

All volunteers serving sustainable development

Projects in collaboration with local communities

*1968 – 2020
More than 50 years of solidarity*



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Foreword

Without a doubt, the year 2020 will remain in our collective memory as the year of the COVID-19 pandemic.

Our association has been able to adapt its operation to new working methods. Videoconference meetings even offer the advantage of easier accessibility in our professional or private schedule.

Unfortunately, for the most vulnerable populations, their lives and development prospects have been severely affected. To contribute to our level, we have granted emergency aid to 6 reliable partners in India to cope with the lack of food and water. We have also completed a study of the impact of COVID on our current projects.

Faced with the human and economic impact of the COVID-19 pandemic, more than ever our solidarity with the most vulnerable is essential.

In this report, you will discover the direct and very concrete impact of our projects and integrated programmes, as well as testimonials from beneficiaries.

In Tanzania, our integrated programme in Marumba continued. It will soon be the subject of a scientific assessment of its impact on the village.

Our integrated programme in India has started, notably with the opening of the health clinic, the distribution of safety equipment for the workers and the renovation of the water panel.

Our association now has a recognized place among an international network of development actors.

Of the 347 funding requests received in 2020, 33 projects were selected after very rigorous analysis and selection work.

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

Without them, the association could not achieve its goal of producing maximum and lasting impact for the most vulnerable local populations.

In particular, I welcome the arrival of new volunteers and new members.

Our actions and projects show that it is possible to act very concretely and to obtain direct and lasting effects.

On behalf of the families who benefited from our projects in 2020, thank you from the bottom of my heart for your help and support!

Pascal Declaye

President, eu can aid!

OUR WORKING METHOD

Mission

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.



Local communities express their needs and request funding for context-adapted projects.



We rigorously analyse all the projects according to relevant criteria: feasibility, capacity, socio-economic sustainability, impact and scope for local extension, ownership and engagement, support from local authorities

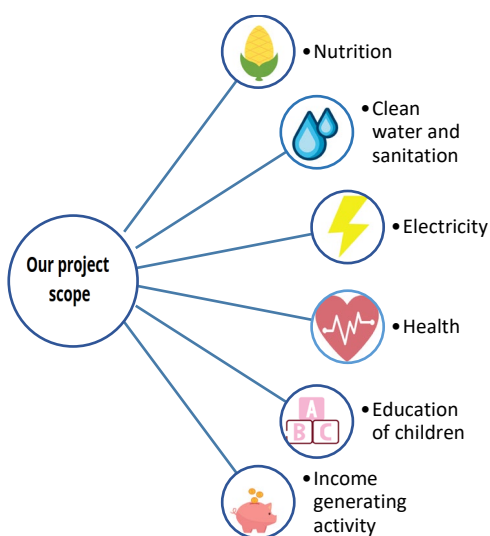


The solidarity of EU staff with the less privileged allows us to respond to local development needs.



We select projects that have immediate results and long-term documented effects.
We associate organisations on the ground, ensuring a constant monitoring of projects
We inform our donors on how donations are being used in practice.

Our Scope



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.

Integrated Programmes

eu can aid! supports a number of integrated programmes which 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 IMPACT IN 2020

Highlights

347

Applications for funding submitted

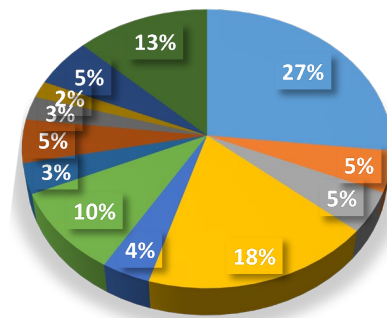
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Projects funded

150,155 EUR

Allocated to projects

Spent per project



- Agriculture
- Industries alimentaires
- Panneaux solaires
- Eau
- Eau isée et latrines
- Bâtiments
- Micro crédits
- Enseignement
- Santé
- Action sociale
- Organisations associative:
- Autres



159,808 €
Revenues

143,883 EUR

Donations from members

Donations remained rather stable.

15,824 EUR

other donations

Thanks to all our donors!

Our reach and number of projects in 2020

AFRICA - 20

ASIA (INDIA) – 14

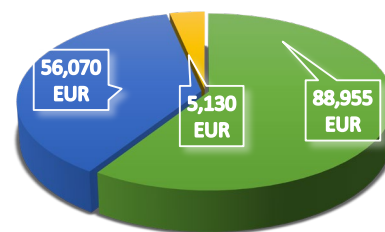
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Africa's share has decreased significantly, for 2 reasons:

- Start of a large integrated programme in India (Trust-SCAD: 23,000 EUR in 2020).
- Emergency aid in the context of the Covid-19 health crisis

Spent per continent



- Afrique
- Asie
- Amérique du Sud

Our team

23 Committee members

30 Volunteers

423 donating members

49 other donors



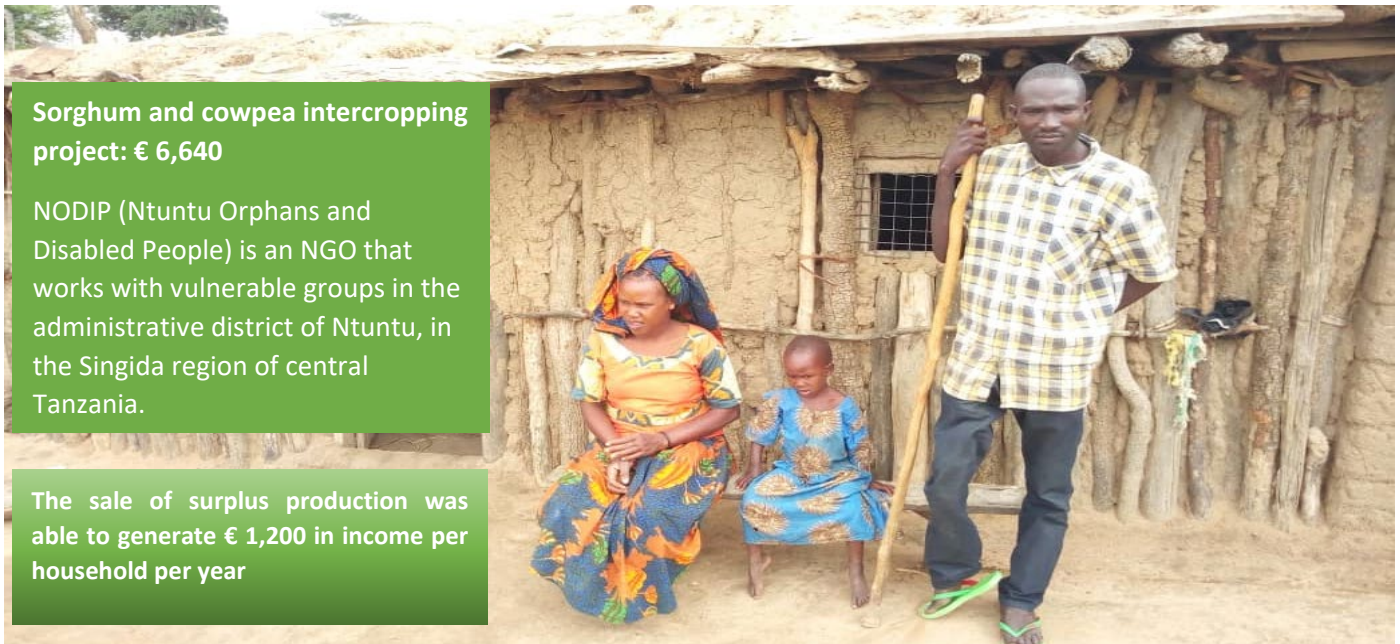
COVID-19 actions



1,200 EUR provided to 6 Indian partners as emergency aid against COVID-19.

Survey to partners on coping with pandemics carried out in order to have a better understanding of the needs and future programming.

Funded projects



Sorghum and cowpea intercropping project: € 6,640

NODIP (Ntuntu Orphans and Disabled People) is an NGO that works with vulnerable groups in the administrative district of Ntuntu, in the Singida region of central Tanzania.

The sale of surplus production was able to generate € 1,200 in income per household per year

Agriculture training

In order to improve the livelihoods of the poorest households, NODIP asked us to finance a sorghum and cowpea intercropping project. This project aims to help 53 households to improve food security and also generate income through the sale of surplus production. Sorghum and cowpeas are well adapted to semi-arid growing conditions in Tanzania. Sorghum is used for food and feed, and cowpea is an important source of

protein. Each of the 53 households has 1.2 ha at their disposal and receives training in intercropping practices and improved seeds for planting sorghum and cowpea (a nitrogen fixing legume). Intercropping (co-culture) and improved seeds have enabled each household to produce 45 bags of sorghum and 15 bags of cowpea, of which 5 and 3 are respectively for their own consumption.

The importance of education and hygiene

Project in Benin by the association ESVUL (Espoir des Vulnérables): € 7,700 for the construction of classrooms and latrines.

ESVUL is well known to eu can aid! and works tremendously for the well-being of children in schools.

As part of this project, ESVUL, with the financial support of eu can aid!, was able to build a two-class module in sustainable local materials to improve the study conditions of children in CI and CP classes in order to give them back the taste for study. A double cabin latrine

block was also built to promote hygiene, better health and safety for learners and teachers. A hand washing device is installed near the latrines for washing hands with soap and water after the toilet. All things that will prevent infectious diseases such as cholera, diarrhea, typhoid fever etc.

Volunteers helped with the construction labor.

Colli Gbéta primary school is one of the most disadvantaged schools in Benin.

It does not have any infrastructure that meets standard standards. The classrooms are made of precarious materials, that is to say sheds or apatams made of pieces of wood surrounded by palm branches covered with some old sheets. The educational activities therefore take place in extremely difficult and ultimately unacceptable conditions. Children are exposed to the sun and bad weather.

The school does not have a toilet either. Children are forced to go into the bush and are exposed to all kinds of danger such as snake and insect bites.

Today the children study in these classrooms sheltered from the sun and the rain



Access to water

KaGPWD (Karambi Group of People With Disabilities) is based in Kasese district, western Uganda.

Eu can aid! financed a project of digging 2 wells for € 6,920

This project helped to double agricultural production in the two villages and provided drinking water to more than 4,000 people.

KaGPWD works in various community projects including rehabilitation, permaculture, and income generating activities. The association was founded in 1995 by a group of people with disabilities in response to discrimination, isolation and exclusion.

KaGPWD was seeking funds to carry out two community boreholes in two villages for drinking water and irrigation. Kamasasa village has about 329 households and Kyampara has about 215 households,

there are an average of 8 people living in each household. Currently, to get drinking water, you have to walk 3 to 4 km.

The project consisted of carrying out the 2 boreholes in the two different villages. The holes were drilled during the dry season (December / January) at a depth of 80 to 100 feet. A hand pump is easily used.

The well benefits more than 4,000 beneficiaries who depend on agriculture as their main source of income; this helps them to double agricultural production. Both villages have schools and most households report agriculture as their main source of income. In addition to providing water for irrigation, boreholes provide **clean drinking water to villagers** and improve hygiene and sanitation, especially for young girls who often drop out of school.

Since the completion of this project, the villagers have already developed their own vegetable gardens, the nutritional and health benefits are visible and have reduced household food bills.

The community has collaborated in the necessary manual labor and maintains the boreholes by creating water user committees in each village.

THE IMPORTANCE OF EVALUATING THE IMPACT OF SHORT AND MEDIUM-TERM PROJECTS

Some evaluated projects

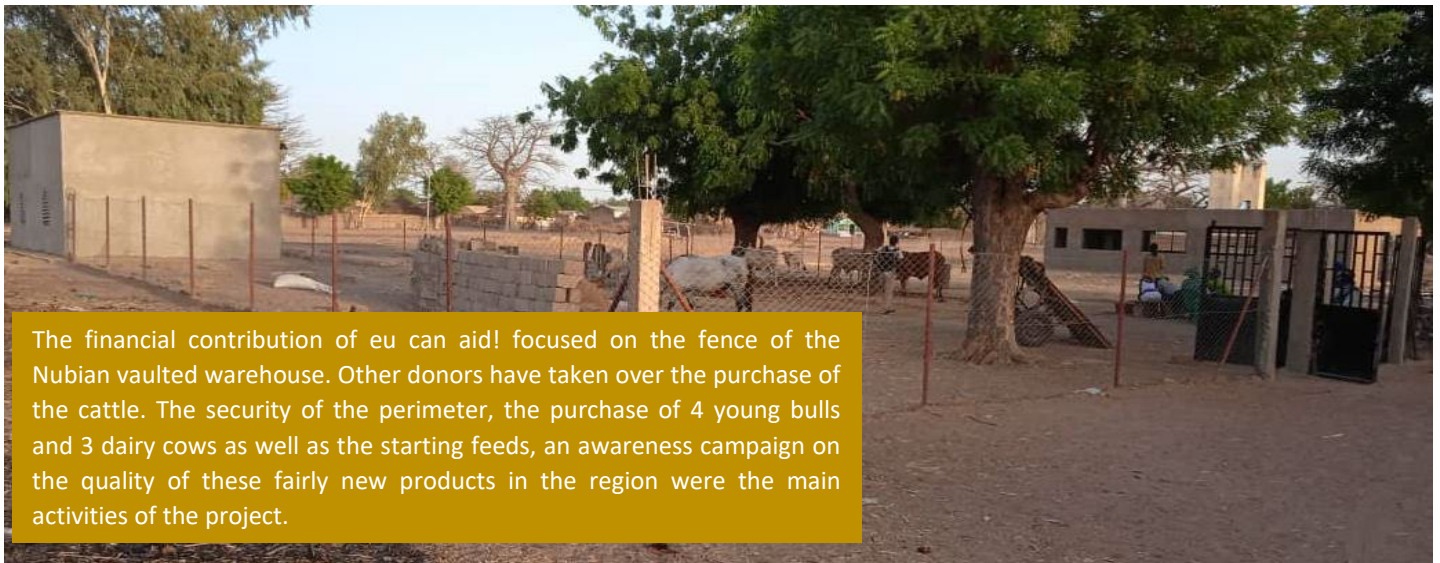
Profitable cattle farming

The Malem-Auder association with a Senegalese association was seeking funds for bull fattening and cow milk production for 180 villages of around 90,000 inhabitants in Diam Diam. We have contributed for € 5,680.

The objective of the project was to develop a cattle fattening activity in order to improve the income of members of the "Gueum Sa Bopp" group in the village of 6,800 inhabitants. These activities gradually increased the low incomes of the 50 beneficiaries (mainly women)

The group owns all the goods and materials related to the project. The sale of veal, after 18 months, brings in between 300 and 380 €. The milk produced +/- 5 liters per cow brings in about 9 €/day daily. We can estimate the annual income at around 3,285 € for the sale of milk, 1,500 € for the young bulls in the first year, and the sale of male calves at around 1,000 €, for a total of +/- 5,785 € shared between the 50 members of the group, i.e. 115 €/year. In the following years, the income will increase.

The report quickly received given the speed of execution despite the difficulties related to the health crisis demonstrates a project with significant benefits for the beneficiaries.



The financial contribution of eu can aid! focused on the fence of the Nubian vaulted warehouse. Other donors have taken over the purchase of the cattle. The security of the perimeter, the purchase of 4 young bulls and 3 dairy cows as well as the starting feeds, an awareness campaign on the quality of these fairly new products in the region were the main activities of the project.

Dairy cows

Initiated by IRDRP Trust (Institute for Research and Development of Rural Poor), the project is taking place in the village of Erumaiyur, located in the Sriperumbudur region of Kancheepuram district in the Indian state of Tamil Nadu. The people of Erumaiyur face several challenges. Their socio-economic situation in Tamil Nadu is characterized by poverty and high rural unemployment. The women and children of the Dalit caste are among the most vulnerable in the population. To alleviate this poverty, the funded project consisted of developing

cow breeding in order to produce and sell milk through a microcredit system. The direct beneficiaries will be 20 vulnerable women (Dalit, single-parent families, etc.) as well as their families. The loan repayment is used for a next round of similar beneficiaries.



4 years later, the project is still very successful. All the beneficiaries receive a good income and a regular income from the cooperatives. After ten months, each beneficiary is able to donate a cow to a family, thus creating a multiplier effect of the project, the number of final beneficiaries being 40 families.

Each family receives an average income of Rs 8,000 per month. With this income, they eat well, maintain good health and save in the bank. They support the good education of their children. Cow waste and urine are used as natural fertilizer and pesticides for agriculture; it's extra income.

Beneficiaries increased from 20 to 40 beneficiaries and animals increased from 40 cows to 76 cows, including 20 new calves.

Improve coffee production and improve income

Since the funding received from eu can aid! in 2018, post-harvest coffee processing works are performing very well despite the drop in the price of coffee on the international market following the COVID-19 pandemic during the April-July 2020 coffee season.

Project beneficiaries sold their coffee for close to \$ 0.95 / kg as a result of improved quality and marketing.

On the other hand, many of them have diversified their agricultural production and thus improved their livelihoods.



The GDIBU (Grenier pour le Développement Intégré du Bushi) association in the DRC had requested funding for the processing of coffee in order to increase its quality and therefore its commercial value. There is a big market for it. The treatment is managed by an agroecological cooperative whose coffee will be certified organic by the National Coffee Office. The project will benefit 523 farmers who are members of the cooperative and young people registered in GDIBU activities.

The number of beneficiaries has increased because apart from the 523 households of coffee growers initially planned, the project also supervises other members of the community through 3 village associations of savings and loans and thematic training in agri-business for market gardeners and in new information and communication technologies for young people.

A microcredit program to boost women's economic life

Indian NGO Children Watch was seeking funds to start a microcredit program for 30 very poor women living in 5 villages.

After the training, microcredits were granted for the launch of 4 income-generating activities: production of thatch for roofs, or sale of sweets, fruits or vegetables. These activities were able to ensure more stable income compared to the occasional activities before.

The revolving fund has made it possible to extend these activities to other women. The fund is managed by its own management committee (support group).

The project started in June 2018 and ended in July 2019. During these periods, 67 women benefited from it. Between August 2019 and February 2020, the project was extended to reach 46 new women.



Our approach to project evaluation and selection

Diligent screening



The first stage or pre-screening is done by the Secretariat.

Out of 347 applications for funding received in 2020, 169 were rejected by the Secretariat (most common reasons being - amount requested too high or insufficient references).

Professional volunteers



Project group volunteers individually analyse the pre-selected projects more in detail. They interact with the local partner, referees and any other relevant parties to validate the criteria. The assessment is presented to the whole group and if approved to the Committee for the final decision on funding.

10 new volunteers joined the association last year!

Extensive international network



For several years, eu can aid! has created a network of international and European references to which it addresses itself to ensure the seriousness of promoters and their ability to carry out projects.

Our integrated programme

Achieving self-sufficiency in the village of Marumba

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, Tanzania, 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.

It started with Marumba locals identifying their needs

eu can aid ! and TDT encourage village leaders to identify their priorities as part of a village development plan. Given the poor existing installations, in 2015 Marumba villagers identified these urgent needs: *Water shortage; Solar power; Income generation; Classes for primary school.*

What has been accomplished so far?

Since 2015, several projects have been carried out. Namely Solar power at the dispensary; Construction of a classroom in the primary school; Creation of a borehole and a water tank; The construction of two further classrooms. The construction of 8 toilets ; The installation of water tanks collecting water of the roof; Solar power to the primary school; Local environment strengthening; Beekeeping.

On accountability

The site is regularly visited by our partner TDT to see all the projects jointly funded, to discuss their benefits with villagers and to listen to their plans. The speedy implementation and the good use of the funded projects

was evident after each in-site visit. In addition, people started to clean up the village (in line with the wish expressed by the Tanzanian President) and thus slowly the local environmental awareness became a concrete engagement.

The revival of beekeeping

In the past, beekeeping was carried out by many families in the forest surrounding Marumba Village. It is a traditional and indigenous activity and the beekeepers requested its improvement to be able to raise more income for poor families because there are many nectar yielding tree species in the natural forest.

A group of 30 beneficiaries was selected and divided into two sub-groups of 15 people each. They benefited of a total of 70 hives and 6 suits, which are used in rotation.

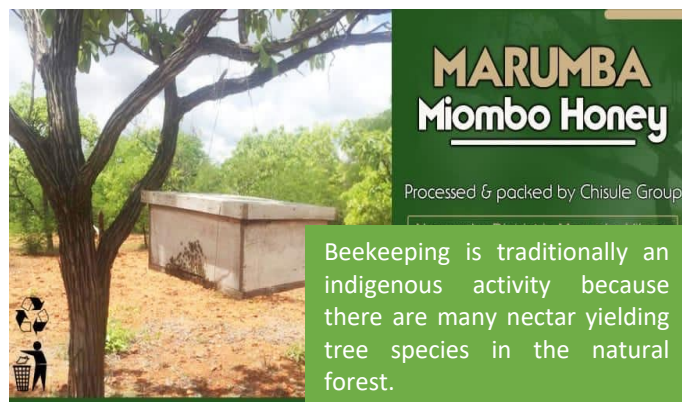
A pay-it-forward effect is foreseen, so after each production, new beekeepers will get some litres of honey to sell on the local market and, by setting a new group, will start their own beekeeping activity.

Projects carried out from September 2019 to September 2020

Reconstruction of a classroom. It was a matter of rehabilitating a classroom, which has been constructed by the villagers themselves before our program had started. However, it only had the essential elements (namely wall and roof) but there was no floor, not to mention the rest was very basic.

Construction of a classroom for the kindergarten. A new project proposal was received concerning the construction of a kindergarten. This proposal is a follow-up of our mission in October 2018 when the villagers expressed the need to have a kindergarten as a priority. 43 children were staying outside under the cashewnut tree receiving education under all weather conditions. *eu can aid!* participation amounts to 1,794 €.

Computers for the school and solar panels for the maternity. Another set of projects was proposed for support by the people of Marumba in light of a possible future cooperation. The first requested sum for equipment of the primary school was received during our partner's visit to the site. This equipment will be used (and kept safe) by the head teacher and will improve learning conditions and will be especially important during nationally organized exams.



Integrated Intervention in the Saltpan Area of South Tamil Nadu

This integrated intervention is a **3-year program** implemented in six villages along the coast of Tamil Nadu around the city of Tuticorin, at the **southern end of the Indian peninsula**.

The land is not suitable for agriculture, and is used to produce salt by evaporating seawater in basins called "**salt pans**".

Majority of salt pan workers are living under the line of the poverty as they are deprived of adequate access to the basic needs.

The program started in January 2020 focuses on providing opportunities for the women workers and their families and improving their economic status through alternative livelihoods: market oriented employability, self-employment, building up and management of capital, formation of salt producing company.

This area is generally very dry and receives limited rainfall during the northeast monsoon season (October-December). Many villages in the region do not have access to fresh water due to contamination by salt. The local population suffers from poor housing, lack of drinking water and toilets, dusty roads and very low wages (2-5€ a day). Locals receive no income during the four rainy months because no production is possible.

eu can aid! collaborates with multiple partners: Indian NGO Scad Nirman, Education World from France, Castricum based in the Netherlands and Zoutmijnkinderen from Belgium. We all believe alike that the local needs can be met by an integrated development program focused on the whole - education, health and nutrition, income, women's empowerment, water and sanitation.

Workers, including many women and their families suffer from the salty environment in which they live and work. They are prone to occupational diseases such as blindness caused by long-term exposure of eyes to the extreme bright salt crystals reflecting the sun, skin problems and high blood pressure. Life expectancy is low, infant mortality is high, malnutrition is common among children and women, while alcoholism is common among men.



With the nationwide lockdown on March 24th, 2020 some of the planned activities for the semester January – July could not be executed. An extension of three months was therefore granted. During the analyzed period, all the major activities were carried out successfully. With only the distribution of educational material being postponed to a near future.



Activities implemented from January to September 2020

Target group. 1456 males, 1732 females, 1231 persons working in the saltpan, 289 primary school children, 275 middle-school, and 54 students in high schools, and 556 unemployed. In order to measure appropriate indicators for later comparison, each saltpan worker’s family was recorded covering information on anthropometric data such as body weight, height, blood pressure, grip strength, pulse rate, respiratory rate, body temperature, screening of eyes and skin.

Community organization and Training. Village Development Committee (VDC) was formed of members coming from Women Self-help groups, youth group, community leaders and school headmasters/teachers. Although initially 61 Women Self Help Groups (WSHG) were planned, due to Covid19 induced work migration and precarious conditions, only 48 groups were either restructured or newly formed.

The women groups received training between March and December on topics of financial management, addressing social issues, Covid-19 awareness. Additionally, 80 young people ranging from 18 to 25 formed youth groups across six villages focusing on the matters that their age category face.



From April to September last year, VDC received training on the implementation of developmental programs. The training covered aspects of team dynamics, documentation, recording, maintenance and financial training.

Education. Although saltpan workers normally have pre-schools and schools available for their children, since the lockdown began, the schools are closed. Worried about children missing on education, all the teachers in charge prepared an alternative program to cater for educational needs in the current conditions. The materials requested have been provided to one of the schools to kick-start.

Health and Nutrition. Health clinic at Rajapandinagar was established on 23rd February 2020. The clinic is open three times a week and the rest of the days the health staff provides services in the field. The centre is equipped with basic facilities to measure blood pressure, blood sugar, body temperature, eye screening charts, height, weight and more. 216 people have benefited from the clinic so far.

Nine health awareness camps were set-up, which focused on safe drinking water, communicable diseases, antenatal and post-natal care, preventive and curative health care, hygienic aspects and Covid-19 awareness. 357 adults and 64 children were able to use the health camp services already.

Nutrition demos aimed at sensitizing the community about the need for consuming nutritional food and equipping them with locally available ingredients / materials. Girls, pregnant mothers and lactating mothers attended the trainings.

Safety items to salt pan workers. With the aim of preventing the health hazards of saltpan workers while working on the saltpan under hot sun, the items such as ARC coated sun glass to withstand reflection of sun rays from Saltpan, boots to avoid damaging of skin, head load manager to reduce drudgery have been distributed. 500 salt pan workers received safety provision items.

Access to water. Water scarcity being a crucial issue in the villages affects the local people severely. Due to inadequate maintenance, the traditional water bodies are not able to hold adequate water amounts. A water committee consisting of SHG members, volunteers and health team were formed and took the role of planning and executing the renovation of the water body in the village.



Supplementary education centers were established in all six villages last February. Supplementary education is a solution to counter the lack of government provided solutions.



Health Committee is responsible for undertaking all health and sanitation activities. This Committee is formed in each of the six villages with the representation of members from WSHGs, local nurse, local government assigned Balwadis teachers and cleaning workers and youth groups.



Eu can aid! Covid-19 relief support allowed 114 people to participate in special health camp where safety kits with sanitizers, mask and provisions for a month were distributed



The water renovation works took place in August. A total number of 424 people are direct beneficiaries while 325 are benefitting indirectly.

1. RAISING AWARENESS

There is no doubt that 2020 will remain forever rooted in the collective memory as the year of the COVID-19. The pandemic took over as if from one day to another following preventive measures, restrictions and lockdowns worldwide.

Logistics and practical activities suddenly have become vital to keep our association’s life going on. It was not easy, to say the least, but we quickly adjusted our daily routine and adapted to the new conditions. The active involvement of our volunteers contributed greatly to the success of the implementation of the strategy.

Action undertaken

Among the communication activities implemented, the most important and effective was our traditional electronic newsletter sent on the 17th October (International Day for Poverty Eradication) to all the EU staff under the patronage of First Vice-President Frans Timmermans.

Emergency support to some of our Indian partners and a recovery project in Ecuador were presented: the topical importance of the issue as well as the high level of patronage granted made this communication a real success; practically all the new members and volunteers acquired this year came from this initiative.

Our network of international references

For several years now, *eu can aid!* has been creating a network of international and European references that we can contact to ensure the seriousness of promoters and their ability to carry out projects. Many of these contacts have become increasingly frequent and constructive. Communication has also played a decisive role in this area: a good number of partnerships (co-financing of projects, visits to completed projects, exchange of experiences) are in progress.

A European platform

Following the two conferences organized in 2014 and 2019 by the KU Leuven University on the citizen initiative in matters of global solidarity (CIGS) and the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs), a CIGS group was formed to exchange experiences and create a European platform to be presented end 2021 / beginning 2022 in an upcoming conference. Within this frame, Covid-19 impact on CIGS was studied and measured by a study conducted by Radboud University, Netherlands with the participation of all the major members of the future European platform, including *eu can aid!*

Citizens Initiatives for Global Solidarity, Response to and impact of the Covid-19 crisis is published on our website.

Covid-19 impact

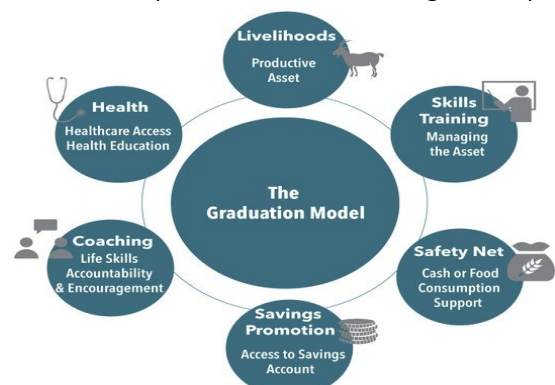
The COVID-19 outbreak had a strong impact across India where the poorest people and communities faced serious hardship. Extremely affected by the catastrophic effects of the pandemic, *eu can aid!* give a hand to its most reliable partners with some concrete help, although within the limits of its weak resources.

A study on COVID impact was launched in relation to all the current projects: funded projects since January 2019 were included. We aimed to gain a better understanding of the effect that this situation had on the implementation of projects and on priorities to consider in similar crisis. The urgent need to access clean and safe water and the need of food production were highlighted as vital elements for self-sufficiency; no remarkable delays have been noticed but often marketing the production was delayed or slowed down. Possible post-pandemic priority projects: water access, income generating activity with a special focus for agriculture and livestock; both activities should be coupled with specific training.

Donations have decreased – the economic capacity of traditional donors has been strongly affected by the Corona outbreak

Communicate 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 families out of poverty and help them acquire sustainable livelihoods.

Mobilizing social networks

The website is updated thanks to the voluntary contribution of Pavel Zbornik and Maria Siaulyte, whom we thank with all our heart. The Facebook and Twitter accounts are managed by Sara Giovannini who has been consistently working on it.

GOVERNANCE

Principles. How do we ensure transparent practices?

OPENNESS. All our meetings are open to the public: members and non-members.

ACCOUNTABILITY. Every year, we comply with our obligation to publish the names of the association's management staff in the Moniteur Belge.

ETHICS. *eu can aid!* subscribes to the ethical code of AERF (Association pour une Éthique dans les Récoltes de Fonds).

ACCESSIBILITY. The minutes of the meetings of the Committee are regularly sent to all members of *eu can aid!*

SECURITY. We ensure General Data Protection Regulations (GDPR) when it comes to information sharing.



Team. Who are behind the everyday operations?



PROJECT TEAM. Ten new volunteers joined the association in 2020!! We are now lucky to count on our 30 volunteers contributing enormously by analysing project proposals and making recommendations to the Committee. The group is coordinated by Denise Dalle and meets every Tuesday at 1 p.m. to present and discuss evaluations.

COMMIITTEE. *Alexandre D'Angelo, Denise Dalle (vice-president), Anne de Ligne, Pascal Declaye (president), Malcolm Fairclough, Bernadette Feyereisen, Sara Giovannini, Jean Hagenaeers (treasurer), Dominique Levieil, Annalisa Mancardi (vice-president, secretary), Laura Muris, Théodora Spruit, Baudouin Sury, Edgar Thielmann, Jean-Pierre Verduyck, Jean-Marie Visée, Chiara Mantegazzini, Astrid Mechel, Ian Clark et Rob Peters.*

OFFICE AND SECRETARIAT. The secretarial work is carried out jointly by Jean Hagenaeers, Annalisa Mancardi and Jean-Marie Visée. Thank you to the active members of the office: Pascal Declaye, Denise Dalle, Jean Hagenaeers, Jean-Marie Visée and Annalisa Mancardi.

AWARENESS RAISING GROUP. Coordinated by Annalisa Mancardi, the group plans, coordinates and implements communication related actions.

Contributors. Who make it happen?

Our Members. 24 new members joined the association last year!! while three members left due to personal reasons. We feel fortunate and grateful for the continuous commitment by the total of 423 paying members whose contributions make important and very needed changes in the lives of so many. As you have seen through the field stories presented to you in this report.



FINANCIAL REPORT

BALANCE SHEET

Avoirs Début Période	2020	2019
Compte ING	48.192,63	29.105,80
Compte Triodos	21.176,92	21.176,92
Caisse	403,17	34,62
Total Avoirs	69.772,72	50.317,34
Revenus Divers		
Dons Membres	143.983,81	142.825,00
Dons Solar Solidarity	1.563,00	2.400,00
dons pour SCAD	6.400,00	
Autres Dons Reçus	7.861,00	16.458,55
Intérêts Bancaires		
Total Revenus	159.807,81	161.683,55
Dépenses		
Projets	150.155,00	135.416,00
Fourniture de Bureau		
Frais de Déplacement	1.485,80	2.350,00
Frais Bancaires	1.988,31	1.407,35
Frais Assemblée Générale	268,90	482,80
Frais Informatique	50,80	1.314,66
Frais d'Exploitation Divers	1.079,75	1.257,36
Précompte mobilier		
Total Dépenses	155.028,56	142.228,17
Résultat Net	4.779,25	19.455,38
Avoirs Fin Période	74.551,97	69.772,72
Compte ING	53.240,78	48.192,63
Compte Triodos	21.176,92	21.176,92
Caisse	134,27	403,17

EXPENSES AND REVENUES PER TYPE

Expenses	2020	2019
Goods		
Salaries		
Other goods and services	4.873,56	6.812,17
Other expenses	150.155,00	135.416,00
Total Expenses	155.028,56	142.228,17

Revenues	2020	2019
Donations (members)	143.983,81	142.825,00
Other donations	15.824,00	18.858,55
Subsidies		
Other revenues		
Total Revenues	159.807,81	161.683,55

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.

Financing decisions

During 2020, *eu can aid* committee took 33 funding decisions for a total of 130,825 EUR.

Outstanding commitments to be paid out by 31 December 2020:

Project	Description	Beneficiary	Country	Decision date	Amount
	Marumba	TDT	Tanzanie		35.251,00
	Orphelinat	Lubefu	RD Congo		8.480,00
	Salines	SCAD	Inde		8.750,00
2020/162	Elevage de chèvres	Megabridge Fnd.	Kenya		6.870,00
	Total				59.351,00

Certified accounts 2020 :

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Certified accounts on 31 Decembre 2020			
Assets	Eur	Liabilities	Eur
ING account	53.240,78	Social asset	74.551,97
Triodos account	21.176,92		
Cash	134,27		
Total	74.551,97	Total	74.551,97

2021 Provisional budget :

Description	Amount
Revenues	
donations from members	144.000,00
other donations	10.000,00
bank interests	-
Total Revenues	154.000,00
Expenses	
Projects	150.000,00
Administration	4.000,00
Total Expenses	154.000,00
Net	-

PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY EU CAN AID! IN 2020

AFRICA

BURKINA FASO

NGO : ALCP - Basins for market gardening – 6.650 €

The NGO ACLP, Benin (Action de Lutte Contre La Pauvreté) was seeking funds to construct basins for market gardening and to buy appropriate tools. This project is completed by a borehole and a tank which are financed by a Spanish NGO (Pozo sin Fronteras). It is realized within the framework of a cooperative society of 30 women.

CAMEROON

NGO : Handipropalm - Bakery for handicapped persons - 4.930 €

Handipropalm asked for funding the creation of a bakery with a view to employing handicapped persons. Those persons are organised in a grouping which helps them for access to microcredit and to technical and financial supports. The bakery will function with a solar oven. The products (square breads and little sugar breads) meet an important demand in the region.

NGO : REPTA - construction of a water tower - 6.000 €

The NGO REPTA (Réseau Education Pour Tous en Afrique) asked for funding the construction of a water tower with a view to distributing water in a village of about 5.000 inhabitants. The water tower will be filled by an electric pump (actioned by solar panels) from an existing pit of 70 meters. Each household will pay a fee to a common fund with a view to ensuring the maintenance.

GHANA

NGO : VAO – construction of a borehole – 4.950 €

The NGO VAO (Vulnerable Aid Organization) asked for funding the construction of a borehole to serve the primary school and the village. This borehole will be operated by a hand pump. The beneficiaries will be about 850 inhabitants of the village of which 279 attend the primary school. Water now comes from a polluted river and involves a 3-4-hour round trip for the women and girls whose time at school is thus reduced for many of them. Monitoring and management will also involve a committee from the community. Each household will contribute to the maintenance.

KENYA

NGO : Megabridge – Goat rearing – 6.870 €

The Megabridge Foundation was seeking funds for a project of goat purchase and sustainable breeding. 100 goats will be purchased and distributed to 100 women who are single mothers, without income. Goats will be kept individually to ensure personalized ownership but will be administered in a cooperative manner to create a strong social support for the women. The expected outcomes: reproduction and sales, increased nutrition from meat and milk, improved soil from manure fertilization, sense of empowerment from having an ownership.

NGO : GMD - Protection of a pit - 2.580 €

GMD (Gitaru Marigu Development) Group asked for funding the fencing of the area of a shallow water well to secure it from unwanted intruders, and a part of the hygiene awareness activities, in collaboration with the local public health officers. It will serve approximately 500 people, those who have been more involved in the project, whose homes are far from the river. Operation and maintenance of the new shallow will be managed by elected people from the community, some of them trained for technical maintenance.

NGO : AKIHL-CBO - Water purificator - 5.360 €

AKIHL-CBO (Awach Kibuon Integrated Health & Livelihood) asked for funding a water purificator device which will improve existing infrastructures (shallow well, water tower, piping system and collection end pipe). The water purification system foresees that the technology is mounted on the upper floor enabling water flow by gravity to the purified water tank, then to drawing points. A fee will cover operating costs. It will benefit to a poor community of more than 500 people, the main activity being peasant farming with very low returns.

NIGER

NGO: TANAA - Solar streetlamps - 4.700 €

The French NGO TANAA was seeking funds for the installation of 3 solar streetlamps in a village of more than one hundred families. Those lamps will allow to work in vegetables gardens during the evening and the night with a view to avoiding the very hot days. A management committee, with women of the village, will collect fees for the maintaining of the equipment. The French NGO will also install a solar pump which will fill a water tank. All these solar equipments will replace a too old generator which costs a lot of money in reparations and fuel.

Solar Solidarity International asbl contributed to the funding of this project

UGANDA

NGO : - KaGPWD - Community boreholes - 6.920 €

KaGPWD (Karambi Group of People with Disabilities) was seeking funds to drill two boreholes in two villages for drinking water and irrigation. To fetch drinking water, it takes 3 km to walk and irrigation is due for the dry season. In total it will benefit to over 4.000 beneficiaries which rely on agriculture as main source of income. It would help to double the crop production. The long-term sustainability will be cared by a Committee of Water Users who will collect fees in each village. A hand pump will be used.

NGO : - École Hope Children - Solar panels for a school - 3.180 €

The director of the Hope Children School was seeking funds for installing solar panels to light two classroom blocks and two dormitories to allow students to study when it is dark without kerosene lanterns and candles. The solar panels would also run Pcs and laptops. The lighting would increase security around the school.

NGO : YWISD - Coffee and banana growing - 4.000 €

YWISD (Youth and Women Initiative for Sustainable Development) asked for funding a project to train 40 disadvantaged women (single mothers) to grow bananas and coffee. The project also includes the set-up of a demonstration garden with nursery beds for the coffee and banana plants for permanent usage beyond the duration of the project. The banana production will improve the provision of food in the area whereas the coffee will be exported bringing income to the region. Over 200 people are expected to benefit later-on from the project through the direct beneficiaries who will pass on their knowledge to other community members.

NGO : YWISD - Water tanks for a school - 2.920 €

The NGO YWISD was seeking funds for two water tanks and 5 purifiers in a primary school. Currently the pupils spend 2 hours a day to fetch water which is contaminated. Because of this they are often sick. Awareness will be raised among the pupils and the school staff about how water filters should be handled so that they would last 3 years. The project would benefit directly to 1500 students. There are heavy rainfalls in this region.

NGO : SRCDO – Soya beans production -2.600 €

The NGO SRCDO (Snow Rural Development Organisation) was seeking funds for the development of training in the production of soya beans with a view to raising the production and thus doubling the revenues. It will target 100 farmers (70 women and 30 men). After training they will plant soya. Follow up visits by the NGO and advice are foreseen. It is envisaged to extend it to other farmers.

DRC

NGO : OED - building of an orphanage - 5.300 €

OED (Oeuvres pour l'Enfance Défavorisée) was seeking funds for building an orphanage in a slum. This orphanage will be a chance for children living in the street. It will be linked to a neighbouring primary school which will give them an educative opportunity. This school is also run by the promoter who is dynamic and well-known of ECA for projects with success. In a second step the orphanage will be equipped and powered by solar panels.

NGO : OED - equipment and solar panels for an orphanage – 5.290 €

This is the second step of a project aiming at building an orphanage. This orphanage will be a chance for children living in the street. It will be linked to a neighbouring primary school which will give them an educative opportunity. The building has already started following eu can aid funding in December 2020

Today OED is asking funds for providing equipment and solar panels

NGO: MLECI - Installation of two mills - 4.400 €

The NGO MLECI asbl was seeking funds for the installation of two manioc mills. They will help the 500 women of 9 groups to avoid long waiting queues for accessing the existing mills. Moreover, the mills will make it possible to save large amounts of money that were earmarked for milling. Milling for third-party producers will increase the income of the groups.

NGO : AVOLAR – Fish rearing - 3.175 €

The Congolese NGO AVOLAR asked for funding the creation of a fish rearing project mainly by building 4 ponds. This will benefit to 80 women who are alone in charge of their families. A management committee will be created with the participation of the General Secretary of the NGO and of the beneficiaries

TANZANIA

NGO : NODIP - Intercropping of sorghum and cowpea – 6.640 €

NODIP (Ntuntu Orphans and Disabled People) asked for funding the intercropping of sorghum and cowpea. This project aims to support 53 households to enhance food security and to generate income from the selling of surplus production. Both sorghum and cowpea are well adapted to the semi-arid growing conditions in Tanzania. Sorghum is used for food, feed and beer and cowpea is an important protein source (food and feed).

Integrated Programme TDT – Marumba

TOGO

NGO : ASoVi - Classroom and latrines - 1.700 €

AsoVi (Association Solidarité pour la Vie) was seeking funds for the construction of a second classroom with equipment to improve children's learning as well as 2 separate latrines for girls and boys. Latrines and wash hands points will improve the hygiene and protect from water and virus diseases. It is Committee's opinion that latrines and wash points should be installed first. The classroom will be funded in a second time.

SOUTH AMERICA

ECUADOR

NGO : COAGRO - -- Vegetable gardens and rearing of small animals – 5.130 €

The NGO COAGRO, Ecuador, asked for funding the development of organic vegetable gardens and the rearing of small animals (guinea pigs and chickens). Those activities will benefit to 80 families of vulnerable persons and help them to survive through the pandemic, despite the closure of the flowers enterprises where they worked. The sale of the products will be facilitated by agro-ecological fairs which are organized by the NGO in the region.

ASIA

INDIA

NGO : WCDT - Rice grinders – 1.340 €

WCDT (Weaker Community Development Trust) was seeking funds for giving a rice grinder to each of 20 vulnerable widows to enhance their socio, economic capacities. Through the wet-rice grinders they can mix the rice with other millet like corn, ragi, black gram and greens. They will be guided by a monitoring committee until they become financially self-reliant. This would allow them to feed, clothe and educate their families.

NGO: SWEET - Construction of bore wells – 4.170 €

The Indian NGO SWEET (Society for Women Education and Economic Thrust) asked for funding the construction of 4 bore wells with hand pumps for tribal community. This is the only way to give them access to safe water since they are not allowed to fetch water from public drinking sources because of the caste system.

NGO: MAEGA - Manufacturing plates from Areca leaf – 6.200 €

The Indian NGO MAEGA (Mass Empowerment for Growth Alternatives) Trust asked for funding the building of a manufacturing of plates from leaves of Areca palm trees. It will benefit to 20 women from the stone quarry communities. Those plates are biodegradable. The waste from the sheaves can be used for animal feed, biofuel bricks and compost.

NGO: ANGIKAR – Poultry rearing – 5.560 €

The Indian NGO Digambarpur Angikar was seeking funds for backyard poultry activities with a view to providing protein food and income to 100 tribal women. An egg incubator will also provide them with chicks. Each woman will receive 25 of them to start business. They will get support for building night shelters with proper fencing. A cooperative will be created for management of the business and marketing activities.

NGO: EDUCATR – Organic farming – 4.950 €

The Indian NGO EDUCATR asked for funding the empowerment of 31 women farmers with organic farming. Initially 20 women will be provided with seed grant and they will repay 50 % of seed grant in two instalments. The repaid amount will again be given to other new beneficiaries. In a 12-month period 31 women will benefit of it and all the 31 are given training and education initially. There is a high demand for those products which give good revenue.

NGO: IRDP - Training in organic farming – 6.170 €

The Indian NGO IRDP (Institute of Research and Development for the Rural Poor) was seeking funds to set up a training in sustainable agriculture for 200 small and landless farmers belonging to the Dalit community. It is focussed on black rice with a high nutritional value and a high demand. This rice would triple income per acre by savings on chemical inputs and by the much higher price of this kind of rice. The project would provide training sessions and loans to 20 landless families to set up a micro enterprise in support of organic farming. With the repaid loans further families will be supported.

NGO: WFW – Micro credits for rearing animals – 4.200 €

The NGO WFW (Women for women) was seeking funds for a microcredit scheme to enable 30 poor women, occasional labourers, to pay the costs of the professional education of their daughters. The microcredit will finance the rearing of goats, quails, and chickens. Beneficiaries will receive training and guidance. The scheme will be monitored by a Committee involving one representative from the self-help groups of women, 2 representatives from the beneficiaries and 1 committee member of the NGO.

NGO: CKB – Micro-credits for hand making of baskets – 6.000 €

The NGO CKB (Chaithanya Kala Bharathi) asked for funding the launching of micro-credits for the fabrication of handmade baskets by 50 very poor women coming from tribes. They will be trained and coached for the launching in the framework of Self-Help Groups. The demand for those products is high and comes from various sources. The reimbursement of loans will be used to be extended to other women.

NGO : CARD – Latrines and bathrooms – 3.960 €

The NGO CARD (Community Action for Rural Development) asked for funding 6 latrines and 6 bathrooms in a technical college where the 120 boys are mostly from poor family background or Dalit families. The NGO has experience in constructing sanitary blocks.

NGO : OCD - Project : Emergency aid for measures against COVID: 1.200 €

NGO : EDUCATR - Project : Emergency aid for measures against COVID: 1.200 €

NGO : RPS - Project : Emergency aid for measures against COVID: 1.200 €

NGO : GDSSWS - Project : Emergency aid for measures against COVID : 1.200 €

NGO : SCAD - Project : Emergency aid for measures against COVID: 1.200 €

NGO : SNEKITHI - Project : Emergency aid for measures against COVID : 1.200 €

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