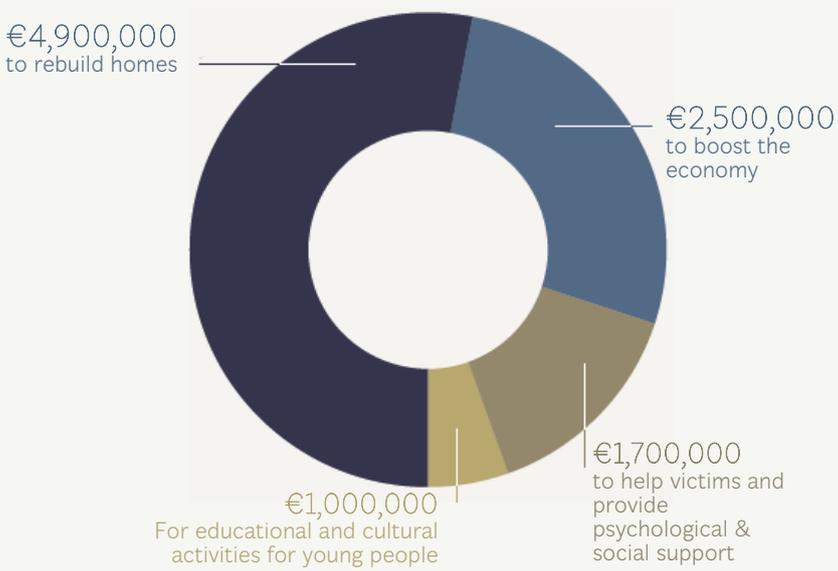


SOLIDARITY WITH THE WEST INDIES ONE YEAR ON



THANK YOU FOR YOUR SUPPORT

Distribution of funds by area of activity¹



Thanks to your donation, here is how we are helping in the West Indies

A year after Hurricanes Irma and Maria hit Saint-Martin and Saint-Barthélemy in September 2017, we wanted to let you know about the actions taken on the islands.

Since September 2017, donor's generosity has enabled us to collect 14.5 million euros. Thanks to this wave of solidarity, Fondation de France has already allocated 10.1 million euros and supported 49 projects in Saint-Martin, Saint-Barthélemy, Guadeloupe, Cuba, Haiti and Dominica.

¹ Figures as of July 2018

For the last year, we have been supporting projects run by local and national organizations in four key areas.

1 Helping victims and providing psychological and social support

Our aim : Among the people affected, some are still particularly destitute and vulnerable. To come to their aid, Fondation de France supports projects that provide help to victims, psychological and social support, and food aid.

Example of a project we have funded : Le Manteau de Saint-Martin accommodation and social rehabilitation center (CHRS) (€52,300 in funding).

This shelter and day center mainly welcomes women who have been victims of violence and other vulnerable people. It has seen a significant increase in demand since the hurricanes. Help provided by Fondation de France is enabling it to continue and step up its social care.

Over 200 people are registered at the center, principally to receive food parcels. Approximately thirty women and children per year are given shelter for long periods of time (on average, more than four months).



Distribution of clothes on Christmas Day by the association Le Manteau de Saint-Martin

2 Boosting the economy

Our aim : To help small companies that have lost their means of production to start back up in business (restaurants, shops, construction, etc.), and to improve access to training and professional integration of young and recently unemployed people.

Example of a project we have funded: Initiative Saint-Martin (€1,650,000 in funding).

This association, which helps boost and kick-start small businesses, enables entrepreneurs to replace the equipment and tools they have lost, to repair their premises and continue their business activities when disaster strikes. Every request is assessed by the association's approval committee, made up of volunteer heads of business, and then by the Fondation de France committee before funds are released to the entrepreneurs.

By 31 July 2018, almost 400 cases had been assessed ; 30 companies had received a refundable advance of €26,000 on average ; more than 150 companies had received emergency aid of an average of €4,300.



Employees at SXM Verre get back to work Saint-Martin - November 2017

3 Rebuilding homes

Our aim : To repair a maximum number of vulnerable people's homes by focusing our support on self-repair programs and training. Reconstruction can only succeed if it is carried out with a long-term outlook and in partnership with local organizations.

Example of a project we have funded : Association Nationale des Compagnons Bâisseurs (national association of master builders) (€3,514,000 in funding). Based in Saint-Martin, this association helps vulnerable people improve their homes and living conditions through a participative approach.

The first part of the project focused on rebuilding some twenty roofs/structures/door and window frames for the most vulnerable victims, and on providing training, tools and support for inhabitants of Quartier-d'Orléans. The second phase, which began in August 2018, aims to renovate about 120 roofs and support some forty families in their self-repair projects in the following four districts : Quartier-d'Orléans, Sandy Ground, Agrément and Grand-Case. The association also loans tools and provides training to local inhabitants.



Master builders work on rebuilding homes Saint-Martin - March 2018

4 Supporting educational and cultural activities

Our aim : To enable children and young people to study under better conditions and to support new educational, sporting and cultural activities for young people.

Example of a project we have funded : Sandy Ground on the Move (€100,000 in funding) is an association that organizes back-to-work contracts for young people in difficulty.

The work centers on street cleaning, waste management and environmental awareness and protection. Bearing in mind the severe hardship faced by many families in the working-class district of Sandy Ground (Saint-Martin), this work helps to fight aimlessness and delinquency. The association also provides a drop-in service providing social support to the most vulnerable families.

The project will employ some thirty young people on a daily basis, giving them the opportunity to show their enthusiasm and their ability to get involved in a joint project that will benefit everyone.



Street art at Sandy Ground by MadTwoz Family, Saint-Martin - May 2018

As hurricane season once again hits the region, our concern for its fragile population and the difficulties people face on a day-to-day basis intensifies. We are therefore stepping up our work to rebuild homes and

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