Annual Report 2021

Helping people live off the land sustainably
The pandemic continued to have an impact in 2021, affecting not only each and every one of us, but also smallholder organisations and all our partners. Despite the constraints, we have been able to continue carrying out our work.

In Senegal, we helped create new sales opportunities by encouraging school cafeterias in rural areas to source their products from local smallholders.

In the Andes, we helped young people in rural areas gain access to better-adapted certification programmes offering professional training.

In northern Mali, we maintained mobile health services for people and animals in pastoral communities. In central Mali, vital rural infrastructure was brought back into operation despite highly degraded security conditions.

In Haiti and Madagascar, we are helping maintain fair market prices for smallholders producing cocoa, spices and fruits. We also helped open up new markets for female shea producers in Burkina Faso and female cashew producers in Senegal.

In Mongolia, we helped the government adopt a national standard to guarantee sustainable cashmere production for export, in order to benefit livestock farmers and to protect the steppes’ fragile biodiversity.

These are just some of the tangible results we were able to achieve in conditions that are often becoming increasingly difficult, particularly because security conditions are worsening for communities in many countries, as well as for our own teams. We are delighted that the causes we defend have taken a central place in public debate and in many people’s hearts: recognising the rights of marginalised communities – such as smallholders and indigenous groups – and minorities; promoting greater equality, particularly for women and young people in rural areas; and challenging a dominant economic model that exacerbates inequality, exclusion, and inflicts irreversible damage on our planet. Since the start of the pandemic, the role smallholders play has also gained recognition in many countries.

Thanks to the dedication of our members, volunteers and staff, and thanks to the loyal support of our financial partners in these troubled times, we will continue to work together in the name of solidarity to promote the rights and improve the remuneration and quality of life of smallholders and, ultimately, their communities!

"Staying focused on solidarity"
Coping with the Covid-19 pandemic

Since it broke out in 2019, the pandemic has had very different impacts depending on country and context, and its effects will be felt well beyond the medium and long term. Border closures and lockdowns hindered access to services, inputs, and local and international markets. While smallholders were able to continue working in their fields, some had trouble finding seasonal workers because of shortages. And although there was no major production crisis, lower demand meant that smallholder families were unable to generate as much income, which weakened smallholder organisations. Over the past three years, AVSF has taken a series of emergency measures to help the most affected smallholder organisations. Here is an overview of a few of them.

**HAITI**

Thanks to the support it received, the FECCANO federation of cocoa cooperatives was able to inform more than 1,250 producers on how to protect themselves against the virus.

**ECUADOR**

The creation of an online platform ensured that training programmes organised by AVSF’s partner CAMAREN could continue. These programmes on sustainable management of natural resources were held for technicians, supervisors and smallholder leaders, despite social-distancing requirements.

**PERU**

The smallholder cooperative AGROPYA set up new sales areas at markets, along with an online shop, so that potato sales could continue despite lockdown measures. Covid-19 prevention measures and training programmes in marketing were implemented to maintain and revitalise the Huancaro local market for producers belonging to ARPAC, in the heart of Cusco.

**SENEGAL**

The Pakou dairy cooperative was introduced to supply dairy products to school cafeterias in Vélingara, and several smallholder organisations were put in contact with schools in seven departments in order to alleviate falling demand and give students access to high-quality food products.

**CAMBODIA**

Village Animal Health Workers (VAHW), trained by AVSF, played a key role in rapidly distributing pandemic information to isolated village communities. This information outlined prevention measures to be taken to reduce spread of the virus.

**MONGOLIA**

To combat falling cashmere prices caused by the health crisis, support was offered to livestock-farmer organisations to help them better manage their stock, negotiate wool prices and diversify their production and sales outlets.
Intensive and industrial farming creates serious economic, social, and environmental imbalances and fail to feed the world. In both the Global North and South, smallholders become dependent on these farming styles and cannot earn a decent living from their land, their tacit knowledge, or their work. They also threaten to upset major ecological balances. We urgently need to change our agricultural model and shift our focus back to smallholder farming, which offers sustainable innovations and solutions for humanity, life, and the climate.

A professional NGO committed to activism

AVSF supports ambitious smallholder-farming and agroecology systems in the South that can sustainably ensure the food security of cities and rural areas, reduce inequality and poverty, and promote the economic and social emancipation of men, women, young people, and organizations in rural areas.

Over 40 years’ experience

As an officially recognized non-profit association that promotes international solidarity, AVSF mobilizes professionals in agriculture, livestock farming, and animal health in order to help smallholder families gain greater financial and food independence.

AVSF offers smallholder communities and organizations technical advice, financial support, and training, and draws on traditional smallholder wisdom to help them improve their living conditions, sustainably manage natural resources, and participate in local socio-economic development.

« AVSF supports ambitious smallholder-farming and agroecology initiatives »

Read AVSF’s charter ➤ at avsf.org

AVSF KEY FIGURES:

700,000 people supported (and more than 140,000 families)

63 development projects

280 professionals

88% of funds allocated to our projects (€20.3m budget in 2021)

23 countries

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242 smallholder organizations have partnered with us

†145 partners for our projects (NGOs, local authorities, etc.)
Our projects throughout the world

Focus on...
4 new projects

ECUADOR
Terramaz Yasuni: Combating deforestation and promoting sustainable development in the Amazon region
This project offers support to Waorani indigenous communities and communities of settlers living in the Yasuni National Park near the Peruvian border, in order to help them preserve the park’s natural forests and cultural heritage while developing sustainable production (cocoa, agroecology products, etc.) and tourism.
Funded by AFD.

HAITI
Combating erosion in vetiver systems
A research-action initiative undertaken with smallholders to investigate the causes of erosion in vetiver production systems and identify suitable alternative cultivation practices.
Partners: Vetiver cooperatives.
Funded by Haitian Ministry of Agriculture, PNDM, IDB.

SENEGAL
One Health in Casamance
Raising awareness in the Kolda region and promoting coordination between public actors and decentralised entities to take action on the determinants of human health, animal health and environmental health in order to promote the transition to agroecology and better health for 4,200 people from 159 different localities.
Partners: SOLTHIS, CASADES, local authorities, local decentralised services (animal health, human health, environment, etc.).
Funded by AFD Sectoral Innovation Facility for NGOs (FISONG).

ETHIOPIA
Sustainable livestock farming in the mountains of Ethiopia
Supporting 1,350 families in the mountains of southern Ethiopia to help them improve the performance and sustainability of their livestock farms: development of fodder production, improvement of livestock-farming practices, and animal health in the dairy-cattle value chain.
Partners: InterAide, local communities.
Funded by AFD.

For more information on all of AVSF’s projects, visit avsf.org

23 COUNTRIES
63 PROJECTS
13 NEW PROJECTS
launched in 2021
Highlighting 8 key moments

First edition of the Benoît Maria award for smallholder agroecology

Assassinated while representing AVSF in Guatemala in 2020, Benoît Maria was resolutely committed to defending the rights of indigenous communities. The award pays tribute to his dedicated work, and also seeks to showcase smallholder organisations offering innovative initiatives to promote agroecology, which are essential when it comes to ensuring food security and protecting the planet. An international jury will review projects submitted by organisations in West Africa and Latin America, and then select three winners during the second half of 2022.

> For the latest news on the award, visit avsf.org

Publication of Agroecology as a Substitute for Pesticides

In response to the growing use of pesticides and veterinary products in the Global South, AVSF published a training guide which seeks to reduce the dangerous use of such products and identify agroecological alternatives that are both accessible and economically viable. The proposed solutions are based on smallholder know-how as well as the latest scientific knowledge. This free guide is a helpful tool targeting smallholder organisations, technicians in the field, and supervisors working in agriculture. It was designed to serve as a starting point for developing training curricula and materials tailored to local needs. Two training programmes have already been offered in Mali and Ivory Coast. This guide is a tangible step in the effort to generalise the transition to agroecology for the benefit of smallholders around the world.

> Download the guide at avsf.org

AVSF receives honourable mention from Order of Veterinarians in France

Last September, AVSF was recognised by the Order of Veterinarians in Paris, receiving an honourable mention for its implementation of One Health in the Global South. The One Health approach recognises that human, animal, and environmental health are all interdependent, and has proven to be particularly important given the emergence of zoonoses and epidemics such as Covid-19. But the concept is struggling to be applied in rural areas. This official recognition of AVSF’s veterinary skills in One Health projects in Senegal, Cambodia, and Mali is a testament to the organisation’s vast experience in the field serving rural communities, and to its capacity to address health issues holistically.

Innovative actions to connect with rural youth

In partnership with FranceAgriMer and the French Ministry of Agriculture, AVSF is working closely with smallholder organisations to pilot a regional programme in five Latin American countries (from Colombia to Paraguay) which feature professional training and exchanges between formal and informal systems. The goal is to ensure that training programmes are aligned with the real needs and projects of young people in rural communities, and to help revise training curricula. In northern Mali, AVSF is also supporting the reintegration of 80 young people from armed groups by giving them an opportunity to take up income-generating activities, such as small-scale livestock farming, livestock fattening and other artisanal activities. These two initiatives show AVSF’s commitment to making sure its work is attuned to the projects of rural youth.

AVSF is stepping up its efforts to support biodiversity

Agricultural activities have a positive or negative impact on biodiversity. But preserving biodiversity is essential for the survival of smallholder communities and for ensuring that humans can continue to benefit from the services rendered by ecosystems.

In 2021, AVSF drew up a comprehensive list noting the impacts its projects are having on biodiversity restoration and conservation. In September, AVSF took part in the World Conservation Congress in Marseille. The event was organised by the IUCN, with whom AVSF plans to partner on a number of actions. AVSF joined the 10x10 initiative, which was launched by the NGO Noé to encourage France to launch this tangible initiative at the next COP Biodiversity conference in Kumming, China: to support the management of ten protected areas (worldwide) and their surroundings over a ten-year period.

New initiatives in Iraq and Ethiopia

AVSF is mobilising its veterinary skills to serve isolated communities in these two new countries. In the marshes of southern Iraq, AVSF is working in partnership with the Iraq NGO IGC to support 400 families to help them improve their water-buffalo farming practices and fishing practices, and to set up mobile veterinary services at local level. In the mountains of southern Ethiopia, AVSF is working in partnership with the NGO Interade to support 1,350 smallholder families in developing an efficient dairy-cattle value chain by improving animal-health and livestock-farming practices, and by increasing the availability of fodder.

ETHICAJOU: an up-and-running social business

ETHICAJOU is a social business that was founded through a partnership between AVSF, Ethiquable [a French fair-trade cooperative], two small-producer organisations, and an organisation of female cashew processors, all of whom are joint shareholders. The company launched its operations in 2021: 120 tonnes of organic, fair-trade cashew nuts were collected and processed for the French and European market. ETHICAJOU is based in the city of Kolda in the Casamance region, and has a semi-industrial processing facility. The company benefits over 800 producers and already employs over 95 women.

Signing of framework agreement between AVSF and CIRAD

These two institutions have stepped up their joint efforts in recent years to promote the transition to agroecology and the One Health approach. They are now looking to strengthen their cooperation and procedures to enhance their synergies in research and practice, particularly in jointly developed research-action projects and in the dissemination of scientific, technical and training information to partners in the Global South. Their shared objective is to respond to food-security challenges, and to health and environmental issues in rural communities and partner countries. This undertaking was made official through the signing of a framework agreement at the 2022 Salon International de l’Agriculture (International Agricultural Show).
4 specialisations and areas of focus

1. AGROECOLOGICAL TRANSITION
   - **Goal**: To make smallholder agricultural systems more efficient in order to boost production, ensure food and economic autonomy, and protect ecosystems.
   - Secure access to natural resources (water, land, forest, pasture), and manage those resources fairly.
   - Promote crop- and livestock-farming practices that require minimal external inputs and that are based on smallholder wisdom and scientific innovation: companion planting and crop rotation, agroforestry, biological pest control, integration of crop and livestock farming, organic fertilisation, ethnoveterinary methods, etc.
   - Develop ad-hoc upstream and downstream services: credit, organic inputs, use of small machinery, agricultural advisory services, veterinary health, marketing, etc.
   - Roll out these transitions at several different levels, from individual plots to entire regions.

2. ANIMAL HEALTH & LIVESTOCK FARMING
   - **Goal**: To strengthen animal-health systems and the role of smallholder livestock farms in the economy.
   - Improve smallholder livestock-farming practices and boost efficiency.
   - Set up local animal-health services (including community-based animal health workers) in rural areas to expand veterinary coverage and strengthen national epidemiological surveillance systems.
   - Help strengthen national, central and decentralised veterinary services.
   - Implement the One Health approach, which recognises the interdependence between human health, animal health and ecosystems.

   - AVSF is the first French NGO to offer veterinary expertise.

3. SUSTAINABLE & FAIR SUPPLY CHAINS
   - **Goal**: To structure fair, equitable and transparent supply chains for the benefit of smallholder organisations and their members.
   - Improve the quality of smallholder products through agroecology.
   - Certify products (organic, fair trade, participatory guarantee) to showcase their quality on local and international markets and generate more revenue.
   - Strengthen smallholder organisations that are active in local and international value chains, to help them become recognised, autonomous actors capable of defending their own interests.
   - Establish transparent, fair and equitable partnerships between smallholder organisations and other economic actors in the value chains: processors, buyers, etc.

   - « One aim: to defend the rights and recognition of smallholders »

Rights are based on access to natural resources, services, markets and the social, political, economic and cultural recognition of smallholder communities.

4. CRISIS PREVENTION & POST-EMERGENCY INITIATIVES
   - **Goal**: To help localities and communities improve their resilience and ability to prevent natural disasters and armed conflicts, and to help victims quickly start producing again.
   - Preserve and conscientiously use the riches of the living world.
   - Prevent and reduce the effects of climate change: agroecology, renewable energies, etc.
   - Empower women and young people, and give them greater access to resources, training, services and decision-making bodies.
Adoption of global policy recommendations on agroecology, multiple projects on the One Health approach, European sustainable-cocoa initiative, French strategy to combat imported deforestation—despite the health crisis, 2021 was a year filled with important actions and policy decisions, all of which will have a potential impact on agriculture and food in the Global South.

Supporting ambitious initiatives for the transition to agroecology
In alliance with the NGOs belonging to Coordination Sud’s Agriculture and Food Commission, and their international counterparts, AVSF has for the past three years been following the discussions and negotiations of the Committee on World Food Security (CFS). New policy recommendations on agroecology and other innovative approaches were published in June 2021.

One important breakthrough was that the CFS’ recommendations to UN member states systematically address agroecology and recognise its numerous advantages. On the whole, however, the recommendations are still too weak to truly facilitate a real transition to agroecology in agricultural systems. And they are still too modest—for example, they state that pesticide use should be optimised rather than gradually eliminated. We must therefore continue our efforts to promote the benefits and advantages of agroecology in all its dimensions among countries in the Global South and in discussions with French and international institutions, in order to bring about much-needed transformation in agricultural and food systems.

Defending a pragmatic and concrete “One Health” approach
The global pandemic that we are living through has taught us that we urgently need to implement holistic approaches to health, and in particular the One Health approach. One Health encourages policymakers and practitioners to consider the interactions between human health, animal health and the environment, and to decompartmentalise their actions. With its VSF-International network, AVSF joined the One Sustainable Health Forum initiative. This group brings together all health stakeholders and seeks to encourage institutional and political actors, as well as international organisations, to dedicate sufficient resources to make One Health operational, progress from theory to practice, and considerably increase the number of local projects jointly designed and implemented with local communities, particularly in rural areas.

Coupling the fight against imported deforestation with decent income for producers
With strong experience and expertise in the cocoa value chain, and in response to challenges regarding cocoa sustainability, AVSF is engaged in policy dialogue through its participation in the European Commission’s initiative for sustainable cocoa, and in the committee in charge of monitoring the implementation of France’s strategy to combat imported deforestation. That strategy aims to cease all imports of unsustainable forest and agricultural products that contribute to deforestation (such as cocoa) by 2030. In these forums for dialogue, AVSF is working to make sure that the interests of small producers are taken into account in the public policies that are being drafted. Without fair prices and decent income, sustainable productions systems are unattainable!

And in the Global South
At a workshop organised in Madagascar at the end of the year by the Malagasy Ministry of Agriculture and Livestock Farming, and AVSF as technical partner, all of the actors (the Ministry’s decentralised services, National Order of Veterinarians, private veterinarians, public-health veterinarians) approved the training curriculum for community-based animal health workers developed and validated by AVSF, thus recognising their activity. An official decree is currently being drafted.

In Ivory Coast, with support from AVSF, the Ivorian Fair Trade Network has been in contact with the Ivorian Regulatory Board for the Coffee-Cocoa Sector since 2021, to present the positions of small producers as part of the process to draft a “sustainable cocoa” standard in Africa.

We must continue our efforts to ensure that the benefits of agroecology are recognised
Volunteering and raising awareness in France

AVSF’s “association life” team mobilises volunteers in France and organises Education in Citizenship and International Solidarity events at schools and with the general public. The goal is to educate people, both young and old, about smallholder farming and solidarity.

**EDUCATION IN CITIZENSHIP AND INTERNATIONAL SOLIDARITY**

Actions specially tailored to students in primary, middle and secondary school encourage the students to think about what can be done both individually and collectively to build a fairer world, through our production and consumption. Three types of awareness-raising actions are carried out at schools in the Ile-de-France and Lyon regions.

Aminata: hands-on workshops for primary-school students. Between October 2020 and June 2021, 900 children in 36 different classes learned about sustainable chocolate production and fair trade through hands-on workshops based around a pedagogical kit presenting the story of Aminata and her parents, who are cocoa producers in Ivory Coast. Other kits will soon cover topics such as smallholder farming, seeds, livestock farming and animal health.

Five secondary-school clubs helped students learn about smallholder farming and international solidarity to raise awareness among their fellow students.

New educational module for secondary-school students. Although no educational workshops were held in 2021 because of health constraints, the year was spent creating a new educational module based around SDG 3: Good Health and Well-being. The module focuses on the One Health concept and uses the health crisis as an example to help students understand the objective of One Health and related challenges.

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**4 700h* OF VOLUNTEER WORK**

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**THE ASSOCIATION TEAM REPRESENTS**

210 members

15 student correspondents at agronomy and veterinary schools

17 volunteer regional correspondents

8 resource persons, rural-development professionals, researchers, smallholders

2 civic-service volunteers for the Education in Citizenship and International Solidarity actions
Elected representatives and governance bodies

at 17 June 2022

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Livestock Farming, Animal Health and Veterinary Public Health
Smallholder Organisations & Markets
Groups and professional networks

AVSF is a founding member of

AVSF is an active member of

AVSF supported the creation of

Financial partners in 2021

BILATERAL & MULTILATERAL ORGANISATIONS
- AFD (French Development Agency)
- GAC (Global Affairs Canada)
- ADB (Asian Development Bank)
- DIB (Inter-American Development Bank)
- European Commission - DG INTPA - Directorate-General for International Partnerships (e.g. DFID-ECO EuropeAid)
- European Commission - DG ECHO - Directorate-General for European Civil Protection and Humanitarian Aid Operations
- OC Principality of Monaco (Department of International Cooperation)
- SDC (Swiss Agency for Development and Cooperation)
- ENABEL (Belgian Development Agency)
- FAO (Food and Agriculture Organization)
- FPM (French Global Environment Fund)
- IFAD (United Nations International Fund for Agricultural Development)
- MREA (French Ministry of Europe and Foreign Affairs), French Crisis and Support Centre, French embassies (Cooperation and Cultural Action Services)
- UNEP (United Nations Environment Programme)
- EIB
- USAID

FRENCH PUBLIC & PARAPUBLIC BODIES
- AFED (French Association for Water, Irrigation and Drainage)
- International Cooperation Centre of Agricultural Research for Development (CIRAD)
- OIF (International Organisation of La Francophonie)
- ILRI (International Livestock Research Institute)

FRENCH REGIONAL AUTHORITIES
- French Regional Council
- Hauts-de-Seine department
- Auvergne-Rhône-Alpes region
- Normandie region
- Metropolitan Lyon – Greater Lyon
- City of Lyon
- City of Arras

INSTITUTIONS & PUBLIC AUTHORITIES IN THE COUNTRIES WHERE WE OPERATE
- ECOWS (Economic Community of West African States) – AMR (Regional Agency for Agriculture and Food)
- Ministry of Agriculture and Agro-industry (MAG) of Ecuador
- Italian Ministry of Agriculture, Natural Resources and Rural Development
- Senegalese Ministry of Agriculture and Rural Equipment
- Provincial Departments of Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries – Cambodia
- Lao PDR Department of Agriculture
- Republic of Ivory Coast Ministry of Agriculture and Development

ASSOCIATIONS & FOUNDATIONS
- CFSI (French Committee for International Solidarity)
- CSE (Ecological Monitoring Centre – Senegal)
- CSE (Livestock Farms without Borders)
- Republic of France – Pro Victimes Foundation – Switzerland
- Lord Michalham of Heningly Foundation

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The Coronavirus epidemic continued to have an impact on our activities in 2021, albeit to a lesser extent than in 2020: extensive use of remote working in France and in the countries where we operate during the first half of the year (the situation varied depending on the country); cancellation of regional workshops; limitation of international and domestic travel.

Despite health restrictions, we were still able to carry out most of our activities in the field, and we saw significant growth in the volume of our activity, which rose from €16.9 million in 2020 to €20.3 million in 2021 (up 20%). The breakdown by geographic zone remained stable, with over 50% of activity in Africa, 33% in America, and 9% in Asia.

We generated a surplus of €202,000. Operating earnings totalled €295,000, while financial earnings were -€5,000 and extraordinary earnings were -€88,000.

Most of our funding (86%) still comes from public subsidies, such as the “programme”-type cross-disciplinary funding agreement with the AFD. Donations from individual donors, however, increased slightly to €1.2 million, accounting for 6% of total resources. We are continuing our policy of creating sensible, balanced budgets, which, combined with sound budgetary monitoring, allows us to generate surpluses.

This result allowed us to bring our equity capital to €3,145,000. That figure has been steadily growing for several years and brings us closer to our goal of covering our working capital requirement of 25% of our budget. Crédit Coopératif granted us promissory notes in the amount of €240,000.

Volunteers contributed 4,717 hours to AVSF’s mission and operations in 2021, which was valued at €236,000.

### Notes to the Balance Sheet:

- Our balance sheet shows substantial masses of receivables and debt for projects spanning several years, which have been accounted for under current accounting standards.
- There are significant amounts under assets as accounts receivable. Those accounts receivable correspond to agreements where the contract has been signed but the funds have not yet been received.
- There are also significant amounts of deferred income under liabilities. That deferred income corresponds to funding that AVSF has signed a contract for, but not yet spent on its projects.
- Equity capital increased to €3,145,000 thanks to the allocation of earnings generated in 2021, which brings the equity ratio to 15.5% of the volume of activity in 2021.
UN Sustainable Development Goals

playing a central role in AVSF’s work:

And...

GOOD HEALTH AND WELL-BEING

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GENDER EQUALITY

The Impact project in Mongolia’s Khentii and Arkhangai provinces promotes the economic empowerment of women in rural areas from 30 different groups through the development of organic market gardening and sustainable cashmere, training in leadership and gender equality, and an advocacy campaign targeting public actors.

DECENT WORK AND ECONOMIC GROWTH

The “youth integration” project outside Timbuktu, Mali, supports the economic and social reintegration of young people from armed groups and at-risk households by offering them training in various income-generating activities, such as small-scale livestock farming, livestock fattening and other artisanal activities, and by supporting investments to develop their activities.

LIFE ON LAND

The Terramaz project supports Waorani communities and communities of settlers near the Yasuní National Park in Ecuador to combat deforestation, preserve the area’s rich Amazonian biodiversity, promote their cultural heritage and develop sustainable production activities (cocoa and agroecology).
In memory of
Jeans RANDRIAMANANTSOA

Head of the FIOVANA project, assassinated in December 2021 at his home in Manakara, Madagascar. He will be remembered for his kindness, humility and steadfast professionalism, which made him such a remarkable and beloved colleague.

« Matoria ampiadanana »
* May he rest in peace