



# Solidarity in action

Activity report  
2022





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# Editorial



**Henriette Steinberg**

General Secretary

### ***What has the Secours populaire observed about poverty and instability in France, Europe and around the world?***

Nobody knows what the future will bring. Not the people who contribute nor those who receive support. Yet both attended the solidarity event organised by the Secours populaire in nearly 1,300 places throughout France and in 53 countries on all continents. You are about to read the figures in this activity report. But you can't see the faces of the men, women, young people, boys and girls, graduates and the unemployed people we have met. Each person tries to put on a smile, just like the volunteers who provide the support they need, fearing that soon they will no longer be able to keep up with demand. It's the anxiety of wondering if in the future, you or a loved one will also be affected. It's the anxiety of wondering if the people they meet in the various departments and services, at all levels, will still be there tomorrow to listen to them and at least attempt to loosen the noose. It's the anxiety of feeling alone and isolated in a world where human contact, meeting people and talking to others, looking for new ways to make life less worrying are all so important.

At Secours populaire, we don't have a magic formula, but by working with you, we can take action and ward off that anxiety by helping you out of unstable situations through training, work and sharing as a community.



**Thierry Robert**

National Secretary in charge of the life of the association

### ***How does the association work on a daily basis for a fairer and more united world?***

It channels energy. That means responding to the tidal wave of instability by getting as many people as possible to work together. In 2022, the number of volunteers exceeded 90,000. It means allowing everyone to help organise widespread solidarity for all; from the collection of resources to concrete action with and for those who are victims of poverty and instability. It means ensuring that this unconditional and voluntary solidarity has a leverage effect in seeking more funds from companies such as foundations and institutions. It means affecting outcomes by looking for the reasons why individuals and communities struggle. It means acting unconditionally to provide education and support, a listening ear and a path towards dignity. It means driving solidarity for all, taking into account every aspect of what it means to be human, from dealing with emergencies to providing long-lasting support. It means developing solidarity throughout Europe and around the world through our network of partners who provide aid according to what people on the ground truly need. We can draw on this network to share experiences on common issues facing our continent and the planet. It means planning with and for future generations by deploying all our energy to facilitate solidarity initiatives led by young people and children.

This activity report sheds light on these subjects and bears witness to the challenges faced in 2022 to create the conditions for a fairer and more united world.



# War and instability in Europe



**Sébastien Thollot**  
National Secretary

**W**e couldn't talk about 2022 in Europe without mentioning the war in Ukraine, the hundreds of thousands of deaths and injuries, the millions of people who have been displaced, and the refugees who have left everything behind, often finding themselves in extreme poverty.

**“Poverty is on the rise throughout Europe.”**

**74,018**

people helped in Ukraine and neighbouring countries

**1/4**

of Europeans say they are in an unstable situation

In the hours after the conflict broke out, we came to help all Ukrainians: those who stayed in their country and those who sought refuge in neighbouring countries. Food parcel distribution, medical equipment supplies, shelter for refugees: in Ukraine, Poland, Moldova and Romania, we joined forces with our network of partners to support 74,018 victims of the conflict. Meanwhile in France, our 90,000 volunteers stepped up fundraising operations to show solidarity to everyone who needed it. The consequences of this war go beyond the borders of Ukraine. It worsens the fragile situation in Europe, already weakened by two years of Covid-induced difficulties. According to our 2022 Ipsos/Secours populaire survey, poverty is on the rise throughout Europe. More than half of all Europeans (55%) feel that they run a significant risk of running into an unstable situation over the coming months. The conflict has led to a sharp rise in energy and food prices, accelerating the inflation that was already impacting the standard of living on our continent – but also in Africa and the Middle East. More than one in two Europeans has noticed a reduction in their purchasing power. In France, Greece, Kosovo, as well as in Lebanon and Niger, we are working with our partners to guarantee food security for a growing number of people in difficulty. We want to allow families, retired people and students to envisage a better future.

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## Ukraine

### Working with war victims.

People are suffering in Ukraine due to intense fighting, and they have nothing to live on. We have been working with our local partner, UAS Four-Leaf Clover (FLC) in Odessa, to provide more than 50,000 people with food and equipment. We have also supplied medical equipment to the children's university hospital in Reznik and five mobile clinics. Giving children time to relax is also a priority, with "happiness days" for 500 children during the summer, toys and shows for Christmas, etc.



At Orsay market, volunteers collect money to fund emergency aid for victims of the war in Ukraine.



#### Oresta

Ukrainian refugee, Poland

*I took refuge in Poland with my two children. I left everything behind because I wanted to save them, protect them from war.*

## Kosovo

### Greenhouses to tackle food insecurity.

In the area around Vushtrri in Kosovo, the Secours populaire supports the agricultural greenhouse construction programme managed by its partner Handikos. The greenhouses are provided on plots of land owned by families struggling with poverty and disability. The greenhouses allow the families to enjoy fresh fruit and vegetables throughout the year in a country with a particularly harsh climate.



Food parcels are handed out to refugee families at a camp in Malakasa, Greece.

## Italy

### A toy library for children from refugee families.

Riace, a small village in Calabria, welcomes migrants and refugees from all over the world who have left their country to escape emergencies such as famine or war. Through its Italian partner ARCI, the Secours populaire has helped to renovate and equip the Riace toy library for children from refugee families. It is now filled with books and toys for children to enjoy.

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Independent greenhouses for Kosovar families give them access to fresh fruit and vegetables throughout the year.



#### Stavroula

Greek student, Athens

*We're just about covering our rent, electricity, water, and internet bills, but that's all. We've come to a point where we don't know what will happen next month.*



**Instability  
and poverty:  
France is  
teetering  
on the edge**



**Philippe Gilain**  
Member of the  
National Committee

**A**lmost two out of three French people (65%) have a loved one living in poverty.

The rise in food and energy prices has deteriorated living conditions for an entire portion of society, already made vulnerable by two years of an unprecedented health crisis. We take a look at the alarming instability in our society: various groups of people are finding themselves on the edge of an abyss. Students, struggling workers, single-parent families, senior citizens: these are the faces of a France that is at a tipping point, spiralling towards instability. When you have given up on the idea of going on holiday, heating your home, organising healthcare, and are no longer able to meet your most basic needs, you have no other choice but to call for help.

**“We extend an unconditional welcome to anyone who finds their back against the wall.”**

**10%**

more people helped with food aid compared to 2021

**60%**

of low-income households encounter financial difficulties obtaining digital equipment and paying for their subscriptions

We extend an unconditional welcome to anyone who finds their back against the wall. While most people who approach the Secours populaire for the first time come for help with food, our volunteers don't stop there. We loosen the grip of necessity and then support them towards a return to decent living conditions. 2022 is the year of a huge digital shift. Administrative procedures have gone paperless. However, due to a lack of means or internet connection, a quarter of the population does not have access to digital technology and risks finding themselves deprived of their rights. To cope with this digital divide and the dangers of instability, our volunteers are stepping up their efforts.

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## Holiday time

A breath of fresh air for single-parent families.

In July, 36 children and parents from Meurthe-et-Moselle were able to spend a week holidaying in Saint-Gilles-Croix-de-Vie in Vendée. These single-parent families, who are particularly at risk from rising living costs, stayed in a hotel near the sea. On the agenda: beach activities, swimming pool time and fun for everyone. An opportunity to make lasting memories and leave the stress of daily life behind.



*In Cabourg, 150 senior citizens enjoy a trip to the seaside to get away from their everyday life.*



**Danièle**  
Volunteer, Val-d'Oise

*We are here to listen and give advice on prevention. We refer people who need specific help to medical professionals.*

## Support for students

In Limoges, food packages help make ends meet.

Every Wednesday at the Limoges university arts building, volunteers from the Secours populaire provide food packages for students. Each week, between 120 and 150 young people come to pick up a package. Students are particularly vulnerable to difficulty given rising inflation. These events are also an opportunity for volunteers to talk to students and find out if they would benefit from more comprehensive support for other needs.



*In Haute-Garonne, Secours populaire doctors promote access to care in rural medical deserts with a mobile healthcare bus.*

## Access to digital

A solidarity bus to combat digital poverty.

In Meurthe-et-Moselle, a digital solidarity bus travels through the department's rural areas to help bridge the digital divide. On board the bus are volunteers from the association who help people without an internet connection, computer equipment or the knowledge to use it. As public services go paperless, these volunteers provide support with administrative procedures so that they can access their rights.

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*The pop'solidaire market in La Rochelle sells meat, cheese, vegetables and fresh fruit from local producers.*



### Sylvette

Person receiving support, Hautes-Pyrénées

*I'm retired and I can't afford to eat properly. A member of my family is a volunteer at the Secours populaire. He encouraged me to go there.*



# Showing up after emergencies



**Corinne Makowski**  
National Secretary

# War in Ukraine, floods in Pakistan, a cyclone in Madagascar, fires in Gironde, the list is endless.

Through the widespread action we were able to take during 2022, we managed to support our partners as they strove to meet the essential needs of vulnerable people affected by these tragedies. Obviously, there is a need for immediate emergency aid in the aftermath of any disaster: food, drinking water, personal care products, shelter, and so on. But SPF solidarity does not stop there. We provide psychological support, we help to rebuild schools, run programmes to help people get back to business, etc. All with the aim of helping those affected to return to normal life. Through our partners,

**“We are seeing more and more crises and emergencies.”**

we are still working in Lebanon, Haiti, Nepal, Saint-Martin-Vésubie in France, and wherever we are needed to ensure people have access to decent living conditions. Our presence nationally on 1,300 sites throughout France and our network of partners in nearly 80 countries – including 53 where

we supported a project this year – allow us to meet the needs expressed by disaster victims as closely as possible, in connection with other associations, economic and social players, and local institutions. There is no doubt about it. With global warming, we are seeing more and more crises and emergencies. France’s overseas territories provide an unfortunate example of the areas that are regularly hit by hurricanes, and they are also inside an earthquake zone. From one disaster to another, inhabitants struggle to rebuild their lives, and this is especially tough for people struggling with poverty and instability. As a result, we are focusing on the issue of risk prevention: buildings constructed according to anti-seismic and anti-cyclonic standards, public awareness and respect for the environment.

**243,068**

people received emergency aid in Europe and worldwide

**47**

emergency programmes were carried out in 23 countries

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## Lebanon

### Maintain life-saving aid.

The explosions at the port of Beirut on 4 August 2020 accelerated the effects of the multiple crises plaguing the country. Volunteers from the DPNA, a Secours populaire partner, sprung into action during the hours that followed to provide emergency aid to the victims of this disaster. Two years later, in Beirut, Tripoli and Saïda, they are still working on a daily basis to restore hope to young people, to keep children in education and to ensure their parents can live with dignity.



DPNA volunteers strive to help the most vulnerable people on a daily basis.

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### Lisette Fernandez Paramo

National president of the Cuban association of animal production, Cuba

*The Secours populaire began supporting the ACPA in 1995 in response to an emergency situation. Since then, important development programmes have been carried out and are ongoing.*

## Nepal

### Rebuilding schools to promote access to education.

In the spring of 2015, earthquakes ravaged Nepal and destroyed part of the country. The Secours populaire and its local partner UEMS were with the victims from the very first hours to provide them with essential aid. When the emergency period was over, the association funded the rebuilding of two schools that had been partially destroyed by the earthquakes. The second school was opened this year, and now accommodates 900 pupils from primary to high school age.



*Following floods in the Aude department of France, volunteers provide long-term support to victims and help them find decent living conditions.*

## Gironde

### Helping fire victims.

As soon as a tragedy occurs in France, volunteers provide administrative and psychological support and bring material donations to the victims. In July 2022, 30,000 hectares of forest caught fire in Landiras and Teste-de-Buch and 50,000 people had to be evacuated. In Teste-de-Buch, Saint-Léger-de-Balson and Langon, volunteers stepped up to help: working with local councils, they handed out personal care and baby products as well as household linen, games and books, at two disaster relief sites. They provided welcome relief while people prepared to move back to their homes.

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*The Shree Siddhi Mangal school, one of two that have been rebuilt in Nepal, welcomes children from kindergarten to high school. Half the pupils are girls.*



### Jean Stellittano

Secretary General of the Alpes-Maritimes federation of the Secours populaire

*Secours populaire emergency responses are immediate yet long-lasting. We are there to help today, and we will still be there in two months, and in two years.*



# Future generations in action!



**Inès Nabil**  
Member of the  
National Committee

# 65 % of French people are prepared to get involved and help people in unstable situations.

These volunteers are motivated people from all backgrounds, all social classes and all ages, and we welcome them into our branches and committees: 11,234 volunteers joined us in 2022. This desire to help others is just as strong among younger generations. Feeling useful, showing solidarity, bringing a sense of meaning to your life... More than one young person in five volunteers for an association. At the Secours populaire, we cultivate this generosity and desire to help others from an early age. That's why we allow children to get involved as soon as they turn six. In 2022, we celebrated the 30th anniversary

of our "Copain du Monde" volunteer movement for children. For 30 years now, we have been encouraging children to be genuine drivers of solidarity and we go on striving to instill in them the same confidence as adults to suggest ideas for operations and put their talents to work. For

30 years they have been showing initiative, expressing themselves, taking on leadership roles, and developing their willingness to show solidarity. Young people are also committed to reducing poverty and instability. This year, more than 300 young volunteers from all over France and several European partner associations came together for the solidarity and youth festival. What was the purpose of the event? Sharing experiences, learning from those of others and developing new solidarity initiatives. Solidarity has no age. Every single day, the association's 90,000 volunteers help solidarity flourish, ideas germinate and initiatives grow. They all contribute their creativity, their own special talent, their availability and their contacts to spread solidarity to wherever it is needed. They are all focused on the same objective: to create a fairer and more united world.

**"We have been encouraging children to be genuine drivers of solidarity."**

**90,000**

volunteers

**2,471**

children took part in the 38 "Copain du Monde" children's holiday villages that were organised in France, Europe and around the world

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## Let's get things done

A wave of motivation.

From 17 to 20 August, 200 children gathered to celebrate the 30th anniversary of the "Copain du Monde" children's volunteer movement at Disneyland Paris. On the agenda: a day of fun in the park and two days of talking and sharing about the volunteering experiences of these children from all over France and around 20 other countries. They shared ideas about how they could take action to make the world fairer and more united.



"Copain du Monde" children fundraise to help with efforts in France, Europe and around the world.



### Hippolyte

Copain du Monde, Gironde

*I joined "Copain du Monde" because I wanted to be able to help people in need. And I was able to organise some solidarity initiatives very quickly.*

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## Young people's engagement

From Ramallah to Saclay, young people are committed to solidarity.

In early November, the solidarity and youth festival, which took place in Saclay, attracted 300 young volunteers from all over France, and several countries around the world. Less than a month later, an international youth conference was held in Ramallah, organised by the Secours Populaire and the PMRS, its partner in Palestine. This conference was attended by young people from Palestine, South Africa, France and several European countries. The goal of these two meetings was to learn from each other's experiences to develop solidarity together.



In El Salvador, a “Copain du Monde” village attracted around one hundred children from Guatemala, Nicaragua, Mexico, France and El Salvador.

## A “Copain du Monde” village in South Africa

A meeting of minds to start building solidarity together.

At the end of October, nine children from France took part in a “Copain du Monde” village in Johannesburg. They met South African children there, with whom they forged bonds of friendship. During the event, they had the idea to set up a mobile library project, allowing South African children to have access to storybooks and school textbooks. Back in France, the “Copain du Monde” volunteers carried out fundraising operations to finance this project.

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*At the solidarity and youth festival, young volunteers were encouraged to think and talk about emancipatory solidarity.*



### Hugo

Volunteer, Haute-Garonne

*Volunteering teaches me how to listen and share. It keeps me grounded in reality and stops me from forgetting that many people live in unstable situations.*

# Our figures

In 2022, **4 million people** were supported by Secours populaire in France and by its partners in Europe and around the world, i.e. **10% more than in 2021**.



**Actions and solidarity programmes in Europe and around the world: 537,605 people helped in 53 countries**



**216**

actions and solidarity programmes



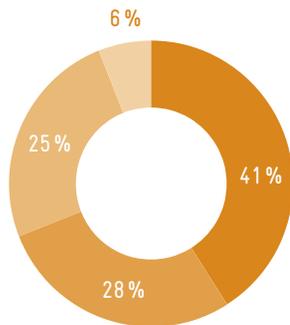
**156**

local partner organisations



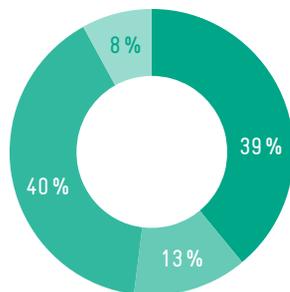
# Solidarity provided in France: 3,456,000 people helped

in mainland France and overseas territories.



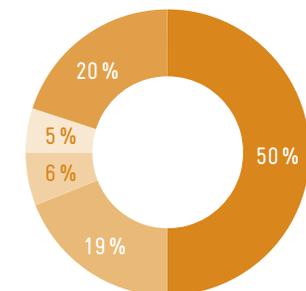
## Family composition

- 41 % Single people
- 28 % Single-parent families
- 25 % Couples with children
- 6 % Couples without children



## Generations supported

- 39 % Under 18
- 13 % Between 18 and 25
- 40 % Between 26 and 59
- 8 % Over 60



## Status

- 50 % In full-time education
- 19 % Jobseeker
- 6 % Employed
- 5 % Retired
- 20 % Other

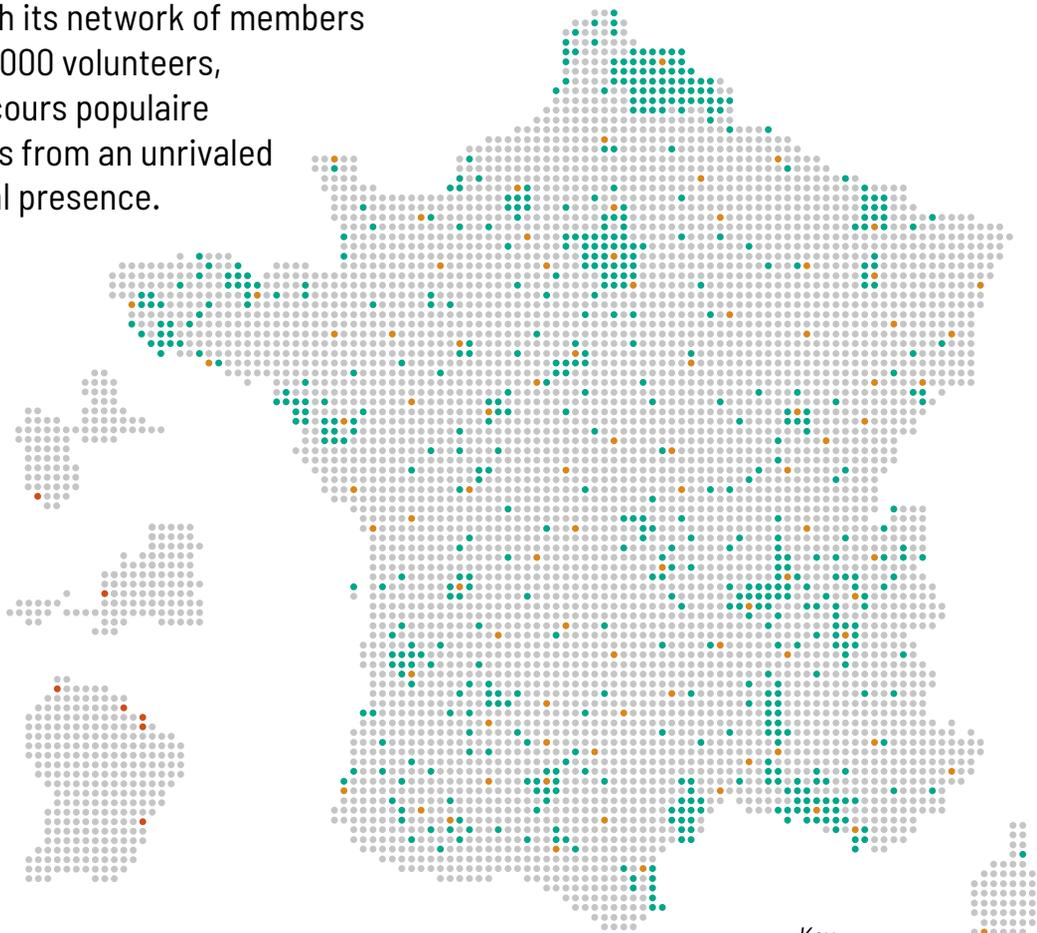
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# What we are doing in France, Europe and around the world

## In France

Through its network of members and 90,000 volunteers, the Secours populaire benefits from an unrivaled national presence.

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96 departmental federations

662 local committees

2 professional federations  
(Fédération nationale des électriciens gaziers et Fédération du livre, de la presse et de la communication)

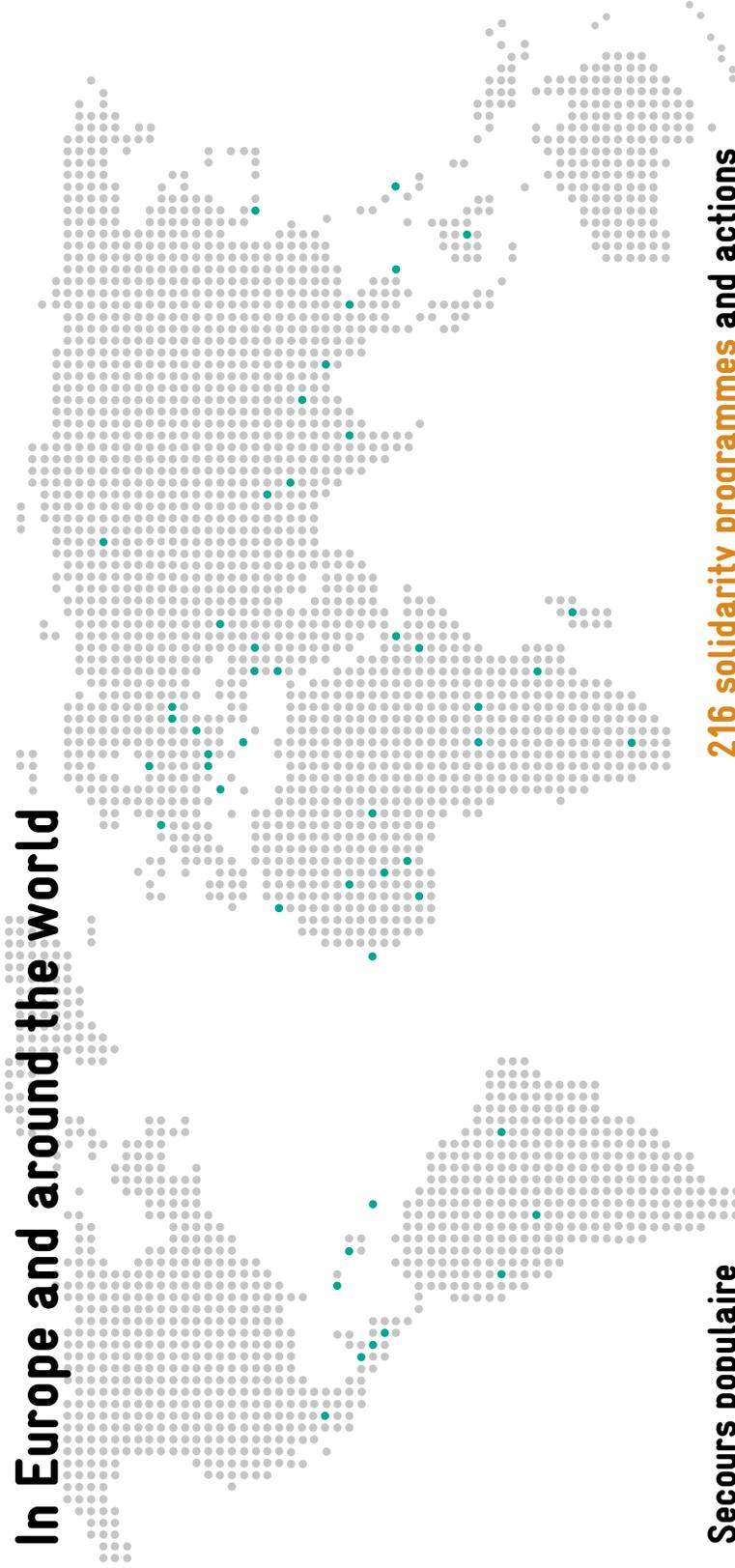
Key:

Local committees

Departmental federations

Local partner associations

# In Europe and around the world



## Secours populaire works in

**53 countries with the help of 156 partners**

## 216 solidarity programmes and actions reaching 537,605 people

| Africa   | Americas  | Asia  | Middle East  | Europe (excluding France)  |
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| 86 actions and solidarity programmes with 62 partners from 14 countries<br>139,700 people helped | 41 actions and solidarity programmes with 31 partners from 10 countries<br>93,750 people helped | 26 actions and solidarity programmes with 18 partners from 9 countries<br>131,950 people helped | 19 actions and solidarity programmes with 13 partners from 4 countries<br>93,350 people helped | 44 actions and solidarity programmes with 34 partners from 16 pays<br>78,855 people helped |

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# Finances



**Marius Papi**  
National Treasurer

**In 2022, we were able to count on public generosity to carry out our many projects and tackle the ever-increasing instability our country is facing.**

Skyrocketing inflation is bringing more and more families into our welcome centres, and our volunteers can only respond to this crisis because you continue with your daily outpourings of generosity.

The 90,000 volunteer organisers-collectors, along with our association's employees, can meet all these needs because of their unfailing commitment to solidarity every day of the year.

Obviously, with individual donors and public and private partners responding systematically to calls for solidarity, we have been able to take action and bring some relief to those in distress.

Once again this year, we were able to count on public generosity in the form of material and financial donations, contributions and bequests, donations and life insurance. We would like to express our sincere gratitude and respect to all these generous donors. A pact of trust unites the Secours populaire and the people who give to it, which is why we make it a point of honour to foster close connections with all those who work alongside us.

We'd like to take this opportunity to give you all the details about how we have used the donations you have entrusted to us as we support the world's most vulnerable people.

Thank you to everyone who gives us the financial and material means to do our work and spread our message of solidarity.



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federations



**662**

local committees



**90,000**

volunteers



## Governance at Secours populaire

Collective development and decentralisation are the driving principles of governance at the Secours populaire, at every level..

The association's bodies, which are elected every two years during annual general meetings among committees, federation congresses and the National Congress are composed entirely of people who have been awarded the official volunteer organiser-collector card. This card entitles its holder to take initiatives, make proposals, take part in decisions and be instrumental in managing the association on all levels. The people who lead the Secours populaire strive to ensure that education for all is the leitmotiv for the entire movement and allow anyone who wants to be involved to do so. Each body within the committees and federations benefits from and manages its decision-making power independently, as closely as possible to the places where the association's work is being done, following the management rules and procedures that apply to the entire association. The National Committee is responsible for national management, ensuring that the decisions made during the National Congress are properly implemented. The Board of Directors and its offshoot, the National Secretariat, are responsible for managing the association.

Through these bodies, the National Association itself guarantees that the internal running of the Secours populaire is organised effectively. As such, it ensures that sponsorship initiatives are implemented, that the bodies are organised properly within the federations, coordinates and centralises activities and publishes the cards for all the volunteer collectors-organisers in the Secours populaire.



## Didier

Nanterre

*I have been a donor for over 15 years. I base my donations on the price of a day's holiday for a child, or 50 euros. I was able to provide five holiday days a month last year. I will go up to six soon. I grew up in a council flat in Nanterre and I was the director of a cultural centre for young people. During my time there, I learnt that it is impossible to be happy at a table where not everyone has enough to eat. Giving means meeting other people, sharing and therefore being together. When you give, you know that someone, somewhere will be able to smile again.*

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**4 million**  
people supported in France  
and around the world



access to food



access to preventive  
measures and  
healthcare



support during  
the festive season



access to holidays



access to culture



access to housing

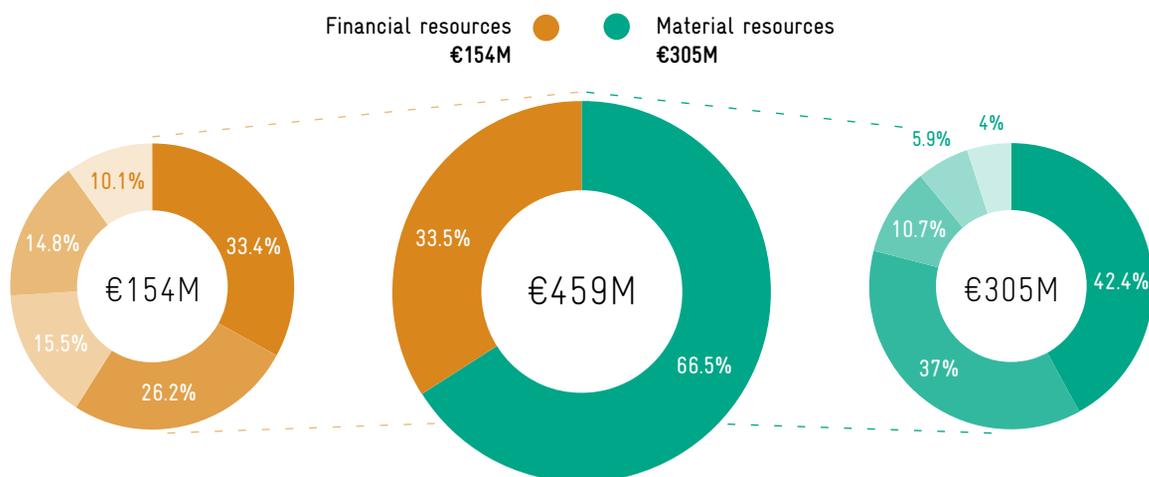


access to sport



legal advice

# Distribution of financial and material resources in 2022



## Distribution of financial resources

- **33.4%** Public generosity (donations, bequests, patronage) **€51M**
- **26.2%** Subsidies **€40M**
- **15.5%** Fundraising campaigns (sales, raffles, events, etc.) **€24M**
- **14.8%** Other miscellaneous sources (including specific funds) **€23M**
- **10.1%** Participation by receivers of solidarity **€16M**

## Distribution of material resources

- **42.4%** Volunteering **€129M**
- **37%** Food products **€113M**
- **10.7%** New donations in kind **€33M**
- **5.9%** Services in kind **€18M**
- **4%** Free communication and promotion **€12M**

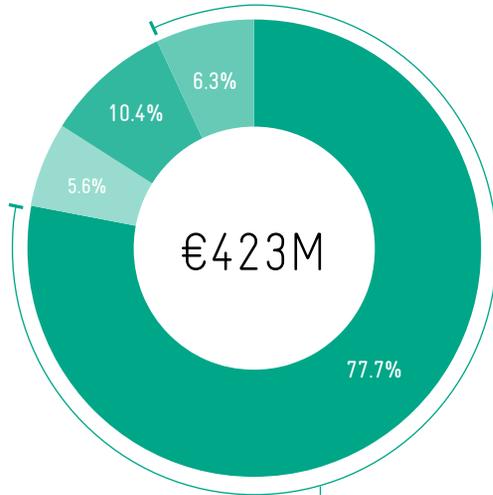
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## Diversified resources

The Secours populaire has a variety of funding sources, which ensures that it can stay independent. Beyond the pre-eminence of material donations, services in kind and voluntary work, which represent **66.5%** of all its resources, it is worth noting that there is a wide variety of financial resources. Public generosity at **33.4%** (divided between individual donations, patronage and bequests), subsidies at **26.2%**, products from popular fundraising initiatives (market sales, etc.) at **15.5%**, other miscellaneous products at **14.8%**, which essentially involves the use of dedicated funds collected in previous years (15 million euros) and contributions from recipients of solidarity at **10.1%**, guided by the principle of non-assistance and the preservation of dignity.

# Use of financial and material resources in 2022

Excluding allocations to provisions, profit for the year and carryovers to dedicated funds\*



- 77.7% Solidarity initiatives in France €329M
- 6.3% Solidarity initiatives abroad €26M
- 5.6% Fundraising costs €24M
- 10.4% Operating costs €44M

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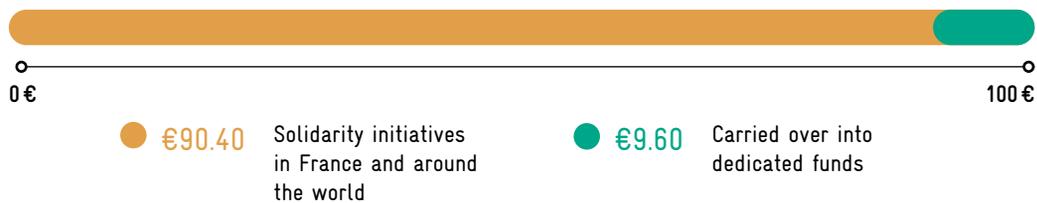
Solidarity initiatives (social missions) represent

**84%**

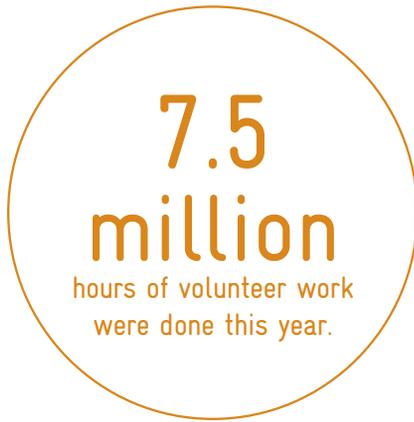
of material and financial uses in 2022.

\* Allocations to provisions amount to €632,900 in 2022. The result for the financial year is 12.2 million euros in 2022. Dedicated fund carryovers are specific resources collected in 2022 which were not fully spent during the year (these may be funding received for several years) and which the association undertakes to use in accordance with donors' wishes. This amount is 23.3 million euros in 2022.

## With €100 in public generosity

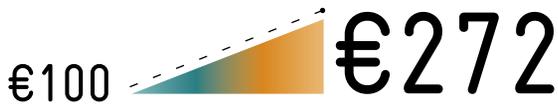


In 2022, up to 90.4% (i.e. 50 million euros) of funds raised as a result of public generosity was used to carry out solidarity actions in France and around the world and the balance was carried over to dedicated funds to be used next year or over the following years, in order to carry out the relevant actions and respect the donors' wishes.



## Leverage effect of solidarity

With €100 in financial revenue, the SPF benefited from €272 in material and financial solidarity actions in France and around the world.



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Thanks to the commitment of 90,000 volunteers,  
your donations have a big impact.

The leverage - or multiplier - effect illustrates that financial and material solidarity are complementary. It is calculated based on the amount of our social missions in France and around the world (93 million euros in financial expenditure and 262.5 million euros in valuation of voluntary contributions in kind). This sum is then compared to the financial resources used in 2022, i.e. 130.8 million euros (total financial resources minus the dedicated funds carried over to the following year).

As such, in 2022, for every €100 received, the Secours populaire was able to produce the equivalent of €272 in material or financial solidarity. This ratio clearly points out how important it is to set voluntary work in motion, and how essential the various forms of public solidarity can be.

This leverage effect allows the Secours Populaire to implement many different solidarity initiatives each year in France and around the world.



## Voluntary contributions in kind

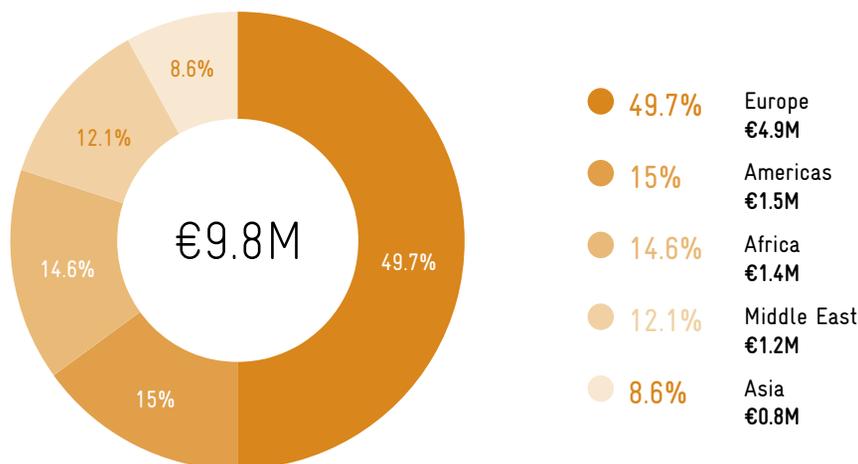
Voluntary contributions in kind refer to the act by which a natural or legal person provides the association with goods or other services free of charge. They cover the valuation of 7.5 million hours of volunteer work, free posting, free services, the provision of premises, the provision of employees in skills sponsorship, food products from food collections or SEAA (European Support for Food Aid), and new in-kind donations. In 2022, this amounts to nearly 305 million euros, or 66% of total resources, including 28% for volunteering in France and around the world.

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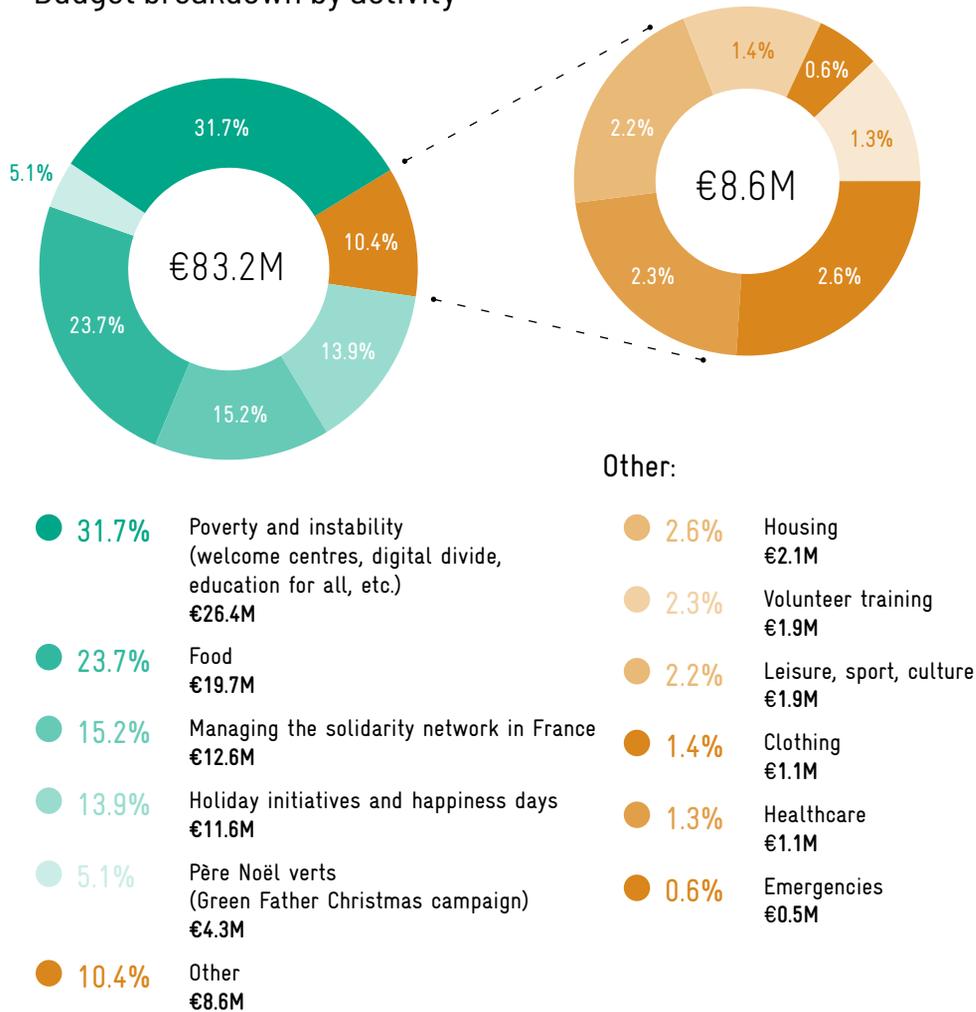
## Solidarity around the world

Budget breakdown by geographical area



# Solidarity in France

Budget breakdown by activity



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## Evaluation and control of actions carried out

The Secours populaire's combined annual accounts are certified by an auditor each year. In addition, 60 federations and local committees were audited in 2022. The Comité de la charte du don en confiance (trusted donation charter committee), an accreditation and control body for associations and foundations that appeal to public generosity, renewed the Secours populaire's accreditation in December 2022 for a period of three years. In line with funding from the directorate general for social cohesion, an evaluation of our actions on poverty and instability is carried out every three years. For projects co-financed by the Agence française de développement, the Crisis and Support Centre or the European Union, audits are carried out systematically.

## Assets



€49.4M

Property  
Land and  
buildings



€5.8M

Logistics  
equipment  
Cold rooms,  
storage racks, etc.



€6.7M

Transport  
equipment



€1.2M

Office and  
IT equipment

## Treasury

Treasury includes marketable securities and cash. It amounted to 150.8 million euros at the end of 2022, up 10% compared to 2021. This is mainly due to the receipt of a subsidy of 7.7 million euros at the end of the year for the purchase of food products within the framework of the European SEAA programme. These funds are in Secours populaire's bank accounts as of 31 December 2022. They will be spent in 2023. In addition, some of the funds collected for the Ukraine emergency have been transferred to dedicated funds (5.1 million euros) to be used in 2023.

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## Reserves policy

The Secours populaire has been able to build up sufficient reserves to deal with drops in collection and exceptional events. During natural disasters or emergencies, they allow the Secours populaire to quickly release funds to take action where it is most needed. They also allow the association to continue its work in the event of a difficult financial situation, due for example to a drop in resources. The Secours populaire recommends as a rule of good practice in terms of reserves to have the equivalent of 6 to 9 months of overall expenditure for local committees, and 9 to 12 months for departmental federations.

On a national level in 2022, the reserves represent 9 months of overall expenditure.

## Dedicated funds

Dedicated funds are resources that were not fully consumed in 2022 and that the association undertakes to use in accordance with donors' wishes. At the end of 2022, dedicated funds represent 43.8 million euros: 14.6 million euros are dedicated to food aid (including 12.6 million euros in subsidies), 7.5 million euros are dedicated to the health crisis (this figure was 11 million euros at the end of 2021) for which activities are continuing in 2023, and 5.1 million euros for the emergency linked to the war in Ukraine and its consequences.

## Equity and operating result for the financial year

Equity amounts to 166.9 million euros, representing 67% of the total balance sheet, which demonstrates the association's excellent financial autonomy. The statutory funds represent 27.3 million euros, and the reserves for association projects 35.4 million euros. Retained earnings are 79 million euros. This all contributes to keeping the association financially stable, as well as the net investment subsidies which amount to 12.8 million euros. The result for the year stands at 12.2 million euros in 2022, of which 700,000 euros are funds from public generosity.

## Simplified balance sheet (in millions of euros)

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| Net assets                  | 2022           | 2021           |
|-----------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Fixed assets                | 73.165         | 67.587         |
| Receivables and inventories | 22.134         | 18.409         |
| Liquid assets               | 71.112         | 48.593         |
| Marketable securities       | 79.722         | 87.925         |
| Prepaid expenses            | 1.110          | 1.255          |
| <b>Total</b>                | <b>247.243</b> | <b>223.769</b> |

| Net liabilities                    | 2022           | 2021           |
|------------------------------------|----------------|----------------|
| Equity                             | 166.841        | 153.845        |
| Deferred funds related to bequests | 7.662          | 6.048          |
| Dedicated funds                    | 43.773         | 35.536         |
| Provisions for risks and expenses  | 993            | 546            |
| Debts                              | 27.974         | 27.794         |
| <b>Total</b>                       | <b>247.243</b> | <b>223.769</b> |

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