As a result of the pandemic, after falling for several years, the numbers of people living in poverty increased in every region of the world. On the climate side, the IPCC has announced that, if global climate warming is to be restricted to +1.5°C, the reduction in GHG emissions needs to be immediate and massive. A political and security crisis situation is already a sad reality in three countries where Geres has been operating for a long time: Myanmar, Mali and Afghanistan. Here we would like first of all to pay homage to our teams in those countries, responsible, committed teams who remain at the service of communities experiencing rough times. So of course, in the circumstances, Climate Solidarity is an ever more pressing need. Between the social floor and ecological ceiling, we must take the road towards shared frugality and prosperity. “a good life for all within the planetary boundaries” (IPCC). In France, Geres has shared in the discussions of several national civil society networks on the need to promote positive frugality. Frugality means thinking of needs at international level and solutions at territorial level, in partnership with residents, civil society organizations and private and public stakeholders. In practice, this can mean promoting low-energy housing and public buildings in Asia and Africa, launching energy and climate information services (SIEC) for citizens in the Maghreb, or supporting farmers in the Sud Provence-Alpes-Côte-d’Azur Region as they strive to reduce their energy consumption. As the third pillar of the energy transition, along with efficiency and renewable energy, frugality comes into play everywhere. But Geres will not take the road to frugality on its own. We want to share our values, our cause. In 2021, despite the lockdowns, mobilization of companies and citizens for Climate Solidarity was stepped up in our Sud Provence-Alpes-Côte-d’Azur region, where for example the first #TuGères operation took place.

A big thank you to all Geres teams for their commitment. A big vote of thanks to all of you, dear partners, foundations and businesses, donors, volunteers and residents, for your support and trust.

Marie-Noëlle Reboulet, President and Laurence Tommasino, Geres Executive Director

Focus on the financial report

Rising by 5% compared with 2020, Geres budget stood at €7.6 million. This change is driven by West Africa, where 36% growth in activity has made it the foremost area of operation, followed by Central Asia (20%), the Europe-Mediterranean region (18%) and South-East Asia (8%). The bottom line for 2021 shows a €36,000 surplus and is 67% lower than 2020.
Climate Solidarity in action

Set up in 1976, Geres is an international development NGO defending the cause of Climate Solidarity. Consistent with its dual mandate to combat both poverty and climate change, Geres works for a fair, ambitious, inclusive energy transition. Its ambition is to enable as many people as possible to live with dignity in a safe and just space, between the social floor and ecological ceiling. As a field operator, the NGO encourages the development and rollout of innovative, local solutions.

5 AREAS OF EXPERTISE

Geres focuses its activities on 5 areas of expertise which, taken together, contribute to its dual mandate to bring about shared prosperity. To ensure the continuity of its work and extend its impacts, Geres works alongside local stakeholders, while its partnership and capacity-building approach fully encompasses the territorial and economic dimensions.

- Energy access
  Providing access to energy services as a precondition for sustainable economic and human development.

- Supporting climate/energy policy
  Supporting climate and energy policies in response to issues at territorial level and with a view to community well-being.

- Controlling energy demand
  Facilitating the adoption of social, technical and economic solutions to increase energy frugality and efficiency.

- Development of renewable energy
  Promoting the rollout of renewable energy by means of appropriate, sustainable solutions.

- Mobilization
  Mobilizing everyone around Climate Solidarity and encouraging them to take action and offer support.

Geres in figures

The women and men of Geres

182 employees
86 women
96 men

50 people working in the EU, of which:
43 employees in France
2 employees in Belgium
4 interns
1 apprentice

132 people working outside UE, of which:
118 local contracts
11 expatriate staff
3 international solidarity volunteers