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Open knowledge

Open possibilities

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Foreword from the President

Working every day to build a more open and peaceful world through better sharing of knowledge.



Patrick Weil

President of Libraries
Without Borders

Dear friends,

It is with immense gratitude that I am sharing the 2022 Annual Report with you, which is a testament to an incredibly busy year for Bibliothèques Sans Frontières. Three key events have strengthened our determination to continue our urgent and necessary mission to provide the most vulnerable with access to knowledge.

First, let me recognize our teams' incredible mobilization in response to the war in Ukraine. Just a few days after the invasion began, we put together an emergency plan combining the best of BSF's expertise to help Ukrainian displaced persons and refugees. In addition to deploying ten emergency Ideas Box for refugees at the border and displaced persons in Ukraine, and thirty-one "microlibraries" in reception facilities in France, Belgium, and Italy, the crisis also drove us to innovate, creating the free application "Bonjour" in record time, which allows refugees to learn French and integrate into their host country.

2022 was also marked by the signing of a major partnership with the United Nations to help female victims of conflict-related sexual violence. In the coming months and years, dozens of Ideas Box will be deployed in the areas most affected by these crimes in order to help women rebuild their lives through psychological and legal support and by providing them with vocational training.

This partnership demonstrates the relevance of our action in the eyes of the largest international institutions, and validates the logic behind the change in scale that we are in the process of implementing as part of our "Horizon 2030" project. Boosted by over two million euros raised in associative securities last year, this strategy aims to triple our impact by the end of the decade.

Finally, we wish to recognize the remarkable work carried out by the national member associations of the BSF network in the United States, Belgium, and Italy. Their dedication reinforces our global presence and allows us to create powerful collaborations that increase our impact in the field.

In 2022 in total, the associations in our international network (including BSF France) reached more than 450,000 people—72% of whom were under 25 years old—in 18 countries.

None of this would be possible without the unfailing support of our partners, volunteers, members, and donors, to whom I would like to extend my warmest thanks. Your presence alongside us honors us and motivates us to never weaken our efforts.

Despite these troubled times, the horizon remains clear: **"Open knowledge, open possibilities."**

Our initiatives

LIBRARIES WITHOUT BORDERS EMPOWERS VULNERABLE POPULATIONS BY FACILITATING THEIR ACCESS TO EDUCATION, CULTURAL KNOWLEDGE, AND INFORMATION.

Our methodology

1. CREATING TOOLS

to provide greater access to learning, entertainment, and (re)creating social bonds.



2. SELECTING CONTENT

(or custom-make it) to meet the needs and uses of those benefiting from our initiatives.



3. TRAINING MEDIATORS

at our partner NGOs, associations, and public libraries to enable them to use our tools have the greatest impact possible with their target audiences.



Where we operate



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OUR THEMATIC EXPERTISE

Based on a library of 56,000 physical and digital resources in 26 languages, BSF projects are organized around 5 main themes:

Education & fundamental skills	Culture & reading for all	Citizenship & social cohesion	Preventative healthcare	Professional life & entrepreneurship
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1 NO POVERTY	3 GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING	4 QUALITY EDUCATION	5 GENDER EQUALITY
8 DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH	10 REDUCED INEQUALITIES	13 CLIMATE ACTION	16 PEACE, JUSTICE AND STRONG INSTITUTIONS

These areas of action allow us to contribute to achieving eight of the seventeen Sustainable Development Goals set by the UN.



How we work

BSF CREATES THE TOOLS TO SPREAD KNOWLEDGE TO THOSE WHO DON'T HAVE ACCESS.

→ THE IDEAS BOX

The Ideas Box, designed by Philippe Starck for BSF in 2014, is a mobile media library kit that can be deployed on the ground in under twenty minutes. With books, games, computers, tablets, creative materials, and digital tools (including computers, tablets, and televisions), it provides a veritable island of knowledge that can accommodate up to 50 people. In emergencies, crises, and conflict situations, as well as in disadvantaged or isolated communities around the world, the Ideas Box allows children and adults to learn, create connections, and build their own future.

The content of each Ideas Box is tailored to the needs and language of its target audience, as well as the objectives of our operational partners.

“When you’ve lost everything, when you have nothing left, the only thing no one can take away from you is your dreams.”

PHILIPPE STARCK, IDEAS BOX DESIGNER AND DEVELOPER

148
Ideas Box deployed worldwide, including 44 in France

1M
annual visits to an Ideas Box

22
countries and 5 continents



L'Impact de nos Ideas Box

Several impact assessments have allowed us to measure the positive effects of this flagship BSF tool for the communities that use it.

Empowering young people

The Ideas Box strengthens youth leadership by **31%** and strengthens optimism for the future by **20%**.

Academic performance

The Ideas Box improves academic success by **23%** and fosters a healthy, creative, and dynamic learning environment.

Social connections

The Ideas Box boosts social cohesion by **26%**, promotes creativity, and gives communities the tools needed to find solutions to the challenges they face.

Expanding access

In the priority neighborhoods in the Paris suburbs where the Ideas Box were implemented, **70%** of users had never been to a library before.

Source: Impact assessments carried out for Ideas Box since 2014.

→ THE IDEAS CUBE

The Ideas Cube is an energy-independent digital library. It operates without an internet connection and provides access to thousands of educational and cultural materials in the most remote locations.

1,260

Ideas Cubes implemented around the world.



THE BSF LAB

At the Lab, BSF's Research & Development center, our teams find solutions to bring digital, educational, and cultural content to populations living in isolated areas.



1/3
Proportion of the world's population that has never had access to the Internet.
(source : ONU)



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→ KAJOU

BSF's social enterprise, Kajou, distributes high-quality digital information and educational content to populations with little or no internet access.

Kajou developed an innovative solution using micro SD cards loaded with educational and cultural content (including information on education, health, employment, and entrepreneurship) that can be inserted into smartphones to transform them into a digital library or a digital campus, all without requiring an internet connection!



Key figures

77,256 users since 2020

22,260 micro SD cards in circulation

92% of users say they're doing better in school or their university.



89% of users are under the age of 25.



72% of users live in sub-Saharan Africa, primarily in Burundi and Senegal.



→ OUR “BOOK MISSION”

Every year, BSF collects nearly 800,00 books from cultural institutions, publishing professionals, and individuals in France. With the help of volunteers, the collected books are sorted and stored at our collection center in Epône, Les Yvelines.

“In an age of mass surveillance, when any governing body can cut off the internet access of an entire country in a second, physical books prove their worth in the contexts where the freedom of access to knowledge is threatened.”

PATRICK WEIL, PRESIDENT OF BSF

What happens to the books donated to BSF?

1

As many books as possible go directly toward BSF projects in France and around the world, where they are sent to libraries, schools, and organizations that don't have the means to purchase them.

2

Those that don't meet the needs of our projects and partners are resold second-hand. The profits enable BSF to finance book shipments and to purchase other books directly at project sites, which in turn contributes to the local book economy.

Our Book Mission's impact

SINCE 2007



480,612

books sent to our partner libraries and countries



37

recipient countries



585

beneficiary structures worldwide

2022



30

regular volunteers active in our storage warehouse



180

employees of partner companies involved in sorting books thanks to our “Solidarity Action Days”



→ THEMATIC PLATFORMS

BSF creates platforms and digital content for librarians, teachers, and mediators, enabling them to enhance their skills and provide better support for their users on a wide range of topics.



Scan the QR codes to access content from the platforms



LES VOYAGEURS DU NUMÉRIQUE

Les Voyageurs du Numérique offers hundreds of activity sheets designed for associations, local authorities, collectives, and public libraries who wish to help their users acquire basic digital skills and master digital tools.

→ Learn more at www.voyageursdunumerique.org



BSF THEMA

BSF Thema makes all BSF activity sheets available free of charge. It allows librarians, teachers, and mediators to lead turnkey events for their users on a wide range of topics, including literacy, technology, and health.

→ Learn more at www.bsfthema.org



BSF CAMPUS

BSF Campus offers librarians and cultural entrepreneurs in the French-speaking world online courses to enhance their skills, including outreach to migrant populations, mediation, and management of cultural projects.

→ Learn more at www.bsfcampus.org



KHAN ACADEMY IS TURNING 10!

Since 2013, the BSF network has been adapting and translating the American teaching platform Khan Academy into French. Khan Academy offers thousands of totally free exercises and video lessons on math and science, from primary to high school. Today, it enables hundreds of thousands of students to progress at their own pace!

→ Learn more at www.bibliosansfrontieres.org/khanacademy



Key figures

28 million
Khan Academy
users since 2013

20,000 teachers
registered on the
French-language
platform

127,000
learners
registered

+ 6,000 videos
10,000 exercises

The BSF network

OVER THE PAST 16 YEARS, OUR PARTNER ORGANIZATIONS HAVE JOINED THE BSF NETWORK AROUND THE WORLD TO HELP US ACHIEVE OUR COMMON GOAL.



LWB US

Reimagining access to libraries

Since 2014, the Libraries Without Borders US team has been reimagining the role of libraries in the United States. To this end, they have implemented a number of programs to provide disadvantaged communities with innovative and educational digital resources in several states.

Learn more at www.librarieswithoutborders.us

→ **Wash and Learn:** Installation of libraries in laundromats to provide access to books and IT tools to the low-income families and young people who are the primary users of these facilities.

→ **De Puente a Puente:** Transforming abandoned building in Loiza, Puerto Rico, into multimedia centers to support communities affected by Hurricane Maria in 2017.

→ **Manufactured Housing:** Creating "digital inclusion labs" in public housing in Minnesota to increase digital literacy.

Today, LWB US aims to expand nationwide by renewing its response methods. An experiment is underway with the Connecticut State Library to identify new ways of reaching people without access to cultural resources, digital technology and public services.



BSF ITALY

Welcome and including new arrivals

Created in 2021, BSF's Italian branch promotes education socio-professional inclusion of disadvantaged populations. In particular, BSF Italy has created educational and cultural spaces to equip people who have recently arrived with the skills they need.

Learn more at www.bibliotechesenzafrontiere.it

→ **Emergency microlibraries** to allow new arrivals a space to rest and imagine their future after the hardships they've experienced.

→ **Multilingual microlibraries** to combat the school dropout rate in the multicultural schools in the suburbs of Milan, Rome, and Turin.

→ **Pro'Pulsione**, an orientation kit to help young refugees find employment and restore their confidence.

BSF BELGIUM

Teaching digital literacy, digitally

In Belgium, BSF teams have been focusing their efforts on digital and digital-enabled education since 2017. To this end, they have trained teachers and mediators, and created educational content to reduce inequalities in education and combat the digital divide.

Learn more at www.bibliosansfrontieres.be

→ **Cyber Heroes:** Training for parents and teachers, activities for children, and educational resources that provide a fun approach to issues of digital citizenship, including online safety and cyberbullying.

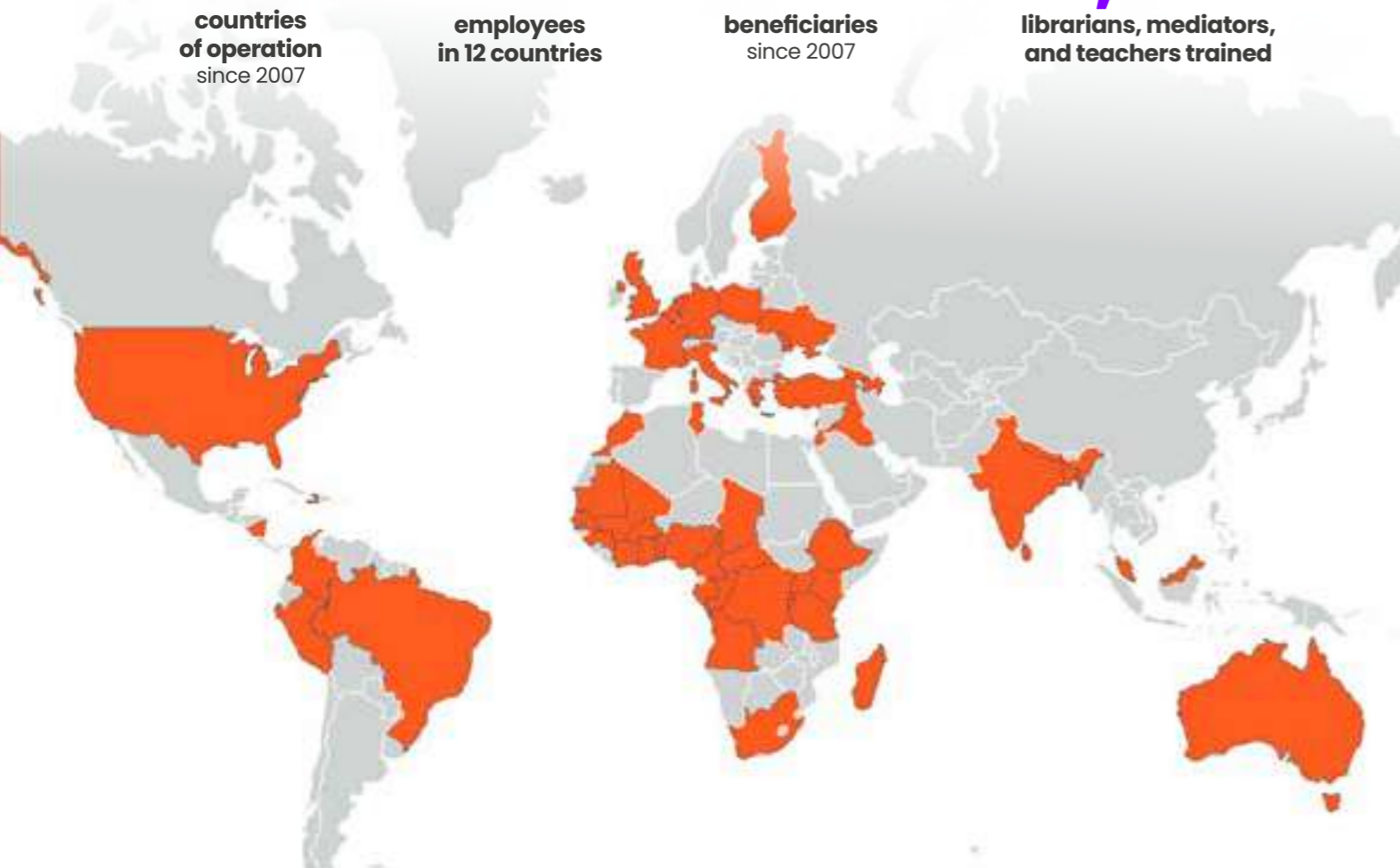
→ **Khan Academy:** Translation and adaptation of content to a Belgian audience, as well as providing training on the US-based teaching platform for parents and their students.

→ **Digital Buddies:** A community of citizens ready committed to on-the-ground action to support at-risk groups in their discovery and use of digital technology.

→ **Les Questionautes:** une web-série éducative et ludique sur les sciences pour stimuler la curiosité des plus jeunes et créer des vocations.



Our impact



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| AMERICAS | Jordan
Lebanon
Turkey | Moldova
Netherlands
Poland
United Kingdom
Ukraine | Burundi
Cameroun
Central African Republic
Chad
Comoros
Côte d'Ivoire
Democratic Republic of the Congo | Djibouti
Ethiopia
Gabon
Ghana
Guinea
Kenya
Madagascar
Mali
Morocco
Mauritania | Niger
Republic of the Congo
Rwanda
Senegal
South Africa
Tanzania
Togo
Tunisia
Uganda | ASIA & OCEANIA |
| Colombia
Haiti
Nicaragua
Peru
United States | EUROPE
Belgium
Finland
France
Germany
Greece
Italy | AFRICA
Angola
Benin
Burkina Faso | | | | Australia
Azerbaijan
Bangladesh
Georgia
India
Malaysia
Nepal
Sri Lanka |
| MIDDLE EAST
Iraq | | | | | | |

- **BSF International** (head of network)
 - Montreuil, France
- **7 regional offices** (dependents of BSF International)
 - Bangladesh (Cox's Bazar)
 - Burundi (Bujumbura)
 - Jordan (Amman)
 - Moldova (Chişinău)
 - Senegal (Dakar)
 - Ukraine (Lviv)
 - Democratic Republic of the Congo (Kinshasa)
- **The BSF Network**
 - BSF Belgium
 - BSF Canada
 - BSF Italy
 - BSF Switzerland
 - LWB US



OUR AMBITION FOR 2030

The relevance and quality of BSF's action today is attested by the many projects carried out in partnership with leading agencies, both in France and abroad. With its "Horizon 2030" plan, BSF plans to accelerate its development to drive systemic change in favor of access to knowledge for the most vulnerable in the face of growing social, cultural, and economic divides.

BSF's "Horizon 2030" plan is structured around four major areas of development:



Ukraine: Immediate mobilization

On February 24, 2022, Russia launched a full-scale offensive in Ukraine. The figures since then have been staggering: 300,000 dead, 8 million Ukrainian refugees throughout Europe, and 5 million internally displaced persons. From the beginning of the invasion, BSF, true to its mandate and values, has mobilized alongside the people displaced by the conflict in Ukraine.



Scan this QR code to open the map

“Educational and cultural resources are fundamental during wartimes. They provide a direction, a horizon, they are seeds that grow and create healthier, happier, and more inspired individuals and societies.”

HLIB LOBANOV, COORDINATOR OF THE CHILD-FRIENDLY SPACE PARASOLKA IN DROHOBYCH

Alongside primary needs, we are mobilizing to ensure that the issues of protection, orientation and psychosocial support for displaced people fleeing war are top priorities. BSF therefore adapts and deploys its means of action to this particular context.

Thank you to our partners for their support and responsiveness: Fondation Ardian, Fondation Khôra, Fondation Groupe ADP, Fondation d'entreprise FDJ, Fondation Almayuda, Van Cleef & Arpels, Capgemini, Hachette Livre, Fondation Cultura, Fondation de France, Meta, Editions Glénat, Editions Delcourt, Groupe Revue Fiduciaire, Rothschild & Co., Groupe Sitel, The Crisis and Support Centre of the Ministry for Europe and Foreign Affairs, and Fondation Roi Baudouin.

90%
Percentage of women and children among the Ukrainian refugees
(source: HCR)

Libraries as refuges to continue to envision the future

In Ukraine, five Ideas Box have been set up in Lviv, Drohobych, Vinnytsia, Bucha, and Dnipro. Run by local, they offer displaced families a moment of peace in the midst of hardship to improve their wellbeing. Families find a comforting place where they can regain the energy they need to keep their spirits high. Five other Ideas Box have been deployed across the Ukrainian border in Poland and Moldova.

Thirty-one “emergency libraries” have also been set up by BSF in reception centers, shelters, health centers, and schools in France, Belgium, and Italy. For these families waiting to receive residency papers, these welcoming spaces allow them to socialize, have fun, familiarize themselves with the local language and culture, and give them access to all the information they need to exercise their rights, access housing or find a job.



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“BONJOUR FRANCE”: AN APPLICATION FOR LEARNING PRACTICAL AND PROFESSIONAL FRENCH

Bonjour France is a free application for Ukrainian speakers to learn accelerated French. Lessons and exercises are organized according to the themes of everyday life for newcomers: applying for temporary protection, finding accommodation, applying for a job, meeting new people, requesting information, enjoying leisure activities, and learning about French culture.

In order to establish Bonjour France as a key tool for accelerated language and inclusion, the app has been enhanced with:

- new topics specific to professional sectors with high recruitment needs
- new source languages spoken by a large number of newcomers to France, such as Arabic and Pashto
- new functionalities

92% Percentage of Bonjour France users who say that the application **has improved their oral comprehension of French.**

20 k Number of Ukrainian refugees, displaced persons and residents **benefiting from our actions.**



2022 Highlights

February



Russia's invasion of Ukraine: BSF mobilizes urgently to deploy appropriate actions

March



"Letters Live" is shown at the Porte-Saint Martin theater, with proceeds benefiting BSF's actions in Ukraine

Deployment of the first Ideas Box for Ukrainian refugees in Poland and Moldova

April



Setting up "emergency libraries" for Ukrainian refugees in France, Belgium, and Italy

June



"My bag of books" presentation ceremony for refugee children in Amiens and Paris

Ideas Box exhibition at Cooper Hewitt, Smithsonian Design Museum, New York

July



"Microlibrary" tour of France with Augustin Trapenard

September



Deployment of the first Ideas Box in Ukraine

October



Launch of "Bonjour France," an application to facilitate the integration of refugees through French language learning

Unprecedented partnership between BSF and the UN to combat conflict-related sexual violence

286,000 books collected during the "Fnac x BSF Grande Collecte solidaire"

November



BSF celebrates its 15th birthday at the Paris City Hall

Second Edition of the "Design Jam Solidaire"

December



Launch of the mobilization campaign "Un lien c'est tout !"



TOPIC

EDUCATION & FUNDAMENTAL SKILLS

IMPROVING EVERYONE'S ACCESS TO QUALITY EDUCATION

Education is a prerequisite for envisioning one's own future and achieving freedom. It reduces inequalities, fosters dialogue and tolerance among different groups of people, and promotes more peaceful and inclusive societies.

By training its partner operators in the use of innovative technologies and teaching methods, BSF enables hundreds of thousands of young people to look toward a better future.



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FRANCE

Raising awareness among libraries users Media and Information Literacy among libraries users

In 2021, BSF supported librarians throughout France in the creation of an educational kit on Media and Information Literacy (MIL). Aimed at public libraries, associations and sociocultural institutions, the kit offers free resources and activity sheets tailored to the needs of their audiences to raise awareness of this topic. Thanks to renewed support from the French Ministry of Culture in 2022, the kit has been enriched with new subjects – such as scientific misinformation – and structured into courses to facilitate familiarity with the activities included.

9%

Percentage of 15-year-olds in OECD countries who can distinguish between a fact and an opinion in a simple text (source: PISA)



Fighting illiteracy and promoting the value of different cultures

BSF and the French Red Cross (FRC) are implementing an Ideas Box in several working-class neighborhoods and shelters, mainly in Saint-Denis, the island's capital. The FRC teams offer residents fun and educational activities to promote local cultures and encourage creativity and self-expression. They take particular care to adapt their actions to include hard-to-reach groups, notably people struggling with illiteracy.

23%

Percentage of Reunion's population suffering from illiteracy (source: Préfecture de La Réunion)

MADAGASCAR

Improving the quality of middle school education in rural areas

In rural areas, only 1% of young Malagasy residents within the same age bracket finish high school. In Fianarantsoa and the surrounding area, BSF is setting up an Ideas Box in a middle school and five Ideas Cubes in several "success-driven boarding schools" set up by the IECD and the PROMES association. Trained by our teams, the teachers and educators use the contents of our tools to improve their teaching practices and combat school drop-out rates.

x2

In rural areas, the percentage of Malagasy children not in school is twice as high as in urban areas (source: UNICEF)



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TOPIC

CULTURE & READING FOR ALL

CREATING PLACES WHERE BOOKS CAN BE SHARED AND ACCESSED

The fight for access to cultural media for all is a fight for the emancipation and dignity of the most vulnerable among us. BSF believes that libraries contribute to equality and social justice, and so we hope to help make them accessible to as many people as possible. BSF is therefore working to reinvent libraries, both in terms of their form and mission, and in the way they are perceived and used.

Around the world, we work with librarians, mediators, and teachers to amplify the impact of their actions for those that have limited access to books and reading.



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FRANCE

"Microlibraries" that rebuild connections with local communities



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Since 2021, BSF and the Cultura Foundation have been supporting the creation of microlibraries – "Microbiblis" – throughout France to help rebuild connections with local communities. Thanks to a biannual call for projects supported by the Ministry of Culture, sixty winners have been able to benefit from an endowment of 1,200 books selected specifically for their project, as well as long-term support from BSF to help them bring their Microbibli to life. Led by organizations, shopkeepers or reading enthusiasts, Microbiblis are not intended to compete with public libraries, but to work together with local cultural institutes to promote books and their benefits. In 2023 and 2024, dozens of new winners will join the microlibrary family.

90%

Percentage of French people who have access to at least one space dedicated to reading in their community. (source: ministère de la Culture)

"Mon sac de livres": welcoming recently-arrived children



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With the support of the Central National du Livre (National Center for Books), BSF has donated backpacks filled with books to over 1,000 students who have recently arrived in France and are enrolled in schools in Amiens and Paris. Each backpack contains books chosen specially for them by children their own age and custom-selected books from our teams. It's an opportunity to give these children – many of whom come from a different language background – a taste for reading, help them learn the language, and discover their new host country. By 2023, 3,000 students will benefit from this project in the school districts of Amiens, Paris, Aix-Marseille, and Créteil.

Working in the Paris suburb of Kremlin-Bicêtre

The city of Kremlin-Bicêtre has acquired an Ideas Box to facilitate access to cultural materials and digital technology throughout the community. It enables the staff of the Médiathèque L'Écho and its partners, all of whom have been trained by BSF, to strengthen the public reading offer with out-of-home initiatives aimed at audiences far removed from books. Thanks to its Ideas Box, the multimedia library facilitates connections among local residents and highlights its resources and media services.

1/5

Proportion of young French people between the ages of 15 and 24 who never open a book. (source: Centre National du Livre)

Outdoor activities to reach people without access to books



In partnership with the National Center for Books and local authorities, BSF has deployed three Ideas Box since last autumn to improve access to reading for the inhabitants of Amiens, Marseille, and the Grand Narbonne area. Run by local institutions (the municipal services of Amiens and Marseille and the Grand Narbonne media library), these Ideas Box provide regional librarians and mediators from partner associations with the means to lead themed activities for people without access to books in rural areas and high-priority neighborhoods. They also organize digital workshops to combat the digital divide and enable residents to safely become autonomous in their digital habits.

16%

Percentage of the French population who has a library membership
(source: ministère de la Culture)

READING: A MAJOR NATIONAL CAUSE

BSF and seventy other associations, organizations, and federations, grouped under the "Alliance for Reading" label, obtained the designation of "Major National Cause," attributed by the Prime Minister in 2021 and 2022. The aim of this collective is to illustrate the power of reading as a vector for social inclusion throughout France.

In October 2022, the Alliance for Reading organized its first "National Summit for the Development of Reading" in Strasbourg. *développement de la lecture" à Strasbourg.*

"Hampâté Bâ": Libraries at the heart of communities

With the support of funding from R&Co4Generations, BSF is deploying Ideas Cube in three community centers in Senegal's Podor province: Fanaye, Demette, and Guédé Chantier. Thanks to these digital libraries, young people who have dropped out of school can fill in the gaps in their knowledge and reinforce their reading skills, working alongside BSF-trained mediators. In addition to the Ideas Cube, a library of 300 books has been set up in each center according to the specificities, needs, and educational projects of each one. Named "Hampâté Bâ" in homage to the famous Malian writer and ethnologist, this project is intended to be extended throughout the region.



TOPIC

CITIZENSHIP & SOCIAL COHESION

PROMOTING DIALOGUE AND CREATING LINKS BETWEEN COMMUNITIES AND GENERATIONS

Libraries take part in debates that move our society. It is a socially inclusive, intergenerational space open to all where people can develop their critical thinking skills. By creating spaces where people can meet and build trust, BSF encourages people to speak out and express themselves freely.

The activities offered by our teams help to combat all forms of violence and discrimination, and ease tensions within communities.



FRANCE

Finding common ground between generations



Started by BSF in 2019, "Entre Générations" ("Between Generations") is a documentary series that promotes intergenerational exchanges between residents of the same neighborhood in France. Supported by the Interministerial Committee for the Prevention of Crime and Radicalization, the project encourages young people to film and interview their elders on topics that they themselves chose, including concepts of identity, solidarity, or the feeling of belonging to a community. In 2022, five new videos were made in Marseille, Villepinte, Toul, La Teste-de-Buch, and Koungou, Mayotte.

91%

Percentage of French people who feel that inter-generational relationships are essential for personal growth. (source: La France Mutualiste)



Scan this QR code to access the videos

Understanding secularism in order to defend it

After the Charlie Hebdo murders in 2015, BSF created a series of ten educational videos about secularism titled "Questions and Answers about Secularism" to help teachers – who often don't have adequate resources – answer their students' questions. In 2022, with the support of the Interministerial Committee for the Prevention of Crime and Radicalization, two new videos were added to the web series: "The 1905 Law" and "Freedom of Expression."

An educational kit has also been created to enable teachers, students, mediators and librarians to tackle these issues with their students in order to combat hate speech and extremism of all kinds.

2/3

Proportion of French youth between the age of 18 and 30 who believe that secularism is in danger (source: Ifop)

Facilitating social integration for young people in Mayotte

BSF and the French Red Cross (FRC) are deploying an Ideas Box to encourage the integration of disadvantaged teenagers and young adults in the communes of Koungou, Dombéni, Bandrélé, and Sada. Supporting the work of FRC's street educators, the mobile media library helps young people in Mauritania to express themselves and regain their self-confidence. For some of them, this means a return to school, training, or work.

71%

of young Mayotte residents have difficulty with reading. (source: Ministère de l'Éducation nationale)

Reinforcing autonomy of local and refugee populations



Amidst a backdrop of unprecedented economic and political crisis, BSF and the organization Amel are reinforcing access to education and promoting autonomy and social cohesion for local populations and refugees. Three Ideas Box libraries have been set up in Beirut, Khiam and Kamed el-Loz. Themed workshops are organized daily by Amel mediators to help participants regain their self-confidence, find training and jobs, and cope with the challenges they face. This action is part of a wider project, financed by the French Development Agency, to support refugees, displaced persons, returnees, and hosts in Lebanon, Iraq, and Burundi.

Safe spaces for Rohingyas



In partnership with the Crisis and Support Center of the French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs, the International Organization for Migration, the Lego Foundation, the Caritas Bangladesh Foundation, and the Norwegian Refugee Council, BSF is deploying nine Ideas Box and fifty Ideas Cube in the Kutupalong Rohingya refugee camp. They give children and teenagers a safe environment to continue learning and having fun while they don't have access to school. Every week, refugee mediators trained by BSF also organize thematic workshops for the communities, which include photography, astronomy, and learning to manage their emotions.

In 2022, several workshops based on the "Human Centered Design" methodology have been set up so that young people aged 18 to 25 can identify the challenges facing their communities and create sustainable solutions to the problems they face. Among the projects selected: the creation of a Rohingya student bank to support disadvantaged children, the installation of a community center to promote Rohingya culture, the implementation of sessions to raise awareness about child labor, and the reconstruction of a soccer field.



TOPIC

PREVENTIVE HEALTHCARE

REDUCING INEQUALITIES IN ACCESS TO HEALTHCARE INFORMATION

Healthcare education is a crucial tool for improving equal opportunities. Being well-informed about one's health enables people to better care for and protect themselves and others.

Thanks to these tools, BSF can support health professionals, teachers, and mediators in implementing actions to raise awareness among the most vulnerable groups.



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FRANCE

Strengthening preventive healthcare for isolated populations in French



©Ingrid Varon-Croix-Rouge

In partnership with the MNH Foundation, BSF has been supporting healthcare workers in the Bas-Maroni and Haut-Maroni regions since 2021 by deploying seven Ideas Cubes. Teams from AIDES and the Réseau de Santé Périnatale de Guyane (Guianese Perinatal Health Network) use them to carry out their awareness raising activities and to reinforce healthcare-related knowledge for isolated populations. BSF will continue this program until 2024, providing support to its partners so that they can develop their skills and extend their activities to reach new audiences. Others will also be trained in eastern Guiana and on the coast.

BURUNDI

Breaking down taboos on sexuality for teenagers

With the support of the Dutch Embassy, BSF is deploying 155 Ideas Cubes and 8,000 Kajou SD cards in youth centers, associations, and community centers across the country to facilitate access to information on sexual and reproductive health for 100,000 teenagers and adolescents. A total of 1,250 resources were selected with the Ministry of Public Health and AIDS Control and made available in French and Kirundi. With support from BSF, numerous mediators and health professionals use this content to set up workshops on a variety of topics: maternity, HIV prevention, family planning, the fight against unwanted pregnancies, and the prevention of gender-based violence.



BSF PARTNERS WITH THE UN AGAINST CONFLICT-RELATED SEXUAL VIOLENCE

In October 2022 in Paris, Pramila Patten, Special Representative of the United Nations Secretary-General on Conflict-Related Sexual Violence, and Patrick Weil, President and Founder of BSF, signed an unprecedented partnership agreement.

The primary focus of this partnership will be the deployment of Ideas Box libraries to provide support to victims of sexual violence in the regions where these war crimes occur. These safe spaces will be staffed by professionals to help victims rebuild their lives through

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Proportion of displaced or refugee women who have experienced sexual violence
(source: ONU)

psychological and legal support, in addition to vocational training.



TOPIC

PROFESSIONAL LIFE & ENTREPRENEURSHIP

INCREASING JOB PROSPECTS FOR YOUNG PEOPLE WITHOUT PROFESSIONAL EXPERIENCE

Having a job is essential for gaining independence and freedom. BSF strengthens the knowledge and skills of young people who have been excluded from education and employment, helping them to regain their self-confidence and prepare for the future.

FRANCE

"Pro'Pulsion": Mobilizing and supporting young people in rural areas with their job search



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Supported by the Ministry of Solidarity and Health, BSF and its partners are deploying four Ideas Box Pro'Pulsion centers to welcome and guide young people who are not in school or employed Côte-d'Or (Simone Veil Social Center), Haute-Garonne (Saint-Gaudens Prevention Club), Doubs (L'envol Léo Lagrange Social Center) and Meurthe-et-Moselle (Terres de Lorraine and Val de Lorraine local missions). In these well-connected spaces, young people can find out about possible training courses and careers, and take stock of their goals and plans. Regular activities are offered to motivate them, open up their horizons and help them realize their potential. A "parenting" section has recently been added to the Ideas Box documentary collection, to give parents who are lacking resources the keys to providing the best possible support for their children.

This project will soon be rolled out in eastern French Guiana, with a system adapted to the region's specific needs. Between now and 2025, three new Pro'Pulsion Ideas Box will be deployed, thanks to the support of the TotalEnergies Corporate Foundation.

1.5 million

Number of young people in France without employment who weren't in a school or training program at the end of 2020. (source: INSEE)

BENIN

Reinforcing the skills of agricultural workers



With the support of the GIZ (the German Development Agency), BSF is working with the training team of three Beninese farmers' associations to strengthen farmers' skills throughout the country: the Young Modern Farmers' Association, the National Soy Farmer's Union, and the Benin Rice Farmers' Collaborative Council.

The trainers use Ideas Cubes and their contents to run workshops with farmers in the region, helping them to create innovative agricultural solutions.

Modernizing the higher learning system

In Brazzaville, BSF is helping to improve teacher training at the École Normale Supérieure, with the support of Expertise France, the French Development Agency, the French Embassy in the Congo and the Congolese Ministry of Higher Education. The school has a recently-renovated educational sciences laboratory, so BSF is providing teachers with an Ideas Cube kit, as well as a documentary collection designed to strengthen their skills. The teaching resources selected by BSF enable them not only to implement new practices with their students, but also to create their own educational content to share with their colleagues.



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Reinforcing access to education employment for young people

Since 2021, BSF and its social enterprise, Kajou, have been implementing an ambitious program to support education, employment, and entrepreneurship for 12,000 young people in the Dakar, Saint Louis, Kolda and Ziguinchor regions. With the support of the Société Générale Foundation, the Roddenberry Foundation, and the Google.org Foundation, BSF and Kajou have distributed 11,400 Kajou SD cards to young entrepreneurs, high school seniors in the Dakar suburbs and the Kaffrine region, and students at the Université Virtuelle du Sénégal (UVS). They also have access to five Ideas Cube facilities at UVS sites in Kolda, Podor, Bignona, Ziguinchor, and Keur Massar.

Thanks to these tools, young people can access thousands of study tools and information and resources related to the Senegalese student and professional life, including advice on preparing for the baccalaureate, job descriptions, brochures presenting university courses.

24%

Unemployment rate among young people in Senegal (source: ANSD)

"Erasmus+": Promoting academic mobility employability

With support from the European Union, BSF is helping to strengthen and modernize Burundi's higher education system. Three Ideas Box and 4,500 Kajou SD cards have been deployed in three universities in Bujumbura, Gitega, and Ngozi, in partnership with the Jimbere Association and the Ministry of Education. They allow students to acquire new knowledge and cross-disciplinary skills – including language, general culture, and computer skills – that are necessary for a job.

Themed workshops are regularly organized by "coaches" to help them discover the professions around them, and also to support them in their desire to study abroad. To date, 5,000 young Burundians have benefited from this program.



Acting together

For sixteen years, BSF has been building strong, long-term relationships that are tailored to each of its partners and their community. Whether you're a company or an individual, there are many ways to contribute with us to a more inclusive world that promotes dialogue and critical thinking!



→ Take action with your company



FINANCIAL SUPPORT

Every year, several of our major partners make long-term commitments through financial support. These include the Open Society Foundation, the Cultura Corporate Foundation, the Aéroports de Paris Foundation, and the FDJ Corporate Foundation. Thanks to their support, BSF is able to invest over the long term in increasing its impact by carrying out research and development projects that enable us to be more precise and effective in our actions.



SKILL DONATION OR IN-KIND SPONSORSHIP

BSF also benefits from donations from companies in the form in-kind sponsorship, including donation of supplies, IT equipment, or books or sponsorship of skills, such as providing staff that can carry out specialized services (legal support, accounting, IT development, project management, etc.) for periods ranging from a few days to several years.

Financial donations received by BSF, whether in kind or in skills, entitle the sponsoring company to a tax deduction of 60% of the amount of the donation, up to the legal limit.



"DESIGN JAM SOLIDAIRE"

Every year, BSF organizes a "Design Jam Solidaire" at Paris City Hall. For one day, employees from several partner companies are invited to work alongside designers and other inspirational figures to come up with the most innovative projects to make knowledge accessible to all, today and tomorrow.



ROUNDING UP YOUR SALARY

You can support BSF's projects through the payroll donation system. This process has already been used to finance a number of actions in favor of education for vulnerable populations, notably in Marseille and Bordeaux.



PRODUCT SHARES

Product shares are a way to donate part of a product's sale price to BSF. In 2022, Éditions Points supported BSF's actions in Ukraine by donating profits from the collection Nouvelles Ukrainiennes by writer Emmanuel Ruben.

A mark of trust

BSF has held the IDEAS label since 2015, which certifies that it applies the highest standards in terms of governance, financial management, and impact assessment.



→ Taking personal action



LOYAL DONORS

Today, BSF has 2,000 monthly donors. Their long-term commitment is crucial to our organization: It motivates us to strive for excellence and enables us to act with complete independence. We regularly organize virtual and face-to-face meetings to keep our donors up to date with our latest news, strategies, and upcoming projects.

You too can become a long-term supporter of BSF's actions by becoming a regular donor and benefit from a 66% tax reduction!



DEDICATED VOLUNTEERS

Our teams are regularly supported in their work by numerous volunteers. They can take part in Ideas Box events, help us select content for certain projects, or provide translation and training services. Some also help the Mission Livres team in Épône with book collection and sorting activities.

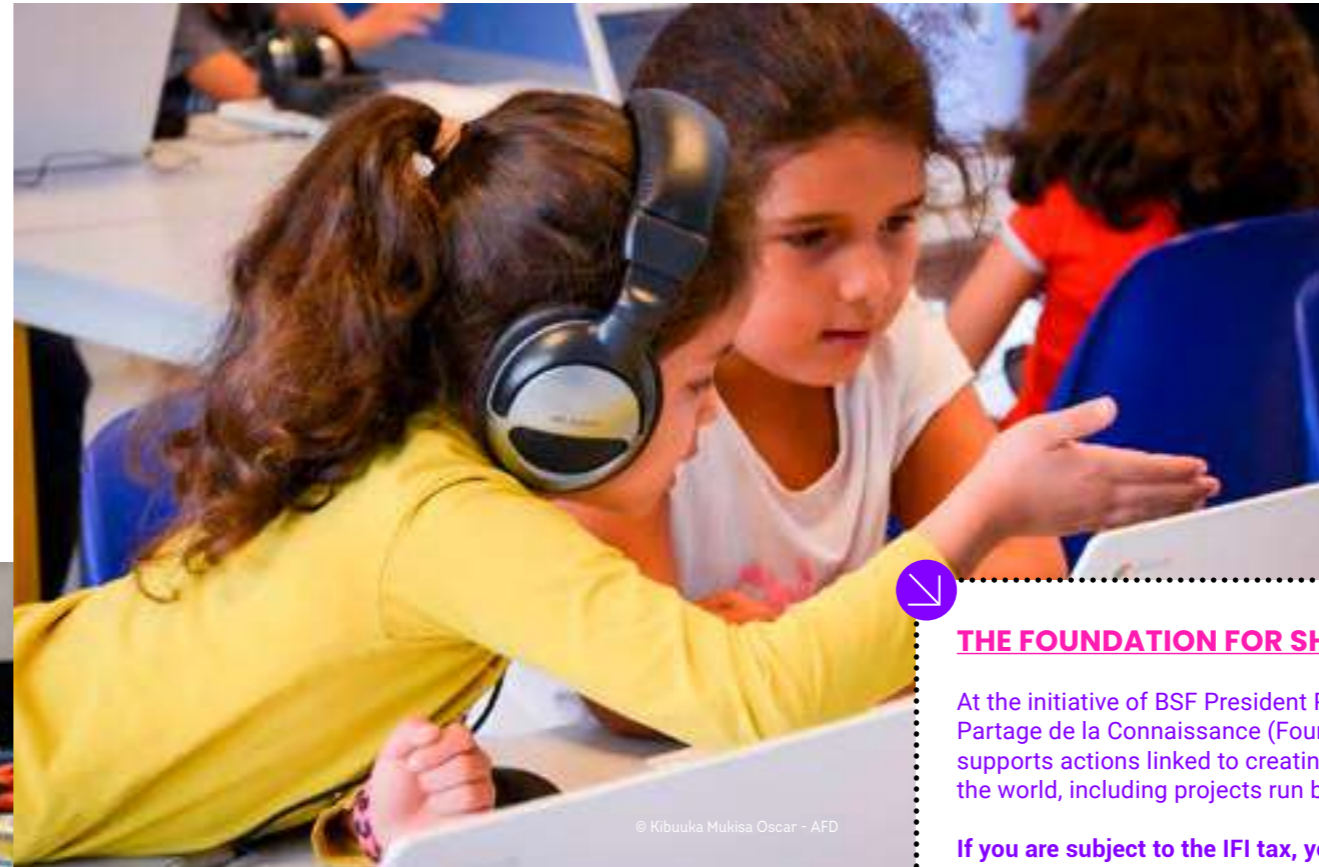


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THE BSF LITERARY FRIENDS' CIRCLE

Created by BSF, the Literary Friends' Circle is a series of cocktail hours held every three months, bringing together major donors and the association's closest supporters to hear from a guest author. Hosted by Augustin Trapenard, the discussion looks at the writer's career path, as well as his or her vision of addressing social issues. Anne Berest, Marc Dugain, David Foenkinos, Leïla Slimani and Karine Tuil have already taken part.



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THE FOUNDATION FOR SHARING KNOWLEDGE

At the initiative of BSF President Patrick Weil, the Fondation pour le Partage de la Connaissance (Foundation for Sharing Knowledge) supports actions linked to creating and strengthening libraries around the world, including projects run by BSF.

If you are subject to the IFI tax, you can make a donation to the Fondation pour le Partage de la Connaissance and benefit from a tax deduction of 75% of your donation, up to €50,000.



NATIONAL BOOK DRIVE WITH FNAC

Every year, BSF organizes a major national book drive in partnership with FNAC. For three weeks, most FNAC stores in France become book collection points for the association: anyone can drop off their books, which will be reused in our projects and programs around the world.

WANT TO GET INVOLVED WITH US?

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Message from the Treasurer

The year 2022 saw record revenues of €11.7 million, up 36% from 2021. This increase is due to the expansion of the operational portfolio, particularly with our "Urgence Ukraine" plan, as well as the development of fundraising and partnerships.

BSF has continued to diversify its resources with "income from public donations" (manual donations and sponsorship) and "income not related to public donations" (financial contributions from foundations and associations), which represent 12% and 27% respectively (excluding exceptional income) of total resources. "Subsidies and other assistance" remain stable compared to 2021 (€4.3 million), and represent 37% of total resources.

The association also recorded exceptional income of €1.7 million, resulting from the partial contribution of assets – mainly books – in connection with the transfer of the profit-making book sales business to the Société Solibri, created by BSF in November 2022, of which BSF is the sole shareholder. The outsourcing of this activity represents both an opportunity for the development of the association's future resources and a pledge to the seriousness and transparency in the delimitation of its lucrative and non-lucrative financial activity.

Overall expense growth is in line with revenue growth: it was up 31% from 2021, reaching €11 million. Expenses include a one-time charge of €0.8 million linked to a correction in the accounting methodology applied to the valuation of book donations, which are now accounted for as "voluntary contributions in kind," in accordance with the associations' chart of accounts.

Overall, BSF recorded a positive accounting result of €683K, up significantly from 2021 (+328%). Placed in reserves, this result strengthens the association's equity capital.

2022 was also marked by the placement of associative securities, allowing the association to finance its "Horizon 2030" development plan. €1.95 million were raised from French impact investors.

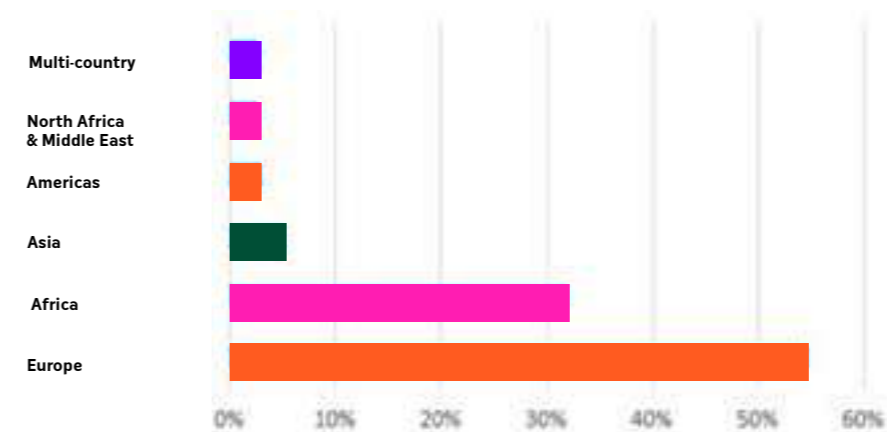
Overall, shareholders' equity stood at €2.9 million at the end of 2022, compared with €0.3 million at the end of 2021. The equity/liability ratio has thus improved significantly, from 4% to 18%.

These favorable terms enable us to project ourselves confidently into the ambitious growth trajectory outlined by the "Horizon 2030" strategy, which includes plans to triple BSF's operational volume by the end of the decade. The means to achieve this are numerous and include decentralization of the organization's operations in the field, signing multi-year contracts with institutional donors, and building coalitions and partnerships at state and supra-state levels to develop larger-scale programs. Ultimately, our ambition is to exert a systemic influence on the global political and social agenda in favor of providing access to knowledge to the most vulnerable.

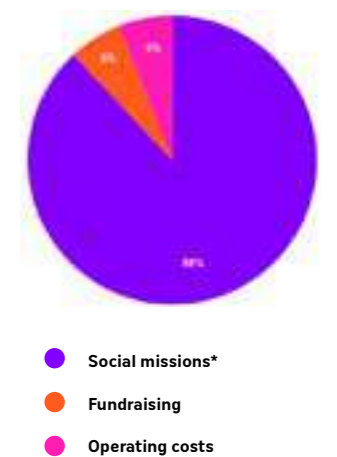
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Geographical distribution of solidarity missions

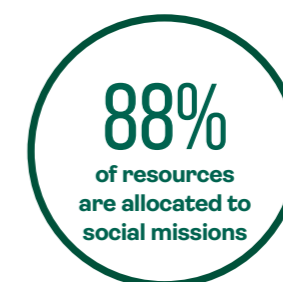
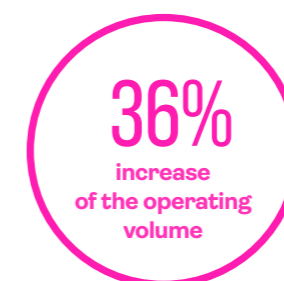
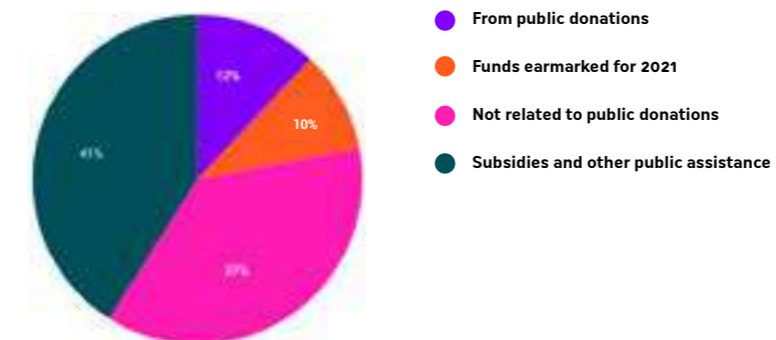


Distribution of resources



*Including 9% carried forward to dedicated funds for the year.

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-> For more information on BSF France's accounting, we invite you to read the complete financial report, also available on our website.

Our Partners

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- AKANTA Association DAAC
- Association des Guides du Burundi
- Association Deuxième Chance
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- Association L'Effet Morpho
- Association La Critic
- Association La tête dans les images
- Association Liane
- Association O.R.ACT
- Association Osons ici et maintenant
- Association YAPUKULIWA
- Association Zoukouyanyan
- Aurore
- Auxfin
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- CAE Sud Guyane Care
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- Messo
- MFR Régina
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- Mission locale Terres de Lorraine
- Mission locale Val de Lorraine
- Norwegian Refugee Council
- Nturengaho (*asbl*)
- Ocalenie Fundacja
- Parc Amazonien de Guyane
- Partnership For Public Access
- PEAB (*asbl*)
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- Plan International
- Play International
- Population Media Center
- PSI
- Recorded
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- Réseau périnatal de Guyane
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