



Volunteer actions to promote cooperation and development

Founded in 1983, AGIR, an NGO approved by the French Government has a network of 2800 active retired professionals who transmit their knowledge and skills to all applicants in need of support or advice, in France and worldwide.

Thanks to the wide variety of skills of its members, AGIRabcd is able to carry out missions in many areas of specialty, such as education, social integration, health care, assistance in seeking employment, aid in the creation of small businesses and aid to international development. With 120 regional offices located everywhere in France and its overseas departments as well as

in several partner countries, AGIRabcd carries out its missions in the context of partnerships with local entities, in collaboration with local institutions and communities, businesses and associations, social centers, etc.

AGIRabcd's main goal is the transmission of knowledge and skills, especially on the international level, in addition to assistance in social integration and improvement of quality of life for those in difficulty in France.



INDONESIA. A veterinarian from AGIRabcd in collaboration with a local NGO helped a group of farmers to make the most of their agricultural practices: when harvesting cauliflowers, the green leaves are reserved for animal feed.

FRANCE. *Femmes de Méninges (Brainy Women)*, a theatre in the Department of the Eure et Loire, in collaboration with the association Reconstruire Ensemble (Let's Rebuild together). Nine cleaning women act out onstage their own lives before a live audience. The **play**, written with the help of a volunteer retired teacher uses anecdotes from their daily lives. After fifteen rehearsals and two shows, these women acquired considerable self-confidence and reinforced their **capacity for creative expression**.



FRANCE. Formerly a costume designer, a young woman **advised and guided by AGIRabcd** acquired a qualification for a career in metallurgy with the help of a training supervisor.



SLOVENIA. A master class in French cooking, taught in French by a volunteer French chef also promoted French language and culture in the context of the event "Maribor, European Cultural Capital". AGIRabcd is a partner of the International Organization of French Speakers.

MADAGASCAR. A volunteer from AGIRabcd trained health care professionals in a hospital, in the worldwide context of aid to international development .



CAP VERDE. AGIRabcd **trained** carpenters to make toys and furniture.



FRANCE. The Public Letter Writers of AGIRabcd help people in difficulty to navigate administrative procedures and to use the internet.



FRANCE. AGIRabcd carries out missions of consulting and assistance in the creation of small businesses. These missions in France, Eastern Europe and Africa help to facilitate the reintegration or the return to the home countries of young people in difficulty who benefit from the transfer of skills and knowledge of our volunteers in a variety of fields, ranging from assistance in accounting, administrative management and quality control, leading to final implementation of individual projects.



SENEGAL. AGIRabcd was asked by Senegalese residents in France from the village of Thoumoughel for assistance in the digging of a well, construction of a health station, a school and dormitories for children residing far from the school. While respecting the local context and in addition to providing operational and methodological support, this project, which uses the different skills of several volunteers helps to make the villagers able to continue this work autonomously in the event of other local initiatives engendered by this **pluriannual co-development project**.



FROM AFRICA TO EASTERN EUROPE, volunteers from AGIRabcd ensure training missions in a variety of fields: educational methods, French language, medicine... for local teachers at the primary, secondary or university levels.



FRANCE. Driver Training: Retired volunteers ensure additional hours of accompanied driving to young candidates for the driver's license.



FRANCE. Retired volunteers teach the basics of the French language to young immigrants to facilitate their adaptation to everyday life.



FRANCE. In the CAR project for accompanied driving, a retired volunteer drives a senior's car in order to help prevent the isolation of individuals and help seniors to remain in their own homes.



FRANCE. Re-Employment of persons over 45, management or non-management level: AGIRabcd meets this challenge using methods of individualized coaching.



FRANCE. The **MARKETTHON**, an original collective approach to the search for "hidden jobs", organized by AGIRabcd in collaboration with local partners. During one day, teams of jobseekers fan out across a town. The job offers received are then pooled, and shared among the jobseekers.



KEY FIGURES FOR AGIRabcd

2820

Active volunteers. The numbers are steadily increasing.

1011

Different types of actions in France

400

International missions
Divided into two categories : one-time missions , and co-development projects of 2 to 5 years duration

6

Groups of experts

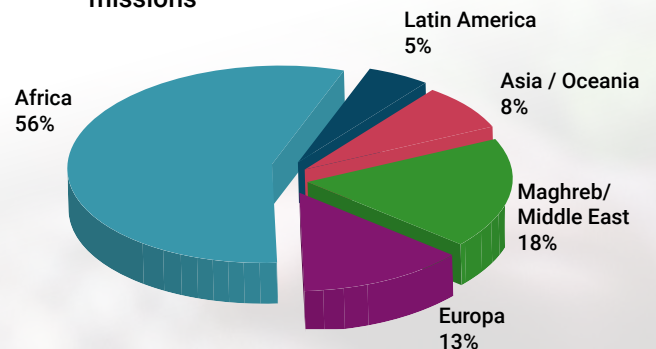
- Education
- Health Care
- Water and waste management, environmental protection
- Rural development
- Aid in the creation of businesses
- Co-development projects

30728

Days of volunteer missions in France

18500

Number of days of international missions



43390

Beneficiaries of missions in France in 5 areas of activity :

- Fundamental skills including teaching of French as a foreign language
- Preserving employment
- Mobility
- Health care
- Promotion of social ties



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