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All volunteers serving sustainable development

Projects in collaboration with local communities

1968 - 2018 : 50 years of solidarity



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Cover picture: Project 2016-218



Foreword

Our actions carried out in 2017 are a witness of the solidarity of the Staff of the Institutions of the European Union towards the populations of the developing countries through concrete projects realized directly with our local partners and the direct beneficiaries.

Of the 273 funding applications received, 23 projects were selected after rigorous analysis and selection.

Our integrated programs in Tanzania and Rwanda continue. They produce very positive effects that confirm that this approach is one of the best solutions to lead extremely poor families towards autonomy and fulfillment.

This report is also a witness to the impact of our projects. Long-term impact analysis as well as project visits by some of our members allow us to learn extremely useful lessons to refine our selection criteria and analysis methodology.

I would like to thank our group of volunteers who put their professionalism and enthusiasm at the service of the association and the beneficiaries of our projects.

Our actions and our projects show that it is possible to act very concretely and to obtain direct and lasting effects. The new members who joined us in 2017, thanks to our communication and mobilization efforts, have understood this well.

The year 2018 will be the occasion to celebrate 50 years of our association: 50 years of solidarity and contribution to the autonomy of the local populations supported.

On behalf of the families who benefited from our projects in 2017, thank you from the heart for your help and support!

Pascal Declaye

Président, eu can aid!



What makes us unique?

We give thousands of poor people in developing countries a way out of poverty by supporting micro-projects and integrated programmes that produce immediate results and have lasting effects. We support small NGOs or local communities that do not have access to the financing of major donors. Fully functioning through volunteering and with funds from the contributions of its members and occasional donations, *eu can aid!* promotes the solidarity of EU staff with the poor in developing countries.

Our projects

Our projects contribute to improved access to food, clean water, health, electricity, education of children and the creation of income-generating activities that lead to self-reliance and self-development.

These micro-projects generate development dynamics within the local community. From a small-scale intervention, the "snowball" effect extends the positive results to an ever larger number of beneficiaries.

Our Integrated Programmes

Our integrated programmes address all the causes of poverty simultaneously, giving participants immediate access to all the necessary resources: basic capital to start income-generating activities, technical training, temporary support for consumption, saving, regular monitoring and access to health, housing and drinking water.

Our beneficiaries

Participants take an active role in decision-making. By building their capacity and enabling them to access a stable income, they are able to support themselves and escape poverty in a sustainable way.

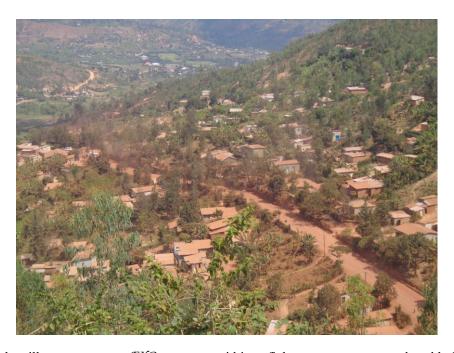
How we work

- We encourage the solidarity of EU staff with the less privileged in developing countries
- Our projects are carried out with local communities according to their expressed needs. We associate organisations on the ground, ensuring a constant monitoring of projects
- The project applications that we receive are rigorously analysed and selected so that our projects have immediate
 results and long term documented effects. Criteria include feasibility, capacity, socio-economic sustainability,
 impact and scope for local extension, ownership and engagement, support from local authorities
- We are all volunteers
- We inform our donors on how donations are being used in practice.
- We give thousands of poor people in developing countries a way out of poverty.



OUR PROGRAMME IN RWANDA

Results after 18 months



The objective of the village programme FXB—eu can aid is to fight extreme poverty and enable 30 extremely poor families (216 direct beneficiaries: 92 adults and 124 children) to achieve socio-economic autonomy within three years.

Income generating activity:

It is the fundamental pillar of the programme. The income which is generated gradually by the microenterprise (rearing, small businesses, etc.) enables the participants to cover all their expenses and even to spare part of the income. Income generating activities are becoming increasingly collective.

The average monthly income since the start of the programme was multiplied by 5!



OUR PROGRAMME IN RWANDA



Nutritional support: Food support with duration of 9 months has now been completed. Today, participants are able to be self-employed with their income and their vegetable gardens. Families were trained on the use of natural fertilisers.

Malnutrition has disappeared in the village FXB — eu can aid.

At the beginning of the program, 97% of participants ate once a day. Currently, 60% of families have three meals a day and all eat vegetables each day.

Medical support: Training sessions on different health topics have continued (HIV prevention, vaccination) and HIV screening (no new cases detected). No cases of diarrhea or severe cough were detected in the last 3 months of 2017.

53 interviews (individual and group) were organized in the psycho-social field.

Access to water, sanitation, hygiene and housing: Each family has a post to wash their hands on a regular basis and has access to an improved water source. 16 latrines have been built or improved.

Various training courses have been provided, including the need to keep animals outside the residential areas

OUR PROGRAMME IN RWANDA

Education: The State pays school fees in primary education (65 children). On the other hand, at secondary level (15 children), the costs are borne by the FXB - eu can aid programme.

As regards vocational training, the 9 apprentices who began last year have completed their training (mechanical, welding, sewing, etc.). They are at present in internship.

Testimony

Collette Mukarugomwa and Felicien Bigiyobyenda married in 1994. They live in the District of Nyarugene in the village of Riba. They have 4 children (2 boys and 2 girls). Colette tells us the story of her family:

"After our marriage we had a happy family life. Until 2004, where we carried out a HIV test, where the result showed that my husband was HIV-positive. My husband was not able to accept this new sad period. He spent all our money on alcohol and prostitation. It was difficult for the children to go to school. We didn't have enough to eat.

In order to overcome this situation, Colette managed to do odd jobs (such as laundry, culture, etc.) to survive and educate her children.

Thanks to the financial and moral support of IXB-ea can aid, we started a sale of slewers, bananas and roasted potatoes. We are grouped together with the participants in a savings and micro-credit group. Our children study without problems with the support of the programme. For example, our son has engaged in vocational training in car mechanics. My hasband has completely changed; he is really kind. He asks for advice before embarking on something and takes his treatment as required. The sale of slewers allows us to meet everyday needs on a daily basis.

The couple bought a plot in 2006 and wanted to build a house. At present, they have started work on building their house and hope to finish it quickly.

She admits that she and her husband are very confident and have a lot of projects they want to undertake.



OUR PROGRAMME IN TANZANIA

Since 2015, eu can aid! has decided to allocate part of its funds to integrated projects that create long-term effects with lasting impact.

eu can aid! and Tanzania Development Trust (TDT) support the inhabitants of the village of Marumba by implementing an integrated program since September 2015 to help them achieve self-sufficiency and a better quality of life.

The village of Marumba is one of the most vulnerable villages in Nanyumbu District because of its remoteness and its geological site. The population is about 2,700 people, with a high rate of illiteracy (40%) and most of them live below the poverty line, with one dollar a day.

Only 30% live in houses made of cement bricks with tin roofs, 65% in houses made of trees and mud, covered with roofs with grass and 5% in houses completely made of grass.

Most people depend on agriculture and animal care as a source of food, employment and other basic needs such as shelter, education, clothing and transportation.

As a reminder, the following projects were carried out over the 2015-2016 period:

Solar energy at the dispensary, needed to keep vaccines in a fridge at the right temperature and provide lighting for childbirth that take place after dark. Electricity is also available for clinical and administrative staff.

Construction of a classroom in primary school, for 45 children who no longer need to attend "school under a tree"

The creation of a borehole and a water reservoir located about 1 km from the village. It has been operational since April 2016. Water is available every day for 1565 people, i.e. the village population, for cooking and domestic purposes. Previously, water was collected in the Ruvunna River, 1h30 walk. After a visit by a member of *eu can aid!* in 2016, our partner TDT visited the village in January 2017.

Projects carried out during the period September 2016 — September 2017

The construction of two additional classes

Construction of 8 toilets

Installing 2 water tanks to collect the water from the roof of the school



PROJECTS FINANCED IN 2017

Rigorous selection work

In order to ensure the best use of our resources and the financing of the best projects, we apply a rigorous method of analysis and selection, which is summarised below.

Local partner capacity:

References: Verification of solid international references

Previous projects visited

Capacity for carrying out similar projects

Specific criteria for the project

Beneficiaries: Project by and with beneficiaries

Project originating from the beneficiaries

Active involvement of the beneficiaries

Support from the local authorities

Feasibility: Existence of a local market

Helping beneficiaries to create jobs

Impact: Direct and immediate impact on beneficiaries

Size of the impact in relation to the investment (impact/cost ratio)

No negative impact on the environment

Economic and financial viability

Financial self-sustainability

Expansion: Possibility of extension without additional funds

Planning: Detailed timetable

Budget: Precise, detailed budget supported by estimates

Costs validated by experience in similar projects in the region

Exceptional work by volunteers and a participatory approach

References are checked by the Secretariat. The basic criteria ("pre-screening") and then the projects are analysed in detail by volunteers who interact with the local partner to validate the criteria. The volunteer then presents his/her assessment, which is reviewed by the other volunteers in charge of project analyses.

A particularly effective selection: out of 273 applications for funding received in 2017, 129 were rejected by the Secretariat (excluding criteria, amount requested too high or insufficient references), 71 rejected in the prescreening phase, 25 rejected by the projects group, 11 by the Committee and finally 22 projects accepted and financed (see list in Annex A). Three examples are given below.

PROJECTS FINANCED IN 2017

Example: Project 2016/270 - DRC - ATADC Fish farming - EUR 3.700

The ATADC association (Association of Technicians in Action for Community Development) develops a fish farming project. It has targeted 127 households living in extreme poverty with out-of-school children due to lack of resources.

The local community of the city in Mwenga, in the province of South Kivu, has just been assigned by the Head of the village with a space of 10.000 m² for the development of the project. Improved training in fish farming for the 130 beneficiary women participating in the project is given to them by an engineer in improved fish farming. A study on water quantity and quality was carried out on the 26 wells planned and the results were very good.

The duration of the project is one year and the project is organised in different stages and activities: Improvement of wells (first 3 months), purchase of the equipment and fish (3rd month), conduct of the activities (12 months), harvesting and sale of fish (the 10th, 11th and 12th months)

After one year of operations, each group made up of 5 beneficiary women will harvest 4.000 fish, each fish 250 g, giving a total of 10.000 kg per year.

Knowing that there are 26 wells, they will have a total of 104.000 fish per year that will be sold on the local market.

ATADC calculates that in 10 months of project activity there will be a decrease in malnutrition among children.

The revenue generated by the project activities will cover expenditure and ensure the long-term sustainability of the project.



PROJECTS FINANCED IN 2017

Example: Project 2016/058 - BURKINA-FASO - Association CVD Zaogo - Construction of a school - EUR 5.000

Burkina Faso, with a population of almost 17 million, has a very low literacy and school enrolment rate: over 70 % of the population aged 7 or over has no educational level, 20.1 % primary, 8.1 % secondary and 1.1 % higher.

The project took place in the village of Zaogo (Central-East Burkina Faso), which comprised ten small villages. The village development committee of Zaogo had been able to construct a public college that was a necessity in this rural environment. At present, the school has become too small and the extension of 4 additional classes is essential so that 3rd level students do not drop out of school; they would find themselves in the professional world without sufficient intellectual baggage.

One co-funding has been established between several associations to successfully complete these classes. The objective of the Comité Villageois de Développement de Zaogo is to support the schooling of the pupils in the rural village of Zaogo by constructing 4 additional classes at secondary school and giving the classes furniture for 240 pupils (60 pupils per class).



PROJETCS FINANCED IN 2017

Example: Project 2017/018 – REPTA – CAMEROON

Construction of latrines: EUR 3.240

REPTA (Network Education For All in Africa) is active in the vocational training of girls in the street and at the state school in Belize.

They seek to build 10 blocks of latrines (6 funded by eu can aid and 4 by another association) for the state school.

Priority should be given to combating water-borne diseases (cholera) and to combat absenteeism and school pupils being late. In addition, the aim of the project is to give the school the capacity for the dissemination of good hygiene practices.

A school hygiene committee composed of school pupils and teachers is planned to set up the project at school, to teach hygiene and health and to train latrine management in a sustainable mode.

The blocks of latrines are managed at school level.

The beneficiaries are the 560 pupils (girls and boys) + 6 teachers + around 200 people in the Neighbourhood.

The water from the toilets must come from the drilling built with the support of the municipality and with the help of the parents' association of Béli. The borehole secures access to the water for 10 latrines with a 10-year guarantee. The latrines have pits to receive water from valves. The contents of the pits will be emptied every three months by a pump motorcycle and discharged into a composting centre in the commune for processing in order to fertilise grounds or crops.

The municipality is responsible for environmental health safety. The state school in Belize is a partner with the municipality.



OUR IMPACT

SHORT-TERM EVALUATION

In the course of 2017, the project for which implementation reports had been received were subject to an internal evaluation. In some cases, these are interim reports because the project has not been completed. On the basis of the reports received, the results were positive.

By way of illustration, a project under assessment is set out in detail.

Project 2016/013 - UGANDA - GWFODE Construction of a water reservoir - EUR 3.800

The "Gender Equality and Women Empowerment for Development" in the Kabale region in the South West of Uganda works on the development of marginalised communities primarily for the right to women's water. *eu can aid* already provided support in 2014 with the 2 containers of 10.000 litres each for the secondary rural school St Charles Lawanga (700 pupils school).

The new application this time is for the region of Rubanda and comes from the marginalised community of women and children who have to travel around 2 km in dangerous circumstances to draw on water. At their request, a reservoir of 10.000 litres is required to improve this water problem. A meeting is organised, the site defined, the materials purchased, the beneficiaries defined as 60 marginalised people and the tank, also with a local contribution, was built in 4 months.

Promptly the report is received with the financial details; it demonstrates the efficiency of the container. A User Committee of 6 members is responsible for the proper use and maintenance.

A financial contribution is requested from each intake of water. The testimonies are telling: **this fuel tank saves women time**, **children no longer miss the school because of distant water intake**.

The Association will keep us informed regularly about the long-term evolution of the beneficiaries.



OUR IMPACT

LONG-TERM EVALUATION

In 2017, as part of its monitoring process, *eu can aid* extended its control to assess the current impact of funding granted in 2014. Knowing the long-term impact that the funded project has had on the target beneficiaries is crucial. Their testimonials as well as their suggestions to improve the choice of our projects to be financed are received and analyzed. Our long-term optimal impact on beneficiaries is important for our credibility.

To this end, a questionnaire is sent to 54 NGO partners with whom we can no longer have any recent news.

The results were very positive, as evidenced by some statements:

Production of Afitin in BENIN - CRADD (project 2014/044)

The aim of the project was to improve the processing néré seeds, the production and marketing of afitin, produced locally by 20 women from Saclo district.

Ultimately the goal was also improvement, profitability and avoiding production losses, afitin being a perishable commodity. It was therefore necessary to build a workshop with two wells for the recycling of wastewater, the refurbishment of a cistern for water availability and the renewal of processing equipment to ensure the production of Afitin in good conditions of hygiene and sale of production.

Currently the 20 beneficiaries have a hard job because the transformation of the grains of néré, which is the raw material, requires a lot of delicate operations and especially a lot of water.

Thanks to the funding received, some operations have been modernized, greatly reducing the difficulty of the activity. The beneficiaries increase. Production is more easily passed through the built warehouse.

The chief of the district testifies:

This project solved an infrastructure problem in my district. The store is a real asset.

It has also solved a social and serious problem that is holding back the activity of women processors. Women are permanently employed and their income has improved.

Another testimony from a beneficiary:

Before, we had no other means of indebtedness than usury. By taking money from our usurers, it is practically for them that we work. We pay between 7000 to 8000 FCFA per bag of 100 kg per day of market, while the average net profit is 8500 FCFA per bag.

Today we are happy, congratulations dear partners!!

We save time to produce more and take care of our homes. There are no more complaints in the households: the children live well, the husbands are happy with us.





Water pump for the school garden in MALI – KATTENDANS -

(project 2014/137)

It was a project that focused on the development of Nalou, a village on the Dogon Plateau. This village has about 2000 villagers and has no running water or electricity.

A school of 300 children (6 primary classes + 1 kindergarten class) operated with a defective water pump. *eu can aid* financed the purchase of a new hand-held water pump, to draw water to start a vegetable garden behind the school to substantially improve hygiene at school and to surround the school playground of plants. A 2 m³ water storage pond was also built to store the water. Each class is responsible for watering the garden each day with the water tank water in the garden. The beneficiaries are mainly those who attend school and teachers, but also the villagers and shepherds of passage who take the water at the pump for their animals. The garden is protected by wire, the animals cannot soil the pond.

The recent news received following the regular visits of the association on the spot prove us that the number of beneficiaries has increased since now not only the school children but also the villagers and the passers-by (like the shepherds for watering the cattle ..) know this place.

The comfort and health of school children have increased significantly since they have water at school. No need to fetch water from a remote well. In addition the harvest of the educational garden diversifies the meals with fresh vegetables, beneficial to the growth and the health of the children. This project is essential because it also serves as an example and practice for children who learn from an early age to work in the garden. They learn agroforestry, making compost ... that farmers no longer practice. This is **an example for the whole village**. As of 2017 a new project on the practice of agroforestry on a larger scale by farmers is set in motion. We can summarize the concrete improvements: **better health of school children**, better meals at noon, increased comfort and closer to a water point with manual pump in the village. More comfortable than drawing water with a bucket. **Water all year round thanks to the drilling**. Recovery of rain in the basin during winter.



Sewing training in INDIA – GDSS&WS – (project 2014/303)

The goal was to be able to give work to 40 beneficiaries with a physical disability by giving them training to find work.

The success was fast. Beneficiaries who are willing to learn to improve their quality of life have followed learning with consistency. Currently they sell clothes to the local community and manage to earn a salary of 230 € per month. One third of the beneficiaries, mainly women, have already been able to open their own small businesses in their villages, which greatly improves their economic situation. They are already training new people who want to learn this job as a seamstress.

The testimony received proves it:

My name is S.Bhaskar. I live in Rentachintala village in Guntur district. I was born with a physical disability. My parents are very poor and we have a large family. They work in the fields and because of my disability I became a burden for my family. The community laughed at me and I became the shame of my family. My parents could no longer pay for my schooling; I had to stop my classes in 10th. During this period I knew the association GDSS & WS which gave courses of cut and sewing to the physically disabled. I immediately joined the classes and learned to cut and sew clothes. I gained confidence because my complex decreased and I realized that I could become independent and fend for myself. My family was very happy to see that I could manage. Now I can earn $9.40 \in \text{per day}$, I am no longer a burden for my family. I can even help them. I am very grateful to the association that gave me this chance to learn sewing

Thank you

S.Bhaskar



OUR IMPACT

VISITS TO PROJECTS

Our colleague Anne de Ligne visited two of our projects in India (state of Tamil Nadu).

Project 2013-308 : NGO NEWS (New entity of welfare society) for « Alternative and sustainable income for the deprived poor dalit women through goat rearing and formation of vegetable garden » in **Uttukottai.**

Her testimony:

I am greeted by the village gathered, to the sound of drums, under rains of flower petals, a large banner, a tent is set up for the occasion! (see photos), I receive local "jewels". The women beneficiaries are enthusiastic.

After speeches, we will visit the achievements of the project and the village (very poor). Many large goats and kids in good health (see photos). As it is the dry season, it is not possible to see the vegetable gardens. I ask the women to talk to me.

After thanks, they venture to tell me that they would now like a cow (for milk), and a well, because there is no more water in the tank. (For more than a year, there has been almost no rain, there is a well in the neighboring village, but the women are going to fetch water from a rich neighbor who has farm workers.)

Other donors support this NGO in the villages it deals with. The Dutch offered bicycles so that children could easily go to school in a nearby village, as well as a sewing workshop with a dozen sewing machines. NEWS is still helped by TEZDEK, a Jewish French NGO, and an Irish NGO. NEWS receives visits from foreigners and seems very appreciated. Our project (goats and vegetables) can be considered successful.







Project 2014-184 : NGO IRDRP (Institute of research and development for the rural poor. Dr Irudayasamy) for « Solar energy for technical center for child labour and children skill promotion in **Chennai** district »

Her testimony:

Here, it is a simple and informal welcome that awaits me. The project leader (a Christian) is very interesting and committed to the good of others, especially the area around the quarries, where so many children worked before the new 2015 law banning child labor.

Our project was to install solar panels on their technical training workshop.

This has been done and the workshop operates entirely on solar electricity: light, fans, various appliances (as for the training of nurses or other).

The NGO IRDRP receives support from OSI (France), CAF (Belgium) and others. Currently, two young OSI volunteers are on site for one year.

For example, the training of nurses: it is interesting to note that the Government defines the curriculum for nursing studies, but does not fund teachers, pupils or materials; it simply gives the approval as well as the diploma. IRDRP is accredited and gives this training, very popular with women wishing to support their family (Chennai has several hospitals that hire nurses).

Mr Irudayasamy is well known for his approach to children with AIDS, or the disabled; he is invited all over the world and has received awards. However, he is a simple man and very human. He sees development in a village holistically.



Her recommendations:

- eu can aid should contact other referenced donors to find out if they travel regularly to visit their projects. So we could ask them to visit our projects.
- When multiple donors support the same NGO, they should contact each other to assist the NGO in a more holistic and integrated way.
- The existence of international references is of great importance.

AWARENESS-RAISING AND COMMUNICATION

Encouraging results in awareness raising

We closed the year 2016 by signaling a small reversal in the acquisition of new members.

In 2017, thanks to our multiple efforts, we have seen that this trend is confirmed: **17 new members** have joined the association. A single resignation due to physiological reasons, such as death.

Contributions - we will never stop saying that - are our main resource.

Building a long-term relationship with donors and members becomes essential, they need to feel involved in solving our common concerns, they want to be seen as partners in our actions.

Communication is the basis of loyalty. We must not be forgotten, the periodic contact is the pillar.

On this point, we have now consolidated the practice of sending the minutes of Committee meetings to all our members. The positive effects did not fail: we regularly receive congratulatory messages for the actions undertaken, the colleagues who retire announce us their new email address and even the new bank account number.

The current economic situation, the multitude of humanitarian and associative actors, the continued solicitation of the portfolios of potential donors and the fact that some situations of marginalization and poverty are more sensitive than many others, can confuse the intentions of our donors and members but that's exactly why we took the development of an effective and relevant communication strategy very seriously.

The **communication plan** announced at the end of 2016 has been completed:

- 1. Get to know us better (too many colleagues are still unaware of our existence)
- 2. To convince of our capacities in the management of the projects, our know-how (on this point also many colleagues do not know how we work).

In 2017 still, asking for financial help - although still present in our communication - remained in the background because we first wanted to build an image of ourselves that is rewarding and in line with our action plan.

A call to all colleagues



As usual, an e-newsletter has been distributed to celebrate the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty on 17 October.

Together with the sister association GIVE EUR-HOPE and under the patronage of **First Vice-President Frans Timmermans**, a call to join us and support us has been launched.

The result of this action - in line with our strategy of first making ourselves known and convincing of our know-how and only once the goal reached to seek active participation - was very conclusive. We have acquired new volunteers, a dozen new members and substantial donations for our projects and programs.

Proof that we are on the right path.

1968 – 2018 : 50 years of existence

50 years, half a century! More than 1000 projects funded, hundreds of local organizations supported, a large number of volunteers who helped our association grow and hundreds of donors who helped us contribute to global development!

How to celebrate all these good results? How to celebrate an anniversary so important?

At the end of 2017 the decision was made: organize a tour of the DGs, meet the colleagues, introduce them to our association, following - of course - the outline provided by our communication plan: to make us known and showcase our activities and added values .

Each presentation will be personally supported by the Director General of DGs and the title of the conference will focus on development assistance and how each of us can contribute. A project related to the activity of the DG concerned will be presented and active or retired volunteers will demonstrate their commitment.

On November 30, 2017, a first presentation was organized at DG MARE: a preview, the result of which was quite satisfactory and motivates us to continue, while several presentations are planned for 2018.

Subject: Lunchtime conference on EU staff in support of development: how each of us can contribute

Location: MARE ROOM J99 00/53

When: jeudi 30 novembre 2017 12:30-14:00

Dear colleagues,

With the personal support of our Director-General João Aguiar Machado, you are invited to attend the lunchtime conference entitled

"EU staff in support of development: how each of us can contribute"

On Thursday 30 November, 12:30-14:00, in room J-99 00/53

eu can aid! (www.eucanaid.eu) is the internal association of EU staff which supports small NGOs and local communities to carry out micro-development projects and integrated programmes, which, despite their size, produce immediate results and have lasting effects. Run entirely on voluntary basis, with funds raised through membership fees and other donations, eu can aid? promotes the solidarity of EU staff with less privileged people in developing countries.

In this session, our colleagues volunteering for eu can aid will present how practical projects (including fishing projects) financed by the association with the personal support of EU staff can break the cycle of poverty, and how each of us can contribute.

Speakers:

- Pascal Declaye, eu can aid Chairman
- Jean-Pierre Vercruysse, former MARE STAFF and eu can aid administrator
- Dominique Levieil, Deputy Head of Unit MARE.D3, eu can aid administrator
- Annalisa Mancardi, eu can aid Vice-President

Sandwiches will be served prior to the conference.

DG MARE E.2 - Inter-institutional Matters, Strategic Programming and Communication

And how to thank all those who helped us?

The fact that we are always active with so much solidarity and willingness to progress and make our action more and more effective is the best thanks. Without them nothing could have been done.

Thank you to founding members, regular contributors, donors, volunteers and all our friends!

To publicize the scientific value of our approach

Breaking the cycle of poverty and creating lasting and constant change implies a holistic and integrated vision on a long-term scale.

Several scientific studies have shown how the implementation of integrated programs developed in support of a single community or village can lift entire families out of poverty and support them in the acquisition of sustainable livelihoods.

In keeping with this strategy, *eu can aid* continues to direct part of its finances to two integrated programs over several years:

- A three-year program in Tanzania. The second year ended successfully; the program of the third year has begun; at the request of the local population, it was decided to extend the program for another three years.
- A three-year program in Rwanda in partnership with FXB Village whose intermediate results speak clearly: 30 families, at the mid-point of the program, came out of precariousness and developed a revenue-generating activity.

To stimulate reflection on development topics

The main challenge of sustainable development is to meet current needs without compromising those to come. Associations, NGOs and citizens are effective and concrete actors.

Eu can aid actively participates. The messages conveyed during its communication focus on the founding principles of the notion of sustainable development:

- the global, ecological and social crisis
- the need for local action but in a global context
- the response to the needs of present and future generations
- the medium and long term vision
- listening and deep and detailed analysis of the real needs of the target populations

This is an awareness that we try to share with colleagues by stimulating them to actively participate.

Mobilize on social networks

The website is constantly updated thanks to the volunteer contribution of Pavel Zbornik, whom we thank with all our heart.

The Facebook and Twitter accounts are animated by Sara Giovannini who is constantly working on it. From now on, the conclusions of our follow-up reports are posted regularly, accompanied by quite interesting photos.

During the trip to India of one of our members and an active colleague in a partner association - who voluntarily visited some projects we have funded in the Country - a real-time communication system via WhatsApp from India and Twitter from Brussels has been realized.

We invite you to follow us, do not hesitate to post your comments, appreciations and tweets with us and the other international actors who follow us and we follow.

Other activities of communication and awareness raising

An interview with one of our members appeared in METRO magazine.

On March 15th, we had a booth at INFO DAY: a way to give us visibility in the Commission.

We participate regularly in the Volunteer Market: as part of the civil servants' retirement seminars, the internal associations have the opportunity to present their actions in order to allow future retirees to have an overview of the diversity of possible actions in their free time and to discuss concretely with the actors of the field.

In accordance with our statutory principle of solidarity with colleagues towards the problems of poverty in the world, we have sponsored - during activities organized within the House - several associations with our same goal or colleague leading their own personal project.

In addition, our awareness-raising actions were completed during the 2017 AGM, which had a rather limited participation of members. This circumstance has been challenging us for years and we will strive to make this moment so important to the associative life more interesting and attractive.

After the formalities, Nuria Molina, from the **Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation**, presented the Foundation and its investments and discussed with the assembly the theme "innovation for development". A rather interesting debate followed the presentation.

A challenge for 2018: improve our fundraising

Among the multiple activities carried out, which are the most effective?

What is their added value?

And what, on the other hand, are ineffective and therefore useless actions?

How to consolidate the communication and awareness group team to acquire a larger work capacity?

A reflection on this subject is necessary.

Article 20 of the internal regulations, which regulates the independence of the association vis-à-vis the donors, does not prevent that, during the organization of a sports event, theatrical, musical or of a similar nature, the Committee shall, punctually and only in relation to the event in question, show the name where the logo of a commercial firm, a public institution or another NGO making available to the association the necessary means for the organization of this event.

Organizing an event in this way requires the contribution of several people, albeit on an ad hoc basis.

The call for help is launched!

OUR MEMBERS

440 members!

17 new members joined us in 2017

Thank you for your support. Thanks to you and with you, our projects and programmes can work and our beneficiaries' lives are transformed.

OUR DONORS

Thanks to all occasional and regular donors for their valuable support



Solar Solidarity gave us a EUR 2.120 grant to finance our project in the DRC in favour of SOVIP for the installation of solar panels for 3 obstetrics rooms of a hospital and EUR 2.880 in favour of our programme in Tanzania, in particular by contributing to the total funding of solar energy for the village school



The "Christmas packages" (gifts which colleagues do not obtain and remain at the Commission's disposal) are sold by "Femmes d'Europe", which undertakes to fund or co-finance one of our projects. In 2017 we agreed on the amount of EUR 3.000 which has been earmarked for the co-financing of a goat farming project in India for our partner WAG



Reliable and constant partner



Cooperation with the trainees within the "Comité Solidarité" took place in 2017, although cooperation was limited to the analysis of certain projects. We still strongly commend this cooperation and thank the trainees for the high and professional quality of their analyses



The Schuman Trophy continues to cooperate with us, although in 2017 no projects were co-financed. Schuman Trophy experienced sad moments following the premature departure of our friend Philippe Keraudren. We associate ourselves to mourning

We would also like to underline a donation from a colleague from DG BUDGET and the YOGA GROUP.

GOUVERNANCE

We work in full transparency

- All our meetings are open to the public: members and non-members.
- > Every year, we comply with our obligation to publish the names of the association's management staff in the Moniteur Belge.
- > Both the distribution list of new financing requests and the summary sheets since 2009 are accessible online.
- > The assessment sheets concerning funding requests are distributed to all association members.
- > eu can aid subscribes to the AERF's ethical code (AERF stands for Association pour une Éthique dans les Récoltes de Fonds). This implies that our donors are informed at least once a year about how we use the funds we collect.

OUR TEAM

Committee

LIST OF MEMBERS OF THE COMMITTEE ON 31.12.2017

Alexandre D'Angelo, Denise Dalle (vice-president), Anne de Ligne, Pascal Declaye (president), Malcolm Fairclough, Bernadette Feyereisen, Ève Gerard, Sara Giovannini, Jean Hagenaers (treasurer), Frank Heseler, Joël Le Quement, Dominique Levieil, Annalisa Mancardi (vice-president, secretary), Laura Muris, Francesca Salis, Klavs Skovsholm, Théodora Spruit, Baudouin Sury, Edgar Thielmann, Maria Tsougkriani, Jean-Pierre Vercruysse, Jean-Marie Visée, Nick Goetschalckx.

Office and Secretariat: The secretariat is run by Jean Hagenaers, Annalisa Mancardi and Jean-Marie Visée. The secretariat is now manned every day. Many thanks to the active members of the Board: Pascal Declaye, Denise Dalle, Jean Hagenaers, Jean-Marie Visée and Annalisa Mancardi.

Project Group: it is coordinated by Denise Dalle and convenes every Tuesday to discuss the assessment of funding requests and to present project evaluation reports.

Awareness-raising Group: it is coordinated by Annalisa Mancardi and convenes approximately every three weeks to decide on communication and awareness-raising activities.

All volunteers!

Many thanks to all of you who contribute to our association's work and who help turning donations into support for our project beneficiaries.

FINANCIAL REPORT

Balance sheet

Assets - beginning of period	2017	2016
Account ING	17 077,28	25 878,01
Account Triodos	21 163,41	31 111,80
Cash	34,62	34,62
Total Assets	38 275,31	57 024,43
Miscellaneous revenus		
Membership fees	140 373,21	140 129,20
Donations Népal		
Donations from trainees		1 213,09
Donation from Afiliatys		2 500,00
Donation Femmes d'Europe	3 000,00	6 000,00
Donation Schuman Trophy		3 000,00
Donation Solar Solidarity	5 000,00	5 000,00
Other donations	3 525,00	13 276,08
Bank interest	17,13	68,81
Total of revenues	151 915,34	171 187,18
Expenses		
Projects	121 456,00	184 611,00
office supply		
travel expense	2 211,78	2 584,00
banking cost	1 013,20	1 190,11
General assembly cost	931,20	124,63
IT cost	43,12	206,36
Miscellaneous operating cost	1 531,01	1 203,00
Donations paid	250,00	
Précompte mobilier	4,63	17,20
Total of expenses	127 440,94	189 936,30
Net result	24 474,40 -	18 749,12
Assets - end of period	62 749,71	38 275,31
Account ING	41 539,18	17 077,28
Account Triodos	21 175,91	21 163,41
Cash	34,62	34,62

Note: The low share of administrative costs is achieved because all *eu can aid* staff work as (unpaid) volunteers and because *eu can aid* benefits from the logistical support and the premises of the EU institutions, in particular the Council and the European Commission.

Expenses and revenues by nature

Expenses	2017	2016	Revenues	2017	2016
Goods		-	Membership fees	140 373,21	140 129,20
Salary		-	Donations	11 525,00	30 989,17
Miscellaneous goods and services	5 984,94	5 325,30	Subsidy		-
Other expenses	121 456,00	184 611,00	Other revenues	17,13	68,81
Total of expenses	127 440,94	189 936,30		17,13	171 187,18

Revenues	2017	2016	2015	2014	2013	2012
Membership fees	140 373	140 129	146 719	153 551	154 937	154 104
Donations	11 525	28 489	22 152	29 032	26 109	35 194
Afiliatys		2 500	2 500	5 000		
Special fund raising			20 874	788	22 611	
Reimbursement				5 683		
Bank interest	17	69	98	242	725	1 241
Miscellaneous						
Total of revenues	151 915	171 187	192 342	194 296	204 382	190 539
Expenses						
Payment of Projects	121 456	184 611	178 254	193 288	191 039	203 215
Emergency aid			5 000			34 850
Others	5 985	5 325	8 423	6 413	8 807	8 331
Total of expenses	127 441	189 936	191 677	199 701	199 846	246 396
Balance	24 474	- 18 749	665	- 5 405	4 536	- 55 857

Financing decisions

During the year 2017, the Committee made 23 financing decisions for a total of \in 103.956. A short description of these projects can be found in Appendix A. 11 applications were rejected and the proponents themselves withdrew 3 applications. The rejections by the Committee are partly due to a lack of financial resources. This gives us an average of $4.519 \in$ per project, comparable to previous years.

Expenses (payments for projects)

The number of funded projects (paid for in 2017) is 24 for an amount of € 121.456. These projects are divided between continents:

Continent	Number	Amount	% Number	% Amount
Africa	19	101 256,00	79,17%	83,37%
Central America	0		0,00%	0,00%
Asia	5	20 200,00	20,83%	16,63%
Total	24	121 456,00	100,00%	100,00%

As in the past Africa is the most important, with over 79% of projects and 83% of the sums distributed. As last year the Democratic Republic of Congo occupies the first place with 5 projects for $25,5600 \in$, once again highlighting the weight of the Congo.

The table below shows the distribution among African countries:

Country	Number	Amount Eur	Amount %
Benin	3	11 836	11,69%
Burkina Faso	1	5 000	4,94%
Cameroon	1	3 240	3,20%
Mali	1	4 900	4,84%
Namibia	1	2 100	2,07%
DR Congo	5	25 600	25,28%
Rwanda	1	25 000	24,69%
Senegal	1	7 000	6,91%
Tanzania	1	2 880	2,84%
Uganda	3	13 700	13,53%
Total	18	101 256	100,00%

Note: our integrated programme in the village of Marumba in Tanzania, which we carry out jointly with the Tanzanian Development Trust (TDT), has continued. *eu can aid* covers 60% of the costs, while the TDT covers the remaining 40%, but carries out the monitoring on-site. The programme included 1 project (solar panels for the school) for 2,880 €

Outstanding commitments to be paid out by 31 December 2017:

Project	Description	Beneficiary	Country	Date of Decision	Amount
	Village FBX - eu can aid	FXB	Rwanda		47 000,00
	Village Marumba - TDT	TDT	Tanzanie		20 566,00
	Total				67 566,00

Certified accounts

Prepared in good faith.

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Asset	Eur	Liabilities	Eur
Account NG	41 539,18	Social asset	62 749,71
Account Triodos	21 175,91		
Cash	34,62		
Total	62 749,71	Total	62 749,71

Provisional budget for 2018

Description	Amount
Revenues	
Membership fee	140 000,00
Donations	10 000,00
Interest	-
Total Revenues	150 000,00
Expenses	
Projects	145 000,00
Administration	5 000,00
TotalExpenses	150 000,00
Net	-

ANNEX A

PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY EU CAN AID! IN 2017

AFRICA

Benin

Project 2017/010 - JAEPP - Benin - School banks - 1500 €

The NGO JAEPP (Jeunesse Action pour l'Evangélisation, la Paix et le Progrès) asked for funding 45 complementary school benches after a previous project which has been achieved with a good report but funded for only half of the amount requested, which is not enough for all the pupils. The benches are constructed in the immediate area. The primary schools of six villages are the beneficiaries.

Project 2016/194 - ASEP - Benin - building of a well - 5336 €

The NGO ASEP (Action Sociale pour l'Eradication de la Pauvreté) was seeking funds in order to build a well in a village without drinking water. The well will benefit to 1.200 persons. ASEP already made 3 similar projects with ECA. The 1% Fund (association of officials of the United Nations) Genève will be a partner for the financing.

Project 2015/113 – PEH – Benin – Well for gardening – 5000 €

The Ngo PEH (Protection de l'Environnement et de l'Homme) - Benin was seeking funds for adapting a traditional well to gardening which will be developed by 30 women. This project will also benefit to 150 persons of their families. The sale of the vegetables will cover the maintenance of the pump.

Cameroon

Project 2017/018 - REPTA - Cameroon - Latrines for a school - 3240 €

The NGO REPTA (Réseau Education Pour Tous en Afrique) was seeking funds to construct 6 latrines in a public school with a view to reducing hydric diseases and thus absences in the school and to disseminate good practices of hygiene. It will benefit to 554 pupils, 6 teachers and around 200 neighbours. The used water will be recycled in a compost for agriculture. The latrines will be managed by a committee of pupils and teachers.

Mali

Project 2016/080 - Groupe Nature - Latrines for a school - 4900 €

The Malian NGO "Groupe Nature" asked for funding three latrines in a school without latrines and for a hand washing device. There will be a training for the 159 pupils and for the 20 teachers. The wastes will be in particular recycled as fertilizers for the fields. An hygiene club will survey the functioning.

Project 2016/159 — ADESF - Well and cooking - 7000 €

ADESAF (Association pour le Développement Économique et Social en Afrique) asked for funding the improvement of a school of 150 pupils by constructing a canteen with a kitchen and by boring a well for potable water and another one for gardening of vegetables. The indirect beneficiaries will be the teachers, the parents and the villagers including craftsmen, farmers and local undertakers. The parents will contribute to the canteen and to the cooking.

Namibia

Project 2017/036 - NET - India - micro-credits - 2100 €

The NGO NET (New Era Trust) has asked for financing a micro-credit revolving fund for 35 women whose husbands are suffering from HIV/AIDS. The micro-credit facility will be managed by a federation of beneficiaries under the supervision of the NGO. It will finance tailoring as well as chicken rearing and vegetable growing. The revolving fund will allow, with the repayments, to extend micro-credits to other poor women.

Democratic Republic of Congo

Project 2016/071 – CBCA – Training of young hairdressers – 6000 €

The Congolese association CBCA (Communauté Baptiste au Centre de l'Afrique) asked for funding the training of 46 young people in hairdressing and the necessary equipment. 35 of them are ex child soldiers and have difficulties to reintegrate social life. The 46 young have chosen the hairdresser profession as there is a demand for hairdresser services in this area.

Project 2016/105 – SOVIP – RDC - Solar plant for maternity rooms of a hospital – 4500 €

The Congolese NGO SOVIP (Solidarité avec les VIctimes et pour la Paix) was seeking funds in order to install a mini plant with solar panels for 3 obstetrics rooms of a general hospital, which are dedicated to maternity, childbirth and neonatology.

Project 2017/019 - OED - RDC - Construction of a classroom - 5000 €

The association OED (Oeuvres pour l'Enfance Défavorisée) was seeking funds for the construction of a classroom in a slum of a very poor town. This association aims at fostering education while the authorities do not pay for the buildings. The association members will bring food to the technicians who will construct the classroom.

Project 2016/270 – ATDC – RDC – Fish rearing – 3700 €

ATDC (Association des Techniciens en action pour le Développement Communautaire) asked for the funding of fish rearing. It will benefit to 127 women who are widows or single mothers or have been abandoned by their husband. The fishes will be sold in a local market.

Project 2017/088 – Institut La Charité – RDC – Latrines and furniture for a school – 6400 €

The Ngo "L'Institut La Charité" was seeking funds for constructing latrines and buying furniture (banks and chairs) for a classroom of a school of 510 pupils. The majority of children belong to families who came back after the wars in this region. Banks and chairs are now lacking. The classroom has been constructed by bricks made by the parents and the pupils.

Uganda

Project 2016/160 - BUVOCOD - Uganda - Water wells and rainwater tank - 6400 €

The Ugandan NGO BUVOCOD (Busoga Volunteers for Community Development) asked for funding the building of some hand dug water wells and of a rain water tank for a school, in a region of water crisis (droughts and poor situation of the water supply). The project aims to target 60,000 people, i.e. women, children, the elderly and the youth because they play a vital role in the provision and maintenance of water and sanitation services in the household and community.

Project 2016/218 - EACO - Uganda - Water wells - 4100 €

The Ugandan NGO EACO (Empower and Care Organization) was seeking funds for the repair of water wells. The project will give safe and clean water to more than 2.400 people in a rural district. It will benefit in particular to those in charge of fetching the water, i.e. mainly women and children, by shortening the distance to the nearest clean water source and giving children more time to go to school without making long journeys which might moreover be dangerous. It is Committee's opinion that the reparation of only one water well can be financed.

Project 2017/093 - UGFF - Uganda - Biomass recycled fuel - 3200 €

The NGO UGRF (Uganda Gender Rights Foundation) was seeking funds in order to finance the equipment for producing briquettes from biomass with a view to fighting against the deforestation. Every group of 3 women will receive kits therefore and the community of 100 women and young girls will be provided with 4 presses. A training for this activity will be organized.

Senegal

Project 2016/215 - ARCOBALENO - Senegal - Bovine fattening - 7000 €

The Italian NGO "Arcobaleno, ponte per l'Africa" was seeking funds for the fattening of beefs. 15 beefs will be bought, and then fattened during 3 months with a view to sell them. Their sale will be used for the self-maintenance of a host house for malnourished children and orphans (about 30) and to increase the nutrition of poor boys in a school. Moreover, this activity will create work. It is Committee's opinion that the project could start by buying 10 beefs only.

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ASIA

India

Project 2016/120 – WFW – India – Construction of a sanitary block in a nurse school – 3300 €

The Indian NGO WFW (Women for Women) is seeking funds to build a sanitary block in a nurse school of 60 girls from the poorest rural groups, and thus replace the temporary structure, which is inadequate to the needs. This NGO has experience in similar constructions.

Project 2016/140– SEWAA – India – Goats rearing - 4200 €

The Indian NGO SEWAA (Social Educational and Welfare Activities Association) asked for funding the rearing of goats by 50 tribal women who live in settlements for displaced persons and who are particularly vulnerable (such as widows or in charge of disabled persons). It will indirectly benefit to 1170 persons of their families. Each woman will receive two goats without having to repay them. The rearing will more than double the revenues which they get through occasional works. They will be coached through regular meetings. It is Committee's opinion that the project could start with half of the beneficiaries, 25 women.

Project 2016/204 - WAG - India - Goats rearing - 3500 €

WAG (Women Action Group) was seeking funds for empowering 31 Dalit widows in a tribal area of Tamil Nadu through goats rearing. Those women have no revenues. This will therefore also benefit to the families on which they depend economically. Every woman will receive 1 male goat and 2 females and will give back 2 kids in year 2 to the NGO which will visit them regularly. The demand for goats has increased on the market.

Project 2016/241 – EDUCATR – India – Turkeys Rearing – 4200 €

The Indian NGO EDUCATR (Education, Communication and Development Trust) asked for funding the rearing of turkeys by 30 Dalit women scavengers and further to 90 other ones by a revolving fund. It will indirectly benefit to their families. The sale of eggs and meat will much increase the revenues which they get through their usual work (collecting human excrements), after a training on rearing and marketing. They will be coached by the NGO.

Project 2017/036 - NET - India - micro-credits - 5000 €

The NGO NET (New Era Trust) has asked for financing a micro-credit revolving fund for 35 women whose husbands are suffering from HIV/AIDS. The micro-credit facility will be managed by a federation of beneficiaries under the supervision of the NGO. It will finance tailoring as well as chicken rearing and vegetable growing. The revolving fund will allow, with the repayments, to extend micro-credits to other poor women.

Project 2016/091 – Concord Trust – Drilling of bore wells - India – 5500 €

The NGO Concord Trust was seeking funds in order to drill bore wells to provide potable water to 186 families in two villages. Most of them are marginal farmers and landless labourers, struggling to meet basic needs. The wells will reduce the drop out among girls at school and water borne diseases. The water will be managed by a committee.



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