Governance

## The General Assembly (GA)

The GA, SIF's ultimate decision-making body, met twice in 2022:

- On 18<sup>th</sup> June to approve the annual accounts following their unqualified certification by the statutory auditors EY (Ernst & Young): the accounts, report and key information for 2021 can be found on our website.
- On 10<sup>th</sup> December, at a plenary session to discuss selected strategic projects.
- The GA has four categories of member who adhere to our values. As of 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022, these members were:
  - 1 founding member, Rachid Lahlou – also our current President – who has been leading SIF since its creation. He has the right to vote on GA matters and is a full member of the Board of Directors.
  - Members co-opted from the Board of Directors and who are full members of the GA while they are co-opted.
  - Ordinary members appointed by the Board of Directors upon application. They pay fees, have voting rights and are eligible for all posts.
  - Potentially, although there are none in place at the moment, members appointed for their outstanding service to SIF. They pay no membership fees, are not eligible to take on GA posts and have no voting rights. The Board of Directors can decide to remove members for non-payment of fees. Where there are more serious grounds for expulsion, the board will ask the member concerned to provide an explanation for their actions.

## The Board of Directors

The management body under the mandate adopted by the GA, the Board of Directors met seven times in 2022 to discuss strategic issues and approve key documents (forecast budgets and development plans, financial statements, end-of-year accounts, etc.).

At the end of 2022, the Board of Directors had 10 members, with 2 co-opted members still to be appointed. Under its statutes, the Board can have between 9 and 12 members, including the founding member:



- Some members are elected by the GA, one-third of whom are replaced every 3 years in order of length of service: 7 elected members, including 2 at the December 2020 GA.
- The other members, up to a third of the board, are co-opted by the Board of Directors: 2 members were co-opted at the December 2020 board meeting.

Elections are held each time a third of the board is replaced. Following the December 2020 GA, the Board of Directors re-elected Rachid Lahlou as President. The other board members were all re-elected at the beginning of 2021.

In addition to his statutory roles, the President oversees SIF External Relations and Advocacy and is the SIF legal representative and spokesperson in all civil acts. He is vested with all the powers required for this, as well as for ensuring the smooth running of SIF. He also manages the Board's Finance Commission. Similarly, in addition to the authority defined in the statutes, the Treasurer is a member of the board's Audit/Evaluation and Finance Commissions, which he manages and co-manages respectively.

Given the significant amount of time they spend working on these mandates, and on working for SIF, our President and Treasurer, and the board member appointed Chair of the SIF Ethics Committee, receive remuneration as permitted under current legislation.



## Board of Director's Commissions

Under the SIF statutes, the Board of Directors can delegate authority to ad hoc commissions. To ensure greater effectiveness and expertise, the Board of Directors has thus created five commissions and one committee for whom the board has drawn up Terms of Reference and appointed their members (a mix of board members and management). These commissions are automatically disbanded the day before the scheduled date of the GA at which a third of the board members are to be replaced.

### The Ethics Committee

This committee is in charge of providing ethical advice on issues that may arise on SIF projects. In 2022, the committee also continued to organise seminars for our teams on our social doctrine (values and principles) and our foundations in order to improve understanding of our ethical choices and strategies.

### The Finance Commission (COFI)

This Commission reviews and provides advice on financial documents. In 2022, it met on six occasions to facilitate decision-making on financial statements, estimated budgets and annual accounts.

### The Audit and Evaluation Commission (COMEC)

Its role is to ensure that the activities carried out are in line with our donors' wishes and to prevent errors, conflict of interest and fraud. The aim is to safeguard the integrity of our assets and resources by conducting audits and evaluations of the programmes being implemented.

### The Human Resources Commission

This Commission is chaired by the Secretary General and its members include the HR Director and Executive Director. It oversees staff management and enhances the HR policy based on the principles of fairness and motivation. As part of the budget approval process, the Board of Directors has given this Commission the mandate of approving overall changes and benefits, excluding individual modifications, for all staff and management.



### The Image and Reputation Commission

This Commission monitors the perception of our written and visual communication. It can also provide feedback on some of our communication projects.

### The Programmes Commission

Created in 2021, this commission works on the operational strategies of the programmes we implement both in France and abroad, focusing particularly on our three-year country strategies.

## The Executive Committee

The Executive Director, an employee, is appointed by the Board of Directors based on a proposal from the President, who then delegates the day-to-day management of SIF to this Executive Director, who works under the President's supervision. The Executive Director chairs the Executive Committee, which is in charge of coordinating operations and implementing the SIF strategy and action plans. Committee members include the heads of five departments (recruited by the Executive Director and at least one board member): International Operations & Programmes, France Social Mission, Communication & Development, Administration & Finance, and Human Resources.



# SIF Board Members

SIF Board of Directors as at 31<sup>st</sup> December 2022



## President of the SIF Board of Directors

*Rachid Lahlou*

Profession: SIF Founding President  
Knight of the Legion of Honour



## 1<sup>st</sup> Vice-President

*Mohamed Ouazza*

Profession: Teacher



## 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice-President

*Hadija Oubrou*

Profession: Supervisor in the Social and Education Sector



## Secretary General

*Moustapha Mbodji*

Profession: IT Specialist



## Treasurer

*Rabeh Fartassi*

Profession: Administrative and Financial Director



## Board Member

*Louise Avon*

Profession: Former Diplomat



## Board Member

*Anne Hery*

Profession: Head of Advocacy and Institutional Relations at Handicap International



## Board Member

*Mounib Saballah*

Profession: Pricing Manager



## Board Member

*Ismael Locate*

Profession: Company Manager and Customs Agent



## Board Member

*Tareq Oubrou*

Profession: Imam at Bordeaux Mosque

## To ensure good governance

SIF has its own ethical standards, which are set out in the SIF Charter, our Code of Conduct and Code on Conflict of Interest. We also ensure that our teams are all aware of our zero tolerance approach (to fraud, abuse, etc.), for which we have a whistleblowing procedure, and the principles of voluntary management. We use the cases escalated, and preferably reported, to enhance our team training and improve our tools. Furthermore we are continuing to implement the following board-approved policies: Security, Risk Management, Bequests & Gifts, Environment, and Child Safeguarding. Each year, we update the mandatory master risk assessment document, as well as an overall risk mapping document, plus one for each country, and supporting action plans. These documents constitute one part of our internal audit process, set up to monitor our management – externally audited each year by our statutory auditors and at any time by our donors and the Court of Auditors – and the impact of our programmes, which are assessed both internally and externally, especially by our donors. We particularly adhere to the ECHO regulations, through which we are certified as eligible for European Union humanitarian funding over the 2021-2027 period.

Under the Don en Confiance Label (for which SIF received our initial certification in 2011), in addition to his regular annual audit visit, the Don en Confiance auditor attended the GA meetings of 18<sup>th</sup> June and 10<sup>th</sup> December, as well as the Board of Directors' meeting held on 9<sup>th</sup> December 2022.

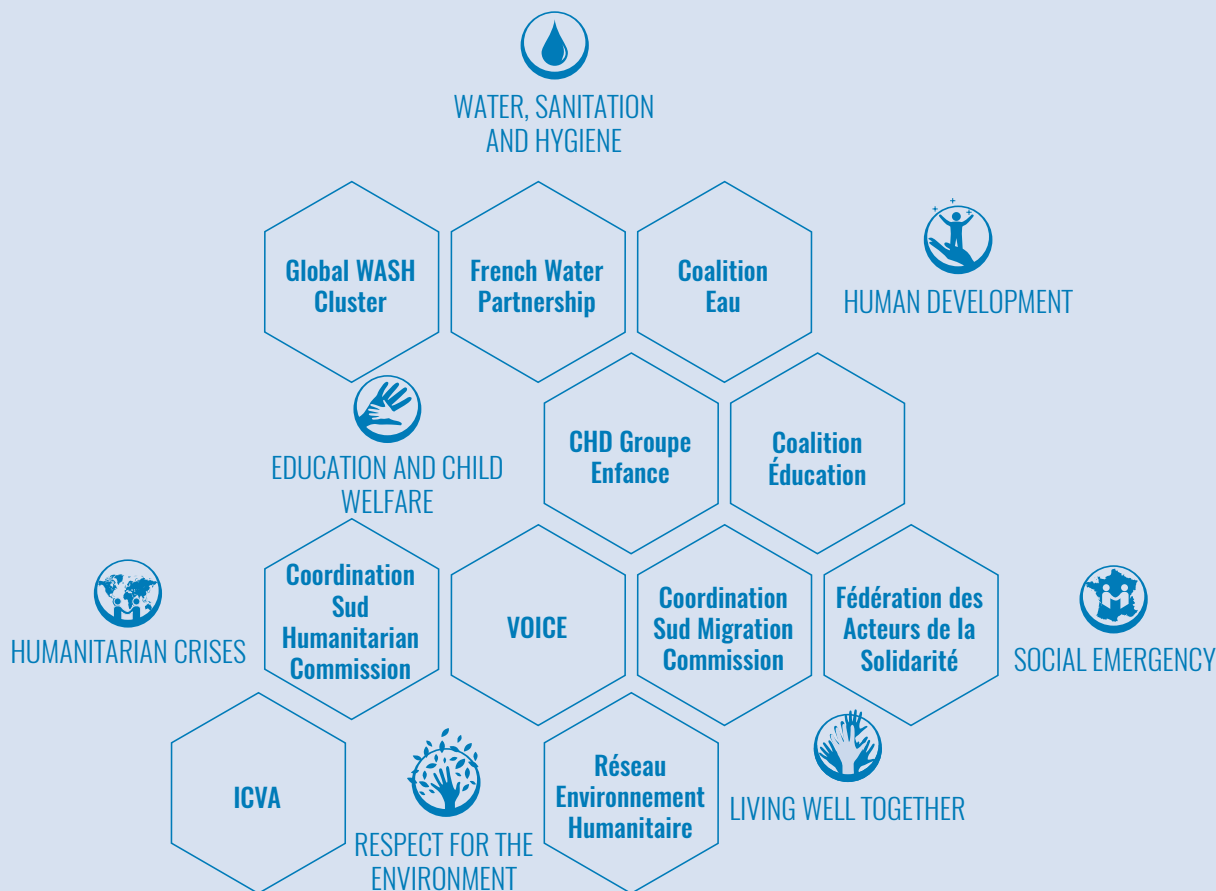
As well as adhering to the Don en Confiance charter, we follow the ethical and transparency criteria defined by Coordination SUD and the Code of Conduct for the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. SIF also looks after the mutual interests of our five associated bodies, more information on which can be found in the Financial Report. Each year, they detail their economic ties with SIF as part of the regulated agreements verified by the statutory auditor. This continuous improvement process is enhanced by the work being carried out by our Governance Coordinator and through the development of tools to monitor management and strategic indicators and quality markers.

## External relations

SIF is a member of a number of solidarity platforms, both in France and abroad. In 2022, SIF remained committed to the governance of these platforms, particularly as members of the Coordination SUD, the Coordination Humanitaire et Développement and the French Water Partnership management boards. SIF sits on the Coalition Eau coordination group and was actively involved in the work conducted by Coalition Éducation, Groupe Enfance, Réseau Environnement Humanitaire, and Coordination SUD's Humanitarian Commission and Migration Commission. Outside of France, SIF has taken part in the activities initiated by VOICE (Voluntary Organizations in Cooperation in Emergencies) and ICVA (International Council of Voluntary Agencies).

SIF is a member of:

- International solidarity platforms: Coalition Eau, Coalition Éducation, Coordination Humanitaire et Développement and Groupe Enfance, Coordination SUD, Butterfly Effect, Global Wash Cluster, International Council of Voluntary Agencies, the French Water Partnership, Réseau Environnement Humanitaire, Voluntary Organizations in Cooperation in Emergencies.
- French platforms: Don en Confiance, Fédération des Acteurs de la Solidarité, France Générosités.







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