



Solidarity in action

Activity report
2019





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Editorial



Henriette Steinberg
 General Secretary
 Officier de la
 Légion d'Honneur

2019 will remain forever a very special year in the history of the Secours populaire.

Julien Lauprêtre, President and Founder of the Secours populaire, continued persevering to pursue the association's global reach right up to the

moment when he drew his last breath. He gave his full support to the development of the "copain du Monde" children's village initiative because he saw it as the definition of solidarity: be attentive to others, give and receive unconditionally, and recognise solidarity in humanity by providing the stepping stones to meaningful action. This solidarity could then be set in motion in France, Europe and around the world, in the form of support and financial resources, both independently and with respect for others, keeping dignity firmly in place. Everyone involved in the Secours populaire, all around France and even further afield, shared this same goal and decided that the path Julien Lauprêtre had forged should be followed and widened. The association calls upon all individuals to contribute however they can to roll back misfortune and recognise each person's ability to improve the condition of men, women and children, all around France, Europe and the rest of the world, both at home and abroad, refusing that others should decide their fate and provoke widespread disaster. For the SPF, that means "influencing the consequences of catastrophes" without questioning or judging their causes. The association has never brought judgement or opinion on cause, and leaves individuals free to form their own views, providing they do not speak in the name of the SPF. That also means calling upon every person, wherever they are, to donate funds, because those resources are what allows the association to remain independent. It also means offering constructive solutions to those in need, so that they can escape poverty and become productive members of society, wherever they may be. It means helping those in authority to deal with these situations head-on, create the conditions required to build the future so that everyone can become active players and ensure the effectiveness of propositions and initiatives. I would like to thank all of you, and let's keep up the good work.



Thierry Robert
 National Secretary
 Chevalier de la
 Légion d'Honneur

The Secours populaire and its work during 2019.

The association's strength lies in its independence from political, philosophical or religious influence, its decentralised and local organisation, and the commitment and initiative shown by each of its 80,000 facilitators-collectors-volunteers. These

three fundamental elements in the life of the association are brought together within 656 local committees and 97 departmental federations, in addition to the many branches located in villages, neighbourhoods, communities, institutions and companies. The Secours populaire has very strong governance with almost 10,000 leaders, from local committees to the National Committee. The characteristic democracy of the Secours populaire was clearly evident in 2019, when the association held its 37th National Congress in Perpignan. One thousand delegates and guests attended, including "copain du Monde" children and SPF partners from all over the world, who declared their commitment to "Worldwide and universal solidarity, today and in the future". They decided to bring a global element to all the association's initiatives, breaking through borders and sharing solidarity unconditionally. That means motivating as many people as possible, by building bridges between food aid and other forms of solidarity, by taking into account issues regarding sustainable solidarity development and by speaking out for those whose voices are not heard. After working together to determine the direction the organisation will be taking, all the committees and federations of the SPF were suddenly faced with the catastrophic COVID-19 crisis. The SPF began turning its words into actions. The "Médecins du SPF" doctors sprung into unprecedented action without delay and the population of our country, as well as the countries in which our partner organisations work, supported and continue to support our association. We remained active, we "stayed the course" and called upon the generosity in terms of both financial resources and time, of anyone who could lend a hand. This was a wonderful tribute to Julien Lauprêtre and his flawless dedication to our motto: "Human issues are our issues."

High- lights

Throughout the year, Secours Populaire volunteers have carried out countless solidarity projects to help the poor in France and around the world.



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Highlights

January A galette workshop for children

On 4 January, pastry chef Nina Métayer ran a galette des rois workshop for six children who were enrolled in the Secours populaire school and educational support programme in Paris. They went to one of the capital's bakeries and got some useful advice from the "Best pastry chef of the year 2017" according to the Gault and Millau guide.

Launch of the 2019 Don'actions campaign

On 12 January, the Secours populaire launched Don'actions, its major annual fundraising campaign. To mark the occasion, hundreds of volunteers took to the streets of Agen, Rouen, Nice, Paris and other places around the country to collect donations from the public.

Grand Froid (cold weather) emergency

A cold snap hit France and triggered the Grand Froid cold weather solidarity programme in 22 departments. The Secours populaire immediately stepped up its actions, coming to the aid of poorly housed and homeless people who are the first victims of severe weather conditions.

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February

The Secours populaire is still working with the victims of the Rue d'Aubagne

Three months after the tragedy that took place in Rue d'Aubagne, Marseille, where a building collapsed and several others had to be evacuated, the Secours populaire is still working with the families who were affected. Through the generosity of the public and local partners, nearly €10,000 was collected to support them.



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Grand débat national (major national debate): how to be a mouthpiece for the most disadvantaged

As part of the Grand débat national, the Secours populaire decided to invite everyone in the association to act as representatives for its volunteers, and the nation's poorest people. Just as it had in 1989 to mark the bicentenary of the French Revolution, the SPF published its cahiers de doléances (books of grievances). Volunteers everywhere were called upon to be the mouthpiece for those who are never heard.

Keen'V raises the roof at Lille's Zenith

For the 25th edition of the Zénith de la solidarité, 5,000 people who have received support from the Secours populaire were invited to the Zénith in Lille for an incredible concert. This year, the event was headlined by Keen'V, much to the delight of both young and old.

March

Une journée pour soi (A day to yourself)

For International Women's Day, the Secours populaire, in partnership with LVMH, organised an event known as Une journée pour soi (A day to yourself). In six French towns, 350 women supported by the association took advantage of a day that had been set aside especially for them. The agenda included a make-up session, a photo shoot and a day trip.

Don'actions draw

On 15 March, the Secours populaire's major fundraising campaign came to an end. Volunteers spent two months collecting the donations that are essential to keep the association running, and the Don'actions solidarity draw is a key part of those efforts. Prizes were drawn with important SPF personalities including Valérie Trieweieler and Christian Rauth.



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Maintaining European food aid

Two months before the MEP elections, the associations that distribute European food aid in France and other EU countries, including the Secours populaire, organised a roundtable discussion on Wednesday 20 March at the European Parliament in Brussels, determined to underline how important the programme is for its beneficiaries. Highlights

A deadly cyclone in Mozambique

Cyclone Idai wreaked devastation in Mozambique. The Secours populaire immediately sprung into action to help the thousands of people who were affected. A group of people from the association travelled to the area, along with its partners from the Philippines (Mirasol) and Madagascar (CSM). Water filters were handed out with help from the SPF's Mozambican partner. A fine example of how solidarity has gone global!



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April 300 Easter egg hunts in France

In April, the Secours populaire organised nearly 300 egg hunts throughout France. As part of the Printemps de la solidarité mondiale (global solidarity spring), these days of celebration are designed to raise funds for the association's projects in almost 80 countries.

Cyclone Kenneth hits the Comoros

Tropical Cyclone Kenneth hit the Comoros on the night of 24-25 April, causing hundreds of injuries and displacing nearly 20,000 people. The Secours populaire launched an appeal for generosity to provide support for the victims of this natural disaster.

Death of Julien Lauprêtre, President of the Secours populaire français

On 26 April, Julien Lauprêtre, President of the Secours populaire, passed away at the age of 93. For all the members of the association, his passing marks the loss of a friend, as well as a president. Julien spent his entire life refusing what he found unacceptable: poverty and injustice. He made solidarity his daily fight, and he turned the Secours populaire into an important movement for popular solidarity.

Launch of the holiday campaign

250 people from the Ile-de-France region gathered at the Gare de Lyon on 30 April to embark on the holiday train. They were bound for Narbonne-Plage in the Aude department of France for six days of relaxation. On their arrival, they met with 250 people from the Occitanie region. This first departure marked the launch of the Secours populaire holiday campaign.

May

Donnez à lire (Donate to read) for children

In partnership with the Syndicat de la librairie française, the Secours populaire led its Donnez à lire (Donate to read) campaign, which involved collecting books for children. Following up on the initiative, volunteers organised a meeting in Lyon between the children and a bookshop, so that they could discuss their favourite books.



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A mission for flood victims in Iran

Following the devastating floods in March, a delegation from the Secours populaire went to the province of Khuzestan in southwestern Iran. Working with its partner, the Iranian Red Cross, the SPF handed out food packages and school supplies to affected families.

SAXOPRINT Creative Awards

Secours populaire was the partner association for the 2019 SAXOPRINT Creative Awards, which is a competition to create an advertising campaign for a humanitarian cause. Six campaigns were chosen based on the theme of child poverty in the world, and the campaigns will be broadcast at key times between 2019 and 2020.

National tribute to Julien Lauprêtre

Thousands of messages were received after the announcement that Julien Lauprêtre, President of Secours populaire, had passed away. Volunteers, people who had received support, political and public figures, and members of the public all wanted to celebrate the commitment of a man who dedicated his life to supporting the most disadvantaged. On 2 May, hundreds of people from all over France gathered at the Hôtel de Ville in Paris to pay him a final tribute.

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June

Young Parisians discover mountaineering

From 6 to 10 June, ten young Parisians were able to discover the joys of mountaineering. They were invited to enjoy an amazing trip to the Alps. The programme involved exploring the sea of ice, hiking on a glacier, spending a night in a refuge and climbing to a summit of 3,450 metres.

Solidarity partners club meeting

About thirty representatives from Secours populaire partner companies and foundations gathered at the Au Bal venue for the annual meeting of the association's solidarity partners club. It was an opportunity for the association to thank them for their support, inform them about what challenges the association is facing and share details about current and future projects.

Boîtes à bonheur (Cans for happiness) project

For the 14th edition of the Boîtes à bonheur (Cans for happiness) campaign, €632,794 was collected for the Secours populaire. This action, which was carried out in partnership with Carrefour and the canning industry, helps to fund the Journées des oubliés des vacances holiday programme, which is run in August for people who cannot go on holiday during the summer.

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July



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The Kinder village celebrates its tenth anniversary

For the tenth year, the Kinder village opened its doors to more than 600 children. Several groups were able to spend a week's holiday at the destination over a period of one month, and were able to try fifteen different sports and meet a few champions.

Copain du Monde children's holiday villages in France and around the world

Throughout the summer, 34 copain du Monde children's holiday villages were organised in France, Europe and around the world. These villages are an opportunity for children from all different backgrounds to get together and build projects to help others.

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August

Holiday families in the Netherlands

50 children spent two weeks on holiday in the Netherlands. Our partner Europa Kinderhulp welcomed them into their host families and helped them discover a new country, learn about a new culture and make some new friends.

400 seniors at the *Banquet des cheveux blancs* (Pensioners' banquet)

On 9 August, the Banquet des cheveux blancs (Pensioners' banquet) brought together 400 retired people from the eight Île-de-France Secours populaire federations. After a cruise on the Seine and Marne rivers, they had lunch and partook in a little dancing Chez Gégène, the famous guinguette dance venue at Joinville-le-Pont. For many of the people it was an opportunity to escape isolation, and the only holiday day in the year.

Les Journées des oubliés des vacances celebrates its 40-year anniversary

To mark the occasion, 50 magical days were organised throughout France for 50,000 people. Children, parents, young people or seniors who couldn't manage to go on holiday during the summer were able to enjoy an unforgettable day at the seaside, in the mountains, or at the zoo...

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September

Release of the 13th Ipsos – Secours populaire barometer

On 12 September, the Secours populaire launched its Pauvreté-Précarité (Poverty-instability) campaign. It was an opportunity for the association to unveil its 13th barometer, produced with Ipsos, which this year focuses on how children perceive poverty.

Support for families at the start of the school year

Every year, the return to school is a real financial headache for families in difficulty. Volunteers from the Secours populaire stepped up during this period and organised collections of supplies so that these children could start the year with the equipment they needed.

Bahamas emergency

In early September, Category 5 Hurricane Dorian ripped through the Bahamas. From 6 September, a Secours populaire delegation with partners from Saint Martin and Guadeloupe, went to the area to assess needs and provide emergency assistance to the population. Emergency packages and water filters were also distributed to the victims.

October

Screening of the documentary *Gosses de France* (Kids from France)

On 8 October, France 2 broadcast the documentary *Gosses de France* (Kids from France), directed by Andrea Rawlins-Gaston, which deals with child poverty and was released one month before the 30th anniversary of the International Convention on the Rights of the Child. The film features Benjamin, a child who receives support from the Secours populaire.

Solidarity with the Kurds

In October, the Turkish army attacked Syrian Kurdistan, threatening 3.5 million children, women and men who were all forced to flee to Iraqi Kurdistan. Faced with this catastrophic situation, the Secours populaire launched an appeal for solidarity to meet the most urgent needs of the displaced families.

Departmental conferences and congresses

After the Local Committees' Annual General Meetings in all the departments of France, volunteers from the federations of the Secours populaire met for their departmental Conferences and Congresses. These events provided the opportunity to take stock of the actions, define future directions and elect directors and delegates to the National Congress.



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November

Boards to be solidaire

The *Boards to be solidaire* operation was held in Paris for the second year. More than a hundred street artists produced works on 130 boards, which were then auctioned off to raise funds for the Île-de-France federations of the Secours populaire. The operation raised €122,000.

37th National Congress of the Secours populaire

1,200 delegates from Secours populaire, copain du Monde children and partner associations from five continents met in Perpignan for the SPF's 37th National Congress, whose theme was "Worldwide and universal solidarity, now and in the future". For three days, they shared experiences and best practices, to develop a collective response to the tragic situations that hundreds of millions of human beings are facing. The association's national leaders were elected for their two-year terms.

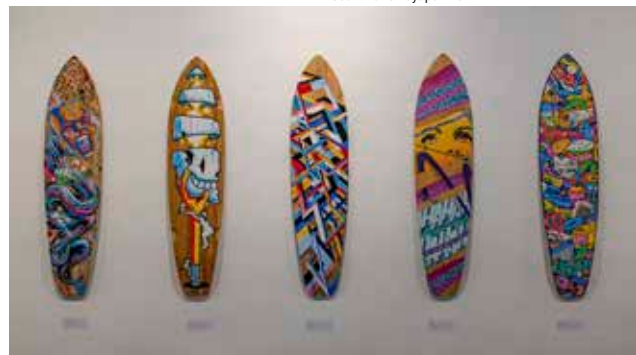
30th anniversary of the International Convention on the Rights of the Child

On 20 November 1989, the International Convention on the Rights of the Child was adopted by the United Nations General Assembly. Thirty years later, too many children are still suffering from abuse and do not benefit from their rights. The Secours populaire works daily to ensure that these rights are applied in our society.

Launch of the *Pères Noël verts* (Green Father Christmas) campaign

On 20 December in Paris, 5,000 people from all over France were invited to a preview of the Phénix circus show. This early celebration was shared with around fifty sponsors of the Secours populaire, who came to show their continued support for the association.

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December

7th edition of Secours pop'Rocks

On 1 December, the seventh edition of Secours pop'Rocks was held at the Bataclan concert venue in Paris. The event was a fundraising concert to benefit of the Ile-de-France federations of the Secours populaire. 1,600 people flocked to see Hocus Pocus, the headliner at the event.

Digital *Pères Noël verts* (Green Father Christmas) campaign

The Secours populaire launched a TV and digital campaign for Christmas to raise public awareness of the impact that poverty can have at this time. The film was produced by Publicis Conseil and Prodigious.

Celebration event with the *Pères Noël verts* (Green Father Christmas) at the *Musée des arts forains* (Museum of fairground arts)

The Secours populaire organised its end-of-year celebrations event at the *Musée des arts forains* (Museum of fairground arts) in Paris. It was a wonderful opportunity to bring together the association's sponsors and partners. A fashion show was even organised featuring people who had received support from the Secours populaire.

Pères Noël verts (Green Father Christmas) overseas

Because solidarity has no boundaries, the *Pères Noël verts* green Father Christmas tour has now spread to countries in America, Asia, Africa and the rest of Europe. Throughout the world, the Christmas campaign has been stepped up so that no-one is forgotten.

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Highlights

Association





Dominique Desarthe

Member of the National Bureau

3,268,460

people were helped in France and around the world

Recognised as a public utility

Grande cause nationale in 1991 (allowing the organisation to campaign free of charge on national television and radio, among other benefits)

Popular education status

Supplementary education association for public instruction

NGO holding consultative status with the United Nations Economic and Social Council

Ability to collect bequests, donations and life assurance

The Secours populaire français is an association that promotes general and worldwide solidarity, and goodwill for all people.

For 74 years now, the Secours populaire has been motivating men, women, young people and children (through its copain du Monde initiative) to join its movement, encouraging them to translate the word "solidarity" into concrete action. As our founding president, Julien Lauprêtre, once said, solidarity is a barrier against the evils of hatred and racism.

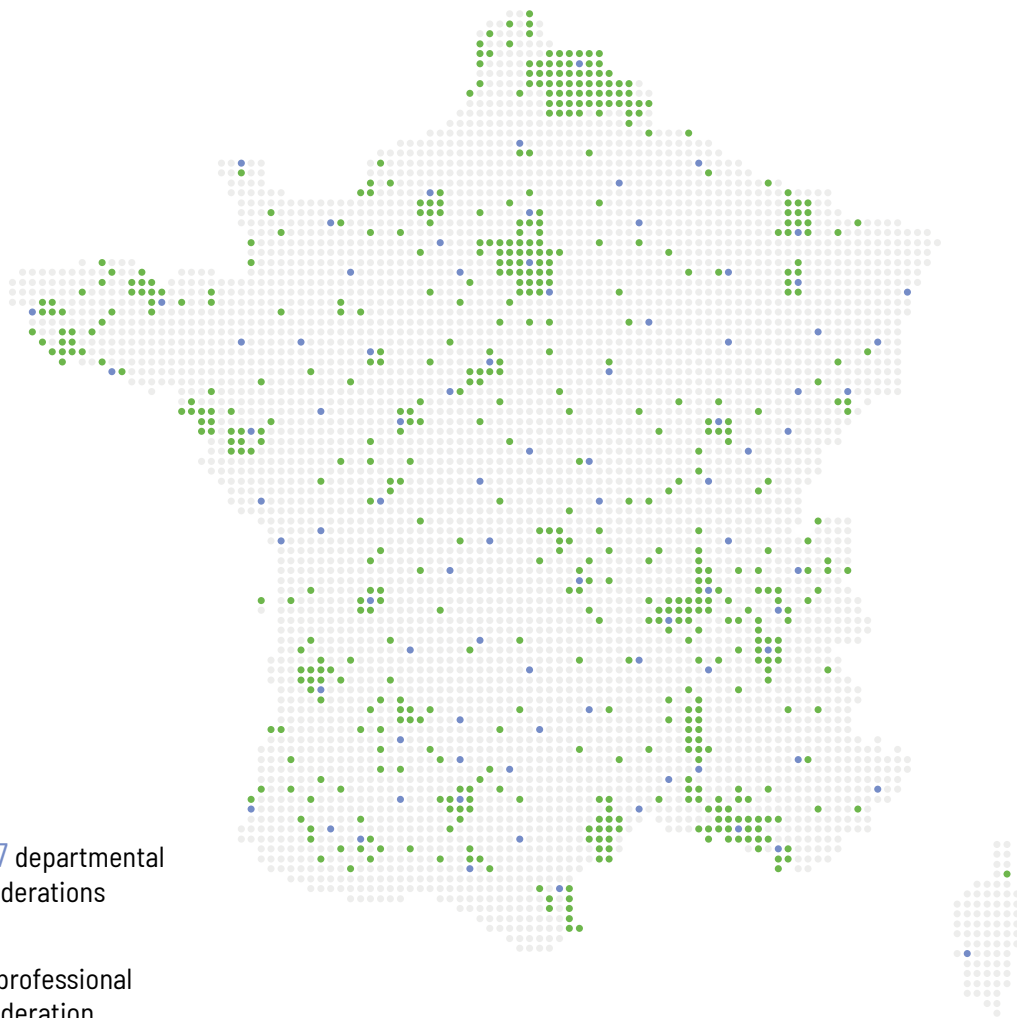
Throughout France, our decentralised organisation made up of federations, committees and branches, brings the association's collectors-leaders-volunteers as close as possible to those in need, helping them resolve difficulties, free of received ideas or conditions.

In addition to providing emergency food, clothing and material aid, the association works to facilitate access to rights, education, health, culture, leisure and sports. This general solidarity towards the victims of instability in France, Europe and all over the world, along with our network of partners spread over various continents, is intended to emancipate each individual, through popular education, in their daily lives. To fund this solidarity, Secours populaire volunteers collect funds, develop partnerships, and grow the association's solidarity network a little more each day. In doing so, they guarantee that its actions remain independent, so that the SPF can be a genuine "advocate for the poor", as well as a "goad to public authorities". Each volunteer is a spokesperson for the association and invited to take part in management and decision-making by joining its governing bodies, especially during general assemblies and congresses, and/or by becoming an elected leader. The Secours populaire's mission is to bring to life its motto: "human issues are our issues."

"In doing so, they guarantee that its actions remain independent."

Our work in France

Through its network of members, the Secours populaire covers a vast area of the country.



97 departmental federations

1 professional federation
(Fédération Nationale des Électriciens Gaziers)

656 local committees

2 professional committees
(Livre and RATP)

Key:

- local committees
- departmental federations



Jean-Louis Rolland
Member of the
National Bureau

Overseas territories

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Association

Let's keep on building and maintaining bridges of solidarity between France and its overseas territories.

In a world in which climate and healthcare challenges, racism, xenophobia and the rejection of others are raging, it is more crucial than ever to take action and develop solidarity, all over the globe, including in the French overseas territories. We step up during emergencies, but the association also works on sustainable development projects, investigating and anticipating the needs of the people who have been affected. We extend our solidarity by identifying local partners, associations and institutions, tackling climate challenges and responding to situations of instability and poverty that affect a large part of the population. We took some huge steps forward in 2019 throughout the overseas territories. School support, cooking workshops, music workshops, resumption of fishing for sailors, reconstruction of living quarters, a copain du Monde children's village, housing refurbishments, etc.

Taking solidarity global does not just mean providing aid in foreign countries, it means erasing borders and multiplying our actions overseas.

Raising awareness about the need to act, encouraging public initiatives and developing copain du Monde children's villages are part and parcel of 21st century solidarity. Let's keep on building and maintaining sustainable bridges of solidarity between France and its overseas territories.

Key players



Christian

Volunteer in Privas

I realised that as well as the joy of giving and sharing, volunteering gives me enormous energy. You need to love people, otherwise you may as well do something else.

In Ardèche, tutoring courses have been set up to help pupils in difficulty and support them as they learn the French language.

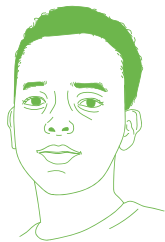
Angèle

Volunteer in Cherbourg

What I like about volunteering is that I get the chance to put a smile on the faces of people in challenging situations.



In the Manche federation, young Secours populaire volunteers are taking action to provide support for people in unstable situations.



Ahmed

Copains du Monde child

For me, the word "solidarity" means being kind to each other, loving each other and trusting one another, being united for a better future.

During the celebrations to mark the 30th anniversary of the International Convention on the Rights of the Child, the Secours populaire encouraged the youngest participants to show solidarity and join its copain du Monde movement of volunteer children.



Joëlle Bottalico
National Secretary

80,000

volunteers

3,348

volunteers trained
in 2019

36,778

hours of training
in 2019

Unswerving commitment that brings hope.

In the village that is our world, where every catastrophe, every disaster, every form of suffering, every situation of poverty, but also every success and every positive event can make the news in just a few moments on social media, we have chosen to show solidarity because we believe it is truly universal. Whether that solidarity comes from by the volunteer collectors-facilitators of the Secours populaire français in our country or elsewhere on the planet to help, relieve, guide or encourage men, women, children, our human brothers, solidarity is expressed (...). Promoting that solidarity is a considerable responsibility. It is just as important as facing the challenges of our modern world." These words were spoken by Henriette Steinberg, Secretary General of the Secours populaire, when she addressed the delegates at the most recent national congress. Since then,

"Since then, thousands of new volunteers have come forward to lend a hand."

thousands of new volunteers have come forward to lend a hand. They all spread the universal value of solidarity through sharing. Everyone makes their own contribution, whether they are copain du Monde children, young people or adults. Each person takes action in their own way, ensuring they show respect for others and are open to the world around them. The constant commitment from 80,000 SPF facilitators-collectors-volunteers brings hope for a better world and builds solidarity.

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Key
players

Training institute

The Secours populaire training institute supports the movement and its players, to bring the association's plans to fruition. Since it was founded, more than 48,000 people have taken training courses. There are around thirty courses available, and they have been designed with the same objective: to support those involved with the movement as they carry out their initiatives. Training sessions, as well as public seminars, theme days, symposia, group action-research workshops and so on increase the quality of solidarity, and strengthen the development of the association's financial resources and its progress as a whole. Training also brings opportunities to share, discuss and really look at what impact our actions can have. During the training courses, each volunteer becomes an active collector and an enlightened citizen who is aware of the identity of the Secours populaire and can defend its independence and its strategy.

Partners

Jade Declercq

Product Manager for Feminine Hygiene, Southern Europe & France, VANIA

// *Vania® decided to join forces with the Secours populaire to combat period poverty and support women in need by donating two million menstrual pads in 2019.*

Boîte à bonheur project (Happiness box)

Since 2006, the Secours populaire and Carrefour have been running the Boîte à bonheur (Happiness box) project with ten companies from the food canning industry. From 15 January to 10 February, 7% of the sales from canned goods by 13 brands sold in the group's stores went to the Secours populaire to fund the Journées des oubliés des vacances holiday initiative. In 2019, the campaign raised €632,794, and allowed 50,000 children to experience the delight of taking a holiday.

Jean-Benoît Dujol

Director for youth, popular education and associations, with the French Ministry of Education and Youth

// *We are proud to have supported the work of the Secours populaire for many years such as its "copain du Monde" children's village movement, which helps to get young people involved in its initiatives and volunteer work generally, and encourages children to be players for solidarity."*

Allow everyone access to rights

The Ministry of Justice and the Secours populaire have formed a partnership that aims to help impoverished people gain access to justice and rights through the SPF's PASS (welcome, solidarity and healthcare support) centres. The goal of the project is to bring justice to those answerable to the law who experience exclusion and vulnerability, and help them gain a better understanding of their rights. When necessary, it also provides access to specialist organisations and legal aid, as well as mediation and arbitration services to ensure their rights are exercised properly.



Denis Laulan
Member of the
National Bureau

Working better together as partners.

The Secours populaire's primary resources are obviously its volunteers and donors. Nothing is possible without them. The second category includes the much valued companies and foundations which support us in every single project we undertake, every action we drive. From the neighbourhood mini-market which sets aside food to improve the choices available to people who receive assistance, to the large foundation which finances long-term social, cultural or sports projects, the Secours populaire works with a wide range of donors and supporters. We foster long-term relationships with these organisations, which means we secure the commitment of our volunteers. Initiating a project is much easier when you have the regular support of a company or foundation, one you can trust to satisfy your requests no matter what the situation. These relationships are especially strong because social and environmental responsibility issues have become crucial for many of these companies, and we provide a way for them to take meaningful action. We are proud to be able to help. Other essential partners in our daily actions are local communities, major public services, popular education associations, and so on. We work with them and share objectives and cultures. Here too, the content of our partnerships varies enormously: from loaning premises at the foot of a social housing project building to cover areas that don't receive subsidies, through the joint organisation of holiday projects or magical Christmas evening events. Our common objective with these institutions is to fight against social, territorial and economic discrimination while focusing on popular education. Our work is driven by this goal, and we always respect the independence of the Secours populaire so that social ties are maintained in the hope of a brighter future.

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Key partners

Companies and corporate foundations



FERRERO



LVMH

MONOPRIX



22
Our
partners

Institutions



These organisations also support our work

Companies and corporate foundations

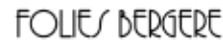


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Our
partners

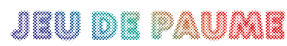
Institutions



Thanks also to



24
Our
partners



25
Our
partners



Our actions in France





Sébastien Thollot
National Secretary



Family composition

- Single people 38%
- Single-parent families 29%
- Couples with children 27%
- Childless couples 6%



Supported generations

- btw 26 and 59 y/o: 41%
- < 18 y/o: 41%
- btw 18 and 25 y/o: 12%
- > 60 y/o: 6%

3,047,030

people assisted in France

There are almost 9 million poor people in France, including 3 million children.

In 2019, we celebrated the 30th anniversary of the International Convention on the Rights of the Child. While much progress has already been made, children are still the first victims of increasing poverty and deteriorating social conditions. Nearly 3 million children still live below the poverty line in France today. And they count for 41% of the people who receive the association's help. Every day, the SPF takes action to show its solidarity so that these children can enjoy their childhood to the full and take opportunities to improve their future. Where there are children, there are of course parents, often single women, who have to find the strength to take care of their children each day. We have noticed that it's a similar story everywhere. Whether in towns, suburbs or rural areas, whether students, low-income workers, retired people, single-parent households, unaccompanied foreign minors, people on a migrant journey, anyone who comes to the association is welcomed, supported and guided, all throughout the year.

Providing solutions to ever more complex and growing needs now means we really have to step up our solidarity: food aid, clothing, professional integration, access to personal care products, healthcare, education, common rights, holidays, culture, sport, leisure, digital technology, etc.

Our solidarity is based on some essential and indissociable principles:

- Our welcome is unconditional.
- We take into account each person's overall situation.
- We show general solidarity.
- We allow the people we welcome to assert their independence through volunteering.

So because someone has listened to them, taken them seriously and guided them, the people who approach the Secours populaire for support stay active and decisive in their lives and their future.

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“Providing solutions to ever more complex and growing needs now means we really have to step up our solidarity”



Patrick Paskiewiez
Member of the
National Committee

Refugee-migrants

The road paved with danger.

Whether they come from Congo, Sudan, Senegal, Mali, Moldova, Iraq, Tibet, Afghanistan, Morocco or any other country, people are fleeing war, dictatorship, misery, famine, a lack of freedom and, soon, climate disasters caused by global warming.

They arrive in Europe and France often after risking their lives at sea on fragile boats and realise, too late, that Europe is not the El Dorado they imagined. They most often end up in detention centres before being released onto the streets and finding themselves in makeshift squats or slums by ring roads, from which they are regularly expelled to be sent to various accommodation centres around France, where they are then sorted into those who can apply for asylum and others who can expect to be sent home.

Given this dreadful situation, which is very much ongoing, the Secours populaire, true to its tradition of solidarity, provides unconditional support to all these men, women and children. This support might be in the form of food, clothing, health, leisure or anything related to learning French, providing assistance with residence permits, as well as administrative procedures which are becoming more complicated. In these situations our motto, "Human issues are our issues", takes on its full meaning.

154,620

people applied for asylum
in France in 2019.



Sadou
Lyon

*I am an
asylum
seeker.
I receive a lot
of help from
the Secours
populaire,
both food
and clothing,
but the
volunteers
also take us
to museums,
to the
seaside,
or play sports
with us.*

French lessons for refugee-migrants bring opportunities to talk and meet new people. © Jean-Marie Rayapen / SPF



In action

📍 **Pyrénées-Orientales / Perpignan**

Playing together to break through prejudices about refugee-migrants.

In Perpignan, the Secours populaire has set up an education centre in which French courses for adult refugee-migrants are run by volunteers. It's a great way to help people who do not speak the language to integrate society and gain autonomy. During these workshops, both the people receiving support and the volunteers

themselves realised that there were still certain prejudices about the situation of refugee-migrants. The refugee-migrants had the idea of creating a giant board game about the rights of foreigners in France, to raise awareness about their situation and break down prejudices in a fun way.

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Christian Causse
Member of the
National Bureau

Emergencies

The Secours populaire has always stepped up to meet the needs of victims in emergency situations.

Fires, floods, natural disasters... When emergency situations occur, upheaval and fear put everyone on the same footing, and solidarity is crucial. Whatever the trauma, the Secours populaire provides various forms of emergency first aid to meet different needs; food, access to drinking water, clothing and equipment: all essential forms of support to help people to go on with their lives. The Secours populaire also guides families in accessing their rights so that they can recover their dignity as quickly as possible. Because these emergency situations are tragic for everyone involved, especially the most vulnerable, the association takes action and coordinates with its network of players, its volunteer fundraisers, donors, private and corporate partners to develop solidarity. Our association in France is decentralised, which allows us to take action right in the heart of emergency situations and get close to victims. Once the initial emergency is over, disaster victims too often find themselves alone. SPF volunteers stay with families to provide long-term support. We now need to grow our network as far as possible, financially, materially, and in terms of our human resources, and plan for potential emergencies with our response fund to take quick and effective action to show solidarity.

54%

of French people have at one time or another been on the verge of poverty.



Alain
Pezenas

When the Secours populaire is called to help, we show up. It is an integral part of who we are, solidarity isn't just a meaningless word.

Donations can take the form of clothing, furniture, or household appliances.

Volunteers go to help victims immediately after emergencies. © Claude Esclaine / SPF



In action

📍 Ardèche / Le Teil

Solidarity with the victims of Teil.

On 11 November, an earthquake of unprecedented severity shook the Ardèche and Drôme departments of France. Reaching a magnitude of 5.4 on the Richter scale, the earthquake was most devastating in Le Teil, a town with 8,400 inhabitants, and 2,000 of them were affected by the catastrophe. Given the enormity of the damage the Secours populaire took immediate action. Immediate emergency aid in the form of clothing, furniture and household appliances was provided from the very beginning,

and initiatives were organised by Secours populaire volunteers, donors and partner companies. After the first emergencies had been tackled, the association stayed to help, and is still working there today to support families affected by the earthquake. For example, a day at Disneyland Paris was organised for a group of children and their parents. It was an opportunity for the residents to escape from their everyday challenges and leave the traumatic experience behind them.



Nicolas Champion
Member of the
National Bureau

Food aid

A gateway to more solidarity.

People who really need solidarity often come to us because they have an primary urgent requirement: food.

Secours populaire volunteers work year round to provide this support. It is organised as self-service solidarity. People in need make a symbolic financial donation, then they can choose what they would like to eat. A financial transaction and a choice are essential for people to maintain their dignity and make decisions about their own diets.

The products carried by the Secours populaire come from several sources: collections at large and medium-sized stores, shopping cart campaigns with supermarket customers run by association volunteers, donations and the Fund for European Aid to the Most Deprived (FEAD). The FEAD covers 45% of the food that the association distributes and is essential on two levels: it allows impoverished people to feed themselves, and it helps to build a united Europe that shows solidarity to its citizens.

Lastly, as they provide food, the Secours populaire teams get an opportunity to create a relationship of trust with the people they support. The association often begins supporting people in this way. It strives constantly to reduce poverty and instability, however it can and by any means available.

1,821,600

people received food support.



Christine
Le Meux

*In the past,
I focused
on surviving
before eating.
I paid for
everything
I had to and
I stopped
eating.
This support
has been a
huge help!*

In Angers, bakery apprentices were able to share their passion with children who receive support from the Secours populaire. © SPF 49



In action

📍 **Maine-et-Loire / Angers**

A bakery workshop for children in Angers.

At Secours populaire, food aid doesn't stop at distribution. Taking a popular education approach, the volunteers attach particular importance to nutrition, a balanced diet, and the quality of the products that are distributed in free food services. As such, the Secours populaire federation in Maine-et-Loire has been running cooking workshops for children for four years,

including a bakery workshop. On 29 May in Angers, they were invited to visit the bakery at the Chambre des métiers, where apprentices passed on their knowledge. This partnership went beyond the workshop, because the apprentices made chocolate eggs for the Egg Hunt in Anger, and even made marzipan galettes for the people and volunteers at the centre.

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Sylvie Chevillard
Member of the
National Bureau

Rights

We welcome all people into our structures unconditionally as part of an orientation and support process, ensuring that everyone has access to fundamental, social and legal rights.

The people who come to our welcome, solidarity and healthcare support centres (PASS) sometimes have urgent needs. Our volunteers are always there to listen so they can take stock of their situation, and most importantly ensure that they have access to their rights: housing, health, financial assistance, etc. Because we know all too well that administrative and legal procedures can be a real challenge. They are mostly all now digital, so the procedures are very difficult for those who do not have access to a computer or an Internet connection. Not to mention people who speak little or no French and who find themselves totally helpless when attempting to deal with administrative issues. Drawing on their united network of professionals and partners, the Secours populaire volunteers guide the most vulnerable people through the process that will grant them access to fundamental rights. Themed events, specific training and documentary resources are tools used to improve their understanding of various situations and effectively direct people to the appropriate services, keeping the objective of autonomy and respect for dignity for all at the forefront.

42,935

people have been provided with legal support.

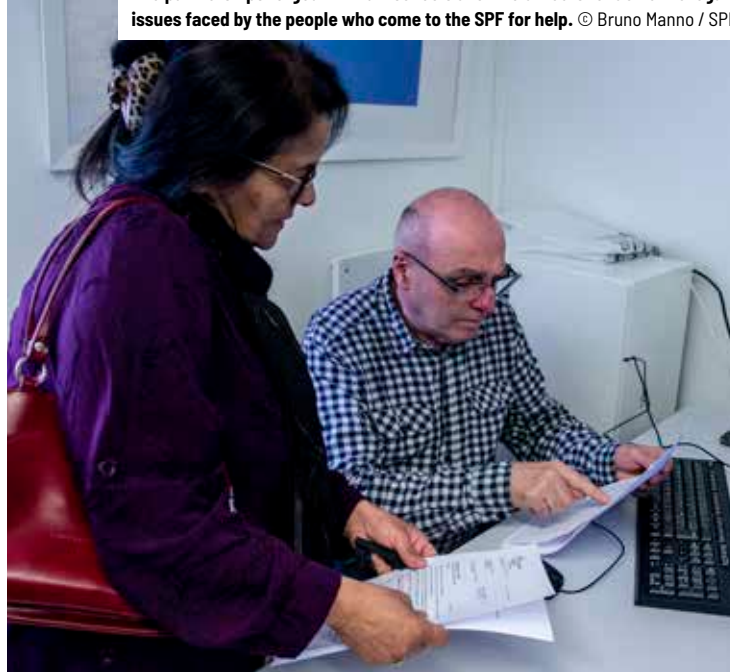


Constance
Volunteer in Lyon

I am a volunteer at the reception centre for unaccompanied foreign minors.

My main tasks are to provide administrative support for these young people and help them access their rights.

The partnerships forged with law schools allow volunteers to tackle the legal issues faced by the people who come to the SPF for help. © Bruno Manno / SPF



In action

📍 **Finistère / Brest**

A legal clinic in Brest.

Knowing and asserting your rights can be a real challenge for people in unstable situations. A lack of information, resources, administrative hoop-jumping... these are all obstacles that are difficult to overcome. To help tackle these thorny issues, the Secours populaire federation in Finistère has formed a partnership with the University of Western Brittany in Brest, which has opened

a legal clinic. The volunteers take genuine cases encountered by the people they receive, and pass them on to law students for them to examine, under their teachers' supervision. Whether they involve access to housing, foreigners' rights, family law, etc. the cases handled allow volunteers to resolve the legal issues raised by people they receive at the reception centres.

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Housing

Access to housing has always been one of the Secours populaire's priorities.

While housing is a key factor in professional and social integration, it is also a real problem for many people: working poor, part-time employees, young people, single-parent families, retired people, etc. In our welcome centres, we see that many people don't exercise their rights, either because they aren't aware about what options are available, or because they feel overwhelmed by complicated red tape. Rent and utilities are out of many people's reach and the result is an accumulation of debt; others struggle to find affordable housing and many young people with or without children have to live with their families, some of whom are in financial difficulty themselves. We also welcome people who live in poverty but own dilapidated housing and can no longer pay their energy bills, because the damage to their property is too significant. The SPF must direct them towards social support services to ensure that they benefit from all the rights to which they are entitled, but also to help them in the fight against energy poverty and excess debt by supporting them through the red tape by means of the association's network of partners: CAF, CCAS, EDF, taking out microloans, etc. At the same time, the SPF strives to stay in contact with homeless people, to help pull them out of extreme instability through street campaigns that provide immediate help. The association can then notify social services and guide the people through the various procedures.



Marie Viel
Member of the
National Committee

40,910

people were supported with access to housing and help staying in their homes.



Willy
Lille

I got to know about the Secours populaire because I'm homeless. The volunteers help us a lot, they support us, give us food... I am very happy to have access to these people, it does me a lot of good.

Escale des Familles offers homeless or poorly housed families the chance to take a rest for a few hours during the day. © Jean-Marie Rayapen / SPF



In action

Gironde / Bordeaux

A stopover for families in Bordeaux.

While there are many places to accommodate poorly housed or homeless people during the day, few are tailored to accommodate families. Given this observation, the volunteers at the Gironde federation of the Secours populaire opened the Escale des Familles family centre in Bordeaux. This warm and welcoming space is open three days a week and takes in parents and children

suffering from severe poverty. French lessons are given there for adults while children can enjoy the huge variety of toys and games, or read books from the library under the supervision of volunteers from the association. A laundry room has also been installed to allow homeless people to do their laundry. For families in distress, Escale des Familles is an opportunity for vital relaxation.

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Houria Tareb
National Secretary

Healthcare

In our fight against exclusion, we have made access to healthcare and the right to proper health one of our priorities.

In 2019, 84 Secours populaire federations carried out awareness-raising, prevention and access to health campaigns through their welcome, solidarity and healthcare support centres.

Led by the Médecins du SPF (SPF doctors), volunteer professionals from the medico-social sector, the health centres are set up to welcome, listen and support people in accessing their healthcare rights, and to guide them towards the appropriate services while raising awareness and sharing advice about preventive actions. To improve access for as many people as possible to preventive measures and healthcare in the broadest sense of the term, we draw on local association networks as well as corporate and private partnerships. In rural areas, where medical services are becoming scarce, we are developing our healthcare provision through mobile centres, which get as close as possible to people by offering them material assistance, listening and guidance, as well as eyesight and hearing tests.

Healthcare and prevention must be everyone's business. We believe that allowing people in difficult situations to regain control over their lives, including their physical and mental health, is a step towards restoring their dignity. This is part of our fight against two-tier medicine and exclusion, and a step closer to "healthcare for all".

114,570

people received access to medical care and preventive services.



Gilles

Secours populaire doctor in Reims

We mainly provide advice. The bulk of our work is therefore directing people to a family doctor or the right specialist.

People in unstable situations often neglect to take care of their health.

© Christophe Da Silva / SPF



In action

📍 Côte-d'Or / Dijon

In Dijon, information and guidance for access to care.

A lack of resources, insufficient information about existing medical services, the list goes on. When people are living with poverty, they often neglect their health. In its welcome, solidarity and health-care support centres, the Secours populaire strives to find out more about the health of people who come through its doors. Volunteers in Dijon provide guidance and help

to raise awareness among those who need it, directing them to the appropriate care facilities. Likewise, a partnership with France's primary health insurance fund (CPAM) has been established. Volunteers receive information from the CPAM about the healthcare systems to which the people receiving assistance can apply, so that they can exercise their right to healthcare.

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Holidays

Everyone should be able to take a holiday.

The Secours populaire has always considered holidays to be a right, a tool for emancipation, a means of bringing popular education to life and an essential element for people's well-being, especially those whose daily lives are fraught with difficulty. Going on holiday means feeling like everyone else, taking a little time out for yourself, strengthening family ties, bolstering social relationships. It means opening up to the world, discovering new cultures, broadening your horizons and benefiting from these experiences.

Since its creation, the Secours populaire has endeavoured to make it possible for everyone to take a holiday. To achieve this objective, it runs many different campaigns to support children, young people, families, seniors, people with disabilities, isolated people and refugee-migrants and give them unforgettable experiences. It calls upon its solidarity network to step up partnerships so that as many people as possible can create memories by the sea, in the countryside or in the mountains throughout the year. Whether it's with a holiday host family, at a campsite, in lodges or at copain du Monde villages, there is a programme to suit everyone and ensure that as many people as possible get to experience the joys of taking some time off to enjoy themselves.



Claudine Albouy
Member of the
National Bureau

201,990

people received support to go on holiday.



Zyneb
Gennevilliers

We have adventures, we don't sit at home doing nothing. And it's a chance to put the horrible things that have happened to us in the past.

Families volunteer to host one or two children for one or more weeks to give them a holiday. © Bruno Manno / SPF



In action

📍 **Yvelines / Yvelines**

Holiday host families welcome 45 children from Yvelines.

In France, one in three children is unable to go on holiday. The Secours populaire is stepping up its initiatives to enable as many people as possible to exercise this right. In Yvelines, 45 children got a chance to take a holiday with a host family. These volunteers take in a child who isn't able to go on holiday, for a period of one to three weeks. In the Hérault, Hautes-Pyrénées,

Corsica and Mayenne, the children from Yvelines were able to discover a new environment, take part in activities that they don't usually get to do, and above all to make new friends and forge a relationship with their host family. It's an essential breath of fresh air for children who, on the first day of school, will then have lots of memories to share with their friends.

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Museum tours are organised regularly, all over France.

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Blandine Polonceau
Member of the
National Bureau

Leisure, Culture, Sport

Access to sports, culture and leisure is essential for a brighter future.

The Secours populaire has made access to culture one of its essential channels for solidarity.

Smiles, sparkling eyes, and treasured memories are essential in the life of every human being. The arts provide an outlet for people to express an emotion, a sensation or an idea without using words. Dancing, singing, drawing and painting give life greater meaning. And that's why we are stepping up our actions to bring culture and art workshops to more and more people. Because giving everyone a chance to express themselves through art means creating potentially life-changing opportunities.

Likewise, access to leisure activities and sports provides an outlet from everyday hardships. The values of sport help to build character: pushing yourself past your own limits, working together, sharing accomplishments and failures... And all this must all be carried out as part of a relationship of equals. Very often we move mountains and clear away obstacles so that the poor can simply be allowed to enjoy life. The lives of the people we help are difficult, so it's important that they be given the right to freedom.

108,630

people received access to culture and recreation.

30,620

people received access to sports.



Dalila
Roubaix

The museum is amazing, I can't believe it! The guide explained lots of things to us that I didn't know before, and that I will remember so I can explain them to other people. It has really opened my eyes.

In Lille, the children were able to enjoy a ride on the Ferris wheel.

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In action

📍 Nord / Lille

A day of celebrations in Lille with the Pères Noël Verts (Green Father Christmas).

Instability and increasing poverty exclude many poor people from society. This feeling of isolation is particularly prevalent during the Christmas and New Year celebrations, which are normally synonymous with happy memories shared among friends or family. Driven by the idea that everyone should enjoy themselves at this time and escape from a sometimes difficult

daily life, the Secours populaire steps up its Pères Noël Verts (Green Father Christmas) campaign during the holidays. In Lille, 440 people were able to make some magical memories. Parents and children were able to take a ride on the big wheel before going to lunch at a restaurant in the city. They wrapped up the day on a cultural note, with an outing to a museum.

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Claude Esclaine
Member of the
National Bureau

Sharing knowledge

"Every child we educate is a soul won." Victor Hugo

France has nearly three million children and adolescents living in poverty. Even though the right to education is guaranteed by the International Convention on the Rights of the Child, poverty leaves certain vulnerable children invisible. The Secours populaire pays careful attention to the education children are entitled to receive; it enables tens of thousands of families to buy school supplies, dress their children properly, ensure they have access to a balanced diet, pay for school lunches, provide academic support, and provide opportunities for children to enjoy sports and culture. The Secours populaire supports children in difficulty and fights to keep them in school. It strives to keep them interested in learning, and involves parents in their children's experiences, which is the key to successful support. The association provides mediation between families and schools, eliminates obstacles and makes school accessible to those who struggle to attend. The student branches can provide a boost to the most disadvantaged students whose financial distress unfairly undermines their chances of success, by helping them to obtain healthy food, university books, various supplies, and cultural or leisure activities. For adults, the fight against illiteracy involves French lessons or conversational workshops to improve their language skills, both orally and in writing (literacy, teaching French as a foreign language) as well as through social inclusion workshops, sport, culture, and leisure.

29,330

people received educational and learning support.

12,860

people were supported in learning French.



Zarif
Dijon

What makes me really happy is when I see a student who has just understood a legal concept, and especially when I am successful in encouraging them to learn.



Secours populaire libraries promote access to reading for all. © Pascal Montary / SPF

In action

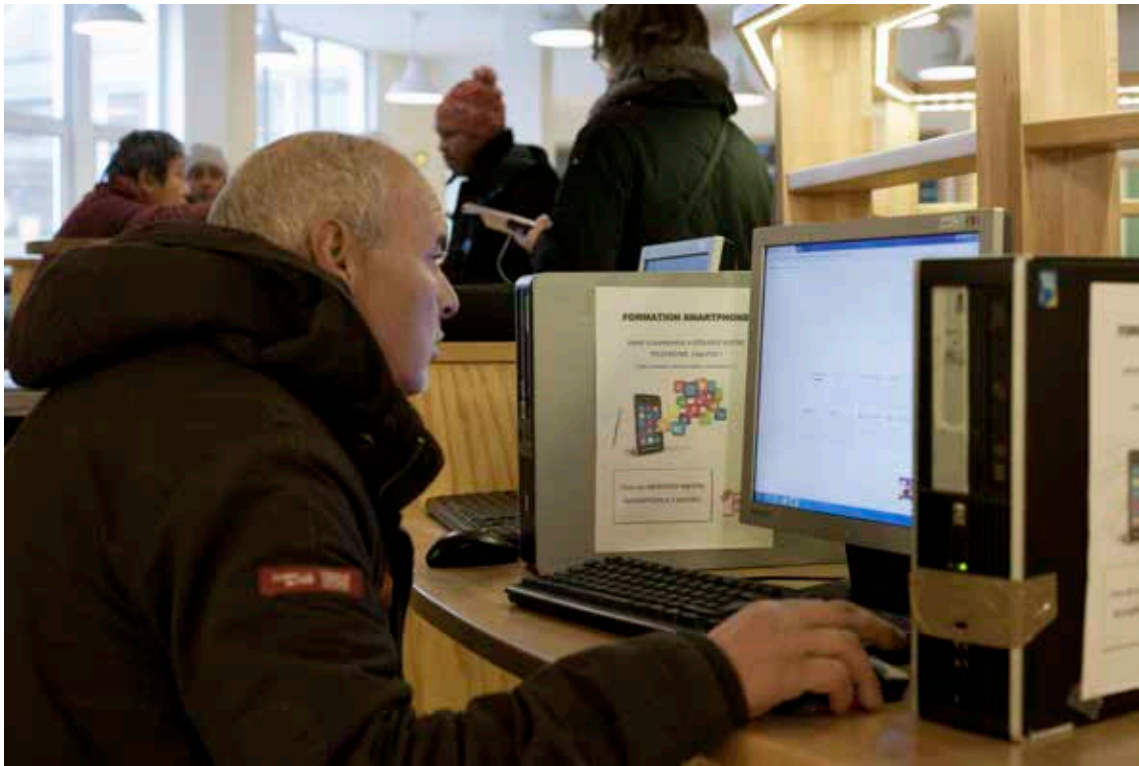
📍 **Seine-Saint-Denis / Les Lilas**

Reading for all at Les Lilas.

Education is one of the main keys to emancipation. The Secours populaire Les Lilas committee in Seine-Saint-Denis has understood this perfectly and decided to focus its actions on support for education and schools. The committee has developed several initiatives, including a library that is open to people supported by the association. Reading workshops also take place

each week. On Tuesdays and Fridays for example, pupils aged between 7 and 11 can leaf through books, read or draw in the company of a volunteer team who works with them throughout the year. This initiative is a fun way for children who sometimes have trouble following along in the classroom to learn and experience a normal learning environment.

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Isabelle Martinelli
Member of the
National Committee

Socio-professional integration

Access to employment, an essential step towards independence.

Employment is the best way to restore people's dignity and social independence. Secours populaire volunteers work with the people who come to the association for help, and guide them through the various stages towards getting back to work. The association promotes access to rights and sometimes helps to support people as they strive to assert them. We help job seekers to identify their skills and experience in order to create a CV and covering letter. We prepare them for job interviews and through our personal care centres, we provide suitable clothing, in which people can feel good about themselves. No job without transport: the first month's travel pass is supplied, or help is provided to purchase a bicycle or motor vehicle. We come together to fight against the paradox that resources are required if people want to work. And now there is another layer of difficulty to overcome: job vacancies are almost entirely advertised online. Here again, we work with people to train them and give them access to a computer, a printer, a scanner, etc. taking action to bridge the digital divide. The volunteers channel all the SPF's resources to support job seekers, providing comprehensive guidance and promoting their return to autonomy. However, today's job market is mostly unstable, part-time jobs. The fight will only end when people gain access to sustainable employment and a decent salary.

6,900

people received support for employment.



Rémy
Foix

Three years after I arrived in France, I was able to integrate society and obtain legal papers with the help of the Secours populaire. I am now an employee.

Self-service food banks are an entry point towards other forms of solidarity, such as assistance with access to employment. © Pascal Montary / SPF



In action

📍 Hautes-Pyrénées / Tarbes

A non-profit hairdressing salon in Tarbes.

Since 2009, a hairdressing salon has opened at the Hautes-Pyrénées federation of the Secours populaire, in Tarbes. Led by asylum seekers and supported by professional hairdressers from the Secours populaire, free haircuts are provided to women and men who come to the welcome centre. Colour treatments, blow-dries, and

many other requests are all handled at the salon. It's a great way to show that people have value and boost their self-confidence, but it's also a way for these hairdressers to continue to practising their skills and gain valuable experience before obtaining an employment contract in a local salon.

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Our actions around the world





Corinne Makowski
National Secretary

Worldwide and universal solidarity, now and in the future.

The story of Secours populaire is above all about human relationships, bonds of friendship that are forged between people from different countries and different cultures. From there, the Secours populaire facilitators-collectors-volunteers are keen to transmit this same approach wherever they go, so that everyone can play a role and spread solidarity worldwide. Bonds between people create bridges of solidarity in France, Europe and around the world, right now, and for the years to come. With its copain du Monde movement, the Secours populaire helps to make today's children the instigators and players of solidarity, and to ensure that the citizens of the future are imbued with the values of solidarity. The association fosters friendships with its partners all around the world, and some of these friendships have lasted for decades. Relationships are not a one-way street, but are enhanced by people working together, as the recent example of the Salvadoran partnership attests: a group of rural farmers from El Salvador came to France to share their experience of ecological agriculture with a group of French farmers. We can all learn from each other, and it is our firm belief that collective intelligence has the potential to roll back poverty and misfortune all over the world. Globalising solidarity also means going beyond borders, helping to develop awareness about how urgent it is to take action, to encourage solidarity and mutual aid, and create a massive global solidarity movement. The possibilities we have now can be multiplied on a huge scale in the future, as long as all people, wherever they are, realise that they too can play a role in this solidarity movement. We can certainly move forward quickly alone, but if we all move together, we can go further.

210
programmes
and solidarity projects

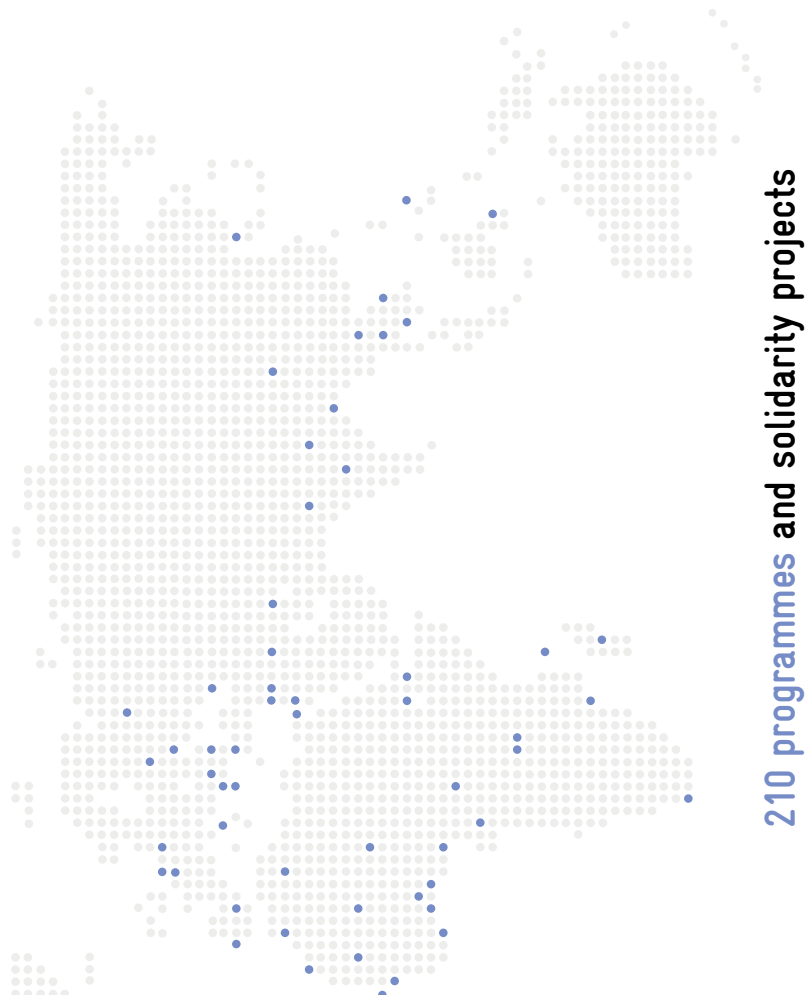
71
countries

221,430
people assisted

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“Bonds between people create bridges of solidarity in France, Europe and around the world.”

Our presence around the world



The Secours populaire
works in

71 countries and has **133 partners**

210 programmes and solidarity projects
benefit **221,430 people**

Africa	America	Asia	Middle East	Europe (excluding France)
85 actions and programmes 23 countries 97,470 people supported	38 actions and programmes 15 countries 40,675 people supported	27 actions and programmes 12 countries 29,955 people supported	27 actions and programmes 6 countries 35,130 people supported	33 actions and programmes 15 countries 18,200 people supported



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Emergencies



Christian Lampin
National Secretary

In the very first article of its statutes, the Secours populaire pledges to support people who are victims of natural disasters and armed conflict.

Taking action for solidarity in the aftermath of a tragedy is therefore part of the SPF identity. The year 2019 has brought its fair share of disasters of all kinds, and wars are still raging, affecting millions of human beings on our planet. Faced with emergency situations, the SPF has taken action in Mozambique, Comoros, Lebanon, Italy, Madagascar, Albania and Iran, always coordinating with its partners on site to organise solidarity that is tailored to the needs of those affected. The initiative taken in the Caribbean following the passage of Hurricane Dorian over the Bahamas archipelago is proof of its pledge. The Secours populaire was only able to help thanks to the support of the Madtvoz Family in Saint Martin and the Soleil d'Or in Guadeloupe. Its work would have been impossible without the appeal for financial and material generosity, and the motivation shown by a network of countless

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In action

 **Comoros**
Djomani

Support for the victims of Cyclone Kenneth in the Comoros

On the night of 24 to 25 April, Cyclone Kenneth hit the Comoros archipelago with winds of up to 280 km/h. Many buildings were destroyed, eight people died and nearly 45,000 were affected. The Secours populaire came to help the victims right away, launching an appeal for solidarity and releasing an emergency fund of €20,000. Along with its partner, the confederation of Djomani associations in France (CADF), the SPF sent a delegation to the area so that the needs could be assessed and emergency assistance could be provided to the affected families. Six thousand people received food packages of rice, flour, sugar, etc.

“The initiative taken in the Caribbean [...] is proof of its pledge.”



© Ibrahim Youssouf / AFP

Europe



Jean-Louis Callens
Member of the
National Bureau

Building solidarity both at home and abroad: that was the objective set during the 37th National Congress of the Secours populaire.

The Secours populaire takes action in France and overseas, all over the world, on all continents and of course in Europe, closer to home. Because yes, the situation in Europe, the rise of poverty, the massive arrival of migrant refugees fleeing destitution and war are all issues that concern us. There are now close to 100 million people in Europe living in poverty. Worse still, hunger is increasing on the continent, even though it is one of the richest on the planet. Meanwhile, European food aid is under threat. The Secours

“The Secours populaire and its network of European partner associations, continues taking action.”

populaire and its network of European partner associations, continues taking action. First with people living in poverty, by building solidarity projects in Greece, Italy, Spain, Serbia and so on. But its action with European institutions is also ongoing; the association works with Parliament so that it can make the right decisions in the situation. We have liaised with our government representatives and everyone in power to ensure that poverty cannot grow, and that everyone is focused on improving living conditions. This action is ongoing.

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Georgia
Guria

Improve learning conditions for young Georgians

In Georgia, the digital divide is particularly noticeable in rural areas, and has a huge negative impact on students there. As more and more courses are available online, the poorest young people in the most remote regions of the country find themselves at a disadvantage because they don't have computer equipment or an internet connection. The Rhône federation of the Secours populaire, in partnership with the local association Educare Georgia, is running a digital access project, funding laptops and providing training in computer tools for 15 students from the disadvantaged region of Guria.

In action

Massimiliano Bianchini

President of Arci
Macerata, Italy

"Working with the Secours populaire, we promote equality and solidarity among young people and run a support programme for refugees in the city of Macerata."

Greece Athens

Supporting the most vulnerable populations in Greece

For many years, Greece has been enduring the outcomes of two disastrous events. First an unprecedented economic crisis, which began in 2008 and has driven millions of people into unstable situations. Then came a refugee crisis, as the country is one of the gateways to Europe for thousands of families fleeing poverty and war. In the Athens region, the Secours populaire and its local partner, Solidarité populaire - Grèce, are taking action to help the country's most vulnerable people. They organise regular food parcel distributions for the poorest Greek families and people in refugee camps. At the start of the school year, volunteers distributed school bags to 300 refugee children and Greek families in need.



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Africa



Pascal Rodier
Member of the
National Bureau

At the Secours populaire, borders are not obstacles to solidarity.

Whether they are fighting against hunger or poverty, whether they are striving for justice or freedom, whether they come to the aid of displaced people or victims of conflicts, our partners in Africa, just like us, are seeking to make this world a more human place. And that is why we work by their sides, in the long term. We learn from each other, we think together, we move forward together. Africa is still a fragile continent, plagued by a great deal of tension, conflict, difficulties of all kinds, climate change, severe poverty, drought, famine and much more. It is also

“We think together, we move forward together.”

a young continent with a youthful population, which means that food safety and access to clean water are the most important issues. The association sets up agricultural projects, because rural communities hold the key to meeting these 21st century challenges. School is also an important issue. Unequal access to education affects young girls in particular, and ultimately penalises women. So we are careful to focus on access to education, literacy and income-generating activities that include a training component. Always carried out with a long-term vision in mind, these actions target a single objective: to enable these populations to resolve their own difficulties.

Carole Podetti Ngono

Director of Valued Citizen, South Africa

“Our Sondela programme involves working with the Secours populaire to give junior school students a voice, so that they can grow in confidence as citizens.”

Morocco
Tirigioute

Copains du Monde open a nursery school in Morocco

Less than half of all children in Morocco are enrolled in nursery school. Since 2015, the Gironde federation of the Secours populaire and the copains du Monde initiative have been working with the Moroccan association IFLAN to develop access to education in rural areas. After donating a bus in 2017 to allow pupils to get to school in complete safety, the SPF children’s volunteer movement coordinated with its Moroccan counterparts to fund a new nursery class in Tirigioute, so that even the youngest children in the village could attend school. On 18 July, a delegation of copains du Monde from Gironde went to the village to inaugurate the new building.

In action



**Estela Vélez
Manuel**

Project Manager of
Naaxwiin, Mexico

*"We have worked
with the Secours
populaire to build
a project focused
on reviving
economic activity
for Huave women
in the Oaxaca
region."*

America



Nicolas Jaffré
Member of the
National Bureau

 **El Salvador**
Comasagua

**An agricultural cooperative
has been founded based
on sustainable development**

In El Salvador, 19 departmental federations of the Secours populaire are engaged in a sustainable development project which centres on farming organic vegetables and fruits.

After the creation of a self-managed cooperative, the Canasta Campesina, around 100 poor, particularly marginalised women and young rural inhabitants can now make a living from their production. They market their produce locally, through a system of baskets inspired by French AMAP organisations. This project has been co-financed by the French Development Agency and has enabled rural families to safeguard a source of food, to increase their income by five times, to increase the rate of schooling for children and give them better access to healthcare.

**A long presence
on the American
continent.**

For around sixty years, the Secours populaire français has been working with its local partners on the American continent: a land

of contrasts and remarkable inequality.

In recent years, the Caribbean region has been particularly hit by natural disasters, with a great many people affected by hurricanes of unprecedented magnitude. The Secours populaire responded to emergencies in the area, and, with its local partners, has taken long-term action in the form of many development projects (in Saint Martin, Dominica, Guadeloupe, Cuba, etc.). Self-sufficiency in terms of food, as well as

**"Self-sufficiency in
terms of food, as well
as access to education
remain priorities across
the continent."**

access to education remain priorities across the continent. The projects that draw on the expertise of our local partners in some fifteen countries take their lead from the movement of the population who need them. The copain du Monde children's programme is especially intense on the continent. Several copain du Monde villages have been set up, and others will be opened up in the coming months. Teaching children about the values of solidarity, sharing, and helping each other means planting seeds in fertile land to build global solidarity, both now and in the future!

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Asia



Ismail Hassouneh
National Secretary

Asia, a continent of enormous inequality.

Asia is a continent of contrasts. It is constantly developing, and growing richer. However, inequalities are also growing between those who have more than enough and those who have nothing, and poverty affects millions of people. Asia has also seen many natural disasters: earthquakes, typhoons and tsunamis, and these are only going to become more common with climate change. The Secours populaire is taking action to help the people who are affected by these situations. Through our network of partner associations, we can take immediate action after a disaster, as was the case in the Philippines and more recently in Indonesia, after the terrible earthquakes that

“Through our network of partner associations, we can take immediate action.”

ripped through several islands. Above all, we run many development projects that are designed to meet the needs of the most vulnerable populations. For example, in 2019 we helped to rebuild schools in Nepal and set up a project to promote access to employment for women. In Vietnam, we are working to develop access to water for rural farming families. In all, we carried out around thirty projects and initiatives in 2019 on the Asian continent.

Rakesh Lal Singh

Vice-president of the Urban Environment Management Society, Nepal

“After the 2015 earthquake we started working with the Secours populaire, including on a project to rebuild destroyed schools.”

India Pondicherry

Renovating toilets for the gypsy community in Pondicherry

Globally, 4.2 billion people currently live without sanitation. Inadequate sanitation services, unsafe water... a lack of access to toilets causes the death of 432,000 people each year, more than half of whom are children under five years old. With its Indian partner Samugam, the Marne federation of the Secours populaire set up a project in 2019 to renovate toilets for the gypsy population of Pondicherry. 290 people now have access to functioning sanitation facilities, and families now benefit from normal hygiene conditions. As a result, the number of illnesses caused by contaminated water and air has been greatly reduced.

In action



Hiba Antoun

Program Manager of Development for People and Nature Association, Lebanon

"Each year, with the SPF, we run the Père Noël vert (Green Father Christmas) initiative, which allows destitute Syrian, Palestinian and Lebanese families to enjoy the end of year celebrations with dignity."

Middle East



Nicole Rouvet
National Secretary

A region torn apart by conflict.

The Middle East has been shaken by multiple humanitarian crises, in particular due to the conflicts that have raged

there for many years. The situation in Syria and Iraq, as well as in Palestine, has led to the displacement of millions of families who are fleeing poverty and war. Nearly 1.5 million men, women and children have left their entire lives behind them to seek asylum in Lebanon, a country of only six million inhabitants, which is now facing a huge economic crisis. Alongside its local partners, the Secours populaire works with displaced people and inhabitants living in severe poverty. Its solidarity needs are immense. The development of copain du Monde children's villages, which host Syrian, Lebanese, Palestinian and French children in places of exceptional beauty, brings hope for the future. The villages also give these young people, who have sometimes been through harrowing experiences, to rediscover what it really means to play and have fun as children.

"Its solidarity needs are immense."

Palestine East Jerusalem

Strengthening resilience among young people in Palestine

Living conditions for Palestinians in East Jerusalem are particularly difficult. There are insufficient social, health and education services for them, and the high unemployment rate places around 75% of Hierosolymitans below the poverty line. More and more young pupils are dropping out of school and social violence is on the increase as a result of their frustration at an uncertain future. The Secours populaire and its partner, the Medical Relief Society, are leading a project funded by the French Development Agency that aims to bring meaning to the role of young people in society. Training, school presentations, workshops on gender or environmental issues... all these actions have been organised for and by young people, so that they can become key players in the life of the city.

In action



For the launch of Don'action, volunteers went out collecting in the streets of France.

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Finances





Mario Papi
National Treasurer

€369m

in financial and material
resources

€30m

collected from
the public

31%

of resources are
volunteer hours

In 2019, the Secours populaire provided support to more than 3.3 million people.

Over the course of the year, the association had to take even greater measures to combat the deteriorating living conditions endured by many of our fellow citizens. Among them, countless young people are suffering in poverty, and an IPSOS study carried out on behalf of our association shows the extent to which children can be anxious about living in an unstable environment. As we believe that this situation is unacceptable, now more than ever on the 30th anniversary of the UN Declaration of the Rights of the Child, we have ramped up our efforts with the aim of allowing every single child access to education, culture, training, a healthy diet, respect, leisure, and holidays. In a word: happiness. During its 37th National Congress in Perpignan, the Secours populaire decided that it would strive to bring about worldwide and universal solidarity, now and in the future. As a result, its volunteers join forces with partner associations to provide material, human and financial support wherever it is needed, where our brothers and sisters, our fellow humans, are affected by disasters, are victims of violence, poverty or famine, or where children have no access to education or healthcare. The association's volunteers also take daily action all over France to provide support for every single family and every single individual, wherever they are from, whatever their nationality, so that they can find their place in our society. As a result, they ask for your financial support so that they can carry out their incredible work. And when we took stock of our actions during 2019, we observed an increase in the number of collectors-leaders-volunteers, as well as a rise in the number of donors and the funds we collected. This is a sign of the trust the public places in our work. We are honoured to have this trust and it encourages us to continue the dialogue with our donors, keeping them informed regularly about everything we do and how their donations are used. Well done to all our volunteers: those who give their time to the Secours populaire and those who work for our partners around the world. We would also like to express our sincere thanks to all our donors, our financial partners, our sponsors and supporters for their loyalty and generosity.

“Volunteers join forces with partner associations to provide material, human and financial support wherever it is needed.”



Resources

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In 2019, 91% of the funds raised by means of public donations were used during the year. These financial resources stemming from public generosity represent 31% of the financial resources for the 2019 tax year, as recorded in the company's income statement. These figures do not include voluntary contributions of material and equipment.

Resources collected from the public

€ 28.9 million

These are mainly donations and bequests. Financial gifts or bequests are recorded and monitored so they can be used for whatever specific purpose the donor indicated. If none has been specified, then the SPF can direct the funds to where they are most urgently needed: to carry out social missions, to cover operating costs or to supplement the financing of solidarity actions.

Other private funds

€ 41.2 million

These are contributions received from companies and foundations (partnerships, sponsorship, etc.), the proceeds collected as a result of initiatives or voluntary fundraising, and the amounts collected from people during our solidarity campaigns.

Subsidies and other public aid

€ 16.5 million

These originate from various sources: local authorities, the government, social organisations or the European Union.

Other proceeds

€ 4.8 million

This category mainly includes sales and other proceeds generated by daily management.

Funds and resources carried over from previous years

€ 2.7 million

This corresponds to allocated resources from previous years that the SPF used in 2018, in accordance with the donor's wishes that were expressed at the time of the donation.

74%

of the total resources are voluntary contributions in kind, including 31% for volunteering.

Funds in euros	Funds collected during 2019 (profit and loss account)	Monitoring of funds collected from the public and used in 2019
Funds carried over collected from the public, non-designated and not used at the beginning of the financial year		1,938,781
Donations and bequests collected	28,911,665	28,911,665
Other income from public generosity	32,425	32,425
Other private funds	41,185,910	
Subsidies and other public aid	16,542,111	
Other proceeds	4,789,689	
Total funds for the financial year registered in the profit and loss account – I	91,461,800	
Release of provisions – II	85,452	
Funds unused in previous years and carried over – III	2,727,95	
Variation of designated funds collected from the public – IV		-16,396
Grand total (I+II+III+IV)	94,275,247	28,927,695
Total employment funded by resources collected from the public		27,977,932
Unexpected funds collected from the public, non-designated and not used at the end of the financial year		2,888,544
Voluntary contributions in kind		
Volunteer work	113,960,380	
Services rendered in kind	27,314,025	
Donations in kind	133,652,983	
Total	274,927,388	



Employment

In 2019, 66% of the resources received from public generosity were allocated to social missions, 17% to fundraising costs, 15% to fundraising operations and other expenses and 2% to financial investments. These figures do not include voluntary contributions of material and equipment.

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Finances

Social missions

€ 63.9 million

Social missions are the activities carried out by the structures of the Secours populaire français, in accordance with its statutes. They contribute directly to the initiation and implementation of solidarity in France and abroad: volunteers welcome and provide guidance for people in difficulty, holidays are provided, the Père Noël Verts Green Father Christmas campaign is run, food and clothing distributions are organised, the Journée des oubliés des vacances holiday initiative and copain du Monde villages are run, etc. But these resources also go towards providing emergency relief in France. Solidarity around the world means dealing with emergencies (climate disasters, famine, actions to support refugee migrants) and the many development programmes. Out of a total of €62.2 million in social actions, €19.4 million was financed by public generosity.

Fundraising expenses

€ 7.2 million

The cost of appealing for donations from the public includes requests from the major SPF campaigns, bequests, donations, life insurance and emergency calls, especially in the Convergence magazine. Out of a total of €7.2 million, €4.5 million is financed by public generosity.

Operating costs

€ 14.9 million

The SPF finances its solidarity and health relay centres, where its 80,000 volunteers work throughout France. These costs are restricted to funding solidarity projects, as illustrated by the distribution of uses, whether financial or material (see page 65). Out of a total of €15.8 million, €4.1 million was financed by public generosity.

Commitments to be made on allocated resources

€ 2.8 million

These are donations collected in 2018 that the SPF is committed to using, in accordance with donors' wishes, as part of planned or ongoing projects.

Surplus funds for the year

€ 5.3 million

This year's income statement is positive. The SPF is therefore building a working capital reserve to secure the sustainable financing of its missions over the long term.

82,7%

of material and financial resources is attributed to social projects.

Employment in euros	Employment 2019 (profit and loss account)	Allocation per employment of the funds collected from the public and used in 2019
Social missions carried out in France	59,589,676	15,709,782
Social missions carried out abroad	4,272,030	2,762,715
Fundraising expenses	7,179,158	4,670,207
Operating costs and other overheads	14,953,892	4,152,858
Total expenses financed by funds collected from the public		27,295,562
Total employment for the financial year entered in the profit and loss account - I	85,994,757	
Allocations to provisions - II	157,769	
Commitments to be realized with designated funds - III	2,821,225	
Surplus funds for the year - IV	5,301,497	
Grand total - V (I+II+III+IV)	94,275,247	
Proportion of gross fixed assets for the year financed by funds collected from the public		682,370
Grand total employment funded by resources collected from the public		27,977,932
Voluntary contributions in kind		
Social missions	238,566,642	
Fundraising expenses	11,794,107	
Operating costs and other overheads	24,566,640	
Total	274,927,388	

Simplified balance sheet

The balance sheet is a photograph taken on 31 December of the estate and financial situation of the SPF.

Assets

Fixed assets

Includes property, plant and equipment (premises, vehicles, office and handling equipment, etc.). These investments ensure that the accompaniment and solidarity activities are carried out and that the SPF's structures can be maintained, while guaranteeing the association's independence.

Current assets

Mainly include liquid assets, which are made up of marketable securities and other liquid assets. It is a slight increase (+3.5%) compared to last year.

Equity and liabilities

Capital liabilities

Comprise the statutory funds of 38 million euros. Net income for the year amounted to €4.9 million.

Specific funds

These are resources that were not fully consumed during 2019 (donations, bequests, subsidies and other resources) and which the association undertakes to use in accordance with the donors' wishes. They amounted to €12.3 million in 2019.

Debts

Amounts remaining due on the last day of the year and which may be settled as of the following January (social and tax debts, for example).

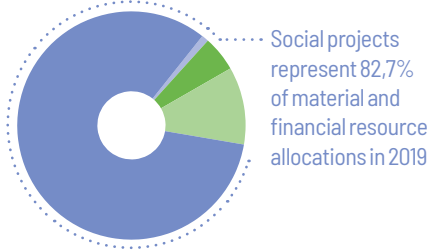
Net assets in euros	2019	2018
Fixed assets	58,368,061	55,106,189
On-going inventory	299,219	288,926
Debt	8,468,319	7,481,700
Cash and cash equivalents	76,854,528	74,226,944
Accruals and prepaid expenses	792,189	728,582
Total fixed assets	86,414,255	82,726,151
Total assets	144,812,316	137,832,340

Net liabilities in euros	2019	2018
Accumulated funds	107,883,302	100,847,150
Combined difference	-44,744	-18,701
Provisions	562,344	538,800
Designated funds	12,328,446	12,259,469
Debts	21,890,710	22,728,398
Deferred income	2,192,258	1,477,224
Total liabilities	144,812,316	137,832,340

Use of financial and material resources in 2019

€361 million

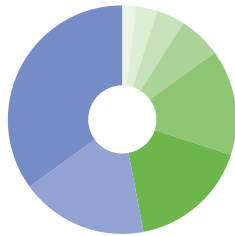
(excluding provisions, income from that tax year and commitments to be completed)



- **Social projects in France, 83%**
€298,156,318
- **Social projects abroad, 1%**
€4,272,030
- **Fundraising costs, 5%**
€18,973,265
- **Operating costs, 11%**
€39,520,532

Solidarity in France

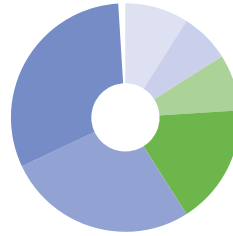
Budget distribution by sector
(€59.6 million)



- **Poverty, instability, 36%**
€21,742,876
- **Food, 18%**
€10,798,536
- **Coordinating the solidarity network in France, 18%**
€10,491,531
- **Holidays and holiday initiatives, 15%**
€8,982,024
- **Pères Noël Verts (Green Father Christmas), 7%**
€3,877,674
- **Volunteer training, 3%**
€1,829,536
- **Leisure, culture, sport, 3%**
€1,548,735
- **Emergencies, 1%**
€318,766

Distribution of financial and material resources in 2019

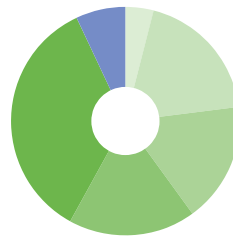
€369 million



- **Volunteer hours, 31%**
€113,960,380
- **Food products, 27%**
€101,761,608
- **Services in kind, 7%**
€27,314,025
- **Donations in kind (excluding food), 9%**
€31,891,375
- **Financial resources, excluding public generosity, 17%**
€64,466,807
- **Financial resources from public generosity collected in 2018, 8%**
€29,792,044

Solidarity around the world

Budget distribution by sector
(€4 million)



- **Emergencies, 7%**
€287,723
- **Multi-country projects, 35%**
€1,485,195
- **Africa, 18%**
€756,945
- **Asia, 17%**
€728,723
- **America, 19%**
€814,953
- **Europe, 5%**
€198,491

Boost effect: In 2019, for every €10 it received, the SPF was able to create the equivalent value of €37 in material and financial solidarity.

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Coronavirus emergency

Solidarity
in action



BACKGROUND

Since January 2020, a pandemic has been raging all around the world, unprecedented in both its severity and its magnitude. Beginning in the region of Wuhan, the Covid-19 virus quickly spread to every continent, causing death and driving governments to take drastic measures in their attempt to stop it. For several months, nearly three billion people had to observe lockdown measures such as social distancing, strict preventive healthcare, limitations on travel, etc. Even now, our daily lives are still hugely affected by the health crisis, with the most vulnerable on the front line.

Lockdown was first and foremost a test of survival for millions of people living in poverty. Already struggling to feed themselves, these people had to cope with poor housing, a lack of resources to protect themselves from the virus, isolation, and problems with access to tools to help children keep up with their lessons.

For other people, lockdown measures directly impacted their businesses, so they found themselves with no resources and no way of meeting their needs. Now a social crisis is happening on top of the health crisis. Even now lockdown measures are eased, many sectors of business are still reeling from Covid-19, causing a huge spike in unemployment. In order to cope with this tidal wave of poverty, the Secours populaire and its network of men and women volunteers has been working since the crisis began to support the most vulnerable, the victims of poverty and instability in France, Europe and around the world.



"I am a chambermaid in hotels that have not resumed their activity. I am worried, I have the feeling that nothing will ever be the same again."

Natalia
Pantin

33%

of French people have suffered a loss of income following the health crisis.

a 45%

increase in new requests for help during lockdown.



OUR ACTION



"I am an academic support volunteer. During the lockdown, I had video chats with two children, one aged 6 and one aged 8, to help them with their schoolwork."

Océane
Volunteer in Reims

5,000
new volunteers,
of whom 1/3 are
under 25 years old.

With country-wide efforts and the determination of Secours populaire teams and leaders, as well as tremendous involvement from citizens and SPF partners around the world, the association's missions were able to continue. SPF leaders took all preventive measures necessary to protect everyone and devised new practices to ensure all its initiatives could be maintained in complete safety.

During lockdown, these efforts meant that vital assistance, food and material could be provided to people in great difficulty, with the three guiding watchwords: protect, help and support. In addition to this food and material support, the Secours populaire also managed to keep up moral and social ties as part of the association's popular education approach. Hotlines were set up to find out how isolated people, such as seniors, were managing, and to make sure they had everything they needed. Video-conference tutoring courses were organised to make sure that children in difficulty could continue their schooling as normally as possible. Meanwhile, volunteers from the association's healthcare and social organisation, Médecins du SPF (SPF doctors), put in place awareness-raising initiatives about how to prevent the spread of the disease.

Even now lockdown measures have eased, the Secours populaire is continuing and stepping up its work with those who need it most, as more and more find themselves struggling and come to the association for help. The SPF also had to find new ways of doing things so it could keep on with its regular initiatives while respecting preventive measures. For example, during the summer, the SPF set up "Journées Bonheur" (days of happiness), a project that took small groups on day-long outings as a way of escaping their daily lives that had been made particularly difficult by Covid-19. Permanent social connections were maintained with all SPF partners in nearly 80 countries, with people showing courage and inventiveness to cope with needs of such great magnitude. All of these actions were possible because of the extraordinary engagement from Secours populaire volunteers, who were joined by thousands of new people, especially young people who came to lend a hand, and who continue to work with us in solidarity. More than ever, the unconditional welcome and universal solidarity provided by the Secours populaire are absolutely crucial to respond to the current pandemic. Drawing on a network of partners all around the world, the SPF is part of a European and international initiative to provide support in countries around the world where poverty, combined with health risks and famine, is rife. The 130 Secours populaire partners around the world are also involved.

Nothing can be done without donations

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Solidarity in action

with copains
du Monde



Children – the future of solidarity

The younger generations are the first to suffer in the face of ever-increasing poverty. The situation is dire: almost half of the world's children are poor. In addition, there is rising violence and we regularly see how the families we support have to cope with that strain. The Secours populaire's response is to show solidarity. Since 1992, Secours populaire has encouraged children to join its copain du Monde children's volunteering movement.

Encouraging solidarity

As part of the copain du Monde initiative, the younger generations are made aware of the plight of people living in difficult conditions: those who cannot afford to eat, dress, play sports, or go on holiday. The children involved are encouraged to take action to help them: they collect money, school supplies or food products, and express their sympathy to isolated people by writing to them or sending them drawings, etc.



Raising awareness about children's rights

Copain du Monde children are also made aware of their rights. They learn that these rights are not always respected around the world. They are encouraged to work together and get involved in solidarity projects.



For copain du Monde, we organised collections of toys and clothes to help those in need.

Léa

Committed children all around the world

A cross-border movement

Today, thousands of children in France but also in Houston, Morocco, Benin, El Salvador and the Philippines are getting involved in this solidarity drive. They meet regularly to learn about the values of sharing and caring, and to show solidarity to those in need.

Building friendships

Copain du Monde is also about creating friendships among children around the world. The children keep in touch with each other, and in doing so discover different cultures, habits, and experiences. And sometimes they actually meet them face-to-face. For example, a copain du Monde group from Seine-Saint-Denis took a trip to Greece; others from the Dordogne went to Bosnia.

Cultivating peace

The copain du Monde movement aims to bring people together. Children learn to overcome their differences. This is how Palestinian and Israeli children, or North Korean and South Korean children have come to spend their holidays together at copain du Monde villages.



*I have become a
copain du Monde
because I think it's
really important to help
others when you have
some time to give.*

Johanna



Getting involved at home on the other side of the

Egg hunts for global solidarity

Each year, the copains du Monde organise egg hunts over Easter weekend. Their aim is to raise funds for international solidarity projects. The idea is simple: the children and their parents buy a "hunting licence", then set off to look for the eggs that have been decorated and hidden in local parks or forests. They can then exchange them for treats.

A solidarity race for disaster victims

Since 2014, the copains du Monde have organised an annual solidarity race in Hem (Nord department of France). The 200 participants make a small donation to support solidarity projects around the world. The funds raised have helped rebuild a school in Nepal or provided relief supplies for victims of Hurricane Irma in the West Indies.

Making lamps for Malagasy children

Fifty students from a primary school in Clermont-Ferrand met every week to make lamps, which were then sent to students at a school in northern Madagascar. In Madagascar, access to electricity is a luxury, and many of the children there can't study during the hours of darkness because they have no lights. These lamp kits contain dynamos, and are easy to use.



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Everyone can do something to help people in difficulty.
Here are some of things that have been achieved by
the copains du Monde



A great initiative for the victims of Hurricane Irma

As part of the Transat AG2R La Mondiale yacht race, the skippers of the Groupe Royer - Secours populaire vessel went to Saint Martin to present around fifteen young people who had endured personal suffering as a result of Hurricane Irma with gifts prepared by 35 copains du Monde in Finistère.

Meeting the homeless in Paris

A class of 9 and 10-year olds from a school in the 15th district of Paris worked on a project to collect personal care products. They then went out on the streets to meet the homeless in Paris, accompanied by a Secours populaire street team. They gave out the personal care products and chatted with the recipients to provide a little reassurance and comfort.

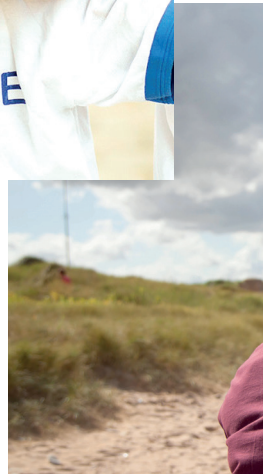


Copain du Monde villages

Every summer, Copain du Monde villages are organised in France and dozens of other countries. They allow thousands of children from over 50 countries to meet. For a period of one to three weeks, they get to know one another by playing games together, and they design projects to help each other. These villages encourage multicultural encounters and help children learn how to live together better. They learn about the values of tolerance and openness to others. It is also a starting point to drive them forward. At the end of the experience, each group of children leaves with ideas and plans that they can implement locally, in their department, country or on the other side of the world.

“ During the initiative, all the children work together on a solidarity project to help the inhabitants of their various cities and countries.

Rama volunteer





If you're a parent

Are the values of tolerance and helping others important to you? Would you like to share them with your child? Why not suggest that they join copains du Monde? If your child wants to be part of this rewarding adventure, just contact your nearest branch of the Secours populaire. They will be able to provide you with all the information you need: the dates of forthcoming meetings, what projects your child can get involved with, and how they can join a copain du Monde village during the school holidays.



Since being part of copain du Monde, my daughter makes commitments and sticks to them. Through these experiences and the diversity within the movement, she is more open to the world, and understands it better.

Valérie mum

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Children, young people, and adults! Why not get involved and give some of your time to help others as part of the Secours populaire's copain du Monde movement?”

If you work with **children**

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The children chose to organise a collection of personal care products and to make cards for the homeless. The collection was a great success in the school and reading all the cards was a very moving experience.

Brigitte teacher

Do you play a role in children's education as a teacher, facilitator or educator? Are you looking for ways to raise children's awareness about solidarity and helping others? Secours populaire is recognised as an official association to complement state education, and has education populaire approval. Secours populaire volunteers can come to speak to your class, or visit you elsewhere, to explain the work of the association, give a small workshop on children's rights, and encourage the pupils to organise a collection or carry out other solidarity projects. Contact your local Secours populaire.

If you're volunteer or facilitator



It is important that children make pledges to help others, because they are our future. They want to change things; they want to exercise their rights everywhere in the world.

Rofiyat volunteer

As a Secours populaire volunteer, you are already in contact with families. You meet children who are keen to change things, as well as those who are facing the difficulties of everyday life. These children can easily feel excluded and forgotten. They need a chance to get out, to meet other children from other backgrounds, other cultures. For all these children, Copain du Monde is an opportunity to open up to the world and to be a driver and player for solidarity. Why not suggest that the families register their children to be part of the movement?

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If you're a partner

“ You can help the children involved to carry out their solidarity projects. ”



Are you a company or an association that admires the values of the copain du Monde movement? You can help the children involved to carry out their solidarity projects. Whether you have a room to lend us, or can provide financial and material aid, or even help to organise copain du Monde villages, any form of support is welcome. Depending on your area of business and your resources, you can make the ideas created by the copains du Monde

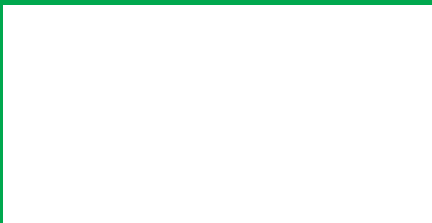
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