

1968 – 2021

More than 50 years of solidarity

*Running its 55th year of
collective action*

*To enable local community
empowerment*

*An association of only
dedicated volunteers*



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Foreword

The year 2021 had its challenges but also had its rays of hope. The pandemic was not quick to leave but with the global vaccination campaign brought many communities together for a joint purpose.

Our association continued with the mission of supporting projects in need in its full capacity. We had accustomed ourselves to the new remote way of working and although meeting each other in person cannot be replaced, we managed to create a virtual workspace of fruitful discussions and moments of laughter.

Eu can aid! now has a recognized place among an international network of development actors and we strive to create more consolidated action learning from and teaching others. On the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty 2021 a group of 11 European organisations - including eu can aid! - has established the European Network for Citizen Initiatives for Global Solidarity. We will work together on the eradication of poverty and will be a European platform supporting citizen initiatives in global solidarity.

Even if keeping the spirits high is important, we are saddened by daily sorrows and struggles of the most vulnerable populations in the developing localities.

And their difficulties speak to us through the 272 applications for funding that reached eu can aid! in 2021. Those applications request little in comparison to some big aid projects, often no more than 5.000 euros, but they are driven by real urgency and strong willpower to improve life and wellbeing of the local people.

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

All of this is a result of an exceptional team work! We can only continue making impact thanks to the professionalism and enthusiasm of the volunteers who devote their time and energy to the association and beneficiaries. We warmly welcome the arrival of new volunteers and new members.

What do we wish for this year and the upcoming ones? To be able to give more. Last year we were able to fund 34 projects out of the 272 applications we have received. Our hope for the future is to have the possibility to award all the most promising ideas and to see more communities with improved livelihoods.

On behalf of the families and communities who benefited from our projects in 2021, we thank each of you for your support and trust in our actions!

Committee, eu can aid!



OUR WAY OF WORKING

Mission

Our mission is to support small NGOs and local communities which do not have access to funding from major donors. We focus on micro-projects and integrated programmes that produce immediate results and have lasting effects. 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 collective effort supports struggling communities in remote areas, mostly from African countries and India and occasionally Latin America. The contributions from eu can aid! not only provide for basic needs but allow the communities to move forward feeling stronger and more independent.



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



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

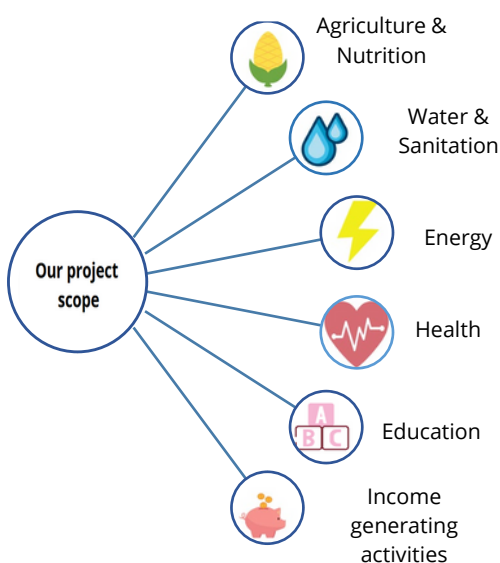


We rigorously analyse all the projects according to relevant criteria: feasibility, capacity, socio-economic sustainability, impact and scope for local extension, ownership and engagement, support from local authorities



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 2021

Highlights

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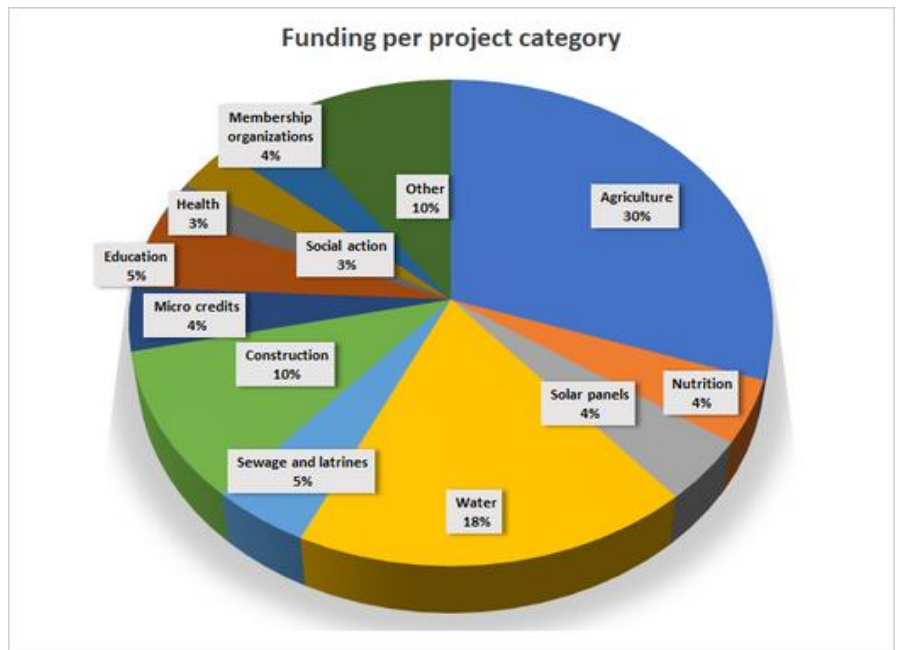
Applications for funding submitted

34

Projects funded

214,285 EUR

Allocated to projects



229,103 €

Revenues

156,118 EUR

Donations from members

72,984 EUR

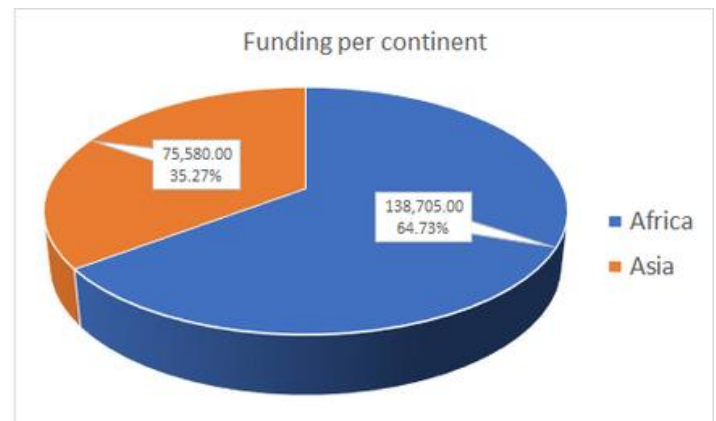
other donations included an exceptional donation of 50,000 EUR

Our reach and number of projects in 2021

AFRICA - 23



ASIA (INDIA) – 11



Our team



21 Committee members

30 Volunteers

425 Donating members

49 Other donors

Consolidating solidarity action



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SOME FUNDED PROJECTS

Grace Trust Association

Micro credits to the most disadvantaged Dalit women.

Grace Trust is an NGO based in **India** with objectives to improve the living conditions of the poorest disadvantaged rural communities of Dalits of Tamil Nadu. The project consists of micro-credits to be made available to women refuse collectors. Three revenue generating activities are to be organised: ready-made fabric and clothes, fruit and vegetables and butter.

Following adequate training each person will receive a loan to be repaid over time and which can subsequently help other women. 50 women members of self-help groups are to be chosen for the first year rising to 150 after 3 years.

Funding Awarded by eu can aid! 5.200 €



The project aims to raise the leadership capacity of the poorest women, their decision-making power and develop self sufficiency over time. It will provide revolving fund in order to generate sustainable income for the women in order to:

- To generate permanent employment opportunities
- To eradicate poverty of young women in marginalised communities
- To promote small saving practices

Handipropalm Association

Bakery for Handicapped people



Handipropalm Association is a **Cameroonian NGO**. It has received financial support to establish an artisanal bakery to provide employment opportunities to people with disabilities. Eu can aid! financed the building its furnishings, the kneading machine and the solar oven.

The products of the bakery - square loaves and sweet rolls are in demand in the region which has a population of 95000 of which around 1000 are handicapped.

This is a revenue generating project, the daily income amounts to around €79 for the loaves and €104 for the rolls - which makes it €5405 per month.

The profits are distributed to sponsored handicapped and orphan children as well as handicapped parents - priorities are schooling including books as well as financial assistance and aid in kind. **Handipropalm was granted 4.930 €**

Louvain Cooperation

Environmental Project

Louvain Coopération in partnership with another NGO in **Togo** - RAFIA has submitted a request to finance the recycling of rice husks through the production of biomass briquettes to use for the extraction of rice.

The Committee agreed to award the project with 6.265 €

SOME FUNDED PROJECTS



Today 120 women and their families benefit from this support and have a decent income. These entrepreneurs wish to move to the next step and produce larger amounts but in a more ecological way.

In the Savanes region of Togo rice production is the main agricultural activity that is largely managed by women. On the one hand rice is the third most common foodstuff consumed in Togo and on the other hand women represent more 80% of the producers in the regional union rice producers.

In order to promote this activity and to support rural women Louvain Cooperation and RAFIA have encouraged 120 women to develop cooperatives providing training in rice extraction to help improve the quality of the product and also financed the machines and tools needed for rice transformation.

The next step is to increase the yield and at the same time to reduce the ecological impact of the activity. The extraction of rice poses a double environmental problem - deforestation - the extraction of rice requires the burning of a great quantity of wood and therefore deforestation; and pollution and damage to the environment: the shelling of rice produces considerable quantities of waste consisting of piles of rice husks often representing 20 to 25% of the weight of the rice harvested.

The project aims to reduce the environmental impact of the extraction of rice and contribute to sustainable development thanks to an innovative approach to recycle the rice waste as biomass briquettes that will gradually replace wood as a source of fuel.

IRDS

Purchase of goats and chickens

In the Kalrayan hills in Mannur, **India**, there live 400 families of the Malayi tribe. Often, they do not possess land and if they do, only little for their own subsistence. Most of them are agricultural workers. Nowadays, agriculture faces challenges due to climate change (erratic rains, etc.). Therefore, goat rearing and backyard poultry rearing will help increase their income without preventing them working for their usual wages.

IRDS requested and was granted 2.700 € in order to:

- provide 30 tribe women with 10 poultry birds (9 female and 1 male)
- provide 15 tribe women with 3 goats (1 male, 2 females)
- conduct training of three days for each group.

The income of these tribal women will considerably improve their quality of life. After 9 months, 3 baby goats will be given to other women, and the rest sold. While after 3-4 months, eggs and chicks will be sold, and 10 chicks will be distributed to the next batch of women.

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

Some evaluated projects

Levozy Self Help Group

Training centre for street children

"The financial support from eu can aid! has allowed to set up a good example for Dagoretti area. From the old office block to a well renovated building with an extra classroom for computer training".
Kanuti Mukhabi, director, Levozy group, Kenya

Levozy means 'care for the forgotten people'. The organization takes care of street children and school dropouts, providing them medical care and vocational training. The training centre is run by professionals, who transfer their skills directly to the young people and offers car repair and car maintenance services to the car owners in the community of Dagoretti slums area in **Kenya**. Additionally, it offers courses in knitting, tailoring and carpentry skills.

The project for which the **5,1000 euros funding was received** aimed at improving and **extending the training of street-children and adding new courses of shoe making and computer training**.

The NGO managed to make progress according to the planning with only a slight delay and secured co-financing with another organisation to make best use of the funds. The building work was completed rapidly and the courses are taking place as planned. The number of beneficiaries has increased from 50 to 75 young people.

There is hope for the young people of Dagoretti slums thanks to the life skills training they will be able to receive.



Above: the old office block
Below: construction of the new classroom in progress

MLECI

Installation of 2 manioc mills



MLECI is an NGO based in **Democratic Republic of Congo**. The NGO received 4.400 € for the installation of two manioc mills. Manioc is a basic foodstuff in the region of Fizi (South Kivu). Both mills have been rapidly purchased and delivered despite the state of the roads and delays due to Covid. The milling work brings revenue to 500 women in 9 groups and is an excellent investment:

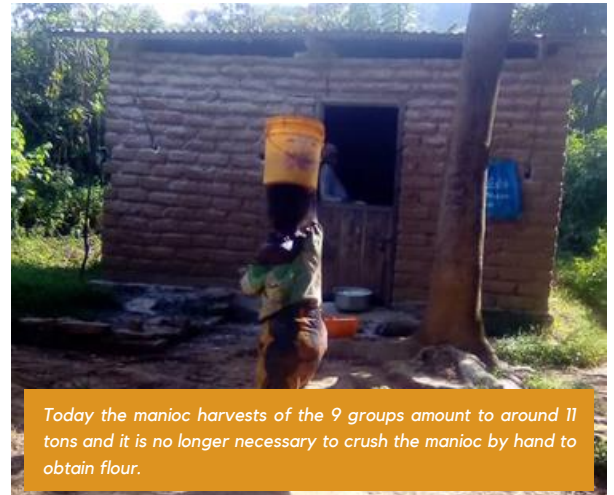
*"They help us mill our large production without wasting time, lack of machines or queuing for several days
Allow us to reduce our milling costs and thereby increasing the value of our production".*

Some evaluated projects

Since 2015 eu can aid has supported efforts to reinforce agricultural production by vulnerable women that are part of 9 groups for socio-economic subsistence. This initiative has had a positive impact in the region in reducing poverty and improving environmental protection.

More than 7 tons of manioc have been harvested and raised an income of 3,935€ and the manioc fields have grown in size. Thanks to the 2 mills the additional revenue per group is at least 82€ per month.

Thanks to the current project the groups will have been provided with 2 mills to process their harvest as well as that of other persons in the village.



Today the manioc harvests of the 9 groups amount to around 11 tons and it is no longer necessary to crush the manioc by hand to obtain flour.

Megabridge Foundation

Goat Rearing



The Megabridge Foundation in Kenya received financial support of 6,870 € for a project of goat purchase and sustainable breeding. 100 goats were purchased and distributed to 100 women who are single mothers, without income. Goats are kept individually to ensure personalized ownership but administered in a cooperative manner to create a strong social support for the women.

Through the funding from eu can aid! the project successfully implemented all the planned activities. Due to currency fluctuation, the project lead was able buy an extra 10 goats which helped to immediately include 10 extra beneficiaries. Additionally, and as foreseen the project beneficiaries give their first goat kid to the next beneficiary in the waiting queue. Already 25 goats have given birth, with two having twins. About 30 more goats are expectant. Megabridge Foundation expects this to double within the next 3 months. This does not require any additional funding from the donor or cost to the beneficiaries. More than 130 women have now benefited from the project.

As goats reproduce very fast, beneficiaries will be able to sell project byproducts (manure or use it to establish kitchen gardens) which will allow them to be completely self-sustainable going forward and hopefully even allow this project to fund future projects as well through pay it forward strategy. The goats will provide milk for the families – a secondary objective is providing manure to be used in kitchen gardens which will enable beneficiaries grow horticultural crops for family consumption and selling any excess production to earn income to support their families.

We are happy to see the positive outcomes of the project: reproduction and sales, increased nutrition from meat and milk, improved soil from manure fertilization, sense of empowerment from having an ownership.

Some evaluated projects

OPDE

Electrification of a reception centre

The association of OPDE (Protection and Development of Children in Difficulty) received 3,370 € to finance the electrification of the La Charité reception centre for street children located in the Uvira region, **Democratic Republic of Congo**. Solar panels enabled the 40 children and their teachers to continue their activities after dark and in safety. The panels are to be maintained by a local technician.

Eu can aid! has received a good report indicating completion of the installation in the six months planned. There was a small increase in costs due to a price rise for the panels, which was covered by OPDE thanks to its revenue generating activities. Thanks to solar panels, the centre has a stable supply of energy. The association demonstrated strong skills in the management of a project.

Funds planned for the electricity (SNEL) bills can now be used for the needs of the children. Solar panels will allow these 40 children and their educators to continue their activities safely after sunset (6:30 pm).



Our approach to project evaluation and selection

Diligent screening



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

Out of 272 applications for funding received in 2021, 153 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 in 2021

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.

INTEGRATED PROGRAMS

Integrated Intervention in the Saltpan Area of South Tamil

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. 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.

NIRMAN TRUST SCAD India asked to help to saltpan workers and in coordination with them. 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.

Up to October 2021, **46,000 EUR** have been awarded. The total cost of 75,000 EUR is spread across three years in installments paid every six months according to the Activity and Disbursement Schedule.

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.



Projects carried out October 2020 – March 2021

- Village development councils were established in the six villages (image 1)
- 48 Self Help Groups were formed, involving 610 women who take part in developmental activities of the villages and save money together.
- 80 youths across the six villages formed groups to support development activities in their village.
- The six kindergardens (Balwady) were equipped with teaching and learning material and one building was renovated.
- 185 students were assisted to bridge the gap between their educational needs through supplementary education centres. The career guidance provided allowed 67 students to engage in higher education (image 2)
- Boots and head loaders were distributed to 500 saltpan workers, as well as cooling equipment to help them resist the very high temperatures (image 3)
- An Ooranie (village pond) was renovated in the village of Thulukankulam, allowing water catchment during monsoon, making water available for a longer period (image 4)
- The establishment of a health clinic at Rajapandinagar benefited the villagers in and around the village (image 5)

INTEGRATED PROGRAMS



Image 1



Image 2



Image 3



Image 4



Image 5

Projects carried out March 2021 - September 2021

Training to Women Self Help Groups: A basic training on record keeping and saving was given to 216 women
 Training to the Youth Group: 63 youth have been trained in water management, employment schemes. The importance of planting trees was highlighted.



Supplementary schools in six villages. School children were provided with charts and models and play materials to Building blocks, Skipping rope, tower making colour rings and play materials like volley ball, Chess board and Football was distributed across all the supplementary schools.

INTEGRATED PROGRAMS

The training on health committee. 30 members across all the six villages were trained on the Second wave of Covid 19, waterborne and mosquito spread diseases, life-style disease and seasonal diseases and the need of getting vaccinated.



Six Nutrition demos were conducted aiming at sensitizing the community about the need for consuming nutritional food and equipping them to prepare food with locally available ingredients / materials.

The beneficiaries were adolescent girls, pregnant mothers, and lactating mothers. Many of the beneficiaries initiated establishing kitchen garden on the same day of receiving the kitchen garden kit.

SCAD NIRMAN assisted the beneficiaries in preparing the land and sowing the seeds.



Health awareness Camps were organised in the six villages focusing on safe drinking water, communicable diseases, antenatal and post-natal care, preventive and curative health care, hygienic aspects. SCAD NIRMAN was instrumental in regaining the eye sights of 7 saltpan workers by performing cataract eye operations by leading Aravind Eye Care System, Tuticorin and enhanced the eye sights of 15 saltpan workers by providing them with power eyeglasses.

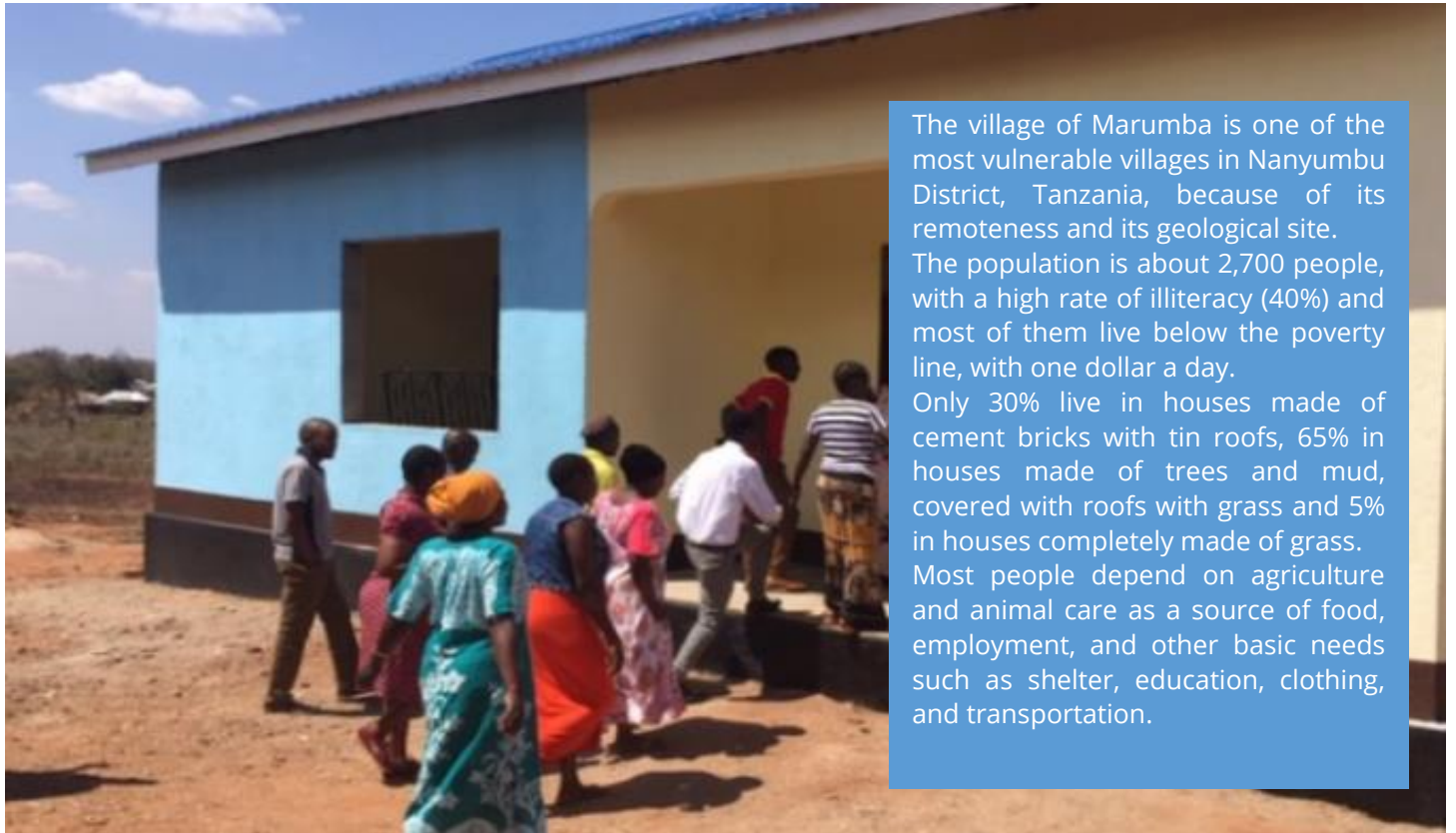
Training for adolescent girls. 18 sessions were conducted in all 6 villages covering all the adolescent girls the topics focused on anaemia, personal hygiene, psychological aspects, food awareness, sexual harassment, communication guidelines, education for skin care, prevention of disability healthy food habits and cancer awareness.



INTEGRATED PROGRAMS

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 strengthen; 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.

INTEGRATED PROGRAMS

Projects carried out from September 2020 to end of 2021

Construction of a secondary school

Since 2015, TDT and eu can aid! have invested heavily in the Primary school in Marumba village. Performance has increased but not all can access a Secondary school. In fact, there is no secondary school in the ward where the Marumba village forms a part of. The 8 villages must send their children to the secondary school of a neighboring ward and these kids do not have a good chance to be received because the next secondary school is beyond its limits.

An application was received to complete 6 classrooms and 10 toilets to allow the secondary school to be registered for the ward of Marumba.

The first enrollment to begin in January 2022.

Eu can aid! participation amounts to 15,000 EUR



Poultry farming

This is a “pass on project” which has several aims including increased chicken ownership of better breeds, knowledge of husbandry, gender balance, nutrition, and income generation. It arose from discussions with the village council earlier in the overall Marumba Community Development project planning and the final progression of the Marumba project from Water, Health, Education to Income generation. Although the Village Executive Officer, Ward Executive Officer and Ward Extension Officer are all being involved with the help of a vet officer.

Eu can aid! participation amounts to 3,090 EUR

Additionally, we replaced the old grinding and milling machine with a new one.

Since 2015 a series of projects has been implemented in Marumba with the assistance of the local TDT representative Linus Buriani. With the above-mentioned projects the program in favor of Marumba should come to an end.

The success so far and the good cooperation among the partners and the beneficiaries really made the change for Marumba people’s life!

RAISING AWARENESS

COVID restrictions were also topical in 2021; a second year of logistic and practical activities, vital to keep the association's life going on, only virtual and from remote. It has not been easy in fact, as personal contacts, and attendance are essential to the well-being of human beings. But the active involvement of the volunteers, their enthusiasm and commitment made it easier and more acceptable.

Action undertaken

Again, this year, a few communication activities were implemented; among them the most important and effective one was the traditional electronic newsletter sent to all the EU staff under the patronage of Executive Vice-President Frans Timmermans, on 17 October, International Day for Poverty Eradication.

Water access for the most vulnerable in India and an income generating activity (peanuts processing) were presented: the topical importance of the issue as well as the high level of the patronage granted made this communication a real success; practically all the new members and volunteers came from this initiative.

Mobilize on 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 works on it constantly.

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



Our network of international references

For several years now eu can aid has been creating a network of international 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 constructive. Communication has also played a decisive role in this area: a good number of partnership (co-financing of project, visits to completed projects, exchange of experiences) are in progress.

A European platform

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We will work together on the eradication of poverty and will be a European platform supporting citizen initiatives in global solidarity. It consists of organisations that research, funds, train, lobby for, promote or enable exchange between CIGS.

Exchanges of knowledge between its members have started, topics as coordination, capacity building, grantmaking, localizing development, anti-money laundering have been discussed.

Our donors

eu can aid! is very grateful to Solar Solidarity International for its continuous support. This year the donation contributed to the provision of solar panels for an orphanage in DRC



Totally unexpected and a very welcome donation of 50,000 EUR was credited on our bank account.

This important amount has been a great gift; it is a beautiful help to replenish our finances as always insufficient to fund all the good projects we receive and select.

The donor wants to stay anonymous, and the donation is monitored separately and used with consciousness and care. **THANK YOU SO MUCH**

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. 10 new volunteers joined the association in 2021!! 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.

Committee. Rafael Aguire, Ian Clark, 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 Garetto Mancardi (vice-president secretary), Chiara Mantegazzini, Laura Muris, Rob Peters, Maria Siaulyte, Théodora Spruit, Baudouin Sury, Edgar Thielmann, Jean-Pierre Vercruysse, Jean-Marie Visée

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. 21 new member joined the association last year!! while 4 members left due to personal reasons. We feel fortunate and grateful for the continuous commitment by the total of 425 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

Assets beginning of period	2021	2020
ING account	53,240.78	48,192.63
Triodos account	21,176.92	21,176.92
Cash	134.27	403.17
Total Assets	74,551.97	69,772.72
Miscellaneous revenues		
Donations from Members	156,118.83	143,983.81
Donation Solar Solidarity	2,000.00	1,563.00
Donation for SCAD	12,400.00	6,400.00
Other donations	58,584.52	7,861.00
Bank interests		
Total Revenues	229,103.35	159,807.81
Expenses		
Projects	214,285.00	150,155.00
Office supplies		
Travel expenses	129.20	1,485.80
Bank costs	2,386.36	1,988.31
General Assembly costs	254.45	268.90
IT costs	713.03	50.80
Various operating costs	923.83	1,079.75
Withholding tax		
Total Expenses	218,691.87	155,028.56
Net result	10,411.48	4,779.25
Assets end of period	84,963.45	74,551.97
ING account	63,652.26	53,240.78
Triodos account	21,176.92	21,176.92
Cash	134.27	134.27

Funding decisions

During 2021 eu can aid! committee took 30 funding decisions for a total of 174,115 EUR.

Outstanding commitments to be paid out by 31 December 2021:

Project	Beneficiary	Country	Amount
Marumba	TDT	Tanzanie	3,060.00
Orphelinat	Lubefu	RD Congo	4,000.00
Salines	SCAD	Inde	23,000.00
Total			30,060.00

Certified accounts 2021

Certified accounts on 31 December 2021			
Assets	Eur	Liabilities	Eur
ING account	63,652.26	Avoir Social	84,963.45
Triodos account	21,176.92		
Cash	134.27		
Total	84,963.45	Total	84,963.45

EXPENSES AND REVENUES PER TYPE

Expenses	2021	2020
Goods		
Salaries		
Other goods and services	4,406.87	4,873.56
Other expenses	214,285.00	150,155.00
Total expenses	218,691.87	155,028.56

Revenues	2021	2020
Donation members	156,118.83	143,983.81
Other donations	72,984.52	15,824.00
Subsidies		
Other revenues		
Total revenues	229,103.35	159,807.81

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.

In 2021 we also received an exceptional donation of 50,000 EUR which was not fully used during the year.

2022 Provisional budget

Description	Amount
Revenues	
Donations from members	150,000.00
Other donations	15,000.00
Bank interests	-
Total Revenues	165,000.00
Expenses	
Projects	200,000.00
Administration	4,500.00
Total expenses	204,500.00
Net	-39,500.00

The negative balance comes from the liquidation of the exceptional donation received in 2021.

PROJETS SOUTENUS PAR EU CAN AID! EN 2021

Africa

Cameroon :

NGO: Action for Change

Project: Water Access and latrines for a primary school - Funding Awarded: 5,000 €

The project wants to construct a gender sensitive sanitary pit latrine and to extend safe drinkable water to Bokwe primary school. It will ultimately ameliorate the school's learning environment and the sanitary condition of the village. The maintenance will be funded by contributions from parents and the village's traditional council.

NGO: REPTA

Project: construction of a water tower - Funding Awarded: 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.

Democatric Republic of Congo:

NGO: OED

Project: equipment and solar panels for an orphanage - Funding Awarded: 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 neighboring primary school which will give them an educative opportunity. The building has already started following eu can aid funding in December 2020 and now OED is asking funds for providing equipment and solar panels.

Solar Solidarity International asbl has contributed to fund this this project

NGO: OPDE

Project: Electrification of a shelter - Funding Awarded: 3,370 €

The NGO OPDE (Work for the Protection and Development of Children in Difficulty) has asked to finance the electrification of a reception centre for street children and children in difficulty, in a region (Uvira) that does not have enough electricity. Solar panels will allow these 40 children and their educators to continue their activities safely after sunset (6:30 p.m.). The panels will be serviced by a local technician

Ghana:

NGO: Acrudev

Project: Center for Beekeeping - Funding Awarded: 8,700 €

Acrudev is sought funds to finance the construction of a centre for beekeeping training to save rental costs and facilitate the continuation of training during the rainy season. Accommodation to participants is also foreseen. Acrudev has a long and solid experience in beekeeping training.

NGO: TFD

Project: Improving rice production - Funding Awarded: 6,800 €

TFD (Together for Development) was seeking funds for improving the rice yields. The beneficiaries will be 30 women of a Self-Help Group. The improvement will be made by using the System of Rice Intensification (SRI) technology. SRI method requires less water, which enables rice cultivation more than once in a year. SRI also improves soil conditions, its resilience to weeds and pests, saves farming cost and increases rice yields and higher grades of rice. TFD identified new markets due to their frequent and high demand for locally produced rice. They will also prepare a unique, cost effective, well labelled, and environmentally friendly packages or bags for the storage and sale of the rice.

NGO: VAO

Project: Toilets for a primary school - Funding Awarded: 6,100 €

The NGO VAO (Vulnerable Aid Organization) has asked to finance the construction of six toilets in a primary school. This school has about 350 students and does not have toilets, which causes diseases, including cholera. Open-air defecation pollutes the source of drinking water. The only alternative is to go home to the toilet. The construction of the toilets will improve the school performance of the children. Hygiene education will complete the project. The maintenance will be conducted by teachers and students.

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Kenya:

NGO: GMD

Project: Protection of a pit - Funding Awarded: 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

Project: Water purification - Funding Awarded: 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.

NGO: Levozy

Project: vocational training for street children - Funding Awarded: 5,100 €

The Levozy Self Help Group was seeking funds for expanding its project of vocational training for street children of a slum. The aim is to increase the number of trainees from 50 to 75 per year and to add shoemaking and computer training to the present trainings which cover tailoring, carpentry, and car mechanics. It makes them easy to be absorbed in neighboring workshops. The training is run by professionals who transfer their skills to the children.

Mali:

NGO: Groupe Nature

Project: Construction of latrines - Funding Awarded: 4,800 €

The Malian NGO Groupe Nature asked for funding the construction of latrines in a school which is deprived of such equipment that is important for hygiene and thus for health in the context of the pandemic. 3 cabins will be constructed with lavabos. A training is foreseen for teachers and pupils. The NGO has experience in such constructions. Water is sufficient.

NGO: LACIM

Project: Mills for grains - Funding Awarded: 7,000 €

The French NGO LACIM (Les Amis d'un Coin de l'Inde et du Monde) asked for funding the installation of mills for grains and Karite nut in ten rural villages. It is intended to benefit to 2800 women by increasing their low revenues and liberating them from long and harsh work of pounding grains and nuts. Some of them will be involved in the management of the project.

Togo:

NGO: ADS

Project: Renovation of a primary school - Funding Awarded: 7,500 €

The school in the village of Tshivé was 25 years old and in a deplorable state. The project consists in the complete renovation of the school: the old school will be razed, and the new construction of classrooms is requested; latrines were not planned. Following Eu Can Aid's remark on the need for working latrines, the requestor amended the application. Two classes will be built and the latrines rehabilitated.

NGO: Louvain Coopération

Project: Valorisation of rice balls - Funding Awarded: 6,265 €

Louvain Coopération (which operates in partnership with RAFIA, TOGO) has asked to finance the valorization of rice balls through the production of briquettes and biochar for drying the rice. This project will reduce deforestation. The requested machines will also improve the yield of rice production and thus the incomes of the women beneficiaries. These 120 women are grouped into 8 cooperatives. Biochar and water from the steaming of rice will help fertilizing the ecological market gardening site.

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NGO: ASOVI

Project: Construction of a classroom - Funding Awarded: 6,100 €

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. At its December 2020 meeting, the Committee decided to fund latrines and wash points installation first, leaving the classroom to a second step.

Uganda:

NGO: RAMBIA

Project: Beds for an orphanage - Funding Awarded: 8,900 €

The NGO RAMBIA (Rwenzori Mountains Baghuma Integrated Association) was looking for funds to provide beds for an orphanage. This orphanage allows 120 children, whose parents have been the victim of AIDS, to follow the formation of a primary school. On the suggestion of a reference who visits this NGO each year, the promoter was invited to look for cheaper beds while still meeting the needs, which allowed to reduce the fund requested that also covers the corresponding mattresses.

NGO: CCUG

Project: Toilets for a primary school - Funding Awarded: 7,900 €

The NGO CCUG (Community Concerns Uganda) was looking for funds to build toilets in two primary schools. The latrines will be equipped with washbasins. The project is based on a comprehensive school approach with health committees in both schools. This will help prevent covid-19. Sanitary clubs will also be reinforced, in particular by the production of soap bars. The water will come from springs and a reservoir collecting rainwater from the roof.

NGO: CESA

Project: Latrines for a school and water harvesting tank - Funding Awarded: 5,800 €

CESA (Combined Efforts to Save Uganda) was seeking funds for constructing toilets and a water harvesting tank. Gender and disability-sensitive toilets are needed in this primary school because they will improve the health of children with and without disabilities, raise awareness of good hygiene and sanitation and improve the safety and school attendance of girls. Moreover, the rainwater harvesting system is needed because children now must walk 3 km a day to collect water, which affects their concentration for studies and leads to poor academic performance, in addition to the fact that girls can be raped on the way.

Asia

India :

NGO: VIRD

Project: poultry farming - Funding Awarded: 6,000 €

The project for which funding is requested aims to create a regular additional income source for 100 poor tribal women in the Angul district by setting up a home poultry farming and forming a cooperative for the provision of chicks and other inputs and the marketing of the produce (live poultry).

NGO: IRDS

Project: goats rearing - Funding Awarded: 2,700 €

In Kalrayan hills Mannur, villagers do not have lands or just enough for their own production. Most of them are agriculture workers. Nowadays, agriculture face challenges due to climate change (erratic rains, etc.). Therefore, goats rearing, and backyard poultry rearing will help increase their income without preventing them from going to work for their usual salaries.

NGO: Grace Trust

Project: Micro credit - Funding Awarded: 5,200 €

The project's aim is to provide revolving fund for scavengers women, the poorest of the Dalits who have no other work opportunities than to pick up excrement. Three income-generating activities are organized: the sale of fabrics and clothing, fruits and vegetables and butter.

The project duration is established for 36 months, with Eu Can Aid grant period established for 12 months and 150 permanent employment positions would be created for selected SHG women during the 3-years duration of the project (50 women per year).

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NGO: Angikar

Project: Poultry rearing - Funding Awarded: 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

Project: Organic farming - Funding Awarded: 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 from 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

Project: Training in organic farming - Funding Awarded: 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 focused 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: SPECT

Project: Goat rearing - Funding Awarded: 3,700 €

SPECT (St Peter Paul Education and Cultural Trust) asked for funding goat rearing by 40 mothers of disabled children. Each mother will receive a starter pack of young goats (4 females, 4 males) and will be accompanied by a veterinarian during the first year through a monitoring committee. They will be in 4 groups meeting monthly and led by a more experienced woman in goat rearing. The groups will organise collective sales in larger markets (fetching better prices). They will receive a training in livestock management.

NGO: SWEET

Project: Goat rearing - Funding Awarded: 5,100 €

SWEET (Society for Women Education and Economic Thrust) asked for funding the rearing of goats by HIV women and widows. Each of the 50 women, selected as being the most destitute will receive 2 milking goats and one male. A goat gives birth to 2 kids 3 times every second year generally. Each woman will give 2 goat kids to the NGO which will give them to new beneficiaries. There is a demand for meat of male goats. The females will give milk for the children and the family. This project will help to reduce poverty which is worsened by the covid.

NGO: EMT

Project: Classrooms for a primary school - Funding Awarded: 8,000 €

The NGO EMT (El Shaddai Ministries Trust) was seeking funds for the construction of additional classes for a primary school in a village populated by Dalit and tribal people, whose children do not normally attend school. The aim of the school is to facilitate the education of the children of migrant workers. The school regularly keeps parents informed of their children's progress. It also provides medical visits and nutritional support. This project would increase the number of students from 145 to over 400.

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