



### A WORD FROM OUR CHAIRMAN

Sharing, engaging, focusing to enhance impact and promote a long-term approach - these are the driving principles behind The Comgest Foundation. Our approach to philanthropy is deeply rooted in the same philosophy, methods, conviction and on-the-ground research which has contributed to our investment success over the last three decades.

Although our Foundation is itself very young, it benefits from the considerable personal experience of a large number of Comgest shareholders and employees. Their role as ambassadors for each of our various projects is essential in harnessing the power and broadening the scope of our action. The foundation is key to leveraging each other's time and energy in order to have even greater impact in the four fields that we have chosen to address: health/disabilities, economic empowerment, education and environment.

The Board of the Foundation has the heavy responsibility of making sure that the projects are well aligned with our values. Our action also illustrates Comgest's mission: to promote a responsible, independent and long-term mindset.

In its first full year, I am delighted to announce that the Foundation has been able to support 16 projects. The ambassadors, all Comgest partners, have supported our charitable action with great dedication, ensuring we take the right and relevant steps to truly improve the life of others.

Based on this promising first year, we hope to encourage ever greater engagement and wider participation from Comgest partners in all of our 9 offices, to support new initiatives with the same generosity and commitment.

Arnaud Cosserat

Chairman of The Comgest Foundation









## MISSION AND VALUES

The Comgest Foundation is committed to improving the living conditions of vulnerable people around the world.

Our mission is to support projects focused on **key areas** that we believe can have the most tangible and significant impact on people's lives:

- Education
- Economic empowerment
- Health and Disabilities
- Environmental protection

A grant-making organisation, The Comgest Foundation's endowment fund was established in 2016 to organise the philanthropic initiatives of the Comgest Group<sup>1</sup>, an independent, international asset manager focused on long-term quality growth and responsible investment.

Guided by the Comgest Group's core values of partnership, quality, integrity, courage and care, the Foundation sponsors projects that align with its key areas of focus and the values of the firm. Each project is presented and monitored by a current or former Comgest employee called the Ambassador, who will support the project in all its stages and report on its progress and results to the Foundation.

Since the Foundation's establishment in 2016, the Comgest Foundation and various Comgest entities have sponsored 16 projects in 11 countries.

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## **ORGANIZATION**

### COMGEST AMBASSADORS: HEART OF THE FOUNDATION

Project proposals are made by an **Ambassador**, who must be a current or former employee of the Comgest Group. All projects under consideration by the Foundation require an Ambassador, whose role is to present the project to the Foundation's Board of Directors, as well as to continually monitor and report on their recommended project.

- Prior to presenting a project, an Ambassador should:
  - Visit or arrange a meeting with the organisation and staff in charge of the project
  - Assist where appropriate with the preparation of the necessary project documentation to be presented to the Foundation  ${\bf r}$
  - Obtain key contact information in order to maintain communication
  - Provide any additional information to the Foundation as necessary
- Upon a project being selected, the Ambassador is responsible for:
  - Providing a project update to the Foundation at least every 6 months
- For multi-year projects: where possible, conducting regular visits to ensure progress
- Upon completion of a project, the Ambassador
  - presents an analysis of the project on behalf of the organisation

The aim of the Ambassador's role is to ensure accountability and active engagement, while also developing a strong partnership with Comgest in order to maximise the progress and impact of a project.

### **CALL FOR PROJECTS**

In March 2017 and March 2018, calls for projects were sent to all Comgest Group employees. For both years, a total of 21 projects were received and reviewed by the Board and 16 were selected (13 were financed by The Comgest Foundation and 3 by Comgest entities).

### **SELECTION PROCESS**

When analysing proposed projects, members of the Foundation's Board\* make their decisions based on the following, non-exhaustive, criteria:

- · Conformity with the aims of the Comgest Foundation
- Commitment of the Ambassador monitoring the project
- Impact on the project's beneficiaries
- Quality of the presentation document (information, detailed budget, timetable)
- Reputation of the applicant organisation and project staff
- Compatibility of the project's budget with that of the Foundation's budget; the Board may decide to finance only a portion of the project
- Diversity of the proposed and current projects
- Number of proposed projects versus the Foundation's current budget

The process ends in September with the selection of the projects to be financed. Selected projects not sponsored by a France-domiciled non-profit organisation are financed directly by a Comgest Group entity.

\* If a Board member proposes a project and will act as an Ambassador, that Board member will be excluded from the Board's discussions and decision on this project.

### **GOVERNANCE**

A Board of Directors is responsible for the management of the endowment fund and for the selection of projects to be financed. The Board of Directors comprises the following current and former employees of the Comgest Group:

- Arnaud Cosserat, CEO
- Emil Wolter, Analyst/Portfolio Manager
- Lavinia Borcia, Group Head of Finance
- Shirley Butterworth, Senior Investment Assistant
- Monique Erbeia, Coordinator Funds and Partners
- Yann Gérain, ESG (Environment, Social, Governance) Analyst
- Isabelle d'Imperio, Former Group Corporate Secretary

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## OUR PROGRAMS

### PROJECTS SELECTED AND SUPPORTED BY THE COMGEST FOUNDATION **Amiguitos** - Honduras AOAH - Haïti Article 1 - France Bailando Juntos - Honduras BiblioBus - SIPAR - Cambodia Charlotte Famin - France Clubhousse - France Diaspora du Hambol - Ivory Coast Fazasoma - Madagascar Imagine for Margo - France L' Avenir - Morocco Passerelles Numérique - Cambodia Sabrina Poignet - France **SCPI Microfinance** - *Philippines* PROJECTS SELECTED BY THE COMGEST FOUNDATION AND SUPPORTED BY ENTITY OF COMGEST GROUP **GHT Telemedicine** - Malawi Comgest Asset Managgement Int Ltd Karl Schubert Haus - Austria Comgest Deutschland Phyang Guru Lhakhang - Tibet

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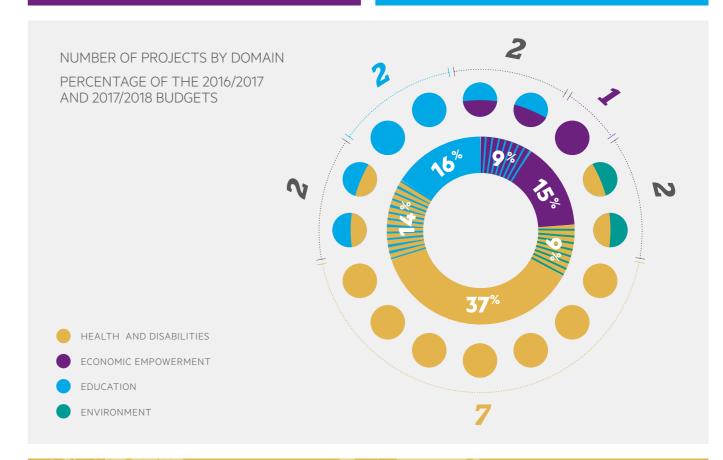
AT LEAST 4 800 BENEFICIARIES

10 PLURIANNUAL PROJECTS

PROJECTS
OVER ONE YEAR











## Comment from the Ambassador **Arnaud Cosserat**

Santa Ana centre cares for severely undernourished children under the direction of Ondina, a Honduran nun. After completion of the works undertaken in the premises and since Comgest's funding of the project, the Santa Ana centre has got back on its feet, although life in El Negrito is full of unexpected and difficult situations. The entire medical team is back and the nursing staff has been loyal to the centre for years.

Each quarter, the project sponsors receive financial accounts as well as a documentation evidencing the transformation of the children between their arrival at and departure from Santa Ana centre. An average of 20 children are treated over a period of several weeks or months. In early 2018, the centre decided to hire a social worker to raise awareness in remote mountain areas about balanced nutrition.

## HELP UNDERNOURISHED CHILDREN



### Santa Ana, El Negrito region, Honduras



### Description

The purpose of this project is to help severely undernourished children at a specialised rehabilitation centre in Santa Ana in Honduras. The Santa Ana centre was established more than 25 years ago after a local doctor noted that many children were severely undernourished A committee of several actors, including the Catholic parish of El Negrito Morazan, built a nutritional rehabilitation centre to treat children in grave danger.

Honduras is one of the poorest countries in Central America, torn apart by street gangs and drug cartels. This violence in Honduran society has led to the extreme vulnerability of certain local populations. Around 70 undernourished children per year are welcomed at Santa Ana's hospital for few weeks or months, sometimes for more than a year, depending on the severity of their undernourishment. The children are looked after by a multidisciplinary team of doctors, nurses, social assistants and aides. In addition to nutritional support, the project also provides support for families and often isolated mothers.

### Impact/Main indicators

- Improvement of the physical and mental development of undernourished children
- Social support to mothers, who are often isolated.

### Project sponsors

Association Amiguitos and Association Bailando Juntos

www.abj-asso.fr

### Local partner

Nutritional Center of Santa Ana, El Negrito region, Honduras



Project selected in September 2017 Multi-year project: 4 years







Comment from the Ambassador **Daniel Carvajal** 

The Comgest Foundation's support has given a new impetus to the development of the Paillant School. Since September 2018, school facilities have been extended thanks to the construction of 3 additional classrooms. Renovation work to existing classes are close to completion, which will allow the children to study in better conditions. The school director confirmed that the construction work is proceeding rapidly despite local difficulties in terms of supply and access to Paillant. Priority has been given to accommodation, security and regularity of courses to increase the enrolment rate of children. With a small playground having also been equipped, the school has really been taking shape over the past few months. The local team is very committed and we are making concrete progress.

I am particularly happy to personally contribute alongside The Comgest Foundation to this project for the children of Paillant.

# ECOLE DE PAILLANT "SCHOOL OF PAILLANT"





Paillant, Haïti



### Description

This project in Haiti at The Paillant School is twofold: construction of three school classrooms to better meet children's needs (regularity of courses, accommodation of all children, etc.) and a school canteen to increase attendance. Many of the 300 children who attend the school suffer from malnutrition.

In supporting education in rural areas in Haiti, AOAH also encourages professional training designed to combat intense soil erosion and poor agricultural productivity in the country. Since 2013, AOAH has accompanied vulnerable rural populations in the Miragoane region in Haïti and supported projects to help them.

### Impact / Main indicators

An impact assessment is not yet possible. Current indicators of the project are showing:

- Increase of the number of children attending
- Improved attendance
- Increase in number of meals served

### Project sponsors

Association Œuvres et Accompagnement pour Haïti (AOAH)  $\,$ 

www.aoah.org

### Local partner

The Paillant School and Compassion (US NGO)



Project selected in September 2018 Multi-year project: 3 years





## Comment from the Ambassador **Justin Streeter**

I have been mentoring Elyjah, a 19-year-old student, at a preparation school for the Ecole Normale Supérieure + Sorbonne, since 2017. We meet approximately every 6 weeks to discuss her studies, potential internships and any queries. I hope to be able to motivate her to persevere, select good internships as well as share perspective on the work world. This summer, Elyiah secured an internship at Doctolib, after having hesitated for an alternative short-term contract at a retail bank – which I didn't recommend. She has also taken evening classes in a start-up incubator. These are nice first experiences to have on a resume.

Article 1 accelerates the learning curve for high-potential students and allows mentors to offer their feedback. During an Article 1 conference, I also met Ubuntu, civic debate association in which I participate, which is chaired by a former Article 1 mentee from Science Po Paris.

# TOUS MENTORS "WE'RE ALL MENTORS"



### Paris, France



### Description

This project involves a young adult mentoring program that supports them as they further their education and embark on their future careers. Article 1 has developed a very thorough mentoring program (accompanying more than 12,000 young adults each year). To scale up this mentoring program, Article 1 would like to expand its matching platform to French universities. The objective would be to reach 24,000 potential users at the end of 2018 and 200,000 at the end of 2020.

Article 1 fights for equal opportunity by supporting high-achieving students of all backgrounds (social, economic and cultural), with an emphasis on recipients of state scholarships, and with a strong motivation (selection by application and interview). Article 1 helps talented students to find a mentor who will help them to choose and build their future with confidence and ambition.

### Impact / Main indicators

An impact assessment is not yet possible. Current main indicators include:

- Delivery of the algorithm and matching CRM to the public
- Number of universities covered
- Number of potential users
- Number of effective users

### Project sponsors

Article1 article-1.eu



Project selected in September 2018 Duration: 1 Year





well that the SIPAR team in Phnom Penh would like to add a second Bibliobus with a program for teenagers and adults.

Wedig von Gaudecker (retired Comgest founder) believes that the second Bibliobus project would be a good opportunity for his foundation, The Fondation Luciole, to join forces with the Comgest Foundation. He offered to co-sponsor this project, which has been approved by The Comgest Foundation for 2019.

## BIBLIOBUS - MOBILE LIBRARY



### Suburbs of Phnom Penh, Cambodia



### Description

This project targets brickyard workers' families in the suburbs of Phnom Penh. There are three levels of project activities: 1) a weekly mobile library for children, which offers animations around books as well as book lending to children and adults; 2) educational tutoring activities in collaboration *Project sponsors* with local primary schools; and 3) a monthly "health" mobile library that offers a health, nutrition SIPAR and hygiene awareness campaign for children and www.sipar.org adults.

Based essentially on developing reading and fighting against illiteracy, SIPAR has been working since 1982 in all of Cambodia's regions with one unique objective: make books an educational lever, transport them and make them accessible to the most underprivileged populations

### Impact / Main indicators

- Bibliobus visits to four suburban villages twice
- Beneficiaries: 540 people, including 142 children who do not attend school

### Local partner

SIPAR Phnom Penh



Project selected in September 2017 Multi-year project: 3 years



### Comment from the Ambassador **Inès Régiment**

Charlotte had a busy year of tournaments that allowed her to play with many top-ranked players – excellent preparation for the 2020 Tokyo Paralympic Games. One success included becoming the French champion for the 6th time in June 2018.

It is important to note that this year has been difficult for Charlotte because of two cases of shoulder tendinitis. Despite the pain, she never gave up. These injuries caused her to drop a few positions in the rankings, but she never lost her ambition or her will to progress. Today, thanks to a forced rest and a lot of physical therapy, she has resumed her training, working hard to be stronger in 2019 - the pre-Paralympic and most important year. She is now back at her best skill level during training sessions and cannot wait to prove her competitor's skills beginning in March 2019.

Charlotte's results this year are quite satisfactory and there is still a long way to go until Tokyo! We can be proud of her because, despite her injuries, she succeeded in reaching the World Top 10 (ranked 9th) among doubles players. She is on the right path!

## CHARLOTTE FAMIN, WHEELCHAIR TENNIS PLAYER



Paris, France



### Description

be a seeded player at the 2020 Tokyo Paralympic Games.

Charlotte Famin was injured ten years ago and began playing tennis again three years later. She was ranked 15th in the world among wheelchair tennis players when her project was presented to The Comgest Foundation.

The support granted by The Comgest Foundation will allow Charlotte to travel and pay registration fees for the tournaments included in her preparationprogram for the Paralympic Games. In addition, she takes part in awareness campaigns regarding sport practice with disabilities for young people.

### Impact / Main indicators

Charlotte's objective is to reach the World Top 8 to • Advancement in world ranking: Charlotte now ranks 9th in doubles wheelchair tennis.

### **Project sponsors**

Tennis Club de Riva Bella



Project selected in September 2017 Multi-year project: 3 years





### Comment from the Ambassador **Astrid Delanoë**

Mental health issues can affect anyone, anytime, and creates critical situations on a personal and family level. To move forward, societal and financial measures are a necessary complement to personal involvement. It is inspiring to contribute to the spread of this methodology, which has been accelerated thanks to The Comgest Foundation's support. This is particularly touching after witnessing the tangible and positive achievements implemented over the past few months and the good energy developed to achieve them.

The road is long and winding but the foundations are solid, and it is extremely encouraging for Clubhouse France and myself, on a personal level, to see that Comgest believes in and is contributing in such a tangible way to such a project!



## SPREADING THE CLUBHOUSE **METHODOLOGY**







### Description

The Comgest Foundation supported the opening of a new Clubhouse location for mental health support in Lyon.

Clubhouse France Association accompanies people made vulnerable by serious and chronic mental disorders (bipolar, schizophrenia, severe depression) to improve their quality of life, autonomy and consequently, the life of their families and others who assist them. Clubhouse's purpose is to provide a personalised individual support to their members 30% thanks to mutual aid and cooperation between the different actors (medical staff, beneficiaries, Clubhouse) with a goal to of professional and social reintegration.

### Impact / Main indicators

- November 2017: Recruitment in Lyon of a person in charge of co-management and social reintegration.
- Number of beneficiary members: approx. 40 (end
- •10 workshops were organized in collaboration with Clubhouse beneficiary members
- · Psychological and social support
- Professional and social reintegration rate objective:

### Project sponsors

Clubhouse France www.clubhousefrance.org



Project selected in September 2017 Multi-year project: 3 years





## INSTALLATION OF HYDRAULIC PUMPS FOR FRESH WATER



### Badikara, Hambol region, Ivory Coast



### Description

This project is to install two hydraulic pumps for fresh water. A local association of community leaders would be in charge of maintenance. Hopefully, these pumps will be connected to water towers using the power of photovoltaic solar panels.

The Hambol region, situated in the North of the Ivory Coast, suffers from a long dry season and has been quite neglected by national infrastructure programs. Consequently, basic needs such as a fresh water supply are not fully met. In Badikara, 10,000 inhabitants face severe difficulties in obtaining drinking water.

In addition, in a society where women are generally in charge of the water supply, amongst many other domestic duties and field work, hydraulic pumps save time and provide a major relief in their lives because they don't have to transport water basins over long distances, after having manually drawn water from wells.

### Impact / Main indicators

- Installation of 2 hydraulic pumps in mid-January 2019
- Easily accessible, good quality water directly from groundwater
- Approximately 1,500 users
- $\bullet \, \text{No operational issues} \,$

### Project sponsors

Diaspora du Hambol

### Local partner

Association des Ressortissants de la Sous-Préfecture de Badikara



Project selected in September 2018

Duration: 1 year





### Comment from the Ambassador **Didier Darré**

We are proud to have helped 1,000 children go to school by financing their school canteen. In addition, one of their shelters, "Je suis là (I am here)", was renovated thanks to The Comgest Foundation contribution.

Francine Langlet and Sébastien Layral, respectively co-founder and Chairman of the association, returned from another trip to Madagascar where the situation is as difficult as ever. The local branches that they work with are increasingly in demand by vulnerable local people and helping them remains Fazasoma's priority. The association's commitment in the Ambositra region also allows them to help tuberculosis and leprosis patients as well as prisoners. A new gardening project, "le resto des p'tits cœurs (restaurant of the little ones)", will start on a field lent to the organisation so that children can be introduced to gardening and the importance of a healthy diet. In 2019, Fazasoma will increase fundraising efforts to find new regular donors, because they are aware that without the generosity of Comgest and other donors, they could not pursue activities in Madagascar.

## SUPPORT OF VULNERABLE **POPULATIONS**





### Ambositra, Fianarantsoa region, Madagascar



### Description

The project to be financed is two-fold: 1) support children's education in the Ambositra region by financing school canteens which improve - and sometimes determine - school attendance, and 2) conduct important repairs to one of the shelters for the most vulnerable (isolated women, elderly people, students),

Since its creation in 1999, the mission of Fazasoma France has been to support the most vulnerable people in the province of Fianarantsoa by managing Local partner shelters/homes, financing school canteens and providing school supplies, as well as developing Fazasoma income-generating activities.

### Impact / Main indicators

- Over 1,000 children in 10 schools served meals in school canteens.
- Repairs to a shelter (roof, masonry, etc.)

### Project sponsors

Fazasoma France www.fazasoma.org



Project selected in September 2017 Multi-year project: 3 years







Comment from the Ambassador **Frédérique Darré** 

After reading the detailed report sent by the CAMI (available upon request) and Gustave Roussy, I became even more aware of the necessity of physical activity to help young adults and teenagers to tolerate, and even improve, the treatment proposed by traditional medicine. To improve the quality of life of young patients and help them to better heal is very important to me and, in my view, aligns well with The Comgest Foundation's approach which supports concrete and pragmatic action in favour of vulnerable people. It would be constructive to continue to help these young patients in the coming years. I would like to warmly thank The Comgest Foundation for agreeing to support this project.

## INTEGRATING SPORTS AS NON-DRUG THERAPY FOR TEENAGE AND YOUNG ADULT CANCER PATIENTS



### Gustave Roussy Hospital, Paris, France



### Description

This project uses sports therapy to help approx. 100 teenagers or young adults, hospitalised in the oncology department at Gustave Roussy. Physical activity is the only validated treatment against fatigue in oncology, as it decreases the side effects of treatments, allows for re-appropriation of the body, improves the quality of life, breaks isolation, eases social bonds, and allows feeling pleasure despite hospitalisation.

Imagine for Margo aims to accelerate childhood cancer research in Europe in order to cure more children and teenagers. The association focuses on four activities: 1) speeding up research; 2) raising awareness about childhood cancer; 3) fundraising; and 4) improve children/teenagers' wellbeing. To implement the last goal, Imagine for Margo partners with hospitals and specialised associations such as CAMI Sport & Cancer to create these projects. This project offers individual or collective sports therapy sessions and tailors them to the capacities, needs and desires of patients.

### Impact/Main indicators

Animpact assessment is not yet possible. Objectives:

- Number of participants
- Improvement of the participants' well-being

### Project sponsors

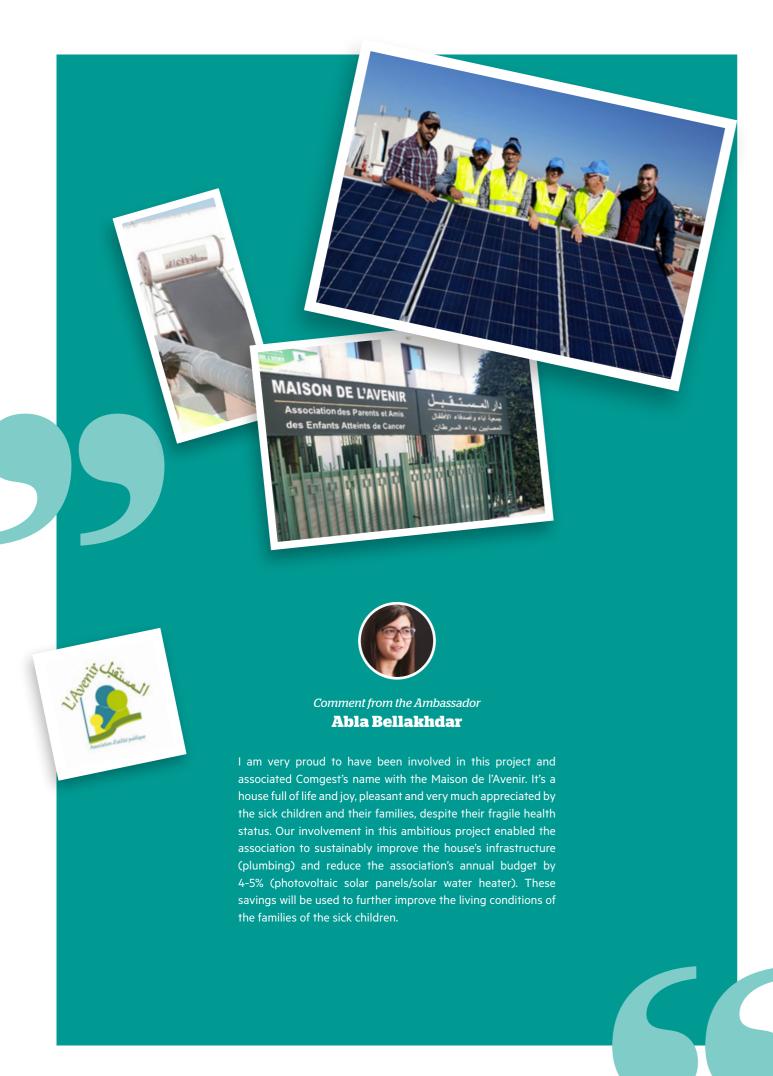
Imagine for Margo (imagineformargo.org), in collaboration with Gustave Roussy Hospital and CAMI Sport & Cancer (project manager) www.imagineformargo.org



Project selected in September 2018

Duration: 1 Year





## SUSTAINABLE LIVING CONDITIONS FOR FAMILIES WITH SICK CHILDREN AT MAISON DE L'AVENIR





Rabat, Morocco



### Description

The objective of the project is to improve, in a sustainable manner, the living conditions at the Maison de L'Avenir, a house that welcomes families with sick children. Repairs to the home include the installation of photovoltaic solar panels and a solar water heater as well as fixing the plumbing. Most of these vulnerable families come from rural areas.

The association L'Avenir supports children with cancer and their families by providing social and psychological support.

### Impact/Main indicators

- Photovoltaic solar panels and a solar water heater were installed at the end of December 2017, allowing 100% renewable energy to supply the Maison de l'Avenir, which means a savings of approx. 6,000 euros per year.
- Plumbing repairs were undertaken in various parts of the house.
- Number of beneficiaries: several hundred per year
- Better living conditions for the families enable them to focus all their energy to support and accompany their sick child.

### Project sponsors

**GFAOP** 

(Groupe Franco-Africain d'Oncologie pédiatrique)

### Local partner

Association L'Avenir, Rabat, Morocco www.associationlavenir.ma



Project selected in September 2017

Duration: 1 Year







Comment from the Ambassador

### Sébastien Thévoux-Chabuel

I have always been impressed by the team and track-record of PN since it was taken over by a new team, led until recently by Benoit Genuini (who recently stepped down as Chairman). Even before knowing the results of the project (graduation in 2020), I believe that we can rely on the Key Project Indicators such as:

- Activity indicators: number of selected students, number of students attending the course, % of girls, etc.)
- Number of graduates and average salary

The project and soul of PN align with The Comgest Foundation's first goal: to contribute to the improvement of the living conditions of populations, notably by promoting education and economic empowerment of vulnerable people.

## FIGHTING POVERTY VIA PROFESSIONAL TRAINING AND YOUTH EMPLOYMENT





### Phnom-Penh, Cambodia



### Description

This project finances two years of school for 10 students in Cambodia.

Passerelles Numériques (PN) enables very vulnerable teenagers to access education and technical/professional training in the digital sector, based on their natural abilities and commitment.

PN aims to build the employability of these teenagers, which will allow them and their families to get out of poverty in a sustainable manner, and more broadly to help the socio-economic development of Cambodia.

### Impact / Main indicators

Animpact assessment is not yet possible. Objectives:

- Exam pass rate from 1st to 2nd year = 95%
- Final exam success rate in 2nd year = 95%
- Graduation rate and employment rate = 90%
- Promotion of both boys and girls
- Maintenance/increase of average salary (post-graduation): In 2016: 149 USD/month, 3 months after graduation; and 300 USD/month after 3 years (approx. five times the national salary average)
- Economic support to their community
- Mentoring of other students

### **Project sponsors**

Passerelles Numériques www.passerellesnumeriques.org/fr

### Local partner

Passerelles Numériques Cambodge



Project selected in September 2018 Multi-year project: 3 years







Comment from the Ambassador **Isabelle d'Imperio** 

The Comgest Group, either directly or through The Comgest Foundation, has been supporting Sabrina for the past 12 years, since her preparation for the Beijing Paralympic Games in 2008. It is very difficult for disabled athletes to find sponsors to live their passion and Sabrina is fully aware that our long-term support is a great chance for her. She is traveling around the world to take part in tournaments during this last year of preparation and selection. Sabrina gives everything she's got, despite growing competition (more competitors and many young competitors).

## SABRINA POIGNET, WHEELCHAIR FENCER







### Description

This project will enable Sabrina to travel and pay registration fees for the tournaments included in her preparation program for the 2020 Tokyo Paralympic Games.

Sabrina was a young soldier when she had a serious car accident on a mission in 2002 and had both legs amputated. After more than 20 months of intensive rehabilitation, she joined the Sport Circle of the national institution for the disabled, where she discovered fencing. In 2005, she is selected for the French national team and in 2016, she ranked 12th in the world. In June 2018, Sabrina won gold medals for sabre and epee fencing at the French Championships.

In addition to fencing, Sabrina shares her experience at hospitals for sick children and at nursing schools, as well as at primary, middle and high schools.

### Impact/Main indicators

- World ranking
- Qualification for 2020 Tokyo Paralympic Games

### Project sponsors

Au Bout de la Touche



Project selected in September 2017 Multi-year project: 3 years







Comment from the Ambassador

Monique Erbeia

Since its launch, the Catarman branch has rapidly developed (active clients, loan volume, training sessions). In its first three years, SCPI should support nearly 3,000 women and men, i.e. 14,000 people including their families. Social microfinance is a powerful lever to enable vulnerable people to increase their autonomy and improve their living conditions. Thanks to microloans granted without any guarantee but with an in-depth social monitoring, they can develop simple income generating activities and change the way they conceive their own future and the future for their family within the space of a few months. A microloan's reimbursement also enables a new microloan to be granted to another beneficiary... and so on!

## SOCIAL MICROFINANCE TO INCREASE RESILIENCE OF MARGINALIZED PEOPLE



### Catarman, Northern Samar Province, Philippines



### Description

This project aims to provide microfinance loans and training to beneficiaries in isolated villages who mainly derive their living from farming and agriculture revenue. SCPI opened a branch in Catarman which should achieve financial viability within 6 years.

Created in 2014 and supported since 2016 by Entrepreneurs du Monde, SCPI is engaged in improving in a sustainable manner the resilience and living conditions of marginalized families in urban and rural communities of Northern Samar, by providing financial and socio-economic services tailored to their needs for the development of income generating activities. SCPI uses the individual responsibility group methodology promoted by Entrepreneurs du Monde, which has a strong social component, brings down all the barriers to access loans (no financial or physical guarantees, no joint liability collateral system) and promotes the strengthening of beneficiaries' skills to develop their income-generating activities. In addition to microloans, SCPI provides socioeconomic training and social support.

### Impact / Main indicators

Financial services affordable for the poorest

- Number of active borrowers: 951 as of 30/06/2018
- Granted loan portfolio: 132,543 € as of 30/06/2018
- Socio-economic training: financial education, social and health awareness
- Training modules: 16 as of 30/06/2018
- $\bullet \ Training \ sessions: 161 \ as \ of \ 30/06/2018$
- Training of local teams, including five credit agents, in social microfinance methodology developed by Entrepreneurs du Monde.

### Project sponsors

Entrepreneurs du Monde www.entrepreneursdumonde.org/fr

### Local partner

Samar Crusade Against Poverty, Inc. (SCPI)



Project selected in September 2017 Multi-year project: 3 years







Comment from the Ambassador

**Gabriella Berglund** 

This project caught my interest because it concerns medical issues being treated in complex environments with new technologies. I was introduced to GHT by a friend who lost a 5-year-old child and decided to dedicate a lot of time to philanthropic activities in Africa. After having created a school, my friend uses the medical relationship network of his family to contribute to this project as well. Although I have not yet visited the Dream Center Mulibwanji, I have received photos to illustrate the workstation installation.

## INSTALLATION OF A TELEMEDICINE WORKSTATION IN A RURAL HOSPITAL



### Masuku, District de Mangochi, Malawi



### Description

The project's objective is to improve the health of populations in the rural community of Masuku by enabling multidisciplinary medical teleconsultations. A telemedicine workstation should improve patient care and the local medical staff's training and skills. This very vulnerable population, located in a region with a high HIV prevalence near the border with Mozambique, only has the Dream Center Mulibwanji for any pathologies that may affect them. The hospital helps approx. 18,000 people per year.

GHT is an Italian association which offers constant multidisciplinary medical teleconsultations, free of charge, using a pool of Italian and European volunteer medical specialists (cardiology, neurology, dermatology, endocrinology, angiology, paediatrics, etc.). Teleconsultation uses a webbased platform to send and receive medical files and diagnosis. This web-based platform can also work offline, a fundamental feature for healthcare centres with poor access to the internet. GHT installs telemedicine workstations (computers, examination equipments, ultrasound scanner, etc.) mainly in sub-Saharian Africa.



Project selected in September 2018
Duration: 1 Year

### Impact / Main indicators

- The telemedicine workstation and examination equipment were installed on 1-Dec-2018.
- Next year should produce impact indicators such as the number of telemedicine consultations, evolution of the mortality rate, training sessions for the local medical staff, etc.

### **Project sponsors**

GHT - Global Health Telemedicine www.ghtelemedicine.org

### Local partner

GHT, with the Dream Center Mulibwanji Hospital (managed by the Sisters of the Good Shepherd)



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Comment from the Ambassador **Dieter Wimmer** 

The mini-van is crucial to transport the members of Karl Schubert Haus from their homes to the workshops and increases their autonomy and dignity.

Das Karl Schubert Haus is still developing content and education programs for its residents. Last year, 2 people achieved the status of "self-responsibility" and plan to work outside the house in an apprenticeship.

The next step for Das Karl Schubert Haus will be the reconstruction of their old farmhouse to have a store and place to sell for handmade products.

## SUPPORT MOBILITY KARL SCHUBERT HAUS





Aspang, Austria



### Description

This project involves the purchase of 1 minivan, so that Das Karl Schubert Haus can expand their pool of electric cars.

Das Karl Schubert Haus is a non-profit organization that welcomes approximately 120 residents (people with disabilities) and 150 co-workers in 9 residential buildings as well as workshops (e.g., bakery, canteen kitchen, coffeehouse, theatre, herbal workshop, blacksmith's workshop, etc.). They believe in five core values: dignity, autonomy, right to diversity, freedom from discrimination, and inclusion. Living independently is an important aspect for personal dignity, especially in rural areas. The use of cars allows Karl Schubert Haus residents to be more autonomous, independent and even more involved in the activities of the organisation. In addition, electric cars reduce the impact on the environment.

### Impact/Main indicators

• Purchase of an electric mini-van delivered in March 2019

### Project sponsors

Das Karl Schubert Haus www.kshm.at



Project selected in September 2018
Duration: 1 Year



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Comment from the Ambassador

### Lavinia Borcia

This project is completed, with the temple now being on the tourist path and welcoming visitors. Tundup Namgial, a monk of the Gasha family, now takes care of the material and spiritual maintenance of the temple. Local craftsmen, Yangchen Dolma, Kelsang Angmo Tamang, Skarma Lotus and Tenzing Norgay have continued their training while receiving remuneration.

## PHYANG GURU LHAKANG





### Phyang Valley, Ladakh, Tibet



### Description

This project's objective is to restore a temple in an isolated village of the Phyang Valley, which is currently off the beaten track in terms of tourism. The restoration process includes training local craftsmen in reviving traditional construction to create income-generating activities for the vulnerable communities in this poor region. Restoring the temple and the religious life of this revenue over the long term for the community. In addition, the local craftsmen and construction workers as well as local and international art students receive quality vocational training.

The main mission of the Tibet Heritage Fund is to rehabilitate and restore traditional settlements and historic monuments in Tibet. But this mission fits into a global approach of transmission of skills and competences as well as development of incomegenerating activities.

### Impact / Main indicators

- Increased tourism
- 4 trained craftsmen

### Project sponsors

Tibet Heritage Fund (Germany) www.tibetheritagefund.org

Tibet Heritage Fund



Project selected in September 2017 **Duration: 1 Year** 



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## FINANCIAL STATEMENTS OF THE COMGEST FOUNDATION Excluding donations granted by other Comgest entities

### Statement of Financial Position (EUR)

Assets	2017 / 2018	2016 / 2017
Cash	106 399	26 361
Total Assets	106 399	26 361
Liabilities		
Permanently restricted endowment funds	15 000	15 000
Excess of revenues over expenses	80 118	8 451
Retained excess of revenues over expenses	8 451	
Total Endowment funds	103 569	23 451
Suppliers	2 910	2 910
Total Liabilities	106 399	26 361

### Statement of Activity (EUR)

Revenues	2017 / 2018	2017 / 2018
Donations received		
Comgest S.A.	300 000	140 000
Private donors	22 000	
Total Revenues	322 000	131 549
Expenses		
Donations granted to selected programs	238 933	128 635
Operating expenses	2 949	2 914
Total Expenses	241 882	131 549
Result	80 118	8 451

## DONATIONS GRANTED BY COMGEST ENTITIES (2016 to 2018)

Comgest S.A.	20 000
Comgest Asset Management International Ltd	10 000
Comgest Deutschland	25 401

