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UrbaMonde in a few words

The city and the habitat produced by and for the residents

Alongside public and private sector-led urban development, the city is also built by its inhabitants, from the bottom-up.

Urban dwellers organize, plan, finance, build and manage housing developments, and common spaces take the lead to improve their neighborhoods.

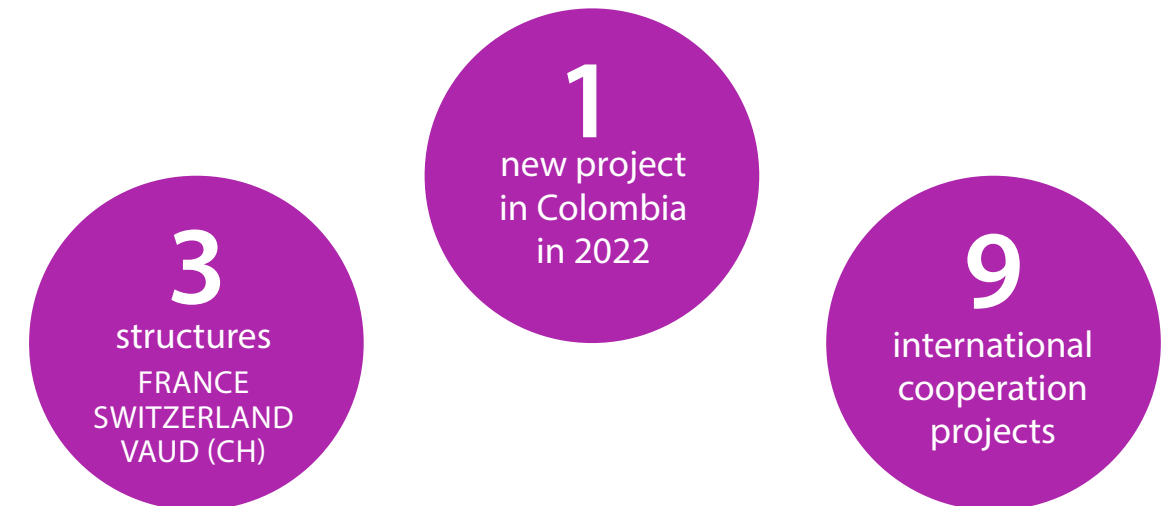
Supported by financial means and appropriate policies, this **Social Production of Habitat (SPH) results in more sustainable, inclusive and affordable urban spaces and housing solutions**, meeting the needs of the residents.

Convinced that the inhabitants and final users of urban spaces should be at the center of all processes that produce the city, **urbaMonde's mission is to increase the share of participatory housing worldwide.**

As an actor in international cooperation, we accompany groups of vulnerable residents in the realisation of their collaborative housing projects in Africa, Latin America and Asia. We also raise awareness of the right to housing and international solidarity among people in Switzerland and France.

As a resource and network actor, we promote innovation in terms of land and financial management tools, we create links between housing actors, we encourage the exchange of good practices and the visibility of inspiring community-led housing projects, both at global level and in the European context.

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Abbreviations

ABZ Allgemeine Baugenossenschaft Zürich

AETCR Anciens espaces territoriaux de formation et réincorporation

ACHR Asian Coalition for Housing Rights

AFD French Development Agency

CHI Cooperative Housing International

COMCAT Comunidades Catalisadoras

CVAM Mutual Aid Housing Cooperatives

ENFORMA National Training School of FUCVAM

FEDEVACO Federation of Cooperation Vaud

FGC Federation of Cooperation Geneva

FSH Senegalese Federation of Residents

FUCVAM Uruguayan Federation of Housing Cooperatives for Mutual Aid

HIC Habitat International Coalition

ISHF International Social Housing Festival

IIED International Institute for Environment and Development

SCE European Cooperative Society

SDI Slum Dwellers International

SPH Social Production of Habitat

UEMOA West African Economic and Monetary Union

WBG ZH Wohnbaugenossenschaften Zurich

WUF World Urban Forum

Editorial

The name we chose in 2011, urbaMonde, is very ambitious. It reflects the centrality we attach to the theme of housing, and at a global level, no less!

However, the theme of housing, and in particular the issue of housing, remains a poor relation in international cooperation, despite documented observations of the effects of the health crisis, climate change and inflation: housing is a key factor for health, education and access to a decent income.

Our small team, as this report shows, is witness to the constant and immeasurable efforts (what indicator could possibly reflect this?) made every day by the residents' organisations with which urbaMonde has been collaborating and exchanging for several years.

Organising to build housing collectively - what is known as the **Social Production of Habitat** in Latin America - is an obstacle course and a marathon, which requires skills, creativity and obstinacy that the organisations with whom we share our convictions and who trust us show.

We learn every day from their solutions and strategies (the famous "resilience"), to thwart the setbacks that arise on the way to achieving their projects. Organisational forms, legal frameworks, ways of building, ways of living are not fixed in pre-established models that should be generalised.

On the contrary, the autonomous thinking of these organisations generates a wealth of social, economic and technical inventions that fill us with admiration.

This report is therefore dedicated to these thousands of people, with all our friendships across languages and borders.

The urbaMonde team





PROFESSIONAL SUPPORT FOR LOCAL STAKEHOLDERS

Promoting peace and reconciliation in Colombia through community-led housing

In collaboration with ETH Zurich and the National University of Colombia (UNAL), urbaMonde supports a community of 350 ex-combatants in their social and economic empowerment process.

The project aims at improving their living and housing conditions in the AET-CR of Tierra Grata, in the department of César, in northern Colombia.

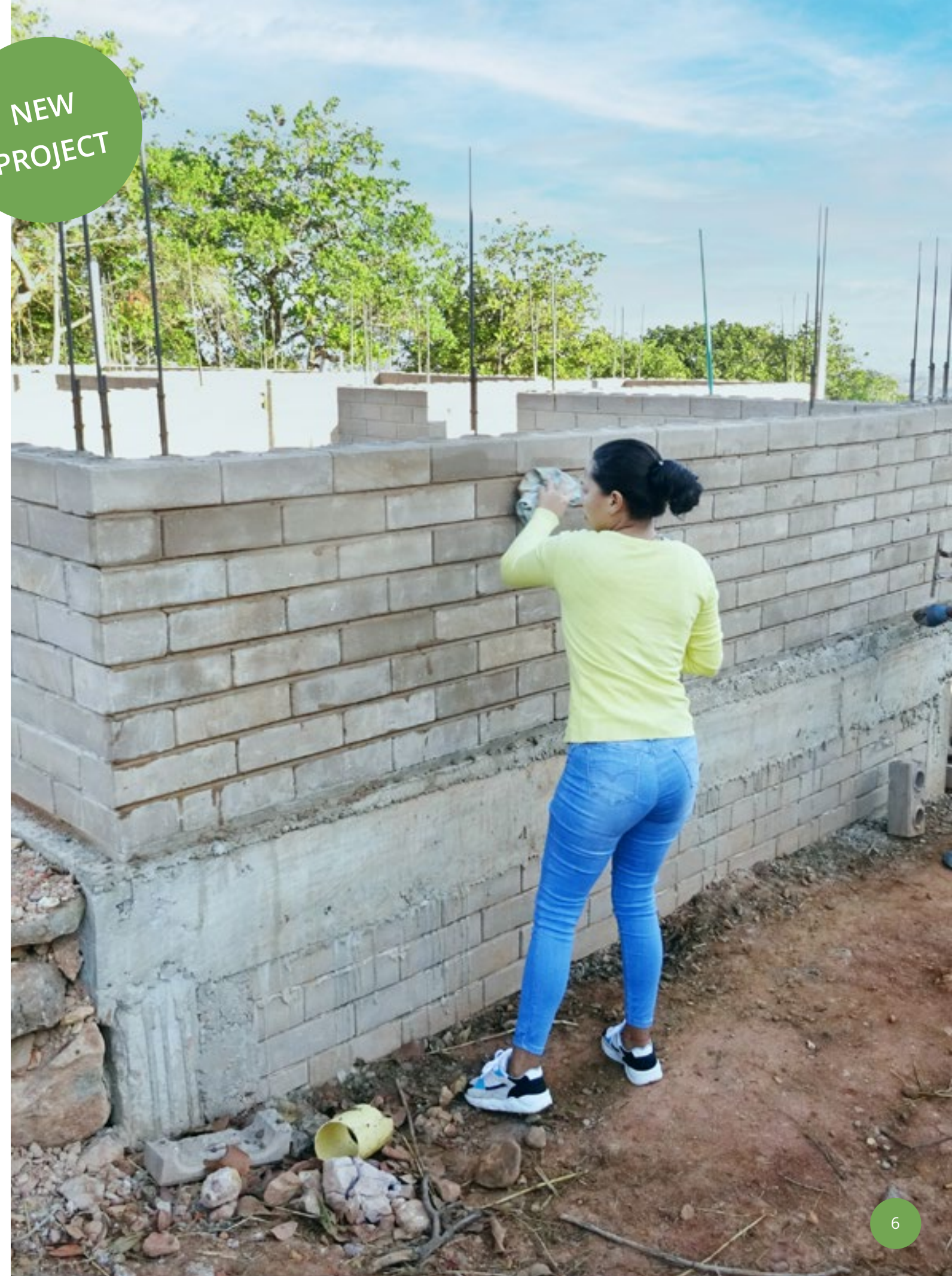
The three organisations provide technical assistance in the participatory planning and construction of community buildings and spaces. The objective is to strengthen cooperative values within the community, to develop opportunities for income-generating activities,

and to think about the sustainability of the building and the security of the land.

With this project, we contribute to the peace process and to **the promotion of collaborative housing models for all of Colombia.**

Since peace also depends on successful reintegration, **the project supports peaceful and cooperative cohabitation.**

In 2022, after a participatory design workshop, the residents one project out of the 6 proposed that allow them to develop long-term economic activities and to strengthen their anchorage in their territory.



Implementation and dissemination of a Community Land Trust (CLT) model in Brazil

Starting in January 2022, this international cooperation project aims to promote land security and the strengthening of vulnerable urban communities through the development of a Community Land Trust (CLT) in Brazil.

By opposing real estate speculation and preventing evictions, the CLT model combines collective land management and individual residents' interests through a proprietary arrangement in which collective land ownership is combined with individual building ownership.

The adaptation of the CLT model to the Brazilian reality is very important in the context of favelas and infor-

mal settlements where the risks of forced displacement and gentrification once land regularisation is achieved are very present.

The implementation of this model was strongly inspired by the successful experience of Caño Martín Peña, Puerto Rico, where some 1,500 families living in a group of eight informal communities built a CLT that guaranteed their permanence and the development and preservation of their territories.

In 2022, the project has made important advances in the mobilisation of communities, in the formulation and implementation of a legislative framework regulating

CLTs in Brazil and in the dissemination of the model at national level.

Currently 4 pilot communities are committed to the implementation of a CLT in their territories, with 2 joining the project in 2022.

At the legislative level, the first law on the CLT model in Brazil has been approved: the municipality of São João de Meriti, part of the metropolitan region of Rio de Janeiro, has included the model in its Master Plan.

In addition, the project has seen an important development in its dissemination strategy. Following the national seminar in 2022, several organisations in other Brazilian states

showed great interest in multiplying the model at national level, which led to the formation of the CLT Multipliers Group.

This three-year project is supported by the FGC and is a collaboration between urbaMonde and Comunidades Catalisadoras.



Support for the development of housing cooperatives in Uruguay, Paraguay, Bolivia and Peru

With the support of the FGC and FEDEVACO, urbaMonde and the FUCVAM have joined forces to strengthen and develop the model of mutual-aid housing cooperatives (CVAM) in Uruguay, Paraguay, Bolivia and Peru, through its replication and consolidation of the movement at national and regional levels.

Based on the principles of direct democracy, mutual aid, collective property and self-management, this model emphasises the participation of residents in the entire process of producing their housing and allows low-income people **to access adequate housing without prior savings.**

The second three-year phase, launched in June 2019, aims to strengthen the achievements and to continue to support the work of FUCVAM and its National Training School (ENFORMA). The focus is on popular education and training of residents in the CVAM model, as well as documentation, experience exchanges and raising awareness among public authorities of the potential carried by the model.

This year, in-person activities were able to resume, with the holding of courses in cooperative management and the facilitation of workshops on *living together* for the residents of housing cooperatives that are members of FUCVAM. The

popular education methods applied by ENFORMA's volunteer trainers are largely inspired by Paulo Freire. Their ongoing reflection on their practices has been compiled in a book that examines their application in the field of cooperativism: "[Bases para la formación. Compartiendo saberes para transformar](#)". In addition, about thirty cooperatives have been documented on [cohabitat.io](#) thanks to the work of an urbaMonde intern.

With the opening of the borders, urbaMonde was able to return to the field at the beginning of the year. During this visit to Montevideo, accompanied by a small delegation from ETHZ, several meetings were organised with FUCVAM, ENFORMA

trainers and academic (UDELAR) and public (National Ministry of Housing) actors.

This visit also allowed the formulation of the new strategic lines of this project for a new three-year phase.

This phase will begin in 2023 and will focus on the empowerment of ENFORMA, as well as on the development of the Gender Commission of FUCVAM to strengthen the power of action of women cooperativists.



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Support for the development of housing cooperatives in Nicaragua

This international cooperation project supports the dissemination of the mutual aid housing cooperative model in the department of Matagalpa, Nicaragua, through the support of the technical team of the Multipro service cooperative.

The project started in 2015 with the support of the FGC and FEDEVACO and is in its new three-year phase (2021- 2024).

This year 2022 has been marked by a difficult economic situation: a strong increase in migration to the USA, which has impacted some cooperatives, increased difficulties in obtaining credit from local organisa-

tions, and inflation leading to an increase in the price of materials. The cooperative training school, which is a space for debate and reflection for all new members, confirms its essential role, helping to create links of solidarity between the members of the different cooperatives.

The Central Cooperative Organisation CECOVI, a legally recognised representative body, has enabled the cooperatives to take collective decisions to deal with economic difficulties.

The management of the revolving fund has been reviewed to adapt to the movement of members, caused in particular by migration.

In the municipality of La Dalia, the Victoria de Julio cooperative obtained a government grant, donations and an interest-free loan from the local revolving fund.

This enabled the cooperative to launch its construction project and **gave its members, mostly female farm workers, access to decent housing.**

In the same municipality, two new cooperatives, also composed mainly of women farm workers, are in the process of creating an eco-neighbourhood with the active support of the municipality and in collaboration with the National Engineering University.

In Matagalpa, the Solidaridad cooperative has taken steps with international partners in the field of citizen finance, which should be completed in 2023 and allow the construction site to begin. A new cooperative has been formed, despite the difficult context.

In San Dionisio, the construction of a pilot adobe house has highlighted the technical and social acceptance issues related to the use of local materials in social housing projects.

Reflection and new experiments will continue in 2023, for which additional technical support is being actively sought.



Support program to the FSH for the reconstruction and improvement of precarious neighbourhoods in Dakar

In 2021, urbaMonde completed its support programme for the Senegalese Federation of Inhabitants (FSH), which rehabilitated 372 houses in the Dakar suburbs between 2018 and 2021 - out of a total of 665 since 2014.

A new phase, started in November 2021, continues the rehabilitation work and supports the Cité FSH project, **a sustainable eco-district for vulnerable women** in the Dakar region.

This development and construction programme aims to produce 150 new affordable homes for low and irregular-income households, members of the FSH.

Local and sustainable materials are at the heart of the reflection for this neighbourhood which is intended to be innovative and a demonstrator on a national scale.

The development of the architectural and urban programme has continued throughout 2022, in conjunction with various experts and representatives of the State services and specialised agencies.

This programme benefits from the financial support of the Fondation Abbé Pierre, the FGC and the FEDEVACO, and from the support of the French Ministry of Ecological Transition and Territorial Cohesion for the adapta-

tion of the eco-district approach to the project. A seminar promoting this sustainable approach was organised in May 2022, after a first edition in 2021.

The municipality of Diender signed the eco-neighbourhood charter following this event.

The Cité FSH project should benefit from recognition by the Senegalese Ministry of Urban Planning, Housing and Public Hygiene, under the government's 100,000 housing programme.

► [Read more on our website](#)



Animation and development of the Urban Fabric Initiative

UrbaMonde has been participating in the implementation of the Urban Fabric Initiative of Dakar since June 2020, in consortium with GRET, urbaSEN, the Etc collective and Transitec, thanks to funding from AFD and UN Habitat.

Diagnostic and co-design workshops conducted with local actors and residents have made it possible to define the development of several public spaces in various peripheral neighbourhoods of Dakar and the cities of Rufisque and Pikine.

These works are being carried out in conjunction with the structural urban transport systems currently being deployed in the Dakar con-

urbation - the Regional Express Train (TER) and the Rapid Bus Transit (BRT). The management processes defined with local stakeholders and grassroots community organisations will ensure the sustainability of the structures.

After the public space in the Icotaf 1 district of Pikine was put into service at the end of 2021, the diagnostic and co-design activities continued in the vicinity of two sites targeted by the PUD in the commune of Golf Sud, on the outskirts of Dakar: the Lycée des Parcelles Assainies and a site in the Unité 4 district, both close to BRT stops.

The Dakar Urban Fabric Initiative was presented at the World Urban

Forum in Katowice in June and during the Sustainable Mobility and Climate Week in Dakar in October.

At the same time, **urbaMonde is part of the Urban Fabric Initiatives network, which aims to connect and share values and good practices** between the various urban incubators that exist or are currently being developed in Africa. GRET, Cabanon Vertical and urbaSEN are also part of this team.

The animation programme aims to develop and animate an international network of actors involved in innovative urban planning approaches, based on a participatory approach, co-construction and rapid actions linked to major structuring urban

projects. In 2022, the programme gave rise to various activities: **training, exchanges between incubators, a study trip to France for African partners, the production of podcasts, and a round table** on transitional urbanism as part of the Week for Sustainable Mobility and Climate in Dakar.

The ambition of the programme is to test new forms of governance and urban construction involving project owners and civil society.



FAIRE GRANDIR LE CŒUR DE VILLEURBANNE

INSPIRÉS DU MODÈLE AMÉRICAIN TEL QU'IL A PU LE METTRE EN QUATRE MOIS À NEW YORK PAR EXEMPLE, C'EST UN SITE EXCEPTIONNEL SUR LEQUEL TRAVAILLER, ET TOUT L'ENJEU EST D'APPORTER DE LA MODERNITÉ POUR PROLONGER CET EXISTANT, SANS TOMBER DANS LE PASTICHE.

LE CONFORT URBAIN EN TOUTE SAISON



PERFORMANCE ÉNERGÉTIQUE

CONSTRUIRE DES BÂTIMENTS PEU CONSOMMATEURS D'ÉNERGIE ET UTILISER LES ÉNERGIES RENOUVELABLES

CONFORT DES HABITANTS

FAVORISER LA SANTÉ ET LE BIEN-ÊTRE DANS LES LOGEMENTS

RÉSILIENCE

DÉVELOPPER DES ÉCONOMIES CONTRE L'ÉTAT D'ÉMERGENCE

LA PERSPECTIVE DU PROJET EST TOUT À LA FOIS DE CRÉER UNE PROLONGATION DU CENTRE-VILLE POUR VILLEURBANNE ET DE FAIRE ÉMERGER UN NOUVEAU PÔLE D'ATTRACTIVITÉ POUR LA MÉTROPOLE DE LYON

VILLEURBANNE



MÉTROPOLE DE LYON



LA SOCIÉTÉ VILLEURBANNAISE D'ÉCONOMIE OPÉRATIVE ET COMMERCIALE EST AU SERVICE DE L'INTÉRÊT GÉNÉRAL



Urban Fabric Initiative study trip to Lyon - Emmanuelle Sibué, Métropole de Lyon

Integrated Flood Risk Management Program

In the informal settlements of the Dakar suburbs, flooding is a daily occurrence for the inhabitants. The Pikine Irrégulier Nord Guediawaye - Integrated Risk Management (PING-GIRI) project aims to test innovative solutions to improve the resilience of the neighbourhoods to this risk.

UrbaMonde is part of the consortium implementing this project since 2019, together with GRET, urbaSEN and FSH. Planned for December 2022, the project's closing date has been postponed to March 2023.

The project aims at an innovative approach through measures to anticipate flood risk (adaptation of housing, participatory planning,

awareness-raising and implementation of early warning systems), the construction of semi-collective and public infrastructures for wastewater and rainwater drainage, and finally the sustainability of the works through sustainable and shared management.

The project is backed by **the FSH's revolving fund, which finances, through loans, the financial participation of residents in the projects**, both at the family and neighbourhood levels.

This is the first time that this community savings tool has been used to co-finance collective and public works.

The interest of this approach is that, thanks to their financial contribution, the inhabitants are fully involved in the decision-making process concerning the works to be carried out.

They thus become full-fledged actors in the project, financiers and managers of the works.

The [Inondations-Dakar.org](https://inondations-dakar.org) platform, set up within the framework of the project as a space for sharing data and resources on the subject of floods, was visited by 6,359 people in 2022.





Support to the participatory project to improve housing in informal neighbourhoods of Boassa in Burkina Faso

Within the framework of the project "Living and living better in the non-housed areas", financed by AFD and the Abbé Pierre Foundation, and led by the NGO Craterre, urbaMonde is supporting Yaam Solidarité in its consolidation as a player in urban planning and the production of dignified and sustainable housing in Burkina Faso, in an approach that promotes the use of local and sustainable materials.

In particular, the project has led to a reflection on the implementation of financial, land and organisational mechanisms likely to strengthen the capacity of the residents of the informal neighbourhood of Boassa in

the appropriation and development of their living environment. **The establishment of a revolving fund,** managed by the Federation of Inhabitants of Burkina Faso, and fed by the savings of the residents, is the result of this work.

This year, a field trip to support our partner Yaam Solidarité allowed us to work with the team, meet with beneficiaries and meet new groups of residents seeking to join the federation.

A multi-country meeting also took place in March in Canchungo (Guinea Bissau), bringing together representatives of the federations of Senegal, Togo, Ivory Coast, Guinea

Conakry, Guinea Bissau and Burkina Faso. **This meeting laid the foundations for a confederation of inhabitants of the UEMOA zone.**

In September, a field trip bringing together representatives of the "*Living and Living Better in the Non-Housed*" project took place in Ouagadougou.

It enabled the partners to work on the final phase of the three-year project (evaluation, capitalisation) **and to prepare the next phase to be submitted to funders.**

Strengthening the regional network of community-led housing

In June 2019, Asian Coalition for Housing Rights and urbaMonde launched an international cooperation project with the support of the FGC. Based in Thailand, the coalition brings together housing professionals, NGOs and community organisations from 20 Asian countries.

The project aims to strengthen the Asian regional network and national networks of community-led housing communities and professionals in ten Asian countries: Thailand, Myanmar, Nepal, India, Bangladesh, Indonesia, Philippines, Vietnam, Cambodia and Pakistan.

The objective is to give more visibility to community-led, inclusive

and non-speculative housing initiatives, by promoting experience exchanges between peers and public authorities and housing professionals.

In 2022, after having been strongly impacted by the COVID-19 pandemic, meeting and exchange activities were able to resume at both national and regional levels.

For example, as part of the knowledge sharing between the countries of the network, representatives of member organisations from Vietnam, Indonesia, Thailand, Myanmar and Nepal met in Nakhansawan, Thailand, to share each other's work in supporting and promoting people-led processes, and a meeting

was organised with the local government of Nakhansawan.

At the national level, **exchange visits were organised between different cities in Myanmar, Indonesia, the Philippines, Nepal and Bangladesh.**

In addition, 55 projects from the different participating countries were [documented on cohabitat.io](#) and the [ACHR website](#).

A major regional meeting is planned in Nepal in January 2023, to bring together all ACHR member organisations and to formalise the transfer of the secretariat from Bangkok to Kathmandu.

The NGO Lumanti Support Group for Shelter will from now on coordinate the coalition.

It will also be an opportunity **to formulate the strategic direction for the new phase of the project, which will cover the period 2023-2026.**

► [Read more on our website](#)

Solidarity among residents

International solidarity and cooperation is a fundamental principle of the right to development, and a key factor in the achievement of the Sustainable Development Goals, in particular SDG 11 "Make cities and human settlements inclusive, safe, resilient and sustainable", which is central to urbaMonde's actions.

It is also a core value carried by housing cooperatives and other organisations promoting community-led housing. Solidarity, at all levels, is now more than ever essential to facilitate access to dignified and sustainable housing for the most vulnerable.

In this sense, urbaMonde would like to thank the Swiss and French housing cooperatives, organisations and individuals who have shown solidarity towards groups of inhabitants in precarious situations to enable the realisation of their innovative collaborative and ecological housing projects.

In 2022, the operation of the Habitat Solidarity Fund (FHaS) was reoriented towards a system of donations only, so as

to better respond to the needs of the field in a context of climate emergency, and political, economic and health crises. The FHaS, initially conceived as a solidarity-based financial tool based partly on a system of deposits from savers in Switzerland and loans to rotating funds managed by our partners in Senegal and Nicaragua, has thus become a decentralised tool for direct support without conditions of reimbursement for our local partners.

Swiss depositors have already agreed to transform CHF 18,750 of deposits into donations from 2023. The FHaS has thus managed to collect more than CHF 70,000 in donations since its creation in 2018, allowing us to add CHF 55,000 to our partners' revolving funds. **Many thanks to all donors for their generosity!**

SUPPORTIVE HOUSING COOPERATIVES AND ORGANISATIONS





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PROMOTION OF COMMUNITY-LED HOUSING

Publications

Participation in UCLG's GOLD VI report

In the framework of the 6th GOLD report of the United Cities and Local Governments (UCLG) network published in 2022, urbaMonde contributed to six case studies around the themes "Commoning", "Caring", "Connecting", "Renaturing", "Prospering" and "Democratizing".

The report, entitled "*Pathways to urban and territorial equality*", aims to understand the state of urban and territorial inequality in the world and to call for a radical change in the role of local and regional governments in tackling this global challenge. Several project officers from urbaMonde France and Switzerland as well as partners from the CoHabitat Network contributed to this report with various case studies.

► [See here](#)

Study on affordable and cooperative housing through the example of the Cité FSH

In collaboration with the Center for Affordable Housing Finance and urbaSEN, urbaMonde published a study earlier this year on affordable housing production strategies in Senegal.

It presents the social, financial and urban orientations of the Cité FSH eco-district project, which the association supports (see page 12). The study aims to develop and analyse, in the Senegalese context, an alternative model for the production of affordable and decent housing. This model is developed from and for a project to produce affordable housing, led by a group of citizens organised within the FSH and its partners.

► [See here](#)

Since 2014, urbaMonde has been leading and developing the CoHabitat Network, which brings together residents' organisations and their partners whose aim is to implement the right for housing through collective, sustainable, non-speculative and resident-led solutions.

It aims to raise awareness and recognition of these initiatives, so that communities are empowered to improve their housing, neighbourhoods and living conditions.

It is a non-institutionalized, collaborative, decentralised network focused on concrete projects and actions led by civil society. It operates based on the co-production of information, exchanges of experiences between peers, the implementation of solidarity-based financial mechanisms and the realisation of advocacy actions.

ACTIVITIES ALREADY CARRY OUT:

- Organisation of workshops and events at the regional and international level
- Connecting and promoting partners
- Documentation of inspiring community-led housing projects from around the world
- Awarding prizes to promote innovative regional initiatives
- Management of a solidarity fund as a financial tool for community-led housing projects

Events

Webinars

Community finance and affordable housing production in Africa

In partnership with the CAHF, urbaMonde organised two webinars on community finance and affordable housing production in Africa.

These webinars highlighted the dedication and importance of communities in mobilising finance and developing mechanisms for affordable housing production in Africa. They present some of the experiences documented in our study on affordable housing in Africa (2021).

- ▶ [Watch here](#)
- ▶ [Study on citizen financing mechanisms for affordable housing production in Africa](#)



Webinar

Rotating funds for financing social housing production

In this webinar organised by the CoHabitat Network and urbaMonde, two organisations, Multipro (Nicaragua) and urbaSEN (Senegal) shared the functioning of their revolving funds which have enabled the construction of housing in their respective regions.

- ▶ [Watch here](#)

Organisation of the Collaborative Housing Day in Helsinki

For the 2022 edition of the International Social Housing Festival held in Helsinki from 14 to 17 June, Housing Europe invited urbaMonde to repeat the event on collaborative housing organised on the sidelines of the last ISHF in Lyon in 2019.

As the coordinating organisation of the CoHabitat Network, and with the support of World Habitat and CHI, **urbaMonde organised a full day of knowledge sharing and networking opportunities around collaborative housing.**

This special day strengthened the promotion of collaborative housing in Europe as a key element in ensur-

ing the right to adequate housing and the right to the city, while integrating people at the centre of the processes that shape their housing and their city.

In the margins of this event, visits to three local cohousing projects were organised by urbaMonde with the help of Salla Korpela, a collaborative housing activist in Helsinki.

► [Watch the aftermovie](#)





Organisation of *Habitat Village* at the World Urban Forum 11

During the first semester of 2022, various partners of the CoHabitat Network collaborated to conceptualise and facilitate an exhibition stand during the WUF 11, held in Poland, from the 26th - 30th of June 2022.

This space named “Habitat Village” was the concretisation of a collective work between urbaMonde and the following partners: World Habitat, HIC, Global Platform for the Right to the City, MOBA Housing SCE, Misereor, IIED, DPU-UCL, CatComm, ACHR, SDI and urbaSEN. Through this joint work, Habitat Village materialised a place for the reunion of all CoHabitat organisations, especially after

the previous two years in which the pandemic restrictions caused by the COVID-19 health crisis affected and limited the opportunity for meetings and encounters.

Located in the exhibition pavilion of the WUF 11, the collaborative stand also worked as an alternative space to hold important events. As a more informal and convivial space, Habitat Village created the ideal environment for exchange, networking, debate and collective reflection between all CoHabitat Network partners around community-led housing

► [Read the full report](#)



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 Critical experiences from grassroots organizations and international

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Partners of the CoHabitat Network at WUF 11 - Matthew Jordaan

Co-operative Housing Symposium in Zurich and Geneva

In September, more than 100 participants and 15 speakers met in Zurich for the 2nd International Cooperative Housing Symposium, organised by CHI and WBG ZH on 22 and 23 September, under the slogan "Growing the Movement: How to take the cooperative idea further in the world".

UrbaMonde participated in the discussions and debates that emerged around the future of cooperative housing, during the four thematic blocks: #Housing2030, The cooperative toolbox, Community engagement for sustainability and Working together for the future.

We also actively contributed to the formulation of the programme, which allowed the participation of various partners of the CoHabitat Network (ACHR/Lumanti, Sostre Civic and MOBA).

In the margins of the Symposium, **urbaMonde hosted a special student event, "The European Student Co-op Convening: Developing a United Front"**, co-organised in Geneva in September with CHI, Studentendorf Berlin, North American Students of Cooperation (NASCO), Student Coop Homes UK and the Geneva-based cooperative La Ciguë.

Based on the model presented by NASCO and through round tables and exchanges, guidelines and strategies were proposed for the formation of a European federation of student cooperatives.

The event ended with a visit to the housing cooperatives of Geneva.

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Partnership



Since 2021, urbaMonde has been directly involved in the organisation process of the World Habitat Awards of our long-standing partner World Habitat, who actively supports the CoHabitat Network.

Among the 10 winners of the 2022 awards announced on 4 January 2023 half of them showcase Community-Led Housing from different regions.

Congratulations to our friends from urbaSEN and the Senegalese Federation of Inhabitants for the Gold Award, and all the CoHabitat partners involved in the other winning projects.

World Habitat Awards 2022

UrbaSEN/Fédération Sénégalaise des Habitants - GOLD Winner

Community-Led precarious neighbourhood improvement and resilience in the face of climate change

Sostre Civic - SILVER Winner

Umbrella organisation for Right-to-use housing cooperatives in Catalonia, Spain

Mas Coop - BRONZE Winner

Ecological, affordable and non-speculative housing cooperative, France

Namibia Housing Action Group/Shack Dweller Federation of Namibia - BRONZE Winner

Community-driven informal settlements upgrading, Namibia

Réseau ULACAV - BRONZE Winner

Latin American University Network of Housing Departments which works with communities and promotes the Social Production of Habitat, Argentina, Brazil, Chile, Colombia, Ecuador, Mexico, Paraguay and Uruguay.



ACADEMIC PARTNERSHIPS

UrbaMonde works alongside academic actors in research projects aimed at analysing, evaluating, documenting and disseminating practices related to collaborative housing, sustainable construction and the challenges of urban development in general.

It also pays particular attention to training and raising the awareness of future housing and urban planning professionals about the right to housing, the right to the city and participatory planning, construction and management methods.



LUND UNIVERSITY



Since April 2022, urbaMonde has been working on a European research project won through the ERA-NET Cofund Urban Transformation Capacities (ENUTC) call of JPI-Urban Europe and the European Commission.

This project called CO-HOPE (Collaborative Housing in a Pandemic Era) is coordinated by Lund University and involves the universities of Seville, Vienna and Lyon. UrbaMonde is particularly involved in the coordination with French cooperating partners of the consortium (Habitat Participatif France, Hal'ge and l'EPOK), and will be responsible in 2023-2024 for a Work Package on the formulation of public housing policy recommendations.

UrbaMonde participated in the formulation of the survey tools (quantitative questionnaire and focus group and interview guides) and in their testing in the collaborative housing Rompemoldes, in Seville in November.

Meeting for the first time in person, the CO-HOPE partners took the opportunity to work on the choice of study areas where these tools will be applied in 2023. For France, the chosen collaborative housing projects are the Abricoop residents' cooperative in Toulouse, the cooperative society Coteau de la Chaudanne in Grézieu la Varenne (suburbs of Lyon) and the Mascobado, a mixed co-ownership and social rental project in Montpellier.

ETH zürich Wohnforum

For several years, urbaMonde has been in regular contact with the WohnForum of ETHZ in the framework of research projects on collaborative housing development, with a focus on the cooperative housing model and its replicability in various contexts.

In 2021, ETHZ, the National University of Bogotá and urbaMonde established a collaboration through the project "Peace and Cooperative Housing. A multi-scale approach from construction detail to cooperative model; the case of Ciudadelas de Paz" in Colombia.

In the same year, ETHZ and urbaMonde received financial support from the Zurich housing cooperative ABZ for the implementation of the one-year project

"Promoting peace and reconciliation in Colombia through collaborative housing" (see page 5).

Furthermore, on 5 and 6 May 2022, **urbaMonde welcomed a small delegation from ETHZ for two days of exchanges and visits to housing cooperatives in Geneva.**

This visit is part of the SNIS research project "The role of housing cooperatives in defining and implementing municipal government's housing and city development policies" conducted by WohnForum.





UrbaMonde has been collaborating for many years with the University of Geneva, in particular with its Department of Geography and Environment, either through research-action projects or through specific interventions during Bachelor and Master courses on the themes of the right to housing, community-led housing on a global scale and international cooperation.

UrbaMonde also regularly welcomes students of the Master in Territorial Development for internships oriented towards international cooperation. In 2022, Alejandra Sanchez started a one-year internship, during which she will assist urbaMonde in the animation of the CoHabitat Network, the organisation of international meetings, as well as in the follow-up of the international cooperation project in Nicaragua.



Future
Urban Legacy
Lab

In 2022, urbaMonde also approached the Future Urban Legacy Lab in Turin to think about future exchanges around collaborative housing models, notably in the context of the International Social Housing Festival to be held in Barcelona in 2023.

In 2022, urbaMonde participated in the following events

Events

Gender & housing: insights from field experiences

Webinar by the Fondation Abbé Pierre, online, May 31, 2022

Affordable housing in Africa: challenges and perspectives

Roundtable, World Urban Forum 11, Poland, June 30, 2022

Transitional urbanism: gadget or engine of sustainable cities?

Round table, European Week for Sustainable Development, France, September 27, 2022

Week for Sustainable Mobility and Climate 2022

Presentation of the Urban Incubators, Senegal, October 2022

Urban Café

Organised by the Fondation Abbé Pierre at AFD's offices in Paris, June 17, 2022

University courses

University of Lund, Masterclass Collaborative Housing and Covid-19, Sweden

Intervention on the study Social Production of Habitat in the time of COVID-19, March 16, 2022

University of Geneva, Workshop "Territorial Development in the global South", Switzerland

Intervention on the Social Production of Habitat, March 29, 2022

HEPIA, Joint Master of Architecture Workshop, Switzerland

Presentation on cooperative housing in Switzerland, October 4, 2022

University of Aix-Marseille, Master 1 Geography, France

Workshop " Building the city from the bottom up ", November 3, 2022

Sciences Po Rennes, Master 2 Ingénierie des Services Urbains en Réseaux - Cities in Becoming, France

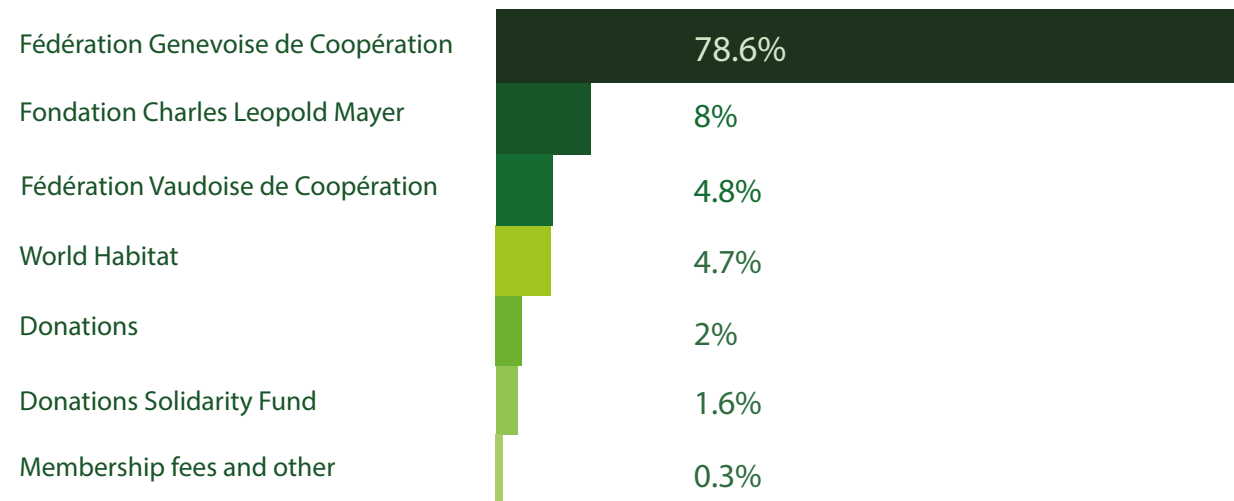
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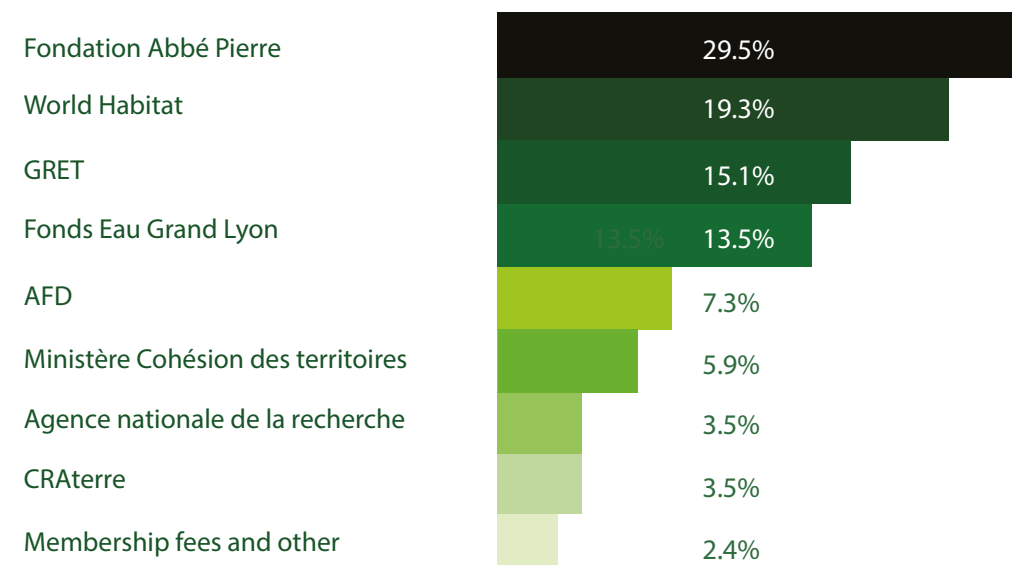
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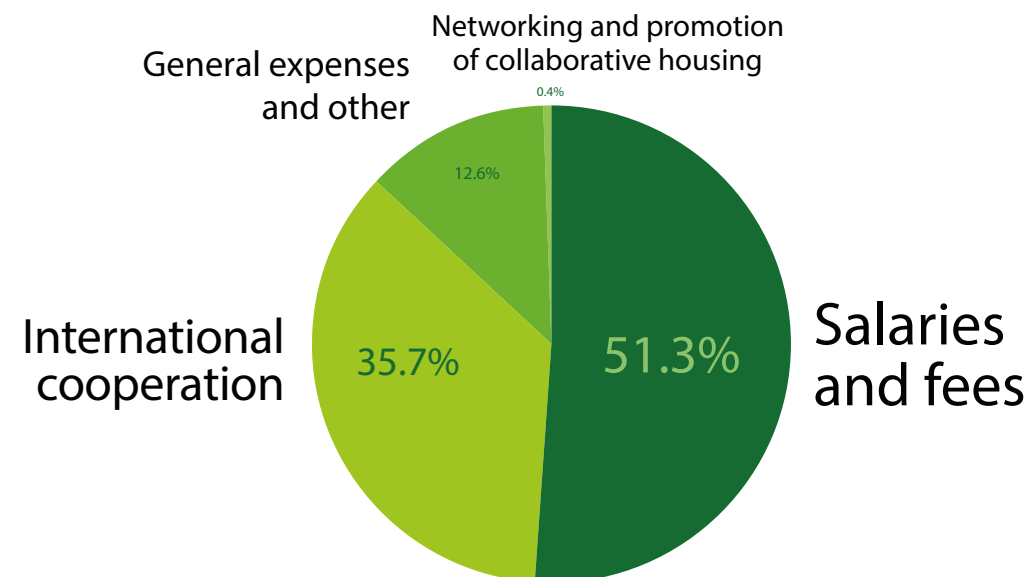
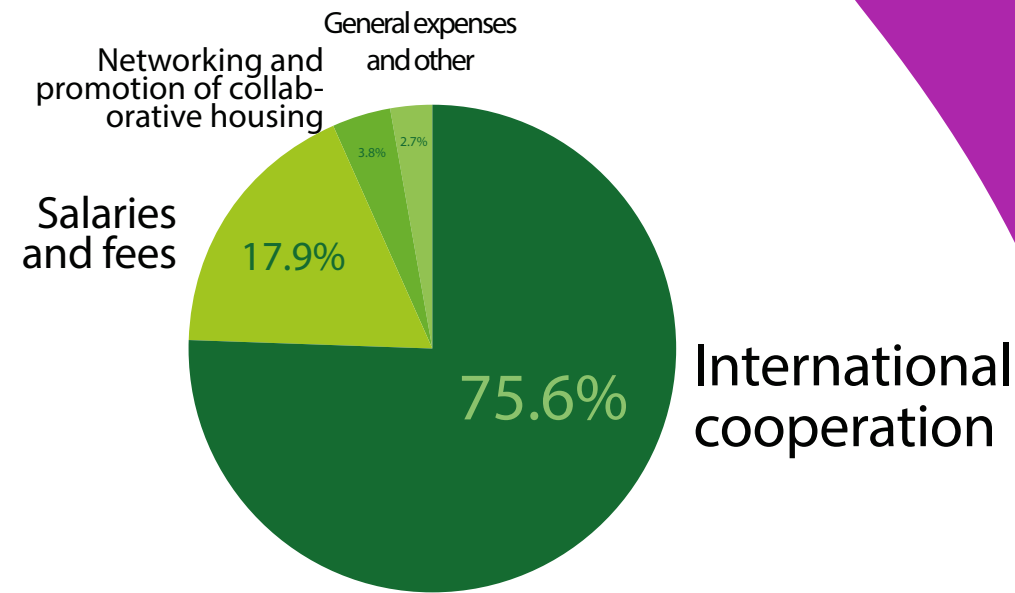


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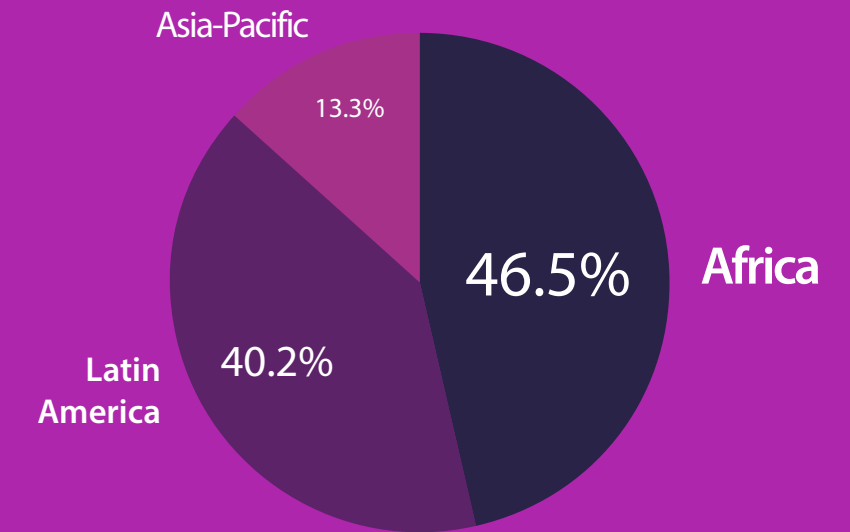
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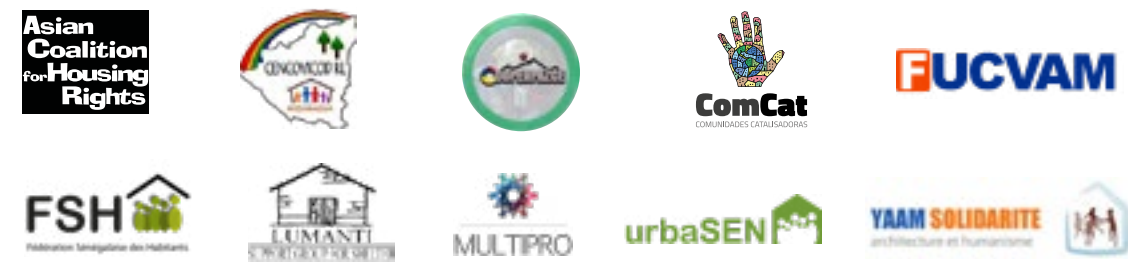


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