Alongside public and private sector-led urban development, the city is also built by its inhabitants, from the bottom-up. Urban dwellers organize, plan, finance, build and manage housing developments, and common spaces take the lead to improve their neighborhoods.

Supported by financial means and appropriate policies, this Social Production of Habitat (SPH) results in more sustainable, inclusive and affordable urban spaces and housing solutions, meeting the needs of the inhabitants.

Convinced that the inhabitants and end-users of urban spaces should be at the center of all processes that produce the city, urbaMonde’s mission is to support the groups of inhabitants who carry out SPH projects and who are committed to making their cities more sustainable and inclusive and to implement the right to the city and to adequate housing.

UrbaMonde : one mission, three structures

UrbaMonde is made up of three associative structures: urbaMonde Suisse, urbaMonde France and urbaMonde Vaud. UrbaMonde operates in Switzerland and in France, by offering technical support to public actors in participative urban development projects, as well as to groups of inhabitants implementing collaborative housing solutions, while promoting innovation in non-speculative land management and access to affordable housing finance.

The association also supports groups of vulnerable inhabitants in their implementation of collaborative housing and neighborhood improvement projects.

CoHabitat Network

Since 2014, urbaMonde has coordinated the CoHabitat Network (formerly PSH Platform), a network of organizations and actors in the collaborative housing sector.

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A city produced « by and for their inhabitants »

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The CoHabitat Network

The CoHabitat Network brings together community-led housing organizations and their allies with the aim of implementing their rights to housing through collective, sustainable and non-speculative solutions led by inhabitants.

The CoHabitat Network aims to publicize and recognize these initiatives, in order to empower communities to improve their homes, neighborhoods and lives. The CoHabitat Network is a non-institutionalized, collaborative, decentralized network focused on projects and concrete bottom-up actions; it operates on the principles of co-production of information, experience sharing between peers, the creation of financial solidarity mechanisms and political advocacy.

In 2019, the Network welcomed new members: MOBA Housing Network, We Effect and Development Planning Unit (University College London) joined CoHabitat!

The tools of CoHabitat Network

Co-habitat.io

Co-habitat.io is an open and collaborative database for documenting and connecting collaborative housing projects and their partners around the world.

The Regional Meetings are spaces of exchange between peers, capitalization and advocacy. These meetings are organized by the partners of CoHabitat in their region.

The Awards are public recognitions given by the partners of the CoHabitat Network to collaborative housing projects, highlighting organizational methods, financial mechanisms and particularly ingenious and innovative public-inhabitants partnerships.

The Habitat Solidarity Fund (FHaS)

The Habitat Solidarity Fund (FHaS) is a financial mechanism based on donations and deposits made by Swiss residents, with the aim of financing the construction of collaborative housing in countries where vulnerable populations do not have accessible sources of credit for these types of projects.
Since 2017, urbaMonde organizes, with the support of Ville de Genève, the Charles Léopold Mayer Foundation (FPH) and World Habitat, an annual meeting of the CoHabitat Network in Geneva, gathering some of the most important community-led housing organizations in the world.

The partners of CoHabitat Network met from May 31st to June 3rd, 2019 to discuss the activities developed throughout the year and forge new links and partnerships. This year, We Effect, the Caño Martin Peña Community Land Trust, MOBA Housing Network, Misereor and Development Planning Unity (University College London) have participated, as special guests, in the definition of common actions and strategies for the promotion of the Social Production of Habitat around the world.

The Network organized a public conference for the Genevan public at Palais Eynard on “Housing: a common good, not a commodity”, with the participation of Rémy Pagani (member of the administrative council of the City of Geneva), Vincent Fristot (Deputy Mayor of Grenoble), Denis Maire (Mayor of Annemasse Agglo), Amanda Flety (UCLG) and the partners of the CoHabitat Network.
Central America

Support for the development of housing cooperatives in Nicaragua

The project supports the multiple services cooperative Multipro with the aim to disseminate the mutual-aid housing cooperative model in the region of Matagalpa.

The project was launched in 2015, with the support of FGC and Fedevaco, and is now in its second phase. At the end of 2019, seven cooperatives were established in the municipalities of Matagalpa, San Dionisio, Esquipulas, La Dalia and San Ramón.

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The collaboration with We Effect, a Swedish organization supporting housing cooperatives throughout Latin America, was strengthened in 2019 with the signing of a new collaboration agreement.

This has been materialized in particular through the co-production of a 15-minute documentary, which will be screened and disseminated in 2020.

UrbaMonde and We Effect are also collaborating on a study looking at the feasibility of financing cooperatives through a revolving fund at different levels across Latin America.

The aim of the feasibility study is to look at different options for increasing the accessibility of affordable housing loans for low-income households excluded from the banking system and financial markets.

### South America

**Support to the development of housing cooperatives in Uruguay, Paraguay, Bolivia and Peru**

With the support of FGC and FEDEVA-CO, urbaMonde and the Uruguayan Federation of Mutual-aid Housing Cooperatives (FUCVAM) have joined forces to launch a project aimed at strengthening and developing the mutual aid cooperative housing CVAM model in Uruguay, Paraguay, Bolivia and Peru, through the replication and solidification of the movement at national and regional levels.

Based on the principles of direct democracy, mutual aid, collective ownership and self-management, this model promotes the participation of inhabitants in the entire process of producing their habitat (planning, construction and management). By defining housing as a right, the model contributes to reducing inequalities, strengthens solidarity, promotes social and economical integration and ensures sustainable security of tenure.

Through this project, future residents familiarize and internalize the pillars of the CVAM model and existing housing developments are documented. Furthermore, the project promotes experience exchange at the regional level and political advocacy to raise the recognition of the mutual aid housing cooperatives model among local and national authorities.

The first phase (2016-2018) has allowed, among other things: the training of 20 educators in public education and more than 3,600 people on the CVAM model; the organization of two major regional meetings bringing together some of the major community-led housing organizations in Latin America; the documentation of more than 600 housing cooperatives on the collaborative online database co-habitat.io; the establishment of new collaborations, particularly with the General Confederation of Workers of Peru (CGTP) in Peru, the University of Montevideo in Uruguay, as well as with We Effect (Swedish cooperation), which supports the CVAM in Paraguay and Bolivia.

A second phase of three years was launched in June 2019, with the goal of strengthening the achievements and continuing to support the work of FUCVAM and its National Training

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In 2019, urbaMonde supported the EcoNeighborhood Certification of the historic San Antonio district in collaboration with the French Ministry of Territorial Cohesion and the French embassy in Colombia. Three workshops were organized with local residents active in the neighborhood since 2017. The participants elaborated a participatory evaluation of the 20 commitments and 50 guidelines of the French EcoNeighborhood Referential, to share experiences with employees and a social worker of two EcoNeighborhoods in Miramas, to define an action plan for the neighborhood with 40 actions considered as priorities in the short, medium and long term.

Since 2018, urbaMonde has supported Slum Dwellers International (SDI) in the implementation of the KnowYourCity (KYC)- Latin America program, aiming to disseminate social mobilization and data collection methodologies of the SDI network on the Latin American continent and to enhance solidarity links and peer learning between actors promoting the Social Production of Habitat in Africa and Latin America. Alongside the Brazilian organization Interação, member of the SDI network, urbaMonde has supported 12 project leaders in implementing data collection activities carried out by residents of precarious neighborhoods in 7 Latin American cities (Lima, Antofagasta, Asunción, Cochabamba, Quito, San José in Costa Rica and Buenos Aires), while creating links with the CoHabitat Network. Beyond sharing experiences on data collection, the ambition of the program is to facilitate peer learning on the mobilization of community savings and political advocacy strategies led by grassroots organizations on both continents.

EcoNeighborhood certification, Cali, Colombia

School (ENFORMA) in the dissemination of the CVAM model across South America.

An emphasis is placed on popular education and training of residents in the CVAM model, on the training of educators certified to transmit the basics of the model in different cultural contexts, on the implementation of pilot projects and the implementation of a regional financial mechanism, as well as on documentation, experience exchange and awareness raising.

KnowYourCity(KYC)-Amérique latine
In 2019, in lieu of Grounded Solutions’ annual Intersections conference, their members and allies met in Georgia to partake in the Reclaiming Vacant Properties conference hosted by the Center for Community Progress as well as the 50th Anniversary celebration of the 1st CLT in the United States - New Communities - at their new agricultural site called Resora.

At Resora, it was amazing to see that a property that was once owned by the largest slaveholders in the state of Georgia, is now owned by the descendants of slaves.

At the conference, the new leadership of some of the largest nonprofits in the United States came together and collaborated towards common goals of greater equity and inclusion in the housing market.
The Center for CLT Innovation was created in 2018, with the support of the Global Land Alliance, with the aim of promoting the Community Land Trust (CLT) model throughout the world and of supporting reflections on the various fields of application of non-speculative land management, spearheaded by local communities.

The center is built on the assumption that the CLT approach holds a strong potential to address the challenges related to the access to land and secure housing for vulnerable communities.

A number of housing professionals, committed to promoting collaborative housing around the world, have joined the Center, including two members of urbaMonde. UrbaMonde is particularly interested in supporting emerging CLTs in the ‘Global South’ especially those that are set in precarious neighborhoods, like the Caño Martin Peña CLT of Puerto Rico, winner of the SPH regional award Latin America 2017 and World Habitat Awards 2017.
The FSH, a federation of inhabitants of precarious neighborhoods in Dakar and in the regions of Thiès and Louga, bringing together 8,000 members organized in 320 saving groups, is engaged in a wide range of activities.

The federation reconstructs and improves, with the support of its technical assistance NGO urbaSEN, the homes of its members, through a self-managed rotating fund. Between 2016 and 2019, the federation granted 432 loans worth approximately 500,000 euros to its members.

The amount of each individual loan varies according to repayment capacity of the families.

Following the repayment of these loans, guaranteed by the solidarity among the members of the savings groups, the federation members can access the revolving fund and gradually improve their living environment, while being supported by the technical team of urbaSEN.

Since 2019, the FSH has also been engaged, alongside its partners urbaSEN, urbaMonde and Gret, in a project of Integrated Management of Flood Risks (PING-GIRI) funded by the French Development Agency (AFD) in six municipalities of Dakar.

The project has allowed, so far, to identify vulnerable and flood-prone areas in the suburbs, as well as possible solutions, with the help of residents and in consultation with the communities and technical services of the State.

One of the main ambitions of the project is the extension of the federation’s revolving fund, initially reserved for individual home improvements, to small-scale neighborhood improvement projects, and designed, co-financed and managed by the federation’s savings groups in partnership with the municipalities and service providers.

In 2019, urbaSEN and the federation have embarked, with the support of their partner NGO Seed and the technical expertise of the Senegalese enterprise Elementerre, in the development of a new production chain of local and sustainable construction material: the exploitation of the typha plant, a reed that abounds in the natural and humid depressions in the suburbs of Dakar, and its transformation into constructive elements and raw bricks.

As a result, urbaSEN and the federation launched and managed a typha cutting and processing center and are now about to set up a typha-earth brick factory, which provide income for the members of the federation.

The federation and urbaSEN also continue their engagement within the Slum Dwellers International network, which they have joined in 2015, notably by supporting emerging federations and initiatives of collaborative habitat in Burkina Faso, Guinea-Bissau, Benin and Cap Vert.
As part of the PING-GIRI project in Senegal, urbaMonde launched a new initiative in collaboration with urbaSEN and Gret: the open data platform Inondations-Dakar.org.

The platform aims at documenting and sharing the knowledge and experiences of various actors in order to help improve the quality of flood risk management in Dakar. Open access to this data is expected to increase data sharing and coordination among different stakeholders, and to reduce action costs.

Inondations-Dakar.org: an open data platform on the floods in Dakar

Support for the participatory project to improve housing in the informal neighborhoods of Boassa, Burkina Faso

Yaam Solidarité supports vulnerable communities of the Boassa district in the suburbs of the country’s capital Ouagadougou, in the rehabilitation of their homes, while promoting the use of local and sustainable construction materials.

Since 2018, urbaMonde facilitates peer learning with Senegalese housing and grassroots organizations (urbaSEN and the Senegalese Federation of Inhabitants).

The association also participates in reflections on financial, land management and organizational mechanisms, which aim at strengthening the capacity of inhabitants in the appropriation and management of their living environment.

The Federation of Inhabitants of Boassa, born in 2019, manages today a revolving fund, endowed by local savings. Together with the project partners, CRATerre, Coop'terre, CarteONG and OSM Burkina Faso, urbaMonde supports Yaam Solidarité in the elaboration of a partnership strategy and its consolidation as an actor of urban development and social production of adequate and sustainable housing in Burkina Faso.
Since 2018, urbaMonde and Slum Dwellers International (SDI) have implemented a collaborative documentation project of housing projects, carried out by residents and their federations, aimed at strengthening public recognition of the Social Production of Habitat.

Despite the reach of the SDI network, which has been active for 30 years mobilizing the urban poor across 30 countries through community savings, data collection, advocacy, and the organization of federated savings groups, the collaborative housing projects carried out by the federations lack visibility and public recognition.

However, the institutionalization of community-led habitat solutions is crucial for improving the living conditions of the urban poor and countering speculative and exclusive urban planning.

The project aims to strengthen the SDI network in two ways: by documenting community-led housing projects carried out by members of the SDI network (“storytelling”) and developing advocacy strategies to increase public recognition of the Social Production of Habitat.

For the project documentation, SDI develops a community journalism approach rooted in its KnowYourCity.TV (KYC.TV) program. The program consists of forming, training and supporting youth media teams, composed of members of the federations of savings groups.

The youth media teams, active in 8 countries (Kenya, South Africa, Uganda, Zimbabwe, Zambia, Nigeria, Senegal and Tanzania), document the work of federations through video and photo stories.

This approach aims to strengthen the voice of the youth within their federations and neighborhoods. As part of the project, SDI developed a community photo-journalism competition, #ChangeOurPicture, encouraging young people to use photography and social media to tell their stories, and the stories of their neighborhoods and settlements.

The first community-led habitat award for Africa was organized as part of this project, recognizing five federations who were invited to present their initiatives at the UN General Assembly in May 2019 in Nairobi.

The prize was awarded in three categories:
- best project award (Walukuba Material Building Training Center (Uganda); Dzivarasekwa Slum Upgrading Project (Zimbabwe); the home project of the Senegalese Federation of Inhabitants (FSH));
- best partnership award (“A Multiple Partnership Approach for Community-led Housing and Services in Namibia”);

The Zimbabwean project was selected as one of the winners of the 2019 World Habitat Awards thanks to the partnership established with World Habitat.
In June 2019, the Asian Coalition for Housing Rights (ACHHR), partner of the CoHabitat Network, and urbaMonde launched a three-year project with the support of FGC. ACHR is a coalition of housing professionals, NGOs and community organizations from 20 Asian countries founded in 1989 in Thailand. The project aims to strengthen the regional network and the national networks of collective housing in 13 countries: Bangladesh, Cambodia, India, Indonesia, Japan, Mongolia, Myanmar, Nepal, Pakistan, Philippines, Sri Lanka, Thailand and Vietnam.

In Asia, there is a large number of inspiring collaborative, inclusive and non-speculative habitat projects. Whether they result in the production of affordable and safe housing or focus on neighborhood upgrading, the projects are planned and managed by vulnerable populations supported by housing professionals. Shedding light on these successful experiences and increasing their public recognition among public authorities and housing professionals is of as much importance as creating new solidarity mechanisms to strengthen local communities and to bring their experiences to scale.

In order to do so, the project promotes regional and national meetings, as well as peer exchanges and training; the collaborative documentation of collective housing projects in the 13 participating countries; and the implementation of international solidarity-based financial mechanisms to strengthen community funds and local savings groups.
In October 2019, ACHR organized a first regional meeting in Thailand and Malaysia, which was joined by more than 60 representatives of community groups and housing professionals from 13 Asian countries during two weekends.

Thanks to World Habitat’s support, representatives of Uruguayan and Canadian cooperatives also took part in the exchange.

From October 9 to 11th, participants gathered in Bangkok to share their collective housing experiences; to visit inspiring housing projects in Bangkok, including one of the oldest housing cooperatives, as well as the informal housing improvement project along the Bang Bua Canal; and to celebrate World Habitat Day at a public event organized by CODI (Community Organizations Development Institute of the Thai State) in the presence of the Prime Minister of Thailand.

From October 12 to the 17th, the participants travelled to Penang for the 7th Asia-Pacific Urban Forum, bringing together representatives of international organizations and public authorities from different Asian countries. They organized several workshops, held events, and an exhibition of community-led housing projects implemented by member organizations of ACHR.

The speech given at the forum closure by Ruby Papeleras, representative of the Philippines Homeless People’s Federation, carried a strong message of community organizations addressing housing practitioners and policy makers around the world:

“Include us as an equal partner – not as an afterthought! We will show you how to work with us. Working together will help us achieve the SDGs and the New Urban Agenda. If not, you will be the ones left behind. We are ready. Are you?”
Regional meeting

Collaborative Housing day at the 2019 International Social Housing Festival in Lyon

Collaborative housing models, based on self-management, anti-speculation and the promotion of more sustainable and collective lifestyles, increasingly attract interests across Europe.

There is a growing number of local community initiatives, supported by public authorities and other stakeholders in urban development.

Despite an increasing recognition of collaborative housing, in many contexts, collective, community-led and anti-speculative forms of production and management of habitat face important challenges and bottlenecks.

Peer exchanges (at institutional levels, between urban developers and residents) and political advocacy are key to create the necessary institutional and financial frameworks for collaborative housing models to thrive.

Through the CoHabitat Network and in collaboration with several partners (including Housing Europe, CLT Brussels, FMDV, Co-Lab Research, the Global Platform for the Right to the City), Urban Monde organized a day of peer learning around collaborative housing as part of the International Social Housing Festival on June 5th in Lyon (France) themed “Reinventing affordable housing from the bottom up”.

This day brought together more than 150 representatives of community initiatives, technical support organizations, networks of local governments, urban professionals, housing associations and think tanks from more than ten European countries.

The day ended with the launch of the European Citizens’ Initiative “Housing for All” in the presence of the UN Special Rapporteur for Adequate Housing, Leilani Farha.

Following a call for contributions as part of the 2019 European Collaborative Housing Awards, three projects were selected and presented during the day:

Karise Permatopia, Denmark, awarded for integrating the affordable housing project into a global approach, integrating sustainable infrastructure solutions, permaculture and income generation.

Space-S, The Netherlands, awarded for its ability to bring together a large number of urban actors around the project.

Cohousing Entrepatios, Las Carolinas, Spain, awarded for setting up an affordable housing model in Madrid.

2019 European Citizens' Initiative - Housing for All
MOBA

The promotion of cooperative, collective and non-speculative housing in Eastern countries

UrbaMonde supports the MOBA Housing Network, which brings together cooperative and anti-speculative housing initiatives in Central, Eastern and South-Eastern Europe. In order to facilitate the emergence of self-managed and collective housing models, urbaMonde supports the implementation of sustainable funding mechanisms and the MOBA revolving fund.

The collaboration has also triggered first results - ABZ, one of the oldest housing cooperatives of the Canton of Zurich, supports the initiative through its solidarity fund.

A donation of 30,000 CHF constitutes the first endowment of the MOBA revolving fund which will be operational in 2020.

Also in 2019, a first housing cooperative was set up in Budapest, Hungary, welcoming six residents!

INTERREG N-W Sustainable Housing for Inclusive and Cohesive Cities Project

UrbaMonde contributes to the European Union funded project INTERREG SHICC (Sustainable housing for inclusive and cohesive cities), piloted by the Community Land Trust Brussels and the Metropolis of Lille.

The project aims to strengthen the emergence of Community Land Trusts (CLTs) in Belgium, France and the UK. CLTs are non-profit organizations, which share three basic principles: separation of ownership of land and buildings, permanent affordability of housing for low-income households via a formula that limits the increase in value of the property, and joint governance between owner, inhabitants, and local government.

UrbaMonde facilitated meetings between the cooperative housing initiative 'Coop Étoile', and the project partners, as part of the seed funding scheme for the emerging dissemination of CLTs in Europe.

During the annual CLTs meeting, organized in Rennes on November 6th, urbaMonde and the partners of the SHICC project were able to discuss ways of adapting the CLT model to the French context, based on international experiences.
Housing is a fundamental need, like health and education, but it is not always recognized as a right. Public funding, as well as international cooperation are key to realizing the right to housing, but insufficient to guarantee the access to safe and adequate housing for a steadily increasing urban population that is excluded from the latter.

This is especially true in emerging countries, where rising urbanization reinforces the financialization of housing processes, and hence the exclusion of those that are most vulnerable.

The Genevan campaign “Pour un Habitat Solidaire - je connais, je soutiens, et vous ?” aims to raise awareness on the access to housing for vulnerable populations - in particular in Senegal and Nicaragua.

The campaign also offers concrete ways to get involved and to become an actor in the right to housing through international solidarity - concretely, by contributing to the Habitat Solidarity Fund, a financial solidarity mechanism linking inhabitants from North and South.

The campaign was launched in September 2019 and will continue until June 2020. Through different activities - such as the annual meetings of the CoHabitat Network, international cooperation projects, political advocacy, professional technical support, the Open House days of cooperatives in Geneva and the Habitat Solidarity Fund - urbanMonde seeks to strengthen solidarity links and peer exchanges between inhabitants across the globe.

Deposits and donations that are made to the Solidarity Habitat Fund support the home improvement and construction projects in Senegal and Nicaragua, which are implemented by urbanMonde’s partner organization urbaSEN, the Senegalese Federation of Inhabitants, Multiro and the Federation of cooperatives Cencovicod.
In Presinge, the adventure continues for the housing cooperatives Codha, Équilibre and Quercus.

In 2017, urbaMonde was selected to facilitate the consultation process of the local neighborhood plan (PLQ). The consultation allowed current and future residents to get to know each other, discuss and design a joint project for the extension of their village, which will accommodate almost 400 members of the cooperative by 2023.

The PLQ is currently under public enquiry. In 2019, the three housing cooperatives also embarked in a new phase of a co-construction process, discussing urban development and future governance of the neighborhood.

UrbaMonde is looking forward to continuing its support to this promising project.

The members of the housing cooperatives Codha and Voisinage moved into the new buildings in the eco-neighborhood Les Vergers, in Meyrin (Geneva).

The participative planning process, facilitated by urbaMonde following the participatory architecture competition held in 2013, was concluded in 2019 with a focus on common and shared spaces.

urbaCiné!

In 2019, urbaMonde produced two documentaries: La Casa Soñada, directed by Félix Zurita and Joaquin Zuniga, and Mbolo moy dolo - Union Makes Strength!, directed by Alex Amiguet, who tell the stories of our international cooperation projects in Senegal and Nicaragua.

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Academic partnerships

ETH Zurich - Conference

UrbaMonde participated in a discussion on the role of housing cooperatives in addressing the challenges faced to accessing to affordable housing, organized by the University ETHZ as part of their international conference "Tackling the Global Housing Challenges" on December 5, 6 and 7th.

Field visits to local housing cooperatives in Zurich and the exchanges between academic and public actors allowed urbaMonde to establish new relationships and liaise with housing initiatives and practitioners in German-speaking Switzerland.

Following the conference, urbaMonde has joined the SNIS project “Tackling the global housing challenges: Relevance and replicability of Switzerland’s and Uruguay’s housing cooperatives’ policies and strategies”.

HEPIA - World Habitat Day 2019

The conference “Housing Professionals and International Solidarity”, organized on October 7th at the Geneva School of Landscape, Civil Engineering and Architecture (HEPIA) in collaboration with the Association of Civil Engineers (AICH), brought together, for the 7th consecutive year, future planners, architects, engineers, and housing practitioners to reflect on their roles and responsibilities.

Volunteers, recently returned from Senegal, and Genevan associations shared their experiences of international solidarity and cooperation with the students.

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France Capitalization Abbé Pierre Foundation

During 2019, urbaMonde took part in the capitalization process of the Fondation Abbé Pierre, bringing together the foundation’s international partners that promote access to housing in France and around the world.

During two peer exchanges with the partners of the foundation, in Dakar (March) and in Antananarivo (November), the participants shared their work, methodologies and understanding of their work and role within the local urban landscapes in which they operate.

Among the objectives of the capitalization process is the creation of a shared “toolbox” to improve the practices of professionals in international solidarity, as a first step towards the creation of a peer-to-peer exchange network.

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Among the objectives of the capitalization process is the creation of a shared “toolbox” to improve the practices of professionals in international solidarity, as a first step towards the creation of a peer-to-peer exchange network.
UNIGE - Student Workshop in Senegal

In 2019, a partnership was established between urbaMonde, urbaSEN and the University of Geneva (UNIGE).

Twenty-five UNIGE students, supervised by Armelle Choplin, a member of urbaMonde, participated in an urban planning workshop in Dakar from April 18 to 28th.

At the initiative of urbaSEN, the students collaborated with a Senegalese urban development consultancy (Fabima) and the municipality of Keur Massar, in Pikine, for designing strategies for the development of a wetland.

After field surveys and exchanges with the local population and other stakeholders, the students prepared a study of the area.

They also made proposals in relation to waste management, housing (design of an eco-neighborhood adapted to the context), places of sociability and income-generating activities. The masterplan was presented and discussed with Fabima, urbaSEN and the local authorities.

This first experience proved positive and enriching for all partners.
Financial report

Source of financial means

**Switzerland**
- Geneva Federation for Cooperation: 40.3%
- Vaud Federation for Cooperation: 20.1%
- Charles Leopold Mayer Foundation: 5.1%
- City of Geneva: 3%
- Subsidies: 13.6%
- Contributions and others: 0.9%
- Total: 820,947 CHF

**France**
- French Development Agency: 41.2%
- Foundation Abbé Pierre: 27.2%
- Subsidies: 11.4%
- Mandates - Switzerland: 6.9%
- Mandates - France: 1.8%
- Contributions and others: 0.9%
- Total: 233,156 EUR

Use of financial resources

**International cooperation**
- Support for local actors: 74%
- Administrative costs: 14.6%
- Network and advocacy: 8.4%

**Administrative costs**
- Support for local actors: 32.1%
- Network and advocacy: 25.3%
- Network and advocacy: 17.9%
- Administrative costs: 11.4%
- Contributions and others: 0.9%

Geographical distribution of international cooperation expenditure

- **West Africa**: 56.1%
- **Central America**: 10.9%
- **East and South Africa**: 14.4%
- **Asia Pacific**: 8.1%
- **South America**: 4.1%

Distribution by activity of “network and advocacy” expenses

- **Meetings and experience exchanges**: 63%
- **Campaign “Pour un Habitat solidaire”**: 22.7%
- **Documentation**: 14.3%

You will find more detailed information in our financial reports, available at urbamonde.org.
Field partners

Strategic partners

List of acronyms

A
ACHR Asian Coalition for Housing Rights
AICH Association des ingénieurs civils de Genève
AFD Agence Française de Développement

C
CAS Certificate of Advanced Studies
CENCOVID

G
CALL Central of Cooperatives of Nicaragua
CGTP Confédération Générale des Travaillers du Pérou
CHI Cooperative Housing International
CIDAP Centre d’investigation, de documentation et d’appui technique au Pérou
CLAEH Centre latino-américain en Économie Humaine
CLT Community Land Trust
COCAVIS Coordination of housing cooperatives in Central America
COUVAMUR Coordination of housing cooperatives in South America

F
CHAP Housing co-operatives by mutual aid

FHsF Fonds pour l’Habitat Solidaire
FPH Fondation Charles Léopold Mayer pour le Progrès de l’Homme
FSC Fédération Sénégalaise des Habitants

G
GLA Global Land Alliance
GSN Grounded Solutions Network

H
HEPIA Haute école du paysage, d’ingénierie et d’architecture de Genève

R
RNHP Rencontres Nationales de l’Habitat Participatif

S
SI Slum Dwellers International
SHICC Sustainable Housing for Inclusive and Cohesive Cities

SPH Social Production of Habitat

Z
ZAC Zone d’Aménagement Concerté

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