



ACTIVITY REPORT 2024

SUMMARY

SOS CHRÉTIENS D'ORIENT'S WORK IN 2024



11 YEARS
OF EXISTENCE



3,250 VOLUNTEERS
SINCE 2013

6 PILLARS OF ACTION



Emergency Aid



Cultural and Heritage
development



Economic and Social
Development



Education and Youth



Rehabilitation



Medical Care

OUR ACTIVITY IN 2024



10.8
million as budget in 2024



382
completed projects



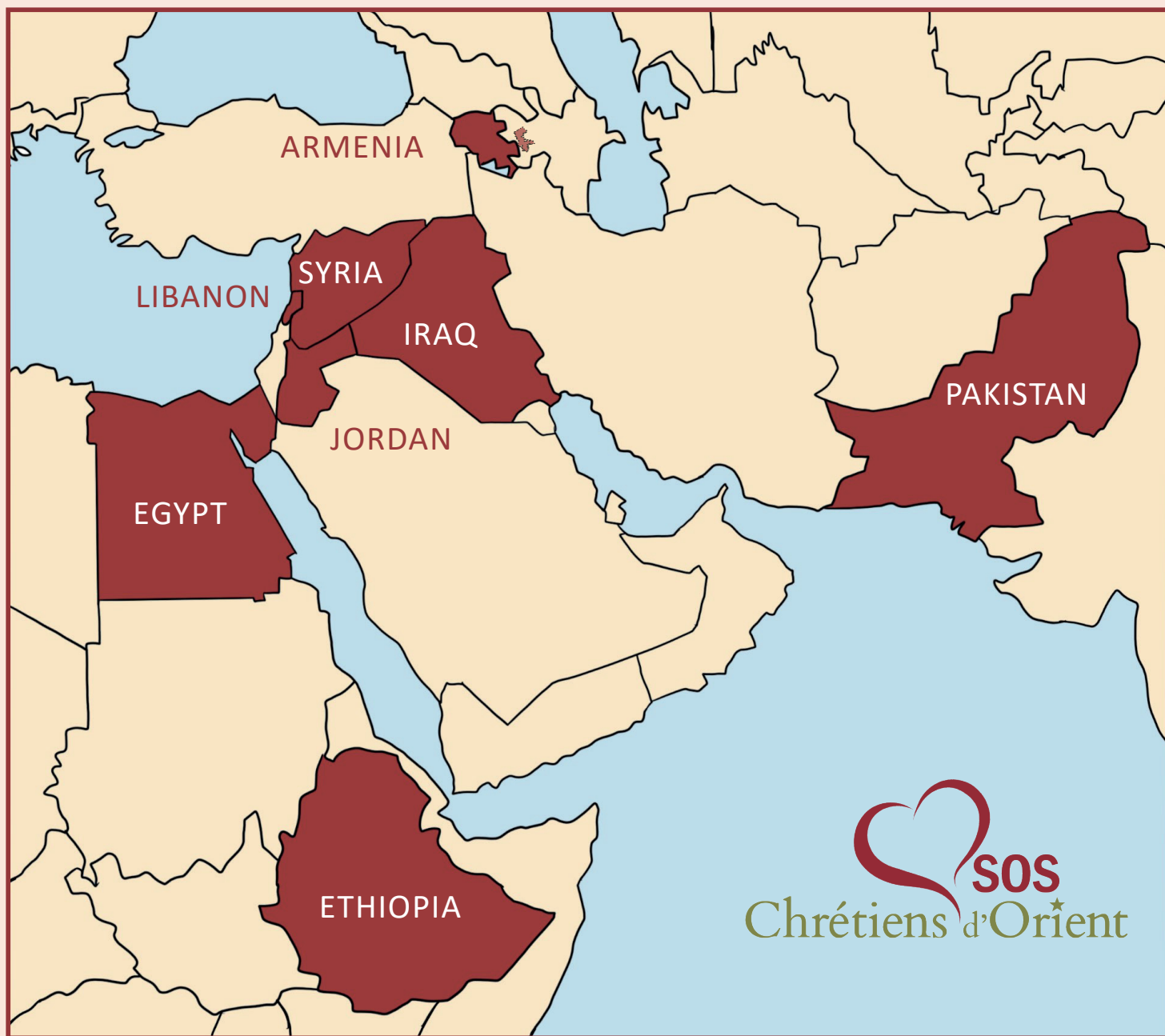
290,000
beneficiaries



251 volunteers
served in missions for
an average of 86 days

7 PERMANENT MISSIONS

SYRIA, IRAQ, LEBANON, JORDAN, EGYPT, ARMENIA, ETHIOPIA



A YEAR WITH SOS CHRÉTIENS D'ORIENT



JANUARY

A HELPING HAND FOR THE PEOPLE OF GAZA

Even though SOS Chrétiens d'Orient does not operate in Palestine or in the Gaza Strip, it was impossible for us not to provide some support to Christians in the Holy Land. Therefore, SOS Chrétiens d'Orient teams in Jordan and Egypt mobilised to provide assistance to the conflict's indirect victims.

MARCH

HOLY WEEK WITH EASTERN CHRISTIANS

On this Palm Sunday, March 24, SOS Chrétiens d'Orient volunteers joined the crowds celebrating Christ's entry into Jerusalem. During this week, in Armenia, Egypt, Lebanon, Syria and Iraq, volunteers celebrated Holy masses and Easter with Eastern Christians.



APRIL

CHARITY DINNER FOR IRAQI CHRISTIANS

The traditional SOS Chrétiens d'Orient charity dinner was held at the prestigious Cercle de l'Union Interalliée. This year, the project supported come from the Syriac Orthodox parish of Bartella, a small town in the Nineveh Plain, where a reception hall will be constructed for the community. What is the aim of this project? To encourage the return to normal life in the Nineveh Plain and strengthen the Christian families' presence in this village that was devastated after the invasion of the Islamic State group between 2014 and 2016.

APRIL

A CELEBRATION DAY IN MOSUL

On April 5, 2024, a handful of faithful, civil and religious authorities, as well as a delegation from SOS Chrétiens d'Orient, gathered with emotion in the Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Mosul to attend its re-consecration. Restored notably thanks to two donors who left their assets to the SOS Chrétiens d'Orient endowment fund, the church and its school had been destroyed ten years earlier by jihadists from the Islamic State group. After two years of work, the church reopened its doors for worship.

The Chaldean Patriarch Louis Raphael I presided over the consecration ceremony, attended by many religious and civil dignitaries. During the inauguration ceremony, Archbishop Najeeb, Chaldean Archbishop of Mosul and Aqra, repeatedly addressed the SOS Chrétiens d'Orient delegation to express the deep gratitude of Iraqi Christians: «If you only knew how deeply moved are the Christians to know that unknown French people have helped them charitably!»





MAY 18, 19 AND 20 PILGRIMAGES IN THE EAST AND THE WEST

Each year, members of SOS Chrétiens d'Orient walk from Paris to Chartres as part of the traditional Pentecost pilgrimage organised by Notre-Dame de Chrétienté. Simultaneously, our volunteers organised their own pilgrimages in their different mission countries, walking in communion with the pilgrims in France. In Alqosh, several hundred Iraqis were able to take part in a local pilgrimage.

SUMMER CAMPING WITH THE YOUTH

As every summer, SOS Chrétiens d'Orient supports the organisation of many summer camps and holiday activities for the young people, organised in partnership with parishes, monasteries, religious and charitable associations, or municipalities. Hundreds of Christian children and teenagers are able to enjoy a real holiday that can't afford alone.



SEPTEMBER EMERGENCY IN LEBANON

At the end of the summer, Israeli bombings in southern Lebanon intensified. A ground offensive was also launched. According to authorities, 1.2 million Lebanese people had to flee in emergency conditions. In order to help these families during this difficult time, SOS Chrétiens d'Orient increased its emergency aid activities: distribution of food packages and hygiene products, preparation of hot meals, donations of collective catering equipment, distribution of mattresses, pillows and blankets. In total, nearly 2,000 displaced Christians — women, children and elderly people — were directly helped by our organization to ease their suffering and help them overcome this terrible ordeal. In cooperation with the Ministry of Social Affairs, a mobile clinic was set up to provide basic healthcare to displaced people and Christian families who remained in southern Lebanon.

DECEMBER EMERGENCY IN SYRIA

Syria entered a new era within a few days. After entering Aleppo on November 28, the Islamists of HTC (Hayat Tahrir al-Sham) seized power on December 8. Great concern spread among Syrian Christians. For them, as for many Syrians, the future is now uncertain. SOS Chrétiens d'Orient continues its work, notably by launching emergency aid programmes for Aleppo families.







EDITORIAL

2024 was also a difficult year for Eastern Christians. I am thinking especially of Lebanon, affected by war; Syria, which experienced a deeply worrying circumstances at the end of the year; and Armenia, which more than ever is facing pressure and intimidation from its Azerbaijani neighbour.

In such a context, SOS Chrétiens d'Orient, throughout its teams, volunteers and donors could not remain inactive. At the end of the year, two emergency operations were launched to help Christians in Lebanon and Syria.

Our 251 volunteers were ready all over the year to show their support, through their presence and activities, to Christians who are persecuted, discriminated or affected by poverty. We can only carry out this mission thanks to our generous donors.

In 2024, over €10 million was raised thanks to our 42,000 donors. May your generosity return to you a hundredfold.

Charles de Meyer
President of SOS Chrétiens d'Orient

SIX PILLARS OF ACTION

EMERGENCY AID

Although SOS Chrétiens d'Orient is a long-term organisation, it must regularly deal with situations of crisis or immediate humanitarian distress. Thus, it helps the most vulnerable by providing water, food, housing, medicines, basic necessities, hygiene products, heating equipment and blankets.



REHABILITATION

After acting during times of crisis or war, SOS Chrétiens d'Orient remains present during times of peace. The aim is to help and assist local populations in the rehabilitation of their homes, churches, schools, hospitals and heritage sites. And to allow displaced populations to return to their towns and villages.



ECONOMIC AND SOCIAL DEVELOPMENT

SOS Chrétiens d'Orient helps Christians find work in areas severely affected by unemployment. Through donations or zero-interest solidarity loans, selected applicants receive financial support to start or restart their economic activity. The organization helps people wishing to find job and secure their professional future, both in crafts and agriculture.





CULTURAL AND HERITAGE DEVELOPMENT

SOS Chrétiens d'Orient volunteers promote historical sites and preserve spiritual life. They organize concerts, theatre performances and many cultural activities, where teachers provide training in sculpture, music, plastic arts and other disciplines. Finally, SOS Chrétiens d'Orient contributes to the French language and culture flourishing in each mission country.

EDUCATION AND YOUTH

At SOS Chrétiens d'Orient, we believe that protecting young people from the violence of war and ensuring their future is as important as feeding or caring for them. Therefore, our volunteers spend the necessary time with children, playing with them and providing emotional support. Wherever conditions allow, we build or rebuild schools in order to improve the future of Eastern Christians in their own countries.



MEDICAL CARE

SOS Chrétiens d'Orient builds hospitals and finances pharmacies, mobile clinics and medical centres. The organization also provides donations of medicines and medical equipment, allowing the greatest possible number of people, especially the poorest patients, to receive care.

SYRIA



WAËL

KASSOUHA

HEAD OF MISSION IN SYRIA

COUNTRY PROFILE

Syrian Christians currently represent between 2 and 3% of the population, compared with 7% before the war. They are mainly Greek Orthodox Christians (54% of the Christian population), Armenian Apostolic Christians (12.5%), Greek Melkite Catholics (12.5%) and Syriac Orthodox Christians (9.1%). But also, there are Maronite, Evangelical, Chaldean, Assyrians, and Syriac Catholic faithful. SOS Chrétiens d'Orient was created following an emergency mission in Syria in December 2013. Over 11 years, 470 volunteers have served in the Syrian mission to help the Syrian people, for whom, the organization has funded 750 projects.

The End of an Era

The year 2024 was marked by the fall of Bashar al-Assad’s government. Following a rapid offensive by jihadist groups and organisations, mainly based in Idlib in the north-west of the country, Bashar al-Assad toppled and left Syria on December 8, 2024.

An Islamist-oriented transitional government was established by Syria’s new leader, Moahmed al-Shaara. After fourteen years of conflict and international sanctions, 90% of Syrians still live under the poverty line.



MAIN PROJECTS OF 2024

Youth-focused projects were at the heart of SOS Chrétiens d’Orient’s work in Syria. Therefore, the cultural centres in Homs and Aleppo opened their doors to welcome Syrian young people for language classes, music lessons and stone-carving workshops.

Several schools in Aleppo received help, as an example the installation of solar panel in Dar al Tarbiyeh School, or the provision of equipment to Al Charq Armenian Apostolic School. Each project aims to allow Syrian young people to study in a decent condition.

In the same context, SOS Chrétiens d’Orient renovated a scout centre in Homs thanks to donors’ generosity. Of course, rehabilitation projects continued in 2024 in a country affected by nearly fifteen years of war and the 2023 earthquake: homes and shops were renovated.

To help Syrians restart economic activities, the final phase of the Ramouseh mechanical workshops project in Aleppo industrial zoon was launched in 2024.

At the crossroads between economic development and emergency aid, administrative procedures for the industrial bakery project in Al-Qusayr began in 2024. The project was completed at the beginning of 2025, creating around thirty jobs and doubling bread production.

Finally, the political changes at the end of 2024 required an emergency aid campaign, particularly for 1,500 Christian families in need in Aleppo.

SYRIA
IN NUMBERS



16
volunteers



21
employees



28
completed projects



37,500
beneficiaries



€1.88 M
as budget
in 2024

BUDGET
ALLOCATION



31,00%
Emergency Aid



10,10%
Economic and Social
development



34,90%
Reconstruction



0,50%
Cultural and Heritage
Development



15,10%
Education and Youth



8,20%
Medical Care

IRAQ



**GRÉGOIRE
BAUDRY**

HEAD OF MISSION IN IRAQ

COUNTRY PROFILE

In the early 2000s, Iraq was home to approximately 1.5 million Christians, representing almost 4% of the population. In twenty years, this number has been divided by ten. Today, only 150,000 Iraqi Christians remain on their homeland.

Around 80% are Chaldeans (Catholics), 10% are Syriac Catholics and Orthodox Christians, 5% are Assyrians, and around 3% are Armenians (divided between Catholic and Apostolic). SOS Chrétiens d'Orient set up its mission in Iraq in 2014. In eleven years, the organization has sent more than 600 volunteers and finished more than 260 projects.

Turkish Operations in Iraqi Kurdistan

In 2024, the Turkish army, which has military bases in Iraqi Kurdistan, continued its offensive against the Kurdistan Workers' Party (PKK), a Kurdish separatist terrorist movement with Marxist ideology.

As PKK militias had taken refuge in Iraqi Kurdistan, Turkish airstrikes targeted PKK positions in the region. It should be noted that the PKK announced its dissolution early in 2025.



Main projects of 2024

Reconstruction was at the heart of 2024 projects, with the inauguration of two churches whose restoration work had been completed in 2023. The first was the Assyrian Church of Perozawa, in Iraqi Kurdistan, which had collapsed. The second was Our Lady of Perpetual Help Church in Mosul, officially inaugurated by Louis Raphael I, Cardinal Sako, Patriarch of the Chaldean Church, in the presence of a large delegation of SOS Chrétiens d'Orient members and donors. (cf. p4.) In September 2024, a bell was manufactured in Savoy, France, then blessed and installed in the Iraqi church.

Economic development was also a major step of SOS Chrétiens d'Orient's work. As every year since 2016, the Saint Joseph Centre in Karamlesh, in the Nineveh Plain, continues its mission of training people in construction sector and computer skills. In Benatha, our volunteers gave a large flock of sheep to the inhabitants to provide them new sources of income. Likewise, beekeeping projects were successfully carried out in Alqosh, Bartella and Ain Baqra. Finally, several generators and solar panel systems delivered in 2024 helped compensate for electricity shortages. To encourage Christian families to remain in the Nineveh Plain, a reception hall suitable for weddings and other events was built in Bartella, around twenty kilometres from Mosul. In addition, a cultural centre was also established in Saint George parish in Bahzani. Students had also their part of the aid, with, for example, the restoration of the Banasor School roof top.

IRAQ IN NUMBERS



41
volunteers



6
employees



32
completed
projects



6 138
beneficiaries



€1.88 M
as budget
in 2024

BUDGET ALLOCATION



13,70%
Emergency Aid



28,70%
Economic
and Social
Development



57,70%
Reconstruction

LEBANON



THIBAULT WALLET
HEAD OF MISSION
IN LEBANON

COUNTRY PROFILE

Christians in Lebanon represent between 25% and 40% of the population. Meanwhile, they represent 80% of the Lebanese diaspora, or around 14 million Lebanese Christians worldwide. The Christian community is largely dominated by Maronites, who represent 60% of Lebanese Christians, followed by Greek Orthodox Christians (27%), Greek Melkite Catholics and Armenians.

In 2014, SOS Chrétiens d'Orient set up its mission in the country of Cedars. A total of 695 volunteers served in the field to complete more than 300 projects.

An Endless War

The conflict between Israel and Hezbollah erupted at the end of 2024 causing more than 4,000 deaths and nearly 18,000 injuries. It led to the displacement of 1.4 million Lebanese people fleeing the southern regions of the country. Nearly 100,000 homes were destroyed. Material damage cost reached 14 billion USD, representing more than 60% of Lebanese GDP. A constantly-breached cease-fire was signed on November 27, 2024.



Main projects of 2024

Economic development projects are at the heart of SOS Chrétiens d'Orient's work in Lebanon, a country affected by persistent economic crisis. The organization therefore launched training sessions on olive cultivation and olive oil production in order to improve the quality standards of olive oil in the Chouf region. SOS Chrétiens d'Orient also invested in equipment needed for cheese production at Maad centre of the Messages of Peace association, which employs adults with disabilities.

Youth also was targeted by SOS Chrétiens d'Orient's projects in Lebanon with the donations provided to six semi-free schools in peripheral areas of the country, as well as support for the education of children from families assisted by the Al Tawarek Foundation.

During the summer, volunteers also supervised many activities, camps and holiday centres for nearly one thousand Lebanese young people. Finally, the SOS Chrétiens d'Orient educational centre in Mina, a Christian neighbourhood of Tripoli, operated throughout the year thanks to our donors.

In September 2024, the organization launched an emergency mission to respond to the needs and distress of the Lebanese population, once again affected by violence, by providing material, health and medical assistance to displaced families. This emergency mission put into service a mobile clinic in cooperation with the Ministry of Social Affairs. The clinic continued its activities until spring 2025.

LEBANON IN NUMBER



64
volunteers



7
employees



34
completed
projects



19 985
beneficiaries



€1,25 M
as budget in 2024

BUDGET ALLOCATION



14,80%
Emergency Aid



11,10%
Economic and Social
Development



3,30%
Reconstruction



8,90%
Cultural and Heritage
Development

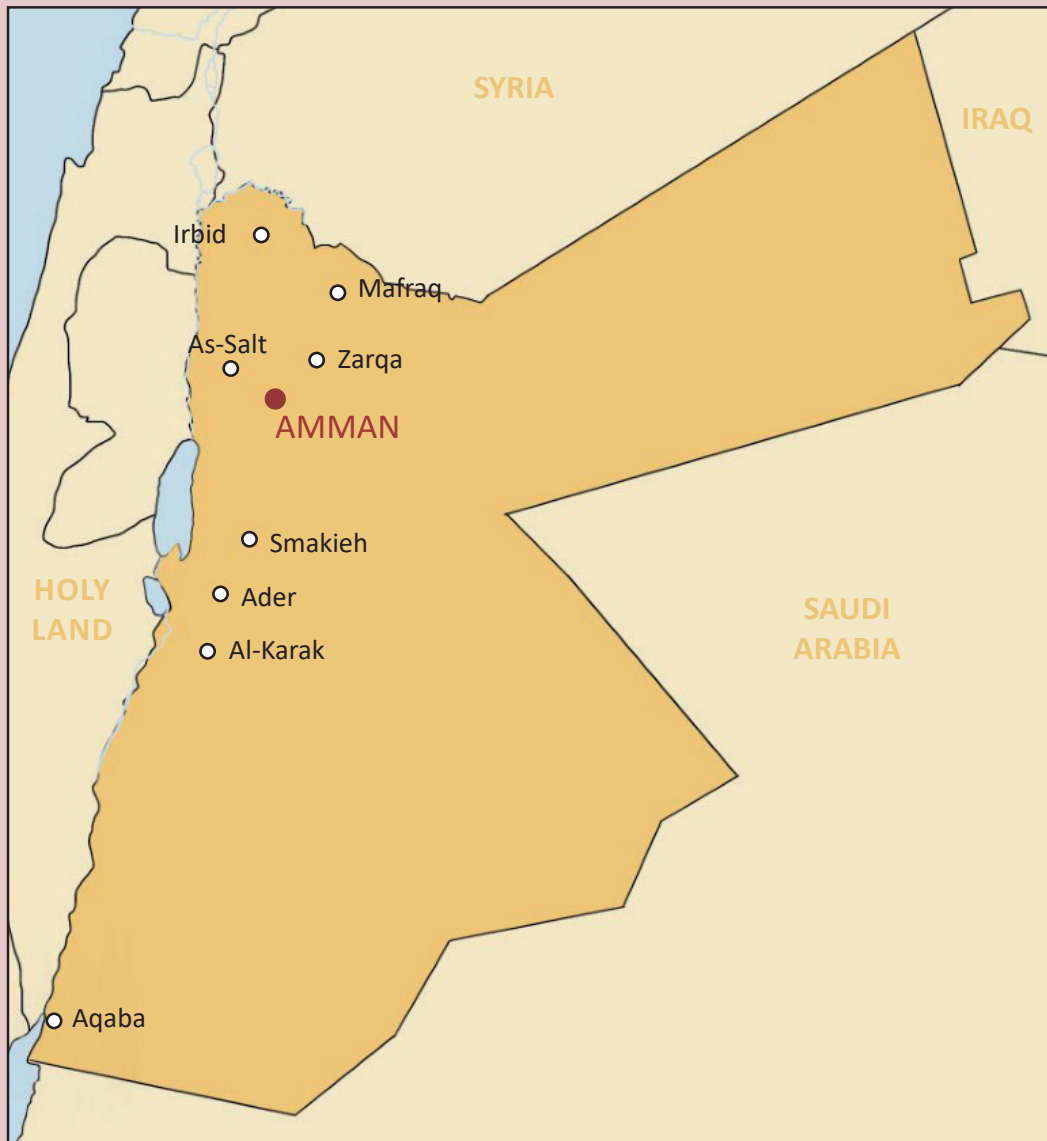


46,30%
Education and Youth



15,60%
Medical Care

JORDAN



PIERRE-AUGUSTIN
GUILLERMET
then



IVAN
DE MERCEY
HEAD OF MISSION IN JORDAN

COUNTRY PROFILE

Christians in Jordan represent between 2 and 3% of the population. They belong to the Greek Orthodox Church (50%), the Greek Melkite Catholic Church (20%) and the Latin Catholic Church (20%).

SOS Chrétiens d'Orient has been operating in Jordan since 2015, completing around fifty projects and sending 260 volunteers to serve in the mission.

Jordan Under Gaza's Pressure

The geographic proximity of Palestine has consequences for Jordan's stability. The country is divided between: a population largely of Palestinian origin and the growing influence of Islamist movements on the one hand, and, its alliance with the United States and its peace treaty with Israel on the other hand, putting the Hashemite Kingdom in a complex situation. It is also in order to preserve this stability that Jordan strongly opposed Donald Trump's plans to relocate people from Gaza.



Main projects of 2024

SOS Chrétiens d'Orient increased its activities in Jordan, with a variety of projects aimed at supporting local populations and strengthening the economic, social and cultural capacities of Christian communities in the country. In response to urgent needs, the organization provided significant aid, including medical donations and hearing aids for people with hearing loss.

The organization also invested in essential infrastructure, including the renovation of a community kitchen for the Beit Mariam girls' house in Amman, the installation of solar panels at Saint George Church in Madaba, and the installation of an air-conditioning system for the Latin parish of As-Salt.

Education and youth remained at the centre of our action, with school scholarships for students at the Salvatorian Sisters' school in Zarqa, the provision of interactive boards for a school, and financing various scout activities in As-Salt. During the summer, SOS Chrétiens d'Orient organised several camps offering educational and fun activities for children and teenagers in As-Salt, Ader and Al-Husn.

In addition, economic and social projects were launched, as an example donations to poor families, the creation of a youth garden at the Latin parish of Irbid, and the funding of a nail care salon in Smakieh to hence a young Christian couple independence.

JORDAN IN NUMBERS



12
volunteers



3
employees



29
completed
projects



1452
beneficiaries



€ 330 000
as budget in
2024

BUDGET ALLOCATION



6,50%
Emergency Aid



0,20%
Economic and Social
Development



59,30%
Reconstruction



3,30%
Cultural and Heritage
Development



30,30%
Education and Youth



0,40%
Medical Care

EGYPT



**AUBERT
DU MARAIS**
HEAD OF MISSION IN EGYPT

COUNTRY PROFILE

Egyptian Christians represent between 15 and 20% of the population. The overwhelming majority of them are Coptic Orthodox (90 - 95%), while Coptic Catholics represent only around 5% of the Coptic population.

Present in Egypt since 2016, SOS Chr tiens d'Orient has sent 456 volunteers to serve in the slums of Cairo and Alexandria, completing a total of 183 projects were in 2024.

A Precarious Suspension of Peace Agreements

The war between Israel and Gaza has direct consequences for Egypt, which maintains its role as a mediator between the different parties more than ever, forcing the country to balance international responsibilities and national priorities, which are essential to maintaining regime stability and regional order.



Main Projects of 2024

SOS Chrétiens d'Orient's Egyptian mission focuses its action on two main pillars: ending poverty and improving future, through projects supporting youth and education, which are the only ways to a better reality. Every week, volunteers carry out distribution of food and medicines campaigns, and visit families in Cairo, Alexandria and Assiut.

To help families end poverty, SOS Chrétiens d'Orient develops income-generating economic projects, particularly through partnerships with the Papal Office of Projects (POP) of the Coptic Orthodox Church in Cairo. Several craft workshops in sewing and carpentry have been launched, as well as hair salons and small grocery stores. These projects are effective and provide sustainable income for the beneficiaries.

As for young people, many activities are organised during the year for children from schools and orphanages, especially in slums. Several schools receive aid, including the 15 May slum's school, Al-Mahaba School and Peace School in the Ezbet El Nakhl slum, alongside with a community canteen financed by SOS Chrétiens d'Orient. School construction projects are also underway or planned.

Finally, our teams run the construction of the 15 May slum's hospital and they expect to finish works in 2025.

EGYPT IN NUMBERS



62
volunteers



16
employees



180
completed
projects



64 500
beneficiaries



€1,3 M
million as budget
in 2024

BUDGET ALLOCATION



22,30%
Emergency Aid



23,40%
Economic and Social
Development



4,10%
Cultural and Heritage
Development



31,70%
Education and Youth



18,60%
Medical Care

ARMENIA



**ALEXANDRE
GOODARZY**

HEAD OF MISSION IN ARMENIA

COUNTRY PROFILE

In Armenia, Christians represent 97% of the population, mainly belonging to the Armenian Apostolic Church.

SOS Chrétiens d'Orient established its mission in Armenia in 2018. Since then, 170 volunteers have served there and 240 projects have been completed by the organization.

The War Between Armenia and Azerbaijan Is Not Over.

After the annexation of The Republic of Artsakh at the end of 2023, which forced 120,000 Armenians to flee, Azerbaijan continued to put pressure on Armenia. It took parts of Armenian territory while multiplying threatening statements. For Armenia, 2024 was therefore another disastrous year. Thus, SOS Chrétiens d'Orient's work in the country is required more than ever.



Main Projects of 2024

As Armenia faced a massive arrival of displaced people from Artsakh at the end of 2023, SOS Chrétiens d'Orient continued its emergency aid, particularly for displaced families. Donations were provided on monthly basis, including clothing, food, hygiene products and firewood.

Still standing with Artsakh displaced people, SOS Chrétiens d'Orient developed several economic activities, including agriculture projects through potato plant donations, and services projects, such as the creation of beauty salons in several municipalities.

Armenian culture reservation is also a way of resisting. Therefore, SOS Chrétiens d'Orient financed the Vaghatur library, the Goris cultural centre, the Mekhitarist Fathers activities, and the Etchmiadzin printing house; the headquarters of the Armenian Apostolic Church.

Several music-related activities were also launched, with music lessons and concerts for young people. Youth sports were also supported, as an example the equipment of a boxing club and material and technical assistance for athletes.

To encourage Armenian populations to remain on their land, threatened by Azerbaijani forces, SOS Chrétiens d'Orient launched the complete renovation of the main square of the village of Khoznavar, near the border with Azerbaijan, as well as the renovation of Yeghvard; important projects that are both practical and symbolic.

ARMENIA IN NUMBERS



56
volunteers



9
employees



69
completed
projects



152 500
beneficiaries



€1,1 M
as budget in 2024

BUDGET ALLOCATION



5,80%
Emergency Aid



31,40%
Economic and Social
Development



20,20%
Reconstruction



36,50%
Cultural and Heritage
Development



4,40%
Education and Youth



1,70%
Medical Care

ETHIOPIA



THIBAUT
WALLET
then



FRANÇOIS
LAVALLOU

HEAD OF MISSION IN ETHIOPIA

COUNTRY PROFILE

60% of Ethiopians are Christians. More than 75% of them belong to the Ethiopian Orthodox Tewahedo Church, 19% are Protestants and 1% are Catholics. SOS Chrétiens d'Orient established its mission in Ethiopia in 2019, it is therefore the organization's most recent permanent mission.

Ten volunteers have served there since then and around twenty projects are ongoing or have been completed.

A country affected by latent conflict

The security situation in Ethiopia remains uncertain, particularly in the Amhara region, which has been witnessing an insurgency against the federal government for two years, and in Oromia, where an armed group, the OLA (Oromo Liberation Army), is putting pressure on the government. The group uses kidnappings, a mix of criminal activities and guerrilla warfare, to seek full autonomy for the region and strengthen the influence of this ethnic group, which represents around 35% of the national population.

In Tigray region, the situation remains unstable. These security challenges exacerbate the economic situation, and Ethiopia has been in official debt default since December 2023.



Main Projects of 2024

With the arrival of its new Head of Mission in Ethiopia in 2024, SOS Chrétiens d'Orient fostered its presence in the country. He obtained the various administrative authorisations required to expand the organization's activities. SOS Chrétiens d'Orient remains committed alongside the Ethiopian population through several reconstruction projects, such as the renovation of the Little Sisters of Jesus' house in Addis Ababa.

For young people, SOS Chrétiens d'Orient supported the launch of sports activities at Aba Gebremichael Catholic School in Mekele, in Tigray region. The school has nearly 2,000 students, most of whom have been traumatised by the horrors of war. In addition, we renovated the Catholic centre in Yabelo water system, allowing the 80 students living there to continue their studies in decent conditions.

As for the emergency aid, SOS Chrétiens d'Orient provided water tanks and a water treatment plant for displaced people and survivors of the landslide in the Gamo Gofa district. In 2024, several projects were launched, as an example the development of the Saint John Paul II vocational and technical training centre in the capital, as well as support for the education of fifty Ethiopian Orthodox priests.

Finally, the construction of a mill for the leprosy-affected community of Kombolcha will begin in 2025, as all administrative approvals and funding have been signed.

ETHIOPIA IN NUMBERS



5
volunteers



2
employees



6
completed
projects



8 000
beneficiaries



€ 240 000
as budget in 2024

BUDGET ALLOCATION



19,20%
Emergency Aid



43,40%
Reconstruction



37,30%
Education and Youth

PAKISTAN



**GONZAGUE
DE PONTONX**
PROJECT COORDINATOR

COUNTRY PROFILE

Christians represent only 1.5% of Pakistani population.

SOS Chrétiens d'Orient has been working in Pakistan since the end of 2016 without establishing a permanent mission in the country.

No Marriage for Those Under 18 Years Old

In 2024, a major event marked Christians in Pakistan: in July, a historic vote raised the legal minimum age of marriage for Christians to 18 years old. This progress, welcomed by Pakistani bishops as a measure of justice and protection, provides a concrete response to many warnings about early and forced marriages, particularly those involving young Christian girls.

By establishing this basis, Pakistan has finally recognised in its civil law a measure that Christian communities had been waiting for decades, providing a safer framework that better respects their dignity.



Main Projects of 2024

Three main projects were completed in Pakistan in 2024. The first was the installation of an independent electricity supply system for Saint Francis Parish. Located in Punjab, the parish gathers around 500 Christian families. However, its activities (religious ceremonies, catechism, community meetings, etc.) were severely disrupted by frequent power cuts and very high electricity costs. Therefore, SOS Chrétiens d'Orient funded the installation of an autonomous electricity system.

During the Christmas period, SOS Chrétiens d'Orient organised a solidarity campaign for the poorest Christian families in Pakistani Punjab. 110 food packages with basic goods, purchased from a local supplier, were distributed.

As for the long-term projects, SOS Chrétiens d'Orient launched an ambitious housing construction project for poor or homeless families in Joseph Arshadabad village (Chak 500). The project aims to build ten houses on the remaining available land around the village's centre. This project is a link in the chain of development projects cooperation with the Diocese of Faisalabad, which already build a church, a dispensary, a community hall, a catechist's house and other essential facilities. Twofold objective: to sustainably secure the Christian presence in the area by strengthening their physical presence on the land, and to provide decent living conditions for families currently living in difficult situations. In the long term, 30 families will be welcomed into this village after this expansion.

PAKISTAN IN NUMBERS



2
employees



4
completed
projects



110
beneficiaries



€107 000
as budget
in 2024

BUDGET ALLOCATION



17,50%
Emergency Aid



82,50%
Reconstruction

OUR VOLUNTEERS

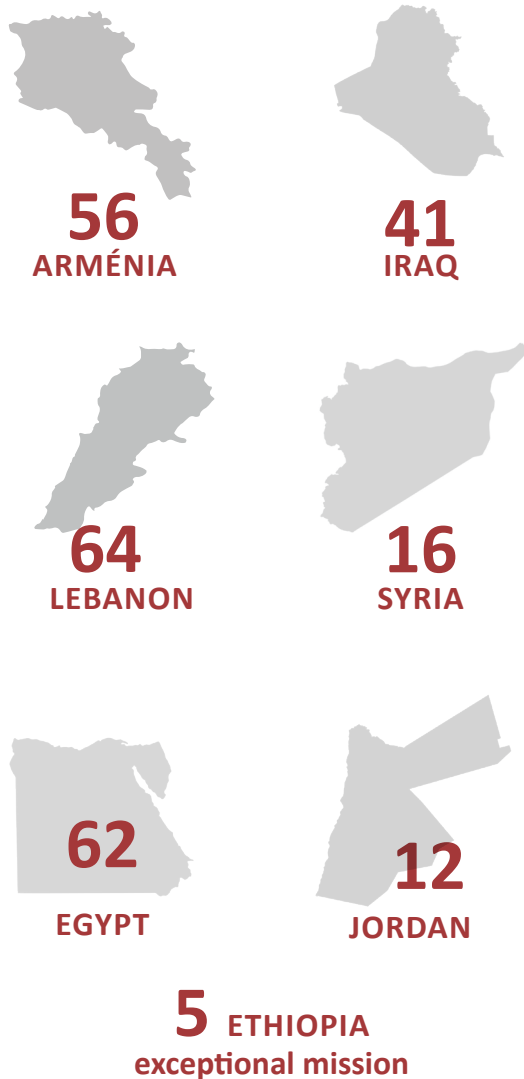


In 2024, 251 volunteers - Mainly from France - served in SOS Chrétien d'Orient missions, the same number as in 2023. However, Belgium, Switzerland, Canada, Spain and Germany also raised their flags within our volunteers. Among these volunteers, 126 were women. The average age of volunteers was 25 years old, with the youngest being 18 and the oldest 65. The average mission duration was 86 days. And the country that welcomed the largest number of volunteers was Egypt. It should be noted that our volunteers in Syria left the country at the end of November 2024.





Number of volunteers in 2024 by country



«Look at your family faces. [...] They want you to be the messenger of their charity to our suffering brothers in the East, a rectifier of the errors attributed to us, and the embodiment of a France that refuses to be reduced to the novice jihadists who claim to represent it in the complex Middle East.»

Charles de Meyer
Letter to a volunteer



CONTINUED CONNECTION WITH FORMER VOLUNTEERS

To maintain and strengthen the connections created during missions, several events were organised throughout 2024 specifically for former volunteers. These included gatherings, awareness campaigns, conferences, as well as more spiritual moments such as retreats and monthly prayer evenings. Former volunteers are regularly invited to share their experiences in schools, parishes and youth gatherings. In addition, the Saints Behnam and Sarah chapter, made up of current, former and future volunteers, took part in several pilgrimages:

- the Chartres Pentecost pilgrimage;
- the Notre-Dame de Covadonga pilgrimage in Spain during the summer;
- the Feiz e Breizh and Nosto Fé pilgrimages early in September 2024.

Four editions of the “Volunteer Gazette” were written and sent out, providing specific knowledge about a geopolitical subject or a major crisis affecting one of the mission countries, as well as a recipe for a famous dish from each mission.

16 PRIESTS

Around 16 priests went to our countries mission in 2024. They provided spiritual and moral support to volunteers. This year also witnessed the presence of a nun during a three-week mission.



IN FRANCE

AND AROUND THE WORLD...

IN FRANCE

In France, 2024 allowed SOS Chrétiens d'Orient to extend its activities. New development projects, involvement of former volunteers and various events helped us raising awareness about the situation of Eastern Christians.

In this context, fifteen conferences were organised to speak about the Christians of the East. SOS Chrétien d'Orient also took part in cultural events (concerts, theatre performances, association forums) and sporting events, including charity races. Twenty-seven testimonies were given to students throughout France. Schools also supported our organization projects by selling some food and fundraising events.

At the end of the year, SOS Chrétiens d'Orient focused its action on economic development projects. As a result, oriental craft sales stands were held at eight Christmas markets.

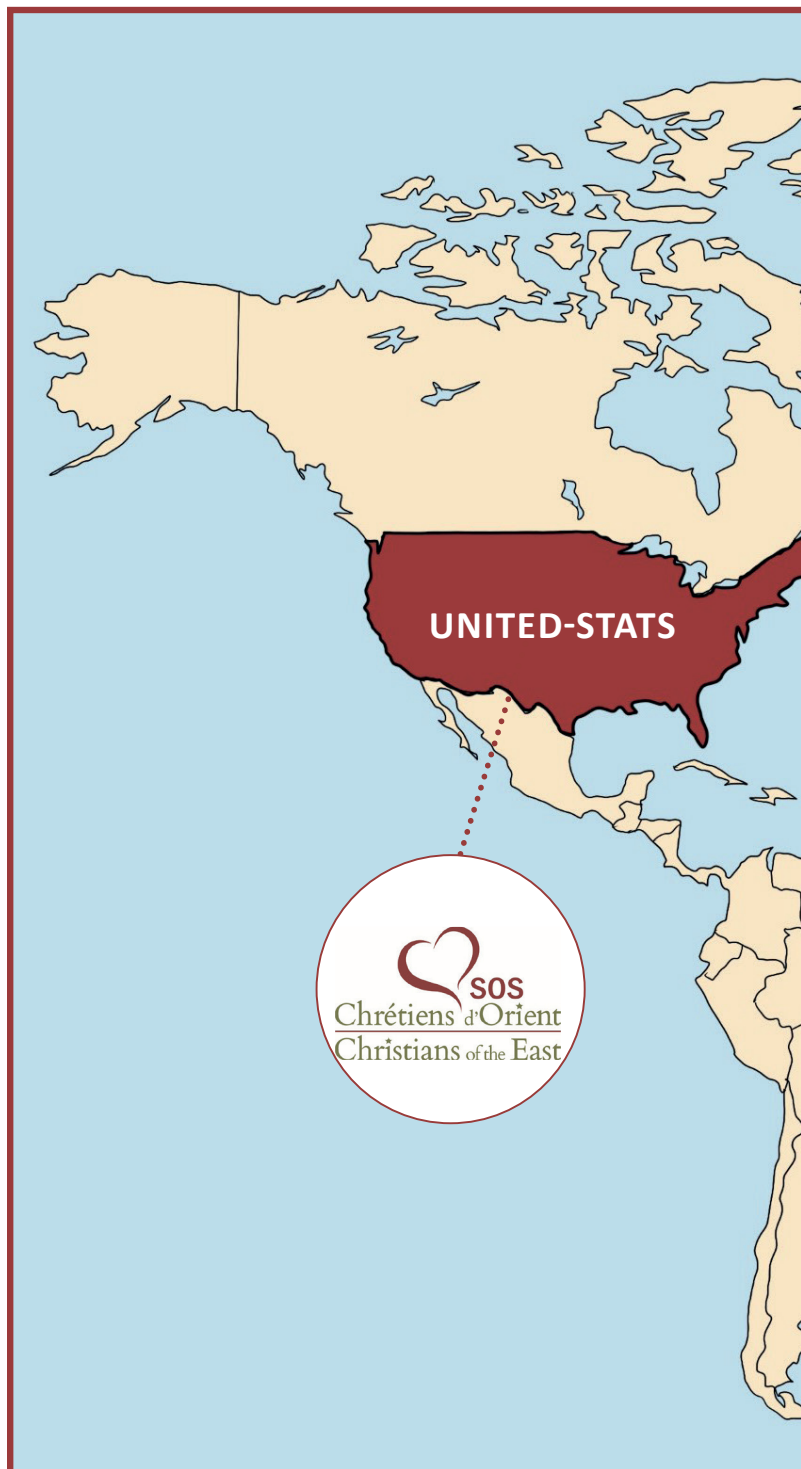
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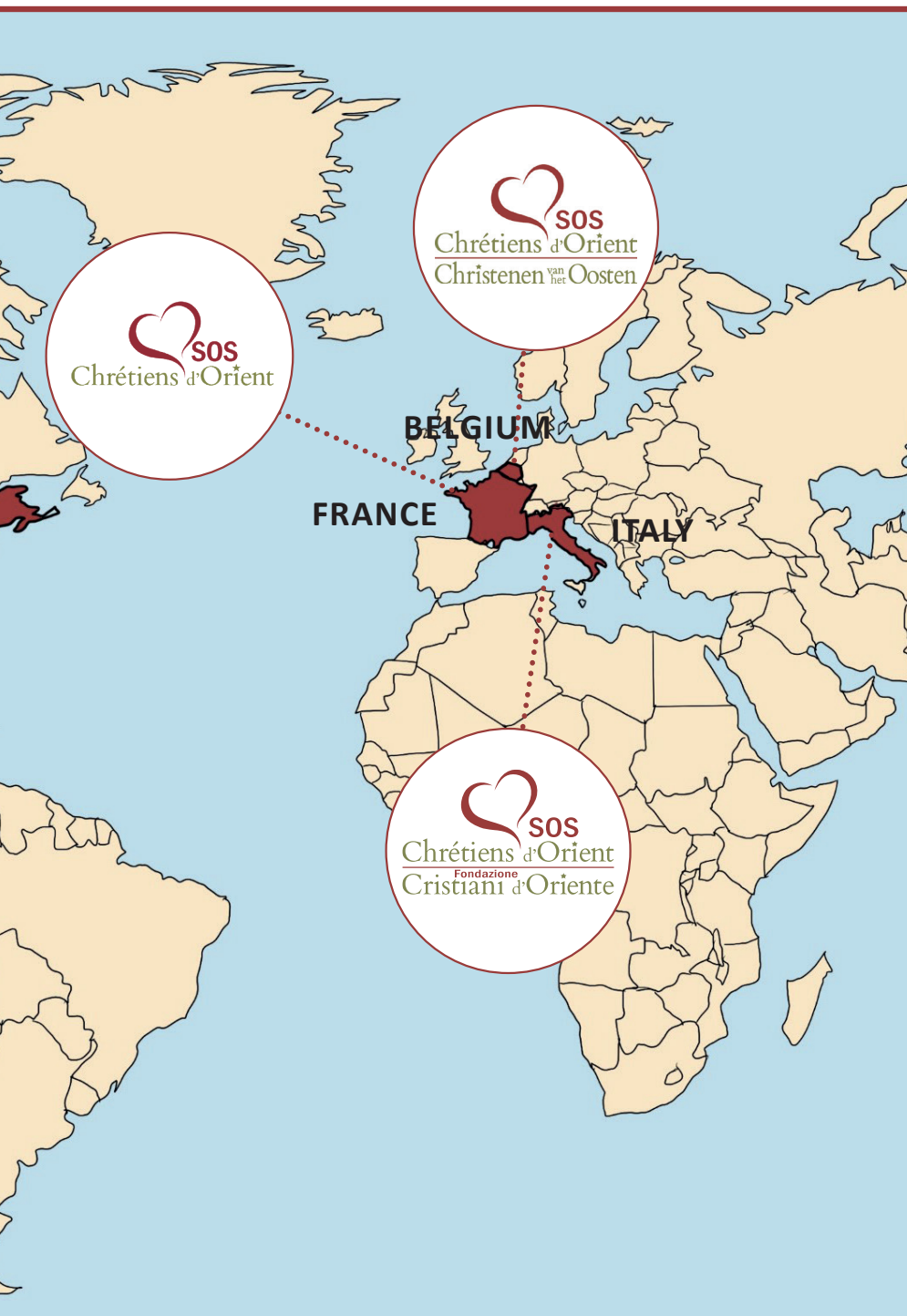
Internationally, 2024 was marked by the creation of SOSC Switzerland and the continued development of other SOS Chrétiens d'Orient sister organisations.

BELGIUM

Four new Belgian volunteers served in missions, for a total of 194 mission days in Lebanon, Iraq and Egypt.

Local teams continued to grow and organised several events, including a conference by the Lebanese Minister of Social Affairs, which raised funds to support an employment project for people with disabilities in Lebanon.





UNITED STATES

While the “Non-profit organisation” was registered in 2022, this year was dedicated to administrative work, team training and the creation of an initial network. SOS Christians of the East could launch in 2025.

ITALY

New partnerships are being struck to finance projects and send new volunteers. Benjamin Blanchard went to Milan for several meetings. And many development opportunities are planned for 2025.

SWITZERLAND

2024 is marked by the creation of SOS Chrétiens d'Orient in Switzerland. In addition to testimonies given to youth groups and parishes, participation in a pilgrimage allowed former volunteers to meet again. Two Swiss volunteers served in our missions in Armenia and Lebanon, for a total of 88 days.

OTHER COUNTRIES WE AIM TO REACH

Other countries are currently being developed thanks to the network of former volunteers from Europe and elsewhere. In 2024, four volunteers issued from new countries served in missions, opening new opportunities for development to help Eastern Christians even more

2024 IN NUMBERS



2024 FUNDRAISING

The 2024 fundraising campaign raised €10.5 million, including €8.3 million collected through the generosity of 42,722 donors, representing 79% of the organization's resources.

The average donation was €194.30. Just over 60% of donations collected were made by cheque. In 2024, donations in kind represented 21% of resources, or more than €2.2 million. 80.26% of donations in kind came from the valuation of volunteer work and volunteering. 251 volunteers were sent on mission in 2024.

2024 EXPENDITURE

80.2% of the budget were allocated to SOS Chrétiens d'Orient's social mission, as defined in its statute.

14.05% of resources were allocated to fundraising costs (fundraising campaigns via postal mailings, digital campaigns, advertising and charity dinners).

5.74% were allocated to operating costs, including expenses related to SOSCO's headquarters (bank fees, telephony, etc.).

FUND ALLOCATION BY COUNTRY



FUND ALLOCATION BY PILLAR OF ACTION

SOS Chrétiens d'Orient has six pillars of action. In 2024, the construction and rehabilitation of buildings represented nearly one third of the organization's projects: reconstruction of churches, schools, parish halls and other facilities. Economic and social development projects represented 21.30% of projects launched during this year.

The goal is to launch or support permanent economic activities that allow Christian populations to remain and live with dignity in their own countries and on their own lands.

As SOS Chrétiens d'Orient operates in unstable countries, emergency aid naturally represents a significant part of its action, particularly in Lebanon, affected by war, and in Syria.

Finally, youth, the hope of the future, has always been important for SOS Chrétiens d'Orient. Thus, 15% of projects carried out in 2024 was for the good of younger generations: schools, summer camps and other activities.



15,50%

Emergency Aid



21,30%

Economic and Social Development



33,20%

Reconstruction



9,30%

Cultural and Heritage Development



15,00%

Education and Youth



5,80%

Medical Care



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SOS Chrétiens d'Orient is a public-interest, non-political organization that has been operating since 2013 in the most affected areas of the Middle East. Its teams work tirelessly in the field alongside the Eastern Christians and persecuted minorities, providing concrete material and human assistance.

SOS Chrétiens d'Orient acts freely and independently thanks to its financial independence. Its funding comes from private resources. This is why your support is essential.

The fund raised are not redistributed but allocated to specific projects whose implementation can be tracked and verified.

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