

Activity report 2024



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| For humanitarian and social research

Facing crises, shaping knowledge

Foreword

A turbulent start to the decade has been followed by constant and sometimes chaotic and even brutal change, creating an unpredictable environment to which the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement has had to adapt.

Understanding and addressing this emerging reality requires constant scientific scrutiny of the facts. The French Red Cross Foundation's unequivocal response has been to produce knowledge that drives transformative change in solidarity and humanitarian action, both in France and across the globe.

Established a decade ago, the Foundation has seen the need for clear-sightedness and innovation acquire a new and broader significance. We have used this symbolic ten-year milestone to collaboratively redefine our strategic focus with our ecosystem and the French Red Cross in order to adapt to the evolving humanitarian landscape. The Foundation now increasingly structures its work around action research, international partnerships and stakeholder networking.

The Foundation's support for research is therefore grounded in real-world experiences. This year, we awarded nine grants to projects designed to provide the humanitarian community with practical solutions, from building community disaster resilience and giving greater consideration to the mental health of learners in health and social care training to promoting positive attitudes towards refugee reception centres.

By cultivating strong relationships with operational stakeholders, the Foundation ensures its work remains relevant. In 2024, we went a step further by organising our first Emergence Workshops. Providing support to humanitarian actors, these sessions identify research topics arising directly from their questions, to jointly develop their projects. With the same objective of promoting knowledge and making it as widely available as possible, the Foundation has published over twenty new 'Pratiques & Humanités' briefs outlining the research it supports.

A bridge between the worlds of academia and operational actors, the Foundation has also demonstrated its ability to put across its own distinct point of view. Now a recognised player in humanitarian research, the Foundation is a familiar sight at events and conferences, including the 34th International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement in Geneva, and has expanded its role within the research consortium alongside other actors within the Movement.


In the field, working with humanitarian actors and at international gatherings, our goal is the same: to use research insights and scientific knowledge to empower humanitarian and social action amid ever-changing global challenges.



Philippe DA COSTA
President

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Humanitarian and social research
that goes to the heart of our actions



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01 Our purpose

Supporting research and improving practices

The French Red Cross Foundation is a recognised public utility foundation dedicated to research in the humanities and social sciences. It aims to improve practices in the fields of humanitarian and social action, in France and all over the world through research. It supports researchers by providing fellowships and awardings and developing collaborations with academic institutions. To successfully complete its actions, the Foundation follows the values and principles of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, and is based on the scientific expertise and methodologies that guarantee its efficiency and form the basis of its identity.

Our three levers for action

Research

The Foundation supports research by allocating postdoctoral fellowships, constructing research programmes in cooperation with partners and awarding research prizes to innovative or deserving researchers.

Publications and events

The Foundation disseminates knowledge through a range of editorial projects in order to improve the impact of the research results and make them available for different audiences. The Foundation takes part in the global debate by organising or participating in events, to disseminate and promote research for the benefit of the most vulnerable.

Transferring knowledge

The Foundation is working to move away from a 'classical' approach of supporting the production of scientific knowledge followed by the mobilisation of the knowledge acquired, and towards a social research and development approach that strengthens the potential for transformation and innovation based on research findings.

GUIDING PRINCIPLE: IMPROVING PRACTICES, THROUGH

ONGOING DIALOGUE AND MUTUAL LEARNING

BETWEEN RESEARCHERS AND HUMANITARIAN ACTORS

Our 5-steps method

1



Listening to field actors.

Collecting the questions and needs of practitioners, volunteers, and academics.

2



Transforming needs into research questions.

Structuring research programmes and selecting the most relevant.

3



Accompanying researchers.

Building bridges to the field, mobilising networks, providing researchers with funding, support, and expertise.

4



Disseminating results and contributing to knowledge acquisition.

Promoting and translating the results to raise awareness amongst academics, civil society, decision makers, and citizens.

5



Fostering solidarity initiatives and social innovation.

Help transform research recommendations into concrete, operational advances.

Map
of current research

In 2024, the Foundation selected and accompanied a total of 19 francophone researchers, working in 7 countries. Despite their varied methodologies, disciplines and approaches, the researchers share a common goal: shedding light, by means of the tools of the social sciences and humanities, on realities and social experiences in the field, as well as on the needs of vulnerable people, to enable the emergence of innovative and sustainable solutions for humanitarian and social action, based on scientific data.



4 priority themes

Humanitarian Transition
The Foundation's core programme

Anticipating and addressing the challenges arising from the current evolution of the humanitarian sector, by studying these major changes in terms of operational models, new partnerships, and reconfiguration of the roles of actors.

Risks and disasters

Studying the causes of population vulnerabilities, the relevance of their preparedness, and their perception of risks, as well as the innovative humanitarian responses trialled in the most affected areas. This theme also addresses the issue of the resilience process in light of climate change and environmental pressures.

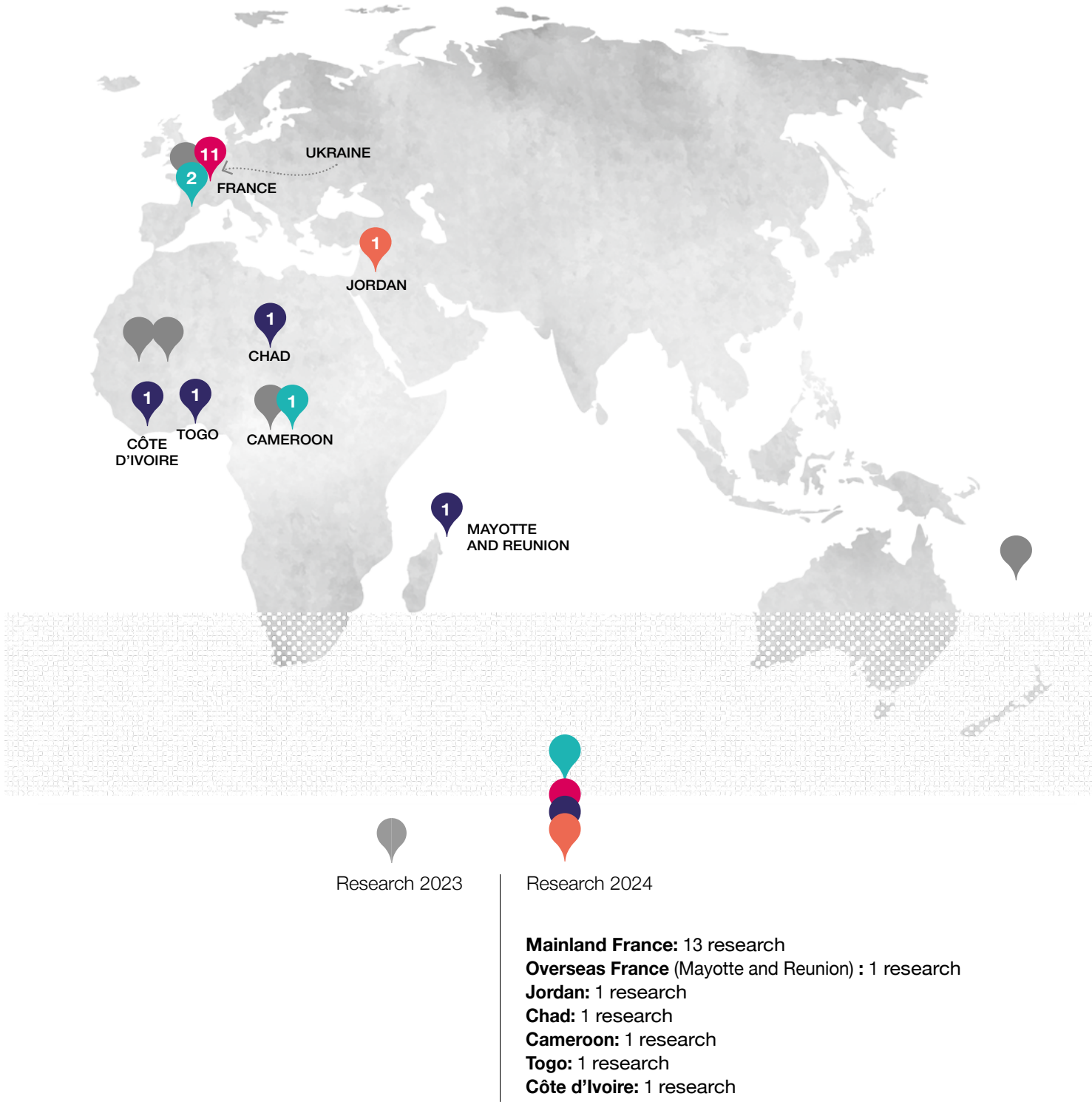
Health and epidemics

Understanding populations' health situations and needs, taking into account the socio-cultural dimensions in actions relative to access to care, disease and epidemic risks prevention, and strengthening healthcare systems.

Migrations and displacements

Better grasping the origins and sources of migrations, the strategies and lived experiences of exiles, and the relevance of the humanitarian response. Accompanying the renewal of practices concerning this issue which has taken on a global importance.

Geographical research areas



02 Highlights of 2024



March

The Foundation launches its new calls for applications. Five calls, each focusing on one of the Foundation's key research priorities, are published between March and April 2024.



April

The Foundation takes part in the presentation of the 2024 report on the resilience of the French society 'Extreme Climate Events: Are We Ready for the Inevitable?' issued by the French Red Cross and CREDOC, to which it contributed.



May

- As part of a *Pause-Culture-Recherche* at the Red Cross Campus, the Foundation welcomes Historian Joël Glasman to discuss his book 'A Short Self-Defense Guide for Volunteers'.

- A new episode of the *Instant Recherche* webinar brings together an expert from the Global First Aid Reference Centre and a researcher in education sciences to explore how life-saving skills are taught and learned.



June

- As part of a second *Pause-Culture-Recherche*, the Foundation welcomes Historian Romain Fathi to speak about the French Red Cross's public health shift in 1919 and the beginning of its remarkable expansion.

- After ten years of commitment to humanitarian and social research, the Foundation presents the results of its social impact assessment, in a first dedicated report.

July

- The Board of Administrators awards nine new one-year postdoctoral research fellowships, with the support of the Foundation's partners.



- The 'research ideation workshops', a new initiative aimed at helping stakeholders articulate research needs, are launched. The first workshop is taking place at the Red Cross Campus, in collaboration with the French Red Cross's Inclusion Department and the organisation Solinum.



September

- Continuing its active contribution to the RC3 Consortium, the Foundation takes part in the 2024 Global Workshop in Seoul, South Korea, organised in partnership with the Korean Red Cross Society.



October

- As part of the 160th anniversary of the French Red Cross, the Foundation co-organises the conference 'Music and International Humanitarian Law: Two Utopias in Times of War?' during the Haizebegi Festival in Bayonne.



- The Foundation also participates in the 80th anniversary of its historical partner, the *Institut de recherche pour le développement*, in Marseille, where it delivers a speech at the opening round table, through her vice president.

- Food aid is the focus of an episode of the *Instant Recherche* webinar, entitled 'Emergency and Sustainable Challenges: Reinventing Food Aid'.



November

- The *Rencontres de la Fondation* take place at the *École des Mines* in Paris, bringing together researchers and practitioners to discuss the research projects supported by the Foundation.



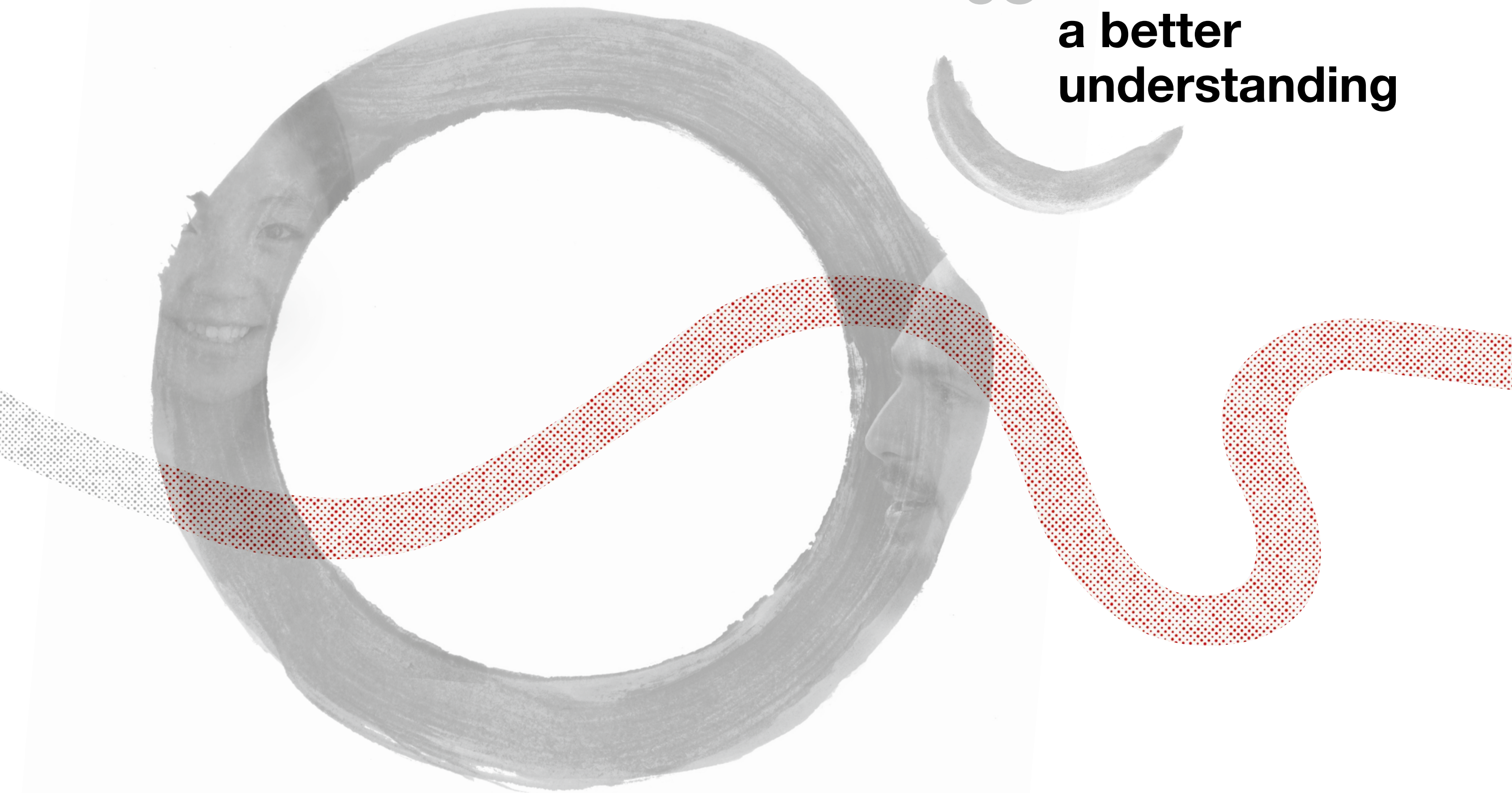
December

The second part, the 'Off' section, of the *Rencontre de la Fondation* offers a special evening at the *Gaîté Lyrique* in Paris to present the results of the research conducted on the reception of Ukrainian refugees in France.

FOSTERING DIALOGUE BETWEEN RESEARCH AND CIVIL SOCIETY IN A TRANSITIONING SECTOR



03 Towards a better understanding



Research supported in 2024

13 projects sorted by research theme

Research projects supported by the Foundation usually span two calendar years, and may therefore appear in two consecutive annual reports.

Risks and disasters

1 Rethinking disaster risk reduction (DRR) through social action and everyday resilience strategies in Chad.

Virginie LE MASSON

Doctor of Geography, ODI London.

Conceptualising the link between everyday resilience of populations exposed to multiple hazards and crises and DRR, compare humanitarian and development interventions in the way they take into account social factors of vulnerability, and articulate avenues for DRR reform that are more rooted in everyday experiences, taking into account the intersectionality of vulnerability factors.

2 Perceptions of risk, risk management strategies and responses to disasters of 'natural origin' in the overseas territories of the Indian Ocean: Mayotte and La Réunion.

Morgane ROSIER

Doctor of International Development, University of Ottawa (Canada).

Analysing the perceptions of different stakeholders in the management of risks of 'natural origin' in Mayotte and La Réunion, in order to gain an understanding of the shortcomings of risk management strategies and emergency responses, and thus improve their communications and practices.



3 Resilience to climate change in Togo: ethnography of endogenous knowledge and practices of preparation, protection and adaptation to the health impacts of flooding in the lower Mono River Valley.

Kossi Mitronougna KOUMI

Doctor of Socio-Anthropology, EHESS and University of Lomé (Togo).

Documenting the positive endogenous knowledge of preparation, protection and adaptation of the populations of Agbétiko Township to the health impacts of flooding, so that it can be better taken into account by these actors in the construction of responses.

4 Digital resilience practices in the face of flood risks in the Abidjan District (Côte d'Ivoire).

Khan KOUAME

Doctor of Communication Sciences, Alassane Ouattara University, Bouaké (Côte d'Ivoire).

Meeting the challenges posed by the risk of flooding in Côte d'Ivoire, and Abidjan in particular, by stepping up training and raising people's awareness of good 'digital resilience' practices.

Humanitarian transition

5 'By us, for us': self-managed humanitarian initiatives by Sudanese refugees in Jordan.

Solenn AL MAJALI

Doctor of Anthropology, University of Aix-Marseille.

Studying the role of refugees in Jordan in the system of humanitarian governance, in a context of humanitarian transition and the localisation of aid, with a particular focus on the self-managed initiatives of Sudanese refugees in the humanitarian ecosystem in Amman.



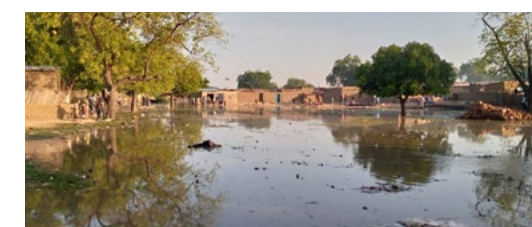
Health and epidemics

6 Community resilience to the health impacts of climate change in the Logone plain (Far North of Cameroon and Chad).

Markus BAKAIRA

Doctor of Geography, University of N'Gaoundéré (Cameroon).

Highlighting, disseminating and permanently archiving endogenous knowledge and the actions taken by a wide range of communities south of Lake Chad in response to the effects of climate change on their health.



More information on each of the research projects

Research from the 'Ukraine Emergency' programme

7 Continuity of care for Ukrainian exiles in the Lyon region.

Ludovic JOXE

Doctor of Sociology, Université Paris Descartes.

Contributing to the critical analysis of continuity of care during crises for populations in transit.

8 Aging in exile: Access to care and the experience of older Ukrainian refugees in France.

Armelle KLEIN

Doctor of Socio-Demographics, Université Paris Cité.

Exploring the relationship between exile, ageing and the experiences and positions of older Ukrainian refugees in France.

9 Assembling hospitality. Hosting Ukrainian seniors in exile in France.

Giovanni MATERA

Doctor of Sociology, École des Hautes Études en Sciences sociales (EHESS).

Evaluating the quality of care-management provided to Ukrainians exiled in France, based on a survey in two regional psychosocial trauma centres (CRPs) equipped to care for migrants.

10 Ukrainian exiles in France: livelihood strategies cooked up from scratch.

Denys GORBACH

Doctor of Sociology, Sciences Po Paris.

Shedding light on the survival strategies devised and implemented by Ukrainian exiles given refuge in France since 24 February 2022.

11 Citizen engagement for Ukrainians: a response outside the big cities.

Jordan PINEL

Doctor of Geography, Université de Poitiers.

Exploring the forms of citizen solidarity that are emerging to support Ukrainian exiles outside major cities in France, particularly in rural areas.

12 Improving the integration of Ukrainian refugees in France and reducing psychological violence.

Tetiana STOIANOVA

Doctor of Law, University of Odessa (Ukraine).

Identifying a reliable method to measure loneliness and an effective approach to reducing loneliness among Ukrainian refugees in order to improve their social connections within their host society and alleviate the psychological violence they may experience.

13 The involvement and diversity of humanitarian and social actors and networks in supporting the integration in France of people affected by the Ukrainian conflict.

Isabelle DELORME

Doctor of History, Sciences Po Paris.

Identifying and mapping actors involved in the integration of Ukrainian refugees in France and determining their actions and interactions.



Research awards The 2024 laureates

Open to all disciplines in the humanities and social sciences and to all nationalities, the French Red Cross Foundation's research prizes reward scientific excellence and human commitment. In 2024, the jury, made up of members of the Foundation's governing bodies, awarded three prizes, including a future prize for a promising young researcher and an honorary prize for lifetime achievement. The 2024 prizes were awarded with the support of the Andorran Red Cross and are worth €3,000 (excluding the honorary prize).



Fiona TERRY

Doctor of International Relations and Political Science, Director of the Centre for Operational Research and Experience of the International Committee of the Red Cross in Geneva.

Honorary Prize 2024 for her career as an academic and practitioner in the field of humanitarian affairs, marked by more than 30 years of field experience and research work whose significant contribution to the understanding of humanitarian policies is internationally recognised.

Elliot RAKOTOMANANA

Doctor of Health Anthropology, head of the 'Health and Social Sciences' team at the Pasteur Institute of Madagascar.

Prix avenir 2024 for his exceptional career, marked by his dual training in food science and anthropology, which enables him to take a multi-faceted analytical look at child malnutrition and public health problems in Madagascar.

Joël GLASMAN

Historian, Professor at the University of Bayreuth in Germany.

Research Prize 2024 for his contribution to the history of humanitarianism, government and humanitarian knowledge, and his advocacy of the use of the humanities and social sciences by those who help others to save their lives and dignity.

With the support of



"I would like to thank the Foundation, the organisers of the day and, through them, all those who are working to build bridges between academic research and humanitarian organisations [...] And at a time when research funding is under threat or being called into question, this type of award, from institutions in the non-profit sector, also counts for something."

Joël GLASMAN, 2024 laureate

The partners sharing our commitment to humanitarian and social research



Projects **1** and **2** and are being carried out with the financial support of the Fondation de France



Projects **3** and **6** with that of Fondation S



Project **4** with that of the Fondation CMA CGM (via the French Red Cross)



Project **7** with that of the Fondation Solimut



Project **8** with that of the Fondation de l'Avenir



Projects **9**, **10** and **12** with that of the French Red Cross

04 Towards more effective action



Action research supported in 2024

6 projects sorted by research theme

The action-research projects supported by the Foundation respond to research questions formulated on the basis of needs expressed by practitioners from the French Red Cross or other entities of the International Movement. In this type of research, practitioners participate in all stages of the research, defining with the researcher the problem and the collective working methods.

All the action research projects presented in this double-page spread are conducted with the support of the French Red Cross.

Migration and displacements

1 Welcoming and accompanying asylum seekers on the day of their OFPRA interview: the Oasis study.

Project carried out by the Migration and Society Research Unit (URMIS).

Setting up an action research project designed to document the effects of the experimental reception facility for asylum seekers, known as the Oasis, on the people it welcomes.

2 Refugee peer helpers: volunteering by and for refugees, an alternative model for integration?

Leila DRIF

Doctor in Social Anthropology, EHESS.

Studying the specific features of volunteering by migrants, in the context of the reception system in France, in the light of their migratory experience.

3 Forms of self (re)presentation and imaginary clothing: practices and uses of clothing in precarious situations.

Emmanuelle DURAND

Doctor in Anthropology, IRIS-EHESS.

Exploring the meanings associated with clothing and their role in the self-representation of first-time migrants in order to suggest ways of improving the services and support offered in the French Red Cross clothing stores.



Health and epidemics

4 Hybrid format training courses to improve first aid training efficiency.

Anne MULLER

Doctor in Education Sciences, University of Paris 1 Panthéon Sorbonne.

Understanding how hybrid first aid training for the general public can improve the knowledge and skills acquired, the confidence of learners, their feeling of competence, their willingness to act and their ability to act in an emergency situation, as well as the practice of actions learned in training.



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The Bénévo'Lab programme



Bénévo'Lab is our flagship programme for strengthening the link between research, action and society. It is a participative research programme within the French Red Cross family, initiated by those who carry out the actions on a daily basis, i.e. the volunteers and employees. The idea is to enable them to find insights and solutions to the difficulties they may encounter in the course of their work. The Foundation is proposing to provide them with a think-tank to support them, through tailor-made research aimed at providing a clear and operational response.

At the end of the 2024 call for proposals, two research proposals were selected. They were then submitted to the scientific community and two researcher-volunteer pairs were put together and monitored by the Foundation's team.

5 Understanding and promoting the social acceptability of new reception facilities for asylum seekers.

Isabelle WILHELM, Doctor in Anthropology, Free University of Brussels (Belgium).

Project proposed by the 'ex-peer advisers' of the French Red Cross.

Identifying the determinants influencing the social acceptability of asylum seekers and propose strategies to improve the integration of new reception centres by local populations.

6 Well-being and mental health of French Red Cross learners.

Jean-Luc RINAUDO, University Professor of Education Sciences, Rouen-Normandie University.

Project proposed by Croix-Rouge Compétence, the health-and-social training branch of the French Red Cross.

Shedding light on the mental health of learners undergoing vocational training in Red Cross health and social work schools in France.

Double testimony from a French Red Cross volunteer and a researcher working on the project 'Well-being and mental health of French Red Cross learners'

"The Bénévo'Lab programme offered by the Foundation enables research to be carried out on issues identified by French Red Cross volunteers. I proposed a topic on the mental health of Croix-Rouge Compétence students, who are facing increasing difficulties. The topic was selected and the research, conducted by Professor Rinaudo among students and trainers, aims to identify these difficulties precisely. The results will help us to better understand their needs and strengthen our support to promote their well-being and success."

Marie-Hélène BELLUCCI, Project Manager at Croix-Rouge Compétence (training branch of the French Red Cross)

"The aim of my research is to shed light on the well-being and mental health of students at Croix-Rouge Compétence who are training in the fields of health and social work. In a context where mental health is a major national cause, I believe it is important to confer value on the experiences of students in training at institutes or on internships, or in their personal lives. Beyond understanding the experiences of students, this research provides valuable insight into the actions already in place and allows new ones to be proposed."

Jean-Luc RINAUDO, Professor Emeritus in educational sciences, Rouen-Normandie University

Research ideation workshops

Enhancing interaction between civil society and the research community

What are they?

Research Ideation Workshops help the French Red Cross and non-profit/civil society organisations express and identify research needs and questions through cooperation with researchers to create mutual learning opportunities.

These workshops are for organisations seeking either to connect with academics for the first time, strengthen their analytical framework or build knowledge for informed action, or those already exploring joint research projects. They help identify pathways for collaboration between academia and civil society, which may often be distant from the research world.

What do they involve?

The moderators of these workshops, which last several hours, use issues flagged by 'field' actors to identify an original research question with substantial scientific merit. This jointly constructed question, which evolves with the project, is the first step in a collaborative research process that integrates civil society actors at all levels of the research project, from defining the topic to adopting new and shared knowledge. The purpose is to help 'translate' a 'field' insight into a topic for scientific research.

The workshop begins with introductions, followed by plenary input sessions on the challenges of action research, criteria for formulating research questions, and conditions for project success at every stage. Participants engage in individual and group work sessions designed to leverage collective intelligence and foster practical advancements. Regardless of whether a formal project emerges, these sessions equip each participant with the skills to structure and critically evaluate a project.



Example

In 2024, the Community Advisory Drop-in Centres (ALSO) department, part of the inclusion service of the French Red Cross, and the non-profit Solinum approached the Foundation to explore inter-organisational research on the impact of a new drop-in, listening and advisory mechanisms to optimise user services.

The first research ideation workshop, held in July, identified seventeen key research questions and needs. A second session in November sorted and grouped these questions and identified the main common themes before taking a final collective decision on the research direction. Based on roundtables, votes, decision-making and discussions on individual working forms and procedures, the two-session workshop determined key aspects of the research project, launching in 2025.

05 Sharing and debating



> Connecting with the scientific community



9
new scientific articles,
Les Papiers de la Fondation



4
publications by researchers in peer-reviewed scientific books or journals
Denys GORBACH, "Elusive privilege: class, race and gender in Ukrainian war migrants' (un)employment in France", Dialectical Anthropology
Emmanuelle DURAND, "The other side of second-hand clothing. Clothes in the folds of globalisation" (published in French), Premier Parallèle
Ludovic JOXE, "Migrations and health, coping withimpeded care. Constraints, experiences, adaptations." (published in French), Revue française des affaires sociales
Isabelle DELORME, «The French state faced with the arrival of refugees from Ukraine since 24 February 2022: mobilisation, actionand renewal of practices» (published in French), Histoire@Politique



1
article published in the **International Review of the Red Cross**
'The challenges of research in the humanitarian sector: An evolving relationship' by the Foundation's research team (Julien Antouly, Vincent Leger, Camille Raillon, Virginie Troit)



7
articles posted on the **Academia** scientific network and on **HAL**



Our publications



Our YouTube channel

Researchers and academics

Scientific resources Sharing Knowledge

The Foundation works to disseminate the knowledge it generates to make it available to all stakeholders. Available in a range of formats, including books, journals, online articles and video, the publications are open access and considered a common good, and are translated into English to bring their content to an international audience.



50
posts in 2025 for 37,000 followers

Practitioners

> Connecting with humanitarian and social action actors

5
thematic short versions of our *Essentiel scientifique*, for a more straightforward access

1
English version of our *Essentiel scientifique*, 10 Years of *Research Going to the Heart of Vulnerabilities* (available online)



3
new issues of the **Humanitarian Alternatives Review**

March 2024
No. 25
Food crises: what role for humanitarian actors?

July 2024
N°26
Humanitarian work today: an overview

Nov. 2024
N°27
Ukraine-Gaza: exchange of views



1
thematic report on the **Ukraine Emergency Programme 2022-2024**: an overview of all research supported by the Foundation within this programme



24
new issues in the **Pratiques & Humanités** series (policy briefs)



> Connecting with civil society

3
new episodes of our **En-Quête d'Humanité** podcast



1
social utility report (1st edition)



2
new webinars **Instant-Recherche**



3
video portraits of researchers



Discussion forums

Debates and encounters to exchange ideas

The *Rencontres de la Fondation*

An annual scientific day, the *Rencontres de la Fondation* invite researchers supported by the Foundation to come and present the results of their work, and then to put them into perspective with practices, during themed round tables, inviting researchers and practitioners from social action or international solidarity. In 2024, the *Rencontres de la Fondation* took place in two separate parts, with a special evening, the 'Off', being dedicated to the eight research projects carried out on Ukrainian refugees and their reception in France.

Rencontres de la Fondation
2024 Edition 'Savoir(s)-faire face'
École des Mines, Paris
13 November 2024

Rencontres de la Fondation
The 'Off': 'Reinventing the reception of refugees in France: lessons from exiles from Ukraine'
La Gaîté Lyrique, Paris
10 December 2024



The *Instants-Recherche*

The *Instant-Recherche* is an online round table (webinar) designed to spark dialogue between researchers and stakeholders on a given topic. The experts invited by the Foundation participate in a free-flowing and rigorous discussion, where the diversity of knowledge, practices and principles opens up new horizons for the research the Foundation supports and the emergence of innovative models for action.

Instant-Recherche #10
'Life-saving actions: realities, challenges and innovations'
With **Pascal CASSAN**, Director of the Global First Aid Reference Centre (CMRPS) and **Anne MULLER**, Doctor of Education Sciences
Online
28 May 2024

Instant-Recherche #11
'Emergency and sustainable challenges: reinventing food aid' with **Bénédicte BONZI**, Doctor of Anthropology, **Sonia BOUIMA**, Doctor of Social Sciences and **Aline DI CARLO**, Director of the VRAC (Vers un réseau d'achat en commun) association in Paris
Online
8 October 2024

The *Pauses-Culture-Recherche*

To foster encounters between humanitarian actors and researchers in the humanities and social sciences, the Foundation regularly organises its *Pauses-Culture-Recherche* at the French Red Cross Campus in Montrouge. Through these events, it aims to embody the link between research and society in a concrete way, through feedback and collaboration between researchers and humanitarian and social actors, as well as artists and writers.



Pause-Culture-Recherche
'The Humanitarian Humanities'
With **Joël GLASMAN**, Historian
Red Cross Campus, Montrouge
23 May 2024

Pause-Culture-Recherche
'1919: the turning point in public health and the beginning of the Red Cross's remarkable expansion'
With **Romain FATHI**, Historian
Red Cross Campus, Montrouge
25 June 2024

Other events in 2024

The Foundation also organises or participates in other events related to humanitarian and social action. Through the organisation of round tables or the presence of its representatives (researchers, members of the governing bodies or team), the Foundation mobilises its expertise, promotes its values and demonstrates the contributions of research.

Symposium for the 160th anniversary of the French Red Cross
Part 1
'Music & International Humanitarian Law, two utopias in times of war?'
Haizebegi Festival in Bayonne
5 October 2024



80th anniversary of the Institut de recherche pour le développement
With the participation of **Françoise Fromageau**, Vice-president of the Fondation, in the opening round table discussion
Marseille
7 October 2024

Symposium for the 160th anniversary of the French Red Cross
Part 2
'Music & International Humanitarian Law: Considering the Links, Creating Resonance'
Sciences Po Paris
28 November 2024



The actions of the RC3 Research Consortium

Throughout 2024, the Foundation actively supported the RC3, recognising the value of peer-to-peer dialogue and collaboration within the global university sector. As a member of the RC3 Steering Committee, the Foundation plays a central role in the operational coordination of the network, in conjunction with the International Federation of the Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies (IFRC) and the Operational Research Centre of the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC).



What is the RC3?

Founded in 2019, the RC3 (Red Cross Red Crescent Research Consortium) is an open, collaborative and coordinated network of entities and initiatives dedicated to conducting and promoting humanitarian research within the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement. In 2024, the RC3 had 23 active members across five continents, including the research departments of National Societies, global and regional reference centres, and knowledge production and acquisition entities created by National Societies, including foundations, academies, institutes, observatories and platforms.

More information



List of members



Research Spotlight at the 34th International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent

The International Conference of the Red Cross and Red Crescent is the Movement's supreme deliberative body. It is the forum in which the delegates of the Movement and State signatories to the Geneva Conventions come together to debate and make joint commitments on key humanitarian issues. The 34th conference was held in Geneva between 28 and 31 October 2024. The RC3 hosted a round table to underscore the vital role of research in strengthening our capacity to advance within an uncertain world and amplify the impact of humanitarian action. The round table, co-chaired by the Foundation's Director General and the Director of the IFRC's Global Disaster Preparedness Center, brought together the Vice President of the IFRC, the Vice President of the ICRC, a representative of the Norwegian State, and two representatives from National Societies engaged in research programmes. An opportunity for participants to engage in a dialogue on existing research initiatives, the round table demonstrated

how research can enhance operational impact, improve advocacy and better meet the needs of affected communities.



RC3 panel discussion at the 34th International Conference

"Leveraging evidence to navigate uncertainty: strengthening humanitarian impact through research"

Geneva
28-31 October 2024

Global RC3 Research Workshop in Seoul

Every year since 2019, the RC3 has organised a global workshop for its members. Its three goals are, first, to strengthen peer-to-peer support on scientific and organisational issues; second, to ensure the Consortium's development based on a shared vision, renewed governance and an adapted economic model; and third, to adopt an action plan targeting both the scientific community and volunteers and professionals within the humanitarian sector. The 2024 workshop, co-organised with the Korean Red Cross and the IFRC's Asia Pacific Disaster Resilience Centre (APDRC), took place in September in Seoul, South Korea.

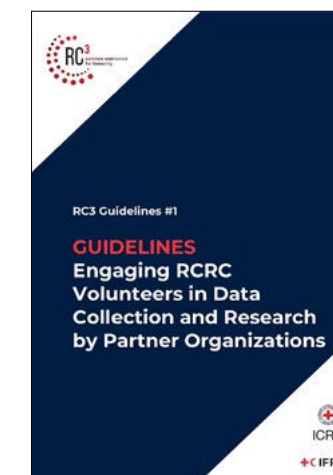
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06 Overview of our social impact measurement process

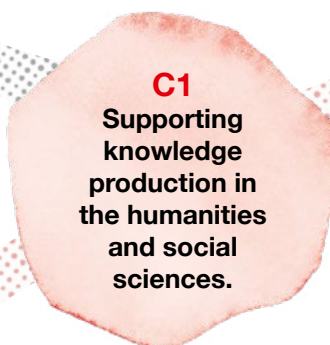


Assessing public benefit initiatives is essential to ensure their relevance and effectiveness, while strengthening the trust of citizens and partners. The Foundation has therefore been committed to measuring its social impact since 2023. Based on six specific and objective criteria divided into two complementary areas, science, on the one hand, and humanitarian and social issues on the other, this measurement is a lever for better responding to contemporary challenges and anchoring our organisation's impact in a process of continuous improvement.

For each of the six criteria of impact, a three-step process allows us to assess the Foundation's impact through three categories of indicators: **achievement** indicators, **results** indicators and **usefulness** indicators.

This double page presents a summary of the elements used to measure the Foundation's social impact for the year 2024.

In the academic field, the Foundation is committed to:



€201,188 invested in research (funding allocated in 2024 to researchers or research organisations).

7 scientific articles in the *Papiers de la Fondation* series.

4 publications by researchers supported in peer-reviewed books or journals (list of publications on p. 24).



5 research projects focusing on the activities of the French Red Cross:

- The social acceptability of new asylum seeker reception facilities
- Mental health among students at health and social care training institutes
- L'Oasis, a reception centre for asylum seekers
- The mobile humanitarian Repair Lab
- Hybrid first aid training provided by the French Red Cross.



60 % of international research is conducted by researchers from the country concerned. This figure is up from the average of 55% between 2013 and 2023.



In the humanitarian and social field, the Foundation is committed to:



The publication of *Pratiques & Humanités* continues its momentum with **24 publications** in 2024, bringing the total to **51 since 2020**, reflecting an acceleration in the production and dissemination of these policy briefs to reach professional audiences.

Three episodes of the podcast *En-Quête d'Humanité* were recorded and broadcast on dedicated platforms to promote the contribution of social sciences to the general public.



These two summary pages for 2024 are not intended to present all the criteria and indicators in detail, but rather to provide an overview of the main lessons learned from the social impact measurement. For a comprehensive and in-depth view of each criterion and its utility pathway, please refer to the 2023 report, which provides a detailed analysis.

42% of projects supported in 2024 involve an entity of the international Movement, a figure above the average of 29% for the period 2013–2023, demonstrating a desire to strike a good balance between action research and the production of more general empirical research.

In addition, the Foundation has set up a Post-Research and Social Innovation Workshop (APRIS), organised at the end of 2023 at the Red Cross Campus, which brought together several departments of the French Red Cross to strengthen socio-aesthetic projects based on the work of sociologist Thibaut Besozzi.

Operational impacts following this APRIS:

- Establishment of an impact measurement to lend credibility to the initiative
- Development of a national project sheet dedicated to socio-aesthetics by Croix-Rouge Initiatives (2024)
- Presentation of an action plan by the Innovation Department to the Inclusion Department of the French Red Cross (2025).

Detailed report



07 Governance and team

The French Red Cross Foundation is governed by four bodies. The **Board** is made up of twelve administrators, divided into four colleges. It is chaired by Mr Philippe Da Costa. In the 2024 financial year, it met four times, in April, July, October and December. To develop its scientific mission, the Board is assisted by a **Scientific Council**, composed of 16 members with recognised expertise in the Foundation's areas of activity. A group of 23 **Associated Experts** completes this multidisciplinary and multisectoral scientific governance structure, bringing together committed professionals from several continents. A **Finance Committee** advises the Board, approves the annual accounts and makes recommendations on financial matters.



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08 Partners and networks

Supported by its partners, the Foundation strives to make social science a guiding force for humanitarian action stakeholders. In conjunction with private organisations, institutional actors, and members of the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, the Foundation designs research programmes that go to the heart of vulnerabilities to analyse contexts and inform actions.

To guarantee its independence and defend the values of academic research in the humanities and social sciences, the Foundation has adopted a Charter setting out the values and principles that must guide the objectives and terms of the relationships between the Foundation, its financial and operational partners, and the researchers who receive fellowships.

**THANK YOU
to all our partners
whose support
in 2024 made it
possible to:**

Meet the needs voiced by frontline humanitarian and social actors

International action and cooperation

- Norwegian Red Cross
- IFRC

France

- French Red Cross
- French Red Cross - Regional Intervention Platform of the Americas-Caribbean (PIRAC)
- Croix-Rouge Compétence (training branch of the French Red Cross)

"The Foundation's mission is critical to enhancing humanitarian action and disaster resilience. Our discussions at the 2024 Rencontres revealed the need to better understand the populations we serve and their environment, but this knowledge is not (or seldom) available to field workers. Forging closer ties with academia is often the only way to better understand the institutional, sociological or anthropological mechanisms of populations, and these discussions are particularly important for strengthening these relationships and expertise-sharing systematically rather than on an ad hoc basis. Under certain circumstances, without this in-depth understanding, humanitarian actors are unable to access affected populations and provide them with the aid they need, as during the successive Ebola epidemics in the DRC."

Florent DEL PINTO, Head of the Emergency Operations Center of the International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies

Develop programmes to inform future response during and outside crises

Private sector

- Foundation S – The Sanofi Collective
- Fondation Solimut
- Fondation de l'Avenir pour la recherche médicale
- Fondation de France
- Fondation Nestlé
- Fondation CMA-CGM (in collaboration with the French Red Cross)

Academic partners

- EHESP
- EHESP
- Institut de recherche pour le développement (IRD)

"The SOLIMUT Mutuelle de France Foundation's support for the French Red Cross Foundation's research project on refugee monitoring and continuity of care was a direct consequence of the geopolitical situation, specifically the war in Ukraine and the healthcare needs of its refugees. The urgency and complexity of their challenges, combined with their diverse needs, demanded a thorough understanding of their specific requirements and appropriate responses to enhance existing reception, support and care management systems for all. To explore these ideas further, the French Red Cross Foundation was naturally best placed to understand these reception and access to care issues. Despite government efforts to address access to care for Ukrainian refugees, the researcher's work revealed shortcomings in the field."

Colette ELLENA, President of the SOLIMUT - Mutuelle de France Foundation



Create spaces for dialogue to advocate for a reinforced respect of international humanitarian law

Event partners

- Sciences Po
- Festival Hazeibegi
- 21|Croix-Rouge française
- La Gaîté Lyrique Paris
- Ecole des Mines de Paris

"In a world of ongoing conflict in which respect for international humanitarian law is more vital than ever, the French Red Cross Foundation supports innovative projects at the intersection of art and the principles of international humanitarian law. By partnering with artists who care about these issues and staging concerts and conferences, the Foundation engages diverse audiences and educates them on the fundamental rules concerning the protection of war victims. This gives a cultural resonance to the Foundation's commitment to humanitarian research and innovation, channelling emotions to raise awareness and drive action. This unique approach shows how art is more than a form of expression: it is a powerful tool to advance peace, respect for law and global solidarity."

Caroline BRANDAO, Head of the International Humanitarian Law (IHL) Department at the French Red Cross



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"The partnership between the Foundation and the Andorran Red Cross builds on over 40 years of collaboration with the French Red Cross. Research findings in all areas addressed enhance project planning for our National Societies and greatly assist field teams. This is why we are pleased to support the research prizes awarded by the Foundation in 2024."

David FRAISSINET, Vice President of the Andorra Red Cross,
2024 Research Awards sponsor



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The Foundation is also grateful to all the private donors who place their trust in us every year. For 10 years now, thanks to the generosity and support of its donors, the Foundation has positioned itself as an agent of change serving the most vulnerable populations and the practitioners who stand by them.

The networks in which we actively participate

The Foundation shares and capitalises on research through the networks in which it plays an active role.

- IHSA
- RC3
- Centre français des Fonds et Fondations
- Forum Espace Humanitaire



09 Financial report

Finances and presentation of annual accounts

The French Red Cross Foundation's financial statement for the year ending 31 December 2024 represents the eighth one since its recognition as a public service entity on 1 September 2017. In 2024, the Foundation reported a negative balance of €46,000, an improvement on the 2023 one, which stood at €96,000.

A very active year for scientific missions

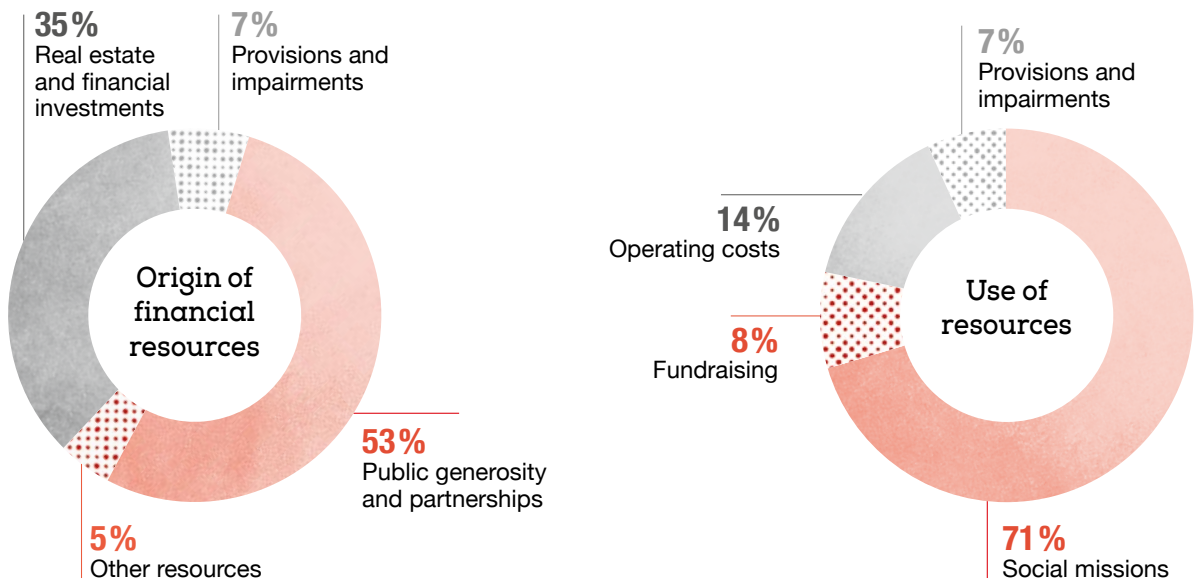
During the 2024 financial year, the French Red Cross Foundation was particularly active in the field of scientific research, signing partnership agreements to fund 11 new research projects, compared to 4 in 2023, for a total of €260,000 in 2024, compared to €95,000 in 2023. At the same time, 17 researchers completed their work in 2024, compared to 7 in 2023, which will be published in 2025.

The Foundation has also demonstrated its influence beyond the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, with 73% of research funded by private partners outside the Movement, whereas in 2022 and 2023 most of the funding came within the Movement.

Diversified resources

To preserve its independence and carry out its research missions, the Foundation continues to pursue its resource mobilisation strategy by significantly diversifying its funding in France and abroad:

- Real estate rental income,
- Partnerships with the private sector, businesses and foundations,
- Partnerships with the entities of the French Red Cross and the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement,
- Appeals to public generosity,
- State subsidies,
- Sponsorship of services and expertise,
- And, to a lesser extent, income from financial investments.



Income statement

Income	2024 (k€)	2023 (k€)	%
Sponsorship and financial contributions	505	498	1 %
Donations	105	103	2 %
Property income	341	365	-7 %
Other income	60	65	-8 %
Total	1 011	1 032	-2 %
Operating expenses	1 073	1 140	-6 %
Financial result	16	12	33 %
Net income	-46	-96	

The 2024 results feature the following key highlights:

- The increase in revenue recognition (+1%) from research partnerships reflects the vitality of research projects underway in the 2024 financial year,
- The decrease in property income is due to unpaid rent on three properties,
- The financial result is slightly up due to new risk-free instruments income,
- Finally, operating expenses are under control, demonstrating rigorous cost management in a challenging environment.

Balance sheet

Assets	2024 (k€)	2023 (k€)	Liabilities	2024 (k€)	2023 (k€)
Fixed assets	4 326	4 350	Equity	5 490	5 536
Financial assets	211	217	Debts	814	944
Receivables	360	511			
Cash	1 408	1 402			
Total	6 305	6 480	Total	6 305	6 480

In 2024, the main balance sheet ratios remain stable:

- Assets consist of 72% fixed assets, mainly real estate and financial investments, which strengthen the Foundation's endowment,
- Cash and cash equivalents remained unchanged at €1.4 million,
- The slight decrease in equity is solely due to the deficit for the year.

Net result allocation

The 2024 net result is a negative balance of €- 45,527.
At financial year end, the equity breakdown is as follows:

Endowment	€3,627,000
Other initial capital	€300,000
Other reserves	€390,000
Retained earnings	€ - 881,069
Current result	€-45,527
Net equity	€3,390,404
Expendable equity	€2,100,000
Total equity	€5,490,404

Additional information

It must be noted that:

- No equity investment was made during this financial year,
- A Financial Committee assists the Board with regard to financial investments, resource management, and budgetary and accounting control,
- Annual accounts are available on the French *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."

Jérôme EUSTACHE
Certified Auditor at Mazars

Jean-Claude MARTY
Certified Auditor at Deloitte & Associés

10 Outlook for 2025

Despite a year so far dominated by an uncertain geopolitical climate, the French Red Cross Foundation, guided by its firm values, remains steadfast in its commitment to support humanitarian action, the very structure of which is now under threat. It will therefore continue to focus on humanities and social science research, action research and social innovation through knowledge transfer to help address the institutional, operational and ethical challenges confronting humanitarian and social action. As a meeting point for academics, civil society organisations and target populations, the Foundation is now more committed than ever to generating knowledge and transforming the practices and knowledge acquisition of frontline organisations. In 2025, the Foundation will proceed with its missions in mainland France, French overseas territories, and neighbouring foreign states within the Atlantic, Indian and Pacific basins, as well as in Sub-Saharan Africa and the Middle East. It will continue to adopt a resolutely inclusive, open and collaborative approach to the humanities and social sciences, focusing on the needs of people and places.

In 2025, our scientific programme, in collaboration with private partners and the International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement, will award prizes and fellowships, oversee multi-regional research, deploy the emergence research programme in Mayotte in response to the devastating impact of Cyclone Chido, and implement the French Red Cross volunteer Bénévo'Lab programme. In addition to generating new research, the Foundation will continue to foster a culture of research through its Pause-Culture-Recherche sessions at the Red Cross Campus, French-language Instant Recherche webinars, and annual international gatherings. The Foundation will also focus on jointly facilitating spaces, networks and publications where humanitarian actors and academics can interact and engage in a creative dialogue.

The unprecedented drop in international funding from traditional international aid donors is not expected to affect the Foundation directly in 2025. Nevertheless, uncertainty surrounding the impact of this decline on the humanitarian system and its short- and medium-term consequences for people, coupled with threats to universities and science, underscores the need to strengthen our economic model and adaptability. In the short term, this will mean streamlining our property portfolio, building our management, finance and research engineering capacities and adopting a more strategic approach to alliances and partnerships.

In summary, this year will undoubtedly mark a turning point for humanitarian aid and the defence of academic values. The Foundation must stand ready to act in a more challenging environment while building an increasingly productive, supportive and effective knowledge space that upholds humanitarian principles.



Virginie TROIT
Director

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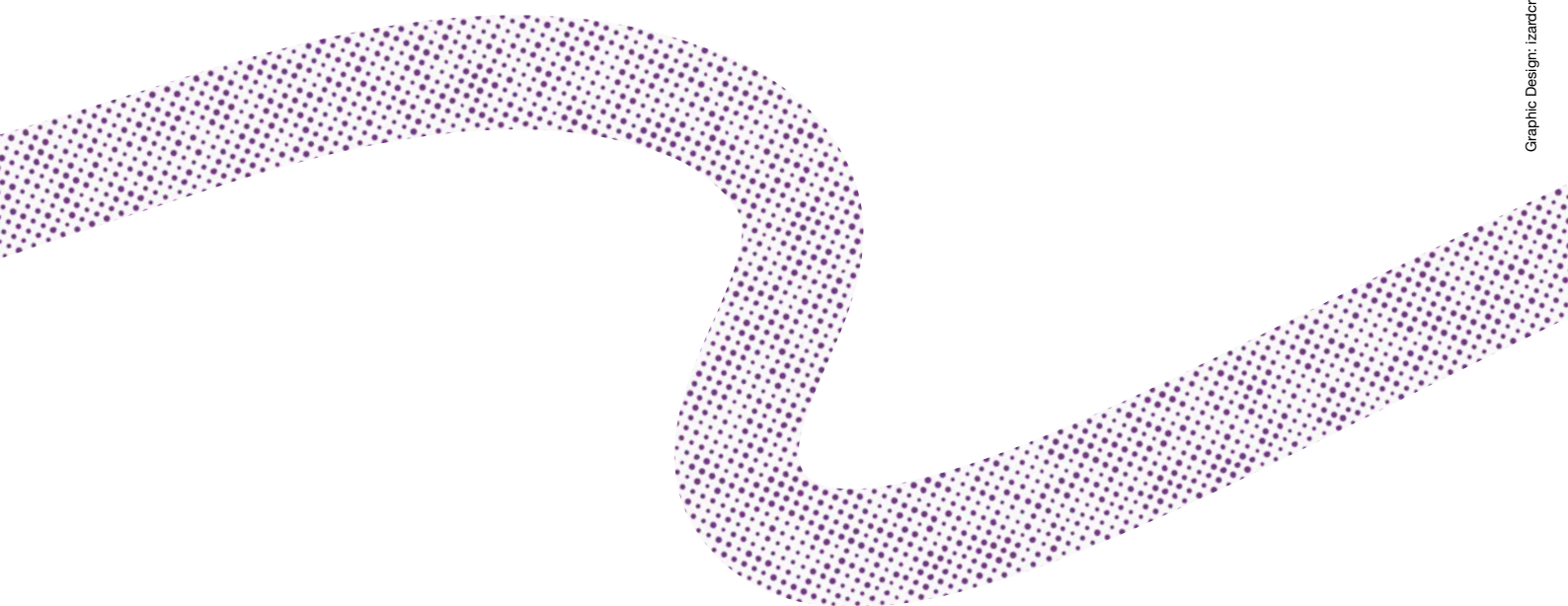
AFD	Agence française de développement (French Development Agency)
AP-HP	Assistance publique - Hôpitaux de Paris (Public Assistance – Paris Hospitals)
CDCS	Crisis and Support Centre (of the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs)
CESE	Conseil économique, social et environnemental (Economic, Social and Environmental Council)
CNRS	Centre national de la recherche scientifique (French National Centre for Scientific Research)
CSO	Civil Society Organisations
DIAIR	Inter-ministerial Delegation for the Reception and Integration of Refugees
EHESP	École des hautes études en santé publique (School of Advanced Studies in Public Health)
EHESS	École des hautes études en sciences sociales (School of Advanced Studies in the Social Sciences)
FRC	French Red Cross
EHPAD	Établissements d’hébergement pour personnes âgées dépendantes (Residential establishments for dependent elderly people)
ENS	École normale supérieure (French Grande École)
EPFL	École polytechnique fédérale de Lausanne
ESSEC	École supérieure des sciences économiques et commerciales (French Business School)
GFARC	Global First Aid Reference Center (Centre mondial de référence des premiers secours)
ICRC	International Committee of the Red Cross
IFRC	International Federation of Red Cross and Red Crescent Societies
IHEID	Institut de hautes études internationales et du développement (Genève)
IHSA	International Humanitarian Studies Association
IRD	Institut de recherche pour le développement (French National Research Institute for Sustainable Development)
LASDEL	Laboratoire d’études et de recherche sur les dynamiques sociales et le développement local (Niger)
MEAE	Ministère de l’Europe et des Affaires étrangères (Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs)
MOUVEMENT (the)	The International Red Cross and Red Crescent Movement
PIRAC	Plateforme d’intervention régionale Amériques-Caraïbe (Intervention Platform of the French Red Cross in the Caribbean)
PIROI	Plateforme d’intervention régionale de l’océan Indien (Intervention Platform of the French Red Cross in the Indian Ocean)
RC3	Red Cross Red Crescent Research Consortium
SHS	Sciences humaines et sociales (Humanities and Social Sciences)
SSE	Social and Solidarity Economy
UMR	Unité mixte de recherche (Joint Research Unit)
UNIDIR	United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research

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