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EDITORIAL



For more than 10 years, the Rescue & Recover Fund - BNP Paribas' endowment fund - has been working to support its partner NGOs during humanitarian or environmental disasters.

Playing a key and growing role at the heart of the Group's philanthropy, the Rescue & Recover Fund generates synergies between the actions carried out by the BNP Paribas Foundation and the Group's other foundations.

The Rescue & Recover Fund is an essential driver of engagement within the Group, a responsive and agile tool that employees can call upon at any time, given the intensification of crises in recent years: earthquakes, wars, floods, climate change, etc.

2023 was no exception. It was marked by two major earthquakes: the first in south-eastern Turkey and parts of northern Syria at the beginning of the year, and the second in Morocco in September. More than €1.8 million was donated to enable our partners to intervene in these two crises.

On the ground, our four partner NGOs cooperate and act together to best respond to the needs of local people during disasters. The Red Cross provides first aid and supplies equipment, Médecins Sans Frontières

provides consultations and supports hospitals in affected areas, CARE provides material support, information, and facilitates the evacuation of people to neighbouring countries or areas, and IFAW (International Fund for Animal Welfare) rescues animals and provides them with care in the event of a disaster. This cooperation makes the Rescue & Recover Fund unique and is a key factor in its success.

In 2023, the Rescue & Recover Fund focused its end-of-year campaign on women, the main victims of poverty and violence.

Around one in three women worldwide has experienced sexual and/or physical violence at least once. On average, more than five women or girls are killed every hour...

With this campaign, the Rescue & Recover Fund took action to help them.

Thanks to your generosity, more than €266,000 was donated to our partners to support their projects in France, Togo and Afghanistan.

Isabelle Giordano
Secretary of the Rescue & Recover Fund
Head of Group Philanthropy

WHO ARE WE?

Created in 2012, the Rescue & Recover Fund is BNP Paribas' endowment fund. It brings together the Group's employees and retirees (members of the Amicale des Retraités), as well as retail banking customers in France in a shared spirit of generosity. This pioneering structure is able to collect donations wherever BNP Paribas is present in the world and draw on the generosity that unites its members.

Recognising the importance of encouraging generosity and developing solidarity, BNP Paribas can double the amount of donations paid to the Rescue & Recover Fund by matching them.

Taking action in emergency situations

The Rescue & Recover Fund's first mission is to support the rapid dispatch of relief and emergency aid to affected areas all over the world as soon as disaster hits.

When a crisis occurs (fire, earthquake, hurricane, tsunami, conflict, etc.), the Rescue & Recover Fund's Board of Directors decides whether to launch an emergency campaign, which triggers a collection of donations for partner NGOs present on the ground.

Support development

The Rescue & Recover Fund's second mission is to provide lasting assistance to the most vulnerable people through projects run by our humanitarian partners.

The aim is to provide support for long-term development issues: access to drinking water, mother and child health, adaptation of vulnerable communities to climate change, etc.

OUR PARTNER NGOS

All donations collected by the Rescue & Recover Fund can be doubled by BNP Paribas and are then distributed equally between our four partner NGOs, which provide complementary aid in the event of a humanitarian or environmental disaster.

CARE

Founded in 1945, CARE aims to reduce poverty by addressing its root cause: inequality. In more than 100 countries, this NGO carries out complementary programmes in areas such as food security, education, health, access to water, and economic development, with real, lasting results. CARE also appeals to governments on human rights, including women's rights, social justice, economic and environmental aspects, and the establishment of good governance.



FRENCH RED CROSS

The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement was born out of a concern to provide non-discriminatory relief to the wounded on the battlefield. In its international dimension, the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement strives to prevent and alleviate human suffering in all circumstances. The French Red Cross is part of this movement and is one of 192 national branches around the world.

It intervenes in disasters or conflict-hit areas with precise and rapid action to provide day-to-day relief. It also offers lasting support through numerous development programmes such as disaster risk prevention, training and awareness of lifesaving actions, access to care, water and sanitation, the fight against AIDS, food security, etc.



MÉDECINS SANS FRONTIÈRES (MSF)

Médecins Sans Frontières (Doctors Without Borders) is an international medical humanitarian association created in 1971. The MSF teams provide medical assistance to people whose lives or health are at risk, mainly as a result of armed conflict, epidemics, natural disasters or an absence of healthcare. MSF is independent of all political, military or religious authorities and acts impartially after assessing medical needs.



IFAW

The International Fund for Animal Welfare is a global organisation created in 1969 that helps animals and people to coexist in harmony. IFAW treats and releases animals, restores and protects their natural habitats, especially in the aftermath of disasters, raises awareness among citizens and fights poaching and trafficking in endangered species.



OUR ACTIONS IN 2023

In 2023, donations to the Rescue & Recover Fund supported NGOs in two crises: the earthquake that struck south-eastern Turkey and parts of northern Syria at the start of the year, and the earthquake that hit Morocco in September.

The people affected by these disasters received financial support of €1,819,468.

The end-of-year campaign raised €266,286 for women, the main victims of poverty and violence, in France, Afghanistan and Togo.



FRANCE

THE FRENCH RED CROSS facilitates the daily lives of women victims of violence and helps them heal before their reintegration into society.



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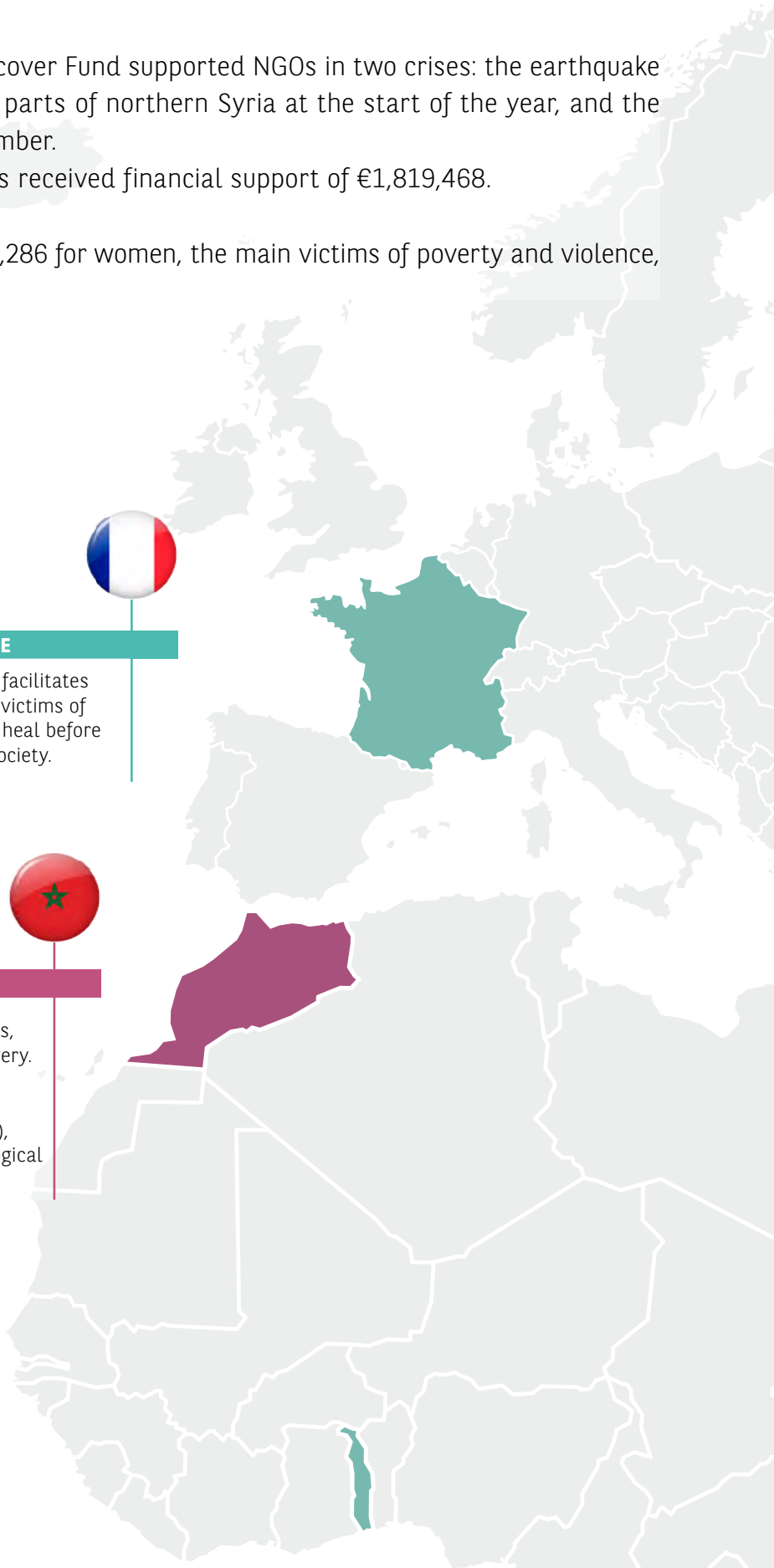
CARE: distribution of basic necessities, support for reconstruction and recovery.

FRENCH RED CROSS: distribution of emergency goods (food, water, tents), provision of healthcare and psychological support.



TOGO

CARE supports women survivors of gender-based violence by improving the provision of dedicated local support services.





EMERGENCY CAMPAIGNS

DEVELOPMENT CAMPAIGN

support for women, the first victims of poverty and violence worldwide



TURKEY-SYRIA:

CARE: food assistance, protection of people and work on access to water and sanitation.

MÉDECINS SANS FRONTIÈRES: support for medical facilities, setting up mobile clinics, psychological support.

RED CROSS: distribution of basic necessities for food, shelter and hygiene.

IFAW: animal rescue, food distribution and veterinary care.



AFGHANISTAN

MÉDECINS SANS FRONTIÈRES

promotes access to care for women and children in the remote Bamiyan Province in Afghanistan.

LIFE OF THE FUND



ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF 14 JUNE 2023

In June 2023, the Rescue & Recover Fund's Board of Directors reviewed and approved the financial statements for the 2022 financial year certified by the statutory auditor.

The remarkable success of the Rescue & Recover Fund's campaigns required a discussion on the fund's financing and the company's matching contribution budget, which was exceeded in 2022 and early 2023.

This is the result of the tremendous generosity of BNP Paribas employees, Group retiree members of the Amicale Des Retraités and retail banking customers in France.

The members of the Board of Directors therefore decided at this Annual General Meeting to introduce the possibility of capping the matching contribution for future campaigns so as to be able to respond to the various emergencies that arise, while continuing to fund the recurring end-of-year development campaigns.

GIVING TUESDAY

CONFERENCE FOR THE LAUNCH OF THE DEVELOPMENT CAMPAIGN

Giving Tuesday (28 November 2023) is an International Day of Generosity, a day created to promote donating and volunteering in opposition to Black Friday. For several years now, we have launched the Rescue & Recover Fund development campaign on this date. To mark this occasion, the amount raised on Giving Tuesday was not doubled, but tripled!

This year, the theme was: women, the first victims of poverty and violence worldwide.

Turkey-Syria earthquake

Very early in the morning of Monday 6 February 2023, south-eastern Turkey suffered two powerful earthquakes of magnitude 7.8 and 7.6 that also affected parts of northern Syria, with dramatic consequences for people living in the affected areas.

The Rescue & Recover Fund quickly mobilised in response to this disaster, which killed more than 50,000 people (46,000 people in Turkey and 6,000 in Syria), injured more than 120,000 people, destroyed many buildings and left thousands homeless.

An estimated 9.1 million people were affected.

In Syria, these earthquakes made the situation all the more critical as the country has been at war for 12 years, which has led to a worrying economic situation and a fragile health system. The country also has 6.9 million internally displaced persons, 2.8 million of whom live in north-west Syria, the area affected by the earthquakes.

Supported by the Rescue & Recover Fund, teams from the Red Cross, Médecins Sans Frontières, CARE and IFAW intervened urgently to help people and animals.



EMERGENCY CAMPAIGNS

€1,286,294
for our partners' actions
on the ground

Action by our partners

FRENCH RED CROSS

The Red Cross Movement (the Turkish Red Crescent, the Syrian Arab Red Crescent, the International Committee of the Red Cross, and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies) took immediate action to support the affected communities.



TURKEY

500 tonnes
of equipment

SYRIA

800 tonnes
of equipment

TO TURKEY

The French Red Cross transported **500 tonnes of equipment to Turkey:**

- 300 family tents, 300 insulation kits, 7,500 tarpaulins and 1,000 solar lamps to build emergency shelters.
- 3,800 cooking kits and 10,200 jerrycans containing 10 litres of clean water.
- 2,000 hygiene kits and 333 tonnes of calcium hypochlorite disinfectant.

TO SYRIA

800 tonnes of equipment were transported to **Syria** to meet the needs of the people affected:

- 800 sleeping bags and 88,000 hygiene kits.
- 2,000 kitchen kits, 12,300 food parcels and 90 tonnes of infant milk.

Funding for a community health project and short-term psychosocial support as well as a contribution to a medium-term health and hygiene project were also provided.



110 835

Emergency products distributed (+ tents/blankets)

198 477

Consultations by mobile clinics, hospitals

8 026

Psychological consultations

16 800

Hot meals distributed

36

Hospitals supported

8 452 m³

Water distributed

MÉDECINS SANS FRONTIÈRES

SYRIA

MSF had already been present in north-west and north-east Syria for several years, enabling a rapid response. Its activities were resized in order to be able to respond immediately to the crisis. In the early days, the focus was on helping medical facilities treat patients by providing material and humanitarian assistance, facilitating the transport of patients and distributing basic necessities to those affected.

Once the immediate aftermath of the emergency had passed, MSF teams adopted a more strategic and planned approach to step up the response to unmet needs: new mobile clinics were deployed, a greater emphasis was placed on psychological support and the distribution of equipment, kits, food and water was increased.

A little later, MSF began long-term strategic planning to ensure the continuity and sustainability of access to healthcare in north-western Syria. Reconstructive surgery has also been implemented.





TURKEY

In Turkey, Médecins Sans Frontières was active via local NGOs and partners. In particular, they:

- Donated electrical generators in Adiyaman province;
- Distributed hygiene kits, food and emergency items (blankets, sleeping bags, batteries, electric cookers, tents, warm underwear), water, vehicles for transporting medicines and fuel for mobile clinics in Elbistan, Gaziantep, Kilis, Kahramanmaras, Pazarcik, Malatya and Kayseri;
- Donated medical and non-medical equipment to the hospital and refugee camp in Islahiye;
- Improved water and sanitation facilities in the city and in refugee camps in the Hatay region.

38 841

Hygiene kits distributed

Psychological assistance

10 133 persons

4 344 796 l.

Drinking water supplied

390 500

Meals served

96,6 tonnes

Food distributed

53,1 tonnes

Wood distributed

375

Tents distributed

37 179

Blankets distribute





2 647 ANIMALS
received veterinary care.

2 250 KG
of dry animal feed was distributed in more than 22 villages, with 4,079 animals fed.

130 ANIMALS
were rescued from the rubble.

IFAW

As humanitarian operations began, IFAW immediately contacted local authorities and its partner organisations in Turkey and northern Syria to help them in their relief efforts: **animal rescue, food distribution in the most affected areas and emergency veterinary care.**

Large quantities of veterinary medicines were distributed to persons with farm animals and farmers affected by the earthquake.

At the beginning of the rescue operations, basic tools such as hammers and chisels was distributed to local residents to help them dig rubble to save animals. In affected villages and towns, livestock owners were trained in emergency first aid to help them treat minor diseases such as scabies, ticks, wounds and simple cuts, and to disinfect and assess injuries. Medicine was also provided to farmers to help them take care of their livestock.



CARE

CARE teams carried out various activities in Turkey and Syria to help those affected by this disaster.

TURKEY

37,598 people were supported by CARE in Turkey in the areas of Gaziantep, Hatay, Adana and Sanliurfa province (10 districts).

CARE teams worked to:

Provide food aid through the distribution of “ready-to-eat” food for people without access to kitchen equipment, food baskets and kitchen utensils; assistance in the form of cash and food vouchers; cash support for agriculture and livestock farmers, the provision of agricultural training, the payment of grants to businesses and small businesses run by women (4,631 people).

Install or improve emergency shelters and existing infrastructure in the camps, distribute winter clothing and equipment, cash and vouchers to 14,165 people (3,109 households).



Protect people through information and awareness-raising, support for victims, psychosocial support, and referral to social services.

They also facilitated access to water and sanitation through the distribution of bottled water and via tank trucks, the

installation of toilets and mobile showers, the distribution of hygiene and dignity kits, the distribution of menstrual hygiene kits, and the establishment of awareness workshops on good hygiene practices for 36,084 people.

SYRIA

More than 100,000 m3 of debris was removed in 17 sub-districts.

CARE supported 572,788 people in the Aleppo and Idlib governorates in north-west Syria.

Its teams provided food aid by issuing cash for food purchases and **an emergency response** through multi-purpose cash assistance. Some health facilities and mobile clinics also received support.

Tents and winter equipment (radiators and fuel oil, etc.) were distributed, improvements were made to emergency shelters and debris was removed.

The establishment of safe areas for access to information, recreational activities, the provision of counselling, the distribution of dignity kits, psychosocial support, and the management of cases of gender-based/sexist violence contributed to the **protection of individuals**.



The teams worked to promote access to water and sanitation through the distribution of water via tank trucks, the installation of toilets, the management of access to water, the distribution of hygiene kits and the implementation of good hygiene awareness sessions.

Various means of subsistence were offered to those affected: subsidies for the purchase of bread, distribution of cash for the purchase of food for livestock, grants and rehabilitation of infrastructure, veterinary clinics and village savings and credit associations.

€533,174

for our partners' actions on the ground

Matching donation capped at

€250,000

Earthquake in Morocco

On Friday, 8 September 2023, at 11 p.m. local time, an earthquake of magnitude 6.8 struck Morocco, the epicentre of which was located in the High Atlas region, 71 km south-west of Marrakech.

2,946 people lost their lives, the vast majority in the provinces of Al-Haouz, the epicentre, and Taroudant. 5,674 people were injured, 50,000 homes destroyed and 300,000 people affected. There was also major material damage, including the collapse of many buildings, the destruction of roads and 500 schools, resulting in 100,000 children being unable to attend school.

The French Red Cross – through the Moroccan Red Crescent – and **CARE** – through its local branch CARE Maroc – supported by the Rescue & Recover Fund, were able to intervene quickly in support of those affected.



Action by our partners

CARE

An initial distribution of food, water and hygiene kits to approximately 600 people (160 households) was carried out on 20 September. This made it possible to offer psychosocial support to victims by psychologists from Médecins du Monde, with victim families deeply shocked and children traumatised.

CARE was able to reach more than 12,000 people (representing 4% of the population affected by the earthquake) through the following actions:

Distribution of essential goods

- **Food and hygiene kits for 2,879 households (12,056 people)** in 20 priority villages in Al-Haouz province, 50% of whom were women and one-third children. Special attention was paid to people with impaired mobility.
- **420 mattresses, 420 blankets and 105 beds** for students transferred to two boarding schools in Marrakech,
- **Blankets and nappies** as needed,
- **105 tents for 96 families in the village of Haute Marigha** (+ 18 pallets to isolate tents from the ground due to the significant drop in overnight temperatures in the Atlas mountains).

105 TENTS

420 MATTRESSES

420 BLANKETS

105 BEDS



The distribution went very well. The CARE team contacted us in advance to find out what we needed and to collect information on each household's situation.

On the day of distribution, we were greeted with dignity in a tent. The elderly and those with impaired mobility were served first.



Zahra, 56,
from Douar Outghal, d'Al Haouz province





Support for reconstruction/recovery

- Psychosocial support for 3,285 people (50% women) from Médecins du Monde,
- Rebuilding livelihoods and creating conditions conducive to children's education,
- Promotion of rural entrepreneurship in Al-Haouz province.

CARE Morocco responded to the crisis while ensuring that its actions were gender sensitive, taking into account the specific needs and experiences of women, men, girls and boys.



Because of the damage, our children were unable to return to their school.

They were transferred to boarding schools in Marrakech. CARE provided facilities including beds, mattresses and blankets.

This made our children much more comfortable at the boarding school. We have seen a big improvement in their physical well-being, which allows them to learn better.



**Jamal, father of three children,
Douar Asseflala**



Distribution of
120,000
water bottles or
tanks

20
secure portable
latrines

5 000
hygiene kits

1 000
tents

5 000
blankets

1 000
household kits

5 000
mattresses

FRENCH RED CROSS

The French Red Cross was selected by the IFRC (International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies) to send an Emergency Response Team specialising in water management (Wash), deployed on the ground to participate directly in restoring water supplies and drinking water, with technical resources also deployed by the French Red Cross.

In addition, immediately after the earthquake, the Moroccan Red Crescent deployed its teams on the ground to provide emergency assistance to the affected families through the **distribution of emergency goods (food, drinking water, tents), the provision of first aid and the organisation of psychological support to help them cope with the psychological impact of the disaster.**

A plan targeting 5,000 people in the regions of Marrakech and Safi was developed in parallel to support the affected populations through various actions:

- Supply of food packages, tents and household items (blankets, mattresses, kitchen utensils).
- Distribution of drinking water, portable latrines, hygiene and cleaning kits.
- Provision of care and psychological support.
- Mobilisation of mobile clinics and patient referral services.
- Referencing in accordance with the guidance mechanism established by the local health authorities.

DEVELOPMENT CAMPAIGN

€266,286

to support our
partners' actions

Matching donation
capped at

€200,000

Women, the first victims of poverty and violence worldwide

In 2023, the Rescue & Recover Fund's year-end campaign mobilised to help women in extreme poverty and victims of violence by funding three projects run by its partner NGOs.





MÉDECINS SANS FRONTIÈRES

Access to healthcare for women and children in the remote Bamiyan region of Afghanistan

In 2022, more than 40% of Afghan mothers gave birth in their homes without the help of a healthcare professional, in a country with one of the highest maternal mortality rates in the world. Since the Taliban came to power and established the Islamic Emirate of Afghanistan, the population has been subject to new restrictions that particularly affect women, whose freedom to move or work has been greatly impeded. In the mountainous and rural Bamiyan region in central Afghanistan, medical facilities are scarce. This region is populated largely by members of the oppressed Hazara minority ethnic group.

Since 2022, MSF has opened eight family health centres, which are small clinics designed to meet the maternal and child health needs of isolated



communities of more than 1,500 inhabitants. The staff consists of a single community midwife, who provides both midwife services and health services for children under five years of age.

In June 2023, these new health facilities opened by MSF had provided

more than 1,200 prenatal and postnatal consultations and 3,400 paediatric consultations. 2,000 children were also screened for malnutrition and 75 were referred to Bamiyan Provincial Hospital for full care.

THE FRENCH RED CROSS

Programme for the Fight against Exclusion in France

The aim of this programme is to make victims' daily lives easier and allow them to start to heal, a prerequisite for their reintegration.

In 2023, it was rolled out in 30 establishments - 22 focused on the Fight against Exclusion and eight on Child Protection. This programme was intended to support 565 people and train 140 professionals.

For the past two years, it has offered a programme to combat violence, rolled out across all its shelters, broken down into **three areas**:

- **Training of professionals,**
- **Therapeutic workshops for victims** (art therapy, animal mediation, self-defence, socio-aesthetics, sophrology, etc.),
- **Support for breaking the silence** (through consultations and speaking groups supervised by psychologists).





CARE

Provision of health services for women survivors of gender-based violence in Togo

Through this project, CARE France aims to **reduce gender inequalities** in two areas in Togo: :

- Vo and Bas-Mono Prefectures in the Maritime region (South)
- Binah and Assoli Prefectures in the Kara region (North).


Discrimination is seen in marriage, access to education, employment, property, healthcare, and participation in decision-making processes both in households and in the public sphere. **The project will provide more concrete support to women survivors of gender-based violence** by improving the provision of dedicated local services: health services, shelter and social action. **4,000 women and girls who are victims of violence or at risk benefit directly from this project.**

Examples of project activities:

- **Capacity building of health professionals** for better coverage of care and support services for survivors of gender-based violence.
- **Creation of a support fund** for the care and reintegration of survivors.
- **Community work in 40 villages** to strengthen services to combat gender-based violence.



FINANCIAL REPORT



€2,050,519 paid to our partner NGOs in 2023*


FRENCH RED CROSS >> €756,459

CARE >> €755,509

MÉDECINS SANS FRONTIÈRES >> €425,046


IFAW >> €113,505

*Out of a total of €2,708,039 (including the remaining balance from 2022 and non-earmarked donations)



EMERGENCY CAMPAIGNS

€1,286,294 **€533,174**



Turkey Syria Morocco




DEVELOPMENT CAMPAIGN


€266,286



Afghanistan Togo France



COUNTRIES COVERED IN 2023:






Afghanistan France Morocco Syria Togo Turkey

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