

**PRESENTATION ON  
THE ACTIVITIES OF  
AMU-EOC  
YEAR 2020**

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**FOR THE DEVELOPMENT  
OF COMMUNION**



The companies belonging to the EoC (Economy of Communion) use their annual profits divided between three purposes: **development projects and help to persons in need, courses to promote the culture of giving, company consolidation and growth.**

As for the first one of these goals, EoC cooperates with AMU (Azione per un Mondo Unito ONLUS; Action for a United World Non-Profit Organisation) to accompany development projects that, through work, restore the dignity of people in conditions of social and economic vulnerability.

Together, AMU and EoC develop and implement projects to start up and consolidate productive activities with **a high social impact** that create **new jobs and income for people in vulnerable situations.** In this way, people who would otherwise be dependent on external help are given the opportunity to improve and enhance their working skills, and to earn a fair wage for their work that allows them and their families to have a decent life.

## Projects AMU - EoC

### Development projects

- Northwest Argentina – TSNOA – Sustainable and Integral Tourism Programme
- Brazil – PROFOR – Programme for Strengthening Inclusive Companies of Communion
- Mexico – LiberarSé – Refuge of Hope
- Italy – Fare Sistema Oltre l'Accoglienza Programme 2020-2021
- Burundi – Community Microfinance
- Cuba – Training for the Development of the EoC

### Emergencies

- Brazil – Me, Entrepreneur of Myself – Covid19
- Ecuador – Esperanza – Covid19
- Syria – Healthcare and Housing Assistance
- Portugal – Raise 2020 – Covid19

**Total EoC funds at AMU collected in 2019 and allocated to projects for 2020:**  
**€ 286,809.52\***

\*€ 1,932.08 cover funds advanced by AMU in 2018-2019 for the Raise 2018 project and allocated by the EoC in 2020.

A project always starts with a proposal from the local partner associations which, sharing the values of AMU and EoC, work in close contact with situations of misery in the world. The experience we have gained in the field and the values underlying our work have enabled us to develop over the years what we call a "development of communion": a development perspective based on the ability of each person to give something of themselves and of the goods at their disposal, even in conditions of great need. For this reason in every project we provide specific forms and tools to implement the reciprocity of the gift, a sign of protagonism on the part of the people involved and a guarantee of a genuine path of integral human development.

2020 was the year in which the history of peoples suddenly changed and the enormous difficulties of those who were already living in vulnerable conditions were increased. One could have said, simply, "when it rains it pours", seeing only the problem in these facts. We tried to see the opportunities for change, too, that these events brought with them, striving to ensure that when all is said and done, our communities will find a more solid economic fabric, with families that are more aware of their destiny and with stronger community ties.





The bakery born from the "Sunrise" project

# SUSTAINABLE AND INTEGRAL TOURISM PROGRAMME

## PROGRAMME

Sustainable, ethical and responsible tourism to generate job opportunities through the creation of handicraft activities, the increase of agricultural and breeding activities and the transformation of traditional structures such as houses, farms and barns into accommodation for widespread hospitality. The project also supports new entrepreneurs in the creation of specific tourist itineraries, their promotion and dissemination.

## YEAR 2020

With the spread of the Covid19 pandemic, many small farmers and artisans risked seeing their activities blocked due to the restrictions imposed by the rules of infection prevention and containment.

Thanks to the constant accompaniment of project workers, they were able to reformulate and reinvent their activities and manage to move forward.

## DATA

Location: Northwest Argentina

Total cost: € 783,965.90

Contribution by EoC (assigned for 2020): € 57,045.54

Main Actors: 262 people from rural areas and communities originating in NW Argentina - 72 families

Project status: ongoing

Local counterpart: Fundación Claritas



# NORTHWEST ARGENTINA - TSNOA - SUSTAINABLE AND INTEGRAL TOURISM PROGRAMME

## MAIN ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

### TRAINING



For **agricultural and craft activities**:

- use of the web and social networks for advertising, information, order management and product sales

For the use of **online payment methods**

For **tourist activities**

- definition of the tourist offer with related marketing objectives
- training to become a tourist guide and in-depth study of first aid, the local area, local traditions and correct waste separation and disposal

(Brealito – "Computer course"; Yariguarenda – "Experiential gastronomy"; Salta – "Cultural heritage"; TuruYaco – "The Inca Trail")



Some of the protagonists of the programme in Northwest Argentina

# NORTHWEST ARGENTINA - TSNOA - SUSTAINABLE AND INTEGRAL TOURISM PROGRAMME

## MAIN ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

- support to 60 families in applying for the government subsidy for "Covid19 Emergency"
- creation of family vegetable gardens in the two communities of Brealito and Catamarca, with the collaboration and technical assistance of the National Institute of Agriculture
- organisation of an online sales network and home delivery for Quebrada del Toro farmers
- organisation of fairs for agricultural and craft products

## ACCOMPANYING BENEFICIARIES



The transformation of the microcredit fund into a **RECIPROCITY FUND** to finance collective projects has made it possible to

- build fences and family agricultural greenhouses to increase production – Quebrada del Toro
- purchase livestock to diversify production – Espinal
- expand agricultural production areas with the purchase of work tools – Yariгуarenda
- purchase household appliances for the gastronomic production hall – Pena Morada
- purchase tools for the sale of agricultural and craft products – Catamarca
- to renovate and purchase equipment for 4 business activities

# NORTHWEST ARGENTINA - TSNOA - SUSTAINABLE AND INTEGRAL TOURISM PROGRAMME

## MAIN ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

### OTHER ACHIEVEMENTS



- installation of a **honey extraction room** – ElEspinal
- installation of an antenna for online connection – Pena Morada
- purchase of **10 bio-digesters** for waste water treatment
- purchase of **8 solar water heaters** through microcredit

### PRIZES AND INSTITUTIONAL AWARDS



- the **Ministry of Tourism and Sport** gave economic aid to the Brealito group of entrepreneurs
- the project of the Espinal Women's Association for the diversification of agricultural production was selected for funding by the **Province of Salta**



Honey production at El Spinal



## NORTHWEST ARGENTINA - TSNOA - SUSTAINABLE AND INTEGRAL TOURISM PROGRAMME

*Online sales and home delivery have also transformed the trade of producers in the Yariгуarenda community: until now their products were only sold within the community. With the scarcity of goods in neighbouring communities, their market has expanded and they are now increasing the volume and variety of their production.*

*Following a fire incident and in order to better protect their community space, the 'Yariгуarenda' and 'Salamanca' Guarani communities have built fences, especially in the area of agricultural production.*

### ***Ancient and traditional festivals***

*The programme has accompanied several communities in the Northwest in the Thanksgiving **Festival of 'Mother Earth'** (Pachamamma) and in the **Equinox Festival**.*

*The entrepreneurs of the **Musquy** group pooled their equipment for the production of cakes and pastries typical of the region. They are now going ahead with work on the legal recognition of their association.*

# PROFOR - PROGRAMME FOR STRENGTHENING INCLUSIVE COMPANIES OF COMMUNION

## PROGRAMME

The programme supports the development of enterprises created by people in vulnerable situations who, due to the lack of training opportunities and possibilities for personal and professional development, tend to seek employment in precarious jobs or remain unemployed.

The project activities are aimed at young people between 18 and 30 years old and concern mainly training activities for business creation and vocational training in three main areas: methodologies and tools for business creation and management, personal development, values and management tools according to the Economy of Communion.

## YEAR 2019/2020

131 young people were offered the opportunity to participate in a global training course on the person and to discover and enhance their entrepreneurial skills.

## DATA

Location: Brazil – State of Ceará

Total cost: € 88,810.91

Contribution by EoC (assigned for 2019): € 50,000.00

Main Actors: 234\* socially vulnerable persons participating in entrepreneurial initiatives

Project status: concluded

Local counterpart: ANPECOM – National Association for an Economy of Communion in Brazil

\*The seminar for young people from the Ceará region (100 participants) could not be held as planned.

# BRAZIL - PROFOR - PROGRAMME FOR STRENGTHENING INCLUSIVE COMPANIES OF COMMUNION

## MAIN ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

### ACCOMPANYING BENEFICIARIES



- training, monitoring and accompaniment in personal development and business management
  - 1 Orientation Workshop (in 5 different locations) for a total of 100 participants on: self-knowledge, promotion and development of one's own competences and skills, entrepreneurship and income-generating activities, mentoring and accompaniment for the creation of a business plan
  - 1 pilot seminar and business incubation for 10 participants
- 1 business incubation and strengthening seminar plus 6 months of technical support for 11 young people
- 12 scholarships for vocational and entrepreneurial training
- 3 group dialogue meetings to explore the possible effects of the pandemic on their activities
- elaboration of a project for a portal for the organisation of virtual fairs, to share experiences and gain visibility on the net
- creation of online groups for exchanging ideas and knowledge in the relevant product sectors: art, beauty, commerce, food



One of the young protagonists of PROFOR



## BRAZIL - PROFOR - PROGRAMME FOR STRENGTHENING INCLUSIVE COMPANIES OF COMMUNION



5 young participants learned how to manage their initiatives through the development of a "**demonstration of results framework**" allowing them to visualise profit margins, fixed and variable costs, and the need for possible adjustments. Learning to **manage procurement on the basis of sales** led to an increase in the profitability of projects during the accompanying period (December-February) calculated as follows:

- Aline, producing cleaning products: + 16.66%
- Carla, designer artist: + 55.58%
- Natalia, selling clothes, perfumes and jewellery: + 18.49%
- Vanderleia, selling cosmetics and various products: + 20.06%
- Wilton, selling sandwiches: + 27.92%



# ME, ENTREPRENEUR OF MYSELF COVID19

## DATA

Location: Brazil

Total cost: € 1,092.13

Contribution by EoC (assigned for 2020): €  
982.92

Protagonists: 30 young people aged between 18  
and 30, in a situation of socio-economic  
vulnerability

Project status: concluded

Local counterpart: ANPECOM – National  
Association for an Economy of Communion in  
Brazil

## YEAR 2020

The Covid-19 health emergency has affected many entrepreneurs around the world. In Tancredo Neves and Salvador de Bahia, in the most vulnerable neighbourhoods, young people with business projects that had just begun found themselves in difficulty due to the stoppage of all activities.

Sensitised by this reality, the National Association for an Economy of Communion (ANPECOM) proposed the programme "Eu, Empreendedor de Mim" ("Me, Entrepreneur of Myself").

The aim was to provide emotional and motivational support to young entrepreneurs, building a space for reflection and experiences to help strengthen the cultural identity of the participants and the local community.

### MAIN ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

#### ACCOMPANYING BENEFICIARIES



#### FIRST PHASE

##### SOCIAL SOLIDARITY CIRCLE (SSC)

8 meetings lasting 1 hour and 30 minutes, with 4 participants each, with guided dialogue to facilitate the construction of a virtual space as a container of care, preparation and integration of the participants.

#### SECOND PHASE

12 weekly online meetings with dedicated time for sharing and awareness on the proposed topics, interactive games, activities to be shared and reciprocity actions in the community.

#### RESULTS

- 30 young entrepreneurs strengthened their personal skills also to contribute to the growth of the community
- more than 300 indirect beneficiaries of reciprocity actions



## BRASILE - ME, ENTREPRENEUR OF MYSELF - COVID19

*The courage of a young woman in circulating a photo showing the beauty of being an Afro-Brazilian descendant. The strength of a cook who shares the recipes of their traditional dishes. An artist with a passion for poetry and cycling who "whispers" poems while doing home deliveries. The collection of nappies and powdered milk for 300 children from the families most in need, the possibility for elderly people who are alone or in difficulty to receive psychological support by telephone are some of the results achieved by the project.*



*In a context where violence and discrimination against black people hinder the opportunities of many young people, proposing positive actions aimed at re-establishing the value of their identity and culture is a real peaceful revolution.*

*The young people generated a social impact through concrete actions that involved the community.*



## ESPERANZA COVID19

### DATA

Location: Ecuador

Total cost: € 70,350.61

Contribution by EoC (assigned for 2020): € 54,503.21

Main Actors: 22 people employed in productive activities; 400 families benefiting from food support a total of about 2090 people

Project status: ongoing

Local counterpart: Associazione Obra de María – Ecuador

### YEAR 2020

The Province of Esmeraldas is one of the regions with the highest poverty rate in Ecuador so we have been working in the communities of Sálma, 10 de Agosto and Macará since 2016.

In mid-March 2020, following the declaration of a state of health emergency for Covid19, the local communities told us that there was an imminent danger of closing down the economic activities created through the "Sunrise Ecuador" project, causing the loss of the only source of income for the families involved: for more than 800 of them it would have been impossible to cover their food needs.

Hence the "Esperanza" emergency project was launched, which provides raw materials, technical assistance, the purchase of bakery production and chicken farming to safeguard jobs, as well as the free distribution of these products to families in the greatest need.





Young people from the communities of Salima, 10 de Agosto and Macará, protagonists of the projects "Sunrise" and "Esperanza" in Ecuador.

## MAIN ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

### ACCOMPANIMENT OF PRODUCTION ACTIVITIES



- accompanying organisational and production processes to adapt to safety and hygiene measures
- partial supply of raw materials to community enterprises set up under the "Sunrise" project
  - delivery of part of the raw materials for bread-making, for the production of 700 breads daily
  - delivery of 200 animals per rearing period (15-20 days), feed and medicines for rearing activities
- purchase of equipment for the activities

### RESULTS



- improvement and increase of chicken and bread production
- improved management and self-control of the economic administration of production activities
- greater integration and cooperation between group members
- improved marketing by opening the groups to new customers and by product diversification
- maintaining employment for 22 workers
- distribution of 14,700 parcels of bread and 1,800 chickens to families in need

*Self-managed activities by the groups:*

- *creation of new products on their own: sale of roast chicken at weekends*
- *completion of activities for the construction of community spaces (2 community houses, 1 playground, 1 bakery) and organisation of inauguration events in November with local authorities, community representatives and our partners by 3 communities, using their own resources.*
- *savings for reinvestment in their own activities to make possible: the purchase of a water collection system, completion of the floor of a room, purchase of window grilles, equipment for the bakery.*





# LIBERARSÉ - REFUGE OF HOPE

## PROGRAMME

The programme was created to be a place accessible also to those who do not have great economic resources, to free themselves from drug addiction and to complete their post-recovery and social reintegration phase.

## ANNO 2020

In March 2020, various measures to contain the Covid19 pandemic prevented the first group of beneficiaries from entering the Refuge. From 29 May, an extraordinary aid intervention started to support the 130 guests of 3 linked shelters through food support.

During the last weeks of September, the risk level was lowered and the go-ahead was given for the young people to enter the Refuge.

Thus Efrain, Christian, Leonel, Ángel, Alejandro, Sergio and Enrique entered Casa San Benito to begin their journey.

## DATA

Location: Mexico

Total cost: € 221,712.80

Contribution by EoC (assigned for 2020): € 30,327.65

Main Actors: 16 young people and adults in the post-drug detoxification phase

Project status: Ongoing

Local counterpart: Promoción Integral de la Persona para una Sociedad Fraterna – Asociación civil (PIP A.C.) and Movimiento Juenil Urbano A.C.



### MAIN ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

#### PREPARATION OF THE SHELTER



- renovation and equipping of 1 dormitory area for 16 people
- renovation of 1 area for administration/medical visits
- construction of 1 cistern for collecting rainwater
- building and equipping 1 sports area
- installation of solar lights, photovoltaic panels, civil protection equipment

#### ACCOMPANIMENT OF PRODUCTION ACTIVITIES



- construction, equipment and start-up of a carpentry workshop for the manufacture of additional furniture for the Refuge and for the production of religious icons for sale
- installation and start-up of orchards for their own consumption and for sale
- construction and start-up of a rabbit farm, necessary equipment, including solar panels and energy storage modules. Actual production was 160 rabbits.

#### TRAINING



- awareness-raising and involvement of communities, institutions and the Church in project activities

## MEXICO - LIBERARSÉ - REFUGE OF HOPE



One of the protagonists of the project 'Refugio della Speranza – LiberarSé' engaged in carpentry.



## MEXICO - LIBERARSÉ - REFUGE OF HOPE

From 29 May, an extraordinary aid intervention started to support the 270 guests of 4 shelters through food support. Initially, support was planned for 3 houses and 130 guests, but the increase in the number of people reached was made possible by the reciprocal response of the houses themselves: **those who had a surplus, compared to what they had received, put it back into circulation, making it available to the others.**

From June to August 2020, the following supplies have been provided:

- meat, cereals of various kinds, tomatoes, vegetables, pasta and other basic foodstuffs
- personal cleaning and sanitation materials
- masks and antibacterial gel.

## MEXICO - LIBERARSÉ - REFUGE OF HOPE

*AMU's "Living Peace" Project promoted the "Letters for Peace and Encouragement" initiative, which enabled over 200 guests of the detoxification homes with which Casa San Benito collaborates to receive messages from Spain, Argentina, Colombia and various cities in Mexico.*

*These letters, delivered by the team of the Refuge of Hope, were an opportunity to bring joy and moral support to these people who are going through their phase of detoxification from addiction.*

*At one of these meetings, Sergio, a man in his sixties who had been addicted to alcohol for some time, was one of the firsts to spontaneously ask to speak and he addressed everyone, very moved and grateful for the message he had received. Waving the letter that he had received from an Argentinean family in his hand, he said that he had never received one before. Above all, he was happy that this first experience had come about through a message that conveyed all the affection that people across borders had offered him to continue his recovery.*



One of the guests of the houses reading the letter he had received.



# TRAINING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE EOC

## PROGRAMME

The project "Development of the EoC in Cuba" has been carried out since 2018 through training activities on the Economy of Communion and the incubation of social impact businesses.

The project is developed through seminars and courses aimed at entrepreneurs, students or citizens interested in learning more about the principles of the EoC and through a journey of accompaniment in the process of starting, developing and strengthening their initiatives.

## YEAR 2020

In March 2020, faced with the health crisis, the project set up an Emergency Fund, consisting of economic subsidies, provision of services and basic necessities to support some families in a state of extreme vulnerability.

In both the first and second semesters of 2020, there were only a few face-to-face meetings due to the pandemic. In November, in-person meetings were held in three locations around the country for 30 entrepreneurs to participate in the "Economy of Francesco" event.

## DATA

Location: Cuba

Total cost: € 5,124.26

Contribution by EoC (assigned for 2020): € 4,242.67

Main Actors: 22 entrepreneurs from the EoC Hub in Cuba, 8 of whom received extraordinary help.

The rest of the entrepreneurs continued to receive training and advice.

Project status: ongoing

Local counterpart: Focolare Movement Cuba

## CUBA - TRAINING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE EOC

### MAIN ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS - YEAR 2020

#### ACCOMPANYING BENEFICIARIES



- development and sharing of useful materials on legal and tax issues
- personalised online and telephone support and advice to 22 entrepreneurs
- formation of a network of communion between entrepreneurs to tackle the crisis
- incubation of 2 agricultural activities and feasibility study for a virtual shop and a natural juice shop
- consulting and economic sustainability study for the production and sale of "Proyectovida" agricultural products
- strengthening of partnerships with institutions, integral entrepreneurs and social projects: Incuba Empresas – Centro Loyola, Arzobispado de Santiago, Comunidad Sant Egidio, EcoArte
- development of incubation materials: the Canvas model redesigned with EoC elements, the "value proposition" form combined with the "Golden Circle" methodology
- elaboration of a document for the working procedures of the Hub
- elaboration of the competition "Solidarity Experiences" carried out on the occasion of the 29th anniversary of the EoC in Cuba.

## CUBA - TRAINING FOR THE DEVELOPMENT OF THE EOC

The economic support for the Covid19 crisis, initially designed for 8 families, thanks to the spirit of reciprocity and further spontaneous sharing, was able to reach 16 families in serious difficulty.

*Yanisel is the manager of a workshop producing handicrafts (mainly wooden rosaries) in which 8 other people work. With the spread of the pandemic, sales and then also production stopped.*

*Even though he has his wife, daughter, elderly parents and an aunt with disability to care for, when Yanisel received the project grant, he did not hesitate to share it with the other employees to ensure support for all.*

*Yanisel also travelled several kilometres almost every week to go fishing on a river and distribute the fish to the neediest families in his town.*



# HEALTHCARE AND HOUSING ASSISTANCE

## PROGRAMME

Support to families is provided through a network of 45 operators who, in the different towns and villages, identify and accompany selected families, giving priority to those who are displaced. The support offered is not only economic (for basic necessities, rent or small renovations, school fees and medical care), but also psychological, through periodic visits, listening and taking care of needs.

## YEAR 2020

One of the major challenges encountered during this period, due to the embargo imposed on Syria and the economic crisis in Lebanon, is the difficulty in getting funds to families. In addition, Covid19 and the worsening of general conditions in the country (inflation, unemployment and scarcity of raw materials) have increased the number of families in a vulnerable state.

## DATA

Location: Syria

Total cost of the programme

Syria Emergency 2019-2020: € 830,824.43

Contribution by EoC (assigned in 2020): € 46,851.00

Main Actors: 430 families (477 since September 2020)

Local counterpart: Focolare Movement Syria



## SYRIA - HEALTHCARE AND HOUSING ASSISTANCE

### MAIN ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

#### MAIN ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS



Financial aid for the purchase of:

- foodstuffs
- rent and heating costs
- partial reimbursement of school fees and education expenses
- access to essential medicines, health services, basic surgery and social support for the most vulnerable patients, especially for the chronically ill

#### RESULTS



Reached **477 families**, of which 97 directly supported with EoC support, in: Kfarbo, Aleppo, Damascus, Homs and along the Syrian coastline.



Some of the protagonists during a visit to the families in the "Seeds of Hope" Programme

The background of the entire page is a grayscale photograph of a severely damaged stone building in Syria. The structure is crumbling, with large sections of its facade missing, revealing the internal framework and debris. The sky is overcast and gray, contributing to a somber and desolate atmosphere. The image is used to provide context for the text about the impact of war on healthcare and housing.

## SYRIA - HEALTHCARE AND HOUSING ASSISTANCE

*The Coronavirus and the situation in our country, marked by the consequences of the war and the embargo, very often made our hope waver. But then, each time, support arrived and we were able to provide the necessary help to the families.*

*What we want to bring is not just financial support. We have learned how to get to know the families, to sense their needs, even without asking them directly. Our greatest commitment is to accompany them, to visit them, to make them feel the psychological support and affection, as well as the financial support.*

*In the winter months, for example, it is very cold here and many families do what they can to keep warm in their homes. Energy supplies for electricity and heating are scarce and the prices are now unaffordable for most people. One day we visited a family and found them gathered around a small charcoal brazier. There was the father, who suffers from kidney failure and works occasionally carrying stones and cement, his wife, a housewife, and their two children aged 2 and 5.*

*They didn't ask for anything, but we suffered from just seeing that scene, so we decided to bring them, in addition to financial support, a basket of foodstuffs and a can of diesel to be able to use the stove.*

*Account of a programme worker*

# FARE SISTEMA OLTRE L'ACCOGLIENZA PROGRAMME

## PROGRAMME

Fare Sistema Oltre l'Accoglienza (FSOA; Creating a System Beyond Welcome) confirms its commitment for the two-year period 2020-2021 to the social and work integration of disadvantaged people (Italian and foreign) through the creation of a network of families, companies, associations and institutions.

## DATA 2020/2021

Location: Italy

Total cost 2020/2021: € 863,975.67

Contribution by EoC (assigned for 2020): € 22,250.00

Main Actors: 301 direct beneficiaries in vulnerable conditions

400 members of the national FSOA network

Programme promoters: AMU (Action for a United World); AFN (Action for New Families); Fo.Co. (Training and Communion)

## YEAR 2020

After a brief slowdown due to the spread of the pandemic, FSOA activities resumed in the second half of the year.

Four new regional referents were selected in Sicily, Puglia, Campania and Lazio, with whom the planning of activities to be carried out in 2021 has begun.

To stay updated on the programme go to [www.faresistemaoltrelaccoglienza.it](http://www.faresistemaoltrelaccoglienza.it) or visit our Facebook page: [faresistemaoltrelaccoglienza](https://www.facebook.com/faresistemaoltrelaccoglienza)

## ITALY - FARE SISTEMA OLTRE L'ACCOGLIENZA PROGRAMME

### MAIN ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

#### ACCOMPANYING BENEFICIARIES



- **22 young people**, both Italian and foreign, entered the Programme
- elaboration of Individual Autonomy Plans
- aptitude orientation activities for job placement, with preparing for start of working activity
- monitoring of autonomy journeys

#### NETWORK ACTIVITIES



- meeting for the development of local networks between companies, families, social operators and beneficiaries (in Puglia)
- activities to expand the FSOA national network
- monitoring activities in the companies and families of the network
- support activities for the national network
- promotion and dissemination of the programme in 6 Italian regions
- dissemination and awareness-raising event in collaboration with Radio Savuto Web (Refugee Day)
- **8 associations** have joined the FSOA network
- **2 families** have joined the national network



## ITALY - FARE SISTEMA OLTRE L'ACCOGLIENZA PROGRAMME

### MAIN ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

#### RESULTS



- **4 companies** have formally joined the national network
- **5 apprenticeship** contracts were activated in Puglia, Calabria and Abruzzo
- **1 young man** was hired with an open-ended contract
- **vocational training courses** in catering, commerce and personal services sectors were given continuously for **7 young people** in Italy

One of the protagonists of FSOA at work.



## ITALY - FARE SISTEMA OLTRE L'ACCOGLIENZA PROGRAMME

*On 2 August of this year, Youssouf will have been working for five years at the Punto Verde Bio farm in Savignano sul Panaro, owned by the Castiglioni family. Emanuele, who now runs it, recalls: "At the time we needed young people to be trained and then employed in the crops and workshops. And he arrived. He came from Mali. He crossed the Sahara desert for eight days, with just one bottle of water to be shared with others. He spent nine months in Libya, where they used to steal what little he could get by night. Then the sea, the waves, and the Italian navy that brought them to safety in Pozzallo".*

*With time and the support of the Castiglioni family, Youssouf moved to live alone in a flat in another town, close to the farm. He likes it because it is close to the station and this makes him independent, but he has to understand how to manage his salary between bills, shopping, money to send home and everything else, and this is something you learn little by little. And recently, at Luigi's insistence, he managed to get his driving licence.*

*Luigi tells us: "We have eight employees and none of them are Italian. In the agricultural sector there is need for continuous work, not everyone is willing to accept it. And then it is necessary to break certain taboos that go against inclusion."*



# RAISE 2020 - COVID19

## YEAR 2020

The RAISE project (Alternative Response for Social Integration and Entrepreneurship) is being adapted to the COVID19 period and continues to provide assistance to the participating families, waiting for the restart and the new cycle of interventions. The aim of this action is to foster the resilience of families in the face of the Coronavirus emergency.

The newly started project will allow AMU Portugal to continue its work supporting vulnerable families in the communities where it operates.

## DATA

Location: Portugal - Concelho di Alenquer

Total cost: € 19,688.89

Contribution by EoC (assigned in 2020): € 17,720.00

Main Actors: 231 people, men and women who are unemployed or in precarious jobs. Refugees and immigrants.

Project status: concluded

Local counterpart: AMU Portugal

## RESULTS



- 72 food subsidies distributed
- **22 migrants** supported in their integration process
- **87 families** supported

## MAIN ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

### ACCOMPANYING BENEFICIARIES



- social service to the community as a result of AMU Portugal monitoring
- emergency support provided to all families referred by institutions and social networks
- accompaniment in applying for funding (to start work) to foundations, private and public institutions
- distribution of essential food baskets and personal hygiene products
- distribution of meal vouchers together with Cáritas de Abrigada
- support for the payment of urgent and essential expenses, purchase of medicines and medical care, technical aids for users with health problems, purchase of essential household appliances
- support for students with computer equipment
- donation of clothes, toys, nappies for babies and the elderly
- matching donations received and families' needs
- promotion of a solidarity bazaar

*I was too ashamed to ask for help, but the assurance they gave me made me believe that I was not alone... and I am not. Thank you for everything.*

*Thanks for everything, thanks to you I didn't starve, I have a roof over my head and a job. Now I will have better conditions to have my baby.*



# SI PUÒ FARE! - COMMUNITY MICROFINANCE

A black and white photograph of a group of women sitting together in a room with a textured wall. One woman in the foreground is wearing a striped shirt and is gesturing with her hand. Another woman next to her is wearing a patterned headscarf and a patterned top. The women appear to be engaged in a discussion or a meeting.

## PROGRAMME

The project which started on 1 August 2020 and lasts until 2025 aims to enable an increase in the number of community microcredit groups and to ensure that groups deemed mature have access to more substantial savings and credit services through the establishment and launch of a community microfinance group.

## DATA

Location: Burundi

Total cost: € 1,067,448.87

Contribution by EoC (assigned for 2020): € 50,954.46

Main Actors: 450 microcredit groups with a total of about 10,500 members

Project status: ongoing

Local counterpart: CASOBU – Cadre Associatif des solidaires du Burundi

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## MAIN ACTIVITIES AND ACHIEVEMENTS

### ACCOMPANYING BENEFICIARIES



- preliminary activities for the constitution of the Community Microfinance Group
- awareness-raising activities with beneficiaries and local administrations to promote and enhance adhesion to the project
- constitution of the project team: selection of 2 supervisors and 6 community animators who will be trained to accompany the microcredit groups
- preparation of the preliminary study
- awareness-raising among the Microfinance Group's shareholders and fundraising
- purchase of tools for the development of the project
  - a car, 6 motorbikes, 2 computers, 1 printer

### TRAINING



Community animators benefited from two trainings in 2020:

- to strengthen their skills in starting up and managing income-generating activities
- to improve their skills in accompanying groups.

Evaluation tests showed that participants are now able to identify monitoring and accompanying indicators, anticipate possible failures of activities following feasibility studies, identify possible causes and provide coaching to beneficiaries/entrepreneurs.

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*"In my group we started 13 years ago. With the first credit I got I remember very well that I didn't do anything in particular, I bought clothes and goods I needed, but the rest I wasted. At first I didn't know how to start a business and what often happened was that I had difficulty paying back the credits I had received.*

*Then I realised that I couldn't keep taking out loans without a concrete project and I finally decided to start the project of the restaurant with the first 300,000 Fbu (€150). I started buying pots and pans, dishes and step by step I managed to open the restaurant. It was 2009, I didn't have any workers yet, at that time my children helped me in the kitchen and I took the bus to bring the food to the city where my customers were.*

*When people started to get to know me and the number of clients increased, I was able to hire workers. I am proud that through the salary they receive I also participate in the realisation of their dreams."*

*These are the words of Rose, who, thanks to the microcredit opened a restaurant business and who today is very proud of her journey covered. She is happy to be able to provide a salary for 5 other families in addition to her own, but now she would like to improve and grow her business.*

*For Rose and many other people, the AMU and CASOBU project was born, supporting the start-up of a community microfinance institution that will be able to offer savings and credit services to people with big dreams that are not bankable as yet.*





A black and white photograph of two men shaking hands outdoors. The man on the left is younger, with dark hair, wearing a light-colored shirt and a dark backpack. The man on the right is older, balding, wearing a dark polo shirt with sunglasses hanging from the collar. They are standing in a grassy field with trees in the background. A semi-transparent dark blue box with white text is overlaid on the bottom half of the image.

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