

Activity **report 2018**

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| Pour la recherche humanitaire et sociale



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foreword

This foreword presents the first activity report of the French Red Cross Foundation for Humanitarian and Social Research. It aims to share the momentum with which the French Red Cross has launched itself into the scientific venture.

With this new recognised Foundation of public utility, we have given our association, and, we hope, the entire humanitarian sector, a platform for open and independent reflection, enabling us to take distance from operational activities and thereby better anticipate the challenges we are facing and prepare for the future. Through the Foundation, we wanted to give priority to research and ethics in the humanitarian and social fields, so that action in the service of the most vulnerable, the excluded, and the victims, may continue and further improve.

Health and social ties, migrations, disaster preparation and management: such are the priority topics chosen by the Foundation. Beyond a more inclusive analysis of humanitarian transition in the Global South, it is a question of examining the relevance of our actions to improve their impact, to share the lessons learned and to learn from others. From the most local actions to the most international programmes, the meaning of the Foundation is rooted both in the proximity of our volunteer networks and in the great principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement.



**Professor Jean-Jacques
ELEDJAM**
President

This first year of activity has already been very fruitful, with the accompanying of dozens of Francophone researchers, the awarding of research prizes, the setting up of university partnerships, publications and debates. I want to thank Professor Jean-François Mattei for the impetus that he brought to the project, alongside the Board members, and as President of the Scientific Council. He will be succeeded by Professor Jacques Bringer in 2019, who will bring the same energy and the same high standards.

From now on, we intend to develop the Foundation's activities by reinforcing the collaborations between academia, civil society and private and public sponsors, and by mobilising the scientific community as closely as possible to suffering populations.

This first report is a promise for the future, because now more than ever, we need to rethink the future together.



01 the Foundation at a glance

The essentials

The French Red Cross Foundation is **a humanities research foundation dedicated to humanitarian and social action**. As a recognised public utility organisation, it carries the will of the French Red Cross to promote scientific knowledge, ethical reflection and social innovation in order to advance action in the service of the most vulnerable.

3 tools for action



research

The Foundation supports research by allocating postdoctoral fellowships, by accompanying researchers in the social sciences, and by awarding research prizes to innovative or deserving researchers.



events

The Foundation participates in the global debate by organising events which bring researchers and NGOs together, and by taking part in events to circulate and promote research in the humanitarian and social sector.



publications

The Foundation disseminates knowledge through a range of editorial projects in order to improve the impact of the research results.

3 commitments

reinforcing the link between science and humanitarian and social practices

In response to actions which are often subjected to the constraints of emergencies, the Foundation encourages exchanges between researchers and operational actors, in order to improve the efficiency of aid.

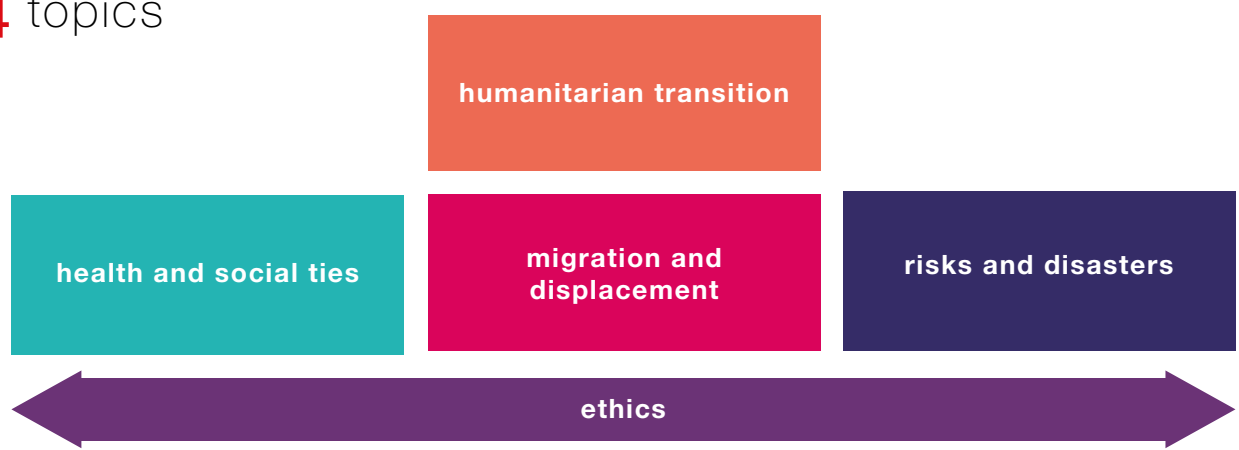
accompanying transformations in the humanitarian sector and in civil society

The Foundation initiates innovative projects and encourages high quality, accessible and grounded research, particularly in aid-recipient countries.

promoting Francophone research

In an overwhelmingly Anglophone international sector, the Foundation calls for the respect and integration of a plurality of ideas.

4 topics



Highlights of 2018

january



Start of the Foundation's activities

may



Official launch of the Foundation with the first edition of its *Rencontres* at UNESCO Headquarters

march

Launch of the Internet website www.fondation-croix-rouge.fr



october

Participation in the *France Culture* programme - Humanitarian Aid and Natural Disasters



june



Awarding of the 2018 research prizes at the *Tous Engagés Festival*

september



Selection of the Foundation's first batch of research

december



Participation in the France-Japan EHESS/ Kyoto University workshop, 'Current trends and debate in Humanitarian Studies in Africa'

august

Presentation of the French-language version of the Fieldwork Research, Complex, Remote and Hazardous Places guide at the 5th conference of the IHSA



november



Foundation's 5th International Seminar in Yaoundé

december

The Foundation moves to the French Red Cross Campus in Montrouge (near suburbs of Paris)



Contribution throughout the year to the dialogue between research and civil society in a sector in transition



02 achievements in 2018

Research

In 2018, the Foundation evaluated, selected and accompanied **24 Francophone researchers, operating in 10 countries**: 19 postdoctoral fellowships were allocated (8 in the research year 2017-2018 and 11 in 2018/2019), 5 research prizes were awarded. In spite of differing sensibilities, approaches and areas of expertise, these researchers share a common goal: to bring to light the realities in the field as well as the needs of aid-recipient populations, using the tools of the humanities and social sciences, in order to enable the emergence of innovative and sustainable solutions for humanitarian and social action.



19

postdoctoral
researchers
supported



5

research prizes
awarded



10

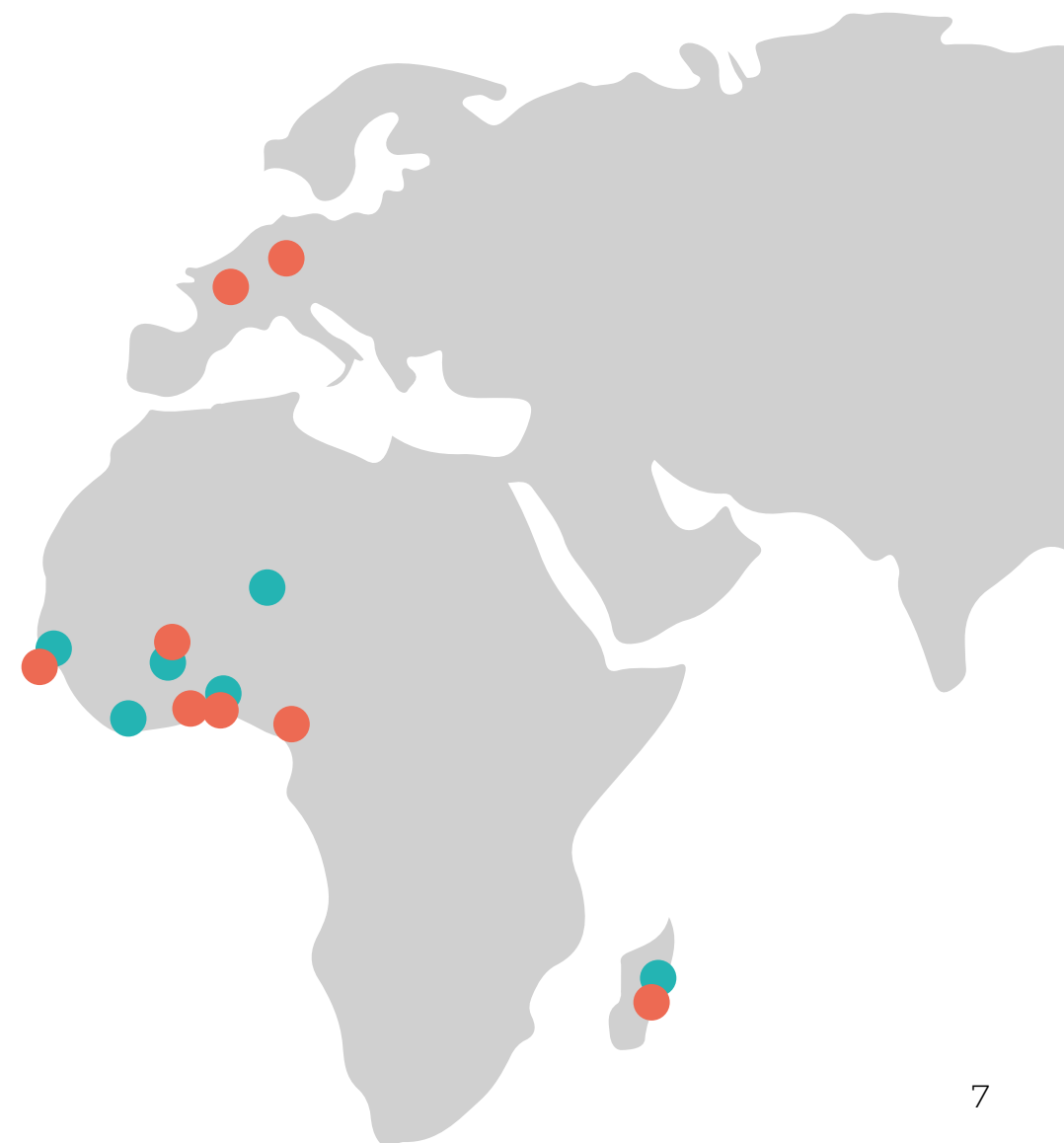
research countries, of
which 8 Francophone
countries

Research carried out in 2018:

Benin
Burkina Faso
Côte d'Ivoire
Madagascar
Niger
Senegal

Research selected in 2018:

Germany
Benin
Burkina Faso
Cameroon
France
Ghana
Madagascar
Senegal



8 research projects carried out in 2018



Configurations and Dynamics of Humanitarian Aid in Flooding Areas of the Niger River Valley in Northern Benin

Georges DJOHY

University of Parakou, Benin.

Partner: **IRD** (French public research institution)

The research examines the limits of the actions carried out by the Beninese government and its partners (development agencies, NGOs) to help populations confronted with flooding in the agro-ecological area in the extreme north of Benin.

Economic Evaluation of the Climate-Risk Management Framework: the Case of the Risk of Drought in Niger

Mariama Nouhou KOUTCHA

Islamic University of Say (Niger)

Partner: **AXA Research Fund**

The research proposes an economic evaluation and comparison, from the point of view of the population, of the different existing frameworks and other potential frameworks for the coverage of climatic risks in Niger, with a view to finding the optimal combination.



Autonomy: From Ethics to Practise. The case of rural FONGS-Action in Senegal

Kelly POULET

Picardie Jules Verne University in Amiens (France)

Partner: **Princely Government of Monaco**

The project proposes to study and understand the local Senegalese humanitarian landscape in transition, based on the case of the Federation of Non-Governmental Organisations (rural FONGS-action).



Palliative Care for Children in Côte d'Ivoire: Care Seen from the Angle of a Gift

Roseline N'DA GBOCHO

Alassane Ouattara University in Bouaké (Côte d'Ivoire)

Partner: **IRD**

The research examines the place and role of volunteers as carers in infant palliative care in Côte d'Ivoire. It aims to demonstrate that, in parallel to the practices of health professionals, there is a social market for care which remains largely unknown.

The Fight against Malnutrition in Côte d'Ivoire: Reports and Perspectives on the Appropriation of WASH and CLTS by Local Bounkani Actors

Edouard Kouadio KOUASSI

Alassane Ouattara University in Bouaké (Côte d'Ivoire)

Partner: **AXA Research Fund**

The research aims to evaluate the impact of the 'Support Programme for Accelerated and Sustainable Access to Water, Hygiene and Sanitation' (PADEHA) on malnutrition, detect local perceptions of the relationship between animal excrement and malnutrition, and suggest strategies for the total appropriation of the projects with a view to lasting change in population behaviour.



NGOs in the Face of the Failure of the Sanitary System in Northern Côte d'Ivoire: Palliative or Substitute?

Toily Anicet ZRAN

Alassane Ouattara University in Bouaké (Côte d'Ivoire)

Partner: **AXA Research Fund**

The research aims to question the impact and issues of NGOs' action in the health sector in northern Côte d'Ivoire in the face of the failure of State sanitation structures.



Healthcare for Pregnant Women and Children under Five in Areas Severely Affected by Climatic Hazards

Voahirana Tantely ANDRIANANTOANDRO

Catholic University of Madagascar in Antananarivo

Partner: **Claire & François Fund**

The research aims to study the therapeutic pathways of pregnant women and children under five, and the interactions between the population and healthcare providers, so as to determine whether access to maternal and infantile healthcare in areas where humanitarian aid is significant and recurrent is really better than in areas which do not benefit from aid.



For Sustainable Food Security. The Role and Potentialities of Micro-Businesses in Agro-Food Provision and Transformation in Urban Burkinabe Environments

Roberta RUBINO

Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne University (France)

Partner: **Compagnie Fruitière Fund**

The research aims to study local initiatives in the field of agro-food supply and transformation in urban Burkinabe environments, so as to understand the roles, capacities and interests of these social actors in transition towards autonomous development and sustainable food security.



11 research projects
selected in 2018

- 01 Communication, Education and Behaviours in the Struggle against the Plague in Madagascar
Alexandra RAZAFINDRABE, La Réunion University (France)
- 02 Socio-ecological Resilience amongst Vulnerable Communities in the Delta of the Senegal River in the Face of Climate Change
Djiby SAMBOU, Abomey Calavi University (Benin)
- 03 First Aid Training: How to Better Connect Learning and Interventions
Céleste FOURNIER, HEC Montreal (Canada)
- 04 Reinforcement of the Healthcare Socio-Economic Sub-System at the Local Level and the Management of Sanitary Vulnerability and Difficulties in Access to Infant Healthcare and Services in Host Regions for Central African Refugees in Cameroon
Joséphine LEMOUOGUE, Dschang University (Cameroon)
- 05 The Evaluation of Social and Solidarity Economy (SSE) Actors in France in Supporting Migrant Populations: Which Indicators? Which Tools? Perspectives for Taking their Own Indicators into Account
Christelle BERNARD, Jean Moulin University – Lyon 3 (France)
- 06 The Socio-Cultural Practices of Syrian Refugees in Germany in the Field of the Social and Solidarity Economy: Towards a New Model of Integration?
Fanny CHRISTOU, Poitiers Universit (France)
- 07 Women and Social Entrepreneurship in Ghana: New Forms of Economic Action at the Micro Level
Anastasia-Alithia SEFERIADIS, Vrije Universiteit – Amsterdam (The Netherlands)
- 08 Practices and Lived Experiences of Migrants in France: Better Understanding Representations and the Role of Food Aid
Estelle FOURAT, Toulouse Jean Jaurès University (France)
- 09 Expectations of Unaccompanied Foreign Minors in Host Countries. The Situation in France; and Especially in Ile-de-France
Laura RONDEAU-PACINDOVA, Pierre-Mendès-France University – Grenoble (France)
- 10 Socio-Economic Analysis of Recourse to Community Care in Madagascar
Marilys Victoire RAZAKAMANANA, Clermont Auvergne University (France)
- 11 From Assistance to Autonomisation: the Survival Pathways of Malian Refugees in Burkina Faso
Sadio SOUKOUNA, Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne University (France)



Focus Project

Food aid and migration: better
responding to future needs

Estelle FOURAT
Doctor in Sociology
EHESS (School for Higher Education in Social Sciences - Paris)

The French Red Cross manages a network of 60,000 volunteers working on the national territory in the fields of social action, emergency aid and first aid. Its Department of Volunteer Activities and Engagement (Direction des Activités Bénévoles et de l'Engagement - DABE) accompanies the work of volunteers, identifies good practices and highlights the new needs that are emerging in France.

Amongst the studies carried out with migrant populations in precarious situations, certain epidemiological studies show that migrant populations generally present a different state of health and different recourse to care than indigenous populations, as a result of several factors (language barriers, cultural differences, living conditions in the host country...). Due to a combination of social precarity and economic vulnerability linked to migration or exile, new arrivals are particularly fragile. Their living conditions, and especially their material conditions, are also real obstacles to the adoption of sufficient, healthy and balanced diets, and have potential repercussions on their state of health.

With the will to engage in a permanent effort to analyse suffering, anticipate needs and accompany new aid models, the DABE joined forces with the French Red Cross Foundation in order to launch this research project on the place of food aid in the migratory pathways of new arrivals in France, and to accompany Estelle Fourat in her fieldwork. This research aims to better understand the cultural habits of migrant populations and to better understand their needs. Should we, for example, be distributing hot meals or food packages? Where and when should we be distributing aid?

By better understanding the needs and life pathways of these migrants, the French Red Cross will be able to lead missions that are more efficient and better adapted.




“By the very nature of our work, we are operating in a constant context of emergency and offering responses to daily demands from our networks. By entering into this partnership with the Foundation, we hope, on the contrary, to take the time to reflect on the bigger subjects at the heart of our action and to make an in-depth analysis of them. Our goal is simple: to better understand these populations, their needs and their current uses of food aid in order to better respond to their future needs.


Simon CAHEN
Deputy Director
Volunteering Department (DABE)
French Red Cross

5 research prizes awarded in 2018


The French Red Cross Foundation's Research Prizes promote **scientific work that is already completed or innovative areas of reflection dedicated to humanitarian and social issues, in developed and developing countries**. Open to all humanitarian and social science subjects and to all nationalities, they reward scientific excellence and human engagement. They can honour an exemplary career path or encourage research that is underway. The Foundation awards these prizes with the support of its partner, AXA Research Fund.




Tegwen GADAIS
Doctor in Psychopedagogy
Quebec University in
Montreal-UQAM (Canada)
**Young Researcher Award
on Social Ties**
for his research on sport as
a lever for social integration
in developing countries and
areas of conflict




Jocelyn RAUDE
Doctor in Sociology
School for Advanced Studies in
Public Health (EHESP – France)
Special Jury Award
for his research on health risks
related to emerging or re-emerging
infectious diseases, and how they
are comprehended



**Marie-Luce
DESGRANDSCHAMP**
Doctor in History
Geneva University (Suisse)
**Young Researcher Award on
Humanitarian Aid**
for her research on the history
of humanitarianism, its founding
episodes and its evolution since the
post-colonial turn



Oumarou HAMANI
Doctor in Sociology
Niamey University (Niger)
Special Jury Award
for his research between States
and local and international non-
governmental actors in Africa



Maryse MARPSAT
Associate Professor in Mathematics
Statistician, Board Member of
INSEE (French National Institute for
Statistics and Economic Research)
Honorary Award
for her research on the different
dimensions of poverty, and the living
conditions of homeless people

Marie BOGATAJ
Head of AXA Research Fund

“ We are proud to be associated with the French Red Cross Foundation in rewarding these 5 laureates for their innovative work in a research field that is at the crossroads between humanitarian engagement and risk management. These subjects, which are of particular concern to the AXA Group, fit perfectly into our mission to protect vulnerable populations. ”

Events

In order to share the work of the researchers it supports, and to bring together academics and actors of aid, **the French Red Cross Foundation organises scientific events throughout the year**. It also contributes to the organisation of events with the Red Cross Movement and takes part in humanitarian and social networks in France and internationally.



3
international events
organised by the
Foundation



5
countries where
the Foundation
intervened



1
day launch at
the UNESCO
Headquarters in
Paris

Two major events for the Foundation take place each year. Firstly, the **Rencontres de la Fondation**, where researchers from the current year present the results of their work in Paris. This is followed by the **International Seminar**, organised each year in a priority research country, where the Foundation inscribes reflections on humanitarian transition in the framework of a country. This allows for new perspectives on humanitarian action in light of public policy and mobilisations in civil society.



Focus: 1st Rencontres de la Fondation

Launch of the Foundation at UNESCO

On Wednesday 30 May 2018, at UNESCO Headquarters in Paris, the French Red Cross Foundation organised the first edition of its *Rencontres* for research on humanitarian and social action, in partnership with the Permanent Delegation of the French Republic to UNESCO.

Nearly 180 researchers, political decision makers, and representatives of NGOs were in attendance, under the patronage of Professor Jean-Jacques Eledjam, President of the French Red Cross, Mr Elhadj As Sy, Secretary General of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies, Mr Laurent Stéfani, Permanent Delegate of France to UNESCO, and Mr Eric Lavertu, Director of the Crisis and Support Centre of the French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs, to officially launch the Foundation and then to listen to the conclusions of the seven researchers supported by the Foundation in 2017.

In the afternoon, a round-table discussion on the topic of 'Ties of solidarity and the challenge of migration' brought together a number of prestigious and engaged speakers: **Damianos Kattar**, former Minister of Finance and Economy in Lebanon, **Pierre Micheletti**, vice-president of Action contre la Faim (ACF), **Marguerite Barankitse**, founder and president of Maison Shalom in Burundi and Rwanda, **Mahaman Tidjani Alou** from the LASDEL laboratory in Niger, and **Serge Paugam**, director of research at the CNRS.

By means of these annual meetings, which are open to all, the Foundation hopes to make research in social sciences and humanities more visible. This research must, in turn, help to understand human fragilities in different ways and lead to decisions which will bring change.

The speeches and round-table discussions are available to watch on the Foundation's YouTube channel.



“ We were lacking a platform for reflection where we could ask difficult questions, where we could engage in a battle of ideas, by taking a lot of distance from the daily actions that we lead. This is why we commend the creation of this Foundation.

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Elhadj AS SY

Secretary General
International Federation of the Red Cross
and Red Crescent Societies

International seminar 2018

Humanitarian transition and ethical reflections in Cameroon

After Beirut in 2017, it was Yaoundé's turn to host the International Seminar 2018, organised in partnership with the Cameroonian Red Cross, the Catholic University of Central Africa (UCAC) and the IRD. **Bringing together more than 80 participants in humanitarian aid in Yaoundé in Cameroon over the course of two days**, the event aimed to create a space for reflection dedicated to the transformations at work in this country marked by multiple and protean humanitarian crises, and significant migration flows linked to regional crises.



The first round-table discussions provided an overview of humanitarian action in the country. Then, researchers and specialists discussed the impacts and consequences of new practices, such as cash transfers, which are growing rapidly in Cameroon. Finally, a last round-table discussion brought together researchers, humanitarian workers and public actors from the Ministry of Health to analyse topics linked to health and access to care in greater depth.

Three young doctoral students from UCAC brought the seminar to a close by presenting their vision of humanitarian transition in Cameroon, as well as the demands and recommendations of the new generation.

The speeches and round-table discussions are available to watch on the Foundation's YouTube channel.

Tous Engagés festival



At the end of June 2018, the Foundation took part in the *Tous Engagés* Festival, the first major national event on social innovation, organised by the French Red Cross in Paris. Over the course of two days, this festival brought together nearly 5000 elected officials, volunteers, employees, students, and people accompanied by the French Red Cross, but also partners, national and international delegations. It was an opportunity for the Foundation to widely circulate its missions, publications and engagements.

The Foundation organised two highlights:

- The awarding of its 2018 Research Prizes, with the support of its partner, AXA Research Fund.
- A round-table discussion, 'Biafra, Syria, and tomorrow? The adaptation of the humanitarian response in the face of the evolution of civil wars', chaired by **Boris Martin**, Editor-in-Chief of the *Humanitarian Alternatives* review, and with contributions from: **Yves Daccord**, Director-General of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), **Antoine Mbao Bogo**, President of the Central African Red Cross, **Rodrigo Mena**, Researcher at the International Institute of Social Studies (ISSS) in Rotterdam.

Defending the place of the social sciences in the humanitarian landscape

5th conference of the International Humanitarian Studies Association (IHSA)

27/29 August - The Hague (Netherlands)

Presentation of the French-language version of the guide 'Fieldwork Research in Complex, Remote and Hazardous Places', translated and enriched by the Foundation.

Programme by France Culture, 'Humanitarian Aid in the Face of Disasters'

15 October-Paris

Debate on the *Cultures Monde* programme by France Culture on the topic of 'In the face of disasters: international aid between humanism and games of influence', with contributions by Philippe Ryfman, Jean-François Pérouse and Virginie Troit.



Seminar, 'Humanitarian Photojournalism: A History of the Present'

18 October - Princeton (USA)

Participation of Virginie Troit in the debate organised by the Humanities Faculty at Princeton University on the links between the increasing importance of photojournalism and the emergence of globalised humanitarian aid.

Round-table discussion, '1968-2018, Humanitarian Aid: Rupture or Continuity'

7 November - Paris

Debate organised by the *Humanitarian Alternatives* review and chaired by Virginie Troit, on the topic: 'Humanitarian Aid from 1968 to 2018, Rupture or Continuity', with contributions by Alain Boinet, Founder of *Solidarités Internationales*, Dr Jean-Hervé Bradol, Doctor and Director of Studies at MSF CRASH, Dr Anne Le Naélou, Sociologist and Senior Lecturer at Paris 1 University, and Dr Nathalie Herlemont, Director of the Institut *Handicap International* pour l'Action Humanitaire.



France-Japan EHESS/Kyoto University workshop 'Current Trends and Debate in Humanitarian Studies'

3 December - Paris

Symposium organised by Kyoto University and EHESS on the topic 'Contribution of Area Studies to Global Challenges in Africa'. Presentation of the Foundation's activities, of the research supported and of the bilingual review *Humanitarian Alternatives*, alongside Boris Martin, Editor-in-Chief.

Publications

In order to disseminate the knowledge created by its research activities to the widest audience, the French Red Cross Foundation is involved in the **production of quality, open-access publications**. Mindful of integrating Francophone researchers into the international debate, the Foundation advocates a scientific approach that is more inclusive of linguistic diversity, whilst ensuring the international circulation of knowledge by means of English translations of all of its productions.



7

issues of the *Papiers de la Fondation* in two languages



5

contributions to the *Humanitarian Alternatives* review



200

bookstores in Africa carrying the *Devenir Humanitaire* collection

In 2018, in order to promote its activities, and in accordance with its aim to move away from sectoral and research compartmentalisation in the humanities and social science fields, the Foundation developed an original editorial strategy. This includes the publication of scientific articles by the researchers it supports, a collection of books dedicated to humanitarian aid in the making, a bilingual review on humanitarian aid, and a guide for security recommendations for researchers working in difficult contexts.



The *Papiers de la Fondation*

The *Papiers de la Fondation* are scientific articles written each year by the researchers supported by the Foundation. They present the results of their research. Taking the form of working papers, between 15 and 25 pages long, they are written in accordance with academic criteria for both specialised and lay audiences, in order to enable a wider debate. Seven papers were published in 2018, some of which were translated into English.

The *Papiers de la Fondation* are freely available for download from the Foundation’s website.

N°13 - Peace Committees for Conflict Resolution in Casamance: from popular illusion to political denial

Alvar JONES SÁNCHEZ

Doctor in Social Anthropology and Associate Member of the Centre for Afro-Hispanic Studies at UNED

N°14 - Towards a concerted plan to remove children from the streets of Saint-Louis, Senegal: humanitarian transition and the ethical principle of autonomy

Jeanne SEMIN

Doctor in Anthropology and Researcher at the Institut des Mondes Africains (IAMf)

N°15 - Humanitarian improvisation: potential and limitations of citizen solidarity in the migrant camps in Calais and Paris

Marjorie GERBIER-AUBLANC

Doctor in Sociology and Post-doctoral fellow, BABELS programme, LAUM-IIAC, EHESS (Paris)

N°16 - Humanitarian workers and Journalists in Eastern Democratic Republic of the Congo: A negotiated friendship

Marie FIERENS

Doctor in Information and Communication Science. Postdoctoral Researcher at F.R.S-FNRS, Centre de recherche en information et communication (ReSIC), Université libre de Bruxelles

N°17 - Security Environments and the Humanitarian Supply: the evolution of representations of refugees from the Gado Badzeré site in Cameroon

Pierre Boris N’NDE

Anthropologist, research professional in the department of information and communication, Laval University, Quebec.

N°18 - Humanitarian transfer through the prism of intimate relationships: extreme heterogamies and ‘new social cadets’ in Niger

Amalia DRAGANI

Doctor in Social Anthropology and Ethnology at EHESS and associate researcher at the Laboratoire d’Anthropologie Sociale, Collège de France



N°19 - Boko Haram and the displaced people in the Diffa region in Niger: developing and building the humanitarian response in the context of an insurgency

Tatiana SMIRNOVA

Doctor in Social Anthropology and Ethnology, associate researcher at the Centre d’études en sciences sociales sur les mondes africains, américains et asiatiques (CESSMA)

The *Devenir Humanitaire* collection



Directed by the Foundation at the Editions Karthala, the *Devenir Humanitaire* collection is a series of bilingual books on the topic of humanitarian transition, each with a focus on one country. Assembled from calls for papers circulated by academic institutions, each volume offers articles from researchers and practitioners, based on reflections begun during the Foundation’s International Seminar in the country in question. Thanks to the editor’s circulation network, these volumes are available in France, but also in a large network of bookstores in Africa.

The third volume in the collection, which was published in 2018, was dedicated to humanitarian transition in Madagascar. It is the product of meetings between academics, non-governmental and institutional actors, who were brought together during the seminar in Antananarivo in 2016. The first part presents the context of the major humanitarian issues on the island. The second part examines the particular interactions and configurations of power which shape the aid sector in Madagascar. A third part offers a focus on the Malagasy health system, at the centre of national and international concerns, especially in light of the multifaceted crises besetting the country.

Humanitarian Alternatives review

Humanitarian Alternatives is a bilingual review of debate and research, dedicated to humanitarian action and with an international vocation. As co-founder of the review, alongside other foundations, the Foundation wishes to take part in the global reflection of the humanitarian sector with regard to its practices and its developments, to create a dynamic of exchange between researchers and operational agents, and to promote humanitarian approaches ‘without borders’ on the international stage, thanks to a pooling of means, thoughts and projects. The Foundation is a member of the Steering Council and Editorial Board of the review.



In 2018, three issues were released: “NGOs and the private sector: the State as an arbitrator?” (N° 7 – March 2018), “The rise of new technologies: utility, misuse and meaning” (n° 8 – July 2018) and “1968-2018: breakdown and continuity” (n° 9 – November 2018).

Five researchers supported by the Foundation were published:

Pierre Boris N’DE

“Refugees wedged between corporate malfunctions and the lack of State involvement: the example of a cash programme in Cameroon”, n°7

Marie-Luce DESGRANDCHAMPS

“Biafra: at the heart of postcolonial humanitarian ambiguities”, n°9

Danielle TAN

“New technologies put to the test of humanitarian ethics”, n°8

Clara EGGER

“About the critical junctures in humanitarian history”, n°9

Marjorie GERBIER-AUBLANC

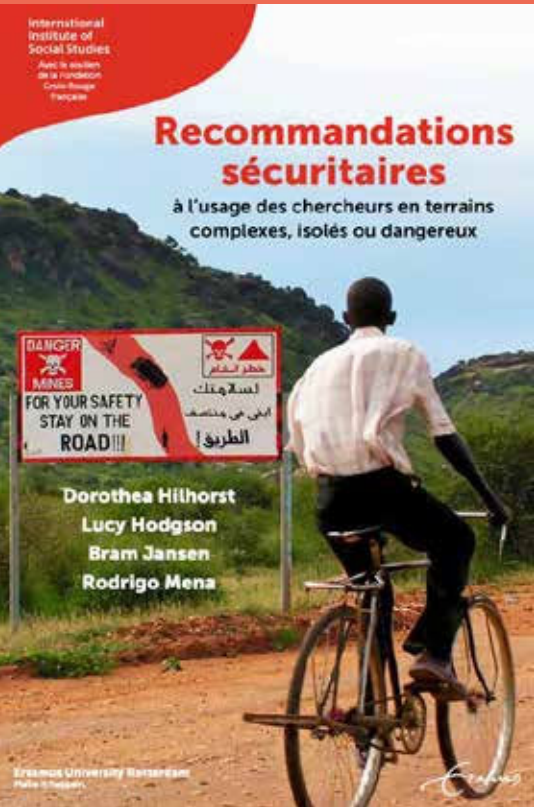
“The ‘hybridisation of humanitarianism’: ordinary citizens in French migrant camps”, n°9

Focus: Security recommendations for field research in difficult contexts

As part of its mission to support research, the Foundation accompanies researchers, not only through the allocation of fellowships, but also by providing them with useful tools and resources for their fieldwork. Published in 2018, this guide is the French-language version of a security guide written for researchers by the International Institute for Social Studies (ISS) at Erasmus University in Rotterdam for field research in difficult or complex contexts. This French version has been enhanced by contributions from researchers from the Foundation, illustrating a few tangible points by means of witness accounts and advice drawn from their own field experiences.

The French version of the manual was officially presented during the 5th conference of the International Humanitarian Studies Association (IHSA) in The Hague in August 2018.

The guide is available in open access on the Foundation’s website.



03 the life of the Foundation

Governance

The French Red Cross is chaired by Professor Jean-Jacques Eledjam. Its board comprises twelve members, which are divided into four colleges. In 2018, the Board met four times, in March, July, October and December, and adopted the budget and plan of action for the development of the Foundation in 2019. In order to develop its scientific mission, the Board is assisted by the Scientific Council, consisting of thirteen members whose skills in the Foundation's areas of action are well recognised. A group of Associate Experts completes this multidisciplinary and multisectoral governance, which brings together engaged professionals from several continents.

the board

college of the founders

Prof. Jean-Jacques ELEDJAM

Chairman

President of the French Red Cross,
Professor of Medicine, Anaesthetist
at the University Hospital in
Montpellier

Caroline CUSSAC

Treasurer

1st Vice-President of the French
Red Cross

Jean-Christophe COMBE

Secretary

Director-General of the French Red
Cross

Mireille GAÜZERE

Inspector General of Social Affairs,
National Board member of the
French Red Cross

college of qualified personalities

Marc AUDRIT

Head of Strategy - Hungry
and Foolish

Stéphane GOMPertz

Diplomat

Philippe GUAY

Certified public accountant

Philippe RYFMAN

Professor - European Centre for
Sociology and Political Science -
Sorbonne University



college of institutional partners

School for Advanced Studies
in the Social Sciences (EHESS)
represented by Eloi FIQUET

Senior Lecturer, Anthropologist
and Historian

School for Advanced Studies
in Public Health (EHESP)
represented by Alessia
LEFEBURE

Director of Studies,
PhD in Sociology

French National Research
Institute for Development
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The French Red Cross Foundation has set up **solid partnerships with a wide variety of actors**: endowment funds, foundations, companies, national and international institutions, research institutes... with whom it shares the aim of rethinking the responses brought to humanitarian and social crises. Whether the support is financial, scientific, organisational or service providing, in France or internationally, each in their own way contributes to moving action forward in the service of the most vulnerable, in a spirit of mutual capacity reinforcement and skill-sharing. The Foundation would like to thank this network of loyal partners, the richness and diversity of which you will discover in these pages.

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“ The collaboration with the Foundation is a very good thing, it enables our university and NGOs to get closer together. It is essential because universities should not remain closed circuits ”

Marie-Thérèse MENGUE

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“ The work of the Foundation has never been so necessary, in the context of the politicisation of humanitarian crises and the weakening of International Humanitarian Law. The Government of Monaco, a partner since 2016, commends the Foundation’s scientific approach: research action, carried out by researchers from developing countries, is critical in the development of a humanitarian aid that is closer to the populations. ”

Bénédicte SCHUTZ

Director of International Cooperation
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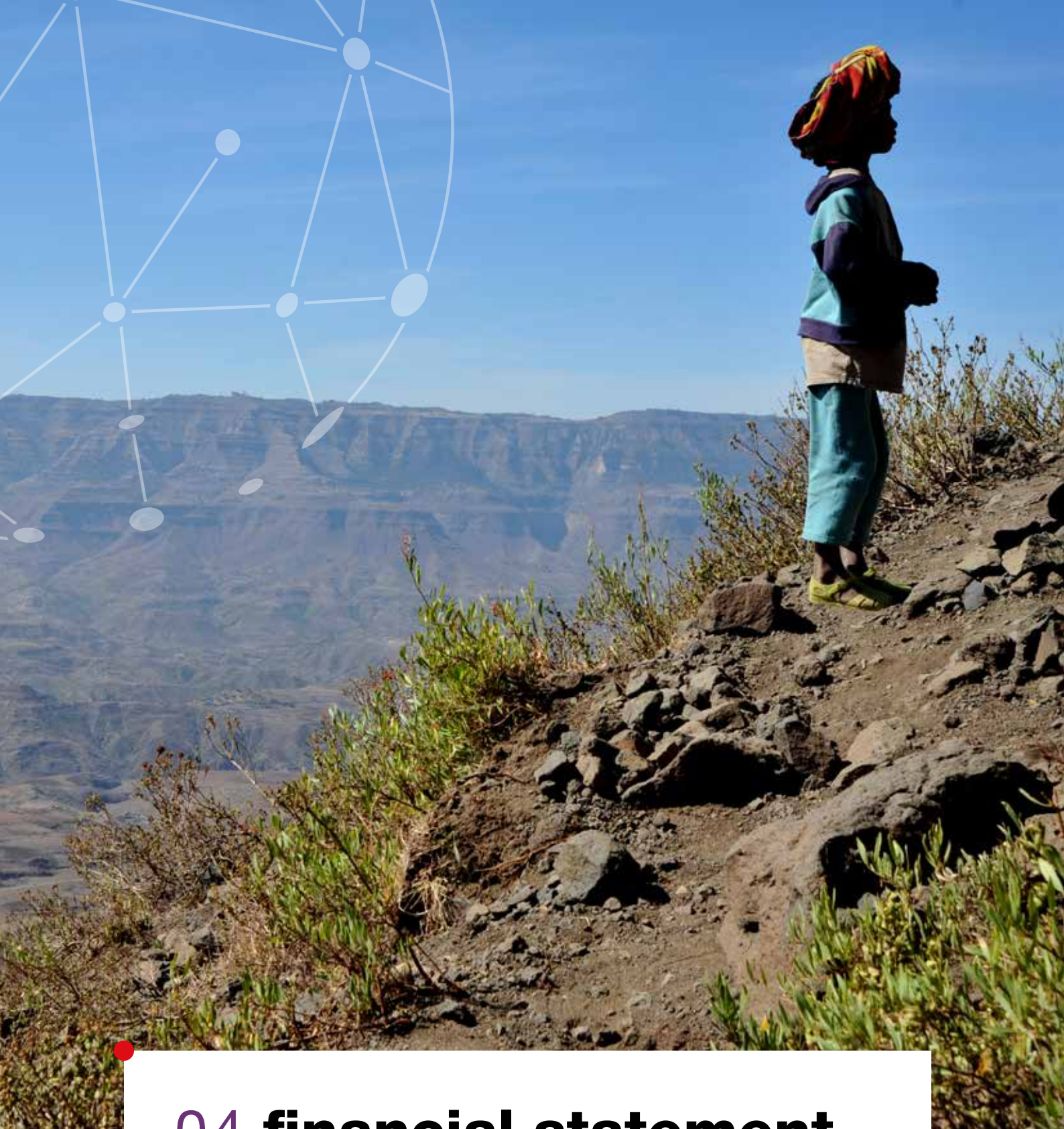
“ The Fondation Crédit Coopératif is at the service of those who make up the social and solidarity economy (SSE), for a fairer, more humane and more ecological society. By supporting research on “SSE and Migration” with the Red Cross Foundation, it intends to contribute to the production of useful knowledge to enlighten field actors regarding this major societal issue. ”

Christophe VERNIER

Secretary General
Fondation Crédit Coopératif



From l. to r.: Virginie Troit, Hugues Sibille, Christophe Vernier, Françoise Fromageau



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Presentation of annual accounts

α first year of activity

The French Red Cross Foundation was created through the transformation of the Henri Dunant endowment fund. The declaration decree of public utility of 1 September 2017 was published in the *Journal Officiel* on 3 September. In January 2018, the French Red Cross Foundation began its activities. Its team was operational from January 1st to implement the plan of action and the scientific programme voted by the board of directors, with all the necessary support functions.

For the reading of this report, it must be noted that since the Foundation is a product of the transformation of an endowment fund involving real estate activity, the two years 2018 and 2017 are not comparable in terms of activities but they are part of the same continuity in accounting and financial terms.

αn initial non-expendable endowment assessed

The French Red Cross Foundation benefited from an initial endowment of €3,927,000. Essentially made up of five real estate assets, this endowment enabled revenue from property income. This income finances operational costs, communication expenses, and calls on public generosity, thus enabling to collect financial resources to carry out the social missions. Real estate appraisals were carried out in 2018 on all of the properties. For each property, they confirmed a present market value greater than their net book value, thereby guaranteeing the amount of the Foundation's initial endowment.

α successful diversification of funding to develop scientific programmes

To preserve its independence and carry out its research missions sustainably, the Foundation chose to rely on different sources of funding in France and abroad:

- Real estate revenues deriving from the initial endowment
- Partnerships with the private sectors, companies and foundations
- Calls on public generosity
- State subsidies
- Skills-based sponsorships and sponsorships for services

The Foundation also benefited from extraordinary income due to the cessation of activity of the French Red Cross Fund, whose assets reverted to the Foundation.

This successful diversification in 2018 enabled the development of scientific programmes beyond the expected results: a record number of laureates, several events added to the calendar, such as the Tous Engagés Festival. Whilst this diversification allows for the funding of the Foundation's programmes, it has not permitted us to break even in this first year. In line with the trend observed throughout the sector, the Foundation suffered from a major decrease in resources from general public fundraising, due to the transformation of wealth tax (ISF) into real estate tax (IFI).

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the income statement

In 2018, revenues were made up of real estate incomes from the initial endowment, subsidies, donations from the general public, and institutional and private partnerships. The total sum of these resources was €510,490. The operating costs were €713,268. These costs are in line with the initial budget that was allocated, with a greater number of scientific programmes than expected.

The result can be explained by the combination of inflow and outflow, including specific extraordinary income, during this atypical year of the launch of the Foundation on the basis of three pre-existing structures. It is satisfactory, although the Foundation must continue to build its own economic model in order to return to a balanced budget as early as 2019.

The Foundation is not subject to taxes and does not pursue for-profit activities.

- The total revenue for the year was €510,490 compared with €142,364 the previous year
- The total operating expenses for the year were €713,268 compared with €248,426 the previous year
- Les produits exceptionnels se montent à 255 893 € et les charges exceptionnelles à 32 719 €
- The net result is a deficit of €-68,638

the balance sheet

assets

The active is made up of 75.3% of fixed assets, nearly all of which correspond to the real estate properties from the Foundation's initial endowment. The remaining 24.7% are current assets, of which 89.7% are liquid assets. To this must be added the funding from the dissolution of the Fondation pour le lien social (FLS), whose liquidation surplus was allocated by the Red Cross to its new foundation, to continue the scientific activities which the FLS had carried out until its closure in 2018.

liabilities

The net equity is €3,458,154. This includes previous deficits accumulated by the Henri Dunant Fund which affect the retained earnings of the Foundation by €858,846. The other debts are mainly made up of the staggering of research allocations over two calendar years.

Net result allocation

The net profit or loss for the year will be allocated to retained earnings:	
Net result allocation	€0
To other reserves	€0
To different distributions	€0
To retained earnings	€-68,638
To dividends	€0

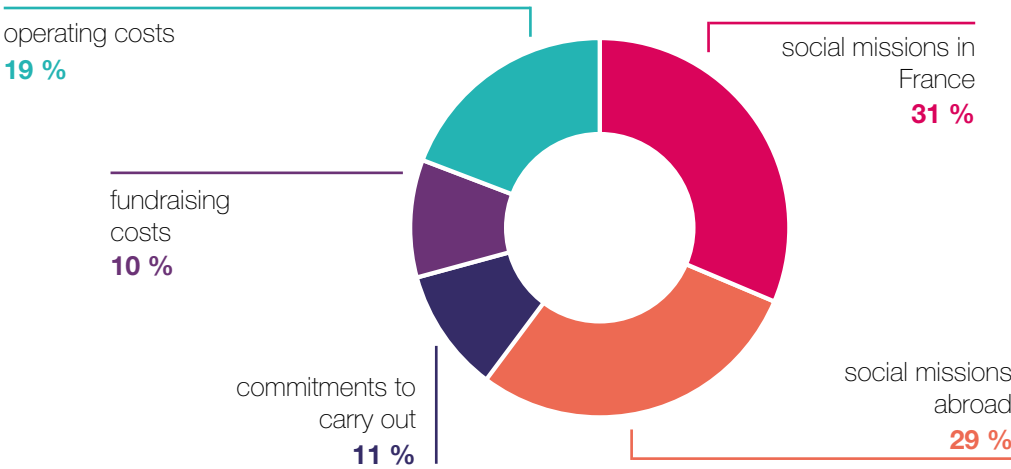
After the net result allocation, the equity will be established as follows:	
Initial endowment	€3,927,000
Issuing, merger, contribution premiums	€0
Legal reserve	€0
Other reserves	€390,000
Retained earnings	€-858,846
Net equity	€3,458,154

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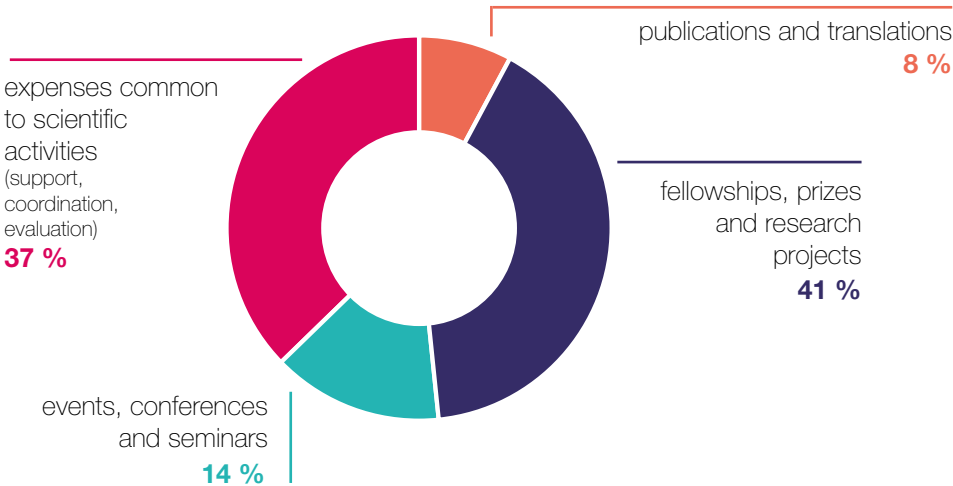
Origin of funds



Use of funds



Repartition of the use of funds for the social missions



additional information

It must be noted that:

- The accounts were established following the same principles and evaluation methods as the last year, and comply with existing legislation
- No investment was made in companies headquartered in the territory of the French Republic
- A Financial Committee assists the Board with regard to financial investments, the management of resources, and the control of budgets and financial accounts
- Annual accounts are available on the *Journal Officiel* website

“ We certify that, in light of French accounting rules and principles, the annual accounts are regular, sincere, and give a faithful picture of the result of the operations over the past year, as well as of the Foundation’s financial situation and assets at the end of this year

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outlook for 2019

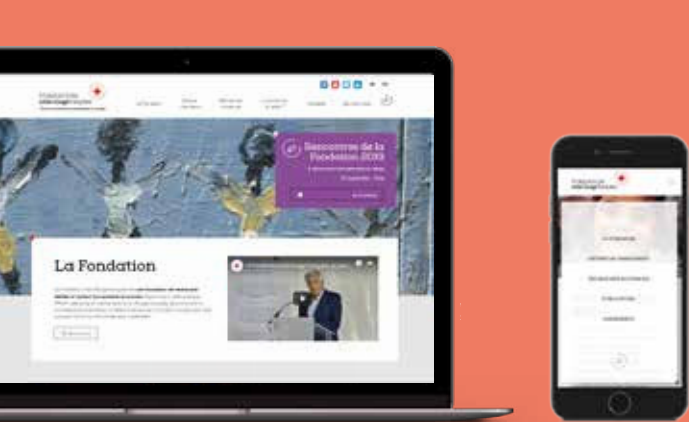
After the Foundation's first pivotal year, 2019 will be one of full development for its mission at the heart of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. From the French Red Cross Campus in Paris, we will actively collaborate with the ICRC, the IFRC, and the Reference Centres to pursue the development of a culture of research and to structure it within the Movement. The Foundation therefore positions itself as a leading scientific partner for the Global Conference 'Health and Climate Change' which will be organised in April by the French Red Cross, on the 100th anniversary of the IFRC.

The spectrum of the studies which we will support will expand as a result, with the launch of new research programmes in 2019: in addition to the yearly call for applications for our postdoctoral fellowships, we will explore new topics thanks to targeted programmes developed with our partners, and we will develop research actions linked to the needs of the operational departments of the French Red Cross.



Virginie TROIT
Director

This will further encourage debates on social and humanitarian action which we are determined to promote, between the necessary attitude for detachment and the emergencies of current affairs. This year, once again, we will open up spaces for exchanges and meetings between academics and action specialists, during our international Seminar in Kenya and other scientific events which we will be participating in, in France and abroad. We will also be pursuing our engagement for collaborative, accessible and impactful research, by promoting the works of our researchers in French and in English, by publishing the fourth volume of our collection *Devenir Humanitaire*, and by contributing actively to the Humanitarian Alternatives review.



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