




OVERVIEW

2023

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

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UN MONDE JUSTE
ET FRATERNEL

CALLING ON ALL STAKEHOLDERS TO WORK TOGETHER

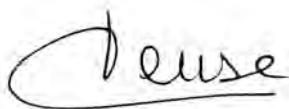
It's not so much a question of finding a hundred thousand francs, but above all of awakening a hundred thousand hearts. In the face of economic difficulties and geopolitical challenges, our societies are turning in on themselves. This is the painful observation we have reached after 2023, a year in which the protection due to the most vulnerable has been challenged on many fronts. We are not resigned to living in a world where exclusion and stigmatisation are the norm. Such a world has no future, it would signal the collapse of our social cohesion and of any hope of peace and justice. It is all the more difficult to accept because every day we experience another possible world, where men and women give of their time, their skills and their humanity to support people facing difficult situations.

Year after year, the commitment of our 60,000 or so volunteers continues to be a source of wonder; it is our most precious asset. Not only because these men and women help

to improve the lives of more than a million people who come to our reception centres, but also in so doing, they rebuild fraternal relationships and restore hope. It is also thanks to the support of its donors, legacy donors and other benefactors, who join us year after year in this collective adventure of solidarity, that Secours Catholique is able to rise to this challenge of Fraternity.

"It isn't so much a question of finding a hundred thousand francs, but more importantly of awakening one hundred thousand hearts," said Jean Rodhain, our founder. This objective of awakening fraternity is at the heart of our project in the same way as the fight against poverty. The task is enormous, and so the call for all stakeholders to work together for a Fraternal Revolution is more relevant than ever. *"We must listen to the cry of the poor and the cry of the earth,"* urges Pope Francis. They are one and the same call not to turn away, but instead to embark on the path of hope to build together, a just and fraternal world.

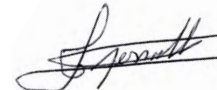
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LE SECOURS CATHOLIQUE CARITAS FRANCE

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

OUR MISSION

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

OUR VALUES

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

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

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

OUR PRINCIPLES FOR ACTION

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

ACTIONS

IN FRANCE

1,060,000
PEOPLE WERE SUPPORTED

2,500
RECEPTION CENTRES

WORLDWIDE

349 PROJECTS WERE CARRIED OUT IN
2023, IN

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

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

OUR NETWORK

- **On 31 December 2023, there were 72 delegations**, divided into 2,800 local teams in mainland France and French overseas territories, covering the whole nation. Through this network of volunteers working in local teams, people are given emergency support and assisted in every aspect of life to regain their place in society. In particular, action is taken to support social interaction and integration through community shops, back-to-work courses...
- **The network has 58,500 volunteers** and 926 employees across the territory.

3 BRANCHES

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

THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY

has 177 members, divided into two categories: 151 active members – qualified administrators, presidents and vice-presidents from delegations, and one treasurer per region – and 26 honorary members. The age limit is 75 years old.

THE BOARD OF DIRECTORS

comprises 21 members, all voluntary; 12 are presidents or vice-presidents from delegations, nine are qualified individuals. They each have a three-year term of office, renewable twice. The board meets 6 times a year. The committee is made up of a president, two vice-presidents, a treasurer and a secretary.

THE GENERAL CHAPLAIN AND THE SECRETARY GENERAL

attend committee and board meetings, without voting rights.

SOURCE OF GLOBAL FUNDING 2023

The **socio-economic model** of Secours Catholique – Caritas France is underpinned by the commitment of 58,500 volunteers. The estimated value of €339M is primarily made up of voluntary work (valued at €185M) and financial resources (€154M, taking into account a €10M deficit, including €114M or 74% from public donations).



VALUE OF VOLUNTEER INVOLVEMENT:

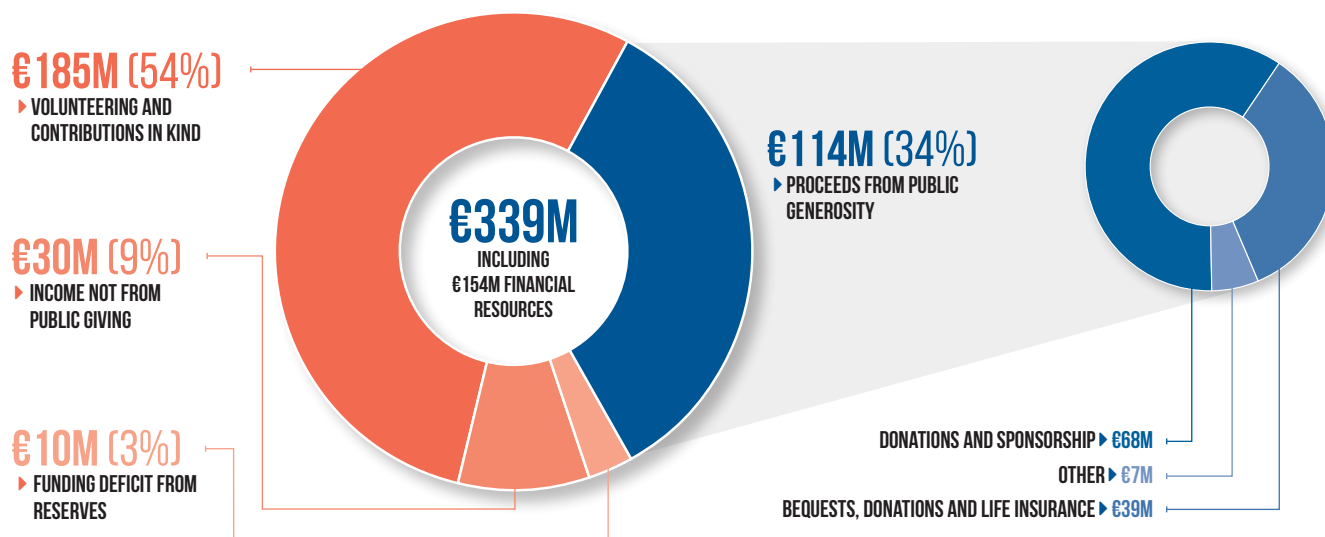
In 2023, 58,500 volunteers dedicated an average of 25 days to Secours Catholique activities. Based on the hourly minimum wage 'SMIC' and, depending on levels of commitment, up to twice the 'SMIC' for volunteers in positions of responsibility, this donated time is valued at €180M. On top of this amount are donation of skills (€3M), support in kind received, holiday vouchers received for families supported and goods made available (€2M), which make up the total voluntary contributions in kind (€185M).

Public giving also enables Secours Catholique – Caritas France to operate. By mobilising donors, especially at the end of the year, we managed to collect €68M in donations to finance our actions. Including bequests, donations and life insurance (€39M) and other income from public generosity (€7M) donations from public giving amounted to €114M. Income not linked to public giving amounts to €30M including, primarily, €12M in government subsidies, €9M in business contributions and €4M in financial contributions. A call on reserves of €10M enables us to balance funds and expenditure.

€185M VOLUNTEER WORK AND DONATIONS IN KIND

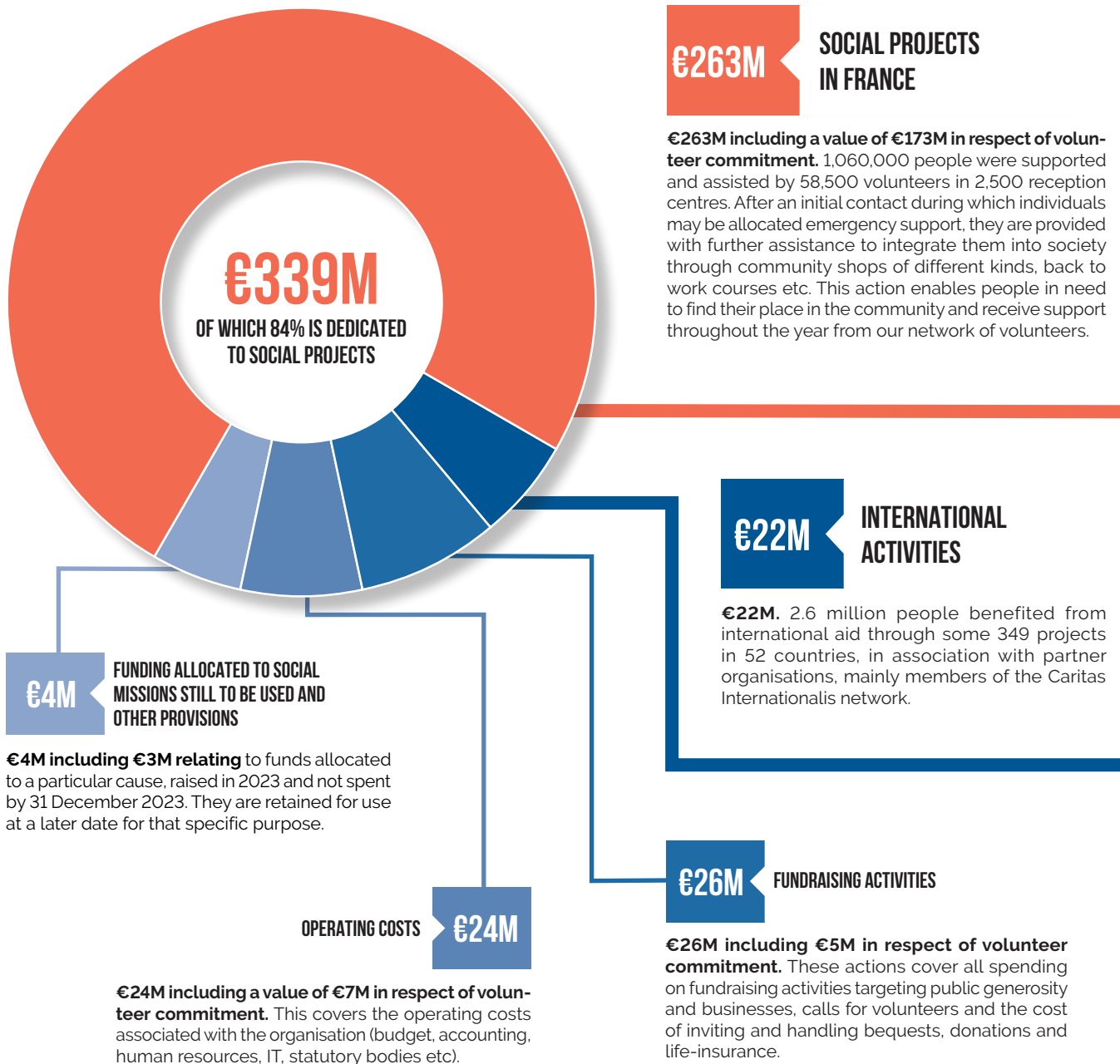


€154M FINANCIAL RESOURCES



USE OF OVERALL RESOURCES 2023

Secours Catholique carries out community actions to fight poverty and exclusion and involves public institutions to raise the profile of its activities and to promote social justice. It carries out its mission in France through 2,800 local teams of volunteers who have supported 1,060,000 people, and internationally through 349 projects supporting 2.6 million people.



1,060,000 PEOPLE SUPPORTED IN FRANCE

INITIAL HOUSING €74M
28%

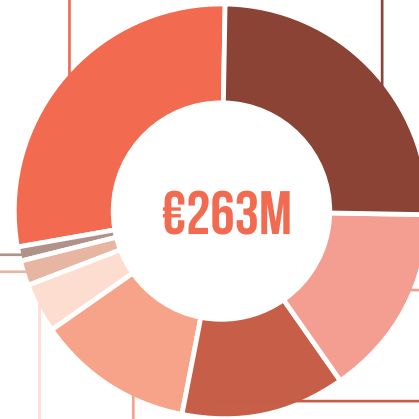
€74M including €58M in respect of volunteer commitment. Local funding for people receiving support from Secours Catholique – Caritas France teams. It also covers housing for homeless people in small centres supported by volunteers and emergency aid.

SUPPORTING PARTNERS €3M
1%

€3M (solely financial costs) Aid allocated to partners. The Association Cités Caritas received €500k for the development and funding of its housing schemes.

CORPORATE ACTION, ADVOCACY €4M
2%

€4M including €2M in respect of volunteer commitment. National campaigns to raise awareness of poverty and exclusion and to influence public policy.



SOLIDARITY AND AWARENESS RAISING, COMMUNICATION €11M
4%

€11M including €1M in respect of volunteer commitment. Projects carried out to inform and raise awareness of poverty and to change the way in which vulnerable people are viewed.

ACTIVITIES €65M
25%

€65M including €26M in respect of volunteer commitment. Expenses related to the organisation of projects by employees and volunteers in mainland France and overseas territories, including training.

SOCIAL INTEGRATION €37M
14%

€37M including €30M in respect of volunteer commitment. Action taken to support individuals or groups, families, people looking for jobs, homes and support with schooling.

SOCIAL SUPPORT €35M
13%

€35M including €27M in respect of volunteer commitment. Sporting and educational activities, fellowship trips, travel, children's holiday programmes...

SOCIAL GROCERY AND CLOTHING STORES €34M
13%

€34M including €29M in respect of volunteer commitment. Community grocery stores where people can shop for food and toiletries in dignity, and community shops that provide welcoming places for people to buy clothes and other items.

2.6 MILLION PEOPLE SUPPORTED OVERSEAS

349 operations were carried out in 52 countries, in association with international partners, mainly members of the Caritas Internationalis network.

DEVELOPMENT AND REHABILITATION €14M
64%

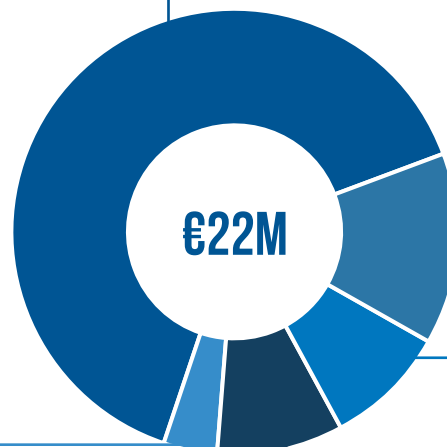
€14M Development and rehabilitation programmes to support the most vulnerable people around the world.

SUPPORTING PARTNERS €1M
4%

€1M Strengthening the organisational structure of 14 African Caritas groups to make them more independent and increase their role in civil society.

CORPORATE ACTION, ADVOCACY €2M
9%

€2M Campaigns and action taken to achieve greater justice and fairness in the world, particularly through NGO platforms.



ORGANISATION €3M
14%

€3M Costs associated with employees who coordinate international projects and contribution to the funding of Caritas Internationalis.

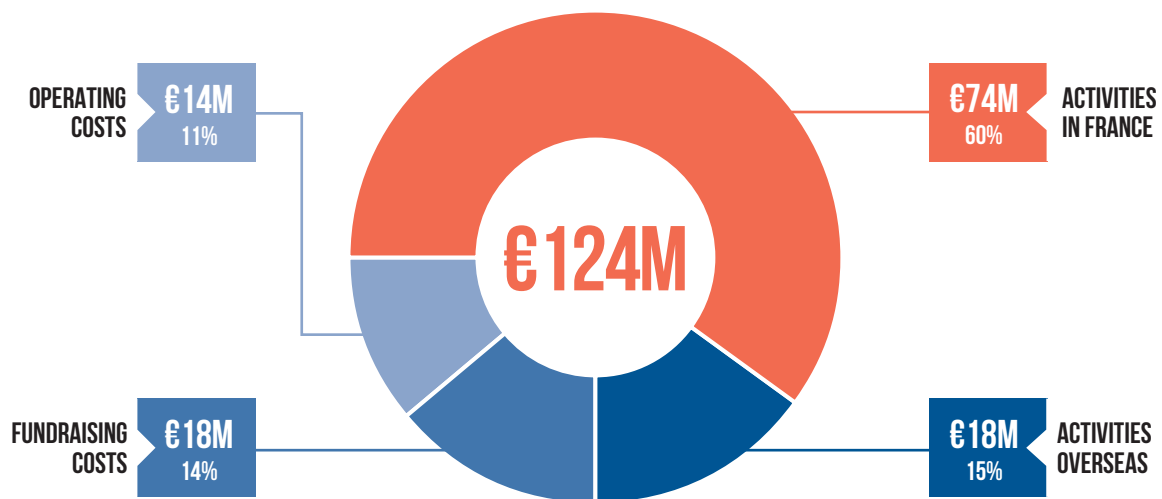
EMERGENCY ACTION €2M
9%

€2M Emergency programmes funded in countries in response to conflicts (including €1.4M on the war in Ukraine) and natural disasters.

USE OF FUNDS RAISED FROM PUBLIC GENEROSITY 2023

The annual account of funds collected from the public only records financial activity connected with public giving. Total income from public giving was €110M whilst expenditure was €124M. The balance from public giving, net of variations in dedicated funds and endowments, was a deficit of €12M. Without considering the value of the commitment of volunteers, the cost of activities carried out in France was €74M and for international activities amounted to €18M. Fundraising costs were €18M and operating costs were €14M.

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



INCOME FROM PUBLIC GIVING CARRIED FORWARD

Income from public giving carried forward was estimated at €15M on 31 December 2023. This allows the organisation to continue its mission and operations, to commit to and develop new projects and to respond to emergency situations.

SUMMARY BALANCE SHEET

AT 31 DECEMBER 2023

Net fixed assets (€108M) were essentially made up of property assets and various items used to support people or operations (€61M), assets bequeathed for disposal (€32M) and financial investments (€15M). Current assets (€118M) mainly comprise investment securities and available funds (€79M) and bequests and donations (€25M). On the liabilities side, equity (€125M) is made up of the results of previous financial years. They include statutory funds (€51M) and reserves (€78M) which are intended to ensure the financial stability of the organisation, subsidies (€6M) that finance investment projects and net profit for the year (€-10M). Deferred assets which represent the consideration of bequeathed assets and receivables net of debt pending disposal are €41M, dedicated funds pending realisation are €11M and provisions amount to €2M. Debts (€47M) are made up of social security and fiscal debts (€11M), debts from legacies or donations (€16M), supplier debts (€7M) and other debts (€13M including €7M relating to projects to be paid to international partners).

SUMMARY BALANCE SHEET

ASSETS (IN €M)	2023	2022	LIABILITIES	2023	2022
FIXED ASSETS	108	105	ACCUMULATED SURPLUS	125	135
REALISABLE AND AVAILABLE ASSETS	118	122	DEFERRED AND DEDICATED FUNDS AND PROVISIONS	54	52
			DEBTS	47	40
TOTAL ASSETS	226	227	TOTAL LIABILITIES	226	227

RESERVE POLICY

The association's reserves (€78M) are partly used to fund some of the following year's on-going activity (€53M) and partly the implementation of projects allowing the development of its missions and the means to act (€25M).



THE CARITAS FRANCE NETWORK

The Caritas France network was formed by Secours Catholique – Caritas France to bring together organisations it helped to create, or with shared values, outcomes and principles for action.

ASSOCIATION CITÉS CARITAS



Established in 1989, the Association Cités Caritas (formerly ACSC) received from SC-CF a contribution to operating costs of €500k to help it carry out its mission to support, house and help people in a vulnerable situation, the socially excluded or those with disabilities, towards social and professional integration. acsc.asso.fr

CARITAS HABITAT



Established in 2015, Caritas Habitat is a property company, officially recognised as Solidarity based Enterprise of Social Utility (Esus), intended to facilitate access to social and solidarity housing and to enable capital to be raised from solidarity funds to support a social project. SC-CF has invested €9M capital in Caritas Habitat. A contribution of €0.8M was granted in 2023. caritashabitat.org

FONCIÈRE CHÊNELET



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

RÉSEAU ECO HABITAT



Established in 2014 at the initiative of the Picardy Secours Catholique group. A Social Impact Contract (CIS) repayable over five years was set up in 2020 with SC-CF, the National Housing Agency (ANAH) and the Eco Habitat network to enable very low-income households to carry out energy efficiency improvements to their homes with up to 90% subsidy. In 2023, SC-CF granted a loan of €0.6M. reseau-ecohabitat.fr

COMITÉ CHRÉTIEN DE SOLIDARITÉ AVEC LES CHÔMEURS ET LES PRÉCAIRES



Established over thirty years ago, the Comité chrétien de solidarité avec les chômeurs et les précaires (CCSC) aims to maintain focus on the consequences of unemployment. ccscfrance.com

FÉDÉRATION SOLIDARAUTO



Solidarauto is the brand of solidarity garages set up by groups from Secours Catholique – Caritas France. A contribution to operating costs of €0.08M was granted in 2023 to facilitate professional and social integration through the sale of second-hand cars, maintenance repairs and vehicle hire. solidarauto.org

ASSOCIATION D'ÉPARGNANTS KAORI (OUTSIDE CARITAS NETWORK)



Launched in 2022 by Secours Catholique – Caritas France, the Kaori association is an association of ethical and socially responsible savers that provides dedicated savings to individuals and corporate bodies. A financial operating subsidy of €0.4m was made in 2023. kaori-association.org

LA FONDATION CARITAS FRANCE



Set up by Secours Catholique – Caritas France in 2009, Fondation Caritas France encourages philanthropy by supporting foundations which are dedicated to fighting poverty, raising funds to give priority to supporting projects run by Secours Catholique – Caritas France and its network (€3.4M in 2023), and backs research and experimentation. Services provided by Secours Catholique – Caritas France were invoiced at €1.0M. fondationcaritasfrance.org

LA FONDATION JEAN RODHAIN



The Jean Rodhain foundation was established in 1981. In 2023 a contribution to operating costs of €0.08M was granted to contribute to Christian thinking on charity in its wider sense, to promote the study of the theology of charity in university research, to develop dialogue with field workers through the words of people living in poverty. fondationjeanrodhain.org

FÉDÉRATION DE CHARITÉ CARITAS ALSACE



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

UNION DIACONALE DU VAR



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

CARITAS INTERNATIONALIS

Le Secours Catholique – Caritas France belongs to the Caritas Internationalis network, a confederation of 160 Catholic organisations that operate around the world. Caritas shares the same mission as the Church. Caritas responds to disasters, promotes all-round human development and campaigns against poverty and conflict. National Caritas organisations are independent under the authority of their episcopal conference, but they are united within the same confederation, a body of the universal Church. Caritas Europa unites 49 Caritas organisations, operating in 46 European countries. Together, they focus their activities on poverty, exclusion and social inequality, as well as migration and asylum. Based in Brussels, Caritas Europa ensures the voice of its members is heard within European institutions, by EU member states and many other public and private partners.

LE SECOURS CATHOLIQUE – CARITAS FRANCE IN FIGURES



2023 IN FRANCE



2023 WORLDWIDE



TRANSPARENCY AND CHECKS 2023

Information provided in the 2023 Overview is taken from the 2023 Annual Report and Financial Statement. The annual accounts, including the accounts on income by origin and use, and on the allocation of funds, have been certified by our auditors, Ernst and Young, and approved at the annual general meeting on 12 June 2024.

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

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

The Don en Con fiance (Charter Committee) is a non-profit organisation which carries out checks on fundraising activity which targets public generosity. It draws up ethical rules, issues the 'Don en Con fiance' label to non-profit organisations and carries out continuous and independent checks on their commitments. These are based on the principles of respect for donors, transparency, and the quest for efficiency, integrity and impartiality in three areas: governance, management and communication. On 7 March 2024, the accreditation committee extended the 'Don en Con fiance' label to Secours Catholique Caritas France for a further three years.

