

Our volunteers serve in Lebanon, Ethiopia, Egypt, Armenia, Greece, the Holy Land... Immersed in the Christian communities to whom they bring concrete help through their missions, such as teaching, care of the elderly or disabled...

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Governance

The General Assembly: full members are admitted upon presentation by two members of the Board of Directors and approval by the General Assembly.

The Board of Directors is made up of 4 to 12 volunteer members, chosen from among the full members of the association. Their term of office is 4 years, renewable twice, the age limit is 75 years. The Board meets at least twice a year.

4 sector Committees prepare the work of the Board. They are made up of the members of the Board of Directors, qualified administrators, the

Director General, and the heads of the sectors, if necessary, to deal with specific subjects:

- **Allocations committee:** study and validation of aid applications
- **Finance committee:** budget evaluation, cost accounting and investments
- **Communication committee:** main areas of focus and communication budget
- **International committee:** main direction of European development and relations with international organisations

In addition, 2 working groups - health, culture and heritage - have been set up

Our team in 2021

In France

- 39** Full-time employees
- 2** Young people on Civic Service
- 5** Volunteers at Head Office
- 43** Volunteers for French language and culture courses
- 270** Volunteers in 63 Diocesan teams

In the field

- 7** Expatriates
- 118** Volunteers in International Service
 - **68** on International Solidarity missions or missions for 6 months or more
 - **50** on missions for less than 6 months
- 7** *Missi dominici*, country mission leader volunteers

Control and Transparency

has been awarded the «Don en Confiance» label, which guarantees transparency, respect for donors, efficiency, probity and impartiality. We have also undertaken an evaluation of our actions in education, health and aid to vulnerable people.

Our accounts are supervised by a chartered accountant and certified by auditors JEGARD. The information in this document is taken from the 2021 Annual Report, which is available, like our statutes, on request by mail to Œuvre d'Orient - 20, rue du Regard 75006 Paris or by email to contact@oeuvre-orient.fr.

The Annual Accounts and the Auditors' Report are published in the Journal Officiel (www.journal-officiel.gouv.fr) and available on oeuvre-orient.fr.

Report: how our funds have been used

This document presents, as it does every year, the financial highlights of Œuvre d'Orient. The accounts are complex because our action is itself complex. The number of projects is very large and their scope varies, because the support of small, poor and sometimes isolated communities is critical to maintain a Christian presence.

We are committed to monitoring each project, in particular through a team of volunteers, usually young retirees, called *missi dominici*, who travel around our area of activity. The rules for reporting by beneficiaries have also been clarified. The charity itself is subject to multiple controls, mainly by our auditors, and in conjunction with the «Don en confiance» (donation in confidence) committee.

The generosity of our donors is obvious, as a further proof of their understanding of the needs of our brothers in the Middle-East, of the issues at stake and of the challenges facing Œuvre d'Orient. The sums entrusted to us are large and the needs considerable, especially since the Christians of the East are present in the Middle East, but also in Eastern Europe, India, Ethiopia, and Eritrea. In this vast region, there are many conflicts and tragedies, daily calls for help and immense dangers. In many countries, real tragedies are underway or in preparation. It is true that the survival of certain communities is at stake in the short term. But we are convinced that, if our brothers manage to overcome these present ordeals, a future is possible for them, at home, if they wish so. History does not spare its surprises.

Yet this document presents only one aspect, albeit an «essential» one, of Œuvre d'Orient. It is not enough to fully express the bonds of spiritual communion we are willing to serve between the Christians of France and the Christians of the East. It does not enable us to show all that we can receive from the Christians of the East: their courage, their faith, their sense of mission, their spirituality, their culture, their prayer. We can be proud of this part of our Church which stands as a wonderful witness to the Gospel.

The Work of Œuvre d'Orient in a few figures

Established in

1856

76,700 donors

23 countries mainly in the Middle East

Support provided to **12**
Catholic oriental churches

60
religious congregations supported

1,073
projects supported in 2021

€ 24,7 Million donations 2021

“The work of a Church Body, Œuvre d'Orient has been supporting Christians in the Eastern world for more than 160 years. It helps Christian communities to work with everyone, regardless of their religious affiliation, in the societies to which they belong.”

Msgr Pascal Gollnisch
General Director

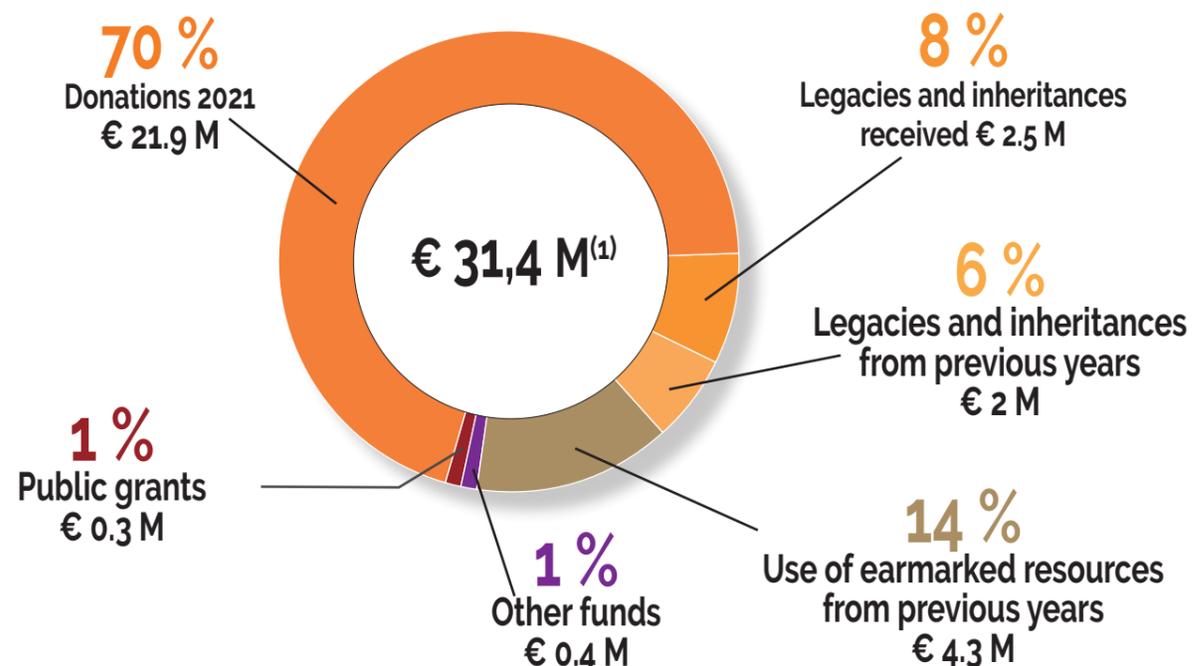
Financing

Overall resources for 2021 (including carryovers from previous years)

€ 31.4 M

98% of Oeuvre d'Orient resources (€ 30.7 M) come from public donations.

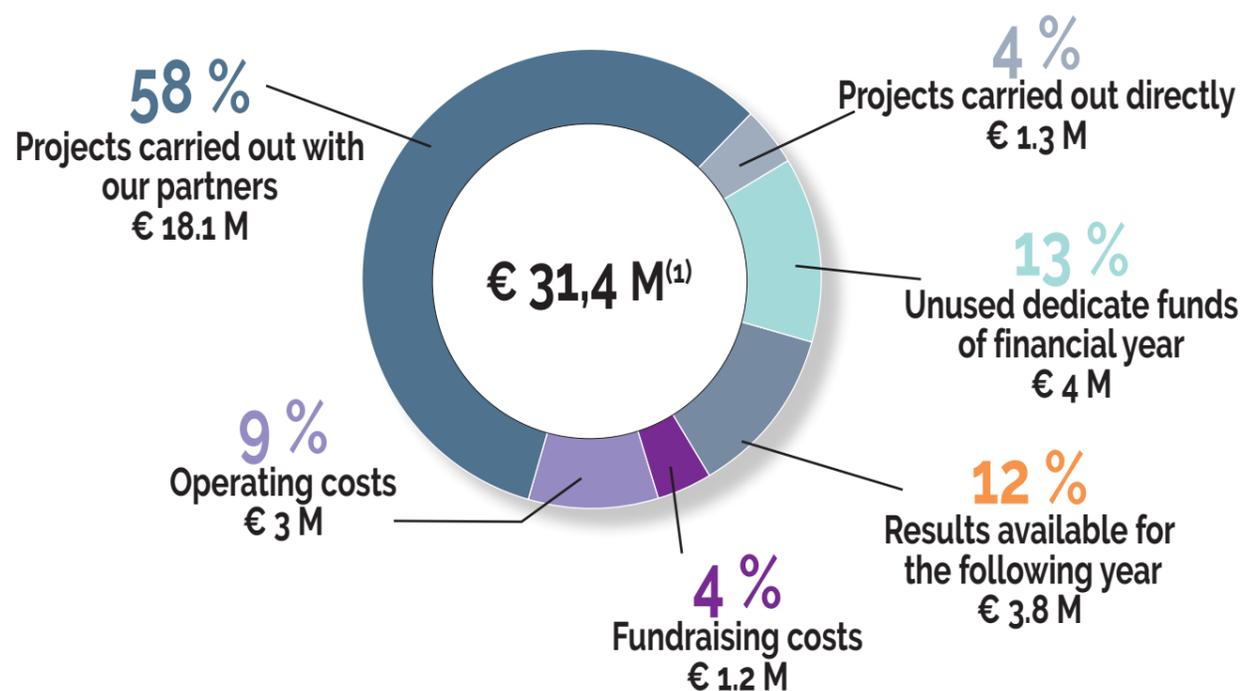
The funds raised (donations, legacies and inheritances received, public subsidies) amount to € 24.7 M



Use of global resources for 2021

€ 31.4 M

87% of Oeuvre d'Orient resources are allocated to its social missions, directly or via its partners, in its countries of intervention or in France.



* Total resources and uses excluding accounting adjustments from previous years

The figures presented are taken from the combined financial statements, which aggregate those of «Association L'Œuvre d'Orient» with those of the «Fondation L'Œuvre d'Orient» (a foundation under the aegis of Caritas France, recognized as being of public utility, which purpose is to support social or educational projects for vulnerable Eastern populations of all religions), those of the «Fonds de L'Œuvre d'Orient» (a fund with an expendable endowment, the purpose of which is to

monitor the allocation of legacies over time) and those of the «Fonds de soutien de L'Œuvre d'Orient» (a fund with a non-expendable endowment, the purpose of which is to receive capital endowments granted so that their income supports its actions over time).

Please note that these figures do not consider the donations raised by our partners in Europe, nor the State's contribution to the Fonds pour les Écoles d'Orient (€ 1 M).

Origin of resources

Œuvre d'Orient resources amount to € 31.4 M, of which € 30.7 M results from the generosity of the general public and € 0.7 M from subsidies and other revenues. Volunteers (not valued in the financial statements) represent more than the Association's paid employees.

Generosity of the general public

Donations increased by 7.8% when as the number of donors increased by 6.2%.

Generosity not linked to the public

This item is mainly marked by the 65% decrease in public grants (State and local Authorities), down to € 0.3 M.

Volunteers

Volunteering represents 46 full-time equivalents, mainly active as diocesan delegates, field volunteers or French teachers.

Use of resources

87% of Œuvre d'Orient resources are allocated to its social missions, whilst operating and fundraising costs represent 13% of resources.

Project funding

Œuvre d'Orient is committed to supporting 1,073 projects in 2021, representing a total of € 18.1 M. The projects carried out directly concern mainly the hosting of refugees, public awareness, and local teams in Iraq and Lebanon.

In addition, the use of dedicated funds set aside in previous years (projects whose implementation extends over several years) is stable from one year to the next at € 4m.

Available result

Due to the importance of the funds collected at the end of the year (45% of donations are collected during the 4th quarter), the balance of uses and resources is carried forward, pending their subsequent allocation.

Simplified balance sheet as at 31 December 2021

ASSETS	2021	2020
Fixed assets	€ 4 915 071	€ 2 092 343
Current assets and other	€ 27 975 394	€ 24 289 044
TOTAL ASSETS	€ 32 891 465	€ 26 381 387

Œuvre d'Orient equity represents 65% of the total balance sheet. This level is explained by the need to maintain a sufficient level of reserves to finance new projects from the beginning of the year. It also includes bequests receivable of € 6.7 million.

Non-current assets consist of equity investments, loans to partners and real estate legacies or donations granted but not yet realized.

Current assets consist of financial legacies receivable, marketable securities and cash.

RESERVES	2021	2020
I Equity	€ 4 000 000	€ 4 000 000
II Dedicated funds	€ 17 276 332	€ 10 866 754
Deferred funds and provisions	€ 3 955 590	€ 4 324 379
III Debts and other*	€ 7 659 543	€ 7 190 254
TOTAL RESERVES	€ 32 891 465	€ 26 381 387

On the liabilities side, the equity is divided between unavailable items (associative funds, non-expendable endowment and reserves), available amounts (expendable endowment and retained earnings) and the provision corresponding to legacies receivable.

The reserves correspond to the equivalent of less than one year's structural costs: operating costs, appeals to the public's generosity and missions carried out directly.

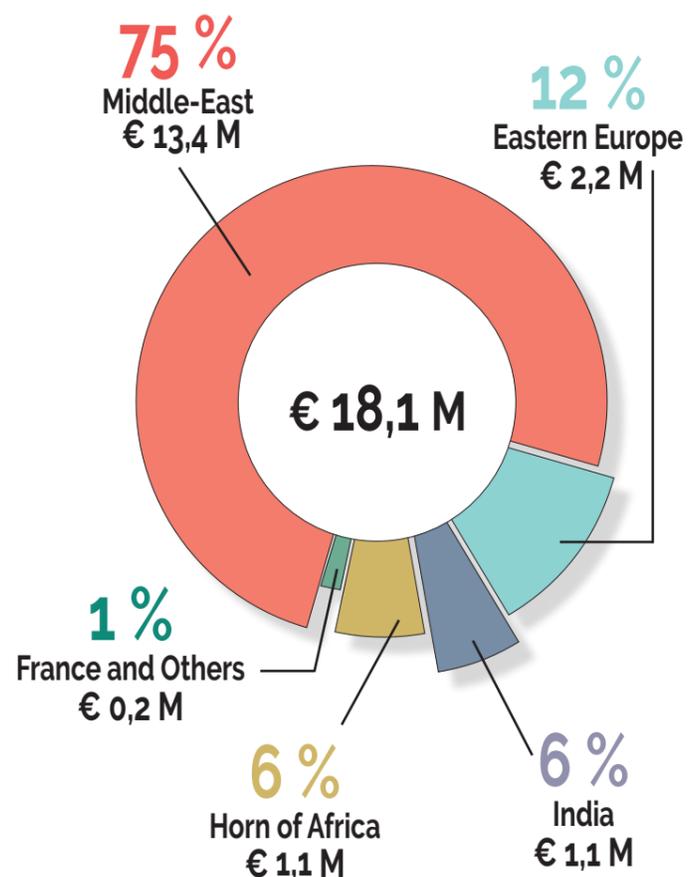
* Projets engagés à payer

Projects carried out with our partners

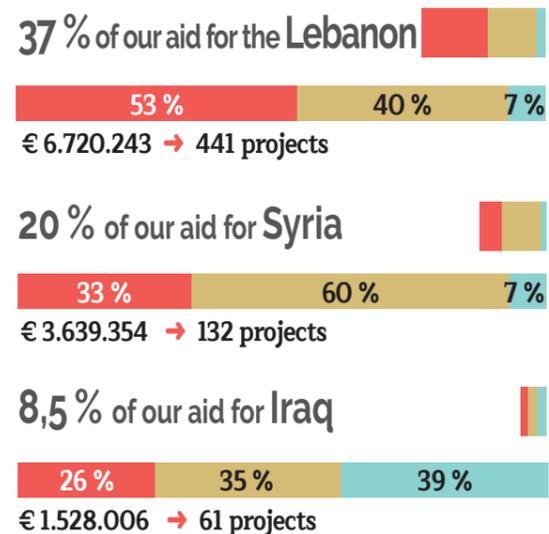
Breakdown of the use of funds by country

Egypt	€ 740 153	4,1 %
Iraq	€ 1 528 006	8,5 %
Iran	€ 40 742	0,2 %
Israel	€ 180 855	1,0 %
Jordan	€ 118 740	0,7 %
Lebanon	€ 6 720 243	37,2 %
Palestine	€ 407 025	2,3 %
Syria	€ 3 639 354	20,1 %
Turkey	€ 102 800	0,6 %
Armenia	€ 1 064 155	5,9 %
Bulgaria	€ 82 000	0,5 %
Other Eastern European countries	€ 114 620	0,6 %
Greece	€ 97 155	0,5 %
Romania	€ 352 987	2,0 %
Ukraine	€ 463 781	2,6 %
India	€ 1 128 392	6,2 %
Eritrea, Djibouti	€ 161 733	0,9 %
Ethiopia	€ 844 15	4,7 %
Soudan	€ 33 944	0,2 %
France* and others	€ 248 960	1,4 %
Total	€ 18 069 797	100 %

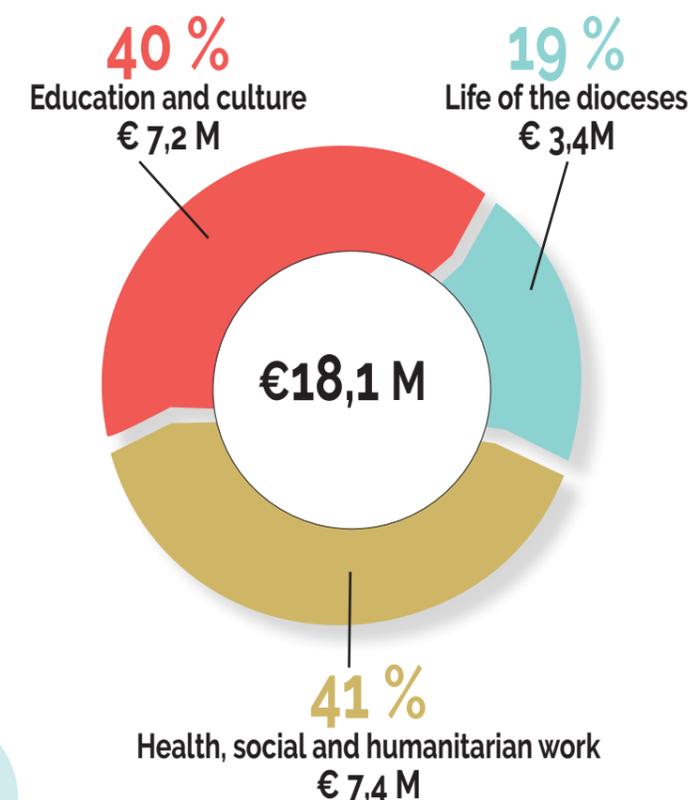
Breakdown by geographical area



Main beneficiary countries



Distribution by type of work



PLEASE NOTE:

This project report does not include our direct missions.

- In France: assistance to project Christian refugees, public information campaign and advocacy.

- Overseas: missions involving our volunteers and supporting our beneficiaries.

* Eastern churches and study bursaries in France

Highlights 2021

First visit of a Pope to Iraq

From 5th to 8th March 2021, Pope Francis visited Iraq as a «Pilgrim of Peace», an eagerly long-awaited event expected by the whole population and marked by highly symbolic meetings. A delegation from Œuvre d'Orient took part in this historic visit at the invitation of the Chaldean Patriarch of Iraq Louis Raphaël Sako.

Safeguarding Lebanon's schools, 2021 Cause

In order to respond to the dramatic situation in Lebanon, Œuvre d'Orient has set up a «Marshall Plan» to help Christian schools survive and thus preserve the future of its youth, with an unprecedented contribution of €3.4 million. Not to mention nearly €1 million provided by the French government within the framework of the Fund for Aid to French-speaking Christian Schools in the

Middle East, created in 2020 with equal amount from Oeuvre d'Orient. A school sponsorship proposal has also been launched for the 2021/22 school year. A dedicated team is now monitoring the projects in Beirut and Paris.

Special support for Nagorno-Karabakh

In addition to humanitarian aid, exceptional support was provided to cultural projects in this region after the November 2020 war, through the creation of the «Nagorno-Karabakh exhibition: a Christian Heritage at Risk» presented in France, and the support of the Paul Eluard Centre in Stepanakert, inaugurated in September. The aim is to raise awareness of Artsakh and its endangered people besides promoting exchanges with the French-speaking world.

European recognition

Œuvre d'Orient has obtained the European Union's Humanitarian Partnership Certificate for the period 2021-2027. It is now a partner of DG ECHO* for the implementation, with its local partners, of humanitarian aid close to vulnerable populations.

Partnerships to go further

Œuvre d'Orient is continuing its partnership with the ALIPH foundation, which focuses on the reconstruction of cultural heritage in conflict and post-conflict zones, thus enabling the restoration of numerous heritage sites, particularly in Lebanon. A new partnership was initiated with the French Development Agency (AFD) to support entrepreneurship in Lebanon.

*European Commission Directorate-General for Civil Protection and European Humanitarian Aid Operations

Education and culture

Education: kindergardens, schools, colleges, universities, scholarships, youth movement, women empowerment, general and religious education

Information: conferences, seminars; research to encourage ecumenism and interfaith dialogue; libraries, cultural centres, heritage

Health, social and humanitarian work

Treatment: hospitals, clinics

Care: orphans, elderly, disabled

Emergency aid: housing, food, medicine, heating...

Life of the dioceses

Churches, convents and parish halls: (re)construction, renovation, facilities

How parishes work: training for catechists, pensions...

Support for the daily life of priests, clergymen/women

Iconic projects 2021



ARMENIA - GYUMRI

Supporting the displaced from Artsakh

The Entanik Centre opened its doors to the displaced since the beginning of the 44-day war. 197 refugees, 132 members of 30 families of killed soldiers, and 450 poor and orphaned teenagers are receiving material, educational and psychological support.



IRAQ - NINEVEH PLAIN

Equipping schools with solar panels

Solar panels, installed by a local company, have replaced the generators in the kindergartens and schools of Diana, Banasor and Bartella. A real comfort for the 300 pupils, 60 teachers and employees - no more unbearable noise from generators - and serious savings.



LEBANON - BEIRUT

Continuing the reconstruction

As part of the post-explosion reconstruction of August 4th, 2020, we continued the rehabilitation of eight schools, two of which are classified as part of Beirut's historical heritage, two hospitals, a cathedral and a library. Besides thousands of meals served to disaster victims.



ETHIOPIA - TIGRAY

Providing education despite the war

Despite some classrooms being still occupied by soldiers, the Capuchin Brothers' school in Kobbo was able to reopen after months of closure and accommodate its 949 pupils. It still lacks furniture since it had been looted, yet the main thing is it can carry out its educational mission.



SYRIA - AL QARYATAYN

A long-term project

The Mar Elian monastery was destroyed during the war but the 24 hectares of fruit and forest trees are still usable, so trees have been planted and the well restored for irrigation. Its reconstruction is part of a vast action plan to bring families back to this Christian town (restoration of houses, school, creation of jobs for the catering industry, etc.).



EGYPT - CITY OF 6 OCTOBER

A church for young Coptic Catholic families

The project, started in 2011 with the support of Œuvre d'Orient, was completed in November 2021. 10 years of perseverance! It already serves around thirty young Coptic Catholic families who live in this new and growing district of the city.

Our organisation

Œuvre d'Orient is a French Catholic and non-political association of general interest governed by the law of 1 July, 1901. The Board of Directors has been chaired by Jean-Yves Tolot since 9 June 2021. Msgr Pascal Gollnisch is the Director General.

Mission

Œuvre d'Orient serves the Eastern Christian communities. Christians want to serve their countries and live in peace, despite difficult economic, social, political or religious contexts. Our mission is to help those who wish to remain there, continuing their work for the benefit of all without discrimination.

Why should they stay?

Eastern Christians play an important role in the societies in which they live.

→ They have always been there

They live on their own land, where they have lived for 2000 years. They are the guardians and protectors of their heritage, both tangible and intangible.

→ They promote citizenship

Through empowerment of women, acceptance of difference, and care for the most disadvantaged, Eastern Christians advance the notion of citizenship and respect for human rights.



→ They contribute to the retreat of fundamentalism

The network of schools which is open to all, teaches religious tolerance, and is an antidote to fundamentalism. Their dispensaries, hospitals and centres for the disabled bear witness to universal charity.



→ They promote dialogue

Their diversity makes them particularly sensitive to the richness of dialogue. The healthy relationships they have maintained for centuries with neighbouring communities give them a good knowledge of Islam and, in the Holy Land, of Judaism.



→ They are actors of peace

Enriched by their education, and by their openness to modernity and the practice of the Gospel, they are often actors of forgiveness, reconciliation and peace.

The way we operate

Since its creation, Œuvre d'Orient has developed its work with the support of its partners, the Eastern Catholic Churches, which have a unique network of actors: dioceses, religious congregations, and associative and informal structures. Its daily presence on the ground, means it is well-placed to understand real needs and to implement reliable, efficient and cost-effective projects.

The association relies on a Lebanon-Syria-Jordan Country

Director and his deputy based in Lebanon, volunteers in the field and missi dominici who visit beneficiaries in their mission countries. Every year there are also visits from many leaders of the target helped communities.

Œuvre d'Orient is committed to respecting the principles of humanitarian action (humanity, neutrality, impartiality and independence) which aim to rely as much as possible on local structures.

International network of partners

Œuvre d'Orient considers that the development of associations sharing the same values and the same concern for supporting the missions of Eastern Christian communities is part of its vocation. In the past, it has thus contributed to the creation of the CNEWA (USA, Canada) and Solidarité-Orient (Belgium). In recent years, Œuvre d'Orient has supported the creation of «sister» organisations in Europe. In doing so, Œuvre d'Orient Monaco, FACE (UK), Dzielo dla Orientu (Poland) and Œuvre d'Orient Switzerland were established.

These are essentially links of friendship, information sharing and reflection. From the start, these structures benefit from the image, know-how and network of the Oeuvre, as well as financial support until they become autonomous, if necessary.

These «sister associations» are free to choose how they allocate their resources and the projects they wish to support. Some of them have chosen to rely on our experience to secure their operations and entrust us with the payment of aid and the monitoring of projects.