

For a fair sharing of wealth

Terre Sans Frontières Activity Report 2023-2024



SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

HUMANITARIAN AID

VOLUNTEER COOPERATION



Word from the President



Natacha Leclerc
President of the Board of Trustees

This year, it was with great pride that I had the privilege of serving a first term as Chair of the Board of Directors of Terre Sans Frontières (TSF), an organization whose mission and commitment reflect my personal values.

Within the Board of Directors, it was a year focused on strengthening our governance practices with the use of new tools allowing for increased transparency and a better understanding of the processes and issues in our field of activity.

The first year of the 2023-2027 strategic planning was a great success, which mobilized the members of the organization and the board of directors around our three pillars of intervention: sustainable development, humanitarian aid and volunteer cooperation.

Due to several geopolitical conflicts that have arisen in various places on the planet, major donors in our field have been forced to temporarily interrupt their funding policies, which has greatly affected us. To continue to meet the urgent needs of our beneficiaries, we have had to adjust our programs and make significant investments with part of our own funds.

We had to make difficult decisions to ensure the implementation of our strategic planning and mission, as well as the sustainability of Terre Sans Frontières. These challenges overcome are a great demonstration of the cohesion and collaboration that exists between the board of directors and the general management of the organization.

On behalf of the Board of Trustees, I would like to thank the Chief Executive Officer, who has stayed on course, and the management team, who has shown leadership throughout the year. I sincerely thank TSF’s employees, volunteers, donors and partners, as this annual report reflects their contribution to our wonderful mission.

Word from the Chief Executive Officer



Jean L. Fortin
Chief Executive Officer

The year 2023-2024 has been both challenging and important for Terre Sans Frontières (TSF), being the first year of the 2023-2027 strategic plan. It was time to get our hands dirty and root our goals and vision in our programs. The staff members in our field offices have been key players in carrying out our actions. Their proximity to the communities we serve and the environments where we work make all the difference. Without them, the agility with which we intervene would not be possible.

We have had a challenging financial year. The impact of budget cuts and major restructuring in our field in recent years is still being felt. We have had to invest a lot of our own funds this year to strengthen the operational bases of our seven field offices, because this will allow us to achieve our empowerment objectives in the countries where we operate. Sustainable development takes time to bear fruit, but we are confident that our method will allow us to get there.

I would like to highlight the unwavering support of the Fondation Marcelle et Jean Coutu foundation in international development. Since the beginning of this wonderful partnership, a dozen years ago, we have benefited from the wise advice of Mr. Jean Coutu and Ms. Marie-Josée Coutu. I will never forget a quote from my initial conversation with Mr. Coutu: “The happiness of a nation is never achieved without them.” We put their advice into practice as a starting point for our interventions on the ground, and then in the reflection that led to our strategic planning. TSF and its beneficiaries owe them a great deal, and we are grateful for the results they have helped us achieve.

It is with pride that I present to you the 2023-2024 annual report. The challenges we have overcome have been numerous: political instability, unpredictable weather events and much more. But our results are all the more remarkable in this context. We have stayed the course, and thousands of people have benefited from our actions in the areas of local development, health, education, food security and more. I hope that you will be satisfied with our efforts and that you will see the importance that our employees attach to their work.

Happy reading!

Mission of Terre Sans Frontières

We work with communities in countries in the South in terms of sustainable development and humanitarian aid in order to ensure sustainable access for everyone to education, health and autonomy.

We also commission professional volunteers from Canada and other countries to strengthen our programs on the ground.

All our actions promote fair sharing, equality between women and men, respect for the environment and good governance.



Sustainable development

Sustainable development is an approach that addresses the root causes of poverty and empowers communities and the people who live within them. This development, as described by the United Nations (UN), “meets the needs of the present without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs.”

Sustainable development is based on a process that identifies the specific problems of local communities, mobilizes them and involves them in thinking about solutions that are adapted to their social and developmental context, and then implements action plans that have a better chance of success. The ultimate goal is to create prosperity, with all the benefits that come with it, including good governance, health, autonomy and sustainability.



Humanitarian aid

Humanitarian aid helps support people experiencing a major crisis so that they can regain their dignity and peace.

Terre Sans Frontières implements numerous humanitarian aid projects each year. Our teams on the ground can mobilize quickly in several areas, including health, education, access to water, sanitation and hygiene promotion, food security, nutrition, protection and shelter.



Volunteer cooperation

Volunteer cooperation is the third pillar on which Terre Sans Frontières is based. It aims to strengthen our actions in terms of development and humanitarian aid.

Thanks to TSF’s local and permanent teams, our field offices and our well-established programs with beneficiary populations, volunteers - always eager for concrete results - can act quickly, transfer their knowledge and expertise, and even extend their benefits to other target populations.

The TSF identity

“Development and access to education are blocked by several factors, for example socio-cultural or pedagogical. The State has built a lot in the structures, but much remains to be done. This is where, in my opinion, organizations like TSF can help by bringing stones to the building.”

Abdou Wakhab Ndiaye, counseling psychologist in Matam, Senegal

TSF has been working in the field of international development for over forty years. In its early days and until very recently, the organization funded over 200 partners in some twenty countries through government funds.

Over the past ten years, TSF’s organizational model has evolved enormously. For reasons of efficiency, we have repositioned ourselves in two main ways:

- 1. from microprojects, we have moved to a more global programming around three pillars of intervention: sustainable development, humanitarian aid and volunteer cooperation.
- 2. we have also changed our process from managing indirect development through a significant number of implementing partners to a direct development management process. This means that we now operate with field offices that have their own local staff in seven countries.

In our view, this change makes TSF more effective in determining the contexts that require development, and it enables it to respond more adequately to the real needs of the local populations served.

This model has allowed us to quickly diversify our sources of financing and better meet their high requirements in terms of good governance and accountability.

This report is proof that this development model will allow greater autonomy in our interventions and ensure their sustainability.

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“The secret of TSF’s success is its proximity to the people on the ground. It’s transversal. Having people on the ground, in harmony with TSF headquarters, is what makes all the difference.”

Linda Bambonye, member of the Board of Trustees

The strong relationship between the team at head office and those in our field offices fosters an environment conducive to exchanges and collaboration.



Our integration with communities allows us to respond quickly in emergency situations.



Results for the year 2023-2024

Promote team cohesion and bring together country management by focusing on strategic planning, risk management, communication and cybersecurity.

Strengthening the skills of team members by providing ongoing training in results-based management.

Facilitate the integration of new employees through visits and orientation sessions.

Increase the proximity of programs in Mali, Senegal, Bolivia and the Republic of Congo through field missions carried out by the head office.

Improve compliance with Quebec Law 25 and cybersecurity by creating a dedicated committee.

Promotions within TSF

Véronique Barbeau was promoted to the position of Director of Communications following the retirement of Philippe Legault, after twenty-four years of loyal service.

Catherine Cauchon has been promoted to the position of Director of international programs.



Véronique Barbeau
Director of communications



Catherine Cauchon
Director of international programs

Sustainable development



Sustainable development has been one of TSF’s pillars since its founding, and it has continuously grown over time. In 2023-2024, we had to face major socio-political and environmental challenges. Obstacles to democracy and political crises in several countries have indeed complicated our work. Environmental deterioration, with extreme floods and droughts, has also affected entire communities. Our programs, developed and implemented with the participation of local communities, respond directly to their needs, thus ensuring their sustainability.

Our development interventions represent the vast majority of TSF’s activities. All our partner countries participate very actively, TSF having developed a strong community support system with the aim of increasing community empowerment.

For example, in Mali, despite an overwhelming climate crisis and a delicate political situation, our program to support villages towards empowerment was able to be maintained. After several years of intervening in community development with more than 37 villages, our efforts led to the creation of the Bélé Dougou Nièta Finance, a non-profit financial organization. This new structure will ensure access to more diversified financial services for each of the villages that participate.

In Haiti, our teams have remained present despite unstable socio-political situations, demonstrating their exceptional resilience. This determination pushes us to always exceed our limits and work even more closely with each of our partner communities. Despite undergoing upheaval, our development programs, in our three intervention sites, have continued to operate and have achieved very good results.

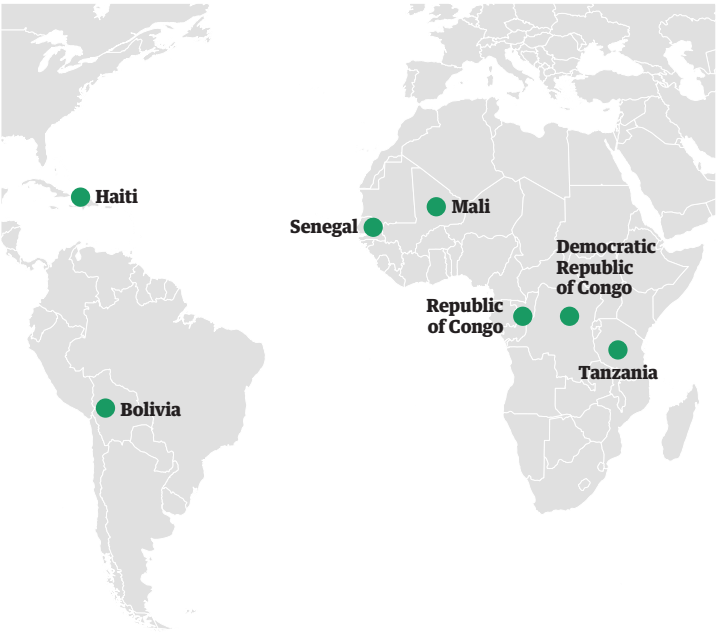
In the Republic of Congo, efforts have not diminished, even though major budgetary restrictions have affected the region. As child and maternal health needs and the number of refugees and displaced people continue to increase, TSF remained committed and invested in the opening of a medical-social center to maintain services in the remote region of Bétou.

TSF therefore continues its hard work in sustainable development, thus harmonizing local and cultural realities, climate issues and ambitious objectives for all the communities we serve.



“ Literacy and awareness have empowered women, especially those in my [Moorish] community, bringing them from darkness to light and giving them an equal place with men. ”

Haidara Nazariyé, beneficiary, at the Salamou village, in Mali



“ The woman of the future will occupy the economic, social and political spaces that have been denied to us for so long. ”

Maria Elena Delgado Aranda, Country director



The beauty of recycling
An annual art competition raises awareness among young people about plastic waste management.



Main objectives of our programs

Promoting community empowerment through an integrated community development program focusing on local development, education, sexual and reproductive health and nutrition, as well as entrepreneurship and access to credit in Mali.

Promoting local development and food autonomy in times of crisis, while educating children to get them off the streets and providing safe and climate-adapted places in Haiti.

Improving the quality of life of young people in school, particularly girls, through a school perseverance program in Senegal.

Improving access to healthcare for the local, refugee or displaced population of the Republic of Congo.

Rebuilding the lives of conflict-affected populations through vocational training and income-generating activities in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Strengthening the capacities of our health and education partners in Tanzania.

Making community health care accessible to indigenous communities and improving health through diversified agriculture in Bolivia.

Humanitarian aid



Since 2010, humanitarian aid has become one of the fundamental pillars of TSF’s mission. It aims to support displaced and refugee populations due to crises such as wars, inter-ethnic conflicts, epidemics and natural disasters.

In recent years, TSF has established itself as a key player in this field, becoming one of the most active Canadian and Quebec international cooperation organizations (ICOs) in humanitarian aid. Thanks to the strength and efficiency of our field offices, we have been able to establish direct relationships with international donors, including UN agencies. TSF regularly works with displaced populations in Haiti, Mali, the Republic of Congo and the Democratic Republic of Congo.

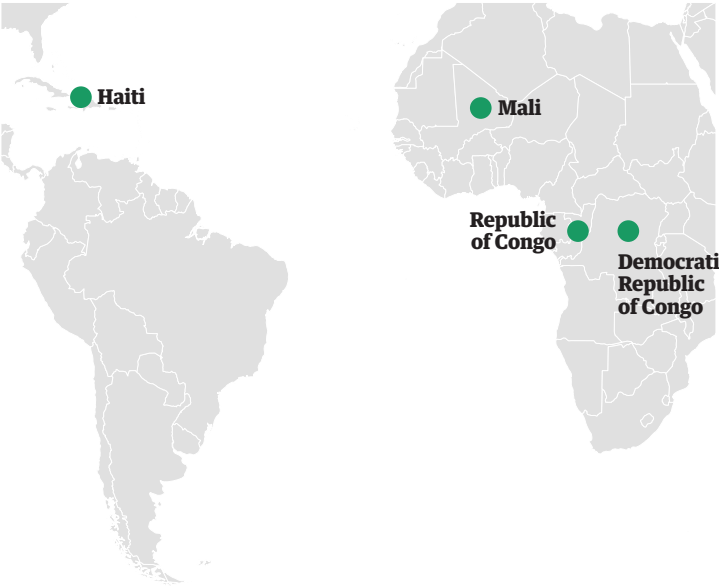
Unfortunately, in 2023, humanitarian aid has seen a reduction in funding in the countries where TSF operates. Notwithstanding this situation, we have continued our work in this area with significant interventions.

In Mali, our teams have optimized their management expertise to support food distribution with the World Food Programme (WFP).

In the Republic of Congo, we focused our efforts on health by conducting vaccination campaigns with the World Health Organization (WHO), thereby improving vaccination coverage for children in remote areas.

In Haiti, where a major humanitarian crisis has been raging for several years, our social appeasement program has been crucial to the smooth running and security of our three intervention sites. This innovative community approach has helped reduce violence and risks, build trust among local communities, and promote a calming social climate.

These results clearly illustrate TSF’s total commitment to helping populations experiencing major crises.



“ At L’Île-à-Vache, a small island located in the south of Haiti, the inhabitants generally face enormous difficulties, particularly with regard to access to drinking water. Fortunately, the intervention of TSF through its social appeasement program (SAP), now allows households and inhabitants of the community to meet most of their drinking water needs. ”

Darlie Pricila Hershel Louis, Program assistant in Vialet, Haiti



Main actions of our programs

Monitor and evaluate WFP activities, including food distributions, food prices and storage, contracts, beneficiary surveys and the local context in northern Mali.

Implement vaccination campaigns in the Republic of Congo for under-immunized children and remote communities, while combating malnutrition and responding rapidly to emergencies related to floods and climate disasters.



The benefits of governance

With their solid management skills, our teams can carry out supervision mandates in emergency contexts.



“ We all know that TSF, a Canadian rights organization, is a reliable partner in this difficult time through its contribution, both material and financial, as well as human. ”

Collective of community leaders of refugees and asylum seekers in the Republic of Congo

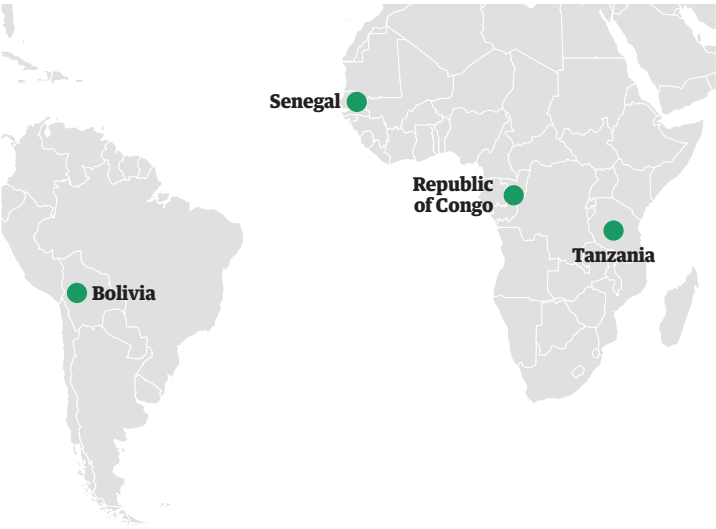
Volunteer cooperation



In 2023-2024, our volunteer cooperation program played a crucial role in strengthening our initiatives. Our new 2023-2027 planning has indeed made it possible to redefine this pillar of TSF by redirecting it more strategically towards the consolidation of our two main pillars, sustainable development and humanitarian aid. Our direct approach thus benefits first and foremost the beneficiaries, then our offices in the field and all our partners.

Our committed and passionate volunteers have the opportunity to play a key role in providing free care and transferring their specialized knowledge and skills through technical and practical training. This commitment goes well beyond a simple volunteer mandate, since our volunteers become excellent ambassadors. TSF would like to thank them for believing in its mission.

In 2023-2024, we sent Canadian professionals specialized in visual health, oral health, maternal health, physical rehabilitation and administrative management. Their interventions had a direct impact on remote populations, strengthening the skills of local professionals and ensuring continuity in quality care.



“ TSF is truly an organization of choice, local, with great human value, which has concrete results on the ground, an exceptional field team. ”

Normand Rochon, CPA accountant, international volunteer and member of TSF's Board of Trustees



Sharing Without Borders
End-of-studies internship for a group of nursing students from the University of Quebec in Trois-Rivières.

Introducing new expertises
Local professionals attend training given by a physiotherapist specializing in perineal and pelvic rehabilitation.



A collaboration that continues
During a visit to Canada, Benoît Ngadjole, regional director for Central Africa, visited Dr. Robert Gagnon, an obstetrician-gynecologist at McGill University, a former TSF volunteer in the Republic of Congo.

The multiplier effect
Bolivian professionals trained by our volunteers have extended the scope of their mandate by offering free consultations to remote communities.



Mandates carried out

Mandate for the prevention and control of infections in Senegal
Marie-Chantale Duhamel-Dubreuil, nursing student
Meg Ireland, nursing student
Shayana Nadeau-Vargas, nursing student
Tiffen Olivié, nursing student
Joany Rousseau-Bédard, companion and nursing student
Magalie Roux, nursing student
Evelyne Streule, nursing student

Financial management mandate in the Republic of Congo
Pierre Dussault, CPA accountant

Mandate in nutrition and maternal health in Senegal
Thien-An Lam Nguyen, nurse
Diaba Samassa, nurse

Mandate in perineal and pelvic rehabilitation in Bolivia
Marie-Christine Bouchard, physiotherapist

Oral health mandate in the Republic of Congo
Dominique Cayer, dental hygienist
François Dubé, dentist

Visual health mandate in Bolivia
Andrée De Guise, optician
Nathalie Dumont Dessureault, optometrist
Darquise Tardif, optician

Visual health mandate in Tanzania
Josée Falardeau, optometrist

Financial data

TSF’s dream is to one day see the world’s wealth shared fairly. The job of our finance department is, on the one hand, to ensure that this dream comes true and, on the other hand, that its realization is executed with complete transparency.

I would like to congratulate our teams on the field, who have demonstrated throughout the year that they can be trusted. Their diligent work in gathering financial information is regularly noted in positive audits.

Our methodical and responsible approach is a hallmark of TSF. We support our partners so that they can get through crises, and we apply this same philosophy to our finances. Our reserves accumulated in previous years have allowed us to consolidate our offices in this difficult period we are going through.

I would like to thank all the donors who helped make our dream come true again this year. Your trust in TSF does not go unnoticed. Our goal was to ensure our activities, and, thanks to you, we have achieved it. Financial difficulties are commonplace in our field of activity, but this is not what will overcome our determination.

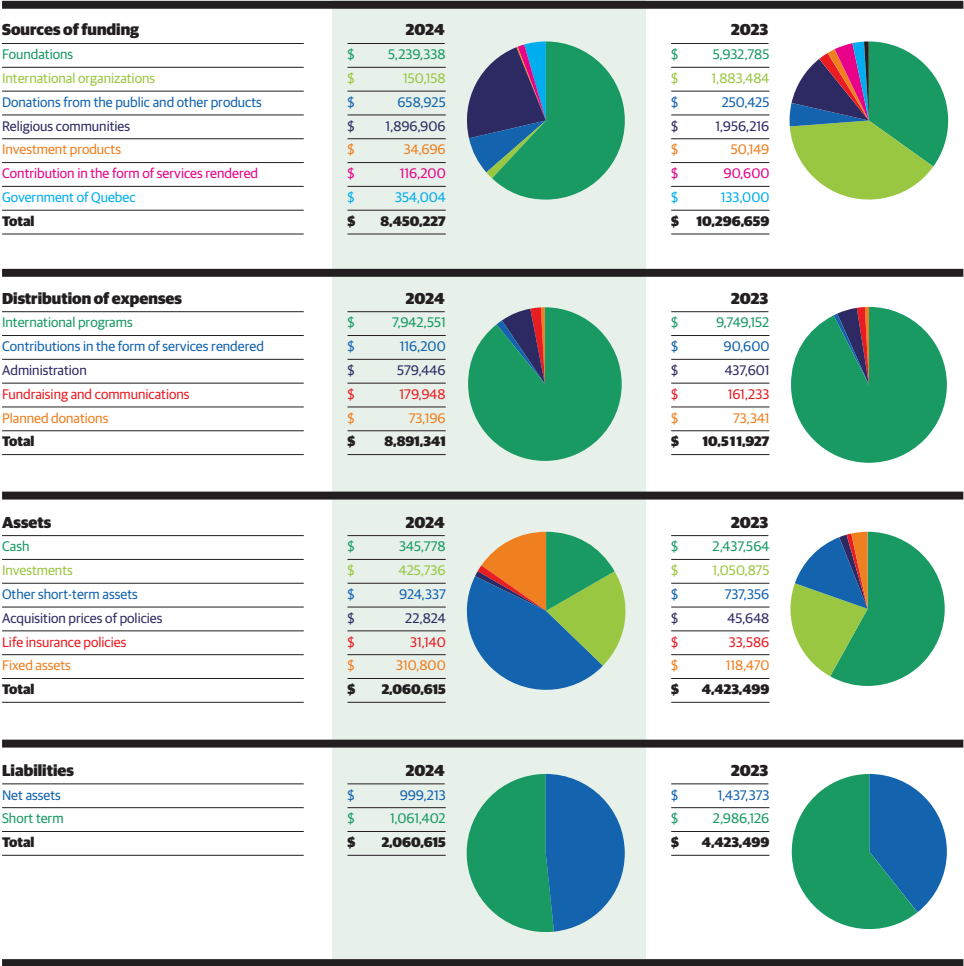


George Bagramyantsev
Director of finances

Donating to TSF means believing in a future where access to wealth will be more equitable.

“By equipping itself with governance control tools, the Board of Trustees necessarily has a positive effect on the functioning of the head office. We evaluate the funds, the way in which they are distributed with transparency, and we are able to ensure that the general management has taken all the means it should have taken.”

Natacha Leclerc, President of the Board of Trustees



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TSF wishes to highlight the immense contribution of Linda Bambonye, who served as President of the Board of Trustees for ten years.



West Africa

Senegal

Sowing an equal future together



In the last year, the TSF team in Senegal has demonstrated its strength and conviction. It was not a passing socio-political instability that was going to jeopardize the objectives that had been set. The first objective was to maintain our achievements in terms of academic perseverance and to improve food security in the community of Loumbal Baladji. The second aimed to strengthen maternal and child health through various initiatives throughout the country. In health, the tree that is TSF in Senegal has been able to bear beautiful fruits to the communities that we support. The positive repercussions of our team’s efforts have been felt by the local populations, where each young person now wakes up with a glimmer of hope and success

“A girl who succeeds in her studies can occupy important positions, come to help her family and her community. As we talk about equity, today, everything that a man can do, a woman is capable of doing.”

Oumou Diallo, mother of a student from the village of Loumbal Baladji

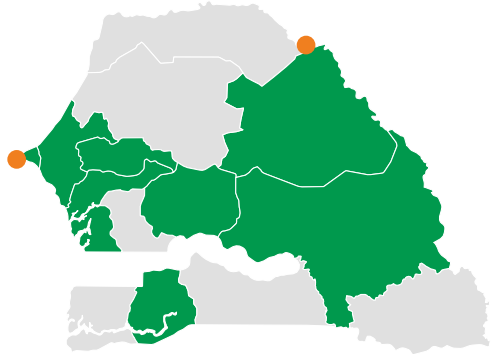


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It takes more than a pencil to succeed in school
Inauguration of the rehabilitation of classes and new buildings at the Loumbal Baladji primary school and college, including a library and a computer room.

The TSF program aims to improve opportunities for women and girls through two of its pillars



Sustainable development
The academic perseverance of the young people of Loumbal Baladji has been at the heart of our actions

Construction and furnishing of a library and a computer room with physical and digital content

The construction of school playgrounds and the rehabilitation of enclosure walls to provide a safe space protected from extreme heat

Greening activities in schoolyards through reforestation

Educational reinforcement through courses and school supplies

Continued training for teachers

The establishment of an adapted transport system to ensure the movement of young people to school

The establishment of an organic school field equipped with a solar pump irrigation system to support the school canteen

The creation of groups of women volunteers to take care of tasks related to organic agricultural production

A training session on maternal and child health to discuss with young mothers the best ways to care for their children and themselves

Raising awareness among parents of the importance of education through social mobilizations, community animation podiums and educational talks

Promoting girls’ leadership through psychosocial and academic support, training and the organization of awareness-raising and mobilization events

Collective awareness of the community to ensure the maintenance of buildings and the continuation of activities in the long term

In addition, to support maternal and child health, 19 health posts were equipped with cribs, tables and delivery boxes



Volunteer cooperation
The strengthening of professionals of our partner, the Association Nationale des Établissements et Structures de Santé Catholiques du Sénégal, was possible thanks to our professional interventions

Nursing students from the Université du Québec à Trois-Rivières took advantage of their final internship to travel to Senegal. They shared their knowledge with local professionals to improve the care provided and enrich their management methods

Two nurses provided essential support in the development of better nutritional infant cereals, in addition to offering theoretical and practical training. All of this served to strengthen the nutrition of pregnant women and young children

* Formerly known as the Association Nationale des Postes de Santé Catholiques du Sénégal (ANPSCS in French)

West Africa

Mali

Fostering changes together



For the team of Sahel 21, a subsidiary of Terre Sans Frontières, the year 2024 marked the end of the Local Initiatives Empowerment Program that had been set up in 2019.

On the socio-political level, the Malian population has been affected by an increase in violence in the north of the country, where the humanitarian crisis has worsened. In addition, the effects of climate change have been strongly felt, particularly in rural areas.

These challenges, however, did not prevent us from persevering. We have therefore achieved our objective of promoting the socio-economic prosperity of rural communities, particularly that of women and young people in the communes of Didiéni and Sagabala, in the Koulikoro region.

On the humanitarian front, our expertise in management and development enabled us to implement and maintain our food security projects. Our work with local communities themselves gives us the advantage of ensuring speed of execution in any context.

Through our many community activities, we have continued to progress and reach new heights in community village development.

“All these actions allowed me to stay in my village with my people and to be respected in my family and my village.”

Adama Diarra, developer in the village of Pampala

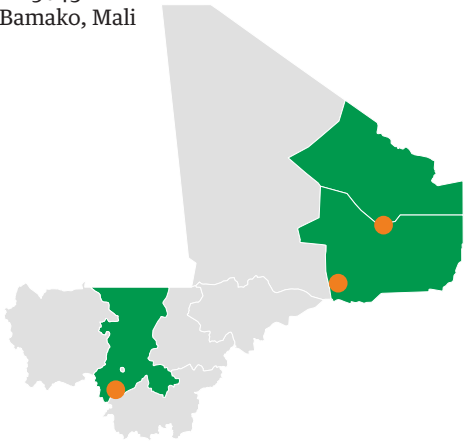


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Feeding for the future

Our community-based approach to combatting malnutrition, based on local foods, has reduced the malnutrition rate to 5% in four health areas, compared to a rate of 14.3% in the Kolokani circle.

The TSF program contributes to socio-economic self-promotion and the improvement of the living environment of communities through these two pillars



Sustainable development
Local development led by communities and their decentralized authorities guided the following actions

- Bambara literacy campaigns for adults
- Financial, academic, psychosocial and health support for scholarship holders
- Awareness raising and advocacy on issues such as quality prenatal care, childhood vaccination and combating gender-based violence (GBV)
- Training in prenatal care and the risks of home births
- A forum theatre addressing the harmful effects of excision, early marriage and the lack of schooling of girls
- Cooking demonstrations offered by committees of women nutritionists
- The construction of basic water supplies and the manufacture of animal water troughs
- Support and monitoring-evaluation offered to entrepreneurs and promoters
- Raising awareness of the local economy and African culture in relation to the “mayaa” gender to promote family cohesion and support the participation of women
- The creation of the Bélé Dougou Nièta Finance microfinance organization
- Designing innovative and resilient agricultural methods in the face of climate change
- The development of a computer room and training young people in new technologies
- Support and skills transfer offered to women in peri-urban areas



Humanitarian aid
The monitoring and evaluation of World Food Program (WFP) projects in the north can be summarized as follows

- Monitoring food distribution, commodity prices and storage in markets
- Verification of contracts awarded by distributing non-governmental organizations (NGOs) to local traders
- Implementation of activities, awareness raising and surveys among beneficiaries on the food distribution process
- Monitoring the socio-political context and population movements

Central Africa

Republic of Congo

Prioritizing health together



The past year has been marked by several global conflicts, some of which have been ongoing for some time, and others that deepen the current international refugee and displaced persons crisis. The TSF team has mobilized to continue to respond to the needs of populations in the center of the African continent.

In this context where needs are ever-growing, our team has remained focused on its objectives: to provide a healthcare service for the region's vulnerable populations. Thanks to the courage, understanding and above all the resilience of our colleagues, TSF was able to open a medical-social center in Bétou.

The year 2023 was one of transitions, where difficult decisions were sometimes unavoidable. The great determination of our teams was the fuel needed to overcome obstacles and succeed in reducing maternal and infant mortality in this landlocked territory of the Republic of Congo.

“The ultrasound machine will help us predict the prognosis of deliveries, including scheduled cesarean sections in cases of placenta previa, diagnosis of twin pregnancies, macrosomia, vitality and presentation of fetuses, fetal distress, etc. It will help reduce cases of preventable maternal deaths in the district of Bétou.”

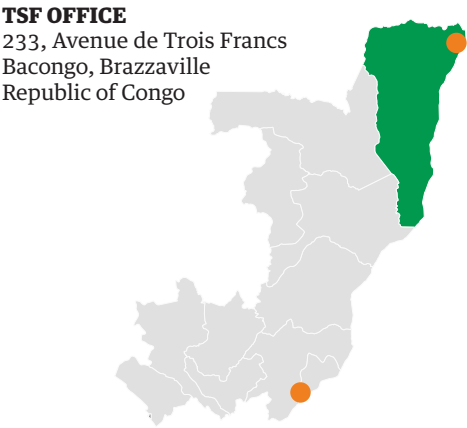
Salabanzi Baudouin, senior nurse at the Bétou medico-social center



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A team ready to take on challenges
The TSF medical-social center in Bétou

We pay tribute to our dear and remarkable colleagues, Vespasien LOUBAKI, project manager, and Adrien BAKALA, psychologist, who died prematurely and who left a great void in our hearts.

The TSF program aims to improve maternal and child health of vulnerable populations in the north of the country through these three pillars



Sustainable development
The continuity of services offered to the population was ensured by the following actionss

The opening and operation of the Bétou Medical-Social Center (CMS in French)

The purchase of an ultrasound machine and training of the center's nursing staff on its use

The creation of a laboratory to diagnose tropical diseases and screen for HIV/AIDS and malaria

Educational talks on breastfeeding, family planning, the importance of prenatal contact and the consequences of home births

Raising awareness about the health of pregnant women and their nutrition

Health promotion through local radio broadcasts

Awareness and vaccination campaigns in rural areas

An awareness-raising activity to reduce the amount of plastic in markets



Humanitarian aid
Access to primary care through World Health Organization (WHO) campaigns includes

The vaccination for under-immunized children, for those who have not received any doses and for remote communities

The deployment of a rapid emergency response to address the critical health needs of populations affected by flooding in certain departments



Volunteer cooperation
Strengthening our program also came from Canadian professionals

A chartered accountant has consolidated and modernized the accounting and financial management of the TSF medical-social center in Bétou, our partner

A dentist and a dental hygienist provided prevention and awareness-raising on oral health to vulnerable populations, including women and children. Free dental consultations and care were offered at our medical-social center

Central Africa

Democratic Republic of Congo

Building opportunities together



The north of the Democratic Republic of Congo (DRC) is an area plagued by intercommunal tensions, land conflicts and a struggle for control of mineral resources. This situation is leading to significant population displacement.

Many people leave rural areas behind to find themselves in the precarious reality of cities, exposing themselves by default to the risks inherent to the territory.

In order to offer various alternatives to displaced young people who must survive in these situations, our Learning and Professional Support Center (CAAP in French) in Bunia offers supervision.

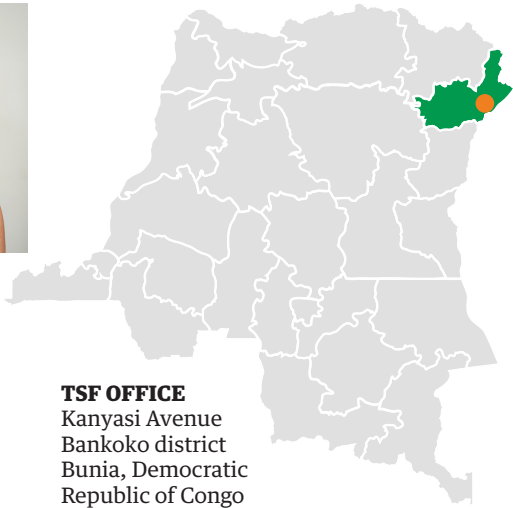
By making agriculture and livestock breeding a driving force for peace, social cohesion and unity, we continue to work towards a future where young people will find their place through sustainable reconstruction.



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“ Although I am a farmer, I discovered with the practical training at the TSF level how to do economical agriculture through vegetables that do not require a large area. ”

Maki Bugo Baraka, graduate of the agropastoral workshop

The TSF program provides refugees and displaced people with tools to rebuild their lives through this pillar

Sustainable development

The development of skills of young people from TSF’s CAAP was achieved through the following actions

- Training in market gardening and agricultural entrepreneurship to combat food insecurity and poverty in the region
- Theoretical and practical courses in agriculture, livestock breeding and entrepreneurship through the savings and credit system
- Recruitment of trainers for the agriculture, livestock, savings and microcredit sectors
- The development and equipment of agro-pastoral training sites with nurseries, food fields, vegetable gardens, piggeries and chicken coops
- Drilling to ensure water supply for programs
- Support provided to beneficiaries who have initiated their own agro-pastoral initiatives during their apprenticeship program
- Material support offered through starter kits given to graduates



“ Water is life,” they say. And as you can see, both above-mentioned training areas largely depend on access to clean water, mainly for watering gardens and nurseries, watering chickens and pigs, constantly cleaning equipment, and not to mention quenching the thirst of trainers and learners at the center. Thus, the two water boreholes with hand pumps installed at our two training sites in Bakongolo and Mudzi-Bala in the city of Bunia, Democratic Republic of Congo, have been largely used in the success of the learners’ training. This sustainable equipment will continue to support the training of many more learners. ”

Pascal Mbunza, CAAP supervisor in Bunia

East Africa

Tanzania

Strengthening communities together



Tanzania has seen an evolution in education and especially in terms of freedom of expression, but for the period 2023-2024, there were still some elements to consider in the transition towards a more equal future for all. In the process, for the TSF office in Tanzania, it was a year of consolidation.

Our team has therefore worked hard to finalize an action plan to ensure the development of our activities in this country. Two main objectives have emerged from our reflections: to ensure continuity in the long-standing relationship that we have with our local partners, and then to begin to conceptualize our future.

To do this, we invested in producing a comprehensive diagnosis of our assets and history in the region. The collaboration between Quebec and Moshi was also consolidated. Our team is determined to persevere and benefit from our decades of experience through health and education projects.

“The dream has finally come true. I can’t believe we were able to serve this great population in such a short time. If it wasn’t for the Canadian volunteers and the TSF organization working with us and improving our facilities, the people in the community would have suffered more, but look at their smiles. I am truly happy for them and grateful to the volunteers and TSF.”

Sr Dre Daria Mushi, Doctor in charge of Huruma Hospital

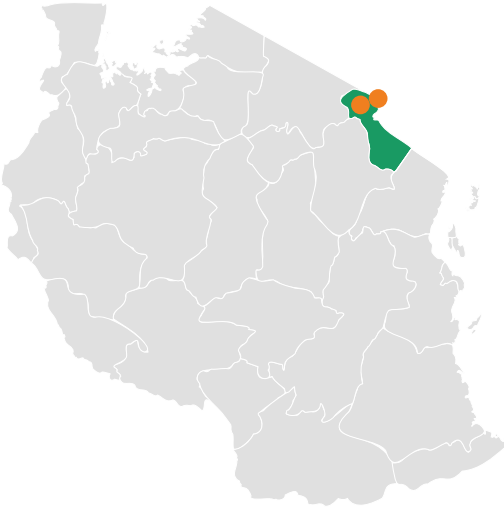


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The TSF program works to promote access to quality and permanent health care for local communities through these two pillars



Sustainable development
The improvement of the services offered in the establishments was achieved by the following actions

- Renovation of a visual health clinic
- Support for medical equipment and instruments
- Health prevention in various communities
- Awareness raising and implementation of workshops and events on the themes of gender equality and the environment



Volunteer cooperation
Local professionals were able to benefit from the enrichment offered by volunteer cooperation

- An optometrist worked with various local partners on several levels
- Theoretical and practical training on visual health was provided
- Free consultations were offered to the local population, and local professionals who were able to participate also benefited

What is the reality of women in Tanzania ?

Ezra Wango
Project coordinator - TSF Tanzania

“With the women’s groups, we’ve been able to do a lot in the area of agricultural education and in the area of finance. By working together, giving them education, showing them how they can add value to what they produce, they’ve been able to support their families, their children. They’ve been able to make some progress in the care they give their families.”

Ezra Wango, new member of the team

Caribbean

Haiti

Building resilience together



In Haiti, the last year has been marked by several waves of uncertainty causing the deterioration of security and considerable internal migration. Political instability, added to exacerbated climatic phenomena, has extended the consequences of food insecurity to a large part of the population.

More than ever, the TSF team in Haiti had to demonstrate constant adaptability.

With this reality in mind, our objective was to maintain our activities and interventions as much as possible, without diminishing their quality or effects, and this, in our three intervention sites.

It has been a year full of events and achievements. Whether through projects in agriculture, education, health or economic development, we have contributed to improving people’s lives and bringing about positive and lasting change.

Over time, our team has demonstrated its commitment to our mission by pushing boundaries and proposing innovative solutions. We have supported each other to continue to meet the changing needs of our beneficiaries in this context of instability.

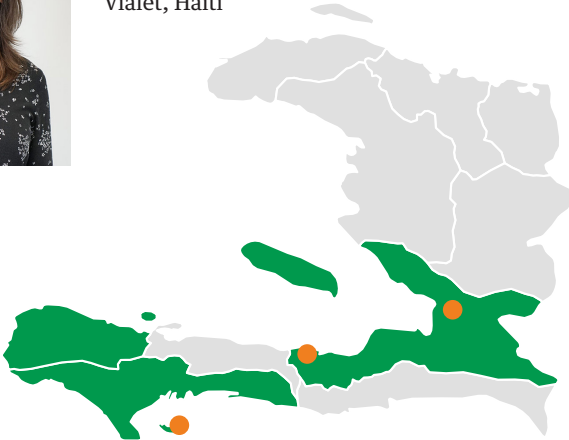


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“ There is no future without education, nor education without peace of mind and serene life. Is it going badly? Of course it is! But we are holding on by investing our know-how as much as our love for development, which will only be possible if a good number of young people - men and women - are well trained. So, against all odds, we are arming ourselves for the development of our communities and our nation, as well as for the evolution of our world on the path of progress. ”

Darlie Pricila Hershel Louis, program assistant at Violet

The TSF program equips local communities to guide them towards resilient autonomy through the following pillar

Sustainable development

Support for the communities of Croix-des-Bouquets, Violet and Île-à-Vache was provided by the various actions below

Maintaining our social appeasement program - through drinking water stations, electric charging stations and the installation of security equipment - which allows us to build a relationship of trust with the local community and thus have an advantage when emergencies take precedence over development

Basic education offered even in times of maximum insecurity

A literacy program for adults

Leadership and civic engagement workshops for young people, particularly girls

Maintaining an environment conducive to learning and healthy development for children in situations of high vulnerability or severe or moderate disabilities

The creation of a mutual solidarity fund

Maintaining our technical training program and computer courses

The creation and organization of income-generating activities to support the financial empowerment of beneficiaries

The provision of training in agroecology to increase food autonomy and climate resilience of communities, our partners and our beneficiaries

Raising awareness about food loss and waste, as well as waste management

Setting up community gardens to teach and promote food self-sufficiency

Training workshops on gender equality and the creation of a support unit for victims of GBV to cultivate tolerance and promote social change and community strengthening

Providing a physical and psychological health service to children

Raising awareness on various diseases and medical conditions, and on good lifestyle habits and the importance of personal hygiene

The creation of mobile medical clinics for the population

Organizing an artistic creation competition with plastic waste to promote recycling and the circular economy, and to raise awareness about environmental protection

The creation of committees in different communities to address issues related to the practice of governance



Latin America

Bolivia

Walking together
towards autonomy



In Bolivia, many indigenous communities are remote and lack basic health care. After a decade of actions and capacity building through volunteer cooperation, the TSF team conceptualized a program combining health and food security.

With the aim of supporting the local community in establishing a self-sufficient network through complementary services, our team rolled up its sleeves. The latter, now composed of three employees, has demonstrated that it has the energy and desire to help the populations that are close to our hearts.

The last year was the beginning of a long-term investment of the TSF method in the Altiplano region. The challenges experienced have not blinded us, and we continue walking together to improve the quality of life of the most vulnerable.



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“All the equipment and materials are very useful for the population, because we don’t have the resources here. People live far away; we can’t go and see them. It’s a central element for all the communities, which can thus have access to it. The care is free and very useful for all patients, including women, children and the elderly. And it’s even more true today with the training offered by the volunteers, which has been very good for me, but also for the doctors and nurses.”

Maria Luisa Duran Lozano, physiotherapist at Pucarani Hospital

The TSF program seeks to develop a quality community health care network accessible to all through the following pillars



- Sustainable development**
The planned multidisciplinary approach led to overall health improvement through the following interventions
- Material improvement of gynecology, dentistry, nutrition and physiotherapy clinics

Setting up a physiotherapy clinic

Equipment provision for food processing units and health centers

Strengthening healthy eating habits through greenhouse management and regular workshops by a nutritionist

Support for the construction of a building for clinics following floods

Greenhouse farming training offered to teachers and families in conjunction with primary and secondary schools in the region

Native reforestation of selected communities as part of a pilot project for the regeneration of the hydrologic cycle



- Volunteer cooperation**
The local health system has been improved thanks to the expertise of different professionals
- A physiotherapist has enriched the knowledge of local professionals in the field of perineal and pelvic rehabilitation through training

An optometrist and two opticians provided consultations and glasses to people in remote communities. Equipment and training about its use also benefited local professionals



When positive results are highlighted
Visit of Geneviève Asselin, Counsellor and Head of Cooperation at the Canadian Embassy, to our intervention sites, in October 2023

Strong collaboration at the heart of our interventions

To be able to support communities in the South, Terre Sans Frontières collaborates with many actors from diverse backgrounds, in all the countries where it operates.

The creation of partnerships with civil, governmental and international bodies allows TSF to better target the problems of populations and to ensure local roots. These collaborations also allow the continuation of our actions well beyond the end of our projects and programs.

For TSF, partnerships do not have the objective of negotiating to obtain or be allocated sums of money. In Bolivia, for example, TSF collaborates with municipalities in the department of La Paz.

In recent years, TSF has equipped some public health clinics and helped train their medical staff. To go further, municipalities have ensured the hiring of additional professionals. This partnership has made it possible to join forces to offer better care to the populations served.

The extensive collaborations created in Mali and the Republic of Congo with village associations or refugee committees are two other interesting examples in this regard. These exchanges make it possible to clearly identify the real needs of the communities, because from one village to another, cultures,



just like reality, can be very different. It is therefore with great recognition and gratitude that we thank all our partners, who like us, work tirelessly to support populations

in need. These collaborations are absolutely necessary, and together, we will certainly go further

Ecuador An inclusive cooperation



The year 2023-2024 has been difficult for our partner, the Unidad Educativa Especializada Fiscomisional Nuestra Señora del Carmen (UEENCAR), in Ecuador, which has seen its activities directly affected by the growing insecurity that has plagued the country for several years.

Despite the absence of a TSF office on the ground, our relationship with the local partner and the community is strong. This has allowed us to stay focused on our objective of promoting the emancipation and social inclusion of young people with disabilities.



Sustainable development Support for the emancipation and inclusion of young people with disabilities was enabled by the following actions

The services of a physiotherapist at UEENCAR

The provision of technical training enabling the establishment of income-generating activities by and for young adults

Establishing a wheelchair repair shop to provide technical service to the community

A connection to digital platforms to connect our partner to the community and raise awareness about the inclusion of people with disabilities and female leadership

Religious communities A lasting legacy



Terre Sans Frontières is a secular organization that has always worked closely with religious communities to support the most disadvantaged populations. By partnering with these communities, TSF facilitates essential interventions in various areas.

TSF works with religious communities in several ways, including the following

Management support. TSF conducts situation studies, assesses needs and strengthens the skills of local stakeholders and volunteers to ensure the smooth running of schools, health centers, market gardens and training centers in entrepreneurship and accounting management.

Implementation of programs. TSF invites religious communities to actively participate in the implementation of some of its projects. For example, thanks to funding from Education Cannot Wait / UNICEF, during the pandemic, we implemented an innovative education project for young people in the Democratic Republic of Congo.

Transfer and management of funds. TSF ensures the transfer of funds from religious communities in the North to those in the South, while guaranteeing, with provincial and federal authorities, the sound financial management and effective implementation of the supported projects.

Sending volunteers. TSF sends volunteers such as dentists, optometrists and managers to work with religious communities in the South, strengthening local capacities and ensuring the smooth running of projects. ANESCS, for example, our local partner in Senegal, allows us to share our expertise with a large national network of institutions.

After so many decades of working together, the trust between TSF and religious communities is well established. This is why we can turn to them for support when emergencies arise and we need to respond quickly, as was the case when we had to distribute medicines to refugees in the Republic of Congo.

This collaborative and diversified approach allows TSF to implement its projects in a unique and efficient way, ensuring sustainable development in several countries.



“ According to a Bambara proverb, a single finger cannot pick up a stone. In our search for partners, only Sahel 21-TSF responded favorably to our request and, since then, it has spared no effort in its commitment to us, as well as for women’s development. Infrastructures have been created and equipped, women have been trained in sewing and organic market gardening, and the sisters have seen their capacities strengthened in various areas. After five years of partnership, we are proud of the support received, which has made us increasingly efficient women and ready for our mission. ”

Sr Aline Mounkoro, Sisters of Charity of Saint-Louis (SCSL in French) - Women’s entrepreneurship project in peri-urban areas



One of our partners, ANESCS, collaborated with a group of interns from UQTR on a mandate in nursing and maternal health.



Educational support was provided to the Raymond Hamelin School Complex.

“ Of all the projects supported by TSF in Uganda, UPISA is the most vibrant and active, with 12 schools and a large number of students. ”

Frère Francis was pivotal in the creation of this educational project for young people, which is now autonomous.

Sowing an equal future together



Fostering changes together



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