

## 17 October: International Day for the Eradication of Poverty

### Showing solidarity with those less fortunate than us: a message with the support of the First Vice-President Frans Timmermans

In a world of turmoil we need a strong and united Union to face the great challenges that we are confronted with. A united Europe also means that no one is left behind. There are many ways to put these words into action. One of them is positive and solidarity-based action on behalf of and in collaboration with the people who are less fortunate than us. This is exactly the objective of the two registered associations of EU Staff dedicated to address the challenges of poverty exclusion in the EU through "Give Eur-Hope" and in the developing countries through "EU can aid !". Their solidarity inspired initiatives and micro-projects are funded by EU staff donations exclusively and help the poorest in many ways: to generating activities, to provide them with access to decent housing, clean water, schooling for their children, vocational training, and to help them participate in civic life.

**So join today:** By donating as little as 10 € a month you'll show what the EU Staff generosity can achieve.

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We give thousands of poor people in developing countries **a way out of poverty** by supporting micro-projects and integrated programs that produce immediate results and have long-lasting effects. We support small NGOs or local communities who do not have access to funding from major donors.

*eu can aid!* is run entirely on a voluntary basis, and funded through membership (mainly EU staff) fees and donations.

Give Eur-Hope is an association of EU staff members dedicated to the fight against **poverty and social European Union**. Run entirely on a voluntary basis, with funds raised through membership fees and donations from colleagues and supporters, Give Eur-Hope promotes the solidarity of EU staff with less privileged people in the States.

**The impact of our actions:** examples of projects (see 159 projects carried out in the last 5 years on [www.eucanaid.eu](http://www.eucanaid.eu))

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#### INDIA: Goats rearing

The Indian NGO SEWAA has requested funding for a goat breeding project for 25 tribal women living in extreme poverty with the aim of improving livelihoods through livestock raising. Each woman received two goats without having to repay them. The project has been implemented in three localities for 5 months and is managed by the community itself according to a "donation approach" in which the household receiving two goats gives the first new-born to another family. Today, each recipient has 3 to 4 goats and some of them are ready to sell. So far, the number of beneficiaries has increased from 25 to 43. Through the project, families reported saving and investing in children's education.



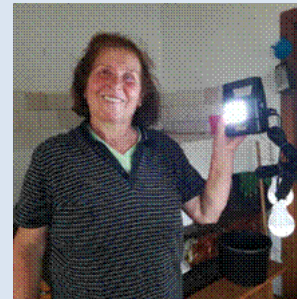
#### Haïti: Transformation de déchets

La ville de Gros-Morne compte une population d'environ **34 000 habitants dont près de 50% de jeunes de moins de 18 ans.**

La gestion des déchets et l'assainissement restent un défi important pour la ville.

*eu can aid!* a financé la formation au recyclage des déchets en plastique en les transformant en objets artisanaux susceptibles d'être vendus aux divers marchés locaux. 400 personnes ont été formées et 200 personnes ont appris à utiliser des déchets dans la fabrication de produits artisanaux. Aujourd'hui le centre de formation fonctionne de manière

autonome et s'agrandit régulièrement.



#### ROMANIA: Lifting families out of the darkness

In Romania, there are countless families with children and elderly live alone and do not have the main electricity in their rural homes. It is that old oil lamps and wax candles are used to provide some light and early in the morning. Each year, tragic accidents occur by fire and quickly cause huge fires that destroy homes and kill their inhabitants. With the support of GIVE EUR-HOPE, RCHF was able to supply a solar kit containing a solar panel, a battery and bulbs; Once a solar panel, the kit allows each family to have 8 to 10 hours of light. Daily charging is free and these solar panels are so efficient that they charge the battery, even in low light, overcast or foggy weather.



#### BELGIQUE : Fourniture d'une sauteuse

Le projet concerne « **La maison d'accueil des petits Riens** » dont le but est l'hébergement d'hommes sans abri, ne pouvant faire face seuls à des difficultés et/ou morales et acceptant de souscrire à un projet individuel de réinsertion. Pour atteindre ce but, l'association fournit, outre le gîte et le couvert, un suivi psychologique et financier des personnes hébergées, pour les aider à retrouver une autonomie. Depuis juillet 2017, l'asbl Les Petits Riens a repris la gestion du restaurant social d'accueil, ce qui a permis une meilleure maîtrise des coûts. Grâce à l'intervention de GIVE EUR-HOPE, une nouvelle sauteuse a été achetée pour être en mesure de préparer les 220 repas quotidiens.