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BEING EVER MORE ALIGNED WITH CONTEMPORARY CHALLENGES

At the end of its fourth year, the French Red Cross Fund has demonstrated the relevance of its position in the world of international humanitarian action. Year after year, there has been growing interest in the debate it has launched about "humanitarian transition", the promotion of ethics as a point of reference to guide changes, and its choice to support primarily Francophone research from beneficiary countries.

In 2016, the Fund consolidated its scientific mission and significantly diversified its activities, namely in Africa and the Indian Ocean. The arrival of new private partners enabled resource development and the launching of research fellowships on more applied subjects. In this way, the Fund supported a total of fourteen research fellows, awarded three prizes and led a research programme entitled "Mission Against Ebola", entrusted by the French Red Cross.

Supporting research without working to diffuse ideas and knowledge would be a futile enterprise. 2016 was marked by a number of important events. In March, the Fund participated in the World Conference on Humanitarian Studies (WCHS) in Addis Ababa, and in May, the World Humanitarian Summit organised by the UN in Istanbul with several thousand participants, then, in September, in the organisation of a round-table discussion at the Convergences World Forum. In November, the annual conference took place in Madagascar, following the model of previous years' events in Dakar and Abidjan. Finally, our editorial policy expanded with the publication of the first volume of the *Devenir Humainaire* collection, and our participation in the launch of the bilingual review *Humanitarian Alternatives*, whose first three issues came out in 2016.

By choosing this year to also focus on the links between humanitarian and social action, between local and global, with the launch of funding for research on the subject of the management of migrants in France, the Fund has been preparing its future direction. Our ambition is to favour increasingly relevant research in light of contemporary challenges, be they operational, organisational or human.



Prof. Francis Akindes, *President of the International Scientific Council*



Prof. Jean-François Mattei, *President of the Board*

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THE FUND'S THREE COMMITMENTS

The French Red Cross Fund is an endowment fund dedicated to research in the humanitarian field. Created in 2013 on the initiative of the French Red Cross, its mission is to identify the fundamental questions which put into perspective the principles, practices and purposes of an evolving humanitarian action.

The distinguishing feature of the Fund is to structure its activities around three innovative commitments:

- **GIVING A VOICE TO DEVELOPING COUNTRIES,**

because too often, reflections on the future of humanitarian aid and international cooperation are headed by developed countries alone, and far removed from the aspirations and contributions of populations of countries affected by crises.

- **PROMOTING FRANCOPHONE RESEARCH,**

namely by publishing work by researchers from Francophone regions, in a world that is dominated by the English language, which is a barrier to the diversity of ideas and solutions.

- **CREATING A DIALOGUE BETWEEN ACADEMIC AND HUMANITARIAN ACTORS,**

encouraging exchanges between researchers and operational staff, in the field and in decision-making centres, where action is too often dictated by emergencies and fundamental research excluded.

FOUR LEVERS FOR ACTION

1—RESEARCH

Support for research through the funding of postdoctoral fellowships, the accompanying of social science researchers and the awarding of prizes to particularly deserving or innovative researchers

2—EVENTS

Participation in the global debate linked to local contexts, promotion of work carried out by our grant laureates, organisation of scientific events bringing together academics and field actors, particularly in developing countries

3—PUBLICATIONS

The widest possible diffusion of knowledge through an array of editorial projects to sustain research and debate

4—TRAINING

Development of training and seminars on the contributions of research and ethics in the humanitarian field, in partnership with universities working on capacity building in developing countries

TWO KEY WORDS

#HUMANITARIAN TRANSITION

encompasses all the issues weighing on the development of the relationships between humanitarian actors and beneficiaries.

Which role redistribution? What place for states, civil societies, international NGOs?

How to pass from a state of permanent emergency to sustainable humanitarian action and lasting solutions?

What future for humanitarian action, between co-operation, development and social policies?

In a world in turmoil which keeps generating unprecedented situations and problems, we need a tool to shed light on these issues.

Organised around the principles of autonomy, beneficence, non-maleficence and justice, the tool guiding our reflection is called

#ETHICS

2016: A TIME FOR CONSOLIDATION

CALL FOR FELLOWSHIPS LAUNCHED



JANUARY 20th

Third call for postdoctoral fellowships and projects on the theme 'Realities and prospects of a humanitarian transition in aid beneficiary countries'. Nearly 20% more applications than in 2015.

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PARTICIPATION IN THE WHS IN ISTANBUL



MAY 23rd-24th

The World Humanitarian Summit (WHS), in its first edition, brought together several thousand people in Turkey. The Fund was represented by its president, Jean-François Mattei.

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N° 2 OF HUMANITARIAN ALTERNATIVES



MAY 24th

In this issue, spotlight on the World Humanitarian Summit in Istanbul

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LAUREATES FROM THE 2016 CALL



MAY 30th

Seven projects were selected, each receiving a €20,000 research fellowship, of which two were thematic projects, on childhood and the environment on the one hand, and migrations on the other.

Read more on [P.12](#)

DEVENIR HUMANITAIRE COLLECTION: 1ST VOLUME



JULY 4th

Publication of *Humanitarian Transition in Senegal*, in partnership with Karthala Editions. The first in a long series, this bilingual book was based on the debates and exchanges which took place over the course of the seminar in Dakar.

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RISK MANAGEMENT AT THE CONVERGENCES WORLD FORUM



SEPTEMBER 6th

Organisation and hosting of the third round-table discussion on the theme of 'Insurance against the risk of crisis: a path towards humanitarian transition?'

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INAUGURAL ISSUE OF HUMANITARIAN ALTERNATIVES



FEBRUARY 12th

The bilingual review on humanitarian research, of which the Fund is a co-founder, partner and contributor. With an article by Jean-François Mattei, President of the Fund: "Haiti, or humanitarian ethics under question".

Read more on [P.19](#)

PARTICIPATION IN IHSA'S CONFERENCE IN ADDIS ABABA



MARCH 5th-8th

Held for the first time on African soil, the World Conference on Humanitarian Studies (WCHS) brought together 300 researchers from the human and social sciences to reflect on 'changing crises and the quest for adequate solutions'.

*International Humanitarian Studies Association

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MATINALES DU FONDS: THE FIGHT AGAINST CORRUPTION



JUNE 1st

Debate on preventing corruption in the not-for-profit sector, organised by the Fund and hosted by Malika Ait-Mohamed Parent, an independent and international anti-corruption expert.

Read more on [P.17](#)

ANNUAL SEMINAR IN MADAGASCAR



NOVEMBER 29th-30th

Major annual event for the Fund. Six round-table discussions in two days, to understand the specificities of humanitarian transition in Madagascar, particularly with regard to the ethical dimension.

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N° 3 OF HUMANITARIAN ALTERNATIVES

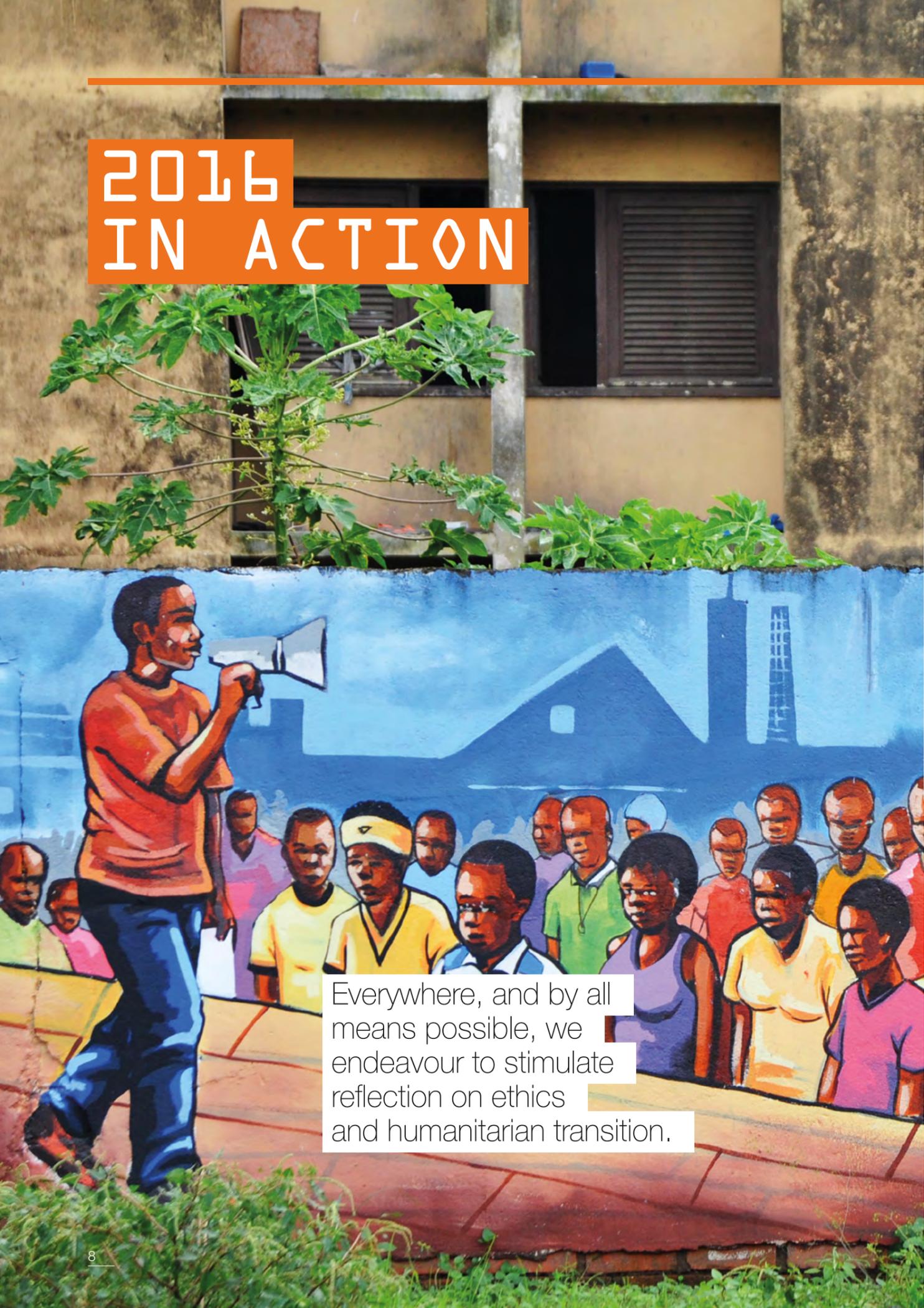


NOVEMBER 30th

A special focus on migrations and an article by Virginie Troit, General Delegate of the Fund: 'Humanitarian Ethics and International Relations: contradictions or (re) conciliations?'

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2016 IN ACTION



Everywhere, and by all means possible, we endeavour to stimulate reflection on ethics and humanitarian transition.

Supporting Research to Foster Sustainable Humanitarian Action

In 2016, the Fund financed, accompanied or rewarded 18 Francophone researchers and research teams, operating in 13 countries. In spite of varying sensibilities, approaches and fields of expertise, they share a common objective: better understanding the reality of humanitarian transition in the field and considering the future of humanitarian action.



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LA FRANCOPHONIE
COUNTRIES REPRESENTED
IN THE RESEARCH FIELDS



60%

APPLICANTS
FROM DEVELOPING COUNTRIES



18

RESEARCHERS AND RESEARCH
PROJECTS SUPPORTED



Since its beginnings, the Fund has granted several research fellowships every year to researchers and postdoctoral researchers on the theme of 'Realities and prospects of a humanitarian transition in aid beneficiary countries'.

The work of seven laureates from the 2015/2016 call, accompanied over the course of the last year, has already yielded fascinating results which will be highlighted during the Etats de la Recherche 2017 day, and in Fund publications.

In 2016, **seven new fellowships of €20,000** were awarded to research projects centred around three sub-themes.

- Knowledge of the local humanitarian landscape: configurations and dynamics
- Humanitarian action, social action, and human development: transition practices and ethical principles
- Globalisation and new geopolitics of international aid

In order to encourage research from Francophone countries, priority geographical research zones are identified and updated every year. In 2016, 13 countries make up this list: Myanmar, Burkina Faso, Burundi, Cambodia, Cameroon, Côte d'Ivoire, Djibouti, Ethiopia, Haiti, Madagascar, Niger, the Democratic Republic of Congo and Senegal.

FOCUS ON THE 7 PROJECTS OF THE 2015/2016 CLASS

ALIMA and the African Doctors: Autonomy and Accountability in the Platform of Medical NGO in the Sahel

► Country: Niger and other Sahel countries

► Project carrier: **Marion Péchayre** is an associate researcher at the School of Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) of the University of London. She teaches at Sciences Po in Paris and was a humanitarian practitioner for several years.

► In detail: The research addresses the relationships which are forged between an international NGO of French origin and a Sahelian NGO, in the context of a common project, a platform of medical NGOs which aims to fight child mortality in the Sahel and develop the response capacity of national NGOs. The ethnographic study, carried out within the two organisations, throws light on the practices and representations of those working to maintain the balance of the partnership relationship.

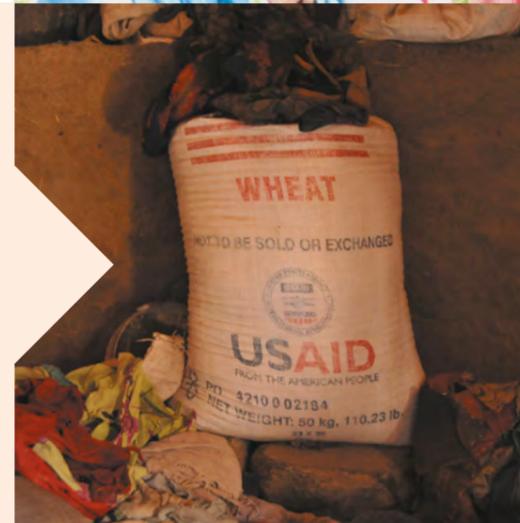


State Agents and Humanitarian Actors: The Stakes of a Negotiated Interdependence. Case Study in Gambella (Ethiopia)

► Country: Ethiopia

► Project carrier: **Alice Corbet**, PhD in anthropology, is a CNRS researcher, affiliated to the French Centre for Ethiopian Studies (CFEE). Her research team includes two doctoral students, **Mehdi Labzae** and **Gabrielle Bayle**.

► In detail: The Ethiopian State keeps a watchful eye on international NGOs, which are obliged to negotiate daily in order to carry out their operations. In this context, the study focuses on the transformation of the humanitarian landscape in Ethiopia, the development of international NGOs' practices, the negotiation strategies which are developed and the conditions in which humanitarian action can sustainably and efficiently fit in with public development policy.



Humanitarian Action in the Face of Rationalisation: The Impact of Security Risk Management on Social Relationships in the Metropolitan Area of Port-au-Prince (Haiti)

► Country: Haiti

► Project carrier: **Arnaud Dandoy** is a PhD in criminology. He is a lecturer at Haiti's State University and an affiliated researcher at CRID&P of the *Université catholique de Louvain*.

► In detail: Faced with the development of hostility towards humanitarian workers, the rational approach wins out. It is a question of minimising the threat without worrying about the causes. What happens when humanitarian action is conceived in a rational rather than a relational way? The gap widens. From this observation came this research on the relationship between humanitarian workers and local populations through an ethnographic analysis of the unequal and paradoxical relationships which exist between expatriates and their cleaning ladies.



Actors and Dynamics of the Humanitarian Landscape in Madagascar: The National Risk and Catastrophe Management Office and its Networks

► Country: Madagascar

► Project carrier: **Christiane Rafidinarivo**, PhD, is an accredited research director (HDR) in political science and president of the Scientific Council of IEP Madagascar. Her research team includes two PhD candidates, **Hantsa Ralamboson** and **Marie-Donna Ranaivoarivelo**.

► In detail: After five years of political crisis, the project aims to study the functioning of the National Bureau for Risk and Disaster Management (BNGRC), a public body for the coordination of humanitarian intervention action in the country, at the local, national and international levels in networks, in light of ethical and operational issues, but also of political power balances represented by the manna of international aid.



The Humanitarian Transition through the Perceptions of International and Local Aid by Burundi Refugees in the Mahama camp

► Country: Rwanda

► Project carrier: **Emeline Uwizeyimana** is a PhD in social science and an affiliated researcher at the Centre for International Co-operation and Development Research (*Centre d'Etudes de la Coopération Internationale et du Développement, CECID*), Université Libre de Bruxelles (ULB).

► In detail: For over a year, the Mahama camp has been hosting refugees fleeing the repression of the regime and generalised insecurity in Burundi. The study aims to give them a voice and analyse their perception of the aid which is provided them. This aid has provoked great dissatisfaction and frustration. By trying to understand this reaction, the study confirms the necessity of humanitarian transition and especially highlights the shortcomings of humanitarian action in terms of attentiveness to the beneficiaries.



Hurting or Helping: Ethics at the Heart of Non-Governmental Humanitarian Action in West Africa

► Country: Senegal, Mali, Burkina Faso, Côte d'Ivoire

► Project carrier: **Aimé Kouassi Malanhoua**, PhD in law and political science, is director of the 'Humanitarian Action and Sustainable Development' master's at the UNESCO Chair for a Culture of Peace. He has been a humanitarian practitioner for twenty years.

► In detail: This study aims to confront ethical reflection with the reality of the field, based on 200 concrete cases and witness accounts collected in four West African countries. The final result: a practical intervention guide intended for humanitarian actors, which analyses practices in the light of fundamental ethical principles, but also in light of the normative frameworks specific to the countries in which they take place.



NGOs as Spaces of Governance: an Ethnography of Practices in Senegal

► Country: Senegal

► Project carrier: **Sadio Ba Gning** is a PhD in sociology. A CREPOS (Centre for Research on Social Policies) member, she is a lecturer in Sociology at the Université Gaston-Berger of Saint-Louis in Senegal.

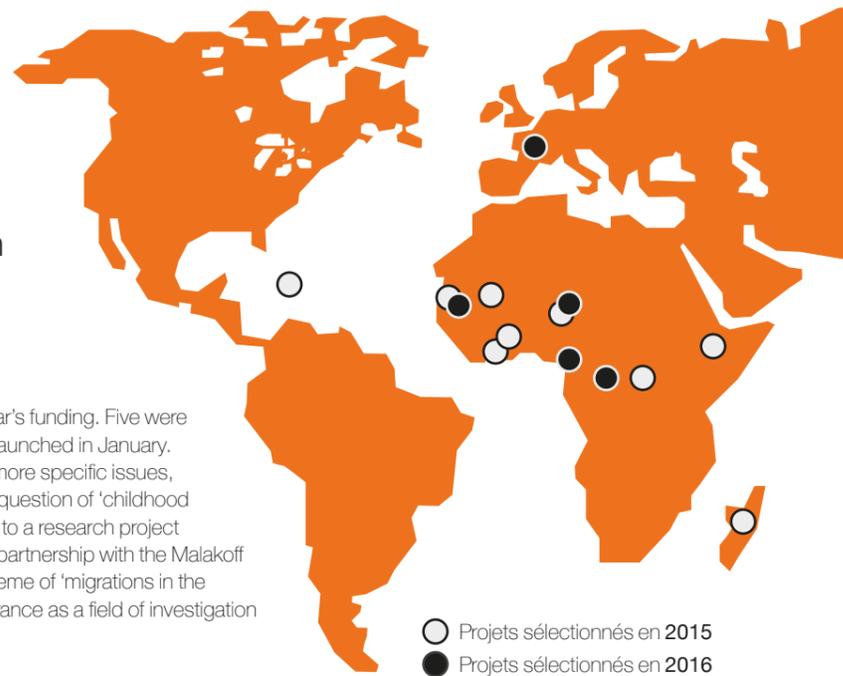
► In detail: Through a study of the history and mode of operation of CONGAD, an NGO council of 178 national, foreign and international organisations, this research addresses the practices and perceptions of governance within a Senegalese humanitarian landscape which is constantly evolving. How do national and local NGOs, integral elements of 'civil society', act to meet the growing aspirations of local people to take over the affairs of the country? What functioning is favoured, according to which norms and which principles and what means are used to carry out their missions?



THE PROJECTS SELECTED IN 2016

With the Theme of Migrations, France becomes a new Research Field for the Fund

In 2016, seven research projects were selected for a year's funding. Five were selected from the third call for projects and fellowships, launched in January. This year, for the first time, the Fund decided to explore more specific issues, launching two additional thematic calls for projects. The question of 'childhood and the environment in humanitarian transition' gave rise to a research project supported by the Claire & François endowment fund. In partnership with the Malakoff Mederic group, we launched a call for projects on the theme of 'migrations in the North of France'. An innovative approach, which takes France as a field of investigation for the first time.



- 1 ► **Humanitarian Transition in the light of Intimate Relationships. 'Conjugal Mixity' and Appropriation of the 'Development Rent' in Niger.** Postdoctoral research carried out by Amalia DRAGANI, affiliated to the Institut des Mondes Africains (IMAf).
- 2 ► **Humanitarian Communication and Journalism in the Eastern Democratic Republic of Congo. A Relationship enabling Transition?** Postdoctoral research carried out by Marie FIERENS, affiliated to the Université libre de Bruxelles (ULB).
- 3 ► **Stakes and Practices of Community Participation in Casamance.** Postdoctoral research carried out by Alvar JONES SANCHEZ, affiliated to the National University of Distance Education (UNED) in Spain.
- 4 ► **The Influences of the Security Environment on the Humanitarian Dynamic in Minawao, in the North of Cameroon.** Postdoctoral research carried out by Pierre Boris N'NDE, affiliated to Laval University in Quebec.
- 5 ► **The Configuration of 'Security Principles' in the Humanitarian Field in Niger (2012–2017).** Postdoctoral research carried out by Tatiana SMIRNOVA, associate researcher at the Centre d'études en sciences sociales sur les mondes africains, américains et asiatiques (CESSMA, UMR 245, Université Paris Diderot-Inalco-IRD).
- 6 ► **Children in street situations and the humanitarian transition: multiplicity of Senegalese and transnational actors in Saint-Louis.** Postdoctoral research carried out by Jeanne SEMIN, affiliated to the Institut des Mondes Africains (IMAf). A project financed by the Claire & François Endowment Fund as part of the fellowship 'Children and environment in the humanitarian transition'.
- 7 ► **Migrants' Health and Social Survival: Issues surrounding the Plurality of Humanitarian and Social Actors in the Calais and Grande-Synthe camps.** Postdoctoral research carried out by Marjorie GERBIER-AU-BLANC, affiliated to the Centre de recherche psychanalyse, médecine et société (CRPMS) of the Université Denis Diderot Paris 7. A project financed by the Malakoff Mederic Group as part of the fellowship 'Migrations in the North of France'.

THREE PRIZES AWARDED TO DESERVING RESEARCHERS

The Fund's research prizes, of €5,000 each, reward young post-doctoral researchers or more advanced researchers whose work or career history present audacious or original angles, on humanitarian action, development policy or international charitable aid. Alongside these two prizes is an honorary prize, awarded to a

researcher whose entire career has benefited scientific research in the humanitarian field. The 2016 prizes were awarded, and the ceremony during the annual seminar in Madagascar organised, with the particular support of the AXA Research Fund.



ELEANOR DAVEY
A Historian of Humanitarianism

► Eleanor Davey is a young historian specialised in the history of humanitarianism, and already recognised for the quality of her research, namely on the evolution of French humanitarianism. A prolific researcher with a number of articles to her name, she is also the author of 'Idealism beyond Borders: The French Revolutionary Left and the Rise of Humanitarianism, 1954–1988', which examines the specificities of French responses in the face of "Third World" issues. She currently teaches at the Humanitarian and Conflict Response Institute (HCRI) at the University of Manchester, and worked for three years for the Overseas Development Institute (ODI).

KANTO JUDE RAMANAMAHEFA
Major Issues in Public Health in Madagascar

► Kanto Ramanamahefa est une jeune chercheuse prometteuse, qui débute une thèse en anthropologie de la santé sur « La relation soignant-soigné en santé maternelle et infantile à Madagascar : un enjeu de santé publique au prisme des dynamiques socio-culturelles ». Elle a soutenu en 2014 son mémoire de master à l'Université catholique de Madagascar sur les facteurs déterminants des comportements de soins des femmes enceintes en milieu rural malgache, avant d'être engagée en tant qu'assistante de recherche à l'Institut Pasteur de Madagascar, dans le cadre d'un projet sur la malnutrition infantile.



ALULA PANKHURST
A Life dedicated to Research and the Struggle against Poverty and Injustice

► Alula Pankhurst has been working for years on Ethiopia and the themes of famine, camps for displaced persons, State pressure, conflict resolution, childhood and poverty. Following his studies at Oxford, he taught anthropology at the University of Addis Ababa and participated in research projects with a number of international institutions, such as the World Bank or the International Livestock Centre for Africa. Committed to research and to the struggle against poverty and injustice, he is currently the director of Young Lives and is carrying out research which aims to compare the life stories of young people from developing countries throughout the world.

Christian Thimann
Director of the AXA Research Fund

"We are proud to be associated with the French Red Cross Fund to reward these three laureates for their innovative work in a field of research which is at the crossroads between humanitarian engagement and risk management. These subjects, close to the AXA group's concerns, perfectly fit into our mission to protect vulnerable populations."



RESEARCH PUT TO THE TEST OF A PRACTICAL CASE: THE EBOLA EPIDEMIC

Research carried out by the French Red Cross regarding its intervention in Guinea has drawn to a close. The results: a whole list of recommendations based on the local populations' and Red Cross staff's perceptions, to better face future epidemic breakouts.

The Perception of the French Red Cross Action in Guinea

In the first part of the research, an anthropological study led by Anicet Toily Zran, a historian of health and diseases at the Alassane Ouattara University in Bouaké (Côte d'Ivoire), endeavoured to analyse the ways in which French Red Cross action was perceived by the patients, populations, and other concerned parties in the struggle against the Ebola virus in Guinea. The field study, carried out in collaboration with Jean-Pierre Dozon, an anthropologist and the Scientific Director of the Fondation Maison des sciences de l'homme in Paris, enabled the identification of obstacles encountered in the deployment of emergency action, and particularly the essential role of rumours surrounding the struggle against the epidemic.

Feedback from Red Cross Staff

On the recommendation of Alain Epelboin, doctor anthropologist at the CNRS, the second part of the research gave a voice to the expatriate personnel engaged during the crisis in Guinea. An online questionnaire firstly offered an opportunity for expression for all the employees concerned. A day of exchanges, which brought together 23 participants, was then organised. On the discussion agenda were themes that emerged from the study: the management of waiting time before departure, the quality of training and the state of knowledge of the context, the difficulties encountered in the field, the quality of relationships between expatriates and the local population, the quality of the debriefing and management of personnel after the mission, etc.

This work, spread over two years, which capitalised on experience, draws up an inventory of a whole series of recommendations intended to prepare future interventions in emergency epidemic contexts, and will give rise to a scientific article which is currently in preparation.

Christophe Moreau
Head of department, Delegates on international missions, French Red Cross

"The hysteria surrounding the Ebola virus and the fantasy of 0 risk led to behaviours which were completely out of sync with reality. An example: inhabitants saw people arriving in overalls and masks, who were spraying products on their houses. Without being chemists, they could imagine the danger. For them, it was poison. Hence certain reactions! Overwhelmed by the logic of emergency and security, supervisors did not take the time to forge links of trust with the village chiefs on subjects other than the disease.

The study enabled us to take distance from unprecedented situations, approached in an empirical way. For this reason, the benefits of an anthropological approach seem to me to be considerable. It allows for the analysis of representations which gave rise to incidents. It sheds rational light on an explosive collision of three worlds: care workers focused on the virus, humanitarians on management and security, and finally, the populations, who were badly affected by this crisis, ill-informed and clinging to their traditions and beliefs."



Promoting the Role of Research and Ethics to Address Humanitarian Transition

In order to share the reflections, knowledge and experience derived from its researchers' work, the Fund takes part in forums, debates and conferences, and organises events which bring together actors from the humanitarian and academic spheres.



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EVENTS IN WHICH THE FUND PARTICIPATED IN 2016



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COUNTRIES WHERE THE FUND TOOK PART IN OR ORGANISED EVENTS



70

PARTICIPANTS AT THE SEMINAR IN MADAGASCAR

In 2016, the Fund organised three events. After a new session of the *Matinales* dedicated to the fight against corruption in the humanitarian sector, the Fund prepared and hosted a round-table discussion at the Convergences World Forum on the theme of 'Insurance against the risk of crisis: a path towards humanitarian transition?' This was an opportunity to open up the debate on humanitarian action, by exploring innovations as yet little-known in Europe, and to give a voice to its researchers. The year drew to a close with the Francophonie Summit, followed by the Fund's scientific seminar, organised in Antananarivo, Madagascar.

The Fund also aims to take part in events where the future of humanitarian action is debated and built. In May 2016, Jean-François Mattei participated in the World Humanitarian Summit in Istanbul. Another highlight of the past year was the World Conference on Humanitarian Studies (WCHS) organised by the International Humanitarian Studies Association, which brought together 300 researchers in human and social sciences from throughout the world, for the first time on African soil, in Addis Ababa. Virginie Troit, General Delegate of the Fund, was able to see that the Fund's convictions were gaining ground. The role of ethics and research was highlighted, whilst the necessity for reinforced collaboration between aid practitioners and the academic world came across loud and clear.



HUMANITARIAN TRANSITION AND ETHICAL REFLECTIONS IN MADAGASCAR

The Fund's Annual Seminar: a Privileged Encounter between the Academic World and Action in the Field

Each year, the Fund organises a scientific seminar in one of its priority research countries. Following on from Dakar in 2014 and Abidjan in 2015, Antananarivo took up the initiative, by hosting the seminar in November 2016. The aims of the seminar are to encourage debate on the Fund's themes from different national angles and to bring together State officials, NGO representatives, donors and humanitarian researchers.

Madagascar, a Stimulating Study and Debate Topic

Madagascar is a laboratory of diverse solidarity initiatives which mobilise actors from every sector. The management of risks and disasters is a perennial challenge for the country, which is particularly vulnerable to climate hazards. Statistics show no improvement in terms of human development, whilst demographic pressure is increasing. Studying humanitarian transition and ethics in the Malagasy context seems as topical as it is essential to reconcile emergency response and long-term action.

Multiple Partnerships

Co-organised with the local representation of the Institut de recherche pour le développement (IRD), the seminar gathered together 70 people, at Madagascar's Institut d'études politiques (IEP), in partnership with the Malagasy Red Cross, the National Office for Disaster Risk and Disaster Management (BNGRC), the Malagasy Ministry of Further Education and Research (Mesupres), and the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC).

Two days to Further Sustainable Humanitarianism

Six round table discussions took place over two days. The discussions on the first day drew the outlines and specificities of humanitarianism in Madagascar and of the transition underway. The second day, which was more specifically dedicated to the ethical principles pertaining to humanitarian action, consisted of three round tables and debates concerning autonomy, beneficence, non-maleficence and justice.



Fanja Ratzimbazafy Secretary General of the Malagasy Red Cross

'This seminar is an occasion for field actors to exchange with those who carry out research on humanitarian action. These actors rarely have the opportunity to take a step back and reflect about what they do. For me, this kind of symposium should help us to improve our daily practices and, if I may say, to give more human objectives to our actions.'

WE WHERE THERE...

NATIONAL HUMANITARIAN CONFERENCE (CNH) PARIS / FEBRUARY 2016

The third edition of the CNH was organised on February 23rd in Paris by the Crisis and Support Centre of the Ministry of Foreign Affairs, in partnership with Groupe U.R.D. It brought together more than 400 participants on the subject of 'Which roles to come for international humanitarian actors in the architecture of aid?' The Fund team took part in the debates and exchanged with the many actors present.

THE WORLD CONFERENCE ON HUMANITARIAN STUDIES (WCHS) ADDIS-ABEBA / MARCH 2016

The Fund took part in the fourth World Conference on Humanitarian Studies (WCHS) in Addis Ababa from the 5th to the 8th of March 2016, organised by the International Humanitarian Studies Association (IHSA). This event brought together 300 researchers in human and social sciences from around the world to reflect upon 'changing crises and the quest for adequate solutions'.



THE WORLD HUMANITARIAN SUMMIT (WHS) ISTANBUL / MAY 2016

Bringing together leaders and humanitarians from around the world, the first edition of the WHS took place on May 23rd and 24th in Istanbul, Turkey, under the aegis of the United Nations. The Fund, whose mission is to forecast developments in humanitarian action, could not miss out on this unprecedented gathering of the humanitarian community, which aimed to improve the response to the crises which our planet is currently facing.

LES MATINALES DU FONDS PARIS / JUNE 2016

The Fund's Matinales gather together a small number of decision makers and researchers in the humanitarian field for an informal dialogue. On June 1st, Malika Ait-Mohamed Parent, Under Secretary General of the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC), on sabbatical for research at the International Anti-Corruption Academy, presented her research on the prevention of fraud and corruption in the not-for-profit sector.



CONVERGENCES WORLD FORUM PARIS / SEPTEMBER 2016

'Insurance against the risk of crisis: a path towards humanitarian transition?' Such was the theme of the third round-table discussion organised by the Fund in the context of the ninth edition of the Convergences World Forum. Alongside Virginie Troit, General Delegate of the Fund and chair of the round-table discussion, three experts took part in the debate: Assia Sidibe, who came to France from Johannesburg to present an innovative African initiative, African Risk Capacity; Tanguy Touffut, head of the Parametric Insurance department for the AXA group; and Christiane Rafidinarivo, PhD in Political Science from the St-Denis de la Réunion University and a laureate of the Fund's 2016 call.

FORUM ESPACE HUMANITAIRE (FEH) ANNECY / OCTOBER 2016

On the theme of 'Istanbul - and after?', the 2016 FEH took place at the beginning of October in Annecy. As co-founder and co-organiser of this international meeting of peers, the Fund was involved in the choice of themes and speakers for this 2016 edition, which brought together nearly 70 heads of humanitarian organisations from France, Europe, and the American, Asian and African continents.

FRANCOPHONIE SUMMIT ANTANANARIVO / NOVEMBER 2016

The week before its annual seminar in Madagascar, the Fund took part in a high-level research event organised, amongst others, by its partner, IRD, in the context of the 16th Francophonie Summit in Antananarivo and entitled 'Elites, democracy and growth: Elites in favour of balanced growth?'

Diffusing Ideas, Broadcasting the Voices of our Research Laureates

The Fund's editing activities are of essential importance: they enable the materialisation of debates initiated by our laureates, the lasting promotion of their innovative ideas, and the stabilisation and extension of our activities.



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PUBLICATION MATERIAL,
IN TWO LANGUAGES



200

AFRICAN BOOKSHOPS CARRYING THE
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NATIONALITIES REPRESENTED
BY THE CONTRIBUTORS TO
THE FUND'S PUBLICATIONS

The Fund has developed an editorial strategy which aims to make available the innovative research and reflections developed by the Fund and its researchers. The result is a range of bilingual publications which target different audiences - academics, humanitarians, institutions - without derogating from the Fund's principles: giving a voice to Francophone researchers from developed and developing countries, and diffusing this voice as widely as possible. It is with this perspective in mind that the Fund endeavours to translate nearly all of its publications into English.

Initiated in 2015 with the very first *Papiers du Fonds*, directly drawn from the work of our researchers, the Fund's editorial activity stepped up a gear in 2016 with the contribution to three issues of *Humanitarian Alternatives* and the publication of *Humanitarian Transition in Senegal*, the first book in the *Devenir Humainitaire* collection, launched in partnership with Karthala Editions.



HUMANITARIAN ALTERNATIVES

Humanitarian Alternatives is a bilingual review, with international scope, created in partnership with a number of foundations, and enriched by the participation of a vast network of universities and partner institutions. As co-founder, the Fund wishes through this project to take part in the global reflection on practices and development in the humanitarian sector, to create a dynamic of exchange between researchers and operational agents, and finally, to promote humanitarian approaches which take their roots in the "without borders" movement on the international stage, thanks to a pooling of means, thoughts and projects.

The first three issues of the review came out in 2016. The third, which came out in November, dedicated sixty pages to the global challenge of forced migrations.

LES PAPIERS DU FONDS

Les Papiers du Fonds are open-access publications which aim to diffuse the results and perspectives offered by the HSS research projects which the Fund supports. They are articles of 15 to 25 pages written by the laureates in the manner of working papers, at the end of the scientific fellowship allocated by the Fund. Six papers were published in 2016.



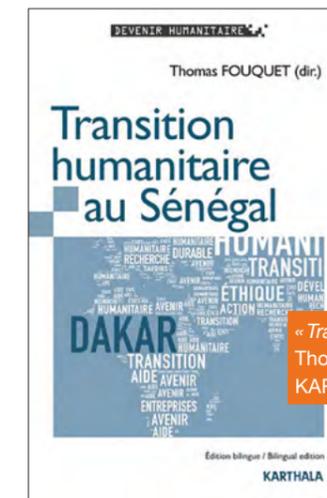
LA LETTRE DU FONDS

La Lettre du Fonds is a bilingual newsletter which comes out twice a year. It aims to highlight the research objects and researcher profiles which make up the life of the Fund. It presents three pillars of its activity: support for research, participation in debate and the diffusion of researchers' work. In this way, it offers a popularised and accessible presentation of the research supported by the Fund.

HUMANITARIAN TRANSITION IN SENEGAL

DEVENIR HUMANITAIRE COLLECTION

"*Humanitarian Transition in Senegal*" inaugurated a series of books based on the seminars organised by the Fund every year. This first bilingual volume brings together articles by researchers and operational agents, on two subjects: "Thinking about the Senegalese humanitarian landscape (and beyond): from research to action", and "Mobilising on values: the humanitarian lever". The second volume in the *Devenir Humainitaire* collection is being prepared, on the basis of the 2015 seminar in Abidjan. It will bring together articles analysing the humanitarian transition underway in Côte d'Ivoire, and will offer an in-depth study of the role played by social science researchers in the Ebola response. Publication is set for 2017. Thanks to the diffusion network of Karthala Editions, these books will be available in France, but also in a number of African bookshops.



« *Transition humanitaire au Sénégal* », Thomas FOUQUET (dir.), 240 pp., KARTHALA, 2016, €19 VAT incl.

Xavier Audrain Director General of Karthala Editions

The partnership between Karthala and the Fund is meaningful because of our common interests: human and social sciences, developing countries, particularly in Africa, as well as the anthropological approach, this willingness to assign their just value to field data in the production of ideas.

"Moreover, we ensure the circulation of our publications directly with 200 African bookshops. This is an opportunity for the Fund, which endeavours to lead reflection on humanitarian action directly in the countries where humanitarian actions are carried out. The proof was in the seminar in Dakar, whose workshops led to the first book in the *Devenir Humainitaire* collection. We were won over by this approach, and confident in the quality of the content given that some of the contributors to the debate are authors that we publish!"



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Loyal and Committed Partners

Each year, endowment funds, foundations, companies and research institutes partner with the Fund to encourage research in the humanitarian field. Their support is essential in order to develop our activities and create new ones.



ASSOCIATIVE AND INSTITUTIONAL PARTNERS

► The French Red Cross

Beyond the contribution to the initial endowment of the Fund, the French Red Cross remains the main financial partner of the Fund, having allocated an annual balancing subsidy during its first four years. It can also seek additional partners to support and finance research implemented by the Fund. Some French Red Cross partners have expressed a clear wish to support the Fund's initiatives.

► The Princely Government of Monaco

► The French Ministry of Foreign Affairs (Crisis Centre)

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► The School for Higher Education in Social Sciences (EHESS)

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► The French National Research Institute for Sustainable Development (IRD)

► Le Monde diplomatique

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“ Researchers and actors of solidarity have a lot to learn from each other... The Fund's objectives, especially through the support they give to young researchers, seem to me to be very appropriate in redrawing lines of thinking’

ELOI FICQUET,
Senior Lecturer at EHESS

“ Participating [in the Fund's seminar] and understanding what is happening [in the field] is essential in order to engage IRD forces in matters of research and to accompany this humanitarian transition for a sustainable humanitarian action’

CLAUDE-ANNE GAUTHIER,
Local Representative of the IRD in Madagascar

“ The Fund's proposal to support a simple intuition by a concerted scientific approach seemed capital to us, and we are proud to support it today’

HÉLÈNE DEMAEGDT,
President of the Claire & François Fund

“ The approach of the Red Cross Fund seems essential because it is a question of taking the time to reflect on something important: humanitarian action ... where only too often, time for reflection does not exist...’

ANNE-CÉCILE ROBERT,
Journalist and Director of International Relations and Editions,
Le Monde diplomatique

“ As regards humanitarian emergency, the CDCS is working on two fronts: the emergency response in the field in collaboration with humanitarian actors, on the one hand, research on our action modalities so as to make this response ever more efficient, on the other hand. In both areas, the French Red Cross and the French Red Cross Fund are key partners that we are proud to support’

PATRICE PAOLI,
Director of the Crisis and Support Centre (CDCS) of the MAEDI

“ We wish to base our actions, especially in the social domain, on the most solid knowledge available, and therefore on studies of quality’

HUGUES DU JEU,
Delegate Director General of the Malakoff Mederic group



M. Tidjani Alou, V. Troit, K. Barstad, J.F. Mattei, M. Traore, C. Vitaglione, at the 2015 Convergences World Forum.

THE OPERATIONAL TEAM

VIRGINIE TROIT GENERAL DELEGATE

is responsible for the strategy, development, and implementation of the Fund's activities, which she reports to the members of the Board of Directors. She holds a Master's degree in Management (ESC Toulouse), in Political Science (Panthéon-Sorbonne), and a DESIU (postgraduate inter-academics Diploma) in Ethics (Faculty of Medicine, Aix-Marseille).

CAROLINE VITAGLIONE COORDINATRICE ADMINISTRATION ET COMMUNICATION

ensures the good administrative working of the Fund and puts in place communication actions. Caroline has a Master's degree in English and German Languages and Civilisation (Université d'Aix-Marseille), and is an accredited ISIT translator (Paris).

VINCENT LÉGER SCIENTIFIC ADVISOR

accompanies research programmes and laureates throughout their projects. He participates in the formulation of the calls, in publications and in the planning of scientific events. Vincent is a doctor in Anthropology, an expert on social issues in West Africa.

The Fund's team regularly welcomes student interns in International Relations, Political Science or Humanitarian Action in positions as scientific project officers. In 2016, the team had the pleasure to work with:

- ▶ MARCO SACCHI (SCIENCES-PO LYON),
- ▶ RÉMI REBOUX (SCIENCES-PO PARIS),
- ▶ SHIANA CROSBY (INSTITUT CATHOLIQUE DE PARIS),
- ▶ AMÉLIA VIGUIER (UNIVERSITÉ JEAN MOULIN LYON 3).



ASSOCIATE EXPERTS

RICHARD BANÉGAS

Professor of Political Science at Sciences Po. A specialist of West Africa and the Great Lakes, he is the Co-Chair of the Joint African Studies with Columbia University.

THOMAS FOUQUET

PhD in Anthropology and top-ranked Researcher at the CNRS. Serving as a Scientific Advisor for the Fund in 2014, he led the scientific programme for the Dakar seminar and directed the conception of the first volume of the *Devenir humaine* collection.

JEAN-PIERRE DOZON

Anthropologist and Scientific Director of the Fondation Maison des sciences de l'homme (FMSH) in Paris, Research Director emeritus at the Institut de recherche pour le développement (IRD), and member of the Institut des mondes africains (IMAF).

ALAIN EPELBOIN

MD and Anthropologist, videographer, research fellow at the National Museum of Natural History, editor-in-chief of the Bulletin de la société de pathologie exotique, WHO-GOARN consultant in the context of responses to viral haemorrhagic fever epidemics such as Ebola and Marburg.

A Financial Year which Delivered on its Promises

In 2016, fundraising amounted to €207,000, an increase of 5.1%, which can be explained by new private partnerships. Expenses have remained stable, whilst the social mission has expanded to include new projects.

“
Our
partners' trust
commits us”

The Fund's accounts on 31/12/2016 include a balance sheet, income statement, and an annex. The following presentation is a summary. Detail financial accounts are recorded in the 'Journal Officiel'. The financial accounts are checked and certified by the appointed auditor, Deloitte.

BALANCE SHEET

Assets

Current assets amount to €643,732. They are essentially made up of cash, 66% of which is held in a reserve account. No significant investment was made in 2016.

Liabilities

Associative funds amount to €569,647. The majority of the debt consists of 2016 grant instalments, which will be paid in 2017. Since the result of the financial period is nil, the general debt is of €703,916.

A Word from the Treasurer : a Balanced Financial Situation

'The French Red Cross Fund is an endowment fund created by the French Red Cross (FRC) in May 2013. It has a net expendable endowment of €500,000. Its accounts are consolidated with those of the French Red Cross. In line with its bylaws, the Fund may receive investment income, and financial and material support from private persons wishing to support its activities, and revenues from its activities.

At the end of the Fund's third complete financial year, the emphasis was put on three objectives: **professionalising the scientific mission**, reinforcing **its legitimacy** amongst research communities, and guaranteeing a **promotion and diffusion** of research throughout international networks. In addition to organising seminars and embarking on new editorial projects, the Fund launched partner fellowships in 2016, opening up new opportunities for collaboration.

This third year of activity has delivered on its promises, with the renewal of partnerships dating back to the beginning of the Fund and the arrival of new collaborations with the private sector. Its actual income is in line with the initial budget and the net result is at break even, due to a statutory subsidy granted by the French Red Cross.'

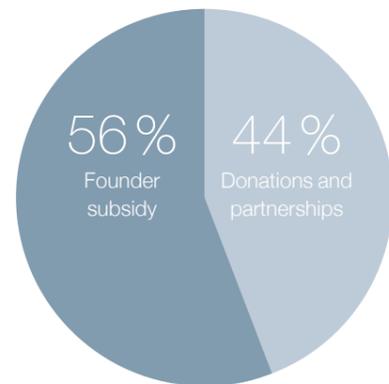
Caroline Cussac

INCOME STATEMENT

In 2016, income was made up of private fundraising, international partnerships and the contributions of the Fund and its partners. Partner engagement is encouraging, though it is essential to continue raising awareness about the necessity of investing in research in the humanitarian field. We note that revenue is recorded on the balance sheet as an accretion to the endowment before appearing on the income statement for the use of the expendable endowment. Exceptional income includes the balancing subsidy granted by the French Red Cross.

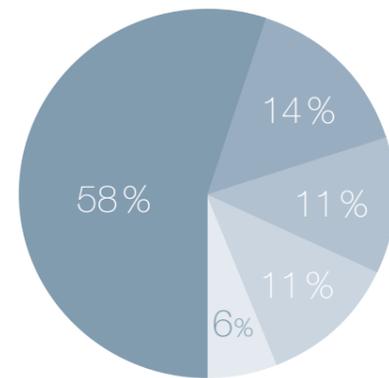
Income (Funds)

TYPE OF INCOME	AMOUNT IN €	%
External partnerships and donations	207,118	44
FRC balancing subsidy	268,819	56
Financial interest	793	-



Expenses (Uses)

In 2016, operating expenses amounted to €475,937. The Fund has neither financial interest nor commitments. Expenses were stabilised and slightly below budget. The direct expenses¹ of the scientific mission were spread between the following activities:



- Fellowships and research projects
- Publications and research valorisation
- 'Matinales' and conferences in France
- International annual seminar
- Research awards

¹ Calculated as an indication on an internal basis, not counting personnel costs

Jean-Pierre Vercamer
Auditor General for the French Red Cross Fund, Deloitte firm

"We certify that the financial statements are in accordance with French accounting rules and principles, regular and sincere, and give an accurate picture of the operations of the previous year, as well as the financial position and assets of the endowment fund at the end of this year".



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