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**STRENGTHENING  
SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS,  
FROM FIELD TO PLATE**

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## EDITORIAL

### **ADOPTING A GLOBAL APPROACH TO SUSTAINABLE AND INCLUSIVE AGRICULTURE**

Images of tractors in the streets, the deafening sound of firecrackers... Looking back on 2023, we are reminded of the recent farm protests in Europe. However, these events are only a reflection of the challenges facing our food system that is in crisis, marked by an unprecedented rise in food prices, affecting the most vulnerable consumers in particular.

Our food systems are no longer providing a dignified, healthy and sustainable diet, which affects the farmers and consumers with whom we work in Belgium and Europe as well as in Africa and Latin America.

Facing these challenges, we need to rethink our food systems. Can we improve farm incomes to make rural areas more attractive, while preventing social violence? How can we ensure sustainable management of natural resources, without compromising the health of our fauna and flora, and that of future generations?

Rather than creating divisions between consumers, environmentalists and farmers here and abroad, it is essential to adopt a clear, global approach: to promote sustainable food systems driven by agroecology.

**In 2023, our actions demonstrated the possibility of strengthening environmental sustainability by supporting quality agricultural jobs and guaranteeing a fair access to quality food.**

Far from diminishing our ambition, we are capitalising on our wealth of experience and solid network, as 2024 marks our 60th anniversary! Thanks to the support of our institutional partners and our 8,000 donors. We are stepping up our efforts to support initiatives that simultaneously promote the fight against hunger, economic development and sustainability.

Thank you for making this possible!

**Benoit De Waegeneer**  
General secretary  
of Humundi





# OUR ORGANISATION



**Carlos Vallejos, a farmer committed to agroecology, is successfully growing a variety of organic crops at altitude in Totora, Cochabamba, Bolivia.**



# OUR MISSION

## STRENGTHENING SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS

We work with all the players in food systems, from production to consumption, to fight hunger, poverty and inequality around the world.

### 3 LEVERS FOR ACTION



#### Development cooperation

Our work is based on **close collaboration with local and international partners on two continents (Africa and Latin America), including NGOs, farmers' organisations, social movements and research and inclusive finance institutions.** Together, we are accelerating the agro-ecological transition, an approach that benefits everyone by protecting the environment, improving the incomes of farming communities and guaranteeing fair access to quality food.

#### Citizen mobilisation

**We encourage citizens to become agents of change by deepening their understanding of agri-food issues.** Through our events, campaigns, educational tools and publications, and in collaboration with our partners, we are working to create a fairer world for farmers and consumers, both locally and internationally.



#### Political influence

In Europe and around the world, we are calling on citizens, politicians and the agro-industry to ensure that **the transition to more sustainable and equitable food systems is at the heart of public agricultural and food policies.**



# HUMUNDI, A NEW NAME TO REAFFIRM OUR COMMITMENT TO FOOD TRANSITION



In 2023, our organisation changed its name to Humundi, embodying our values of human rights, sustainability and solidarity. This change, decided at our Annual General Meeting in 2022, demonstrates our ongoing commitment to an evolving world.

2023 was an opportunity to celebrate this new name at an evening event attended by 200 people, including our colleagues from Africa and Latin America, in a convivial atmosphere. Various speakers, including a farmer, a campaigner for the rights of the most vulnerable, an environmental activist and an expert in African food sovereignty, discussed the major challenges facing us.

Hunger persists more than ever, as shown by FAO data since 2015, particularly affecting small-scale farmers. Food insecurity reveals the dysfunctions of our food systems, but it is not the only problem. Climate change, loss of biodiversity, pesticide impacts, pollution, obesity, rural poverty, and migration are issues that are crucial and interconnected.

At Humundi, together with our partners, we are continuing the fight of SOS Faim in its various dimensions: by supporting producers, accompanying marketing through short and income-generating supply chains, facilitating financial inclusion in rural areas, building bridges with research supporting production of organic inputs.

Agroecology, with its 13 principles, offers a diverse and complementary range of approaches, providing a real lever for change. For nearly 10 years, we have been defending these principles on the ground, while advocating their integration into food and agricultural policies.



**"We have received many messages of support from farmers' organisations, public institutions and donors, welcoming our development, our work and our new visual identity. We thank them sincerely. We are also thinking of the people attached to our former name, SOS Faim. We would like to reaffirm our commitment to the causes that are dear to them."**

**Benoit De Waegeneer, General Secretary of Humundi**

Adopting a systemic approach to food issues as a whole is a committed, pragmatic and optimistic choice in the face of local and global challenges. The transformation of food and agriculture offers many solutions for a more sustainable future.

# TOWARDS A MORE PARTICIPATIVE AND COLLABORATIVE MODEL

In 2023, we launched an internal project led by a team of collectively appointed colleagues, an initiative that aims to move our organisation towards a model that is more participative and collaborative, while encouraging efficiency as well as individual and organisational development.

An internal participatory analysis of the organisation's needs and an exploration of other organisational models and experiences have led to a number of transformations:

- **The restructuring of the organisation chart into 2 divisions: the operational team**, which includes the programme support department and the 9 offices in our partner countries, including our office in Belgium (formerly information/awareness/advocacy) and the **resources team**, which includes all the support functions (finance, fundraising, communications, administration, logistics and Human Resources).
- **The creation of an international strategic council**, which is responsible for dealing with cross-functional strategic issues and approving major multi-year or annual policies. This committee is made up of representatives from our 9 country offices and members of the Operational Committee.
- The Executive Committee has been transformed into an **operational committee** for greater efficiency and transparency in decision-making, and its collegial functioning has been formalised. It incorporates elements of sociocracy into its operation (double link, rotating roles, etc.).
- The **decision-making and governance procedures** for each team were defined collectively by its members.

With these changes, our organisation aims to better grasp the complexity of the current challenges we are working on, requiring us to bring together a diversity of viewpoints and skills, as well as a decision-making rooted in the reality of each individual. We are also seeking to strengthen synergies between teams and business lines. An overall assessment of these changes is planned for 2024.



## CONTINUING TO REINFORCE INTEGRITY

Integrity has long been at the heart of our approach. Our endorsement of the Integrity Charter for NGOs in 2018 bears witness to our commitment to this fundamental value. We continue to work tirelessly to strengthen our integrity policy, ensuring ethical transparency in all our practices and decisions, whether they relate to our partner relationships or internally.

As part of our preventive measures, a **code of ethics**, signed by all our employees, volunteers and partners, clearly defines our values and expectations in terms of ethical behaviour. We regularly organise awareness-raising sessions and training on our ethical standards and procedures for every member who joins our team.

In 2023, our colleagues in the Africa and Latin America offices, as well as the team based in Belgium, devoted a specific session to integrity during the annual Humundi week of meetings in Brussels.

We deal immediately with all reports of incidents relating to financial or moral integrity, demonstrating our commitment to maintaining a working and partnership environment of integrity and ethics. In 2023, we dealt with 4 such reports.



# BUILDING TOGETHER INCLUSIVE GOVERNANCE

Humundi, with its dynamic and committed international team of 59 members, operating in 9 countries across Europe, Latin America and Africa, is committed to promoting democratic and transparent governance. This governance facilitates the meaningful involvement of staff and supporters while ensuring smooth operations.

- 1. The International Strategic Council:** an essential pillar of our governance. It brings together representatives from the country offices and ensures a balance of power while taking into account the diversity of perspectives within the organisation. It validates the team's key proposals, which are then submitted to the organisation's governing bodies.
- 2. The Board of Directors:** made up of six elected members for a three-year term. It plays a central role in strategic decision-making as well as the supervision and control of Humundi's activities. Its members bring their expertise and commitment to our mission.
- 3. The General Assembly:** Members meet at least twice a year to ensure we stay true to our mission, to discuss the direction of the organization, to express their ideas and opinions, and to actively contribute to the work of Humundi.

# FOCUS ON SALIMA KEMPENAEER, NEW CHAIRPERSON OF HUMUNDI

Salima Kempenaer, the new President of Humundi, embodies the commitment and passion for the organisation's mission. Having joined as a volunteer in 2011, she has gradually increased her involvement in Humundi, first as vice-president of the General Assembly before becoming president in 2023.

With significant expertise as an international relations officer on environmental and biodiversity issues in public administration, Salima brings an in-depth understanding of the challenges of food and environmental systems.

She is particularly pleased with Humundi's increased strategic focus on agroecology, as she is convinced of the crucial link between food and biodiversity.

**"By dedicating myself to Humundi, I feel like I'm part of a global community that takes these values of solidarity, resilience and knowledge-sharing to heart".**







# PARTNERSHIPS

The Ismael Montes school in Cantapa de La Paz, where young people learn about environmental issues and agro-ecological techniques. La Paz, Bolivia.



# TERRITORIALIZED SUSTAINABLE FOOD SYSTEMS

## Strengthening local communities through local food systems

Territorial food systems refer to the way in which people organise themselves to manage food supply and consumption in a given area. Opting for this local approach offers a number of advantages: improving food security by guaranteeing the availability and accessibility of food, preserving the environment through local production, stimulating local economic development by creating jobs, and promoting social and cultural value by respecting local culinary traditions and varieties. In short, **it is helping to build more resilient, sustainable and inclusive communities that are economically, socially and environmentally prosperous.** The aim is also to ensure that public policies support these local development initiatives.



## Promoting traditional local products through short distribution channels

In Peru, our NGO partner Arariwa is working with this territorial approach to promote short supply chains. These encourage fairer remuneration for producers by eliminating intermediaries, while preserving the local culinary heritage and biodiversity with traditional local products such as old varieties of potatoes, guinea pigs and Andean cereals.

In 2023, thanks to our support, Arariwa improved access to these marketing channels for 27 producer groups or organisations, representing a **total of 1,151 people**. To achieve this, the NGO is working with a multistakeholder approach, promoting partnerships and spaces for dialogue cooperation between the public sector (municipalities, to develop farmers' markets) and the private sector (restaurants and local sales outlets).

## Healthy school canteens in Senegal

In Fatick, a rural region in west-central Senegal, the issue of access to sufficient, high-quality food has been the subject of debate for several years. To address this crucial challenge through a territorial development approach, ANPDI is working with local authorities, school canteens and groups of women producers.

In 2023, **22 schools** in 7 different communities were supported, providing meals for **4,300 pupils** once or twice a week. These meals are composed of local cereals, vegetables from market gardening groups and yoghurt supplied by 4 dairy processing units. In total, these groups bring together more than **400 women producers**. At the same time, the ANPDI plays a crucial role in raising awareness of agri-food and environmental issues, so that the canteens can continue to operate in the long term.





# RECONSTRUCTION AND RESILIENCE IN BURKINA FASO : AGROECOLOGY AS A SOLUTION



**"This new job has changed my life. I had an uncertain income and a risky job, having to travel through insecure areas. I'm still here today, I earn a decent living."**

**A 36-year-old former driver from the village of Toécé, who became an agro-ecological market gardener thanks to our programme.**

Since 2015, attacks by non-state armed groups have displaced more than 2 million Burkinabe, including almost 500,000 in the Centre-Nord region. Local families hosting the displaced people are facing enormous challenges, struggling to meet additional needs, while the displaced themselves are struggling to find employment in an already saturated agricultural region.

In the face of this crisis, we are working with the NGO APIL, which includes 50% of displaced people in its activities of agro-ecological development. In practical terms, these people are trained and equipped to restore degraded land and develop irrigated market gardens.

This partnership has already enabled **600 hectares of land to be reclaimed for** cereal growing, and 25 hectares to be developed for dry-season vegetable production. In addition to reclaiming land, the NGO has provided small ruminants and support for the construction of sheepfolds to promote diversification of income as well as to promote the complementarity of agriculture and livestock, a key principle of agroecology.

By 2023, **4,000 people** had benefited from these initiatives, **half of whom are displaced persons.**

This agro-ecological development programme represents much more than a simple response to a humanitarian crisis. It embodies hope and resilience, offering an opportunity for sustainable reconstruction to communities affected by the security crisis in Burkina Faso.



# FINANCIAL SERVICES ADAPTED TO THE PEASANT REALITY

Access to financial services remains a major challenge for small-scale farmers in sub-Saharan Africa, especially for women who face social, cultural and economic constraints.

In this context, Humundi, in collaboration with local partners, supports a number of savings and credit cooperatives (SACCOs) in Ethiopia and Uganda. Owned and co-managed by their members, including male and female farmers, they design financial services tailored to agricultural and rural activities, helping to reduce gender disparities in access to financial resources.



**Wossene Worku Fayye posing in her shop. Ethiopia.**

## Towards economic autonomy for women in Ethiopia

In Ethiopia, Humundi has teamed up with the NGO WISE to empower women economically through women's savings and credit cooperatives. In addition to financial services, WISE offers management and entrepreneurship training to strengthen the economic activity of cooperative members, while boosting their self-confidence.

**One inspiring example is the story of Wossene Worku Fayye, a farmer who received support and a loan and was able to acquire seeds and fertilizers. Today, she grows wheat, maize and various vegetables, which she successfully sells on the market. She has also opened a small bar and shop, which has enabled her to significantly improve her living conditions.**

In 2023, Humundi supported 3 savings and credit cooperatives bringing together **530 women** in the rural area of Arsi.

## The success of savings and credit models in Uganda

In Uganda, Humundi and the NGO KRC Uganda (Kabarole Research and Resource Centre) are working together to offer financial services to **more than 5,000 men and women farmers**, via SACCOs and the KRC Uganda village savings and loan associations (VSLAs).

In 2023, thanks to KRC's training and support, the SACCOs have seen strong growth in their membership, their share capital, their savings and their loan portfolio. VSLAs have also helped to improve the financial management skills of their members.

Mugisha Elijah, a farmer and member of a cooperative in Kabonero, testifies to the positive impact of the savings and loan association:

**"The group gives us unity, friendship and social support. I've taken out a loan to pay my children's school fees while I wait for the harvest. I'm also using it to buy good farm inputs and to hire labour. My production has increased since I joined the association."**





# FAIR AND SUSTAINABLE MARKETING



## The potential of peri-urban agriculture in Bolivia

In Bolivia, urbanisation has risen from 45% in 1970 to 75% today. This growth has led to the expansion of peri-urban areas, concentrating a disadvantaged population and causing problems of access to water and sanitation.

This is leading to a loss of healthy food, farmland and biodiversity. Agroecological agriculture presents a real opportunity to provide healthy food and strengthen the economic resilience of these populations while preserving the environment.

This is why Humundi and the NGO Ciudadanía are strengthening peri-urban agro-ecological farming in vulnerable areas of Cochabamba. By the end of 2023, **146 families** received support to develop their vegetable gardens.

**Women are the most involved, with 90% participation.** One of the objectives is to strengthen their economic independence, raise awareness on fair distribution of tasks and shared decision-making in order to improve gender equity.



"Thanks to this support, I'm grateful to be able to farm the small plot of land I inherited from my mother. I've sown seeds and have already harvested several crops for my own consumption as well as for sale."

Valentina Orozco, participant in the Bolivia programme.



## The first local organic label in Mali : a significant step towards sustainable agriculture

In Mali, our partner AMSD is a pioneer in the labelling and sale of bio-local agricultural products. The association drew up a set of specifications for obtaining the "Bio-local" label, validated by Mali's National Directorate of Agriculture. It then provided technical support in agroecology for market garden and cereal production.

By 2023, **311 producers had been awarded the "Bio local" label** and were receiving help to market their products:

- AMSD and CNOP (also a Humundi partner) organised 2 weekends showcasing organic and local produce.
- In October 2023, a "local organic" market opened in Bamako.
- A home ordering/delivery system has been launched via Whatsapp.

Since the market opened recently, **8.4 tonnes of market garden produce and cereals have been sold**, demonstrating the market's considerable success and the growing demand for organic produce in Mali.

"We harvest quality produce that can be stored for longer, so we don't have to sell our crop at a loss or throw it away".

Minata Samake, a producer supported by our programme in Mali.



# THE LIZIBA AGROECOLOGICAL CENTRE, AN INNOVATION HUB IN THE DRC

Since 2020, Humundi and Caritas Développement Kinshasa have joined forces to create the Liziba agroecological centre, covering 7 hectares, located 30 km from Kinshasa city centre. In November 2023, a general assembly was held to launch the activities of this centre, which aims to become a national reference centre for the promotion of agroecology.

The centre offers services focusing on ten key areas: awareness raising and training in agroecology, food production with market-gardening workshops, and livestock rearing workshops, the production of organic agricultural inputs, processing of agricultural products, an incubator for micro-enterprises, event services, a multimedia space for information and dissemination, demonstrations and experiments in sustainable agricultural practices, leisure activities and ecotourism, as well as logistical services (e.g. : storage, transport, ...) and sale of organic inputs to support sustainable agriculture.

Following training at the agroecology centre, **the production of biopesticides and biofertilisers has increased significantly, reaching 1,250 litres per month** in the last quarter of 2023. These products will be marketed in the market garden communities of Kinshasa.

The Agroecological Centre is also home to a market garden cooperative supported by Humundi, offering its services to more than **1,200 market gardeners, 40% of whom are women**. In 2023, a group of 105 people (60% of them women) were supported in implementing new production and sales systems, integrating agro-ecological practices.



**"The aim of this centre is to offer an alternative to chemical pesticides and to encourage Kinshasa's market gardeners to produce food that is healthy and safe to eat".**

Philbert Tulunda,  
Caritas Développement Kinshasa,  
Humundi partner.



# COMMITMENT



NO FUTURE FOR  
AGROBUSINESS

PESTICIDE  
FREE  
FUTURE

A demonstration against  
the Forum for the Future  
of Agriculture. Belgium.



# AMPLIFYING PEASANTS' VOICES

Advocacy is crucial to strengthening the voices and interests of peasants. Humundi actively supports advocacy in its partner countries through financial and methodological support.

Adama Gnanou, our Advocacy Support Officer in West Africa, plays a key role in supporting nine partners in Burkina Faso, Mali and Senegal in their advocacy activities. He is also responsible for identifying and consolidating synergies between partners to amplify the political impact of their initiatives.

The increasing use of chemical pesticides is causing real environmental and health disasters in West Africa. Following our campaign on the export of banned pesticides, Adama brought together our partners from the various countries working on the issue of pesticides for a collective brainstorming session. The group decided to set up a mechanism for the exchange of data and evidence in order to carry more weight in national political decisions and, in the medium term, to take concerted action to influence regional bodies.

## Victory against pesticides: Belgium and Peru united!

2023 marks the success of our campaign against the export of banned pesticides from the EU. Belgium was producing and exporting toxic pesticides, despite the fact that they were banned in the EU because of their harmful effects on health and the environment.

**Thanks to coalition work, political meetings and extensive media coverage, the adoption of a royal decree will soon put an end to this. Its publication in the Monitor in November 2023 symbolises the victory of Humundi and the stop-pesticides coalition.**

A double victory! Thanks to the collaboration of our partner, the Peruvian Agroecological Consortium, which is involved in this fight, we were able to find a smuggled pesticide in Peruvian fields, with a production site in Belgium. This prompted two reporters from Paris Match to travel to Peru.

Their report, entitled "Fields of Horror", published a few days before the adoption of the Royal Decree, helped to increase political pressure.

In Peru, our fight goes on. Work to monitor pesticide residues on supermarket shelves has revealed pesticide levels above the national standard. The results have raised public awareness and alerted the authorities to what has long been a health scandal.

This success would not have been possible without the support of over 8,000 signatories!



# OUR AWARENESS-RAISING ACTIVITIES



## Revealing the true price of our food

In September 2023, Humundi launched a campaign entitled "The true price of food" to highlight the devastating impact of our industrial and globalised model. **The United Nations estimates these hidden costs to health, the environment, farmers and animals at 18,900 billion dollars.**

To raise public awareness, we launched a campaign with radio spots on 5 channels (La Première, Vivacité, Classic 21, LN radio, Tipik), posters in 4 Belgian towns and a presence on social networks, with the support of a committed ambassador, Vinz Kanté from the Youtube Limit channel. The media were made aware of the campaign by sending them food parcels to illustrate the impact of hidden costs.

In addition, a round table at the Alimenterre Festival with Diana Borniotto, a researcher at UCL Louvain, and Khady Ndoye, CICODEV programme officer in Senegal, addressed this issue. Humundi also took part in conferences, particularly at the request of the agri-business sector, which was keen to hear a critical viewpoint on the price of our food, underlining the lasting impact of our campaign.

## Means to fight hunger

Together with the Coalition Against Hunger, which brings together 20 Belgian NGOs active in agriculture and food security, Humundi works to defend family farming and the agroecological transformation of food systems.

Despite progress in development cooperation on these issues, the funds allocated to agriculture and food security remain insufficient.

**While Belgium has pledged to devote 15% of its official development assistance to this sector, only 9% was earmarked for the fight against hunger in 2021.**

The Coalition Against Hunger, led by Humundi, launched a campaign in autumn 2023 on this issue. The twofold aim is for the parties to reaffirm their commitment to the fight against hunger and for the future government, which will emerge from the June 2024 elections, to propose a realistic path to achieve the 15% target by 2026.

**DES ORANGES QUI METTENT LA PLANÈTE DANS LE ROUGE**

**Coûts cachés (pour 100g)**  
Destruction de la biodiversité et dangers sanitaires des pesticides.

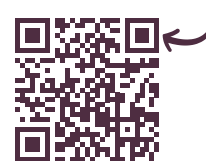
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## Growing awareness in higher education

On 15 March 2023, more than **500** first-year baccalaureate students from Wallonia's agronomy streams were in Gembloux for the **8<sup>th</sup> edition of the "Jeunes Agros et Souveraineté Alimentaire" (JAGROS)** awareness-raising day, co-organized by Humundi and Vétérinaires Sans Frontières. Building on the success of this programme, together with Uni4Coop, we also launched the DJESA project in various French-speaking Belgian universities. Tailored to bioengineers, veterinarians and political science students, these initiatives have attracted a great deal of interest, strengthening our impact in promoting food sovereignty and sustainable food systems.

## Festival Alimenterre 2023: 5 intense days of cinema, debates and festivities

The 15<sup>e</sup> edition of the Alimenterre Festival, held from Wednesday 11 to Sunday 15 October, was enjoyed (8.7/10) by 2,132 festival-goers!

Some 22 films, ranging from documentaries to fiction and animation, have been programmed. **Through 35 screenings as well as meetings and debates that were animated with more than 50 guests, stories of resilience were highlighted:** those of indigenous peoples confronting the exploitation of their resources; those of whistleblowers challenging the power of governments and agri-food lobbies; of African women farmers questioning the leaders of the North about the impact of climate change on their land; of women farmers in the North fighting for recognition of their work.

The festival has forged over 80 partnerships, notably with other festivals such as the FIFF, Anima and the Food Film Fest, giving it the opportunity to reach out to a Dutch-speaking audience. Thanks in part to these partnerships, **more than 50% of the audience came to the Alimenterre Festival for the first time.**



THE ALIMENTERRE FESTIVAL IN FIGURES

**8,7/10**  
OUR FESTIVAL APPRAISAL

**35**  
SCREENINGS WITH DEBATES,  
MEETINGS OR EVENTS  
ORGANISED WITH OVER

**50**  
GUESTS

**80**  
PARTNERSHIPS

**2 132**  
FESTIVAL-GOERS (1,426 IN BRUSSELS,  
706 IN WALLONIA)

## Elsewhere in the world

In Senegal, the 6<sup>th</sup> edition of the festival raised awareness of local consumption and agroecology among almost 600 people. In Burkina Faso, the 2<sup>nd</sup> edition (biennial) mobilised young people and political leaders in Ouagadougou and the provinces, thanks in particular to the Alimenterre caravan which offered screening of films, and travelling activities. The same format was adopted at the 7<sup>th</sup> edition of the festival in the Democratic Republic of Congo, bringing together more than 1,647 people in 19 towns around the theme of alternatives to dangerous pesticides.



**JOIN US FOR THE  
2024 EDITION OF  
THE FESTIVAL**

[www.festivalalimenterre.be](http://www.festivalalimenterre.be)





## The 7<sup>th</sup> Hunger Race was a success

On 1<sup>st</sup> July 2023, 72 teams set off on the 7<sup>th</sup> edition of our "Hunger Race" sporting challenge. They braved the rain to tackle the 20 or 40 km walk or trail, the 7 km kayak and the death-ride down Bouillon Castle.

Thanks to their commitment and energy, the teams raised a remarkable **€109,000**.

The 2024 edition will see two changes: The Hunger Race has now become the Humundi Race. This new name symbolises our desire for coherence and unity by aligning our flagship event with the new identity of our NGO.

And to make it even more accessible, we are offering 10, 20 or 30 km on foot or by trail, while retaining the emblematic activities of kayaking and death-ride.

We would like to thank all the volunteers and participants who make this event such a success and without whom it would not have been possible.

### THE HUMUNDI RACE IN FIGURES

**71**

VOLUNTEERS

**354**

PARTICIPANTS

**72**

TEAMS, INCLUDING 23 MADE UP ENTIRELY OF COMPANIES

**16**

PARTNERS WHO SPONSORED THE EVENT

**109 000€**

COLLECTED

## Publications to foster understanding and support action

In response to the question often asked: "What about me, how can I make a difference?", we have produced **a guide proposing 20 ways in which each and every one of us can fight at our own level for a fair and sustainable food supply**: taking part in mobilisation actions, consuming in a fair and sustainable way, investing our money sustainably, raising awareness among those around us, and so on. Moreover to help you take the leap, each tip is accompanied by information about an association that is active in the field. Due to growing demand, the guide has already been reprinted twice in 2023.

This guide is in addition to Humundi's regular publications like our quarterly magazine "Supporterres", written by our volunteers. Through the presentation of a partner, interviews and analyses, each issue focuses on a different theme. In 2023, we talked about livestock farming, international solidarity and preconceived ideas about agriculture, food and pesticides. On average, 7,000 people receive each issue by post and 8,000 in digital format.



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# IN BELGIUM, A PRESENCE ON THE GROUND

In Belgium, Humundi is fully committed to mobilising citizens. This mission plays an essential and multifaceted role: bringing people together in the public arena to influence policy; giving citizens the means to make their voices heard and take concrete action to change things; breaking isolation by creating links within a collective movement; bringing a "Southern" perspective and international solidarity to Belgian mobilisations; maintaining and strengthening the momentum of civil society networks fighting for a fairer world.

**In 2023, Humundi played an active role in a number of mobilisations.**



On **28 March**, we lent our voice and our expertise in the field of pesticides to a **campaign against the Forum for the future of agriculture**, which promotes the industrial agricultural model.

On **17 April**, we contributed and took part in the **International Day of Peasant's Struggles**, which denounced the clearing of farmlands, in the context of the construction of Liege airport extension.



On **8 November**, we added our voices to those of the many **civil society** organisations calling on the European authorities to put agricultural issues back on the agenda and food at the heart of discussions, against a backdrop of the burial of the Green deal and the European fork-to-fork strategy.

Lastly, on **3 December**, the **Climate March** became a key event in the history of the European Union. The urgent need to take action for a sustainable future.



Whether by speaking out or simply being there, we bring energy and sow seeds for the transition underway. During these events, our volunteers get involved either by being present at the actions or marches on the day itself, or by taking part in workshops to prepare placards, as they did for 8 November, or by contributing their strength to the organisation of the event, as they did for the action on 17 April.

It's a powerful moment for the growing number of people looking for ways to take action!

# A DIVERSITY OF COMMITTED VOLUNTEERS

Every year, around a hundred volunteers give up their time to support Humundi. Their energy and commitment are essential to the production of our publications, such as Supporterres, and to the success of our flagship events, such as the Alimenterre festival and the Humundi Race. Our volunteers also take part in the International Day of Peasant's Struggle on 17 April and the Climate March.

With profiles ranging from young graduates to retired people, from those familiar with our issues to those keen to understand how to contribute to change, everyone is welcome! What they have in common is their desire to get involved in promoting fair and sustainable food systems.

**Volunteering with Humundi means "getting people to think together about a great project".**

**Manon, volunteer for the Alimenterre Festival.**

The spirit of conviviality that reigns between volunteers working together for the same cause and the same passion is often highlighted:

**"The atmosphere among the volunteers is truly extraordinary. We're all here to support the same project, so we share the same values. And that's really great!"**

**Eric, Humundi volunteer for the Alimenterre Festival.**

By joining Humundi as a volunteer, you can gain experience and skills, benefit from training on global agricultural and food issues, meet our colleagues and partners in Africa and Latin America, make your voice heard and forge links by working on meaningful joint projects.



**"Writing for Supporterres is a way of lending my voice to causes that perhaps don't have enough resonance."**

**Diyanaba, volunteer for our magazine Supporterres.**



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A VOLUNTEER**

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# FINANCES



# 2023 PROFIT AND LOSS ACCOUNT - IN €

The positive result for the year, up on the previous year, is explained by a smaller increase in expenses than in income.

REVENUE	2022	2023	Evolution
Donors	987 805	981 558	-0,6%
Heritages	135 895	548 227	303,4%
Companies	104 838	117 062	11,7%
NGOs & Foundations	347 787	390 933	12,4%
Wallonie-Bruxelles International	137 567	138 587	0,7%
Wallonia Region	62 416	47 348	-24,1%
Brussels-Capital Region	59 741	28 914	-51,6%
Belgian Cooperation - DGD	5 173 401	5 867 936	13,4%
Enabel (Belgian Development Agency)	653 121	263 129	-59,7%
Other subsidies	25 121	62 889	150,3%
Maribel	21 245	18 699	-12,0%
Services	0	334 644	
Miscellaneous products	62 142	68 163	9,7%
Financial income	12 577	18 864	50,0%
<b>TOTAL REVENUE</b>	<b>7 783 656</b>	<b>8 886 951</b>	<b>14,2%</b>
EXPENSES	2022	2023	Evolution
Fundraising	368 905	429 564	16,4%
Expenditure on Africa and Latin America programmes	5 094 889	5 562 485	9,2%
Programme expenditure in Belgium	311 151	368 758	18,5%
Operating expenses and depreciation	267 358	255 360	-4,5%
Staff (including programmes and fundraising staff costs)	2 079 354	2 039 546	-1,9%
Financial expenses	33 366	139 591	318,4%
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>8 155 023</b>	<b>8 795 305</b>	<b>7,9%</b>
<b>RESULT</b>	<b>-371 366</b>	<b>91 647</b>	

Humundi's financial statements, drawn up in accordance with the provisions of the Code of Companies and Associations, are :

- audited and certified by 2C&B;
- approved by the association's General Assembly;
- deposited with the National Bank of Belgium.



# 2023 BALANCE SHEET - IN €

The balance sheet total was €4,116,926 on 31 December 2023. Assets consist mainly of cash and cash equivalents totalling €2,519,110. Liabilities include social funds totalling €2,294,626.

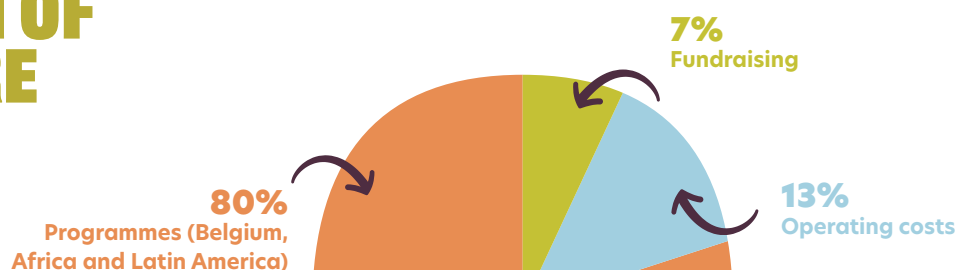
## ASSETS

	2022	2023
Fixed assets	205 283	178 432
Receivables	1 213 632	931 497
Cash investments	539 415	421 720
Disposable assets	2 509 668	2 519 110
Accruals and deferred income	43 427	66 168
<b>TOTAL ASSETS</b>	<b>4 511 425</b>	<b>4 116 926</b>

## LIABILITIES

	2022	2023
Social Fund	2 202 980	2 294 626
Provisions	47 937	56 757
Debts	746 597	801 809
Regulatory accounts	1 513 912	963 733
<b>TOTAL LIABILITIES</b>	<b>4 511 425</b>	<b>4 116 926</b>

## BREAKDOWN OF EXPENDITURE



**TOTAL**  
**8 795 305 €**



# COUNTRIES OF ACTION AND PARTNERS

## PERU



### CONVEAGRO

National convention of Peruvian agriculture

### CAAP

Peruvian Agro-Andean central

### CONSORCIO AGROECOLOGICO

Ecological agriculture network of Peru

### COOPECAN

Production and producer services cooperative of Andean camelids



### CIDERURAL

Savings and credit cooperative centre for integration and rural development

### FOGAL

Guarantee funds in Latin America



### ARARIWA

### AGROSALUD

### REDES

Challenges for sustainable development



### Rural finance institutions



### Farmers' organisations



### NGOs/networks

+

New

## BOLIVIA



### RED OEPAIC

Network of economic organizations of craftsmen with cultural identity

### FINCAFE

Coffee Financial Services Association



### CIUDADANIA

### AGRECOL

Agrecol Andes Foundation

### FUNDDA.SUR

Fund for the unity and development of the Andes and Amazon in the South

### IPDRS

Institute for rural development in south America

### PBFCC

Bolivian platform on climate change

### PRO-RURAL

Bolivian civil association for rural development

## SENEGAL



### CNCR

National council for rural dialogue and cooperation

### EGAB

Association of farmers' groups for grassroots development

### FAPAL

Federation of Farmers' Associations of Louga

### FONGS - Action paysanne

Federations of non-governmental organisations of Senegal

### FYNW

Yaakar Nialni Wouly Federation

### UJAK

Union of Young Farmers of Koyli wirnde

### ADID

Dahra integrated development Association

### ADAK

Association for the development of farmers in Kaolack

### ANPDI

National association for integrated development

### CICODEV

Pan-African institute for research, training and action on citizenship, consumption and development in Africa



### BANQUE AGRICOLE +

Farming bank

## BELGIUM



The Coalition Against Hunger and its 20 member organisations are partners in the campaign to guarantee 15% of the national budget for the fight against hunger.



## ETHIOPIA



**BUUSAA GONOFAA IMF**

**LIYU MICROFINANCE (SFPI)**

**ESHET IMF**

**WASASA IMF**



**ERSHA**

Enhanced rural self-help association

**MELCA ETHIOPIA**

Movement for ecological learning and community action

**OSRA**

Oromo Association for Self-Sufficiency

**PELUM-Ethiopia**

Participatory ecological management of land use

**WISE**

Organisation for women's entrepreneurship

## RDC



**CONAPAC**

National Confederation of Agricultural Producers of Congo

**FOPAKO**

Force Paysanne du Kongo Central

**APROFEL**

Association for the promotion of women in Lukula



**Caritas Développement Kinshasa**

**CENADEP**

National Support Centre for Development and Popular Participation

**CAVTK - CPK**

Kinshasa Plant Clinic



**GUILGAL**

Microfinance institution

## BURKINA FASO



**COOPERATIVE VIIM BAORE**

Food security stocks network

**CPF**

Farmer confederation of Faso

**FENOP**

National federation of farmers' organisations

**FNGN**

National Federation of Naam groups

**ROPFA**

West African Network of farmers' organizations and agricultural Producers

**USCCPA**

Union of cooperative societies for marketing of agricultural products



**AFRIQUE VERTE**

**CNABIO**

National council organic farming

**APIL**

Association for the promotion of local initiatives

**AFDR**

Training - Development - Rurality Association



**APFI**

Association for the promotion of inclusive finance

## MALI



**CAECE - Jigisèmè**

Network of cooperatives of entrepreneurs and merchants



**CNOP**

National coordination of farmers' organisations in Mali

**PNPR**

National Platform of Rice Producers of Mali

**USPCPD**

Union of cooperative societies of cereal producers of Diédougou

**YÈRÈNYÈTON**

Union of cereal producers in the Baroueli circle



**AMSD**

Malian Association for solidarity and development

**CRU**

Regional commission of users of research results

**CAEB**

Advice and support for basic education

## UGANDA



**AFSA**

Alliance for Food Sovereignty in Africa

**PELUM-Uganda**

Participatory ecological management of land use

**ESAFF-Uganda**

Forum for small-scale farmers in Eastern and Southern Africa

**KRC UGANDA**

Kabarole Research Centre

**WOUNET**

Uganda Women's Network

# KEY FIGURES

**5 562 485**  
FUNDING IN EUROS

These funds support their actions and projects.



**133 316**  
RURAL HOUSEHOLDS  
BENEFITING FROM  
DIRECT

of Humundi and its partners.



**1 344 247 \***  
RURAL HOUSEHOLDS  
RECEIVING INDIRECT  
SUPPORT

whose organisation received institutional support from Humundi.

\* Apart from these targeted households, the actions benefit all rural populations in their country

**9**  
COUNTRY  
OF ACTION

Humundi is active in 6 African countries, 2 Latin American countries and Belgium.

**7**  
OFFICES  
IN AFRICA,  
LATIN AMERICA  
AND EUROPE

Humundi has 7 offices that work very closely with its partners: Brussels (Belgium), Thiès (Senegal), Bamako (Mali), Ouagadougou (Burkina Faso), Kinshasa (Democratic Republic of Congo), Lima (Peru) and Cochabamba (Bolivia).

**59**  
EMPLOYEES  
**44%**  
OF WOMEN

The majority of employees at head office and in the country offices are involved in programme support, supplemented by awareness raising and advocacy services, finance, administration and communication.

**80 068**  
AWARENESS RAISING  
IN BELGIUM

Beneficiaries of awareness-raising campaigns in Belgium (excluding social networks).

**15 000**  
RECIPIENTS  
OF OUR PUBLICATIONS

These recipients keep up to date with our activities through our print and electronic publications.

**100**  
VOLUNTEERS

The volunteers enable Humundi to step up its awareness campaigns in Belgium.





**141**

**MEDIA COVERAGE (PRESS,  
WEB, TV AND RADIO)**

The media regularly report on our events, actions and advocacy campaigns.



**8 184**

**DONORS**

Essential support for the smooth running of Humundi's activities.

**70**

**PARTNERS**

Humundi works with 70 local partners: farmers' organisations, rural finance institutions and NGOs.



**1 098 620 €**

**DONATIONS**

Each funding contribution made to Humundi in increase fivefold thanks to the co-funding system of the DGD (Belgium Development Cooperation).

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