

1968 – 2022: More than 50 years of solidarity

Running its 56th year of  
collective action

To enable local community  
empowerment

An association of only  
dedicated volunteers



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## Foreword

The year 2022 was marked by the outbreak of an unjustified war of aggression on European soil, causing human tragedies of extreme violence.

The European Union and its citizens have reacted by demonstrating their unity and solidarity.

Solidarity with the most vulnerable is more essential than ever.

Although acts of solidarity give us hope, we are saddened by the pain and daily struggles of the most vulnerable populations in developing localities.

And their difficulties speak to us through the 336 applications for funding that reached eu can aid! in 2022. 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 programs, as well as testimonials from beneficiaries.

The results achieved by our integrated program in the Saltpan area of Tamil Nadu, India, as well as the successful completion of our interventions in Marumba, Tanzania, are highlighted.

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 37 projects out of the 336 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 2022, we thank each of you for your support and trust in our actions!

*The Committee of 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 programs 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.



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

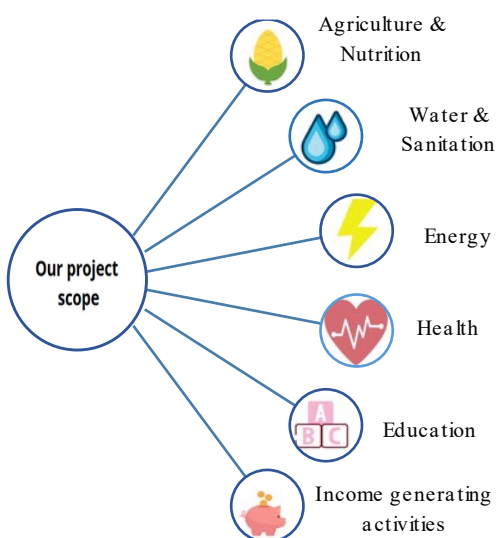


The solidarity of EU staff with the less privileged allows us to respond to local development needs.



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 Programs

eu can aid! supports a number of integrated programs 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 2022

### Highlights

336

Applications for funding submitted

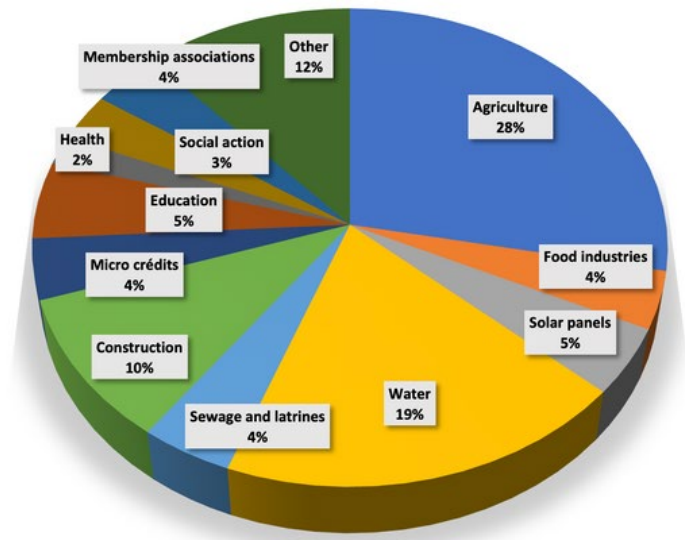
37

Projects funded

197,510€

Allocated to projects

### Funding per category



175,808 €

Revenues

153,286 €

Donations from members

22,522 €

other donations

### Our reach and number of projects in 2022

AFRICA - 26



ASIA - 11



### Our team



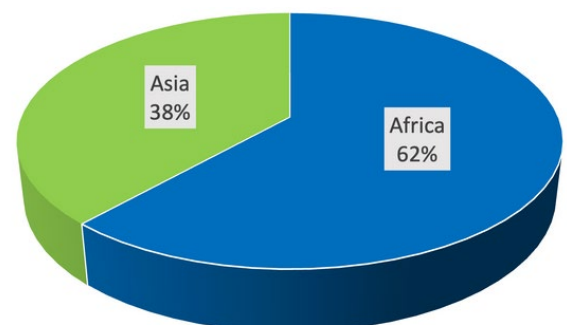
22 Committee members

30 Volunteers

405 Donating members

26 Other donors

### Funding per continent





## FUNDED PROJECTS

### Electriciens sans Frontières

#### Solar energy for schools and hospitals in a village in Madagascar

The French NGO Electriciens sans Frontières (ESF) launched a solar electrification program for 6 schools and 2 health centers in Madagascar. The program was carried out in three villages without electricity. The beneficiaries of this project are 1,722 children from primary, secondary and high schools. 19,980 inhabitants of the villages will also be beneficiaries via the health center.

The total budget amounted to approximately 135,000 EUR plus 60,000 for a part of the equipment (valuation of donations from French companies). The management and maintenance of the facility will be provided by a local committee formed by Electriciens sans Frontières. EU can aid! contribution was dedicated to the electrification of two health centres.



Funding Awarded by eu can aid! 15,000 €

The project has been co-financed by Solar Solidarity International asbl.

### PERma-JArdins du Togo

#### Permaculture market gardening



The Togolese association PERma-jardins du Togo (PERJAT) received funding for a project of market gardening in permaculture to give food security and income-generating activity to 50 women in difficult situations (widows, abandoned or mothers-daughters). This project will also benefit around 300 children of those women. This activity is expected to triple their monthly income.

The funding requested was mainly for a water-efficient irrigation system. One of the positive impacts of this project is that this activity will also reduce deforestation, as these women mainly lived of charcoal manufacturing before.

Funding Awarded by eu can aid! 7,000 €

The project has been co-financed by Association Femmes d'Europe asbl.

## FUNDED PROJECTS

### EDUCATR

#### Micro credit as a post-pandemic recovery

The Indian NGO Education Communication and Development Trust (EDUCATR) proposed a project with the objective of enhancing sustainable livelihood for street vendors who had to abandon their activities due to Covid pandemic and having spent all the resources to get by in the meantime, struggled getting back in business.

This project will benefit 48 women by distributing small amounts of money to restart their street sales by buying products first. They live in a municipality that includes 12 slums and 8 rural villages. A training was also provided.



Funding Awarded by eu can aid! 6,980 €

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

### Some evaluated projects

#### MLECI

#### Cassava flour production

MLECI Association is an NGO based in Democratic Republic of the Congo. The NGO requested funding for an installation of two cassava mills in order to support the women cooperative.

We have previously supported 9 socio-economic livelihood groups for vulnerable women to strengthen their agricultural activities through goat breeding and agroforestry association. More than 7 tons of cassava were harvested leading to an income of almost four thousand euro. Therefore, it was decided to expand cassava fields. Today, the cassava harvests of the 9 groups are close to 11 tons.

The lack of mills was an obstacle for the development of women groups which unite almost 800 women in villages of Kabumbe and Katanga. The present project equipped these groups with two cassava mills for the processing of their product and was made available to other villagers. One mill was installed in each village. The project faced some difficulties due to problems of transportation, security and availability of technicians to assemble the mills.



## Some evaluated projects

### SWEET

#### Goat breeding to support families with disabled children



St Peter Paul Educational And Cultural Trust Spect (SPECT) runs a residential school for disabled children in Mugaiyur, Tamil Nadu, India.

Eu can aid! supported SPECT with a grant of €3700 to help 40 school families in setting up in goat rearing. Each mother received training in livestock management and a starter pack of young goats to raise.

As witnessed by one of the beneficiaries, the raising and selling of adult goats has provided a good income, allowing the children to continue their schooling and to meet other family expenses, as well as a supply of nutritious goat milk.

We are happy to have contributed to this effort!

### Ekisande

#### Rainwater tank for primary schools

Ekisande is a non-profit organization that supports the local community in Bwera, Uganda near the Congolese border. The NGO has reached out to us with a request to fund 5 water tanks to 5 rural primary schools in Nyabugando ward, Uganda. Water tanks would allow schools to harvest rainwater and to secure sufficient potable water as well as meet hygiene needs.




Eu can aid! contributed with 4,400 euros to make this project happen. All tanks have now been installed and are functioning, and water is being harvested as planned. Each school now has one tank to collect rainwater for the school children, although one tank is not enough to reach all the children in the community.

In addition, NGO's work was affected by Covid because schools were closed, and construction works were suspended. Despite the delay, the 5 rainwater tanks were installed successfully and NGO reports that it led to higher school attendance, especially by girls, due to reduction in diseases.





## Our approach to project evaluation and selection

<p><b>Diligent screening</b></p>  <p>The first stage or pre-screening is done by the Secretariat.</p> <p>Out of 336 applications for funding received in 2022, 251 were rejected by the Secretariat (most common reasons being - amount requested too high or insufficient references).</p>	<p><b>Professional volunteers</b></p>  <p>Project group volunteers individually analyze 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. 2 new volunteers joined the association in 2022</p>	<p><b>Extensive international network</b></p>  <p>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.</p>
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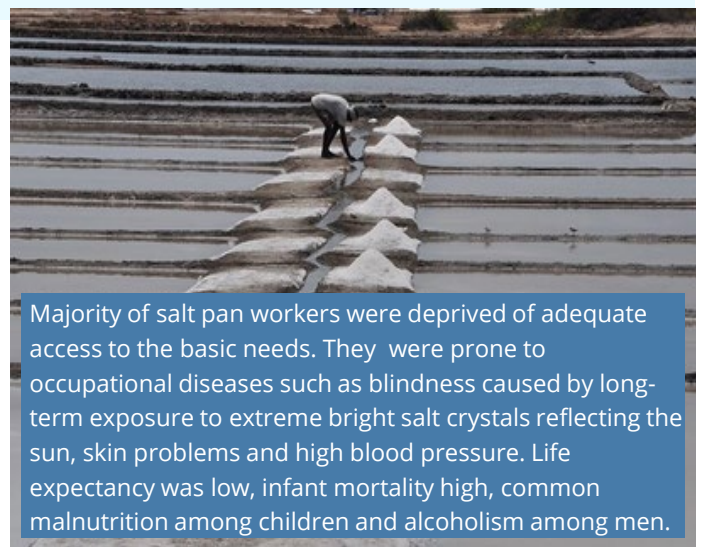
## INTEGRATED PROGRAMS

### Integrated Intervention in the Saltpan Area of 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". 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.

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.

The total cost is 75,000 EUR for the first three years; payments are done by instalment every six months according to the Activity and Disbursement Schedule describing the intended actions for each six months period.



Majority of salt pan workers were deprived of adequate access to the basic needs. They were prone to occupational diseases such as blindness caused by long-term exposure to extreme bright salt crystals reflecting the sun, skin problems and high blood pressure. Life expectancy was low, infant mortality high, common malnutrition among children and alcoholism among men.



# INTEGRATED PROGRAMS

## Integrated Intervention in the Saltpan Area of Tamil Nadu (continued)

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 education, health and nutrition, income, women's empowerment, water, and sanitation.

Improving the well-being of these communities requires a set of interventions well integrated, addressing in parallel education, health, environment protection and economic development. This is a condition for long-term sustainability.

The governance is organized at the level of each village, with a Village Development Committee which is supported by a Youth Committee, Women Self Help Groups and a Health Committee. This ensures that the interventions are properly focused on the local needs and empower the participants who engage in actions for the future of their communities.

### What it has been done up to the end of 2022?



#### I. Governance: Community organisation and training

- Training of Village Development Committee (VDC) - 61 people trained twice a year in 6 VDCs
- Training of Youth committee - 72 young people trained twice a year in 6 villages
- Training of Women Self Help Groups: 48 Self Help Groups are active in the six project villages comprising of 646 women; Two training organized for the 48 SHGs, 553 members participated



#### II. Education



- Supplementary education classes and career counselling organized in the six villages: 174 children use this opportunity regularly
- Equipping the preschool to be conducive for early education: 126 children use this equipment in the 6 Balwadies
- Career counselling programme: 129 students took part in the three career counselling programmes and 43 are now in higher education
- Renovation of Balwadies: two pre-schools were renovated with the help of local communities and 55 students benefiting



#### III. Health and Nutrition

- Training of Health Committee Members: 30 members including members from WSHGs, Village Health Nurse and Balwadies teachers from the six villages were trained twice in a year by medical professionals
- Health Clinic was established in the village of Rajapandinagar. It deals with minor ailments like fever, cold, back pain, neck pain, foot ulcer etc. 1382 persons benefited from this clinic in three years.

## INTEGRATED PROGRAMS

### Integrated Intervention in the Saltpan Area of Tamil Nadu (continued)

- **Special Health Camps:** 16 specialised "Health camps" were organised in three years, on issues such as eyes, dental, orthopedic, COVID vaccination, etc; 114 people benefited from the Covid 19 relief camp where safety kits like sanitizers, mask, and provisions for a month were distributed. 1012 persons benefited in total.
- **36 Health Awareness Campaigns** were conducted in the 6 villages which benefited 1187 people. They mostly focused on safe drinking water, communicable diseases, antenatal and post-natal care, preventive and curative health care, hygiene as well as importance of traditional food.
- **Provision of Safety items:** in three years, 1163 workers in the saltpan were identified and received safety items: a pair of eyeglasses each, boots and head loaders.
- **36 Nutrition awareness trainings and demonstrations** were organized covering each village, which were attended by 414 people.
- **Distribution of Nutrimix:** 30 pregnant mothers and 30 lactating mothers received it to boost their immunity and body weight.
- **550 Kitchen Garden** were established in the backyard of members of women self-help groups to ensure organic and pest free vegetables. Around 12.000 kgs of pest free and organic vegetables were harvested.
- **108 Training sessions** to adolescent girls were organized in which 953 adolescent girls from the six project villages took part.
- **Tools & Equipment** to reduce drudgery: research & development is undertaken to create specific tools for saltpan workers: small-scale conveyor belts for salt and helmets. These are still in the development stage.
- **Training for Village health nurses:** a total number of 24 nurses were trained by physicians and health experts in three years.



#### IV. Environment protection

- **Renovation of traditional water bodies:** three Balwadies have been renovated in three years, with the involvement of the local communities. The ponds are also used for farming fish for the benefit of the community. A total number of 1564 people are direct beneficiaries of these renovations.



#### V. Economic Empowerment



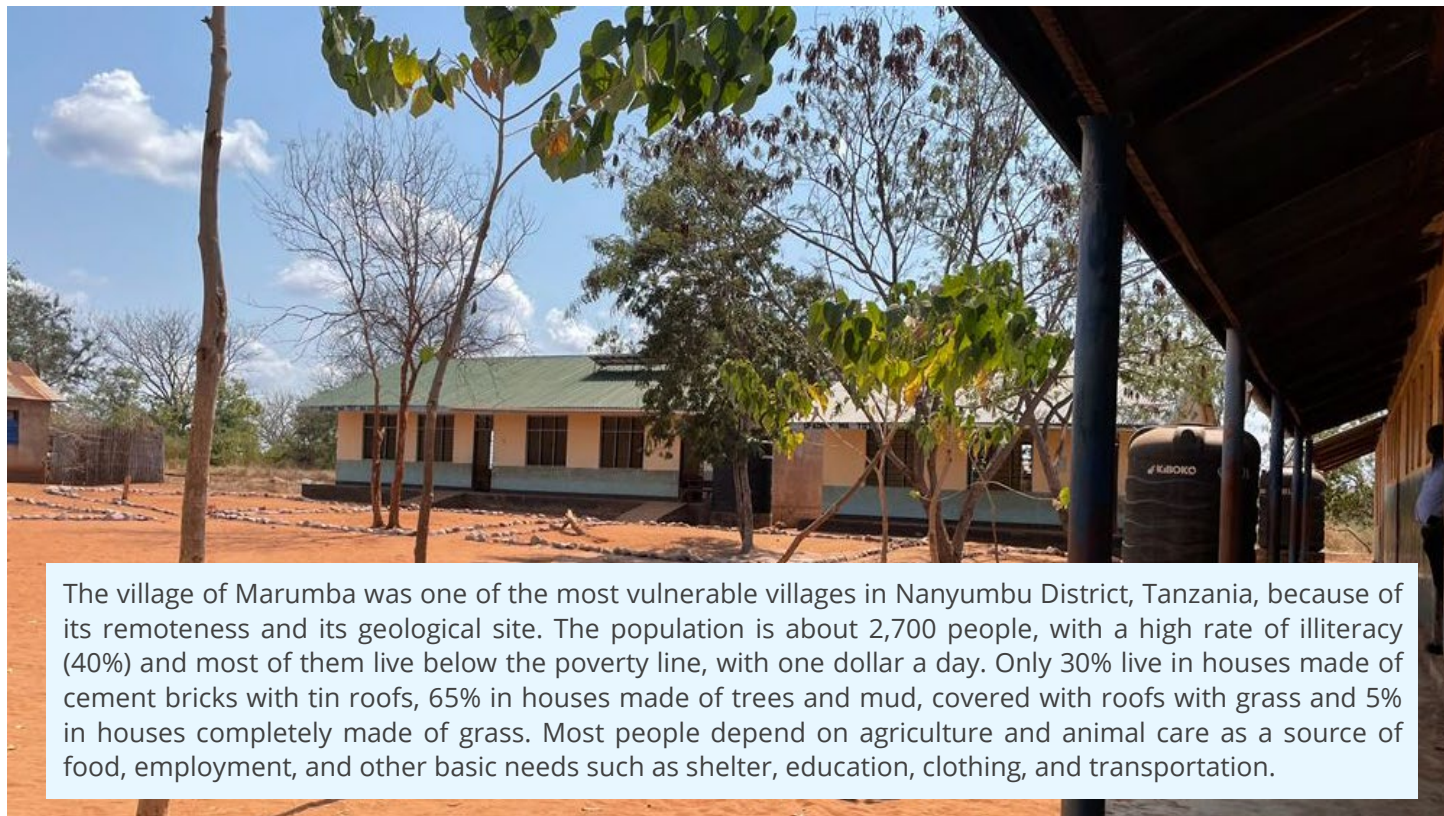
- **Market oriented Employability training:** 71 candidates received employability skills training so that they can start their journey as entrepreneurs. Candidates who underwent two-wheeler mechanism, fishnet making, beautician course, and tailoring are already on the road to sustainability.
- **Start and Improve Your Business (SIYB) course.** In three years, this course was given to 134 women working in Saltpans. It provided them with the capacity to start small businesses during the off season when the rain prevents them from harvesting salt and confine them in their houses. So far, 34 income generation businesses were established in three years.



## 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 was 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

### Achieving self-sufficiency in the village of Marumba (continued)

#### Project carried out in 2022

##### Grinding and milling machine

The people of Marumba proposed a new project to replace the old grinding machine. Our partner TDT presented it to the local authorities and received full support.

A framework and management put in place made sure that the primary school also benefits from the project. The management is entrusted to the village council and executed by the headmaster. Service costs for milling and grinding as well as the labor cost and the management of a reserve for maintenance and repair are decided by the village council but the benefits of the project will be available for the primary school. In such a way the services provided will be a public good while local governmental structure will own the assets.

An internal evaluation which includes interviewing neighbouring villages is ongoing.

##### Celebrating the end of our successful cooperation

In 2021 together with TDT we decided to phase out our program in Marumba so that another village in Tanzania could benefit from our cooperation. For this reason, grinding and milling machine project was the last one we supported.

To mark the end of our very successful cooperation the village organised a special event in July 2022 and invited members of TDT and eu can aid! to participate and celebrate the achievements together. High-ranking local representatives such as ministers, member of parliament and more were also present in the celebration.



For 7 years Tanzanian Development Trust and eu can aid! have been supporting projects in Marumba village, Mtwara region. July 2022 saw the evaluation and celebration of our projects in the village and the end of the program.

We are now ready for a new adventure and shall put forward another village to be part of an initial similar 3-year program.



## RAISING AWARENESS

The health crisis behind us, in 2022 the association's life went on with more lightness and hope but working group meetings continued being remote. We see an added value in working remotely: the city traffic, the stricter access rules in the Commission buildings are avoided and the attendance to meetings is easier.

Once again, we welcome the active involvement of the volunteers - their enthusiasm and commitment made it easier and more acceptable.

### Action undertaken

#### Yearly Newsletter

As always in 2022 we carried out communication activities among which the most important and effective 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.

In the newsletter we chose to present a project from Bakachol community in rural Nepal. The project is for a replacement of a hydroelectric generator in an isolated community. The topical importance of the issue as well as the high level of the patronage granted could have made this communication a good success;

Unfortunately, very few new members and donors joined the association.

We wondered why the good results of previous years were not replicated this time and came to the following conclusion. On the one hand, today more than yesterday donors are too often solicited, and on the other hand, we should try to approach our potential members in new ways. Furthermore, due to personal data protection rules, it is almost impossible to contact EU staff by email.

#### Article in VOX

# AIACE VOX

Association Internationale des Anciens de l'Union européenne  
MAI 2022 • n°122



International Association of Former Officials of the European Union (AIACE) publishes VOX magazine 3 times a year. The 2022 May edition featured our contribution 'EU can aid! Running its 55th year of solidarity. With the hope to do more!'. [The article](#) written by one of our members sheds light on the history of the association, its achievements and the determination to continue working towards community empowerment.

#### Ekiden marathon

The 2022 Ekiden relay marathon took place in October and the **EU institutions Teams ran for two associations of EU institutions staff members : eu can aid! and our sister association [Give Eur-Hope](#).**

Thanks to the co-sponsoring of [Afiliatys](#), runners were offered T-shirts as a demonstration of Afiliatys' support to Be Well objectives and to EU Staff volunteering.

This very popular sports and social event gave EU staff the opportunity to promote physical activity in an inclusive race format and to encourage them to engage and participate in charitable actions and fundraising campaigns fighting poverty and inequality. Colleagues representing us in the EKIDEN ran to raise funds for a project ensuring [energy efficiency and improved livelihoods in the Nepalese Bakachol community](#).



*Thanks to the great generosity of all runners and friends more than **4,000 EUR** were collected.*

# RAISING AWARENESS

## 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 Maria Siaulyte as well,

## 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.

Taking this type of project into account is essential to eu can aid! policy. In our grant making procedure we take due diligence with meticulous care to avoid frauds and corruption, and we verify promoters' capacity building and good relationship with the local authorities.

Climate respect and child protection are two criteria that serve as basis for our project selection. In 2022 we worked on redefining our priorities to make sure our approach is intact.

## 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

eu can aid! supports the intentions, objectives and plans of the European Network for Citizen Initiatives. On the 17th of October 2021, the International Day for the Eradication of Poverty, a group of 11 European organisations has established the [European Network for Citizen Initiatives for Global Solidarity \(CIGS\)](#). The network works to support and develop the movement of citizen initiatives for global solidarity in Europe. It consists of organisations that research, fund, 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.

It is a long process which will be fully implemented and published in the coming years. A European conference on these matters is foreseen by 2025.

## Our donors

eu can aid! wishes to express its gratitude to two special donors



### [Solar Solidarity International](#)

for its continuous support. This year the donation contributed to the electrification of the Mazava Health Centre (Madagascar)



### [Association Femmes d'Europe](#)

which supported part of a project concerning agro-ecological market gardening in Togo.

## 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.** 2 new volunteers joined the association in 2022! 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 Hagenaers (treasurer), Dominique Leveil, Annalisa Garetto Mancardi (vice-president secretary), Chiara Mantegazzini, Laura Muris, Rob Peters, Patricija Sazltupe, 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 Hagenaers, Annalisa Mancardi and Jean-Marie Visée. Thank you to the active members of the office: Pascal Declaye, Denise Dalle, Jean Hagenaers, 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.** 6 new member joined the association last year!! while 7 members left due to personal reasons. We feel fortunate and grateful for the continuous commitment by the total of 405 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	2022	2021
ING account	63,652.26	53,240.78
Triodos account	21,176.92	21,176.92
Cash	134.27	134.27
<b>Total Assets</b>	<b>84,963.45</b>	<b>74,551.97</b>
Miscellaneous revenues		
Donations from Members	153,286.48	156,118.83
Donation Solar Solidarity	1,116.00	2,000.00
Donation for SCAD	12,400.00	12,400.00
Other donations	4,500.00	58,584.52
Activities	4,505.88	
Bank interests		
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>175,808.36</b>	<b>229,103.35</b>
Expenses		
Projects	197,510.00	214,285.00
Office supplies		
Travel expenses	161.50	129.20
Bank costs	1,992.12	2,386.36
General Assembly costs	691.27	254.45
IT costs	919.13	713.03
Marketing costs	1,639.50	
Various operating costs	493.88	923.83
Withholding tax		
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>203,407.40</b>	<b>218,691.87</b>
<b>Net result</b>	<b>- 27,599.04</b>	<b>10,411.48</b>
<b>Assets end of period</b>	<b>€ 57,364.41</b>	<b>€ 84,963.45</b>
ING account	36,053.22	63,652.26
Triodos account	21,176.92	21,176.92
Cash	134.27	134.27

## Funding decisions

During 2022 *eu can aid!* committee took 32 funding decisions for a total of 174.410 EUR.

## Outstanding commitments paid out by 31 December 2022:

Project	Beneficiary	Country	Amount
Mdughuyu	TDT	Tanzania	5,669.70
Orphelinat	Lubefu	RD Congo	3,790.50
Alternateur hydrolique	Bakachol	Nepal	3,307.93
Salines	SCAD	India	5,000.00
<b>Total</b>			<b>€ 17,768.13</b>

## Certified accounts 2022

Certified accounts on 31 December 2022			
Assets	Eur	Liabilities	Eur
ING account	36,053.22	Social Equity	57,364.41
Triodos account	21,176.92		
Cash	134.27		
<b>Total</b>	<b>€ 57,364.41</b>	<b>Total</b>	<b>€ 57,364.41</b>

## EXPENSES AND REVENUES PER TYPE

Expenses	2022	2021
Goods		
Salaries		
Other goods and services	5,897.40	4,406.87
Other expenses	197,510.00	214,285.00
<b>Total expenses</b>	<b>203,407.40</b>	<b>218,691.87</b>

Revenues	2022	2021
Donation members	153,286.48	156,118.83
Other donations	22,521.88	72,984.52
Subsidies		
Other revenues		
<b>Total revenues</b>	<b>175,808.36</b>	<b>229,103.35</b>

Note: The low share of administrative costs is due to the fact that all *eu can aid!* staff work on voluntary basis and do not receive remuneration. And because the association benefits from the generous hospitality and logistical support of the EU institutions, in particular the Council and the European Commission.

## 2023 Provisional budget

Description	Amount
<b>Revenues</b>	
Donations from members	150,000.00
Other donations	15,000.00
Bank interests	-
<b>Total Revenues</b>	<b>€ 165,000.00</b>
<b>Expenses</b>	
Projects	170,000.00
Administration	4,500.00
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>€ 174,500.00</b>
<b>Net</b>	<b>- 9,500.00</b>

The negative balance is due to the liquidation of the exceptional donation received in 2021.



# PROJECTS SUPPORTED BY EU CAN AID! IN 2022

## Africa

### **Benin :**

**NGO: ASEP**

**Project: Digging a well**

**Funding Awarded: 7.000 €**

ASEP requested funding to dig a well and construct a water tower to avoid long trips during dry periods and fight against water diseases that have even caused deaths of children and pregnant women. Maintenance would be provided by a small fee at each water intake. A management committee set up with a representative of local authorities, two women and one ASEP member.

**NGO: CEDIF**

**Project: Cassava processing**

**Funding Awarded: 6.750 €**

The project concerns the construction of a unit for processing cassava into gari (flour) for a group of 48 vulnerable women. The project will indirectly benefit approximately 245 family members as well as cassava producers. The processing unit will include a workshop, a storage store and processing equipment. This will multiply production by 5. The raw material is available, and a market exists for marketing. A management committee will ensure the management and the equipment's maintenance.

### **Cameroon:**

**NGO: N-CARE**

**Project: Cranberry culture**

**Funding Awarded: 2.400 €**

The NGO N-CARE (Nature-Care) has asked to fund its project to develop cranberry culture for 448 women who have returned to their home communities after having to flee armed conflicts. The development of this crop, which is expected to increase production by 50%, will be based on training for production and marketing, particularly in workshops and demonstration farms, as well as monitoring every three months. There are also plans to include vegetables in the value chain.

### **DRC:**

**NGO: OED**

**Project: Fish farming**

**Funding Awarded: 5.000 €**

This is the third part of a three year project. The first was construction of an orphanage and was completed in 2020, the second funded the equipment, furniture and energy and was successfully completed in 2021. This last year's project aimed at improving children nutrition and health by creating fish farming which involved the digging of 6 ponds, the supply of water and the acquisition of a freezer for harvested fish.

### **Ghana:**

**NGO: UPCO**

**Project: Supply of furniture for a school**

**Funding Awarded: 3.000 €**

The UPCO NGO received funds to finance the supply of furniture and educational materials for a school in a slum in Accra. These are tables and chairs for students and teachers.

### **Kenya:**

**NGO: MCESO**

**Project: Provision of school benches**

**Funding Awarded: 2.700 €**

The NGO MCESO (Murera Community Empowerment and Support Organization) was seeking funding to provide school benches to primary schools in three villages. Currently students are forced to sit at 4 or 6 per desk, making attention, reading, and writing difficult. These costs, although reasonable, are not covered by the government.

**NGO: Riley Orton**

**Project: Solar pump**

**Funding Awarded: 8.000 €**

The Kenyan Riley Orton Foundation (ROF) has asked to fund the installation of a solar pump for a well that has already been drilled and its water quality has been verified. This project will benefit 50 school students and community members and their families. A management committee will be set up to ensure the maintenance, by collecting a fee.

### **Madagascar:**

**NGO: ESF**

**Project: Solar energy**

**Funding Awarded: 15.000 €**

The French NGO ESF (Electriciens sans Frontières) wanted to launch in Madagascar a solar electrification program for 6 schools and 2 health centers, divided into three villages without electricity. The beneficiaries would be 1722 children for primary schools, colleges, and high schools and 19,980 inhabitants for health centers. The total budget amounted to about 135,000 EUR plus about 60,000 for a part of the equipment (valuation of donations from French companies). We contributed to the program for the electrification of two health centres.

This project has been co-financed by Solar Solidarity International asbl

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### Tanzania:

#### **NGO: A Joy group**

##### **Project: Toilet facilities for girls in school**

##### **Funding Awarded: 2.900 €**

The A Joy school was set up by a group of teachers and registered in 2017. It currently provides care and education for about 150 children a year. The school has 6 classrooms, a kitchen and a vegetable garden, toilets and a borehole. Due to an initial lack of funding the current toilet block has only a hard board separation between the boys and girls side, not offering sufficient privacy for the girls. The school is requesting funding for a second toilet block (4 cabins) with a small changing room for the (older) girls and for a permanent hand washing station where 10 to 15 children can wash their hands at once.

#### **NGO: MSS**

##### **Project: Geological survey for a well**

##### **Funding Awarded: 760 €**

MSS (Mkonona Secondary School) has asked to finance the digging of a well for this school which has nearly 1800 students, being attended by students from 8 villages including Marumba. The nearest spring is about 6 km from the school and its water is not safe. However, it is essential to first carry out a geological survey to find drinking water.

#### **NGO: BIDII**

##### **Project: Pig farming**

##### **Funding Awarded: 3.000 €**

The NGO BIDII (Benevolent Institute of Development Initiatives in Tanzania) has requested funding to set a pig farming in help of 80 women (including widows and very young mothers). Each woman will receive one female pig and return 2 pigs to the NGO to allow the extension of the project to new beneficiaries. After training, the NGO will provide veterinary treatment. Different marketing strategies have been planned in the face of increasing demand.

#### **NGO: Mkonona School**

##### **Project: Drilling a well**

##### **Funding Awarded: 9.600 €**

In addition to the completed integrated program, and in cooperation with the TDT partner, it was necessary to drill a well to feed a secondary school. The partner for the integrated program, TDT, will fund the solar pump, the sink, and the reservoir. This well will also fund the school.

### Togo:

#### **NGO: PERJAT**

##### **Project: Permaculture market gardening**

##### **Funding Awarded: 7.000 €**

The Togolese association PERJAT (PERma-jardins du Togo) has asked to finance a project of market gardening in permaculture to give food security and income-generating activity to 50 women in difficult situations (widows, abandoned or mothers-daughters). This project will also benefit their children (300). This activity is expected to triple their monthly income. The funding requested is mainly for a water-efficient irrigation system. This activity will also reduce deforestation, as these women mainly live from the manufacture of charcoal. This project has been co-funded by the Association Femmes d'Europe asbl

#### **NGO: PRODIDA-PROISDA**

##### **Project: Drinkable water access**

##### **Funding Awarded: 6.000 €**

NGO PRODIDA-PROISDA asked to finance the drinking water equipment of a village to improve the sanitary situation and avoid long distances on foot to obtain drinking water. The well will be equipped with an electric pump because of the great depth of the water table. The maintenance will be financed by contributions from recipient households. It was the Committee's view that water's conditions should be assured before financing the pump and generator. The project has been paid in two instalments: 1) drilling to verify the water condition and 2) pump and generator.

### Uganda:

#### **NGO: BuVoCod**

##### **Project: Construction of a Borehole and a VIP-latrine for a primary school**

##### **Funding Awarded: 8.000 €**

The project involves water and sanitation improvements to a primary school in Kasugu community. It is planned to last 12 months and includes the construction of a borehole to provide the school and the community with adequate and clean water, a 5-stance VIP-pit latrine at the primary school, construct 2 multiple hand-washing stations, facilitate the formation of a school WASH club, water user committee and promotion among both the community and school population to adopt good hygiene practices in order to address the sanitation and health problems.

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### Uganda:

#### **NGO: SRCDO**

##### **Project: Improvement of maize production**

##### **Funding Awarded: 5.000 €**

The Ugandan NGO SRCDO (Snow Rural Community Development Organisation) has requested funding to improve maize production, making better use of production technologies and employing an improved variety of maize. The project will cover 200 local farmers in 20 groups of 10 in two villages. It will also create 20 demonstration gardens for training that will also focus on commercialization. The income of the beneficiaries could increase by up to 83%.

#### **NGO: YAWE**

##### **Project: Welding and Carpentry Training**

##### **Funding Awarded: 3.300 €**

YAWE foundation is dedicated to helping and working to empower the HIV positive youth and which has suffered the worst experiences of HIV/AIDS related stigma and discrimination right from their families of origin.

The project for which they are seeking support is to equip Welding and Carpentry Training Workshops at the Centre for Vocational Skills and train some twenty students annually. YAWE also participates in identifying potential employers and recommending graduates to them.

#### **NGO: MUWADA**

##### **Project: Source protection**

##### **Funding Awarded: 3.000 €**

The NGO MUWADA (Muwange Development Association) has requested funding for an infrastructure to store water from a source and provide access points with taps using pipes. This NGO was founded by academics who wanted to help their home communities. The source will be protected to avoid animal pollution. The infrastructure will be managed by a committee and financed by minimal fees. It will benefit nearly 65 households, or nearly 520 people.

#### **NGO: AWEI**

##### **Project: Rice crop**

##### **Funding Awarded: 2.000 €**

The NGO AWEI (Alpha Women Empowerment Initiative) was looking for funding to improve upland rice farming instead of rice fields, which requires less water. Improvements will be made through training and demonstration gardens. Beneficiaries will be divided into three groups of 20 women.

The budget requested concerns the granting of tarpaulins to cover the fields and bags for storage. Marketing meetings will also be held, with improved rice selling more than twice as much.

### Zambia:

#### **NGO: CCCYD**

##### **Project: Digging a well**

##### **Funding Awarded: 4.000 €**

The NGO CCCYD (Charity Centre for Children and Youth Development) has requested funding for the development of a well and the installation of a pump with a water tank for the children of a school, but which will also benefit the surrounding community. The maintenance of the electric pump will be funded by other projects that will benefit from the well (market gardening, hammer crusher and chicken farming).

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## Asia

### India :

#### NGO: AHIMSA

##### Project: Organic vegetable farming

**Funding Awarded: 3.500 €**

The NGO AHIMSA (Association for Human Integrated Massive Social Action) was seeking funds to finance the cultivation of organic vegetables in help of 36 poor women. After a training, seeds will be distributed, and the plants will be regularly irrigated. Beneficiaries will decide how to use the revenues at each monthly meeting.

#### NGO: SEEDS

##### Project: Beekeeping

**Funding Awarded: 5.000 €**

The Social Education and Environmental Development Scheme (SEEDS) was looking for funds to increase the incomes of 150 tribal women in ten villages through a professional beekeeping scheme. To this end, they will receive beehives but also appropriate training as they currently harvest wild honey in a dangerous way in the forest. The NGO has carried out a preliminary feasibility and opportunities study.

#### NGO: EMT

##### Project: Solar panels for a school

**Funding Awarded: 8.000 €**

The project consists in the installation of solar panels in a school in a village in Tamil Nadu, populated by Dalit and tribal people. This facility would solve the problems of power supply, which is affected by frequent power cuts. The current power supply is also insufficient for the use of computers. The installation, including a storage battery, would allow to invest in the school the sums thus saved for the consumption of electricity. It would also serve as a model for other schools in the district.

#### NGO: EDUCATR

##### Project: Micro credit

**Funding Awarded: 6.800 €**

The NGO EDUCATR (Education Communication and Development Trust) wants to fund the revival of small street businesses that had to stop following the COVID pandemic. This project will benefit 48 women who need small amounts of money to restart their street sales by buying products first. They live in a municipality that includes 12 slums and 8 rural villages. A training is also foreseen.

#### NGO: OCD

##### Project: India -Training and craft production

**Funding Awarded: 5.600 €**

The NGO OCD (Organisation for Community Development) wanted to finance three income-generating activities for a group of women, who carry on alone their families, in sectors other than seasonal fishing. These sectors include clothing, shellfish crafts and traditional food. After training, each of the 45 beneficiaries will receive funding to launch one of the three activities.

#### NGO: CARD

##### Project: Concrete Cement Blocks Manufacturing Unit

**Funding Awarded: 6.700 €**

The project involves the manufacturing of cement blocks. 30 poor landless women will be selected – 20 women will form a Self-Help group and will be permanently involved in cement block making, while 10 women will be kept on the waiting list in case someone leaves the project due to unavoidable circumstances. Currently the women work only approximately 4 months a year as agricultural labour and do not have regular income for the rest of the year. The women who will join the cement block unit, will be fully involved, and will not have to do the seasonal agricultural jobs anymore.

#### NGO: Smile-Trust

##### Project: Construction of a children's home

**Funding Awarded: 7.600 €**

The Indian NGO Smile Trust has asked to finance the construction of a home for vulnerable children, specifically a one-story building, the ground floor building having been funded by the NGO Children Are the Future (CAF) which visits them every year. It is about giving these children a safe environment in which to study that meets their educational and health needs in a family atmosphere.



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### Asia

#### Lebanon :

**NGO: SBO**

**Project: Solar panels**

**Funding Awarded: 5.700 €**

The Belgian NGO Belgian Overseas Support has asked to finance the installation of solar panels in a center for Syrian refugees in Lebanon, in a mountain town near the Syrian border. They should provide electricity for all 312 students. Proper heating is also planned due to the harsh winter. In case refugees are repatriated later, the equipment will be handed over to the local public school. A possible impact of the financing of international institution being not realistic, the Committee expresses its agreement in funding this project with exclusion of heating and fuel costs.

#### Pakistan :

**NGO: Mercy Trust**

**Project: Upgrade of Community School- Pakistan**

**Funding Awarded: 3.800 €**

The proposed project aims at upgrading the Rimsha Masih Community School. The request concerns the electricity by installing solar system, the provision of furniture and of safe drinking water to the children by installing solar powered borehole. It is Committee's opinion – seen the lack of available funds – that only the solar system and the borehole can be funded as more urgent than the furniture.

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