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incorporating environmental protection*

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Fondation Ensemble 2005 Activity Report

Fondation Ensemble celebrated its first anniversary on December 14, and produced its first activity report on this occasion.

Since it began, Fondation Ensemble has received around 330 project proposals, submitted by both players in the North (France, Italy, Germany and the United Kingdom) and in emerging countries (India, Ukraine, Peru, Zambia and Kenya, etc.). The college of experts and project committee have so far held three Commissions, and 27 programs have been selected, in the foundation's three priority fields of intervention: Water and sanitation (14 projects), Other actions in sustainable development (6) and Environmental education (7).

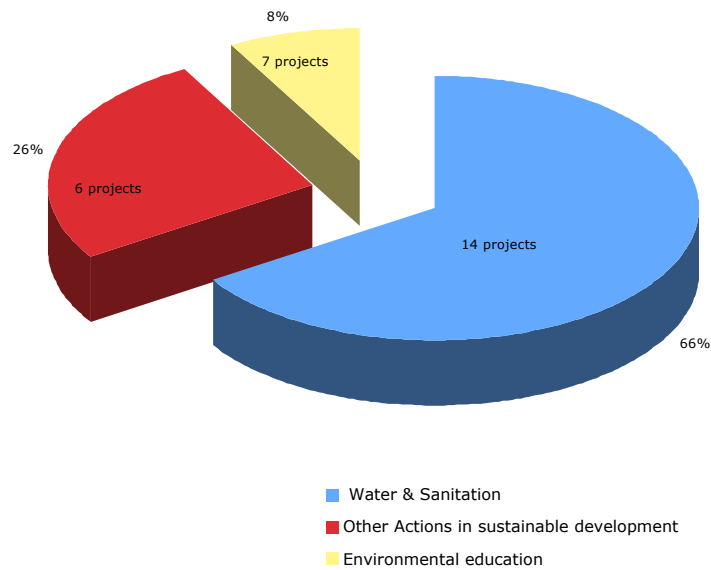
Investing in a project involves regular monitoring. On account of this concern, which is ever present in the minds of the founders, Fondation Ensemble has decided to focus its support in the following countries:

- Asia: India (5 projects), Cambodia (2 projects) and China (1 project)
- Africa: Senegal (2 projects), Burkina Faso (2 projects), Mali (1), Malawi (1 project) and Morocco (1 project)
- South America: Peru (3 projects)
- Eastern Europe: Ukraine/Romania (1 project)
- France: 7 Environmental education projects

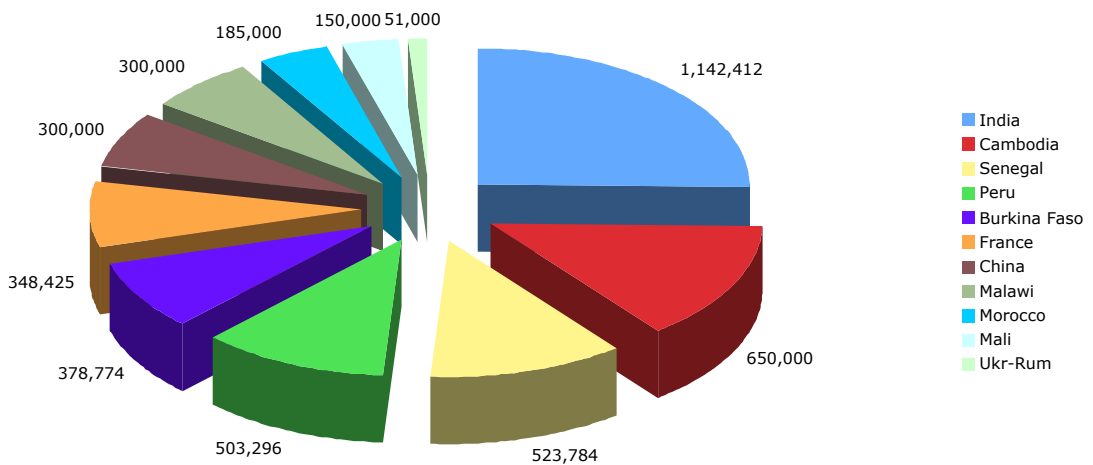
Note that, in the countries in the South, the average investment is €200,000 per project, with an average participation from Fondation Ensemble of 30% of total budget and an average duration of 3 years.

Below, two pie charts show how investments are divided up by program and by country:

Investments by program



Distribution of investments by country



The environment plays an increasingly important role in the projects supported by the foundation. The presence of environmental components in the programs is expressed through support for operations in eco-friendly sanitation, waste management, the re-use of domestic waste water in agriculture, solar cooking, or land protection.

Furthermore, Fondation Ensemble has launched a call for projects on the theme of "biodiversity and development" in order to make a concrete contribution to projects that involve the population in the biodiversity conservation process.

In order to put into practice the idea of not acting alongside existing structures, but in conjunction with them, the foundation has initiated various partnerships. In particular, through participation in various groups of foundations or networks, and cooperative actions arising from project implementations, links have been set up with a certain number of players (local authorities, institutions, rural municipalities, multiple associations) in the fields of development and the environment.

Fondation Ensemble is a member of the following organisations: pSEau, Building Partnerships for Development in Water and Sanitation, Environmental Funders Network (Jon Cracknell), Global Village Energy Project, International Rainwater Harvesting Alliance, and World Water Council.

The foundation has also established links with other foundations (Fondation Carrefour International, Fondation Elle, Fondation Natures et découvertes, Fondation Pour une terre humaine, Fondation Véolia Environnement, Avina Foundation, Fact Foundation, Schwab Foundation, Tides foundation, etc.) and structures such as the Bellagio Forum, the Centre Français des fondations, the Development Marketplace, Environmental Grantmakers Association, European Foundation Center, etc.

The latest projects selected by Fondation Ensemble

During the last commission, which took place in November 2005, the experts (cf. the detailed list on our website) actively participated in selecting 11 new projects.

Here is a brief overview of them:

1. WATER AND SANITATION

[Program for municipal development of drinking water and sanitation - Cambodia - GRET](#)

Objective: Improve the long-term well-being of the population in large rural villages in Cambodia, through the development of sustainable services in terms of water and sanitation.

Grant awarded: 400,000 euros for 3 years, for a total budget of 1,081,005 euros

Target population: 15,000 inhabitants of the provinces of Knadal and Takeo

[Access to water, hygiene and the protection of water resources - China - Initiative Development](#)

Objective: Provide the populations of three rural cantons with long-term access to greater quantities of water and better quality water through the appropriate infrastructures and better protection of the resource.

Grant awarded: 300,000 euros for 3 years, for a total budget of 563,305 euros

Target population: 22,150 inhabitants of the province of Guizhou

[Integrated management of water resources in the Inner Niger Delta - Mali - Protos](#)

Objective: Increase the conditions of access and valorize water resources for the populations of the Inner Delta of the Niger River in a sustainable, equitable and participative way.

Grant awarded: 150,000 euros for three years, for a total budget of 1,602,972 euros

Target population: 40,000 inhabitants of the urban municipality of Mopti

[Environmental community action for sustainable development - India - Development Alternatives](#)

Objective: Develop cleaner towns, and more particularly in urban peripheral areas and shanty towns, by improving access to drinking water and extending eco-friendly sanitation.

Grant awarded: 100,000 euros for 2 years, for a total budget of 1,156,332 euros

Target population: 15,000 inhabitants living in some 78 towns in India

2. OTHER ACTIONS IN SUSTAINABLE DEVELOPMENT

Conservation of biodiversity in the Cardamom Mountains through the setting up of protected community areas and the improvement of living conditions - Cambodia - Fauna & Flora International

Objective: Conservation of the biodiversity of the Cardamom Mountains area, integrating participative management of protected areas and improving the living conditions of the populations.

Grant awarded: 250,000 euros for 3 years, for a total budget of 625,345 euros

Target population: 33,000 people + surrounding fauna and flora

Development of a protected community-run marine area in the Delta of the Casamance River, for the conservation of the manatee, the management of prawn fisheries and the operation of a sustainable oyster farm

Objective: Set up a Protected Marine Area with the participation of the local fishing communities, and, at the same time, develop activities that generate revenue and respect the environment.

Grant awarded: 150,000 euros for 3 years, for a total budget of 396,450 euros

Target population: 1,068 people + fauna and flora in the protected marine area

CONSERVATION OF AQUATIC BIODIVERSITY AT PACAYA - SAMIRIA NATIONAL RESERVE - PERU - PRONATURALEZA

Objective: Restore and protect the emblematic, endangered species of certain areas of the Samiria National Park, involving the local population.

Grant awarded: 200,000 euros for 3 years, for a total budget of 571,980 euros

Target population: 720 people + fauna and flora

3. ENVIRONMENTAL EDUCATION

Eco-school - Introducing the theme of nutrition and school meals - France - Foundation for Environmental Education in Europe

Objective: Introduce the theme of nutrition into the Eco-school project in order to increase understanding and raise awareness of the different issues at stake related to nutrition and the management of school meals and identify and encourage new practices in this field in the Eco-schools network.

Grant awarded: 100,000 euros for 2 years, for a total budget of 276,875 euros

Target population: Local authorities, educational communities, pupils - 70 pilot schools

Butterflies and Gardens - France - Noé Conservation

Objective: Raise the awareness of amateur gardeners to the idea of ecological citizen gardening to encourage them to adopt more natural, eco-friendly techniques.

Grant awarded: 60,000 euros for 2 years, for a total budget of 257,000 euros

Target population: 100,000 people

Green Campus - France - Greenpeace

Objective: Alert students to the problem of global warming with a view to obtaining ten "green campuses" that will serve as models for other campuses.

Grant awarded: 50,000 euros for 2 years, for a total budget of 113,413 euros

Target population: 200,000 people

Installation of cameras in different aviaries in a mammal park, with the aim of creating an environmental education program - France - La Dame Blanche

Objective: Create new educational events on nature, specific to wildlife, in a centre that takes care of wild animals that are wounded.

Grant awarded: 20,320 euros for 1 year, for a total budget of 80,556 euros

Target population: 12,500 people

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Our Water and Sanitation program

Fondation Ensemble is interested in projects which aim to provide populations with sustainable drinking water and sanitation systems and at the same time protect water resources.

We are therefore particularly attentive to ecological sanitation programs, initiatives promoting rational management of resources (domestic water consumption, economical irrigation methods, etc.) or implementing rainwater collection solutions or water table replenishment.

Memo

The next commission will take place in May 2006. The deadline for the submission of three-page projects is March 3, 2006.

The autumn commission will take place in November, and the deadline for the submission of presentations is September 25, 2006.

We remind you that as part of the framework of the Water and sanitation and Other actions in sustainable development programs, Fondation Ensemble's funding cannot be less than 50,000 euros per project per annum, and cannot exceed 60% of the global budget.

New website

Our new website went online on February 17, 2006.

We have kept the same topic headings, but arranged them differently. In particular, you will find a form presenting those projects for which a funding agreement has been signed.

Here is a preview of the new site:



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