

Activity **report 2019**

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Because tomorrow
is as important as today

foreword

We are pleased to present the second activity report of the French Red Cross Foundation, dedicated to humanitarian and social research.

Following on from 2018, which marked the beginning of its activities, the Foundation worked throughout 2019 alongside its governance, researchers, and partners, on the development of its strategic plan for 2020-2024. The aim: to continue to transform the practices of actors of international humanitarian and social action, with the help of the social sciences. As well as its research programme on humanitarian transition, the Foundation's missions are therefore now organised according to three topics: access to health and epidemics, migrations and population movements, and risks and disasters. Metropolitan France, the overseas territories and sub-Saharan Africa have been confirmed as priority research areas. As a result, we wanted to reinforce the Scientific Council, with the arrival of four new members whose renowned scientific credentials are in perfect keeping with these focus topics and geographical areas.

This strategic plan informed the launch, follow-up, and implementation of more than a dozen research projects across four continents, several publications, and the organisation of events and meet-ups. 2019 featured several highlights in this regard. In February, in coordination with the IFRC, the Foundation welcomed the Reference and Expertise Centres of the Red Cross Movement in Paris for their global workshop. In April, the Foundation was an active partner for the Global Conference on health and climate change, organised by the French Red Cross in Cannes, and for the international seminar for the 10th anniversary of the France-Japan Foundation. The setting up of partnerships with the *Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie* (AUF) and The Conversation also highlighted the importance of strategic partnerships within the French-speaking world.



**Professor Jean-Jacques
ELEDJAM**

President

Finally, 2019 was a year of more concerted work with the business divisions of the French Red Cross, which encouraged visits to the Red Cross campus by a number of researchers, the co-development of research programmes, documentary screenings, and presentations of results. The *Bénévo'Lab* project was also launched in 2019, aimed at those practitioners who work daily to alleviate people's suffering on the frontline of operational concerns, offering them the opportunity to take part in a researcher's work over the course of a year.

The Foundation's second year of activity has been rich, diverse, and ever more solidly anchored in its core missions. This report is the promise of a foundation that is developing and finding its place, whilst advocating ceaselessly for a reinforced collaboration between the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and the scientific community.





01 the Foundation at a glance

The essentials

The French Red Cross Foundation is **a recognised public utility foundation dedicated to research**, which aims to improve the practices in the fields of humanitarian and development action, in France and around the world, by supporting researchers and developing collaborative projects with academic institutions. To achieve its mission, the Foundation is guided by the values and principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement and is based on the expertise and scientific methodologies that underpin its identity and guarantee its effectiveness.

3 commitments

- reinforcing the link between science and humanitarian and social practices
- accompanying transformations in the humanitarian sector and in civil society
- promoting Francophone research

3 priority research areas

1. Access to health and epidemics

Understanding situations and sanitary needs of the populations, taking into account the socio-cultural dimensions in actions relating to access to care, prevention and health systems.
2. Migrations and displacements

Better identifying the origin and sources of migration, strategies and experiences of exiled, as well as the relevance of the humanitarian response. Supporting a renewal of practices around this issue, which has become worldwide.
3. Risks and disasters

Studying the causes of the populations' vulnerability, the relevance of their preparation, their perception of risks and the innovative humanitarian responses tested in the most affected areas.
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An ethical approach

Placing the individual at the centre of the action, understanding what is essential to him/her, respecting his/her dignity.

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.

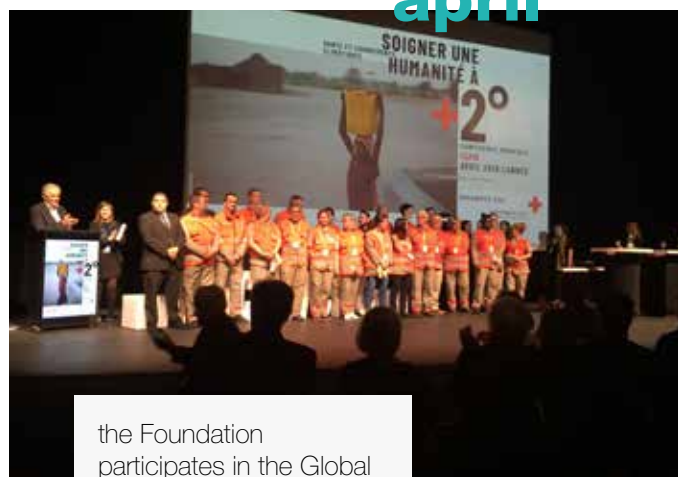
Highlights of 2019

february



the Foundation welcomes in Paris the International Movement's expertise and reference centres

april



the Foundation participates in the Global Conference on health and climate change in Cannes, for the 100th anniversary of the IFRC

march



the Foundation becomes a partner of the AUF

the Foundation becomes a partner of The Conversation

may



the Foundation contributes to the international seminar for the 10th anniversary of the France-Japan Foundation

june



september



the Foundation on RFI waves

october



the Foundation participates in a "Public Health" workshop on the occasion of the 6th conference on the reconstitution of the Global Fund resources in Lyon

september



the Foundation organises its 2019 annual *Rencontres* and the awarding of its 2019 Research Prizes at the Paris *Cité universitaire internationale*

october



the Foundation organises its 2019 international conference in Nairobi

december

the Foundation participates in the official launch of the RC3 research consortium in Geneva, on the occasion of the international conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent



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



02 achievements in 2019

Research

In 2019, the Foundation evaluated and selected **22 Francophone researchers, operating in 9 countries**: 19 postdoctoral fellowships were allocated (11 in the research year 2018-2019 and 8 in 2019/2020), 3 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
fellowships
granted



3

research
prizes
awarded



9

research countries, of
which 8 Francophonie
countries



research projects carried out in 2019

Andorra
Burkina Faso
Cameroon
France
Germany
Ghana
Madagascar
Senegal



research projects selected in 2019

Cameroon
France
Niger

French overseas territories
(St-Martin, St-Barthélemy,
Guadeloupe, Reunion,
Mayotte, Polynesia)



11 research projects carried out in 2019



From assistance to autonomy: the life trajectory of Malian refugees in Burkina Faso

Sadio SOUKOUNA, Paris Panthéon-Sorbonne University (France)

Partner: Government of the Principality of Monaco

Objective: to study the citizen initiatives led by the Burkinabe population with regard to Malian refugees in Burkina Faso.

Practices and lived experiences of migrants in France: better understanding representations and the role of food aid

Estelle FOURAT, Toulouse Jean Jaurès University (France)

Partner: French Red Cross

Objective: to understand the practices and lived experiences of migrants with regard to food, be it in relation to sources of supply, dietary content, or the frequency and social context of meals.



Autonomy: communication, education and behaviours in the struggle against the plague in Madagascar

Alexandra RAZAFINDRABE, University of la Réunion (France)

Partner: AXA Research Fund

Objective: to study the impact of the public measures taken to prevent plague epidemics in Madagascar, particularly those aimed at raising awareness amongst the population and changing their behaviours in at-risk areas, and to suggest draft recommendations.

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)

Partner: AXA Research Fund

Objective: to analyse the ecological vulnerability in the delta of the Senegal River in the context of natural disasters and climate change.



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, University of Dschang (Cameroon)

Partner: AXA Research Fund

Objective: to study the ways in which public and humanitarian actors approach the issue of local integration of Central African refugees.



Women and social entrepreneurship in Ghana: new forms of economic action at the micro level

Anastasia-Alithia SEFERIADIS, University of Amsterdam (The Netherlands)

Partner: Fonds Compagnie Fruitière

Objective: to analyse the successes of different social entrepreneurship initiatives led by impoverished women in Ghana.

Socio-economic analysis of recourse to community care in Madagascar

Marilys-Victoire RAZAKAMANANA

Clermont Auvergne University (France)

Partner: Government of the Principality of Monaco

Objective: to identify and analyse the socio-economic determinants of recourse to community care for children under five in Madagascar.



The evaluation of social and solidarity economy (SSE) actors in France in supporting migrant populations: which indicators? Which tools?

Cristèle BERNARD, Jean Moulin University (France)

Partner: Fondation Crédit Coopératif

Objective: to suggest appropriate evaluation tools for initiatives led by actors of the Social and Solidarity Economy, in particular those carried out in the Grenoble sector for the benefit of migrants.

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 University (France)

Partner: Fondation Crédit Coopératif

Objective: to study the forms of organisation and kinds of solidarity-based, socio-cultural activities developed by Syrian refugees in Germany.



Expectations of unaccompanied foreign minors in host countries. The situation in France, and especially in Ile-de-France

Laura RONDEAU-PACINDOVA

Pierre-Mendès-France-Grenoble University (France)

Objective: to study the living conditions and support available for Isolated Foreign Minors, the ways in which they overcome their traumas and understand their situation, and the match between their needs and existing aid offers.



First aid training: how to better connect learning and interventions

Céleste FOURNIER, HEC Montreal (Canada)

Partner: Andorran Red Cross

Objective: to understand how first aid trainers adapt their training practices in order to promote the transfer of traineeships in critical situations, to ultimately improve the efficiency of the training.

8 research projects
selected in 2019

- 01 **Daniel Valérie BASKA TOUSSIA**, postdoctoral student of Geography, for his project entitled: "Access to health care for refugees and displaced persons in the Minawao Camp and its surroundings (Gawar and Zamay) in Mayo Tsanaga (Far North of Cameroon)", with the support of the AXA Research Fund
- 02 **Annabelle MOATTY**, postdoctoral student of Geography, for her project entitled: "Characterising and analysing solidarity mechanisms in the wake of Hurricane Irma in Saint-Martin, Saint-Barthélemy and Guadeloupe: resilience processes and individual and collective adaptation in the post-disaster stage," with the support of the AXA Research Fund
- 03 **Nina SAHRAOUI**, postdoctoral student of Sociology, for her project entitled: "The role of SSE actors for migrant women in positions of socio-legal precarity: the gendered challenges of social integration in Ile-de-France", with the support of the *Fondation Crédit Coopératif*
- 04 **Florence IHADADDENE**, postdoctoral student of Sociology, for her project entitled: "Solidarity volunteers: civic service by and for refugees", with the support of the *Fondation Crédit Coopératif*
- 05 **Francesca ESPINOZA**, postdoctoral student of Sociology, for her project entitled: "Psychosocial and cultural aspects of resilience: a study on disaster memories and population resilience in La Réunion"
- 06 **Aissata Assane IGODOE**, postdoctoral student of Sociology, for her project entitled: "The socio-professional integration of young people in Agadez: a humanitarian transition challenge in a context of migratory crisis"
- 07 **Alice SERVY**, postdoctoral student of Anthropology, for her project entitled: "Cancers and innovations in access to care in French Polynesia"
- 08 **Aude STURMA**, postdoctoral student of Sociology, for her project entitled: "A study of social vulnerability in the face of the risk of water pollution, with a view to improving social and institutional capacities to cope with the epidemic risk related to faecal diseases in the Kierson district of the commune of Kougou"



Project focus

Post-disaster solidarity mechanisms:
a comparative analysis to better
anticipate crises

Annabelle MOATTY
Doctor of Geography - Paul Valéry University, Montpellier (France)

Annabelle Moatty's research aims to analyse the solidarity mechanisms implemented in the aftermath of Hurricane Irma in two territories of the French West Indies, Saint-Martin and Saint-Barthélemy. The idea is to understand the weight of these mechanisms in the processes of post-disaster resilience and adaptation on different levels.

This research fills a gap in the existing knowledge relating to the obstacles that slow down countries' emergence from crises and impede resilience. This is particularly problematic in the French context, where actors have access to a number of crisis management plans on different levels, from the totality of the affected area to individual households, but no post-crisis management plan. In the absence of planning, recovery is conducted according to administrative procedures which are implemented immediately after the crisis, resembling an adaptation by derogation of existing procedures.

This research is supported by AXA Research Fund

Annabelle Moatty's work relates to the great environmental and social issues of our century, i.e. the protection of populations in extreme situations (60 000 people live at less than 10 metres above sea-level on the coast of Guadeloupe), issues of sustainable development and regulation of urbanised spaces in danger zones in order to reduce the cost of disasters, and issues of development, imagining less vulnerable territories.



Bénévo'Lab: volunteers
for research

Bénévo'Lab is a new research programme of the Foundation, which is to be initiated by those leading daily actions for the French Red Cross – that is, the volunteers. The idea is to enable volunteers who express the need to better understand a social issue to join forces with a researcher, selected and accompanied by the Foundation, who will carry out tailored research, in close collaboration with the volunteer, over the course of a year.

By means of this new programme, the Foundation bears witness to the will of the French Red Cross to grow, adapt and transform itself together with the sciences, in order to reinforce the actions carried out by the volunteers for the benefit of the most vulnerable.

3 research prizes awarded in 2019

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.

Sandrine REVET

Doctor of Anthropology
CERI – Sciences Po – Paris

“Humanitarian Action and Natural Disasters” prize

for her anthropological work on the social, political and cultural actors and dynamics at play in the context of “natural” disasters.



Didier FASSIN

Doctor of Anthropoloy,
Sociology and Medicine
Institute for Advanced Study –
University of Princeton – USA

Honorary prize for his work on moral economies and the innovative perspective it offers with regard to the analysis of international humanitarian aid and the treatment of poverty, immigration and asylum in France.



Khoudia SOW

Doctor of Medicine and
Social Anthropology
Fann National Hospital –
Dakar – Sénégal

“Health and Social Ties” prize

for her interdisciplinary work on health and for her commitment to reinforcing public action through collaboration with researchers.



The 2019 Research Prizes were awarded
with the support of the AXA Research Fund



Radio France International (RFI) devotes a programme to the 2019 Foundation laureates’ results

To cover the *Rencontres de la Fondation* 2019, Anne-Cécile Bras, an environmental journalist at RFI, devoted her programme “*C’est pas du vent*” on Friday, September 27, 2019, to the Foundation and its projects. The programme, entitled “*Financing Scientific Research to Optimise Humanitarian Action*”, featured a debate between two researchers supported by the Foundation and practitioners from the French Red Cross. This meeting of minds shed light on the role that research can play in improving our understanding of our environment and societies, anticipating and planning actions, and bringing innovative practices and approaches to light.

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.



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international events
organised by the
Foundation



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first meeting of IFRC
Reference Centres
and new research and
expertise centres of the
Movement hosted at the
Red Cross Campus and
co-organised with the
IFRC.



1

programme on
Radio France
International about
the work of two
research grantees
of the Foundation

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 Conference “*Humanitarian Transition*”, organised each year in a priority research country, during which the Foundation fosters dialogue between the academic sector and the operational environment in the field, as close as possible to local realities.



2019 International Conference

1st event in English-speaking Africa

The Foundation's sixth international conference took place in Nairobi on 29 and 30 October 2019. This event, the first to be held in English-speaking Africa, was the result of a long-standing collaboration between the Foundation and its partners: the Kenyan Red Cross' International Centre for Humanitarian Affairs (ICHA) and the *Institut de recherche pour le développement (IRD)*.

Over 100 participants from a dozen organisations (international and national NGOs, universities, UN agencies, state actors) representing humanitarian action in Kenya and East Africa gathered to analyse and debate the topic of humanitarian transition in Kenya. The aim was to collectively analyse the development of causes of crises and to work towards the transformation of responses, on the basis of solutions and concrete cases unique to Kenya: the management of effects of disasters linked to climate hazards, the urbanisation of crises and responses, new practices and innovations, such as *Forecast-based Financing*, or the use of biometric technologies amongst refugee populations.

Following five events organised in francophone countries in Africa and the Middle East (Senegal, Côte d'Ivoire, Madagascar, Lebanon and Cameroon), this conference in English-speaking Africa gave the Foundation the opportunity to build academic bridges between these two great regions on the African continent. Marie-Thérèse Mengue, a professor of sociology at the *Université catholique d'Afrique de l'Ouest (UCAC)* in Cameroon, and Georges Djohy, a researcher in anthropology at the University of Parakou in Benin and a Foundation fellowship laureate, were able to put the humanitarian situation in Kenya in perspective with reference to their respective countries. With the support of the Agence Universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF), the Foundation was able to fulfil its mission of scientific collaboration between anglophone and francophone research worlds, thanks to the simultaneous French-English translation of the conference.

Watch the round-table discussions of the International Conference 2019 on the Foundation's YouTube channel



“The organisation of this conference in Kenya could not have come at a better time. Kenya is one of the African countries where the impact of natural disasters has greatly increased over the last thirty years. This conference will provide a space for interaction, dialogue and mutual learning for practitioners, researchers and decisionmakers.”

Abbas GULLET

Secretary General
Kenya Red Cross Society

The *Rencontres de la Fondation* 2019

3 thematics at the heart of humanitarian action under discussion

On Wednesday 25 September 2019, the French Red Cross Foundation held its second annual meeting for humanitarian and social research. This *Rencontres de la Fondation* event, hosted this year by the Cité internationale universitaire in Paris, in partnership with the *Agence universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF)*, brought together nearly 100 people, including academics, field operatives, journalists, students, heads of NGOs, and representatives of the Red Cross Movement

It was the opportunity to present the results of the eight researchers whom the Foundation had supported and accompanied over the course of 2017-2018. The eight laureates outlined their research projects, all of which were carried out in francophone sub-Saharan Africa, before putting them into perspective and opening them up for debate. This year, their scientific projects shed light on three subjects at the heart of humanitarian aid: food security and autonomy, access to healthcare, and climate risks. These three topics were the subject of animated debate between the panellists in each round-table discussion – academics, NGOs and sponsors – each acknowledging the importance of taking a step back from the urgency of action.



Watch the round-table discussions on the Foundation's YouTube channel

World Conference “Health and Climate Change” in Cannes



On 15 and 16 April 2019, the Foundation took part in the World Conference on Health and Climate Change, “Taking Care of Humankind at +2°”, organised by the French Red Cross on the centenary of the International Federation (IFRC). The conference, which brought together over sixty National Societies, representatives of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC), and research centres, aimed to consider the latest scientific research alongside the responses deployed in order to tackle the defining humanitarian challenge of the 21st century: the impact of climate change on health.

As a partner for the event, and with the aim of promoting knowledge and creating links between researchers and operational agents, the Foundation coordinated the bookstore space at the conference, inviting editors, both anglophone and francophone, that are references in the social sciences, as well as the *Humanitarian Alternatives* review. The Research and Expertise Centres of the Red Cross Movement made their first appearance as a network at the conference, contributing to this space dedicated to sciences and practices by providing knowledge and tools acquired as part of their mission.

A mobilised community over the long term

Launch of the NGO Lab of Coordination SUD

March 2019 – Paris III – Sorbonne Nouvelle University

with a contribution from Emeline Uwizeyimana, Doctor of sociology at the Université libre de Bruxelles and a Foundation laureate



Workshop ‘Gender and diversity’

May 2019 – French Red Cross Campus – Montrouge

a workshop-debate organised by the French Red Cross International Relations Department (DROI), led by Marjorie Gerbier-Aublan, Doctor of Sociology and a Foundation laureate



Projection-debate of the film ‘Comme tout le monde’

May 2019 – French Red Cross Campus – Montrouge

a documentary film on homeless youth, from Julien Billion, Philippe Dinh and Patrick Muller



International Conference organised by the Water Institute at the University of North Carolina (UNC)

October 2019 – Chapel Hill (North Carolina – USA)

with the participation of Edouard Kouassi, Doctor of sociology, Foundation laureate

2nd Edition of the Paris Peace Forum

November 2019 – Grande Halle de la Villette – Paris

an international event on global governance and multilateralism issues



Launch of the Treaty on the Law and Practice of Humanitarian Action

November 2019 – Paris X Nanterre University

with the participation of Virginie Troit in the round table discussion launch event and contributions in the book of various researchers and members of the Foundation's governance



Presentation of the work of the researcher Estelle Fourat

November 2019 – French Red Cross Campus – Montrouge

a workshop debate on the researcher's work on food aid schemes for migrants, aimed at field actors from the French Red Cross Volunteer Activities Department (DABE)

Publications

In order to enhance the value of the activities it conducts, and in line with its objective of decompartmentalising the operational and research activities in the humanitarian and social fields, the Foundation has been pursuing its specific editorial strategy in 2019. This includes in particular the publication of scientific articles written by the researchers it supports, a collection of books dedicated to the evolution of humanitarian aid, and a bilingual humanitarian review.



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



1 contribution in the review *Humanitarian Alternatives*



1 opus in the collection *Devenir Humanitaire*

New

Launch of the ‘Practices & Humanities’ series

Following the recommendation of the Strategic Scientific Review in June 2018, the Foundation has been working to communicate the results of the research it supports in the form of a 4-page overview. The ‘Practices & Humanities’ series, available, like the articles, in open access on our website, is aimed at an audience of operational agents – humanitarian or social workers – who are familiar with the research subjects addressed by the Foundation, but mainly from the perspective of practices. These professionals do not necessarily have the opportunity to approach these subjects in the same way as scientists, nor to regularly read 15-20-page scientific articles. This series therefore aims to make these results more accessible, in a clear style, without needless jargon or overly theoretical terms, and with a focus on the practical implications of the results of research for humanitarian and social actors.



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 201ç, some of which were translated into English, to ensure a better dissemination.

N°20 – March 2019–NGOs and the Reconstruction of the Public Health System in the North of Côte d’Ivoire: strategies of repositioning and collaboration

Toily Anicet ZRAN
Doctor of History, Alassane Ouatarra University, Bouaké, Côte d’Ivoire

N°21 – April 2019–Agri-Food Transformation Actors in Ouagadougou Trapped in the Survival Economy

Roberta RUBINO
Doctor of Anthropology, UMR 101 ‘Development and Societies’ at the Paris Panthéon-Sorbonne University, France

N°22 – April 2019–Use of Care by Pregnant Women and Children under Five in Areas Strongly Affected by Climate Hazards

Voahirana Tantely ANDRIANANTOANDRO
Socio-economist, *Unité mixte internationale-résilience* (IRD), Madagascar Catholic University

N°23 – Humanitarian Transition and Aid Localisation in Benin: issues surrounding the perceptions and practices of aid-recipient populations

Georges DJOHY
Doctor of Anthropology and agricultural engineer, Faculty of Agronomy, University of Parakou, Benin

N°24 – July 2019–CLTS (Community-Led Total Sanitation) in Bounkani: obstacles to appropriation by local actors

Kouadio Edouard KOUASSI
Doctor of Sociology, Alassane Ouatarra University, Bouaké, Côte d’Ivoire

N°25 – September 2019–Promoting Autonomy: from Ethics to Practise. The case of the Fongs-action paysanne

Kelly POULET
Doctor of Sociology (CURAPP-ESS), Picardie Jules Verne University, Amiens, France



N°26 – September 2019–Populations’ Evaluation of Climate Risk Management Schemes: the case of drought in Niger

Mariama Nouhou KOUTCHA
Doctor of Climate Change and Ecology, Faculty of Agronomy, Say Islamic University, Niger

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

Devenir Humanitaire Collection



The *Devenir Humanitaire* collection, edited by the Foundation at Karthala Editions, is a series of bilingual books on the topic of humanitarian transition, each with a country focus. Based on calls for papers launched by academic institutions, each volume contains comparative articles by researchers and operational agents, based on reflections begun during the Foundation’s international conference in the country in question. Thanks to the editor’s publishing network, these volumes are available in France, but also in a wide network of bookstores throughout Africa.

The fourth volume in the collection is dedicated to *Humanitarian Transition in Lebanon*. It is the product of the meeting between academics, non-governmental and institutional actors who gathered for the conference in Beirut in November 2017. The fifth volume will focus on *Humanitarian Transition in Cameroon*, itself in the continuity of the international conference co-organised in Yaoundé by the Foundation and the IRD in November 2018. Both volumes, which will be published in 2020, will present a contextual reading of the main humanitarian issues in the two respective countries, followed by an examination of the particular configurations and interactions that shape the local aid landscapes. The volumes are rounded out by interviews which present the perspective of state and non-governmental actors.

Humanitarian Alternatives Review



Humanitarian Alternatives is a bilingual review of debate and research, dedicated to humanitarian action, with an international scope. As co-founder, along with other foundations, the Foundation 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 rooted in the ‘without borders’ movement on the international stage, thanks to a pooling of means, ideas and projects. The Foundation is a member of the review’s Steering and Editorial committees.

Three issues of the review were published in 2019: ‘The Urban Bomb: which impact for humanitarian workers?’ (n° 10– March 2019), ‘Climate Change: understanding, anticipating, adapting’ (n°11 – July 2019), and ‘Demography: figures and ills’ (n° 12– November 2019).

Vincent LÉGER, research officer at the Foundation, coordinated the 12th issue on demography, which featured an article by **Joséphine LEMOUOGUE**, a laureate researcher for the Foundation:

‘Cameroon: reception areas for displaced people, between socio-demographic reconfiguration and managing Persons with Specific Needs’



A new reference manual: launch of the Treaty on the Law and Practice of Humanitarian Action

The Treaty on the Law and Practice of Humanitarian Action, launched in November 2019 (LGDJ Editions), has already become a reference manual. Its nearly 900 pages feature contributions from over 80 Francophone experts in humanitarian action, in its legal, political, and ethical dimensions. The Treaty, edited by Sandra Szurek, Marina Eudes and Philippe Ryfman, approaches humanitarian action as an autonomous object of analysis, on the basis of a global vision encompassing all of the circumstances in which it is deployed, from responses to natural disasters to interventions in cases of armed conflict. A number of researchers supported by the Foundation, as well as members of its Governing Board, are amongst the contributors.

The Foundation is pleased to be involved in this project which, by promoting francophone knowledge and practice surrounding humanitarian action, is perfectly in line with its mission.

The manual is for sale on the editor’s website, www.lgdj.fr

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 2019, 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 2020. 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

(january-november)

Director-General of the French Red Cross

Guillaume LESAGE

(december)

Deputy Director General of the French Red Cross

Secretary

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

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Senior Lecturer, Anthropologist and Historian

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

Dean of Academic Affairs, PhD in Sociology

French National Research Institute for Development (IRD) represented by Johanna DURAND

(january - september)

Head of Partnerships & Development Finance

Cécile GRIMALDI

(october-december)

Health Policy Officer, International Partners and Donors Department

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The French Red Cross Foundation has a number of different partners, each enabling it to develop its activities and fulfil its public utility missions. It co-develops research programmes with private organisations, institutional actors and members of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. To safeguard its independence and defend its vision for research, the Foundation works according to a Charter that expresses the values and principles which must guide the aims and methods of any relationship between the Foundation, those seeking research projects, their funders, and the researchers affiliated to the organisation.

Responding to needs expressed in the field

International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement

French Red Cross

International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC)

Kenyan Red Cross's International Centre for Humanitarian Affairs (ICHA)

Red Cross Red Crescent Research Consortium (RC3)

Andorran Red Cross

Canadian Red Cross

PIROI

Disseminating knowledge

Scientific partners and media

RFI

IRD

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EHESP

Karthala Editions

The Conversation France

Co-developing innovative programmes and inventing the humanitarian responses of the future

Private sector

The AXA Research Fund

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Fonds Compagnie Fruitière

Agirc-Arrco

Encouraging reflection and debate with the Humanitarian Transition programme

Institutional actors

Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs (Crisis and Support Centre)

Government of the Principality of Monaco

Agence universitaire de la Francophonie (AUF)



“ Given the values that we share with the Foundation, our collaboration makes sense because it gives us access to a number of top-level researchers, who then write articles of excellent quality for our media. Together with the Foundation, we are therefore thrilled to be able to give more of a voice to francophone researchers throughout the world. ”

Grégory RAYKO

International section editor,
The Conversation France

The Foundation expresses its gratitude to all the donors who have made a donation in 2019, thus enabling it to support necessary and ambitious research work. Finally, it would like to thank the students of ISTE (Graduate School of Business and Marketing) and the company ContentSquare for their help on the website.

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“ Our collaboration with the Foundation is an important asset in developing an internal culture within the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement that is receptive to research, and encouraging an evidence-based approach, whilst reconciling research and practice. ”

Dr Halima SAADO

Director of Research and Learning at
the International Centre for Humanitarian Affairs (ICHA),
Kenyan Red Cross



Presentation of annual accounts

The French Red Cross Foundation was created through the transformation of the Henri Dunant endowment fund. This transformation was registered by the declaration decree of public utility, published on 1 September 2017.

In 2019, there were two financial challenges: to diversify resources in order to achieve a balance by offsetting the exceptional financial flows linked to the Foundation's launch in 2018 and to lay the groundwork for a sustainable development of the Foundation's activities towards its autonomy.

It should be recalled that in 2018, the Foundation inherited the assets of the Henry Dunant Fund, an endowment fund with real estate activities, as well as the activities and liquidation assets of the French Red Cross Fund and the Fondation pour le lien social. The two financial years 2018 and 2019 are therefore not very comparable in terms of income and expenses, but they are in line in terms of accounting and financial continuity and in accordance with the announced budget.

strengthening endowment revenues

The French Red Cross Foundation benefits from an endowment of €4,627,000. 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 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.

In 2019, a project to optimise the property portfolio was launched in order to ensure a sound and sustainable property management process. In addition, the French Red Cross approved the reinforcement of the Foundation's endowment until 2021.

a successful funding diversification to finance increasingly operational research

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 sector, companies and foundations
- Calls on public generosity
- State subsidies
- Skills-based sponsorships and sponsorships for services

This diversification, consolidated in 2019, has enabled scientific programmes to be deployed in all strategic territories and has enabled the groundwork to be laid for an expanded offer in 2020.

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income statement

In 2019, revenues were made up of real estate incomes from the initial endowment, subsidies, donations from public fund-raising, and institutional and private partnerships. These resources amounted to €410,792. Operating expenses amounted to €653,109.

Break-even is obtained by an extraordinary income of €291,438.

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

- Total operating revenue for the year was €410,792, compared to €510,490 for the previous year.
- Total operating expenses for the year amounted to €653,109, compared to €713,268 for the previous year.
- Extraordinary income amounted to €291,907, and exceptional expenses to €469.
- The net result is at break-even.

balance sheet

assets

70.7% of the total assets are fixed assets, of which 93.9% are real estate assets from the Foundation's endowment. The remaining 29.3% is divided between 99.9% of current assets, 83.5% of which are assets awaiting investment, and accruals.

liabilities

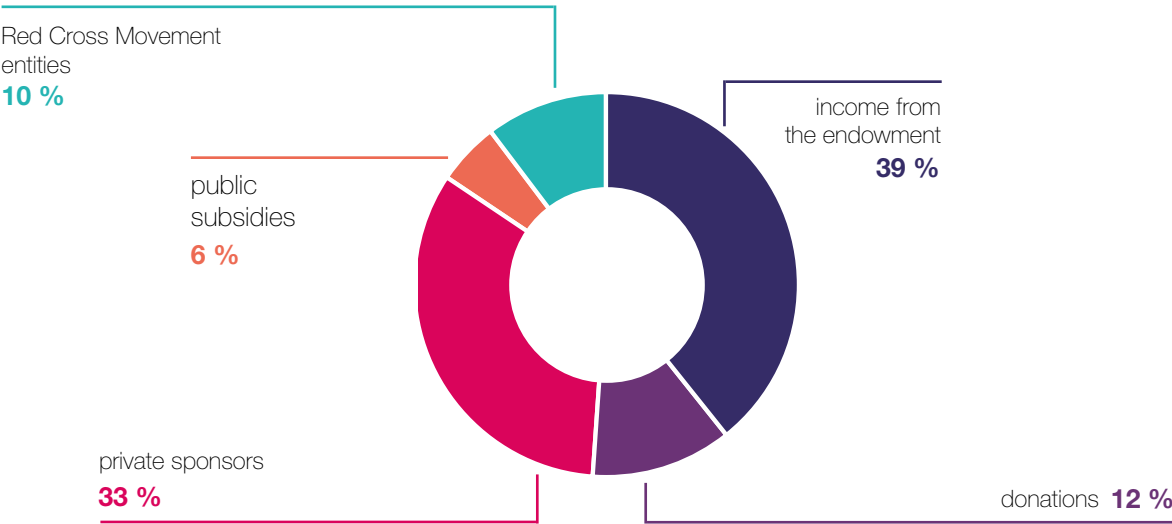
The net equity is €4,158,154. It includes the previous deficits accumulated by the Henry Dunant real estate fund, which affect the Foundation's retained earnings of €858,846. The other debts are mainly due to the spreading of research payments over two calendar years.

net result allocation

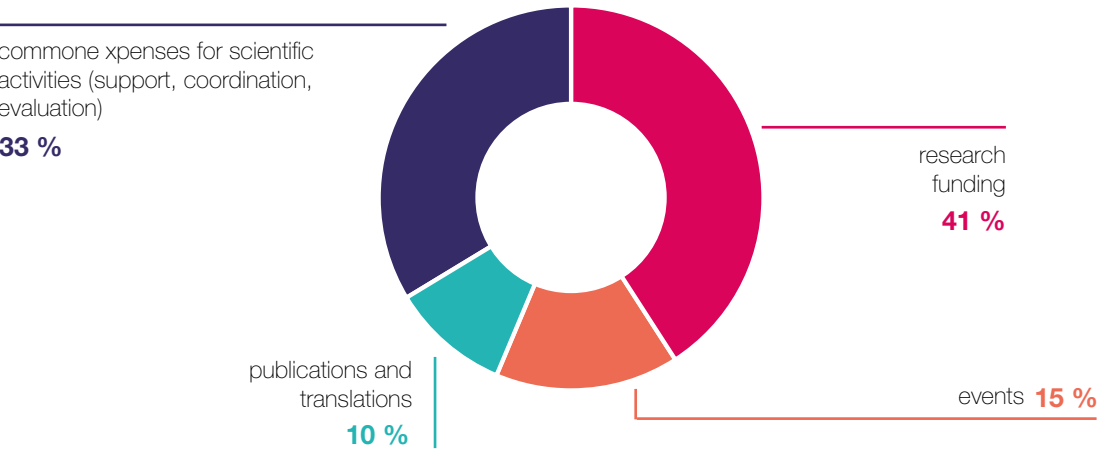
At the end of the financial year, the equity is as follows:	
Endowment	€4,627,000
Issuing, merger and contribution premiums	€0
Legal reserve	€0
Other reserves	€390,000
Retained earnings	-€858,846
Net equity	€4,158 €154

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2019 revenues



2019 distribution of the social missions



distribution of 2019 fellowships by geographical research areas



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
- Events after the closing of accounts: the COVID-19 epidemic that is currently affecting France, but also the countries in which the French Red Cross Foundation conducts research, is likely to impact the activities of the French Red Cross Foundation. However, it is difficult to predict the impact of this epidemic on our activity in 2020 as of April 1. To date, business continuity is ensured.

“ 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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Florence PESTIE
external auditor
at PWC France

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outlook for 2020

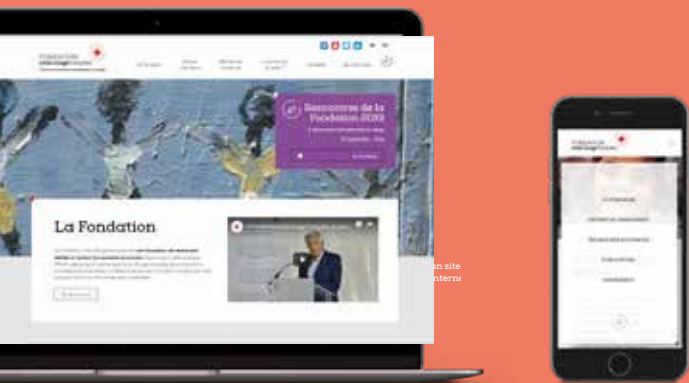
In 2019, the Foundation moved onto the Campus of the French Red Cross, marking the beginning of an unprecedented collaboration between the teams of the FRC and the Foundation's community of researchers. The proximity of people and skills has allowed for detailed consultations and exchanges regarding the roadmap to be drawn up for the organisation, which is fast developing. The Foundation's Governing Board, Scientific Council, associated experts, partners and team members worked throughout the year to define the main axes of the 2020–2024 strategy, which will be voted on at the beginning of 2020.

By 2020, building on the humanities, the Foundation focuses on three of the five challenges to be met of the IFRC 2030 strategy: access to health/epidemics, migration, crises and disasters. The Foundation will continue its efforts as an active member of the new RC3 Research Consortium to support an improved, useful and considered scientific approach, guaranteeing a strong link between the results that are produced and the transformations to be made with regard to actions. In addition, its territories of action are confirmed, with about twenty projects deployed and/or to be identified in Metropolitan France, overseas territories and Sub-Saharan Africa.



Virginie TROIT
Director

From listening to the needs of the teams to promoting and integrating the results into practice, the Foundation will continue to improve and develop its means of action. The first non-individual research projects will be added to the postdoctoral fellowships, as well as the possible valorisation of theses or master's work related to Red Cross fields. Volunteers will also have the opportunity to become scientific leaders by pairing up with researchers in the context of the new *Bénévo'Lab* programme. The editorial strategy will be operational for the first time on all levels: scientific articles (the *Papiers de la Fondation*), co-editing of journals (*Humanitarian Alternatives*), book editing (*Devenir Humanitaire*), public dissemination ('Practices & Humanities' series). The Foundation will continue to promote an ever more open, inclusive and impactful dialogue involving a multitude of actors, by organising or contributing to international events in the Indian Ocean, in Saint-Denis de la Réunion and in Beirut. Finally, we look forward to the results of the selection jury for the 2020 Research Prizes.



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Read the works of researchers supported by the Foundation, and to interact with them

Acknowledgments

Each year, through the pages of its annual report, the Foundation wishes to pay tribute to women and men of images whose looks and testimonials open up new perspectives and analyses on its priority research and thematic areas.

This year, it is the work of the photojournalist William Daniels that the Foundation has selected. Based in Paris, his assignments have taken him to Central and East Asia, in the Middle East, or in Central Africa, in the regions of sometimes the most neglected by international attention and the media. Coup d'état, civil wars, health crises and social, migration, William Daniels reaches into the heart of the forgotten dramas and human dignity in order to raise awareness through the daily lives of the most excluded.

In 2014, after receiving two Wordpress awards and numerous other awards, he is the winner of the Humanitarian Visa d'or Award of the ICRC, which rewards each year the remarkable work of a professional photojournalist who has covered during the past years a humanitarian issue linked to an armed conflict, thus enabling to raise public awareness about the non-compliance of the international humanitarian law.

His last exhibition in 2019, *Wilting Point*, aims to highlight areas affected by ethnic and political tragedies, but where hope for a better world remains.

The French Red Cross Foundation thanks William Daniels for the permission to publish his photographs (front cover and pages 4, 8 and 28).



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Last publications:

- *Wilting Point*, Imogène éditions, January 2019
- *RCA, République Centrafricaine*, Clémentine de la Ferrière éditions, April 2017
- *Faded Tulips*, Kirghizistan, Emphasis publishing, 2012
- *Mauvais air*, Images en Manceuvres éditions, September 2008



list of key acronyms

AUF: Francophonie University Agency
DABE: Volunteering Department of the French Red Cross
DROI: International relations and operations Department of the French Red Cross
EHESP: School for Advanced Studies in Public Health
EHESS: School for Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences
FRC: French Red Cross
ICRC: International Committee of the Red Cross
IFRC: International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent National Societies
IRD: French public research institution for development
MOVEMENT: International Movement of the Red Cross and Red Crescent
PIROI: French Red Cross regional intervention platform in the Indian Ocean
RC3: Red Cross Red Crescent Research Consortium
SSE: Social and Solidarity Economy

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