

EDITORIAL

Dear readers,

It all started five years ago, and the Foundation is now progressively succeeding in tracing a visible path in the world of solidarity and sustainable development. This path, I am happy to share with you, goes further...

Of course, the Foundation is involved through the funding it provides. I invite you to browse our annual report and the figures marking our engagement with the Small Grants and Programmes Funds. These figures are important, of course, since they describe to as many activities, whether completed or ongoing. Yet we are developing, to our great satisfaction, another type of action. Thanks to our College of Experts, whose members spend time in field missions (pp3), our Foundation keeps on enriching its expertise and sharing the outcomes with our different partners.

The path we have chosen is demanding. Challenges are real. We shall therefore, in the context of crisis we are facing, remain watchful. We shall listen to current and forthcoming needs. We shall be sharp in our analyses. And ambitious... for a good cause. The launch, early this year, of a new call for proposals is a testimony to our unaltered mobilization.

Enjoy your reading, and best wishes for 2010...

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Vice-President.

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ACTIVITY REPORT

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To answer our call for proposals, submit your proposal to the Programmes Fund by 5 March 2010.

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Submit your proposal any time throughout the year.

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Renewable energies are a source of micro-markets for the poorest.

**CALL FOR PROPOSALS**

Together, let's generate economic alternatives to benefit the most vulnerable...

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**ELIGIBLES PROJECTS**

**Water and Sanitation**

- Integrated water resources management
- Water supply
- Protection of underground water reserves
- Sustainable irrigation
- Ecological sanitation, biogas
- Low-cost technical solutions (Micro-irrigation, water treatment, disinfection, purification, solar water pump, etc...)
- User water management, including agricultural run offs
- Water payment (management of supply of drinking water)
- Support of infrastructure maintenance circuits

**Sustainable Development**

- Decentralized renewable energies
- Sustainable agriculture, promotion of agricultural sector (urban and peri-urban) and of environmentally conscious cooperatives
- Alternative waste management, recycling
- Community-based, income-producing management of biodiversity
- Processing and commercialization of agricultural products.

**Animal biodiversity**

The Foundation mobilizes 50% of the Small Grants Fund for the conservation of threatened species.



Find this entire call for proposals at [www.fondationensemble.org](http://www.fondationensemble.org).  
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**In 2010, the Foundation is launching a Call for Proposals on Sustainable Development and Job Creation. Its main features are highlighted here.**

By launching this call for proposals across it's the whole of its areas of activity, the Foundation aspires to be involved in supporting initiatives that are able to respond to human and environmental needs expressed locally and in an entrepreneurial logic.

Contributing to fighting poverty, to improving livelihoods and to preserving the environment does not conflict with establishing economic alternatives that benefit the most vulnerable.

Many examples illustrate the hopes carried by an approach grounded in promoting entrepreneurship, where possible. Among these we find: production and distribution of solar lamps, decentralized rural electrification, cooperative of men and women producers, involvement of the private sector to offer sanitation to the poorest, cooperative for the processing of agricultural products, production and sale of biogas and compost (Ecosan),

production and distribution of techniques that minimize wood consumption (stoves and ovens), sustainable management of forests, transformation and sale of recycled plastics, independent networks of water operators, microenterprises distributing pump, filters and latrines, etc

Because greater food security also entails the promotion of the whole agricultural sector and the creation of cooperatives of producers, this call for proposals aims at supporting programs that promote the conservation and transformation of cereals and increase and value agricultural production, thus ensuring better and more sustainable revenues.

The Foundation will be responsive to initiatives that take into account market mechanisms and economic paths. The solutions benefiting the poorest that we seek to support in our priority countries will be naturally applied at a small scale. We will pay particular attention to their replicability and scaling up potential.

This call for proposals shall facilitate the emergence of proposals that seek to create micro-enterprises in the areas of water supply or infrastructure maintenance.

**Where we are**

For the Programmes Fund, the Foundation has selected eight countries: **Benin, Burkina Faso, Malawi, Mali, Senegal, Cambodia, India and Peru.**

For the Small Grants Fund, there is no geographical limitation for project proposals.



▲  
A photo of drillings and latrines taken by Lucien Humbert, member of the College of experts, during his mission in Burkina Faso.



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**Tropical Forest Trust** develops with local populations a responsible management of their forest heritage.

## HIGHLIGHT ON PARTNERS

### Monitoring programs: the College of experts gets involved on the ground.

**From 28 to 31 October 2009, La Voix de la Commune in Dégoudou reported the visit of a member of the Foundation's College of experts. An opportunity for us to praise the involvement of all members by highlighting in particular Lucien Humbert's recent undertakings.**



A former senior executive at ADF (French Development Agency), Lucien Humbert has now offered his expertise to projects supported by Fondation Ensemble in Burkina Faso. As the country is entering a series of reforms aiming at more decentralized structures, being present on the ground and participating in meetings with different partners and local authorities is more essential than ever.

Lucien Humbert's last visits on the projects *Sos Sahel* and *Eau Vive* had notably brought to light some of the difficulties on the ground and the necessity to raise awareness among different stakeholders.

In the field, Lucien Humbert engages in workshops and visits sites, in an effort to best understand the projects progress. Exchanging with beneficiary populations have been another priority. In Tionky for example, teachers, the

Organization of Educating Mothers (Association des Mères Educatrices, AME) and village council members confirmed how families are interests in the project. 'Using the latrines will spark an ecitizen behavior among children', the AME representative underscored in *La Voix de la commune* of Dégoudou.

A bit further, in Passakongo, members of the water management committee reported that the well- in addition to its use for domestic needs and cattle-raising- 'is a source of life and cohesiveness'.

#### **Diving into the circumstances in which local teams operate allows for a diagnosis that keeps with the reality of the projects.**

Do existing equipment abide by new standards? Are locally teams sufficiently trained and aware of what is at stake? Are institutional reforms operational? While it is not unusual to note delays here and there, dialogues are the main component of these visits.

These exchanges aim at overcoming existing difficulties and at thinking through new and better adapted monitoring tools.

For the Foundation and for all projects drivers, the availability of experts such as Lucien Humbert represents a key component of the sustainability of on-going projects...

#### Small Grants funds

#### **Fighting against the disappearance of forests by promoting their sustainable management:**

such is the mission chosen by *Tropical Forest Trust* (TFT), an organization created just about ten years ago. The Foundation supports this endeavor of this team which connects experts on the field able to train those who manage forests and responsible buyers. New agreements signed in November 2009 with two wood exporters in Laos are a tangible sign that change is possible and can also benefit local populations.

[www.tropicalforesttrust.com](http://www.tropicalforesttrust.com)

#### **Gabon is home to one of the largest populations of leather-back turtles.**

But human activities on the beach where eggs are laid are a threat to the species. In 2009, the Foundation supported *Aventures Sans Frontières* (Adventures Without Borders). According to the Pongara National Park Head Ranger, the project has highlighted the anthropogenic threats faced by marine turtles and has promoted the creation of a common strategy for all actors seeking to optimize the observation of this species.

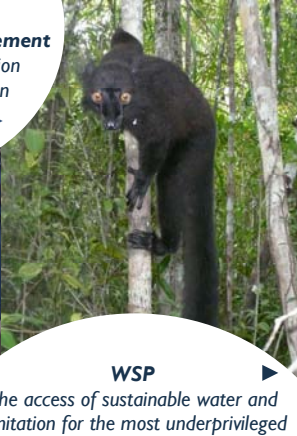
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#### **Collisions with boats are a main cause of death for large cetaceans.**

'The Foundation's Small Grants Fund has enabled us to carry out tests of the REPCET system (a dedicated radar device) at sea, which will lead to an operational tool in 2010.' Pascal Mayol, *Souffleurs d'écume* Director.

[www.souffleursdecume.com](http://www.souffleursdecume.com)





**L'Homme et l'Environnement**  
 fights against deforestation  
 and for the preservation  
 of lemurs.  
 (Madagascar)

**Ciudad Saludable** ▲  
 Contributes to a better quality of life  
 by the means of an efficient waste  
 management system (Peru)

▲ **1001 Fontaines pour demain :**  
 is promoting a process of water filtration for  
 a micro-market of 30 000 beneficiaries  
 (Cambodia)

**WSP** ▶  
 The access of sustainable water and  
 sanitation for the most underprivileged  
 is developed by an innovative approach  
 on consumers and suppliers (Peru)

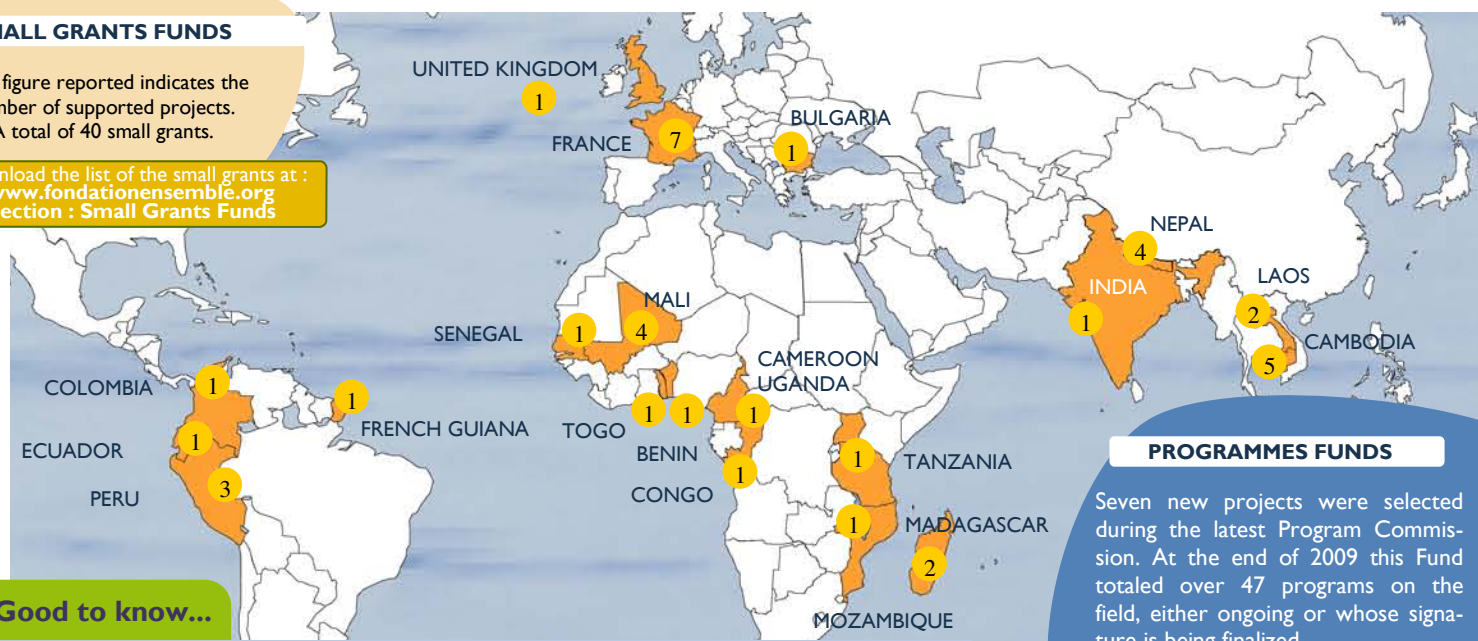
**MAPS...**

# 2009 : The Rise of the Small grants Fund

**SMALL GRANTS FUNDS**

The figure reported indicates the number of supported projects. A total of 40 small grants.

Download the list of the small grants at : [www.fondationensemble.org](http://www.fondationensemble.org)  
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**PROGRAMMES FUNDS**

Seven new projects were selected during the latest Program Commission. At the end of 2009 this Fund totaled over 47 programs on the field, either ongoing or whose signature is being finalized.

Download the list of the programmes at : [www.fondationensemble.org](http://www.fondationensemble.org)  
 Section : Programmes

**Good to know...**

**Pedag-eau : Over 700 resources on water and sanitation are at your disposal.**

Looking for information on water and sanitation in a given country, or on a specific theme? The PS-Eau (Programme Solidarité Eau, or 'Solidarity-Water Program') created Pedag-eau, a valuable inventory that will help you in your searches. A wealth of information, sorted and often downloadable. Spread the word... and start your search today at : [www.pedag-eau.fr](http://www.pedag-eau.fr)

**'Sustainable and safe school sanitation' has just been released,** edited by WECF (Women in Europe for a Common Future), a partner to the Foundation. You may download the entire document at : [www.wecf.eu](http://www.wecf.eu).

A technical sheet on *Ecological Sanitation, the ECOSAN sanitary systems* is also available on the web site of Foundation Ensemble, in the Sharing Experiences section. [www.fondationensemble.org](http://www.fondationensemble.org)



**Sharing of experiences**

In addition to being present with partners on the field, the Foundation is a member of expert networks of stakeholders in the areas of sustainable development and solidarity.



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