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► I N T R O D U C T I O N

THE DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION SITUATION IN 2018

AN INTERNATIONAL WITHDRAWAL

Global reactions such as a retreat into national ideas of identity, rejection of the non-national and increasingly restrictive migration policies have clearly affected the quantity and quality of official development assistance. Internationally, official development assistance¹ (ODA) has experienced a fall² of 2.7% compared to 2017. This decrease is mainly explained by a reduction in aid for the reception of refugees and a fall in the number of arrivals. In Europe, ODA has been manipulated to benefit the economic interests of Member States and to control migratory flows, at the expense of sustainable development, poverty reduction and gender equality.

Ultra-liberalism's devastating effects on the wages and social protection of workers are obvious. The situation of artisanal miners in the Katanga region in the Democratic Republic of the Congo is a persuasive example of this. Although this region's subsoil is rich in precious minerals (copper, cobalt), the miners work for irregular pay, without social protection and fearing collapses.

For Solsoc, Decent Work is not a privilege, but a right that must be afforded to everyone. In this sense, International Women's Day celebrated on 8 March served as a reminder that most poor workers are women³ and that they should be prioritised, subject to special attention and specific strategies.

HUMAN AND SOCIAL RIGHTS VIOLATIONS: RESPONSIBLE DECISION-MAKERS

In 2018, in Colombia, the killings of human rights activists, social leaders and trade unionists saw a worrying rise and exceeded 228 between 1 January and 17 November of the same year. Faced with this disregard, Solsoc and its partners called on the European Union

to hold the Colombian government to account for the implementation of the Peace Agreement concluded with the FARC-EP and to position itself clearly in favour of respecting human rights. Just as in Colombia, human rights violations have been seen in Palestine. 164 Palestinians were killed and 17,000 injured during the March of Return which took place between 30 March and 31 July 2018. This, in a context where the expansion of the Israeli settlements seems like a daily gradual annexation of the West Bank.

DEVELOPMENT COOPERATION FOR HUMAN AND SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

In Belgium, civil society has claimed loud and clear that "Migration is not a crime", swinging into action around migration justice and welcoming municipalities. On 7 November 2018, a rally took place in front of the Law Courts in Brussels in support of 12 people on trial for accommodating "illegal" migrants in their homes.

The news was also marked by climate change demonstrations against an unambitious national policy. Also in 2018, the will of Minister Alexander De Croo to align his development policy with the European trend (promotion of the private sector and the fight against irregular migration) through his bill, led to a robust reaction from development cooperation actors, including Solsoc and its partners.

Through their mobilisation, they have clearly reminded decision-makers that development cooperation must prioritise sustainable human development and not Belgian trade and the fight against migration.

¹ 2018 Report by the CNCD-11.11.11 on Belgian development assistance

² OECD "Development aid drops in 2018, especially to neediest countries", 10 April 2019

³ Alter Egaux no 79, Editorial "Pay inequalities: women always the big losers"

OUR THEMES

► DECENT WORK

Decent Work is a concept developed by the International Labour Organisation (ILO). It guarantees sufficient resources to satisfy basic human needs. It is built on four pillars: job creation and sustainable means of subsistence, improving working conditions, social protection and social dialogue. It entails the elimination of forced labour, the abolition of child labour, the elimination of race and gender discrimination in relation to employment, etc.

Through the 2017-2021 “Decent Work” programme implemented jointly by FOS, IFSI and Solsoc, our organisations intend to promote the implementation of the various aspects of Decent Work for workers in the formal and informal economy.

With the support of its trade union partners, the Centrale Générale and the Centrale Horval of the General Federation of Belgian Labour (FGTB) and the National Union of Socialist Mutualities UNMS/NVSM, the joint programme strengthens 24 partners and grassroots organisations in the fields of the social and solidarity economy, social protection, defending workers' rights, democracy and citizenship.



► SOCIAL PROTECTION

Everyone has moments in their life where they are more vulnerable. This is particularly the case when they fall ill or have an accident but also when they lose their job... What we experience in Belgium under the term of social security is an individual insurance system based on solidarity and the collective responsibility of society. It guarantees access to healthcare and income replacement schemes which provide a security net so that individuals can continue to live a dignified life in difficult times. Social protection is a universal right, set out in the Universal Declaration of Human Rights in 1948. However, only 27% of the world's population benefit from social security. In Africa, where the most urgent challenge is access to healthcare, over 80% do not have social protection.

For Solsoc, it is fundamental to strengthen this framework and protect it in countries where the social protection systems are fragile or in the process of being privatised. This is why, with the backing of the UNMS and the Solidaris federations (WAPI, Solidaris Charleroi, Solidaris Liège, Mutualité du Brabant), Solsoc supports the expansion of community health mutuals in 4 African countries (Senegal, Burkina Faso, Burundi and DR Congo) in order to enable families from the rural and informal sector to access medical care.

Solsoc also encourages the networking of the mutuals to strengthen the defence of public health policies in the formal and informal sectors and Universal Health Insurance (UHI).



► THE SOCIAL AND SOLIDARITY ECONOMY

As an economic alternative to the neo-liberal model, the social and solidarity economy promotes a system based on democratic participation and solidarity, rather than on competition and the search for profit at any price. The model is gaining in momentum and success in both the north and the south.

For Solsoc, the social and solidarity economy is a genuine strategy for the creation of decent employment and improving living conditions. Whether in the urban or rural environment, it mainly targets the informal sector and helps to rethink the production, processing and marketing methods for products, as well as the economic management of cooperatives. The results are not only reflected in terms of income, but also in quality of life, the sustainability of the dynamics, inclusion of the most vulnerable, environmental protection, etc. Solsoc therefore intends to build the capacities of its partner NGOs in the south and support cooperatives and other economic dynamics with particular focus on women and young people.

Solsoc assists such initiatives in Senegal, Burkina Faso, DRC, Burundi, Bolivia, Colombia and Morocco with the backing of P&V Insurance.



► DEMOCRACY, HUMAN RIGHTS AND PARTICIPATION

For Solsoc, development necessarily entails respect for human rights and democracy. That may seem obvious, but while racist extremists and authoritarians are on the increase, the threats that weigh on the leaders of social movements, environmental activists and defenders of minorities are casting long shadows. Despite such difficulties and in an attempt to withstand them, we support the participation of civil society organisations and especially young people and women, in the definition of public policies relating to them, whether they are social, agricultural or commercial.

SOLSOC AND ITS NORTHERN AND SOUTHERN PARTNERS DEFEND:

- International law and the application of UN resolutions
- The right of peoples to self-determination in complete independence and sovereignty
- The right to reparation for populations who are victims of violations of their rights or to their physical or moral integrity
- Gender equality
- Compliance with the social and environmental standards in international trade agreements
- The right to adequate and sustainable food and the right to land



IN FIGURES

► **24** PARTNER ORGANISATIONS

► **308** LOCAL ASSOCIATIONS OR NETWORKS SUPPORTED

► IN **8** COUNTRIES IN AFRICA, LATIN AMERICA, PALESTINE AND BELGIUM

► **19** AWARENESS AND ADVOCACY PLATFORMS IN WHICH SOLSOC PARTICIPATES IN BELGIUM

► **298.411** EUROS UNDER OUR AWARENESS AND ADVOCACY PROGRAMME IN BELGIUM

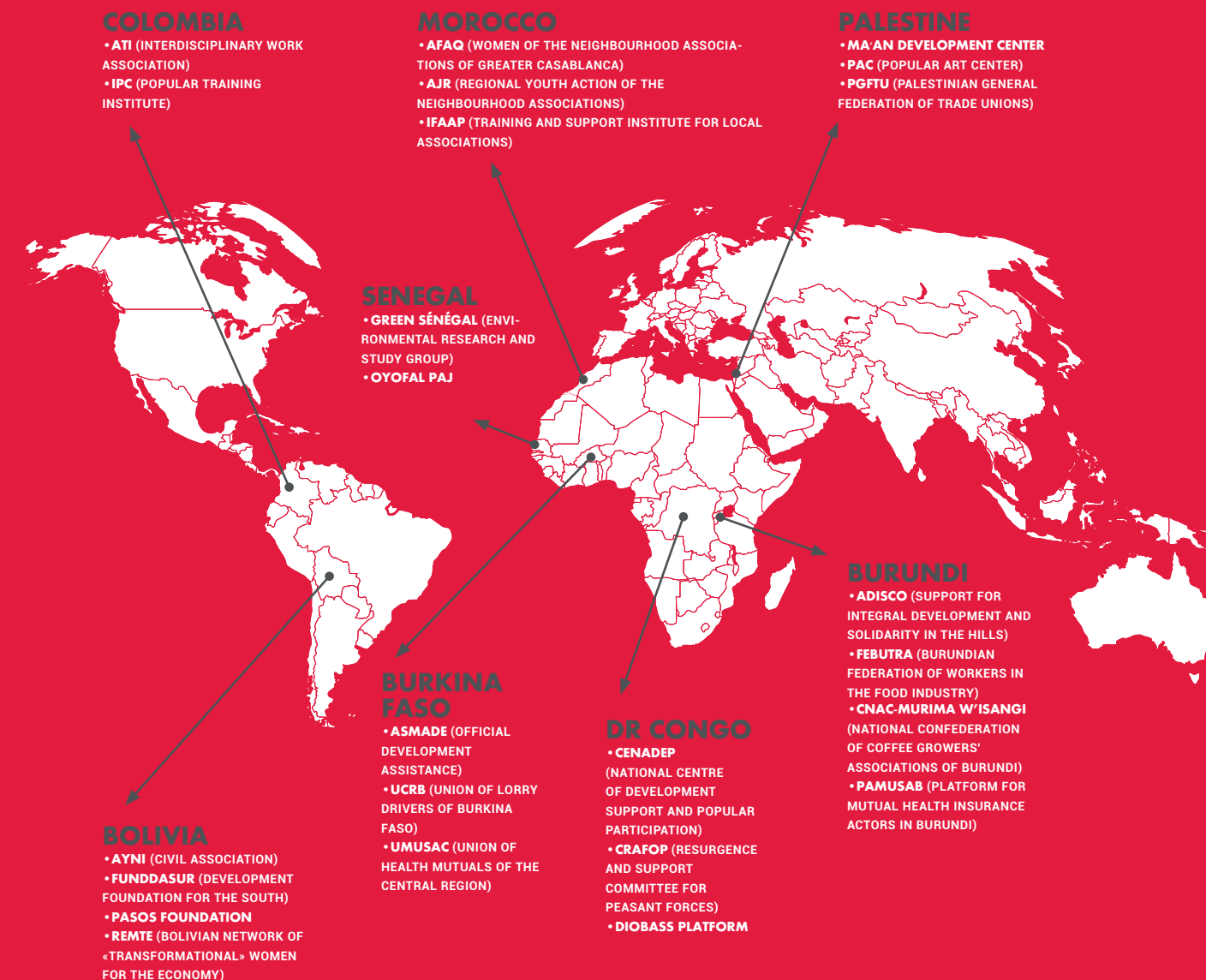
► **3.823.915** EUROS TO SUPPORT OUR SOUTHERN PARTNERS

► **291** DONORS

► **18** PERMANENT STAFF MEMBERS (13.25 FTE)

► PARTNERSHIPS WITH **8** JOINT SOCIALIST ACTION ORGANISATIONS (FGTB, FPS, MJS, MULTIPHARMA, PAC, PS, P&V, SOLIDARIS)

MAP OF PARTNERS



BURUNDI

BACKGROUND

Four years after the attempted coup that followed President Nkurunziza's decision to seek a third term, the Burundian people continue to grow poorer. Its level of food insecurity is nearly twice as high as the average for Sub-Saharan African countries. 75% of the working population, mostly rural and female, earn their living through agriculture and remain restricted to an informal sector without any legal recognition or social protection. With the economy in recession, Burundians are experiencing a large number of dismissals and an increasing unemployment rate.

OUR ACTION

Solsoc's programme in Burundi contributes towards advancing the 4 pillars of Decent Work: the creation of sustainable employment, workers' rights, social protection and social dialogue. Solsoc acts in the rural environment in the Kirimiro region by supporting cooperatives and other social and solidarity economy initiatives. Since the programme began, 408 jobs have been created. This support for the economic dynamics also benefits from two-year financing from Wallonie-Bruxelles International. Solsoc's partners (ADISCO, CNAC, UHACOM) are also carrying out advocacy work to make the policies in the agricultural sector more favourable for small producers. In 2018, these actions had several effects on national policies, particularly on fixing the price at which coffee is purchased. In terms of social protection, through ADISCO, Solsoc backs 27 community health mutuals in the 5 coffee producing regions. The direct competition of the Medical Assistance Card, which is almost free due to State subsidies, is a sizeable obstacle. However, significant advocacy work for better social protection is being conducted by the PAMUSAB platform assisted by the MASMUT mutual platform. In terms of social dialogue, FEBUTRA, the federation of workers in the agrifood sector and trade union partner, currently has 4,070 members. Benefiting from the backing of the FGTB Horval, the federation is campaigning for recognition of the informal sector and raising workers' awareness of their rights.

" I am part of a solidarity group that brings together the farmers on my hillside. We grow maize. We were having problems storing our production, selling it and obtaining seeds and fertilizer. Through the support and training of ADISCO, we brought together 270 farmers and founded a cooperative to meet these needs. Subsequently, we decided to grind the maize and make it into flour. Our flour is good quality and selling very well and this has enabled us to sell stocks, invest in our infrastructures and increase our income. "

Dancille Kigeme, farmer and President of the Tubamurikire cooperative backed by ADISCO

4 PARTNERS
43 LOCAL ORGANISATIONS
SUPPORTED
674.076 €
OF ANNUAL SUPPORT

DR CONGO

BACKGROUN

In the Democratic Republic of the Congo, the end of 2018 was marked by presidential and legislative elections. However, the Congolese population, one of the poorest in the world, still does not seem to benefit from its country's countless riches. Due to the failures of the State, the budgets for the health and education sectors receive almost no investment. The dilapidated infrastructures and impassable roads hamper the development of trade and the transport of agricultural products to the large cities. Furthermore, ever-present corruption is a major obstacle to private investment. The combination of these problems and the dominance of the informal sector (at least 50% of GDP) do not provide the State with the necessary resources to finance a solid and ambitious budget.

OUR ACTION

The actions of Solsoc's programme conducted with the partners CENADEP, CRAFOP and the DIOBASS platform and with the backing of Solidaris and the FGTB Centrale Générale are connected to the 4 aspects of Decent Work. The programme's various actions are used to strengthen the leadership of citizens and support advocacy for family farming. In the area of social protection, the programme has helped to set up 3 health mutuals. Concerning the social and solidarity economy, Solsoc's partners assist and strengthen 22 social and solidarity economy initiatives in the urban and rural environments in the artisanal mining, agricultural, marketing and construction sectors. At the same time, through a project conducted in partnership with the DIOBASS platform and the backing of the WBI, Solsoc supports 20 farmers to help them improve the productivity of their chicken farms. Two projects are backed by Wallonie-Bruxelles International and Bruxelles Environnement in the city of Kinshasa. The first has been used to understand "climate changes" and the gestures, actions and accomodations to be made to help reduce them; the second aims to set up a social enterprise to process household and urban waste.

" I joined the Plateforme des Organisations de Femmes des Quartiers (Platform of the Organisations of Neighbourhood Women - POFQ) to stand up for women's rights and particularly those of albino women. Albinos are individuals who are disregarded and discriminated in the DRC. We have the same abilities as the rest of the population, but we are frozen out. There is no albino woman in an important position. At the start of my political career, I encountered difficulties such as a lack of financial resources, problems with educating the electorate about the situation of albinos. Thanks to the POFQ, I have taken part in several training courses given by CENADEP and improved my abilities. I now feel able to speak out publicly to defend the rights of albinos. "

Micheline Misenga, Candidate for provincial elections

3 PARTNERS
37 LOCAL ORGANISATIONS
SUPPORTED
631.197 €
OF ANNUAL SUPPORT

BOLIVIA

BACKGROUND

In 2018, the political context was marked by rallies for the presidential elections scheduled for the following year. The rivalry between the party in power and the opposition strengthened the current polarisation in Bolivian society. On 6 December 2018, the Supreme Court ruled in favour of a fourth term for President Evo Morales, a decision that would go against the 2009 Constitution. In terms of Decent Work, the new General Labour Law was unable to be finalised, despite the government's promises. In the health and social protection sector, the Minister for Health is moving towards a Unified Health System. This reform became the spearhead of Evo Morales' election campaign. Although this is a significant sign of progress, this reform will need constant monitoring for it to be implemented.

OUR ACTION

The five-year programme conducted in partnership with FUNDDASUR, PASOS, AYNÍ and REMTE aims to improve working conditions, access to social protection and better living conditions for workers, producers, young people and women in Bolivia. Within this framework, Solsoc, with the backing of the FGTB Horval, is implementing social and solidarity economy initiatives and supporting three trade unions. One of the outcomes is that 341 female leaders of 9 Manufacturers' Federations have improved their abilities to speak out, provide analyses and participate constructively in the development of their regions. The Association of artisanal and natural dairy product producers (APLANA) in Sucre obtained its legal personality and is now marketing its new dairy products, including yoghurts, ice cream and juices. The market gardener, milk producer and artisanal organisations in the La Paz region are taking part in trade fairs and exhibitions and seeking alternative ways to promote their productions.

"Honey production has changed my life and that of my family. I attended several capacity building training courses organised by PASOS, Solsoc's partner here in Bolivia. I also had the opportunity to travel to Brazil in 2018 and have discussions with experts who taught me a lot. The income generated by this activity enables me not only to enjoy more time with my family, but also to provide better conditions for education, health and food to my wife and children, which makes me very happy. Finally, this project enables me to continue to learn to become a better farmer and at the same time help other families to develop their production."

Luis Urquizu, honey producer in the municipality of Sucre

4 PARTNERS
25 LOCAL ORGANISATIONS SUPPORTED
436.926 € OF ANNUAL SUPPORT

COLOMBIA

BACKGROUND

In September 2016, the Colombian President Juan Manuel Santos signed a peace agreement with the Revolutionary Armed Forces of Colombia (FARC). Two years later, following the inauguration of Ivan Duque (7 August 2018), runner up of the former extreme right President, Alvaro Uribe and strongly opposed to the agreement, the assessment is far from positive; negotiations with the guerilla movement of the ELN (National Liberation Army) are at an impasse and violence against human rights activists, social leaders and trade unionists has increased disturbingly and led to new population movements. However, 2018 also saw major rallies demanding a quality public education, anti-corruption and guarantees for human rights activists.

OUR ACTION

In Uraba, one of the regions most affected by the land grabbing phenomenon in Colombia, Solsoc supports the IPC (Popular Training Institute), which in turn supports farmers' organisations that demand the return of their lands. In 2018, 20 sites were returned to the farmers and 178 were formalised. For example, Laureano Gómez recovered his land after a 20-year struggle. In the field of the social and solidarity economy, the actions of our partner, ATI (Interdisciplinary Work Association) have provided support for 64 local organic markets. These are the results of the large-scale campaign, "Llevo el Campo", the objective of which is to promote family farming and particularly the role of women in this sector. Finally, through the backing and expertise of our partner, FGTB Horval, Solsoc has helped to strengthen 3 trade unions in the food sector with the aim of improving workers' conditions. The results are significant; the number of members and the negotiating power with companies have increased considerably.

"What drove me to become a farmer? The desire for my children to have a healthy diet. Five years ago, I had the opportunity to join this organic market project supported by the Salsa Committee and ATI, Solsoc's partners. We followed training courses, some people also had the opportunity to travel abroad and learn from other initiatives. In total, we are around ten farmers, so the offer is broader without competition because we don't sell the same products. Here, we're all one family, if you're suffering, they're there for you, if you're happy, the same."

Ruth Zamudio, farmer at the market in Fusagasugá

2 PARTNERS
7 ORGANIZACIONES LOCALES QUE RECIBEN APOYO
431.822 € DE APOYO ANUAL

BURKINA FASO

BACKGROUND

Since 2018, Burkina Faso has been dealing with almost daily attacks against all that the State represents, and a wave of over one million refugees fleeing insecurity. The economic situation is also deteriorating. The government's increasingly liberal policy promotes the mining sector at the expense of other industries such as agriculture which creates jobs and food sovereignty.

OUR ACTION

Solsoc and its partners in Burkina Faso, ASMADE, UMUSAC and UCRB, are working together to extend social protection, encourage the creation of sustainable jobs and improve workers' rights in the informal economy and the rural environment, targeting in particular young people and women. Since the programme began in 2017 and due in particular to the backing of the Solidaris mutualities, nearly 12,000 people have joined the health mutuals in the areas where our partners work. Six new regional mutual unions were set up in 2018. Solsoc's trade union partners, supported by the FGTB Horval, are also continuing to grow. At the end of 2018, the trade union partners UCRB, SYNTAH, SYNTETH and FNBP-B totalled over 18,400 members. Despite the prevailing insecurity and although some NGOs are considering leaving the country, Solsoc is continuing to work with all its partners in Burkina Faso.

" When I began working with CARTPL, I felt uncomfortable. I was crushing soumbala (fermented locust bean seeds) and friends were making fun of me. But we saw that it was really profitable. We can take care of ourselves, we don't need to ask for anything to eat. I often give training on soumbala. I also know how to make juices and soap and provide training on these practices too. Last week, a woman asked me to come and train her group of thirty women in making soap. They were very happy. CARTPL has really taught me a lot. It has enabled me to make a living today and I am especially happy about that."

Awa SAWADOGO, member of the Collective of associations of restaurant tenants and local product processors (CARTPL) in Ouagadougou, partner of ASMADE

3 PARTNERS
70 LOCAL ORGANISATIONS SUPPORTED
402.338 € OF ANNUAL SUPPORT

SENEGAL

BACKGROUND

In 2017, the government of President Macky Sall was restructured. Overall, the impact of this restructuring was positive, but there is still a long way to go. Measures to support women and create jobs aiming to reduce the departure of young people abroad ("Tekki Fii", "Make it here" programme) or even setting the sales price of peanuts at a decent level for producers are just some of the measures to promote development. However, today, fewer than 50% of Senegalese benefit from health cover; the State therefore continues to support the implementation of Universal Health Coverage, particularly through the PES (Plan for an Emerging Senegal).

OUR ACTION

Solsoc and its two partner organisations in Senegal, the NGO GREEN and the Oyofal Paj network, are working together to enhance social protection and improve the workers' rights in the informal economy and the rural environment, especially young people and women, by promoting the creation of sustainable jobs. Since the programme began in 2017, 506 jobs have been created and maintained through social and solidarity economy initiatives in agriculture and non-agricultural product processing. Through the support of the Solidaris mutualities the work by Oyofal Paj has been used to retain the mutuals' members. Today, there are nearly 287,000 members in the intervention areas. For the effective management of membership, regional health insurance managers have been trained in the mutuals' management system implemented by the Senegalese Government and with an electronic platform to collect contributions (SUNU CMU) launched at the FIDAK Dakar International Fair. Furthermore, organisational, technical and political assistance has been given to the Senegalese partners so that they can be a true force for mobilisation and defending their rights.

" The desire to help one another and come together with women from the same neighbourhood led us to create the Economic Interest Grouping (EIG) Niakk Jariu. It was difficult in the beginning but by working together we obtained the funding to launch a business to process local grain. Subsequently, with the support of Solsoc's partners, we were able to acquire a refrigerator and extend our business to processing fruits and vegetables. Every passing day strengthens our belief and the love for our work in the solidarity and participation of all women. "

Coumba Yambé Seck, President of the Niakk Jarinu EIG

2 PARTNERS
45 LOCAL ORGANISATIONS SUPPORTER
410.085 € OF ANNUAL SUPPORT

MOROCCO

BACKGROUND

Throughout Morocco, demands for action are increasing. Citizens are demanding social justice, equal distribution of wealth and equal treatment before the law. But these movements are stifled by the authorities: mass arrests and sentences of up to 20 years in prison are given to leaders of social movements who are accused of separatism. Attempts to change the law in order to ban the boycotting of companies close to the State, a peaceful practice, have also been introduced. With the ongoing tension, the associative sector has been dispersed between causes, but despite everything, remains firm in its positioning; through social and political action, young people affected by unemployment must be given a boost and women must be raised to the same rank as men.

OUR ACTION

In Morocco, Solsoc and its partners AJR, IFAAP and AFAQ back 15 neighbourhood associations in Casablanca and 15 social and solidarity economy initiatives in order to strengthen them technically, strategically and politically with the support of P&V Insurance. "Délices de mon pays", a cooperative working in the bakery sector, currently directly and indirectly employs 50 members. In November 2018, it was delighted to welcome the Minister of Budget, Civil Service and Administrative Simplification, Mr André Flahaut, to its premises. With Solsoc's support, these associations develop neighbourhood projects based on the needs expressed by citizens in the fields of health, youth, education, the social and solidarity economy, equal opportunities and the environment. Finally, the aspect of political advocacy is particularly prevalent in Morocco. Indeed, Solsoc and its partners are keen to raise the concerns of young people and women with the public authorities, including in relation to the policies that affect them and involving them in the decision-making process. In September, young people organised the forum "Que veulent les jeunes?" (What do young people want?) where they informed and educated policy makers about their situation and their expectations.

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3 PARTNERS

**30 LOCAL ORGANISATIONS
SUPPORTED**

**473.215 €
OF ANNUAL SUPPORT**

"I left my country, Guinea - Conakry, for family reasons and due to a lack of work. I arrived in Morocco by air to reconnect with a friend. It was a long journey, full of twists and turns; I lost my passport, most of my money and I realised my friend was not really my friend. I was desperately looking for work when I discovered "Délices de mon pays". I began a training course which would soon transform into a job. I'm at home here. I'm treated well. There is no boss, we are all colleagues. I will never betray the trust that the women of the project have put in me."

Ibrahima Mohammed Soumah, member of the "Délices de mon pays" cooperative in Casablanca

PALESTINE

BACKGROUND

In 2018, the political situation in Palestine deteriorated, particularly after the many hostile measures taken by the Trump administration towards the occupied territories, for example, the illegal recognition of Jerusalem as the capital of Israel and cutting off financing to the UNRWA which is the UN agency for Palestinian refugees. The occupation has intensified with random demolition of Palestine villages on the West Bank, the annexing of land and the forced displacement of the Bedouin peoples (case of the Bedouin village of Khan Al Ahmar). Furthermore, United Nations reports appear alarmist in the face of an environmental, economic and political situation that will be unbearable by 2020. The "Great March of Return", although peaceful, continues to be suppressed by the Israeli army, resulting in more deaths and injuries every month, mainly among young people.

OUR ACTION

In Palestine, Solsoc supports the MA'AN Development Center and PAC (Popular Art Center). These organisations work with young people who are employed, unemployed or students, as well as with local organisations and decision-makers in Gaza and the West Bank (including East Jerusalem). They aim to develop spaces for exchanging ideas and experiences to improve the positioning of young people on the issues that concern them by encouraging their social responsibility and citizen participation. This is the objective of the "Summer Camp" which, in 2018, welcomed 70 committed young people. Our partners also facilitate networking and alliances with certain key actors in order to work on the common challenges and reclaim the Palestinian identity. They educate young people on the existence of alternative socio-economic models and support them in developing social and solidarity economy initiatives. Solsoc and the FGTB Centrale Générale also support the PGFTU, the main Palestinian trade union with workers in the stone quarry sector. The programme's aim is to raise awareness and train workers, particularly in measures related to health and safety at work. Furthermore, the trade union also conducts advocacy work to improve compliance with workers' rights, and the application and even extension of the Labour Code.

3 PARTNERS

**51 LOCAL ORGANISATIONS
SUPPORTED**

**343.238 €
OF ANNUAL SUPPORT**

44 I have worked within the programme since 2016 as a coordinator to the regional Al-Awada centre located in the northern West Bank. Thanks to this job, I have developed project management skills. I have also learned to be adaptable and manage unexpected situations in a very unstable context. I work mainly with young people like myself, they inspire me and enable me to see a better future. I am proud to express myself and bring up the needs of young people. What affects me most in the programme is the spirit in which the projects are conducted with young people, the mark left by these actions.44

Adeen Ibrahim Daher, Coordinator of the Al Awda Centre

RALLYING AND ADVOCACY IN BELGIUM

In Belgium, Solsoc relays the concerns and demands of its partner organisations in the south. Together, they intend to rally the European public on north/south issues, build fair and balanced global relationships and new paradigms for an inclusive and sustainable development. The NGO conducts public information and engagement campaigns in partnership with other progressive organisations that share its political and philosophical values of solidarity and social justice. These organisations are the FGTB, Solidaris, the FPS, MJS, PAC, CNCD-11.11.11 and other organisations concerned by the challenges of international solidarity.

Because the world will not change unless other social, economic and financial policies are implemented, Solsoc calls upon Belgian and European policy makers, relaying the demands and concerns of its southern partners, especially in relation to Colombia, Palestine and Central Africa where the NGO operates and where human rights are particularly violated. In order to give more weight to its political action, Solsoc also integrates themed or regional platforms alongside other NGOs and Belgian social movements.



MAIN EVENTS IN 2018

7/3 Film debate: "Femmes, actrices clés de la paix en Colombie" (Women, key actors for peace in Colombia) to celebrate International Women's Day, co-organised with our partners of the CBC (Coordination Belge pour la Colombie/Belgian Coordination for Colombia).

30/5 FGTB Fédérale Congress - joint stand with FOS, Solsoc, IFSI on the criminalisation of social movements.

25-26/8 Stand in the association village at Solidarités in partnership with la FGTB Wallonne and PAC at the citadel of Namur on the theme "Fiscal justice, social justice: and if wealth was shared differently?"

7/11 Day visit to the Hainaut quarries with the CG FGTB Namur delegation on a mission to Palestine in 2017 and Ghada Hassan, leader of the trade union partnership in Palestine.

21/11 Participation of our Palestinian trade union partners in the international seminar at the Congress of the Centrale Générale FGTB.

29/3 Seminar on the worldwide healthcare situation, in partnership with other associations including FOS, Solidar and CNCD-11.11.11.

25/4 Chair on International Solidarity in Namur: the role of the Joint Action in international solidarity, co-organised with the PS, FGTB and Solidaris.

8-9/9 Joint stand with FOS focusing on the criminalisation of social movements, in the association village at Manifesta in partnership with ABVV-FGTB Horval.

24/10 Demonstration at Schuman organised by the CBC and INTAL during the visit of Mr Ivan Duque, President of Colombia, to express our solidarity with the Colombian people, demand an end to the killing of human rights activists and compliance with the peace agreement.

22-23/11 FGTB Centrale Générale Congress - organisation and joint stand with FOS and IFSI on the criminalisation of social movements.

FOCUS // THE SOLSOC 7TH INTERNATIONAL SEMINAR

In October 2018, representatives of the NGOs and trade unions that we work with came to Brussels to take part in our international seminar focusing on Decent Work. The field visits and institutional meetings with Solsoc's northern partners (members of parliament, trade union and mutual representatives, NGOs) led to a wealth of meaningful discussions. As part of this event, our entire delegation visited the Cité Miroir in Liège, a cultural and citizenship space, to discover two organisations: SAW-B (Solidarité des Alternatives Wallonnes et Bruxelloises) and Ceinture Aliment-Terre Liégeoise. The second phase took place at La Bourrache, a social enterprise.

Subsequently, our partners took part in various debates and conferences. A conference on "Palestinian youth in resistance" was held in partnership with the Belgo-Palestinian Association. At CNCD-11.11.11, Midi Info was the opportunity to discuss citizen involvement and topical social issues in Morocco. Our partners were also present at the Cafe-debate on the extrajudicial executions in Colombia, as part of the international solidarity fortnight organised by the City of Brussels, Amnesty International, the Daniel Gillard Committee, Oidhaco and Solsoc. The theme of social protection was central to the discussions between the members of Solidaris La Hestre and representatives of Senegalese organisations. The heads of Solidaris Liège were informed about the current situation with regards social protection and the place of health mutuals in the DRC.

To end, a day of discussions on Palestine at La Louvière brought together Belgian trade union activists and our Palestinian delegation (see photo). Trade union partners from Colombia, Bolivia, Burkina Faso and Burundi used this occasion to share their concerns and hopes with the representatives of Horval.



FUNDRAISING



Fundraising ensures donor monitoring and recruitment : in 2018, Solsoc issued 261 tax certificates for a total amount of **€43,708.59**. The coordination of Operation 11.11.11, the greetings cards initiative and participation in other events, such as May Day were also part of its remit.

2018 also required important work in relation to our new identity, particularly the creation of communication tools and the design of the fundraising section on the association's brand new website. Discover our new website at: www.solsoc.be

OUR VARIOUS FUNDRAISING EVENTS: :

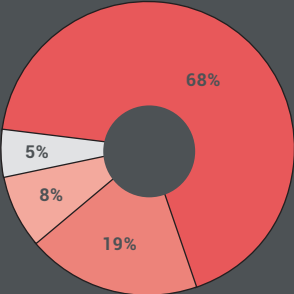
- May Day: Solsoc took part, running the main bar. The revenue related to the management of the bar and drinks sales amounted to **€2,368.80** in 2018
- Operation 11.11.11: Solsoc collected over **€19,000** (compared with €15,571 in 2017). Unfortunately, the low additional contribution

of Wallonie Bruxelles International means that the result is barely higher than in 2017: **€82,516** compared with €81,000, despite good results on the ground.

- Greetings cards: we have a revenue of €2,526.98 for a total cost of €1,034.29 which is a profit of **€1,492.69**.

THANKS TO ALL THOSE WHO SUPPORTED US!

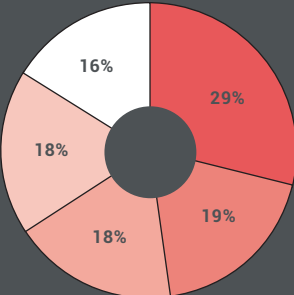
FINANCES



FINANCING OF THE PROGRAMME AND OVERHEADS

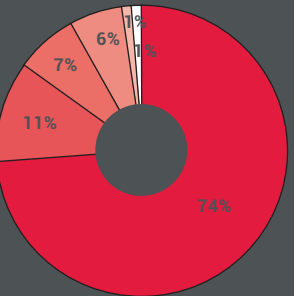
- SOUTHERN SECTION ▶ 68% ▶ 3.823.915,90 € *
- SOLSOC STRUCTURE ▶ 19% ▶ 1.031.482,04 €
- EVALUATION AND MONITORING OF PROGRAMMES (MANAGEMENT COSTS) ▶ 8% ▶ 439.326,66 €
- NORTHERN SECTION ▶ 5% ▶ 298.411,55 €
- TOTAL CHARGES ▶ 5.593.136,15 €

* 68% of funds were transferred directly to our southern partners to implement our programmes.



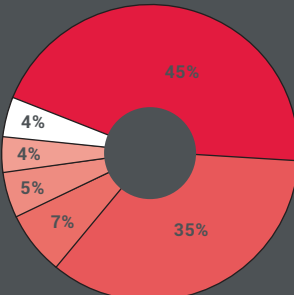
BREAKDOWN OF FINANCING BY GEOGRAPHIC AREA

- CENTRAL AFRICA ▶ 29% ▶ 1.305.273,69 €
- LATIN AMERICA ▶ 19% ▶ 889.764,84 €
- NORTH AFRICA AND MIDDLE EAST ▶ 18% ▶ 816.453,77 €
- WEST AFRICA ▶ 18% ▶ 812.423,59 €
- BELGIUM ▶ 16% ▶ 737.738,21 €
- TOTAL CHARGES ▶ 4.561.654,10 €



FINANCING SOURCES

- DGD ▶ 74% ▶ 3.794.881,27 €
- JOINT SOCIALIST ACTION ▶ 11% ▶ 562.751,73 €
- ACTIRIS ▶ 7% ▶ 391.488,92 €
- PUBLIC OTHER (WBI, PROVINCES, BRUSSELS-CAPITAL, ETC.) ▶ 6% ▶ 302.671,61 €
- VARIOUS PRODUCTS (MAY DAY, GREETING CARDS, ETC.) ▶ 1% ▶ 44.531,31 €
- DONATIONS ▶ 1% ▶ 43.708,59 €
- TOTAL CHARGES ▶ 5.140.033,43 €



JOINT SOCIALIST ACTION CONTRIBUTIONS

- FGTB ▶ 45% ▶ 255.009,29 €
- UNMS SOLIDARIS ▶ 35% ▶ 195.432,44 €
- PARLIAMENTARY GROUPS ▶ 7% ▶ 40.000,00 €
- P&V INSURANCE ▶ 5% ▶ 30.000,00 €
- PS ▶ 4% ▶ 22.310,00 €
- MULTIPHARMA ▶ 4% ▶ 20.000,00 €
- TOTAL CHARGES ▶ 562.751,73

