




Support for Civil Society Organizations

ACTIVITY REPORT

2022



The year 2022 was marked by multiple crises, which have widened inequalities and often worsened living conditions in AFD Group's countries of operation. Civil society organizations (CSOs) once again took large-scale action to address people's needs in a wide range of sectors of operation.

AFD responded to this strong mobilization and reaffirmed its support by devoting nearly €428 million to CSOs via its various financial tools, including €139 million from the CSO Initiatives Fund. Expertise France, which joined the Group in early 2022, committed €37 million for CSOs, for a total of €465 million for AFD Group.

AFD Group is thereby continuing to strengthen its partnerships with CSOs. Over the last 15 years, the Group has considerably broadened its methods of cooperation, both in terms of financing projects and activities, and in terms of knowledge production and the mobilization of expertise.

2022 serves as a reminder of the key role that CSOs play in the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals (SDGs) and the relevance of their work. Today, this action translates into a constant growth in project financing, a unified mobilization during international events, the renewal of partnerships or forging of new ones, strengthening the work within Team France (in Paris and on the ground), increasing the number of spaces for dialogue, and establishing common knowledge production mechanisms.

Overview of AFD Group action for CSOs in 2022

Key figures



**€465.3
M**

to support
civil society
organizations

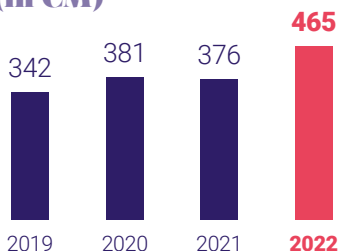


Nearly
296
CSOs supported

including **131** French CSOs (45%), **132** local CSOs (45%) and **30** international CSOs (10%).

Trend in commitments

Across all mechanisms
(in €M)



The three sectors the most supported in 2022



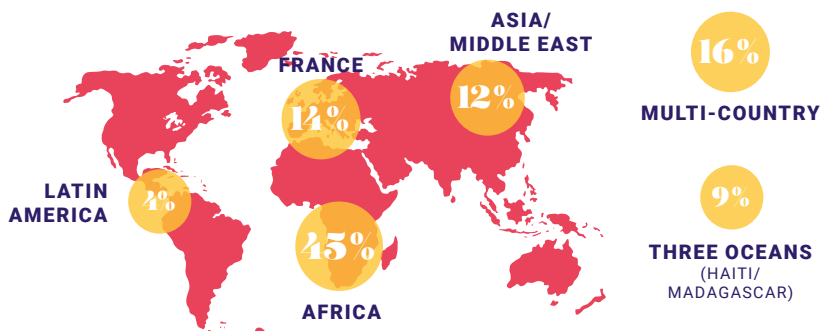
Governance
€72.3 M

Environment/climate/
biodiversity
€72.1 M



Health
€74.1 M

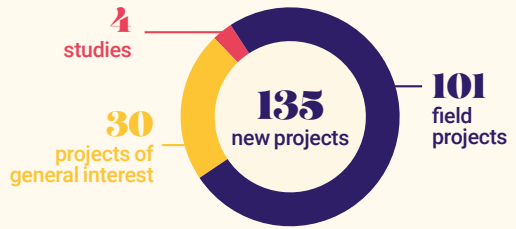
Breakdown by region



CSO Initiatives Fund

A FINANCING MECHANISM FOR FRENCH AND LOCAL CSOS

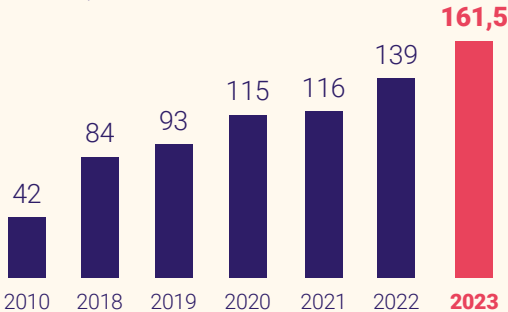
With the CSO Initiatives Fund, CSOs can submit a project, on their own initiative, to request co-financing from AFD. It thereby contributes to strengthening civil societies and their action all over the world, in conjunction with local organizations.



112 French CSOs financed in partnership with more than **8,300** local CSOs



A fund in constant growth (in €M)

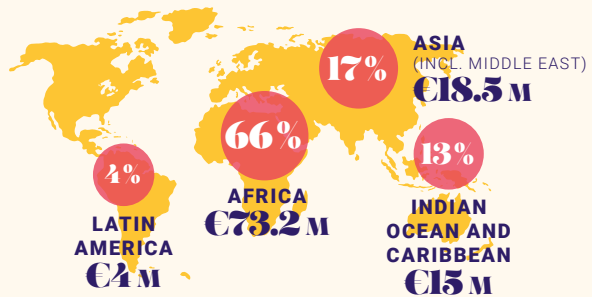


538
projects ongoing in 2022

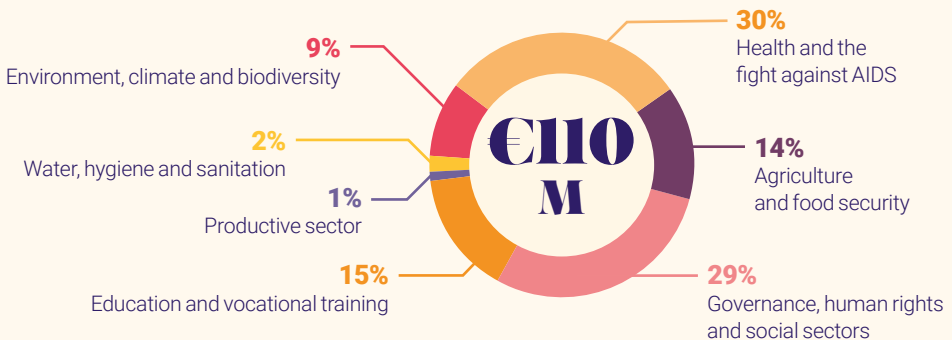
Field projects in 2022: 75% of projects financed

101
field projects
financed,
including **10** projects led
by first-time CSOs

Geographical breakdown



Thematic breakdown



Governance and human rights

To address the deterioration of the freedom of the press and of information, **Reporters Without Borders (RSF)** offers a program to find new and more flexible ways of defending and promoting the right to reliable information in most countries of operation.

Project amount: €8 M
AFD financing: €5.6 M



First local CSO project financed

Lab'ess, a Tunisian CSO, mobilizes its expertise to help social entrepreneurs and CSOs strengthen organizations working to make local development more sustainable and inclusive in Jordan, Mauritania, Morocco and Tunisia. This project will support sustainable projects led by young people from local CSOs.

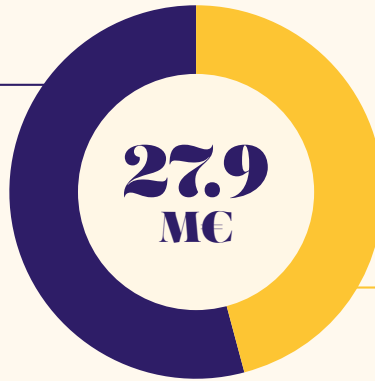
Project amount: €3.3 M
AFD financing: €3 M

Projects of general interest in 2022: 22% of projects financed

Projects of general interest aim firstly to support French civil society in its efforts to group together and secondly, to raise awareness among French citizens and mobilize them on international issues.

30 projects of general interest financed

€15 M
Education for citizenship and international solidarity (ECIS)



€12.9 M
Strengthening the non-profit sector (SMA)



Let's talk about masculinity!

This ECIS project aims to deconstruct traditional North-South gender stereotypes. **Quartiers du Monde** organizes training workshops for young people and community and education professionals. It also finances micro-projects, awareness-raising campaigns and capacity-building activities for partner organizations.

Project amount: €757,462

AFD grant: €480,000



Inter-regional Conference of Multi-Stakeholder Regional Networks: RECITAL SDG (phase 2)

The objective of this second phase is to reinforce the commitment towards the SDGs by mobilizing the diversity of the territories and actors in ECIS in 12 regions. This mobilization involves strengthening the commitment of actors and the quality of their projects implemented in territories through their financing and support.

Project amount: €6.2 M

AFD grant: €3.8 M

Other grants for CSOs

In addition to the CSO Initiatives Fund, every year AFD Group offers a wide range of instruments tailored to the demands of CSOs and their added value.

Grants from AFD's sectoral divisions

Multi-country • Contribution to the Legacy Landscapes Fund



Alongside Germany and philanthropic foundations, France contributes to an endowment fund that supports the ambition of **the Legacy Landscapes Fund**: promoting sustainable biodiversity protection and assisting in the management of protected areas.

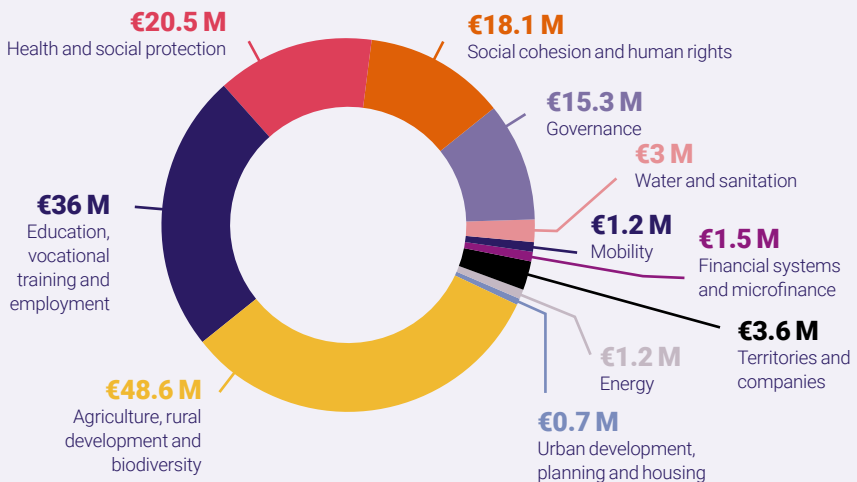
Project amount: €139.5 M

AFD grant: €15 M

€150 M

of grants, mainly via
calls for projects.

Thematic breakdown



Vulnerabilities Facility



Jordan • Agricultural livelihoods in the North (Alpine)

Jordan faces major strains on its economy and natural resources. The project led by **ACTED and the Norwegian Refugee Council** aims to improve the economic and water efficiency and climate resilience of family farms and agro-pastoral activities. It will promote ecological approaches, diversify people's livelihoods and improve employment conditions for precarious workers.

Project amount: €17 M

€99.3 M
of grants for **19 projects**,
for **16 international**
and **French CSOs**.

Expertise France



Burundi, Mauritius, Morocco • Access to quality sexual health services for key populations and vulnerable women (Access Health 2)

This project led by the **International AIDS Coalition (Coalition PLUS)** aims to strengthen, evaluate and capitalize on sexual health interventions, which have been successful among the most vulnerable populations, while demonstrating their cost-effectiveness. The objective is to create centers of excellence for sexual health in the four member countries leading African Regional Platforms.

Project amount: €2.3 M

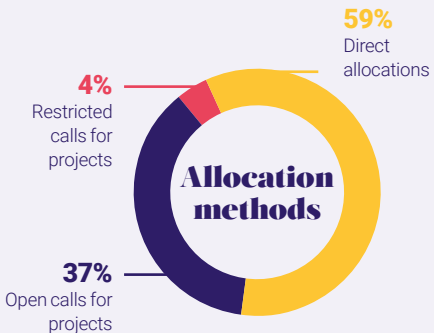
Expertise France grant: €2 M

€37 M

for **137 grants**,
including **120 for**
local CSOs and **10**
for French CSOs.



74 grants have been allocated to CSOs with European Union financing



French Facility for Global Environment (FFEM)



Multi-country • WIOCOR: Strengthening the contribution of seagrass beds to socio-ecological resilience in the Western Indian Ocean

With this project, **IUCN** aims to improve coastal, island and marine biodiversity management and ecosystem services through the adoption and implementation of operational governance frameworks adapted at the local level. The objective is for national governments and non-State actors to establish protected and conservation areas.

Project amount: €15 M

FFEM grant: €3 M

€24 M

of grants

13 substantial grants have been allocated to international CSOs (IUCN), French CSOs (Tour du Valat, Tara Foundation) and local CSOs (Brazil, Guatemala, Mexico, Senegal, South Africa) for the climate, oceans, Mediterranean ecosystems and biodiversity.

Fund for Innovation in Development (FID)



Senegal • Offline Internet, a technological innovation for education

Libraries Without Borders has been developing and deploying offline Internet solutions for several years. With this action-research project in Kédougou, in southeast Senegal, the NGO aims to demonstrate the way in which these solutions provide widespread access to quality education and improve learning in a long-lasting way, where access to digital content is unavailable, unstable or expensive.

Project and grant amount: €1.5 M

€6.8 M

of grants,
mainly to local CSOs

(India, Kenya, Madagascar, Pakistan), but also American and French CSOs. Health and education were the most supported sectors.

Sectoral Innovation Facility for NGOs (FISONG)



Peru • Inclusive Protection of Environmental Defenders in the Amazon (PIDDA)

The project of the **IUCN National Committee of the Netherlands (IUCN NL)** addresses the need to give visibility to the situation of women defenders of environmental rights in the Madre de Dios region. It will enable them and their communities to take part in the construction of environmental public policies. The project will specifically target journalists and whistleblowers.

Project and grant amount: €0.9 M

€4.6 M

of grants for two FISONG themes:

- Defenders of environmental rights
- Social and inclusive entrepreneurship, a vehicle for waste prevention and management solutions

Study Funds



Mexico • Chiapas Trade Capacity Building Program

The program led by **SPP Global**, via the Symbole network of farmer producers, will strengthen and promote the collective and integrated work of smallholder coffee growers' organizations for the benefit of their families. The objective is to give them better access to preferential fair trade and organic markets. It will also train them in climate mitigation and adaptation measures to ensure the quality of coffee and the economic and social sustainability of operators.

Project and grant amount: €0.9 M

Several funds have supported CSOs:

- The Project Start-up, Preparation and Monitoring Facility (FAPS) for local CSOs (**€1.2 M**)
- The Trade Capacity Building Program (PRCC) with **€2.6 M**

Partnership and dialogue, an eventful and increasingly diverse outcome for the year



In conjunction with the French Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, AFD Group maintained a high level of dialogue and consultation with CSOs and foundations. Several events and forums for dialogue strengthened relations with partners.

February

Mediterranean Worlds Forum in Marseille

AFD formalized new financing for positive development in the region. It has stepped up its support for high-impact projects through the launch of the Mediterranean Talent Academy, new calls for projects for CSOs and the continuation of Emerging Mediterranean's activities.

September

FIDH turns 100 in Paris

Over the last 10 years, the partnership between AFD and FIDH has supported 250 local CSOs in 120 countries fighting to advance women's rights, protect defenders of rights and combat impunity for the benefit of the most vulnerable groups.

September

Renewal of the partnership with Fondation de France

October

3rd Finance in Common Summit (FiCS) in Abidjan

AFD Group has been supporting civil society participation at the summit since 2020. The objective is to promote alliances between CSOs and an enabling environment for dialogue with development banks.

October

Conference on ECIS in Paris

Organized by AFD and the ECIS consultation group, the first dedicated conference opened up common lines of thought and served to share practices and stories of educational and advocacy activities. The objective is to deliver a positive, open and hands-on vision of ECIS and encourage institutions to take action.

October

Capitalization workshop "Great crossing of Palestine" with CSOs AFRAT and Tetraktys at AFD

November

Climate COP in Egypt

December

Reporters Without Borders: 30th Annual Press Freedom Awards Ceremony in Paris

December

Biodiversity COP in Montreal

Towards a world in common

AFD Group contributes to the implementation of France's policies for sustainable development and international solidarity. The Group includes Agence Française de Développement (AFD), which finances the public sector, NGOs, research and training; its subsidiary Proparco, which is dedicated to the private sector; and Expertise France, a technical cooperation agency. The Group finances, supports and accelerates the transitions needed for a fairer, more resilient world.

With our partners, we are building shared solutions with and for the people in more than 150 countries, as well as in 11 French Overseas Departments and Territories. As part of the commitment of France and the French people to achieving the Sustainable Development Goals, our teams are at work on 4,200 projects in the field. Our objective is to reconcile economic development with the preservation of common goods, from peace, the climate and biodiversity to health, education and gender equality. Towards a world in common.



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