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UrbaMonde in a few words

The city and the habitat produced by and for the residents

UrbaMonde is committed to cities built by their residents, alongside public and private players. In a bottom-up dynamic and with appropriate support, residents organise, plan, finance, build and manage housing, communal spaces and urban restructuring and renewal processes.

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

Convinced that the inhabitants and final users of urban space should be at the centre 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 carrying out their collaborative housing projects in Africa, Latin America and Asia. We also raise awareness about 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, foster connection between housing actors, encourage the exchange of best practice and enhance the visibility of inspiring community-led housing projects, both globally and within the European context.



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Abbreviations

ABZ Allgemeine Baugenossenschaft Zürich

AETCR Former Territorial Training and Reincorporation Sites

ACHR Asian Coalition for Housing Rights

AFD French Development Agency

CECOVI Central de cooperativas de viviendas Nuestra Obra R.L. Nicaragua

CHI Cooperative Housing International

COMCAT Comunidades Catalisadoras

CVAM Mutual Aid Housing Cooperative

ENFORMA National Training School of FUCVAM

ETHZ Eidgenössische Technische Hochschule Zürich

FEDEVACO Fédération Vaudoise de Coopération

FGC Fédération Genevoise de Coopération

FSH Senegalese Inhabitants Federation

FUCVAM Uruguayan Federation of Housing Cooperatives for Mutual Aid

HIC Habitat International Coalition

IIED International Institute for Environment and Development

ISHF International Social Housing Festival

PSH Social Housing Production

SCE European Cooperative Society

SDI Slum Dwellers International

UEMOA Union Economique et Monétaire Ouest-Africaine

UNAL National University of Colombia

WBG ZH Wohnbaugenossenschaften Zurich

Editorial

urbaMonde's work is rooted in very different places: Dakar, Geneva, Matagalpa, Boassa, Rio, Dhaka, Montevideo...

Different in their cultures, climates, languages, landscapes, socio-economic realities and political situations, they all share the common feature of being in the process of transforming themselves, year after year, in terms of their habitat.

Collectives are being created and professionalised, legal frameworks are evolving, solidarity is being built, financial circuits are being consolidated and, of course, houses are being built in a spirit of solidarity, streets are coming alive, neighbourhoods are coming (again) to life. And these experiences are then shared: from collective to collective, know-how circulates and eventually passes from one continent to another.

This gradual transformation is possible thanks to the commitment, creativity and professionalism of residents, professionals, democratic authorities and donor organisations who are resolutely determined to change the situation on the ground, so that the notions of "the right to housing" and "the right to the city" can be translated into concrete action.

The urbaMonde team is enthusiastically contributing to this multifaceted and mutually supportive movement to transform housing, enriched year after year by exchanges with partners in all these very different, but ultimately so close and so similar, places.

In 2023, in a global situation under great stress, the **participative housing models** championed by urbaMonde and its partners **continued to demonstrate their dynamism, resilience and transformative potential towards a more just and sustainable world.** The growing interest in these inclusive and affordable housing solutions and the strong international recognition confirm the importance of continuing efforts through international solidarity and support activities. With this in mind, urbaMonde has continued its efforts by establishing new partnerships, especially through two new international cooperation projects in Bangladesh and Indonesia.

The urbaMonde team



SUPPORT TO TERRITORIAL PROJECTS

Promoting peace and reconciliation in Colombia through community-led housing

In collaboration with ETH Zurich and the Universidad Nacional de Colombia, urbaMonde is supporting a community of 350 ex-combatants in their process of social and economic empowerment. The project aims to improve their living and housing conditions in the AETCR of Tierra Grata, in the department of César, in northern Colombia.

The three organisations are providing technical assistance in the participatory planning and construction of community buildings and spaces. **The aim is to strengthen cooperative values within the community,** develop opportunities for income-generating activities, and ensure the sustainability of the buildings and the security of

the land. With this project, we are contributing to the peace process and promoting participatory housing models in Colombia.

In 2023, the residents, with the support of UNAL, ETHZ and urbaMonde, finalised their participatory project for the ecological construction of a warehouse/hardware store strategically located on the outskirts of AETCR. The aim of the project is to enable the AETCR to develop long-term economic activities and strengthen its local roots. This project was made possible thanks to the financial support of the ABZ housing cooperative in Zurich.

BENEFICIARIES: **350 people**
DURATION: **1 year (2022-2023)**
TOTAL BUDGET: **CHF 33'542.-**
URBAMONDE CONTRIBUTION: **CHF 25'000.-**



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

This international cooperation project, supported by the FGC, is the fruit of collaboration between urbaMonde and Comunidades Catalisadoras (ComCat), an NGO based in Rio de Janeiro.

Begun in 2022 for a period of three years, it aims to promote land security and strengthen vulnerable urban communities through the development of the Community Land Trust (CLT) model in Brazil. By opposing property speculation and preventing evictions, CLTs combine collective land management (collective ownership of land) and the individual interests of residents (individual ownership of buildings).

Adapting the CLT model to the Brazilian context is strategic in the context of

informal settlements, where the risks of forced displacement and gentrification are a constant threat to poor urban communities.

2023 was marked by major progress in disseminating the model at national level, with workshops organised in all regions. At the legislative level, the model has been included in Rio de Janeiro's Master Plan, a major step forward. At present, 3 pilot communities are committed to implementing a CLT in Rio de Janeiro. The participatory workshops have enabled progress to be made in the construction of the CLT legal entity in the various communities, all of which have carried out important reflections on the collective management of their territories.



BENEFICIARIES: **1 610 people**
DURATION: **3 years (2022-2024)**
TOTAL BUDGET: **CHF 369,647.-**
URBAMONDE-SWITZERLAND CONTRIBUTION:
CHF 252,755.-



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.

In a context where the housing shortage is still significant, the CVAM model helps to make the right to adequate housing a reality through the principles of self-management, mutual aid and collective ownership. It helps to counter property speculation, reduce costs and strengthen community organisation, resilience and social cohesion.

At the end of 2023, of the seven CVAMs, five owned their land collectively, two of which had completed building their homes. Among these cooperatives, the Victoria de Noviembre cooperative is made up mainly of agricultural workers.

The annual social housing congress, in collaboration with the National Engineering University (UNI), raised the visibility of the project at national level. Public recognition is crucial for obtaining credits and grants, a major challenge for these communities. The reflection on the use of local materials continued with an increased interest in bamboo, in collaboration with the Centro de Entendimiento de la Naturaleza (CEN) based in Matagalpa.

BENEFICIARIES: **1 000 people**
DURATION: **3 years (2021-2024)**
TOTAL BUDGET: **CHF 385 799.-**
URBAMONDE-SWITZERLAND CONTRIBUTION: **CHF 385 799.-**

Support for the development of housing cooperatives in Uruguay

UrbaMonde and the Uruguayan Federation of Cooperatives for Mutual Aid (FUCVAM) joined forces in 2016 to strengthen and develop the model of mutual aid housing cooperatives (CVAM) in Uruguay and more broadly in Latin America.

Founded on the principles of direct democracy, mutual aid, collective ownership and self-management, this model emphasises the participation of local residents in the entire process of production and management of their housing. It enables people on low incomes to access adequate housing without prior savings.

In 2023, the 3rd three-year phase of this FGC-supported project began. The aim is to continue efforts to strengthen this social movement as an agent of change,

both nationally (more than 80,000 people currently housed) and in Latin America (model replicated in 8 other countries).

The CVAM model emphasises popular education and the training of inhabitants and their rights, through the reinforcement of the National Training School (ENFORMA) and the strengthening of the Gender Commission, which carries out important work to raise awareness and support women cooperative members.

In 2023, activities focused on training in cooperative management and the organisation of workshops on coexistence for the inhabitants of housing cooperatives that are members of FUCVAM.



BENEFICIARIES: **6 400 people**
DURATION: **3 years (2023-2026)**
TOTAL BUDGET: **CHF 429 435.-**
URBAMONDE-SWITZERLAND CONTRIBUTION:
CHF 378 830.-



BENEFICIARIES: **1 000 households / 10 000 people**
DURATION: **3 years (2021-2024)**
TOTAL BUDGET: **CHF 1 101 000.-**
URBAMONDE-SWITZERLAND CONTRIBUTION: **CHF 825 000.-**
URBAMONDE-FRANCE CONTRIBUTION: **EUR 225 000.-**

Africa

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

Continuing 15 years of collaboration with our Senegalese partner urbaSEN who supports the Senegalese Federation of Inhabitants (FSH), urbaMonde is accompanying the **Cité FSH project, a sustainable eco-district for vulnerable women** in the Dakar region.

Since November 2021, this partnership has focused on developing the architectural and urban programming for this ambitious **greenfield project of 150 affordable and sustainable homes, dedicated to low- and irregular-income households**, members of the FSH. At the same time, a number of approaches have been made to government and financial players to model the project and ensure that it can be replicated over time.

Local materials are at the heart of this future district, which aims to be both innovative and a national showcase. The project includes a **sustainable construction training program**. UrbaSEN has trained some sixty craftspeople in the production and use of compressed earth bricks. They will also **set up an earth brickworks** on the construction site to supply the necessary materials.

This program benefits from financial support from the Fondation Abbé Pierre, the FGC and FEDEVACO, and assistance from the French Ministry of Ecological Transition and Territorial Cohesion in adapting the ecoQuartier approach to the Senegalese context. The Cité FSH project has been recognized by the Senegalese Ministry of Urban Planning, Housing and Public Hygiene.

Animation and development of the Urban Fabric Initiative

UrbaMonde participated in the implementation of the **Urban Fabric Initiative of Dakar** (Pépinrière Urbaine de Dakar - PUD) from 2020 to 2023, in consortium with Gret, urbaSEN, the Etc collective and Transitec, thanks to funding from AFD and UN-Habitat.

The PUD is linked to the deployment of major mobility infrastructures in the Dakar conurbation: the Regional Express Train and the Bus Rapid Transit. Against this backdrop, the Urban Fabric Initiative approach encourages users and residents to take ownership of future public transport facilities, by co-designing and co-constructing public spaces.

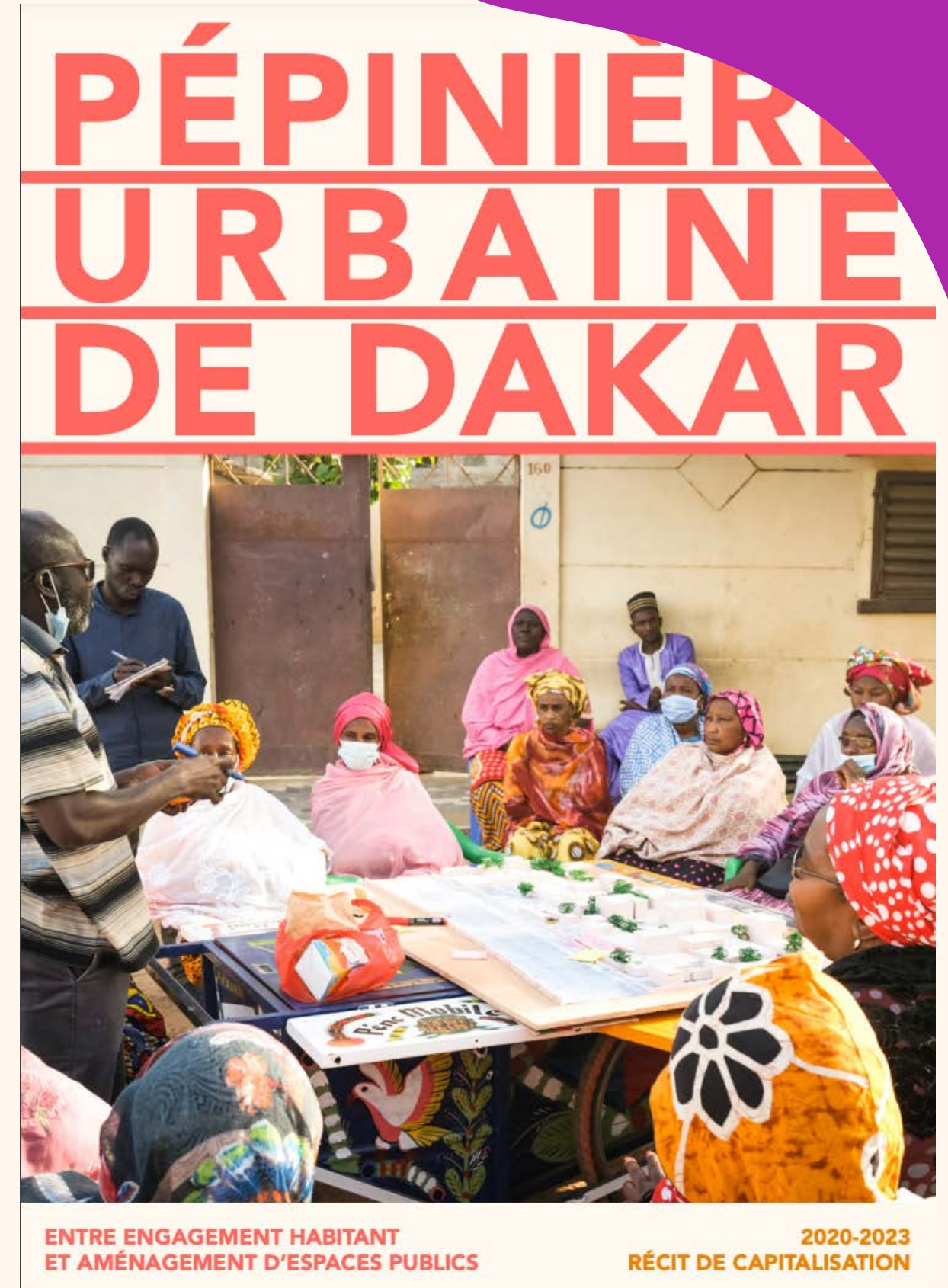
Developments on five sites in various outlying districts of Dakar and in the towns of Rufisque and Pikine were defined during participatory workshops.

At the end of 2023, the PUD project was brought to a close with the publication of a **capitalisation report**.

UrbaMonde is also part of the management team of the **Urban Fabric Initiative Network**, alongside Gret and Cabanon Vertical. The aim of the programme is to test new forms of governance and urban development involving project owners and civil society in innovative urban development initiatives, in particular through support missions, training and exchanges.

In 2023 three Urban Fabric Initiative are active (Kenya, Madagascar, Burkina Faso), and three are finalised (Senegal, Tunisia, Côte d'Ivoire). New projects are being rolled out in Rwanda and Liberia.

DURATION: **4 years (2020-2023)**
TOTAL BUDGET: **EUR 1 800 000**
URBAMONDE-FRANCE CONTRIBUTION: **EUR 164 694**
PROJECTS: **3 Urban Fabrics completed, 3 in progress, 2 in the start-up phase**



Integrated Flood Risk Management Program

In the informal settlements on the outskirts of Dakar, flooding is a daily occurrence for residents. The Pikine Irrégulier Nord Guédiawaye - Comprehensive Flood Risk Management (PING-GIRI) project aims to **test innovative solutions to improve the resilience of these neighbourhoods** in the face of this risk.

UrbaMonde took part in implementing the first phase of the project from 2019 to 2023 with Gret, urbaSEN and FSH, thanks to funding from AFD and the Lyon water fund. **Several capitalisation documents** and various presentations highlight the participatory approach at the heart of this project.

Since September 2023, urbaMonde has been leading with partners a new phase of the project which is being rolled out in the communes of Wakhinane

Nimzatt and Ndiareme Limamoulaye, with financial support from the City of Paris, the Ile-de-France Region, the Aix-Marseille water fund and International Budget Partnership.

This approach combines measures to anticipate the risk of flooding (adapting housing, participatory planning, raising awareness and setting up warning systems ahead of rainfall), building community and public infrastructure for draining wastewater and rainwater, and finally ensuring the long-term sustainable and shared management of the works. The project is backed by the FSH's revolving fund that provides loans to enable residents to make a financial contribution to the works.



BENEFICIARIES: **6 100 people**
DURATION: **2 years (2023-2025)**
TOTAL BUDGET: **EUR 518 212**
URBAMONDE-FRANCE CONTRIBUTION: **EUR 82 380**



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 Abbé Pierre Foundation and piloted by the NGO Craterre, urbaMonde is supporting Yaam Solidarité in its consolidation process as a **player in urban planning and the production of decent and sustainable housing in Burkina Faso**. A first phase of the project was completed at the end of 2022 and a new one was drawn up in the first half of 2023. However, this phase has been put on hold due to the withdrawal of AFD funding in Burkina Faso.

This project aims to create **financial, land and organisational mechanisms** to strengthen the capacity of residents in the informal neighbourhood of Boassa (Ouagadougou) to improve their living

environment. As a result of this work, a revolving fund has been set up, managed by the Federation of inhabitants of Burkina Faso and fed by residents' savings. UrbaMonde is facilitating the exchange of experience between inhabitants' federations in Burkina Faso, Senegal and Guinea Bissau and their respective support NGOs (Yaam Solidarité, urbaSEN and GRDR), particularly with regard to training in building with sustainable local materials.

In 2023, urbaMonde helped set up phase 2 of the project and provided support to the team and the residents' federation.

BENEFICIARIES: **5 500 people**
DURATION: **6 years (2019-2026)**
TOTAL BUDGET: **EUR 2 050 000**
URBAMONDE-FRANCE CONTRIBUTION: **EUR 59 700**



Strengthening the community-led housing regional network

In 2019, the Asian Coalition for Housing Rights (ACHR) and urbaMonde launched an international cooperation project with the support of the FGC. This coalition, coordinated from Thailand and Nepal, brings together housing professionals, NGOs and community organisations from around fifteen Asian countries. The members of ACHR work alongside the residents of informal settlements, promoting and implementing innovative and inclusive housing solutions to counter the region's inappropriate urban planning.

In 2023, a 2nd three-year phase of this project was launched to continue **strengthening this Asian regional network, as well as national networks of groups of residents and participatory housing professionals in ten countries:** Thailand, Myanmar, Nepal, India, Bangladesh, Indonesia, the Philippines, Vietnam, Cambodia and Pakistan.

The aim is to gain recognition for the legitimacy of exemplary initiatives undertaken by poor urban communities and to enable them to scale up. The emphasis is on **exchanges of experience, documentation, training and political advocacy.** During 2023, collaboration between ACHR and urbaMonde was strengthened through the formulation of new international cooperation projects with three of its member organisations (see below).

The many projects documented by ACHR as part of this project can be found on cohabitat.io and on the [ACHR website](https://www.achr.org/).



Building a participatory and cooperative housing movement in Indonesia

In 2023, urbaMonde established a partnership with the **Urban Poor Consortium** (UPC) as part of a new international cooperation project supported by the FGC. UPC is an association founded in 1997 in Jakarta in response to urban poverty. **It networks and defends the interests of people living in informal settlements, while campaigning for urban poverty to be included in government programmes and policies.**

In Indonesia, participatory housing initiatives, such as housing cooperatives, represent an opportunity for poor urban communities to gain access to adequate housing. Examples in Jakarta, such as the **Akuarium cooperative** in the historic district of Kota Tua, have demonstrated their potential. This three-year project aims to strengthen

this housing model by building a national movement of housing co-operatives for low-income communities and by ensuring that a national legal framework and appropriate support tools are put in place.

This project supports UPC in its activities to accompany poor urban communities in 7 cities in Indonesia (Jakarta, Surabaya, Yogyakarta, Bandar Lampung, Makassar, Palu and Kendari), in particular implementing advocacy, capacity building and networking activities aimed at creating the necessary conditions for the development of housing cooperatives in vulnerable urban neighbourhoods.

BENEFICIARIES: **2 500 people**
DURATION: **3 years (2023-2026)**
TOTAL BUDGET: **CHF 314 024.-**
URBAMONDE-SWITZERLAND CONTRIBUTION:
CHF 250 019.-



BENEFICIARIES: **1 200 people**
DURATION: **3 years (2023-2026)**
TOTAL BUDGET: **CHF 275 124.-**
URBAMONDE-SWITZERLAND CONTRIBUTION: **CHF 251 213.-**



Strengthening the participative housing movement in Bangladesh

In 2023, urbaMonde also established a new collaboration with the **Platform of Community Action and Architecture (POCAA)** and **Grambangla Unnayan Committee (GUC)**, based in Dhaka, Bangladesh, as part of a new international cooperation project supported by the FGC. POCAA is a platform set up in 2013 that **brings together professionals (architects, engineers, urban planners, sociologists, geographers, etc.) working alongside residents of informal settlements to improve their housing.**

Faced with the major challenges of climate change and urbanisation affecting Bangladesh, this 3-year project aims to support the efforts of these two organisations in **supporting and empowering low-income communities in 3 cities** (Dhaka,

Jhenaidah and Sylhet). At the heart of the approach is the promotion of participatory housing solutions, such as housing cooperatives or other housing models based on democratic principles and collective mechanisms for access to land and finance.

The activities developed focus more specifically on **capacity-building for residents, improving the training** of future housing professionals to ensure appropriate technical assistance and **political advocacy** by networking communities at city and national level.

Solidarity among residents

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

It is also a fundamental value supported by housing cooperatives and other organisations promoting participatory housing. Solidarity, at all levels, is now more essential than ever to facilitate access to decent and sustainable housing for the most vulnerable.

With this in mind, urbaMonde would like to take this opportunity to thank the Swiss and French housing co-operatives, organisations and individuals who have shown their solidarity with groups of disadvantaged residents to enable them to carry out their innovative participative and ecological housing projects.

The Habitat Solidarity Fund (FHAS) is a support tool coordinated by urbaMonde to collect donations for the revolving funds of its partners in the Global South.

These financial mechanisms, managed locally and in a decentralised

way, help to strengthen and empower these grassroots players. These tools provide access to affordable financing for vulnerable groups who are excluded from traditional banking institutions. Their revolving principle makes it possible to secure long-term funds, which remain in the hands of local communities, by providing flexible access to capital for the purchase of land, renovation or construction. The funds come from residents' savings, donations and funds from international cooperation projects. UrbaMonde, as a partner, carries out regular monitoring and evaluations to ensure that the funds are being properly managed and used on an ongoing basis.

Since its creation in 2018, the FHAS has raised over 70,000 CHF in donations.

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UrbaSEN and the FSH's revolving fund in Senegal

The urban renewal revolving fund created in 2016 is intended for groups of residents organised within the Senegalese Federation of Inhabitants (FSH). It is managed by our partner urbaSEN and finances the rehabilitation of precarious housing in the suburbs of Dakar and micro-developments in public spaces, through loans accessible to vulnerable populations. The revolving fund is inspired by traditional solidarity practices (tontines), which involve contributions to a common fund managed by a group of people, usually from the same neighbourhood. The amounts saved are entrusted in turn to each member of the group, thus contributing to the economy of the families. The revolving fund also supports the development of income-generating activities (AGR) by granting loans of between 250,000 and 500,000 CFA francs (370 to 740 EUR) to member groups.

Since its creation, the revolving fund has rehabilitated 1 021 houses at a cost of 945 567 269 CFA francs (1.404.413 EUR) helping to improve the living environment of more than 10 210 people in the Dakar suburbs (June 2024). To date, the FHaS has contributed 30.924 EUR to the revolving fund.



The Multipro and CECOVI revolving fund in Nicaragua

The revolving fund set up by Multipro and the local federation of housing cooperatives, CECOVI, provides affordable loans to help local housing cooperatives purchase land and finance the construction of housing. It is managed horizontally by these two bodies, allowing future residents to be involved in all the decision-making processes. As a supporting player through the international cooperation project that enabled the creation of this fund, urbaMonde also participates in the decision-making processes and carries out regular monitoring.

Since its creation in 2017, this fund has supported 6 housing cooperatives in the department of Matagalpa in the purchase of land and the construction of houses and infrastructure for a total amount of loans of USD 186,500. For these loans granted to the cooperatives, over 4 years for the purchase of land and 10 years for the construction, 60% of the total amount loaned had already been repaid by 31 July 2023. To date, the FHaS has contributed 18.973 EUR CHF 18,420 to the revolving fund of Multipro and CECOVI.



PROMOTION OF COMMUNITY-LED HOUSING

Since 2014, urbaMonde has been leading and developing the CoHabitat Network, an informal, not-for-profit network of civil society organisations and allies promoting community-led solutions in response to global and local manifestations of the housing crisis.

It aims to recognise and strengthen the power of people and communities to become full players in the production of their habitat, while contributing to the creation of favourable environments that support these participative solutions.

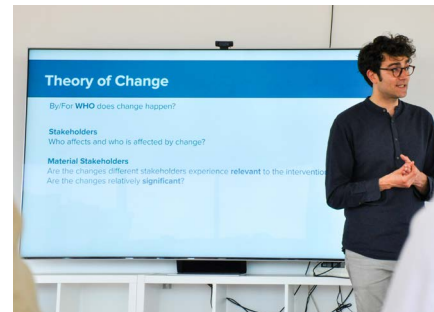
The collaboration between the 26 member organisations of the Network, representing over 50 countries worldwide, aims to:

- **Unleash creativity and solidarity** through mutual learning by sharing experiences.
- **Collectively defend** the interests of Network members through joint events, campaigns, publications, public statements and support for local struggles.
- **Produce knowledge and good practice** for different audiences through research, systematisations, international awards, project mapping and policy recommendations.
- **Experiment with and promote innovative financial tools** to help participatory housing initiatives emerge and grow.
- **Networking and facilitating opportunities** for collaboration between strategic players in different fields in order to create new synergies.

Highlights 2023



International Social Housing Festival in Barcelona.



New theory of change and governance charter.



Systematisation process on community empowerment in Africa, Latin America and Asia.

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Partnership between urbaMonde, MOBA SCE, Sostre Civic and NETCO to promote the cooperative housing movement on a European scale.



Participation of urbaMonde in the establishment of a pan-European network of student housing co-operatives.

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.

Once again, several of the 8 winners for 2024, selected in 2023, are direct partners of urbaMonde or Community-Led Housing projects.

We are delighted with this impressive haul of medals for projects led by communities and would like to congratulate in particular our new Indonesian partner, the Urban Poor Consortium, and our colleagues in Geneva at La Ciguë for their remarkable work, which has been recognised at the highest level this year.

World Habitat Awards 2023

Rujak Center & Urban Poor Consortium, Indonesia - GOLD Winner
The right to housing in Jakarta: collective action and political advocacy

La Ciguë, Switzerland - SILVER Winner
Housing cooperative for affordable student accommodation in Geneva

Coopérative 1892 eV, Germany - BRONZE Winner
Nettelbeckplatz: Sustainable, affordable and accessible housing in Berlin

New Ground CoHousing Community, United Kingdom - BRONZE Winner
First collaborative housing project for women over 50 in the United Kingdom



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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 methods in terms of planning, construction and management.

COHOPE

Collaborative Housing
in a Pandemic Era

● 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 **COHOPE (Collaborative Housing in a Pandemic Era)**, is coordinated by Lund University (Sweden) and involves the universities of Seville, Vienna and Lyon.

UrbaMonde participates in coordination with French partners in the consortium (**Habitat Participatif France**, **Hal' âge** and **EPOK**), and is responsible for defining and implementing recommendations for public housing policies by partners from different countries.

In 2023, urbaMonde participated in the various stages of the project's implementation, in international meetings in Stockholm in September and Vienna in December, and drafted a contextualisation document on housing policies and collaborative housing in France.

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" which ended in 2023.



**UNIVERSITÉ
DE GENÈVE**

● UrbaMonde is member of the **Urban Hub** and 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 from the Territorial Development Master's programme in the framework of internships focusing on international cooperation.

In 2023, among others, urbaMonde participated in the following events...

Webinars and round-tables

Abbé Pierre Foundation

Webinar "Collective savings and the fight against flooding in Dakar",
12 April 2023

Habitat Francophone Network

Presentation of the Cité FSH eco-neighbourhood project at the 55th conference of the network in Dakar, 17 May 2023

Legacoop Abitanti, ISHF Barcelona

Round table "New Mutuality," presentation of Swiss housing cooperatives,
6 June 2023

Cooperative Housing International, ISHF Barcelona

Community housing solutions for students and seniors, 8 June 2023

Ateliers de Maîtrise d'Œuvre de Cergy-Pontoise, France

Webinaire Métamorphoses - Cities and territories recomposed in the face of climate challenges, 28 June 2023

Cara Casa, Fondazione Housing Sociale and Order of Architects of Milan, Italy

Hybrid conference concluding the Cara Casa programme, 28 September 2023

Habitat International Coalition Co-learning spaces

Online exchange of experiences, presentation of the CoHabitat network,
28 October 2023

Climate Chance Conference «Sustainable Housing and Climate Change in Africa»

Organisation and moderation of the round table entitled "Co-designing development strategies for affordable, dignified housing that is resilient to climate change," 23 and 24 October 2023 in Yaoundé, Cameroon

University classes

University of Geneva Speech at the «Territorial development in the South» workshop, 28 March 2023

University of Aix-Marseille, Master 1 Geography, France

Workshop: "Building the city from the bottom up," 8 November 2023

Catholic University of Chile, Master's Degree, Chile

Presentation on PSH in the course on Social Innovation in Construction, 24 November 2023

Sciences Po Rennes, Master's Degree in Urban Network Services Engineering - Cities in the Making (ISUR), France

Twelve hours of presentations on "Land Issues and Social Production of Habitat," Sept-Dec 2023



Visits and more:

At the request of the Fondazione Housing Sociale and the Order of Architects of Milan, urbaMonde organised a meeting between a group of young Italian architects, winners of the [Cara Casa](#) initiative, and the co-operative developer of residents' co-operatives [Atelier 15](#) in Ivry-sur-Seine. The group was able to talk to the founder of the Paris-based studio and visit several participative housing projects on the slopes of Ivry-sur-Seine ([Coop Coteau](#), [Coop Bossettes](#) and [EcooVillars](#)).

UrbaMonde coordinated the visit of the Zurich umbrella organisation for housing cooperatives (WBG Zurich) to Geneva on 1 June 2023. The day was an opportunity for the Zurich-based players to discover the inspiring projects of Geneva's housing co-operatives and

to exchange views with the Grouping of Geneva Housing Cooperatives (GCHG).

In parallel with this visit, urbaMonde also welcomed its local partner Multipro from Nicaragua to Geneva and organised meetings with the FGC and other local players, such as APRÈS-GE, La Rencontre housing cooperative and Ithaque association.

In December 2023, urbaMonde took part in the founding of the [Commoning Space Network](#) in Berlin, an initiative supported by the Mietshäusersyndikat bringing together some fifteen organisations active in participatory housing in Europe. It was also an opportunity to visit the inspiring [Studentendorf Schlachtensee](#) project.

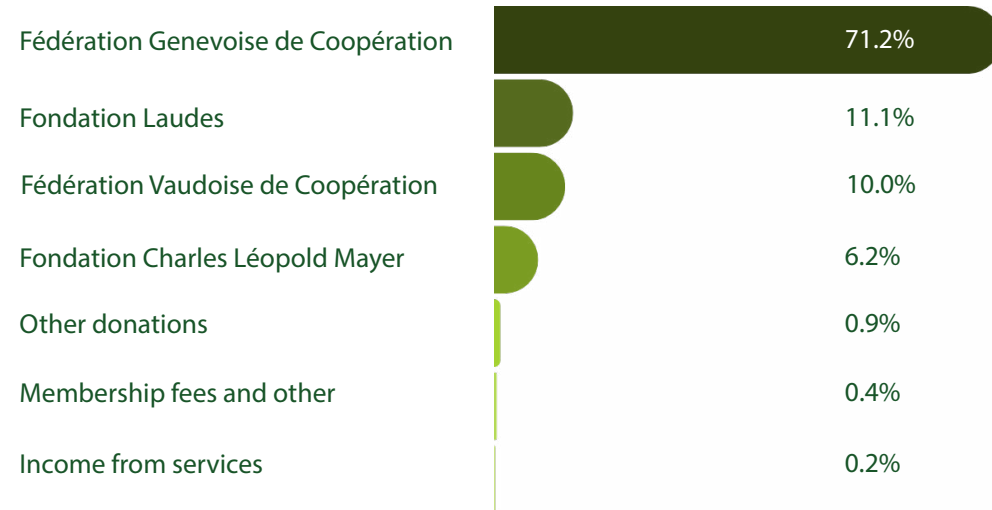


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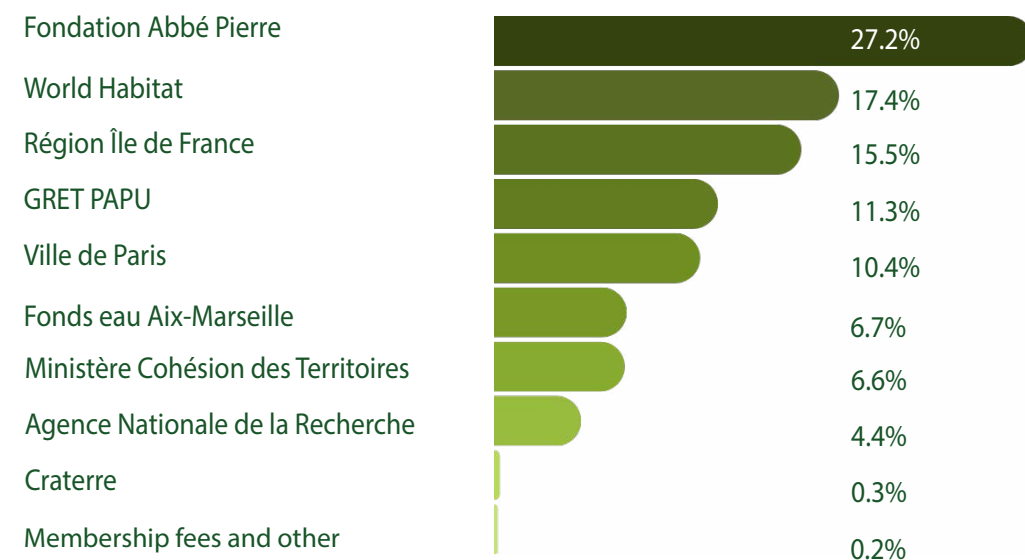
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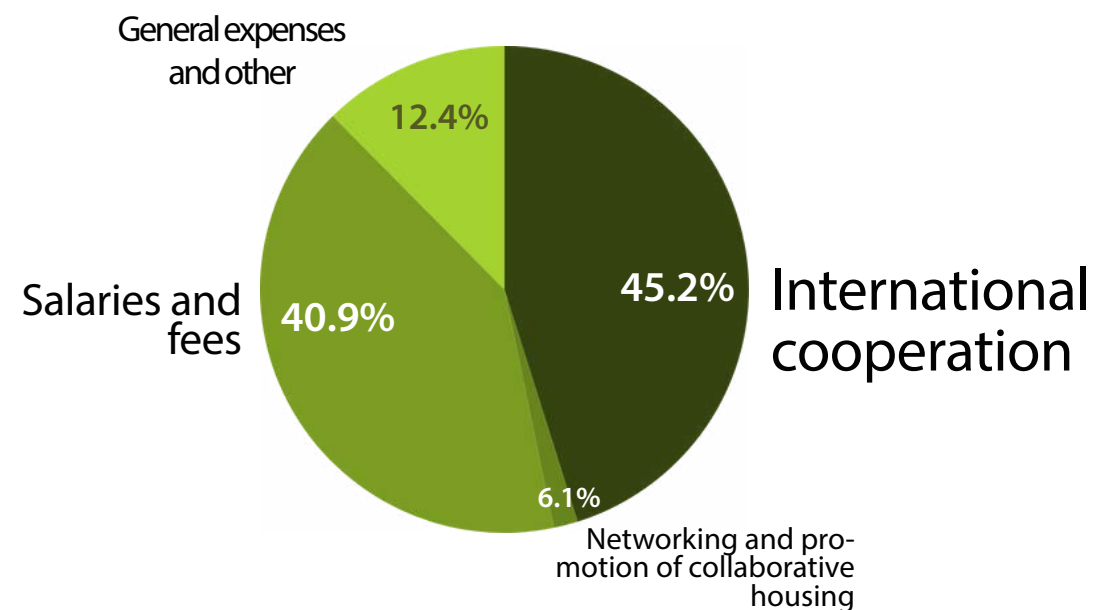
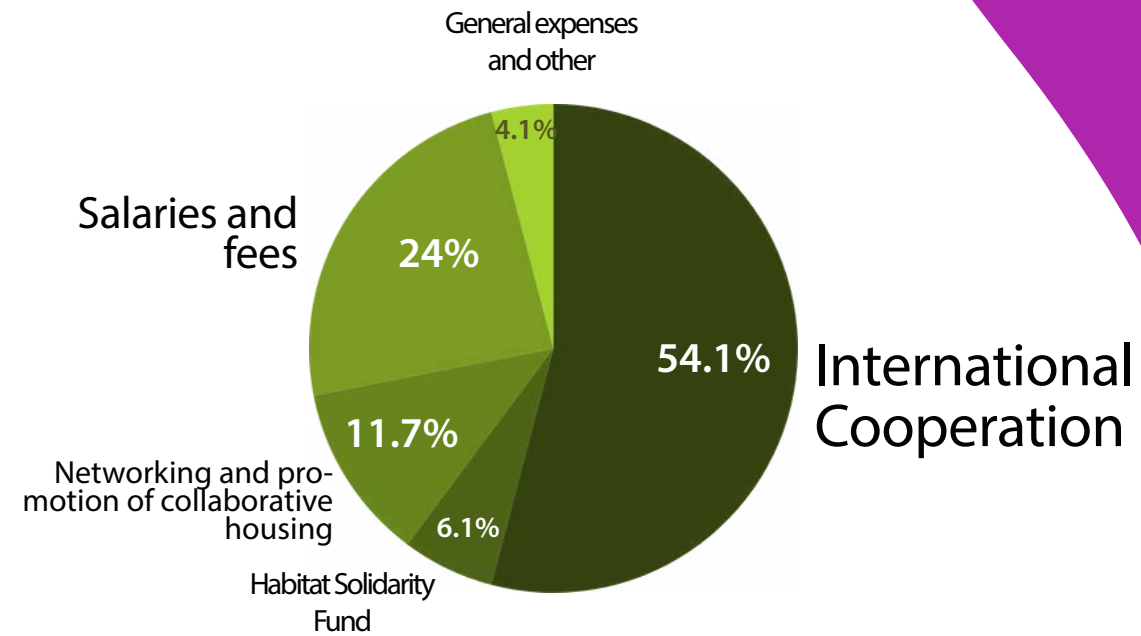


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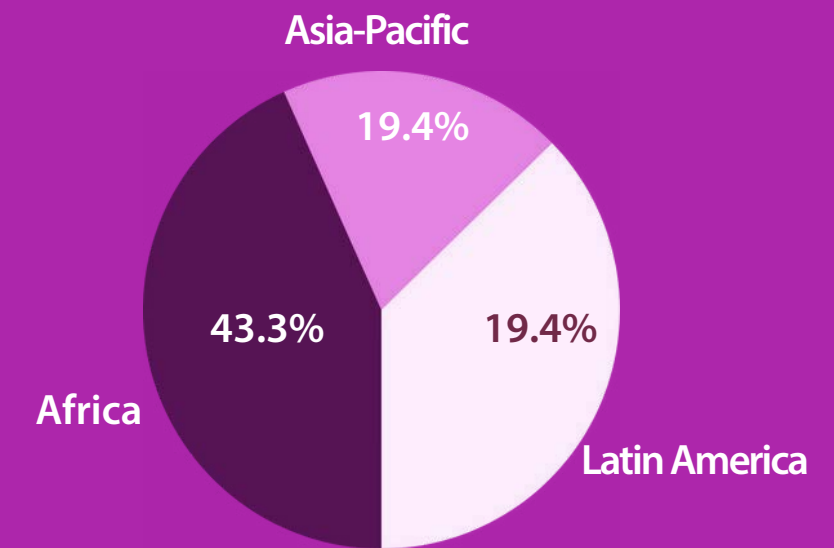
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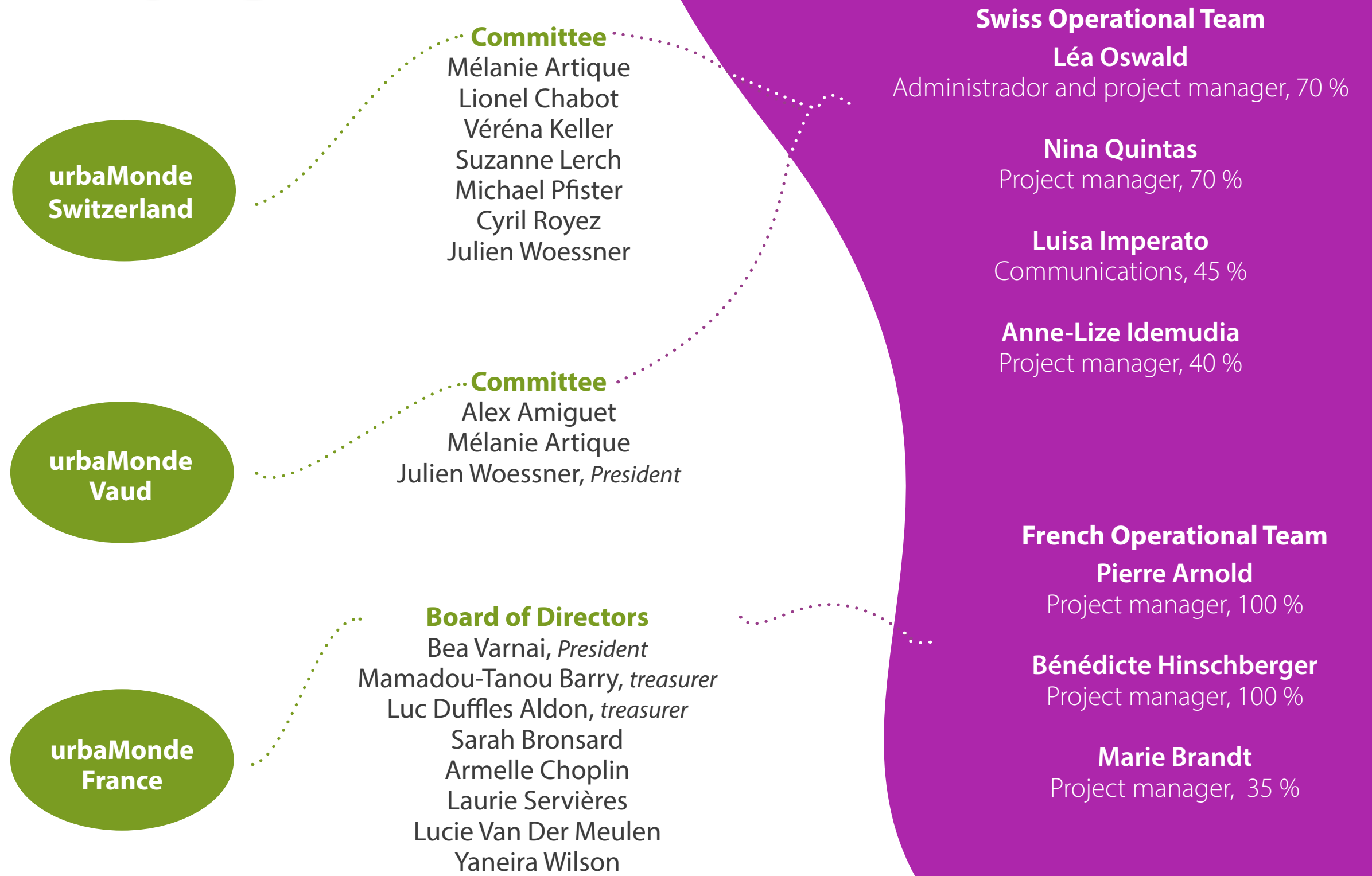


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ASSOCIATION STRUCTURE 2023

UrbaMonde is made up of **three independent, non-profit associations**: urbaMonde-Switzerland, urbaMonde-Vaud and urbaMonde-France. The Swiss committees, the French board of directors and the Swiss and French operational teams work together to set the strategic direction and decide collectively on the activities and projects to be implemented in the medium and long term.

A number of activities, particularly in connection with the CoHabitat Network and certain international cooperation projects, as well as a number of one-off mandates, are carried out in collaboration between Switzerland and France.



In 2023...

... **Marie Brandt** joined the urbaMonde-France team to work on the CoHope project. We welcome her!

... **Alejandra Sanchez** and **Rafael Resende**, students of the Master in Territorial Development at the UNIGE, have completed a 6-month internship at urbaMonde-Switzerland. Many thanks to them for their precious support!

... **urbaMonde-Suisse** has moved from its offices in the Sentier des Saules to **rue de Varembe 1, CH-1202 Geneva**, alongside the friend organisation Philea.

... **Luisa Imperato** has left her post as Head of Communications to start new adventures. The whole team and committee would like to thank her sincerely for her commitment and excellent work during her 4 years with urbaMonde-Suisse, and wish her all the best for the future!

... **Simon Julien** has completed a 3-month assignment in support of communications. Many thanks to him for his work!

... **urbaMonde** has continued to strengthen its structure thanks to new funding, in particular the support from the Laudes Foundation, **enabling it to continue the work of consolidating human resources** begun in 2021 as part of its five-year strategy.





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