

Activity Report



2024

Improving food security through sustainable
micro-farming and agricultural education

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About the Foundation:

LDF vision, mission and approach

Our Vision

To help fight hunger and poverty by bringing sustainable solutions to smallholder farmers.

Our Mission

To improve food security through sustainable micro-farming and agricultural education.

Our Key Focus Areas

Micro-farming, agricultural education, community empowerment and environment, and emergency support.

Strong Partnerships

The Louis Dreyfus Foundation selects its partners with great care, choosing to work alongside those who demonstrate expertise, reliability, a thorough understanding of the local environment and resources, a proven track-record in managing projects related to food security, as well as strong ethics and a vision aligned with our own.

The Foundation leverages the knowledge, expertise and networks of Louis Dreyfus Company (LDC) employees, whose contributions are key to the advancement of our projects and work. Their contributions are key to the fulfillment of our project goals and help to maximize our positive impact.

What We Do

Context

We support rural areas that are vulnerable to food insecurity and climate change, where we see significant potential to develop small-scale agricultural projects and promote vocational education.

Locations

The Louis Dreyfus Foundation is mostly active across Africa, Asia and Latin America, in countries where LDC has an established presence.

Projects

Our projects and programs focus on promoting the social, environmental and economic welfare of smallholder farmers and their local communities.



Foreword

Contributing to building a safe and sustainable future for the children of our world



Margarita Louis-Dreyfus
Honorary President,
Louis Dreyfus Foundation



Robert Serpollet
General Manager,
Louis Dreyfus Foundation

Poverty and ongoing pressure on food resources continue to challenge populations across the Global South. At the same time, climate change creates widespread disruption, with the most affected areas often lacking the means to respond or adapt. The Foundation's Honorary President, Margarita Louis-Dreyfus, and General Manager, Robert Serpollet, reflect on how the Louis Dreyfus Foundation addresses these challenges through initiatives focused on micro-farming and education, with particular attention to the most vulnerable populations.



21	33,180
ongoing projects	farmers
5	1,439
scholarship programs	students
13	180,000+
countries	indirect beneficiaries

Reflecting on 2024, how would you describe the situation in the regions where the Louis Dreyfus Foundation operates, and the impact it has had?

Margarita Louis-Dreyfus

Living conditions are worsening for large parts of the population in the Global South, where our work is focused. Smallholder farmers are being hit particularly hard, with agricultural production often insufficient to ensure decent livelihoods, jeopardizing food security and the farmers' ability to generate sufficient revenue from their work. The situation is exacerbated by the continuing harmful repercussions of climate change, including more frequent and extreme weather conditions that damage crops and hinder revenues, and by a sharp decline in public funding. This is evident in places like El Chaco, Argentina and Laikipia, Kenya, where farming communities are faced with severe droughts and have to rely on external financing to mitigate the damage to crops and revenues. Our efforts are focused on three key pillars - building climate resilience among smallholder farmers, creating the conditions for increased agricultural revenues and improving access to agricultural education.

How exactly is the Foundation helping to improve smallholder farmers' resilience and adaptation to climate change?

Robert Serpollet

In 2024, which saw an average +1.5%-increase in temperature from pre-industrial levels for the first time¹, climate change impacts remained a major issue. Although this is true across the globe, populations in the Global South are particularly vulnerable to the detrimental impacts of the environmental crisis, as highlighted by the Intergovernmental Panel on Climate Change (IPCC).² As mentioned by Margarita, climate change is notably affecting crops and access to water, leading to food insecurity, malnutrition and financial distress. Supporting local farming communities with solutions aimed at improving their ability to adapt to climate change is therefore key to improving livelihoods in the long term. Some examples of our work include promoting the implementation of agroecological practices, encouraging the adoption of more climate-resilient crops, diversifying crop production and working on more efficient water management and irrigation solutions. Other activities include training in farm management and financial literacy, improving the organization of local agricultural groups, facilitating collective purchases of agricultural inputs, the use of improved machinery and mechanization and better access to markets through improved sales strategies. All of these contribute to improving agricultural incomes and building the resilience of smallholder farmers and their communities.

As you mentioned earlier, some project areas are affected by continuing, severe droughts. How do you assist local populations with vital access to water?

Margarita Louis-Dreyfus

Access to water is also a key area of focus for the Foundation, as culture irrigation is a condition for generating sufficient crop yields. Easy access to clean drinking water is also crucial to prevent severe sanitary crises, particularly among young children and the elderly, but also to allow women and children – who are traditionally in charge of water collection – to dedicate more time instead to productive activities or education. What is especially concerning is that access to water is becoming increasingly critical each year, as droughts become more frequent and intense due to climate change. This is evident in regions where we support our projects. In this context, our action is multifaceted, ranging from building water collection points, water wells or tanks to diversifying crops to include those that are less water intensive.

What initiatives does the Foundation undertake to support children and young people?

Margarita Louis-Dreyfus

It is important to remember that malnutrition is the primary cause of child mortality worldwide³ - hence our fight against food insecurity, which is at the heart of our mission. Another vital aspect of our action is agricultural education. This is key to creating conditions for empowerment and providing young people with the means to build a sustainable future for themselves. And let's not forget that education, along with ensuring decent and sustainable sources of income for families, is central to the fight against child labor.

Although the Foundation's core work focuses on long-term projects, it also provides emergency aid. Can you share examples of recent emergency initiatives?

Robert Serpollet

Long-term action is indeed central to our mission, but we must also address the need for urgent aid arising from natural disasters or geopolitical crises, both of which lead to critical humanitarian crises. Lebanon has been affected for several years by a dire economic and financial crisis, which affects crucial public services such as hospitals. This is now dramatically exacerbated by the geopolitical crisis in the region, and the bombing of Lebanese towns and villages. This puts increased pressure on the healthcare system, denying the most vulnerable patients access to treatment. In 2024, we therefore provided funding for urgent medical care for disadvantaged patients.

Our Projects around the World

Lebanon - Emergency Support



- Providing access to care to people living with long-term chronic conditions in Lebanon

Egypt



- Supporting marginal women farmers
- NEW

Côte d'Ivoire



- Improving rice sector performance
 - Promoting regenerative agriculture through the rural business incubator
 - Rural agricultural vocational school
 - Supporting smallholder maize and legume growers
- NEW

Ghana



- Development of a Master's program at Ashesi University

Ethiopia



- Providing access to safe water and supporting agricultural production of coffee farmers

Argentina



- Supporting production and livelihoods of smallholder farming families
- Supporting agricultural students at University of Salta and Santiago Del Estero

Brazil



- Advancing sustainable practices in the Cerrado savanna
 - Supporting small-scale soy producers
- NEW
- Supporting agricultural students at the University of São Paulo

India



- Enhancing food security of women smallholder farmers
- Enhancing livelihood resilience of communities affected by salinity ingress
- Supporting agricultural students at Agricultural Sciences University, Bangalore

China



- Supporting smallholder farmers with regenerative practices

Cambodia



- Grant to support Smiling Gecko School and Education Campus

South Africa



- Abalimi Phambili (Farmers First) support program
- Supporting agricultural students at University of Pretoria

Kenya



- Creating a shared value chain for maize production
 - Improving farmers livelihoods through agroecological practices in Laikipia and Meru counties
 - Supporting agricultural small and medium agricultural enterprises
 - Enhancing productivity & soil health through agroecology practices in Kitui and Nakuru counties
- NEW
- Supporting agricultural students at Egerton University

Indonesia



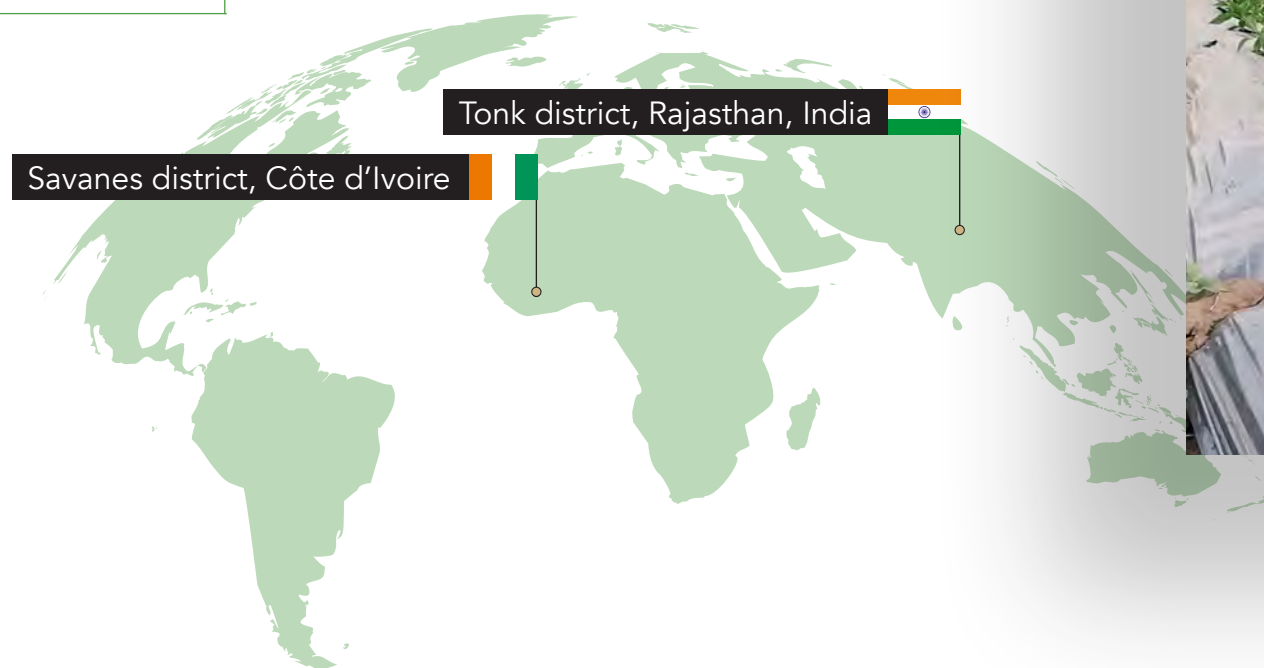
- Improving the curriculum at Polbangtan technical university
- Supporting smallholder palm oil producers

Microfarming

Our Focus Area

Contributing to better livelihoods
for smallholder farmers through
increased agricultural incomes

Location



Partners

Centre for microFinance



FairMatch Support



Microfarming Our Actions

Context

Rural areas are home to many smallholder farmers, who often rely exclusively on cultivating their small plots for income. Fluctuations in crop yields directly impact the livelihoods of their families and wider community. Farmers have limited access to training, lack awareness of sustainable practices, and struggle as a result of soil depletion and growing climate change impacts.

In the **Tonk district of Rajasthan**, this situation is exacerbated by variable rainfall, underdeveloped irrigation systems and increasing crop diseases, while in the **Savanes district of Côte d'Ivoire**, smallholder farm development is hindered by limited market access and financial support.

Our Approach

The Foundation's projects address these challenges through training and capacity building, the adoption of sustainable agri-practices, and improved access to markets and finance. We focus on empowering women farmers, given their crucial role in agriculture and in ensuring food security for their families. The projects aim to enhance revenue generation and achieve food security for rural families.

Tonk District Rajasthan, India



In the **Tonk district, Rajasthan**, our project with the Centre for microFinance aims to empower women farmers through training and capacity building, with a goal to increase crop productivity. The project encourages agricultural diversification by introducing vegetable and fruit orchards, helping families boost their income while improving food security and nutrition. It also promotes more sustainable use of soil and water resources by promoting natural farming practices, efficient irrigation systems and water harvesting adapted to women farmers' needs, such as roof rainwater storage tanks or rain-gun-based irrigation systems. Finally, women organize self-help groups to facilitate access to savings and credit. During 2024, the project showed positive results, with a significant increase in crop and livestock yields, and lower cultivation costs thanks to natural farming methods that drove climate resilience and improved soil quality.

Savanes District Côte d'Ivoire



In the **Savanes district of Côte d'Ivoire**, our work with FairMatch Support aims to strengthen the role, expertise and capabilities of rice value chain cooperatives. The project provides equipment, strengthens the skills and decision-making abilities of female rice producers through training in good agricultural practices (GAPs), improving cooperation and commercial relations between producers, cooperatives and millers. We also focus on improving access to seeds and diversifying production to enhance farmers' income sources and improve food security and nutrition for schoolchildren. Recognizing the issue of financial access for smallholder rice farmers and millers, the project works to connect producers and cooperatives with institutional markets and financial institutions.

Our Impact



Tonk District
Rajasthan, India

BENEFICIARIES

5,749
households

100%
women beneficiaries

RESULTS – CULTIVATION

1,324
hectares cultivated
using natural farming
methods

1,193
hectares cultivated
as nutri/kitchen
gardens

RESULTS – CROP PRODUCTIVITY

140%
increase vs. baseline
for wheat
on average

78%
increase vs. baseline
for green gram
on average

Savanes District
Côte d'Ivoire

BENEFICIARIES

9,137
farmers trained
on GAPs

51%
women beneficiaries

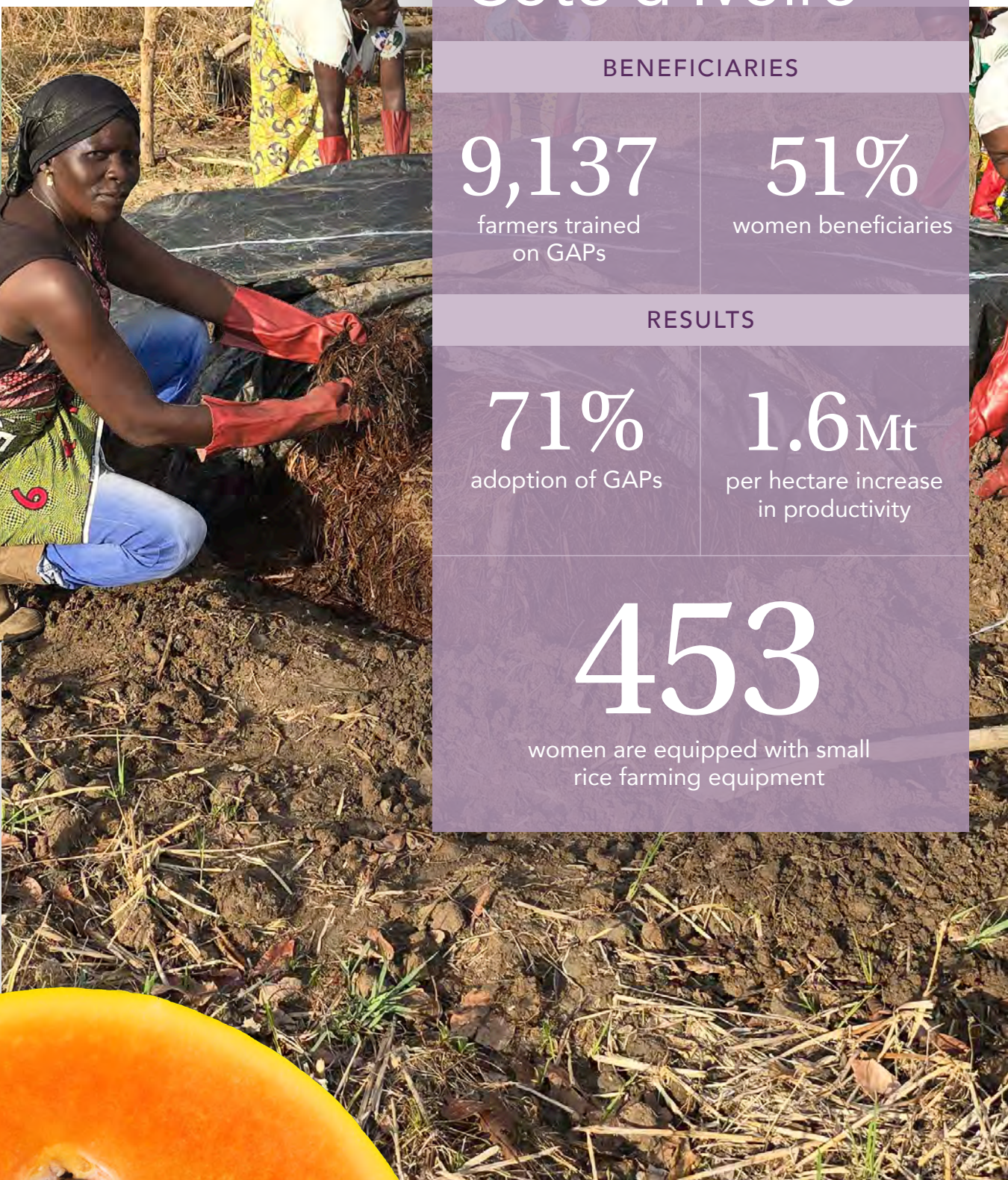
RESULTS

71%
adoption of GAPs

1.6Mt
per hectare increase
in productivity

453

women are equipped with small
rice farming equipment



Impacting Lives

Sita Devi's Story

Sita Devi, a 46-year-old smallholder farmer from Rajwas village, in the Tonk district of Rajasthan, used to grow green peas and chili on a very small scale for household consumption. In 2021, she became the first farmer in her village to start cultivating vegetables for income generation.

Tonk district, Rajasthan, India



With the project's support, she took part in training and field visits that helped her strengthen her farming skills and adopt more efficient practices. The project team also assisted with seedling raising, sowing, transplantation and pest management. Additionally, Sita Devi received financial aid to install drip irrigation and mulching equipment.

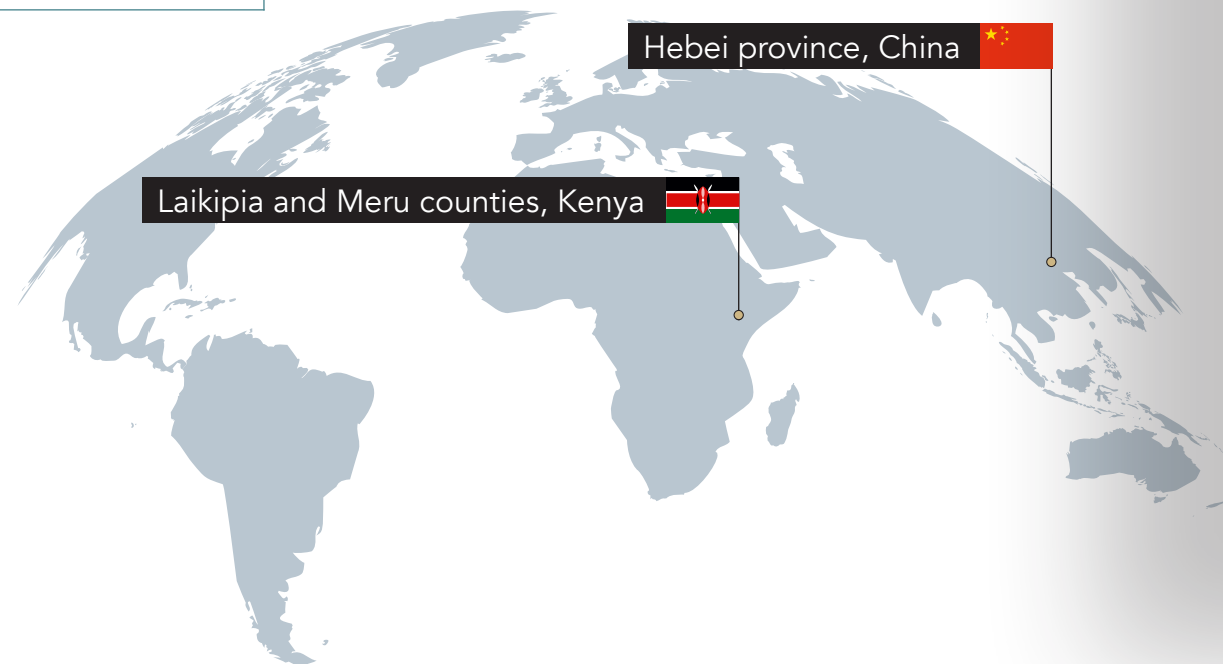
These interventions helped her build valuable skills and take meaningful steps toward self-sufficiency. By 2024, she had transplanted 1,800 chili seedlings over 900 m² using drip irrigation and mulching. This resulted in a harvest of around 1,950 kg of chili, generating Rs 35,100 (US\$410) in revenue, compared to Rs 1,725 (US\$20) in 2021 from bottle gourd sales. Going forward, Sita Devi plans to expand her cultivation area and install a shade net to improve seedling production.

Microfarming

Our Focus Area

Enhancing climate resilience through conservation agriculture practices

Location



Partners

Fert in partnership with Cereal Growers Association (CGA)



Shanghai Agro-Services Co., Ltd



Microfarming Our Actions

Context

While climate change has global impacts, rural areas in the Global South – where many depend on agriculture – are hit particularly hard and are especially vulnerable. The consequences of climate change – such as extreme or unpredictable adverse conditions like droughts and floods, the proliferation of crop diseases or the loss of biodiversity – impact crop yields and livelihoods. The absence of crop rotation or the overuse of chemical inputs can degrade soil health, reducing its ability to store carbon, and lead to a decline in productivity, threatening long-term food security.

Our Approach

The projects we support aim to promote agricultural practices that regenerate soils, restore biodiversity and enhance environmental resilience. By adopting regenerative agriculture practices, smallholder farmers contribute to restoring soil quality, which is essential for the preservation of local ecosystems. These practices also help farmer communities become more resilient, by improving crop production and yields, and reducing cultivation costs through use of organic inputs. Through these projects based on a systemic and agroecological approach, the Foundation seeks to drive lasting positive change for both farmers and local ecosystems.



Laikipia and Meru Counties Kenya



In Kenya's Laikipia and Meru counties, working with [Fert](#) and the [Cereal Growers Association](#), we support smallholder farmers in improving their agricultural practices through various actions. These include the use of demonstration plots to promote good agricultural practices (GAPs), training and economic advice, and the provision of tree and vegetable seedlings to diversify production, restore biodiversity and improve ecosystem resilience. In 2024, 378 farmers implemented GAPs to enhance their resilience to climate change. Practices included reducing the use of tillage, using organic inputs, introducing crop rotation and diversification, and choosing drought-tolerant crops. The project team trained participating smallholders on farm terracing and equipped them with levelling tools to combat the effects of soil erosion.

Hebei Province China



In China's Hebei province, our project with Shanghai Agro-Services Co., Ltd. supports smallholder farmers in transitioning to conservation agriculture. In 2024, this involved field research, evaluation of current practices and needs, designing and implementing a training program that promotes conservation agriculture practices and limits the use of excessive tillage or chemical fertilizers, the creation of demonstration plots and the provision of subsidies to acquire new tillage machines. Resulting higher revenues contribute to more sustainable livelihoods for farmers, enabling them to remain in their villages, and contributing positively to employment opportunities for the community. In 2025, quantifying carbon sequestration resulting from these measures will be a key focus.

Our Impact



Meru and Laikipia Counties
Kenya

BENEFICIARIES

334

farmers

63%

women beneficiaries

CONSERVATION PRACTICES

84%

of farmers adopted at
least one agroecology
practice

13,200

trees planted

PRODUCTION RESULTS

27%

increase in bean
yields in Meru

13.5%

increase in maize
yields in Meru



Hebei Province
China

BENEFICIARIES

2,132

participants

CONSERVATION PRACTICES

1,597

farmers adopting no-till practices

SOIL ORGANIC CARBON INCREASE

6.4

tons per hectare, on average
(18% increase comparing
to the control fields)



Impacting Lives

Shi Ya's Story

Shi Ya, a smallholder farmer from China's Hebei province, grows maize and wheat on her small holdings. The combined effects of climate change and intensive land use have led to a decline in soil health – impacting fertility and biodiversity, and resulted in increased desertification – affecting crop productivity and income.

Hebei Province, China



As part of the project, Shi is trained and supported to implement regenerative agriculture practices, including crop and residue management, and is given access to machinery and equipment.

In 2024, this support led to increased crop yields - a 5.1% increase for wheat and 4.1% for corn, while production costs decreased for both crops. By adopting regenerative agriculture practices, Shi also helps to combat climate change impacts and enhance biodiversity resilience in the region by increasing soil organic carbon on her holdings. Additionally, she noticed a greater and denser presence of soil animals and microbes, confirmed by tests and measurements performed as part of the project.

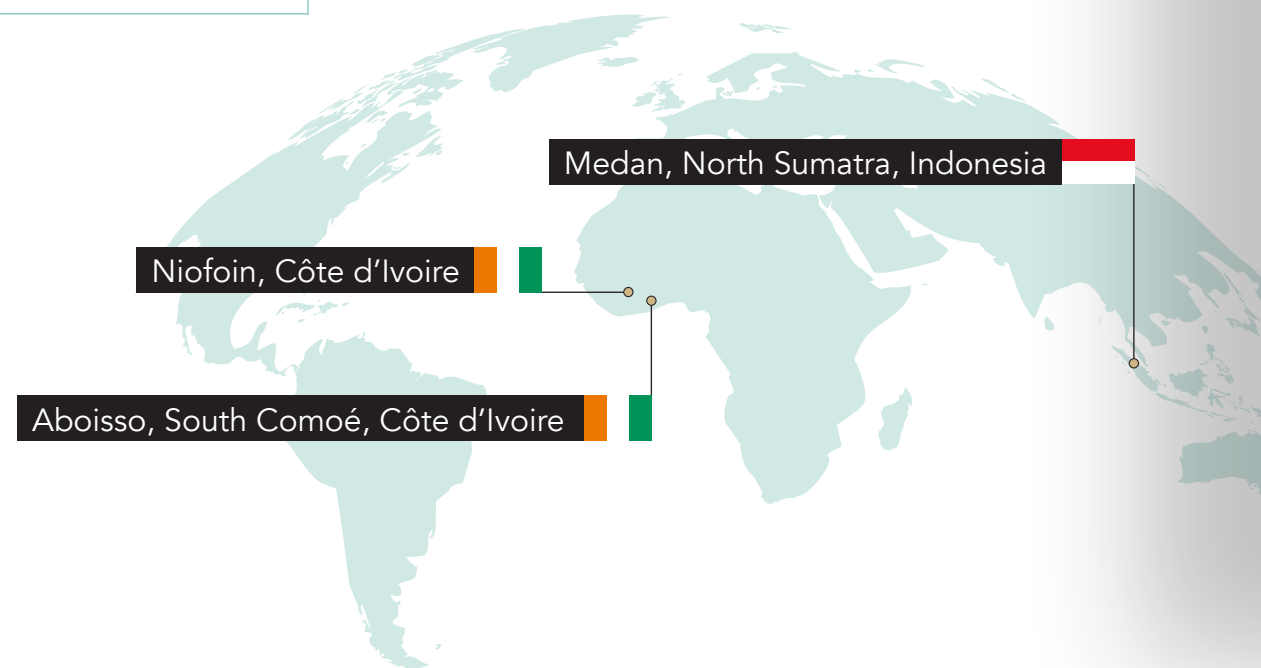


Agricultural Education

Our Focus Area

Supporting agricultural vocational education & training

Location



Partners

Fert



Earthworm Foundation



PT Pro Pertanian Lestari Indonesia



Agricultural Education

Our Actions

Context

Agriculture is crucial to local subsistence and economic welfare in the Global South. In Côte d'Ivoire and Indonesia, rural populations rely on monocultures like palm oil and coffee, which can harm biodiversity, soil, forests and crop yields as a result of unsustainable farming practices. Inadequate training on sustainable agriculture limits market access for smallholder farmers and leaves graduates unprepared, affecting employability and leading to limited revenue, food insecurity, and youth disengagement from agriculture.

Our Approach

Our projects aim to address these challenges through vocational education and agricultural training that promotes the adoption of sustainable farming practices, provides young people from rural areas with viable income opportunities and empowers agricultural communities. Our work aims to strengthen rural livelihoods and enhance food security for vulnerable communities through targeted agricultural education programs.



Niofoin & Aboisso Côte d'Ivoire



At the Centre de Formation Agricole et Rurale (CFAR) in Côte d'Ivoire, the Foundation and agri-agency Fert have developed a two-year agricultural program and postgraduate training assistance that offers technical, operational and financial support to graduates. In 2024, we continued to improve existing school farm infrastructure and installed new irrigation systems. We diversified crop types, tested new varieties, and have seen an increase in existing crop yields. A continued focus on women's empowerment also led to improved recruitment and retention of female students.

Through rural business incubator, Centre d'Incubation Rural et Agroécologique (CIRA), also in Côte d'Ivoire, we work with Earthworm Foundation to promote sustainable palm production through agroforestry and crop diversification. The initiative targets both young people and established farmers and fosters cooperation among local stakeholders, including communities, local government and the palm oil industry. In 2024, the project developed a new agroforestry experimental plot, where palm trees were cultivated alongside fruit and forest trees, legumes and other food crops. The project established palm tree seedling nurseries, managed by two community women's groups, providing seedlings to local farmers and graduates.

Medan Indonesia



In Medan, Indonesia, the Foundation supports Polbantang technical agricultural university in revising and improving its curriculum and learning materials for field extension officers. By adopting a STEM approach to learning that integrates science, technology, engineering and mathematics, we aim to enhance problem-solving skills and make the subjects more applicable to real-world situations. In 2024, the competency framework was reviewed and improved, adding 154 agricultural and 58 business competencies to the curriculum. The project also reinforced theoretical and practical training sessions, involving 77 teachers and resulting in the validation of 24 lesson plans. Lastly, the project expanded internship opportunities and repaired the on-campus nursery to further enrich students' learning experiences.

Our Impact



Niofoin
Côte d'Ivoire

BENEFICIARIES

70
students studying

35%
female students

TRAINING

85%
completion rate

100
graduates supported
with additional
training after
graduation

77
graduates receiving
start-up aid



South Comoé
Côte d'Ivoire

BENEFICIARIES

73
trainees

27%
women beneficiaries

TRAINING

176
community
members sensitized
on forest protection

118
farmers and
extension officers
trained on
sustainable palm
production

73%
best practice
adoption rate



Medan
Indonesia

TRAINING

756
students
impacted

32
teachers involved

46%
female students

1
coffee nursery built

2
demo plots improved

Impacting Lives

Jocelyne Konan Amenan's Story

Raised on a coffee and cocoa farm in Kohourou in the Ivorian region of Sud Comoé, Jocelyne supported her family by caring for food crops, before moving to Abidjan to seek work in the city. Keen to return to her village and retrain in agriculture, she decided to join the CIRA program to learn more sustainable farming practices.

South Comoé, Côte d'Ivoire



At CIRA, Jocelyne was trained in palm agroecology, food crop cultivation and animal breeding. She learned how to make and apply biopesticides and biofertilizers, as well as techniques to improve soil conditions. She also gained practical experience working on CIRA's experimental plots and, thanks to an internship with a rice farmer, acquired essential farm and financial management skills.

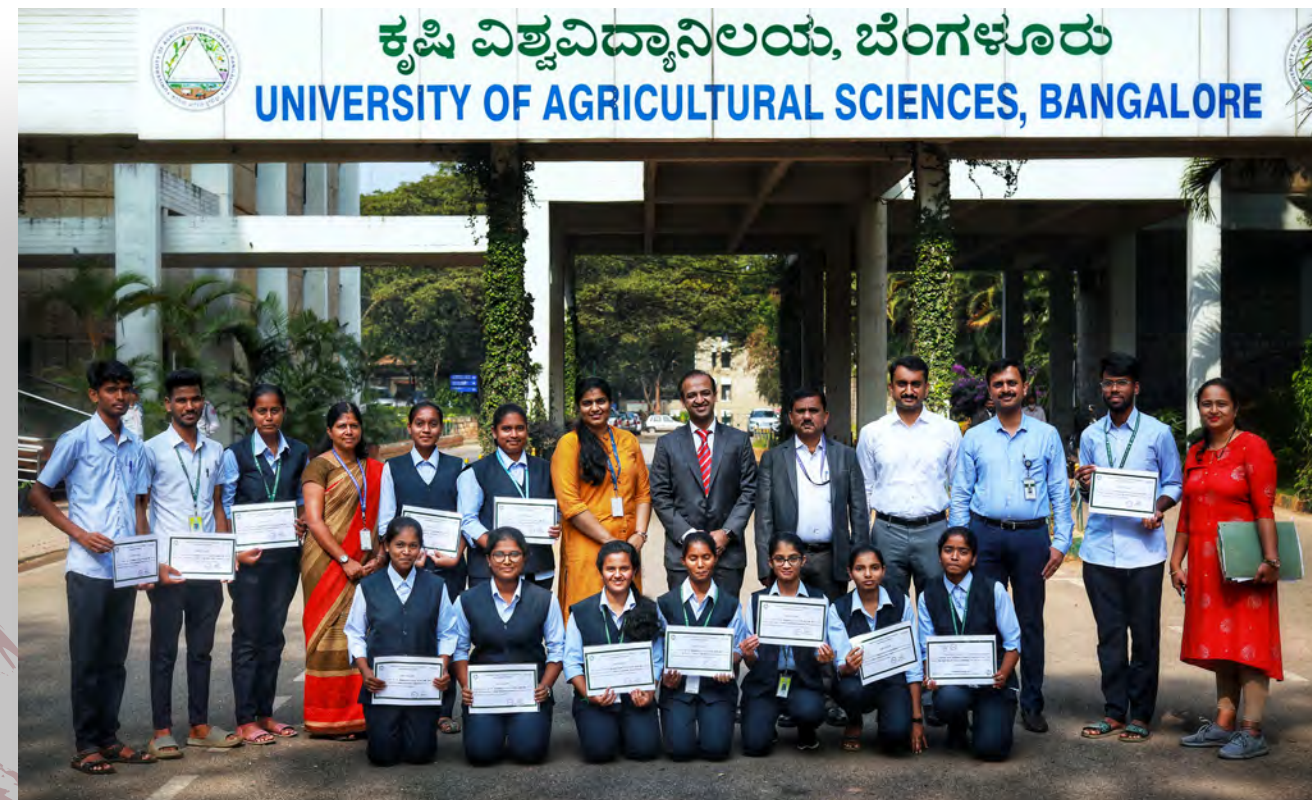
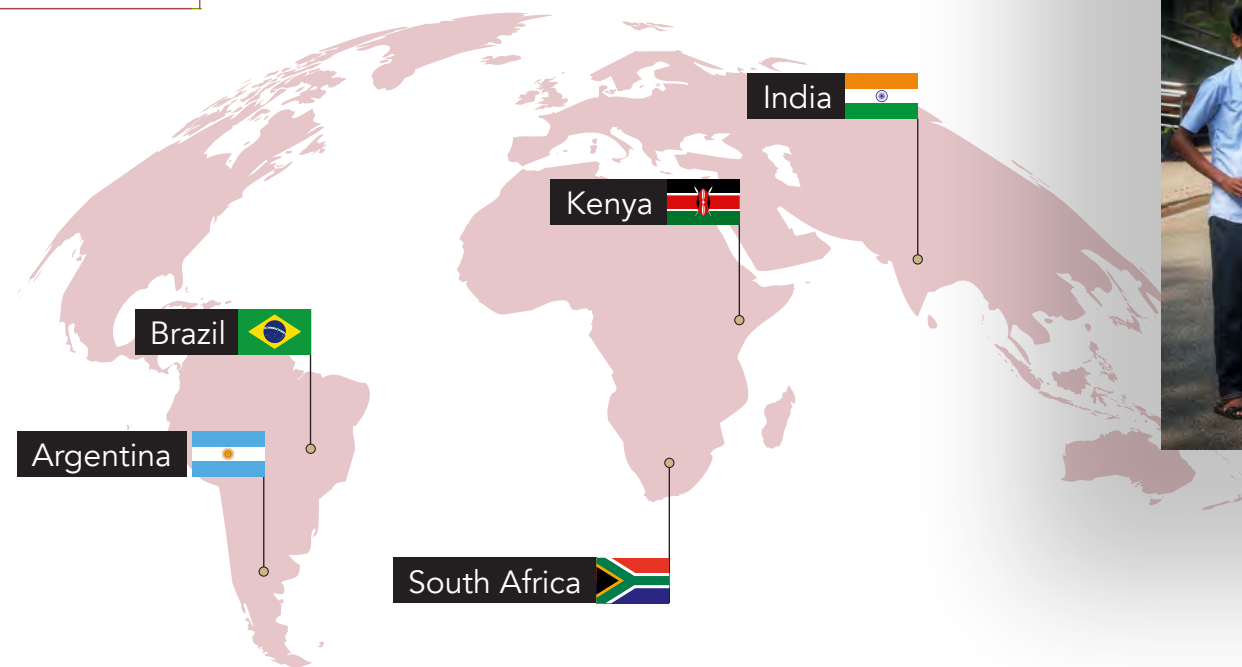
After graduating, Jocelyne managed a small plot on a rice plantation, generating additional revenue to complement her household income. Given the high costs associated with pest control, she decided to implement low-input methods. By using organic fertilizers, biopesticides, and ducks for worm control, she reduced her expenses and increased her income. CIRA provided Jocelyne with one hectare of land and support to establish her own plantation. She opted to implement agroforestry by planting forest trees around the plot. Today, Jocelyne cultivates palm oil trees and cassava, both of which will start producing soon. She also plans to grow manioc in the strips between the forest and palm trees.

Agricultural Education

Our Focus Area

Training Young Leaders in Agriculture

Location



Agricultural Education

Our Actions

Through its scholarship program, the Foundation supports talented young agricultural students to become leaders and help shape a more sustainable future in their countries. The program is open to students (women and men being equally represented) from disadvantaged backgrounds pursuing agricultural degrees (diplomas, bachelors and masters) in selected universities across Argentina, Brazil, India, Kenya and South Africa. To be eligible, students must demonstrate excellent academic performance and express a commitment to pursuing a career in sustainable development and agriculture. Scholarships cover tuition fees and / or living expenses. In addition to financial support, students benefit from Louis Dreyfus Company's (LDC) support to pursue internships with the company, obtain career advice and visit company offices and facilities.

In 2024, the program supported 52 talented students globally.



University of Salta &
Santiago Del Estero
Argentina

Duration: 2023-25

Eligible programs: Diploma
in Agricultural Engineering

10

Total students



University of São Paulo
Brazil

Launch date: 2024-26

Eligible programs: B.Sc. in Agriculture,
Environmental Management,
Food Science

20

Total students



University of Agricultural
Sciences, Bangalore
India

Launch date: 2023

Eligible programs: B.Sc in Agriculture,
Agribusiness Management, Sericulture,
Biotech Agricultural Engineering

15

Total students



Egerton University
Kenya

Launch date: 2019, renewable

Eligible programs: MS in Agronomy,
Food Science, Agricultural Economics,
Agribusiness Management, Horticulture,
Crop Protection, Dryland Farming

4

Total students



University of Pretoria
South Africa

Launch date: 2019, renewable

Eligible programs: MS in Agriculture
Extension, Rural Development,
Agricultural Economics,
Environmental Economics

3

Total students

In the Spotlight: Argentina and Brazil

The scholarships granted to students cover all living expenses – including food, housing and transportation – as well as academic books and materials.

In both countries, the Foundation works closely with LDC to ensure students benefit from visits to the company's offices and assets, career training and orientation from its HR teams and internships at LDC.



In Argentina, financial support is complemented by a training and mentorship program delivered by local NGO Fundación Grano de Mostaza, which promotes the social and economic inclusion of vulnerable young people, and helps students develop the skills and competencies needed to succeed academically and professionally.

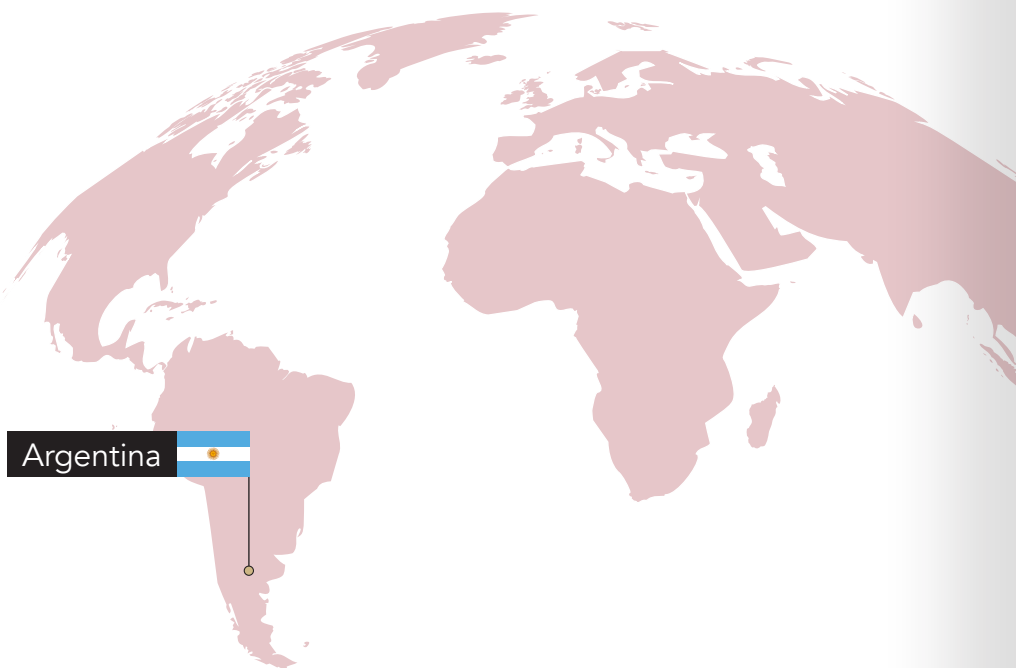
The program in Argentina combines group training and individual mentoring sessions on a bi-monthly basis. It focuses on helping students improve their academic performance, fostering student engagement and contributing

positively to personal development by building self-confidence, trust and communication skills. Several workshops were delivered in 2024, including on time management to enhance study quality and academic outcomes. Financial management training also ensured optimal use of scholarship grants. Finally, regular individual meetings kept mentors updated on students' academic progress, personal circumstances and events impacting their studies or career plans. In November 2024, students in Brazil were invited to spend a morning at LDC's São Paulo office, during which three alumni, now working within the company, shared their experiences.

Impacting Lives

Shaping Future Agriculture Leaders:
Damihana Rojas’
and Exequiel Trejo’s Stories

Damihana Rojas and Exequiel Trejo are Argentine students from Huachana, Santiago del Estero, and Las Lajitas, Salta, respectively. Both were awarded scholarships through our partner, Fundación Grano de Mostaza.



Damihana Rojas

The scholarship has enabled Damihana to cover essential living and academic expenses that her family could not otherwise afford. She comes from a household of nine, including a younger brother living with a disability. Despite the challenges she faces, Damihana is deeply committed to her studies, driven by a strong desire to create a better future for herself and her family. With the support of Fundación Grano de Mostaza, her determination has translated into steady academic progress.

For Exequiel, the scholarship is vital to continue his education. It helps cover daily expenses, tuition fees and unforeseen expenses. For instance, in 2024, he had to spend a substantial amount to repair his computer, which was essential to complete his coursework.

Both students highlighted the valuable workshops organized by Fundación Grano de Mostaza, which go beyond academics to help them grow in their everyday lives.

Community Empowerment & Environment

Our Focus Area

Facilitating access to safe water for smallholder farmers and their families

Location

Wolayita area, South Ethiopia region



Partners

Rural Community Based Development Initiative Association (RCBDIA), supported by Inter Aide



Community Empowerment & Environment

Our Actions

Context

In the mountainous regions of southern Ethiopia - one of the most densely populated rural areas of Africa - families primarily rely on agriculture. This includes subsistence farming, coffee cultivation and livestock rearing, on very small farms. Access to safe water is a key issue for both families and their animals. Due to the lack of sufficient water points, many families must walk long distances or wait in lengthy queues to collect water – time that could be spent on income-generating activities or schooling.

Our Approach

Led by local NGO RCBDA, supported by French organization Inter Aide, the project supports government agencies and local stakeholders and communities in building and managing robust water networks. The goal is to empower communities to become self-sufficient in operating, maintaining and expanding their water network. Additionally, the project supports the development of new water infrastructure and works to improve sanitary conditions for local communities, including the monitoring of spring water quality. It also promotes the development of diversified coffee orchards through agroforestry. Introducing shade trees, fodder hedges and fruit trees in coffee orchards has multiple benefits: strengthening climate resilience, increasing productivity and generating new sources of income for farmers, while improving the land's capacity to retain water.

Wolayita Area Ethiopia



In 2024, 77% of all functional water points – and 99% of those built and maintained under the project – were kept in good working condition. The project also developed an evaluation grid - based on maintenance and water coverage statistics - to enable zonal and regional steering committees to allocate new water points in villages. These encouraging results led the South Ethiopian regional bureau of water to request support from non-profit organizations including RCBDA and Inter Aide to strengthen their capacity to construct sustainable water infrastructure.

The goal is to gradually develop the technical and operational capabilities of local water offices (known as federations). Capacity-building efforts include training in network sizing, construction monitoring, procurement and financing, laying the groundwork for fully self-managed water networks.

Our Impact

Wolayita Area Ethiopia

BENEFICIARIES

4,722

people have gained a permanent access to safe water

RESULTS

19

water points developed

5

woreda (Ethiopian district) water offices providing support to 62 water federations

305

farmers supported with coffee agroforestry

Impacting Lives

Helping to provide access to safe water while empowering local communities and women:

Bizunesh Bogale's Story

Bizunesh Bogale lives in Wolassa Village of Boreda Woreda, in South Ethiopia region, and was elected secretary of the local water federation in her village. Through the project, she received technical and financial management training, equipping her with valuable water management skills.

Wolayita area, South Ethiopia region



One of the most important lessons she learned is that maintaining a water point requires more than simply monitoring water levels. She now understands the importance of checking for potential problems with the spring, reservoir and pipeline, to ensure the system's long-term sustainability. She gained expertise in monitoring, evaluating and grading water points, while developing a strong sense of self-confidence. Once very shy, she is now more self-assured as a result of working with federation members and the wider community - especially during water fee collection periods.

Emergency Support

Our Focus Area

Providing access to care to people living with long-term chronic conditions in Lebanon

Location



Emergency Support Our Actions

Our Impact

Beirut
Lebanon

BENEFICIARIES

237

people treated in
underserved communities

25%

are children

Context

Lebanon faces a severe, ongoing crisis affecting every aspect of daily life. The collapse of the economy and financial sectors has left public hospitals struggling to deliver health care, while more than half of the Lebanese population cannot afford health insurance and treatment in private clinics. In 2024, conflict escalation added to the profound distress of the Lebanese people, further straining an already overburdened health system. People living with serious but often treatable medical conditions, face challenges in accessing healthcare due to medicine shortages and overcrowded hospitals.

Support Provided

In this context, the Foundation provided a financial contribution to support emergency assistance efforts for patients in underserved communities. Thanks to this financing, one of Beirut's leading hospitals, Hôtel Dieu de France, treated 237 people living with serious chronic diseases. 25% of those treated were children, most of whom living with cancer or requiring pediatric cardiac surgery.



Governance

The Louis Dreyfus Foundation is a company foundation operating under French law, with its registered office based in Paris.

The Board

The Board takes all decisions in the interest of the Louis Dreyfus Foundation. Board members approve the endowment budget, assess programs and projects, validate the Foundation's strategy and oversee all its efforts and activities.

Board Members

Mrs. Margarita Louis-Dreyfus

Honorary President, Louis Dreyfus Foundation
Chairperson of the Supervisory Board,
Louis Dreyfus Holding B.V.

Non-Executive Chairperson of the Supervisory Board,
Louis Dreyfus Company International Holding B.V.

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President, Louis Dreyfus Foundation
Supervisory Board member, Louis Dreyfus Holding B.V.
Former Board member, European Forest Resources Group

Mrs. Alfiya Askar Abulkhair

Founder and Chairperson, BATT Invest Company
Honorary member of the Board of the Royal Opera
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Mr. Mehdi El Glaoui

Supervisory Board member, Louis Dreyfus Holding B.V.
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Advisor, Fundación Cristo Vive Switzerland

Mr. Maurice Kreft

Executive Board member, Louis Dreyfus Holding B.V.
and Louis Dreyfus Company International Holding B.V.
Former Board member, European Forest Resources Group

The Advisory Committee

The Advisory Committee advises the Board on projects that the Foundation could support. Members are individuals selected for their experience and ability to take the Foundation forward.

Advisory Committee Members

Dr. Alok Adholeya

Entrepreneur
Former Senior Director, Sustainable Agriculture
Division, The Energy and Resources Institute (TERI)

Mr. Erik Anderson

Former CEO North America and former Senior Platform
Head Grains & Macro, Louis Dreyfus Company

Dr. Christopher Gibbs

Independent consultant in agriculture and rural
development former staff member, Ford Foundation,
the Aga Khan Foundation and the World Bank

Mrs. Sarah Hobson

Executive Director, West Marin Fund
Former Head of Strategic Grantmaking and
Movement Building, Global Fund for Women

The Management Team

The Management team ensures the operational management of the Foundation's activities and coordination of its projects and programs in line with the Board's decisions

Management Team

Mr. Robert Serpollet

General Manager, Louis Dreyfus Foundation

Ms. Ekaterina Naymark

Head of Operations, Louis Dreyfus Foundation



Financial Information 2024

Summarized Statement of Income and Expenditure

From 01/01/2024 to 31/12/2024	€	€
	At 31/12/2024	At 31/12/2023
INCOMES (LEGACIES AND GIFTS)	3,901,756	3,749,377
Grants paid for projects and envelopes voted in 2024	773,889	967,338
Grants to be paid for projects and envelopes voted in 2024	2,195,526	2,223,632
Other costs and external expenses	527,938	656,324
EXPENSES	3,497,353	3,847,294
OPERATING RESULT	404,403	-97,917
Financial Income	103,478	72,690
Financial Expenses	4,470	2,534
FINANCIAL RESULTS	99,008	70,156
RECURRING INCOME	503,411	-27,761



Our Partners

Abiove (Brazil)	Louis Dreyfus Company
Biovision Africa Trust (Kenya)	Malte Liban (Lebanon)
Center for micro-Finance (India)	Om Habibeh Foundation (Egypt)
Cereal Growers Association (Kenya)	PT Pro Pertanian Lestari (Indonesia)
Coastal Prevention Salinity Cell (India)	Root Capital (Kenya)
Earthworm Foundation (Cote d'Ivoire)	Rural Community Based Development Initiative Association (Ethiopia)
Egerton University (Kenya)	São Paulo State University, (Brazil)
ETH Zurich Foundation (Ghana)	Shanghai Agri Services (China)
FairMatch Support (Cote d'Ivoire)	Smart Development Works (SNV) (Indonesia)
Fert (Cote d'Ivoire, Kenya)	Smiling Gecko (Cambodia)
Fundación Aquí Es (Argentina)	Solidaridad (Kenya)
Fundación Grano de Mostaza (Argentina)	University of Agricultural Sciences Bangalore (India)
Institut Européen de Coopération et de Développement (IECD) (Cote d'Ivoire)	University of Pretoria (South Africa)
Inter Aide (Ethiopia)	University of Salta and Santiago Del Estero (Argentina)
Lima Rural Development Foundation (South Africa)	vBio (Brazil)

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